

# **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST**

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

The Bible foretells specific events, in detail many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Some Biblical scholars estimate that there are approximately 2,500 prophecies that appear in the pages of the Bible, of which about 2,000 already have been fulfilled to the letter, with no errors. Although the Bible speaks about many things yet to come, there is one event that stands out among all other events and that is the Second coming of Jesus Christ. The greatest event in world history lies ahead of us.

## **WHITE CLOTHES**

We are wearing white today. White is symbolic of purity. To be clean. Represents glory (Matt 17:2). We can be spiritually clean because of what Jesus did on the cross, because his blood cleanses us. White is symbolic of the saints in heaven and also that we are expectant for His soon return.

### **Revelation 3:5**

'He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.'

### **Revelation 4:4**

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

### **Revelation 19:14**

And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

## **MAIN SCRIPTURE VERSE:**

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said. "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## **THE CLOSURE OF THIS AGE:**

We know that eternity has no end, yet we speak of the end times. When we speak about end times we speak about a time of closure, when life as we know it on planet earth will come to an end. This will happen with the return of Christ.

## **THE PAROUSIA**

The Greek that is often used when referring to the second coming of Jesus Christ is the word parousia (pair-oo-see-ah) means "a coming" or "a presence." Christ's second coming, or His parousia, meant a great deal to almost all of the New Testament writers.

Paul mentions it in most of his letters, using the word countless times (about 14 times). The parousia ushers in the final triumph of goodness. The return of Christ will usher in the era in which goodness will be triumphant. The power of evil cannot stand

up to the might of God. "The wrath of God" is coming (Col 3:6), which surely means that that wrath will triumph over all evil.

## **TESTIMONIES ABOUT HIS SECOND COMING**

- Angels testify about His second coming
- The apostles testify about His second coming
- The prophets in the Hebrew Scriptures testify about His second coming
- Demons (scared of being punished before their appointed time?)
- Jesus Himself testify about His second coming

## **THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT JESUS' RETURN**

- **1. It is an unstoppable event.**  
No one can stop or change the fact that Jesus is coming back!
- **2. The return of Jesus Christ will be an actual event.**  
It should be taken literally. It is not figuratively, metaphor, but an actual event.
- **3. Jesus' return is a bodily return.**  
*This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." – Acts 1:11*
- **4. It will be visible to everyone and glorious (Matt 24:27 – Visible like lightening)**
- **5. His second coming will be different from His first coming.**  
An important part of Jesus' teaching about his second coming is the truth that it will form a strong contrast with his first coming. Jesus is coming back to rule in all power and authority over His creation. In His second coming, Jesus will be the conquering King. In His first coming, Jesus arrived as a humble servant, in the most humble of circumstances. When Jesus comes again, He will arrive with the armies of heaven at His side and He will establish His government on the earth.
- **6. Jesus will be accompanied by the holy angels (Matt 25:31)**
- **7. Why is Jesus coming back?**  
To reward the righteous, to judge the wicked and to establish an everlasting throne. One of the most prominent features of the second coming mentioned in most of the passages is the prediction that Christ in His second coming returns to judge the earth (Matt 19:28).
- **8. To deliver his people.**  
The second advent of Christ to the earth not only brings judgment upon the wicked, but it is an event which brings deliverance to the elect (Matt 24:22)

## **WE ARE ONLY PASSING THROUGH**

Our existence on this planet is temporary. We are only passing through. Just like the Sukkah is a temporary structure, so is our lives.

John 14:1-3 says, "Let not your heart be troubled...In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Apostle Paul told us to comfort one another with Christ's return in the times of trouble. This world is not our home, we are just passing through.

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." (Philippians 3:20,21)

## **HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?**

Christians should be on guard, watching and praying until the day of the Lord. The Bible says in Luke 21:34-36, "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

How does the greatest future event in history affect your life today? Do you even consider that event? We live our lives focused on the here and now, and that is a big mistake. We need to live our lives focussing on the eternal, allowing it to affect and impact our decisions. Many Christians neglect to focus on the second coming and thereby they live as if it is never going to happen. When we lose sight of the return of Christ, our hearts can easily begin to wander. In fact, Jesus said that this will be the case with many people. He even said, When I return will I find faith? We often confess Christ with our mouths, yet the way we live our lives contradicts our confession and this should not be the case. Our focus should influence our actions. Prepare for a marriage feast!

## **INVITE JESUS BACK**

We are to invite Jesus back. Jesus said to Jerusalem, "For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Matt 23:39) We invite Him back not only with our mouths, but with our lifestyle. Is your lifestyle inviting to the soon to return King? Do you live your life in such a way that it reflects your expectation that He is coming back?

The Corinthian church "eagerly" awaits the day ( 1 Cor 1:7 ).

The Ephesians are told that they by the Holy Spirit "were sealed for the day of redemption" ( Eph 4:30 ). We have been saved "in hope" ( Rom 8:24 ), a hope that is not centered on this life ( 1 Cor 15:19 ), but is "stored up" for us in heaven ( Col 1:5 ).

As Jesus is preparing a place for us, we should prepare ourselves for the place He is preparing for us. John 14:1-3 says, "Let not your heart be troubled...In My Father's

house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

## **THE FINAL WORDS OF THE BIBLE:**

The Bible concludes with these great words, "Come, Lord Jesus "

Rev 22:20 - He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## **STATISTICS ON THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST:**

- Both the OT and NT are filled with references to it. One of the most prominent subjects in Scripture
- For every prophecy on the First Coming of the Messiah, there are 8 on His Second Coming.
- For every one mention of the Atonement in the Bible, the Second Coming is mentioned twice.
- Men are exhorted over 50 times to be ready for the return of Jesus.
- Jesus Christ Himself refers to His return 21 times.

## **WHY IS JESUS TAKING TIME TO COME BACK?**

Jesus is patiently waiting to come back because He is giving humanity as much time as possible to choose and follow Him. Jesus wants as many people as possible to repent and return to heaven with Him.

2 Peter 3:8-9 says, "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

## **ALTAR CALL**

Matt 13:44 - "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Become a disciple of Jesus today. We will help and support you. God wants you to tabernacles with Him.

One day all the nations will celebrate Sukkot (Zac 14:16)

## **Some New Testament passages on Christ's return:**

Matt. 19:28; 23:39; 24:3-25:46; Mark 13:24-37; Luke 12:35-48; 17:22-37; 18:8; 21:25-28; Acts 1:10-11; 15:16-18; Rom. 11:25-27; 1 Cor. 11:26; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:3-4; Jude 14-15; Rev. 1:7-8; 2:25-28; 16:15; 19:11-21; 22:20.