

The Second Coming of Christ

- I. Introduction:
 - a. We sing the song “Jesus is Coming Soon”
 - b. Study of the purpose and events of His Coming
- II. Do We Have a Promise of His Return?
 - a. (**John 14:1-3**) “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 unto myself**; that where I am, there ye may be also.”
 - b. (**Acts 1:9-11**) “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you **into heaven**, shall so **come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.”
 - c. Yes, we do have a promise of Christ return
 - d. Many will doubt!
 - i. (**2 Peter 3:3-4**) “Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”
 - e. God will keep his promise
 - i. (**2 Peter 3:9**) “The Lord **is not slack** concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering to us-ward**, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
- III. When will He come back?
 - a. False Prophets of the Past
 - i. William Miller (Adventist Founder) – Prophesied that the Lord would come back in 1844. When Christ didn’t show, he claimed his calculations were wrong and that Christ would come back in 1845.
 - ii. Edgar C. Whisenant – “88 REASONS Why The Rapture Will Be In 1988”
 - 1. Date Predicted - September 11 and 13, 1988
 - 2. New Book in ‘89
 - a. “The Final Shout: Rapture Report 1989”
 - b. Chapter 1 “What Went Wrong in 1988 - And Why”
 - i. "My mistake was that my mathematical calculations were off by one year. The miscalculation was so simple, perhaps the

reason I did not see my error was **God's will...**" (p. 1)

- iii. These False prophets create the doubters and scoffers
- b. How will Christ come back?
 - i. (**2 Peter 3:10**) "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;"
 - ii. (**1 Thess 5:1-2**) "But of the **times** and the **seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."
 - 1. Do you know when a thief is planning on stealing from you?
- c. Christ will come quickly
 - i. (**Rev 22:7**) "**Behold**, I come **quickly**: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."
 - ii. (**Rev 22:12**) "And, **behold**, I come **quickly**; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."
 - 1. Quickly – "tachu" shortly, i.e. without delay, soon, or (by surprise) **suddenly**, or (by implication, of ease) **readily**
 - a. At anytime Christ can come
 - iii. (**Matt 25:13**) "**Watch** therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."
 - 1. Quickly emphasizes that we need to be always prepared and on watch.
 - iv. The world will not expect him to come
 - 1. (**1 Thess 5:3**) "For when they shall say, **Peace** and **safety**; then **sudden** destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."
 - a. Sudden – Quickly
 - v. We that watch will be looking for him
 - 1. (**1 Thess 5:4-6**) "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us **not sleep**, as do others; but let us **watch** and be **sober**."
 - a. He will not catch us unprepared if we watch
- IV. What is the purpose of His Coming?
 - a. (**Matt 25:31-33**) "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be **gathered all nations**: and he **shall separate** them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left."
 - i. He is returning to give Judgment
 - ii. (**Rev 20:12-13**) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were **judged** out of those things which were **written** in the **books**, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were **judged** every man according to their **works**.”

- b. (2 Thess 1:7-9) “And to you who are **troubled** rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking **vengeance** on them that **know not God**, and that **obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with **everlasting destruction** from the **presence** of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”
 - i. He’s returning to punish Those that Obey not the Gospel of Christ
 - ii. (Rev 20:10) “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”
 - iii. (Rev 20:14-15) “And **death** and **hell** were cast into the **lake of fire**. This is the second death. And **whosoever** was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the **lake of fire**.”
- c. (Matt 25:34) “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:”
 - i. He is returning to reward those that are righteous
- d. (1 Cor 15:23-26) “But every man in his own order: Christ the **firstfruits**; afterward **they** that are Christ's at **his coming**. Then **cometh the end**, when he shall have **delivered up the kingdom to God**, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, **till** he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is **death**.”
 - i. He is returning to submit His rule to God – Not to set up a kingdom!
 - ii. (1 Cor 15:28) “And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also **himself be subject unto him** that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.”
 - iii. We see the Son handing over his rule to God
 - iv. Death will be destroyed
 - v. (1 Cor 15:55) “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

V. Who will be there?

- a. (John 5:28-29) “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which **all** that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done **good**, unto the **resurrection of life**; and they that have done **evil**, unto the **resurrection of damnation**.”
 - i. All mankind will be there – No one can escape judgment
 - 1. (Heb 9:27) “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”
 - 2. (2 Cor 5:10) “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done

in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

3. (Rom 14:10-12) “...we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, **every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.** So then **every one of us** shall give account of himself to God.”

VI. What will happen to His children?

- a. (1 Thess 4:16-17) “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead in Christ shall rise first**: Then we which are **alive** and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so **shall we ever be with the Lord.**”
 - i. Shout – Everyone will know
 - ii. Dead in Christ shall rise first, then we will be caught up to be with the Lord forever
- b. (1 Cor 15:51-54) “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all **sleep**, but we shall all be **changed**, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the **dead** shall be **raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death** is swallowed up in **victory.**”
 - i. We will be changed from corruption to incorruption – Mortal to immortal

VII. What will happen to this world?

- a. (2 Peter 3:7) “But the heavens and the earth, **which are now**, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto **fire** against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”
- b. (2 Peter 3:10) “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall **pass away** with a great **noise**, and the **elements shall melt with fervent heat**, the **earth also** and the works that are therein shall be **burned up.**”
- c. (2 Peter 3:12) “Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”
 - i. This earth will melt away when Christ comes back – no earthly rule

VIII. What then?

- a. (2 Peter 3:13) “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.”
- b. (Rev 21:1-5) “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a

great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they **shall be his people**, and God himself shall be with them, and **be their God**. And God **shall wipe** away all **tears** from their eyes; and there **shall be no more death**, neither **sorrow**, nor **crying**, neither shall there be any more **pain**: for the **former** things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things **new**. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”

IX. Conclusion

- a. Christ is coming back – He promised us and cannot lie
- b. He will come without notice – We must watch and be ready
- c. His purpose for coming is:
 - i. Judgment
 - ii. Punishment
 - iii. Rewards
 - iv. Submission of His Rule
- d. All mankind will be there
- e. His children will be changed to incorruptible and immortal
- f. This physical world will be utterly destroyed along with its works
- g. We will be with God forever “they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God”

X. Are you destined for this land?

- a. If not there is only one other destination!
 - i. (**Rev 21:8**) “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the **second death**.”
 1. Second Death – Complete separation from God for eternity
- b. If not save yourself from this untoward generation
 - i. Christ gave you away to salvation
 - ii. Believe it
 1. (**Heb 11:6**) “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
 - iii. Believe it enough to Obey
 1. Repent
 - a. (**Luke 13:3**) “...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
 2. Confess him to be the Son of God
 - a. (**Rom 10:10**) “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
 3. Be Baptized
 - a. (**Mark 16:16**) “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”