

The Second Advent

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Selected Scriptures

Reasons to Study Christ's Second Coming:

- 1) *The FIRST ADVENT has pointed the CHURCH to the SECOND ADVENT.*
 - Adventus – means coming/approaching.
 - For every VERSE related to the Lord's First Coming, there are eight related to His 2nd Coming.
 - One in every 30 verses in the Bible relates to the LORD's 2nd Coming.
- 2) *We needed to be REMINDED in the MIDST of this DARK WORLD that the Lord is RETURNING.*
 - Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:25 – [25] *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.*
 - But then He is returning.
 - And He will throw the devil and his angels into the lake of FIRE.
 - Peter says 1 Peter 4:12, 13 – [12] *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*
 - For this REASON – the COMING of CHRIST is the GREAT hope of the CHRISTIAN.
- 3) *We Must STAY Vigilant as we Await His Return*
 - Titus 2:10 – [11] *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people [12] training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, [13] waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.*
 - We are to be SELF-CONTROLLED, upright, godly... waiting.
 - 1 Timothy 6:14 – [14] *keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - Peter says the same thing. 1 Peter 1:13 – [13] *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
 - We need to be ready at a MOMENT's notice for the LORD's RETURN.

Four Truths We Must Know about the Lord's Second Advent:

1) The LORD's Coming will be Visible

The LORD's COMING will be Visible for EVERYONE.

Acts 1:11 – [11] *“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

- Hebrews 9:28 – [28] *so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*
 - The word for appear (*horao*) – to see visibly.
- Matthew 26:64 – [64] *“But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*
- I emphasize this – because there is a sense where the LORD has come spiritually.
 - *In the person of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost* – Jesus says in John 14.
 - *In the judgment on Israel in 70 A. D.*

2) The LORD’s Coming will be Verifiable

The Bible is CLEAR that He will Come in the EASTERN SKY to the Mount of Olives.

- Zechariah 14:4 – [4] *On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west...*
- Matthew 24:27 – [27] *For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. [28] Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.*
 - You will know where the COMING of the SON of MAN is because you will see the LIGHTNING in the SKY.

3) The LORDs Coming will be Vanquishing

The LORD will appear in GREAT REFULGENT glory. He will be BEAUTIFULLY SHOCKING. To Vanquish His enemies.

- Revelation 19:11ff – [11] *Then I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse!*
 - JESUS comes on a WHITE HORSE. I
- *The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.*
 - I’m reminded of what PAUL said in 1 Timothy 6 – Jesus before PILATE was FAITHFUL.
 - He comes in righteousness.
 - To JUDGE and to MAKE WAR on His enemies.
 - Isaiah 11:5 – [5] *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*
- [12] *His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.*
 - EYES of FIRE – represent the POWER to RULE.
 - The MANY DIADEMS – represent the AUTHORITY to rule.
 - The fact that He has a secret name – reminds us that ... As much as we know about Christ – our knowledge of Him is not exhaustive.
- [13] *He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called the Word of God*
 - And it is dipped in BLOOD.
 - This is the BLOOD of the enemies of GOD.
 - Isaiah 63:3 – [3] *...their lifeblood splattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.*
 - He is called the WORD of GOD because He is the full disclosure of GOD.

- [14] *And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*
 - This ARMY is almost certainly the SOULS of departed SAINTS.
 - 6:11 – [11] *Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer...*
 - 7:14 – [14] *“These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*
- [15] *From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.*
 - When the LORD returns – all those who are alive, who are ENEMIES of GOD will be STRUCK down.
 - The sword comes from HIS MOUTH – representing the POWER of HIS WORD.
 - Isaiah 11:4 – [4b] *and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*
 - Psalm 2:9 – [9] *You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.*
- [16] *On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

4) The LORD’s Coming Will be Victorious

The NT teaches that when Christ COMES back three things will immediately HAPPEN in terms of the Believer’s victory: VICTORIOUS TIME FOR THE BELIEVER.

- 1) A Resurrection of the Dead: Both the Just and the Unjust
- 2) The Great White Throne Judgment: the Judgment of the Just and Unjust.
- 3) The Ushering in of the Eternal State.

SEE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Many have taught that this SECTION is not in reference to the SECOND COMING. But rather a SEPARTATE EVEN known as “the SECRET RAPTURE.”

- The Secret RAPTURE was popularized by the Scofield reference Bible and later Hal Lindsay. *The Late Great PLANET Earth.*

Now I believe in the RAPTURE – but I believe it is concurrent with the SECOND COMING.

- The REASONS I believe this is the 2nd COMING and the Rapture are not Separate events but the Same Events:
 - 1) *No one in the HISTORY of the CHURCH until about 1830 interpreted this passage as a secret RAPTURE.*
 - 2) *Jesus said, “No one will ever know the Day or Hour of His Coming.”*
 - Yet if there is a secret rapture 7 years before the Lord’s 2nd Coming, everyone would know exactly when the 2nd Coming would be.
 - 3) *The Text itself Says Nothing about a Secret Coming*
 - There is NO MENTION that this is a secret event only for the believer.
 - 4:16 – [16] *A cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.*

- Compare with 1 Corinthians 15:52 – [52] *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*
- 4) The Same Glory Cloud is Mentioned in 1 Thess 4 that We Know is Present at the Second Coming
 - [16b] *and the dead in Christ will rise first.*
 - [17] *Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*
 - these are the same glory clouds mentioned in Acts 1.
 - This is the Lord's SECOND COMING. This is the shekinah glory of God.
- 5) The Purpose of the Rapture is to Welcome Christ to Earth
 - The word caught up (*harpazo*) – pluck or snatch up. Caught up. Taken by a CONTROLLING FORCE. Translated *rapere* in Latin (where we get our English word rapture).
 - Same word is used in Acts 8 to describe the snatching of Phillip from the Ethiopian Eunuch.
 - The TEXT says nothing that CHRIST takes the BELIEVERS who are RAPTURED back to HEAVEN.

So Let's LOOK @ the SEQUENCE of EVENTS:

- 1) Christ Comes with the threefold announcement (4:16)
- 2) The DEAD in CHRIST will rise FIRST (1 Thess 4:17a)
- 3) Then those who are STILL ALIVE WILL be CAUGHT UP. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 – [17] *Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.* [18] *Therefore encourage one another with these words.*
 - We TOO will PUT on RESURRECTION BODIES.
 - There is NO MORE SIN.
 - There is NO MORE DEATH.
 - We won't be spirits floating around in HEAVEN.
- [55] *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? [56] The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. [57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Then there will be a RETURN to the EARTH

- And the FINAL JUDGMENT will BEGIN. Matthew 25.
- John 5:28 – [28] *Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice [29] and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.*
- And God is going to remake the Heavens and the Earth. Revelation 21 and 22.