

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

— At The End Of The Tribulation —



Question:

What did Christ (or the angels) teach concerning His Second Coming?

Answer:

- That His return would be a literal, physical event; He would return in the same way He ascended

(Acts 1:11) "...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."

- That the timing of His return was _____

(Matthew 24:36) "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

- And therefore we should be ready for it

(Matthew 24:42) "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

- By being faithful stewards while awaiting His return

(Matthew 24:45-51) "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? {46} Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. {47} Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. {48} But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; {49} And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; {50} The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, {51} And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- That there would be rewards for the faithful — (Matthew 25:14-30).

When Jesus Christ returns to earth at the end of the Tribulation these six great goals of Daniel 9:24 will be accomplished!

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

- (1) to finish the transgression, and*
- (2) to make an end of sins, and*
- (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, and*
- (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, and*
- (5) to seal up the vision and prophecy, and*
- (6) to anoint the most Holy."*

I. Events at the Second Coming

II. Diagram of the Tribulation and the Second Coming

God will use the Tribulation period to bring His people back to Himself. How? There will be a great outpouring of supernatural phenomena. The witness of 144,000 Jewish evangelists testify to the Messiahship of Jesus Christ—multitudes accept Christ! But many will still not believe until the midnight hour—the moment that Israel is on the verge of annihilation by the Antichrist and the armies of the world. Jesus Christ returns in great power and glory to save Israel at Armageddon. Then their spiritual eyes are opened! At this time several things occur:

I. EVENTS AT THE SECOND COMING

A. Many in Israel get _____.

1. Terrible tribulation will cause Israel to turn to her Messiah. Her rebellious heart will be broken, and she will desire Christ.

(Matthew 23:39) “For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”

(Zechariah 12:10; 13:9) “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.... And they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.”

2. God will save Israel because of His covenant promises to Abraham and his descendants.

B. God reclaims the world by defeating His enemies.

1. All the earth shall see the second coming.

(Matthew 24:30) “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

2. Christ fights against the nations gathered in the “winepress of the wrath of God” (Zechariah 14:3-4; Revelation 14:17-20). (cf. end of Tribulation section)
3. Christ destroys these nations (Revelation 19:19-21).
4. The Antichrist and False Prophet are cast to the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19:20).
5. Satan is bound in the pit and confined with the demons (Luke 8:30-31; Revelation 20:1-3).
6. Israel _____ back in the land to enjoy the fulfillment of the covenant promises (Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20; Isaiah 11:11-12:6; Jeremiah 16:14-15; 23:3-8; Ezekiel 11:14-18; 37:1-28).

C. Jesus Christ reigns as king of Israel.

1. The everlasting Kingdom for Israel is established, and Jesus sits on David's throne (Daniel 2:44; 2 Samuel 7:16; 1 Chronicles 17:14).
2. A 75-day period elapses between the return of Christ and the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom—apparently for the _____ of the kingdom, the removal of the abomination of desolation, the judgment of those who survived the Tribulation, and the resurrection and rewarding of Tribulation and Old Testament saints.

Daniel 12:11-12 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. {12} Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."

1,260 days = 3 1/2 years of 360 days

1,260
+ 30 (for judgments)
1,290

1,335 days
- 1,290 days
= 45 days (for setting up the kingdom)

From the midpoint of the Tribulation (Abomination of Desolation) to the 1st resurrection at Christ's second coming (Dan. 12:10) is 1,290 days (Dan. 12:11).

3 1/2 years (Dan. 12:7) x 360 days in a prophetic year = 1,260 days.

1,290 days
- 1,260 days
= 30 days (this must be to accomplish the judgments)

Those who come to the 1,335th day is blessed (Dan. 12:12), and this must be the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom.

1,335 days
- 1,290 days
= 45 days (45 days for setting up the kingdom (Christ putting his administration in place))

30 days + 45 days = 75 days (see diagram below)

II. DIAGRAM OF THE TRIBULATION AND SECOND COMING

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