

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT CHRIST'S SECOND COMING 5



JESUS PROMISES TO RETURN

1. What wonderful promise did Jesus make?

2. How should we consider this promise?

John 14:1

Titus 2:13

HOW JESUS WILL COME

3. In what way will Jesus return?

4. How many will see his glorious advent?

Matthew 24:30

Revelation 1:7

WHY JESUS WILL COME

5. What is the objective of Christ's coming?

6. What will happen with the righteous dead?

7. What will happen with all the righteous?

Matthew 16:27

1 Thessalonians
4:13-16

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4:17

WHAT MUST I DO?

1. Desire the coming of Jesus.

2. Prepare myself to be ready.

3. Help with the preaching of the gospel.

2 Timothy 4:8

1 John 3:2, 3

Matthew 24:14

I believe in Jesus' second coming. I want to prepare myself to be with Him in heaven.

SIGNATURE

THE FAITH
OF JESUS

► ADDITIONAL STUDY ◀

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- a) The promise in the Old Testament (Jude 14,15; Job 19:25-27; Psalm 96:13; Isaiah 26:21; 40:10; 62:11; 66:15).
- b) The promise in the New Testament (Matthew 24:30, 16:27; 25:31; 26:64; Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 1:7, 8; 2 Peter 1:16; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 1:7; 22:12, 20).

HOW AND WHY WILL JESUS RETURN?

His coming will be personal and visible (Acts 1:11). With all his angels (Matthew 25:31). Like lightning (Matthew 24:27). In order to destroy the wicked (2 Thessalonians 2:8, 9). To resurrect the righteous and transform the living (1 Corinthians 15:51-55).

ATTITUDE AT THE COMING OF JESUS

- a) The wicked will be desperate (Revelation 6:15-17).
- b) The righteous will rejoice (Isaiah 25:9).
- c) The believers prepare for the glorious advent (Matthew 24:42; 2 Peter 3:14; Titus 2:11-14).

A NEW WORLD OF JOY In the new world there will be amazing wonders (2 Corinthians 2:9). Nature will be transformed (Isaiah 11:6-9). There will be no more suffering, sickness or death (Revelation 21:1-4). We will be with Jesus forever (Revelation 22:1-6).

The Blessed Hope

One of the wonderful Christian doctrines is the glorious advent of the Lord Jesus. It is said that the primitive Christians would greet each other with the word *maranatha*, which means *the Lord is coming*.

The second advent is a Christian and biblical doctrine. Millions have prayed *The Lord's Prayer* and have said: "Thy kingdom come." By repeating this, they have declared: "He shall come to judge the living and the dead."

This doctrine is found throughout the Bible. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about this extraordinary event. The majority of the Old Testament prophets referred to end time events and the coming of Jesus. In the New Testament, the events that will take place at the end of the world are an important part of the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. Revelation ends with a poignant plea: "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Revelation 22:20).

Testimonies

Christians in general believe in the coming of Jesus. "It is a truth of faith that Jesus Christ will return at end of the world to judge the living and the dead ... In that last day all justice shall be completed. Reward will be given even to the last fruits of good works and the latest scandals of the evil deeds of sinners will be punished."—*Catechism of Christian Doctrine* p. 141.

"With firm faith we wait for the fulfillment of the 'blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.' (Titus 2:13). "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Philippians 3:21), and will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe" (2 Thessalonians 1:10)".—*Vatican Documents II*, p. 70.

"The fabulous future that we expect as Christians will not be the natural development of history... It will come with the establishment of the Kingdom of God, by the direct intervention of God."—Billy Graham, *World Aflame*, p. 194.