

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Text: Hebrews 9:27-28

INTRO: One of the plainest teachings in the N.T. is that of the 2nd coming of Christ, yet human speculation & elaborate theories of men have clouded the simplicity of the Bible's teachings on this subject. Time will not permit us to examine the many theories of men re the "rapture," two or more future resurrections, an earthly political kingdom, etc., but a study of the plain & simple teachings of the Scriptures should quickly dispel all such fanciful notions.

I. JESUS BEGAN TO REIGN AS KING WHEN HE ASCENDED TO THE THRONE OF GOD.

"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.
(Dan. 7:13-14)

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the

right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ' "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:29-36)

This corresponds to His parable in LK 19:11-15 (far country).

MT 16:18-19; LK 22:29-30; 1 Cor 10:21; Col 1:13; Rev 1:9

II. JESUS WILL COME AGAIN.

- A. Personally, Acts 1:11
- B. With the angels, 2 Thess. 1:6-10
- C. Visibly, Rev. 1:7
- D. Audibly, **READ I THESS. 4:13 THRU 5:4**
- E. Suddenly, 1 Thess. 5:3

III. THE TIME OF CHRIST'S 2ND COMING IS CALLED:

- A. The Day of the Lord, 1 Thess 4:13-5:4; 2 Pet 3:5-10
1 Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14.

- B. The end of the world (or age).

Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! (Matt. 13:40-43)

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 13:49-50).

Rev. 20:11-15

C. The last day.

This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day... No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day... Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:39-40, 44, 54)

Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." (John 11:24)

John12:48

D. The day of judgment. MT 10:14-15; 11:20-24; 12:36-37
2 Peter 2:9

IV. WHEN CHRIST COMES:

A. All the dead will be raised.

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (John 5:28-29)

But this I confess to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. (Acts 24:14-15)

1 Thes 4:13-5:4

B. The living will be changed, 1 Cor. 15:51-54.

C. All accountable persons will be judged, rewarded/punished

READ MATTHEW 25:31-46; 13:40-43

- D. Jesus will present His church/kingdom to the Father & the redeemed of all ages will begin to dwell eternally in heaven with God & the holy angels, 1 Cor. 15:21-26. John 14:2-3; Heb. 6:20.

CONCLUSION: Let us remember...

- A. The resurrection of the just & unjust will take place at the same time, JN 5:28-29; 6:39-40.
- B. The final judgment with its rewards & punishments will be on the same day, John 12:48.
- C. Then & there the world will end & all humanity will pass into eternity, Matt. 13:40-43; Matt. 25:46.
- D. Theories of multiple comings of Jesus & multiple resurrections & judgments & political maneuverings have no sound basis in the Scriptures. There will be a second coming, Heb. 9:28. There is no mention of a 3rd, 4th, etc. Jesus promised to come again, JN 14:3, but not again and again and again.

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