

The Second Coming

Revelation 19:11-21

Introduction

The Second Coming of Christ (or Second Advent) refers to the future time in history when Jesus returns to earth. His first coming occurred over two thousand years ago and He ascended to heaven shortly after His death and resurrection. The Second Coming will occur at the end of the tribulation. It punctuates the moment when the Antichrist will break covenant with Israel, seeking to destroy her (Revelation 12:13-17), in order to nullify God's promises and prevent the return of Jesus Christ. At this point, the unholy trinity will gather together the world powers in the war of Armageddon to destroy Jerusalem and war against God (Revelation 16:13-16), but God will also gather the nations for battle (Zechariah 14:2-4).

Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives - the location of His original ascent. He will come with all of the fanfare becoming a celebrity. He will arrive on a white horse indicating victory – the same way that Roman generals arrived when they returned from a victorious conquest. Jesus is called faithful and true because as the second Adam. Unlike the first Adam, He has been faithful and operated under the authority of God and submitted to God the Father and to the Word. Every eye will see Christ at His return (Revelation 1:7) and the saints will return with Him (Colossians 3:4).

After Christ's Second Coming, God will judge the nations (Zechariah 12:2-4), the false prophet and the beast (2 Thessalonians 2:8), and the devil (Revelation 20:1-3). Israel will repent and accept Jesus as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10, Romans 11:26), so that God's promises will be fulfilled and that His kingdom can be established. God's judgment of the enemy will emphasize His defense, protection, and love for Israel, as well as a love for all of His children.

Getting Started

1. What new information did you receive from this week's message on prophecy that you did not know before?
2. Are you seeing current events in a new way as you walk through the series on prophecy? Share what has come to your attention in a new way as you've studied this topic in God's Word?

Let's Get Personal

1. The devil will be seeking to make war prior to the second coming of Christ. The truth is, the devil is always seeking to make war against those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus (Revelations 12:17). How has he been seeking to make war with you? Why do you think that is?
2. When Christ is revealed in glory, you will also be revealed (Colossians 3:4). What will be revealed about you? If your life were to end right now, what would be revealed about you at that moment in glory?
3. Read the account of the second coming in Matthew chapter 24:30. How does His coming compare to arrival and reception of a celebrity? When you reflect on His "celebrity" status, what response should that garner from you now?

Take the Next Step

1. Take the time to read Colossians 3:1-17 as a group. What practices could you take more seriously in your everyday life that would prepare you for the time when you will be revealed?
2. What adjustments are you going to make moving forward in light of the judgment seat of Christ to come?
3. Want to dig deeper? Take the time to read through this passage of the Second Coming: Matthew 25:31-46. Share in your own words what you think that day will be like!

Renew Your Mind

"...they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory." Matthew 24:30
