

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

I. INTRODUCTION.

- A. To conclude our series of lessons, we shall look at the Bible passages that tell of the return of Christ.
- B. Notice the differences in the two advents:
1. The first advent (coming):
 - a. Born as a babe into the world.
 - b. Quietly grew into maturity.
 - c. Quietly began His public work.
 - d. Suffered, died, buried and arose.
 - e. Clothed with humility.
 - f. Seemingly suffered defeat.
 2. The second advent (coming):
 - a. With a shout.
 - b. In the clouds of the air.
 - c. In His glory.
 - d. With His angels.
 - e. Sitting on the throne of His glory.
 - f. In triumph over His enemies.
- C. Our relationship to the two advents is as follows:
1. We live between the two comings, unlike those under the Law of Moses and patriarchy.
 2. To one we look back by faith, and to the other ahead with hope.
 3. We have the Lord's Supper to bridge the gap.
 4. We are to walk worthily, because we know not when He comes.
 5. The church will be delivered holy and blameless when He comes.
- D. Several phrases used in describing the return of Christ:
1. "Shall appear a second time."
Hebrews 9:28 Jesus' coming will be to bring eternal salvation
 2. "The coming of our Lord."
2Thessalonians 1:7 Jesus is coming with His angels in flaming fire
 3. "The day of the Lord."
2Peter 3:10 just will come unannounced, like a thief
 4. "The revelation of Jesus Christ."
1Peter 1:13 Jesus brings grace to the faithful when He comes again
- E. The return of Jesus is the event most often spoken of in the New Testament. More than 300 times, or about every 20 verses. Compare this with baptism (108 times) and the Lord's Supper (12 times).

II. THE TIME OF HIS COMING.

- A. Men have tried and failed to predict when Jesus will return. Even Jesus Himself, does not know, only God the Father.
Matthew 24:36 only God the Father knows the time of Jesus' return
- B. The New Testament teaches that it will be a long time between the two advents.
Matthew 24:48 the parable teaches that the master will be away for a long time
Matthew 25:5 the parable teaches the groom was delaying (not coming soon)
Matthew 25:19 the parable teaches the master had been gone a long time
- C. Do not think that God is slow concerning His promise. He will send Christ at the proper time.
2Peter 3:3-12 a long time to humans is not a long time to God--He is not slow in His promise

III. THE EVENTS OF HIS COMING.

- A. See John 5:25-29:
1. Death seals the eternal fate.
 2. Hebrews 9:27 no re-incarnation, a person dies once and then comes judgment

3. Jesus is the judge.
 4. Both wicked and righteous raised.
- B. See 1Thessalonians 4:13-17:
1. He will descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel.
 2. The physically dead in Christ will rise first.
 3. Those who are alive will go second.
- C. See 1Corinthians 15:50-53:
1. The last trumpet will sound.
 2. The dead shall be raised imperishable.
 3. Those who are alive shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye.
 4. Death, the final enemy, is swallowed up in victory.
- D. See 1Corinthians 15:23-26,44,46:
1. The church/kingdom is delivered up to God.
Ephesians 5:27 the church in all its glory--no spot, wrinkle, blemish--holy and blameless
 2. We are changed into a recognizable spiritual body.
 3. All earthly power and authority is abolished.
- E. See 2Peter 3:8-13:
1. God is not delaying in His announcing the end of the world.
 2. The time of the coming is unannounced, like the coming of a thief.
 3. The earth and everything in it will be burned up.
 4. Christians are to live holy and righteous lives while they await the end.
- F. See Revelation 20:11-15:
1. Judgment immediately follows the second coming.
 2. No second chances when Christ comes.
 3. Names of the faithful are recorded in heaven.
Hebrews 12:23 all in the kingdom will be in heaven on the final day
 4. The deeds done in the flesh are also written down to be compared with the Bible.
 5. Hades, the place of the dead, is destroyed with the eternal destinies of Heaven or Hell permanently established.
- G. Other notes:

IV. **MATCHING.**

Based on this lesson and the scriptures discussed, match the following phrase or central idea on the left with the appropriate scripture on the right. You may wish to review all the scriptures listed above before taking this test.

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| <u> F </u> | 1. The last trumpet will sound. | A. 2Pet. 3:3-12. |
| <u> C </u> | 2. Hades is destroyed. | B. 1Th. 4:13-17. |
| <u> H </u> | 3. He shall appear a second time. | C. Rev. 20:11-15. |
| <u> A </u> | 4. God is not slow about His promise. | D. Heb. 12:23. |
| <u> I </u> | 5. Raised as a spiritual body. | E. Eph. 5:27. |
| <u> E </u> | 6. The holy/blameless church is delivered. | F. 1Cor. 15:50-53. |
| <u> B </u> | 7. The dead in Christ rise first. | G. Mt. 24:36. |
| <u> J </u> | 8. People, good and evil to be raised. | H. Heb. 9:28. |
| <u> G </u> | 9. Only the Father knows when. | I. 1Cor. 15:44. |
| <u> D </u> | 10. Enrolled in heaven. | J. Jn. 5:25-29. |