



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## “I Shall Return.”

- Gen. Douglas MacArthur
  - “The President of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organizing the American offensive against Japan, a primary objective of which is the relief of the Philippines. I came through... and I shall return.”
- Jesus Christ
  - Rev. 22:7, 12, 20

## Rapture vs. Second Coming

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Rapture (John 14: 1 Cor. 15; 1 Th. 4)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No hint of judgment</li> <li>– No warning signs precede</li> <li>– Rapture of living believers</li> <li>– Resurrection of dead believers</li> <li>– Before the Tribulation</li> <li>– Christ comes in the air</li> <li>– For His saints</li> <li>– To take the saints to heaven</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Revelation           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Emphasis on Judgment (Rev. 19:11, 15, 17-21)</li> <li>– Dramatic signs precede (Matt. 24:29-30)</li> <li>– No mention of Rapture of living believers</li> <li>– No mention of Resurrection of dead believers</li> <li>– After the Tribulation</li> <li>– Christ returns to the earth</li> <li>– With His saints</li> <li>– To defeat His enemies and to establish His kingdom</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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## The Importance of the Second Coming

- A fundamental doctrine of our faith
- 23 of 27 New Testament books
- More often than the first coming
- The Apostles' creed, the Nicean creed, the Athanasian creed, and all the major confessions

## Knowledge & Predictions of the Second Coming

- Before the Flood
  - Jude 14-15 – *It was also about these men Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.*
- By Job (during the time of the Patriarchs)
  - Job 19:25— “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth.
- By David
  - Acts 2:29— “Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

## Knowledge & Predictions of the Second Coming

- By all the prophets
  - Zech. 14:1-6
  - Mal. 4:1-3
  - Acts 3:21— *whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.*
- By Christ Himself
  - Matt. 24:27, 29-30— “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be ... And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.”
  - Matt. 25:31— “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.”
- By Angels
  - Acts 1:11—*They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*

## Knowledge & Predictions of the Second Coming

- By the Apostles
  - Acts 3:19-20— "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,
  - 1 Cor. 1:7— so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
  - Titus 2:13— looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,
  - 2 Tim. 4:8— in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.
  - 2 Pet. 3:12— looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

## Date of the Second Coming

- Exact Time Unknown
  - Matt. 24:36— "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.
  - Acts 1:6-7— So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority.
- After the Tribulation
  - Rev. 19:1f—"after these things..."

## Purpose of the Second Coming

- To be glorified in His saints
  - 2 Th. 1:10— when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.
- To judge
  - Matt. 16:27— "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.
  - 2 Th. 1:7-10—the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day.
  - Jude 14-15— *It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

## Purpose of the Second Coming

- To bring salvation to Israel
  - Zech. 12:10— "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.
  - Zech. 13:1— "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.
  - Rom. 11:26—so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

## Purpose of the Second Coming

- To destroy Antichrist & his followers
  - 2 Th. 2:8— Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
  - Rev. 19:17-21

## Purpose of the Second Coming

- To vindicate Christ
  - Matt. 24:27— "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
  - Matt. 26:67-68\*
    - Cf. Matt. 26:63-64\*
  - Luke 21:27—Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.
  - Rev. 1:7—BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

## Personally

- Not through an emissary or representative
  - Matt. 24:44— the Son of Man is coming.
  - Acts 1:11— They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."
  - Acts 3:20-21— and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things.
  - Phil. 3:20— For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Col. 3:4— When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
  - 1 Th. 2:19— For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?
  - 2 Tim. 4:8— His appearing.
  - Tit. 2:13— looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.
  - Heb. 9:28— Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

## Bodily

- Not symbolically or in spirit
  - Zech. 14:4— In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east.
  - Acts 1:11— They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

## Visibly

- Not hidden from human view
  - Matt. 24:27— "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
  - Matt. 24:30— "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.
  - Mark 13:26— "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.
  - Luke 21:27— "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.
  - Titus 2:13— looking for...the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.
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## Suddenly

- Not slowly over time
  - Illustrations
    - The coming of a bridegroom (Matt. 25:6)
    - The bridegroom returning from a wedding (Luke 12:6)
    - A thief (Luke 12:39)
  - Matt. 24:44— "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think. *He will.*
  - Mark 13:36— in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.
  - Rev. 3:3— I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.
  - Rev. 16:15— "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame."

## Gloriously

- Not in humiliation and weakness
  - With Clouds
    - Matt. 24:30— they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.
    - Luke 9:26— "whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.
  - With the saints
    - 1 Th. 3:13— the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.
  - With His angels
    - Matt. 16:27— "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.
    - Matt. 25:31— "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
    - 2 Th. 1:7-8— the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire.
  - In the glory of the Father (Matt. 16:27).
  - In His own glory (Matt. 25:31)
  - Rev. 1:7— BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

## Victoriously

- Rev. 19:17-21
  - An Invitation to a Nightmare Feast (17-18)
  - The Defeat of God's Enemies at Armageddon (19-21)
    - Rev. 16:13-16 — "**demons**... go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty."
    - 2 Th. 2:11 — "**God** will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false."

## Application of the Second Coming

- As an impetus to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
  - Acts 17:30-31— "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

## Application of the Second Coming

- As a reminder of blinding power of unbelief
  - Matt. 24:37-39 – "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
  - 2 Pet. 3:3-4 – Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

## Application of the Second Coming

- As a comfort in trial
  - 2.Th. 1:4-7
- As a source of encouragement in the battle for sanctification
  - Phil. 1:6— *For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
  - 1 John 3:3— And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
  - Jude 24— Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,