

The Second Coming of Christ

The Millenium & The Earth Made New

Section One: The Second Coming of Christ

1. Did Jesus promise that He would come again? YES! Read John 14:1-3.

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” John 14:1-3.

2. What does the Bible call this promise of Jesus to come again? It calls it the BLESSED HOPE! Read Titus 2:11-15.

Do you believe our Lord’s promise? Do you have the “blessed hope? Are you ready for His return?

3. Will the second coming of Christ mark the end of this present world-system as we know it?

YES! Read Matthew 24:3.

The disciples asked Jesus: “... what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

4. Does the Bible actually say that Christ will come the second time?

YES! Read Hebrews 9:28.

5. What will be the manner of Christ's Second Coming?

Question: WILL HE COME SECRETLY?

Answer: Oh No!

Question: WILL ANYONE HAVE TO ANNOUNCE HIS ARRIVAL?

Answer: Oh No!

Question: WILL HIS COMING BE INVISIBLE?

Answer: Oh No!

Question: WILL HIS COMING BE SILENT?

Answer: Oh No!

Read Matthew 24: 26, 27, 30, 31.

6. The scriptures declare, with unmistakable clarity, the following facts about Christ's return:
- (i) His coming will be seen by all. Revelation 1:7.
 - (ii) His coming will be heard by all. Matthew 24:31; 2 Peter 3:10.
 - (iii) His coming will be personal and literal. He, Himself, will return. Acts 1:9-11.
 - (iv) His coming will mark the end of history as we know it. Revelation 6:14-17; 2 Peter 3:10.

- (v) His coming will be a spectacular and glorious event. Matthew 24:30.
- (vi) He will be coming for His true believers. John 14:1-3; Matthew 24:31; 1Thessalonians 4:16-18.
- (vii) Unbelievers will be desperately afraid of His coming; it will be a day of doom for them. Matthew 24:30; Revelation 6:14-17.
- (viii) HE WILL NOT TOUCH THE EARTH AT HIS SECOND COMING. Matthew 24:31; 1Thessalonians 4:17.

The Bible declares that the resurrection of the righteous dead, the dead in Christ, will be the most positively glorious event which will occur at Christ's Second Coming. 1Thessalonians 4:16

Also, the living righteous will be "changed" or translated (Hebrews 11:5) and all the righteous ones (both the resurrected and the translated) shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and be ever with Him. 1Thessalonians 4:17. (The apostle Paul summarized the above facts beautifully in his letter to the Corinthians, read 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 51-58).

The Lord Jesus will take all His righteous ones to heaven. John 14:1-3; 1 Peter 1:4; Revelation 19:1.

Section Two: The Millenium or One Thousand Years of Revelation 20

The resurrection of the righteous dead at the second coming of Christ is called the first resurrection; all the righteous ones will reign with Christ in heaven for a thousand years, but the rest of the dead, unbelievers, will not be resurrected until at the end of the thousand years. Read Rev. 20:6,5.

This one thousand years is popularly referred to by Bible students as the millenium". The Bible makes it clear that the "millenium" or one thousand years of Revelation 20 will begin with the first resurrection (the resurrection of the righteous) and end with the resurrection of the ubelievers, the second resurrection. Revelation 20:6,5.

Now let us look more closely at the events associated with the millenium. If you read Revelation chapter 20 carefully, you will see that these events may be best divided into three (3) groups:

- (i) The events occuring at the second coming of Christ and the start of the 1000 years.
- (ii) The events occuring during the 1000 years.
- (iii) The events occuring at the end of the 1000 years.

- (i) Events occurring at the start of the 1000 years.
- (a) The second coming of Christ. Revelation 19:11-21.
- (b) The resurrection of the righteous dead. 1Thessalonians 4:16.
- (c) The translation of the righteous living. 1Thessalonians 4:17.
- (d) All the righteous will meet Jesus in the air and go with Him to heaven. 1Thessalonians 4:17; Rev. 20:4,6; John 14:1-13.
- (e) The unrighteous living will be left dead by the final destructive events. Revelation 19:17-21.
- (f) The surface of the earth, man's proud civilization, will be reduced to a mass of desolation. Revelation 16:17-21.
- (g) Satan will have no one to tempt since the righteous will all be alive in heaven with Christ, and the unrighteous will all be dead on the earth. Revelation 20 verses 1-3 describes this fact in figurative language. The "binding" of Satan refers to circumstances which will render him unable to perform his accustomed work of tempting and harassing mankind.

Revelation 20:1-3.

- (ii) Events occurring during the 1000 years.
 - (a) All the righteous will be in heaven living and reigning with Christ. Revelation 20:4,6; Revelation 19:1; John 14:1-3.
 - (b) No living humans will be upon the earth. Matthew 24:30; Revelation 19:17-21; Jeremiah 4:23-26; Revelation 20:5.
 - (c) Satan, having no one to tempt, will be bound by a chain of circumstances. Revelation 20:2.
- (iii) Events occurring at the end of the 1000 years.
 - (a) Christ will descend from heaven to the earth and at that time His foot will touch the earth at Mount Olivet. His saints will be with Him. Zechariah 14:4,5.
 - (b) The Holy City, the New Jerusalem the Camp of the Saints will descend. Revelation 21:2.
 - (c) The rest of the dead (the unrighteous) will be raised to life. Revelation 20:5.
 - (d) Satan will thus be loosed because he will now have people to deceive again. Revelation 20:7.
 - (e) The unrighteous will then be mobilized by

- Satan to attack the Holy City. Revelation 20:7,8,9.
- (f) They will receive their final judgment, Revelation 20:12,13, and “wages”. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). The end-result of sin is death (James 1:15), and sin produces death by separating creature from Creator. (Isaiah 59:2).
 - (g) The final destruction by fire will be caused by the final and complete separation of unrepentant sinners from God by their cherished sins. This is the second death. Revelation 21:8.
 - (h) The final destructive fires will consume Satan, his fallen angels and all unrepentant sinners, and will cleanse the earth of all corruption and nastiness. Revelation 20:9,14,15; Malachi 4:1-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:8,9; 2 Peter 3:10-13; John 3:36.
 - (i) God will then make all things new; Revelation 20:5; 2 Peter 3:13. And the righteous shall live forever on the new earth. Revelation 5:10; Psalm 37:11.

**Section Three:
The Earth made New:
The Eternal Home of the Saved**

After the destruction of Satan, his fallen angels and all unrepentant sinners by hell-fire, God will make new heavens and a new earth

wherein dwelleth righteousness. 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:5.

Yes, friend, the kingdom of God will reign eternally on the New Earth!

Question: Who will inhabit the new earth?

Answer: The righteous! Isaiah 60:21; Revelation 21:7; Psalm 37:11.

Question: Will there be any more sin or death or fear?

Answer: NO! There will be no sin, suffering or death on the new earth. Read Proverbs 2:21,22; Isaiah 33:24; Revelation 21:4.

Question: How does the Bible describe the new earth?

Answer: As a perfect paradise, free from all problems! Read Revelation 21:3-7; Revelation 22:1-5; Isaiah 65:25; Isaiah 11:6-9.

The capital of the new earth will be the New Jerusalem. It will be the eternally perfect capital city. Read the description of the New Jerusalem in your Bible in Revelation 21:9-27.

THE SPIRIT'S APPEAL TO YOU

Revelation Chapters 21 and 22 describe the incomparable beauty, perfection and paradise conditions of the new earth, then in verse 17 of Chapter 22 is written the Spirit's invitation to you!

“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17.

God loves you and eagerly desires that you should be among those who will live forever in the new earth paradise. But you may be asking the all-important question, “HOW CAN I ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD?” Jesus gives the answer in John 3:3.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3.

But why do we need to be “born again”? The answer is given in John 3:6.

The “flesh” is selfish and sinful and therefore our natural character is selfish and sinful. The Apostle Paul describes evil-ripened humans as “lovers of their own selves”.² Timothy 3:2.

In contrast to the self-love of human selfishness is the selflessness of Divine love, compare Galatians 5:19-21 with Galatians 5:22-26.

Selfishness is a way of thinking which is centered on satisfying sinful desire; it is a mind

set on the flesh; a “carnal mind”, and is therefore war against God and is not subject to God’s law. Romans 8:5-8; Isaiah 53:6.

The Good News is that Jesus came in our flesh, and overcame that flesh and lived a perfect and sinless life in complete obedience to the law of God - the principles of Divine love. By His death on the cross He crucified human selfishness and established Divine love as the new governing principle in human character for all who will surrender their lives fully to Him, accepting Him as their personal and indwelling Saviour from sin. Read carefully the following texts: Romans 1:3; Romans 8:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Galatians 2:20.

When a person recognises that he or she is sinful and lost, and puts full confidence in the love of God revealed at Calvary and repents and believes on the Lord Jesus, surrendering the heart and mind and will to Him, then the new birth becomes a reality in that person’s experience. And remember the experience of the new birth is to be continuous. Matthew 16:24.

The following glorious gifts are bestowed upon us when we repent and surrender our hearts to Jesus in full faith in His righteousness and blood:-

- (1) God forgives us of all our sins for His sake and scripture describes us as being “in Christ”. Isaiah 55; 1John 1:8-10.

- (2) His righteousness is put to our account to cover us. Romans 3:21-26.
- (3) The old selfish, sinful way of living is put to death and the love of God is put within us and gives us a brand-new way of living. Colossians 3:8-10.
- (4) We trust only in the righteousness of Christ, never in our works. Ephesians 2:8-10.
- (5) The love of God motivates us to serve God and not self. 2 Corinthians 5:14,15.
- (6) The love of God fills us with the righteousness of Christ, His victory over sinful flesh, and we lovingly obey the commandments of God. John 14:15; John 15:10; 1 John 5:1-4; Romans 8:1-4.
- (7) Led by the Spirit, we will walk in the light, learning more of God's truth and obeying that truth and being progressively cleansed and perfected in Christ. Romans 8:9-14; 1 John 1:7.

Remember John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Why not accept the Spirit's invitation and come to Christ right now and receive Him into your heart!

THE NEARNESS OF THE END

Friend, the end is near! Jesus is coming again and soon. The terrible events occurring all over the world are evidence that the end is very near indeed. Earthquakes, pestilences, famines, wars, increasing crime and violence, increasing sexual immorality, political, social and economic unrest and a multiplicity of false religions - all these are the signs mentioned by Jesus in Matthew Chapter 24, and by Paul in 2 Timothy Chapter 3.

In Matthew 24: 14, Jesus announced that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness and then will the end come.

The final gospel warning is mentioned in Revelation 14:6-12. That final gospel proclamation warns each person against receiving the mark of the beast. (Read Tract Series A Nos. 1, 6 and 8 for a fuller study of the "mark of the beast" crisis.)

SCRIPTURE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE "MARK OF THE BEAST" CRISIS WILL OCCUR BEFORE THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

The "mark of the beast" refers to compulsory Sunday laws which will be enforced in all the

world forcing people to keep Sunday holy. The final events according to Bible prophecy will be as follows:-

- (1) World conditions will continue to deteriorate. 2Timothy 3:13. Politicians will be unable to solve the problems. 2 Timothy 3:7.
- (2) The popular Sunday-keeping churches will unite with the governments and convince the governments to enforce Sunday-keeping by law. This will begin in the USA and spread to all the world. Revelation 13:11-18.
- (3) God's true Sabbath-keeping people will preach against the Sunday laws and will proclaim the gospel in its fullness. Revelation 14:6-12.
- (4) The Sunday-keeping authorities will terribly persecute God's commandment-keeping people. Revelation 12:17.
- (5) When every person's mind is made up, probation will close. Revelation 22:1 1,12.
- (6) The seven (7) last plagues described in Revelation Chapter 16, will occur.
- (7) God will deliver His commandment keeping people. His voice will announce

“IT IS DONE”, and amidst the falling hail stones and final destructive events, the heavens will open. Revelation 16:17-21; Revelation 6:14-17.

- (8) Jesus will come in blazing glory to resurrect His sleeping saints and to translate His living saints, and take them to Heaven for the 1000 year millennial reign as we explained earlier. Psalm 50:3-6.

Friend, God wants you to be ready for the final events. It is by His providence that you are reading this tract right now.

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Now in closing, please remember that this is an urgent message, time is short, do not let the pressures of this life prevent you from preparing to meet your God. Listen to the loving words of warning from Jesus:-

*“Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and*

so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” Luke 21:32-36.

Remember too that Jesus is coming for a prepared people. Those believers who will be alive when He comes must fully reflect His righteous character.

During the terrible persecution of the “mark of the beast” crisis, God’s people, His final generation of living saints, will reflect the same gentle, loving, non-retaliating, forgiving attitude and character which Jesus demonstrated during those horrible hours of mockery, trial, torture and crucifixion.

Yes friend, God’s final generation of living saints will overcome as Christ overcame. They will have won the victory over lukewarmness and they will be “hot” with the victory of Christ, His faith and love, His righteousness and His spiritual eyesight. Revelation 3:14-21.

The Apostle Paul wrote of the character perfection of God’s final generation church in Ephesians 5:25-27.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for

it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Heavenly Sanctuary, is presently sanctifying His true church through His truth (John 17:17) and the truth for the final generation is the fullness of Bible truth by which he sanctifies His last-day people, thereby preparing them for the final crisis and the end of the world. 1Thessalonians 5:1-11.

Repent and surrender your entire being to our Lord Jesus. He will abundantly forgive you and progressively sanctify you unto perfection. It is His work to prepare you; your task is to continuously surrender your entire life to Him, communicating with Him through prayer, study of His word and choosing always the path of truth and righteousness.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be”.

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus”. Revelation 22:12, 20.