

Please note, that in the last days, many will deny the Second Comng of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **II Peter 3:3-10**, *Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4: And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5: For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8: But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

“...prepare to meet thy God...”

Amos 4:12



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**"And they said,  
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and thou shalt be saved"  
Acts 16:31**

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"hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11

# The Second Coming

*“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”*

*Hebrews 9:28*

There is probably more said about the second coming of Jesus Christ in the Bible than any other doctrine. For every prophesy of the first coming, there are eight on the second coming. In the New Testament alone, there are over three-hundred references to His coming. There are only two-hundred and sixty chapters in the New Testament, that means that one out of every twenty-five verses refer to Christ's coming. The very first reference in the Bible to His coming is in **Genesis 3:15** and the last reference is in **Revelation 22:20**. The very last words from the ascended Christ is about his return. It is the most important event in our future. It was the first prophesy ever uttered by man according to **Jude 12-15**.

The doctrine of the Second Coming is of great importance because the Christian's future depends upon it. Without His coming there is no Redemption

### **The Promise of His Coming:**

Immediately after the fall of man and the need for redemption, the promise of Messiah was given in **Genesis 3:15**. This is the first prophesy in the scriptures of his coming and the first proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, "*And I will put enmity between thee and this woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*" This verse clearly shows both comings of the Messiah. His first coming was to die for our sins, (thou shalt bruise his heel) and His second coming will be to destroy the works of Satan (and it shall bruise thy head). According to **I Peter 1:11**, the first coming is referring to the sufferings of Christ and the second coming, "the glory that should follow." Just as the first coming is a reality, the second coming is also. The Old Testament is filled with hundreds of references to both events. There are over three-hundred references to His coming in the New Testament. We can confidently trust the Lord to fulfill these promises. Our faith as saints must rest in God's Holy Word. As the Lamb of God, Jesus humbly surrendered himself to die on the cross. As the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, He shall roar out of Zion as the King of Kings, crowned with glory, **Revelation 5:5-6, 19:11-17**. The Scriptures are filled with promises from a faithful and loving God. Whatsoever the Lord has promised shall come to pass.

### **The Purpose of His Coming:**

According to **II Thessalonians 1:6-10**, the Lord's coming is two fold. He will destroy the wicked and be glorified in His saints. Those who have rejected the gospel of Christ will be destroyed with everlasting destruction, while the church will be gathered into His presence. The wheat and tares will be eternally separated to their place, **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**. It is also a time when the Lord Jesus Christ shall establish His kingdom according to **Revelation 11:15-18**. As the kingdoms of this world come to an end, the Lord shall establish his kingdom and reign for ever and ever. When the last trump is sounded, man's rule will be over and the Lord's rule

begins. That day, will be a time of Salvation, Reward's, and Rejoicing for the Christian. But, it will be a day of Wrath, Revenge and Distress for the lost.

The Resurrection of Saints in both Old and New Testament depends upon the Lord's coming, **I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Romans 8:18-25, Revelation 6:9-11, John 11:23-26**. Physical redemption will be a reality when Jesus returns for His people. The following verses should be a great comfort to every believer: **John 14:2-3**, "*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.*"

### **The Preparation for His Coming:**

The way to Assure your entrance into the Kingdom of God is by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that He died for your sins on Calvary's Cross. It is important that we be prepared when Jesus comes again. To the lost world, His return will be as a thief in the night, that is, unexpectedly and without warning **I Thessalonians 5:2-4**, *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3: For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4: But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.* The parable of the ten virgins in **Matthew 25:1-13**, teaches us a valuable lesson on preparedness. The tragedy of those who are not ready is seen throughout the scriptures. In the day of Noah and Lot, most were not spared God's judgement, **Matthew 24:36-44**. There is also clear warning in **Luke 21:34-36**, "*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. 35: For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36: 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.*"