



SECOND COMING_{OF}CHRIST

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INTRODUCTION

There are 3 Greek words used to reveal this fact:

1. Parousia (personal presence)
2. Apokalupsis (revelation)
3. Epiphaneia (appearing)

There are 3 major viewpoints respecting His Second Coming:

1. Post millennial view: It teaches that the Second Coming will follow rather than precede the millennial age.
2. The A-Millennial view: He does not believe in a literal period of a thousand years but believes that when Christ comes everything ends quickly.
3. The pre-millennial view: The Lord comes and then follows the Millennium.

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Another problem is that the Second Coming is in two stages:

1. The rapture which is secret (I Thess. 4:15-17) when the Lord comes FOR His saints and we meet Him in the air.
2. The revelation which is public (Rev. 1:7), when the Lord comes WITH His saints to set up the Millennium, I Thess. 3:13.

Another unsolved problem of pre-millennialists is whether the Church will go through the tribulation so there are the "pre-tribulation and mid-tribulation" debates.

I. PROPHECIES OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

1. It was foretold by the prophets. Dan. 7:13, "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven."
2. It was foretold by Jesus Himself. Matt. 25:31, "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory."
3. It was foretold by Paul. I Tim. 6:14, "Keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ."
4. It was foretold by angels. Acts 1:10,11, when the Saviour ascended from the earth.

None of these prophecies were fulfilled at His first coming.

II. TIME OF CHRIST'S COMING

This is a secret that only the Lord knows. Matt. 24:36, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Jesus Christ as man did not know that date but Jesus Christ as God is omniscient and certainly knows the exact moment when it will occur.

I believe it is a movable date (2 Pet. 3:12) that can be advanced or retarded on the speed or slowness of taking the Gospel to every tribe. Matt. 24:14.

III. PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S COMING

1. To complete the salvation of saints: He has delivered us from the power and penalty of sin but then He shall deliver us from the presence of sin, Heb. 9:28.
2. To be glorified in His saints. II Thess. 1:10
3. To bring to light the hidden things of darkness. I Cor. 4:5
4. To judge. II Timothy 4:1
5. To reign. Rev. 11 :15
6. To receive us to be with Himself. John 14:13
7. To destroy death. I Cor. 15:25,26

IV. HOW IS CHRIST COMING?

- A. Secretly at the Rapture. I Thess. 5 :2, Matt. 24:44, Matt. 24:50 Be prepared to meet Him TODAY.
- B. Publicly at the Revelation. Rev. 1:7, Matt. 24 :30; Titus 2 :13.

V. WHERE IS CHRIST COMING TO?

- A. At the Rapture we will meet Him in the air, I Thess. 4:17.
- B. At the Revelation we will descend with Him to the earth.
Probably He will land the Mount of Olives, Zech. 14:4.

VI. MANNER OF HIS COMING

1. In the clouds. Matt. 24:30
2. In the glory of His Father. Matt. 16 :27
3. In His own glory. Matt. 25:31,
4. In flaming fire. II Thess. 1:8
5. With power and great glory. Matt. 24:30
6. As He ascended, in bodily form, Acts 1:9-11.
7. With a shout and the voice of the archangel. I Thess. 4:16
8. With His saints. I Thess. 3 :13
9. Accompanied by angels. Matt. 16 :27
10. Suddenly. Mark 13:36

VII. SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING

II Tim. 3:1-7 lists 23 signs of His coming, most of which are very evident today.

Matt. 24:5-7, 12-38 lists ten signs.

Other signs include:

- The destruction of Jerusalem, Luke 21:20,24
- The completion of the Church, Rom 11:25
- Gospel preached everywhere, Matt. 24:14;
- The coming of the antichrist, II Thess.2:3-8

CONCLUSION

Be not a scoffer like those in II Pet. 3 :3, for His coming is sure and certain. Is it right to sell everything and sit on a hilltop waiting for Him? Definitely not.

We ought to plan and work as if He were not coming for another century but live a holy and pure life as if He were to return today. I Thess. 3:12,13.

This doctrine must affect our lives. It ought to keep us busy and WATCHING.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Give the 3 Greek words and their meaning that are used in regard to His coming.
2. From Acts 1:10,11, what 3 words would describe His second coming?
3. List 4 people who prophesied of His Second Coming with Scripture references.
4. When will Christ return?
5. List 7 purposes of Christ's Second Coming.
6. From I Thess. 5:2 and Matt. 24 :44, what do you learn about the Second Coming?
7. Where is Christ coming to? Explain.
8. List 12 things about the manner of His coming.
9. Give ten signs of His coming: five from II Tim. 3:1-7 and five from Matt. 24.
10. What is the practical application of this doctrine?