

The second coming of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

Aim

- † To understand the meaning and the happenings of the second Coming of Christ
- † To learn about the prophecies of the second coming

Key verses

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24:30).

Lesson

More Reference verses:

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Matthew 24:42-40)

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4)

The second Coming of Christ:

This time is when Christ comes back to judge the living and the dead. Everyone will be judged ever since the time of Adam and Eve. Our life will be displayed in front of us and God will ask us about everything we have done. The heavens and earth will vanish and we will be taken to heaven and evil people to hell. Our bodies will change in nature to take a glorified nature. Christ will bind the devil in Hades forever.

The second coming was told about by the angels when Jesus Christ ascended to heavens. Those who witnessed Christ's ascension into heaven after his death and resurrection heard the angels declare in (ACTS 1:11): Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

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SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING:

Before the second coming of Christ, there will be the anti Christ. He will try to turn the people to believe in him by using devil tricks to perform miracles. There will be wars and nations rising up against nations. More people will start believing in Jesus Christ. But these things were happening since the year 60 AD and the desolation of Israel so we can't predict the time. Only God knows it.

The Second Coming - Why is it important?

Foremost of all, belief in the Second Coming of Christ is important because it is clearly what the Bible teaches. To doubt the reality of the Second Coming is to doubt the reliability and validity of God's Word, God forbid we say that. Second, the Second Coming is important because Jesus Himself promised it. **Can someone tell me where he said that?**

The Second Coming of Christ is our hope and confidence that God is in control of all things and is faithful to His Word and His promises. Titus 2:13, "...while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ." **Our place is in heaven. We are now in a school year and judgement day is the exam. After the exam we get awarded to go to our place in heaven.**

THE TIME

The bible shows the second coming through the parable of the wise virgins (**Matt 25**). This parable showed us that it is important to keep watchful at all times because we don't know when Jesus Christ will come to judge us. We should always be ready because no one on earth knows the time when the second coming will happen. We shouldn't believe any one who claims that they know the time of the second coming.

S...Sudden. As we saw above, no one but the Father knows when the second coming will be. However, we do know it will take place "as lightning." *Matt 24:27 says, "For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

E...Essential. One of the foundations of the Christian faith is Jesus' second coming. Jesus will physically come again for all His believers and for His final judgment. Some non-Christian cults (Like Jehovah's Witnesses) teach that Christ "secretly" returned already. As you read what the Bible says about the Second Coming of Jesus, it will be obvious that it hasn't happened yet. Our place is in Heaven and not on Earth so it is essential for us to return back to our home.

C...Christ's Final Judgment. *The Bible declares that Jesus will be the final judge of the world (John 5:22, Acts 10:42 and 2Timothy 4:1).* Don't believe those who say that Christ will live on earth and form a nation here. Judgment will happen and we will be taken to Heaven.

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O...Obvious. There will be no mistaking when Christ comes back for His Church! He will appear like lightning.

N...No One Knows When. *In Matthew 24:36, Jesus said only God the Father knows when. God is over time. God already knows every prediction regarding the second coming that has ever been or will ever be made. Since Jesus said that no one knows about that day but the Father, NO ONE KNOWS!*

Second Coming of Christ - The "D" is for "Doubters"

As we get closer and closer to the Second Coming of Christ, there will be increasing and widespread doubt about whether Jesus even existed. These are all temptations from the devils to make people fall in sin. Some believers will leave the Christian faith (**2Thess 2:1-4, 1Tim 4:1-2, and 2Pet 2:1-3**). This belief is dangerous because people will be lazy in their spiritual life and won't keep watchful.

Us as Christians we have to keep watchful and awake all the time and ready for the second coming

Conclusion

We should never worry about the time of the second coming but we should always be watchful and ready with our good deeds that God may have mercy on us and we are granted Eternal life with Him.

Glory is to God, forever. Amen.