

The coming of Jesus in the book of



When the sixth seal was opened there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. In the prophetic language this time is equivalent to seven days in which heaven will be empty since Jesus will be coming with all the angels. It will be the most extraordinary space voyage and the fulfillment of the hope the children of God have treasured for centuries. At first the cry is heard, "The bridegroom comes". More than three hundred prophecies announced His first coming with amazing details. He came, He lived a perfect life, He died for us and resurrected as a victor. Now the announcement is "He is coming", an event that is mentioned about 2,500 times in the Scriptures.

God created man to be happy, but sin brought humanity to ruin. Christ came to live upon this earth, to die for us and to save us. His return is the climax of that rescuing plan, the testimony of His love toward His children. We can see that His coming is imminent. We shall not spend the coming millennium on this earth polluted by sin. There is a message of hope and consolation.

1. What will Jesus come back to the earth for?

- a) John 14:1-3. *That where I am*
- b) Hebrews 9:28. *"The second time, without sin"*
- c) Revelation 21:4. *To put an end to*
- d) Revelation 22:12. *To give every man*
- e) Revelation 11:18. *"The time of the and then that fear thy name..... and shouldst destroy them....."*
- ✓ Even though God's purpose is to put an end to suffering, sickness, war and evil and to restore the harmony that was lost in Eden, Satan, the enemy of God exists and he will exert an influence upon the rulers of the earth to lead them to a hellish war, shortly before Christ's second coming. The Bible calls it the war of Armageddon. Revelation 16:14, 16 says "or they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, [which] go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."
- ✓ Satan himself will appear as an angel of light and thus deceive many. (2 Thessalonians 2:8-10). By working miracles and bringing up many signs, he will try to imitate Jesus' second coming. We shall be protected from any kind of deception if we study the Scriptures, learn how Jesus will appear and get to know the principles of heaven and live by them already upon this earth. Therefore, let us study the characteristics of His second coming.

2. With what symbol is His second coming presented in Revelation 19:11-13?

A white horse was called and

He was clothed with a vesture

- ✓ In the old times, kings, rulers and military leaders rode on a white horse. Christ has received the right to rule upon this earth as King of kings and Lord of lords, and here He appears as a Rider that accompanies His people on their voyage to heaven.
- ✓ His name is Faithful and Truth, because He fulfilled what he had promised, to set His children free. Nobody knew His name, that is to say nobody knew He was coming as the Revenger of His people. He is "the Word of God" in action, fulfilling the Father's will on earth. He will execute God's righteousness, while at His first coming He came in God's mercy. His vestures dipped in blood symbolize the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah 63:1-6.

3. Who will accompany Him at His coming? Revelation 19:14-16; Matthew 25:31.

"And the armies which were in heaven followed him....."

4. Will Jesus' coming be secret or visible? Revelation 1:7.

Every eye

- ✓ Jesus' second coming will be visible for all. He will come back in the same way He left. Acts 1:11.
- ✓ According to this prophecy, "and they also who pierced him" shall see Him coming. According to Daniel 12:1-2, there will be a partial resurrection shortly before His coming. The first fruit will resurrect, part of that special group of 144,000 (Revelation 14:1-5) that are saved and act as escort of Christ, as well as those who crucified Him and the great persecutors of God's children. At His coming, everyone shall see Him, including the wicked, since it is written that "all kindred of thee earth shall wail because of him. (Revelation 6:15-17).
- ✓ Jesus warned us: "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:26-27.

5. What will the redeemed ones say at that moment? Isaiah 25:9.

"Lo, this is our God;, and he will save us."

6. How else is Christ's second coming symbolized? Revelation 14:14- 16.

"Like unto the Son of Man and in his hand a sharp sickle. Jesus is not coming with a crown of thorns. He already bore it when He died on our stead. Now He is coming with a golden crown, as a victor, to look for His grain, the harvest He sowed when he came to save man through His great sacrifice."

7. What will happen with those who died in Christ, and with the living saved ones when Jesus returns? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18.

"The dead in Christ first."

- ✓ Jesus' second coming will not only be seen but also heard. God will come "with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God". To His command, the graves will open and those who died in Christ will come out, since through their faith in him and His sacrifice they were reconciled and justified by God. What a happy encounter! To see and to be able to embrace our beloved ones torn away from us by death! Mothers who have lost their babies will receive them from the angels' hands! Friends will greet each other warmly. Then all of them together will be translated and meet Jesus on the clouds of heaven to take that voyage to heaven, among the stars, to the place Jesus has prepared for us.



8. What will happen with our mortal body? 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

"Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep....., in a, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; and the dead shall be raised incorruptible."

9. What will happen with the wicked at the second coming of Christ? 2 Thessalonians 2:8.

"And then shall the Wicked be revealed with the spirit of his mouthy with the brightness of his coming."

10. What warning does the Lord give regarding His coming? Revelation 16:15.

"Behold, I come and keepeth his garments."

- ✓ Jesus said that nobody knows the day and the hour, not even the angels. (Matthew 24:36), but we know when it is near. The present world events, the increase in violence, corruption, sicknesses, the economical and social crisis, the strikes, the quick increase of knowledge and the confusion in the religious world as well as the lack of faith and love are signs given in the Bible that announce His imminent return. God's appeal is "Watch", which means we should not be indifferent. We should surrender our life to Jesus, be reconciled with Him through the act of repentance and faith in His blood and as a result keep His commandments. Jesus also said, *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."* Matthew 24:42, 44.

11. What exclamation did the apostle hear in heaven? Rev. 11: 15-17.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the for ever and ever."

- ✓ There will be endless glory in the new and wonderful world that Jesus prepared for us. We shall live forever with Jesus, saved by His infinite love.

12. What appeal does Jesus make us and what fervent longing did the writer of Revelation expressed when he saw the glory of God? Revelation 22:7, 17, 20.

"Blessed is he that..... the sayings... of this book"

"Let him that heareth.....and let him that is athirst the water of life freely"

"Surely I come quickly. Amen. Lord Jesus."

**¿Do you also wish for Jesus to come back soon
so that we may inherit a better world?**

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