

Jesus Is Coming Back – No Doubt About It !

... and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30b

Here we go again! When the Bible talked about a time when they would not endure sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3a), once again, we see scripture being fulfilled right in front of our eyes. Recently, I read a book on prophecy and the author told how the majority of people out there, including many so called Christians, do not believe in the literal second coming of Jesus back to this planet, even though references in the Bible to the second coming outnumber references to the first coming by an eight to one margin. To them, a second coming of Jesus back to this planet is a fallacy and a joke. But, despite what the vast majority of people think, Jesus' second coming will be as sure and literal as His first one was, but with much, much different results.

In fact, the doctrine of the second coming of Jesus Christ is talked about second only to the message of salvation in the New Testament. Jesus himself referred to His return at least 21 times. Also, it was the same Holy Ghost who prophesied through both the prophets in the Old Testament and the apostles and disciples in the New Testament of the Lord's second coming. To deny these scriptures is to deny the Holy Ghost and basically call Him a liar. Now you are coming dangerously close to blasphemy. Jesus himself prophesied that He was coming back to this planet a second time (Matthew 16:27, 25:31). Many others also foretold of the Lord's return to this planet. Read the following scriptures and you will see that this has been prophesied since almost the beginning of time:

Enoch - Jude 1:14 - *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

Moses - Deuteronomy 30:3 - *That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*

Job - Job 19:25-26 - *For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:*

Asaph - Psalm 50:3-4 - *Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.*

David - Psalm 102:16 - *When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.*

Isaiah - Isaiah 66:15-16 - *For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.*

Jeremiah - Jeremiah 12:15 - *And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out I will return, and have compassion on them, and will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.*

Ezekiel - Ezekiel 43:7 - *And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile...*

Daniel - Daniel 7:21 - *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*

Joel - Joel 3:16-17 - *The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.*

Zephaniah - Zephaniah 3:17 - *The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.*

Zechariah - Zechariah 12:9-10 - *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they (the Jews) shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Malachi - Malachi 3:2 - *But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*

Luke – Acts 15:15-16 - *And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:*

Paul - 1Thessalonians 3:13 - *To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*

Paul – Hebrews 9:27-28 - *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 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.*

John - Revelation 19:11 & 14 - *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses...*

Now, can there be any doubt as to whether the Lord is coming back to this planet a second time both literally and physically? But, this time, instead of riding on an ass (donkey) as He entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21:5), He comes on a white horse (Revelation 19:11). This time, instead of a crown of thorns that soldiers placed on His head (Matthew 27:29), He comes wearing many crowns (Revelation 19:12). Back then, a sign was put on His cross above His head which said, “THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS” (Matthew 27:37). This time, He has on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:16). The first time, it was His blood on His clothes as the soldiers scourged Him (Matthew 27:26); this time it will be their blood on His robe (Isaiah 63:1-3). The first time as He hung on the cross, it was dark from the sixth hour to the ninth hour (Matthew 27:45), but this time when the Lord comes back, He will destroy with the brightness of His coming (2 Thessalonians 2:8). Get the picture – two comings, as different from each other as the opposite ends of the spectrum. One, a shameful death on a cross, the other, a glorious appearing where “*every eye shall see Him and all the earth shall wail because of Him*” (Revelation 1:7). About the only thing that the first and second comings do have in common, is that Jesus left from the Mount of Olives when He ascended back up into Heaven (Acts 1:11-12), and He returns to the Mount of Olives at His second coming (Zechariah 14:4).

There are two phases to the second coming of Jesus Christ. Many people do not know this, and maybe this is where their confusion comes from. The first phase of the second coming occurs when “*the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). The reason for this first phase, as foretold by Jesus in John 14:2-3, is so the Lord can remove His true church from off the earth and take them to heaven, so that they can be spared the Great Tribulation which is coming upon all the world for its rebellion and sin against Him (Revelation 3:10). This phase precedes the second phase of the Lord’s coming by at least seven years, and while we cannot know the exact day and hour of the first phase (Matthew 24:36), we can know the precise timing of the second phase. From the day of the signing of the covenant (peace treaty) between the antichrist and Israel (Daniel 9:27a), exactly seven years later (using the Jewish calendar of 360 days) the Lord will appear in the heavens with all of His saints and angels to save all of His people, and especially the Jews, His elect (Matthew 24:22), from total annihilation at the hands of satan (Revelation 12:13), and the antichrist (Daniel 9:27b) who has betrayed them. Two comings – the first to save mankind spiritually, the second to save mankind physically.

So, what’s taken so long for the Lord to come back? The Bible says, “*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*” (2Peter 3:9). He is giving you time to repent of your sins and to totally give your heart to Him, and to accept Him as Lord and Saviour of your life. And, since we don’t know when the first phase of the Lord’s second coming, which is the Rapture, is going to occur, repentance is needed NOW (2 Corinthians 6:2) while there is still time. It’s the most important decision you will ever make and it will determine your eternal destiny – life with Jesus in heaven, or death with satan in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15).

A while back, a man named Charles Taylor, who is a teacher of Bible prophecy, wrote a book titled, “Get All Excited – Jesus is Coming Soon!” So how much closer to the Rapture are we now than when he first wrote it? The world’s time is running out, and the age of grace is rapidly coming to a close. So, if you’re not saved, turn to the Lord NOW for your salvation. And, if you are saved, preach with fervency while there is still time. And like the second last scripture of the Bible says, “Even so, come Lord Jesus.”

Amen

(All scripture references taken from the King James Bible)

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