

The second coming of Christ

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What will happen at
the second coming of
Christ?



The Biblical Foundation

Belief #25 - The second coming of Christ

- Important verses about the second coming of Christ
 - ❖ Jn 14:1-3
 - ❖ **Matt 24:14, 43, 44**
 - ❖ 1 Thess 4:13-18
 - ❖ Rev 19:11-21
 - ❖ 1 Thess 5:1-11



General Summary

- ❖ Where is this event in relation to history?
- ❖ When will it happen?
- ❖ How will it happen?
- ❖ What will occur?
- ❖ Any special events?
- ❖ What will happen after this?

General Summary

- ❖ It will be at the end of the history of humanity - Matt 24:14
- ❖ No one knows the day or the time. - Mat 24:36
- ❖ Christ will be visible to everyone in glory and majesty - Rev 1:7; Mr 13:26
- ❖ He will not touch the earth. - Matt 24:25-27 / 1Thess 4:17
- ❖ Without touching the earth Christ will resurrect from the dead those who rested in the Lord and his people who are alive will be joined together with them - 1 Thess 4:16
- ❖ There will be a special resurrection for those who transferred it - Rev 1:7
- ❖ His glory will kill all the wicked, thus starting the millennium - 2 Thess 2:8

Relevance of the second coming

- ❖ It is difficult to decide which of the two earthly appearances of Christ is most significant for the plan of salvation, but being that we live closer to the second it is key to understand the relevance of the second coming for the events and protagonists of human history.
 - ❖ For the great controversy
 - ❖ For the church
 - ❖ For the Christian

The great controversy

- ❖ As the most consequential event in human history, the second coming is the cry of victory over the power of sin
- ❖ The finishing touch will not be until the executive judgment of the third coming but the second coming conclusively denies the first lie of Satan that God is not loving but a dictator incapable of admitting disobedience.
- ❖ The saved will prove the falsehood of such a lie before the entire universe



The church

- ❖ For those who have been faithful until the end, the second coming is the fulfillment of the greatest and most desired promises.
- ❖ It is represented as the wedding of the lamb because it will be the celebration of the final reunion between Christ and his beloved church.
- ❖ The strong attack that the true church suffered from Babylon before the second coming presented a marked contrast with the glorious award that they will receive at the end



The Christian

- ❖ This powerful event will mark the beginning of a glorious eternity for every believer who has waited for the return of Christ
- ❖ If the mission of representing God's love and justice before the world as entrusted to his disciples has been fulfilled, the Christian will enjoy the continuation of the personal relationship he established with his Savior while on earth.



What does it mean to me?

- ❖ What do I think of when I speak of the second coming?
- ❖ How has the waiting changed my expectations of the second coming?
- ❖ What is the source of hope in the apparent delay?

Deceptions and Confusion

Lies about His return

- ❖ Christ will not return (Answers: 2 Pet 3:3-9; Rev 22:20)
- ❖ The fulfillment of the signals is a coincidence (Answer: Matt 24:37-38 ; 1 Thess 5:3)
- ❖ The second coming is still very distant. (Answer: 2 Peter 3:3-9)

Christ is coming to establish an earthly kingdom

- ❖ This is a lie that is repeated many times in different doctrines since it not only makes the purpose of the second coming to establish an earthly kingdom but also makes this kingdom the empire of the millennium, a second chance of salvation for the lost and annuls both the judgment of confirmation and the third coming with the holy city, the new Jerusalem and the recreation of the earth continuing said third coming
- ❖ Answer: 2 Peter 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 2:9 / Rev 7:9-17; 19:20-21; 20:5 / Jer 4:23-28 / Gal 3:26-29 / Rom 9:3-8

The second coming will be secret.

- ❖ This is the most common lie in the Christian community and unlike most Christian doctrines it did not arise within the theology of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ John Nelson Darby is considered the creator of this lie, starting to promote it from 1833. This lie was later popularized by Cyrus Scofield in his Bible with commentary.
- ❖ It is part of the school of futuristic interpretation and supports pre-menial dispensationalism, that is, an interruption of the biblical prophecy with the coming of Christ only to be continued with the tribulation and the plagues that accompany the cups and trumpets of Revelation

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- ❖ This lie has no support in the vast Christian history since it is based on an incredible misinterpretation of the words used by Paul in 1 Tess 4:17 and Mt 24:40-42
- ❖ The Greek term ***Harpazó*** appears less than 15 times in the NT and has a varied meaning since it is used both to describe the ascension of Christ into heaven (Rev 12:5) and to describe the translation of Philip after the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8).
- ❖ Even with the variety of translations of this word, the context of the verses does not imply at any time that the second coming is secret. On the contrary, all the other biblical verses describing the event make it clear that it will be visible and glorious.

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- ❖ The Bible makes it clear that the second coming will be glorious and will grab the attention of every living eye and even of some dead who will be resurrected
- ❖ Answer: Rev 1:7; 1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-54



The nature of His coming

- ❖ Christ already came (Answer: Mt 24:26-27)
- ❖ The second coming is spiritual (Answer: Jn 14:1-3; Rev 19:11-21)
- ❖ Christ will return on this date (Answer: Matt 24:14; Matt 25:1-13)

Will you believe, teach,
and defend the truth
about the Second Coming
of Christ?