

## THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

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1. Have you ever wondered what is the **greatest promise** in God's Word?
2. One of the greatest is *Jn 14:3*, "**I will come again.**"
3. *Mat 24:27,29-31,36-39,42,44,45-47.*  
Like the **lightning flash** from east to west - sun darkened, moon will not give light, the stars will fall and the heavens will be shaken. All tribes of the earth will mourn when they see Him coming on the clouds of heaven with great power and glory. The angels will gather God's elect, *Mk 13:27*. The **great trumpet** of God will sound. It will be like the days of Noah on the earth, *Lk 17:26,28*. Watch, be ready, no-one knows the hour. Keep serving God faithfully.  
**In communion** we show the Lord's death until He comes, *1Cor 11:26*. He is coming with the clouds, **every eye will see Him**, *Rev 1:7*. The angels said to the disciples, who watched Jesus ascend back into heaven, "**He will come again just as you have seen Him go**", *Ac 1:9-11*.
4. "There are **318 references** to the Lord's Second Coming in the 260 chapters of the New Testament. (R.A.Torrey "What the Bible Teaches.")
5. Most Old Testament references of Christ's Coming refer to His Second Coming e.g. *Dan 7:13*, (*see Mat 26:64 and the result*), *Zech 14:4,5*, *Jer 23:5,6*, *Mic 1:3,4*, *Mal 3:1-3*, and many others.
6. At the death of a loved one in Christ, you can rejoice through the tears and heartache **because Jesus is Coming Again**. He has abolished death, *2Tim 1:10*, and this will be fulfilled for us at His coming, *1Cor 15:26*. Death will be destroyed.
7. *1Thes 4:13-18*. When Jesus returns, He will bring all those who have died in Christ, believing, with Him. He will descend with a shout, ("Believers arise"- possibly), the Archangel's voice will be heard, the trumpet of God will sound, and all believers who have died will be raised up, - **resurrected bodily**. Then all believers alive at the time will be caught up too, to meet the Lord and to be with Him forever. Hallelujah!
8. *Phil 3:20,21*, *1Cor 15:42-44,51-54*.  
A loved one in Christ crippled, deformed, mentally handicapped, unless they are healed now by grace through faith, **will be totally healed** and made whole when Jesus comes. He will transform our lowly body and it will be conformed to His glorious Body. Corruption will become incorruption, dishonour - glory, weakness - power, natural - spiritual, when Jesus comes.
9. This will be the **greatest event** this world will ever see.
10. **How should we be ready?**
  - a. **Love and desire** His appearing, *2Tim 4:8*.
  - b. **Eagerly wait** for it, *1Cor 1:7*, *Phil 3:20*.

- c. **Watch and look for Him.** *Mk 13:32-37, Heb 9:28, Tit 2:13, 2Pet 3:12.*  
**Pray always**, each day, to keep your heart one with God, *Mk 13:33.*  
**Pray for those “labourers”** to go out, *Lk 10:2*, and reap His harvest, fulfil *Mat 24:14*, and **hasten His Coming**, *2Pet 3:12* (see modern translations).
  - d. **Be holy**, *2Pet 3:10,11,14*. Fight, by faith, against sinful habits. Do not make excuses, *1Jn 1:9*.
  - e. **Keep serving God until He comes**, *Mat 24:45-47*.
11. **What will happen when Jesus comes?**
- a. He will be seen by all, *Rev 1:7, Mat 24:30, Lk 21:25-28*.
  - b. The Resurrection of the Dead, *1Thes 4:16,17, 1Cor 15:12-58, Lk 14:14*.
  - c. Bodies changed to be like His, *Phil 3:21, 1Cor 15:51-54,42-44*.
  - d. We are changed in every way to be like Him, *1Jn 3:2* - in soul and spirit.
  - e. Saints judged for rewards of service. *Mat 6:4,6,18, Rom 14:10, 2Cor 5:10, 1Cor 3:8,13,14, 2Tim 4:8, Rev 11:18*, (the Five Crowns\*).
  - f. Nations will be judged, *Mat 25:31-46*.
  - g. God hating people destroyed, *2Thes 1:8*.
  - i. Kingdom of God will fill the earth, *Lk 11:2, 2Tim 4:1, Rev 11:15*.
  - j. Heaven and earth cleansed by fire, *2Pet 3:10,11,12,13*.
  - k. Earth filled with God’s glory, *Hab 2:14, Num 14:21, Is 11:9*.
12. **What will it be like on earth when He comes?**
- a. Great glory in the church - a mighty army of God.
  - b. Great evil and darkness in the world, *Lk 17:26-30*. Like in Noah’s day and Lot’s day, *2Thes 1:7,8, 2Thes 2:8, Mat 24:30*, many mourning.
- \* **The Five Crowns**, or rewards for serving Christ (see 11e).
- a. Crown of Joy, *Phil 4:1, 1Thes 2:19*. Soul winners crown.
  - b. Crown of Life, *Rev 2:10, Jam 1:12*.
  - c. Crown of Righteousness, *2Tim 4:7,8*.
  - d. Crown of Incorruptibility, *1Cor 9:25*.
  - e. Crown of Glory, *1Pet 5:4*.