

# THE DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

## CHAPTER 11

In this chapter we will study The Doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. This is also a controversial doctrine. Many good Bible students disagree about what the Bible teaches on the Second Coming of Christ. We will look into the Word of God and try to determine what it teaches. I pray the Holy Spirit will enable us to ***“rightly divide the Word of Truth.”***

### THE PROMISES OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We will begin our study by looking at the promises concerning the Second Coming of Christ. It would be impossible to study all the promises in the Bible on this subject now, but we will look at several of them.

There are many today that deny that Christ is coming again, and there are many others who have doubts about His Second Coming. There is much disputing as to how His Second Coming will take place. God knew these people would come, so He had Peter write about them in the Word of God. In II Peter 3:3-4 the Word of God says, ***“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lust, And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.”*** We are surely living in those days.

Notice II Peter 3:9, ***“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*** Here we find that it doesn't matter what men may say, the Lord is not slack concerning His promise. You will notice the word promise used here is singular, speaking of one promise. The Lord is not slack concerning any of His promises, but the one promise that He speaks of here is His promise to come again. It does not matter who doubts this promise, who may try to discredit this promise, or what might be said about it, JESUS CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN JUST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD IN HIS WORD.

There are so many promises in the Word of God about the Second Coming of Christ that it is hard to even know where to begin. For the sake of space I will deal only with those in the New Testament. One of the first promises in the New Testament which specifically mentions the second coming of Christ is found in Matthew 16:27. ***“For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.”*** If this were the only promise of the Second Coming given to us in the entire Bible, this one alone would be enough for us to believe that He is coming again.

To me one of the most precious promises about His coming again is John 14:1-3, ***“Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”*** Here the promise of the Second Coming of Christ hinges

on two other events: ***“If I go”*** and ***“prepare a place for you.”*** Now we must answer these two questions. Did He go? Did He prepare a place for us? Again the answers to these questions are given in the Scriptures. In Acts 1:9-11, we have the account of His going away. As the Lord Jesus was standing on the Mount of Olives with His disciples we read, ***“And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.”*** Here we see that He did go away.

The second condition that our Lord places on the promise of His Second Coming in John 14:3 is, ***“and prepare a place for you.”*** In Revelation 21:2, this same John said, ***“And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, PREPARED as a bride adorned for her husband.”*** The Lord said, ***“If I go and prepare a place.”*** He went, He prepared a place, and He will come again as He promised. Whether you believe it or not will not change the fact; HE IS COMING AGAIN AS HE PROMISED.

Here is a list of some of the other references found in the New Testament where you can find a promise of the Second Coming of Christ. Study all of them. Many other references could be mentioned, but these are sufficient for now.

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| 1. Matthew 24:44           | 9. I John 2:28       |
| 2. Philippians 3:20        | 10. I John 3:1-3     |
| 3. I Thessalonians 1:10    | 11. Jude 14-15       |
| 4. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 | 12. Revelation 1:7   |
| 5. Titus 2:13              | 13. Revelation 3:11  |
| 6. Hebrews 9:28            | 14. Revelation 22:7  |
| 7. Hebrews 10:37           | 15. Revelation 22:12 |
| 8. James 5:7-8             | 16. Revelation 22:20 |

## **THE PROGRAM OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

There is much disagreement about the Program of His Second Coming. Some would teach that the Second Coming of Christ was on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came. This could not be so because 15 of the 16 references listed above were written after the day of Pentecost. There are some that say the Second Coming of Christ is in salvation, but this is not so either. At the moment of salvation, Christ comes to live in us at our house. At the Second Coming He comes and takes us to Heaven to live with Him in His house. There are some that say when a saint dies, the Lord comes and gets him and takes him to Heaven. They make the time of a saint's death the Second Coming of Christ. Again, this is not true. At Death, He sends His angels to carry away His saints into Heaven (Luke 16:22). At the Second Coming, He will come Himself to get us and give us a personal escort through the air and into Heaven. So we see very clearly that when Christ spoke of His Second Coming He was not speaking of Pentecost, of our salvation experience, or the death of a saint, but of a definite time in the future when the Lord Himself will come again bodily and personally.

There are two major events in the Second Coming of Christ. The first one is the *Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church*. By this, we mean that Christ will descend into the air and catch out all His saints before the tribulation period begins. The saints who have died in the Lord will all be resurrected and the living saints will be changed. They will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air, I Thessalonians 4:16-17. We will then go back into heaven with Him. The second major event is the *Premillennial Return of Christ*. This is when He comes back to the earth to sit on the throne of His father David to rule and reign for one thousand years. This is after the tribulation period ends. We will study these two events separately.

## **THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

There are four theories among believers about the rapture of the church. First, there is the mid-tribulation rapture theory which teaches Christ will come back at the middle of the tribulation period and catch out His church. Second, there is the post-tribulation rapture theory which teaches that the church will go through all of the tribulation period and that Christ will come for His church after the tribulation period is over. Third, there is the split-rapture theory which teaches Christ will take out only those who are saved, Spirit-filled, and right with God before the tribulation begins. The rest of the saved will be left behind to go through part, or all of the tribulation period. Fourth, there is the Pre-tribulation rapture theory which teaches that Christ will come again before any part of the tribulation begins and will catch away His church. May I say dogmatically, I AM A PRE-TRIBULATIONIST.

The Scripture teaches us both in typology and in teaching that Christ will come back and take His church out before the tribulation begins. First, notice the typology of God taking His people out before His judgment falls in the Old Testament. Enoch was translated before the flood, Genesis 5:21-24. Lot was taken out of Sodom before the fire fell, Genesis 19:15-26 and Elijah was taken up into heaven before the fall of Israel into captivity, II Kings 2:11.

In each of these God took His people out before His wrath was poured out. This is a type of the church being caught up before the tribulation period begins. The tribulation period is the seven-year period that comes at the close of the church age. It is described in Revelation chapters 6-19. It is not for the church, but for the nation Israel. You do not find the church on the earth from Revelation 4:1-2 until it comes back with Christ in Revelation 19:11-16.

The tribulation period is described as a time of Jacob's trouble, Jeremiah 30:7. It is also described as Daniel's seventieth week, Daniel 9:24-27. It is a time when the Lord will bring Israel under the rod of God's judgment, Ezekiel 20:37. We learn in Romans 5:9 that we who are saved by the grace of God are justified right now by the blood of Christ and that we will be saved from the wrath of the tribulation period by the second coming of Christ. Read Romans 5:9, I Thessalonians 1:10, I Thessalonians 5:9, and Revelation 3:10. All these scriptures and many others in the Bible make it easy for anyone with an open mind to see that Christ will come for His church before the tribulation period begins.

After studying all the Scriptures, I could never accept the post-tribulation theory or the mid-tribulation theory. The split-rapture theory is destroyed in I Corinthians 15:51-52. ***Behold, I***

*shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...*” Notice, Paul speaking to Christians says, *“We shall not all sleep (speaking of the sleep of death), but WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED, IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE.”* If you are going to split the rapture in the twinkling of an eye, you will have to do some fast splitting.

Remember, the Church is the bride of Christ and He will not take part of His bride at one time and then take the other part later. Again I say without apology, I am a pre-tribulationist. I believe Christ will come and catch out His church before any part of the tribulation begins.

## **THE RETURN OF CHRIST**

Not only do I believe in a Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church, but I also believe in the Pre-millennial Return of Christ back to this earth. In fact, He will usher in the millennial kingdom when He comes again. There are two other views of millennialism; post-millennialism and amillennialism. The post-millennialists believe that the church will convert the world to Christ through the preaching of the gospel and thus prepare the world for Christ to return and rule over it. May I simply say, I know of no where in the Bible this is taught and even history itself has proven that this is not happening. History reveals the number of post-millennialists have decreased during the last few centuries. It is hard to find anyone in America today who is a true post-millennialist.

The main scripture used for their doctrine is found in Matthew 13:33. They teach the woman in this parable is the church, and the leaven that she hid is the gospel. They believe that through the preaching of the gospel the whole world will be converted. Notice the woman *hid* the leaven in the three measures of meal. This could not be speaking of the preaching of the gospel. The gospel is not to be hid; our Lord instructed us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The second false view of the millennial reign of Christ is called Amillennialism, which means no millennial reign of Christ. Amillennialism, unlike post-millennialism, has experienced an increase in their number during the twentieth century. They do not believe that Christ will come back to the earth to reign at all. They simply believe Christ will come one day, declare time is no more, and will set up His judgment. They believe He will then separate the people, placing the sinners on His left hand and the saints on His right hand. They believe that He will judge them, cast the sinners into hell, and take the saints into heaven with Him. When this happens time will come to an end and eternity will begin.

The main Scripture they base their teaching on is Matthew 25:31-46. A close study of these verses reveals that this is not an individual judgment, but a judgment of nations. Here are eight reasons why I say this:

1. It specifically says nations, verse 32
2. No resurrection is mentioned in this text

3. The Book of Life or the record books are mentioned in this text, Cp Revelation 20:12
4. Three types of people present; the sheep, the goats, and the brethren. If the sheep are the saved folks and the goats are the sinners, who are the brethren?
5. If this speaks of an individual judgment then you would not know until the judgment day whether you were saved or not.
6. If this speaks of an individual judgment then the saints did not know when they were saved, Vs 37.
7. If this speaks of an individual judgment then a sinner would not know when he missed the opportunity to be saved, Vs 44.
8. If this were an individual judgment it would make salvation by works, instead of by the grace of God, Vs 42-45.

We must conclude this is the Judgment of Nations. Israel is the brethren. The sheep nations are those Gentile nations that befriend Israel during the time of the tribulation. The goat nations are those Gentile nations who are Israel's enemies during the tribulation period.

Again I repeat, I believe in the pre-tribulation rapture and the Pre-millennial return of Christ. This means that some day, before the seven years of tribulation begins, ***“The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet 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,”*** I Thessalonians 4:16-17. This is called the rapture of the church and could take place at any moment.

When the rapture takes place, it will set into action the following chain of prophetic events as recorded in God's Word. When the saints are caught up in the rapture we will then go immediately to the Judgment Seat of Christ. There we will face the Lord to be rewarded for our works. If our works do not stand the test of the fire of the Judgment Seat we will suffer loss, see I Corinthians 3:12-15; and II Corinthians 5:10. As soon as the church is gone, a period of time known as the tribulation period will begin on the earth. This will last approximately seven years, see Matthew 24:22. The Antichrist will be manifested and for approximately three and a half years there will be a false peace on the earth. During the last three and a half years there will be a time of trouble and suffering like the world has never known.

After all the saints stand before Christ at the Judgment Seat we will go to the marriage of the Lamb, Revelation 19:7-9. Here the church will be presented as the bride of Christ and be married to Him. After the marriage and the marriage supper, we will come back to the earth with Christ, Revelation 19:11-16. He will fight the battle of Armageddon. After the battle of Armageddon is over, Christ will put Satan into the bottomless pit for one thousand years.

Then Christ will sit on the throne of David and reign over all the earth for one thousand years and the saints will reign with Him. This will fulfill the promises that were made by the angel to Mary in Luke 1:31-33. If you will look closely at these verses, you will find the words “shall” and “shalt” appear seven times. The first time He came He fulfilled the first four “shalls” and when He comes again He will fulfill the last three.

When the thousand years are finished, Satan will be loosed for a little season and then he will be cast alive into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night forever, Revelation 19:17 through 20:10. After this, the sinners will be raised from the dead to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment and then cast into the lake of fire Revelation 20:11-15. Christ will then deliver up the millennial kingdom to God the Father, and it will become the eternal kingdom. In Revelation 21, John saw a new heaven and a new earth. Then he saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven. This is our eternal home. This is heaven for we who are saved by the Grace of God.

If you have any doubts that there are two events in the second coming, all you need to do is study carefully; II Thessalonians 2:1, Titus 2:13, and II Timothy 4:1. Listed below are some comparisons of the two events. The Rapture speaks of the time when we are caught up to meet the Lord. The Revelation speaks of the time when we come back to the earth with Him.

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| IN THE RAPTURE                       | ----- | IN THE REVELATION                       |
| He comes for His saints              | ----- | He comes with His saints                |
| He comes as a thief                  | ----- | Every eye shall see Him                 |
| He comes in the air                  | ----- | He comes to the earth                   |
| Before the tribulation               | ----- | After the tribulation                   |
| This takes place in Revelation 4:1-2 | --    | This takes place in Revelation 19:11-16 |

Thus we conclude that the program of the Second Coming of Christ is; Christ will come for His church before the tribulation begins. He will come back with His church after the tribulation period is over. Thank God, if you are saved, you not only will miss hell, but you will miss the wrath of the tribulation period also. Once again I have taken more time and space than I planned to, but it is so hard to stop studying such glorious truths as these.

## **THE PURPOSE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

Thus far we have studied the Promises of His Coming and the Program of His Coming. We now come to the Purpose of His Coming. Why is Christ coming again? We will not go into great details in this discussion, but I will give you eight reasons why Christ must come again.

1. He must come back to Redeem the Scriptures

If Jesus does not come again, think of all the verses of scriptures that would be rendered void and untrue. The Bible says in John 10:35, “*And the scripture cannot be broken.*” Again in Psalm 138:2, “*For Thou hath magnified thy word above all thy name.*”

## 2. He must come back to Resurrect the Saints

If Christ does not come back, all those who have died in the Lord will never have a resurrected body. Their spirit is with the Lord, but their bodies have been planted in the grave, II Corinthians 5:8, I Thessalonians 4:13-17, and I Corinthians 15:51-57.

## 3. He must come back to Reward His Servants

After the Lord takes the church out we will stand before Him at the Judgment Seat to receive the rewards He has for His servants, II Corinthians 5:10, I Corinthians 3:12-15, and Revelation 22:12.

## 4. He must come back to Restore the Seed of Abraham

Many think that God is through with the Jews, but He is not. When Christ comes back to the earth again in the Revelation the Jews will receive Him as their Messiah. God made an unconditional, everlasting covenant with Abraham and his seed in Genesis 17:7-8. In Romans 11:17-21, the Jews, the natural branches were broken off. They will be grafted back in verse 24. Romans 11:25-26 says, ***“blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And all Israel shall be saved.”*** Read Joel 3:17-21, Amos 9:11-15, Micah 4:1-7, and Hebrews 8:10-12.

## 5. He must come back to Revenge all Sin

When Christ comes again He will revenge all sin which has been committed by all sinners, Jude 14-15; and by all nations, Matthew 25:31-46, and Revelation 19:15-21.

## 6. He must come back to Remove Old Satan

In Revelation 20, Satan is removed from the earth two times. In verses 1-3, he is cast into the bottomless pit where he is shut up and sealed up for a thousand years. In Verse 7 he is loosed for a little season, and then in verse 10 he will be ***“...cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*** It will be wonderful to live where the devil is not and cannot come.

## 7. He must come back to Resurrect the Sinner

In Revelation 20:11-15, the dead (the unsaved ones) are resurrected and stand before Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment. Many will argue their case, Matthew 7:21-23, but the Lord will simply refer them to the record books and the Book of Life. Hell will deliver up their spirit and soul, the sea and death will deliver up their bodies. The soul, spirit, and body of

the sinner will be reunited again will stand before the Lord at the Great White Throne Judgment. After the Great White Throne Judgment, the sinner, still united in soul, spirit, and body, will be cast into the lake of fire.

#### 8. He must come back to Rule as Sovereign

In announcing the birth of Christ to Mary in Luke 1:31-33, the Angel said, “***And, behold, thou SHALT conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and SHALT call His name JESUS. He SHALL be great, and SHALL be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God SHALL give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He SHALL reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there SHALL be no end.***” I have capitalized the words “shalt” and “shall” so that you would notice them. Each of these words carries a promise made to Mary by the angel. The first four promises were fulfilled literally when Christ came the first time and the last three will be fulfilled literally at His Second Coming.

In Isaiah 9:6, we read, “***For unto us a child is born.***” This was fulfilled at Bethlehem. “***Unto us a son is given.***” This was fulfilled at Calvary. “***AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS.***” This was not fulfilled at His first coming, but will be literally fulfilled when Christ comes back to reign in the millennium. See also Revelation 19:11-16 and Revelation 20:4-6. More could be said about the Purpose of His Coming, but we must go on in our study. Study all these passages of Scripture carefully and ask the Lord to help you understand them.

### THE PERIOD OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

When is the Lord Jesus Christ coming again? The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is eminent. That simply means that it could happen any time. In Matthew 24:44 we read, “***Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh.***” Again in I Thessalonians 5:1-2 we read, “***But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.***” Again in Matthew 24:36, Christ said, “***But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only.***” So we see that no one knows exactly when Christ is coming again. However, Jesus immediately follows with these words in verse 37, “***But as the days of Noe were so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.***”

While we may not know the day or hour, we can know the times and seasons when the Lord is coming again. I cannot go into a detailed study now, but I am going to list several signs which the Lord gives us in order that we may know when His coming is near. It is to your own benefit that you take the time to study these passages carefully. Remember as you look at these verses, these signs were not given to the church, but to the nation of Israel, I Corinthians 5:7 and I Corinthians 1:22. But even though these signs are given to Israel there is nothing to keep us from seeing them and knowing that God is about to deal with Israel again and that before He does the church must go up in the rapture.

In Matthew 24:3 the disciples said, **“Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”** In the verses that follow, our Lord gives some answers to their three questions. I am not going to try to separate these in order as to when and where they will happen in prophecy. I will just list them and trust the Holy Spirit will enable you to rightly divide the Word and put them in their proper place.

Here are some answers Christ gave the Disciples.

*1. The sign of religious deception, Matthew 24:4-5*

Our Lord tells the disciples that one sign of the last days will be religious deception. **“Many will come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”** Never has there been as much deception in religion as we are seeing today. See also Matthew 24:23-26.

*2. The sign of wars and rumors of wars, Matthew 24:6-7*

No person with good reasoning would deny that we are living in the days of wars and rumors of wars. You cannot read a newspaper or even listen to a news report without hearing of wars and rumors of war. The earth is soaked with the blood of human beings that have been slain or injured in war activities.

*3. The sign of famines and pestilence, Matthew 24:7*

Again, this is so evident that no one would deny that it speaks of our day. Think of all the famines in the world today. The word pestilence means a plague or a disease that is incurable. Surely, we are living in that day.

*4. The signs of earthquakes, Matthew 24:7*

Once again, this sounds like you are reading the morning newspaper. Earthquakes are everywhere.

*5. The sign of the fig tree, Matthew 24:32-35*

This sign deals with the nation of Israel politically. For many years the Jews had no nation or government of their own. They were scattered abroad throughout the entire world, but in the early part of the twentieth century they were granted permission to return to their homeland. They returned to their homeland and in 1948 they formed their own government, raised their own flag, and since that time they have blossomed as a nation.

*6. The sign of the days of Noah, Matthew 24:37-39*

Now we come to a sign which deals with morality: the sign of the days of Noah. Two things are mentioned in these verses. First, it was a time of much social activity. They were eating and drinking. Second, it was a time when they did not honor the sanctity of marriage. They were marrying and giving in marriage. We are seeing both of these happening again now.

*7. The signs of the last days, II Timothy 3:1-7*

In these verses at least twenty (20) different signs are given and all of them are happening on a daily basis all around us. I do not mean to sound repetitious, but this too, sounds as if you were reading today's newspaper.

*8. The sign of not enduring sound doctrine, II Timothy 4:1-4*

Here we read, "***For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.***" Paul said the time would come, and I say to you THE TIME HAS COME in our lifetime. People now would much rather hear something that tickles their ears than to hear a doctrinal message from God's Word.

*9. The sign of the lukewarm church, Revelation 3:14-21*

I know of no reliable Christian leader living today who would deny that we are living in the day of lukewarm churches. Surely, the Lord must be sick of the formal religious activities of this generation that deny the power of God.

*10. The signs of apostasy, II Thessalonians 2:3 and I Timothy 4:1-3*

In these two passages we find the Word of God teaches us there will be a great falling away. We are seeing a falling away spiritually, morally, politically, and in every other aspect of our society today. The context deals with a falling away spiritually, a departing from the truths that are taught in God's Word. Again, no one will deny that this is happening in our day.

*11. The sign of increased travel and knowledge, Daniel 12:4*

All you have to do is read this verse and you will see a picture of every civilized society in the world today.

*12. The sign of the Sodomites, Luke 17:28-29*

I saved this one until last because it has become such a prominent sin in our generation. This generation will be remembered as the generation of the Sodomites. In street language they are called queers, in society's language they are called homosexuals; but the Scripture calls them Sodomites. God destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah along with the other cities of the plains because of the wicked sin of sexual perversion and God will surely destroy this generation if they continue in the same sin, see Genesis 19 and Romans 1:21-32. I Corinthians 6:9-11 teaches us that these Sodomites are not saved, but can be saved if they will turn from their sinfulness to the Saviour. The Lord will change them from a pervert to a convert.

## THE POWER OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Let me close this study on the Second Coming of Christ, by mentioning briefly the Power of the Second Coming. What effect will it have? Two things will be sufficient for our thinking. When the Lord Jesus comes in the air and sounds the trumpet it will bring *Deliverance to the Saved* and *Doom to the Sinners*. When we hear the trumpet sound, every person who has been saved by the Grace of God will go up to meet the Lord in the air. Some will go gladly like Enoch, others will have to be dragged out like Lot, but every saved person will go. After the trumpet has sounded and all the saints are gone God will then send a strong delusion to all those who have heard the gospel in this church age and rejected it. As a result of this strong delusion they will believe the lie of the Antichrist and be damned, II Thessalonians 2:10-12. Many people will be saved during the tribulation period, but it will be those who did not hear the gospel while the church was here on the earth.

As you have read this chapter, and especially these signs concerning the endtime, surely you are aware that we are living in the last days before the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. He could come today. If He does, I'd say, "GLAD DAY." If He comes today, are you ready to meet him? If you are not ready then get ready now. Turn to the Lord Jesus with repentance and faith and trust Him to save you right now.

### REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Did you read each passage of Scripture that is mentioned in this chapter? If you did not, do so right now.
2. In John 14:3, upon what two events did Christ hinge His promise to come again?
  - a.
  - b.
3. In what two Scripture passages are these two events fulfilled?
4. Explain why the following are not the Second Coming of Christ.
  - a. Pentecost
  - b. Salvation
  - c. Death
5. What are the two major events that are talked about as the Second Coming of Christ?
  - a.
  - b.

6. Name the four rapture theories and briefly explain them.

a.

b.

c.

d.

7. Name the three millennial views and briefly explain them.

a.

b.

c.

8. List five major prophetic events for the church beginning with the rapture.

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b.

c.

d.

e.

9. List five differences between the Rapture of the Church and the Revelation of Christ.

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b.

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d.

e.

10. List eight reasons why Christ must come again.

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- b.
- c.
- d.
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11. List the twelve signs of the endtime and give Scripture references.

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12. The Second Coming of Christ will bring \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ saints  
and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ sinners.

*Be sure to study these questions until you know them well before you go to the next chapter.*