

47. Jesus Christ's Second Coming to Earth

- Jesus Christ's second coming to earth will be no secret. During the Great Tribulation millions of Christians will know the exact day when Christ will return and the exact place. The Bible tells us Jesus' feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (east of Jerusalem's Old City; Zechariah 14:4) seven prophetic years (2,520 days; 360 days per year; Revelation 11:3, 12:6) after the Israel-antichrist peace treaty (covenant; Daniel 9:27) is confirmed. Also, Christ will return following specific judgments and prophecies outlined in the book of Revelation and other books of the Bible. Refer to section 54 (The 70-Year Bible Prophecies) for additional information concerning the timing of Jesus' return. The second coming of Jesus Christ to earth is one of the most anticipated and prophesied events in all of Scripture and the climactic event of the Great Tribulation. Jesus Christ, the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" will return to earth to rescue His people, to judge the wicked and to rule His earthly kingdom. At Jesus' second coming, during the war of Armageddon, all who oppose Him will be defeated.

- The date of Jesus Christ's second coming can easily be determined using a cell phone calendar, which will account for leap years. Seven prophetic years represents exactly 360 weeks and the Tribulation midpoint is 180 weeks.

- "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen" (Revelation 1:7).

- God will give relief to believers who are afflicted, "when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus" (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8).

- "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other" (Matthew 24:29-31).

- "And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 'KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS'" (Revelation 19:11-16). "And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against

His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh" (Revelation 19:19-21).

- "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne" (Matthew 25:31).

- Satan will then be bound for a thousand years and thrown into the abyss so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years are completed (Revelation 20:1-3). Believers that lose their life after the rapture and during the Tribulation days will come to life and reign with Christ in the millennial kingdom on earth. "And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4).

- Shortly after the second coming of Jesus Christ, all the people of the world who have survived the Great Tribulation will be gathered before Jesus; believers (sheep) on His right, unbelievers (goats) on His left. The wicked "will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life" (Matthew 25:31-46). Surviving believers will enter the millennial kingdom and will begin to repopulate the earth. For more information about Jesus' second coming, refer to the following verses: Zechariah 12, 14; Isaiah 34:1-17, 66:15-17; Jeremiah 25:12-38, 29:10; Daniel 12:1-13; Joel 2:28-32, 3:1-17; Zephaniah 1:14-18, 3:8; Luke 17:20-24; and Hebrews 9:28.