

Course DC111: Second Coming Events

²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation. Hebrews 9:27-28



Intro: Christ will come again, and His coming initiates the end of all things. His coming is the time of the resurrection of the bodies of all the dead (whether saved or lost); the time of final judgment for all (whether saved or lost); the passing away of the present heavens and earth; the final separation of all mankind into one of two everlasting destinies, either heaven or hell. These things Scripture abundantly declares.

I.) Jesus' Second Coming

A Visible Appearing:

- Acts 1:11 This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.
- Heb. 9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.
- Rev. 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.
- 1 Peter 1:7-9 ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation [i.e., *appearing*] of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.
- Titus 2:13 . . . looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

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In Glory, Accompanied with Saints and Angels:

- Matt. 25:31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.
- Luke 9:26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.
- Matt. 16:27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
- Jude 1:14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints . . ."
- 1 Thess. 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
- 1 Thess. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

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With a Shout, the Last Trumpet, Unexpectedly:

- 1 Thess. 4:16-18 ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- 1 Thess. 5:2-4 ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
- 2 Pet. 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
- 1 Cor. 15:51-52 ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

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II.) Jesus' Second Coming Ushers in the Resurrection of All the Dead

All the Dead Shall Resurrect at His Return, Whether They Are Saved or Lost:

- 2 Tim. 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:
- 1 Thess. 4:16-18 ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- Rev. 20:12-13 ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

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- John 5:28-29 ²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.
- Acts 24:15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.
- Dan. 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- Phil. 3:20-21 ²⁰ For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

- 1 Cor. 15:50-55 ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: *We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, *then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."* ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

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The Day the Lord Returns (When All the Dead [Saved or Lost] Are Both Raised and Judged) is the Last Day:

- John 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he *will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.*"
- John 6:39-40 ³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, *but should raise it up at the last day.* ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; *and I will raise him up at the last day.*"
- John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; *and I will raise him up at the last day.*
- John 6:54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and *I will raise him up at the last day.*
- John 12:48 *He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.*

III.) Jesus’ Second Coming Ushers in Judgment Day

The Time That the Living and the Dead Are Judged:

- Jude 1:14-15 ¹⁴ Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "*Behold, the Lord comes* with ten thousands of His saints, ¹⁵ *to execute judgment on all,* to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."
- 2 Tim. 4:1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, *who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing* and His kingdom:
- 1 Pet. 4:4-5 ⁴ In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. ⁵ They will give an account to *Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*
- 2 Thess. 1:6-10 ⁶ since it is *a righteous thing with God to repay* with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷ *and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven* with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ *These shall be punished with everlasting destruction* from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ *when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe,* because our testimony among you was believed.

nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Phil. 3:20-21
- because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, Col. 1:5
- for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Heb. 10:34

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- ¹⁵ And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Heb. 11:15-16
- And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Matt. 10:28
- ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. 2 Thess. 1:9-10

Conclusion, The Moral Imperative in Light of the Lord's Return

³ knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ 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 creation." ⁵ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, ⁶ by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. ⁷ But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ⁸ But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? ¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Pet. 3:3-13

⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! James 5:7-9

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