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We are here!

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



A Bible Study By Protestant Church Ministries



PART 1: INFORMATION
A COMPLETE SYSTEM OF TRUTH

"The end of all things is at hand - keep a clear mind, and remain alert through prayer!" (see 1 Pet 4:7)

In the end, only this matters. ⌚ In the end, nothing else matters.

Read these texts *carefully*. Then make *decisive* changes in your life. *Don't delay - Start today!*

CERTAINTY

John 14:2,3 "I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again**, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Acts 1:10,11 "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven!"

Every chapter in 1 Thessalonians ends on the Second Coming!

Hebrews 9:28 "To them that look for him he shall appear the second time without sin for salvation."

Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he comes with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and also those which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

CLOSENESS

Matthew 24:34, 35 "Verily I say to you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Romans 13:11 "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

CONDUCT

2 Peter 3:11-14 "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what kind of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God, in which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells righteousness. 14 Therefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that you may be found by him in peace, without spot, and blameless."

"I am coming quickly!" (Rev 22:7, 12, 20)

CAUTION

1 Timothy 4:1 "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

2 Timothy 3:1-5 "In the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying its power: from such turn away."

Jude 1:14-15 "The Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." *Do you live godly or ungodly?!*

PETER'S POWERPOINTS

2 Peter 3:3-7 The last days will see "scoffers, walking after 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 the creation. 5 ... they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth ... by the same word are kept in store, reserved for fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

2 Peter 3:9-10 "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some people count slackness; but is longsuffering to 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 shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works in it shall be burned up."

Promise > Problem

In the end, the world will witness a full manifestation of genuine love among God's people:

"But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away" (1 Cor 13:10).

"... that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (Jesus' last words in His last prayer, John 17:26).



A SECRET RAPTURE: LEFT BEHIND?!

Second Coming, not Second Chance!

- The Second Coming will be loud, visible, and impossible to miss
- Make eternal decisions NOW; there is no 2nd chance later (2 Cor 6:2)
- ☞ Matt 24:27; 1 Cor 15:51-53; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thess 4:13-18
- **"One will be taken, the other left" (Lk 17:36): You want to be left behind!**
- ☞ Matt 24:39: the flood "took them all away" = "destroyed them all" (Lk 17:27)



ENDTIME SIGNS

Destruction of Jerusalem (AD 70) - Preview of a Global Crisis

- 1) Negative Signs: Deadly & Deceptive** (key word: "many" = global issues: Mt 24:5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)
Deception - Wars - Famines - Pestilences - Earthquakes - Hatred - Coldness (Mt 24:1-13)
- 2) Positive Sign: Life-Saving** - "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Mt 24:14) - *Are you part of this message?!*
- 3) Final Warnings from ...** Nature (Mt 24:32) | Noah (Mt 24:37) | Normal Life (24:40,41)
- 4) Specific Signs (Mt 24:29): The Millerite Awakening and the Beginning of the Advent Movement**
 - **Lisbon Earthquake:** Nov. 1, 1755 - All Saints day, before All Souls' Day = judgment on spiritualism
 - **Darkness & Moon:** May 19, 1780 - New England (precise territory of Great Advent Movement)
 - **Star Shower:** Nov. 13, 1833 - "The most grand and brilliant celestial phenomenon ever beheld and recorded by man" (R. M. Devens, *Our First Century*, 1876, p. 329).

ENDTIME SEQUENCE

Advanced Studies!

Dates & Destinies: Prophetic Precision

Daniel 9:24-27: The Messianic Prophecy

- 457 BC** Command (3rd decree) to rebuild Jerusalem under Artaxerxes (Dan 9:25; Ez 7:12-26; not 538 or 444 BC).
 + 2,300 years (Dan 8:14) = **1844** (Cleansing of Heavenly Sanctuary & Beginning of Investigative Judgement)
 + 69 weeks (483 years) = AD 27 (Jesus' Baptism) + 1 week = 7 years = AD 34 (Stoning of Stephen | Gospel to Gentiles)
"middle of the week" (Dan 9:27): AD 27...3^{1/2} years...AD 31 (Crucifixion)...3^{1/2} years...AD 34

Daniel 12:7-12: Endtime Milestones

- AD 508** Paganism → Papacy: Conversion of Clovis, King of France ("Eldest Son of the Church"); King Arthur 1st Christian monarch
 + 1290 years = **1798**: end of French Revolution; Papacy wounded; Time of the End begins (Rev 12:14)
 + 1335 years = **1843**: Great Advent Movement, preparing world for Second Coming of Jesus (Rev 10)
- AD 538** Papal power starts by removal of 3 Arian tribes & the Code of Justinian/Novella CXLIV (including Sabbath persecution)

Revelation 9 - The 3 Woes

- 1299** **1st Woe:** Ottoman Empire (Turkey) attacks Greece for 5 months = 150 years = **July 27, 1449** (Rev 9:5, 10)
 Constantine to Turkish sultans: "I cannot reign unless you permit."
2nd Woe: 360 years + 30 years + 1 year + 15 days (Rev 9:15) = 391 years + 15 days of Ottoman reign
 = **Aug. 11, 1840**: Fall of Ottoman Empire by Turkish Sultan surrendering to Europe (J. Litch, *Christ's Second Coming*, 1838).
 Ottoman power returns in Dan 11:45 as King of the North - "In Turkey will be decided the fate of the world" (Kossuth).
- 1844** Midnight Cry | Great Disappointment (Rev 10) | Investigative Judgement (Dan 8:14) | 3rd Angel's Message (Rev 14:9-11)
- Soon** Shaking of God's People | Sunday Law | Little Time of Trouble | Loud Cry | Latter Rain | Mark of the Beast
 Close of Probation (Rev 22:11) | Spirit of God withdrawn from earth | Final Time of Trouble (Dan 12:1)
3rd Woe?: 7 Last Plagues | Armageddon | Special Resurrection (Dan 12:2; Rev 1:7)
- Second Coming of Christ** → **1st Resurrection:** righteous dead & righteous living ascend "to meet the Lord in the air" (1Thess 4:17)
Millennium: Wicked dead remain dead | righteous judge in heaven | earth desolate | Satan bound
 Holy City descends @ end of Millennium | 2nd Resurrection: wicked dead rise | destruction of wicked & Satan in Hell fire
 earth purified (2 Pet 3; Rev 20) and recreated (Rev 21) - *end of sin, suffering, and death!* → **New Heaven & Earth**

ARE YOU READY?!

"Prepare to meet your God!" (Amos 4:12)

- **Prioritize** - Disciples @ the Temple: Wow! Jesus: Woe! Temporal things don't last! | *Eternity > Earth*
 - Matthew 24-25: 1/3 Prophetic Details, 2/3 Personal Devotion + Dedication - *Focus Daily!*
- **Prepare** - 3 Practical Parables: 10 Virgins: **Watching** (Spiritual) | Talents: **Working** (Secular) | Sheep/Goats: **Welfare** (Social)
- **Plan** - *What do YOU need to do NOW before the Second Coming of Christ? Is Jesus changing your life?*

Last CheckPoint: "Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Don't be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were [past tense!] some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor 6:9-11).

My Preparation . . .

Be Ready!

. . . My Priorities