



*Similarities between the First & Second
Comings of Jesus*

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First: Both Comings prophesied by the prophets!

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Prophecies related to the First Coming!

- Floyd Hamilton, a seminary professor, in his book, The Basis of Christian Faith, a Modern Defense of the Christian Religion wrote that there are 332 distinct Old Testament prophecies related to the First Coming of Jesus Christ!!

Would be born in Bethlehem!

- Micah prophesied in 742 B.C.
- Micah 5:2
- “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

Would be born of a virgin!

- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 7:14
- “Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son.”

Will be a Son given to us!

- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 9:6
- “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.”

Would enter Jerusalem on a donkey!

- Zechariah prophesied in 520 B.C.
- Zechariah 9:9
- “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey.”

Would die by crucifixion!

- King David prophesied in 1000 B.C.
- Psalm 22:16
- “For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Would die for our sins!

- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 53:5-6
- “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Would be resurrected from the dead!

- King David prophesied in 1000 B.C.
- Psalm 16:10
- “For You will not leave My soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.”

Prophecies related to the Second Coming!

- There are almost 400 prophecies that foretell the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!
- There are two phases to the Second Coming.
- The first phase is when Jesus Christ comes in the air to rapture His Church (all true believers in Him).

The first phase of His Second Coming!

- Prophesied by Jesus in A.D. 33
- John 14:2-3
- “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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

The rapture of the Church!

- Prophesied by the Apostle Paul in A.D. 51.
- I Thessalonians 4:16-17
- 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. 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.

The second phase of the Second Coming.

- Jesus Christ will physically return to the earth to set up His kingdom.

Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives!

- The angels prophesied in 33 A.D.
- Acts 1:10-12
- “And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven. Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet.”

Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives!

- Zechariah prophesied in 520 B.C.
- Zechariah 14:3-4
- “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east.”

Jesus will destroy the enemies of Israel!

- Zechariah prophesied in 520 B.C.
- Zechariah 14:12
- “And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.”

Jesus will destroy all who have rejected Him!

- Prophesied by the Apostle Paul in A.D. 51.
- II Thessalonians 1:7-9
- “and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 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. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power.”

Jesus will reign over the entire earth!

- Zechariah prophesied in 520 B.C.
- Zechariah 14:9
- “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.”
- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 9:6
- And the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom.”

Jesus will establish peace on earth!

- Isaiah prophesied 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 2:4
- “He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”



*Second: Both Comings fulfill the promises of
God!*

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The prophecies related to the First Coming were all fulfilled!

- Jesus was born in Bethlehem as Micah prophesied in 742 B.C.
- Matthew 2:1
- “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king.”

Jesus was born of a virgin!

- As prophesied by Isaiah in 740 B.C.
- Matthew 1:18
- “Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”
- Matthew 1:24-25
- “Then Joseph being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.”

A Son was given to us!

- As prophesied by Isaiah in 740 B.C.
- Galatians 4:4

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son.”

John 3:16

““For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.”

Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey!

- As prophesied by Zechariah in 520 B.C.
- Matthew 21:6-7
- “So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.”

Jesus died by crucifixion!

- As prophesied by King David in 1000 B.C.
- Matthew 27:31
- “And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.”

Jesus died for our sins!

- As prophesied by Isaiah in 740 B.C.
- I Corinthians 15:3
- “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”

Jesus arose from the dead!

- As prophesied by King David in 1000 B.C.
- Matthew 28:5-6
- “But the angel answered and said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

The odds of these Scriptures being fulfilled!

- Peter Stoner, in his book, Science Speaks chose just eight of the messianic prophecies and says that they cannot be explained by mere coincidence.
- He applied the science of probability to show the chance that all eight prophecies would be fulfilled in one man was 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (17 zeros).
- Josh McDowell in his book, Evidence That Demands A Verdict uses the illustration of the silver dollars.

The prophecies regarding His Second Coming will be fulfilled!

- The 332 prophecies related to His First Coming that were fulfilled in exact detail assure us that every prophecy related to His Second Coming will also be fulfilled in the same exact detail.
- Numbers 23:19
- “God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

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Third: The people anticipated both Comings!

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Anticipation Before the First Coming!

- The Jewish people were expecting the Messiah to come and free them from the Romans.
- They were expecting the Messiah to appear as a conquering King.
- They were expecting the Messiah to be a powerful political ruler who would restore Israel to its former glory.
- When Jesus came, they failed to see Him as the Suffering Messiah who came to die on a cross for their sin and rise again.

Anticipation before His Second Coming!

- Today we see a time of expectation for His Second Coming!
- In 1970, Hal Lindsey wrote a book titled, The Late Great Planet Earth.
- The New York Times declared it to be the best selling nonfiction book of the 1970s!

The Pew Research Center

- From a survey conducted from April 11 - 17, 2022.
- The survey was taken from a national random sampling of residential addresses.
- The survey was representative of the U.S. population by gender, race, education, religious affiliation and other categories such as atheist, agnostic, and political affiliation.

Some results of the survey!

- In the United States, 39% of adults say they believe “we are living in the end times” (4 out of every 10 adults).
- A slight majority of Americans (55%) believe Jesus will return to Earth one day.
- One-in-ten Americans say they believe the Second Coming of Jesus will definitely or probably occur during their lifetime.

Today there is an explosion of books that deal with Bible prophecy:

- There are Christian radio and TV programs that focus on world-wide events as they relate to Bible prophecy.
- There are Bible prophecy conferences that are well attended by Christians.
- We are living during a time of great expectation that the Second Coming of Jesus will take place very soon and in our life-time.

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***Fourth: Both Comings characterized by
spiritual darkness on the earth!***

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It was spiritually very dark when Jesus came into the world!

The people were so spiritually blinded by Satan that they rejected the true Messiah who came to save them.

- John 1:11
- “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”
- Psalm 82:5
- “They do not know, nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness.”

It will also be very dark spiritually when Jesus returns to this world!

- This world is in darkness because the god of this world is working his evil schemes among us.
- We are in the midst of spiritual warfare with unseen forces.
- The words of the Apostle Paul written in A.D.61.
- Ephesians 6:12
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The spiritual darkness of our day!

- Mankind is turning away from God.
- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 5:20
- “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness.”
- Isaiah 60:2
- “For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people.”
- Jesus prophesied in 33 A.D.
- Matthew 24:37
- “As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

A person stands on a rocky peak, looking out from a cave opening at a sunrise over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The cave's interior is dark, contrasting with the bright light outside.

Fifth: Both Comings provide a Light for the world!

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Jesus came as a Light for the world!

- John 8:12
- “Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
- John 12:46
- “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.”

At His Return, Jesus will be a light for all nations.

- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 60:1-2
- “Arise, shine; for your Light has come! And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.”
- Isaiah 60:3
- “The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”

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Sixth: Both Comings bring peace to the world!

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Jesus made it possible for us to have Peace with God!

- Romans 5:1
- “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- I Peter 3:18
- For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God.”

Jesus made it possible for us to have the peace of God!

- Philippians 4:6-7
- “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
- John 14:27
- “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

When Jesus returns He will bring peace to the whole world!

- Isaiah prophesied in 740 B.C.
- Isaiah 9:7
- “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice.”



*Seventh: Both Comings have a specific purpose
for the world!*

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Jesus came first as a Savior to restore the relationship of lost sinners with a holy God.

- He came as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.
- * He came to seek the lost!
- Luke 19:10
- “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
- He came to provide a way of salvation.
- John 3:16
- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Jesus will come again to judge the world and to set up His kingdom!

- He will come again to seek the lost, but not as Savior, but as their Judge.
- He will come as the Lion to judge those who have rejected the only way of salvation.
- II Thessalonians 1:7-9
- “When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 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. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

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Are you ready!!

“THEREFORE YOU ALSO BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT.”

Have you received Jesus as your Savior?

- If you have not, you are not ready!
- If you have not, the wrath of God abides on you!
- John 3:36
- He who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- Hebrews 10:31
- “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Jesus is getting ready to leave Heaven again to accomplish another mission on earth.

- His Return could be today.
- Matthew 24:42
- “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”
- Matthew 24:44
- “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
- Matthew 25:13
- “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”

Conclusion

- The experience of Ruthana Metzgar.
 - Is your name written in the Book of Life?
 - Ask Jesus to be your Savior today! Tell Him that you believe He died for your sins and rose again from the dead. Invite Him to come into your heart.
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- I John 5:13
 - “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”