

THE BOOK OF REVELATION 6

The Second Coming of Christ

I. In (Rev. 1:7 NKJV) the Second Coming of Christ is described. *7Behold, 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.*

A. This event is to be distinguished from the rapture of the church.

B. (Heb. 9:28 NKJV) 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.*

C. At the Rapture of the church, Jesus will appear a second time to those who are waiting for Him for the salvation of their bodies. The Rapture of the church is Jesus coming for His saints.

D. (John 14:1-4 NKJV) *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In 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. ³And 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. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know."*

D. At the Second Coming, Jesus will appear to all. Every eye will see Him. And He will return with His saints to judge the world and set up His reign on the earth. The Second Coming of Christ is Jesus coming with His saints.

E. (Jude 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, ¹⁵to 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.*

II. Seven facts about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

A. The Second Coming of Christ will be an actual, literal event.

1. It will actually happen.

2. (Mark 14:60-62 NKJV) ⁶⁰*And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" ⁶¹But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" ⁶²Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of heaven."*

B. The Second Coming of Christ will be personal and bodily. (Acts 1:9-11 NKJV)

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who 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."

1. Personal. "this same Jesus" will personally return.

2. Bodily. This same Jesus "will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

3. He ascended bodily into heaven, and He will descend bodily back to the earth.

C. The Second Coming of Christ will be visible.

1. (Rev. 1:7 NKJV) *⁷Behold, 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.*

2. (Matt. 24:27 NKJV) *²⁷"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

D. The Second Coming of Christ will be sudden and unexpected.

1. (Rev. 22:7 NKJV) *⁷"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.*

2. (Rev. 22:12 NKJV) *¹²"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.*

3. (Rev. 22:20 NKJV) *²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

4. The Greek word translated quickly 5035 means "shortly, without delay, soon, or by surprise, suddenly, or with ease....readily.

5. In these passages the sense of the word quickly is suddenly by surprise. Jesus will come upon the unbelieving world suddenly and surprisingly like a thief in the night. (1 Thess. 5:1-5 NKJV) *¹But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon*

them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

6. Jesus will come unexpectedly, as a thief in the night, upon the unbelieving world.

7. However, His return should not be unexpected by believers. We should expect it, and it should not overtake us as a thief.

8. Remember what I said earlier. At the Rapture of the church, Jesus will appear a second time to those who are waiting for Him for the salvation of their bodies. The Rapture of the church is Jesus coming for His saints. We are not appointed unto wrath with the unbelieving world, but we are appointed to obtain salvation.

E. The Second Coming of Christ will be glorious.

1. (Luke 21:25-27 NKJV) ²⁵*"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶"men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. ²⁷"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

2. Glory in this passage was translated from a Greek word that means resplendence or magnificence.

F. The Second Coming of Christ will be very terrible.

1. The Day of the Lord is always referring to the Second Coming of Christ. (Joel 2:11 NKJV) ¹¹*The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?*

2. The Hebrew word translated terrible 3372 means to fear, to revere, to frighten.

3. It will be very awesome. (Joel 2:30, 31 NKJV) ³⁰*"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

4. The Second Coming of Christ will put mankind to reverence, terror, and fright. **(Rev.6:12-17 NKJV)** ¹²*I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.* ¹³*And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.* ¹⁴*Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.* ¹⁵*And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,* ¹⁶*and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!* ¹⁷*"For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

5. The Second Coming of Christ will be a day of mourning. **(Rev. 1:7 NKJV)** *And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.*

G. The Second Coming of Christ is a day of wrath and vengeance.

1. **(Zeph.1:14-18 NKJV)** ¹⁴*The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.* ¹⁵ *That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,* ^{16A} *day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.* ¹⁷*"I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse."* ¹⁸*Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.*

2. **(1 Thess. 1:6-10 NKJV)** 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.