

FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ Sunday, December 13th, 2020



Part 5: "The Glorious Appearing"

Revelation 16:10 – 19:21

Introduction

The New Testament contains 321 references to the second coming of Christ, second only to its teaching on the doctrine of salvation. This event is referred to in many of the Psalms, all the O.T. prophets, by all of the apostles, and by Jesus himself on numerous occasions. All nine New Testament authors mention it in 23 of their 27 books. It is obvious that God intended His people to be motivated to holy living, evangelism, and the making of disciples among all nations by the study of the second coming.

New Testament Overview of Christ's Coming

1. Jesus had a lot to say about His return and He made sure that His return was the _____ promised when he left (Matt. 24-25; Mark 13, Luke 21).
Acts 1:9-11 "After He has said this, He was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. While He was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you in heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven.'"
2. The word "coming" (*Parousia*) indicates more than just to return, it means _____ (1 Cor. 15:23; 1 Thess. 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thess. 2:1,8; 2 Peter 1:16,3:3; 1 John 2:28; Matt. 24:3,27, 37, 39).
3. Jesus' return is reflected as encompassing two _____.

The Rapture ("Blessed Hope")

John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Christ comes for His own in the air
All Christians are taken to the Father's house
There is no judgment on the earth
The church will be in heaven
It could occur at any moment (imminent)
There are no signs preceding it
It affects believers only
It is a time of joy
It occurs before the day of wrath
There is no mention of Satan
Christians are judged at the judgment seat of Christ
Only Christ's own will see Him
Will precede the tribulation

The "Glorious Appearing"

Titus 2:13; Rev. 19:11-21

Christ comes with His own to the earth
Resurrected saints remain on earth
Christ judges the inhabitants of the earth
Christ sets up His kingdom on earth
It cannot occur until the end of the seven-year tribulation
There are numerous signs preceding it
It affects all humanity
It is a time of mourning
It occurs after the tribulation
Satan is bound in the abyss for 1,000 years
There is no judgment seat of Christ
Every eye will see Him
Will precede the millennial reign of Christ on earth

4. The most _____ of Christ's return is found in Rev. 19:11-16.

The Details of Christ's Return:

1.) His Character: _____ and _____ (vs. 11)

2.) His Commission: To _____ and _____ (vs. 11)

3.) His Clarity: Eyes as a _____ (vs. 12)

4.) His Coronation: _____ (vs. 12)

5.) His Code: A Secret _____ (vs. 12)

6.) His Clothing: A robe dipped in _____ (vs. 13)

7.) His Confirmation: Called the _____ (vs. 13)

8.) His Communication: The _____ of His Mouth (vs. 15)

9.) His Command: An _____ (vs. 15)

10.) His Celebration: The _____ of Kings and _____ of Lords (vs. 16)

5. The life of every follower of Christ is to be _____ by the sure hope of Christ's return.

1 Peter 4:7 *"Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be clear-headed and disciplined for prayer."*

2 Timothy 4:8 *"In the future, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing."*

1 Peter 1:6-7 *"You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials so that the genuineness of your faith – more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

6. Focusing on Christ's return motivates Christ-followers to _____ (James 5:7-8).

1 John 3:2b-3 *"We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself just as He is pure."*

2 Peter 3:14 *"Therefore, dear friends, while you wait for these things, make every effort to be found in peace without spot or blemish before Him."*

James teaches us that Godly living includes having:

1.) _____ (5:7-8; Gal. 6:9)

2.) _____ hearts (5:8)

3.) A spirit of _____ (5:8)

Titus 2:11-13 *"For the grace of God that bring salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."*



For Next Sunday:

Read and study Revelation chapters 20:1 – 22:21 using the study notes found in the *40 Days Through Revelation* book. Don't have one? You can purchase one in Fellowship Café for a donation of \$10.

For Further Study

Website: The Heaven Academy - Answers to All Your Questions About Heaven
www.davidjeremiah.org/heavenacademy?devdate=2020-07-26

In the Tower at the Welcome Center:

Previous message notes from *40 Days Through Revelation*

Article: [Seven Signs of the End Times](#)

In Fellowship Café:

Workbook: [Heaven](#)

Booklet: [Heaven: Biblical Answers to Common Questions](#)

Book: [Heaven](#)

Growth Groups Study Guide

Getting Started

Sunday morning Pastor Rob talked about the greatest day in your life. What would you consider to be the greatest day in your life and why?

Digging Deeper

1. On Sunday morning we learned about the Second Coming of Christ. We charted out (see notes) the differences between the rapture (the first phase of Christ's return) and the Glorious Appearing (the second phase of Christ's return). To you what most stands out as the main difference between the two?
2. Read Revelation 19:11-13. What does John see and how is the rider described? How is this similar and different to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in Matthew 21:1-11? Why is it hard for some to see Jesus as judge? But why must he judge evil? How would these verses encourage the church in John's day and what is the word for us as well?
3. Read Revelation 19:14-16. Who is following Jesus and how are they pictured (see 19:8)? How does Second Corinthians 2:14 shed more light on the scene here in Revelation 19? What difference does it make in your walk with Christ knowing He wins in the end?
4. Read 19:17-21. Now read the article below which provides more information about the Battle of Armageddon and discuss what you learn about it.

The word “Armageddon” comes from a Hebrew word *Har-Magedone*, which means “Mount Megiddo” and has become synonymous with the future battle in which God will intervene and destroy the armies of the Antichrist as predicted in biblical prophecy (Revelation 16:16; 20:1-3). There will be a multitude of people engaged in the battle of Armageddon, as all the nations gather together to fight against Christ.

The exact location of the valley of Armageddon is unclear because there is no mountain called Meggido. However, since “Har” can also mean hill, the most likely location is the hill country surrounding the plain of Meggido, some sixty miles north of Jerusalem. More than two hundred battles have been fought in that region. The plain of Megiddo and the nearby plain of Esdraelon will be the focal point for the battle of Armageddon, which will rage the entire length of Israel as far south as the Edomite city of Bozrah (Isaiah 63:1). The valley of Armageddon was famous for two great victories in Israel’s history: 1) Barak’s victory over the Canaanites (Judges 4:15) and 2) Gideon’s victory over the Midianites (Judges 7). Armageddon was also the site for two great tragedies: 1) the death of Saul and his sons (1 Samuel 31:8) and 2) the death of King Josiah (2 Kings 23:29-30; 2 Chronicles 35:22).

Because of this history, the valley of Armageddon became a symbol of the final conflict between God and the forces of evil. The word “Armageddon” only occurs in Revelation 16:16, “Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.” This speaks of the kings who are loyal to the Antichrist gathering together for a final assault on Israel. At Armageddon “the cup filled with the wine of the fury of [God’s] wrath” (Revelation 16:19) will be delivered, and the Antichrist and his followers will be overthrown and defeated. “Armageddon” has become a general term that refers to the end of the world, not exclusively to the battle that takes place in the plain of Megiddo.

Wrapping Up

Look back over the final point (point #6) from the Sunday morning message and the accompanying verses. Which verse(s) stands out to you as a personal challenge in your spiritual walk and why. Close in prayer.