

Sunday, July 16, 2023
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
PART 1: HOW DO WE KNOW HE IS COMING?

For the next few weeks, we'll be studying the Second Coming of Christ. We will seek to answer questions like:

- How do we know He is coming again?
- What happens prior to His Second Coming?
- What happens when He returns?

Today, we answer the first question: **How do we know He is coming again?** The best way to answer that question is to start where His first coming was prophesied – the OT. Jesus' Second Coming was prophesied of by 6 different OT prophets:

- **Isaiah (24:1-23); (35:1-10)**
- **Jeremiah (chapter 31)**
- **Daniel (chaps. 2, 7, 12)**
- **Joel (3:1-21)**
- **Zechariah (14:1-12)**
- **Malachi (4:1-6)**

Isaiah speaks of the judgment of fallen angels and wicked man and the reign of the Lord in Zion. Jeremiah speaks of Jerusalem's return to holiness. Daniel speaks of the Lord's ultimate victory and reign. Joel speaks of the Lord dwelling in Zion and the flow of living water. Zechariah speaks of the Lord's return on the Mount of Olives. Malachi speaks of the day of judgment of the wicked and the rise of the Sun of Righteousness. Jesus Himself often spoke of His return. One example being John 14:3: "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."

The apostles wrote of Jesus' Second Coming – Peter, John, Paul and Jude. Even the angels spoke of it:

"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." /// Acts 1:11

Why is Jesus coming back?

1. **To fulfill His word to us.**

2. To fulfill His promise to the Jews regarding the Kingdom.

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 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.” /// Isaiah 2:1-4

3. To fulfill His word to judge the world.

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. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. /// Matthew 25:31-32

4. To reward all believers.

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. /// Colossians 3:4

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. /// Matthew 16:27

If His first coming has been fulfilled – if His resurrection has been fulfilled, if the Holy Spirit has been sent upon believers – then you know His Second Coming is imminent.

Today’s Scriptures:

- John 14:3
- Acts 1:11
- Isaiah 2:1-4
- Matthew 25:31-32
- Colossians 3:4
- Matthew 16:27