

ESSENTIALS

End Times

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The Second Coming of Christ is one of the prevailing themes of the New Testament.

- (Referenced eight times more than the Lord's initial coming. It is alluded to more than 300 times in the New Testament.)

Matthew 24:37 –39

"For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah, for as in these days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away, so will the coming of the Son of Man be."

Acts 1:4-11

"On one occasion, while he was speaking to them, he gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about For John baptized you with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then they gathered around him and asked him, Lord are at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel? He said to them: it is not for you to know the times or periods the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth. After he had said this, while they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud hid him from their sight. As they were still staring into the sky while he was going, suddenly two men in white clothing stood near them and said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking up to the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken up from you will come back in the same way you saw him go into heaven."

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, I believe in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified dead and buried, on the third day he rose again he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the father Almighty, from there he will come again to judge the living and the dead, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

The theology of the second coming has been part of church history since the end of the first century.

A Disintegrating Culture

2 Timothy 3:1-4

"But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, .."

Christ's Sudden Return

1 Thess. 5:1-3

"now brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, peace and safety, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape"

Resurrection and Judgment

John 5:29

"do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming when all who are in the grave will hear his voice and come out-those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who are done evil to the resurrection of judgment."

The Restoration of All Things

Revelation 21:1

"I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."

His second coming is the end of the story that began in Genesis.

Genesis 1:1; Revelation 21:1

Revelation 20:11,12

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds."

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