

THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD

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Rom 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *[it is]* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *[is]* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *[fulfil]* the lusts *[thereof]*.

1. The world has been sunk in the “night” of paganism and sin. At that time it was to be expected that they would sleep the sleep of spiritual death. But now the morning light of the gospel dawns. The Sun of righteousness has arisen. It is “time,” therefore, for people to cast off the deeds of darkness, and rise to life, and purity, and action.

2. The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus is one of the greatest doctrines of the Bible.

LEADING INDICATORS POINT TO HIS COMING

PERILOUS TIMES:

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the **last days perilous times shall come.**

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

1. **In the Greek means:** The idea of *reducing* the strength; *difficult*, that is, *dangerous, furious*: - fierce, perilous.
2. Bombings, invasions, terrorism, anthrax scares, gangs and violence, weapons of mass destruction, campus massacre by deranged, and disturbed minds.
3. World unrest, Anti Christian and Jewish Hatred, security check points at public gathering, airports, municipal buildings and points of entry to and from other countries. Subversion, spies and betrayal everywhere! Murder, weapon checks in our Schools.
4. America as a nation has been lulled to sleep as in years gone by, such as the time of Pearl Harbor.

Isa 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Isa 5:21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Pro 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

IT IS NOT A DAY TO CAST AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE AND BECOME INDIFFERENT AND LUKEWARM

Heb 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Heb 10:37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

1. “Yet a little while” speaks of a short time
2. “His coming will not be delayed much longer.”

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Strengthen the things which remain - The convictions and good desires, with any measure of the fear of God and of a tender conscience, which, although still subsisting, are about to perish, because the Holy Spirit, who is the author of them, being repeatedly grieved, is about finally to depart.

JESUS GIVES US CERTAIN SIGNS

(Matthew 24:4-12)

1. Deception: “Take heed that no man deceive you”
2. “Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”
3. “Wars and rumors of wars, see that ye be not trouble.”
4. “Nations shall rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms.”
5. “Famines and Pestilences.”
6. “Earthquakes in divers places.”

“All these are the beginning or sorrows” Like birth pains, problems will intensify leading up to the Second Coming of our Lord.

Jesus Said: “The Night Cometh”

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: **the night cometh**, when no man can work.

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

TWO PARTS TO THE SECOND COMING:

1. **Rapture:** (For His Saints)

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive [*and*] remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

2. **With His Saints:**(Battle of Armageddon)

Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, **the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

Jud 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [*speeches*] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [*was*] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes [*were*] as a flame of fire, and on his head [*were*] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he [*was*] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 **And the armies [*which were*] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on [*his*] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

THE FIFTH CHAPTER OF FIRST THESSALONIANS

1Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1Th 5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

1Th 5:7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

1Th 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

SECOND THESSALONIANS

(Primarily deals with the visible Second Coming of the Lord)

2Th 1:6 Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

2Th 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2Th 1:11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power:

2Th 1:12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

JESUS PROMISED TO COME AGAIN:

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 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.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [*there*] ye may be also.

STORY OF DOUGLAS MAC ARTHUR:

1. One of the most notable commanders.

2. Was driven from the Philippines Island during the Japanese invasion in World War 2.
3. March 12, 1942, badly beaten and driven from the Philippines, he escaped during the night in a Torpedo Boat. **VOWED** that he was not defeated and **promised to return** victorious and to bring deliverance and freedom to the Island.
4. Three years after his promise to return, after devastating combat and a hard fought war. The fighting U.S. forces and Ally Forces, positioned themselves for a great victory.
5. In 1945 Mac Arthur's forces secured full control of the Philippines and launched a five million man attack against Japan to take them out. The victory was theirs and "He did return like he promised."

STORY OF JESUS:

1. He has been gone for about 2,000 years and His Church and His Bride is still waiting for His promise Return, He said "I Will Return"
2. One out of every 25 verses in the New Testament is related to His Second coming. In the Old Testament there are more than 500 prophecies relating to His Second Coming. Only 300 with his first coming.

THE PROMISE OF HIS RETURN:

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.