



What We Believe And Why

“The Second Coming Of Jesus”

- Introduction:
1. Very few Bible subjects have given rise to as much speculative thinking than has the subject of the second coming of Jesus.
 2. The return of Jesus serves as a source of hope to Christians who await His coming.
 3. For others, events surrounding His coming has caused disillusionment and disbelief.
 4. Let's open our Bible's and see what God has revealed to us concerning this timely question.

I. The Predictions Of His Coming

- A. Throughout the ages, there have been many failed predictions of the second coming of Jesus.
- B. This kind of constant speculation does nothing but give fuel to skeptics.

II. The Promise Of His Coming

- A. Jesus, the angels, and His apostles all promised that He would come again.
- B. (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 1:7-10, 4:16-17; Heb. 9:28; 2 Peter 3:4,8).
- C. While I have not stopped to count, according to one Bible scholar, there are well over 1000 references to the Lord's return.

III. The Period Of His Coming

- A. The countless predictions and speculations concerning the period or time of Christ's return show a misunderstanding of the biblical text.
- B. The Bible plainly declares that no one knows when Jesus will return.
- C. (2 Peter 3:10) He will come as a thief in the night.
- D. (Matthew 24:36-44) He will come as in the days of Noah.
- E. (Matthew 24).
 1. This passage has reference to two coming judgments
 2. (Matthew 24:4-35) describes the Lord's coming and judgment upon Jerusalem which happened in 70 A.D. — This coming had signs.
 3. (Matthew 24:36-44) describes the Lord's final or second coming and judgment at the end of time. — This coming will have no signs.

IV. The Preparation For His Coming

- A. (Matthew 24:42) Be watchful.
- B. (2 Peter 2:11,14) Be holy, godly, without spot and blameless.

- Conclusion:
1. Jesus is coming again. God promised He would, and God is faithful.
 2. We have no biblical reference concerning the time of His coming.
 3. In view of this truth, we must live every day in a state of preparation.
 4. If He comes and we are unprepared, we will miss out on Heaven and will suffer eternally for our sins in the hands of an angry God.