

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

PART TWO

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The literal Second Coming of Jesus Christ or the Second Advent, as it is also called, to the earth is spoken of in many places in the Bible. The first is in Matthew 24:30 "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

In Acts 1:11 it says, "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

In Revelation 1:7 "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Revelation 1:7

The greatest and most detailed account of Jesus' coming to the earth is found in the book of Zechariah and also in the 19th chapter of Revelation. It tells us just where Jesus is going to land when He comes; in Zechariah 14:4, it says that His feet shall stand in the Mount of Olives, when He comes back to take possession of the earth. Zechariah 14:4 "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

In Revelation 19:11 it gives us an open picture, we might say, of the coming of the Lord. "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." Revelation 19:11

He shall smite the nations---the ones that finally and forever rejected Him. Jesus is coming to take possession of the earth and to rule and reign at Jerusalem as the capital of the restored earth for 1000 years, called the Millenium; and it is an example, as was said in part one, of what God can do in contrast to what man could not do but thought he could and tried six thousand years in the attempt.

Between the Rapture and the literal Second Coming or Second Advent of Jesus Christ to the earth, there is no positive, exact period of time mentioned. Some believe that we could infer or draw a conclusion very clearly from what is known that it will be 3½ years. In Heaven, the translated (those who have been changed from earthly mortality to heavenly life) and redeemed (those who were delivered from sin and its consequences)--those translated and redeemed saints will be entertained at what is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb for this 3½ years, and nothing further is revealed; but it must be a wonderful time of reunion and of happiness. Perhaps we would think that five minutes of it would be worth more than a lifetime down here on earth.

One of the reasons why the saints are taken away at the Rapture is that they might escape the most terrible time of trouble that has ever come on the earth. Jesus said that it would be a time of tribulation such as was never known since the beginning of the world to the present time nor ever shall be again, and if those days were not shortened, no one could ever go through it. Nobody could live, they are to be so terrible---war, famine, pestilence, supernatural judgments, etc. Something similar to those that came on Egypt when the Israelites came out, only more universal.

A false Christ is to arise. The most remarkable thing about it is that the world, which rejected the true Christ is going to accept this false christ--most likely as a great hero. Of course, we are a people, naturally, of man worshippers. When we consider how entertainers, athletes, and

others are “worshipped”, in some cases, by millions of people, it is hard to argue that point. Before we get to God, we are always looking for a hero and lauding or applauding him or her to the skies.

This man is going to be a superman, controlled by a demon spirit that will make him wiser and more desperate and with more capabilities than any human man of his time, probably; and the world that rejected the true Christ is going to reach the peak or pinnacle of their depravity and desperate wickedness by accepting this false christ.

Jesus made a wonderful prophecy, John 5:43---
“I have come in My Father’s name and ye will not receive me, but another shall come in his own name, him ye shall receive.” (John 5:43)
 He, the false Christ, arises, reigns, and works on the earth for 3½ years---42 months---1260 days. The period of his reign is given to us in three statements: Days, months, and years. It is also given to us in figurative language: **“Time, Times and a dividing of time”** ---One year, two years and a half year.

Daniel also speaks about the tribulation. It is the most remarkable thing that he should speak of this time. The details of just what will happen are given to us in the book of Revelation from the 6th chapter to the 19th. In reading the book of Revelation we should keep this fact in mind, because it is not at all mysterious if we know just where to place the different chapters.

Daniel 12:1 says, **“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.”**

This prophecy in the book of Daniel, and several of the Old Testament prophecies have a great number of references to this literal Coming of Christ and the Millennium; in fact, it is the only place where we find it fully described. In the book of Ezekiel from the 39th chapter to the end we have the religious part of the Millennium described. It tells us the temple of God is to be

restored, and sacrifices of animals again offered---not to point forward to Christ as was the case in the Old Testament---but as a memorial---to keep before them all through the Millennium the great Atonement of Jesus Christ. Then, the other prophecies tell us about Israel being restored as the chief nation of the earth. She is to get her place back again--a wonderful revelation of the power and mercy of God. The Jewish nation is to be restored to be the chief nation of the earth, and the Gentiles are to go beneath them again, in accordance with God's plan when He called Abraham.

In the 11th chapter of Romans, verses 15-17 and 23-27 we have this brought clearly. **“For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree.”** Romans 11:15-17

Romans 11:23-27 **“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part has happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so, all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”**
 Romans 11:23-27

This shows how long God is waiting to be gracious to Israel---2000 years at one stretch, that He might get them to the place where they find out they are truly hopeless and helpless, and are ready to say to Jesus Christ, the Messiah, Matthew 23:39 **“Blessed is He that**

