

16 – JESUS CHRIST: HIS SECOND COMING - PART 2

I. The Nature of His Coming: In the Air

A. To Receive His Own

1. His Own Defined

- Jesus Christ will come and meet his own in the air.

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

- He is coming for believers who have died or “asleep.”
- At the same time, he is coming for believers who are alive at the time.

2. The Manner

- Jesus Christ will call his own to meet him in the air.
- The transformation will be instant.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 (ESV)

⁵⁰ I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

B. To Judge and Reward

- Jesus Christ will judge the works of believers and reward them.

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (ESV)

¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

C. To Remove the Restrainer

- Jesus will remove the restrainer so that the man of lawlessness is revealed.

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Scripture 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 (ESV)

⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

II. The Nature of His Coming: To Earth

1. To Reveal Himself and His Own

- When he returns, Jesus Christ will reveal himself to all of the world.

Scripture Matthew 24:30 (ESV)

Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

2. To Judge the Beast, the False Prophet and the Armies

- When Jesus Christ returned, he will judge the Beast and False Prophet as he sends them to the Lake of Fire.

Scripture Revelation 19:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

3. To Bind Satan

- When Jesus Christ returned, Satan will be bound and cast into the abyss for 1,000 years.

Scripture Revelation 20:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

4. To Save Israel and Establish His Kingdom

- When Jesus Christ comes back, he will save Israel and establish his kingdom for 1,000 years.