



# SECOND ADVENT

## Introduction

Christmas - Christ's birth – We know there are many OT prophecies that predict the First Advent.

There are many more that refer to his Second Advent.

Statistic—for every 1 reference to the first coming of Christ as the baby of Bethlehem, there are 8 references to His final, His second, coming.

## Contrasting and Comparing the First and Second Coming of Jesus

First coming	Second coming
Jesus came quietly.	Jesus will come in glory.
Jesus lived in one region of the world.	Jesus will make a global return.
Most people paid no attention to Jesus.	Everyone will acknowledge him.

*Mark 13:26* “At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”  
*“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.”*

*Matthew 24:27*  
*“He will punish those who do not ... obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”* 2 Thessalonians 1:8

**Revelation 1:7** (NIV) <sup>-7</sup> *Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.*

## Why Do We Believe that Jesus Will Come Again?

- Because Jesus promised that he would. (as we have already seen)
- It is clearly taught throughout the New Testament.
- But the prophecies of the Second Coming reach back into the Old Testament, also, for the coming

of Messiah in power and glory was part of their hope as well.

LEARN: A key characteristic is that **prophecy is discursive** – *moves from topic to topic, sometimes without obvious demarcation of them.*

Therefore, the prophets, though being faithful to the message the Spirit had given them, they themselves were not always aware of how the pieces of their prophecy fit together. As a result, when the prophets saw the coming of the Messiah they sometimes *overlapped elements* of His first and second comings without realizing that what they seemed to see as *one* would be *two* events as the promise unfolded through time.

We can look back now and recognize this separation in time of the two “advents” or “comings of Christ.”

**EXAMPLE: Isaiah 40:1–11.**

- Who was the fulfillment of **verses 3, 4**? (See Matt. 3:1–3; **Mark 1:2–4**; Luke 3:1–6; and John 1:19–23.)
- **Verse 10** is referring to what? (See **Rev. 22:12**.)

Why do we believe in the Second Coming. Because the Bible teaches it as clearly as the First Coming (his birth) and so if isn’t true and therefore it doesn’t happen, then nothing in the Bible is true.

Everyone turn to:  
**Acts 1:9–11** (NIV)<sup>9</sup> *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.* <sup>10</sup> *They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.* <sup>11</sup> *“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

What kind of coming will it be? It will be a physical, visible, return. (not spiritual and invisible).

### Views on the Return of Jesus

We know that all the Gospel writers spoke of Second Coming, because Jesus did. How about the other NT writers? Here are ideas about Jesus' return from six different writers in the New Testament.

Writer	Bible reference	Key idea
<b>James</b>	<i>James 5:1-9</i>	Justice
<b>Paul</b>	<i>1 Thessalonians 4:16-18</i>	Being caught up (with Jesus) Resurrection, New Eternal Existence - HOPE
<b>Jude</b>	<i>Jude 14-15</i>	Judgment for the unsaved.
<b>The writer of Hebrews</b>	<i>Hebrews 9:28</i>	Full, Final Salvation for the saved.
<b>John</b>	<i>1 John 3:2-3</i>	Purity, Glorification
<b>Peter</b>	<i>2 Peter 3:9-10, 15</i>	Day of Salvation will be over

James, Paul, Jude, Writer of Hebrews, John, Peter – JESUS. They ALL spoke of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ.

If it doesn't happen then nothing in the Bible is true.

### When Jesus Returns

For Christians it will be:

- The moment of final salvation for them.
- We will be with Jesus for ever.
- World order will be recreated.

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven. ... And so we will be with the Lord for ever."*

### When Will Jesus Return?

When will it be? I couldn't tell you, and anyone that says they can, they're fooling themselves. But it

could be in 2010 or 2009. It also could be a long time off, but it is *Imminent* (could occur any time).

### Application:

- Be Ready (saved?)
- Be Active (no time to waste)
- Be Watchful (

In 2001, Dale Earnhardt, "The Intimidator," was approaching the last turn of the last lap of the Daytona 500 when his car was sent head-on into the wall at 180 mph. An autopsy revealed that he died from the force of his head whipping back and forth on his neck, and by the force of his chin hitting the steering wheel.

It has been suggested by some that had he been wearing a device designed to support the head and neck in a collision, he may have survived. But Earnhardt, like many other NASCAR drivers, refused to wear the device because it interfered with his ability to drive the car. That choice cost him his life.

Those of you who have not placed your faith firmly and fully on Jesus Christ are headed for a terrible collision; a collision with God's Judgment. A safety device is available—but decide to put it on.

"Put on the Lord Jesus Christ"!

Like Dale Earnhardt and all the other NASCAR drivers, you must decide to make use of what God has offered in Jesus Christ. It will save your life!