

Second Coming

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As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on the second coming. Christians all speak about the coming of Jesus the Christ; but few go into detail of how or why Jesus is coming back. We will deal with these issues from a biblical perspective, and will see that there is a clear message on the complete return of Jesus.

Daniel 7:13

Verse 13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Nahum 1:3

Verse 3 The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet.

Matthew 24:30

Verse 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.

Matthew 26:64

Verse 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

I Thessalonians 4:17

Verse 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.

Revelation 1:7

Verse 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.

You can see that from a full cross section of Old and New Testament scriptures that the word of God clearly states that Jesus comes in the clouds. The next verses show us what he has come to do.

Revelation 14:16

Verse 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

Revelation:14:14

Verse 14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Matthew 24:30, 31

Verse 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.

Verse 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

At this point we have Jesus coming in the clouds, with a sickle, one crown, and his angels to gather the saints. Why is Jesus gathering the saints, and where is he gathering them? First, let us deal with why.

Genesis 7:1

Verse 1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Exodus 12:22, 23

Verse 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

Verse 23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.

Psalms 32:7

Verse 7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Psalms 91:4

Verse 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy shield and buckler.*

Isaiah 26:19 - 21

Verse 19 Thy dead *men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise.* Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.*

Verse 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

Verse 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Daniel 3:26

Verse 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither.* Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.*

Daniel 6:22

Verse 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

These are only some of the scriptures that testify to the protection God will grant to his saints in any day of judgement. Think about the examples left to us in the scriptures: Lot delivered from Sodom at its destruction. Noah delivered from the wrath of God at the destruction of the world. Daniel from the lion's den or Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire. When God judges the wicked in the last days, he will protect his saints from the judgement. We now see why Jesus needs to gather the saints; but where does he gather the saints?

Revelation 14:6 - 10

Verse 6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

Verse 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Verse 8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Verse 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Verse 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

We see that the judgement of God is come upon the wicked; but there is no mention of hurting the righteous. So, we know this is after Jesus has reaped the saints and they are being protected.

Revelation 15:1, 2

Verse 1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Verse 2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, *and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

The saints are being protected from the wrath of God on the sea of glass. So, what is the sea of glass?

Revelation 21:2, 10, 11, 18, 21

Verse 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Verse 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Verse 11 Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Verse 18 And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Verse 21 And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

We believe that we can conclude that what John interpreted as the sea of glass is the New Jerusalem, as described in the above text.

We are given two descriptions of Jesus at his second coming. One we have already discussed; which is when he

comes on a cloud to gather the saints for protection. The second description he comes on a horse.
Revelation 19:11, 12

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

Here we have two very different descriptions of Jesus; but only one coming. The second coming of Jesus is actually done in two phases. Firstly, by Jesus with one crown and on a cloud to gather his saints. Then he greets them with a great supper, in fact the marriage supper.

Revelation 19:8, 9

Verse 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Verse 9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Jesus then returns from the sea of glass, where he and the saints have taken part in the marriage supper. Now Jesus comes back with many crowns, symbolizing that God has given Jesus all power to claim back the earth for God the father as king of kings.

Revelation 19: 11 - 16

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

Verse 14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Verse 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.

Verse 16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

We see that as God has always done, he removes the saints from harm's way. He then takes back his earth so that mankind might once more live as God had intended from the beginning. This tract only covers some of the scriptures showing that God has chosen Jesus to be the judge and ruler over this earth. Until all things be fulfilled and then Jesus himself shall be in subjection to God the Father.

I Corinthians 15:27, 28

Verse 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Verse 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

Dear friends, may you see the wonderful gift God's grace gives, protection over all of his children.

Grace be with you all.

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