

The Second Coming

I. Prophecies Concerning the End

A. The Time of the Coming

1. The anytime nature of our Lord's return

- Matthew 24:36 What is unique about the exact day and hour of our Lord's coming again?
 - Luke 12:40 How confident can you be in knowing the time of our Lord's return?
- ##### 2. Our reaction to the Lord's return
- Revelation 16:15 What kind of challenge does the nature of our Lord's return present us with?
 - Hebrews 10:37-38 What kind of temptation will we face when the Lord first returns?
 - James 5:7-9 What should we show toward one another as we wait for the Lord?
 - Revelation 22:18-20 What attitude should we have to the Word of God as we wait for the Lord?

B. The Manner of the Coming

1. God's plan for Jesus when He returns

- Matthew 26:24 Will there ultimately any surprises as to how Jesus fulfills the prophecies about Him?
- Acts 1:11 How will the return of Jesus appear to us when He actually returns?

2. God's plan for us when Jesus returns

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 What will we experience when the Lord returns?
- Daniel 12:2 Who will be included in the astounding events of the Last Day?
- Hebrews 9:27-28 How often will we have to go through this?

II. The Purpose of the Coming

A. Jesus As Judge

1. The experience of sinful people

- Matthew 13:40-42 What is the main purpose of our Lord's return?

- Matthew 25:31-31 What kind of authority will Jesus have to do this important work?

- Jude 14-16 How many witnesses will there be as Jesus does His work?

2. The experience of forgiven sinners

- Matthew 13:43 What kind of glory will God's children experience?
- Matthew 16:27 Why will we not all receive that glory equally?
- John 6:40 What basic promise will all believers see equally fulfilled?
- 1 Corinthians 4:5. How will this day affect us as forgiven individuals?

B. Jesus as the Agent of Resurrection

1. The role that God the Father plays

- John 5:17, 19 With whom is Jesus in partnership as He does His work?
 - 2 Corinthians 1:9-10. Who is the power behind the resurrection on the Last Day that Jesus ushers in?
 - John 5:26-28. Whose voice will we hear when the dead are raised?
- ##### 2. The role that God the Son plays
- John 14:3 What is Jesus' reason for resurrecting you?
 - Philippians 3:20-21 What will have to happen before it is possible for you to physically be with Jesus?
 - 1 John 3:1-3 What will be available to us once this has taken place and how much is already ours?

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We look forward to the restitution of all things, not only for the soul but for the body. On the Last Day, we hope to have body which is better and nobler than the human body was in Paradise. For then we shall not be placed into a natural life, subject by its very nature to change, but into that spiritual life into which Adam, too, would have been translated if he had continued to live without sin. To this hope Christ point us — Christ, who has restored innocence to us through the remission of sins and makes our condition better than the condition Adam was in Paradise before the Fall. — Martin Luther

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