

## JESUS COMING WITH HIS SAINTS

### Revelation 19:11-16

**Introduction:** Of all the events prophesied of in the Bible other than the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Messiah, the Second Coming of the Messiah is perhaps the most talked about, the most preached about and the prophecy surrounded by the most errors. Every generation has predicted that the second coming of the Messiah would happen at its time and of course every generation has been wrong. If you remember, in our own generation, there have been men who have declared the exact date that Jesus was going to come back and some even went up on a mountain to be the first to greet Him. One positive thing about all the predictions, even though false, is that many people begin to attend church services who normally did not attend, hoping to get themselves ready to meet the Lord when they hear somebody preach that "Jesus is coming back on such and such a date...." Without setting a date, let's examine what the Bible has to say about Jesus coming back with His Saints.

### I. EVENTS PRECEDING THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

1. Following the "rapture" of believers (the Church), there will be a period of "preparation." There will be a confederacy of ten nations and a dictator will emerge from the nations and at first control three (3) of the ten nations and ultimately all ten.
2. A period of peace brought by the dictator will exist in the Mediterranean Sea area and a treaty with Israel will be the first step. It will be planned for seven years. (*Daniel 9:27*)
3. After 3 1/2 years the treaty will be broken by the dictator and persecution of Israel and all Christians will begin.
  - All world religions will be abolished in favor of worship of the dictator.
  - The dictator will control all businesses and there will be no buying or selling without his consent.
  - The following 3 1/2 years are called by God "Tribulation." (*Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 7:14*)
  - God pours out great judgments in these years. (*Revelation 6:1 - 18:24*)
  - A great world war climaxes the tribulation.
  - Jesus Christ will return at the height of the world war.
    - He will deliver all living believers.
    - He will bring judgment.
    - He will bring in His righteous Kingdom.

### II. FACTS RELATING TO HIS SECOND COMING

1. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is to return (*Zechariah 14:4*), personally (*Matthew 25:31*) in clouds (*Acts 1:11*), and all the world will see (*Revelation 1:7*)

2. His return will be like a great shining light (*Matthew 24:26-29*) and preceding His return:
  - There will be disturbances in the heavens, the sun darkened, the moon darkened, falling stars, the heavens shaken. (*Revelation 6:12-17; 16:1-21*)
  - All on the earth shall see it. (*Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7*)
  
3. Jesus Christ returns with His Saints and Angels in a dramatic procession.
  - *Revelation 19:11-16*
  - Much time will be consumed.
  - The earth continues to rotate thus permitting the entire world to see this event.
  - The second coming ends on the Mt. of Olives from where Jesus ascended.
  - As Jesus' feet touch the earth, it cleaves in two and there comes a great valley extending from Jerusalem EAST to the Jordan Valley.
  
4. When here, Jesus will first judge the armies deployed in battle.
  - *Revelation 19:15-21*
  - Jesus gathers Israel and judges it.
  - Then He gathers the Gentiles and judges them. (*Matthew 25:31-46*)
  - Jesus will then bring in His Kingdom of Righteousness and peace.
  - Satan will then be bound and removed from the earth for a time.

### III. THE SECOND COMING CONTRASTED WITH THE "RAPTURE"

#### AT THE RAPTURE

- The Saints gather to Jesus
- Jesus comes as the "Morning Star"
- It is the "Day of Christ."
- A sign-less event
- It is imminent
- No reference to evil is made
- Israel remains unchanged
- The Church is removed from the earth
- Nations remain unchanged
- Creation unchanged
- A mystery not before revealed
- Jesus appears as the Bridegroom
- Unseen except by believers
- Believers receive their rewards

#### AT THE SECOND COMING

- The Lord Jesus Comes in person
- Jesus comes as the Son of Righteousness
- It is the "Day of the Lord"
- All the world shall see
- Prophecy yet to be fulfilled
- Evil is ended and Satan is bound
- All covenants with God are fulfilled
- Saints return with Jesus
- All nations judged
- Delivered from bondage of corruption
- Prophesied in Old and New Testaments
- Jesus appears as King and Lord
- Comes in all majesty and power
- All nations judged

### CONCLUSION:

1. When Jesus comes the Second time, all the world will know it and the Church will come back with Him.
2. This will be the end of the ages as the world and mankind has known it since the flood.
3. If you want to be WITH Jesus when this Second Coming happens and not looking UP to see Him coming, now is the time to do what is necessary. Believe on the Lord Jesus NOW.