

## THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

### Hebrews 9:28

**Introduction:** Every generation since Jesus' ascension has looked for the return of Jesus and there have been those within each generation who have predicted (in error of course) when Jesus would come in their time. In our own generation there have been several who said that Jesus was coming at such and such a time and gathered their followers to a mountain top to await the Lord's return or gathered in their "meeting" place. Of course the Lord did not return. Of course there have been and always will be those who mock and ridicule those of us who do look for the Lord to return someday. They have their own "prophets-seerers" who obviously are not of God. The fact is true, however, Jesus is coming back some day. Let's give that fact some thought.

#### 1. The Bible Promises the Return of Jesus.

- One out of every 30 verses in the Bible mentions something about Jesus Christ's return.
- Of the 216 chapters in the New Testament, over 300 references are made about the return of Jesus.
- Of the 27 Books of the New Testament, 23 of them mention Christ's return.
- Many of the Old Testament Prophets spoke of the return of Christ as well as His first coming, men like Job, Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel.
- Of course Jesus, many times, spoke of His return.
- The early church believed Jesus would return at any moment and taught that truth.

#### 2. The Church Through the Ages Taught that Jesus Christ Will Return.

- The fact of Jesus' one day return was included in every Church creed and statements of belief of all the Churches through the centuries.
- If Jesus promised it, if the apostles believed it, if the early church taught it, if the church through the ages believed it and respected it, if respected Bible scholars tell us it is true, wouldn't it make sense to believe it and get ready for His return?

#### 3. Church Leaders of Every Generation Have Preached that Jesus Christ is Coming.

- "The Lord's return is near, don't make any long-range plans."
- "In a not-to-distant future the King will come."
- "The sounds of insecurity today, are perhaps the death rattle of an end to an era of civilization."
- "We need to get ready, the Lord is going to return."
- "The hour hand on God's clock is wound up and spinning."
- "The return of the Lord is at hand."

#### 4. Waiting Causes Indifference.

- Over 2,000 years have passed and Jesus hasn't returned yet.
  - Every generation since Jesus' ascension has experienced numerous signs but still no return.
  - Nobody knows the day or the hour when Jesus is coming back.
  - People have been told so many times that "Jesus is coming back" and He hasn't that they have become indifferent to this truth and will not think that it just could be NOW.
- 2 Peter 3:3-10

- The Bible tells us that there will be those who will cast doubt upon the fact that Jesus is coming again and to not be surprised at the disbelief of people.

#### **5. Satan Knows Jesus is Coming Back.**

- Satan is working harder with each generation as he knows that the return of Jesus is closer than it has ever been. So he's busy telling people not to worry, there's plenty of time.

#### **6. Satan is Afraid for Jesus to Come Back.**

- He knows that whenever a believer really believes Jesus is coming back soon that believer will get busy praying, witnessing and living a more holy life than ever before.
- Satan tries to get people to look every direction except ahead.

#### **7. Jesus Will be Coming Back Twice Actually.**

- Jesus will come back for His Church/Saints.
  - Called "the rapture" or snatching away.
    - It will be selective, only for His bride, the saved will be taken.
    - It will be sudden, only the Heavenly Father knows when.
    - It will be silent, as only believers, His bride will know, the world will not see nor hear.
- Jesus will come back with His Saints.
  - Called "the second coming."
    - After Jesus comes for His bride, seven years (great tribulation) will occur as outlined in Matthew and Revelation.
    - At the end of the seven years (Time of Tribulation), Jesus will return with all His Saints and every eye on earth will see this great event.
      - Zechariah 14:4-5; Revelation 19:11-14

#### **8. Some Facts About the Second Coming of Jesus With His Saints.**

- It will be predictable. It will follow the seven years of unparalleled tribulation/troubles.
- It will be precise. Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives from which He ascended.
- It will be public. The entire world will see and hear it all.

#### **9. God Revealed to Daniel Some Amazing Numbers 7 + 62 + 1:**

- **Daniel 9:24-27:** God revealed that the remaining days revolved around a time period of 70 sevens.
  - Those numbers are weeks of years, 490 years.
  - God promised Israel 490 years in their land after returning from captivity.
  - Israel had been in their land 483 years when Jesus died on the Cross.
  - There has been a gap of some 2,000 years, called the Church Age.
  - This gap will end and the final 7 years will be given to Israel upon the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the coming AntiChrist.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Face it, we are closer than mankind has ever been before to the return of Jesus Christ.
2. The closer it gets to His return, the more frequent the signs and the greater intensity.

3. Our generation has seen and experienced more signs of varying degrees than any generation.
4. What do you see happening to our world this very moment? Fires, floods, winds, disease, volcano eruptions, wars, murder, violence, hate, etc.
5. News is reported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and that news is filled with signs that the Jesus said would be taking place before His return. Does anyone recognize those signs that almost scream that "JESUS IS COMING?"
6. If Jesus came tonight, would you be ready? He is coming for His Bride, His Church, His Saints, His Believers, will you be included?