Hidden Treasures/ Living Truth Bible Studies

BIBLE STUDY 24 CHRIST'S SECOND

COMING

Introduction: Throughout the Bible there is one great theme – God's love for a lost rebellious race. The climax of that theme and the event towards which the faithful of all ages have looked with eager anticipation is the reunion of the redeemed with the Redeemer at Jesus' second coming. This was a great theme of the apostles. It is estimated that one in every 25 verses of the New Testament speaks of this event. Before the first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem, Satan was successful in confusing the Jewish people by causing them to misapply the prophecies of His second coming to His first coming. As a result, few were ready to receive Him. Now he is applying the prophecies of Jesus' first coming – such as the 70th week in Daniel 9 – to His second coming. And again, it is working effectively to deceive! Let us see what the Bible says about the second coming of Jesus.

1. What was Christ's promise to His disciples? John 14:1-3

2. How did Christ describe His second coming? Luke 21:27

> Mark 13:26; Matthew 24:30

- 3. At Christ's ascension, what was said concerning the manner of His return? Acts 1:10, 11
- > Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:62
- 4. How visible will be His coming? Revelation 1:7

> Matthew 24:27

- 5. How does Paul refer to his appearing? Titus 2:13
- 6. What significant event will take place at Christ's appearance? 1Thessalonians 4:16, 17

- 7. How does Job express his faith in the second coming and resurrection? Job 19:25-27
- 8. What warnings has Jesus given concerning false Christ's imitating His coming? Matthew 24:23-27

> 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10

9. Through whom does Christ reveal the knowledge of His coming? Amos 3:7

10. Why did Christ reprove leaders of Israel in His day? Matthew 16:2, 3

(Note: Despite the prophecies pointing to the life and work of Christ, and the overwhelming evidence He gave them through the mighty works He performed, the vast majority of the people were not prepared to receive Jesus as a long awaited Messiah.)

11. What world conditions did Jesus say would shortly precede His return? Luke 21:25, 26, 31

(Note: It seems that every nation on the face the Earth is distressed today. The financial solvency of nearly every nation is being tested. The world economic system is such that the financial stability of even the strongest nations is jeopardized by the threatened imminent collapse of the weaker. There's also the ever-present threat of nuclear war with all its attendant horrors. It seems that peace and security have ceased to exist!)

- 12. Why do things continue to deteriorate though men in government struggle to bring world peace and prosperity? Jeremiah 8:9
- 13. What is the root of the problems the world faces? 2Timothy 3:1-5
- 14. Will they get any better? 2Timothy 3:13
- 15. What will they be saying, however? 2 Thessalonians 5:2, 3

- 16. What may we expect people to say about Christ's soon return as the time approaches? 2Peter 3:3, 4
- 17. Why does Jesus wait so long? 2Peter 3:10
- 18. Will the inhabitants of earth, as a whole, be prepared to meet Him? Luke 17:26 30
- 19. What works of judgment will Jesus do at His coming? Matthew 25:31 34
- Matthew 16:27; Psalm 50:3, 4
- 20. What two historical events did Jesus use to illustrate this separation? Matthew 24:36-41; Luke 17:28-30

(Note: In this separation, those who were taken away died by the flood (verse 39), and the others were left alive in the ark. Only Lot was spared with his children when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. So will it be at Jesus' second coming. While people are doing things, Jesus will come suddenly in judgment upon all.)

- 21. Will Christ's coming be as a thief in the night? 2Peter 3:10_____
- > 1 Thessalonians 5:2; Revelation 3:3
- 22. What will happen to the kingdoms of the world when Jesus comes? Daniel 2:44
- Revelation 6:14 17; 16:19 21
- 23. What will happen to the wicked at Jesus' second coming? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8; 2 Peter 2:9
- 24. Will everyone who claims to be saved be taken to heaven when Jesus comes? Matthew 7:21-23
- > 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12

26.	In	view	of	this	fact,	how	does	Christ	tell	us	to	prepare	for	that	glorious
ev	ent	? Ma	ew 24	4:42											

27. What does Paul say we are to do to be ready on that day? Titus 2:11-14

The second coming of Jesus will be a sudden, all-encompassing surprise to the world, at which time all will be separated eternally; some to eternal destruction and some to eternal life. Because of a love that overcomes all obstacles, God paid an infinite price to ransom a lost race and to reunite the lost ones with their Redeemer. Yet, unfortunately, at the end of time will be brought to view many who are unprepared to meet Him – thus eternally lost – for whom the sacrifice was in vain. Is the glorious appearing of Jesus your blessed hope? Do you want Jesus to redeem you from every lawless deed, and to write His law of love and righteousness in your heart, so that you will rejoice to see His face? By God's grace, may we find ourselves among those waiting ones who will be able to look up and say, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him and He will save us." Isaiah 25:9

MY RESPONSE TO CHRIST IS

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