

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ: Fixing A Broken World



“Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!’” Acts 1:11 NLT

Everywhere we turn, we see the brokenness of the world. The world seems to be headed for self-destruction with little prospect of a better world. The only hope is divine intervention. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the time when God intervenes.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ to earth will be the most important event in all of human history. It will be a time when Christ takes control and fixes this broken world. The only way the world will experience peace and order is when the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) is in charge. The only way our personal lives, marriages, family relationships, work associations, finances, etc., will experience peace and orderliness is when the Prince of Peace has His rightful place and control over our lives. Christ fixes broken lives when He is in control.

Central Lesson

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The **PROMISE** of Christ’s RETURN to the Earth

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is referred to in the Bible 1,845 times—1,527 times in the Old Testament and 318 times in the New Testament. The Second Coming is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books of the New Testament. Out of the 260 chapters of the New Testament, there are 318 references to the Second Coming. That is more than one reference for every chapter in the New Testament. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the **first** and **last** prophecy of the Bible. Enoch, who lived only seven generations after Adam and considered the first prophet of the Bible, spoke of the Second Coming, according to Jude 14 *“Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied... ‘Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones!’”* (NLT). At the end of the book of Revelation, Jesus said, *“Look, I am coming soon!”* (Rev. 22:7, 12, 20 NLT) making the Second Coming the last prophecy of the Bible.

The main passages on the glorious return of Christ are: Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-14; Zechariah 12:10; Daniel 7:13-14; Matthew 24-25; Zechariah 14.

Six Ways Christ’s 2nd Coming Will Fix This Broken World

1. **Resurrect the RIGHTEOUS**—from the Old Testament and Tribulation Eras (Revelation 20:4-6; Daniel 12:1-4).

The Church, the Bride of Christ, was resurrected *before* the Tribulation period at the rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-17). At the end of the Tribulation at the Second Coming of Christ, Christ will resurrect the Old Testament Saints (Daniel 12:1-2) and all believers who died during the Tribulation (Rev. 20:4-6). They will be raised, rewarded, and will reign with Christ (Rev. 20:4, 6).

2. **Conquer EVIL**—by Subduing the Antichrist and the World Nations in Rebellion Against God at Armageddon (Rev. 19:19-21).

Who are *“the armies of heaven”* (Rev. 19:14) coming back with Christ? (1.) **The raptured Church**, who will be at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and given white robes (Rev. 19:7-9, 14). (2.) **The believers who died during the Tribulation period** and were given white robes (Rev. 7:9-17). (3.) **The Old Testament Saints** who are resurrected at the 2nd Coming (Dan. 12:1-2). (4.) God’s holy **angels** (Matt. 25:31).

3. **Rescue ISRAEL**—from Wicked Nations Seeking to Annihilate Her (Zechariah 14:1-5, 9; Revelation 19:17-21).

At the end of the Tribulation Period, the Antichrist and the world nations will march against Israel. According to Zechariah 14:2, God is drawing them to Israel to judge and punish them. Antichrist and his armies will defeat Israel and capture Jerusalem. Half of the people will be taken into exile (Zech. 14:2). At this point, Christ will return to earth, rescue Israel, and defeat the Antichrist and the wicked world armies (Zech. 14:3-4, 9; Rev. 19:17-21).

4. **Judge SIN**—and the Wickedness of the World (Matthew 25:31-46; Ezekiel 20:33-38; Isaiah 26:21).

At the return of Christ, all Gentiles alive on the earth who survived the Tribulation Period will be judged by Christ to determine if they will enter His kingdom. This is called the judgment of the **“sheep and the goats”** (Matt. 25:31-46). Furthermore, Ezekiel 20:33-38 describes a time when God will gather Israel in the desert and *“...will examine you carefully...”* (v.37) and *“...purge you of all those who rebel and revolt against me...”* (v.38).

5. **Bind SATAN**—for a Thousand Years (Revelation 20:1-3).

During the Millennium (the 1,000-year reign of Christ), Christ will lockup the devil in a pit (v.2), and he will not be released until the 1,000 years have concluded (v.3). During the Millennium, there will be peace, righteousness, and orderliness over the whole earth (Isaiah 11:5-9). After the devil is released at the end of the Millennium, he will once again deceive the nations (vs.7-8). They will follow him in revolting against God, but they will be destroyed by fire that comes down from heaven (v.9), and the devil will be thrown into the lake of fire (v.10).

6. **Establish Christ’s RULE**—over the Earth through His Messianic Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 19:16; Daniel 2:44; Matthew 19:28; Luke 1:32-33).

In 2 Samuel 7:16, God made a promise to King David: *“Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.”* NLT. This is known as the **Davidic Covenant**. All through Old Testament history, Israel looked forward to the day when the Messiah would come and restore the glory of Israel that was enjoyed during the days of King David. The Second Coming of Christ, to establish His Millennial kingdom, fulfills that promise.

Conclusion

Christ fixes broken lives when He is in control. Jesus Christ brings peace and order to lives experiencing turmoil and disorderliness when He is allowed to rule and direct people’s lives. *Have you yielded your life to Christ’s control?*

Suggested Action Steps: ► If you have not yet received Christ as your Savior, do it today. ► As a Christian, if you have not been living for Christ, rededicate your life to Him. ► Read the book of 2 Thessalonians and think about how Christ will fix the world’s brokenness. ► Invite someone to the next Bible study in this series on the End Times. ► Attend the next small group discussion on this topic.