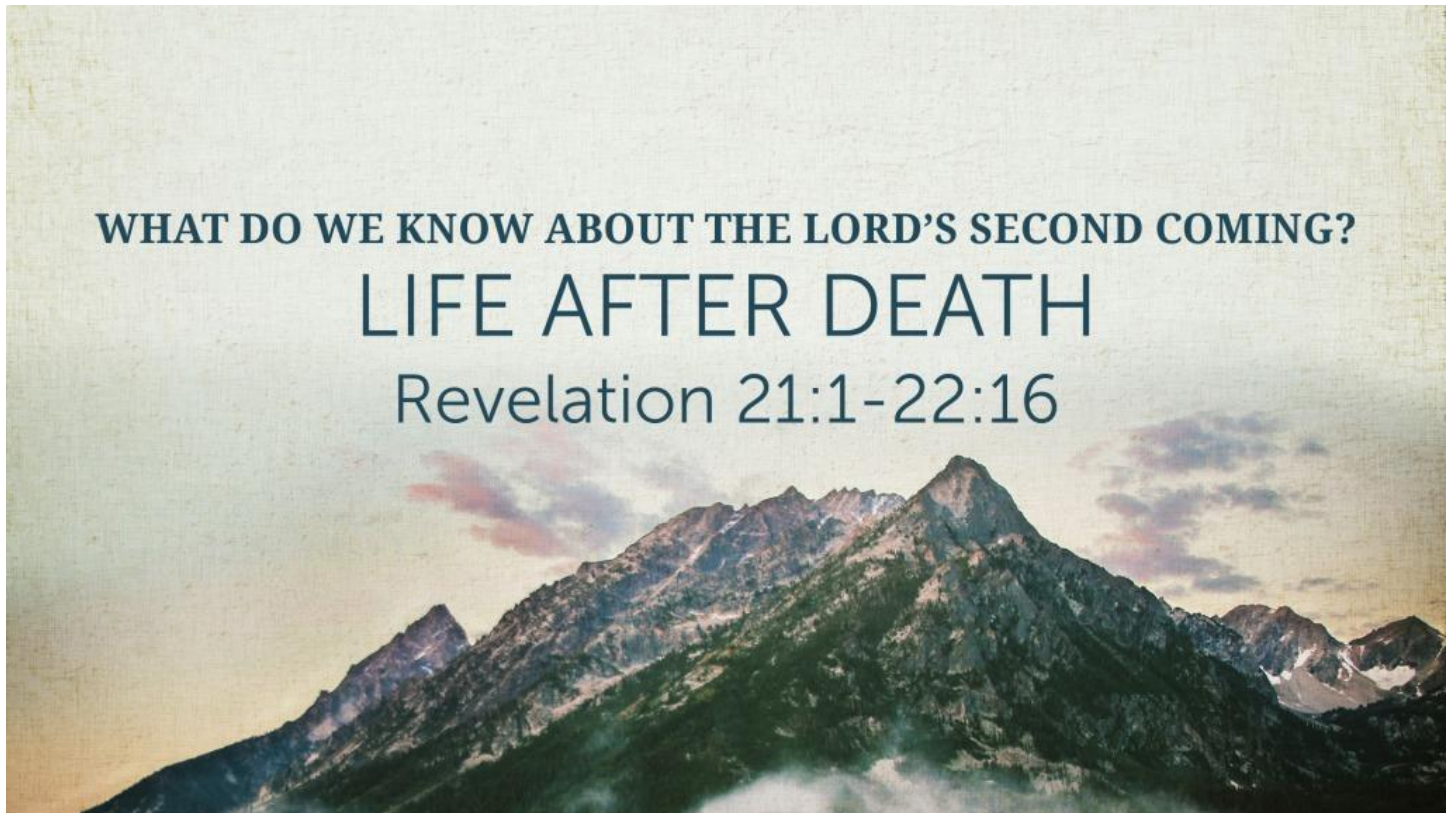


What Do We Know About the Lord's Second Coming?

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There are great blessings and ominous warnings for the second coming of Jesus.



INTRODUCTION

1. Everything we have examined up to this point in this series on "Life After Death" has pertained to the "intermediate state"
2. Though Christians can look forward to experiencing bliss during the "intermediate state", there are even greater blessings for us to look forward to...
 - a. The _____ of the dead, in which our spirits will obtain glorified and immortal bodies
 - b. The Day of _____, which for the Christian will be a day of glory and vindication
 - c. The new heavens and new earth, in which God and Christ will dwell with us for _____
3. While most professing Christians look for the Lord to return, they often differ greatly over the details surrounding His "second coming"

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- a. The _____ view looks for Christ to come in order to establish a literal kingdom on the earth, over which He will reign for a _____ years
- b. The _____ view understands that Christ will at some point begin a _____ year reign from heaven, at the end of which He will come to judge the world
- c. The _____ view believes that Christ has been reigning as "King of kings, and Lord of lords" ever since His _____ to heaven, and that His coming will be to raise the dead, judge the world, and usher in the "new _____ and new _____"

4. In this lesson, the _____ view will be presented, which I believe most accurately teaches what the Bible reveals about the Second Coming of our Lord

I. THE "CERTAINTY" OF HIS COMING

A. PROCLAIMED BY ANGELS AT HIS ASCENSION...

Acts 1:9–11 ESV

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

B. PROCLAIMED BY THE APOSTLES...

Acts 3:19–21 ESV

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

- a. The Corinthians - 1 Co 11:26; 15:22-23
- b. The Thessalonians - 1 Th 1:9-10; 2:19; 3:13
- c. The young evangelist, Timothy - 2 Ti 4:1-3. The writer to the Hebrews - He 9:27-28

II. THE "MANNER" OF HIS COMING

A. HE WILL COME IN PERSON...

1. "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come..." - Ac 1:11
2. "the Lord himself will descend from heaven..." - 1 Th 4:15-17

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B. HE WILL COME "WITH THE CLOUDS"...

1. "This same Jesus...will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" - Ac 1:11 (referring to verse 9: "He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight")
2. "...in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." - 1 Th 4:17
3. "Behold, He is coming with clouds..." - Re 1:7

C. HE WILL COME WITHOUT WARNING...

1. "...the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night." - 1 Th 5:2
2. "For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes..." - 1 Th 5:3
3. "...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night..." - 2 Pe 3:10

III. THE "PURPOSE" OF HIS COMING

A. TO RAISE THE DEAD...

1. "...for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth..." - Jn 5:28-29
2. Those who are alive at the Lord's coming . . .

B. TO DELIVER UP THE KINGDOM TO GOD...

1. Contrary to the view that Jesus has yet to establish His kingdom on earth, He has been ruling over His kingdom since He first ascended to heaven!
2. So when Jesus comes, it will not be to "set up" His kingdom, but to "deliver up" His kingdom!

C. TO JUDGE THE WORLD AND PUNISH EVIL...

1. God has appointed "a day" in which He will judge the world - 2 Pe 3:7
2. It will be a day of perdition (utter destruction) of ungodly men - 2 Pe 3:7

D. TO USHER IN THE "NEW HEAVENS AND NEW EARTH"...

1. As taught by Peter - 2 Pe 3:10-14
2. As taught by John - Re 21:1-22:5

CONCLUSION

1. The "purpose" of Jesus' second coming can be summed up by His statement in Re 22:12...
2. That Jesus has not yet come is only an indication of God's long-suffering (2 Pe 3:8-9), but rest assured that "day" will one day come!