

The Second Coming

Is Christ coming back a second time? Some are teaching that His coming is already past and that He came spiritually in AD 70 and will not return again physically.

They make the same mistake as many religious people – they consider only the passages that support their theory and not all the passages on the subject.

The Bible does speak of “different” comings. One of which is a physical coming.

What does the Bible teach concerning the Second Coming of our Lord? It teaches:

- ***That Christ came literally to this earth as a human being in about 4 B. C. (Jno. 1:1-14).***
- ***That several passages in the Bible do speak of figurative comings of Christ. For example:***
 - He came in His kingdom on Pentecost (Matt. 16:28; Jno. 14:18).
 - He came in salvation (Jno. 14:23).
 - He comes in fellowship (Rev. 3:20).
- ***That the Bible speaks of judgmental comings.***
 - He comes in discipline against a local church (Rev. 2:5).
 - He came in judgment against Jerusalem (Matt. 10:23; Matt. 24:30).
- ***That the Bible speaks of a second literal coming.***
 - He promises to return and take His saints to be with Him (Jno. 14:1-3).
 - Did that happen in AD 70? No!
 - He promises to return in the same manner He left (Acts 1:11).
 - This did not happen in AD 70.
 - He will appear the second time for salvation (Heb. 9:28).
 - “For salvation” at AD 70? No!
 - He will come back literally the second time when people don’t expect Him (Matt. 24:35ff).
 - Not true with the destruction of Jerusalem! There was a specific sign cf. Matt. 24:15; Lk. 21:20.
 - He will come back literally the second time and every eye will see Him (Rev. 1:7).
 - How could this prophecy be true at the destruction of Jerusalem?
 - He will come in a universal judgment (Matt. 16:27).
 - This did not happen in AD 70. This will happen when He comes again the second time.
 - He will deliver the kingdom back to God when He comes back again (1 Cor. 15:23-26)
 - Note the kingdom will be delivered to God — not begin when He comes again.
 - We wait for the Savior who will transform this body so it may be conformed to His glorious body (Phil. 3:20-21).
 - This did not happen in AD 70.
 - Jesus will come back with His angels and the dead in Christ shall be raised (1 Thess. 4:13ff).

- This did not happen in AD 70.
- The early church partook of the Lord's Supper from Pentecost on in the kingdom (Matt. 26:29; 1 Cor. 11:26).

Consequence of this doctrine:

1. We are to partake of the Lord's Supper **till He comes** (1 Cor. 11:26). If He has come spiritually in AD 70, then we have no authority to partake of the Lord's Supper.
2. The early church did wrong in observing the Lord's Supper if the kingdom was not established until AD 70.
3. If the kingdom didn't come until AD 70, then no one was born into it until then.

There is too much scriptural evidence to deny that Jesus is coming back again physically.

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