

Jesus' Second Coming

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His Coming Is Near

A Key Topic in Bible:

- Five times more prophecies on the 2nd coming than on the 1st coming
- My Vision of the End Times in Spring of 1974 –
- Interpreting some facts, without pretention of prophetic interpretation (there are many interpretations) but it is good to have some knowledge

Rapture

- Resurrection and Rapture of true believers– **1Thes.4:13-18**
 - Comfort one another - for relative who have died – we will see them again
- Probable time: Pre, Middle, or Post Tribulation?
 - **Rom.5:9** – WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF GOD
 - **2Thes.2:1-4** – Falling away and the son of perdition revealed, sits on the Temple of God showing Himself as God

The 7 Years of tribulation –

- 3 ½ years of tribulation from the Antichrist (false security) + 3 ½ years of tribulation from God's wrath
 - I believe that the “Islamic Republic of Iran” has a central role in the turn of events of the End Times
 - Iranian president Ahmadinejad: "*We didn't participate in the revolution for turn-by-turn government....This revolution tries to reach a world-wide government.*"
 - He believes that he will usher the 12th Imam (The Islamic Messiah = Mahdi) and establish the United Caliphate –
 - In the prophecies of the Qur'an all facts about their messiah correspond to the Bible's Antichrist
 - From Isaac came the Christ, From Ishmael will come the Antichrist
 - Isaac = Christianity => love and forgiveness
 - Ishmael => Islam = control
- Moslems believe that we must make the prophecies happen
 - To bring about the revelation of the Imam, Iran must attack and shed the blood of Israel
 - They want the destruction of Israel, the USA and Christianity
 - The only way to know you go to heaven is to die for the Jihad against infidels
- The USA is blind and gives \$30 billions/year to these countries because they are drunk with their wine of “her fornication” (compromise our values for their oil) (**Rev.17:2, 18:3**)
 - On the 3 ½ year the Antichrist will call himself God

Will the Antichrist Rule the Whole World?

- No he will rule 7 Nations and 10 Kings

Marriage Feast of the Lamb

- After the Rapture there will be the Marriage Feast of the Lamb - **Jn.14:3**
- **1Thes.3:13, Zech.14:4**

Second Coming of Christ with the Saints

A Time Perspective

- **Mt.24:29-39** – After the Tribulation then the Second Coming
 - Second coming = Gk. parousia =– presence with them, coming as the Bridegroom to take His bride, the church to Himself
 - Israel the fig tree (timing)
- Jesus is coming as a thief – **1Thes.5:2, Act.1:6-7** –
 - No one knows when, don't believe false prophets

PURPOSES of Second Coming

- National Salvation of Israel – **Rom.11:26-27**
- Overthrow the Anti-Christ – **2Thes.2:8**
- Judgment of the Gentile nations – **Mat.25:31-32**
- Establish His millennial Kingdom - **Mat.25:31, Isa.24:23, Zech.14:9**
 - Reign of Christ - **Rev.20:4**

Those Who Are in Christ – **1Cor.15:23**

- **Gal.5:24** – THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH with his passions and desires
 - **2Tim.2:19** – Seal – The Lord knows who are His – Depart from iniquity
- **1Cor.15:38-50** – Different type of bodies: Physical body and Spiritual Body
- **1Cor.15:51-52** – Not all sleep, but all shall be changed

Resurrection is a Universal Experience

- **1Cor.15:22** – In Adam all die, even so in Christ ALL SHALL BE MADE ALIVE
 - Adam's decision affects his physical descendent
 - Jesus' decision affects His spiritual descendents

The Day of the Lord

- **1Cor.15:51-52** – Dead will be raised incorruptible
 - Corruptible PUT ON incorruption, mortality PUT ON immortality
 - This had already happened to Enoch and Elijah – who were transported from earth to heaven, without seeing death
- Day of God's Judgment – **Act.17:30-31, Rom.14:10-12**

Questions to Consider

1. When do you think the rapture will take place in relation to the tribulation, and why?
2. Do you think that if the rapture happened during your life time you would be raptured? Why?
3. How do you think the governments in this world will respond to the period of tribulation?
4. How will the Christian church respond?
5. How should believers view the period of tribulation?
6. Why do so many people have a different view and interpretation of the events that will take place in the End Times?
7. How do you feel about the coming of the Lord's judgment? Why?