

## Doctrine of the Coming of Christ

1. Jesus said there would be some standing before Him who would not taste of death until they saw the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.
  - *Matthew 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.*
  - *Luke 21:27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*
2. On the Mount of Olives the disciples asked the Lord for the sign of His coming.
  - *Matthew 24:3 And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*
3. Jesus likened His coming (Greek, *parousia*, advent, physical aspect or presence) to the lightning which cometh out of the east and shineth unto the east.
  - *Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
4. Jesus said there would be days of tribulation in which the sun would be darkened and the moon would not give her light and the powers of the heavens would be shaken and people would see the Son of Man coming (Greek, *kataggeleus*, a proclaimer, setter forth) in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
  - *Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*
  - *Mark 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*
  - *Luke 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*
5. The coming of the Son of Man would be like the days of Noah.
  - *Matthew 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

- *Mark 13:36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.*
6. Only evil servants would say, “*My lord delayeth his coming*” (Matthew 24:37, 39; Mark 13:36).
  7. Faithful servants are rewarded when the Lord comes again.
    - *Matthew 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*
  8. In a parable Jesus told what He would expect at His coming.
    - *Matthew 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*
    - *Mark 14:62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*
  9. Jesus told the high priest that he would see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven.
    - *Matthew 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*
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  10. Peter referred to the coming of the Just One, associating the prophetic reference to the First Advent.
    - *Acts 7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:*
  11. Paul speaks of the saints waiting for the coming (Greek, *apokalupsis*, revelation, manifestation) of the Lord.
    - *1 Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
  12. At the coming, at the *parousia* of Christ there will be the resurrection from the dead.
    - *1 Corinthians 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

13. Paul wanted others to be present at the coming of Christ so he could rejoice.

- *1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*

14. When Christ comes the saints will be sanctified.

- *1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*

15. At the coming of Christ there will be a generation of saints who will meet Him in the air.

- *1 Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

16. Sanctification must characterize the life of every Christian until the coming of Christ.

- *1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

17. The hope of the coming of Christ becomes a motivating force for faithful service.

- *2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*

18. At the coming of Christ the Wicked One will be destroyed.

- *2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

19. Christians are to be patient in the hardships of life until the coming of the Lord.

- *James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

20. The coming, the *parousia*, is near.

- *James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

21. Skeptics mock that Jesus is coming again.

- *2 Peter 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.*

22. When Jesus comes the heavens shall be set on fire and dissolved and the elements shall melt.
- *2 Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*
23. The Christian is to live in such a manner as not to be ashamed before Christ at His coming.
- *1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*
24. Of the sixty six times the word “coming” is used in the New Testament, fourteen times the word is directly associated without question to the Second Advent of Christ (Hebrews 9:28 cf. 1 Corinthians 1:7; 15:23; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 2:1; 2:8; James 5:7; 5:8; 2 Peter 1:16; 3:4; 3:12; 1 John 2:28). In four other passages there is a parabolic application (Matthew 24:48; 25:27; Luke 12:45; 19:23).
25. The passages in Matthew (16:28; 24:27; 24:30; 24:37, 38, 39; 25:27) Mark (13:26, 36; 14:62), and Luke (21:27) may better refer to the coming of Christ in special judgment upon national Israel in AD 70.
26. In the Old Testament the word “coming” is used 33 times.
27. Only in Malachi 3:2 and 4:5 is the word “coming” associated with the Messiah.
- *Malachi 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*
  - *Malachi 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:*
28. Malachi 3:2, which speaks of the Lord coming suddenly to His Temple, is fulfilled in Matthew 3:1, 3 (Revelation 6:17 cf. Hebrews 12:29).
29. Malachi 4:5 refers to the prophet Elijah coming before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. This coming is associated with the First Advent. Matthew 11:14 plainly teaches the fulfillment of this prophetic utterance in the life of John the Baptist.
- *Matthew 11:14 And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come.*