

3. **Destruction of wicked men**

Mat 24:37-39 “The flood came and took them all away; so also the Coming of the Son of Man”.

2Thes 1:7-9 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on those that know not God.”

4. **Jesus will establish His 1000 year reign** on the earth. Jesus taught us to pray, “Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” *Mat 6:10*.

Jesus said, “The meek will inherit the earth,” *Mat 5:5*. He was referring to the 1000 year reign with His saints, *Rev 20:1-6*. This will commence with the resurrection of the righteous dead and close with the resurrection of the unrighteous dead for judgment.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

The Bible speaks of the resurrection of the just and the resurrection of the unjust, *Jn 5:28,29; Ac 24:15*.

After the resurrection of the unjust, they will be judged at the Great White Throne of God, *Rev 20:11-15*. As a result of this judgment the unrighteous will be cast into the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels because they chose to identify with the kingdom of darkness, *Mat 25:41*.

ETERNITY

Following this Great White Throne judgment, the righteous will continue to play a meaningful role in the system of things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. There will be responsibilities to share, *Rev 22:5*, and times of praise and worship beyond our imagination. At the centre of eternity is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE COURSE

Study Twenty-eight: The Second Coming of Christ

The Lord’s Second Coming is mentioned 318 times in the New Testament.

THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING

Mat 24, Mk 13, Lk 21 contain Jesus’ prophecy about His Second Coming. Considering *Mat 24:3*, Jesus’ disciples asked Him three questions:

- a. When will **the temple** be cast down?
- b. What will be **the sign** of His Coming?
- c. When will be the **end of the age**?

In *Lk 21:20-24*, Jesus answers the first question. This happened in A.D. 70 when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem.

Mat 24:4-6 gives general prophecy about conditions in the Church Age.

In *Mat 24:7-13*, He prophetically describes **the labour pains, v8, that precede the birth of the new age of God’s Kingdom on the earth and of His Second Coming**. As the birth gets nearer the labour pains are stronger and more frequent.

In *Mat 24:14*, He answers the second and third questions. As soon as the gospel is preached to all nations, Jesus will return and this age will end.

In *Mat 24:15-27*, Jesus switches to talk about events that are centred on the nation of Israel but which affect the whole world. The reign of the Antichrist is set up, *v15*, which results in great suffering, *v21*.

Also it is a time of great deception, v23-26. Then the visible signs of His Coming are seen by all, *Mat 24:27-30*.

THE REASONS FOR HIS COMING

1. **To complete the salvation of His people.** Complete the following: *Heb 9:28* “..... and unto them that _____”

2. **To fulfil and climax all Scripture.** Complete *Ac 3:21* “whom the Heaven must receive until _____”

3. **To gather in the earth’s harvest.** Complete *Mat 24:31* “and He will send His angels _____”

4. **To establish the Kingdom of God fully in the earth.** What will happen when He comes? *Phil 2:10,11*

Write out *Rev 11:15* _____

5. **To gather the Church to Himself** and be glorified in Her. Write out the first part of *2Thes 1:10* “When He _____”
_____ them that believe.”
6. **To execute judgment.** Write out the first part of *Jude 15*

7. **To judge the saints for rewards of service.** *2Cor 5:10*. Write out *Mat 16:27* _____

THE MANNER OF HIS COMING

1. **In the same physical body** He had when He left. Write out the second part of *Ac 1:11* _____

2. **In the glory of His Father** in flaming fire. *2Thes 1:7,8*,
Mat 16:27 “In the glory of His Father.”
Mat 24:30 “with power and great glory.”
3. **In the clouds of heaven.** *Mat 24:30; 26:64; Mk 14:62*.
4. Quickly and unexpectedly for the ungodly. Write out *1Thes 5:2* (Note *1Thes 5:4*) _____

2Pet 3:10 “as a thief in the night” (for unbelievers)
Rev 22:20 “Surely I come quickly”
5. **With a shout, angelic voice and the trumpet of God.** Write out the first part of *1Thes 4:16* _____

6. **Every eye shall see Him.**
Rev 1:7 “He comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see Him.”
Mat 24:30 “all the tribes of the earth...shall see the Son of Man.”

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT HIS COMING?

1. **The First Resurrection** (that of the righteous only.)
1Thes 4:16 “the dead in Christ shall rise ...then we which are alive....”
1Cor 15:52 “the dead...raised incorruptible and we shall be changed”
Jn 5:29 “shall come forth ...unto the resurrection of life
See *Rev 20:1-6*.
2. **How will our bodies be changed?** *Phil 3:21* _____
