

ii. Four important statements about the second coming of Christ

1. The Certainty of His Second Coming

John 14:3, NASB -³ *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."*

1 Thessalonians 4:15–17, NASB -¹⁵ *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.*

2. The Manner of His Second Coming

Visible - Acts 1:11, NASB -¹¹ *They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."*

Sudden - 2 Peter 3:10, NASB -¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief....*

Triumphant - Titus 2:13, PME -¹³ *looking for the triumphant, blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus....*

Sovereign - 2 Thessalonians 1:7–9, NASB95 -⁷ *and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, ⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power....*

- He will come to comfort the believer.
- He will come to confront the unbeliever.

3. The Timing of His Second Coming.

Matthew 24:36, NASB95 -³⁶ *"But of that day and hour no one knows...."*

4. Our Attitude toward His Second Coming.

2 Peter 3:11, NASB – [Following a long discourse about the second coming of Christ] ¹¹ *Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,*

Be Ready - Matthew 24:44, NASB -⁴⁴ *"For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will."*

Be Working - Luke 19:13, NLT – [To His disciples He said] ¹³ *'Do my business with this until I come back.'*

2 Peter 3:9, NASB -⁹ *The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

Be Holy - Titus 2:11–13, NASB -¹¹ *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus....*

III. Overview of The Second Coming of Christ (Detailed)

1. Remember the differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming:

At the Rapture...	At the Second Coming...
The saints meet Christ in the air	Christ returns to earth with the saints
The Mt. of Olives is untouched	The Mt. of Olives is touched
Living saints are "changed"	No saints are changed
The saint's body goes to Heaven	The saint's body comes to earth
Christ comes for the saints	Christ comes with the saints
The world is not judged / sin gets worse	The world is judged / sin is dealt with
It is NOT preceded by detailed signs/warnings	It IS preceded by specific detailed signs
Is focused on saints being "caught up"	Is focused on saints "coming down"

2. The Events of the Second Coming:

A. His "Second Coming" will be a glorious appearing!

Revelation 1:7, NASB95 -⁷ *Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.*

Matthew 24:27, NASB95 -²⁷ *"For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be." (Also cf., vv. 28ff)*

Mark 14:61–62, NLT -⁶¹ *But Jesus was silent and made no reply. Then the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" ⁶² Jesus said, "I Am. And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

B. He will touch down on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 14:4, NLT -⁴ *On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart,*

making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. ⁸ *On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter.*

C. He will enter through the Eastern (Golden) Gate.

Ezekiel 44:1–3, NIV84 -¹ Then the [angel] brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, the one facing east, and it was shut. ² The Lord said to me, “This gate is to remain shut. It must not be opened; no one may enter through it. It is to remain shut because the Lord, the God of Israel, [will] enter through it. ³ The prince Himself is the only one who may [come] inside the gateway to eat in the presence of the Lord. He is to enter by way of...the Golden gate.

Also cf., Ps. 24:7-10; Ez. 43:1-4; Ps. 24:7-10.

D. He will destroy His enemies. (Zechariah 12:1-9)

E. He will gather and bless His people. (Zechariah 12:10ff)

F. He will reign as King of Kings. (Isaiah 11, 1 Timothy 6:14-16)

Revelation 19:16, ESV -¹⁶ *On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

G. He throws the Antichrist and Satan in “the pit (of Hell)” for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:1–4ff, NASB -¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

H. Christ establishes His kingdom for 1,000 years. (Revelation 20:4-6)

I. Heaven (as we think of it) will begin and never end. (Revelation 21 & 22)



Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.’ - John 5:25, NASB

But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” - Luke 21:28, NASB



A Review of the Major Events in the Last Days

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Part Four

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I. Overview of The Second Coming of Christ (Very Big Picture)

1. The *second coming* of Jesus Christ is the blessed hope of believers, knowing that God is in control of all things and is faithful to the promises and prophecies in His Word.
2. In His first coming, Jesus was the *Suffering Servant (Bethlehem)*. In His second coming (Jerusalem), Jesus will be the *Conquering King*.
3. When He comes, He will be the judge of those who rejected Him and the rewarder of those who have surrendered their lives to Him.
4. Christ's second coming will appear in two distinct phases: **(A) Rapture**—it happens in the air and is a “catching up.” **(B) Return**—it happens on the Earth and is a “coming down.” There are two distinct phases of the second coming of Christ.
5. Before Christ returns, the church will see these “labor pains” on the earth: **(A) Apostasy** (Matt. 24:4-5; 2 Tim. 4:3); **(B) Anarchy** (Matt. 24:6-8); **(C) Apathy** (Matt. 24:12-13); and **(D) Affliction** (Matt. 24:9-10).
6. His second coming will be a literal, visible and glorious event.
7. We are to “look forward” to the Second Coming of Christ. (cf., 2 Peter 3:3-14)

Nobody knows the time so don't waste time trying to figure out the time, but be ready all the time, because Jesus could come at any time.”

- Dr. Ed Hindson (here at SRBC)