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A Doctrinal Outline on the Second Coming of Christ

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The second coming of Christ.

1. A major Christian doctrine

a.) Taught by Jesus - Mt. 16:27; 24; 25; Mk. 13; 14:61,62; Lk. 12:35-48; 17:22-37; 18:8; 21:5-36; Jn. 14:1-3.

b.) Prophesied by angels - Acts 1:9-11.

c.) Proclaimed by the apostles - Acts 3:18-21; I Cor. 11:26; 15:20-28,50-57; 16:22; Phil. 3:20,21; I Thess. 1:9,10; 2:19; 3:11-13; 4:13-5:11,23; II Thess. 1:6-10; 2:1-12; I Tim. 6:13-16; II Tim. 4:1; Tit. 2:11-13; Heb. 9:27,28; 10:36-39; Jas. 5:8; I Pet. 1:13; 4:13; II Pet. 3:3-13; I Jn. 2:28-3:3; Rev. 1:4-7; 2:25; 3:3,11; 16:15; 19:11-20:7; 22:6,7,12,13,20.

d.) Prophesied in the Old Testament - Dan. 7:7-14; Zech. 14:1-7.

2. A literal event in future time/space history - Acts 1:9-11.

3. Timing, i.e., when will He come?

a.) Specific time unknown to men - Mt. 24:36,42.

b.) Not presented as an imminent, immediate event.

i. Will occur after a long time - Mt.24:48; 25:19.

ii. Master must go "to a distant country" - Lk. 19:11,12.

iii. The Bridegroom will delay in coming - Mt. 25:5.

c.) He will come suddenly and unexpectedly - Rev. 22:7,12,20; Mt. 24:44.

i. Like a thief in the night - I Thess. 5:1-3; Rev. 3:3; 16:15.

aa. Will come as sudden destruction - I Thess. 5:3; Lk. 17:26-30.

bb. Will come like birth pangs upon a woman with child - I Thess. 5:3.

cc. While they (non-Christians) are assuring themselves of peace and safety - I Thess. 5:3.

dd. But Christians should not be taken by surprise as if by a thief - I Thess. 5:4-8.

1.) We are in light, not in darkness - I Thess. 5:4,5.

2.) We have been given signs to make us aware of His coming - Mt. 24:32,33; Lk. 21:28-31.

3.) We are exhorted to be alert and watchful - Mt. 24:42-44; Mk. 13:33-37; Lk. 21:34-36; I Thess.5:4-8; Rev. 3:2,3.

4.) We are to avoid involvement in worldly things that would cloud our minds - Lk. 21:34-36; I Thess. 5:4-8.

ii. Like a catastrophic event - Lk. 17:26-30.

aa. Like the flood overcame the men of Noah's time - Lk. 17:26,27.

bb. Like the fire and brimstone destroyed Sodom in Lot's time - Lk. 17:28,29.

cc. Coming upon men in their normal daily pursuits:

(1.) Marrying, eating, and drinking - Lk. 17:27; Mt. 24:37-41.

(2.) Buying, selling, planting, and building - Lk. 17:28.

d.) Following a number of observable historical signs.

i. Destruction of Jerusalem by armies - Lk. 19:41-44; 21:20-24.

ii. Dispersion of the Jews - Lk. 21:20-24.

iii. Destruction of the temple buildings - Mt. 24:1,2.

iv. Times of the Gentiles fulfilled - Lk. 21:24; cf. Rom. 11:25-31.

v. General signs throughout the age:

aa. Wars - Lk. 21:10.

bb. Earthquakes - Lk. 21:11.

cc. Plagues - Lk. 21:11.

- dd. Famines - Lk. 21:11.
 - ee. Signs in the heavens - Lk. 21:11.
 - ff. Persecutions - Lk. 21:12; Mt. 24:9.
 - gg. Christians will testify before kings and governors - Lk. 21:12-19.
 - hh. False Christs and false prophets will appear - Mt. 24:11, 23-26.
 - ii. These will intensify like birth pangs - Mt. 24:8; cf. Rom. 8:18-22; Rev. 6-9.
 - vi. The Gospel must be preached as a witness to all nations - Mt. 24:14; Mk. 13:10.
 - vii. The great tribulation - Mt. 24:21,22; Mk. 13:19,20; Rev. 7:9-17; 12:17-14:13; Cf. Dan. 7:21-25.
 - aa. A time of God's wrath - Rev. 6:15-17; 14:19; 15:1; 16:1.
 - bb. Saints remain through that time - Rev. 6:11; 7:3; 9:4; 13:7-10; 14:9-13; 18:4,5; Dan. 7:19-26; I Thess. 4:13,17; Mt. 24:22.
 - (1.) They will be protected from the wrath of God - Rev. 7:1-3; 9:4; cf. II Pet. 2:9.
 - (2.) It is *because* they are present that total destruction does not take place - Mt.24:22.
 - viii. The Antichrist must appear first - Mt. 24:15; II Thess. 2:1-12; Rev. 13:1-18; 14:9-12; 19:11-21; cf. Dan. 7:7-27.
4. Events accompanying His return:
- a.) Sun, moon, and stars will be darkened - Mt. 24:29.
 - b.) Sign of the Son of Man will appear in the heavens - Mt. 24:30.
 - c.) Men will gather at Armageddon to fight against Jesus - Rev. 16:13-16; 19:19.
 - d.) All men will see Him coming on the clouds - Mt. 24:30; Lk. 21:25-27.
 - i. There will be no secret or hidden coming - Mt. 24:23-27.
 - ii. He will come in power and great glory - Mt. 24:30.
 - e.) He will come with armies of angels - Rev. 19:14,19; Mt. 16:27.
 - f.) He will come with the shout of the archangel - I Thess. 4:16.
 - g.) He will come with the sound of the trumpet of God - I Thess. 4:16; Mt. 24:31.
 - i. The trumpet in Mt. 24:31 is chronologically the last trumpet mentioned in the Scriptures.
 - ii. At the signal of this trumpet He sends out His angels to gather His elect from the earth - Mt. 24:31; cf. Mt. 13:41-43,49,50.
 - iii. Paul declares that it is also the last trumpet that hails the resurrection, rapture, and glorification of Christians - I Cor. 15:22,23,50-52; I Thess. 4:13-17.
 - aa. Those who are dead in Christ will rise first - I Thess. 4:14-16.
 - bb. Those who are still alive will be caught up - I Thess. 4:17.
 - cc. We will meet Him in the clouds at His coming - I Thess. 4:15,17.
 - dd. We will be gloriously transformed - I Cor. 15:50-53.
 - (1.) We will no longer be perishable flesh and blood - I Cor. 15:20.
 - (2.) We will receive spiritual bodies - I Cor. 15:35-54.
 - aaa. Imperishable - vs. 42,53,54.
 - bbb. Glorious - vs. 43.
 - ccc. Powerful - vs. 43.
 - ddd. Heavenly - vs. 48,49; II Cor. 5:2.
 - eee. Immortal - vs. 53,54.
 - (3.) We will be like Jesus - I Cor. 15:48,49; I Jn. 3:1,2; cf. Lk. 24:36-43.
 - ee. We will always be with the Lord from that time - I Thess. 4:17.
 - h.) Jesus will destroy His enemies at Armageddon - Rev. 19:19-21.