

Series Title:

“The Kingdom Of Heaven Is At Hand”

(A Study of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ)

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Sermon Title:

“Are You Ready For The Lord’s Return?”

(Part 3)

Sermon Text:

Selected Scripture

Introduction:

- I. The Meaning Of The Second Coming Of Christ
- II. The Certainty Of Christ’s Second Coming

III. The Nature Of The Second Coming Of Christ

A. Identifying the two phases of Christ’s Coming

B. _____ the two phases of Christ’s Coming

- ◆ The **first phase** of His coming will be _____ (*I Thessalonians 4:15-17; Philippians 3:20-21*); the **second phase** will be _____ (*Zechariah 14:4, Matthew 23:39; 24:30; 25:31; Revelation 19:11-16*).
- ◆ At the **first phase** of His coming, Christ will be seen _____ (*I Thessalonians 4:16*); at the **second phase**, He will be seen by _____ (*Matthew 24:9, Revelation 1:7*).
- ◆ The **first phase** of His coming will be _____ (*John 14:2*); the **second phase** will be _____ (*Jude 14; Revelation 17:14*).
- ◆ At the **first phase** believers will go from _____ (*John 14:1-2; I Corinthians 15:50-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-18*); at the **second phase**, they will go from _____ (*Jude 14-15; Zechariah 14:5; Revelation 19:14*).
- ◆ The **first phase** of His coming is known as _____ (*I Corinthians 1:8; 5:5; II Corinthians 1:14*); the **second phase** is known as _____ (*I Thessalonians 5:2; II Thessalonians 2:2*).
- ◆ At the **first phase** of His coming, Christ will return as a _____ (*John 3:29; Revelation 21:2*); at the **second phase** He will return as a _____ to judge and to reign. (*Revelation 19:15; 20:4*).
- ◆ The **first phase** of His coming is ever _____ (*James 5:8*); the **second phase** is _____ by certain definite events (*Matthew 24:14-29*).
- ◆ At the **first phase**, Jesus is coming to _____ (*Romans 14:10-11; II Corinthians 5:9-10*); at the **second phase**, He is coming to _____ (*Matthew 21:31-46*).
- ◆ At the **first phase**, the _____ will be taken from among the _____ (*I Thessalonians 4:15-17*); at the **second phase**, the _____ will be taken from among the _____. (*Matthew 13:40-42*).

- ◆ At the **first phase**, the righteous will meet the Lord in the air and enter into _____ with Him (*I Thessalonians 4:17; John 14:2*); at the **second phase**, the righteous will enter into _____ here on earth (*Matthew 13:43; 25:34*).
- ◆ At the **first phase**, unbelievers are merely _____ (*Revelation 5 & 6*); at the **second phase**, they will be _____ and _____ (*Matthew 25:41, 46*).
- ◆ At the **first phase** of His coming _____ will be allowed even greater activity (*II Thessalonians 2:3-10; Revelation 12:12*); at the **second phase**, He will be bound for _____ (*Revelation 20:1-3*).

Three reasons why a period of time must take place between these two phases:

- 1) **Because** if all of the righteous are taken away at the first phase, then there must be sufficient time between the two phases for _____!
- 2) **Because** those who enter into the Kingdom at the second phase _____ the first phase!
- 3) **Because** one is imminent and the other isn't, then one must be _____!

- _____ will characterize Christ's return to this earth:
 - **He will return** _____ (*John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Zechariah 12:10; 13:6; Revelation 19:11-21*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Matthew 24:30; Revelation 1:7; I John 3:2*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Revelation 22:20; Matthew 24:27; 42-51; Mark 13:35-36*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*I Thessalonians 5:1-4*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Matthew 25:31; II Thessalonians 1:7,10; Luke 21:27*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Revelation 19:11, 16, 19-20; Matthew 24:29*)
 - **He will return** _____ (*Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 9:22-26; Rev. 12:5; 19:11-16*)

Conclusion:

The message is clear - _____!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.