

Study Six

The Second Coming—How not to be deceived.



Read the following Bible story: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (The Day of the Lord has not yet come)

The story's lesson for us today: Paul warns us to not be troubled or deceived by any means when it comes to the return of Jesus. The

Bible is our best defense and safeguard against falsehoods and deceptions.

What Jesus said: “Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, “Take heed that no man deceive you.” Matthew 24:3-4

Study Note: Read each question, and then look up the corresponding text(s) for the Bible's answer.

EIGHT SIGNIFICANT SIGNS AND EVENTS PERTAINING TO
JESUS' SECOND COMING

1) How will Jesus' return be like his ascension?

(Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 14:14)

2) Will Jesus' return be a secret event?

(Matthew 24:27, 30; Revelation 1:7)

Upon Jesus' return:

3) What will happen to the righteous dead?

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

4) What will happen to the righteous living?

(1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 John 3:2)

5) What will happen to the wicked who are alive?

(2 Thessalonians 2:8; Revelation 19:19-21)

For the next 1000 years (millennium):

6) What will happen to the devil and his angels?

(Jude 6; Revelation 20:1-3)

7) What will happen to the earth?

(Isaiah 24:1; Jeremiah 4:23-26; Revelation 6:12-14)

8) What will happen to those caught up in the air with Jesus? (John 14:2-3; Revelation 20:6)**Study Commentary:**

A predominant theme throughout the New Testament is Jesus' second coming, which is mentioned over 300 times, as well as alluded to in the Old Testament writings.

The specific time of Jesus' second coming is not mentioned in the Bible, but in warning, Jesus did mention to his disciples the signs of things that must come beforehand (see Matthew 24). Therefore, let us avoid the human tendency of wanting to predict the time of Jesus' return, which has led many in the past into confusion and disappointment.

As for Jesus' return, it will be a literal, visible, audible and worldwide event, which no one will be able to deny or avoid. Even the devil himself, who may impersonate Jesus in the last days, will not be able to fully counterfeit this grand and most momentous event.

For further thought:

“The proclamation of Christ's coming should now be, as when made by the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem, good tidings of great joy. Those who really love the Saviour

cannot but hail with gladness the announcement founded upon the Word of God that He in whom their hopes of eternal life are centered is coming again, not to be insulted, despised, and rejected, as at His first advent, but in power and glory, to redeem His people.” Ellen White, *The Great Controversy*, pp. 339-40

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