

SIGN OF SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

The Olivet Discourse is divided into the following four studies from the Book of Mark

- 13:1-8 - Sign of the 5th cycle of divine discipline.
- 13:9-23 - Sign of the Abomination of Desolation.
- 13:24-27 – Sign of the Second Coming of Christ.
- 13:28-37 – Spiritual lessons on the Second Coming.

“Tell us, when will these things be, and *what will be the sign of your coming*, and of the end of the age?” (Matt.24:3).

“Tell us, when will these things be, and *what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?*” (13:4).

Five homiletical signs associated with the Second Coming of Christ are recorded by the Gospel of Mark.

- Sign of Abomination of Desolation – “after that Tribulation” (13:24)
- Sun (ho helios) and moon (he selene) darkened (13:24)
- Stars (hoi aster) falling from sky (13:25)
- Son of Man appears in cloud with great power and glory (13:26)
- Sending of angels to gather the elect from earth and heaven (13:27)

Note Luke’s account of the signs associated with the Second Coming.

- There will be signs in sun and moon and stars,
- and upon the earth dismay among nations,
- in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,
- men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world;
- for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory (**Luke 21:25-27**).

We will study SIX aspects of the Second Coming of Christ.
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1. **The Rapture of the Church occurs prior to the Jewish Tribulation and Second Coming of Christ (Dan.9: 24-27; 1 Cor.15: 50-58; 1 Thess.2: 19-20; 4:13-18; Col.3: 4; James 5:7-8; 1 John 2:28).**
2. **The Jewish Tribulation (7 years) and Battle of Armageddon set the stage for the Second Coming of Christ (Rev.6-19; Matt.24: 21-31; Zech.14: 1-3).**

The sign of the Abomination of Desolation is the sign of the imminent return of Christ (Mark 13:14, 24).

3. The Second Coming of Christ will be a worldwide event (Matt.24: 30-31).

“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. Even so. Amen.” (Rev.1:7)

4. There will be supernatural celestial disturbances in fulfillment of Old Testament Messianic prophecies related to the Second Coming of Christ (Joel 2:10,31; Isa.13:9-13; 35:1-2; 43:19-20; Ezek.32:7-8; 47:1-12; Amos 5:18-20; Zech.1:14-15; 14:4-8; Luke 21:25-27; Acts 2:19-20; Rev.4:5; 11:19; 16:21;).

It will be a terror to unbelievers Zech.4: 12-13; Isa.13: 9; 2 Thess.1: 7-10; 2:8-11; Jude 14-15;

5. The Second Coming of Christ will be a blessing to Tribulation believers (Zech.9:14-17; Matt.24:30-31; Heb.9:28).

The Book of Revelation contains seven beatitudes (blessings) for Tribulation believers.

- Rev.1:3 –
- Rev.14:13 –
- Rev.16:15 –
- Rev.19: 9-
- Rev.20:6 –
- Rev.22:7 (1:3) -
- Rev. 22:14 -

6. Two divine judgments will be executed at the Second Coming of Christ: baptism of fire and operation footstool.

Baptism of fire will removal of all Tribulation unbelievers from the earth (2 Thess.1: 6-10; 2:6-10; Matt.3: 11-12; 24:37-25:41).

Operation Footstool will remove Satan and all demonic forces from the earth (2 Pet.2: 4; Jude 6; Rev.9: 1-2; 20:1-3; Psa.110: 1, 6; Acts 2:34-36).

7. The Second Coming of Christ will be associated with the trumpet of the resurrection of all Jewish age believers.

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.” (Dan.12:13)

This is part of the order of the First Resurrection (1 Cor.15: 23; Rev.20: 4-6, 13-15; John 11:25-26).

- Jesus Christ – 1 Cor.15:20-23
- Church Age believers – 1 Thess.1;10; 4:13-18
- Jewish age believers – Dan.12:13; John 5:24-29
- Millennium Age believers – 1 Cor.15:24; Rev.20:5

The order of the first Resurrection occurs at the end of each dispensation after the resurrection of Jesus Christ (2 Tim.1: 10; John 11:23-26).