

DOCTRINE OF SECOND COMING
LESSON 9 10/4/26
I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

INTRODUCTION: Our lesson for this Sunday is the “DOCTRINE OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.” This is an important study and one that gives comfort to Christians.

OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING THINGS CONCERNING THE SECOND COMING:

1. The second coming is one of the most prominent doctrines in the Bible.
 - a. One out of every **30 verses** in the Bible mentions it.
 - b. Every time the first coming (the incarnation) is mentioned **one** time, the second coming is mentioned **eight** times.
 - c. It is the theme of Old Testament prophecy.
 - d. **JESUS** gave testimony concerning His second coming in (John 14:1-3; Matthew 25; Luke 21).
 - e. The **APOSTLES** proclaimed His second coming in (Acts 3:19-21).
 - f. The **ANGELS** testified to His second coming in (Acts 1:11).
2. It is the blessed hope of the church – Titus 2:13.
3. It is a doctrine of great comfort – I Thessalonians 4:18.
4. It will be a personal and visible return – Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians 4:16.
5. It will mean the resurrection from the dead of all saints – I Thessalonians 4:16.
6. It will mean the living Christians will be changed and caught up together with the resurrected dead to meet Jesus – I Corinthians 15:51-53; I Thessalonians 4:17.
7. The days before the second coming are compared to the days of Noah and Lot Luke 17:26-30.
8. The **TIME** of the second coming is not known to man – Matthew 25:13; 24:3.
9. A period of world-wide mockery will precede the second coming – II Peter 3:1-4.

SUMMARY: All prophecies in Scripture concerning His second coming have already been fulfilled. His return will mark the end of the church age, which will be followed by the tribulation period of seven years. Following the tribulation, Jesus will come in glory with His saints to establish His kingdom of a thousand years (millennium). This phase of His second coming is known as His “coming in glory” or as His “revelation.”