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**A Collation of Bible Passages
Showing the Fallacy of the
Idea that the Teaching is
Not in the Bible.**

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THE Certainty of Christ's Coming Again.

John 14:3; Heb. 9:28; Phil. 3:20, 21; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Acts 3:19, 20; Acts 1:11; John 21:22; Matt. 24:30, 35, 42, 45-51; 25:1-13, 19, 31; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4; Luke 21:34-36; 1 John 2:28; Rev. 22:20.

II. The Manner of Christ's Coming Again.

1. Personal. Acts 1:11; John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.
2. Bodily and Visible. Acts 1:11; Heb. 9:28; Matt. 24:30; 24:26, 27; Rev. 1:7.
3. With Great Publicity. Matt. 24:26, 27; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Rev. 1:7.
4. In the Clouds of Heaven with Power and Great Glory. Matt. 24:30 (cf. Ex. 19:9; 34:5; Ps. 97:1, 2; Matt. 17:5; Ps. 104:3; 19:1); Matt. 26:64; Mark 14:62.
5. In the Glory of His Father with the Holy Angels. Matt. 16:27; Mark 8:38; 2 Thess. 1:7.
6. In His own Glory. Matt. 25:31.
7. In Flaming Fire. 2 Thess. 1:8.
8. With a Shout, with the Voice of the Archangel, and the Trump of God. 1 Thess. 4:16.

9. With all His Saints. 1 Thess. 3:13.

10. As a Thief unannounced, without warning, unexpectedly, suddenly. Rev. 16:15; 1 Thess. 5:2, 3; Matt. 24:37-39; 24:44; Luke 17:26-37; 2 Pet. 3:10; Lk. 21:34, 35.

III. The Purposes of Christ's Coming Again.

1. To Receive His Own unto Himself. John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; John 17:24.
2. To Fashion Anew the Body of our Humiliation. Phil. 3:20, 21.
3. To Reckon with His Servants. Matt. 25:19.
4. To Judge. Ps. 50:3-6; Matt. 13:24-30, 31-43; 25:31-46; John 5:22; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Jude 14, 15; Rev. 20:5-15; Ps. 71:2-4; 96:10-13; 110:2, 3, 6; Is. 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-5; Is. 11:1-5; Mal. 3:1-6; 4:1-3; Matt. 19:28; 3:12; Luke 3:17; Acts 10:42; 17:31; Rom. 2:16; 14:9-12; 1 Cor. 4:4, 5; 2 Cor. 5:10; Jas. 5:8, 9.
5. To Bring to Light the Hidden Things of Darkness and to Make Manifest the Counsels of the Heart. 1 Cor. 4:5.
6. To Render unto Every Man According to his Deeds. Matt. 16:27; 2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 5:4.

7. To Complete the Salvation of His People. Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 1:5.

8. To be Glorified in His Saints. 2 Thess. 1:10; Col. 3:4.

9. To be United in Marriage with His Betrothed Bride, the Church. Matt. 25:10; Rev. 19:7-9 (cf. Eph. 5:23-32).

10. To Reign as a King. Luke 19:11-15; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 19:11-16; 20:4; 11:15; Ps. 2:1-9; Zech. 14:9; Gen. 49:10; Num. 24:16-19; 1 Sam. 2:7-10; Ps. 18:43-45, 50; 22:27-31; 24:7-10; 45:1-17; 68:31-35; 72:1, 2; 85:1-13; 86:9; 89:3, 4, 19-29, 36, 37; 96:10-13; 102:12-28; 110:1-7; 132:11, 17, 18; Is. 4:1-6; 9:6, 7; 25:1-12; 29:17-24; 33:17-24; 35:1-10; 40:9-11; 42:1-17; 45:6, 20-25; 49:8-26; 52:1-15; 53:12; 54:1-17; 56:1-8; 59:15-21; 60:1-22; 61:1-10; 62:1-12; 63:1-6; 65:17-25; 66:10-24; Jer. 3:14-17; 23:1-8; 30:1-11, 18-22; 33:1-26; Ezek. 37:15-28; Dan. 2:31-45; 7:1-28; 8:23-26; Hos. 3:4, 5; Joel 3:1-21; Amos 9:11-15; Ob. 15:21; Micah 4:1-13; 5:2-15; 7:7-20; Zeph. 3:8-20; Hag. 2:20-23; Zech. 3:8-10; 6:12-15; 8:1-13, 20, 23; 9:9, 10, 14-17; 12:1-14; 13:1-9; 14:1-21; Matt. 13:41-43; 19:28-30; 23:37-39; Luke 1:32, 33; 19:27; 22:29, 30; 23:42; Acts 2:30; 3:19-23; 1 Cor. 15:23-28; Phil. 2:9-11; Heb. 10:13; Rev. 1:5-7; 6:2-17; 17:13, 14.

11. To Deliver Israel in the Day

when his Trials and Sufferings shall Culminate. Zech. 14:1-15.

12. To Gather Together the Outcasts of Israel. Zech. 8:1-8.

13. To deliver Israel and Turn Away Ungodliness from Jacob. Rom. 11:25-32; Is. 59:15-21.

14. To Sit as a Refiner and Purifier of Silver. Mal. 3:1-3.

15. To Punish the Inhabitants of the Earth for their Iniquity. Is. 26:20, 21; Jude 14, 15.

16. To Render Vengeance to them that know not God and to them that Obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

17. To Slay the Lawless One with the Breath of His Mouth and to Bring him to Naught. 2 Thess. 2:8, 9; Rev. 19:19-21.

18. To Establish a Universal Reign of Righteousness and Godliness upon Earth. Is. 11:1-10.

IV. The Results of Christ's Coming Again.

(Note: The results of Christ's Coming Again run parallel to the purposes of His Coming Again, but some passages are better classified under the purposes and others under the results.)

1. AS REGARDS GOD.

The glory of Jehovah shall be reveal-

ed and all flesh shall see it together.
Is. 40:3-5, 9-11.

2. AS REGARDS THE CHURCH.

(1). The dead in Christ shall rise.
1 Thess. 4:16; 2 Cor. 5:1-8.

(2). The bodies of believers shall be transformed into the likeness of the body of His glory. Phil. 3:20, 21; Rom. 8:23-25.

(3). Believers shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air to be forever with Him. 1 Thess. 4:17; John 14:3.

(4). Believers shall be made like Him. 1 John 3:2.

(5). The Church shall be united in marriage to Him. Matt. 25:10; Rev. 19:7-9; cf. Eph. 5:23-32.

(6). Believers shall be manifested in glory together with Him. Col. 3:4.

(7). Those who love His appearing shall receive a crown of righteousness. 2 Tim. 4:8.

(8). Faithful shepherds of the flock shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 1 Pet. 5:1-4.

(9). His people shall live and reign with Him. Rev. 20:4-6; 5:9, 10; Matt. 19:28; Luke 22:30; Dan. 7:27; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom. 8:17; Rev. 22:5.

3. AS REGARDS ISRAEL.

(1). They shall mourn over their

sin in their former crucifixion of their Messiah. Zech. 12:10-14.

(2). A fountain shall be opened for their sin and their uncleanness. Zech. 13:1, 2.

(3). There shall be great joy among them. Is. 25:8-10.

(4). Israel shall be gathered together from among the nations, from the four corners of the earth, and brought into their own land. Is. 11:11, 12; 27:13; 30:18-26; 32:15-20; 33:13-24; 35:1-9; 37:31, 32; 40:1-11; 49:8-26; 51:9-23; 52:1-12; 60:1-22; 61:4-11; Jer. 3:14-18; 12:14, 15; 23:3-8; 24:4-7; 30:3-22; 32:36-44; 33:1-25; Ezek. 16:60-63; 20:40-44; 36:8-15, 22-38; 37:11-14, 21, 23; Joel 3:1-21; Amos 9:9-15; Ob. 17-21; Micah 5:2-9; Zeph. 1:14-2:7; 3:14-20; Zech. 1:14-21; 8:7, 8; 10:3-12; 12:1-9; 14:1-15; Mal. 3:4-6.

(5). Divided Israel—Ephraim and Judah shall be united into one nation under one King. Ezek. 37:19-22, 24-28.

(6). Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely. Jer. 23:5, 6; Rom. 11:26.

(7). Israel shall be cleansed from all their filthiness, and from all their idols, a new heart will be given them and a new spirit put within them; the stony heart shall be taken away from

them and they shall be given a heart of flesh. God will put His Spirit within them and cause them to walk in His statutes, and they shall keep His judgments and do them. Ezek. 37:23-28; 36:25-31; Jer. 31:31-34.

(8). Israel shall be wondrously multiplied and the waste and desolate and ruined cities shall be rebuilt and the desolate land made like a Garden of Eden. Jerusalem shall be called the city of Truth and shall be filled with peace, prosperity and happiness. Ezek. 36:37, 38; Jer. 31:27, 28; Ezek. 36:33-37; Zech. 8:1-5; Is. 1:24-27; 4:2-6; 25:6-9; 26:1-21; 29:17-24; 44:1-8; 66:5-24.

(9). Israel shall be greatly exalted above the nations. Zech. 8:20-23; 2:8-13; Is. 49:22, 23; 2:1-4; 66:20.

(10). Israel shall go forth to the nations as preachers of the glory of Jehovah. Is. 66:18, 19.

4. AS REGARDS THE NATIONS AND UNREGENERATE INDIVIDUALS.

(1). All the tribes of the earth shall mourn over Him. Matt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7.

(2). The kings of the earth and the great of the nations shall hide themselves and call to the mountains and to the rocks to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him who sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. Rev. 6:15-17.

(3). The nations then living upon the earth shall be gathered together before Him for judgment. Matt. 25:31-46.

(At the end of the Millennial reign those who had no part in the first resurrection shall be raised and shall be judged at the judgment of the Great White Throne. Rev. 20:11-15.)

(4). The residue of men and all the nations upon whom Jehovah's name is called will seek after the Lord. People shall come and the inhabitants of many cities, many peoples and strong nations, to seek the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem. Acts 15:16, 17; Zech. 8:20-23; Is. 2:2, 3.

(5). The Lord Christ shall shatter all those who are rebellious against Him. Ps. 2:7-12.

(6). Those who know not God and those who obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction, from the face of the Lord and from the glory of His power. 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

(7). Every one that is left of the nations and kings and princes shall worship and serve Jesus Christ. Zech. 14:16; Is. 49:7; Rev. 15:4; Ps. 2:8; 72:8-11.

(8). The kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. Zech. 9:10; Rev. 11:15.

(9). War shall cease, peace and plenty shall reign and the righteous shall flourish. Is. 2:4; Micah 4:3, 4; Ps. 72:7, 16.

5. AS REGARDS HUMAN SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

(1). The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Is. 11:9.

6. AS REGARDS THE ANTICHRIST AND THE DEVIL.

(1). The anti-christ shall be put out of the way by the breath of His mouth, and brought to naught by the manifestation of His coming. 2 Thess. 2:8, 9; Rev. 19:19, 20.

(2). The Devil shall be chained and cast into the abyss for a thousand years. Rev. 20:1-3.

(3). Ultimately the Devil shall be cast into the lake of fire where he shall be tormented day and night forever and ever. Rev. 20:7-10.

7. AS REGARDS THE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE.

(1). The creation itself shall be delivered from the corruption to which it is now subject into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. Rom. 8:19-21.

(2). Thorns, briars and carnage shall be no more; the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad, and the

desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. Is. 55:12, 13; 65:25; 32:15; 35:1-10.

(3). There shall be a new heaven and a new earth. 2 Pet. 3:12, 13; Rev. 21:1.

V. The Time of Christ's Coming Again.

(1). The exact time no man does know nor can know. Matt. 24:36, 42; Mark 13:32; Acts 1:6, 7.

(2). It will be at such a time as even His disciples think not. Matt. 24:44-46.

(3). It will be a time when the world is absorbed in its usual occupations. Matt. 24:37-42; Luke 17:26-30.

(4). Immediately after the tribulation matters will develop so rapidly that the generation then living shall not pass away until "all these things be accomplished." Matt. 24:29-35.

(5). The Lord Jesus will not come to the earth with His saints until after the revelation of the man of sin. 2 Thess. 2:2-4.

(6). The last days will be a time of apostasy, grievous times, and faith will be hard to find. 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; Luke 18:8.

(7). As far as we know, the Lord may come for His people in the air at any moment, for we are repeatedly exhorted to be watching, looking and ready for His return. Mark 13:34, 35,

36; Luke 12:35, 36; Matt. 25:13; 24:42, 44.

(8). It will be a time when there will be both converted and unconverted people upon the earth. Matt. 25:31, 32; Rev. 1:7; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2:2-4, 8; Luke 21:35; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

(9). The final end (for which the coming of the Lord is a preparation) will not come until the Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations. Matt. 24:14.

VI. The True Attitude Toward Christ's Coming Again.

(1). We should be ready for His coming. Matt. 24:44; Luke 21:34-36; Matt. 25:1-30; 1 John 2:28.

(2). We should be looking and watching for the coming of our Lord. Luke 12:36, 37; Heb. 9:28.

(3). We should earnestly desire the coming of our Lord. 2 Pet. 3:12, 13; 2 Tim. 4:8.

(4). We should pray for our Lord's coming. Rev. 22:20.

(5). We should preach the Second Coming of Christ. 1 Thess. 4:18.

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