

A correct understanding of the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ will produce:

(1) Piety (2) Urgency (3) Expectancy (4) Sobriety

Tuesday afternoon of the Passion Week: Mark 13 setting/outline:

The setting (vv1-2)

The questions (vv3-4)

The Tribulation (vv5-37) (explain what, why, distinctive, duration, readiness).

1. The BEGINNING of the Tribulation (5-13)
2. The MIDDLE of the Tribulation (14-23)
3. **The END of the Tribulation (24-27)**

The applications of the Tribulation (28-37)

2nd coming key texts in the Bible:

1. Zechariah 14 - the location
2. Matthew 24 - the details
3. 2 Thessalonians 1 - the victory
4. Revelation 19 - the severity
5. 2 Tim 4.1 - the implication
6. Jude 14-15 - the purpose (to judge all the ungodly)
7. Revelation 1.7 - the visibility (every eye!)
8. Acts 1.11 - the manner (in clouds, just like he left!)
9. 2 Peter 3.11-12 = the holiness (amidst mockers)

THESIS — this text teaches us about the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ

I. THE TIME OF THE 2ND COMING (24a, 26a)

II. THE TERROR OF THE 2ND COMING (24-25)

- Virtually the entire section here consists of allusions to the Old Testament.
- From Isa 13; Ezek 32; Joel 2, 3; Dan 7 = *all signifying God's power in context of Judgment when the LORD returns mightily, visibly, triumphantly, angrily.*

When Christ comes, he will come in perfect array of all of his divine attributes: power, wisdom, holiness, love.

III. THE TRIUMPH OF THE 2ND COMING (26-27)

Jesus will come bathed in radiant splendor, enveloped within an atmosphere of indescribable brilliance, surrounded by the ear-piercing praise of angels and saints. Scintillating light shining from His eyes. Irresistible power pouring from His hands. None will deny His beauty or escape its transforming energy.” (Sam Storms)

- **COSMIC.**
- **GLOBAL.**
- **GLORIOUS.**

The first time Jesus came he came to SLAY SIN IN MEN; the 2nd time he will come is to SLAY MEN IN SIN! (AW TOZER)

- **GATHERING.** - v.27-

Let us consider this settled: that no one who has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection...Let us not hesitate to await the Lord's coming, not only with longing, but also with groaning and sighs, as the happiest thing of all. He will come to us as Redeemer. (John Calvin)

Be Ready!

- ★ Luke 13:24-27 — *the danger of delay!*
- ★ Luke 17:26-30 — *the danger of indifference!*
- ★ Acts 24.25 — *Paul preached the “judgment to come” & Felix became scared!*
- ★ James 5.7-8! — *Be patient! Be strong! Wait!*

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Sureness of his coming - *it will happen*

Sight of his coming - *all eyes will see him*

Sovereignty of his coming - *he is king*

Severity of his coming - *he's angry & will judge*

Saints with his coming - *all saints coming with him*

Salvation at his coming - *all Israel will be saved (Rom 11.25-27)*

Sentencing at his coming (Matt 25.31-46)

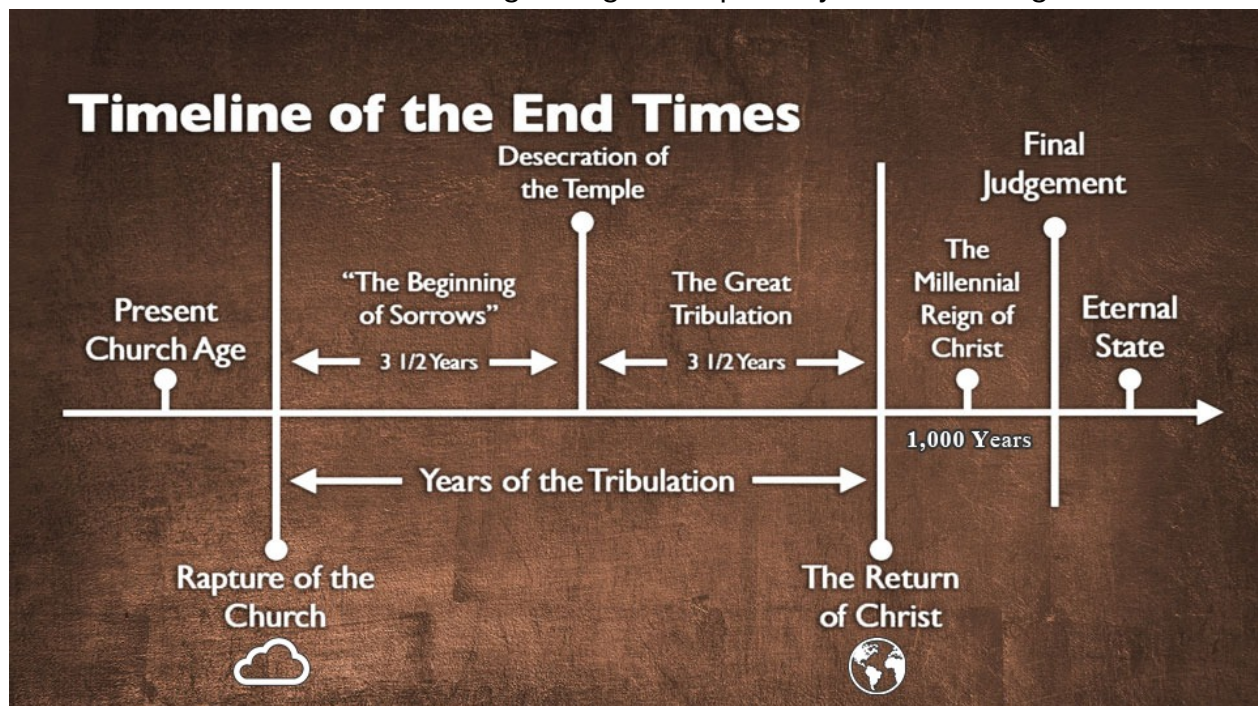
JC Ryle:

I find Christ's second coming to be a powerful spring and stimulus to holy living — a motive for patience, for moderation, for spiritual-mindedness — a test for the employment of time, and a gauge for all my actions: "Would I like my Lord to find me in this place? Would I like Him to find me so doing?"

I find Christ's second coming to be the strongest argument for missionary work. The time is short. The Lord is at hand. The gathering out from all nations will soon be accomplished. The heralds and forerunners of the King will soon have proclaimed the Gospel in every nation. The night is far spent. The King will soon be here!

I find Christ's second coming to be the best answer to the infidel. He sneers at our churches and chapels, at our sermons and services, at our tracts and our schools. He points to the millions who care nothing for Christianity, after 1800 years of preaching. He asks me how I can account for it — if Christianity be true? I answer: It was never said that all the world would believe, and serve Christ under the present dispensation. I tell him the state of things he ridicules was actually foreseen, and the number of true Christians, it was predicted, would be few. But I tell him that Christ's kingdom is yet to come; and that though we see not yet all things put under Him, they will be so one day.

I find Christ's second coming to be the best argument with the Jew. If I do not take all the prophecy of Isaiah literally, I know not how I can persuade him that the fifty-third chapter is literally fulfilled. But if I do, I have a resting-place for my lever, which I know he cannot shake. How men can expect the Jews to see a Messiah coming to suffer in Old Testament prophecies, if they do not themselves see in them a Messiah coming to reign — is past my understanding.



COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

REJOICE THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

DAY OF JUDGMENT DAY OF WONDERS *(tune: Angels from the realms of glory)*

Day of judgment! Day of wonders!
Hark! the trumpet's awful sound,
louder than a thousand thunders,
shakes the vast creation round.
How the summons How the summons
will the sinner's heart confound!

At his call the dead awaken,
rise to life from earth and sea;
all the pow'rs of nature, shaken
by his looks, prepare to flee.
Careless sinner,
what will then become of thee?

See the Judge, our nature wearing,
clothed in majesty divine;
you who long for his appearing
then shall say, "This God is mine!"
Gracious Savior, Gracious Savior,
own me in that day as thine.

But to those who have confessed,
loved and served the Lord below,
he will say, "Come near, ye blessed,
see the kingdom I bestow;
you forever
shall my love and glory know."

LO! HE COMES ARRAYED IN VENGEANCE! *[tune: Angels from the realms of glory]*

Lo! he comes, arrayed in vengeance,
Riding down the heavenly road;
Floods of fury roll before him;
Who can meet an angry God?
Tremble, sinners; Tremble, sinners;
Who can stand before his rod?

Still they hear the dreadful sentence;
Hell resounds the dreadful roar;
While their heart-strings rend with anguish,
Trembling on the burning shore;
Justice seals it; Justice seals it;
Down they sink to rise no more.

Now, despisers, look and wonder!
Hear the dreadful sound, "Depart!"
Rattling like a peal of thunder,
Through each guilty rebel's heart!
Lost for ever! Lost for ever!
Hope and sinners here must part.

How they shrink with horror, viewing
Hell's deep caverns opening wide;
Guilty thoughts, like ghosts, pursuing,
Plunge them down the rolling tide!
Now consider, Now consider,
Ye who scorn the Lamb that died.