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Relating to the Second Coming of Christ

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If you gave serious attention to the many references in the previous lesson, you surely will appreciate these selected and given longer citation by George Clark. Again, we urge you to ask and answer the question: To whom were these messages addressed, to hearers in the first century or us in 2003? These quotations are from the New International Version.

Matt. 10:23 — ‘When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another, I tell you the truth You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.’

24:14 — ‘And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.’

24:30 — ‘At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.’

24:31 — ‘And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.’

24:32 — ‘Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.’

24:33 — ‘Even so, when you see all these things, you know that the end is near, right at the door.’

24:34 — ‘I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.’

24:35 — ‘Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.’

24:62 — ‘Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” But Jesus remained silent. “I charge under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” [To whom was this addressed, them or us?]

Col. 1:23 — ‘if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven.’

Mark 8:38 — ‘If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.’

Luke 21:22 — ‘For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written.’

21:24 — ‘They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.’

Matt. 24:31 — ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, He will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.’

Luke 18:8 — ‘I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?’

Dan. 9:26 — ‘After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be cut off and have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.’

Matt. 24:14 — ‘And this gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.’

1 Cor. 15:24 — ‘Then the end will come when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.’

Dan. 7:13 — ‘In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.’

Matt. 16: 28 — ‘I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

Matt. 24:30 — ‘At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.’

Mark 13:26 — ‘At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.’

Luke 21:27 — ‘At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.’

Matt. 24:31 — ‘And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.’

Mark 13:27 — ‘And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.’

Matt. 24:32 — ‘Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twig get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.’

Mark 13:28 — ‘Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out you know that summer is near.’

Luke 21:30 — ‘When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.’

Mark 8:29 — ‘Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.’

Matt. 24:34 — ‘I tell you the truth, this generation certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.’ (Mark 13: 30; Luke 21:32.)

Matt. 13:39 — ‘and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the Age and the harvesters are angels.’

- 13:40 — ‘As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so will it be at the end of the age.’
- 13:49 — ‘This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 24:3 — ‘As Jesus him was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of the end of the age?”
- 28:20 — ‘and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

What “age” is Jesus and/or his disciples referring to when they use the phrase “the end of the age”? People are wondering why it’s taking the Lord so long to return when all the apostles wrote as if Jesus’ return was imminent.

Would you like to read more on this challenging subject? “The Parousia” by James Stuart Russell covers the prophetic teaching in each of the NT books in a thorough manner. You may order this 561-page book from <amazon.com> for under \$30.00. Or for \$17.00 from <presence.tv/cms/books236.shtml >. It can change your whole perspective of the teachings of the Scriptures. Also, a new web site setting forth full preterist teachings looks interesting: <www.2ndcominginad70.com>.

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