50 Signs Preceding the Second Coming of Christ

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Introduction and **Overview**

The grand hope and climax of the gospel is the second coming of Messiah at the end of the ages.

What signs according to the *Holy Bible* will occur before our Lord Jesus Christ's return, the world as we know it ends and is reborn?

This study cites *The Holy Bible* (KJV)¹ to answer the following questions:

1. Who will return?

Introduction and Overview, Continued:

- 2. What signs will be all around us before the second coming and what will happen at the second coming?
- 3. When will the second coming occur?
- 4. Where will people see the second coming?
- 5. Why will the second coming happen?
- 6. How will the second coming happen?

The Promise and Purpose of His Second Coming

Jesus Christ promised that He will:

- Return to the earth. (*Rev* 22:7, 12, 20; *Acts* 1:9-11)
- Meet the saints in the air. (1 Thes 4:17; John 14:3; 1 Cor 15:51-52)
- Reward everyone according to their works. (*Mat* 16:27; *Rev* 22:12)

"But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (*Mat* 24:36, 42; 2 *Pet* 3:10)

God's Prophets Foretold Today's World Conditions

God's prophets, and Jesus, gave prophecy about the following:

- True and false Christians and churches. (*Mat* 24:5, 9-11, 14, 24-26; regarding false brethren, see 2 *Cor* 11:26; *Gal* 2:4; *A Still Small Voice*, p. 526)
- Natural disasters in various places. (*Mat* 24:7; *Luke* 21:25)
- Mankind's misbehavior. (*Mat* 24:10, 37-39; *Luke* 17:26-30; 2 *Tim* 3:1-5)
- Distress of nations, with perplexity. (*Luke* 21:25; *Mat* 24:6)
- The Antichrist being revealed. (2 Thes 2:3, 8; Dan 12:4)

50 Signs Preceding the Second Coming

You will know that Christ's second coming is near, "even at the doors," (*Mat* 24:3, 33; *Mark* 13:29) when you see all these things begin to happen (*Luke* 21:28):

- 1. Prophecies unsealed and knowledge increasing. (Dan 12:4)
- 2. False christs and false prophets rising and showing great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (*Mat* 24:5, 11, 24; see also: 2 Thes 2:9-12; 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:13; 4:3-4; 2 Pet 2:1-2)
- 3. Wars and rumors of war. (*Mat* 24:6)
- 4. Famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places. (*Mat* 24:7)
- 5. Christians delivered up to tribulation and death. (*Mat* 24:9; *Rev* 13:15)

Note: Christians have *already* been persecuted, even unto death by:

- a. Intolerant Jews (*Acts* 6:9-15; 7:1-60; 18:12-18; 20:3; 24:27 28:31)
- b. Romans from 64 A.D., until circa 312 A.D. (Emperor Nero *until* Constantine).
- c. Modern communistic, socialistic, totalitarian nations; and, others. Prominent persecutors of Christians during the Twentieth (A.D. 1900s) and Twenty-First Centuries (A.D. 2000s) include some Islamic nations like Saudi Arabia; Sudan; agnostic China, etc.
- 6. People betraying and hating each other. (*Mat* 24:10)
- 7. Lawlessness abounding and love growing cold. (*Mat* 24:12)
- 8. Worldwide preaching of the gospel. (*Mat* 24:14; see also: *Rev* 14:6-11)
- 9. Signs in the sun, moon, and stars. (*Mat* 24:29; *Mark* 13:24; *Luke* 21:25; see also: *Rev* 6:12-13; 8:12)

- a. Note: Here, Jesus' prophecy is known to the apostles, prophets, and visionaries; but, few outside these leaders can understand this special message of faithful hope. There is no doubt that all of Jesus' Disciples understood the meaning behind this prophetic promise that He is alive with us "even unto the end of the world;" thus, His system of religious truth prevails.
- b. <u>Hint</u>: See *Gen* 1:14; *Mat* 28:18-20; *Rev* 22:12-14; and, *A Still Small Voice*, p. 52.
- 10. "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." (*Luke* 21:24)
 - Proof: Jerusalem is no longer "trodden down of the Gentiles." Israeli forces captured Jerusalem during the Six Day War of June, 1967, and the Israeli Knesset decreed Jerusalem reunified.

In 1980, the Jewish capital was reestablished in Jerusalem which was proclaimed to be the "eternal capital of Israel." Therefore, we know that the "times of the Gentiles" have *already* been fulfilled because Gentiles no longer control Jerusalem.

- 11. Distress of nations, with perplexity. (*Luke* 21:25)
- 12. "...there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation..." (*Dan* 12:1)
- 13. The sea and waves roaring. (Luke 21:25)
- 14. Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world. (*Luke* 21:26)
- 15. People saying, "Peace and safety!" (1 Thes 5:2, 3)
- 16. Evil men and impostors growing worse and worse, deceiving and being de-ceived. (2 *Tim* 3:13)

- 17. People turning away from God's truth [His Word] and heaping up false spiritual teachers for themselves because they do not love the truth. (2 *Tim* 4:3-4; 2 *Thes* 2:10-11; *John* 17:17)
- 18. Treasure heaped up. (*James* 5:3)
- 19. Scoffers saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 *Pet* 3:3-4)
- 20. As in the days of Noah and Lot, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (*Mat* 24:37-39; *Luke* 17:26-30)

Note: In the days before the flood, the people were:

- 21. Eating and drinking.
- 22. Marrying and giving in marriage.
- 23. Ignorant of the flood until Noah entered the ark, the flood came, and took them all away. (*Mat* 24:37-39)

<u>Note</u>: Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot, the people were:

Eating and drinking (not numbered for it overlaps sign 21 above).

- 24. Buying and selling.
- 25. Building and planting.

Note: But, when Lot left Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. (*Luke* 17:28-29)

- 26. Dangerous times² will come, for **men will be**:
 - 27. Lovers of themselves.
 - 28. Lovers of money.

- 29. Boasters.
- 30. Proud.
- 31. Blasphemers.
- 32. Disobedient to parents.
- 33. Unthankful.
- 34. Unholy.
- 35. Unloving.
- 36. Unforgiving.
- 37. Slanderers.
- 38. Without self control.
- 39. Brutal.
- 40. Despisers of good.
- 41. Traitors.
- 42. Headstrong.
- 43. Haughty.
- 44. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.
- 45. Having a form of godliness but denying its power. (2 *Tim* 3:1-5 —NKJ)

Other prophecies being fulfilled right before Jesus Christ's second coming include the following:

46. The three urgent messages of the everlasting gospel are being preached to every nation. (*Rev* 14:6-11)

- 47. Satan's people are worshiping the beast by making an image to the beast and taking the "mark" of the beast. (*Rev* 13:8, 14-16)
- 48. God's people are being sealed. (*Rev* 7:1-3; 9:4; 22:11)
- 49. The seven last plagues are falling on those people who are taking the mark of the beast and who choose to worship the beast's image. (*Rev* 16:1-21) Click on the *Broadcasts* link at http://www.christianhebrewroots.org.

Note: The plagues symbolize a corrupt system of religion consisting of false holidays opposing the true holy days Jesus was anointed to keep, preach, and teach that are listed in *Lev* 23:1-44.

Discover the corrupt religion by clicking on the *Broadcasts* link at: http://www.christianhebrewroots.org.

50. The Antichrist being revealed. (2 Thes 2:3, 8; Dan 12:4) Click on the Broadcasts link at http://www.christianhebrewroots.org.

What You Can Do To Prepare For His Return

Be holy in conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming day of God. By His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells. (2 *Pet* 3:11-13)

Pray to God, in spirit and truth, and in Jesus' name that:

- God's Holy Spirit will give you all truth. (*John* 16:13)
- You may escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before Jesus. (*Luke* 21:36; *Mat* 24:42; *Rev* 16:1-21)
- God's Word may be preached and glorified; and, that we may be delivered from wicked men. (2 Thes 3:1-2)
- Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (*Mat* 10:16; 2 *Tim* 4:5)

Other Outlines Available

Other outlines are available, including:

• The Lord's Day.

Jesus was anointed to keep, preach, and teach the acceptable year of the Lord which is comprised of the perpetual feasts of the Lord (God's times of holy convocation including the weekly Sabbath) and the Ten Commandments (God's law). Which day is the Lord's Day referenced in the New Testament?

• Three Urgent Messages.

Three angels in the *Revelation of Jesus Christ* cry out a powerful message for we who live in the end times (now). What are God's messengers of hope warning us to do?

• The Secret of the Rapture.

The word "rapture" does <u>not</u> occur in the Greek original texts. "Rapture" is an Anglican word symbolizing the feelings invoked in us by the scriptural verses regarding what will happen at the second coming of Jesus Christ. Do you know what events will unfold at Jesus' second coming? Look up, your redemption is drawing nearer.

• Jesus Christ on Reincarnation: Fact or Fable?

The word "reincarnation" does <u>not</u> occur in the Old nor New Testaments. This study proves from the Holy Writ that Reincarnation is a fable for itching ears.

• The Holiday Times.

The *Revelation of Jesus Christ* describes a "man of sin" who sets up false worldly holidays from which the merchants wax rich and around which the global economy revolves in the end times.

• How the USA is Saying to Make an Image to the Beast.

Other Outlines Available

If the second beast described in *Revelation* chapter 13 is the USA, then the USA Government must say for the world to worship the first beast described there.

If the USA's Office of the Presidency is the false prophet in *Revelation* chapter 13, then the end-time Presidents must also say for the world to worship the first beast described there.

What do "beasts" in prophecy symbolize? How can this happen when our Constitution guarantees freedom of religion? How does this relate to the 'mark of the beast' in *Revelation* chapter 14?

Endnotes

- 1. King James Version's Old English has been translated into contemporary American English.
- 2. "Dangerous times will come...." (2 Tim 3:1-5) The characteristics of mankind enumerated above define "dangerous times" because society becomes dysfunctional and dangerous when people are possessed with the demons of selfishness, egomaniac, pleasure, and greed (each of which also involves idolatry). These traits caused the financial frauds of the ages, including the Vatican's Banco Ambrosiano collapse; the savings and loan collapse; Michael Milken's penny stock fraud; the 1980s savings and loan collapse caused by President Bush's son, Neil; Enron stock fraud (Ken Lay, etc.); the 2008 stock market crash and resulting Wall Street bailout; Bernie Madoff's ponsie scheme; treasures heaped up in Swiss bank accounts by USA politicians and dictators (much of it stolen from U.S. taxpayers) revealed in February of 2011, etc.