## Second Advent

## Revelation 1:7

The word 'second' indicates that there are two advents. The first was at the birth of the only begotten Son of God, and the objective of the first advent was to provide salvation for all mankind. The Second Advent will display the Royalty and Glory of our Lord, and at that time, He will fulfill all the covenants to Israel.

The Rapture is NOT the Second Advent. At the Rapture of the church, Christ does not actually touch the earth. We, the Church Age believers meet Him in the air; whereas the Second Advent is the return of our Lord to the earth in His hypostatic union.

The Rapture is designated as private, Acts 1:11; i.e., it is for the Church only, for believers only; whereas, the Second Advent is public, as recorded in Rev. 1:7. Every eye shall see him.

The Rapture occurs in the air, I Thess. 4:17; the Second Advent occurs on the earth. And the Church goes up to heaven at the Rapture, John 14:3; whereas at the Second Advent, the Church returns with Christ, I Thess. 3:13.

Additionally, the Rapture included the judgment of the believer's works, II Corinthians 5:10; whereas the Second Advent includes many judgments, Matthew 25:31-46.

At the Rapture, the restraining ministry of God the Holy Spirit is removed, II Thess. 2:6; whereas at the second Advent, Satan is removed, Revelation 20:1-3. And the Rapture causes a change in the believer's body, Philippians 3:21; whereas the Second Advent causes a change in the earth, Zechariah 14:9 and Romans 8:19-27.

At the Rapture of the church, Christ appears as the Groom, while at the Second Advent, Christ appears as the Messiah to Israel and as Royalty to the whole earth (King of Kings and Lord of Lords).

The Rapture signals the end of the Church Age while the Second Advent signals the end of the Jewish age. Too, at the time of the Rapture, Israel is dispersed; while at the Second Advent, Israel will be restored and re-gathered. At the Rapture, believers are taken from the earth, I Thess. 4:16-18, while the Second Advent is a source of terror to the unbeliever, Revelation 6:15-17.

And according to Zechariah 14:1-4, the location of the Second Advent is Jerusalem.

## Second Advent (Continued)

It is at the Second Advent that Christ is totally victorious over Satan. In scripture, the phraseology is "he will be as your footstool" as recorded in Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 11:13; 10:13. Also at this time, our Lord's Bride will be cleansed from all except divine good, I Cor. 3:12, 15. Satan will be imprisoned, Rev. 20:1-3. The triumphal procession of Christ will occur, Colossians 2:15. And believers will cast demons into the Lake of Fire, Zechariah 13:2 cf. Colossians 2:15 cf. 1 Corinthians 15:24-25.

Too, at the Second Advent, the Baptism of Fire occurs, II Thess. 1:7-9; Matthew 3:11-12. And this Baptism of Fire vindicates the perfect character of God.

The Second Advent ushers in the Millennium during which there will be perfect environment and free will. Isaiah 65:24; Joel 2:28, 29; Zech. 8:20-23; Dan. 9:24; Psalm 46:9; 72:7, 16; Isaiah 11:3-5; Romans 8:19-22; Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:25.