

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

The Second Coming

1. Return of Christ

- a. Visible
 - 1) Every eye will see him (Rev. 1:7)
 - 2) Coming in the clouds (Matt. 24:30; Acts 1:11)
- b. Majestic
 - 1) Like a conquering King (Rev. 19:11-16)
 - 2) The shout of an archangel (1 Thess. 4:16)
 - 3) The blast of a heavenly trumpet (Matt. 24:31; 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16)
 - 4) An army of angels (Matt. 25:31; Rev. 19:14)
- c. Cataclysmic
 - 1) The universe shaken (Matt. 24:29-30; Rev. 6:12-17)
 - 2) Fire in the sky (2 Thess. 1:7; 2 Peter 3:10)
 - 3) The ultimate theophany
- d. Unknown
 - 1) Without warning, like a thief (1 Thess. 5:1-3; Rev. 16:15)
 - 2) Known only to God (Mark 13:32-37; Acts 1:6-7)
 - 3) Impossible to guess

2. Resurrection of the dead

- a. A general resurrection
 - 1) Saints and sinners (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15)
 - 2) All who have died (1 Cor. 15:22)
 - 3) One great event (John 5:28-29; 11:23-24)
- b. The resurrection body
 - 1) For the saints: imperishable, glorious, spiritual (1 Cor. 15:42-44)
 - 2) For the lost: miserable, contemptible

3. Gathering of the living

- a. The saints gathered with Christ (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
- b. The lost taken away (Matt. 24:37-41)
- c. Everyone gathered at the harvest (Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43)

4. Final judgment

- a. Everyone gives an accounting (Rom. 14:9-12; Heb. 9:27)
 - 1) Saved by faith, judged by works
 - 2) All deeds good and bad (2 Cor. 5:10)
 - 3) Deeds will reveal motives of the heart (1 Cor. 4:3-5)
 - 4) Forgiven sins will remain forgiven (Rom. 8:31-34)
- b. God declares eternal destinies (Matt. 25:34, 41)
 - 1) Justice enacted upon the lost (Col. 3:25)
 - 2) Grace bestowed upon the saints (Jude 20-21, 24)

