

The Coming Of The Lord

Acts 1:9-11
Did Jesus Return In AD 70?

Modern Date Setters.

- **William Miller** - Founder of Second Adventists which, under Ellen G. White, evolved into the Seventh Day Adventists set the date for the return of Christ in 1844; then 1845.
- **Charles T. Russell** - Founder of the Jehovah's Witness movement set October 1914 for Jesus to come; then 1918.
- **J.F. Rutherford** - successor of Russell, preached that "millions now living shall never die." He affirmed that "we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the apostle in Hebrews chapter eleven, to the condition of human perfection" (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die*; page 90).
- **Mary Baker Eddy** of the Christian Science religion likewise believed she would not die. However, in 1910 at the age of 96 she died – claims were false.

False Doctrine On The Coming Of The Lord

- Secret coming. (Rapture)
 - Jesus coming as a thief. (Coming unnoticed)
 - Jesus coming in the clouds. (Obscured)
- Lord's coming not a secret.
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13ff
 - Return with a shout.
 - Voice of the archangel.
 - With the trumpet of God.

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- Coming followed by the battle of Armageddon. (expression not in the Bible)
 - Armageddon. Revelation 13, 16
 - Battle. Revelation 12:1

"Shortly come to pass"
Revelation 1:3

What if I told you that ...

The 2nd Coming of Christ Occurred more than 1900 Years Ago

And, at the same time Jesus established His eternal Kingdom

Also, the Resurrection of the Dead happened at that time

And, at that same time the Final Judgment Took Place

And, the End of the World happened at that same time!

**The Basic Tenets
of the AD 70 Doctrine**

AD 70 Doctrine

aka ...

Realized Eschatology
Covenant Eschatology
Transmillennialism™

AD 70 Doctrine: All End Time Prophecy Fulfilled in AD 70

- End times accomplished in AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem
- "... the fall of Judaism (and its far reaching consequences) is, therefore, a major subject of the Bible."

The Spirit of Prophecy, Max R. King, page 239

To Look Beyond AD 70 is without Bible Authority

- "There is no scriptural basis for extending the second coming of Christ beyond the fall of Judaism." (King, page 105)
- "... the fall of Judaism is the second coming of Christ." (King, page 81)
- "Prophecy found its complete fulfillment in the second coming of Christ, and now may be regarded as closed and consummated." (King, page 65)

False Doctrine!

"Transmillennialism™"

"Unlike traditional dogma, Transmillennialism™ sees Christ's millennial reign in its first-century context, from the Old to the New Covenant, bringing about the transformation of the ages. It sees the thrust of the Bible's speaking about how heaven comes to earth, not primarily about how one gets to heaven." (*The Transmillennial™ View*, Timothy R. King, January 15, 2002)

AD 70 Doctrine

AD 30 "Last Days" Coming of Christ AD 70
 (Transitional Period) Destruction of Jerusalem

SYAD LAZRETE

"We are now in that world 'which is to come' ... instead of being in last days we are in eternal days world without end (Ephesians 3:21)." (*The Spirit of Prophecy, Max King, page 81*)

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"... out of the decay of Judaism arose the spiritual body of Christianity." (*The Spirit of Prophecy, Max King, page 200*)

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- God's scheme of redemption was not complete until AD 70
- Final coming of Christ and promised resurrection happened in AD 70

Not New

2 Timothy 2:15-18, "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth. But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness, and their word will eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; men who concerning the truth have erred, **saying that the resurrection is past already**, and overthrow the faith of some."

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How Do They Reach Such A Conclusion?

➤ Passages affirming Jesus coming in destruction of Jerusalem.

Matthew 24:30-31

Rightly divide.

Luke 21:24, 27

2 Timothy 2:15

If one does all do ...

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"Comings" Of The Lord

His Birth.

- Malachi 3:1, "Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith Jehovah of hosts."
- Malachi 4:5, "Behold, I will send you Elijah (cf. Matthew 11:14) the prophet before the great and terrible day of Jehovah **come**."

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"Comings" Of The Lord

Representatively in the Holy Spirit.

- When the Holy Spirit was sent to His apostles: "**I will come to you.**" **John 14:18 (28); cf. 15:26**

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"Comings" Of The Lord

Comes to have fellowship through His word.

John 14:23, "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will **come unto him**, and make our abode with him."

Revelation 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, **I will come in to him**, and will sup with him, and he with me."

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"Comings" Of The Lord

Comes in judgment of a local church.

Revelation 2:16, "Repent therefore; or else **I come to thee quickly**, and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth."

Conditional coming.

Revelation 2:5, "Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or **else I come to thee**, and will move thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent."

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Matthew 23:36 ← Matthew 24:34

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“Comings” Of The Lord

- Came in His birth.
- Comes in and has fellowship with us if we will open the door.
- Comes in judgment upon a local church – i.e. Pergamum, Ephesus.
- Coming is conditional.
- Comes in judgment upon Jerusalem.

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The Personal, Bodily Return of Jesus did not Happen in AD 70
Jesus will come again.

Hebrews 9:27
John 14:1-3
1 John 3:2
1 Corinthians 15:22-23
1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
2 Peter 3:3-11

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There is a great day coming!

Are you ready for that day?