

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Satan's thing has always been deception and murder (Jn. 8:44). He lies with the intent of destroying people. Satan's master deception will be the revealing of Antichrist through whom he will deceive the entire world – with the exception of the elect (Matt. 24:24; Rev. 12:9). And when Antichrist comes on the scene he will have a whole host of false christs and false prophets working in league with him. Their impact will be worldwide as they deceptively make false prophetic and Messianic claims.

In contrast, will be the manifestation of the TRUE Christ at the Second Coming as revealed by Jesus in Matthew 24:27-28.

Matthew 24:27 (NKJV)

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

When Jesus the true Messiah Comes in His Second Coming it will be OBVIOUS! It will be visible to all and not obscure. It will be as lightning flashing clear across the heavens from the east to the west – “so will the coming of the Son of Man be.” It will be brilliant and expansive – clear across the heavens. The heavens will be ablaze with glory at His coming. Want a sign from heaven? This will be it – undeniable, glorious, and emphatic!

Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

“Unlike the rapture of the church, which apparently the world will not see or hear, the second coming of Christ will be witnessed both by believers and unbelievers who are on the earth at that time.”

– *John Walvoord*

Matthew 24:28 (NKJV)

28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Right after saying His coming will be in a blaze of lightning-like glory Christ then says, “***wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered.***”

He combines the thought of His glorious coming with a scene of birds of prey feeding on a dead carcass (cf. Job 39:27-30).

Most agree that verse 28 is most probably a proverbial statement that in effect is communicating that when Christ comes it will be in association with deadly judgment.

The word translated in the NKJV as “**eagles**” can also be translated as “**vultures**” which would seem to be more accurate here as vultures are normally more known as carrion eaters versus eagles.

Verse 28 depicts judgment, death, and carnage. Not only will glory accompany Christ’s coming but so also will judgment, death, and carnage. Christ is coming in glory and with deadly judgment on those who stand in opposition to Him!

Zechariah 14:3–4 (NKJV)

3 Then the Lord will go forth And **fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.**

4 And in that day His **feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,** Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

2 Thessalonians 1:8 (NKJV)

8 in **flaming fire taking vengeance** on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:11 (NKJV)

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war.**

Revelation 19:15 (NKJV)

15 Now out of His mouth goes **a sharp sword,** that with it He should **strike the nations.** And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Revelation 19:17–18 (NKJV)

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the **birds** that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the **supper of the great God,**

18 that you may **eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.**"

Revelation 19:19–21 (NKJV)

19 And I saw the **beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies,** gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the **rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.** And all **the birds were filled with their flesh.**

The story is told of an old janitor who was sitting in the gymnasium of a theological seminary reading the book of Revelation. A theological professor happened by and condescendingly asked the janitor if he understood what he was reading. The janitor responded that he did. Intrigued, the professor said, "What does it mean?" The janitor said, "***It means that Jesus wins!***"

John saw heaven opened and behold he saw Jesus coming and riding on a white horse signifying VICTORY! Jesus wins! He comes with a sharp sword to strike the nations. Jesus wins! He comes to rule with a rod of iron. Jesus wins! And He has on "His robe and on His thigh a name written KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). **JESUS WINS!**

And when He comes no one will be wondering if this is the real Christ! It will be demonstrably OBVIOUS and GLORIOUS!

"Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).