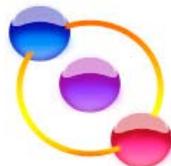




The Second Coming of Christ





Probably, one of the most divisive topics of all Christian theology is the subject of the return of Christ. Issues such as how does he come, when does he come and what is the nature of his mission, produce diverse answers and perspectives.

We propose, however, that the source of confusion resides in a subtle, hidden dimension. It is rooted in the fact, established in our previous presentations, that the true purpose for Jesus initial coming has never been understood. Until we have a clear assessment of that, then it would stand to reason that we could only expect a confused and diverse theology of his return.

When Will Christ Come?

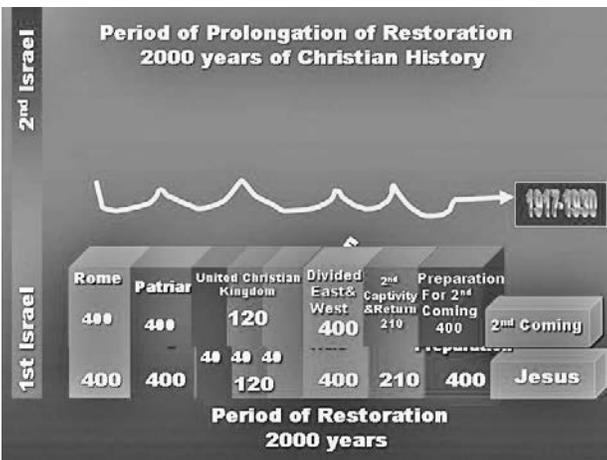
Matthew 24:36
"Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."

Amos 3:7
"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plans to His servants the prophets."

Then let us proceed, with this new insight, to reassess the issue of Christ's return.

According to Matthew 24:36, Jesus seems to be saying that we cannot know the time of Christ's arrival. However, this is not a entirely accurate appraisal of his statement. What Jesus is specifically stating is that the knowledge of exact time of the arrival of Christ is exclusively the intellectual property of God and no one else.

Amos 3:7 then tells us that God reveals his plans to his servants the prophets. In this sense, we can know.



In our previous chapter, we did a cursory assessment of history and found important parallels in the courses of the first Jerusalem and the second Jerusalem. These parallels exist because the mission and responsibility of Israel was given to "another nation that can produce the fruits in their seasons."

By this view, we found that the 20 century and our time today are in direct parallel with the time of Christ 2000 years ago. It gives added poignancy to an already portentous feeling in our contemporary times.

How Will Christ Come?

Matthew 24:30
"They will see the Son of Man coming on the Clouds of Heaven with power and great glory."

Of course, nothing will be more revealing of the time of Christ's coming than his actual arrival. The more important question is whether or not we will receive him when he comes. 2000 years ago, he came and they did not recognize that, in fact, Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. He came in a manner that did not calibrate with their doctrinal expectations.

Thus we must be well-versed in our expectations for Christ's arrival. In Matthew 24:30 Jesus speaks about his return taking place upon "the clouds of Heaven." He seems to be given credence to the idea that his coming will be highly perceivable.

How Will Christ Come?

Daniel 7:13

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the Clouds of Heaven."

Matthew 11:13

For all of the Prophets and the Law Prophesied until John. . ."

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How Will Christ Come?

Clouds Daniel 7:13	→	Clouds Matthew 24:30
Sun, Moon, Stars Isaiah 13:10 2 Corinthians 3:7-11	→	Sun, Moon, Stars Matthew 24:29 Romans 8:18-25
New heaven, New Earth Isaiah 65:17	→	New heaven, New Earth Revelation 21:1

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Meaning of "Clouds"

Hebrews 12:1

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a Cloud of Witnesses, let us lay aside every weight."

Jude 14, "Lord comes with 'holy ones.'
Revelation 19:14 "Armies of Heaven"

Revelation 17:15

The waters that you saw, where the harlot is seated are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

"The Lord himself will come down from heaven. . . We who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."

" . . . The ways of this world and of the ruler of the Kingdom of the air." Ephesians 2:2

John 3:13

"No one has gone into heaven, except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man which is in Heaven."

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Did Jesus mean that he would literally appear on billowy clouds at his return? We can examine Daniel 7:13 which, likewise, predicted the coming of the messiah in Israel upon "clouds of Heaven." Of course, we know that Jesus was born in a manger. He didn't come from the sky.

Some might say that Daniel was skipping over the first coming and was already speaking about the second coming. This could not be, for many reasons. . .but most obviously for the reason mentioned in Matthew 11:13. . . "for all of the prophets and the law prophesied until John." meaning that they all pretended to Jesus in his first advent.

This is why we see Old Testament prophecy being renewed for a Second Coming. It is because the chosen nation of God did not fulfill their responsibility and, thus, their destiny. All prophecy of glory. .the intended plan, could not be carried out; "I will not carry out the good that I had intended for it". . .and so, "the Kingdom will be taken from you and given to another nation that can produce the fruits in their seasons." That's Jesus repeats Daniel 7:13 (and see others). He means, therefore, that Christ will come as the first time. . .because the mission for which Jesus came requires his earthly presence.

We can understand the true nature of the clouds by understanding the meaning of Hebrews 12:1. The "cloud" upon which the Lord will come is not the billowy clouds of the sky, but rather, the "cloud of witnesses". . .that is, the holy saints. . .those righteous ones who "did not receive all that was promised." Indeed we read the testimony of the appearance of Moses and Elijah with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Jude 1:4 tells us that the Lord comes "with his holy myriads." This is the cloud upon which Jesus came in his first coming. . .and was foretold by the prophet Daniel.

But how do we reconcile this with the bold statement of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17? The "Lord himself will come down from heaven."

However, Jesus sheds light on all that "coming down from heaven" entails in John 3:13. Referring to his first advent, Jesus said that "no one has gone into heaven, except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man which is in Heaven."

Did Jesus float down from the sky? No. . he was born in a manger. Also, with regards to the meaning of "meet the Lord in the air" see Ephesians 2:2. Is satan in the air?

Acts 1:11

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Heaven = Sky
Heaven ≠ Sky

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Acts 1:11 New International Version

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand there gazing up into the sky? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven."

Heaven ≠ Sky

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Christ Will Be Born On Earth



Second Coming of Christ



Christ Will Be Born On Earth

- The First Adam was born on Earth
- Jesus, the second Adam was born on Earth
- What is "sown on earth, is reaped in heaven"
- The Third Adam will be born on the earth

Second Coming of Christ



Finally Act 1:11 likewise, on the surface, appears to be testifying to a celestial return of Christ. But this is the same Jesus who has already "come down from heaven." Thus the angel is warning the men of Galilee. . . essentially indicating by his question, "why stand ye gazing up into heaven"?, that the arrival of Christ WILL NOT be from the sky.

In fact NT Greek uses the same word "ouranos" to mean "sky" or "spiritual realm" and "spiritual atmosphere."

The New International Version of the Bible deals with this confusion in the following manner (see NIV verse). Clearly, they make a distinction between the sky into which the men of Galilee are gazing and heaven, the place from which Jesus will descend (as he did the first time: born on earth!).

Christ will be born on earth

It is consistent with the historical trend:

The first Adam was sent to the earth to do his mission

The second Adam, Jesus, was sent to the earth to complete the "intended good" that God had planned.

Thus, the return of Christ, the third appearance of Adam, will take place on the earth in order to accomplish that mission for which Adam comes.

Christ Will Be Born On Earth

Luke 17:24-25

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Luke 18:8 "Will the Son of Man find faith on Earth?"

Second Coming of Christ



Jesus gives us another opportunity to understand his return in Luke 17:24-25. He implies that the Son of Man will be revealed, ultimately, across the world "like lightning which flashes and lits up the sky from one end to the other". ..however, he also notes that, "first he must suffer many things." Who would cause Christ to suffer if indeed he came out of the sky in such an obvious way? Who would oppose and reject such an arrival? It is only if Christ were to come in a way that was contrary to the doctrinal expectation of the day that will cause his rejection.

When Jesus asks the question of Luke 18:8, he doesn't mean the faith of expectation, but rather, the faith that can be transformed from one of expectation into one of recognition.

Christ Will Be Born On Earth

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day. . .

Matthew 7:21-23

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In fact, Jesus gives a warning in Matthew 7:21-23. He is describing a people was are far from spiritually dead. He is describing people who are very much alive in their faith of expectation of Christ's coming. In the same way the people of Israel were filled with hope for the coming of the messiah. However, they stumbled because of their inability to transform their faith of expectation for the messiah into one of recognition of the messiah.

Jesus warns that this very same event could repeat with today's generation of "chosen" people. . .the New Jerusalem. People who can prophesy in Jesus name, drive out demons and perform many miracles in Jesus name . . .are not mere "back-sliding Christians-in-name-only. These are Christians alive in their faith and hope of Christ's imminent arrival. Sadly, Jesus indicates that such faith of expectation has its timely role, but when Christ arrives, the faith that separates the sheep from wolves will be the faith of recognition of Christ.

Thus, how could such a faith be elicited unless Christ were to come in a manner which required the perceptive eyes of faith rather than the physical eye that only sees the obvious?

Christ Will Be Born On Earth

'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Matthew 7:21-23

Second Coming of Christ



Adam had been brought to the earth to accomplish a physical and spiritual foundation of True Parents, the original parents. Satan usurped God's position and with the voluntary cooperation of Adam and Eve established a counter-insurgency by staking a claim upon the physical and spiritual institution of sovereignty. Thus Adam and Eve became fallen, false parents. Jesus came to establish, with his bride, that original foundation, both physically and spiritually. By doing so, Jesus would be able to offer to God his "Godly seed" and liberate God from the historical sorrow wrought by the loss of his original lineage.

Christ's Mission On Earth



Second Coming of Christ





When Jesus mounted Calvary's cross, he was, therefore, not just offering the shed blood of the one body of one man. God bore a greater sorrow than that, because Jesus sacrificed more on the cross than any of history's theologies have ever revealed.

God not only sacrificed his Son on the cross, but his spouse, his children and his everlastingly expanding Godly seed.

This is the heart-felt essential declaration of the Divine Principle: Jesus sacrificed more. Until we understand that and embrace it. . .we will never know the true motives of Jesus' sorrowful prayer in Gethsemane.



Jesus atoned for sin by his own shed blood. He conquered death through his resurrection and on the day of Pentecost he opened up the channel of regeneration and rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Jesus established the spiritual foundation for rebirth through "spiritual True Parents."

Isn't the flesh temporal and the spirit eternal? If, indeed, Christ saves us to eternal life. . .what more must Christ do in his second coming?



The answer is now clear based on the Divine Principle. If "born-again" husband and "born again" wife are joined together in "holy matrimony". . .and then conceive a child. . whose descendant is that child? Is that child born as a descendant of God or is that child born, as before, with the taint of original sin; born in death. . .a descendant of the dead Adam?

Christ's mission in his return is to extend salvation from the individual to extend to marriage, conception and birth.



These verses all indicate a "completion" of salvation when Christ returns.

The Mission of the Second Coming

1 Peter 1:5-2:8, 24
Even though you are shielded with God's power until they bring you to judgment, because you have obeyed in the faith, you will receive salvation to those who are waiting for him; this hope we were saved.

Second Coming of Christ

Romans 8:23 “redemption of the body”

Acts 3:21 “he must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to RESTORE EVERYTHING as he promised. . .”

Hebrews 9:28- “he will appear a second time. . .not to bear sin but to BRING SALVATION to those who are waiting.”

1 Peter 1:5 - who through faith are shielded with God’s power UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST DAYS!*

**This last verse is significant because it testifies to a salvation that has not been revealed and will not be revealed until Christ returns to implement that salvation!*

Christ's Mission On Earth

Spiritual True Parents

God
 Jesus \diamond Holy Spirit
 Children
 Spiritual

Mission Of 2nd Coming

True Parents

God
 3rd Adam \diamond New Eve
 Children
 Spiritual & Physical

Second Coming of Christ

Christ returns to the earth to accomplish the spiritual and physical foundation of True Parents.

Purpose of Christ

True Parents
 (Born again)
 Marriage Blessing
 Husband \diamond Wife
 Children

Children (Born in Sin)
 Satan
 Adam \diamond Eve

Second Coming of Christ

Under the marriage blessing of True Parents, sanctified husband and wife can conceive children who, as a result, are born under the direct sovereignty of God. . .that is, free from the original sin (but not the original responsibility)

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and **greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

Second Coming of Christ

This verse, then, takes on a clearer meaning



Then How will Jesus fulfill his second coming if he is to come to the earth again? Does it mean he will reincarnate into another body of flesh and appear in our midst?

Fortunately, Jesus, himself, explains the process of his return

How Jesus Will Fulfill His 2nd Coming

- Revelation 2:7 *"To him who overcomes, I will give him the right to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the paradise of God."*
- Revelation 2:17 *"I will also give him a white stone with a NEW NAME known only to him who receives it."*
- Revelation 2:26-28 *"To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations, 'He will rule them with an iron scepter. . . I will give him the Morning Star.'"*
- Revelation 12:5 *"She gave birth to a son, one who is to rule all nations with an iron scepter."*

Second Coming of Christ

These next few verses in the Book of Revelation are the spirit of Jesus speaking (if you have a red-letter edition of the Bible that portrays all Jesus' direct words in red letters you will see several parts of the Book of Revelation in red letters. These are the parts where the spirit of Jesus is speaking.

Therefore, "to him who overcomes, I (Jesus) will give him (someone other than Jesus) the right to eat from the Tree of Life. (the tree of life is the symbol of perfected Adam)

Follow the logic of what Jesus is saying about "him who overcomes. Notice the "white stone (=Christ, i.e. "the rock is Christ") with a NEW NAME. Christ will have a new name!

How Jesus Will Fulfill His 2nd Coming

- Revelation 3:12 *"To him who overcomes, I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I WILL WRITE ON HIM MY OWN NEW NAME."*

Second Coming of Christ

Revelation 3:12 is most significant. Jesus says I (Jesus) will write on him (someone other than Jesus) MY OWN NEW NAME!

This is most significant when we read Revelation 19:11-18

Revelation 19:11-16

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Second Coming of Christ

Almost all interpretations of Revelation 19:11-18 will unequivocally describe this section as describing the return of Christ. The rider on the white horse is thought to be Jesus at his return.

We now can know that this is not, in fact, Jesus but rather the person, who has overcome, that Jesus has anointed and appointed to fulfill his original role. How can we know this? Read carefully:

Revelation 19:11-16
I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

I [Jesus] WILL WRITE ON HIM MY OWN NEW NAME.”
Revelation 3:12

Second Coming of Christ 

“He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself”. . . who wrote? Jesus was the writer! Who had a NEW NAME written upon him by Jesus? The newly anointed and appointed representative who takes up the mission of the Third Adam.

Revelation 19:11-16
I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. . .”

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King of Kings and Lord of Lords

He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written.

Second Coming of Christ 

And what is that NEW NAME that was written by Jesus?

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS?



On Easter Sunday morning, in 1935, on a mountaintop in what is today North Korea, a young 15 year old Korean youth found Jesus. . . and Jesus found him.



Through the blessing of True Parents:

We take up Jesus earthly mission . . .we do that which Jesus has wanted to do: offer a family and lineage to God by establishing the core foundation of God's sovereignty.

Reconcile marriage, conception and birth to God

We extend salvation from the individual to the family. Thus the marriage and family survive death and endure forever. This means the foundation of culture, the family, survives the transition from earth to spirit. . .no more "until death do us part". . .the Kingdom will be established on earth and in spirit because the basic building block of that heavenly culture will be present on earth AND in spirit. . . that is the NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH!

