

ANTICHRIST

There will actually be a real person called Antichrist, who will falsely claim to be God (II Thessalonians 2:3-9). He will be accepted as the Messiah by the nation of Israel at the first part of the Great Tribulation. He is Satan's final opponent of Christ and Christians (I John 2:18).

Antichrist is Described as: the son of Perdition (II Thessalonians 2:3); After the Working of Satan (II Thessalonians 2:9); With All Deceivableness and Unrighteousness (II Thessalonians 2:10); In Mid Tribulation, Declaring himself to be God and Will Perform the Abomination of Desolation (Daniel 11:31; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14): which is a desecration of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. His Destiny at Christ's Second Coming Will be a Swift Judgment (Revelation 19:11-16).

THE ADVENT (SECOND COMING) OF CHRIST

Christ will set His feet on the Mount of Olives at this event of His Second Coming: for which all the Christian world is waiting. He will come in judgment as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. The angels declared this future coming event in Acts 1:11.

The Second Coming of Christ is described as the Day of The Lord (I Thessalonians 5:2); Day of Christ (I Corinthians 5:5); Day of God (II Peter 3:12); That Day (II Thessalonians 1:10); and The Last Day (John 12:48). Everyone who has this Hope purifies himself (I John 3:3). The Gospel must be preached to all nations before His coming (Matthew 24:14).

1. When Jesus returns, it will be in two phases. Name them. (This Book p. 31)

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- (2) _____

TWELFTH STUDY

THE BLESSED HOPE

The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:16-17; Titus 2:13). ¹

RESURRECTION

Resurrection means arising from the dead. It is Accomplished by: God's Power (Matthew 24:28,29); Christ (John 5:28,29); and by Holy Spirit (Romans 8:11).

The Proof of Resurrection is Based upon: God's Power (I Corinthians 6:14); Union With Christ (Romans 8:11); and upon Christ's Resurrection (I Corinthians 15:12-56).

The Doctrine of Resurrection is: Looked for in Faith (Job 19:25-27); Taught in Old Testament (Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2,3,13); Denied by Sadducees (Acts 23:6,8; Matthew 22:23-28); Affirmed by Christ (John 5:28,29; John 6:39,40,44); Illustrated by Lazarus (John 11:23-44); Explained Away by False Teachers (II Timothy 2:18); Questioned by Some (I Corinthians 15:12); Mocked by the Heathen (Acts 17:32); and Proclaimed by Paul (Acts 24:14,15).

The Nature of the Resurrection is: Incorruptible (I Corinthians 15:42,54); Glorious (I Corinthians 15:43); Spiritual (I Corinthians 15:44); Transforming (I Corinthians 15:51); Like Angels (Matthew 22:30); and is Like Christ (Philippians 3:21).

The Time of the Future Resurrection of the Dead In Christ is at: The Last Day (John 6:39-44); The Rapture of the Church (I Thessalonians 4:13-18); and at The Last Trump (I

Corinthians 15:51-55).

The Bible states that we shall be like Jesus when we see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). Our bodies will be touchable like His after the resurrection (Luke 24:39). They will be glorious (endued with splendor and beauty), powerful, and heavenly (like Jesus' body, ready to ascend into heaven without a space suit and ready to live in heaven without discomfort). The change will be supernatural and sudden. The trumpet call, unlike the trumpets of judgment, will be a call to assemble to meet the Lord in the air. Then "we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thess. 4:17). Some today are saying there is no hope, fearing that if the nuclear bombs do not destroy the earth, pollution will. But God is not going to let circumstances go that far. Jesus will come again and bring an end to human corruption as He brings in His glorious kingdom. ¹

The Future Resurrection of the wicked is: Predicted (Daniel 12:2); Described (John 5:28,29); and is Simultaneous (Instantaneous; Acts 24:15).

1. What is the imminent and Blessed Hope of the church? (p. 29, this book) _____

1. Bible Doctrines A Pentecostal Perspective by William W. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton, pp. 212,213.

THIRTEENTH STUDY

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Jesus is returning. All things point to His coming. He has fulfilled all the Old Testament prophecies, with exception being, those prophesied for the future. Without His return, life would be meaningless.

Jesus' return will be in two phases: the Rapture of the Church, and Christ's Advent (Second Coming).

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

We call the first phase of His coming the Rapture of the Church, which includes the resurrection of the dead in Christ. At the Rapture, Jesus will catch away the Church as He appears in the clouds, but will not descend to the earth at this time (I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Matthew 24:36; I Thessalonians 5:9-11; ref. Daniel 12:1).

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

The Great Tribulation Never Existed Before (Daniel 12:1).

The Great Tribulation is Described as: a Period of Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-29); The Hour of Trial to Test Those Who Live on the Earth (Revelation 3:10); Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:4-7); a Time of God's Indignation (Righteous Anger) With the Inhabitants of the Earth (Isaiah 24:17-21; Zechariah 14:1-3); Ended With the Return of Christ in Glory (Matthew 24:30; Daniel 7:13, 14; Revelation 1:7); Taking Place Before the Great Tribulation (I Thessalonians 5:9-11); Believers Being Kept From Wrath (I Thessalonians 1:9-10; 5:9); These Judgments will be Wrath (Revelation 6:16, 17; 11:18; 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15); Revealing the Righteous Judgment of God (Romans 2:5; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6); and as Lasting Seven Years (Daniel 7:25; 9:24-27; 12:7; Revelation 12:14).