

A Comparison of the 1st and 2nd Advents of Christ

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Heb. 9:27,28 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Now, even though we are probably the most familiar with the 1st Coming of Christ, it is the 2nd Coming that gets the most ink in the Bible:

- References to the 2nd Coming outnumber references to the 1st Coming by a factor of 8 to 1.
- Scholars count 1,845 biblical references to the 2nd Coming.
- His return is emphasized in no less than 17 Old Testament books and 7 out of every 10 chapters in the New Testament.
- Jesus Himself referred to His return 21 times.
- The 2nd Coming is second only to faith as the most dominant subject in the New Testament.

Pattern of Prophecy:

Their perception of these prophecies was like viewing a mountain range from a distance.

“Words spoken in one breath, and written in one sentence, may contain prophetic events millennia apart in their fulfillments.” Lehman Strauss

1. At His 1st Coming Jesus was the Messiah that was _____, not the One that was _____.

At His 2nd Coming, He is still needed, but we are told _____ and _____ what to expect.

2. At His 1st Coming He was wrapped in _____ swaddling clothes.

At His 2nd Coming He appears in _____ attire.

Rev. 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

Rev. 4:2,3 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne. ³And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

Rev. 19:12 His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns....

3. At his 1st Coming He was attended by a _____ people in the manger.

At His 2nd Coming He will be accompanied by the _____ armies of heaven and the _____ world will see Him.

Matt. 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

4. At His 1st Coming, we heard the _____ voice of a tiny baby.

At His 2nd Coming we hear the _____ voice of a righteous Judge.

Matt. 25: 34,41 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

⁴¹"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

5. At His 1st Coming, the heavenly hosts rang out announcing His _____.

At His 2nd Coming, the heavenly hosts thunder announcing His _____.

Rev. 19:1-6 After this, I heard what sounded like a vast crowd in heaven shouting, "Praise the LORD! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. ²His judgments are true and just. He has punished the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality. He has avenged the murder of his servants."

³And again their voices rang out: "Praise the LORD! The smoke from that city ascends forever and ever!"

⁴Then the twenty-four elders and the four living beings fell down and worshiped God, who was sitting on the throne. They cried out, "Amen! Praise the LORD!"

⁵And from the throne came a voice that said, "Praise our God, all his servants, all who fear him, from the least to the greatest."

⁶Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the LORD! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

6. At His 1st Coming, we see the _____ of God coming to bring salvation. He came to

_____.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

At His 2nd coming, we will see the _____ of Judah coming to bring judgment. He will

come to _____.

Rev. 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

7. During His 1st Advent, He rode a _____ donkey.

During His 2nd Advent, He will ride a _____ war horse.

Rev. 19:11 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.

8. At His 1st Coming, a solitary _____ announced His arrival.

At His 2nd Coming, _____ flashing from east to west announces His return.

Matt. 24:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

9. At His 1st Advent, _____ men came _____ to worship Him.

At His 2nd Advent, _____ men (those who have rejected and opposed Him) will be _____ to worship Him.

Phil. 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

10. At His 1st coming, He was _____ where David was born—Bethlehem: a city of _____.

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting.”

At His 2nd Coming, He returns to _____ from where David ruled—Jerusalem: a city of _____.

11. At His 1st Coming, He grew up in contemptible Nazareth, which was part of His _____.

John 1:46 And Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

At His 2nd Coming, He will be seated on a throne in Jerusalem as part of His _____.

Phil. 2:6-10 shows both His humility and exaltation

. . .who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

12. At His 1st Advent, He was followed by _____band of disciples and a_____ crowd.

At His 2nd Advent, He will be followed by a _____ of saints and the _____ armies of heaven.

13. At His 1st Advent, He came as a Lamb to be _____.

Isa. 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

At His 2nd Advent, He comes as a Lamb to _____.

Rev. 19:15 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.

14. At His 1st Coming He came as a Lamb to be _____ for our sins.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Isa. 53:4-6 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

⁵But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

⁶All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

At His 2nd Coming He will come as a Lamb to be _____ for our deliverance.

Rev. 5:12-14 And they sang in a mighty chorus: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:"Blessing and honor and glory and power belong to the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever."

¹⁴And the four living beings said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

2 Peter 3:10-14 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since

everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him