

## The Certainty of the Second Coming

(Revelation 1:7-8)

- I. 9 reasons that demand the Second Coming of Christ.
  - A. The plan of God demands it. (Gen.49:10, Ps2:8-9, Is. 9:7, Zech 14:4, Joel 3:2)
  - B. The promise of Jesus demands it. (John 14:2-3)
  - C. The pronouncement of the Holy Spirit demands it. (John 16:13)
  - D. The program for the church demands it. (Acts 15:14-17, Eph 5:25-27)
  - E. The provision for the nations demands it. (Ps 2, Joel 3:2-12)
  - F. The prophecy for Israel demands it. (Jer23:5-6)
  - G. The pain of Jesus demands it. (Matt. 26:63- 64)
  - H. The purging of Satan demands it. (1John 3:8, Rom. 16:20)
  - I. The perspective of the saints demands it. (Titus 2:13, 2Tim. 4:8)
- II. The Splendor of His coming.
  - A. Indicated by the phrase "with the clouds."
  - B. A cloud symbolizes God's presence with His people.
    1. Israel was led by a cloud by day in the wilderness.
    2. The cloud of the glory of God filled the tabernacle in Exodus 40.
    3. When the temple was completed in 1 Kings 8:10 the cloud of the glory of God filled it.
  - C.. Matthew 24:30, He will come in the clouds of heaven.
  - D. What makes up that cloud is the blazing brightness of Christ, who Hebrews 1 says is the express image of the Father, the brightness of His essence.
- III. The Scope of His Coming.
  - A. Verse 7, "Every eye will see Him."
  - B. He divides that into two groups.
    1. The Jews. (Zech. 12:10, 13:1)
    2. The gentiles. (Rev. 1:7, Matt 24:30)
- IV. The Sense of His Coming.
  - A. John uses two words in Rev. 1:7...
    1. Greek (nai), "Even so," means "yes."
    2. Hebrew ('amen) "Amen," means "yes."
  - B. John uses both languages and makes an emphatic affirmation.
- V. The Sureness of His Coming.
  - A. God puts His signature on this prophecy by emphasizing three of His attributes. (Rev 1:8)
    1. Omniscience.
    2. Omnipresence.
    3. Omnipotence.
  - B. Hebr. 9:28 ...unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time....
  - C. You've got to be ready!