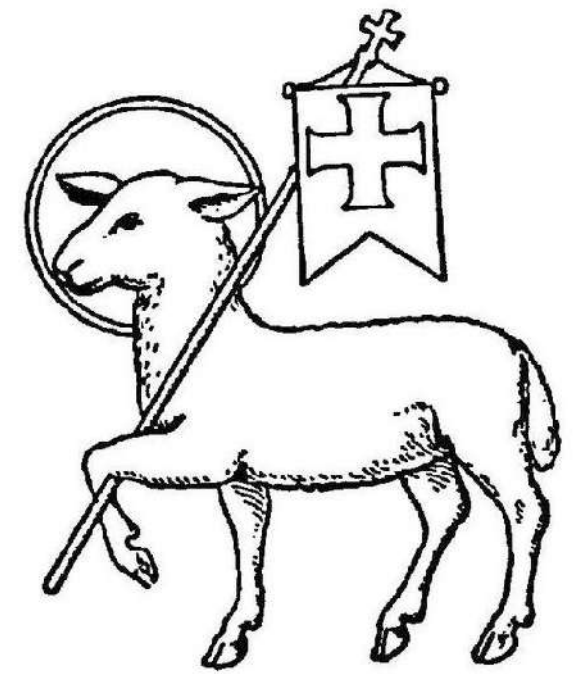


# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## 8. The Second Coming of Christ



### Introduction

- Main focus of New Testament and Book of Revelation
- The Creed: *'He will come again* in glory to judge the living and the dead.'
- The Liturgy: Christ has died; Christ is Rise; *Christ will come again.*

### Jesus and 'The Day'

- Promise (John 14:1-3; Mark 14:62)
- Parable (Matthew 21:33-41; Matthew 25:1-30)
- Precept 'That Day' (Matt 24:1-44; Luke 21:34-36)

### The Blessed Hope of the Church

- Titus 2:13; 1 Thess 1:10; 1 Cor 1:7; Rom 8:25; Phil 1:6
- Various names for the same thing: The Day of Christ; the Day; the Last Day; the Day of Judgment; the Day of the Lord

### Old Testament 'Day of the Lord'

- An awful day (Joel 2:31; Zephaniah 1:15-16a)
- A day of war (Isaiah 13:4; Isaiah 2:12; Isaiah 13:6; Ezekiel 30:3)
- A day affecting the natural order (Joel 1:12 & 18; 2:30)
- A day of judgment (Joel 2:30; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:1)
- A day of salvation and deliverance for God's people (Zephaniah 3:14-15)

### Daniel's vision (7:9-28)

- The Ancient One (KJV: The Ancient of Days) (9-12)
- One like the Son of Man (13-14)
- The Kingdom given to the saints to reign (27)

### Events towards the end of the world

- Birth pangs: wars, famines, earthquakes (Talk No. 5)
- Hell on earth; demonic, beasts, Antichrist, (Talk No. 6)
- Persecution of God's people (Talk No 7)
- The Apostasy and the Man of Lawlessness (2 Thess 2:1-12)

### Like a thief in the night

- Only for those not watching and ready, not for the watchful (Matt 24:36 -44; 2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thess 5:4)

## Heaven get's ready

- John's vision of Heaven's Hallelujah (Rev 19:1)
- Preparing for 'The Marriage Supper of the Lamb' (Rev 19:7-9; Ephesians 5:25-27; 2 Cor 11:2; Matt 25:1-13)

## THE MOMENT

- The 'midnight cry' (Matt 25:6)
- The rider on the white horse (Rev 19:11)
- Reveille (1 Thess 4:16)
- Revealed The Lord will descend from heaven, every eye shall see him (Rev 1:7)
- Resurrection of the dead in Christ (1 Thess 4:16; 1 Cor 15:52)
- Rapture (1 Thess 4:17; 1 Cor 15:52 'we shall be changed')
- Routed – the Battle of Armageddon (Rev 16:12-17; 17:12-14; 20:7-10)
- Renewed – the earth cleansed by fire (2 Peter 3: 7 & 10)

## Judgment

- Matt 25:31; Rev 20:11-15; Daniel 12:2

## THE MILLENNIUM(Rev 20)

Two main views:

1. **Pre-Millennialism:** Literal 10,000 years of a Golden Age with Christ reigning from Jerusalem, with a final rebellion of Satan at the close of it.  
Early Church Fathers who believed in this: Justin Martyr, Tertullian.  
Revived in 1840s with the addition of 'the Rapture'.
2. **A-Millennialism:** Symbolic of the rule of Christ and the believers spiritually reigning with Christ now; Satan bound by Jesus and his activities curtailed.  
Early Church Fathers who believed this: Origin, Tyconius, Augustine.  
Tends to be the majority view held by most Churches, commentators and teachers.

There are difficulties with all views, so we will just need to wait and see and not fall out over it!  
'Pan Millennialism' – 'it will all pan out in the end!'

## Our response meanwhile (2 Peter 3:11-12)

- Be watchful
- Be ready
- Be prepared