

#4 FORUM POST SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Dear G_____,
You quoted:

Mat 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

You asked:

So my question is....do you think Jesus was referring to the Second Coming?

Absolutely, yes. Christ was teaching that some people in His presence would still be alive at His "second coming".

Christ quickly fulfilled this prophecy in "type" when He took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and showed them a "vision".

Mat 17:1-4 Then after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Mat 17:9 And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.

Moses and Elias are included in the vision to testify to Peter, James and John that Jesus is the one who the Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elias) foretold would come.

The prophecy was first literally fulfilled when the Apostles received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) shortly after the resurrection of Christ. I will go into this literal fulfillment in more detail below.

The second coming of Christ is a part of the Great Mystery of Christ and His Church (**Eph5:32**). That great mystery is the most hidden truth in scripture and has only been revealed to a "few".

Take a look at what the Book of Revelation says about the second coming of Christ:

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I COME QUICKLY: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, SEAL NOT the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

If the time for the second coming of Christ and the teachings of the Book of Revelation are still future, how can anyone, especially those who lived and died over the past 2000 years, ever hope to KEEP THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHECY?

Was Christ mistaken when He said "I come quickly"? Two thousand years is not quick.

The truth is the prophecies were fulfilled in the 1st century A.D. and have continued to be fulfilled over and over again since that time. For Christ's Elect of this age, Christ has already come or is presently coming or will come in the future.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

The second coming of Christ to His Elect (First Fruits) will continue over and over again until the last chosen person has been saved and this age comes to an end.

The book of Revelation, along with ALL End-time prophecy teachings, are not teaching about outward coming world events as most people believe. They are teaching on the pathway to salvation. The events described in the Book of Revelation and End-time prophecy teachings are spiritual events, meaning that they happen within a person.

Luke 17:20-21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

This scripture above is teaching on the second coming of Christ. It is a spiritual coming to His Elect, those who have been chosen from the foundation of the world. They are the only ones who Christ is saving in this present age. This age is only for the harvesting of the First Fruits of His harvest of mankind. The rest of mankind will have to wait for their salvation which will come at the end of the harvest season (end of the final age). They simply were NOT chosen to be First Fruits who are harvested early.

Here is another verse that speaks of the second coming of Christ:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

The first time Christ appeared to mankind was when He was in the flesh. The second time He will appear to mankind will be when He is Spirit. Under the New Covenant, Christ comes without observation and He comes within us. The Old Covenant is physical but the New Covenant is spiritual. Physical human eyes will never see Christ again:

Acts 3:20-21 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

The phrase "heaven must receive" is referring to the spiritual nature of Christ now that He has been resurrected. He will never visibly appear to this world again. At His Second Coming, Christ

appears spiritually within a chosen believer. This means that He will no longer be veiled from them. At this time, Christ will heal the chosen believer's spiritual blindness. In other words, He will give them eyes that can see. Christ will be revealed through scripture. For those believers, they will find hidden treasure.

Prov 2:1-5 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Matthew chapter 24 is one of the great End-time teachings in scripture. Look at what Christ says about those events:

Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Notice how similar this verse is to the one you quoted in your post. However, in this verse, Christ speaks of a "generation" not passing away. It is not a physical generation. It is a spiritual generation. The spiritual generation which will not pass away "till all these things be fulfilled" is speaking of the lifetime of each chosen believer who will make up the First Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind. Each chosen believer will not physically die until "all these things" are fulfilled within them. In other words, they will not die until they have received both the Early and Latter Rain of the Spirit and are saved.

Until a believer can "see" spiritually (eyes that can see), the book of Revelation and all End-time prophecies will remain a mystery. We must "keep the sayings" of the Book of Revelation and the End-time prophecies or salvation will pass us by in this age. For Christ's Elect, He will see to it that each one of them "keep the sayings". He will not let anyone pluck them from his hand:

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

There is much more to the Great Mystery of Christ and His Church than what I presented above. The core teaching of this great mystery involves the Early and Latter Rain of the Spirit. I can go into detail on this mystery if you have an interest.

Joe