

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST, PART TWO

REVELATION

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“Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.” (Revelation 19:11-16, NLT)

1. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

“And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” (Matthew 24:30)

- a. A rider on a white horse.
- b. His name is Faithful and True. (see also Revelation 3:14)
- c. His eyes were like flames of fire.
- d. On his head were many crowns.
- e. A name was written on him that only he can understand.
- f. He wore a robe dipped in blood.
- g. His title was the Word of God and King of kings and Lord of lords.

“Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: “Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great.” Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.” (Revelation 19:17–21, NLT)

1. The emphasis on the deception of mighty miracles on behalf of the beast.
2. The beast and false prophet are thrown alive into the lake of fire.

“They worshiped the dragon for giving the beast such power, and they also worshiped the beast. “Who is as great as the beast?” they exclaimed. “Who is able to fight against him?” (Revelation 13:4, NLT)

THE MILLENNIUM

“Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterward he must be released for a little while.” (Revelation 20:1–3, NLT)

1. THE MILLENNIUM: THREE PREDOMINANT VIEWS

1. Pre-millennial – Jesus will return to establish a specific thousand-year kingdom.
2. Amillennial – Symbolic
3. Postmillennial – Christians will help establish the kingdom of God on earth before the return of Christ.

THE BINDING OF SATAN

2. GOD DELEGATES THE KEY TO AN ANGEL.

3. SATAN IS BOUND.

“In that day the LORD will punish the gods in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth. They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished. Then the glory of the moon will wane, and the brightness of the sun will fade, for the LORD of Heaven’s Armies will rule on Mount Zion. He will rule in great glory in Jerusalem, in the sight of all the leaders of his people.”
(Isaiah 24:21–23, NLT)

4. THE PIT IS SHUT AND LOCKED UP.

5. SATAN WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DECEIVE.

SATAN’S ACTIVITY IN THE PRESENT AGE

- *“Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples,”* (Luke 22:3, NLT)

Satan can cause willing people to do his will.

- *“Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself.”*
(Acts 5:3, NLT)

Satan leads people to deceive others.

- *“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.”* (2 Corinthians 4:4, NLT)

Satan blinds people to their need of the gospel.

- *“Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”* (2 Corinthians 11:14, NLT)

Satan counterfeits goodness and truth to trap people.

- *“You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.”* (Ephesians 2:2, NLT)

Satan provokes the evil desires of those who reject God.

- *“We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us.”* (1 Thessalonians 2:18, NLT)

Satan attempts to block evangelistic efforts.

- *“Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil’s trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.”*
(2 Timothy 2:26, NLT)

Satan uses church controversies and quarrels to lead people astray.

- *“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”* (1 Peter 5:8, NLT)

Satan attacks the weak, suffering, or lonely Christian who then withdraws from the church.

THE FIRST AND SECOND RESURRECTION

“Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus and for proclaiming the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They all came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.”
(Revelation 20:4–6, NLT)

1. DEATH IS THE GREAT DIVIDER OF HUMAN BEINGS.

“Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.” (John 5:28–29, ESV)

2. THE MILLENIUM IS THE PROMISE OF GOD FULFILLED TO HIS PEOPLE.

3. GOD SHOWS US THE HORRIFIC NATURE OF SIN.

4. DURING THE TRIBULATION THE WORLD FALLS APART.

5. DURING THE MILLENIUM THE WORLD IS MADE PERFECT.

“When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God’s people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”
(Revelation 20:7–10, NLT)

6. A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT CAN NEVER REPLACE A NEW HEART.