

03 SECOND COMING PASSAGES REQUIRE FIRST CENTURY FULFILLMENT

INTRODUCTION: In contrast to what is popularly taught in many churches today, the New Testament scriptures maintain that the “coming of the Lord” or “the second coming” was imminent to first century peoples. The second coming (AD 67-70) includes the end of the age, the judgment, resurrection (pass from death to life), establishment of the Kingdom of God, etc. This has far-reaching implications for believers, namely, the need to realize what we presently enjoy in Christ, and not be waiting for that which we already possess—God With Us. (This list is not exhaustive.)

1. **Mt. 10:23** But when they persecute you [apostles] in this city, flee into the next, for most certainly I tell you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel, until the Son of Man has come.
2. **Mt. 16:27-28.** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will render to everyone according to his deeds. 28 Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom.
3. **Mt. 24:33-34.** Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. 34 Most certainly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things [end time events] are accomplished.
4. **Mt. 26:64...**[Jesus speaking to high priest and Sanhedrin] I tell you, after this you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of the sky.
5. **Mk 1:14-15** Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent, and believe in the Good News."
6. **Mk 9:1.** He [Jesus] said to them, "Most certainly I tell you, there are some standing here who will in no way taste death until they see the Kingdom of God come with power."
7. **Mk 13:30.** Most certainly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen.
8. **Mk 14:61-62** The high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" Jesus said, "I am. You [Jewish officials] will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of the sky."
9. **Lk 9:27.** But I [Jesus] tell you the truth: There are some of those who stand here, who will in no way taste of death, until they see the Kingdom of God.
10. **Lk 19:43-44.** [Jesus said] “For the days will come on you, when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, surround you, hem you in on every side, 44 and will dash you and your children within you to the ground. They will not leave in you one stone on another, because you didn't know the time of your visitation [of Messiah].”
11. **Lk 21:20-24.** [Jesus said], "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let those who are in the midst of her depart. Let those who are in the country not enter therein. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled...24 They will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
12. **Lk 21:31-33** Even so you also, when you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near. 32 Most certainly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will, by no means, pass away.
13. **Jn 5:25** Most certainly, I tell you, the hour comes, and now is, when the dead will hear the Son of God's voice; and those who hear will live. [Resurrection is the passing from spiritual death to spiritual life. See paper #9]
14. **Rom 13:11-12.** It is already time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone, and the day is near.
15. **Rom 16:20.** And the God of peace will quickly crush Satan [the adversary] under your feet.
16. **I Cor. 7:31** The mode of this world [Old Covenant] passes away.
17. **I Cor. 10:11.** Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. (First century people were those on whom the end of the ages fell.)

- 18. I Th. 4:15.** But we don't want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you don't grieve like the rest, who have no hope. (Paul knew some first century Christians would be alive and some would not, at the coming of Christ.)
- 19. 2 Th. 2:3-4.** For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 20. 2 Th. 2:6-7** Now you know what is restraining him, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way. (The first century Thessalonians knew who the restrainer of the lawless one was. See fact sheet, #20 Man of Sin.)
- 21. Heb. 1:1-2.** [God] has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. (First century Hebrews were living in the last days of the Old Covenant "world.")
- 22. Heb. 8:13** In that he says, "A new covenant," he has made the first old. But that which is becoming old and grows aged is near to vanishing away. (The Old Covenant had not yet passed away when Hebrews was written in AD 60s.)
- 23. Heb. 9:26.** But now once at the end of the ages, He [Jesus, the final High Priest] has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Jesus's sacrifice was toward the end of the Old Covenant, that is, the end of the ages.)
- 24. Heb. 10:25.** ...Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching. ("The Day" is the Day of the Lord, or the Coming of the Son of Man)
- 25. Heb 10:37.** In a very little while, he who comes will come, and will not wait.
- 26. James 5:7-9.** Be patient therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord [parousia]. ...Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand... Behold, the judge stands at the door.
- 27. I Pet. 4:7.** But the end of all things is near. Therefore be of sound mind, self-controlled, and sober in prayer.
- 28. I Pet. 4:17** For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. If it begins first with us, what will happen to those who don't obey the Good News of God?
- 29. I Jn 2:8** Again, I write a new commandment to you, which is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shines.
- 30. I Jn 2:18** Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. (First century peoples were living in the "final hour".)
- 31. Jude 18-19.** They said to you that "In the last time there will be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts." 19 These are they who cause divisions, and are sensual, not having the Spirit. (The scoffers were present in Jude's time.)
- 32. Rev. 1:1.** This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things which must happen soon, which he sent and made known by his angel to his servant, John.
- 33. Rev. 1:3.** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written in it, for the time is at hand.
- 34. Rev. 3:11.** [Jesus said,] I am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes your crown.
- 35. Rev. 22:6.** He said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord God of the spirits of the prophets sent his angel to show to his bondservants the things which must happen soon."
- 36. Rev. 22:7** "Behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
- 37. Rev. 22:12.** "Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work."
- 38. Rev. 22:20.** He who testifies these things [Jesus] says, "Yes, I come quickly." Amen! Yes, be coming, Lord Jesus!