

Even though the specific expression, “the Second Coming of Jesus Christ” is not in Scripture, the theme of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is most definitely all throughout Scripture. In fact, one of the most majestic themes in the Bible is the theme of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It will be a stupendous moment in history, the likes of which this world has never seen. This will be the ultimate coronation.

This will be the moment when Jesus Christ, the God/Savior/Messiah/King actually comes back in spectacular Theanthropic glory out of heaven and puts His feet on the ground on this earth to reign as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will come back and take over the world.

What a glorious moment that will be. It is a moment anticipated in all Scripture. In fact, the Bible is like a crescendo that builds to this moment. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is truly a majestic theme of the Bible.

In fact, one theologian said, “no one can successfully deny the theme of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and almost every theologian and commentator agrees that the Bible plainly teaches the literal Second Coming of Jesus Christ.” But the problem is the Second Coming is not plainly taught.

In fact, it is a much neglected theme. Even though the phrase “second coming of Christ” is repeated multiple times in multiple religious settings, the truth is rarely if ever studied.

I have quite a library of thousands of books and it is very difficult to find any book, including theologies that discuss Christ’s Second Coming in depth. It seems the second coming is a somewhat neglected theme.

When it comes to the birth of Jesus Christ, every year at Christmas time the world remembers and celebrates the subject. The details surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ are so familiar that most people who don’t even go to church can recite them.

When it comes to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, most people have heard something from the Sermon on the Mount or something about how He changed water to wine or fed over 5,000 people.

When it comes to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, every spring churches are typically filled. Easter Sunday is still one of those Sundays when a lot of people go to church, who know about the resurrection.

But when it comes to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, most don’t have much of a clue as to what will actually happen or when it will happen. The second coming of Jesus Christ is a theme that has been neglected.

Make no mistake about this point: the central theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ.

The Person and work of Jesus Christ is a central theme developed throughout the entire Bible. Jesus Christ is the theme of the Old Testament; Jesus Christ is the theme of the Gospels and Jesus Christ is the theme of Acts and the Epistles. Jesus Christ is the whole prophetic program of God. All Scripture is Christocentric in that it is focused on or centered on Jesus Christ.

1) In the Old Testament there are many predictions that Jesus Christ is coming to earth.

It has been calculated that there are about 300 specific prophecies in the O.T. concerning the first coming of Jesus Christ. His entire life, including His virgin birth and place of birth, His lineage and His death, burial and resurrection are all intricately predicted. **What is also predicted is that just as He would come a first time as Savior of the world, He would also come back a second time as King over the world. Clearly, in the Old Testament, the theme is Jesus Christ is coming.**

2) In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it is stated that Jesus Christ is here on earth.

Those gospels are all about Jesus Christ. Those Gospel accounts track the life of Jesus Christ in great minutia. The Gospel records show that Jesus Christ was a real Person who was here on earth living and traveling in the land of Israel. His life and teachings are specifically recorded in those Gospel narratives from the moment of His conception and birth all the way to His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. **So in the Gospels, the theme is Jesus Christ is here.**

3) In Acts through Revelation, it is predicted that Jesus Christ will return to the earth.

Multiple passages from Acts through Revelation predict Jesus Christ will return. One is Acts 1:9-11 that says this:

“And after He (Jesus) had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

The next to last verse in the Bible in Revelation 22:20 cite the very words of Jesus Christ who said, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” **So from Acts through Revelation, it is predicted Jesus Christ will return to earth a second time.**

So the entire Bible is focused on Jesus Christ. The O.T. predicts Jesus Christ will come; the Gospels teach Jesus Christ is here and the Epistles predict Jesus Christ will return.

Now in our previous prophetic studies in this series, we established that the Church is looking to be Raptured. The Church is not found in the Old Testament and the Rapture of the Church is not found in the O.T..

We, who form the body and family of Jesus Christ, are looking for Jesus Christ to catch us up into the clouds to meet Him in the air. Jesus Christ specifically revealed to Paul that He will return in the sky and catch up His family members into the sky and take them to heaven. This is the Rapture of the Church.

This is not the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This is the Rapture. This will be the moment that Jesus Christ appears in the sky and calls His Church up to meet Him in the clouds. At this point He will not put His feet on the ground in Israel, but He will come get His family and body and take them “up, up and away” to heaven.

It is extremely important that we be very precise in our doctrine and eschatology. There is a saying that you often here in the news media that says, “The Devil is in the details.” That is not true. God is in the details. The Devil works in the emotional, irrational and sensational. The Devil does not want anyone knowing the specific details about the truth of God.

It is the devilish lack of precision that keeps people from being precise in what they know and believe. God wants His people knowing truth and developing sound minds and a sane faith. That is the whole purpose of the written Scriptures and this is certainly true when it comes to Prophecy.

For example, many people go to church or read books or listen to messages that refer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Many view it generically because it is presented generically. However, the Bible does not present generic truth; it presents specific truth. It presents very specific truth when it comes to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

What we mean by the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and what the Bible teaches is that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be the second time He will actually come to this earth and put His feet on earth in the land of Israel.

When we speak about the first coming of Jesus Christ, what we mean is the first time He put His feet on earth in the land of Israel and when we speak about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ we mean the second time He will put His feet on earth in the land of Israel.

Now this is clearly what the Bible establishes and predicts in both the O.T. and the N.T..

Job said that “at the last He will take His stand on the earth” (Job 19:25). Job predicted that the Divine redeemer would return and His feet will literally be standing on this earth.

We not only know that His feet will be standing on earth again, but we actually know the very place where this will first happen. The very spot He will do this is specifically stated in the Bible. **It is specifically stated that at the second coming, Jesus Christ will physically put His feet on the ground on the Mount of Olives.**

Here is what the prophet Zechariah predicted: “In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east...” (Zechariah 14:4).

In the N.T., Dr. Luke in Acts 1:12 says that when Jesus ascended into heaven, He did so from the Mount of Olives and he said He will come back to that very spot.

So the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is a specific and very special prediction. Now to give us a clear picture of this event, we want to ask and answer three questions.

What we would like to do today as we continue this prophetic series is to systematize as much information as we can about this blessed, predicted moment.

QUESTION #1 – When will the Second Coming of Jesus Christ occur?

According to Jesus Christ, no one knows the exact day or hour when Jesus Christ will return, but we do know the approximate time frame (Matt. 24:36). **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will take place “after the Tribulation.”** The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will occur at the conclusion of the Great Tribulation.

Jesus Christ could not have been any clearer on this very point. According the Matthew, He said the time of His second coming would occur “immediately after the tribulation of those days...” (**Matt. 24:29-31**). Mark also confirms that this will take place “in those days, after that tribulation” (**Mark 13:24**).

All of the signs that Jesus set forth concerning the Tribulation described in Matthew 24:4-28 and that John described in Revelation 6-19 will occur in a chronological sequential order that will specifically lead to the second coming of Jesus Christ.

In this church age, we are looking for the imminent return of Jesus Christ. We are looking for Christ Himself to Rapture us. There are no specific signs that precede the Rapture. In our previous study of clouds forming indicating we are nearing the Rapture, we certainly are able to see that the stage is being set for the Tribulation which means we are near the Rapture, but there are no specific signs for the Rapture.

However, there will be very specific signs that will precede the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Last week we looked at 27 specific signs that will chronologically take place before the Second Coming that will occur in the Great Tribulation. These will be judgment/wrath signs of the Tribulation and after the Tribulation, Jesus Christ will put His feet on this earth a second time. **So the Second Coming of Jesus Christ will occur at the End of the Tribulation.**

QUESTION #2 – At Christ’s Second Coming, what will people actually see?

There are a series of at least eleven specific things that people on earth will actually see at the second coming of Jesus Christ:

(Sight #1) - People will see a major series of cosmological events in the sky.

Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Luke 21:25-28

People will actually look up into the sky and will see some scary things at the moment of Christ's second coming. Both the O.T. and the N.T. testify that these things will happen at a sudden and unexpected moment (Mal.3:1; I Thess.5:3).

Matthew, Mark and Luke all present and list the same four cosmological events that will occur. Each writer lists these things as a direct quote from Jesus Christ Himself:

- A. The sun will be darkened.
- B. The moon will not give its light.
- C. The stars will be falling out of heaven.
- D. The heavens will be shaking

Luke says that men who see this will be so afraid they will actually faint (Luke 21:26). Men will realize it is all over and they will have a fearful and terrifying expectation of what is about to happen. They are about to face Jesus Christ.

That will be an intimidating moment for anyone, especially when the world has just come through the Great Tribulation.

(Sight #2) - People will actually see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with power and glory.

Matt. 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27; Rev. 1:7

People will actually look up and see Jesus Christ Himself.

John writes in Revelation 1:7: "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."

The cosmological events in the sky will cause everyone in the world to look up into the sky and as they are looking up, they are going to see Jesus Christ coming right out of heaven in all of His spectacular glory.

At the Rapture of the Church, there is no evidence that all the people see Jesus Christ in the sky. At the Rapture, the family of God is caught up in the air and is taken to heaven. There is no evidence that all the people in the world see Jesus Christ at that time. What the world will see is that millions of believers are gone and missing. The Rapture will be similar to a thief in the night. You get up and realize something is missing. At the Rapture, the world will realize the Christians are gone and missing.

However, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, all people in the world will see Him. They will actually look up into the sky and look at the clouds and actually see Jesus Christ coming in full heavenly splendor. He will not look like He is their friend.

He will not look like He is coming to save them. He will look like a wrathful warrior who is coming to destroy them. All people will see Him. Now John specifically identifies the Person they will see coming in the clouds will be Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:5). But it is also important to observe that when Matthew, Mark and Luke speak of this, they identify Jesus by the title “Son of Man.”

This is the Daniel term that refers to the Eternal, Ancient of Days God/man who will return to reign over all people and nations of the world (Daniel 7:13-14). **Jesus is God and He is coming to take over the world as the God/King and all will see Him.**

So when Jesus Christ returns a second time, everyone in the world will see Him coming. This will not be some humble appearing of the Son of God in Bethlehem; this will be a royal and regal and public appearing in Heaven to fill up the wrath of God.

No matter where people are in the world, they will see Him. This will not be a private appearance. This will be very public for all to see. Since the sun, moon, stars and all of heaven is involved, it won't matter where one is in the world; they will look into the sky and see Jesus Christ in all of His glory.

**(Sight #3) - People will actually see Jesus Christ returning from heaven riding a white horse.
Rev. 19:11**

In the first century, a conquering king would often lead a parade riding a big beautiful white horse. This will be the greatest parade ever and the King and His horse will be spectacular.

In Revelation 19:11 John writes that “I saw heaven opened.” This is a similar thing that John says he saw in Revelation 4:1: “I looked, and behold, a door open in heaven.” But as Joseph Seiss said back in the year 1900, there is a big difference between these two events. **In Revelation 4:1 the door of heaven is opened to let John into heaven. In Revelation 19:11, the door of heaven is opened to let Jesus Christ out of heaven** (*The Apocalypse, Exposition of the Book of Revelation*, p. 435). This is the moment when Jesus Christ will leave heaven to come back to earth a second time.

We may remember that when Jesus Christ was here on earth the first time, He humbly rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. When He comes back a second time, He will be riding a beautiful, heavenly white horse as the faithful and true judge. In fact, apparently there will be some immediate acknowledgment that Jesus is the faithful and true righteous judge. He will be coming in power to victoriously take over the world.

The first time Jesus came to this earth, He came to offer grace. The second time Jesus comes to this earth, He will come to bring righteous judgment and wrath. People will see Him.

(Sight #4) - People will see His eyes - they will be like flames of fire. **Rev. 19:12a**

There have been some very touching pictures painted concerning the eyes of Jesus Christ. One of the more famous paintings was Warner Sallman, who, in 1940 in Chicago, painted his interpretation of the head of Jesus Christ. His eyes are looking toward heaven and they are very loving eyes.

When Jesus Christ comes a second time, there will be fire in those eyes. He is coming as the righteous judge and He is not coming to save sinners. He is coming to judge them in His full wrath.

This reference to His eyes being like flames of fire clearly speaks of the fact that His judgment will penetrate through all of the masks. He will see through everything and look straight at the heart and judge what is really there. Joseph Seiss accurately stated this will be “Omniscient perception” that will pour out indignation and wrath (*Ibid.*, p. 436).

(Sight #5) - People will see His crowns - He will be wearing many royal crowns. **Rev. 19:12b**

There are two different crowns in Greek: 1) The *stephanos* victor’s crown and 2) The *diadem* (*diadhma*) crown of royalty. All of Christ’s crowns here are Divine royalty crowns.

In the book of Revelation, Satan had seven crowns (Rev. 12:3) and the Antichrist had ten crowns (Rev. 13:1). The seven may refer to the seven continents of the world that Satan controls temporarily and the ten crowns certainly could be indicative of the ten European powers that will be dominated by the Antichrist.

When Jesus Christ returns, He will be wearing “many diadems.” He will not only come back to have victory over the seen and known world, but He will also have victory over the unseen and Satanic world and cast the Antichrist and False prophet into everlasting fire (Rev. 19:20).

The reference to many diadems is a reference to the fact that at His Second Coming, Jesus Christ is going to have a sovereign rule and reign over everything. He is coming to take total sovereign royalty over everything.

(Sight #6) - People will see Him with a new unrecognizable name. **Rev. 19:12c**

“He has a name written on Him which no one knows.”

It is predicted by Isaiah that one day Israel will have a new name (Isaiah 62:2-5). It is also predicted that New Testament believers will receive a new name (Revelation 2:17). It is also predicted that one who is faithful to Jesus Christ and the word of God will one day be identified by the new name of Jesus Christ (3:12).

When Jesus Christ comes a second time, He is coming with a new name that only He knows. This name is a special name that is not revealed to us in Revelation of anywhere else. It must be an amazing name.

Now in the book of Revelation, Jesus Christ is given at least 32 names:

Twelve names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter one.

- 1) The faithful witness. 1:5
- 2) The firstborn of the dead. 1:5
- 3) The ruler of the kings of the earth. 1:5
- 4) The Alpha and Omega. 1:8
- 5) The Lord God who is and who was and who is to come. 1:8
- 6) The Almighty. 1:8
- 7) The Son of Man. 1:13
- 8) The first and the last. 1:17
- 9) The Living one. 1:18
- 10) The One with the keys of death and hell. 1:18
- 11) The One who holds the seven angels of the churches in His right hand. 1:20/2:1
- 12) The One who walks in the midst of the seven churches. 1:20/2:1

Three names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter two:

- 13) The One who has the sharp two-edged sword. 2:12
- 14) The Son of God. 2:18
- 15) The One who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like burnished bronze. 2:18

Seven names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter three:

- 16) The One who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars. 3:1
- 17) The One who is Holy. 3:7
- 18) The One who is True. 3:7
- 19) The One who has the key of David who can open doors no one can shut and shut doors no one can open. 3:7
- 20) The Amen. 3:14
- 21) The Faithful and True witness. 3:14
- 22) The Beginning of the Creation of God. 3:14

Three names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter five:

- 23) The Lion of the Tribe of Judah. 5:5
- 24) The Root of David. 5:5; 22:16
- 25) The Lamb. 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1 and elsewhere 28 times.

One name for Jesus Christ shows up in chapter six:

- 26) The Lord, holy and true. 6:10

Two names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter 15:

- 27) King of nations. 15:3
- 28) Lord God, the Almighty. 15:3

Two names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter 19:

- 29) The word of God. 19:13
- 30) The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 19:16

Two names for Jesus Christ show up in chapter 22:

- 31) The bright and morning star. 22:16
- 32) Lord Jesus. 22:20, 21

So whatever this unknown name is, it must be spectacular. It must be a very special and sacred name that will be spotted at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

(Sight #7) - People will see Him wearing a blood-stained robe. **Rev. 19:13a**

We expect to see national political leaders wearing a nice suit with a white shirt and tie. Can you imagine the shock if our President got off Air Force One in a suit dripping in Blood? We would certainly wonder what is happening.

People don't expect to see a King wearing a robe dipped in blood. They expect Him to be dressed with regal array. This Divine King will be wearing a blood-stained robe for all to see. That robe will communicate three things to those who see Him and it:

- 1) It will communicate that the only way to have a relationship with God was through His redemptive work and shed blood. It was not by human works, it was by Christ's work.
- 2) It will communicate that Jesus Christ suffered and shed His own blood to save sinners and now it is payback time for those who rejected Him.
- 3) It will communicate that God's family suffered and their blood was shed and now it is payback time for all the evil done to them.

When the world sees Jesus Christ wearing that blood-stained robe, it will not be a welcomed sight.

(Sight #8) - People will see Him with a recognizable name. **Rev. 19:13b**

At the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, everyone in the world will identify Jesus Christ by His name, "The Word of God." Jesus Christ is the word of God. There is no higher accolade than that.

We know from Psalm 33:6 - "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made."

We know from John 1:1-14 - "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God and all things were made by Him." We learn from this text that God the word became flesh and took on Him the form of man.

Now when Isaiah spoke of God judging the world, he said, "He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked" (Is.11:4).

Jesus Christ is coming back and the fact that His name is the word of God means He will fulfill everything as God and that should intimidate everyone.

Dr. John Walvoord said in John 1:1-3, Jesus is Word of God who is the creator of all. But here, that same word of God is the Judge of all (*Revelation*, p. 290).

(Sight #9) - People will see Him coming with armies out of heaven.

Rev. 19:14; Jude 14; I Thess. 3:13

This will be one scary and intimidating sight for people to see. The Bible is filled with statements that Jesus Christ will come with all His army saints, which will include us.

Zechariah said, “the LORD, my God, will come and all the holy ones with Him.” Zech. 14:5

Paul said, “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints” (I Thess. 3:13).

Jude said, “the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way and of all the harsh things which the ungodly sinners have spoken against Him...”

(Jude 14).

Now in Rev. 19:14, there are three facts about the armies coming with Jesus Christ that all will see:

- 1) The armies are in heaven and coming from heaven - N.T. and Tribulation warrior saints.
- 2) The armies are clothed in fine linen white and clean - everyone is a pure, righteous, priest.
- 3) The armies are following Jesus Christ on white horses - victorious heavenly cavalry.

What is interesting in this description of this army is that there is no armor or weapons. We won't need them because Jesus Christ is all we need for victory.

Jesus Christ is the great conqueror and we are basically permitted to go along with Him for the ride. All we need for victory is Him. His word will take care of all the evil enemies.

(Sight #10) - People will see Him coming to pour out judgments by His speech. **Rev. 19:15**

Think about this fact the power of Satan, the power of the Antichrist, the power of all kings of the world is broken and destroyed by the voice of Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ was here the first time, He never used His words to kill and destroy. He did not use His words to judge and punish, even though He had that kind of power.

For example, He spoke to a storm on the sea and the storm obeyed Him. There were times when Jesus showed the Sovereign power of His word. When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and Judas came out to betray Jesus with about 600 people, when Jesus said, “I am He,” the whole group fell to the ground (John 18:6). Just His words “I AM” dropped those people.

At His Second Coming, Jesus Christ will speak judgments against people. That will be all He does. As this text says, “from His mouth comes a sharp sword.” By only using His words He will “strike down the nations and rule them with a rod of iron.”

According to Revelation 19:15, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, He will accomplish three stated things by His speech:

(Accomplishment #1) - He will smite the nations.

(Accomplishment #2) - He will rule the nations.

(Accomplishment #3) - He will pour out God’s wrath on the nations.

He will do every bit of this by His speech.

(Sight #11) - People will see Him come as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. **Rev. 19:16**

All people will see and honor Jesus Christ as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. All people will see and honor Jesus Christ as the God/King and God/Ruler over all.

Jesus Christ alone has the right to rule and at His Second Coming, He will rule.

QUESTION #3 – At Christ’s Second Coming, what will He actually do?

There are three specific endeavors that Jesus Christ will undertake at His second coming:

(Endeavor #1) - Jesus Christ will return and will pour out the final wrath of God on the world.
Is. 26:21; 63:2-5

Jesus Christ is going to return a second time to pour out God’s final wrath on this earth that will fill up the wrath of God. He is the finale of the wrath of God. Last week we examined the horrible events of the Tribulation, which is a time in which God pours out His wrath.

When Jesus Christ returns, He will finish the wrath of God, because it isn’t quite over. He will judge Israel and He will judge the nations. He will judge the ungodly and all followers of Satan.

Obadiah writes: “For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head” (Obadiah 15).

Micah writes: “And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath” (Micah 5:15).

Nahum writes: “The LORD is avenging and wrathful. The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries and He reserves wrath for His enemies” (Nahum 1:2). “Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire” (Nahum 1:6).

John writes in Revelation 19:15, “He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.”

Jesus Christ is not coming back to be a friend of sinners. He is coming back to pour out the final wrath of God on God-mocking, Christ-rejecting, Bible-hating, Israel-hating individuals.

(Endeavor #2) - Jesus Christ will return and He will regather Israel and bring her to her Promised Land. He will make Jerusalem the capital of the world and make Israel the most honored nation in the world and make the Jews the most honored people in the world. Deut. 30:1-5; Is. 14:1-2; Is. 46:13; 61:6-7; Jer. 12:15; Zech. 8:23; Matt. 24:31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28;

There are some amazing prophetic statements about this blessed moment in the Scriptures:

Is. 14:1-2 - “The LORD will have compassion on Jacob and again choose Israel and settle them in their own land, then strangers will join them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.”

Is. 24:23 - The LORD of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His ancients, gloriously.

Jeremiah 12:15 - “I will again have compassion on them (Israel) and I will bring them back, each one to his inheritance and each one to his land.”

Zechariah 8:22-23 - “So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. Thus says the LORD of hosts, In those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, ‘Let us go with you for we have heard God is with you.’”

Jesus Christ will return and regather Israel and take her into her land.

However, I want to point out something very significant about this action and this moment.

In Leviticus 26:40-42, it is predicted that before this event occurs, Israel will confess their iniquity.

In Jeremiah 3:11-18 it is predicted that Israel will acknowledge her transgressions before God will take her to her Promised Land and city.

In Zechariah 12:10 God says that Israel will mourn and weep over what she did to Jesus Christ before God blesses her in her land.

In Matthew 23:39 Jesus says that Israel will not see Him again until the nation cries out blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

One of foremost Jewish theologians and scholars on Jewish eschatology is Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum. Upon examining these very passages he wrote these words:
“Jesus will not come back to earth until the Jews and the Jewish leaders ask Him to come back. Just as the Jewish leaders led the nation to the rejection of the Messiahship of Jesus, the must some day lead the nation to the acceptance of the Messiahship of Jesus. **This, then is the twofold basis of the second coming of Jesus Christ: Israel must confess her national sin and then plead for Messiah to return, to mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son. Until these two things happen, there will be no second coming**”
(*Israelology, The Missing Link In Systematic Theology*, p. 783).

In other words, if Israel wants Jesus Christ to come back and give her all of the blessings of God, she needs to acknowledge her sin of rejecting Jesus Christ and ask Him to come back. The sad reality is it will take the Anti-Semitic horrors of the Tribulation to get her to do this.

Let me make a very real personal application for your life. Jesus Christ will not come into your life and save you from your sins until you admit you are a sinner and ask Him to save you.

(Endeavor #3) - Jesus Christ will return and He will take over the world and establish His Kingdom reign over every person and every place. Psalm 2; Dan. 2:44-45; 7:13-14; Jer. 23:5

When Jesus Christ comes back a second time, He will come to take over the world. He will be the government. Isaiah said, “the government will rest on His shoulders” (Is. 9:6).

The type of government will not be a democracy in which the people rule nor a monarchy in which a king rules; it will be a pure theocracy in which God rules. Jesus Christ will rule the world.

Psalm 72:11 - “And let all kings bow down before Him; all nations shall serve Him.”

Psalm 72:8 - “May He also rule from sea to sea and from river unto the ends of the earth.”

Zechariah 14:9 - “And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one and His name the only one.”

Revelation 11:15 - “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

The political leaders of this world are not about to willingly submit to God, to Jesus Christ and the Bible so Jesus Christ will come back and force them to submit to Him.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. It is clearly predicted in both the O.T. and the N.T. that Jesus Christ will come back again.

What you choose to believe is up to you. But what you cannot deny is that the Bible does predict Jesus Christ will return a second time and put His feet on the ground in Israel.

2. It is clearly revealed in Scripture that His Second Coming will be totally different than His first coming.

At His first coming, He came to save sinners. At His Second Coming He will come and pour out wrath on sinners.

3. It is clearly stated that Jesus Christ will not save sinners until they admit they are sinners and call out to Him to save them.

Paul said in Romans whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved (Rom. 10:13). If you want to be saved from sins and go to heaven, ask Jesus Christ to come into your life and save you.

4. It is clearly predicted that God will do wonderful things for Israel when the nation mourns over what she did to Jesus Christ and asks Him to return to deliver her.

The words of Dr. Fruchtenbaum should ring true to any Jew or Jewish leader listening to this today: "Jesus will not come back to earth until the Jews and the Jewish leaders ask Him to come back."

5. Jesus Christ took God's wrath on Him so He could save you, but if you reject Him, He will pour out God's wrath on you.

In fact, here is what God's word says: "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."