

The Return of the King
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1. The Second Coming of Christ is a central theme of the Bible.
2. It is one of the best attested to promises in all of Scripture.
3. Christians can rest in the sure conviction that just as Jesus came to earth the first time, He will return at the conclusion of the Great Tribulation. (Hebrews 9:27-28)
4. The Old Testament prophecies of Christ's 1st and 2nd Advent are so intertwined that Jewish scholars did not recognize them as separate events.
 - a. Many of the prophets saw both comings of Christ as one event or two events separated by very little time. (Isaiah 9:6)
 - b. This can partially explain the initial confusion some had regarding Jesus as Messiah.
 - c. Jesus' followers expected Him to fulfill the glorious promises related to His second coming during His first visit. (Acts 1:6, Mark 10:37)
5. Some Contrasts between Jesus 1st and 2nd Advents:
 - a. Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes-----Clothed in Royal Robes dipped in Blood.
 - b. Surrounded by cattle and common people-----Accompanied by the Armies of Heaven
 - c. Door of the Inn was closed-----Door of Heaven opened
 - d. Voice of a Crying Baby-----Voice of Thunder, Sound of many waters
 - e. Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world----Lion of Judah who brings Judgment
6. The 2nd Coming gets the most ink in the Bible.
 - a. Prophecies of 2nd coming outnumber 1st coming 8 to 1
 - b. 1845 Biblical References to the 2nd Coming
 - c. Jesus referred to His return 21 times
 - d. O.T. Prophecy (Zechariah 14:3-4)
 - e. Jesus speaking from the Mount of Olives (Matthew 24:27, 29-30)
 - f. The Angels (Acts 1:11 &12)
 - g. John the Revelator (Rev. 1:7, 22:20)