

CFC-400. THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD.

We have the Lord's promise that he will soon return physically to this earth again. John 14:1-3, Acts 1:6-11, Php. 3:20-14, Col. 3:1-4, 1Thes. 2:19, 14, 1John 3:1-12, Rev. 22:6-13, 20.

There will be four distinct events in regular order in this return of The Lord.

1) The Rapture – the 1st focus for us believers

The Lord will come to take away his bride (the church) from the earth.

- Our Lord Jesus will suddenly & supernaturally gather us together into his immediate presence. 1Thes. 4:15-17. In this event we shall all be translated **physically** into Christ's very image and glory to look exactly like him. (John 17:24, Rom. 8:19-23, 1Cor. 15:40-54, Php. 3:20-21, Col. 3:4, 1John 3:2).
- We will remain in physical union with Him forever after this. (John 14:1-3)

The Judgement seat of Christ / rewards to Saints

- After the rapture, we the Christians will appear at the judgement seat of Christ for each of us to receive rewards for our Christian labours of love while on earth. (Romans 14:10, 1 Corinthians 3:11-16).
- This judgment seat of Christ is not for condemnation. Rather it is an event to celebrate our achievements for the Lord during our time on the earth. It is the parade of Champions. (Romans 8:1, 14:10)
- The reward you will receive shall be proportional to the QUALITY and QUANTITY of service rendered to Christ during your life time upon the earth. This reward will be in terms of authority to rule over several lands, people, cities & nations during the millennial (1000yrs) reign of Christ. (Isa. 40:10, Matt. 16:27, 25:21-23, Lk. 19:11-17, 1Cor. 3:8, Rev. 11:18, 22:12)

2) The reign of the Antichrist & The judgement of the nations.

- After the rapture of the church the Antichrist will be revealed and will rule the world for 7 years.
- The Antichrist will deceive men to worship Satan and will severely punish (terrorize unto death) those who refuse. This period of terror is referred to in the bible as the day of tribulation (Matt. 24:9-22).
- The Lord will come and will appear to the whole world and consume the Antichrist, judge the nations and usher in one thousand years of bliss on earth as ruler in the millennium reign. Psalm 2:8, Jer. 23:5-6, Dan. 7:11-14, Hos. 3:4-5, Zech. 15:9.

3) Millennium reign of Christ

- In this millennium kingdom of Christ, the saints will be the judges and governors over the nation, lands and people upon the earth according to each man's reward from the Lord. All angels will be servants of the saints and will be at their command. Rev.20:1-3, 1Cor.6:2-3, Luke 22:29-31, Matt.19:28, Dan.7:22, 26-27.
- It will be a time of universal peace and will last for 1000 years. Psa.46:9-10, 72:2-7, Isa.9:6-7, 11:9, 2:11, 35:10, 45:12, 49:10, 65:19, Jer.31:2.

4) The Last Rebellion/ Final Conflict & The end of the world.

- At the end of the 1000years Satan will be loosed from the bottomless pit, and he will stir up rebellion against God in the hearts of men using deceit and lies. (Rev 20:2-3, 7-8).
- Satan shall lead an unprecedented rebellion against the reigning Jesus Christ and his saints but will be stopped by a direct judgment and destruction from God like it happened to Sodom and Gomorrah. (Rev 20:7-9).
- Satan will be cast into the lake of fire. Then this world and everything about it shall be destroyed. (2Pet 3:1-7, 3:10,12)

5) The White Throne Judgement

- There will be the physical resurrection and roll call of all natural human beings (sinners) to eternal judgement at the Great white judgement throne of God. This shall be the last judgment of all. (Rev 20:11-13)
- The Church will be present together with God to pass this judgment on the non-Christians (1 Cor. 6:2-3).
- This white throne judgement is exclusively for the unbelievers - for sentencing them to the second death because they did not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour in their life time. (Revelations 20:11-15).
- All who appear at this white throne judgement will sentenced to the second death and will be cast into the lake of fire - the eternal doom of the wicked. (Rev 19:20, 20:10, 15, 21:8, John 3:36).

6) The New Heaven and New Earth

- After the white throne judgement, there will remain only Jesus Christ with all the saints that have been redeemed from the world in him as God's family. (1Cor.15:24-28).
- Then a new heaven and a new earth will be revealed by God for himself and his family and the eternal state of righteousness will begin. (Isa.65:17, 66:22, 2Pet.3:12-13, Rev 21:1-8).