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The Second Coming of Christ

Biblical Support

I. Christ's Own Statements

- Matthew 24:27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.
- Matthew 24:30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.
- Matthew 24:37-39 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.
- Matthew 24:42, 44, 50 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ... So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. ... The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of.
- Matthew 25:6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'
- Matthew 25:19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.
- Matthew 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.
- Matthew 26: 64 But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- Luke 12:35-38 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night.

- Luke 19:11-12 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. ¹² He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return.
- John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
- John 14:18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
- John 14:28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
- John 21:22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."
- II. Other New Testament Books

A. In the Book of Acts

- 1. Angels at the Ascension
- Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."
 - 2. Peter's preaching at the Temple
- Acts 3:19-21 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-- even Jesus. ²¹ He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.
 - B. In the Epistles of Paul
- 1 Corinthians 1:7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.
- 1 Corinthians 15:22-23 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.
- 1 Corinthians 16:22 Come, O Lord!
- *Philippians 3:20-21 But our citizenship is in heaven. And* we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring

everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

- 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will <u>bring with Jesus</u> those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the <u>coming</u> of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For <u>the</u> Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at <u>the coming of</u> <u>our Lord Jesus Christ</u>.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power ¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of <u>his coming</u>.
- 1 Timothy 6:13-15 I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the <u>appearing</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time-- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords
- 2 Timothy 4:1-2 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his <u>appearing</u> and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.

- 2 Timothy 4:8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his <u>appearing</u>.
- Titus 2:12-13 [Grace] teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious <u>appearing</u> of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ
 - C. In the Epistles of Peter
- 1 Peter 1:7 These [trials] have come so that your faith-- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- 1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- 1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.
- 2 Peter 3:4, 10 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.
 - D. In the Epistles of John
- 1 John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him <u>at his coming</u>.
- 1 John 3:2 ... when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
 - E. In the Epistle to the Hebrews
- Hebrews 9:27-28 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will <u>appear</u> a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.
- Heb. 10:37 For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay.
 - F. In the Epistle of James and Jude
- James 5:7-8 Be patient, then, brothers, until <u>the Lord's coming</u>. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and

spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because <u>the Lord's coming</u> is near.

- Jude 1:14 Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, <u>the Lord is</u> <u>coming</u> with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones
 - G. In the Book of Revelation
- Revelation 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.
- Revelation 3:11 I am coming soon.
- Revelation 22:7 "Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book."
- Revelation 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.
- Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.