



# The Second Coming of Christ & The Kingdom to Come

## Introduction: Key Bible Texts

### Scriptural evidence concerning the generation of Christ's second coming

Jesus told His disciples that He would return for the saints in their current generation...

*Matthew 24:34 KJV Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*

Jesus preached that the time for the “harvest” of those worthy to be taken up to heaven (the saints), was at hand...

*Matthew 24:34 But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.*

*John 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.*

The apostles told the saints of their generation that some of them would not sleep (die) before the first resurrection took place (Rev 20:6) and they were taken up to heaven...

*1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

**Note: It is important to keep the scriptures in their proper context. When the apostles said “we”, they were talking about the people in their own generation long ago. If they all died without the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection taking place, the apostles words were not true. Remember, they were influenced by the Holy Spirit at this time.**

### Scriptural evidence concerning who the 144000 saints were that were taken up to heaven in the 1<sup>st</sup> century

*Revelation 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

**Note: The message of the kingdom of heaven being at hand was preached only to Israel at first because they were first to enter into the kingdom of heaven, at the second coming (Matt 10:5-7). Other believers will enter the kingdom of heaven (here on earth) at the final judgment still to come.**

### Scriptural evidence showing that when Christ returns in the future, for the final judgment, He will stay and set up the kingdom of heaven (New Jerusalem) here on earth

*Revelation 21:2-3 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.*

*Zechariah 14:9 And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.*

**Note: When Christ returns for the final judgment, the saints that were taken at the second coming will be with Him (Rev 14:1, 1Cor 6:2)**