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| **Revision** (Fill in the Blanks)  *Eschatology* means\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  Individual or Personal Eschatology  After death:  Believers will be with C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  Believers and Unbelievers will be C\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  General Eschatology  What is the centerpiece of Biblical hope and expectation for the future? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_  Eschatological Systems:   * dispensational premillennialism, * historic premillennialism, * postmillennialism, and * amillennialism (realised millennialism)   Rapture  Tribulation |

Why we should not be dogmatic in our view of the second coming | instead we should be humble, diligent and persevere in studying the scriptures to understand this matter. Also our interest in it should be to be more holy and ready. *1 Jn 3:2-3*

The apostles in their questions to Jesus Christ do at times give the impression that they thought Jesus would return in their day and generation (Mk 10:37, Lk 24:21, Acts 1:6-9). But they never taught that in writing. *(Mk 10:37, Lk 24:21, Acts 1:6-9)*

The Christians of two thousand years ago were in the last days and so are we. *(Acts 2:16,17; Heb 1:2; 1Pet 1:20; 2Pet 3:3)*

**‘prophetic foreshortening’** metaphor of two mountain peaks

*\*\* Isa 13:* *1-8, 17-22* Vs *Isa 13:* *9-13*

*\*\* Isa 61:1-2 Vs* how Jesus stops in *Luke 4:16-21*

*\*\**  Destruction of Jerusalem and references to the end of the world in *Matt 24 & 25, Mark 13* and *Luke 21*.

Scripture is clear that we do not know when Christ will come *Matt 24:44 Matt 25:13 Mk 13:32-33 Rev 16:15*

Verses predicting a sudden coming *Matt 24:44 Matt 24:50 Luke 12:40 1 Thess 5:2 2 Pet 3:10 Rev 22:*20

Signs that precede Christ’s return

* The Preaching of the gospel to all nations *(Matt. 24:14); Mark 13:10; Rom. 11:25* |Col *1:5-6 Col 1:23*
* The Great Tribulation *(Mark 13:7-8); Matt 24:15-22; Lk 21:20-24 |* Could refer to the Roman siege of Jerusalem in the Jewish War of 66-70 and other periods of great suffering
* False prophets working signs and wonders *(Mk 13:22); Matt 24:23-24*
* Signs in the heavens *(Mk 13:24-25); Matt 24:29-30; Lk 21:25-27*
* The coming of the Antichrist *(2 Thess 2:3) 1John 2:18*

Any solution must do justice to these facts:

* We cannot know when Jesus will come again
* Jesus wants us to be on our watch
* Take into consideration the purpose of the sign

**Though it is unlikely that Christ will return at once because it seems that there are several signs yet to be fulfilled yet Christ could return at any time since we cannot be certain that the signs have not been fulfilled.**If Christ does return suddenly, we will not be tempted to object, saying that one or another sign has not yet occurred. We will simply be ready to welcome him when he appears.