

Grade 11
THE SECOND COMING – 9/28/08

Biblical Facts regarding the Second Coming:

1. The beginning of sorrows, **Matthew 24:4-13, Luke 21:7-18**
 - False prophets and false religion
 - *“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”*
 - These are according to the working of Satan **2 Thessalonians 2:9**
 - Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom
 - Famine, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places
 - *“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”*
 - *“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”*
 - *“While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption”* **2 Peter 2:19**
2. The preaching of the Gospel in all the world, **Matthew 24:14**
 - *“not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance”* **2 Peter 3:9**
3. The final affliction before His coming, **Matthew 24:29-31, Luke 21:25-28**
 - *“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”* **2 Peter 3:10**
 - *“And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”* **2 Thessalonians 2:8**

Spiritual Lessons

1. *“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”* **Luke 21:34-36**
2. *“You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* **2 Peter 3:17,18**
3. *“The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations”* **2 Peter 2:9**
4. *“What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and goodness”* **2 Peter 3:11**
5. Spiritual maturity **Hebrew 5:12-14**
6. *“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* **Mark 14:38**
7. St. Gregory of Nyssa on the pursuit of perfection: *“Just as the end of life is the beginning of death, so also stopping in the race of virtue marks the beginning of the race of evil.”*

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Second vs. First Coming (maybe will not be covered)

1. First Coming was quiet, unnoticeable; He came as a poor man.
2. Second Coming will be awesome, terrifying, and glorious (Philippians 2:10)
3. He will come on the clouds and the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky (Matthew 24:30)
4. First Coming the people plotted against the Lord
5. Second Coming they will want to hide (Revelation 6:15,16)
6. He came to save us and in the second coming He will come to judge everyone (Matthew 25:22).
7. He took the righteous to paradise and in the second coming He will take them to the heavenly kingdom.

References: Luke 21, Matthew 24, 2 Peter 3, 2 Thessalonians 2, *Man's Participation in God's Perfections according to Saint Gregory of Nyssa. Studia Anselmiana*, 55. Rome, 1966.