

BBC – Wed, 2/12/25 – Biblical End Times Study #2 – 6 Foundational Basics:

1. The ABSOLUTE of Christianity:

Jesus Christ is coming again! [John 14:1-3](#); [Acts 1:10-11](#); [1 Thes. 4:16-17](#)

a) The **first time** He came as a suffering servant, as a sacrificial **Lamb**, born as a baby to a Virgin. He lived to **die** (for us).

❖ The **FIRST** ‘fullness of time’ ([Gal 4:4](#))

- “Pax Romana”; Roman **roads**; Greek **language**; Spiritual vacuum & expectancy; era of Roman “**Mysteries**”; paganism; idolatry; unbridled licentiousness.
- Jesus came to lay down His life as a **Lamb**, without resistance;
- Yet He had the power to take his life back again; **resurrect, give final instructions, ascend, & launch His Church**

b) The **second time** He’s coming in great power and great glory ([Matt 24:30](#)), as a conquering **Lion**, with justice, to **gather, purge & reign**.

❖ The **SECOND** ‘fullness of time’

- Advancement, w/**foundations disintegrating**: Government, business, education, science, arts, information industry, religion, family, moral crisis... the **earth** ‘groaning’ ([Rom 8:22](#))
- The **Gospel** message preached to the **world** ([Matt 24:14](#))
- The “Fullness” of the **Gentiles** having been brought in ([Rom 11:25](#))

2. Jewish belief has always been based on the concept of a present Evil age & a future Golden age

a) Jews always struggled with the concept of both a ‘**suffering**’ & ‘**glorious**’ Messiah ([1 Pet 1:11](#)).

b) Some Jews interpreted OT prophecy as pointing to **two** Messiahs:

- First a “**Ben Joseph**” (suffering), followed by a “**Ben David**” (glorious)
- They did not envision the concept of **one single** Messiah who would come **twice**.

FIRST COMING

In human flesh – [Isa 7:14](#)

Enter on a donkey – [Matt 21:5-7](#)

As a Lamb – [Isa 53:7](#)

To be judged – [John 9:39](#)

In humility – [Phil 2:5-8](#)

To die for many – [Matt 20:28](#)

SECOND COMING

In glorified body – [Matt 17:2](#); [Heb 1:3](#)

Enter on a white stallion – [Rev 19:11](#)

As a Lion – [Joel 3:16](#)

As the Judge – [2 Tim 4:8](#); [Acts 10:42](#)

In His glory – [Matt 25:31](#)

To reign & give life eternal to many – [Rev 11:15](#)

3. The world’s condition approaching the end of time will **worsen**, in the sense of godlessness:

a) **Spiritually**, morally, things **in world** will get much worse ([1 Tim 4:1-2](#); [2 Tim 3:1-5,13](#)), including a general ‘falling away’ from the Faith and belief in the Truth of God’s Word ([2 Thess 2:3](#));

b) Life will continue with such routines as business, marriage and family ([Matt 24:38](#)), the four seasons endure ([Gen 8:22](#)), so that, many will mock that nothing has changed ([2 Pet 3:3-4](#));

c) Yet, **knowledge** (including the knowledge of God & His Word), will **increase** ([Daniel 12:4](#)).

4. The Church’s Commission is NOT to **salvage** a condemned world, but to **call all men out of it!**

a) While we are to **occupy** as God’s **stewards**, the world has already been tried & convicted at the Cross, and it is awaiting the execution of its **judgment** at Christ’s Second Coming.

b) The Church’s strategy is not to merely make converts, but to develop reproducing **disciples!**

5. The purpose for Christ’s return will be to:

a) To collect His **Church** - to deliver her out of the world before His divine “**wrath**” judgment; The “**Blessed Hope**” of the Church **is** the 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ ([Titus 2:13](#); [Heb 9:28](#)).

b) Redeem **Israel** ([Rom 11](#)); and purge the **world** - *justice demands judgment* ([Heb 12:26-27](#)).

[Matt 24:28](#) **Carcase** = *corruption*; **Eagles** = *judgment* & [1 Pet 4:17](#) *it begins w/God’s people.*

c) Finally (before the **new heavens, earth, Jer.**), to establish His Millennial **Kingdom** ([Rev 20:1-6](#))

6. Two Questions concerning His Coming: 1) Will He find **faith** on the earth? ([Luke 18:8](#))

2) **When** will He come, and **what** will be the **Sign** of His Coming? ([Matt 24:3](#))