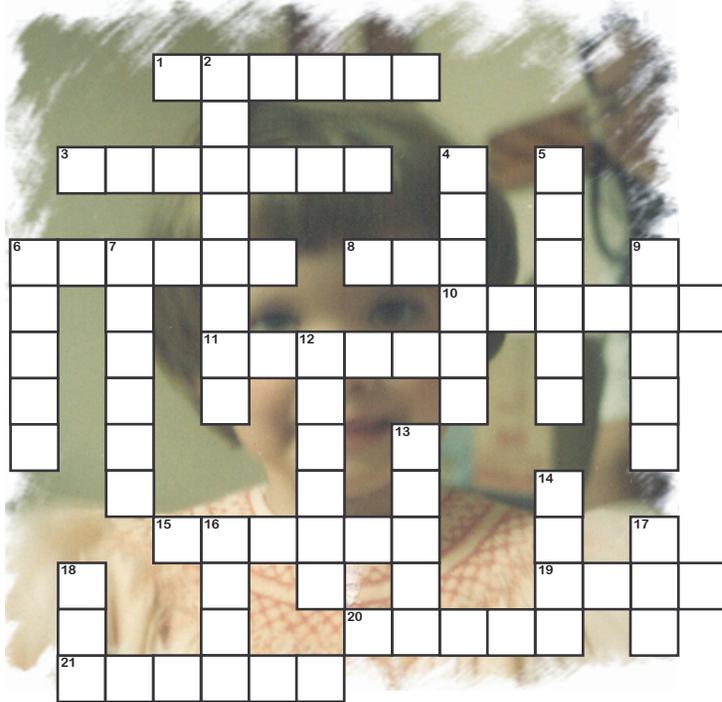


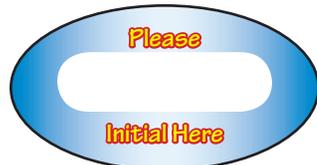
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| 1. Jesus _____. | 2. In His first coming He was born into _____. |
| 3. He will fulfill His _____ to return. | 4. The prophet who spoke of Christ coming and receiving a kingdom. |
| 6. The _____ coming of Jesus Christ. | 5. The bride of Christ. |
| 8. The _____ of Man coming with the clouds of heaven. | 6. The Lord will pour out the Spirit of Grace on Israel and they are _____. |
| 10. The twelve apostles will judge the twelve tribes of _____. | 7. The second _____. |
| 11. The Son of Man will sit on the _____ of His glory. | 9. _____ Christ. |
| 15. The Lord Jesus will pour out the _____ of Grace on Jerusalem. | 12. We are preparing for His _____. |
| 19. We should always hope and _____ that His coming would be soon. | 13. The apostle _____ spoke of Christ coming as a judge of all evil things. |
| 20. The Lord Jesus will pour out the Spirit of _____ on Jerusalem. | 14. We should always _____ and pray. |
| 21. The _____ tribes of Israel. | 16. _____ spoke of Christ's coming as our hope and salvation. |
| | 17. Son of _____. |
| | 18. He will _____ on His throne of glory. |



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The Bible

- Lesson Twenty Two -

The Bible - Promises Concerning The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus

I. Overview.



One of the most precious promises made to us in the Bible is the promise of the return of the Lord Jesus. The Lord's return is often called His "second coming". His "first coming" was two thousand years ago when He was born into humanity.



The Lord Jesus will come again on the clouds of heaven!

The promises of the Lord's second coming are made in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, Zechariah describes His return in a detailed way to save the Jewish people from their enemies. The New Testament contains many promises concerning the Lord's second coming, many of which were spoken by the Lord Jesus Himself.

Although we do not know exactly when the Lord Jesus will come back, we should always hope and pray that it would be soon. Many wonderful things will happen when He comes!

II. Memory Verse.

"I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace... and they will look upon Me, whom they have pierced."

(Zech. 12:10)

III. Lesson.

Promises of the Lord's Second Coming in the Old Testament

It is amazing that even before the Lord's first coming took place, the Old Testament spoke of the His second coming. In the book of Zechariah there is a detailed description of the Lord's return to Jerusalem which will happen when He comes for the second time.

Zechariah 12:10 shows that when the Lord Jesus comes, He will be coming to rescue the inhabitants of Jerusalem from their enemies. He says "They will look upon Me, whom they have pierced...". Zechariah indicates that the Lord Jesus will pour out the Spirit of grace upon the people of Jerusalem - thus they will be saved.



Daniel also speaks of the Lord Jesus' return. He says that he saw in a vision "One like the Son of Man was coming" (Dan. 7:13). He saw that the Lord Jesus would be given a kingdom that would never be destroyed.

Promises of the Lord's Second Coming in the New Testament

The Lord Jesus Himself told us many times in the New Testament that He would come back again. In Matthew 24:30 He says "and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." In Matthew 25:31 He says "When the Son of Man comes in His glory... He will sit on the throne of His glory." He even told the twelve disciples that they would sit with Him in His kingdom and judge the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Lord's Second Coming Promised by Peter, Paul and John

The Lord's second coming was also promised to us by the apostles Peter, Paul and John. John showed us that when the Lord Jesus comes He will take the church to Himself as His bride. Peter tells us that the Lord will come to judge all things that are evil. The apostle Paul shows us that the Lord's coming is our hope and will be the fullness of our salvation. We are a very blessed people to be in the Lord's church today, preparing ourselves for His return. When the church is prepared, the Lord will delay no longer - He will fulfill His promise to return!

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. When was the Lord Jesus' first coming?

2. According to Zechariah, what does the Lord Jesus do when He returns?

3. How does the Lord describe His second coming?

4. Who tells us that the Lord returns for His bride?

