

2 Peter 3:3-4

"I don't think he will come now," so some

say -
in an hour when ye "think not" -
good reason why it is near.

No date would set -

Matt. 24:36.

III. The Manner of His Coming.

1. Sudden

Matt. 24:27

No warning bell -

Some will be blinded by the cares of this
world right up to the last minute -

Matt. 24:37-39

like Noah - They had not -

2. Personal

Acts 1:11

"Then the End will Come" 1 Thess. 5:4

Intro - This doctrine assures us that the end is
sure to come. An end is just as logical and
necessary as a beginning -

"In the beginning God created the heaven
& the earth" -

So it is necessary for the end soon to arrive.

Many ideas of how the end will be brought about -

General MacArthur - 1942 - as he shipped

away from the Philippines said "I shall return".

1945 he returned -

Jesus said he would return -

The N.T. teaches that X will return -

IV. Signs of His Coming

1 Thess. 5:4 - Christians were given signs to
look for - When shall these things be &
what shall be the sign of his coming? -

1. False Prophets - Matt. 24:14, "

X warned his Disciples -

Much untruth today

than Scientist -

Father DeMott's his Heaven -

2. Wars & Rumors of Wars - Matt. 24:6

We do not know peace today -
Pressure of selective service laws -
kill between wars -

3. Tribulation - Matt. 24:9, 21

Hatred -
Famines -
Earthquakes -
Typhoons -

4. Great Apostasy - Matt. 24:12

Time when even Christians lack stability
in their loyalty to the Church -

Wear rel. as badge -
Do not want children to enter full time
Christian service.

Parents want children have enough
Rel. to keep them out of juvenile courts -
but not enough to make them spirit
filled, separated Christians.

IN Their belief in The Bible -

1 Tim. 4:1-3

No marriage for church leaders, forbidding
certain foods on certain days, seventh-day legalism
Mocking the idea of X's return 2 Pt. 3:3-4 -
changing the church to a glorified country
clubs.

IN Their Morals

crime - dishonesty - sinners -

2 Tim. 3:1-4

5. The Spread of The Gospel

The Gospel is being preached in places
where it has never before entered. Japan etc -
Missionaries - radio - Tracts -

II. Time of His Coming

Lord's coming is always imminent -
it could happen any time - He could
come in our day - tonight -

Gabriel will blow the trumpet & he will come.

Be Seen - Rev. 1:7

Every mortal on earth will be a witness.

Followers of banished Prince Charles in Scotland meet
one another on the battlefield, in prison cell, or in the lonely
glens of the highlands without pledging their loyalty to their
absent prince & voicing their hope for his return -
so as Christians on the battlefield of life, where we may
not confirm faith in the Lord's return -

IV. ~~Results~~ Results of His Coming -

Many things will be realized immediately at
His return.

1. The believing Dead shall be raised

1 Thes. 4:15-16

Rev. 20:6a -

2. The Books Will be Balanced

2 Cor. 5:10

Those who neglect their Christ, Church - etc -

3. A source of joy for some, sorrow for others.

Matt. 24:40-41 2 in field -

Faithful Xians - at last, he is here! What

joy + peace -

a mother on receiving news that her husband had been killed in the Battle of the Bulge, related to her pastor how that just prior to being shipped overseas her soldier husband had taught their two sons to recite the 23rd Psalm. The day he left he had let each say it in turn. He had said, almost prophetically, that he hoped they would always remember that these hours with them were spent teaching the boys from God's word. "Now that he is gone," she said in tears, "I'd rather have the memory of a husband & father teaching his boys the Bible than for him to have left us millions in new money."

X will speak, "Well done thou good &

Faithful Servant -

Thus: Sorrow will seize them -

Rev. 6:16

Cry out for rocks to fall on & hills -

Con. But The Lord yet delays -

Those who are without & still have the opportunity to be saved,

Isaiah 55:6