

The Second Coming of the Lord

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Chapter 70 - The Second Coming of the Lord

1. After this deliberation amongst themselves, the disciples turned to Me and said: "Lord and Master, You have told us several times already that us will be given the ability to understand well the secrets of the Kingdom of God, and already You have clearly revealed to us so many things, that, in spirit, we may understand Your infinite creation and 1000 other things; things which no worldly wise could ever imagine, things that, even through personal investigation and searching, he will never be able to clearly imagine. This is why, up until now, all of human knowledge was merely a fragmented patchwork. Please, now tell us something more specific about Your second coming as well! During which time will You return, where and how? We are of the opinion that this too is part of understanding the secrets of the Kingdom of God."
2. Said I: "This as well have I laboriously revealed to you several times already. However, because not even you are entirely permeated with My Spirit, you still do not understand it completely. The year, the day and the hour I cannot tell you with certainty, because everything upon this Earth depends on the free will of men. And so, not even the angels in Heaven know it, for only the Father does, and the one to whom He wishes to reveal it. Besides, it is not essential for the salvation of the soul that it knows all this precisely in advance."
3. Would it be beneficial for man to know precisely the day and the hour of his death? For the very few reborn in the spirit, yes, but for countless other individuals it would be quite detrimental, for the approaching hour of their death would fill them with much fear, anguish and despair. Either they would become enemies of life itself, taking their own life in order to escape the dread of death, or they would succumb to such a lethargy that little salvation could be expected for the soul. So, it is better for man not to know all things with certainty, especially concerning what, how and when this or that thing can and must come upon him in this world."
4. I tell you: The time will come when your spiritual descendants will ask, just like you do now, when the day of the Son of Man will arrive, and they will desire to see the day, and still they will not see it as you desire. During that time, many will rise and come forward, and with a wise expression they will say: 'Look here', 'Look there' and 'That is the day!' However, do not go there, and do not follow such prophets."
5. The day of My second coming will be as a lightning going from east to west, high in the clouded sky, and it will illuminate all that is beneath the sky. Before that, however – as I have told you several times ahead – the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected entirely by this generation, namely by the Jews and the Pharisees, and in times yet to come, by those who will be called the new Jews and Pharisees."
6. As it occurred during the time of Noah, so will it happen during the time of the second coming of the Son of Man. They ate and drank cheerfully, they married and let themselves to be wed until the day that Noah climbed into the ark, the flood came and they all drowned. And it will happen in the same manner as it did during the time of Lot: they ate and drank, they bought and sold, and they planted and constructed. But on the day – as I have explained to you in greater detail on the

Mount of Olives – that Lot left Sodom, it was already raining fire and sulfur from the sky, and they all perished.

7. Now look, this is how it will be, how it will come to pass during the time when the Son of Man will be revealed once again. On that day, whoever will be on the roof, knowing that his possessions are in the house, let him not come down from the roof to get them – which must be understood as follows: he who truly understands, may he remain in that understanding and not leave it out of fear that he might lose his worldly advantages, for those things will be brought to ruin.

8. Another image: He who stands in the field (of the freedom of understanding) must not turn around to see that which is behind him (the old deceptive teachings and their statutes), and instead he shall remember the wife of Lot, continuing to strive forwards in the truth.

9. I will tell you another one: During that time there will be 2 individuals working in a mill, doing the same work. One will be accepted and the other will be left behind, which means: The honest worker will be accepted and the dishonest and selfish one will be left behind, for he who attempts to keep his soul for the sake of the world will lose it, but he who will lose it for the sake of the world will keep his life, which will help him in reaching the true, eternal life.

10. Furthermore, I tell you: In one and the same night of the soul, two people will lie in one and the same bed. One will be accepted and the other will be left behind, which means: On the outside, the two will be part of one and the same confession, one and the same of faith, but within, one will be in the active, living faith, and will therefore be accepted in the living and enlightening Kingdom of God, while the other will only adhere to the external worship, which is devoid of inner value for the life of the soul and the spirit, and thus will not be accepted into the living and enlightening Kingdom of God, for his faith, lacking the works of brotherly love, is as if it were dead.

11. And furthermore: There will be 2 people working in the field. The one who will work without self-interest in the living faith, out of love for God and for his fellowman, will be accepted into the true Kingdom of God. But the one who will work in the same field as the Pharisees, without the inner living faith, and out of pure self-interest, will, of course, be left behind and not accepted into the living and enlightening Kingdom of God.

12. Behold, that is how it will be, how it will come to pass during the second coming of the Son of Man. In the future, when you will be permeated with My Spirit on a deeper level, you too will clearly understand all that I have told you now. At this moment, however, I cannot explain it to you any more clearly or make it easier to understand.”

13. The disciples said: “Lord and Master, that is all right and we believe Your words, but where and when will it happen, according to earthly time measurements? Surely this You can tell us!”

Chapter 71 - The End Time before the Second Coming of the Lord

1. Said I: “It really is remarkable how little you still understand. So often already have I explained to you why the earthly time cannot be calculated as precisely and certainly as you think, like I could tell you exactly which moment this or that mountain and its rocky peaks will be destroyed by a lightning strike. In that case we are dealing with judged matter, which is entirely dependent on the power of My will; but with men who possess a free and self-directing will, it does not happen

in the same way. The reason for this I have already revealed to you quite often, and you will understand it eventually, and so you shall not come to Me with the same questions each and every time!

2. But if you absolutely must know the 'where' and 'when' more precisely, then remember what I will tell you now: Where there is a corpse, there the free eagles will gather soon."

3. The disciples said: "O Lord and Master, again You have said something which we cannot understand. What is the corpse, what are the eagles, where will the corpse be, and where will the free eagles come from?"

4. Said I: "Just take a look at the rotten and faithless Pharisees, and you will behold the corpse. I and all who believe in Me, Jews and gentiles, are the eagles who will soon consume the corpse completely. Likewise, the night of the sins of the soul is a corpse as well, around which the light of life is beginning to spread, destroying the corpse, together with all its hazes and illusions, just like the morning does to the night.

5. What is happening before our eyes with the Jewry now devoid of truth and faith, having become an enormous corpse that will come to an end entirely in about 50 years time, the same will happen in times yet to come with the teaching and the church that I am establishing now. It will become an even more arrant corpse than the Jewry is now, and then as well will the free eagles of light and life descend upon it from all directions, and with the fire of true love and the power of the light of truth they will consume it, for it is a corpse that seeks to spoil the world at large. This may come about even before 2000 earthly years after My life as I am now present here amongst you in body will have passed – which I have also already explained to you on other occasions.

6. You were wondering, and still are even now, why this will be permitted by God. However, I have often already shown you, as I am doing now, that I cannot and may not guide men with My almighty will as I would any other creature, big and small, in the whole of infinity. For to man I have given a completely free will for the purpose of their self-determination. If I would intervene in his free will, then man would not be human, but merely an animal, plant or stone, judged by My omnipotence. Hopefully you will realize and understand this now and will not so readily inquire of Me all the things that are self-evident to all those who can think only a little more clearly.

7. Even during this time, while I still walk and teach among you upon this Earth, clothed in flesh, already there are a number of people who travel about and spread My teaching in My name for their own material benefit, all the while adding their own impure seed to it, from which will soon grow many wicked weeds, between the meager wheat in the field of life and the truth thereof. So, is it of any surprise that, in times yet to come, still more false teachers and prophets will rise in My name, not called, and who, with sword in hand, will shout to the people: 'Look, here is Christ!', or 'There He is!'

8. When you and your true, pure successors will hear and see this, do not believe such shouters. For by their works they may be as easily recognized as the trees by their fruits, because a good tree brings forth good fruits. Upon thorny bushes no grapes will grow, and no figs upon thistles.

9. Wherein the Kingdom of God consists, and the only way in which it may manifest itself within man himself, this I have just now told the Pharisees, in your presence. So surely you will realize and understand that you must not believe those who shout: 'Look here!', or 'Look there!' For as the spirit dwells within man, and all life, thinking, feeling, knowing and wanting originates

therefrom, permeating all his fibers, the same way the Kingdom of God, the true kingdom of the life of the spirit, dwells solely within man, and not in one or the other outward manner, outside of man.

10. He who will accept this within himself in this way, and who will understand it according to the complete, living truth, shall never, in all eternity, be misled by a false prophet. But he whose disposition may be likened to a weathercock or a reed in the water, he will of course have much difficulty finding the harbor of life, filled with peace and illuminated by the truth. Therefore, be not a weathercock or a reed, but instead true rocks of life over which the storms and the waves have no hold. Did you understand this well now?"

11. The disciples said: "Yes, Lord and Master, now we have once again understood You well, for You have clearly and with understandable words explained this matter to us. But whenever You speak to us in concealed and veiled images, we can do nothing but say: 'Lord, where?' and 'how?' However, we thank You now, as we always do, for this mercy that You have granted us, and we ask You to continue to have this much patience with us."

12. Said I: "If I were like men, surely My patience with you would have run out many times over; however, because I am as you know Me, brimming with the greatest patience, tolerance, love and meekness, you will never need bemoan My patience. However, may you too be as patient, meek and humble as I am with all My heart, and love one another as brothers among each other, just as I love you and always have loved you, for by this you will show all that you truly are My disciples. Let none of you believe that he is more than his fellow disciple, for you are all equal brothers. Only I am your Lord and Master, and I will be and remain as such for all eternity, throughout all the times of this world. For if not Father, then who else would there be to have patience with His children?"

13. Already we have labored together a long time for the Kingdom of God, and during that time you have made many mistakes, and still not one of you has been rejected by Me, not even the one whom I have pointed out to you many times already, and who, even up until now, remains a devil who has not yet improved his life. Yet My love and patience have refused to judge him. How much less then will it judge those who cling to Me with all their love and faith. Therefore, you may all rest assured about My greatest love and patience, for should one remain in Me, then I shall remain in him as well."