

# Panel Discussion and Questions for Central Study Hour

Quarter Review and Lesson 13, "The Return of Our Lord Jesus"

## I. Welcome and Introduction

Say what you especially liked about this quarter's lessons, and then ask others what they found most helpful or most interesting about these lessons.

## II. -General Questions from the quarter for Discussion

1. Some people find the book of Revelation and the mark of the beast to be very scary. What can you say to a person who is fearful about the end-times?
2. Why the book of Revelation? Why does there have to be a final crisis anyway?
3. What is our great hope in the end-times?

## III. Lesson 13, The Return of Our Lord Jesus

1. Sabbath Afternoon: A great Second Coming verse - Read memory verse.

Why did the author quote the line from T. S. Eliot, "In my beginning is my end"? What do these words have to do with a lesson on the return of Jesus?

2. Sunday's Lesson: There are many favorite verses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in the New Testament. Did the Old Testament teach the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming? Let's look at some OT verses.

\*\* Read *Isaiah 13:6*.

What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming called here and what seems to be the main thrust?

\*\* Read *Zechariah 14:1+9*.

What do we learn about the Day of the Lord and the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in verse 9?

\*\* Read *Daniel 12:1*.

What key additional point is taught about the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming in Dan. 12:1?

\*\* Read *Matthew 24:30-31*. How do these New Testament verses show the same dichotomy or divide between the saved and the lost at the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming that we saw in the OT?

Read the question from the box at the bottom of the page.

3. Monday's Lesson: Very brief sum up of the top 3 paragraphs.

\*\* Read *Daniel 2: 34-34 + 44-45*.

What do these verses teach about the fate of this world and the nature of the new world after Jesus returns?

4. Tuesday's Lesson:

\*\*Read *Titus 2:13*.

What great hope do we have and why?

Many people believe that billions of years ago some molecules formed from nothing, or something popped out of nothing, or something exploded and our universe came into existence. In our lesson introduction we saw that in our origins we have our ending. If that is true, what problem do we have if we came from some senseless, time plus chance beginning?

Why does origin from a Creator give us great hope?

\*\* Read *2 Timothy 4:6-8*.

Why does Paul have hope in spite of facing imminent death?

Read the questions from box at the bottom of the page.

5. **Wednesday's Lesson:** Refer to spiritualized views of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ as mentioned in the opening paragraph. (Refer to Friday Question #1 if desired). Note that's it's the *literal return* of Jesus that gives us hope!

\*\* Read *1 Thessalonians 4:16*.

What does this verse teach us about the nature of Christ's return?

What does each of the following verses teach us about the nature of Christ's return?

*Matthew 26:64, Rev. 1:7, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10*

Maybe share highlights from the GC 637 quotation (time permitting).

Read the 2 questions from the box at the bottom of the page for deep thought. Then ask, "What kind of life gives evidence that one really believes this world will end?"

6. **Thursday's Lesson:**

\*\*Read *1 Thessalonians 4:16 and 1 Corinthians 15:52-55*.

What happens to the dead in Christ when Jesus returns?

Why is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming the only real solution to our suffering?

\*\*Read *Philippians 3:21 and 1 Thessalonians 4:17*.

What happens to those who are alive when Jesus returns?

Read the box at the bottom of the page asking the question. **Fred** (He set up the next question).

Ask the question at the bottom of Friday #3.

7. **Conclusion:**

How does the hope of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming help a person experiencing injustice?

How does the hope of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming help you to make right decisions in your daily life?

Why can't humans save themselves? Why is the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming a must?