

STUDY V
THE MANNER OF OUR LORD'S RETURN AND APPEARING

- (1) Why is the interest of the Church of Christ centered in the closing years of the Gentiles Times? Page 103, par. 1
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- (13) Realizing His disciples' sorrow and perplexity, what was the Master's chief concern and work after His resurrection? Page 111, par. 1
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- (18) Why did these disciples not recognize the Lord until He had taken bread and broken it? Page 115, par. 1
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- (20) How was the disciples' joy still further increased while they were relating their several experiences in this little meeting? And what were the peculiarities of this manifestation by their risen Lord? Page 115, par. 3

- (21) What period of time intervened until the next manifestation? And what was Thomas' experience at this time? Page 116, par. 1
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- (44) To what erroneous conclusions would we be led by the popular idea that our Lord's resurrected body is the same body in which He was crucified? Page 128, par. 3
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- (62) What has long been the popular idea with respect to the relation between evil doers and distress and trouble? What have been the facts in the past as regards this principle? How will the Day of Wrath change these matters? What Psalms especially depict the operations of the new Government? Page 137, par. 4
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- (71) Are there statements of Scripture concerning the Lord's second advent which seemingly conflict? Page 142, par. 1
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- (74) On the other hand, what Scriptures apparently conflict with the foregoing? Page 143, par. 2
- (75) As truth-seekers, shall we accept some of these statements and reject others? What principle must always be followed in seeking the truth on these matters? Page 143, par. 3
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- (77) When endeavoring to interpret these apparently conflicting texts, what principle must be applied in order to harmonize the figurative with the literal statements? Page 144, par. 2
- (78) How does the Apostle in I Thess. 4:16 describe the manner of the Second Advent? With what other Scriptures does this description correspond? Page 145, par. 1, 2
- (79) What is the significance of the expression, "With a shout," and how does this apply to present conditions in the world? Page 146, par. 1, 2
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- (81) What does "The Trump of God" signify? Why do we consider this a figurative rather than a literal statement? Page 147, par. 3
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- (83) What is the particular point to be noticed in the prophecies of Daniel, Paul, and John the Revelator, as respects the presence of the Lord? Page 149, par. 1

- (84) What purpose has been served by "the Shout," "the Voice of the Archangel" and "the Trump of God" in the Harvest of the Gospel age? Page 149, par. 2
- (85) What is the first work of the Chief Reaper in the Harvest of the Gospel age? And what is the length of the Harvest period? Page 150, par. 1
- (86) What is the meaning of the symbol, "in flaming fire," in connection with the Lord's Second Advent? Page 150, par. 2; Page 151, par. 1
- (87) How is the term, "Mighty Angels," applied? Page 151, par. 2
- (88) How will the Lord be revealed to the world "in flaming fire"? What will be the contrasting experiences of the wicked and the righteous in the Day of the Lord? Page 151, par. 3
- (89) Will there be any excuse for ignorance or inability to obey the Truth in that day? Page 152, par. 1
- (90) What is the significance of the symbolic statement, "in power and great glory"? Why do many recognize the glory and power of earth's great Ruler, yet fail to recognize the King Himself? Page 152, par. 2, 3
- (91) What is the application of the Scripture, "Behold, He cometh with clouds"? And how does this statement agree with the foregoing symbolic descriptions as to the manner of His coming? Page 153, par. 1, 2
- (92) Is the expression, "In like manner" (Acts 1:11), out of harmony with the foregoing? What erroneous thought has been read into this text? What was the manner of His going away, and what may we, therefore, expect in the manner of His coming again? Page 153, par. 3, 4
- (93) Why did the angel lay emphasis upon the expression, "this same Jesus"? What encouragement and inspiration does this thought convey to our minds and hearts? Page 154, par. 1
- (94) What beautiful illustration of His coming again was given by our Lord Himself in Matt. 24:27? And what is the proper translation and interpretation of the Greek word "astrape" in this text? Page 155, par. 1
- (95) What is the significance of the Greek word parousia in this text? What is the marginal reading in the Revised Version? Page 156, par. 1
- (96) What words of caution were spoken by our Lord to guard against two prominent, erroneous teachings, which would be promulgated about the time of His Second Advent? Page 157, par. 1, 2
- (97) What peculiarity of the Greek language enhances its value in giving exact expression to truth? For example, how many different Greek words have been rendered "come" in our English translation? Page 158, par. 1
- (98) How many times does the word Parousia occur in the Greek Testament, and how many times is it correctly translated presence in the English Common Version? Page 159, par. 1, and footnote
- (99) What is the correct thought in connection with the parousia of our Lord? Does parousia necessarily imply sight? How may this be proven? Page 159, par. 2
- (100) Why were Jesus' disciples especially anxious to know the signs of the Second Advent? And why did our Lord give them so detailed an account of events intervening between the first and second advents? Page 159, par. 3; Page 160, par. 1
- (101) To what period do Jesus' words in Matt. 24:1 to 14 apply? How are verses 15 to 22 applicable? What warning is contained in verses 23 to 26? How should verse 27 be interpreted? Page 160, par. 2
- (102) How did Jesus use Noah's experience as a type of His Second Advent? What is the special point of comparison referred to by the Lord? Page 160, par. 3; Page 161, par. 1
- (103) How does St. Luke describe the same conditions? Page 162, par. 1
- (104) What is the similarity between the flood of Noah's day and the fire of the Day of the Lord? Page 162, par. 2

- (105) Do the Scriptures indicate any difference between the world and the Church, as regards knowledge of the Second Advent? Page 163, par. 1, 2
- (106) What special encouragement was given by our Lord in Matt. 24:45-47? Page 163, par. 3
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- (109) What is signified by "His goods" in Matt. 24-47? Page 164, par. 2
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- (111) In view of the foregoing, what is the Lord's glorious message to His Church at this time? Page 166, par. 1, 2
- (112) What has evidently been the object in this particularity of instruction respecting the manner of the Lord's Second Advent? Page 166, par. 3
- (113) What prophetic statement is made by St. Peter with respect to "scoffing" in the end of the Gospel age? Are these scoffers in the world or in the Church? Page 167, par. 1, 2
- (114) How does St. Peter use Noah's flood as an illustration of the overwhelming flood of trouble in the Day of the Lord? Page 168, par. 1
- (115) What is St. Peter's exhortation to the saints in this day? 2 Pet. 3:10; Page 168, par. 2
- (116) What assurance is given by the Apostle Paul that the faithful will not be left in darkness? Why is the symbolic storm of Rev. 7:1, 2 being held back? Page 168, par. 3
- (117) What argument can be presented against taking literally St. Peter's and St. John's statement respecting "the heavens being on fire," and "rolled together as a scroll"? Page 169, par. 1
- (118) Contrast the relative positions of the "little flock" and the world in the "harvest" of the Gospel age. Page 169, par. 2; Page 170, par. 1
- (119) What is the connection between the closing of Gentile Times and the setting up of Christ's Kingdom? Do we see about us any evidences of preparation for the establishing of the Kingdom? Page 170, par. 2
- (120) How has the Lord fulfilled His promise to "gird Himself" and to make His faithful, watching servants "sit down to meat"? Luke 12:37. Page 170, par. 3
- (121) To what class only has the Lord revealed His purposes? And what should be the real truth-seeker's course with respect to every statement of "present truth"? Page 171, par. 1; Page 172