

When was Christ's coming? Was His coming when He came to

Bethlehem? Was His coming when He began His preaching? Was one coming when he came and lived His life? Was another coming when He was raised from the dead? He ascended and went to heaven in between. There certainly were at least two phases there, maybe more. I would say the same thing about the second coming. It may have phases in it. We have no right to say it's all got to happen at once. I've seen pamphlets that say why believe in two comings of Christ? The Lord came to Abraham at the offering. He came various times in the OT. Various comings. But He came once to save us. Then He came again after the resurrection in order to assure us of our salvation, and to give the disciples an understanding they didn't have before. We have another coming.

That you have to have specifically two comings, I don't see any Scripture to justify that.

(Comment on John 5:28-29)

I think it must include a very long period because it says the hour now is. Now is. When he was in the grave (indistinct)

(Comment on Jn. 5:28 often being used as argument for the general resurrection)

I don't see how it can be because it says "and now is." I know it's often used that way. To say that all the dead are to be raised doesn't mean they are all to be raised at the same time. Rev. 20 seems to picture two phases though certainly the Scripture clearly teaches that there is a distinction between the saved and the lost. The idea that people come before the Lord and He says, You're saved, you're lost! That's not a Scriptural idea. We are not to enter into judgment if we are believers in Christ. He that believeth not is condemned already.

There is a division long before the final judgment. I would think of the White Throne judgment as not an attempt to decide who is saved and who is lost, but as a showing people the reason for their deserving their fate. It might conceivably last quite a while. I don't think it's an instantaneous thing. The great white throne judgment--there is much that is figurative but it would seem to clearly show a kingdom in between his comings. to earth to establish His kingdom and the time of the insurrection after which those who were not raised till the 1000 years were finished they were then judged on the basis of their works.

There's an awful lot we don't know. And of course the person who knows everything goes out and tells everything. He's the one people get all enthused about. But I think the work of the Lord is advanced by our taking what is positive in Scripture and standing on it and frankly not knowing what the Bible hasn't taught us.

Maybe we covered too much and didn't make it clear! There's a debate that was over the air and someone took it down. One was always talking about the Jews and what's going to happen to Israel. It doesn't seem to me that's essential. People of all
==many of them have believed that Israel as a nation is to be