54. JESUS CHRIST WILL PERSONALLY APPEAR ON EARTH

Many groups deny that Jesus Christ will literally appear on earth in person to rule for 1000 years. These groups include Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, and some Amillennials. The devil does not like the idea of Christ returning to rule on earth in person because it means that Satan will lose control of the earth and be imprisoned in the pit for 1000 years.

What Bible passages clearly state that Jesus Christ will literally return to land on earth in person to rule?

1. JESUS CHRIST'S BODY WILL BE ON EARTH.

If parts of Christ's body are on earth, then Christ must literally be on earth, as seen in these passages:

- 1. His **feet** will be on earth.
 - "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east" Zechariah 14:4
- 2. His **hands** will be on earth.

"One shall say unto Him, what are these wounds in thine hands? Then He shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends." Zechariah 13:6.

3. His garments will be on earth.

"Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength?....I have trodden the winepress alone;..... their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments." Isaiah 63:1-3.

The blood of antichrist's soldiers will be sprinkled on Christ's garments when He returns to rescue Israel.

4. He shall **sit** and rule on His throne.

"He (the BRANCH) shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne." Zech. 6:13.

5. His **voice** shall be heard at Jerusalem.

"The Lord shall utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16. "He shall **speak** peace unto the heathen: and His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Zechariah 9:10.

6. Jerusalem shall be called "The Lord is there".

"The name of the city from that day shall be The Lord is there." Ezekiel 48:35.

7. He will **tread** or walk on the earth.

"For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth." Micah 1:3.

8. He will **stand** at the latter day upon the earth.

"For I know that my redeemer (Christ) liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job 19:25.

2. JESUS CHRIST WILL BE <u>SEEN</u> IN PERSON ON EARTH.

If people will see Christ after His return with their physical eyes then He has to be physically present on earth. Titus 2:13 states clearly "the glorious **appearing** of the great God."

- 1. "They (the house of David and inhabitants of Jerusalem) shall **look upon me** whom they have pierced....." Zechariah 12:10.
- 2. "Behold he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him....." Revelation 1:7.
- 3. "They (all the tribes of earth) shall **see** the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matthew 24:27-31, v.30.
- 4. "When the **Lord** shall build up Zion (Israel), he shall **appear** in his glory." Psalm 102:16.
- "The Lord shall be seen over them. The Lord of hosts shall defend them (Israel)."
 Zechariah 9:14-15.

3. JESUS CHRIST IS TO BE PERSONALLY IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL.

If Christ dwells at Jerusalem, is in Jerusalem, and is in the midst of Israel, then He is personally present on earth after His second coming.

- "The Lord shall reign over them IN Mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever." Micah 4:7
- 2. "I will cleanse their (Israel's) blood.....for the Lord **dwelleth IN** Zion." Joel 3:21.
- 3. "Ye shall know that I am **IN** the **midst** of Israel." Joel 2:27.
- 4. "So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God **dwelling IN** Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy....." Joel 3:17.
- 5. "The Lord of hosts shall reign **IN** Mount Zion, and **IN** Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously." Isaiah 24:23.
- "The King of Israel, even the Lord, is **IN** the **midst** of thee: thou shalt not see evil anymore.
 - The Lord thy God **IN** the **midst** of **thee** is mighty." Zephaniah 3:15,17.
- 7. "Many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will **dwell IN** the **midst** of thee....." Zechariah 2:11.

- "Thus saith the Lord; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell IN the midst of Jerusalem:..." Zechariah 8:3.
- "Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts IN Jerusalem." Zechariah 8:22.
- 10. "Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion." Psalm 2:6.

JESUS CHRIST <u>DOES CERTAIN ACTIONS</u> WHICH COULD ONLY BE DONE IF HE WAS PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON EARTH.

1. **All the saints** shall come with Christ back to earth.

"The Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." Zechariah 14:5.

2. Christ shall fight against antichrist's armies.

"Then shall the Lord go forth and fight against these nations, as when he fought in the day of battle." Zechariah 14:3.

3. All nations will worship Christ at Jerusalem.

"Every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of Tabernacles." Zechariah 14:16.

"Yea, all kings shall **fall down** before him: all nations shall **serve** him." Psalm 72:11.

4. Christ will judge the peoples of earth.

"The Lord cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity." Psalm 98:9.

"When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He **sit** upon the throne of His glory:

And before Him shall be gathered **all nations**:and he shall **separate** them one from another" Matthew 25:31-32.

"He shall **judge** among the nations, and shall **rebuke** many people...." Isaiah 2:4.

5. Christ will teach the nations His ways.

"Many people shall say, come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will **teach** us of his ways." Isaiah 2:3.

Conclusion: "Your God will come with vengeance." Isaiah 35:4.

"This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11.