

return will be similar, and ~~we~~ also find other evidences in the Scripture, in the many references to the return of Christ that show us these things and in addition, that His return is to be one ~~of~~ with overpowering strength. He is to return in such a way that He will put an end to everything that opposes Him, that He will strike down all opposition. We read that He will rule the nations with a rod of iron, that there will be none who will be able to oppose His will.

1 Thes 4:13-18
2 Thes 2:13
1 Pet 4:7
4:13
5:4
1 John 3:2, 3

Rev. 19:11-16
(Rev. 2:8, 9)
Rev. 2:26, 27
1 Thes. 1:7, 8

There are various attitudes which have been taken toward the return of Christ. There are many who have denied that it is to take place, as described in the Scripture. We have noticed that some say that it means the death of the Christian, some say that it is a forward movement in the world such as the abolition of slavery or the establishment of the United Nations. None of these interpretations satisfactorily accounts for the many references to it in the New Testament. It is very clear that if one is a Christian who accepts the Bible as God's Word he must believe that Jesus Christ will return to this earth visibly, in a body, as a sudden coming, in overpowering strength, putting down all who oppose the will of God. This is clearly taught and all instructed Christians must believe in this.

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However, we do not find that there is unanimity among Christians regarding all details of the return of Christ or ~~what~~ ^{of} He will do ^{then} after His coming back. It is certainly not at all strange that this is the case. The Bible does not attempt to give us an understanding ^{of all} that could be known about the world. To do this would require the writing of many long sets of books. The Bible is only one book. It does not even attempt to explain ~~to us~~ everything about religion. This would require at least an ^{entire} encyclopedia. The Bible gives us ~~that which~~ ^{what} is vital for our knowledge regarding the things of God. There is much that is written in the Bible so clearly that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. At the same time it touches upon a great many things without fully explaining them.