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LESSON # 22

CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IN THE FUTURE (Part 2)



OBJECTIVE: Chapter III of the book explores the theme of judgment, primarily focusing on Christ's role as the judge. The chapter emphasizes that Christ will be the ultimate judge, as supported by passages from the New Testament such as John 5:22-23, 27; II Timothy 4:1; II Corinthians 5:10; Acts 10:42, and Acts 17:31. This concept of Christ as the judge is also rooted in the teachings of the Old Testament, as evident in Psalms 96:13.

The chapter examines various aspects of judgment, including judgment of saints based on their works (not for salvation), as highlighted in passages like I Corinthians 3:8-16, II Corinthians 5:1-10, and I Corinthians 4:5. It also discusses the judgment of nations, referencing Matthew 25:31-46. A significant part of the chapter is dedicated to the depiction of the Great White Throne judgment, involving the wicked dead and living, as described in Revelation 20:11-15.

Furthermore, the chapter touches upon the judgment of Israel, angels, and the hope tied to the second coming of Christ. It notes that the second coming of Christ is foretold in numerous scriptures, with over 300 references in 216 chapters. This event is considered a source of hope for the Church, as stated in Titus 2:13 and II Peter 3:12. The second coming is described as personal and visible, supported by passages such as Acts 1:11, I Thessalonians 4:16-17, and Revelation 1:7.

The chapter concludes by discussing the practical applications of these teachings, highlighting their positive impact on mental health, motivation for righteous living, comfort, hope, and the excitement they bring to believers.



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III. THE JUDGEMENT

A. Christ to be the judge

1. Jn. 5:22-23, 27; II Tim. 4:1; II Cor. 5:10; Acts 10:42, 17:31

B. Taught in the Old Testament

1. Ps. 96:13

C. Taught in the New Testament

1. Acts 17:31; Heb. 9:27

D. Of saints (of works, not salvation)

1. I Cor. 3:8-16; II Cor. 5:1-10; I Cor. 4:5

E. Of nations

1. Matt. 25:31-46

F. Great White Throne (wicked dead, wicked living Matt. 25)

1. Rev. 20:11-15

G. Of Israel

1. Eze. 20:33-44; Ps. 50:16-22

H. Of angels

1. Jude 6; II Peter 2:4; I Cor. 6:3



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IV. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

- A. First prophecy before Noah's flood
 - 1. Jude 14

- B. In the Scriptures
 - 1. 318 references in 216 chapters
 - 2. Matt. 24; Mk. 13; Lk. 21; I & II Thess.; Jn. 14:3, 21:22; Acts 1:11; Heb. 2:2; 9:28; I Jn. 2:28; Jude 14, 15

- C. Hope of the Church
 - 1. Titus 2:13; II Peter 3:12

- D. Personal and visible
 - 1. Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:16-17, Rev. 1:7

- E. Application
 - 1. Good for mental health
 - 2. Motivation for right living
 - 3. Hope and comfort
 - 4. Exciting!

