

Chapter 21 The Unique One

Centuries before the event, Jesus' first coming was fully outlined in the Old Testament by 25 Jewish writers.

In fact he is “the only person in history to have his ancestry, birth, character, teaching, career, reception, rejection, death, burial, and resurrection pre-written at least 500 years before his birth.”¹

But despite this portrait of Israel's coming Messiah in 333 Old Testament prophecies, the Jews *didn't recognise him* when he came!!

The Bible reveals, however, that they will recognise the truth about him just prior to his second visit to judge the Earth. “They will call on my name, and I will answer them.” Zechariah 13.9.

But because of widespread unbelief of today's Gentile nations, God has given them these gracious warnings.

First, Jesus' second coming is mentioned 240 times in the New Testament. That's one verse in every 25 verses - more times by far than any other doctrine in the entire Bible.

Second, the last words of our Lord Jesus before he went to die on the cross were about his coming again. Matthew 24 and 25.

Third, after Jesus ascended back to heaven, the first word from heaven was about his second coming. Acts 1.9-11.

The Bible's last promise and last prayer are about his second coming.

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**“Yes, he's on his way! Riding the clouds, he'll be seen by every eye”
- Revelation 1.7 (The Message)**

¹ *How would you recognize the Messiah*, David M. Levy