

## Chapter 22    **Three Bible *firsts!***

Christ's second coming is one of God's top priorities.

**First**, the very *first* prophecy ever uttered by man was about Christ's return - "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied . . . saying, Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints." Jude 14.

**Second**, is Christ's return a feature in our Christmas celebrations each year? It should be! It's a vital part of the Christmas story.

Before Jesus was even born, see one of the *first* things his mother, Mary, learnt from an angel concerning Jesus -

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. And he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Luke 1.32-33.

Only through his second coming will all this be fulfilled.

**Third**, The very *first* request in the Lord's Prayer is "Your kingdom come!" Matthew 6.10. Each time we offer that prayer do we really understand that we are asking God to send Christ back to reign on earth?

From start to finish the Bible points to Christ's second advent. No wonder the very last prayer in the Bible is "Come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22.20.

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**We don't have to wait for Christ's return before letting him reign in our heart.**