

# WHY ETERNITY MUST FOLLOW THE SECOND ADVENT

## 1. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding “The Last Days.”

A. The word “Last” indicates “Last” [eschatos] in a series — final or ultimate.

a. Last Degree. Matt. 12:45

b. Last Space. Acts 1:8

c. Last Time. John 6:39-40, 44-45, 54; 5:24-29

B. The Gospel age is contrasted with the Old Testament Dispensation. Heb. 1:1; Acts 2:17 [in these last days]

## 2. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding “The Two Ages.”

A. Contrast of “This Age” and “The Age to Come.” Matt. 12:32; Mk. 10:30; Lk. 20:34-37

B. “Age to Come” designates “Eternity” not “Millennium.”

a. Resurrected Ones. Lk. 20:34-37

b. Incapable of Marriage. Lk. 20:35

c. Recipients of Eternal Life. Lk. 18:30.

## 3. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding “The End.”

A. The word “End” [telos] signals termination of human history. 1 Cor. 1:8; 15:24; 1 Pet. 4:7

B. Also the word “Consummation” [sunteleia]. Matt. 13:39-40, 49; Heb. 9:26

## 4. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding The Finality of the Present Age of Grace.

A. The New Testament Age Fulfills prophesy. Lk. 24:25-27; 44-49

B. The New Testament Age is the Time the Old Testament Age Hoped for. Acts 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:9-12

C. The New Testament Age is the Final Opportunity to be Saved. 2 Cor. 6:2; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15

D. The New Testament Age is Satan’s Decisive Defeat. Mk. 3:27

E. The New Testament Age is the Time When Christ Reigns on David’s Throne. Heb. 1:3; 8:1; Acts 2:30ff

F. The New Testament Age is the Time When “True Israel” is Gathered Together. Heb. 11:39-40

G. The New Testament Age is the Final Climax and Overthrow of Evil Forces. 2 Thess. 1:5-10

## 5. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding the Destruction of this Present World. 2 Peter 3:3-13

## 6. Because of the Biblical Teaching Regarding the Christian Hope.

A. Peter Hoped for a New Earth. 2 Peter 3:12-14

B. Patriarchs Hoped for a New City. Heb. 11:10, 16; 12:22-23

C. All of Creation Hopes for the Renewal. Romans 8:18-25