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Hints on the 2nd Coming of the Sovereign King and Judge

We live in momentous times in this age as we witness many dramatic things happening. Some charlatans have given prediction of dates of Christ coming and are proven to be false (eg. an African preacher Joshua Mhlakela on the 2nd coming on 23-24 Sep 2025 with many deceived followers waiting for the rapture). **We need to be founded on the truth of God's inspired Word along concerning this eschatological event minus all the man-made speculations. Many references have been made of Christ's 2nd coming in His holy Word. Jesus Himself referred to it at least 21 times, (Matt 24:27, 30, 42; 25:13; John 14:2, 3; Rev 1:7).**

The first time Jesus came was as a Suffering Servant to die on the Cross but in His 2nd coming, He will return as a King. He first came humbly to be slain, but He will return to Judge the world. He will come in power and glory and the whole world will see Him as He will come visibly in the clouds with His elect angels (Act 1:11). As the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, He will set up His kingdom on earth for 1,000 years where He will rule with His saints. He will then judge the world and separate the sheep from the goats and defeat all His foes. Those who believe in Him will be ushered into His everlasting kingdom in the new heaven and new earth and those who reject Him will He cast out into the eternal darkness of Hell (Rev 20:15).

When will Jesus return?

No one knows exactly when He will come back and we should not speculate the date (ie the JW's falsely said it was 1914, 1918 and then changed to 1975) for no one knows the day nor the hour of His return. Only God the Father knows and that is enough for us. Although the timing of His return is uncertain, one thing is certain - **He is definitely coming back again for God has His own sovereign timetable.** The question is: Are we ready when He comes? Amos 4:12 says, *'Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.'*



He which testifieth these things saith,
Surely I come quickly,
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
Revelation 22:20

It was in the fullness of time, (the time was ripe) that God revealed His only begotten Son to the world (Gal 4:4). In the same way, His second coming will according to God's perfect timing. Although we do not know the day nor the hour of His coming which is compared to an expectant woman with birth pangs, **God does not leave us completely in the dark. He has given us clear in His Holy Word, ominous signs written to warn us of His impending return. Consider the following:**

The Signs of His 2nd Coming

1. Spiritual Deception

There is a growing prevalence in the world today of spiritual conman who call themselves Christians, prophets or apostles. Both Christ and the apostles, Paul and Peter, warn us that in the last days **many false teachers and false prophets will arise from amongst them** (Matt 24:4-5, 11, 24; Acts 20:29, 30; 2 Peter 2:1-2). They brought with them heretical teachings and practices leading to much confusion. Many will be deceived into believing that they come from God. We see a marked rise in both cultic and occultic activity over the past 25 years. The influence of the Mormons, Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventist, Freemasons, JW's and the New Agers (feng shui, magic, astrology, witchcraft, tarot cards, yoga etc) are on the ascendancy and **we witness a surge in interest in the supernatural as well.** This is ripe time for spiritual deception by the evil one and He will exploit it to the fullest before the Lord returns (2 Pet 2:1-2).



2. Natural Disasters

'and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places.'
Matt 24:7

Deadly hurricanes, typhoons, famines, earthquakes, and bush fires are common phenomena these days. New diseases (ie Sars and COVID19) and pestilences (cholera) have been afflicting the world in recent years. We have the tsunami in Dec 2004 that killed 230,000 people and the earthquake in Sichuan, China, Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia and the calamities, devastating hurricanes that hit in Hong Kong, earthquakes in Myanmar, Taiwan and in the US recently as well. Global warming with increased flooding, more serious global epidemics, drought and famines are what climatologists and seismologists predict will happen probably within the next 20 - 30 years. We cannot ignore these warning signs of Jesus' second coming as it was well predicted by our Lord in both Matt 24 and Lk 21.

3. Wars

Matt 24: 6 *'ye shall hear of wars, and rumours of wars...'*

Down the ages of time, man has always been at war with each other - fighting over territorial control, fighting because of cultural, ethnic and religious differences. Today war has taken on a new front in the Middle East (Hamas and Israel), , Iran, Russia-Ukraine war, tension between Israel and Iran and Hezbollah, India and Pakistan, North and South Korea, China and Taiwan, the fight against terrorism

and religious ideology. But the bible tells us all these wars and rumours of wars '*must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*' We await the final battle, the battle of Armageddon when Christ at His second coming will defeat all those nations who join forces to fight against Him and His people.

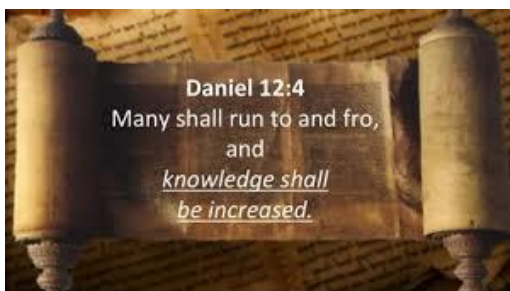
4. Moral Decadence

There will be a sharp decline in moral standards in our society today. Internet pornography is rampant; child prostitution is widely practised in some countries; homosexuality and lesbianism, revelry (high spots), godlessness, obsession with (drugs, rock music, vaping, drinking alcohol, gambling etc) worldliness are well tolerated. Many major cities in the world have become our modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. People have become lovers of pleasure, self-seeking, proud, covetous and hateful. Violence, demonstrations, unrest and crime have become a big problem in many countries (in the streets and in homes). The apostle Paul tells us all these in 2 Tim 3:1-5 and we are to be forewarned and be careful and vigilant of the moral and spiritual ills of our times.



5. Advanced Technology and AI

Daniel in Dan 12:4 says, '*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased.***' Daniel predicted that knowledge will increase in the last days. This came true in the explosion of knowledge and information in late 20th century, computer technology and AI have advanced to such a stage that now we can store all our bio-data in a microchip or vegi chip or a bar code which can easily be implanted in a product or even on the forehead, the hand of a human or in animals too. **This invention will make it possible for the end time dictator, the Anti-**



Christ with the false Prophet and the Beast to control every person under His rule. He will give every person a number and without this number no person can work or buy anything. Rev 13:16-17 says, '*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no*

man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.'

6. Evangelistic Fervour

But there is one good news. There will be an increased evangelistic thrust when the gospel of redemption with proclaimed worldwide as the day of Christ coming draws nearer. Matt 24:14 says, *'And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come'*. We will see Christians moving out to fulfill the Great Commission,



as they begin to witness for Him to different ethnic groups in the uttermost parts of the world. Patrick John Stone, a missions researcher says that the Bible is translated into more than 2,600 languages and still counting. More tribes have been reached over the past 25 years. The whole world can be reached with the gospel message. It appears that God is waiting for the full number of His elect to come in before Christ returns (2 Pet 3:9-10). Our Lord is the Lord of the harvest; He will send labourers into the field (Matt 9:35-37). **Are we available if He call us to be His witnesses? Will we go where Christ has never been preached even to China, India or uttermost parts of the earth?** Rom 10:14-15 says, *'How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?'*

Our Rightful Response

One of the blessedness of being a child of God is the prospect of the glorious hope of the soon return of our Lord. Tit 2:13-15 says, *'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.'*

We yearn forward expectantly to that blessed day when our Lord comes and we will be with Him for eternity. The apostle Paul, too had this same desire to be with Christ, as he tells us in Philippians 1:23, *'For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:'*

How should we as Christians conduct ourselves in the meantime as we wait for Christ return? **We are to be prepared and ready, be diligent and consecrated to pursue holiness, to do our part in global evangelism, the faithful stewardship that God has entrusted to us and be accountable for our service one day before the Bema**

(2 Co 5:10). Peter in 2 Pet 3:10-13 warns, *'But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.'* Will we be prepared and alert when our Saviour returns suddenly?

1. Be Watchful

We have been told at least thrice by our Lord Jesus Christ to be watchful, alert and vigilant in Matt 24:42 and 25:13. Do not be sleeping spiritually but working and serving the Lord with greater diligence and fervency. Mk 13:37 says, *'And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.'*

Let us watch our spiritual walk with God carefully. Paul told Timothy to *'exercise thyself unto godliness.'* Paul went on to tell Timothy in 2 Tim 4:8, *'bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.'*

When Christ comes, we will behold the glorious King reigning with holiness and truth on the earth. There is only one fitting response we can give.

We will bow the knee to worship as we fall prostrate before Him with reverence and fear (Phil 12:10-11). It is important that we need to be alert and work diligently and

keep ourselves holy and pure as we await His return.



2. Be Faithful

Jesus wants us to be faithful and reliable stewards of the things He has entrusted to us. He also wanted us to be diligent. If He has given us some skills or talents, all He requires of us is that we be faithful in exercising those gifts in the stewardship in the church to the edifying of the saints. We must not be found slothful and lazy. Rom 12:11-12 says, *'Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.'* We are in the King's business and those who serve the king have to work hard. Eternal rewards await those who are faithful and diligent. The cross that we have to bear may be heavy now but God will reward His servants with a eternal crown one day when they are found faithful (Mat 25:26-30). Luk 9:23 says, *'And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.'*

3. Be Fruitful

God wants us not only to be faithful but also fruitful Christians. John 15:6 says, *'If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.'* The fruit of repentance and the work of gospel missions and evangelism are when we see men and women saved and added to the kingdom of God. One of the greatest privileges that God has given to His church is to be a witness for Him in the world and to sow the gospel seed and bear fruit in God's own time. It was John Wesley who said *'You have one business on earth - to save souls for Christ.'* The preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ must continue steadfastly until Christ returns. 1 Cor 9:16 says, *'For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!'* And all of us have our part to play in fulfilling the unfinished great commission, the marching orders of Christ are given already before His ascension in Matt 19:18-20.

Conclusion

Jesus Christ came more than 2,000 years ago and He lived a perfect life on earth for us and died on our behalf at Calvary to reconcile and bring us back to God. Rom 5:1 and 8 says, *'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'* We can know Him personally as our Lord and Saviour when we repent and believe in Him. But it will not be long before He returns again. Unprecedented events in the world today point to His imminent coming.

For those who have yet to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us come to Him today. Let us not delay any longer for there is danger in delay. God in His mercy and grace is waiting for men to come to Him in evangelical repentance of sins, to confess their sins and receive Christ into their lives that they may have abundant life and joy everlasting. **If you have backslided this year, it is time to return home for our loving, heavenly father is waiting for us.** Will you do it now before it is too late? For those who know Christ, let us be watchful, be diligent, be faithful and fruitful as we await patiently and expectantly the second return of the Great King of Kings.

Jack Sin



A Profitable Week in West Malaysia



I went on a 9-day trip to Malaysia from 18 to 26 September 2025 with two main objectives. Firstly, I attended the 45th Gideon National Conference (GNC) in Penang from 19 to 21 September. Secondly, to visit a dear brother-in-Christ who has a children ministry in the cool mountains of CH.

What are the takeaways from the GNC in Penang?

The conference theme for this year is "***Faith in Action***" ~ Colossians 3:23-24

The Word of God in James 2:20 reminds us ~ "*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*"

The sole objective of the Gideon Ministry International is to win souls for Christ because "***The Gospel is our Mission***" (Mark 16:15 / Matthew 28:18-20).

The motivation and encouragement for me to continue to labour on for the Lord in this great harvest field was what I took home with this statement made during the conference - "***You can count the number of seeds in a fruit; but you can't count the number of fruits in a seed***". The seed, which is the Gospel of Christ, when sown sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully (2 Corinthians 9:6). God in His perfect timing and ways will draw people to Himself as Jesus said in John 6:37 ~ "*All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*"

Let us remain steadfast in our work of faith, labour of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3) and continue to pray that The Lord of the harvest will send forth more labourers into His field as the harvest is truly plenteous but the labourers are few (Matthew 9:37-38).



The Children's Ministry at CH by Brother Ben

I have known Ben since January 2018 when he was in Singapore for 4 years to do his theological study. After graduation, he returned home to serve as a lecturer in a Bible School. By the higher hand of God, he was invited to take care of this children ministry sometime in early 2024. He teaches them Bible lessons daily while other volunteers from various Christian fellowship groups teach the academic subjects like English, Mathematics and their local languages too.



These 45 children range from 5 to 12 years old. They live at the centre during the weekdays, and their parents will fetch them home for the weekend to be with their families as they are breadwinners working in other towns which are quite a distance away from the centre.



While I was there on 25 September 2025 on Thursday afternoon for 2 hours, I bought some McDonald's Chicken Nuggets snack for them before sharing a Bible lesson on "*God's Creation Story*" and they did some colouring work on the God's Six Days Creation drawing sheet. We did an action song "*My God is So Great*"



which the children are very familiar with, and Benjamin played the guitar. Some older children assembled the Lego blocks which they received as gifts. A colouring/activity booklet and a goody bag of snacks were also given to each child. The rest of my time was spent interacting with the children and getting updates from Ben regarding the ministry before spending some time in prayer with him. Thank God for a few sponsors for these gifts to bless and encourage the children.



After I did the closing prayer for the children before leaving at 5.30pm, I was truly surprised by the children who recited the verses from Numbers 6:24-26 in song. Indeed, I believe our brother Ben and his team are doing a great and good job with these children and may the Lord continue to guide him in his ministry in the years ahead as the children grow in the knowledge of God and come to the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen 🙏

Elder Tan Yue Kay
29 September 2025



UNDERSTANDING CHURCH GROWTH FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Lord's Day Program for October to December 2025

October

- 5 The Empowerment to Witness to the World (Acts 1:1-16)
- 12* Elements in the Ushering of the Early Church (Acts 2:22-47)
- 19 Persecution And Expansion of the Church (Acts 4:1-15)
- 26 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
Needful Principles of a Continuing Reformation Spirit (Jude 1-5)

November

- 2 The Effective Corporate Ministry of the Church (Acts 6:1-7)
- 9* The Outreach to Samaria by Philip (Acts 8:26-40)
- 16 The Spiritual Transformation of Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20)
- 23 The Salvation of a Gentile Military Officer (Acts 10:1-38)
- 30 The Good Example of Barnabas (Acts 11:22-30)



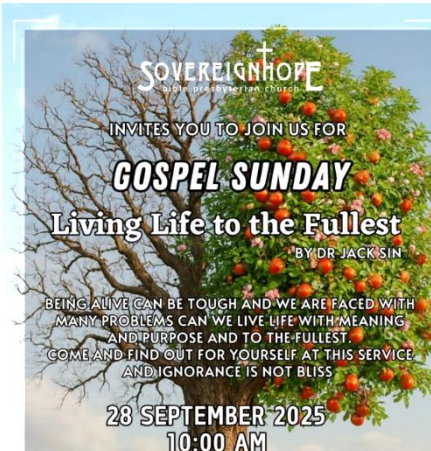
December

- 7 Launch of the First Missionary Journey (Acts 13:1-26)
- 14* The Proper Execution of Decision-Making in the Church (Acts 15:1-29)
- 21 Lessons from The Second Missionary Journey (Acts 15:36 -16:15)
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
The Quiet Arrival of a Servant King (Luke 2:1-11)
- 28 The Content of the Apologist on Mars Hill (Acts 17:18-34)
- 31 **WATCHNIGHT GOSPEL SERVICE**
The Worth of A Soul (Matthew 16:21-27)

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Gospel Sunday - 28 Sep 2025



Praise God for the many visitors at Gospel Sunday Worship Service. Justin, Lily & Christopher (below left) invited their friends Angela & Simon (below right). Li Ling and Tracy also came. Thank God for the clear preaching of the Word of God by Pastor and Gospel song item by Joseph & Rachel on Psa 73:25&26 "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."



Join a Sunday School Class after the worship service!



Pray for Bee Leng's full recovery from workplace burn injury.

Memory Verse

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on ***"The Empowerment to Witness to the World (Acts 1:1-16)"***, ***starting the new quarterly series on "Understanding Church Growth from the Early Church (Book of Acts)"***.
3. Next Sunday, Rev Tan Eng Boo will preach on ***"Elements in the Ushering of the Early Church (Acts 2:22-47)"***.
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walk through the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Job (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. **[Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]**.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. **[Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551]**.
7. Pray for:
 - **Travels:** JohnW [Switzerland 30/9-11/10], Kim Meng & Sharon [Kyoto, 8-13/10], JosephC & family [Ho Chi Minh, 12-15/10].
 - **Medical:** Bee Leng [Recovery from burns], Geok Pin & parents [respective cancer conditions], Li Lee [post hysterectomy recovery], Pit Yuen [post-radiotherapy recovery], Agnes' Parents [health & salvation], Mrs Philip Heng [stroke recovery]
 - **Lily Almon:** Singapore Citizenship Application
 - **John Almon:** Application for course at Nanyang Polytechnic
 - **Joseph & Rachel:** GPS ministry and Hokkien outreaches
 - **Bangalore Mission Trip [11-15 Dec]:** Pastor, Eld Yue Kay, John W, Shaun & Zoey (Brunei)
8. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB Account 392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate **"Church Building Fund"** if you would like to designate towards this cause.