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### Cross & Crown

Among the New Testament passages which speak of the Sufferings of Christ there are several references to His Second Coming. It makes an inspiring study.

1) *Jesus to the disciples*: “I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s **Kingdom**” (Mt 26:29; Mk 14:25; Lk 22:14-18).

*Paul to believers*: “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till **He comes**” (1 Cor 11:26)

2) *Jesus to the disciples*: “You are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a **Kingdom**, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My **Kingdom**, and sit on **thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Lk 22:28-30).

*Jesus*: “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My **glory** which You have given Me” (Jn 17:24).

3) *Jesus to Pilate*: “My **Kingdom** is not of this world. If My **Kingdom** were of this world, My servants would fight so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but My **Kingdom** is not from here” (Jn 18:36).

4) *Jesus to the High Priest*: “I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the **Power**, and **coming** on the clouds of heaven” (Mt 26:64; Mk 14:61,62; Lk 22:67-69).

5) *Jesus to the daughters of Jerusalem*: “Do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed **the days are coming** in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren ...’” (Lk 23:28-31; Mt 24:19-21).

6) *The thief to Jesus*: “Lord, remember me when You come into Your **Kingdom**” (Lk 23:42; Isa 53:11).

7) “Jesus, when He had cried out again with a loud voice, yielded up His Spirit ... The graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His **resurrection**, they went into the holy city and appeared to many” (Mt 27:50-53).

*Paul to believers*: “Now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep ... Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His **coming**” (1 Cor 15:20-23).

8) “From the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over the land” (Mt 27:45; Mk 15:33; Lk 23:44,45).

“It shall come to pass in **that day**, says the Lord God, that I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight” (Am 8:9).

“It shall come to pass in the **last days**, says God, ... The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable **day of the Lord**” (Acts 2:17,20).

9) “Behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and just man. He had not consented to their counsel and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was waiting for the **Kingdom** of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus” (Lk 23:50-52; Mk 15:43).

10) *Two messengers from Heaven to the disciples:* “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so **come** in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).

*Paul to Timothy:* “ This is a faithful saying: If we died with Him, we shall also **live** with Him. If we endure, we shall also **reign** with Him” (2 Tim 2:11,12a).

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