

The Church has been commanded to “**prepare** ye the way of the people; cast up, **cast up** the highway; **gather out** the stones; **lift up** a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, His reward is **with** Him, and His work **before** Him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord; and thou shalt be called, Sought out, **A city not forsaken.**” [Isaiah 62:10-12].

The city not forsaken is called **Zion**, the City of the Lord [Isaiah 60], whose founder, builder, and maker **is God**. [Heb 11:8-16, Heb 12:22-24]. It is to this city, a place where the people are of **one hear and one mind in Jesus Christ**, that the Lord of Glory will return.

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ZION AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



In His **first** advent, the Lord Jesus Christ came as a lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world so that He might atone for our sins and show us how to live in the Kingdom of God.

As John testified of Christ, “He was in the world, and the world was **made** by Him, and the world knew Him **not**. He came unto His own, and His own **received him not**. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on His name.” [John 1:10-12].

“**21:25** And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; **21:26** Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. **21:27** And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” [Luke 21:25-27]

The **second time** that He comes, He will return as the triumphant Lion of Judah to those who **will** receive Him.

The Lord desires **a city** set on a hill that will **glorify** Him and His Father. A place where Jesus Christ will return to **reign on the earth** for a thousand years to make His people a nation of kings and priests [Revelation 20:1-6, Revelation 1:5-6].



To this end **the Church**, or in other words the body of Christ, is called to **prepare the way of the Lord** just as John the Baptist did. For the Lord has called His people to be **light to the world**, a city on a hill that cannot be hid, and to put their trust in Him so that by their good witness, the world might **glorify** our Heavenly Father. [Matthew 5:13-16]