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Salvation -
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Did you know the phrase "Second Coming" is not found anywhere in the Bible? It is a man made term used to describe what Hebrews 9:28 actually says, but most people misunderstand the verse by reading it through a futurist lens. Let's examine the context carefully.

HEBREWS 9:26-28 (NASB):

"Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world, but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been revealed to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And just as it is destined for people to die once, and after this comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him, for salvation."

KEY POINTS FROM THIS PASSAGE:

In verse 26, Jesus "has been revealed once to put away sin." The Greek word for "once" is **hapax** (G530), meaning "once for all time." This same word is used in:

Jude 3: "...the faith which was once for all time handed down to the saints."

1 Peter 3:18: "Christ also suffered for sins once for all time..."

In verse 28, Jesus is said to "appear a second time for salvation."

The word "second" in Greek is **deuteros**, simply meaning the second in a sequence.

The point is that He appeared once to deal with sin and would appear again not multiple times, to bring salvation to those eagerly waiting.

THE RETURN WAS FOR SALVATION – NOT JUST JUDGMENT

Most scholars agree Jesus came in judgment in AD 70 upon Jerusalem, as seen in:

Matthew 24:29-31 – "Immediately after the tribulation of those days... they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the

sky with power and great glory..."

This was not the end of the physical world but the end of the Old Covenant system.

But Jesus' coming was not only for judgment. It was also for **redemption**:

Luke 21:27-28 – "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The word for "redemption" is **apolutrosis**, used in:

Romans 3:24

Romans 8:23

1 Corinthians 1:30

Ephesians 1:7 and 1:14

In **Luke 21:32**, Jesus said this redemption would occur within "this generation."

DRAWING THE BIBLICAL CONCLUSION

Hebrews 9:28 says Christ would appear a second time for salvation.

Luke 21 says He would return at the fall of Jerusalem for redemption.

These are the same event.

Hebrews 10:37 confirms this when it says:

"For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay."

Yet most Christians today say He has delayed. That directly contradicts the writer of Hebrews.

CROSS REFERENCES THAT CONFIRM THIS:

Hebrews 9:28 – He will appear a second time for salvation.

Luke 21:28 – Your redemption is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:33-39 – Persecution, judgment, and imminent return for salvation.

A CHALLENGE TO FUTURISTS

How can anyone claim a future coming of Christ when:

He said He would come a second time (not a third or fourth),

He said it would be in that generation,

And He said it would be for redemption?

If you are still waiting for His coming, then **are you truly born again?**

Salvation comes **when we receive Christ.**

Hebrews 9:28 says He would come for **salvation.**

So if you are still waiting, do you have Him?

1 JOHN 5:12 – "The one who has the Son has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have the life."

If Christ comes with salvation, and you do not believe He has come, then do you have salvation?

GALATIANS 2:20 – "Christ lives in me."

If Christ lives in you now, then why are you still waiting for Him?

He has already come to save, to redeem, and to dwell in His people.

Hebrews 9:28 is not about a distant event. It is about what happened at the **consummation of the ages**.

THE TABERNACLE AND THE TRANSITIONAL AGE

Hebrews 9:8 – "The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing."

The first tabernacle had to fall.

That happened in AD 70 when the temple was destroyed.

The fall of the Old Covenant allowed full access into the **true Holy of Holies**, the Body of Christ.

THE TRUE HOLY OF HOLIES IS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Hebrews 10:19-20 – "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh..."

1 Corinthians 3:16 – "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Ephesians 2:21-22 – "...in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

Revelation 21:22 – "I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."

The true Holy of Holies is no longer a room hidden behind a veil, but the Body of Christ, the spiritual temple made up of God's people.

EPHESIANS 4:30 – "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

That day came when the Temple fell and the Old Covenant ended.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Jesus said He would come **once more** for salvation.

He did exactly that within the generation He promised.

Those who wait for a future coming of Christ are unknowingly denying the fulfillment of what He already accomplished.

IF HEBREWS 9:28 IS FULFILLED, THEN...

We already have salvation.

We are already in the Kingdom.

We are already in Christ.

He already reigns.

To say otherwise is to deny the very promise He kept.

QUESTION FOR THOSE WHO SAY: "HE CAME TO REDEEM US FROM SIN"

If you believe He died for our sins and gave us salvation, then why would you still be waiting for His coming?

Was it not when we received Him as Savior that He came to us?

Hebrews 9:28 shows His second appearance was for salvation.

If you have salvation, then you have experienced His coming.

So how can you be waiting for what you already have?

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