

Helps to Bible Study

Directions for Marking Bible Subjects in Your Bible

1. In this system each subject has its own distinct key letters; for example: is Second Coming of Christ. M is Millennium. NJ is New Jerusalem.
2. On the blank flyleaves at the beginning or close of your Bible, make a list of all the subjects as you mark them, with the key letter which stands for that subject and the first Bible reference with which that lesson begins. For example, you would write on the flyleaf: is Second Coming of Christ, begin Hebrews 9:28. M is Millennium, begin Revelation 20:5. And then on with each other subject in the same way, copying just the key letters and the first text of each subject on these flyleaves.
3. Then turn to the first reference of each subject and write in the margin near it the second reference. Then turn to the second reference and write in the margin near it the third reference, and so on to the end of the lesson. For example, on the Second Coming of Christ, after putting the key letters and the first reference on the flyleaf, turn to Hebrews 9:28, the first reference on the subject, and in the margin near Hebrews 9:28, write 2 John 14:1-3, which means that the second reference on the Second Coming of Christ is John 14:1-3. Then turn to John 14:1-3 and in the margin near this put 3 Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51, which is the third reference on this Second Coming subject. Then turn to Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51 and write in the fourth reference 4 -and so on to the end. When you come to the last reference write "End S"
4. Each subject is to be marked in this same way. NOTE-Mark only those references in the lesson which are numbered, and always put the number of the text and key letters in front of the text. Put the reference on the margin in each case as near to the preceding text as possible, so you can pick it up quickly to continue the study with the person with whom you are studying. The additional references given in each lesson which are not numbered are not to be marked in your Bible, but are for your personal study as additional Biblical information.

1. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

1. Hebrews 9:28. Just as certainly and surely as Christ was offered on the cross 1900 years ago, just so certainly He will appear the second time.
2. John 14:1-3. When Jesus was here on the earth 1900 years ago, He promised in just so many words that He would return to earth at the last day, or at the end of time, to reward every man according to his works. Matthew 16:27; 26:64. He said, "I go and I will come again." So as surely as He went back to heaven, just so surely we may know that He will return to this earth at the right time.
3. Luke 24:36-43, 50, 51. He had a real body of flesh and bones, with hands and feet, after His resurrection, and He went back to heaven with that real body.
4. Acts 1:9-11. He will come in like manner as He went back to heaven at His ascension. He went back to heaven literally, bodily, personally, and visibly. So when He comes in like manner at His second advent, we know that He will come from heaven bodily, literally, personally, and visibly. The second coming of Christ will be a literal, bodily appearing of Christ from heaven in the sight of all the people of the earth, and not any figurative or spiritual coming.
5. Revelation 1:7. Every person, every eye, will see Him when He appears in the clouds of heaven. Christ will not appear at His second advent in any secret way just to the elect, but all the tribes of the earth shall see Him coming on the clouds, with power and great glory. Matthew 24:30. His coming will be just as open and visible to all people as the lightning. Matthew 24:27.
6. Revelation 6:15-17. The wicked will see Him as He approaches the earth at His coming, and will try to hide.

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7. Matthew 25:31. All the angels of heaven, countless millions (Revelation 5:11; Hebrews 12:22) of bright shining angels, will surround the Son of God as He comes down from heaven.

8. Matthew 24:30, 31. The angels are coming with Christ to gather all the good and pure people of all ages and from all lands to meet Christ and be forever with Him. The supreme purpose of Christ's second coming is to take His people to that wonderfully prepared place in heaven, the New Jerusalem. John 14:3; 17:24.

9. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17. Christ will not come down and walk around on the earth at His second advent, but will appear in the air above the earth in the sight of all the people, and the saints will be caught up from the earth to meet the Lord in the air, and go back with Him to the mansions of the heavenly Jerusalem. Christ will not come secretly, but with a mighty shout that will be heard all over the earth. That shout will cause the millions and millions of graves where the righteous are buried to open, and all the righteous dead will rise from the graves with immortal bodies. At the same instant the righteous who will be living on the earth at that time will be changed in a moment from mortality to immortality. 1 Corinthians 15:50-53. Then the angels take all the righteous up to meet Christ in the air, and they go back with Him to the mansions of the city of God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

10. Philippians 3:20, 21. At the second coming of Jesus the righteous will have their bodies changed and made like Christ's glorious body. Then we will have a glorious, immortal body that will never have an ache or a pain, that will never become old, and will never die. The coming of Jesus means that we will say good-by to this world of sin with all our troubles, trials, hardships, and sorrows, and we will then enter into everlasting happiness and joy with Jesus Christ.

2. THE MILLENNIUM

The word "millennium" comes from two Latin words, mille, which means 1,000; annus, year. It means 1,000 years.

1. Revelation 20:5. This 1,000 years is bounded at each end, or marked off, by two great resurrections. The use of the word "first" in Revelation 20:5 proves that there will be two resurrections; for since there is a first, there must be a second resurrection.

2. John 5:28, 29. Jesus taught there will be two resurrections-a resurrection of life, when the good will be raised, and a resurrection of damnation, when the evil or unrighteous people will be raised from the dead.

3. Revelation 20:6. Since all the righteous are raised in the first resurrection, it must be that all the wicked will be raised in the second resurrection.

4. Revelation 20:4. Since the righteous dead are brought from the dead to reign with Christ during this 1,000 years, that proves that these righteous ones are raised at the beginning of this 1,000 years. The resurrection of the righteous takes place at the beginning of the 1,000 years. The resurrection of the wicked takes place at the end of the 1,000 years. Revelation 20:5. The millennium is this 1,000-year period between these two resurrections. As the righteous dead are raised at the second advent of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:16), this proves that it will be the coming of Christ at the last days to gather His saints that will mark the beginning of this 1,000-year period of Revelation 20. At Christ's second coming the righteous dead are raised, the living righteous are changed to immortality, and then all the righteous leave the earth to meet Jesus, and go with Him to the prepared mansions in heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; John 14:3.

5. Revelation 20:6. Hence the millennial reign of the saints with Christ is bound to be in the mansions of the New Jerusalem in heaven.