

WHY THERE ARE 2 COMINGS OF CHRIST

- When man fell into sin (Ge.3) this constituted a rebellion against God.
- God, as a result, will deal with this situation in a manner consistent with His character.
- The FIRST and SECOND comings of Christ are based on God's objectives with regard to mankind and the earth.

GOD'S CHARACTERISTIC

- ✧ God is Loving and Merciful
- ✧ God is Longsuffering

GOD'S CHARACTERISTIC

- ✧ God is Holy
- ✧ God is Righteous

GOD'S OBJECTIVE

God will provide a way for sinful people to be redeemed — Atonement for Sin!

GOD'S OBJECTIVE

God will not allow sin to go unpunished nor rebellion to continue forever — Abolish Sin!

GOD'S ACTION — Lamb (Jn.1:29)

FIRST COMING



Priest



GOD'S ACTION — Lion (Rv.5:5)

SECOND COMING

King



For God to achieve His two objectives, in regard to sin, Christ will fulfill these two roles (Zc.6:12-13; Ps.110:1-4)

¹²And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: ¹³Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13 COMMENTS

The One who fulfills both of these roles or offices is called the “Branch”

🍷 **The PRIEST Builds the Temple of the Lord**

🍷 **The KING Who Sits on the Throne**

ONE MAN WHO FULFILLS BOTH ROLES IN 2 COMINGS

There will be peace between these two offices though never occupied by the same person

🍷 **A PRIEST Must be a Descendent of Aaron (tribe of Levi)**

🍷 **A KING Must be a Descendent of David (tribe of Judah)**

ONE MAN WHO OCCUPIES BOTH ROLES IN 2 COMINGS

HOW CAN CHRIST RIGHTFULLY BE A PRIEST SINCE HE IS NOT A DESCENDENT OF AARON?

God prepared an older, and superior priesthood through Melchizedek which was long before the Levitical priesthood existed.



Melchizedek was both a Priest and a King (Ge.14:18).

Jesus is a Priest after the order of Melchizedek by virtue of being the Messiah (Ps.110:4; Hb.6:20; 7:1-22).

FIRST COMING ROLE

❖ Christ came the **FIRST** time entitled to be King, but planned beforehand to not yet fulfill that role. His **FIRST** Coming role as Priest was a triumph, not a tragedy.

❖ If Christ became King at that time He would have needed to destroy all sinners which would not have achieved the objective of providing a way for sinners to be redeemed and enter the Kingdom of God.

❖ Ironically Jesus was crucified as a disappointment to the Jews who were hoping He came to be King at that time (Jn.12:13). Jesus had to come as a Priest **FIRST** which required His death as the prophets foretold (Ps.16:10; 22:16; 69:21; Is.50:6; 53:5-10; Da.9:26; Zc.12:10).

SECOND COMING ROLE

❖ Jesus shall come a **SECOND** time to fulfill His intended second role as King (Is.13:9; Je.25:30-31; Zp.1:18; Rv.19:20-21).

❖ Because Jesus came the **FIRST** time as Priest, the kingdom will not be empty. It will be filled with people redeemed by His priestly sacrifice, no longer condemned (Rm.8:1).

❖ The long time before Christ's **SECOND** coming is to give time for the Gospel to be spread throughout the earth (Mt.24:14). This gives the kingdom time to grow before Christ comes as King (Mt.13:31-33). God's apparent slowness is really His patience (2Pe.3:8-10).