

Sermon Handout

The Appearing of our Lord

II Timothy 4:1-8

I. Introduction

Advent, Epiphany and Christmas

The logical and Biblical connections; progress of the Church

God fulfilling his promises; hope for the Church

II. The Two Words

Epiphaneia

First coming – II Tim 1:8-11

Second coming – I Tim 6:12-16 (*cf.* Titus 2:11-13)

Parousia

People generally

Phil 1:26; 2:12; II Cor 10:10 – St. Paul

II Cor 7:6-7 – Titus

I Cor 16:17 – Stephanus

II Thess 2:9 – false prophets

Judgment of 70 A.D.

Mt 24:3, 27, 37, 39; Jas 5:7, 8; II Pet 1:16 (probable); 3:4, 12

Second Advent

I Cor 15:23; I Thess 2:19; 3:13; 4:15; 5:23; II Thess 2:1, 8;

I Jn 2:28 (*cf.* 3:2)

III. Justin's Testimony (c. 114-165 A.D.)

Dialogue with Trypho Ch. 52

Cites Gen 49:8-12

Cites the absence of prophets in Israel after John

Refers to the judgment of 70 A.D.

Dialogue with Trypho Ch. 121

Cites Ps 72:17 "all nations shall be blessed in Him"

Identifies Jesus as the bright light Zech 6:12; 12:12; Is 49:6

Says this is fully manifest at his second coming.

IV. Implications for Today

Rest in hope – God always fulfills his promises.

Celebrate the coming, in all its aspects:

Christ the Savior

Christ the Righteous Judge

Christ the Reigning King