



**Bible Reading: Psalm 19:1-14**

In these messages, we summarise what the Deeper Life Bible Church believes and teaches. We call them 'Gospel Landmarks' because they do not change and should not be removed (Pro 22:28; Mat 5:17,18; 24:35).

**God's infallible WORD teaches, and we believe:**

18. That the Second Coming of Christ will just be as literal as His going away, and He is coming to execute judgment upon the ungodly. He will also, then, set up His kingdom and reign on this present earth for a thousand years. *Zec 14:3,4; Mat 25:31-46; 26:64; Mark 13:24-37; 2 The 1:7-10; 2:8; Jude 14,15.*

The Holy Spirit confirms that Christ shall appear **"the second time"** (Heb 9:28) and then reward His faithful servants and punish His adversaries (1 Pet 5:4; 1:7; Heb 10:27). Jam 5:7 encourages us, **"Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth near."** At Christ's ascension, the angel confirmed that **"this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"** (Acts 1:11). Other divine purposes of the second advent include (i) the comfort of the church (John 14:1-3; 16:20-22); (ii) the restoration of Israel to her sovereignty as prophesied in the scripture (Isa 32:18; 33:20-24); (iii) the judgment of the earth (Rev 20:11-15; John 5:22); (iv) the renovation of the earth (Isa 65:17; 66:22 Rev 21:1-5); (v) the restoration of all things according to the desire of God (Rom 8:20-23; Jer 12:4,11).

19. That Christ's Millennial Reign is the 1,000 years' literal reign of Jesus on earth, ushered in by His coming back to earth with ten thousands of His saints. At this time, He will judge the nations that dwell upon the face of the earth. *Jude 14,15; 2 The 1:7-10.* During this time, the devil will be bound. *Rev 20:2,3.* It will be a reign of peace and blessing. *Isa 11:6-9; 65:25; Hos 2:18; Zec 14:9-20; Isa 2:2-4.*

At the end of the *Great Tribulation*, Jesus will come again with the Church to establish His government (Jude 14). The governments of this world will resist His coming. But the Lord will overcome at the battle of Armageddon (Rev 19:15-21). Satan will be bound and imprisoned for 1,000 years (Rev 20:1-3). The kingdoms of this world will then become the kingdoms of our God (Rev 11:15; Dan 2:44).

20. That the Great White Throne Judgment is when God finally judges all (the living and the dead, small and great) who have ever lived on the face of the earth, according to their works. This is after the Millennium. At this time, the final Judgment will be held. All those from all ages, who have not yet been judged (believers' judgment, as sinners', was accomplished by Christ on the Cross (*John 5:24; 3:17-19*)) will stand before God at this time. The devil and his angels are judged at this time also and sent to the lake of fire for ever. *Dan 12:2,3; Mat 10:15; 11:21-24; 12:41,42; John 5:28,29; Rom 2:15,16; 14:12; 2 Pet 2:9; Jude 6; 1 Cor 6:1-4; Acts 10:42; Rev 20:11-15.*

After the millennium, Satan will be released from the bottomless pit (Rev 20:3). He will deceive many people and gather them against Christ and His saints at the battle of *Gog and Magog*. They will be defeated, and Satan will be cast into the lake of fire (Rev 20:7-10). All those who died unrepentant from the time of Adam will be resurrected (Dan 12:2; John 5:28,29; Acts 24:15). This is the *second resurrection*. They will all stand before God to account for their deeds at the final judgment of sinners, known as the Great White Throne Judgment (Psa 9:17; Dan 7:9-10; Mat 11:20-24; 10:15; John 5:28-29; Rev 20:11-15). The Bible is replete with pointers to this great and notable day of the Lord (Ecc 12:14; Mat 11:21-24; 12:41,42; Rom 2:15,16; 2 Peter 2:9; Jude 14,15; 1 John 4:17).

21. That the New Heaven and the New Earth "wherein dwelleth righteousness" will be made by God, and the redeemed shall dwell with God for ever. This present earth which has been polluted by sin will pass away after the Great White Throne Judgment. *Psa 102:25,26; Isa 51:6; 65:17; Mat 5:18; 24:35; 2 Pet 3:10-13; Rev 21:1.* No unclean thing shall be there. We shall know one another; our knowledge having been perfected. There will be no more curse. There will be no more night: the glory of the Lord will be the light thereof. *Isa 66:22; 2 Pet 3:12,13; 1 Cor 13:12; 1 John 3:2,3; Rev 21:1-7; 22:1-5.*

God will replace this polluted evil earth and atmospheric heavens with a new earth and a new heaven that will match His glory, holiness and righteousness (Rev 21:1-8). *“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: the former shall not be remembered, nor come in to mind”* (Isa 65:17). This new creation will be entirely free from any taint of sin. There will be neither death, sorrow, pain, tears, nor separation from God (2 Pet 3:13; Rev 21:4). As God created the present heavens and earth, so will He create the new heavens and a new Jerusalem as its capital. The Holy City, New Jerusalem, is a material city not a mystical one. Its beauty is beyond human description.

22. That Hell is a place of everlasting punishment where sinners (all who do not have their names in the book of life) will suffer torments for ever and ever. It was prepared for the devil and his angels (*Mat 25:41*), but God has decreed that the wicked and those who forget Him and reject Christ, will also be cast there, because of their sin and neglect of His salvation. *Psa 9:17; Mat 25:46; Luke 12: 4,5; 16:19-31; Mat 5:22,30; Mark 9:43-47; Rev 14:10,11; 20:10,12-15.*

Hell is vividly captured in the scriptures as a place of agonising torment and everlasting punishment in unquenchable fire for the unconverted (Mat 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:23,28). The frightful nature of hell has made some people to merely explain it away. But the Bible, provides ample and clear pictures of hell as the indisputable abode of sinners (Psa 9:17; Pro 7:24-27; 9:13-18; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:22-28; Rev 20:13-15; 21:8). Our Lord spent considerable on its reality. He told the city of Capernaum that it would be turned into hell for its iniquities (Mat 11:23). He warned repeatedly on the danger of hell and the need to steer clear of it (Mat 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 18:8,9; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 12:5). He offered vivid explanations of hell as a place of everlasting punishment (Mat 25:41,46; Mark 9:43-48; Luke 16:22-28; Rev 14:10,11). He revealed that sinners who died unsaved would have their lot in hell (Mat 7:15-19; 13:40-42,50; 23:33; 25:41-46; Luke 16:23; Rev 19:20; 20:14-15; 21:8).