

Chapter 1 : The Second Coming by William Butler Yeats

The Second Coming (sometimes called the Second Advent or the Parousia) is a Christian and Islamic belief regarding the future (or past) return of Jesus Christ after his supposed ascension to heaven about two thousand years ago.

Global Issues Analysis A 22 line poem, two stanzas, in free verse, with loose iambic pentameter mostly five stresses and ten syllables per line but there are variations, The Second Coming is one of the more successful non rhyming poems Yeats wrote. As you read through, note the change in rhythm and texture as the narrative alters. For the whole of the first stanza and some of the second, the speaker is objectively describing events. When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi Troubles my sight: And again at line The cycles that underpin spiritual existence have come round again: The first stanza is full of dramatic verbs: Later on it will evolve into a very different creature. Because of the dire situation established in the first stanza, some kind of fateful release is triggered. The result is the emergence of a sphinx-like figure from the World Soul, the Vital Spirit. Just like the Christ child was years ago. Enjambment, alliteration and assonance all play their part in these second stanza lines: The darkness drops again; but now I know That twenty centuries of stony sleep Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle, The final two lines are popular and well known. The rough beast about to be born after twenty centuries could take the form of a government, a tyrant, a regime - according to the cosmic and spiritual laws it would have to counteract the effects of religion, Christianity. A new civilization will be born, one that will reject what previous generations celebrated, and celebrate what previous generations rejected. The Second Coming - Certain Words gyre - a vortex or spiral or cone shaped geometrical figure, pronounced with hard or soft g. Further Analysis With strong involvement in political, cultural and spiritual matters, William Butler Yeats the poet was in a unique position to write a poem as far reaching as The Second Coming. The poem is full of exotic and unusual imagery. The first two lines for instance take the reader off into the air on the strong wings of a falcon, far away from the hand of the falconer. Control is already being lost. Gyre means spiral or vortex, a geometrical figure and symbol fundamental to the cyclical view of history that Yeats held to. As the falcon sweeps higher and higher this vortex or cone shape widens and weakens the hold on reality. Not only is the bird representing a cycle of civilisation, it is a symbol for Nature in its sharpest, cleanest sense. Humankind is losing touch with Nature and has to bear the consequences. As this trend continues there is an inevitable collapse of systems and society. Again, Yeats delivers a vivid picture of the consequences, repeating the word loosed in tsunami-like imagery, as humanity descends into moral confusion. The Second Coming relies heavily on certain words being repeated, perhaps to emphasise the cyclic nature of things. So the Second Coming dominates the start of the second stanza. The speaker exclaims excitedly and the reader has to prepare for what follows: There are clear biblical echoes here: The cosmic clock is ticking, alignments are being made.

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The Second Coming was written in in the aftermath of the first World War. The above version of the poem is as it was published in the edition of Michael Robartes and.

Jesus has told us that certain signs and events will warn us when the time of His Second Coming is near. Consider assigning each class member or family member one or two of the signs described in this chapter in large classes, some signs may be assigned to more than one person. As part of the lesson, give them time on their own to study the information about those signs and think about evidence they have seen that the signs are being fulfilled today. Then have them share their insights with each other. For thousands of years, followers of Jesus Christ have looked forward to the Second Coming as a time of peace and joy. But before the Savior comes, the people of the earth will experience great trials and calamities. Our Heavenly Father wants us to be prepared for these troubles. He also expects us to be spiritually ready when the Savior comes in His glory. Throughout the ages God has revealed these signs to His prophets. If we are obedient and faithful, we will study the scriptures and know of the signs. Some of the signs foretelling the Second Coming of Jesus Christ have already been or are now being fulfilled. Others will be fulfilled in the future. Wickedness, War, and Turmoil Many of the signs are terrifying and dreadful. The prophets have warned that the earth will experience great turmoil, wickedness, war, and suffering. The prophet Daniel said that the time before the Second Coming would be a time of trouble such as the earth has never known see Daniel We can expect earthquakes, disease, famines, great storms, lightnings, and thunder see Matthew Jesus told His disciples that war would fill the earth: The Prophet Joseph Smith said: Joseph Smith [], Many of these signs are being fulfilled. Nations are constantly at war. Earthquakes and other calamities are occurring. Many people now suffer from devastating storms, drought, hunger, and diseases. We can be certain that these calamities will become more severe before the Lord comes. However, not all the events preceding the Second Coming are dreadful. Many of them bring joy to the world. Prophets of old foretold the Restoration of the gospel. The Apostle John saw that the gospel would be restored by an angel see Revelation In fulfillment of this prophecy, the angel Moroni and other heavenly visitors brought the gospel of Jesus Christ to Joseph Smith. These prophecies are now being fulfilled. The Book of Mormon has been brought forth and is being taken to all the world. Ever since the Restoration of the Church, missionaries have preached the gospel. The missionary effort has increased until now tens of thousands of missionaries preach in many countries of the world in many languages. Before the Second Coming and during the Millennium, the Lord will provide ways to bring the truth to all nations. Elijah would restore the sealing powers so families could be sealed together. He would also inspire people to be concerned about their ancestors and descendants. The prophet Elijah came to Joseph Smith in April Since that time, interest in genealogy and family history has grown. We are also able to perform sealing ordinances in the temples for the living and the dead. Jesus Christ Himself will rule there. These are only a few of the signs that the Lord has given us. The scriptures describe many more. What evidence do you see that the signs are being fulfilled? Knowing the Signs of the Times Can Help Us How can we remain calm and at peace even when some of the signs are terrifying and dreadful? He taught this with the parable of the fig tree. He said that when we see a fig tree putting forth leaves, we can tell that summer will soon come. Likewise, when we see the signs described in the scriptures, we can know that His coming is near. The Lord gives these signs to help us. We can put our lives in order and prepare ourselves and our families for those things yet to come. We have been warned of calamities and told to prepare for them, but we can also look forward to the coming of the Savior and be glad. And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and their children shall grow up without sin.

"The Second Coming" is a poem written by Irish poet W. B. Yeats in , first printed in The Dial in November , and afterwards included in his collection of verses Michael Robartes and the Dancer.

This is in contrast to the rapture of the church, which is always presented in Scripture as an imminent event. Many detailed prophecies relate to this period, and understanding this helps one to analyze current world affairs as shaping up in preparation for these events. In the revelation of Daniel 7, the prophet sees four great beasts, the first being a lion, representing Babylon, the second a bear, representing Medo-Persia, and the third a leopard, representing the empire of Alexander. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. The Roman legion conquered country after country and carried off able-bodied men as slaves and enforced their rule by leaving contingents of soldiers in each country. In the explanation given to Daniel concerning the four beasts and the ten kingdoms, he was told: It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. The prophecies of the four empires have already been fulfilled in history except that the Roman Empire has never developed into a ten-nation kingdom. Accordingly, many believe that this is a future situation that will take place after the Rapture of the church. Many prophecies of the Old Testament that deal with the end of the age leap from the first coming of Christ to the second coming of Christ without taking into account the present age. This is true of the feet of the image in Daniel 2, and it is also true of the prophecy concerning the fourth kingdom, which today seemingly has disappeared, but in Scripture will be revived in the ten-nation form preceding the second coming of Christ. The Emergence of Antichrist In addition to explaining that the empire will consist of ten kingdoms, Daniel was told that there will be an eleventh horn, an individual who will conquer them all. This is stated in Daniel 7: This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully. In the final empire, the beast gathers in all of the preceding empires pictured as a lion, a bear, and a leopard. From Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 it may be concluded that the Bible speaks of a future world empire that will be a revival of the Roman Empire that was in existence when Christ was on earth. The extent of the power of this world empire is given in Revelation The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. According to the book of Revelation, this ruler will head the world government for forty-two months. This forty-two month period is the last three-and-a-half years prior to the second coming of Christ. In that period there will be a time of unprecedented trouble. This is described in Daniel But at that time your peopleâ€”everyone whose name is found written in the bookâ€”will be delivered. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. The Covenant with Israel Christ will deal with the world of the Gentiles pictured in the ten-nation group and the world empire that follows, according to Daniel, in the seven-year period leading up to His second coming. These years, however, are divided into three periods, with the first two consecutive, but the last seven years will be separated from the preceding period by the present age that intervenes, during which God is calling out His church. Once the rapture of the church takes place, however, it will be possible for God to bring about the fulfillment of the last seven years described in Daniel 9: The Jews will make this seven-year covenant with the ruler over the ten kingdoms who later becomes the world dictator. Though the term Antichrist is never applied directly to this world ruler, he will be the ultimate fulfillment of predictions of the Antichrist 1 John 2: Antichrist is anyone who opposes Christ or who claims to be a substitute for Christ. The apostle John declared that the Antichrist is coming, but that there are many antichrists: It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. John further describes an antichrist as one who denies that Christ came in the flesh as God in 1 John 4: This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. Three Periods Between the Rapture and the Second Coming In a study of all the passages that relate to the end time, it becomes clear that there are three major time periods between the Rapture and the Second Coming. The first is the period of preparation, a

relatively short period, in which the ten-nation kingdom emerges. Its leader rises to conquer first three and then all ten kingdoms. When this leader becomes powerful, because of his backing of the ten kingdoms, he is able to make the covenant with Israel for seven years described in Daniel 9: This introduces the second period of time, which covers the first half of the seven years mentioned in the covenant. In the middle of the seven years, however, a dramatic change takes place, and the ruler of the ten kingdoms becomes a world dictator, apparently without a war. This sets the stage for the third period, the last three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ. Accordingly, there is first a period of preparation leading up to the seven-year period. Then there will be three-and-a-half years of peace, the second period, and this will be followed by the third of great trouble and tribulation. The third period will be followed immediately by the Second Coming.

The War with Russia In Ezekiel a strange war is predicted in which a great nation to the north of Israel, a reference to Russia Ezek. Though a number of explanations have been given of the prophecy, it seems that this Soviet invasion will come during the first three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ. This would correspond to the time of peace described in Ezekiel 38 see 1 Thess. This war turns out to be a disaster for Russia and her other allies Ezek. The destruction of the invaders will change the world situation, which apparently then will be much like it is now, with Russia and her allies opposed to the rest of the world. With Russia out of the way as a military power because of the destruction of her army, it will be possible for the ruler of the ten kingdoms to declare himself a world dictator, and apparently, there will be no power great enough to oppose him, and a world empire will be born overnight. Who can make war against him? And the answer is that no one will be strong enough to deny the ruler of the ten kingdoms the place of a dictatorship over the entire world. When this takes place and the world empire suddenly emerges, the Middle East ruler will break his covenant with Israel and become her persecutor instead of her protector, and the final three-and-a-half years leading up to the second coming of Christ will be a time of trouble for Israel and for the entire world. The world ruler of the end time will not only claim political rule over all nations but will also claim to be God Rev. According to Daniel Armageddon As indicated in the breaking of the covenant with Israel, the future world ruler will bring on a terrible time of persecution by the government and judgment of God upon the world. This time of trouble is described graphically in Revelation This period will include disasters from God as well as persecution of all those who will not recognize the world ruler as deity. In his vision recorded in Revelation 6, John is introduced to a scroll with seven seals affixed to the side. As the scroll is unrolled, each seal is broken, signaling a great event on the earth. Some of these are great catastrophies. Seal one refers to the world empire that is brought out at the beginning of the three-and-a-half years. This is indicated by the bow without an arrow Rev. Seals two and three refer to warfare and starvation, which will affect many. The fifth seal recognizes that the world ruler will put to death those who do not recognize him as deity, and they are seen in heaven waiting for the time when the world ruler will be judged. In this period, according to the sixth seal, great disturbances will take place in the earth, with the sun darkened, the moon turning blood red, and stars of heaven falling to earth. There will also be a great earthquake, with every mountain and island removed from its place Rev. Out of the seventh seal will come a second series of sevens called trumpets. Again, there will be great disturbances in nature, and eventually war. Out of the seventh trumpet will come a third series of sevens called vials, or bowls, of the wrath of God. Each of these introduces another tremendous judgment on earth, usually extending to the entire earth. The first bowl judgment poured out will cause painful sores on people who have been worshipping the world ruler and the idol of him that was set up in the temple Rev. The second bowl pictures judgment on the sea so that every living creature in it dies Rev. The third bowl of the wrath of God will corrupt the springs of water, and they will become blood Rev. The fourth bowl will disturb the ordinary course of the sun, and people will be scorched because of the intense heat Rev. The sixth bowl will dry up the river Euphrates, which will make it possible for a great army from the East to approach the Holy Land and join in the final great war that is described taking place there. The final bowl of wrath will consist of a great earthquake that destroys the cities of the world, causing mountains and islands to disappear, and apparently the topography of the entire earth will be changed Rev. During the three-and-a-half years of the Great Tribulation, God protected , Israelites, 12, in each tribe, as described in Revelation 7. By contrast, however, Revelation 7: In the Great Tribulation the final form of anti-God religion

will consist of the atheistic worship of the world ruler and a denial of the true God. When Christ returns, He will judge the wickedness of the earth, rescue those still living in the earth who are saved and bring them into the millennial kingdom, and bring judgment of physical death on all the others Matt. According to Scripture, what events precede the Rapture? By contrast, what events precede the second coming of Christ? What are the four great world empires described by Daniel? How does the fourth empire resemble the Roman Empire? What is the evidence that there will be a future revival of the Roman Empire in the form of a ten-nation kingdom? Who does the eleventh horn of Daniel 7 represent? How does the prophecy of the eleventh horn support the idea that the ten-nation kingdom is still ahead? What does Revelation 13 add concerning the fourth empire? What do we learn of the future world ruler in Revelation 13? How long will be the period of his world rule? How does the period of his world rule relate to the seven years preceding the Second Coming? What does Revelation 13 teach concerning the coming Great Tribulation? What did Christ have to say about the Great Tribulation? What will climax the Great Tribulation? How does the forming of the covenant indicate the beginning of the seven years?

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"The Second Coming" was intended by Yeats to describe the current historical moment (the poem appeared in) in terms of these gyres. Yeats believed that the world was on the threshold of an apocalyptic revelation, as history reached the end of the outer gyre (to speak roughly) and began moving along the inner gyre.

By Wayne Jackson The second coming of Christ cf. It is alluded to more than times in the New Testament Thiessen, Isaiah spoke of the time when every knee would bow and every tongue would swear allegiance to God Is. Daniel prophesied of a future bodily resurrection Dan. New Testament Affirmation As indicated above, the New Testament abounds with information regarding the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself affirmed it on numerous occasions cf. There is a special Greek term commonly used for the return of Christ. Let us now consider the issue of the second coming from both positive and negative vantage points. Features of the Second Coming There are explicit features of the second coming that identify the nature of this grand event. Consider the following points. Certainty of the Second Coming The second coming is certain to occur. The very integrity of Christ is at stake in this matter. He will come at an unexpected time Mt. Not even Christ, during his personal ministry, knew when that day would occur cf. This was due to his self-limitation of certain knowledge while on earth. Strange indeed are the claims of certain modern religionists who imagine they can calculate that which the Lord could not! Date setters have been notoriously wrong. Clearly then, since the dead have not yet been raised, the second coming obviously did not occur in A. Thus, that coming has not occurred, and there will be no place for a 1, year earthly reign of Christ following that coming, as alleged by premillennialists. Events Associated With the Second Coming Though we touched slightly upon the following issues in points discussed previously, we now will consider them more systematically. The Resurrection The general resurrection of the dead is connected with the return of Christ. The ancient Sadducees denied the resurrection Mt. But the doctrine of the bodily resurrection is affirmed abundantly in the New Testament see Jn. Judgment The day of judgment is likewise connected with the second coming Mt. Christ will be the judge Jn. All human beings who ever have lived will be judged Rom. Each person will be judged by the law of God under which he lived. The ancient Gentiles will be judged by the law of the conscience Rom. Those of the Christian age will be judged according to the law of Christ 1 Cor. The judgment will be irrevocable. There is no post-judgment redemption, nor is there an eventual annihilation for the wicked.

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The Second Coming - The anticipated event when Jesus Christ returns to the earth to defeat evil and establish His reign of justice and peace. Home >> The Second Coming Jesus Himself promised, "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn.

What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming? The rapture and the second coming of Christ are often confused. Sometimes it is difficult to determine whether a scripture verse is referring to the rapture or the second coming. However, in studying end-times Bible prophecy, it is very important to differentiate between the two. The rapture is when Jesus Christ returns to remove the church all believers in Christ from the earth. The rapture is described in 1 Thessalonians 4: Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy evil, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in Revelation The important differences between the rapture and second coming are as follows: At the second coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth Revelation The rapture occurs before the tribulation 1 Thessalonians 5: The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment Matthew The second coming will be visible to all Revelation 1: The rapture is imminent; it could take place at any moment Titus 2: Why is it important to keep the rapture and the second coming distinct? The rapture and second coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are end-times events. However, it is crucially important to recognize the differences. The second coming is the return of Christ to the earth to bring the tribulation to an end and to defeat the Antichrist and his evil world empire.

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The Second Coming By William Butler Yeats About this Poet William Butler Yeats is widely considered to be one of the greatest poets of the 20th century. He belonged.

The Second Coming is when Jesus Christ will return to earth in fulfillment of His promises and to fulfill the prophecies made about Him. Jesus Himself promised, "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory" Matthew With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. The Old Testament prophets did not seem to fully understand this distinction between the two comings of Jesus His birth and His Second Coming as seen in Isaiah 7: Those who argue that Jesus was not the Messiah because He did not fulfill all the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah, fail to take into account the Second Coming of Christ, in which He will fulfill all the prophecies about the Messiah. His Second Coming will defeat sin for all eternity. The second coming should also not be confused with the event referred to as the Rapture. The Rapture refers to a time when Jesus Christ will come to remove all believers from the earth 1 Thessalonians 4: The church holds many positions on the rapture, but the Second Coming is undisputed. The Second Coming is the event when Jesus Christ returns to the earth to defeat evil and establish His reign of justice and peace. The Second Coming - Why is it important? Foremost of all, belief in the Second Coming of Christ is important because it is clearly what the Bible teaches. Second, the Second Coming is important because Jesus Himself promised it. If Jesus was wrong about the Second Coming, how can we trust anything else He taught? The Second Coming of Christ is our hope and confidence that God is in control of all things and is faithful to His Word and His promises. Revelation chapters describe the end times prior to the Second Coming of Christ. The world will be devastated, millions of people will perish, and the most evil person in all history will be ruler of the entire world. The Second Coming of Christ puts all this to an end. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: Perhaps no event in the history of the world has been more anticipated than the Second Coming. Every generation of believers, including believers in the New Testament, has strongly believed that Jesus would return in their lifetime. Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation" 2 Peter 3: So, we must avoid both extremes: Many Bible teachers have made guesses as to when the Rapture and Second Coming will occur. They have all been incorrect. The Bible declares, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" Matthew The Bible describes several events which must occur before the Second Coming Matthew So, we are to anticipate the Second Coming, but have a biblical understanding of it. We are not to set dates and times, but live our lives as if it could happen any day, any moment. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

Chapter 7 : SparkNotes: Yeats's Poetry: "The Second Coming"

"The Second Coming" is easily one of the most famous and frequently quoted poems in all of Western literature. Several famous prose writers have used lines from W.B. Yeats's poems as titles to their books, and "The Second Coming" is no exception.

What is the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? The second coming of Jesus Christ is the hope of believers that God is in control of all things, and is faithful to the promises and prophecies in His Word. In His first coming, Jesus Christ came to earth as a baby in a manger in Bethlehem, just as prophesied. Jesus fulfilled many of the prophecies of the Messiah during His birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection. However, there are some prophecies regarding the Messiah that Jesus has not yet fulfilled. The second coming of Christ will be the return of Christ to fulfill these remaining prophecies. In His first coming, Jesus was the suffering Servant. In His second coming, Jesus will be the conquering King. In His first coming, Jesus arrived in the most humble of circumstances. In His second coming, Jesus will arrive with the armies of heaven at His side. The Old Testament prophets did not make clearly this distinction between the two comings. This can be seen in Isaiah 7: As a result of the prophecies seeming to speak of two individuals, many Jewish scholars believed there would be both a suffering Messiah and a conquering Messiah. What they failed to understand is that there is only one Messiah and He would fulfill both roles. Jesus fulfilled the role of the suffering servant Isaiah chapter 53 in His first coming. Israel, and the whole world, will mourn for not having accepted the Messiah the first time He came. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

Chapter 8 : Summary and Analysis of the Poem "The Second Coming" by William Butler Yeats | Owlcation

*The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi Troubles my sight:
somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.*

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.
Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi
Troubles my sight:
The darkness drops again but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

The Second Coming was written in the aftermath of the first World War. The above version of the poem is as it was published in the edition of Michael Robartes and the Dancer dated there are numerous other versions of the poem. The preface and notes in the book contain some philosophy attributed to Robartes. This printing of the poem has a page break between lines 17 and 18 making the stanza division unclear. Following the two most similar drafts given in the Parkinson and Brannen edited edition of the manuscripts, I have put a stanza break there. Interestingly, both of those drafts have thirty centuries instead of twenty. The earlier drafts also have references to the French and Irish Revolutions as well as to Germany and Russia. Several of the lines in the version above differ from those found in subsequent versions. In listing it as one of the hundred most anthologized poems in the English language, the text given by Harmon has changes including: Michael Robartes and the Dancer. The Chuala Press, Irish University Press, Thomas Parkinson and Anne Brannen, eds. Cornell University Press, The Classic Hundred Poems. Columbia University Press,

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The Second Coming will happen when Jesus Christ returns to the church to defeat the antichrist, overthrow evil and then establish his thousand-year reign on earth (Revelation).