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Second Advent

We long for when Jesus will come again in the future, not as a baby but as a King in glory, to eliminate the presence of sin through his finished work on the throne.



"Advent, ultimately is a season of hope, which is why it is mostly about Christ coming in glory. This is the truest object of our hope. We celebrate that Jesus came in his incarnation and find comfort in how he comes to us in our daily lives, but all of our longings meet their end in Christ coming again, bringing healing, peace, joy, and an unimaginable wholeness in his wake. The final return of Christ is the undoing of cancer... and the dismantling of racism. It is the delivery of justice for the victimized, for the weaker and the most vulnerable whom the powerful have brutalized with seeming impunity. It is the regeneration of dead coral reefs. It is the end of global pandemics. It is the vindication of those falsely imprisoned. It is the weeping of children giving way to their eternal laughter. It is the death of death."

-Tish Warren

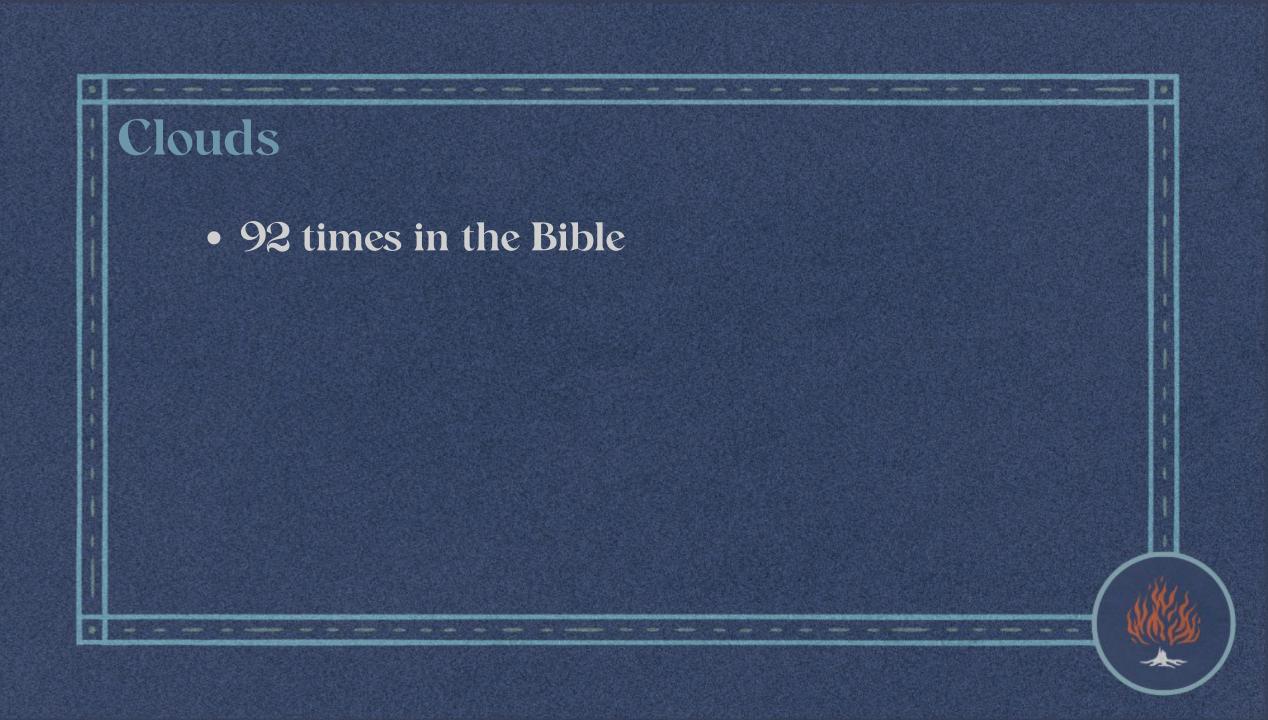
We will have unanswered questions.



"There are as many errors in that question as there are words"

-John Calvin

We are not alone.



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Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him Revelation 1:7

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- Witness witness means to tell the story of Jesus in word and deed
- Watch and Wait



"Advent is a season of waiting and watching. We wait for the coming of God. We need him to come. Our world is messed up, and we are messed up. We lament our condition and long for God to set things right, to make us better. So we pray and watch."

-Bobby Gross