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Manning's view of ^{second} coming

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This is the second in a series on Bible prophecy by Senator E. C. Manning, who directs the National Bible Hour heard each Sunday morning across Canada and the United States.

The former premier of Alberta was in Calgary recently to attend the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Bible Institute Baptist (now Bethel) Church. He was interviewed by The Albertan.

A long time proponent of the prophetic Scriptures, Senator Manning deals with the "appearing and return" of Jesus Christ to earth in this series.

"His coming back to earth will profoundly effect every nation, every government and every individual including you," he proclaims.

Manning points out that the Lord's return will not be as a babe born in a manger but rather He will come as the "Almighty Glorified Son of God to claim the world He created and to rule over the whole earth as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

Quoting 1 Thessalonians 4 as his authority, the graduate of the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute points out there are two

phases to Christ's return.

Before descending to take control of world affairs He will hover over the earth to take out His "true universal church," God's children reborn through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord," he quotes the Bible.

Manning also gives Paul's version of the translation of the saints as described in 1 Corinthians 15: 51 and 52.

"The term 'appearing' is used to describe His return for His church. The term 'coming' is used to describe His return to earth to take over the management of world affairs," said Manning.

At this time he will come to earth and the exact spot from which his ascension took place more than 1,900 years ago. This was the Mount of Olives.

His appearing, the Bible scholar points out, is in a twinkling of an eye and the world

will know only by the empty graves and the mysterious disappearance of millions of people.

“His coming will be visible and with a manifestation of great glory and majesty and power . . . When Christ, Himself spoke of His future return He said in His sermon in Matthew 24, “The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory . . .”

In concluding this second article on prophecy Senator Manning notes that Christ will appear for his church before the anti-Christ of the future comes on the world scene. He describes the translation (at His appearing) and “the marriage of the Lamb which will take place in heaven . . .”

The next articles will deal with some of the phases of His return to establish that long promised kingdom “of heaven on earth.”