

This brief sketch gives an idea of the prominent place occupied in the New Testament by the Second Coming of Christ. The disciples looked forward with anticipation to this event since their Lord had promised that He would return. He had not told them when it would occur, but He had told them a good deal about it. In the early centuries of the church, before men's faith grew cold, or became crystallized in many areas into mere forms and ceremonies, there was constant emphasis upon this great expectation, and this emphasis is reflected in the Christian writings that have been preserved from those centuries.