The Belgic Confession & Canons of Dordt

25. The Final Coming of Christ

BC 37

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Why hasn't Christ come yet? The number of the elect is not yet complete <mark>[BC 37; II Pet. 3:9]</mark> .
Christ is said to come as a thief in the night which means what? He will come suddenly and unexpectedly to the wicked [I Th. 5:4].
Prove that when Christ comes the final judgment will take place. [II Th. 1:7-10] At that time the ungodly will be punished everlastingly. [I Cor. 15:22-24] At that time there will be the bodily resurrection and the end.
What will be heard when Christ comes in the body? A shout, the archangel's voice and the trumpet of God. Summoning people to the judgment <mark>[I Th. 4:16; BC 37]</mark> .
The Signs
What are some signs of Christ's coming seen among the nations? Abounding lawlessness [Mt. 24:12] Antichrist ruling over the nations
What are some signs of Christ's coming seen in the churches? Worldwide preaching of the gospel [Mt. 24:14] Great apostasy [II Th. 2:3]
How do many Premils deny the truth about the signs of Christ's coming? They say many of the signs will take place after the church has been raptured.
How do many Postmils deny the truth about the signs of Christ's coming? They say these signs took place during the days of the apostles [Mt. 24:34].
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