

DOCTRINE OF CLOUDS

- I. Clouds portray great armies or great masses of people:**
 - a. Rev. 1:7 – Many will return in resurrection bodies with the Lord Jesus Christ at the 2nd Advent.**
 - b. Isa. 60:8 uses “clouds” for armies; an army advancing for discipline – Jer. 4:13.**
 - c. In Heb. 12:1 “Clouds” are used to represent faithful witnesses of the Old Testament.**
- II. Clouds disappearing represent the blotting out of sins (Isa. 44:22).**
- III. The “day of clouds” is a season of catastrophe and divine judgment (Lam. 2:1; Eze. 30:3; 34:12; Joel 2:2).**
- IV. The cloud is a symbol of something temporary, not enduring, transitory (Job 30:15; Hosea 6:4).**
- V. “Clouds without rain” is a human promise without fulfillment (Isa. 18:4; 25:5; Jude 12).**
- VI. Clouds portray false teachers (II Pet. 2:17).**
- VII. Clouds portray divine presence. Jesus Christ is portrayed in one of the theophanies (appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ prior to His incarnation) as a cloud (Ex. 16:10; 33:9; Num. 11:25; Job 22:14; Psa. 18:11, 12; Isa. 19:1).**
- VIII. Cloud formation portrays the Power and Wisdom of God (Psa. 135:6, 7; 147:8; Pro. 8:28).**
- IX. Clouds are used to illustrate Man’s ignorance (Job 36:29; 37:15, 16; 38:37).**
- X. Clouds close the scene of the Incarnation of Christ (Acts 1:9). Clouds close the scene of the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:5).**