

BOOK OF REVELATION – THE RAPTURE AND TRIBULATION THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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The Rapture – the Origin and Definition of the Term

Let's begin by examining the origin of the term, “**rapture**” itself. The English word is derived from a **Latin** word used in the **Latin** translation of the Bible, called the **Vulgate**. The word is mentioned in **1 Thes 4:16-17**. The **Latin** word, **rapio**, is used in **verse 17** when **Paul** says, “**will be caught up**”, and it is from this association with being “**caught up**” or “**carried off**” that we get the word, “**rapture**”.

The **Greek** word is **harpazo** (ἁρπάζω, 726), “to **snatch** or **catch away**,”¹ from a prim. Root (ἁρπ) **harp**

The Rapture - WHAT is it ?

The **Rapture** in brief has **2 Phases**:

- (1) the **resurrection** of the **Dead** “in **Christ**” by **Jesus**, when **He** comes on the **Clouds** in the **Air**, **1 Thes 4:13-18**
- (2) the **catching up** of the **Alive** “in **Christ**” by **Jesus**, when **He** comes on the **Clouds** in the **Air**, **1 Thes 4:13-18**

The **Rapture** combines

- (1) the **resurrection/raising** of the **Dead/asleep** in **Christ**

with (2) the **catching up/snatching away** of those **Alive** in **Christ** who have **Not Died**, **1 Thes 4:13-18**

The Rapture – WHO is it for ?

The **Rapture** is for those “in **Christ**” (91 times in NT, Not in Gospels), **1 Cor 1:2, 1:30, 15:22, 2 Cor 1:21, 5:17**

Those “in **Christ**” are:

Those “being **justified** as a gift by **His grace** through the **redemption** which is in **Christ Jesus**”, **Rom 3:24**

Those who “have confidence to enter the **holy place** by the **blood** of **Jesus**”, **Heb 10:19**

Those “in **Christ**” are **the Church**, as defined here:

Church, as defined **ekklesia** (ἐκκλησία, 1577), from **ek**, “out of” and **klesis**, “a calling” (**kaleo**, “to call”),² **the Church** is, “the called-out **ones**” an **assembly** of **those** who identify as being “in **Christ**”.

“**God** is faithful, through **whom you** were called into fellowship with **His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord**”, **1 Cor 1:9**

the Church is, all **those** who came to **God**, under the “**New Covenant**”, **presented** at the **Last Supper**, **ratified** by **blood** on the **Cross**, and **implemented** beginning at **Pentecost, Acts 2**, and in the **Church Age**.

Rapture – as in “**caught up**” (**harpazo**) **Alive to God**, in the New Testament

1 Thessalonians 4:17, Then **we** who are **alive** and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the **clouds** to meet **the Lord** in the **air**, and so **we** shall always be with **the Lord**.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4

2 I know a **man in Christ** who fourteen years ago—whether in the **body I** do not know, or out of the **body I** do not know, **God** knows—such a **man** was **caught up** to the **third heaven**.

3 And I know how such a **man**—whether in the **body** or apart from the **body I** do not know, **God** knows—

4 was **caught up** into **Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which a **man** is not permitted to speak.

Revelation 12:5, And **she** gave birth to a **son**, a **male child**, who is to **rule all the nations** with a rod of iron;

and **her** child (**Jesus**) was **caught up** to **God** and to **His throne**. [**Jesus: Died > Resurrected > caught up**]

Rapture – as in “**taken up**” **Alive to God**, in the Old Testament

Genesis 5:24, **Enoch** walked with **God**; and **he** was not, for **God took him**.

Hebrews 11:5, By faith **Enoch** was **taken up** so that he would **not see death**;

and **he** was not found because **God took him up**;

for **he** obtained the witness that before **his** being **taken up** **he** was pleasing to **God**.

2 Kings 2:1, And it came about when **the LORD** was about to **take up Elijah** by a whirlwind to **heaven**,...

¹ Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 92).

² Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 42).

Where is the Rapture, in Prophecy we have studied so far ?

Q1: WHERE is the Rapture, in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 ? See Lesson 15

A: “in the Days of those Kings”, Dan 2:44 > 10 Kings, 11 Kings, and 8 Kings, Dan 7:7-27

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Rise to Power, with 7 Kings, Dan 7:7-8, 7:20-25

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Blaspheme and Warring with the Saints of Israel, Dan 7:21, 7:25

Q2: WHERE is the Rapture, in Daniel 9 and Daniel 12 ? See Lesson 15

A: Prince (Antichrist) Makes and Breaks 7 year Covenant, Dan 9:27, 12:7

(Antichrist) stops Sacrifice and Israel in Distress, but Rescued, Dan 9:27, 12:7, 12:1

The Wrath of Antichrist, “time of distress” for 3 1/2 years, Dan 12:7, 12:1

Q3: WHERE is the Rapture, in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 ? See Lesson 15

A: All these things are the Beginning of Birth Pangs and Tribulation, Matt 24:8-9

There will be a Great Tribulation, Days of Vengeance to Fulfill, Matt 24:15-26, Lk 21:22

The Wrath of God for 7 years, Matt 24:8-26

These Prophecies in Daniel 2, 7, 9, 12, Matt 24, and Luke 21, are concerning the Nation of Israel.

But the Rapture is concerning the Church, those “in Christ”, made up primarily of Gentiles

and a remnant of Israel. There was No Gentile Church under the Old Covenant in the OT, Read Eph 2:11-13

Therefore, if there was No Gentile Church in OT that is the Reason why the Rapture is Not mentioned

in Daniel 2, 7, 9, 12, Matt 24, and Luke 21. Because those Prophecies are concerning the Nation of Israel.

Q4a: You don’t want to read something in Context concerning Israel and apply it to the Church do you ?

Q4b: You don’t want to read something in Context concerning the Church and apply it to Israel do you ?

A: No, you want to read and apply each passage in Context as addressed to that specific “People Group”.

You don’t want to Read someone else’s Mail, addressed to them, and then say it is about you.

Q5: WHERE is the Rapture, in Revelation 1 - 9 that we have studied so far ?

A: Revelation 1 – 3 is primarily concerning the Churches (assemblies) in Asia Minor.

Revelation 4 and 5 is primarily concerning the Throne room in Heaven, with No Mention of Jew or Gentile.

Revelation 6 is primarily concerning the Wrath of God on Unbelieving Mankind on Earth in Seals 1-4 and 6, with the exception of, the souls of martyred Believers in Heaven in Seal 5, those slain for their testimony.

As in “absent from the body and to be at home (in soul or in spirit) with the Lord”, 2 Cor 5:8

In 2 Cor 5:8 there is No “raised” Dead “in Christ” and there is No “caught up” Alive in Christ

Soul, (grk. Psyche, 5590) (47 times in NT), in this context, it is the immaterial or spiritual part of man,

Rev 20:4, Matt 10:28, Heb 10:39, 1 Pet 1:9, 1 Pet 4:19

But the Rapture is concerning, those “raised” Dead “in Christ” and those “caught up” Alive “in Christ”

Revelation 7:1-8 is concerning the Bondservant/Believers of every tribe of the Nation of Israel, on Earth.

But the Rapture is concerning the Church, those “in Christ”, made up primarily of Gentiles, and few Jews.

Revelation 7:9-17 is concerning the white robed/martyred Believers from every Nation, in Heaven.

But the Rapture is concerning, those “raised” Dead and those “caught up” Alive “in Christ”, Not martyrs.

Revelation 8:1-13 is concerning the first 4 Trumpet Judgments on the physical Earth.

But the Rapture is concerning, those “raised” Dead and those “caught up” Alive “in Christ”,

Revelation 9:1-21 is concerning Trumpet Judgments 5 and 6, tormenting and killing Unbelieving Mankind.

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Conclusion:

There is No mention of the Rapture of BOTH, those “raised” Dead and those “caught up” Alive “in Christ” in Revelation 1-9 or for that matter in Revelation 4-22.

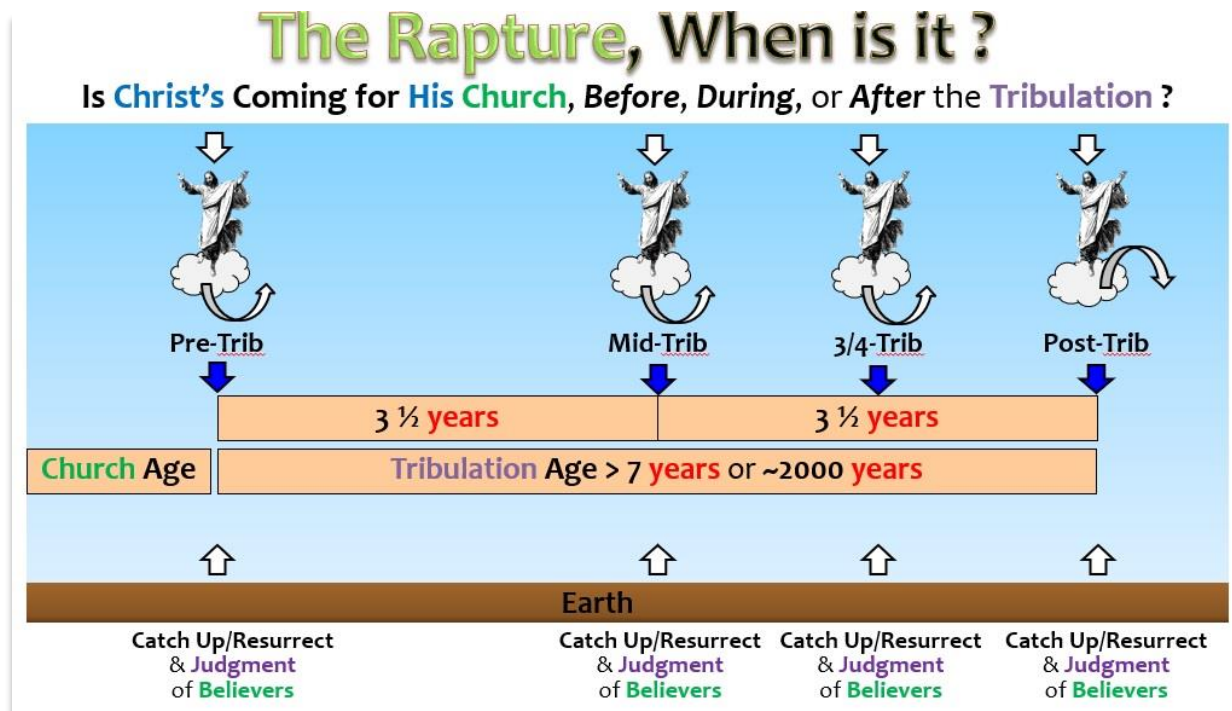
There are many who try to put the Rapture into Revelation 4-22, but I think it is Not specifically mentioned.

We will have more discussion on the Rapture in Revelation, later in this lesson.

II. Tribulation Views on the Timing of Jesus's Rapture (from Lesson 2)

A. Tribulation VIEWS OR WHEN Jesus's Catching Up/Resurrection of Believers WILL be Fulfilled

1. (Pre-Trib), Jesus Catching Up/Resurrection of Believers, BEFORE the Tribulation Period
 - a. Resurrection, of Believers, BEFORE the (7 year) Tribulation Period
 - b. Resurrection, of Unbelievers, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom (1000 years)
 - c. Advocates are primarily of Dispensational Theology.
2. (Mid-Trib), Jesus Catching Up/Resurrection of Believers, MIDDLE of the Tribulation Period
 - a. Resurrection, of Believers, MIDDLE of the (7 year) Tribulation Period
 - b. Resurrection, of Unbelievers, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom (1000 years)
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3. (3/4-Trib) (Pre-Wrath), Jesus Catching Up/Resurrection of Believers, LATE in the Tribulation
 - a. Resurrection, of Believers, LATE in the (7 year) Tribulation Period
 - b. Resurrection, of Unbelievers, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom (1000 years)
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4. (Post-Trib), Jesus Catching Up/Resurrection of Believers, AFTER the Tribulation Period
 - a. Resurrection, of Believers, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom (1000 years)
 - b. Resurrection, of Unbelievers, AFTER a Millennial Kingdom (1000 years)
 - c. Advocates are primarily of Reformed (Covenant) Theology, as Historic Premillennialists



Where Different People see the Rapture, in the Book of Revelation

Some say that Rev 3:10-11 implies the Rapture, keep you (the Church) from the hour of testing.

Some say that Rev 4:1-2 implies the Rapture, John commanded to "Come up here" to Heaven.

Some say that Rev 4:4, 5:9-10 implies the Rapture, 24 Elders are Men in Heaven

Some say that Rev 7:9-17 implies the Rapture, the great multitude are (the Church) in Heaven

Some say that Rev 11:3-12 implies the Rapture, the two witness represent (the Church)

Some say that Rev 11:15-19 implies the Rapture, gather/reward Your bond-servants (the Church), Mid-Trib

Some say that Rev 14:14-16 implies the Rapture, Christ Harvesting the Earth (the Church), Mid-Trib

Some say that Rev 20:4 implies the Rapture, and is the "first resurrection", Post-Trib

A separate paper is necessary to comment on all of the places others see the Rapture in Revelation.

Resurrection & Catching Up of those in Christ

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But **we** do not want **you** (**alive** in **Christ**) to be uninformed, **brethren**, about **those** who are asleep (dead in **Christ**), so that **you** (**alive** in **Christ**) will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14 For if **we** (**alive** in **Christ**) believe that **Jesus** died and **rose** again, even so **God** will bring with **Him** **those** who have **fallen asleep** in **Jesus** (**spirits** of dead in **Christ**).

15 For this **we** say to **you** by **the word of the Lord**,

that **we** who are **alive** (**alive** in **Christ**) and remain until **the Coming of the Lord**, will not precede **those** who have **fallen asleep** (dead in **Christ**).

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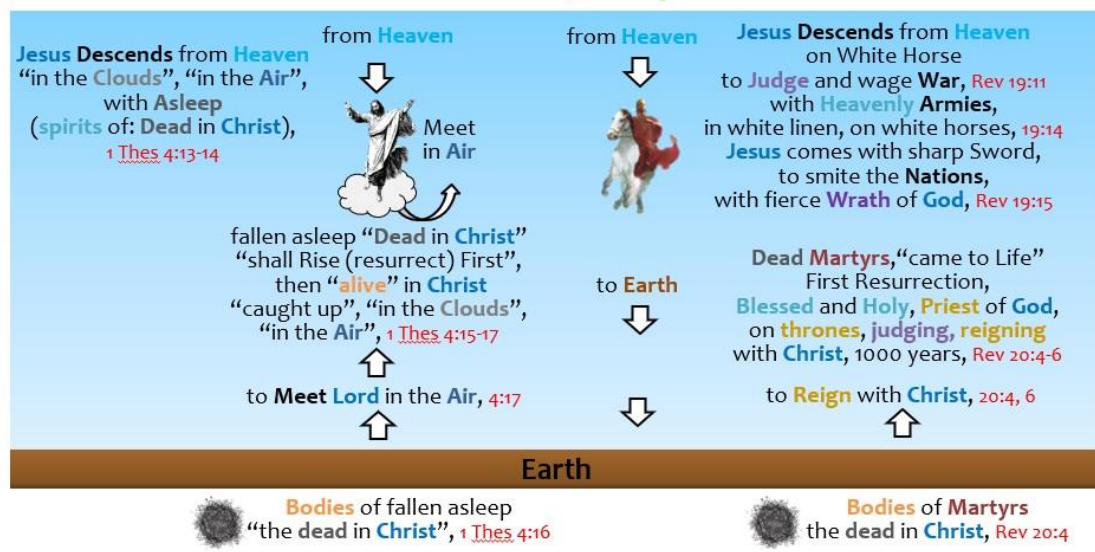
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Resurrection & Catching Up of in Christ

1 Thessalonian 4 > Rapture



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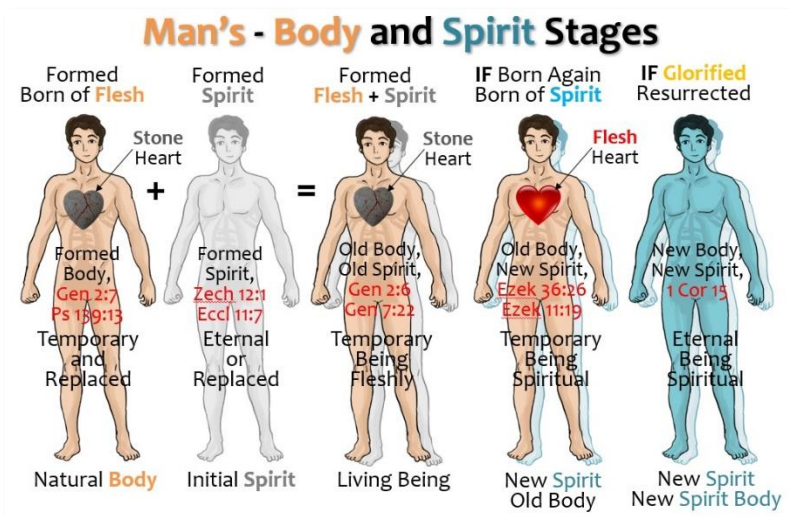
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In **verse 18**, **Paul** says, **Therefore** (for that reason) comfort **one another (alive in Christ)** with these words. **Paul** says, therefore **knowing** what will occur concerning both the **dead in Christ** and the **alive in Christ when Jesus** comes, comfort **one another (you alive in Christ)** with these words.

This answers the concern the **Thessalonian Church** had about those **Dead “in Christ”** when **Jesus** comes from **Heaven** and also what will occur for those (**alive in Christ**) that was not asked about.



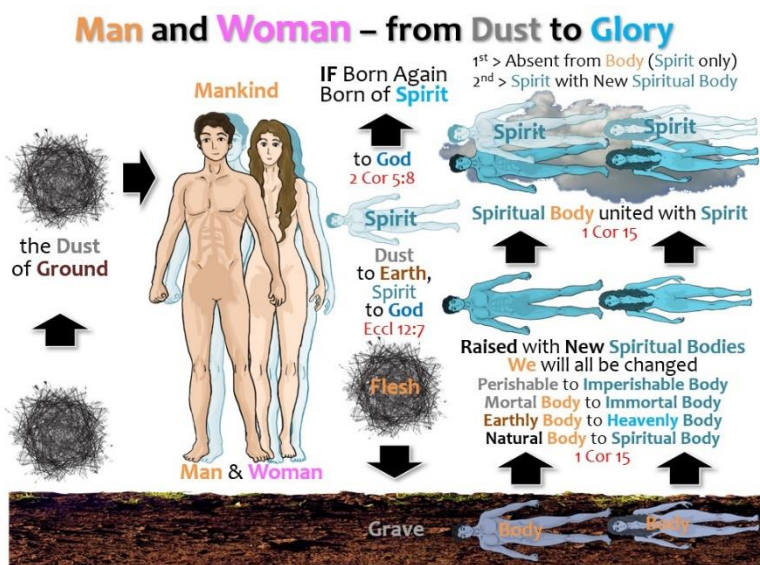
Man is made up of **Body** and **Spirit**.

Man's Body is formed by **God**, in the **womb**, Gen 2:7, Job 31:15, 33:6, Ps 139:13, Eccl 11:5, Isa 44:2, 44:24, 29:16, 49:5

Man's Spirit is formed by **God**, Zech 12:1, Eccl 11:7

IF **Man** is **Born Again**, **he** is given a **New Heart** and a **New Spirit**, Ezek 36:26

IF **Man** is **Glorified, resurrected**, **he** is given A **New Heavenly, imperishable, spiritual, Body**, 1 Cor 15:40-49



Man was formed from the **Dust of the Ground**. When **Man Dies**, **he** returns to **Dust**.

IF **Man** is **Born Again, of the Spirit**, John 3:5-8

Man will be **resurrected from the Dead** or **caught up, changed, and transformed** and given A **New Heavenly, imperishable, spiritual Body**, 1 Cor 15:40-49

Man will not need a **New Spirit** because **he** received **one** when **he** was **Born Again**.

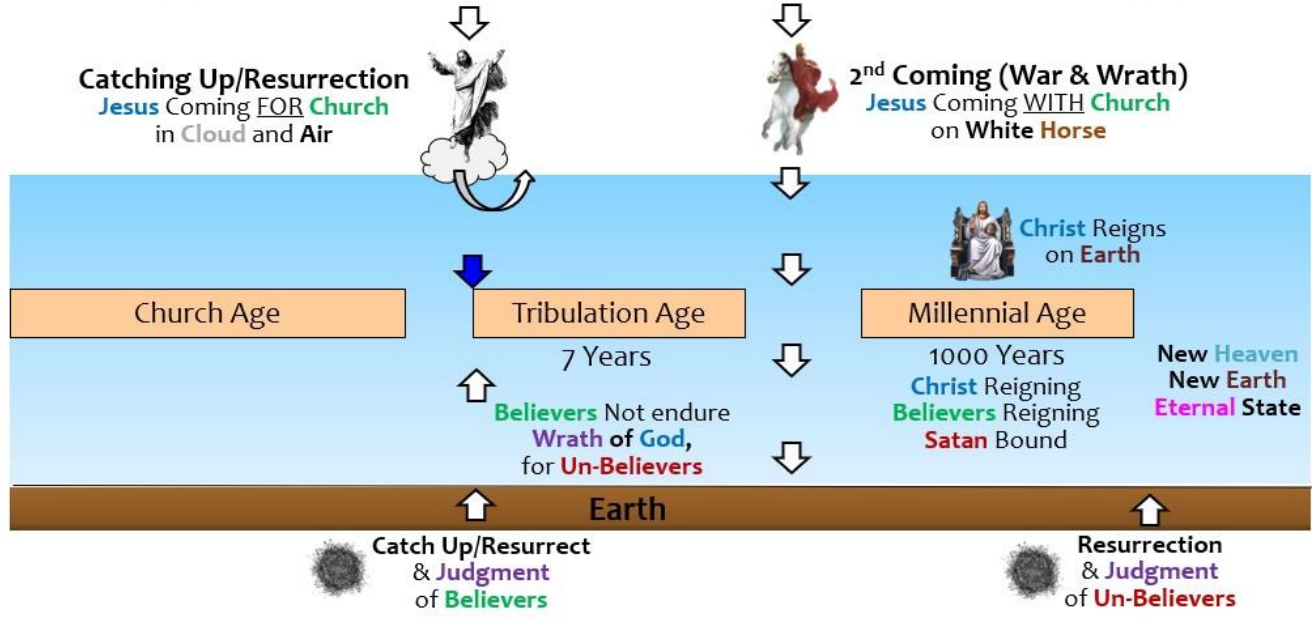
So, at the **Rapture/Resurrection** **Man's New Spiritual Body** will be united with **his New Spirit** already with **the Lord**, 2 Cor 5:8, that **he** had when **he** Died and received when **he** was **Born Again**. Ezek 36:26, Jn 3:5-8

Those “in **Christ**” are **Born Twice** and **Die Once**.

Those NOT “in **Christ**” are **Born Once** and **Die Twice**.

Pre - Tribulation Rapture

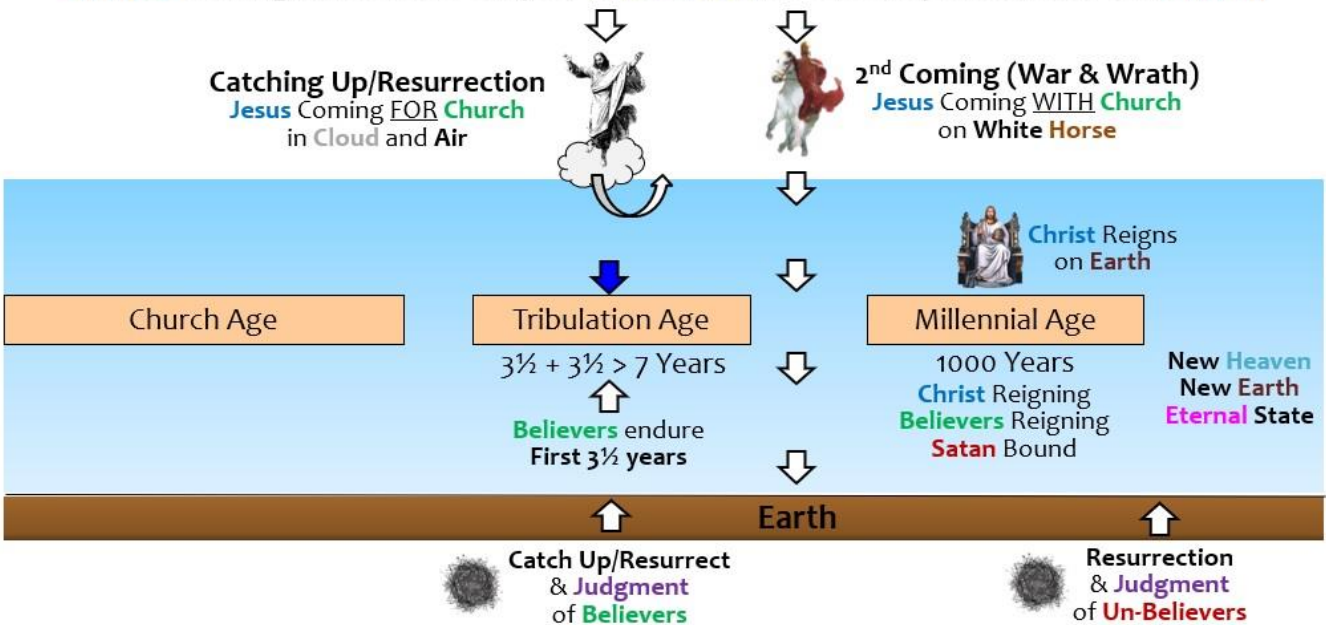
Christ's Coming, BEFORE a 7-year Tribulation, to Catch Up/Resurrect the Church



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Mid - Tribulation Rapture

Christ's Coming, MIDDLE of a 7-year Tribulation, to Catch Up/Resurrect the Church

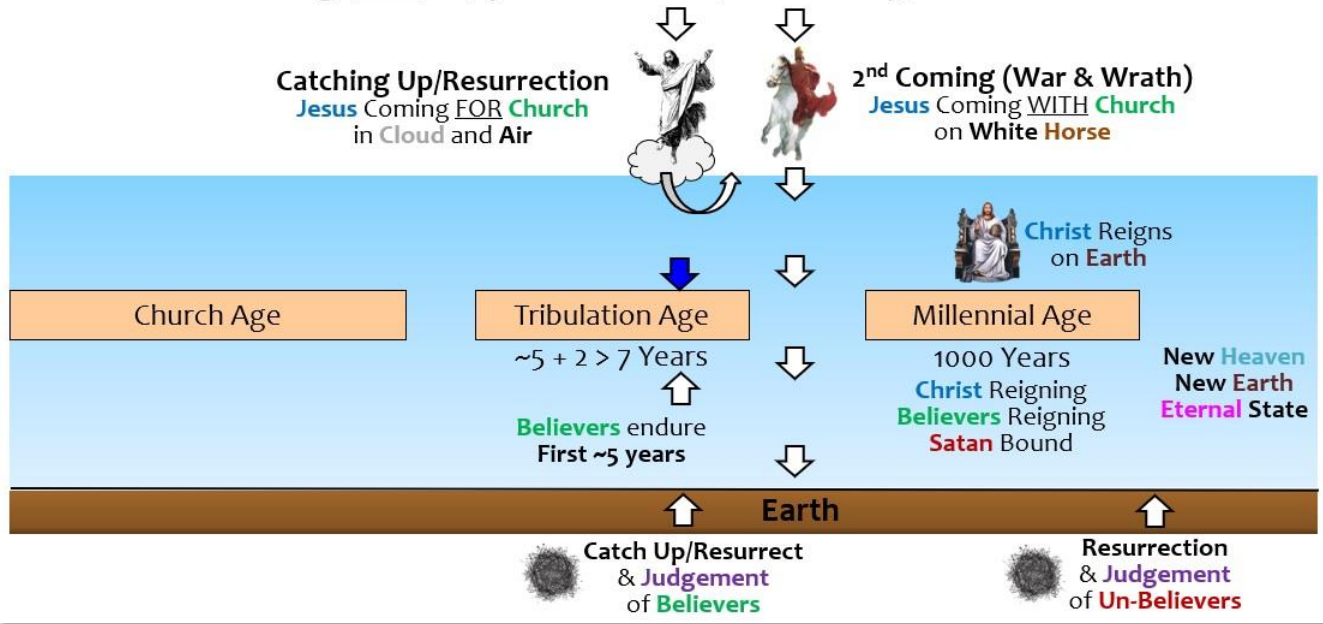


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3/4 - Tribulation (Pre-Wrath) Rapture

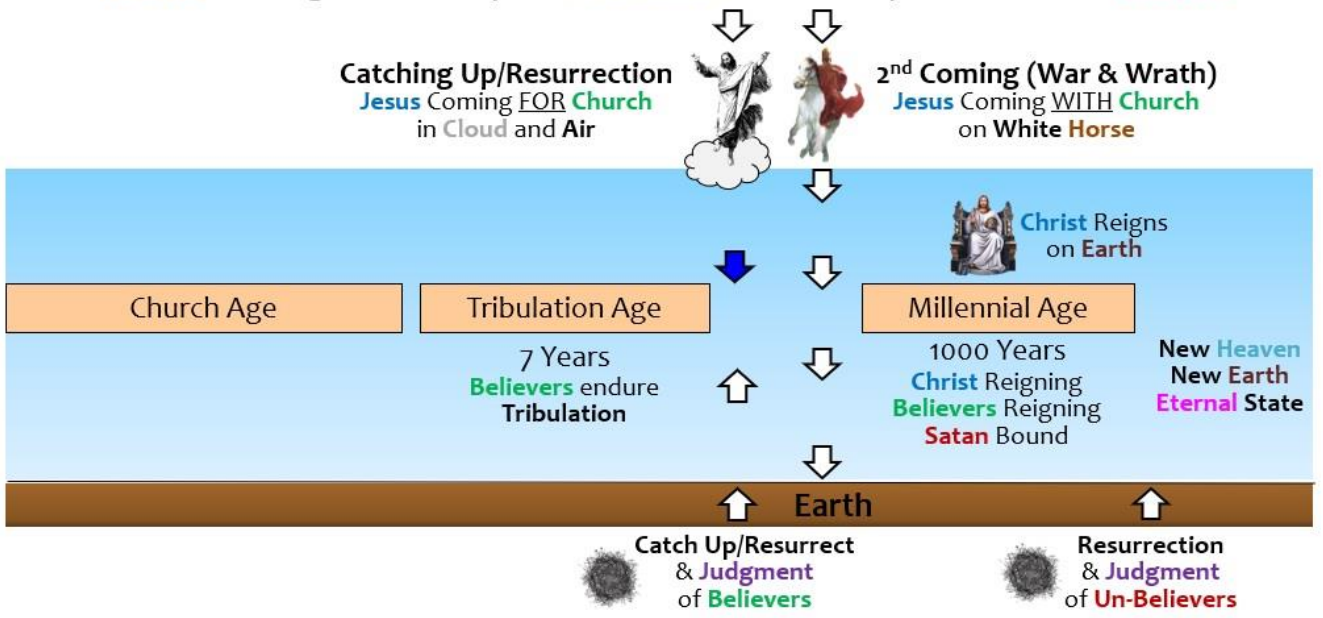
Christ's Coming, LATE in 7-year Tribulation, to Catch Up/Resurrect the Church



Primarily a **Dispensational Theology** View

Post - Tribulation Rapture

Christ's Coming, AFTER a 7-year Tribulation, to Catch Up/Resurrect the Church



Primarily a **Reformed Theology** View, of **Historic Premillennialists**

Reformed Theology View, of **Post-Trib**, says **Tribulation** is now, about 2000 years

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Catching Up/ Resurrection Views - Are Not Very Helpful

because they don't show HOW advocates came to that View,
they only show WHAT View they came to.

Resource: "Rose Guide to End-Times Prophecy", Timothy Paul Jones, 442 Pages
Gives good overview of Prophecy without much bias

Resurrection of those “in Christ”, 1 Cor 15:12-58

Christ the first fruits of those asleep (dead), was resurrected, 1 Cor 15:12-23

Also, All dead “in Christ”, will be resurrected, 1 Cor 15:22-23

Also, All asleep (dead), “in Christ”, will be resurrected and All **Alive** “in Christ”, will be changed , 1 Cor 15:51-52

1 Corinthians 15:50-52

50 Now I (Paul) say this, brethren, that **flesh** and **blood** cannot inherit the **kingdom of God**;

nor does the **perishable** inherit the **imperishable**.

51 Behold, I (Paul) tell you a **mystery**;

we will not all sleep (be dead), but **we** will all be **changed**,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet

will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and **we** will be **changed** (from **perishable** to **imperishable**).

Resurrection & Changing of in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:51-54 > Rapture

The **Trumpet** will sound, 1 Cor 15:52

We Changed at the last **Trumpet**, 1 Cor 15:52

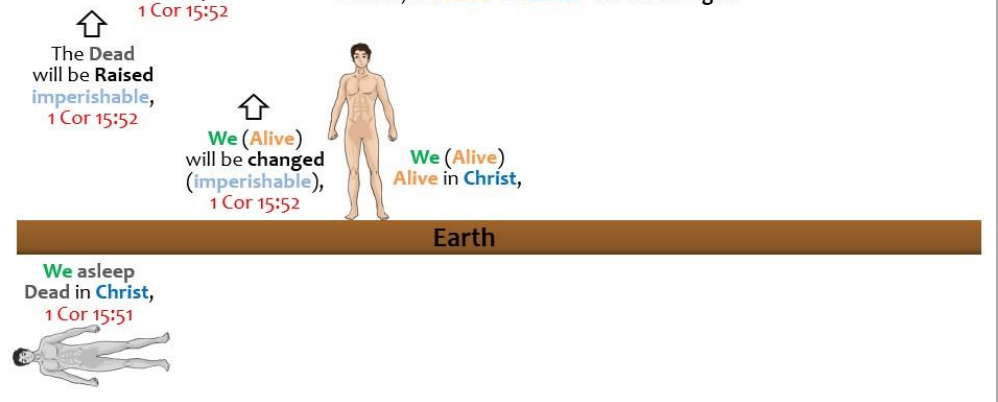
All Changed in a moment in twinkling of an eye, 1 Cor 15:52

Rapture/Resurrection of Dead/**Alive** “in Christ” was a **Mystery** in OT & Gospels

The Rapture is a Mystery > **We** Not All Sleep, But All Changed, 1 Cor 15:51
Mystery, a kept secret truth of long ages, that is now revealed. Rom 16:25
Other **Mysteries** > Matt 13:11, Luke 8:10, Rom 11:25, 16:25, 1 Cor 4:1, Eph 1:9,
Eph 3:3-4, 9, 5:32, Col 1:26-27, 2:2, 4:3, 2 Thes 2:7, 1 Tim. 3:9, 16, Rev 1:20, 10:7, 17:5

“**Changed**” All Dead and **Alive** “in Christ” will be **Changed**, 1 Cor 15:52-54
They will be **changed** from “perishable” **bodies** to “imperishable” **bodies**.

First, the Dead “in Christ” will be **Raised** from the Dead and **Changed**.
Second, the **Alive** “in Christ” will be **Changed**



In **verse 50**, **Paul** emphasizes that “**flesh** and **blood** cannot inherit the **kingdom of God**”.

This means **our physical bodies** can not be with **God** when **we** are resurrected or **caught up to God**.
Paul says, **our physical bodies** are **perishable** but **our bodies** in **heaven** will be **imperishable bodies**.

In **verse 51**, **Paul** says, “**I** tell you a **mystery**”

Mystery, a kept secret truth of long ages, that is now revealed. Rom 16:25

Other **Mysteries** > Matt 13:11, Luke 8:10, Rom 11:25, 16:25, 1 Cor 4:1, Eph 1:9,

Eph 3:3-4, 9, 5:32, Col 1:26-27, 2:2, 4:3, 2 Thes 2:7, 1 Tim. 3:9, 16, Rev 1:20, 10:7, 17:5.

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We, believers will Not All be Dead, some of **Us** will be **Alive**.

We, believers will be “**changed**” from our **present state** to **another state**.

In **verse 52**, **Paul** says, “but **we** will all be **changed**”

(**changed**) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, (**changed**) at the last **trumpet**;

In **verse 52**, **Paul** says, the **trumpet** will sound,

and the dead will be **raised imperishable**, and **we** will be **changed**.

Paul says, the dead (in **Christ**) will be **raised** (resurrected) with **imperishable bodies**

Paul says, **we** (**Alive in Christ**) will be **changed** with **imperishable bodies**

the dead in **Christ** and the **Alive in Christ** will be **changed** from **perishable bodies** to **imperishable bodies**.

Where is the Rapture in Revelation ?

Many try to find the Rapture in the Book of Revelation.

This makes sense if Revelation reveals All that will occur at the End of the Age.

But Revelation does Not reveal everything about the time before Christ Comes again, does it? It gives us detail about God's Judgments on Mankind's Judgment and fall and fate.

It gives us detail about Satan's and the Antichrist's rise and fall and fate.

It gives us some detail about Israel's role in the 7 year Tribulation Period, as prophesied in OT.

It gives us some detail about Tribulation Saints, killed/martyred during the 7 year Tribulation Period, Bondservants/Saints are killed in the early Tribulation and more saints are to be killed, Rev 6:9-11

144,000 of Israel being Sealed as Bondservants/Believers, Rev 7:3-8

a great multitude of white robed/Believers in Heaven killed in the early Tribulation, Rev 7:9-17

The holy city Jerusalem, of Israel, will be tread underfoot for 42 months, Rev 11:2

The Two Witness are probably OT Prophets of Israel, that the Beast kills, Rev 11:3-13

Israel is protected from Dragon/Satan and flees to the wilderness for 1260 days, Rev 11:3-13

Israel is persecuted by Dragon/Satan and fly to the wilderness for 3 1/2 years, Rev 12:14

Then the Dragon/Satan went to make war with the rest of Israel's offspring, Rev 12:17

Then the Beast/Antichrist was given authority to war and overcome the saints, Rev 13:7

Then the Beast/Antichrist kills those saints in the Book of Life, Rev 13:8-10

144,000 of Israel being in Heaven purchased/killed as first fruits to God from the Earth, Rev 14:1-5

Then the saints, those who die in the name of the Lord, without mark, Rev 14:11-13

Then the Bondservants/Believers in Heaven who did not worship the Beast, Rev 15:2-3

Then those who worshiped the Beast, were judged for killing the saints and prophets, Rev 16:5-6

Then the woman/Babylon drunk with the blood of the saints and witnesses, Rev 17:6, 18:24

Then the great multitude of avenged Bondservants/Believers in Heaven, Rev 19:1-6

these Bondservants/Believers are the Bride of the Lamb invited to the marriage supper, Rev 19:7-10

Then the Bondservants/Believers killed who had not worshiped the Beast, were raised, Rev 20:4

What we Know for sure concerning the Nation of Israel is:

144,000 of Israel, Bondservants/Believers/Saints, will be there and then be killed, Rev 7:3-8, Rev 14:1-5

The holy city Jerusalem, of Israel, will be tread underfoot for 42 months, Rev 11:2

Israel is protected from Dragon/Satan and flees to the wilderness for 1260 days, Rev 11:3-13, Rev 12:14

the Dragon/Satan makes war with Israel's offspring, Rev 12:17

The Two Witnesses are probably OT Prophets of Israel, that the Beast kills, Rev 11:3-13

We know Israel will go through the 7 year Tribulation, in Daniel's Prophecies.

We know Israel will be protected by God and inherit the Kingdom in Daniel's Prophecies.

We know Israel's Prophecies are Not about "the Church", No Church then.

We know "Israel", was promised the Second Coming, and Not promised the Rapture.

We know "Israel", was promised a Future Kingdom on Earth, and "the Church" was Not.

What we Know for sure concerning Bondservants/Believers/Saints is:

Bondservants/Saints are in the Tribulation Period, Rev 6:9-11

Bondservants/Saints are killed in the Tribulation Period, Rev 13:7, 13:8-10, 14:11-13, 15:2-3,....

Bondservants/Saints are killed either by the Wrath of Satan, the Beast, and Mankind,

We Know some Bondservants/Saints, Slain Souls, come out of the Tribulation Period, Rev 6:9-11

We Know some Bondservants/Saints, the great multitude, come out of the Tribulation Period, Rev 7:14

We Know some Bondservants/Saints, Martyrs, come out of the Tribulation Period, Rev 20:4

What we **Know** for sure concerning **the Church** is:

“**the Church**”, All Dead and **Alive** “**in Christ**”, will be **Raptured**

“**the Church**”, is Not specifically called out as **Risen/caught up (Raptured)**, in **Revelation**.

“**the Church**”, in **the Rapture**, in **1 Thes 4** and **1 Cor 15**, say nothing of **Judgement**, **war**, or **killing**.

“**the Church**”, there is No **Risen/caught up (Raptured)**, in **Rev 19-20**, as **Post-Trib** say, when **Jesus Comes**.

Paul never warns “**the Church**”, about going through the **Tribulation**.

“**the Church**”, is not in darkness concerning **the Day of the Lord**, that it will overtake it, **1 Thes 5:4**

God has Not destined **us (the Church)** for **Wrath**, that is part of **the Day of the Lord**, **1 Thes 5:4**

Jesus delivers **us (the Church)** from the **Wrath** to come, **1 Thes 1:10**

Therefore, if **we** are delivered from **Wrath**, **we** are Not delivered to be **killed**.

Jesus’ Wrath, is never directed toward “**the Church**” or **Bondservants/Saints**

“**the Church**”, is **promised the Rapture**, **the Nation of Israel** is Never **promised the Rapture**.

Jesus Comes FOR “**the Church**”, in **the Rapture**,

Jesus Comes WITH “**the Church**”, at **His 2nd Coming**, **Rev 19:14**, **1 Thes 3:13**

Jesus at **His 2nd Coming**, wages **War** with **the Beast** and **Unbelieving Mankind**,

Jesus at **His 2nd Coming**, resurrects **Martyred saints**, **killed** by **the Beast** and **Unbelieving Mankind**, **Rev 20:4**

Jesus’ 2nd Coming, is Like **the Days of Noah**, **Believers rescued** and **Unbelievers Killed**, **Lk 17:26-27**

Jesus’ 2nd Coming, is Like **Sodom**, **Believers rescued** and **Unbelievers Killed**, **Lk 17:28-30**

Jesus’ 2nd Coming, is Like **Egypt’s Plagues**, **Believers preserved** and **Unbelievers Killed**, **Ex 12:12-13, 23, 29**

“**the Church**”, by name, is not mention in **the Tribulation Period**, **Rev 4-19**

Believers “in the Tribulation”

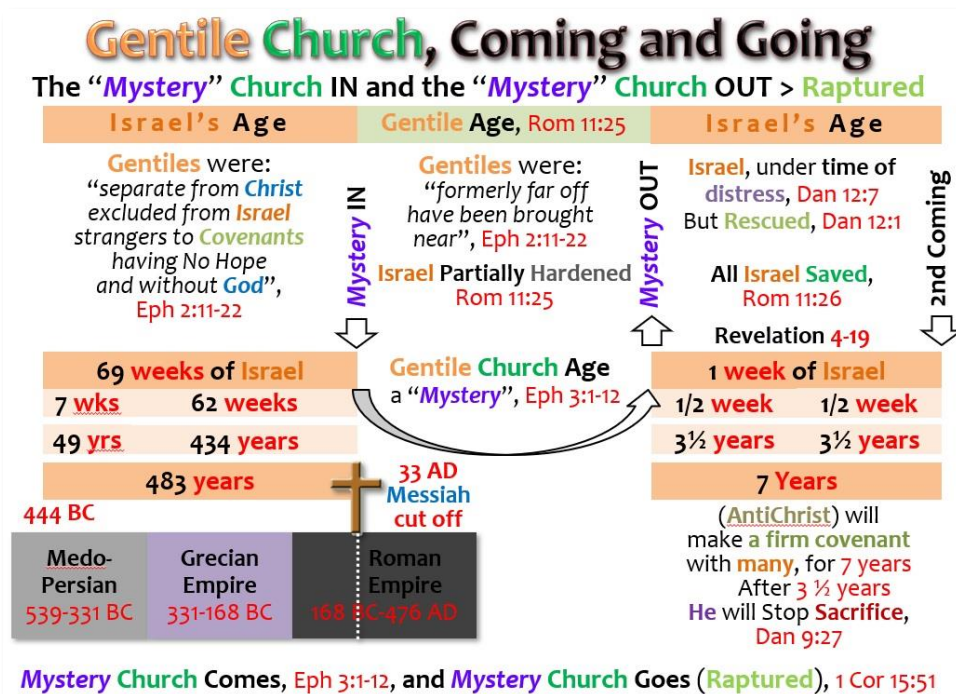
At **the Rapture** of ALL “**in Christ**”, will be either be “**resurrected**” or “**caught up**” to **Christ**.

Immediately after **the Rapture** of ALL “**in Christ**”, there will be No **Believers** on **Earth**.

But as, **the Seal Judgments** of **the Lord** come, and many **people** will begin turning to **Christ**, after experiencing and seeing others **suffer** the **tribulation**, the **Judgement**, and the **Wrath** of **God**.

After **the Rapture** of ALL “**in Christ**”, and During the **7-year Tribulation** and many **people** will be **saved**. These **Believers** are commonly called “**Tribulation Saints**” or **those** who come to **Christ** in the **Tribulation**.

Some of those **Believers** will be **martyred** by **Mankind**, **Satan**, **Demons**, the **Antichrist**, but some of those **Believers** will Not be **martyred**.



Evidence for a Pre-Trib Rapture, the Church Not in the 7 year Tribulation

Paul never warns “the Church”, about going through the 7 year Tribulation.

Jesus delivers us (the Church) from the Wrath to come, 1 Thes 1:10

Jesus’ Wrath, is never directed toward “the Church” or Bondservants/Saints

God has Not destined us (the Church) for Wrath, that is part of the Day of the Lord, 1 Thes 5:9

“the Church”, in the Rapture, in 1 Thes 4 and 1 Cor 15, say nothing of Judgment, war, or killing.

“the Church”, is promised the Rapture, the Nation of Israel is Never promised the Rapture.

“the Church”, by name, is not mention in the Tribulation Period, Rev 4-19

“the Church”, is Not specifically called out as Risen/caught up (Raptured), in Revelation.

“the Church”, is not in darkness concerning the Day of the Lord, that it will overtake it, 1 Thes 5:4

“the Church”, the Day of the Lord, will Not overtake the Church, like a thief,

Because the Church will Not be a part of the Day of the Lord, 1 Thes 5:4

Instead, the Day of the Lord, will overtake Unbelievers, like a thief, like the Flood and Sodom.

“the Church”, is continually watching and waiting for when Jesus Comes,

There is No Risen/caught up (Raptured), in Rev 19-20, as Post-Trib say, when Jesus Comes.

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel there it is about them, so does Revelation

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel there will be 10 Kings, then 8 Kings, so does Revelation

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel the 8th King is the Antichrist, so does Revelation

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel they will suffer for 3 ½ years, so does Revelation

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel they will be Rescued, so does Revelation

The Nation of Israel is told in Daniel they will receive the Kingdom, so does Revelation

Jesus at His 2nd Coming, wages War with the Beast and Unbelieving Mankind, Rev 19:11-21

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See Lesson 27 for more on Jesus at His 2nd Coming

The Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air

This Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, Rev 19:11, is not to be confused with

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air as prophesied by Paul, in 1 Thes 4:13-18 and 1 Cor 15:51-52

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, is for His saints, the Church, 1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:51-52

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, is with His saints, the Church, Rev 19:14, Jude 14

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, Jesus doesn’t war or judge anyone, 1 Thes 4:13-18,

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, Jesus wages war and judges Unbelievers, Rev 19:11, 19:19, 20:11-15

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, Jesus doesn’t come with a sword or in wrath, 1 Thes 4:13-18,

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, Jesus comes with a sword and in wrath, Rev 19:15, 22, Rev 1:16

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, was a mystery, and Not revealed in the OT, 1 Cor 15:51-52

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, is Not a mystery, but was clearly revealed in the OT, Ps 96:13, Isa 24:1-6

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, will occur in a twinkling of an eye, No one will see, 1 Cor 15:51-52

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, will occur and every eye will see, Matt 24:30, 33, Mk 13:26, 29

the Coming of Jesus Christ in the Air, will Not have any Signs beforehand, 1 Thes 4:13-18, 1 Cor 15:51-52

the Second Coming of Jesus to Earth, will be preceded by Signs beforehand, Matt 24:4-24, Mk 13:5-23