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DIFFERENCES IN THE

**RAPTURE**

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**SECOND COMING**

# 1

A difference in the place where Christ will meet believers.

<i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b>	<i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b>
Christians will meet the Lord <b>in the air.</b>	Christ descends to earth, to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.
<b>1 Thess. 4:16-17:</b>  “For 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.”	<b>Zechariah 14:2-4:</b>  “I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped...then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...”

# 2

A difference in who removes people from the earth.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>	
<p><b>CHRIST HIMSELF</b> comes and takes believers out of the world.</p>	<p>Christ sends <b>HIS ANGELS</b> to gather (wicked) people to judgment.</p>	
<p><b>1 Thess. 4:16-17:</b></p> <p>“For 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.”</p>	<p><b>Matthew 13:41:</b></p> <p>“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity”</p> <p><b>Matthew 13:49:</b></p> <p>“...So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and ever the wicked from among the just”</p>	<p><b>Matthew 24:38-39:</b></p> <p>“...before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”</p> <p><b>Matthew 24:40-41:</b></p> <p>“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.”</p>

# 3

A difference in those who are taken from the earth and those who are left.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>	
<p><b>BELIEVERS</b> are <b>TAKEN</b> on the earth while <b>UNBELIEVERS</b> are <b>LEFT</b>.</p>	<p><b>BELIEVERS</b> are <b>LEFT</b> on the earth while <b>UNBELIEVERS</b> are <b>TAKEN</b>.</p>	
<p><b>1 Thess. 4:17:</b></p> <p>“Then <b>we</b> which are alive and remain <b>shall be caught up</b> together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”</p> <p><b>UNBELIEVERS ARE LEFT</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew 13:41-42:</b></p> <p>“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”</p>	<p><b>Matthew 13:49-50:</b></p> <p>“So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”</p> <p><b>BELIEVERS ARE LEFT TO GO INTO MILLENNIAL KINGDOM</b></p>

# 4

A difference of when Jesus comes in relationship to the tribulation.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>	
<p>Jesus comes to rescue Christians <b>BEFORE</b> the hour of trial, the tribulation, and the wrath to come.</p>	<p>Jesus comes <b>AFTER</b> the tribulation, to inflict final punishment, conquer his enemies and to begin to rule the world from Jeruslaem.</p>	
<p><b>Rev. 3:10:</b></p> <p>“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”</p> <p><b>1 Thess. 1:10:</b></p> <p>“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”</p> <p><b>1 Thess. 5:9:</b></p> <p>For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p><b>Matthew 24:29-30:</b></p> <p>“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun 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.”</p>	<p><b>Daniel 9:26-27:</b></p> <p>“...and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”</p>

# 5

A difference in the number of signs given for each event.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>
<p><b>There are no</b> signs given which must take place before the Rapture can occur. Rather, what we have is “Imminency.” It could happen at any moment.</p>	<p>Detailed signs <b>are</b> given that must take place before Christ will come to earth.</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>1 Thess. 1:9-10:</b></p> <p>“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”</p> <p><b>James 5:9 (NASB)</b></p> <p>“Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.”</p> <p><b>Revelation 3:11:</b></p> <p>“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”</p> <p><b>Philippians 3:20:</b></p> <p>“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.”</p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many shall come in my name and deceive many.</li> <li>2. Wars and rumors of wars; nation against nation.</li> <li>3. Famines</li> <li>4. Pestilences - plagues</li> <li>5. Earthquakes</li> <li>6. They shall kill you.</li> <li>7. Many shall betray one another.</li> <li>8. False prophets shall deceive many.</li> <li>9. Love of many will grow cold.</li> <li>10. Gospel shall be</li> </ol> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>preached in all the world.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Abomination of desolation shall take place.</li> <li>12. Flee Jerusalem.</li> <li>13. Great Tribulation.</li> <li>14. More false Christs.</li> <li>15. Immediately after the tribulation of those days...the sun darkened...moon will not give its light...stars will fall from the sky.</li> <li>16. Then they will see the Son of man coming.</li> </ol> </div> </div>

# 6

A difference of when judgment takes place.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>
<p>There is no mention made of God's judgment or trial taking place -- only promises connected with looking for His return.</p>	<p>Tribulation and judgment do take place.</p>
<p><b>1 Thess. 4:16-17- 18:</b></p> <p>“For 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”</p> <p><b>Rev. 3:10:</b></p> <p>“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”</p>	<p><b>Zech. 14:2-4 (NASB):</b></p> <p>“For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished, and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.”</p> <p><b>Matthew 25:31-32, 46:</b></p> <p>“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”</p>

# 7

A difference in the timing of the resurrections which take place.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>
<p>A resurrection of the dead in Christ takes place <b>during the descent</b> of Christ.</p>	<p>A resurrection of the righteous dead who died during the Tribulation takes place only after Christ has descended to earth...</p>
<p><b>1 Thess. 4:16-18:</b></p> <p>“For 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”</p>	<p><b>(NOTICE THE ORDER OF EVENTS)</b></p> <p><b>Rev. 19:11-21 and Rev. 20:1-5:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> The descent of Christ.</li> <li><b>2.</b> Christ slays His enemies.</li> <li><b>3.</b> The Antichrist, the Beast and the false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.</li> <li><b>4.</b> Satan is then bound and thrown into the pit.</li> <li><b>5.</b> And finally, after all of these events there is a resurrection of the saints. <b>“...and those who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”</b></li> </ol>

# 8

A difference in the kind of bodies believers will possess.

<p><i>The Bible Indicates That</i> <b>AT THE RAPTURE</b></p>	<p><i>But at</i> <b>THE SECOND COMING</b></p>
<p>Believers are given glorified bodies.</p>	<p>Believers who are alive (who make it through the Tribulation) will enter the Millennial Kingdom and marry and bear children.</p>
<p><b>1 Cor. 15:51-53:</b></p> <p>“We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”</p> <p><b>1 Thess. 4:15-17:</b></p> <p>“...that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall</p>	<p><b>Isaiah 65:22-25 (NASB):</b></p> <p>“No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of My people; My chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the Lord they and their descendants with them... The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain says the Lord.</p> <p><b>Luke 20:36 (NASB):</b></p> <p>“...for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.”</p>