



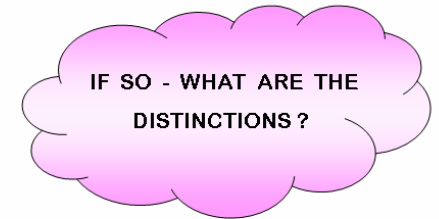
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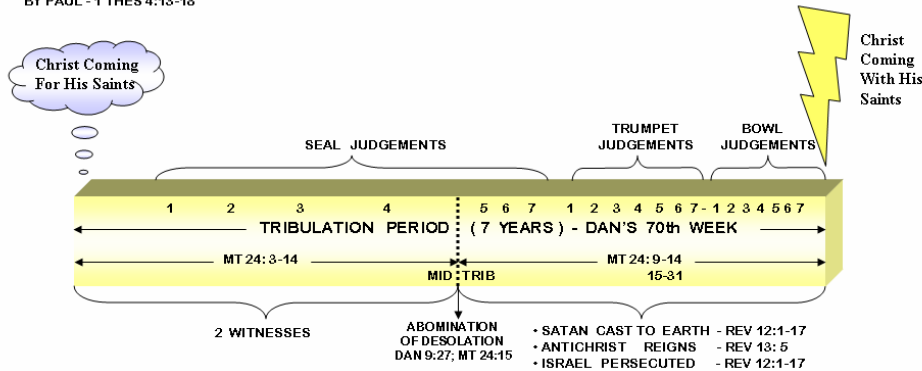


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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

HIS COMING FORTOLD
 OT -
 NOT IN OT (IT WAS A MYSTERY)
 NT -
 BY CHRIST - JN 14: 1-3
 BY PAUL - 1 THES 4:13-18

HIS COMING FORTOLD
 OT -
 ZECH 14: 4,5
 NT -
 BY CHRIST - MT 24: 27-31
 BY JOHN - REV 1: 7,8



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CHRIST'S 2ND COMING (TWO DISTINCT & SEPARATE EVENTS)

- Prophecy
- Purpose
- Place of His Coming
- Visibility of His Coming
- Journey of the Saints
- Related Resurrections
- Translations
- Holy Spirit
- Conditions on Earth
- Nations of the World
- Timing of His Coming



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ASPECTS	FOR HIS SAINTS (RAPTURE)	WITH HIS SAINTS (REVELATION)
1. Prophecy - By Christ	Our Lord promises the Apostles (foundation of church) that He would return and receive the Church to Himself – therefore our hearts should not be troubled but comforted (John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:18)	Our Lord describes His return to earth with his saints after the Tribulation or consummation of the age (sunteleia) – also known as Daniel's 7 th Week (Matt. 24:27-31)
- In N. T.	Our Lord will return in the air and the dead in Christ shall be raised & those alive in Christ shall be changed & caught up to meet the Lord (1 Thess. 4:13-18) Note: movement is to <u>Heaven</u>	Our Lord's return is to earth with His saints to pour out God's wrath, to judge & to make war upon the nations & rule them with an iron rod (Rev. 19:11-16) Note: Movement is to <u>earth</u>
- In O.T.	NONE (the Church was a mystery – therefore His coming for the Church was a mystery – 1 Cor. 15:31)	Not a mystery – however the O.T. prophets saw the Messiah's coming as a single event – they did not know that His suffering (1 st Coming) & His glory (2 nd Coming) would be separated in time – 1 Pet. 1:10-12 (Isa. 61:1,2; Luke 4:16-21; Zech. 14:4,5)
2. Purpose – (abbreviated)	To complete the plan of salvation for those in Christ (Church) a. Salvation from the presence of sin into full conformity to Christ Rom. 8:29, 13:11; 1 Pet. 1:5-9; 1 John 3:1-2; Heb. 9:28 b. Salvation of four body Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:51-57; Heb. 9:28	To judge, make war & smite the nations Rev. 19:11-21 To bind Satan Rev. 20:1-3 To sit on the throne of David Luke 1:31-33; Matt. 25:31 To judge the nations Matt. 25:31-46 To restore Israel & make her head of the nations Isa. 60:11-14; Zech. 8:20-23
3. Place of His coming	In the air: 1 Thess. 4:17	To the earth: Rev. 19:11-21 Mount of Olives: Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11
4. Manner of His coming	A sign-less event – the Rapture will be a surprise, like a thief in the night 1 Thess. 4:16, 5:2 (2a,b above)	Preceded by signs Matt. 24:3-31; Rev. chapt. 4-19
5. Visibility of His coming	Probably not visible to anyone but the Church 1 Thess. 4:17	Visible to all on earth, every eye shall see Him Rev. 1:7; Zech. 12:9,10; Matt. 24:27,30



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6. Journey of saints	From the earth up to <u>heaven</u> 1 Thess. 4:16,17	From heaven <u>down to earth</u> Rev. 19:14,15
7. Related resurrections	Of the dead in Christ (Church) 1 Thess. 4:16	a) Of the Tribulation martyrs Rev. 20:4 b) Of the O.T. believers Dan. 12:1,2
8. Translations	Of those alive in Christ 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor. 15:51,52	NONE
9. Holy Spirit	He leaves the earth, with the Raptured believers, in the sense of completing His abiding ministry. He will still be present because of His omnipresence 1 Thess. 2:6-12	At the start of the Kingdom Period the Holy Spirit indwells every person on earth since everyone is saved. His abiding ministry resumes on earth again Ezek. 36:26,27; Jer. 31:31-34
10. Conditions on earth	Paves the way for increased immorality, sin, crime, worldliness, religion, & overall degeneration & strife. There is hell on earth because restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit is removed. 2 Thess. 2:1-12; 2 Tim. 3:1-9	Paves the way for the most ideal conditions on earth – sin & immorality are suppressed. No wars, no sickness or physical disabilities, no more famines, food surplus – there is complete peace & order because of indwelling Holy Spirit & presence of Christ Himself Isa. 2:4; 35:5-10; Ezek. 36:26-38
11. Nations of the world (Gentiles)	a) Only the unbelievers of the nations are left on earth 1 Thess. 4:16,17 b) They prepare for war. "they will beat their plowshares into swords & pruning hooks into spears" Joel 3:10	a) Only the believers of the nations are left on earth Matt. 25:34,41,46 b) They prepare for peace. "they will beat their swords into plowshares & their spears into pruning hooks" Isa. 2:4
12. Timing of His coming	a) Scripture correlates the Rapture with the start of the Day of the Lord (i.e. the Rapture initiates the Day of the Lord) 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 5:1,2, 2 Thess. 2:1-3	7 years after the Rapture, He returns physically to earth at the end of Daniel's 70 th Week (Tribulation Period) Matt. 24:21-31; Rev. 19:11-21



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12. Timing of His coming (cont'd)	<p>b) The Day of the Lord is a period that consists of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Wrath of God (Tribulation Period) 2. The Blessings from God (Millennium) <p>Joel chaps. 1-3; Amos 5:16-20; Isa. 2:1-22; 13:6-16; Ezek. 30:1-19; Zeph. 1:1-3:20; Zech. 14:1-21; Mal. 4:1-6; 1 Thess. 5:1-11; 2 Thess. 2:1-12, 2 Pet. 3:10</p> <p>c) The Rapture occurs first – then the Day of the Lord immediately follows 2 Thess. 2:1-3 Note: The falling away = apostasia (apostasy) or "departure." This departure is of believers from the earth = the Rapture</p> <p>d) The Day of the Lord (preceded by the Rapture) comes as a thief in the night (unexpected & unannounced) – 1 Thess. 5:2</p> <p>e) The Day of the Lord is for people of darkness (unbelievers) & not for sons of light (believers) 1 Thess. 5:4-8</p> <p>f) God has not appointed believers to go through or experience His wrath during the 7 year tribulation portion of the Day of the Lord – therefore the Rapture must precede the 7 year Tribulation Period (1 Thess. 5:9; 1:10)</p> <p>g) The Lord Jesus Christ, Paul, James, & John attest to the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Imminent means that no other biblical prophecy needs to be fulfilled prior to the Rapture (e.g. a general apostasy, rebuilding the temple, etc.) thus the Rapture can occur at any moment. John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 3:20,21; 1 Thess. 1:9,10; 4:16,17; 5:5-9; Titus 2:13; James 5:8,9; Rev. 3:10,11; 22:16-21 Note: Every position except for the Pre-Tribulation position denies the imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ (i.e. mid-Trib, post Trib, reject imminency)</p>	