



What is the Difference Between the Rapture and the Second Coming?

	Rapture		The Return with the Saints
1	Jesus coming for His Church/Bride up to Heaven, before tribulation. John 14:1-3; I Thess 1:10, 4:14-17, 5:9; Rev 3:10	1	Jesus coming with His Church/Bride down from Heaven, after tribulation. Zech 14:5; Col 3:4; Rev 19:7-8,14, 21:9-10; Matt 24:29-31; Jude 14,15; 1Thess 3:13
2	Caught up with Him in the air, in the clouds, I Thess 4:13-18; Appears to Believers only. Mat 5:8, John 11:40, Heb 9:28	2	Jesus' feet touch the earth Zech 14:4; Rev 19:11-21, and he brings war, then peace. Every eye will see him, including unbelievers. Rev 1:7, Zech 12:10, Mat 24:30 Luke 3:6 John 19:37
3	'Christians taken first, unbelievers are left behind a shut door. Mat 25:1-13; Rev 3:8-10; Rev 4:1, 11Thess 4:13-18	3	Wicked are taken first, Mat 13:28-30 the righteous (Tribulation saints) are left to populate the millennium
4	Purpose: To present the Church to Himself and to the Father in Heaven, 2 Cor 11:2; Rev 19:6-9	4	Purpose: To execute judgment on earth and set up His Kingdom on earth. Zech 14:3-4; Jud 1:14-15; Rev 19:11-21
5	Purpose: to reveal the man of sin in the tribulation	5	Purpose: to cast Satan to the bottomless pit, to bind Satan after the Tribulation. Rev 20:1-7
6	Happens in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, no war, globally. 1Cor 15:52	6	Slow coming, at war, to specific locations, from Edom to Bozrah, to Meggido or Armageddon, to Jerusalem. Isa 63:1-3, Rev 16:16, Zech 12:9-10
7	Christians are changed, and get glorified bodies, go to heaven and do not marry, and become immortal; Mat 22:30; 1 Cor 15: 52; 1John 3:2	7	People populate the earth during the millennium; some people still die, not being changed to immortality as at the rapture. Isa 65:20
8	Jesus descends with a shout (for resurrection) and trumpet noise. 1Thess 4:16	8	No shout mentioned Rev 19:11-21
9	A resurrection takes place of all saints to immortality, to rule as kings and priests 1 Cor 15:51-54; 1Thess 4:13-18	9	Resurrection of the martyred tribulation saints to immortality who worship day and night in, the temple of God. Rev 7:15, Rev 20:4-6,
10	Occurs as a thief in the night, at the 'no man knows the day or hour' festival of the Feast of Trumpets. 1Thess 5:4-6; Rev 3:3	10	Occurs at end of 7 years of Tribulation; exact day predicted; 3.5 years or 1260 days after the abomination of desolation: Dan 9:24-27, 12:11-12; Rev 11:2, 12:6,14, 13:5
11	Is likened to the abduction of the bride during the Jewish Wedding, and the union of the bride and groom, which occurs at the start of the 7day bridal week. Gen 29:22-28, Judges 14:1-18	11	Is likened to the marriage feast, which occurs after the 7 day bridal week, returning from the wedding. Luke 12:36; Rev 19
12	The dead in Christ rise and together with then living will be changed into their new bodies and leave Earth with Jesus. 1Thess 4:14-16	12	Christian return with Jesus in already resurrected Bodies riding on white horses. Rev 19:11-21
13	Jesus returns as a savior from wrath Luke 21:36; Rom 5:9; 1Thess 1:10, 5:9; Rev 3:10	13	Jesus returns on a white horse, full of wrath. Rev 19:11
14	For the Church only (those in Christ) 1Thess 4:14-17	14	For redeemed Israel & Gentiles Mat 25:31-46; Mark 13:1, Luke 21:5; Rom 11:25-27