

A serene landscape with misty mountains and a calm lake reflecting the scene. The text is overlaid on this background.

# Differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming

## Rapture

- Jesus coming for His Church/Bride up to Heaven, before tribulation
  - John 14:1-3
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:14-17, 5:9
  - Revelation 3:10

## The Return with the Saints

- Jesus coming with His Church/Bride down from Heaven, after the tribulation
  - Zechariah 14:5
  - Colossians 3:4
  - Revelation 19:7-8, 14, 21:9-10
  - Matthew 24:29-31
  - Jude 14-15
  - 1 Thessalonians 3:13

## Rapture

- Caught up with Him in the air, in the clouds
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## The Return with the Saints

- Jesus' feet touch the earth, and he brings war, then peace.
  - Zechariah 14:4
  - Revelation 19:11-21

## Rapture

- Appears to Believers only
  - Matthew 5:8
  - John 11:40
  - Hebrews 9:28

## The Return with the Saints

- Every eye will see him, including unbelievers
  - Revelation 1:7
  - Zechariah 12:10
  - Matthew 24:30
  - Luke 3:6
  - John 19:37

## Rapture

- Christians taken first, unbelievers are left behind a shut door
  - Matthew 25:1-13
  - Revelation 3:8-10
  - Revelation 4:1
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## The Return with the Saints

- Wicked are taken first, the righteous (Tribulation saints) are left to populate the millennium
  - Matthew 13:28-30

## Rapture

- Purpose: To present the Church to Himself and to the Father in Heaven
  - 2 Corinthians 11:2
  - Revelation 19:6-9

## The Return with the Saints

- Purpose: To execute judgment on earth and set up His Kingdom on earth
  - Zechariah 14:3-4
  - Jude 1:14-15
  - Revelation 19:11-21

## Rapture

- Purpose: to reveal the man of sin in the Tribulation
  - 2 Thessalonians 2

## The Return with the Saints

- Purpose: to cast Satan to the bottomless pit, to bind Satan after the Tribulation
  - Revelation 20:1-7

## Rapture

- Happens in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, no war, globally.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:52

## The Return with the Saints

- Slow coming, at war, to specific locations, from Edom, to Bozrah, to Meggido or Armageddon, to Jerusalem.
  - Isaiah 63:1-3
  - Revelation 16:16
  - Zechariah 12:9-10



## Rapture

- Christians are changed, and get glorified bodies, go to heaven and do not marry, and become immortal.
  - Matthew 22:30
  - 1 Corinthians 15:52
  - 1 John 3:2

## The Return with the Saints

- People populate the earth during the millennium; some people still die, not being changed to immortality as at the rapture.
  - Isaiah 65:20

## Rapture

- Jesus descends with a shout (for resurrection) and trumpet noise
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:16

## The Return with the Saints

- No shout mentioned
  - Revelation 19:11-21

## Rapture

- A Resurrection takes place of all saints to immortality, to rule as kings and priests
  - 1 Corinthians 15:51-54
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## The Return with the Saints

- Resurrection of the martyred tribulation saints to immortality who worship day and night in the temple of God
  - Revelation 7:15
  - Revelation 20:4-6

## Rapture

- Occurs as a thief in the night, at the 'no man knows the day or hour' festival of the Feast of Trumpets.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:51-54
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## The Return with the Saints

- Occurs at end of 7 years Tribulation; exact day predicted; 3.5 years or 1260 days after the abomination of desolation.
  - Daniel 9:24-27, 12:11-12
  - Revelation 11:2, 12:6,14, 13:5

## Rapture

- 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 7 day bridal week.
  - Genesis 29:22-28;
  - Judges 14:1-18

## The Return with the Saints

- Is likened to the marriage feast, which occurs after the 7 day bridal week, returning from the wedding.
  - Luke 12:36
  - Revelation 19

## Rapture

- The dead in Christ rise and together with then living will be changed into their new bodies and leave Earth with Jesus
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16

## The Return with the Saints

- Christians return with Jesus in already resurrected bodies riding on white horses.
  - Revelation 19:11-21

## Rapture

- Jesus returns as a savior from wrath
  - Luke 21:36
  - Romans 5:9
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9
  - Revelation 3:10

## The Return with the Saints

- Jesus returns on a white horse, full of wrath.
  - Revelation 19:11

## Rapture

- For the Church only (those in Christ)
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

## The Return with the Saints

- For redeemed Israel & Gentiles
  - Matthew 25:31-46
  - Mark 13:1
  - Luke 21:5
  - Romans 11:25-27



## Rapture

- A message of hope and comfort
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:18
  - Titus 2:13
  - 1 John 3:3

## The Return with the Saints

- A message of judgment and woe
  - Joel 3:12-16
  - Amos 5:18
  - Malachi 4:5
  - Revelation 19:11-21