

THE SECOND COMING

Various Views of the Rapture | 1 Thessalonians 4 | 11.8.2020

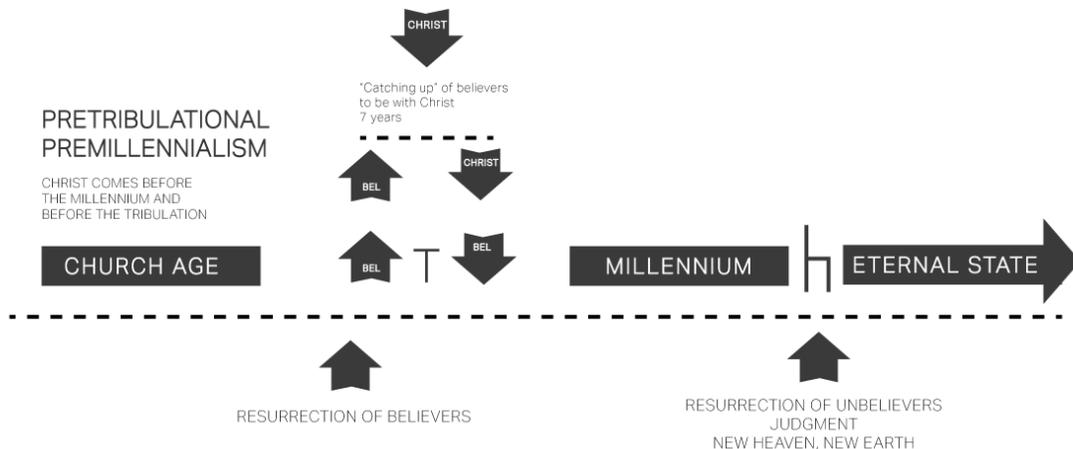
Philippians 3:20—21 *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.*



1 Corinthians 15:50-58 *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

We have a “natural body,” that is, a body suited to an earthly environment. But the resurrection body is suited to a spiritual environment. In His resurrection body, Jesus was able to move quickly from place to place, and even walk through locked doors; yet He was also able to eat food, and His disciples were able to touch Him and feel Him. (Luke 24:33–43; John 20:19–29)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.*



¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1. Mid-Tribulation Rapture/Pre-Wrath Rapture

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

2. Post -Tribulation Rapture

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

3. Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Review | Purpose of Studying Eschatology | 2 Peter 3:10-14

1. To **discourage us** from living a materialistic lifestyle (v10).
2. To **encourage us** to live a God-honoring lifestyle (v11).
3. To **develop in us** an expectant lifestyle (vs. 12-14).

11.15.20 | A Study of Matthew 24 | (Mark 13:5-26 / Luke 21:5-38) 2nd Coming Views

Signs of the Return of Christ:

Deception (in the name of Christ)
Disputes and wars (political upheaval)
Devastation (natural disasters)
Deliverance up of believers (betrayal)
Declaration of the gospel
Daniel's prophecy
Darkened sky

Matthew 24:5
Matthew 24:6-7a
Matthew 24:7b-8
Matthew 24:9-12
Matthew 24:14
Matthew 24:15-22
Matthew 24:23-31

Outline of Matthew 21-23:

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| 1. Jesus' celebrated entrance into Jerusalem | 21:1-1 (Zechariah 9:9) |
| 2. Jesus cleanses the Temple | 21:12-17 |
| 3. Jesus curses the fig tree | 21:18-22 |
| 4. Jesus' challenge of authority by the religious leaders | 21:23-27 |
| 5. Jesus' convicting parables against the religious leaders | 21:28-22:1-14 |
| 6. Jesus condemns the religious leaders | 23:1-36 |
| 7. Jesus' concern over the city of Jerusalem | 23:27-39 |

11.22.20 | Challenging Passages in Matthew 24

1. They who endure unto the end shall be saved
2. What is The Abomination of desolation?
3. What does the "Fig tree" analogy mean?
4. Only the Father knows about the Return of Jesus (Jesus does not even know)
5. What is it mean, in the days of Noah?
6. Is the Rapture really referenced in Matthew 24?

11.22.20 | Communion following the 8:45am and 10:30am services