

1) Rapture vs 2nd Coming

- Jesus came to earth that *first* Christmas to earth as **Lamb of God**
- Jesus will come back a *second time* - as **Bridegroom** Jer 31:3, Jhn 14:13, Eph 5:25
- Jesus will come back a *third time* - as **Warrior, King of Kings** Rev 19:16, Rev 5:5, Rev 20:6
- Differences between the Rapture and the 2nd Coming

Rapture Characteristics	2 nd Coming Characteristics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus meets us in the air • Jesus comes for His bride - saints • Only believers see Jesus • Saints go to heaven • Wedding Feast in heaven • Happen at any moment • No preceding sign • Great Joy • Jesus comes as – Bridegroom • Tribulation follows on earth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus returns to Mt Olives • The angels gather the elect • All humanity see Jesus • Saints return with Jesus • Tribulation on earth • Happens end of tribulation • Signs proceed 2nd Coming • Mourning for the unsaved • Jesus returns as – King • Millenium follows on earth
Is 26:19-21 Matt 24:36-44 Rom 8:19 1 Cor 1:7-8, 1 Cor 15:51-53 1 Cor 16:22 Phil 3:20-21 Col 3:4 1 Thes 1:10, 1 Thes 2:19, 1 Thes 4:13-18 1 Thes 5:9, 1 Thes 5:23 2 Thess 2:1 1 Tim 5:14, 2 Tim 4:1 Titus 2:13, Heb 9:28 James 5:7-9 1 Pet 1:7, 1 Pet 1:13 1 John 2:28 to 1 John 3:2 Rev 2:25, Rev 3:10	Is 26:19-21 Dan 2:44, Dan 7:9-14, Dan 12:1-3 Zech 14:1-15 Matt 13:41 Matt 24:15-31 Matt 26:64 Mark 13:14-27, Mark 14:62 Luke 21:25-28 Acts 1:9-11, Acts 3:19-21 1 Thess 3:13 2 Thess 1:6-10, 1 Thess 2:8 2 Peter 3:1-14 Jude 14-15 Rev 1:7 Rev 19:11-20 Rev 22:7

2) Armageddon

- Tribulation Judgments **Bowl 6** prepares the nations of the world to attack Jerusalem Rev 16:12-14
- Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**. Rev 16:16
- The exact location of **Armageddon** is unclear, but the battle will spread and most likely cover the entire Israel.
 - *“You will ascend coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud”* Ezek 38:9
 - All the nations will be gathered together in the valley of Jehoshaphat – from Jerusalem over to the east of Jordan and northwards. Zech 12:2, Zech 14:2
“I will also gather all nations, and bring them down the valley of Jehoshaphat” Joel 3:2
- Antichrist will conquer Jerusalem Zech 12:1-3; Zech 14:1,2
- During the battle of Armageddon, approx. $\frac{2}{3}$ of people in the land is wiped out. Zech 13:8
- An army 200 million strong will come from the East Rev 9:16
- The blood in the valley will be up to a horse’s bridle for a 200 mile stretch Rev 14:20
- God had to shorten those days. Matt 24:22, Mrk 13:20

3) The second coming of Christ

- Jesus returns on a white horse leading the armies of heaven, wins the battle of **Armageddon**, with his breath & brightness Matt 24:28, Rev 19:11-16, Zech 13:3-4, 2 Thess 2:8
- Second Coming of Christ in scripture: Matt 24:29-31
 - During the Rapture, Jesus comes **for** His **bride / saints** 1 Thess 3:13, Zech 14:4-5, Jude 14
 - In the second coming, Jesus **sends the angels** to gather the **elect**. Matt 13:39-42
 - Elect is the Grk '**Ek-lek-tos**' – *Chosen one, Picked out one*
 - Jesus was The Elect IS 42:1
 - The Saints / Christians / Church
 - Selected before the foundation of the world Eph 1:4
 - God would that ALL mankind is saved 1 Tim 2:4-6
 - Israel – The Jewish nation Deut 7:6, Ps 33:12, Acts 13:17, Rom 9:11, Rom 11:28
- Every eye will see Him return – One commentator: Could it be a 24hr event?
- This time Jesus' feet will touch the Mount of Olives, which will split in two Zech 14:1-5

4) Four Resurrection & Resurrection Bodies

- There are four Resurrections from the dead mentioned during the End Times

Jesus Christ	Church Saints	OT Saints / Elect Tribulation Saints	The Unregenerate
<p>Jesus Christ was raised by the Power of the Holy Spirit, received a resurrected body and appeared before the Father and later encouraged disciples for 40 days.</p> <p>WHEN Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE John 14:2-3 1 Thess 4:14 Acts 2:31-32</p>	<p>Everyone since that day of Pentecost who trusted in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.</p> <p>WHEN At the Rapture, when the Lord returns for His Church / Bride. He resurrects all believers both dead and alive</p> <p>SCRIPTURE Rev 20:4a Phil 3:20-21 1 Cor 15:51-53</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Patriarchs like: Moses, David, Abraham and all who trusted in the God of Israel by faith. 2. Everyone who dies trusting in Christ during the Tribulation period. <p>WHEN At Christ's Second Coming, when He returns to earth with power and great glory; every eye sees Him.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE Dan 12:1-2 Rev 20:4b Isaiah 26:19, Hosea 13:14</p>	<p>Everyone who does not trust in Jesus alone for their forgiveness of sin, from creation to the end of the Millennial Kingdom.</p> <p>WHEN At the Great White Throne of Judgement at the end of the Millennial, 1,000yr Kingdom Reign.</p> <p>SCRIPTURE Rev 20:5 Rev 20:11-15 Matt 25:46, John 3:36</p>

a) Resurrected Bodies

- We will have glorious, resurrected bodies like Jesus 1 Cor 15:51-53, Phil 3:20-21
- Scripture teaches:
 - You can touch the resurrected body Luke 24:39
 - You can eat, travel miles instantly, Walk through walls and doors Luke 24:42-43, John 20:26
 - We will not have death, disease or decay (incorruptible) 1 Cor 15:51-53
 - There will be a glow on us (shine, radiance, brilliance) Ex 34:29, Matt 13:43, Dan 12:3
 - Our bodies are literal, physical, touchable, identifiable and supernatural 1 Cor 15:44-45

5) The Millennium

- The millennium means the 1,000 years reign of Christ on earth Rev 20:1-4
- **Kingdom Reign and Rule:** Jesus will set up the prophesied Kingdom – a real Kingdom, not an allegorical picture of a spiritual state of mind of the believer.
- He will rule from Jerusalem (capital) and His kingdom will ultimately produce the greatest blessing the world has ever known. Is 2:1-4, Zech 14:16
- It will be a theocracy (not a democracy), Jesus Christ himself is King Jer 23:5, Lk 1:30-33

b) People during the Millennium

- There will be two sets of people who inhabit the earth during the millennial kingdom: Rev 20:4-6
 - **Those with glorified bodies - Resurrected**
Those with glorified bodies are the Church and the resurrected martyrs of the tribulation
 - **Those with earthly bodies – Angels gather the Elect**
Those alive (survive the Tribulation & Armageddon) do not receive resurrection bodies but remain into the millennium until they die with their mortal bodies.
- The apostles will reign over the Jews Matt 19:28
- The church will reign, rule & judge the gentile nations 1 Cor 6:2-3, 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 20:6, Lk 19:11-19
 - Adults who are tribulation survivors Zec 14:16-19
 - Angels 1 Cor 6:3
 - Families will still have children. The earth will soon re-populate Isaiah 65:20
 - By the end of the thousand years, the world is fully populated Rev 20:7–8
 - Some of those born during the millennial kingdom will choose to not believe.
- Christ will restore Israel to faith and extending grace to the Jew
- See further study Is 2:2–4; Zech 14:8–21; Ezek 34:17–24; Dan 7:13–14; Micah 4:1–5.

c) Condition of earth during the millennium

A thousand years of peace, love, and joy will begin on the earth at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

- There are many Scriptures which give us insight into the conditions on earth during the Millennial reign of Christ Is 35, Is 60-62, 65; Ezek 40-48; Micah 4, Rev 20-22, Is 32:1
- During this time the earth will have been restored to conditions similar to before the Fall of Adam. Rom 8:19-21
 - animals will be tame & humans will co-exist in harmony Is 11:6-8
 - there will be no war – *Swords → Plows & Spears → Pruning Hooks* Is 2:1-4
 - trees will give abundant fruit Ezek 36:26-38
 - sin will be punished – Rule with an Iron Rod Rev 2:27
 - fishermen will fish in the waters of the rivers and will catch "very many" fish Ezek 47:10
- The saved but non-resurrected bodies group of individuals will enter the Millennial kingdom in natural, human bodies and so will be subject to death and disease. Rev 22:2 and Ezek 47:9
"the leaves of the trees that grow along the river of life are for the healing of the nations."
- People on earth at that time will live long lives, and if someone dies at 100 he will be considered accursed. Is 65:20
- Israel will be the chief nation of the world and will be restored to the full dimensions of her land which God promised. Christ will reign from the New Jerusalem. Ps 68:16, Ps 132:13-14, Micah 4:1-8
 - Therefore, even though they are living in Paradise, they will need to be ruled *"with an iron scepter" or a "rod of iron"*. Ps 2:9, Rev 2:27
 - The effects of the fall are still present on the earth.
 - Christ will not be cruel or mean, His rule will be enforcing the laws so that there is no crime, and people can live in safety and security. Rev 12:5, Rev 19:15
 - The application of the iron scepter can be seen in the following verses:
Is 11:4; Is 14:2, Is 60:10–14, 61:5-6, Zech 14:16–19

d) Satan during the millennium

- Satan is chained and cast into the bottomless pit so that he can't deceive the nations for 1,000 years. Rev 20:1-3
- After the millennium 1,000 years reign of Christ, Satan is released for 'a little' season'. He will try to gather rebels from all the nations for one last battle against Jerusalem.
- Thus, when Satan is released at the conclusion of the 1,000 years, he is able to amass a great army against the "beloved City", Jerusalem Rev 20:7-10

6) The King has one more move

- It seems that Satan is still about and has God in a checkmate situation.
- The story is told of a painting that was displayed in Louvre – Paris – Checkmate!
- **The King has one more move!**
 - Beast/Antichrist, false prophets are thrown into the Lake of Fire - Eternity Rev 19:20
 - The unrighteous armies were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse (**Jesus – The Word**), and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. Rev 19:20–21
 - Satan is captured and cast into the Hell – the 'lake of fire' for eternity. Rev 20:10
- The devil tried to get the better of the Christians, Jewish nation.... But the King had one more move!
 - Satan, ruler this world, We wrestle against principalities, power, rules of darkness Jhn 14:30, Eph 6:12
 - But Jesus has delivered us from this dominion into His KoG of Love **Col 1:13**
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He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love
- We are sent out into the "world" – into the *kingdom of darkness* to fight a battle, as ambassadors of the King using **His mode of operation, His authority, His love** etc...
- **KoG is Power & Authority (KoG not in word, but in power)** 1 Cor 4:20
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For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.
 - Jesus did miracle (cast out demons) by the power of the Kingdom Lk 11:20
 - Go into the world & preach: **Heal the sick!** Matt 28:18
 - You **will do greater** than these – in My Name Jhn 14:12