



Will life on earth, as we know it, end some day? YES! How will it end? In a cataclysmic world war between God & this world. Will I be here when that happens? Hmhhh.....

Confusing? 1 Peter 1:10-12 (Isaiah 52:13-15 yet 53:1-4). Jesus comes back to the earth at the end of the Tribulation – Matthew 24:29-30; Luke 21:25-28. Yet *before* that...He catches away His family who are salt & light in the world – Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7.

“Rapture” (Latin *rapturo*) = caught up

Three questions:

I. W _____ is This “Rapture”?

John 14:1-3; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-55

II. W _____ is This “Rapture”?

Is the Rapture before the Tribulation?
Is the Rapture different from the 2nd Coming?

*Tonight with
Pastor Jon*

III. So What?

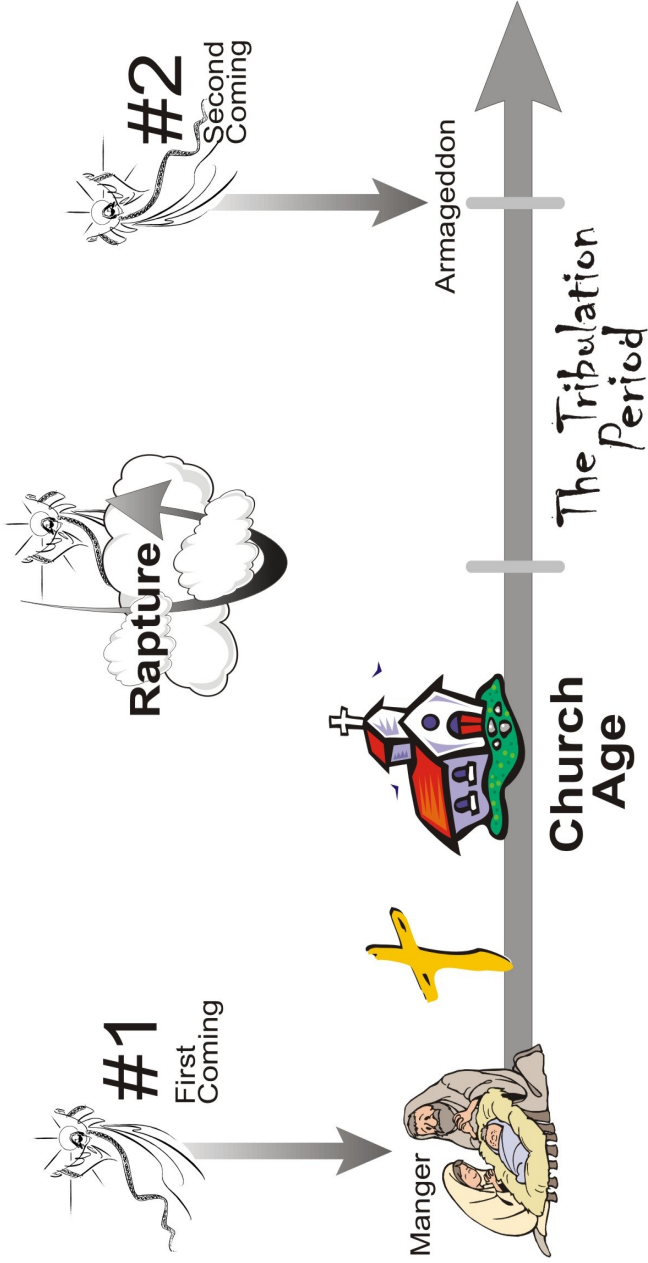
1. **Secret to H** _____ – Titus 2:11-15 & John 14:1-3
2. **Motivation to H** _____ – 1 John 3:2-3
3. **Source of C** _____ – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
4. **Justification for F** _____ – 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
...but it doesn't have to be like that!
v. 13-14



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“Even so, come Lord Jesus!”

THE COMINGS OF JESUS CHRIST *to earth*



THE RAPTURE vs. THE SECOND COMING

<i>The Rapture</i>	<i>The Second Coming</i>
Saints meet Christ in the air 1 Thessalonians 4:17	Christ descends to the Mt. Of Olives Zechariah 14:4
No judgment of unbelievers associated with the Rapture	Judgment is an emphasis of the 2 nd Coming Revelation 19:11-21
There is no mention of the millennial kingdom being established after the Rapture	One reason for the 2 nd Coming is to set up the long awaited millennial kingdom Revelation 20:4
Living and dead saints receive glorified bodies upon being translated 1 Thessalonians 4:16 1 Corinthians 15:51,53	No translation and no glorified bodies received
The Rapture occurs before the wrath of God is poured out on the world 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10	The 2 nd Coming follows this time of wrath Revelation 19:11-18
The coming of the Lord in connection with the Rapture is seen as imminent 1 Peter 4:7 1 Thessalonians 4:17	Numerous signs and events must take place prior to the 2 nd Coming
The Lord goes to heaven with His saints 1 Thessalonians 4:17	The Lord comes from heaven with His saints Revelation 19:14
All believers will be removed from earth leaving only unbelievers 1 Thessalonians 4:17	All unbelievers will be removed from earth leaving only believers to be part of the millennial kingdom Matthew 24:40-41