

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM

1. Matt, 16:13- 19 - Christ, the Church, and the Kingdom.
 - a. Acts 1:4-12 The disciples asked about the Kingdom
 - b. Eph. 3:1-10 – The Church was a part of the “mystery” revelation

2. This helps us understand the 2 Comings of the Lord:
 - a. FOR us and WITH us
 - b. First Thess. 4:13-18 & Rev. 19:11-16

3. The Kingdom Coming is in two phases
 - a. Rev. 20 – The Millenium or 1000 yr. Reign of Jesus on Earth
 - b. Rev. 21 – The Eternal State

Rapture Differs from Second Coming

Rapture/Translation	2nd Coming/ Establishes the Kingdom
1. Translation of all believers	1. No translation at all
2. Translated saints go to heaven	2. Translated saints return to earth
3. Earth not judged	3. Earth judged & righteousness established
4. Imminent, any-moment, sign-less	4. Follows definite predicted signs including tribulation
5. Not in the Old Testament	5. Predicted often in Old Testament
6. Believers only	6. Affects all men
7. Before the day of wrath	7. Concluding the day of wrath
8. No reference to Satan	8. Satan bound
9. Christ comes for His own	9. Christ comes with His own
10. He comes in the air	10. He comes to the earth
11. He claims His bride	11. He comes with His bride
12. Only His own see Him	12. Every eye shall see Him
13. Tribulation begins	13. Millennial Kingdom begins

RAPTURE

1. Jesus comes for us Jn. 14:1-3.
2. Jesus will appear in the sky 1 Thess. 4:17;
Believers will rise to meet Him and go to Heaven Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20,21.
3. Only Christians will see His appearing
Heb. 9:28, hear the shout and sound of the trumpet Rev. 4:1,2; 1 Cor. 15:52;
1 Thess. 4:16.
4. The only physical changes will be our mortal bodies 1 Cor. 15:51,52.
5. Resurrection of dead and change of the living.
6. Trump of God & Last Trump 1 Thess. 4:16;
1 Cor. 15:52 start the Rapture/Resurrection
7. No signs or warning preceding – imminent

SECOND COMING

1. Jesus comes with us Rev. 17:14; 19:14;
Zech. 14:5; Jude 14,15
2. Jesus will physically touch the earth, and the Church will be with Him; destination is earth Ac. 1:11
3. Every eye shall see Him Mtt. 24:30
every knee bow, every tongue confess
Mtt. 24:26, 27,29
4. The physical changes--the moon, sun, stars will be darkened, Jesus will return as lightning from the east to the west and destroy Antichrist in the brightness of His rising 2 Thess. 2:8 Earthquakes & Mt. of Olives splits Zech. 14:4-8
5. Removal of wicked & satan
6. Angelic trumpets trigger plagues & woes Rev. 8
7. Many signs/warnings preceding

RAPTURE

Includes and Involves:

1. Return of Christ for us
2. Resurrection of the Dead in Christ
3. Rapture of the Living in Christ
4. Reunion for all in Christ
5. Reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ

THE SECOND COMING

Includes and Involves:

1. Return of Christ with us
2. Rescue of Israel and destruction of antichrist with his allied armies
3. Righteous judgment of the nations
4. Removal of the wicked from Earth
5. Removal of satan to bottomless pit