

THE RAPTURE VS SECOND COMING

1. At the rapture Christ's coming is unexpected. It is life as usual (Matt. 24:36-44).
At the second coming life is anything but as usual (Lk. 23:30; Rev. 6:16; Matt. 24:21-31).
2. At the rapture, the Lord comes into the clouds and air (1 Thess. 4:17).
At the second coming He comes all the way down to earth (Matt. 25:31-46; Zech. 14:4).
3. At the rapture the righteous are taken to heaven (Jn. 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
At the second coming the righteous inherit the millennial kingdom on earth (Matt. 25:34).
4. At the rapture only the saved are gathered to the Lord (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; John 14:1-6).
At the second coming the righteous and the wicked are gathered before the Lord (Matt. 25:31-46).
5. At the rapture there is no judgment before the righteous reach their destination (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
At the second coming the righteous are first judged (Matt. 25:34-36).
6. At the rapture the unrighteous remain on earth and go into the tribulation (Matt. 24:40, 41; Luke 17:34, 35, 36).
At the second coming the unrighteous are removed from the earth and cast into hell (Matt. 25:46).
7. At the rapture the righteous are removed from the earth (Jn. 14:3), while the unrighteous are left on it (Matt. 40-41).
At the second coming the righteous remain on earth while the unrighteous are removed from it and cast into hell (Matt. 25:31-46).
8. At the rapture the bodies of the righteous are changed (Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 5:13-18).
At the second coming the bodies of the righteous are not changed because they repopulate the earth. (Compare Matt. 25:31-34 with Rev.20:7-8)
9. After the rapture the righteous do not reproduce any more (Matt. 22:30; Mk. 12:25; Lk. 20:35).
After the second coming those who are alive repopulate the earth (Compare Matt. 25:31-34 with Rev.20:7-8).
10. At the rapture Christ comes for the Church (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
At the second coming He comes from heaven with the Church (Rev. 19:6-14).
11. At the rapture, only the righteous are judged (Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10).
At the second coming the righteous and unrighteous are both judged (Matthew 25:31-46).
12. At the rapture the righteous are taken to heaven and then judged (Rom. 14:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10).
At the second coming, the righteous are judged and then told to come inherit the kingdom (Matt.