

UNDERSTANDING RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (OUTLINE)

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I. INTRODUCTION

- Eschatology – the doctrine of things to come (prophecies on the end times)
- Rapture – the event in which Christ will suddenly (secretly) lift all believers to meet Him in the air prior to the pouring of God’s wrath on earth as described in the Book of Revelations
- The Second Coming of Christ – physical return of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth as the Great King and Judge when “every eye will see Him”, who will defeat all the evil nations, the Antichrist and the False Prophet in the Battle of Armageddon described in Revelations 19

II. THE RAPTURE

- Rapture comes from the Latin *Raptus* which means “to catch up”, or “snatch up” as an eagle snatches up its prey; the Greek word is “*harpazo*”.
 - 1 Thess.4:16-18
 - 1 Cor.15:51,52
 - 2 Thess.12:1,2
 - Matt.24:40-41
 - Lk.17:34
 - Lk.21:25,26;34-36
- Three different views of the Rapture as to when it will happen
 1. Pre-Tribulation
 2. Mid-Tribulation
 3. Post-Tribulation

III. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

At the second coming of Christ, He will conquer all the evil nations, the Antichrist (Beast) and the False Prophet, and will establish His Millennial Kingdom on earth

- Rev. 19:11-21
- Jude 14-15
- Joel 2:28-3:16
- Zechariah 14:3-5
- Rev. 16:12-16

IV. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

V. CONCLUSION

- Matt.24:32,33; 36-44
- John 14:1-4