

Rapture / Translation

- 1 Translation of all believers
- 2 Translated saints to to heaven
- 3 Earth is not judged
- 4 Imminent, any-moment, signless
- 5 Not predicted in the Old Testament
- 6 Believers only
- 7 Before the day of wrath
- 8 No reference to Satan
- 9 Christ comes **for** His own
- 10 Christ comes in the **air**
- 11 Christ claims His bride
- 12 Only His own see Him
- 13 Tribulation follows, begins

Second Coming / Established Kingdom

- 1 No translation at all
- 2 Translated saints return to earth
- 3 Earth is judged and righteousness established
- 4 Follows definite predicted signs, including the tribulation
- 5 Predicted often in the Old Testament
- 6 Affects all mankind
- 7 Concluding the day of wrath
- 8 Satan bound
- 9 Christ come **with** His own
- 10 Christ comes to the **earth**
- 11 Christ comes with His bride
- 12 Every eye shall see Him
- 13 Millennial Kingdom begins

Imminence

- 1 An event that could, but not necessarily, take place at any moment.
- 2 Soon is not the same as imminent.
- 3 An imminent event could happen soon, or it may not occur for other 2000 years.
- 4 No prophetic event must take place before an imminent event can happen.
- 5 The **RAPTURE** is imminent, while Christ's **SECOND COMING** is not.

Imminence Passages

1 Corinthians 1:7: "awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 16:22: "Maranatha." (our Lord come)

Philippians 3:20: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:5: "The Lord is near." (the next event)

1 Thessalonians 1:10: "to wait for His Son from heaven."

Titus 2:13: "looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."

James 5:7-9: "Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord... for the coming of the Lord is at hand... behold, the Judge is standing at the door."

1 Peter 1:13: "fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Jude 21: "waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life."

Revelation 3:11; 22:7, 12, 20: "I am coming quickly!"

Revelation 22:17, 20: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

Purpose of the Tribulation

- 1 A time of preparation for Israel's restoration & conversion (Deuteronomy 4:29, 30, Jeremiah 30:3-11; Zechariah 12:10).
- 2 Called a "*time of Jacobs tribulation*" (Jeremiah 30:7)
- 3 The Church currently experiences "*tribulations*" in the world (John 16:33), she will not experience "*the*" tribulation.

Nature of the Church

- 1 Purpose for the Church differs from Israel.
- 2 Church is a "*mystery*" of Jews and Gentiles united in a co-equal body (Ephesians 2:11-22; 3:1-13).
- 3 The Church is not appointed to wrath (i.e., the tribulation; Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9).
- 4 Church is promised deliverance from the "*hour*" of testing (Revelation 3:10-11a).