

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
 PART 4: MORE EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW
 (John 14:2-3)

- I. Necessary for an INTERVAL for Completion of Several Events
 - A. The JUDGMENT SEAT of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10)
 - B. The PRESENTATION of the already purified BRIDE (Rev. 19:7-14)
- II. Distinctions Between the RAPTURE and the SECOND ADVENT

| <i>Rapture</i> | <i>Second Advent</i> |
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| Involves REMOVAL of all believers | Involves the manifestation of CHRIST |
| Saints are CAUGHT UP into the AIR | Saints RETURN to the EARTH |
| Christ comes to CLAIM His bride | Christ RETURNS WITH His bride |
| Removes the CHURCH and begins the TRIBULATION | Establishes the KINGDOM |
| Is IMMINENT | Is PRECEDED by many SIGNS |
| Brings a message of COMFORT | Accompanied by message of JUDGMENT |
| Part of program for the CHUCH | Part of program for ISRAEL and WORLD |
| A NT MYSTERY | PREDICTED in the OT |
| Results in PURIFICATION of BELIEVERS | Results in JUDGMENT of ISRAEL the WORLD |
| Leaves creation UNCHANGED | Entails CHANGES in creation |
| Gentiles are UNAFFECTED | Gentiles are JUDGED |

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| Israel's covenants UNFILFILLED | Fulfills ALL Israel's COVENANTS |
| Evil is left UNRESTRAINED | Evil is JUDGED |
| Occurs BEFORE the "day of wrath" | FOLLOWS and COMPLETES the "day of wrath" |
| For BELIEVERS only | Affects ALL HUMANITY |
| "The LORD is at hand" | "The KINGDOM is at hand" |
| CHURCH taken into the LORD'S presence | ISRAEL taken into the KINGDOM |

- III. The Twenty-Four Elders Probably Represent the CHURCH (Rev. 4:4)
- IV. The Context of 1 Thess. 4:13-18
- V. The Announcement of PEACE and SAFETY (1 Thess. 5:3)
- VI. The Relation of the Church to GOVERNMENT (Rom. 13:1-4)
- VII. The SILENCE of the EPISTLES Concerning the Tribulation
- VIII. The Message of the TWO WITNESSES Is to ISRAEL (Rev. 11:3-12)
- IX. The Church's Destiny is HEAVENLY, but Hope in the Tribulation is EARTHLY
- X. The REMNANT of Israel is WAITING at the Second Advent
- XI. The 144,000 Witnesses Are IN PLACE of the Church, not PART of It (Rev. 7:4ff)
- XII. Consistent with the Best CHRONOLOGY of Revelation
- XIII. The Object of Satan's Attack is "the WOMAN" Who Produced "the CHILD"
- XIV. The COMPLETE Apostasy Indicates NO TRUE CHURCH Present
- XV. The True Church is Promised REMOVAL (1 Thess. 1:9-10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10)
- XVI. The Agreement of the OT Types: NOAH, RAHAB, and LOT