

A Comparison and Contrast Between the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ by Dr. Manfred Kober

	<u>Rapture</u>		<u>Second Coming</u>
1	Jesus coming <u>FOR</u> His Church. John 14:1-3, 1 Thess 4:14-17	1	Jesus coming <u>WITH</u> His Church. Col 3:4; Zech 14:5, Jude 14, Rev 19:14
2	Caught up with Him <u>in the air</u> . 1 Thess 4:13-18	2	Jesus' feet <u>touch the earth</u> . Zech 14:4, Rev 19:11-21
3	Not ever mentioned in the Old Testament. 1 Cor. 15:51 "A MYSTERY"	3	Numerous references to the event in the Old Testament. Zech 14, Psa 2; Dan 9
4	Christians taken first, unbelievers are left behind. 1 Thess 4:13-18	4	Wicked are taken first, the righteous (Tribulation saints) are left behind. Matt 13:28-30
5	Purpose: To present the Church to Himself and to the Father. 2 Cor 11:2, Rev. 19:6-9	5	Purpose: To execute judgment on earth and set up His Kingdom. Jude 14-15, Rev 19:11-21, Zech 14:3-4
6	<u>MARRIAGE</u> : Marriage of the Lamb in heaven after the Rapture.	6	<u>WAR</u> : Marriage is followed by war on earth at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> coming.
7	Happens in a <u>moment</u> , in the twinkling of an eye (too fast for eyes to see). 1 Cor. 15:52	7	Slow coming, people will see Him come back. Zech 12:10, Matt 24:30, Rev 1:7
8	<u>Only Christians</u> will see Him. 1 John 3:2, 1 Cor 15:52	8	<u>Every eye</u> will see Him. Rev. 1:7
9	Jesus descends with a shout. 1 Thess 4:16	9	No shout mentioned. Rev 19:11-21
10	The resurrection of Church Age believers. 1 Thess 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 15:51-54	10	OT saints and Tribulation martyrs are raised. Dan 12:1,2, Rev 20:4
11	Can happen at any time. Rev. 3:3, 1 Thess 5:4-6	11	Occurs at end of 7 years of Tribulation. Dan 9:24-27, Matt 24:29-30, 2 Thess 2:3-8
12	Christ gathers the saints to Himself in the air. 1 Thess. 4:13-18	12	Angels gather the believers to Jerusalem. Matt 24:31, 25:31
13	No angels are sent to gather (resurrected people don't need angels to help them)	13	Angels sent forth to gather people together for judgment. Matt 13:39, 41, 49, 24:31, 25:31, 2 Thess 1:7-10
14	The dead in Christ return with Jesus <u>to receive</u> their resurrected bodies. 1 Thess 4:14-16	14	Christians return with Jesus in <u>already resurrected</u> bodies riding on white horses. Rev 19:11-21
15	Jesus returns surrounded by angels and OT saints	15	Jesus returns on a white horse. Rev 19:11
16	For the Church only (those <u>in Christ</u> ) 1 Thess 4:14-17	16	For redeemed Israel & Gentiles. Rom 11:25-27, Matt 25:31-46
17	A message of <u>hope</u> and <u>comfort</u> 1 Thess 4:18, Titus 2:13, 1 John 3:3	17	A message of <u>judgment</u> . Joel 3:12-16, Rev 19:11-21, Mal 4:5
18	The Tribulation begins. Rev. 3:10, 1 Thess 5:9	18	The Millennium begins. Rev 20:4ff