

"Raptured"

Week 6

What You Need to Know About Biblical Prophecy
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Satan's Goal

1. Be **worshipped** over all creation.
2. **Steal** the Glory from God.

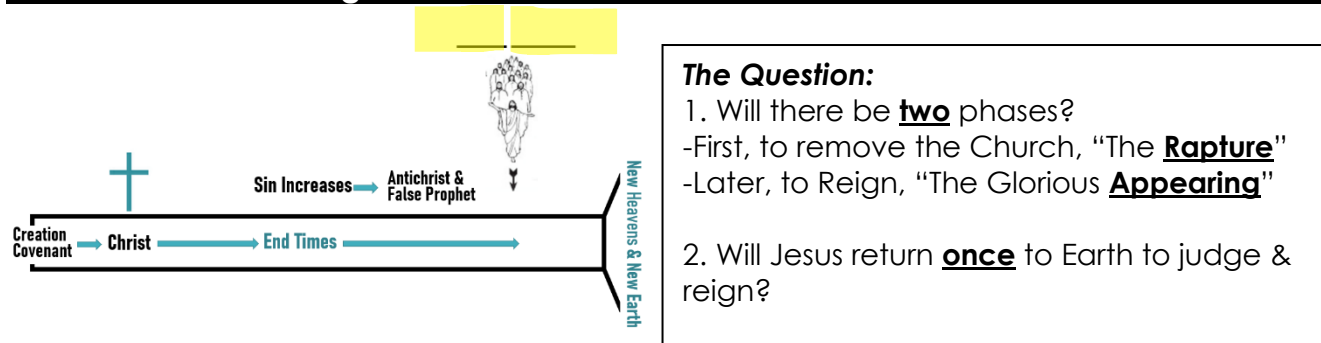
Satan's Story-Line

3. Set the **world-stage**
4. **Introduce** 2 World Leaders under his directions
 - 1) A **Government** Leader: "Anti-Christ" (Rev 13:1-10)
 - 2) A **Religious** Leader: "The False Prophet" (Rev 13:16-17)
5. The "**un**-holy" trinity: Satan, Antichrist, False Prophet

Satan's Ingredients of Success

6. Unify and **Centralize** the World's:
 - Religion
 - Education
 - Communications
 - Economy
 - Government

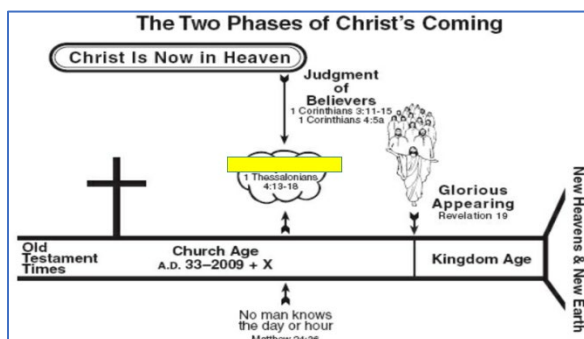
Jesus' Second Coming



The Rapture

"After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." -1 Thes 4:17

7. "Caught Up" = "Harpazo" (Greek) = To **Snatch** Away.
(Scriptures referring to a Rapture: 1 Thess 4:13-17; Mark 13:33-37; 1 Cor 15:50-58)



Scriptures related to the Glorious Appearing

- Matt 25:31-32
- Rev 19:15-19
- Zech 14:4,9
- Mark 13:26
- Matt 24:30
- John 14:1-3

The Chronology of the Rapture:

- 1) The Lord Himself will descend from His Father's house, where He is **preparing** a place for us (Jn 14:1-3; 1 Thess 4:16).
- 2) He will **come** again to receive us to Himself (Jn 14:1-3).
- 3) He will **resurrect** those who have fallen asleep in Him (*deceased believers whom we will not precede*—1 Thess 4:14-15).
- 4) The Lord will **shout** as He descends ("*loud command*," 1 Thess 4:16). All this takes place in the "twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor 15:52).
- 5) We will hear the voice of the **archangel** (1 Thess 4:16).
- 6) We will also hear the **trumpet** call of God (1 Thess 4:16).
- 7) The dead in Christ will rise **first** (*the corruptible ashes of their dead bodies are made incorruptible and joined together with their spirits, which Jesus brings with Him*—1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).
- 8) Then we who are **alive** and remain will be changed (*or made incorruptible by having our bodies made immortal*—1 Corinthians 15:51,53).
- 9) We will be caught up (raptured) **together** (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- 10) We will be caught up in the **clouds** (*where dead and living believers will have a monumental reunion*—1 Thess 4:17).
- 11) We will meet the Lord in the **air** (1 Thess 4:17).
- 12) Christ will receive us to Himself and **take** us to the Father's house "that where I am, there you may be also" (Jn 14:3).
- 13) "And thus we shall always be **with** the Lord" (1 Thess 4:17).
- 14) At the call of Christ for believers, He will **judge** all things. Christians will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10), described in detail in 1 Cor 3:11-15. This judgment prepares Christians for...
- 15) The marriage of the Lamb. Before Christ returns to earth in power and great glory, He will meet His bride, the church, and the **marriage supper** will take place. In the meantime, after the church is raptured, the world will suffer unprecedented outpourings of God's wrath during the time our Lord called "the great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21).

THE TWO PHASES OF HIS ONE COMING				THE 15 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING	
Rapture Passages				Rapture/Blessed Hope	Glorious Appearing
John 14:1-3	Philippians 4:5	2 Thessalonians 2:1	1 Peter 1:7,13	1. Christ comes in the air for His own	1. Christ comes with His own to earth
Romans 8:19	Colossians 3:4	1 Timothy 6:14	1 Peter 5:4	2. Rapture of all Christians	2. No one raptured
1 Corinthians 1:7,8	1 Thessalonians 1:10	2 Timothy 4:1,8	1 John 2:28-3:2	3. Christians taken to the Father's house	3. Resurrected saints do not see Father's house
1 Corinthians 15:51-53	1 Thessalonians 2:19	Titus 2:13	Jude 21	4. No judgment on earth	4. Christ judges inhabitants of earth
1 Corinthians 16:22	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Hebrews 9:28	Revelation 2:25	5. Church taken to heaven	5. Christ sets up His kingdom on earth
Philippians 3:20,21	1 Thessalonians 5:9,23	James 5:7-9		6. Imminent—could happen any moment	6. Cannot occur for at least seven years
Glorious Appearing Passages				7. No signs	7. Many signs for Christ's physical coming
Daniel 2:44,45	Matthew 13:41	Acts 1:9-11	2 Peter 3:1-14	8. For believers only	8. Affects all humanity
Daniel 7:9-14	Matthew 24:15-31	Acts 3:19-21	Jude 14,15	9. Time of joy	9. Time of mourning
Daniel 12:1-3	Matthew 26:64	1 Thessalonians 3:13	Revelation 1:7	10. Before the "day of wrath" (Tribulation)	10. Immediately after Tribulation (Matthew 24)
Zechariah 12:10	Mark 13:14-27	2 Thessalonians 1:6-10	Revelation 19:11-20:6	11. No mention of Satan	11. Satan bound in abyss for 1,000 years
Zechariah 14:1-15	Mark 14:62	2 Thessalonians 2:8	Revelation 22:7,12,20	12. The judgment seat of Christ	12. No time or place for judgment seat
	Luke 21:25-28	1 Peter 4:12,13		13. Marriage of the Lamb	13. His bride descends with Him
				14. Only His own see Him	14. Every eye will see Him
				15. Tribulation begins	15. 1,000-year kingdom of Christ begins

The Tribulation

8. Anyone who takes the Bible **literally** must accept the fact that it teaches there is a time of *tribulation* awaiting the inhabitants of this earth.
9. The OT **prophets** had much to say about this time period.
10. Revelation has **13** chapters to describe it in detail.
11. There is **more** Scripture related to the Tribulation than any subject except Salvation & the 2nd Coming.

"There will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now" -Jesus, Matt 24:21

12. The main point of controversy about the Tribulation is whether the church will go through this period of distress or will be **raptured** before it begins.

Biblical Support of the Tribulation

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place." - Daniel 9:24

13. 70 "Heptads" = 70 "7 Units" = 70 x 7 Years = **490** years
14. 3 **Periods** of Time:
 - 1) When **Jerusalem** would be built. (7 Heptads=49 years) -Dan 9:25
 - 2) When Jesus would be **crucified**. (62 Heptads=434 years) -Dan 9:26a
 - 3) A time of **tribulation**. (1 Heptad=7 years) -Dan 9:26b-27
15. Timeline of the Tribulation in Revelation:
 - 1) Rev 6-7: First ¼ of the Tribulation
 - 2) Rev 8-9: Second ¼ of the Tribulation
 - 3) Rev 11: Culmination of the halfway point at 3 ½ years
 - 4) Rev 14-18: Second ½ (3 ½ years)

Support of the Rapture at the Beginning of the Tribulation

16. The Lord promised to **deliver** us. (Rev 3:10)
17. It preserves **imminency**. (Matt 24:42)
18. The Church is to be **delivered** "from the wrath to come." (1 Thess 1:10)
19. **Christians** are not "appointed to wrath." (1 Thess 5:9)
20. The Church is **absent** in Revelation 4-18.

