

Comparing and Contrasting

The Rapture

and

The Revelation

1) Christ comes to the air – *1 Thess 4:17*.

1) Christ comes to the Earth – *Zech 14:4*.

2) The Lord comes for His saints – *1 Thess 4:16-17*.

2) He comes with His saints. *1 Thess 3:13; Jude 14*.

3) The Rapture is a mystery.
1 Cor 15:51.

3) The Revelation is not a mystery.

[a truth unknown in the O.T.] [the subject of many O.T. prophecies]

4) Our Lord's coming is not preceded by signs in the heavens.

4) His coming with His saints will be preceded by signs in the heavens
Matt 24:29-30.

5) The Rapture is identified with the Day of Christ.
1 Cor 1:8; 2 Cor 1:14; Phil 1:6, 10.

5) The Revelation is identified with the Day of the Lord.
2 Thess 2:8-12.

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| <p>6) The Rapture is presented as a time of <u> blessing </u>.
<i>1 Thess 4:18.</i></p> | <p>6) The main emphasis of the Revelation is on <u> Judgment </u>.
<i>2 Thess 2:8-12.</i></p> |
| <p>7) The Rapture takes place in a moment. It <u> is not visible </u> to the world.
<i>1 Cor 15:52.</i></p> | <p>7) The Revelation will <u> will be visible </u> to the world.
<i>Matt 24:27; Rev 1:7.</i></p> |
| <p>8) The Rapture involves <u> The Church saints, Jews and Gentiles. </u>
<i>John 14:1-4;</i>
<i>1 Cor 15:51-58.</i>
<i>1 Thess 4:13-18.</i></p> | <p>8) The Revelation involves <u> Israel and the Nations. </u>
<i>Matt 24:1 - 25:46.</i></p> |
| <p>9) Messiah comes as the <u> Bright and Morning Star. </u><i>Rev 22:16.</i></p> | <p>9) He comes as the <u> Sun of Righteousness </u> with healing in His wings.
<i>Malachi 4:2.</i></p> |
| <p>10) Those taken are taken for <u> Blessing. </u> Those left are left for <u> Judgment. </u>
<i>1 Thess 4:13-18.</i>
<i>1 Thess 5:1-3.</i></p> | <p>10) Those taken are for <u> Judgment. </u> Those left are left for <u> Blessing. </u>
<i>Matt 24:37-41.</i></p> |

11) **No dating system** is given for events preceding the Rapture.

11) The Revelation **has a dating system** – 1,260 days, 42 months, 3.5 years. *Daniel 7:25; 12:7, 11-12. Rev 11:2; 12:14; 13:5.*

12) The title Son of Man is never used in any of the passages dealing with the Rapture.

12) The Revelation is spoken of as the coming of the Son of Man.
*Matt 16:28; 24:27, 30, 39; 26:64;
Mark 13:26;
Luke 21:27.*

A systematic study of the Holy Scriptures shows the ‘Coming of the Lord Jesus’ to reign takes place after the seventieth week. *Daniel 9:24. Matt 24.*

The Church (Ecclesia) is never mentioned as being on the earth during the Tribulation period of 7 yrs.

Christ returns in Revelation 19:11 to subdue His foes and to set up His Kingdom after the 7 years.