

The Rapture and the End of the Age

Where does the Bible teach about the “rapture”?

Sermon Questions

1. Have you ever been taught the idea of a rapture followed by a seven year tribulation before the return of Christ? (Yes/No)
2. The prophecy that forms the basis for a pretribulational rapture is found in _____.
3. We see the following details in 1 Thessalonians regarding the coming of Christ and the rapture:
 - i. At Christ’s return there will be _____ for the wicked but salvation for believers (5:3, 9–11).
 - ii. Christ’s return will be sudden (5:3–4).
 - iii. Christ’s return will not be _____ (4:16).
 - iv. At Christ’s return, those who have died in him and those living in him will receive resurrection bodies (4:16–17).
4. We see the same details in 1 Corinthians 15 but we also learn that at Christ’s return _____ is finally and totally defeated (vv. 23–26, 54–55).
5. We see the same details in 2 Thessalonians but we also learn that:
 - i. There will be a time of _____. Satan will work through false signs and wonders. He is at work now but is being restrained until just before the end when Christ returns to destroy this great deceiver.
 - ii. The church will be gathered after this great rebellion, not before (2:3).
6. The coming of Christ described in 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians 15, and Matthew 24 are describing the same event. (Yes/No)
7. The real point of these text is not for charts, debates, and date setting. List the three reasons why Scripture speaks about the coming of Christ:
 - i. A _____ to the unbelieving and disobedient.
 - ii. _____ to the faithful.
 - iii. A call to perseverance and good _____.

Book recommendation for further reading?

Kingdom Come by Sam Storms (approximately 600 pages)