

Further Biblical Study on The Rapture

The rapture is when Jesus Christ returns to remove the church (all believers in Christ) from the earth. The rapture is described in **(1 The 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:50-54)**. Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. At the rapture, believers meet the Lord in the air **(1 The 4:17)**. The rapture occurs before the tribulation **(1 The 5:9; Rev 3:10)**. The rapture is the removal of believers from the earth as an act of deliverance **(1 The 4:13-17, 5:9)**. The rapture will be secret and instant **(1 Cor 15:50-54)**. The rapture is imminent; it could take place at any moment **(Tit 2:13; 1 The 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:50-54)**.

In summary, the rapture is the return of Christ in the clouds to remove all believers from the earth before the time of God's wrath.

The rapture and second coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are end-times events. However, it is crucially important to recognize the differences. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy evil, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in **(Rev 19:11-16)**. At the second coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth **(Rev 19:14)**. The second coming occurs after the great and terrible tribulation **(Rev chapters 6-19)**. The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment **(Mat 24:40-41)**. The second coming will be visible to all **(Rev 1:7; Mat 24:29-30)**. The second coming of Christ will not occur until after certain other end-times events take place **(2 The 2:4; Mat 24:15-30; Rev chapters 6-18)**. The second coming is the return of Christ to the earth to bring the tribulation to an end and to defeat the Antichrist and his evil world empire.