

# Matthew Series

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# MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Signs of His COMING, Not RAPTURE**

**Matthew 24:3**

- 1. What is the significance of the Temple?**
- 2. What is the reason for the divine judgment on the nation?**
- 3. How many questions are the disciples asking?**
- 4. Is this future, past, or present?**
- 5. What did the disciples know?**
- 6. The *sign* or is it *signs*?**
- 7. The differences between “coming” and the Rapture.**

# **1. What is the significance of the Temple?**

**Matt. 23:38, “See! Your house is left to you desolate;”**



**Matt. 24:2, “And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’ ”**

# **1. What is the significance of the Temple?**

**The fulfillment of this prophecy validates the certainty of the distant prophecies.**

## **2. The reason for the divine judgment on the nation.**



## **a. The ultimate judgment**

**Lev. 26:30, “I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.**

**Lev. 26:31, “I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.”**

## **a. The ultimate judgment**

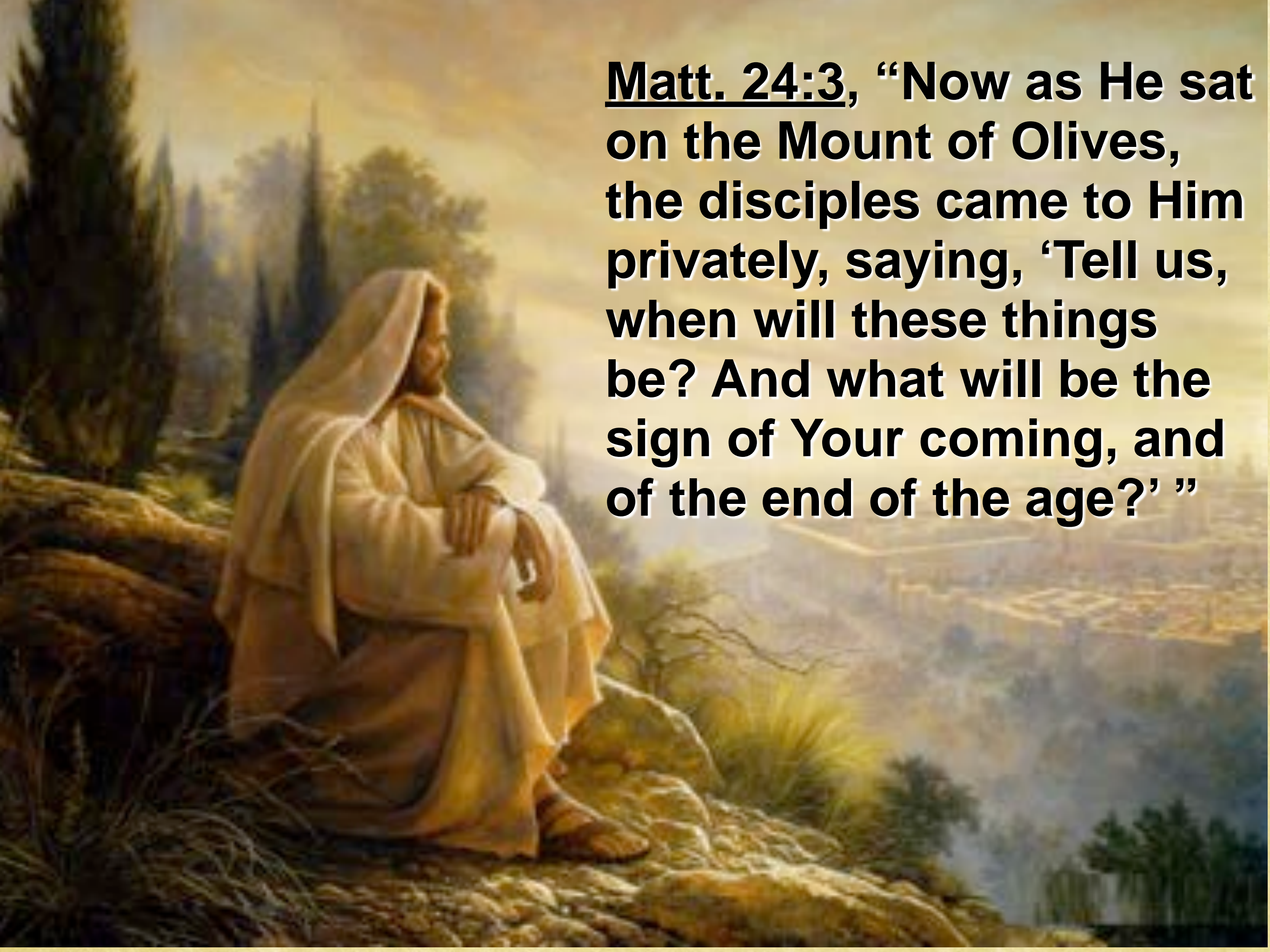
**Lev. 26:32, “I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.**

**Lev. 26:33, “I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.”**

## **b. God would raise up the Prophet ...**

**Deut. 18:15, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,”**

**3. How many questions are the disciples asking?**

A photograph of Jesus sitting on a rocky ledge, looking out over a valley. He is wearing a white robe and a white shawl. The background shows a hazy, golden landscape with trees and a valley floor. The lighting is warm, suggesting sunrise or sunset.

**Matt. 24:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ ”**

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**Mark 13:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,**

**Mark 13:4, “ ‘Tell us, (1) when will these things be? (2) And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?’ ”**

**Matt. 24:3, “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, (1) when will these things be? And (2) what will be the sign of Your coming, and *end of the age?*’ ”**

**Sign (singular noun) refers to “Your coming” and “end of the age.”**

**Matt. 24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”**



**Of these two questions, Matthew and Mark answer the second, Luke answers the first as well, Luke 21:20–24; he adds the answer to the second in Luke 21:25–36.**

- 1. Jesus is talking to them as Jews about Jewish prophecy.**
- 2. The Olivet Discourse is the last thing Jesus said to the Jews about Israel.**
- 3. Nothing in the Olivet Discourse is about Church Age believers or has direct application to Church Age believers.**

**4. Is this future, past, or present?**

# Three Views

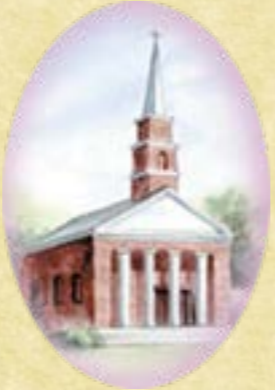
**Preterism:** Most prophecy including all of Matt. 24 and Rev. 4–19 was fulfilled in AD 70.

**Historicism:** Most prophecy including all of Matt. 24 and Rev. 4–19 is being fulfilled in the inter-advent age, between the two comings. Thus we can point to some contemporary events as fulfillments of these prophecies.

**Futurism:** Most prophecy including all of Matt. 24 and Rev. 4–19 will be fulfilled in the future. We hold to dispensational futurism.

# THREE INTERPRETIVE FRAMEWORKS

JESUS CHRIST  
JUDGED INSTEAD  
OF BELIEVERS



Rapture of the Church

Second Coming

**TRIBULATION**  
**FIRST SECOND**  
**3 1/2 3 1/2**  
**YEARS YEARS**

**MILLENNIAL KINGDOM**

**HISTORICISM**

AD 33

AD 70

AD ??

**FUTURISM**

**MATT. 24**  
**REV. 4-19**

**PRETERISM**

**ETERNITY**  
**NO KINGDOM**

## **5. What did the disciples know?**

# The Image of Daniel 2

**Gold**

**605–539 B.C.—Babylon**

**Silver**

**539 B.C.—331 B.C.—Medo-Persia**

**Brass**

**331 B.C.—146 B.C.—Greece**

**Iron**

**146 B.C.—A.D. 1453—Rome**

**Iron/Clay**

**Revived Roman Empire**



# Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

**DAN. 9:24-27**

**The  
Coming  
Prince**

**Messiah  
Returns**



**3½  
years**

Third Temple  
(Tribulation)  
Dan 9:27

**3½  
years**

**The Tribulation is for ISRAEL**



**Matt. 24:15, “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand),”**

- 1. The first 3.5 years of Daniel's seventieth week: The *beginning of sorrows* (labor pains); Matt. 24:4–8**
- 2. The second 3.5 years of Daniel's seventieth week: increased persecution of Jews after the Antichrist breaks the covenant (Matt. 24:9–14).**

**Matt. 24:9, “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.”**

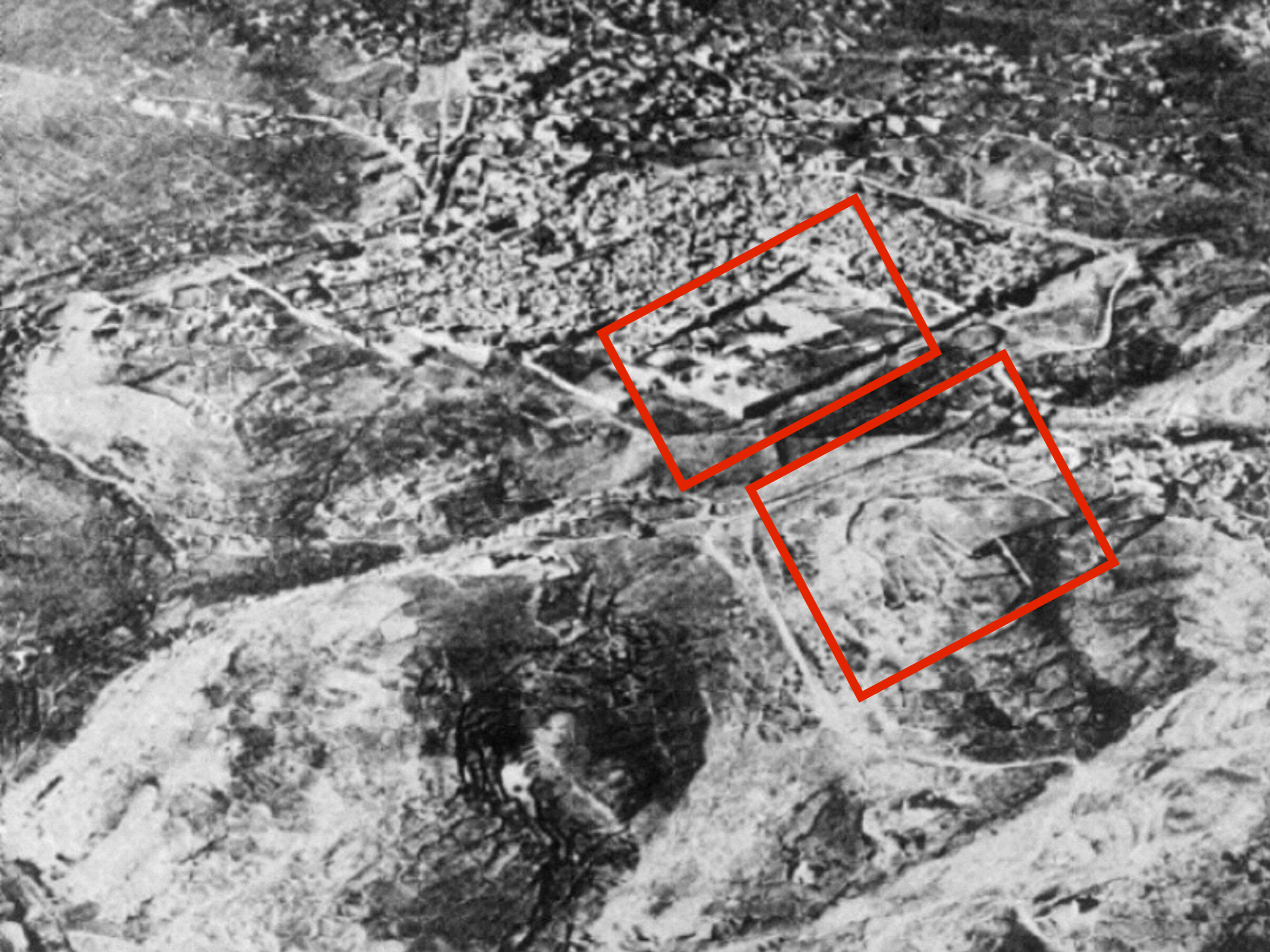
**Dan. 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”**

**Zech. 14:1, “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.**

**Zech. 14:2, “For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”**

**Zech. 14:3, “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.**

**Zech. 14:4, “And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.”**



**Zech. 14:5, “Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You.**

**Zech. 14:6, “It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish.**

**Zech. 14:7, “It shall be one day which is known to the LORD—neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light.”**

**Zech. 14:8, “And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur”**



**6. Is it SIGN; or SIGNS?  
And what is the sign?**

**Matt. 24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”**

# **7. Coming? The differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming?**

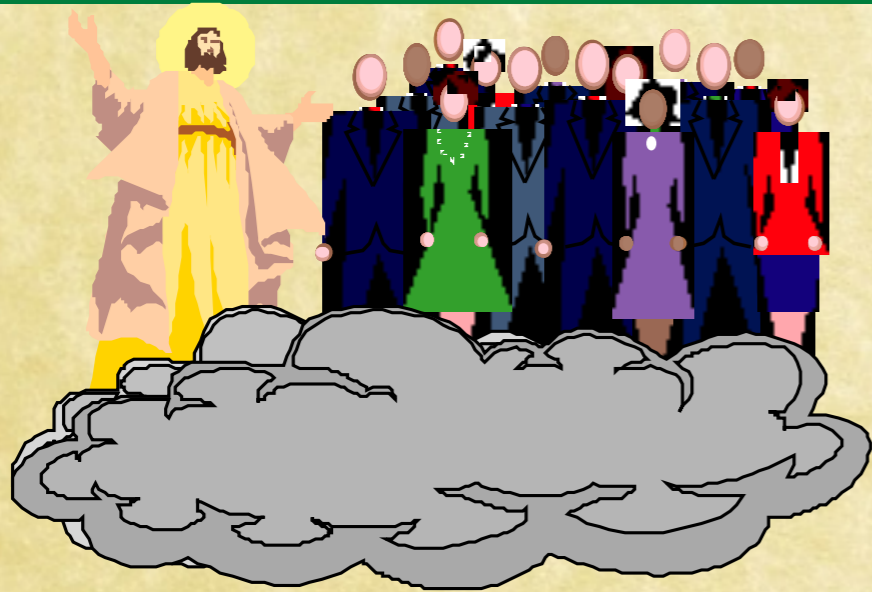
# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

**Rapture**

**Second Coming  
Established Kingdom**

# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

## Rapture



1. **Not predicted in the Old Testament; a “mystery;”**  
**1 Cor. 15:51**

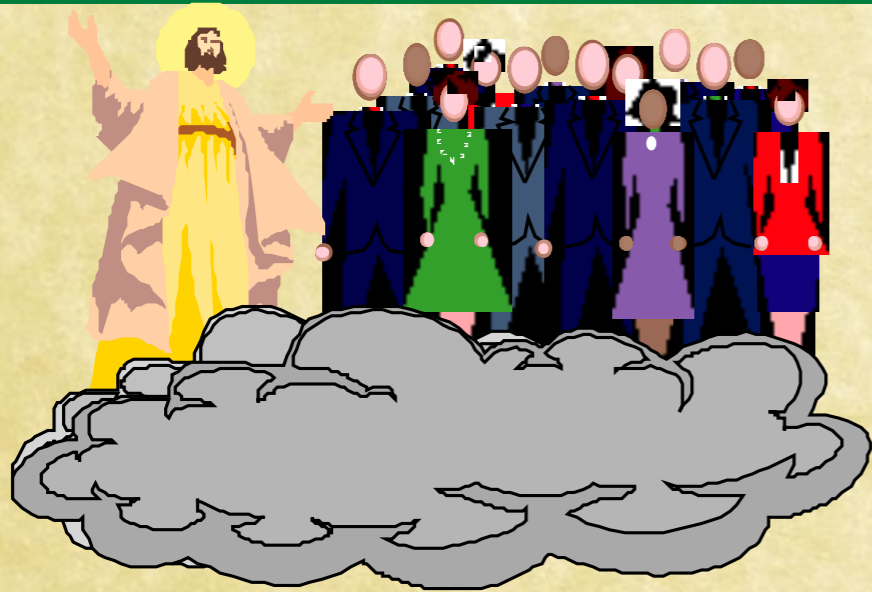
## Second Coming Established Kingdom



1. **Predicted often in the Old Testament; it is not a mystery. It is mentioned in both OT & NT.**

# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

## Rapture



**2. No prophecies, or signs must be fulfilled before the Rapture;  
1 Cor. 15:50–53;  
1 Thess. 4:16**

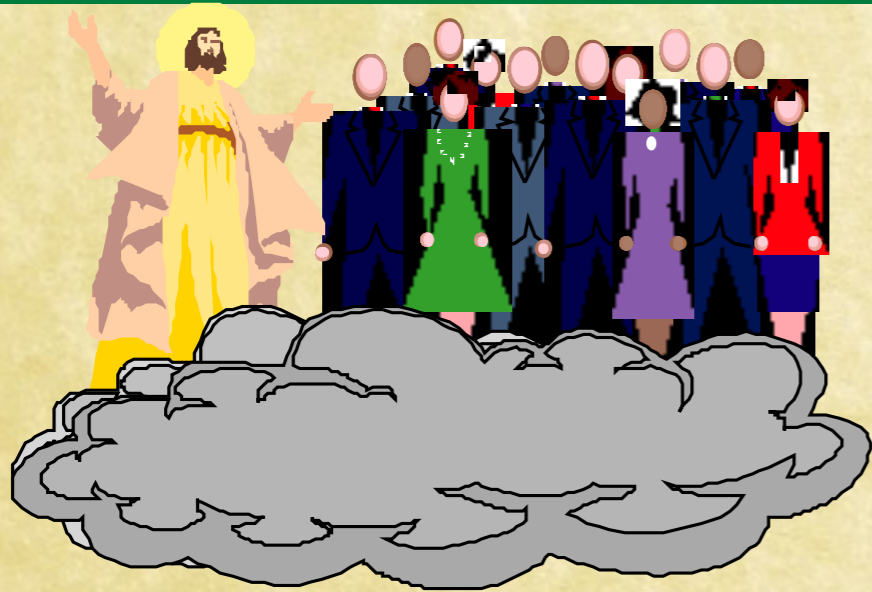
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**2. Follows many, definite, predicted signs, including the 7-year Tribulation;  
Matt. 24:4–31**

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**3. It is imminent,  
“at any  
moment;”  
1 Cor. 1:7;  
James 5:8**

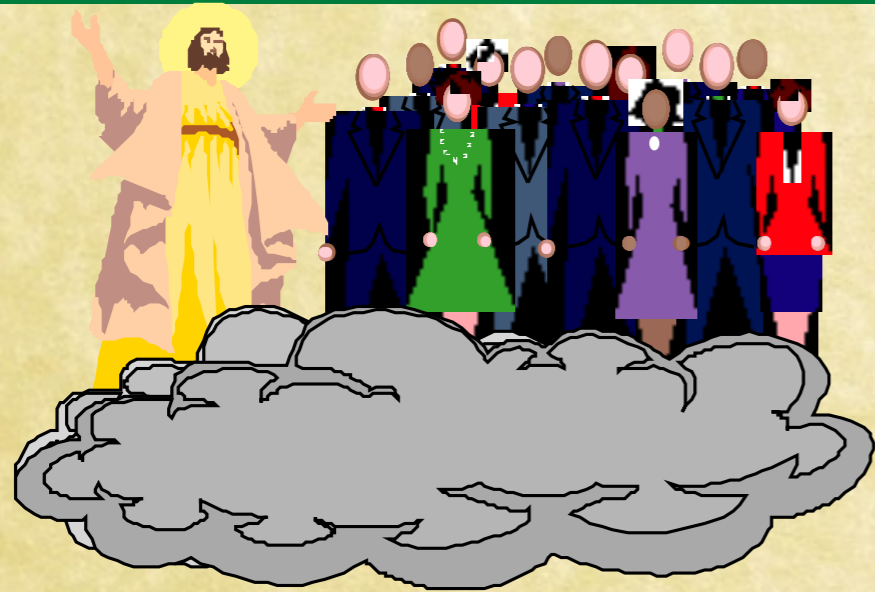
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**3. Not imminent;  
takes place at  
the end of the  
Tribulation;  
Matt. 24:29–31**

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## Rapture



**4. Heralded by a shout, the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God;  
1 Thess. 4:16**

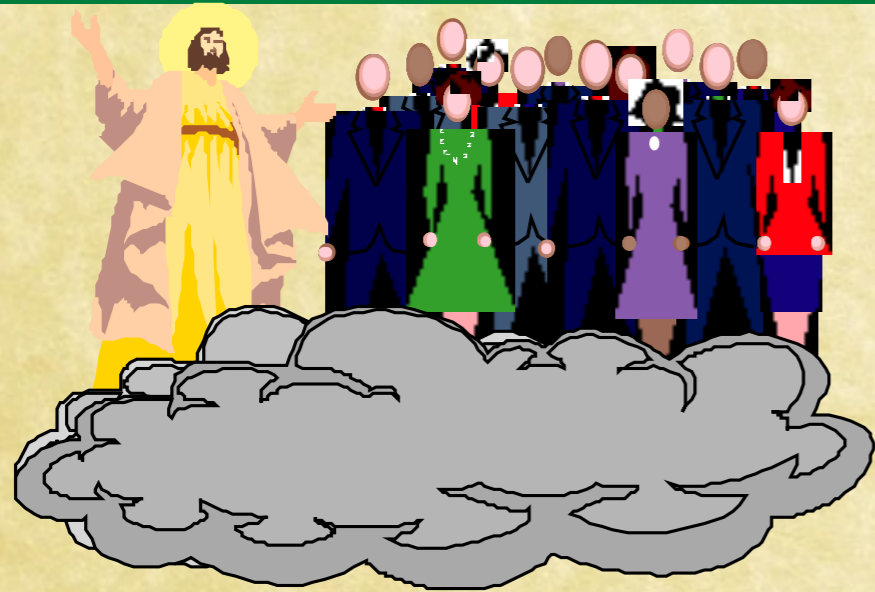
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**4. Multitudes of saints and angels return with Christ;  
Matt. 25:31;  
Rev. 19:14**

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## Rapture



**5. Before the  
day of wrath**

## Second Coming Established Kingdom

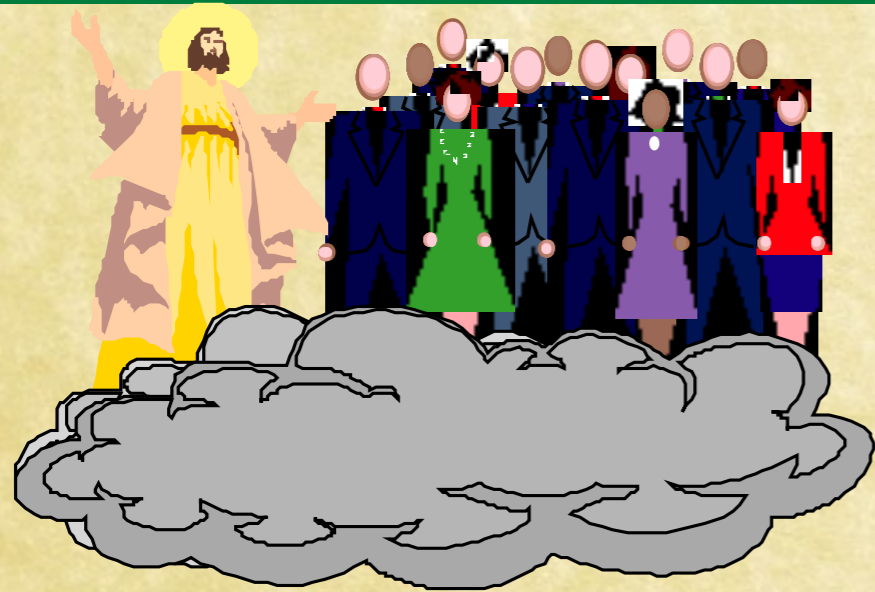


**5. Concluding  
the day of  
wrath**



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## Rapture



**6. Christ  
comes in the  
*air***

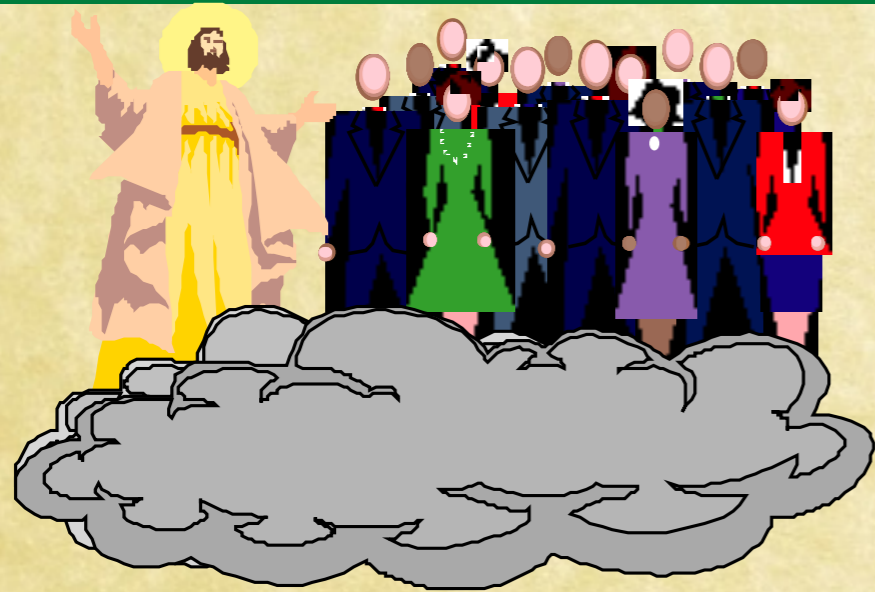
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**6. Christ comes  
to the *earth***

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**7. Christ  
comes *for*  
His own**

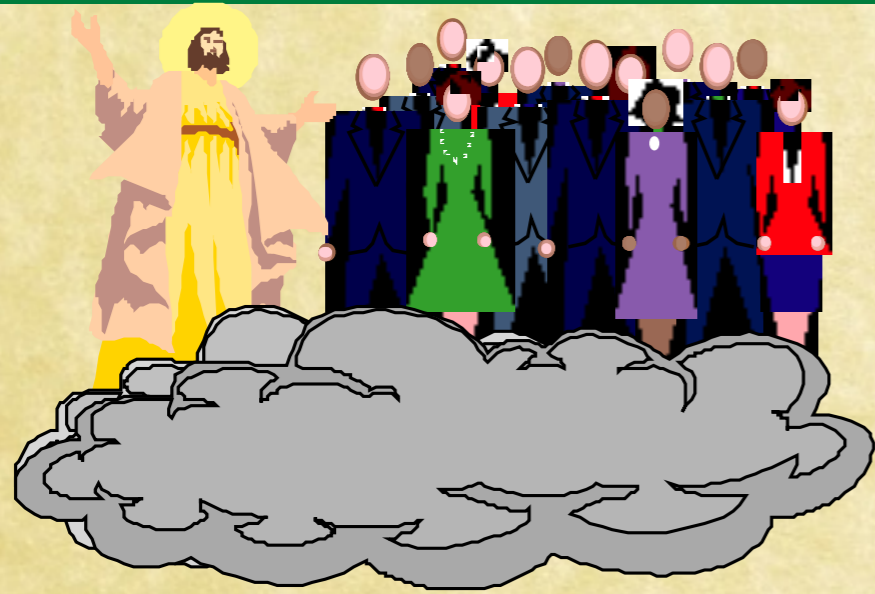
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**7. Christ comes  
*with* His own**

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**8. Believers  
only**

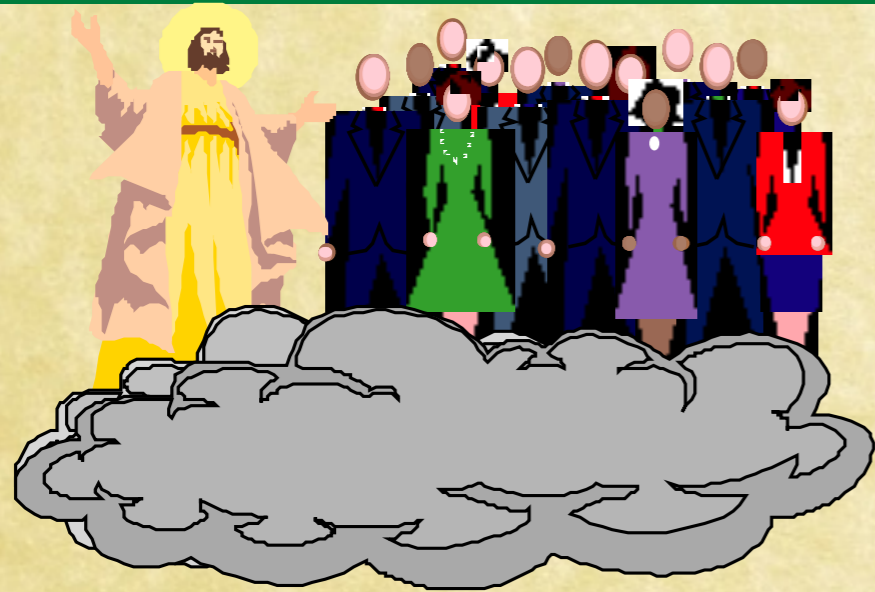
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**8. Affects all  
mankind**

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**9. Translation  
of all  
believers**

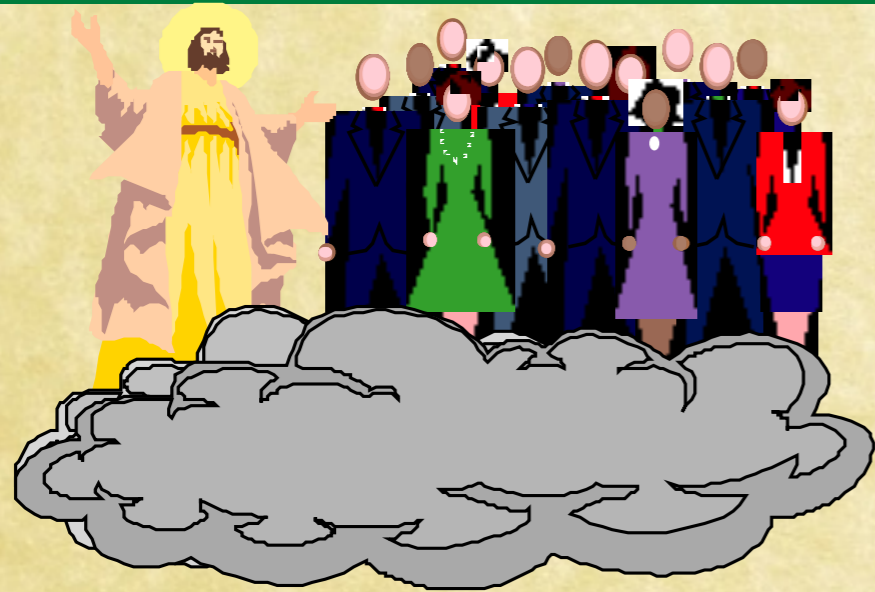
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**9. No translation  
at all**

# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

## Rapture



**10. Translated  
saints go to  
heaven;  
John 14:2–3**

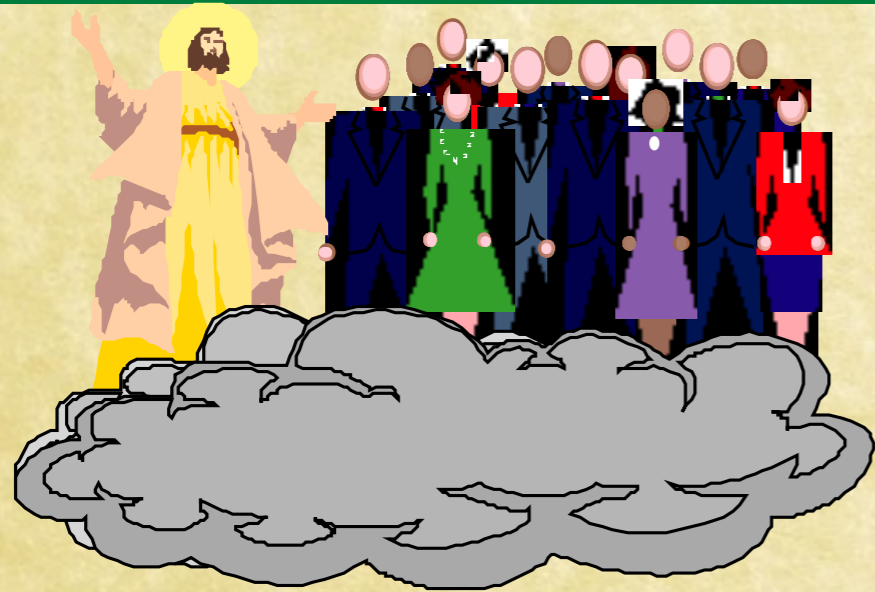
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**10. Translated  
saints  
return to  
earth;  
Matt. 25:34**

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**11. Christians receive a glorified body; 1 Cor. 15:50–53**

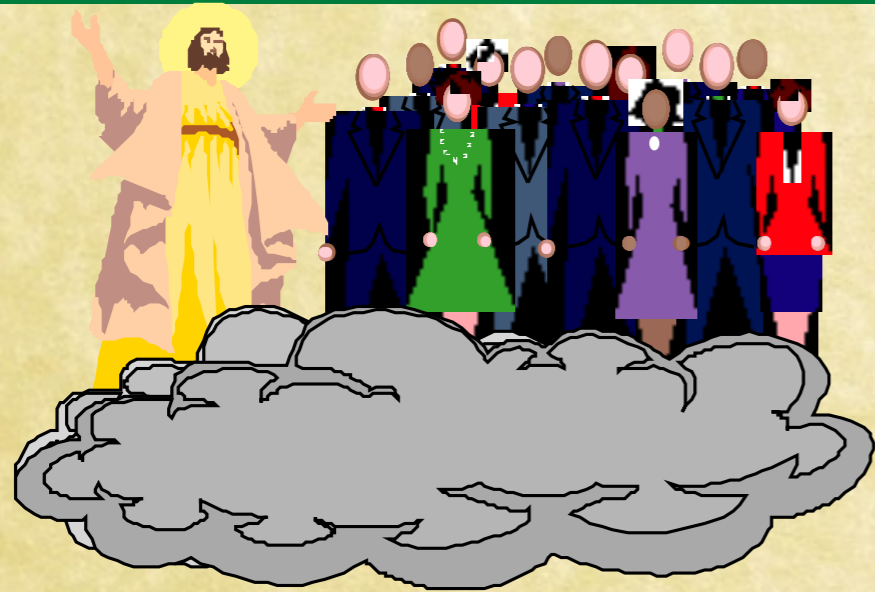
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**11. Believing survivors remain in their mortal bodies to enter the Kingdom; Isa. 65:20; Matt. 25:31–34**

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**12. No divine judgments on the earth**

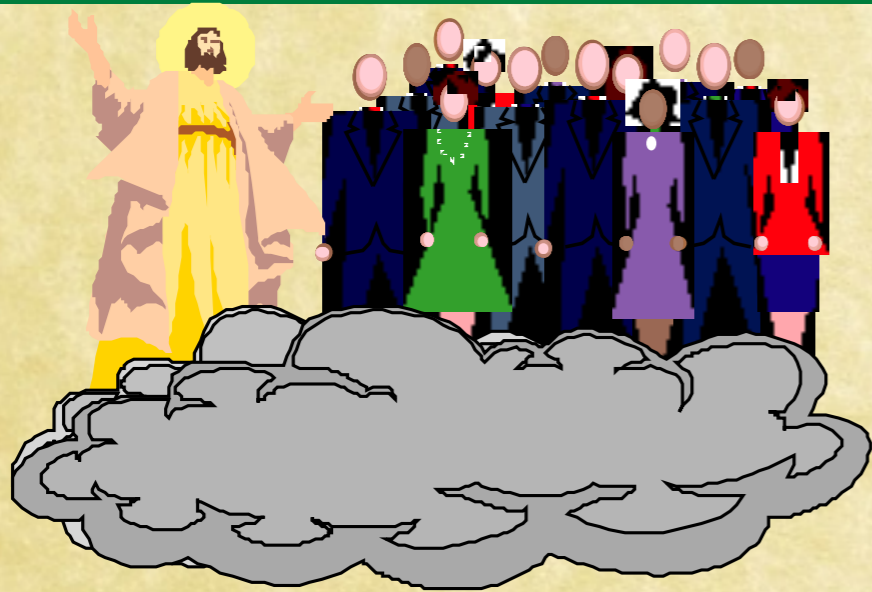
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**12. Earth is judged (Rev. 6–19) and righteousness established**

# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

## Rapture



**13. Church Age  
believers  
evaluated at the  
Judgment Seat  
of Christ;  
1 Cor. 3:11–15**

## Second Coming Established Kingdom

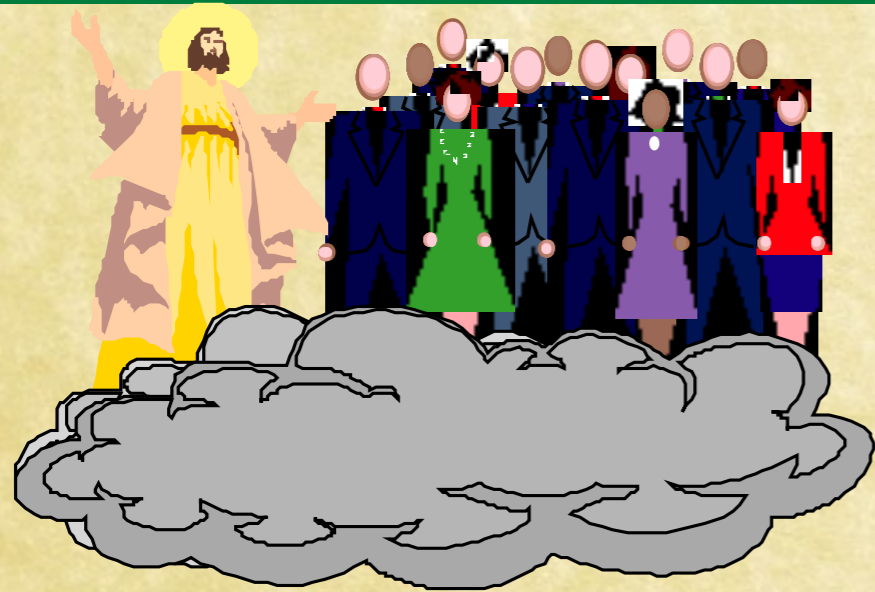


**13. The nations  
(Gentiles) are  
judged following  
the Tribulation;  
Joel 3:2ff;  
Matt. 25:32**



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## Rapture



**14. Christ  
claims His  
bride;  
Rev. 19:7–9**

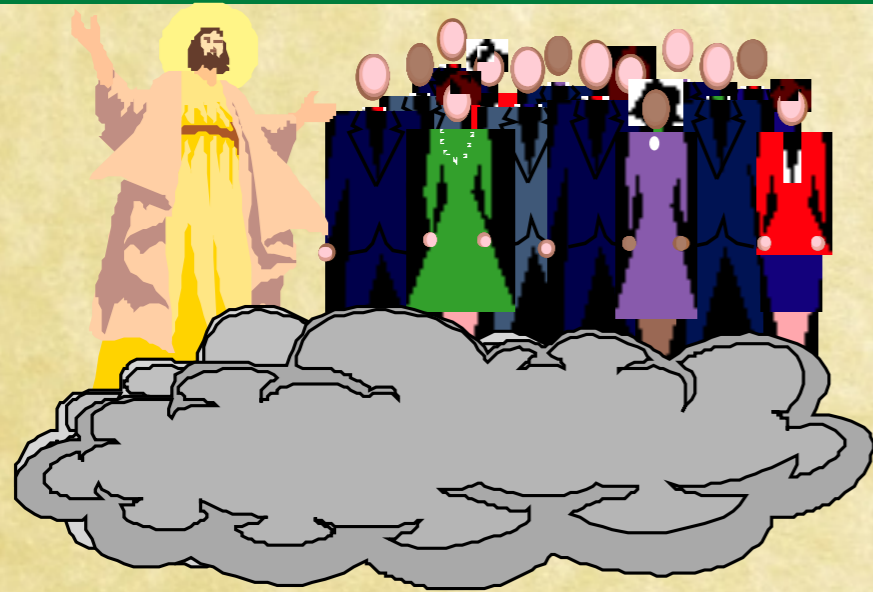
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**14. Christ  
comes with  
His bride**

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**15. No reference to Satan**

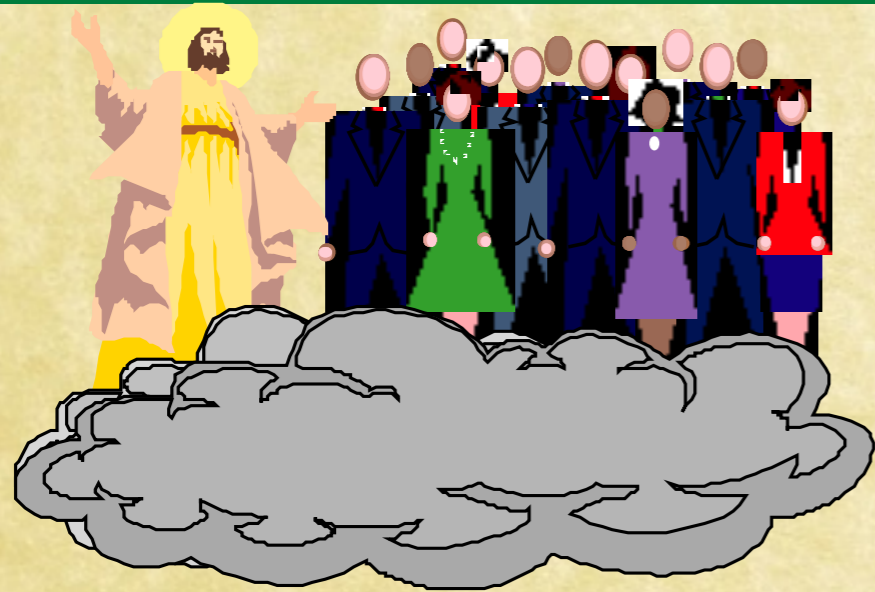
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**15. Satan bound for 1,000 years;  
Rev. 20:1–3**

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**16. Only His  
own see  
Him**

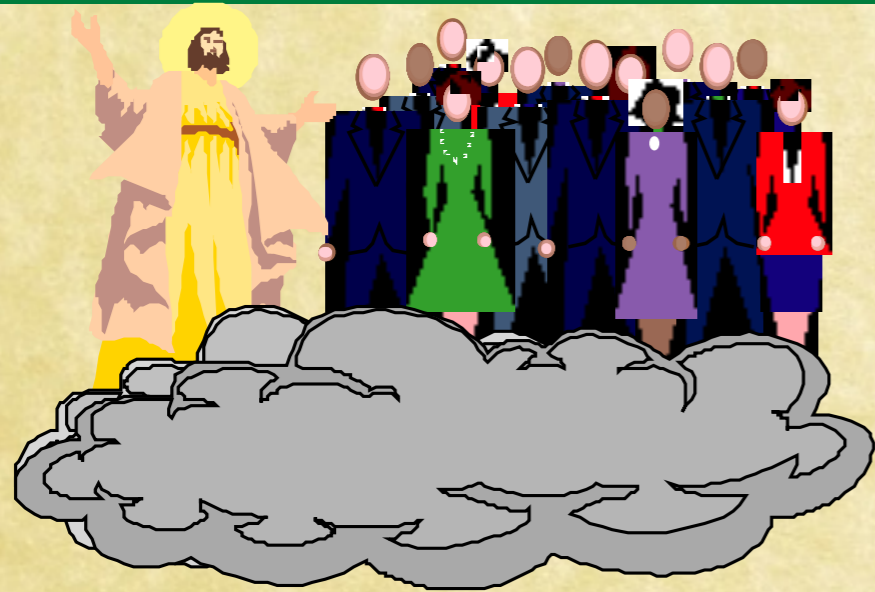
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**16. Every eye  
shall see  
Him**

# RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

## Rapture



**17. Tribulation  
begins**

## Second Coming Established Kingdom



**17. Messianic  
Kingdom  
begins**