

The Second Coming

the “parousía”

1 Thessalonians 4

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who have died, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have already died knowing him.

*15 According to the word of the Lord,
we tell you that we who are still alive,
who are left until **the coming of the Lord**,
will certainly not precede those who have
already died.*

*16 For the Lord himself **will come down**
from heaven, with a loud command, with
the voice of the archangel and with the
trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ
will rise first.*

*17 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.

18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- the “coming” or “appearing” (parousía)
- the “rapture” or “being taken”
- the Great Tribulation

When is the rapture going to happen?

WHEN will the rapture happen?

- pre tribulation rapture
- mid-tribulation rapture
- post tribulation rapture

The Millennial reign

Revelation 19-20

Christ will reign on the earth for 1,000 yrs.

The Millennial reign

- pre-millennialism
- post-millennialism
- amillennialism

Jewish Apocalypticism

The Divided Kingdom:

The Northern Kingdom of Israel

The Southern Kingdom of Judah

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The Northern Kingdom of Israel

- defeated by the Assyrians cir. 722 BC

Jewish Apocalypticism

The Southern Kingdom of Judah

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BC

- Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel,

Habakkuk

During the captivity:

*6 Then they gathered around him and asked,
“Lord, are you at this time
going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

7 He said to them:

*“It is **not for you to know** the times or
dates the Father has set by his own
authority.”*

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky?

*This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

- Acts 1:6-11

5:1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,

*2 for you know very well that
the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night.*

*3 While people are saying,
"Peace and safety," destruction will come on
them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant
woman, and they will not escape.*

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