

## **What is the Rapture?**

- 1. An important doctrine**
- 2. Distinct from the Second Advent (see table)**
- 3. Catching away of all living believers (1 Thess 4:17)**
- 4. Reunion (1 Thess 4:14-16)**
- 5. Resurrection (1 Cor 15:50-54)**
- 6. Exemption from death (1 Cor 15:51, 54-56)**
- 7. Instantaneous (1 Cor 15:52)**
- 8. Mystery (1 Cor 15:51)**
- 9. Imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)**
- 10. Traditional doctrine now being recovered**

# Distinctions Between Rapture and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

<b>RAPTURE</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58)	<b>SECOND COMING</b> (Revelation 19:11-16)
<b>Christ comes in the air</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	<b>Christ comes to the earth</b> (Zechariah 14:4)
<b>For His saints</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17)	<b>With His saints</b> (Revelation 19:14, 17:14)
<b>Blessing</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:18; Titus 2:13; 2 Timothy 4:8)	<b>Judgment</b> (Rev 19:15; Jude 15)
<b>Effects only believers</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17)	<b>Effects both believers &amp; unbelievers</b> (Rev 19:14, 15)
<b>Invisible</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:16)	<b>Visible to all</b> (Revelation 1:7)
<b>Announced only by an archangel</b> (1 Thessalonians 4:16)	<b>Involves myriads of angels</b> (Jude 14)
<b>Resurrection</b> (1 Cor 15: 51)	<b>No resurrection; living believers remain mortal during Millennium</b> (Resurrection of OT saints and Tribulation martyrs occurs at beginning of Millennium, Daniel 12:2; Rev 20:4)
<b>Rescue of the Church</b> (1 Thessalonians 1:10)	<b>Rescue of Israel</b> (Matthew 23:37-39; 24: 22, 31; Zechariah 12:10; Rev 1:7)
<b>The world remains unjudged</b>	<b>The world is judged</b> (Matthew 25:31-46)
<b>Can happen at any moment</b> (1Cor 15:51; 1 Thessalonians 4:15)	<b>Many signs must occur 1st</b> (Matthew 24:4-31)
<b>The devil continues his evil reign</b> (2 Thess 2:7-8; Revelation 6-18)	<b>The devil is cast into the Abyss</b> (Revelation 20:1-3)

## "The Rapture and John 14"

By Thomas Ice

Evidence that Jesus is introducing Rapture teaching in John 14:1-3, and the Apostle Paul further explains the teaching in the central rapture passage, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

<https://www.pre-trib.org/pretribfiles/pdfs/Ice-TheRaptureAndJohn14.pdf>

# RAPTURE PARALLELS

<b>John 14:1-3</b>	<b>1 Thess 4:13-18</b>
troubled (v1)	grieve (v13)
Believe (v1)	believe (v14)
God, me (v1)	Jesus, God (v14)
told you (v2)	tell you (v15)
come back (v3)	coming of the Lord (v15)
take you (v3)	caught up (v17)
to be with me (v3)	to meet the Lord (v17)
be where I am (v3)	be with the Lord (v17)

Adapted from J.B. Smith, A Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary on the Book of Revelation, 311-313

# 10 REASONS FOR A PHYSICAL DEPARTURE, *apostasia* (2 Thess 2:3a)

Adapted from [www.slbc.org](http://www.slbc.org)

<b>1. Doctrinal departures are not new</b>	Acts 20:29-31, 2 Tim 1:15; 1 John 4:3; Rev 2:4-5; church history (e.g. Martin Luther's 95 Theses, etc.)
<b>2. 2 Thessalonians was an early letter (51 AD)</b>	Paul did not address doctrinal departures until his later letters (1 & 2 Timothy in the 60s AD).
<b>3. The definite article before <i>Apostasia</i></b>	"The" <i>apostasia</i> , implies an event. A doctrinal departure is gradual. A physical departure is instantaneous.
<b>4. <i>Apostasia</i> (noun) can mean physical departure</b>	Is not a "technical" word; doesn't always mean the same thing. Example, English word "run".
<b>5. <i>Aphistēmi</i> (verb) can mean physical departure</b>	<i>Aphistēmi</i> is the verb form of the noun <i>apostasia</i> .
<b>6. The definite article before <i>Apostasia</i></b>	"The" <i>apostasia</i> , implies an event. A doctrinal departure is gradual. A physical departure is instantaneous.
<b>7. Immediate context</b>	Why were the Thessalonians "unsettled"? v2 They thought they missed the gathering with the Lord Jesus and were in the day of the LORD (Tribulation).
<b>8. Extended context</b>	"restrainer" removed (v6, 7)→physical departure (v3a)→gathering together with the Lord (v1)→man of lawlessness (Antichrist) revealed (v3b)
<b>9. Early Bible translations favor physical departure</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> seven English translations translated <i>apostasia</i> as "departure" or "departing". Rheims (1576) change to "Protestant Revolt". "KJV (1611) changed to "falling away".  <a href="https://www.pre-trib.org/articles/all-articles/message/the-departure-in-2-thessalonians-2-3/read">https://www.pre-trib.org/articles/all-articles/message/the-departure-in-2-thessalonians-2-3/read</a>
<b>10. Physical departure is held by credible scholars</b>	J. Dwight Pentecost, Henry Morris, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Tim LaHaye, Thomas Ice, Don Stewart, J. Vernon McGee, Jimmy DeYoung, others

For further study: Dr. Andy Woods, [The Falling Away: Spiritual Departure or Physical Departure? A Second Look at 2 Thessalonians 2:3](#), 2018

## Prophecy Teachers and Current Events

### **1. Multiple teachers and resources**

<https://hischannel.com/>

### **2. Pastor Jack Hibbs**

<https://jackhibbs.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/RealLifeJackHibbs>

### **3. Pastor Tom Hughes**

<https://hopeforourtimes.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HopeForOurTimes>

<https://rumble.com/c/HopeForOurTimes>

### **4. Pastor Mark Hitchcock**

<http://marklhitchcock.com/>

### **5. Dr. Ed Hindson**

<https://www.thekingiscoming.com/>

### **6. Jan Markel w/ multiple teachers**

<https://olivetreeviews.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OliveTreeMinistries>

<https://rumble.com/c/OliveTreeMinistries>

Understanding the Times Radio show on 102.7 The Word, Saturdays at Noon

### **7. Dr. Andy Woods**

<https://www.andywoodsministries.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/AndyWoodsBibleStudy/featured>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/dr-andy-woods-pastors-point-of-view/id1582860170>

<https://rumble.com/c/AndyWoodsMinistries>

## **8. Amir Tsarfati**

<https://beholdisrael.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/beholdisrael>

## **9. Jeff Kinley and Todd Hampson**

<https://prophecyprospodcast.com/>

<https://jeffkinley.com/>

## **10. Multiple teachers**

<https://christinprophecy.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristInProphecy>

## **11. Pastor JD Farag**

<https://www.jdfarag.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/JDFaragTV>

## **12. Pastor Barry Stagner**

<https://barrystagner.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheTruthAboutGodBarryStagner>

## **13. Pastor Billy Crone**

<https://www.getlifemedia.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/NFBCmedia>

## **14. Brannon Howse**

<https://www.worldviewweekend.com/profile/brannon-howse>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BrannonHowseWVW>

## **15. Pastor Brandon Holthaus**

<https://rockharborchurch.net/>

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdA4HayWYiiqIp\\_xyjZYnMw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdA4HayWYiiqIp_xyjZYnMw)

<https://rumble.com/user/RHCBakersfield>