

# Jesus Will Return!

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## What are the differences between the Rapture & the Second Coming?

### **The Rapture** (Jn. 14; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Th. 4)

- No hint of judgment
- No warning signs precede
- Focus on the Rapture of living believers
- Includes Resurrection of dead believers
- Before the Tribulation
- Christ comes in the air
- For His saints
- To take the saints to heaven

### **The Second Coming**

- Emphasis on Judgment
- Dramatic signs precede
- No mention of Rapture of living believers
- No mention of Resurrection of dead believers
- After the Tribulation
- Christ returns to the earth
- With His saints
- To defeat His enemies and to establish His kingdom

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- 1) The Beginning of Birth Pangs (5-13)
  - From Christ's Ascension to midpoint of the 7-year Tribulation.
  - A. False Christs, Prophets, and Predictions (5-6)
  - B. War (7-8a)
  - C. Natural Disasters (8b-c)
  - D. Intense Persecution (9-13)
  - E. The Global Gospel (10)

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- 2) The Great Tribulation (14-23)
  - From midpoint of the Tribulation until the 2nd coming (3 ½ yrs.).
  - A. Initiated by the Abomination of Desolation (14a)
  - B. Marked by the Persecution of Israel (14b-18)
  - C. Described as a Time of Unparalleled Tribulation (19)
  - D. Shortened for the Elect (20)
  - E. Filled with Spiritual Deception (21-22)
- 3) The Second Coming (24-27)

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## The Second Coming (24-27)

- I. The Timing (24a)
- II. The Signs (24b-25)
  - A. The Sun Will Be Darkened (24b)
  - B. The Moon Will Be Darkened (24c)
  - C. The Stars Will Fall (25a)
    - Cf. Rev. 6:13; 8:8-9; 8:10-11
  - D. The Powers of Heaven Will Be Shaken (25b)
    - Cf. Rev. 8:13; 16:8-9; 16:10-11
- III. Jesus' Appearance (26)!
- IV. Jesus' Priority (27)

## Ramifications of the Second Coming...

- If you are **not** a Christian, it should remind you of the future judgment and drive you to Christ.
  - Matt. 16:27 – "The Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS."
  - Heb. 9:27 – "It is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment."

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If you are a Christian, it...

- 1) Should encourage personal holiness (1 Jn. 3:1-2).
- 2) Should remind you of Jesus' love (Mk. 13:27).
- 3) Should motivate you to faithfulness (Mk. 13:33-37).
  - a) Keep watching.
  - b) Keep working.