

Contrasts: Rapture/Second Coming versus Single Coming

THE RAPTURE (Pretribulation view)	Single Coming both with and for the Saints (Postribulation view)
1. Christ coming for His saints to take them to the Father's house in heaven, while returning with the saints to set up His earthly kingdom after the tribulation.	Single coming with Christ coming with and for His saints in one coming.
2. Living saints are translated into resurrected bodies	No saints are translated at the second coming
3. Saints go to heaven with Christ.	Saints remain on earth with Christ without translation.
4. At the rapture, the world is unchanged and unjudged, and continues in sin.	At the second coming the world is judged and righteousness is established on earth.
5. The rapture of the church is a deliverance from the day of wrath which follows.	The second coming is the deliverance of those who have believed in Christ during the time of trouble and have survived.
6. The rapture is an event which is imminent—could occur at any moment.	Second coming is preceded by many signs and events—7-1/2 years.

Contrasts: Rapture/Second Coming versus Single Coming (con't)

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7. The rapture of the saints is a truth revealed only in the NT.	Christ's second coming to earth after events preceding and following is a prominent doctrine in both OT and NT.
8. The rapture relates only to those who are saved.	Second coming deals with both saved and unsaved.
9. At the rapture, Satan is not bound but is very active	At the second coming, Satan is bound and rendered inactive.
10. As presented in the NT, no unfulfilled prophecy is standing between the church and the rapture.	Signs must be fulfilled before Christ's second coming.
11. No mention in OT or NT of living saints being translated at Christ's return	No translation of living saints at Christ's second coming.
12.	No adequate place for an event like the rapture. Believers and unbelievers are still intermingled at the time of judgment at the second coming.
13.	Christ's coming to set up His kingdom with events that precede and follow make it clear that these events do not relate to the church but rather to Israel and Gentile believers and unbelievers.