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DISCLAIMER

In discussing END TIMES prophecy, **scholarly and popular commentaries disagree significantly on Christian end times**, primarily regarding the timing of events like the Rapture and the Second coming. Commentaries also differ on **whether biblical prophecies are literal or symbolic**, with some arguing for metaphorical language to convey meaning rather than exact predictions.

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DISCLAIMER

Some biblical passages are **open to various interpretations, and the lack of clear definitive answers** to every detail of prophecy can lead to **differing views**.

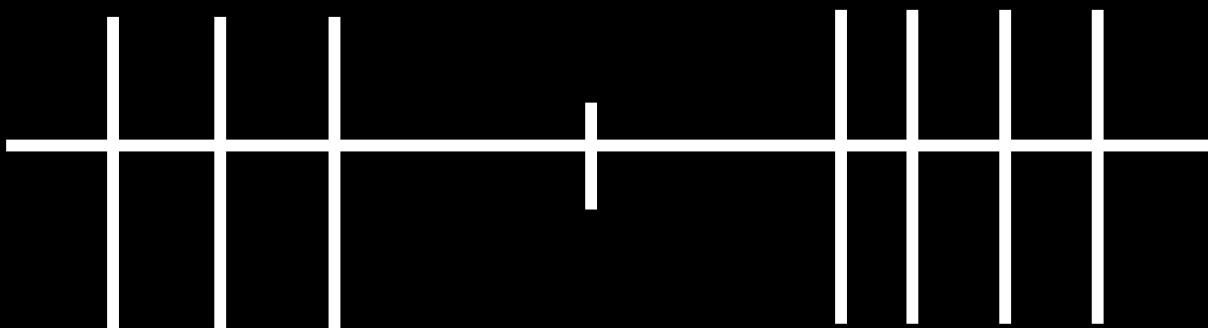
Despite the disagreements, most Christian viewpoints agree **that Christ will one day return and that God's kingdom will be fulfilled**.

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Understanding the Chronological Order of the timeline..

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END TIMES
7 Events



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The RECAP

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7 END TIMES EVENTS

- **Church Age** (the “current” place for teaching/training/preparing believers)
- **Rapture** (God “snatching” the church before his wrath)
- **Great Tribulation** (a period of intense suffering for those left behind)
- **Second Coming** (Jesus returning to earth for humanity)
- **1000 Year Reign** (period where God will reign with his followers on earth)
- **Final Judgement** (the end where all humanity will be judged)
- **Eternal State** (the permanent, final, unchanging state of man)

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7 TRUTHS ABOUT END TIME PROPHECY

- **Jesus is coming back** ([Matthew 24:30-31/John 14:1-6](#))
- **Let no one deceive you** ([Matthew 24:4](#))
- **There are no signs for the rapture** ([Matthew 24:6](#))
- **Live right now** ([2 Peter 3:10-13](#))
- **The Antichrist** ([Daniel 9:27; Revelation 13; 1 John 2](#))
- **The beginning of sorrow** ([Matthew 24:7-8](#))
- **The Abomination of Desolation** ([Matthew 24:15](#))

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7 BOOKS THAT DESCRIBE END TIME PROPHECY

- **Revelation:** describes the final warning, the great tribulation, the second coming; the final state.
- **Daniel:** describes future events, the antichrist; the breakdown of the 7 years of the great tribulation.
- **Matthew:** Jesus describes signs of the Second Coming, such as wars, famines, earthquakes, and the abomination of desolation.
- **2 Peter:** describes the Day of the Lord; Second Coming and the time of wrath
- **Isaiah:** This book contains prophecies about the first coming of Jesus, the Second Coming, the Antichrist, and signs in the heavens.
- **1 Thessalonians :** describes the Rapture and details for the dead in Christ.
- **Acts:** describes Jesus ascension and ultimately how he will return.

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7 DISPENSATIONS

(How God interacts with Humanity)

- Dispensation of **Innocence** (Adam & Eve)
- Dispensation of **Conscience** (sin choice)
- Dispensation of **Human Government** (Noah)
- Dispensation of **Promise** (Abraham)
- Dispensation of **Law** (Moses)
- Dispensation of **Grace** (Jesus Christ)
- Dispensation of **Millennial Kingdom**

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7 CHURCHES

- Church of Ephesus (**loveless church**)
- Church of Smyrna (**faithless church**)
- Church of Pergamum (**compromising church**)
- Church of Thyatira (**intolerant church**)
- Church of Sardis (**non-changing church**)
- Church of Philadelphia (**powerless church**)
- Church of Laodicea (**lukewarm**)

(Thy-a-ti-ra)

(Lay-o-de-ce-a)

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The Revelation of SEVEN

- 7 Lampstands (the light of the churches)
- 7 Churches (believers in Asia)
- 7 Letters (the message Jesus gave each church)
- 7 Stars (the angels/pastors/leaders of the churches)
- 7 Spirits (the main issue associated with each church)
- 7 Seals
- 7 Trumpets
- 7 Bowls

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The RAPTURE RECAP

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RAPTURE

The Greek word for "rapture" is harpazo means "**to snatch away**". The rapture is God's rescue plan for the church.

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RAPTURE

The rapture is a **CORE, SIGNATURE** benefit of our faith.

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Lifeway Research

Nine in 10 Americans who attend a religious service at least monthly (90%) say they believe the biblical accounts of Jesus' resurrection.

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Christians Broadcast Network (CBN)

55% of Christians believe Jesus will return to earth to rapture the church.

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Why the disconnect between the **RESURRECTION** and **RAPTURE?**

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Pew Research Center

40% of Christians believe
in a literal rapture, where
Jesus returns in the
clouds for the church.

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Christians Broadcast Network (CBN)

64% of Christians
do not believe they would
"ascend to heaven" if the
rapture occurred.

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Christians Broadcast Network (CBN)

36% of protestant
pastors believe the
rapture is not a literal
event.

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Why the disconnect between the **RESURRECTION** and **RAPTURE?**

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FAITH
RESPONSIBILITY

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2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



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2 Peter 3:9 (ETR)

9 The Lord is not being slow in doing what he promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He doesn't want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change their ways and stop sinning.



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RESURRECTION equals RAPTURE

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1 Corinthians 15:19-21 (ETR)

19 If our hope in Christ is only for this life here on earth, then people should feel more sorry for us than for anyone else. 20 But Christ really has been raised from death—the first one of all those who will be raised. 21 Death comes to people because of what one man did. But now there is resurrection from death because of another man.

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1 Corinthians 15:22-24 (ETR)

22 I mean that in Adam all of us die. And in the same way, in Christ all of us will be made alive again. 23 But everyone will be raised to life in the right order. Christ was first to be raised. Then, when Christ comes again, those who belong to him will be raised to life. 24 Then the end will come. Christ will destroy all rulers, authorities, and powers. Then he will give the kingdom to God the Father.

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7 Truths associated with the RAPTURE

- Sky/Clouds/Heaven
- Trumpet/Sound/Voice
- God's Decision (who/what/when/where)
- Angel (s)
- Immediate Departure
- Event for the Righteous
- You are conscience of the event

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JESUS

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Acts 1:8-9 (ETR)

8 But the Holy Spirit will come on you and give you power. You will be my witnesses. You will tell people everywhere about me—in Jerusalem, in the rest of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world.” 9 After Jesus said this, he was lifted up into the sky. While they were watching, he went into a cloud, and they could not see him.

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Acts 1:10-11 (ETR)

10 They were staring into the sky where he had gone. Suddenly two men wearing white clothes were standing beside them. 11 They said, “Men from Galilee, why are you standing here looking into the sky? You saw Jesus carried away from you into heaven. He will come back in the same way you saw him go.”

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JOHN

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Revelation 4:1-2 (ETR)

Then I looked, and there before me was an open door in heaven. And I heard the same voice that spoke to me before. It was the voice that sounded like a trumpet. It said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this.” 2 Immediately the Spirit took control of me, and there in heaven was a throne with someone sitting on it.

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Enoch

Genesis 5:24 (ETR)

24 One day Enoch was walking with God, and he disappeared. God took him.



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Hebrews 11:5 (ETR)

5 Enoch was carried away from this earth, so he never died. The Scriptures tell us that before he was carried off, he was a man who pleased God. Later, no one knew where he was, because God had taken Enoch to be with him. This all happened because he had faith.



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Elijah

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2 Kings 2:1-2 (ETR)

It was near the time for the Lord to take Elijah by a whirlwind up into heaven. Elijah and Elisha started to leave Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, because the Lord told me to go to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “I promise, as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two men went down to Bethel.

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2 Kings 2:8-9 (ETR)

8 Elijah took off his coat, folded it, and hit the water with it. The water separated to the right and to the left. Then Elijah and Elisha crossed the river on dry ground. 9 After they crossed the river, Elijah said to Elisha, “What do you want me to do for you before God takes me away from you?” And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.



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2 Kings 2:1-2 (ETR)

11 Elijah and Elisha were walking and talking together. Suddenly, some horses and a chariot came and separated Elijah from Elisha. The horses and the chariot were like fire. Then Elijah was carried up into heaven in a whirlwind.



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2 Witnesses

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Revelation 11:3-5 (ETR)

3 And I will give power to my two witnesses. And they will prophesy for 1260 days. They will be dressed in sackcloth.” 4 These two witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 If anyone tries to hurt the witnesses, fire comes from the mouths of the witnesses and kills their enemies. Anyone who tries to hurt them will die like this.



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Revelation 11:7 (ETR)

7 When the two witnesses have finished telling their message, the beast will fight against them. This is the beast that comes up from the bottomless pit. It will defeat and kill them.



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Revelation 11:11-12 (ETR)

11 But after three and a half days, God let life enter the two witnesses again. They stood on their feet. All those who saw them were filled with fear. 12 Then the two witnesses heard a loud voice from heaven say, “Come up here!” And both of them went up into heaven in a cloud. Their enemies watched them go.



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BELIEVERS

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1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



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Difference between
**RAPTURE & SECOND
COMING**

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Pew Research Center

**41% of Christians believe
the rapture and second
coming are the same
event.**

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**At the rapture, believers meet
the Lord in the air.
At the second coming,
believers return with the Lord to
the earth**

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1 Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.



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Revelation 19:13-14

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.



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The rapture is the removal of believers from the earth as an act of deliverance.

The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment.

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1 Thessalonians 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:



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Revelations 20:12-13

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

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Revelations 20:14-15

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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The rapture
Jesus will return in the air.

The second coming
Jesus will return on a horse.

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1 Thessalonians 4:17

17 Then we which are alive and
remain **shall be caught up together**
with them in the clouds, to meet the
Lord in the air: and so shall we ever
be with the Lord.



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Revelation 19:11

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.



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