

Distinctions between the Rapture and the Second Coming

RAPTURE	SECOND COMING
Christ comes above the earth for His own	Christ comes to the earth with His own
Resurrected church-age believers go to heaven	Glorified church-age believers return to earth with Christ
Christians taken to the Father's house in heaven	Christians come with Christ to establish an earthly kingdom
No judgment of the inhabitants on the earth	Christ judges the inhabitants of the earth
Imminent – could happen at any moment	Will not occur until other known events have transpired
Time of joy and reward for believers only	Time of mourning and judgment for earthly humanity
Occurs before the “day of wrath” (Tribulation)	Occurs after the Tribulation (Daniel's 70th week)
Satan remains active in the world	Satan bound for 1000 years
Only Christ's own will see Him	Every eye will see Him
The Tribulation will shortly begin	The Millennial Kingdom begins
Not predicted in the Old Testament	Clearly predicted in detail in the Old Testament