

The Second Coming and “The Rapture”

1 Thess. 4:13-18

Introduction:

- A. “Rapture” bumper stickers.
- B. “Rapture” in excitement.

Discussion:

I. Jesus Is Coming Again.

- A. Subject of early speculation.
 - 1. Thessalonians thought it was at hand (2 Thess. 2:1-4).
 - 2. Scoffers questioned it (2 Pet 3:3-10).
- B. Subject plainly taught.
 - 1. Jesus gave his word (John 14:1-3).
 - 2. Angels gave their word (Acts 1:10-11).
 - 3. Apostles gave their word (1 Cor. 1:7; 2 Pet. 3)

II. Jesus’ Coming and “The Rapture,” “The Great Tribulation,” and “The Millennium.”

- A. 1 Thess 4:13-18 and “The Rapture.”
- B. Matt. 24:1-35 and “The Great Tribulation”
- C. Rev. 20:1-10 and “The Millennium” – Note that this passage does not mention:
 - 1. The Second Coming.
 - 2. A bodily resurrection
 - 3. A reign of Christ on earth.
 - 4. The literal throne of David.
 - 5. Jerusalem
 - 6. Conversion of the Jews.
 - 7. The church on earth.

III. Jesus’ is coming to:

- A. Raise all the dead (John 5:28,29).
- B. Destroy the world (2 Pet. 3:10).
- C. Judge the world (Acts 17:30; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
- D. Deliver up - set up his kingdom (1 Cor. 15:24).

Conclusion:

- A. “Are you ready for that day?”