

THE END TIMES, Part 7

Matthew 24:29-47

THE RAPTURE, continued

*"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"*

I. Introduction

II. Other passages that support a Pre-tribulational Rapture.

A. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

B. Luke 21:36

III. Another objection to a Pre-Trib rapture that some of the Post-Tribbers like to bring up.

A. If the Rapture is Pre-Trib, then this adds up to three comings of Christ and not just two.

B. Things are not always as they appear.

C. In the case of Biblical truth, this concept can sometimes be true as well.

D. The NT seems to reveal the Second Coming in 2 stages.

THE TWO STAGES OF THE SECOND COMING CONTRASTED

COMING AT THE RAPTURE	COMING TO THE EARTH
1. We meet Him in the air.	1. He comes to the earth.
2. Christians are caught up.	2. No catching up of Christians is mentioned.
3. We return with Christ to heaven.	3. Christ remains on the earth as King.
4. No mention of judgment and sin seems to continue	4. Sin is judged and righteousness fills the earth.
5. The Rapture comes before the wrath of God.	5. Jesus comes to earth after the wrath of God.
6. The Rapture is only taught in the New Testament.	6. Jesus' coming to the earth is taught in both Testaments.
7. The Rapture involves only the saved.	7. Jesus' coming to the earth involves both the saved and the unsaved as well as Satan and the Antichrist.

E. The coming at the Rapture is the event that no one knows the day or the hour of.

F. Matthew 24:29-31

G. Matthew 24:36-44 - Jesus changes His focus.

IV. Conclusion: Verses 42-44 - - Watch and Be Ready