

# Countdown to Armageddon

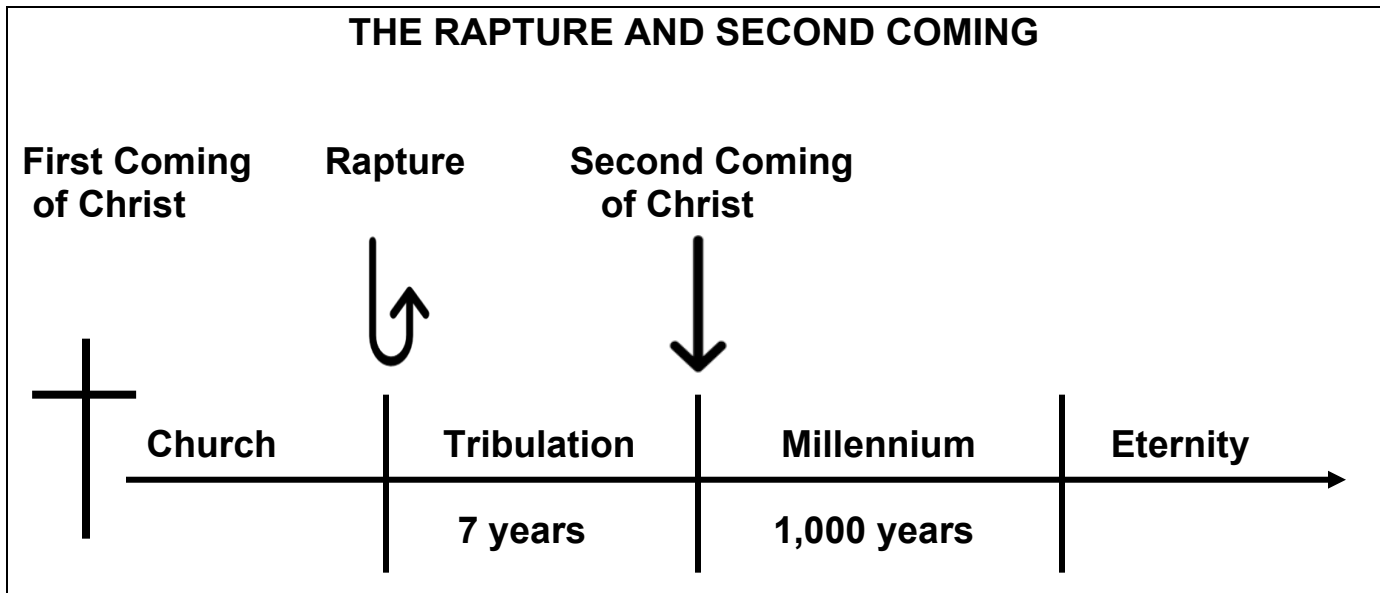
## *The Next Event in Future Events*

Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### I. THE DEPARTURE OF THE SAINTS

Rapture = \_\_\_\_\_

The Rapture of the Church and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ are 2 \_\_\_\_\_ events.



### 2 Things to Know

1. There is \_\_\_\_\_ that has to take place before the Rapture of the Church.
2. The signs of the times in the Bible are regarding the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## II. THE DESCRIPTION FROM THE SCRIPTURES

“Asleep” = To sleep in death

What is Paul’s reasoning for Christians to rise again?

= \_\_\_\_\_

## III. THE DETAILS OF THE SUMMONS

1 Corinthians 15:51 – Paul referred to the Rapture as a mystery.

• The Biblical definition of a mystery

= a truth that has not been \_\_\_\_\_ before.

### A. THE RETURN – v. 16a

When the right moment comes, He will initiate the Rapture by

→ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ rising from the throne

→ \_\_\_\_\_ into the corridors of the atmosphere of planet Earth

and drawing believers into the \_\_\_\_\_ at the Rapture.

### The Sounds That Will be Heard

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ will be a command of authority.

2. The sound of a \_\_\_\_\_.

• Trumpets were used to → declare \_\_\_\_\_

→ announce \_\_\_\_\_

times and seasons.

→ \_\_\_\_\_ people for a  
journey.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Archangel.

## **B. THE RESURRECTION – V. 16b**

The Rapture will not summon all the dead but only \_\_\_\_\_.

## **C. THE REUNION – V. 17**

### **Here is the sequence**

1<sup>st</sup> – Dead bodies are reunited with their \_\_\_\_\_.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Resurrected believers are reunited with \_\_\_\_\_ believers.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Resurrected believers and raptured believers meet the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **IV. THE DELIGHT OF THE SAVED- V. 18**

A. T. Pierson said

“Christ abolished death so completely that even the term *death* is no longer appropriate for believers