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52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE  
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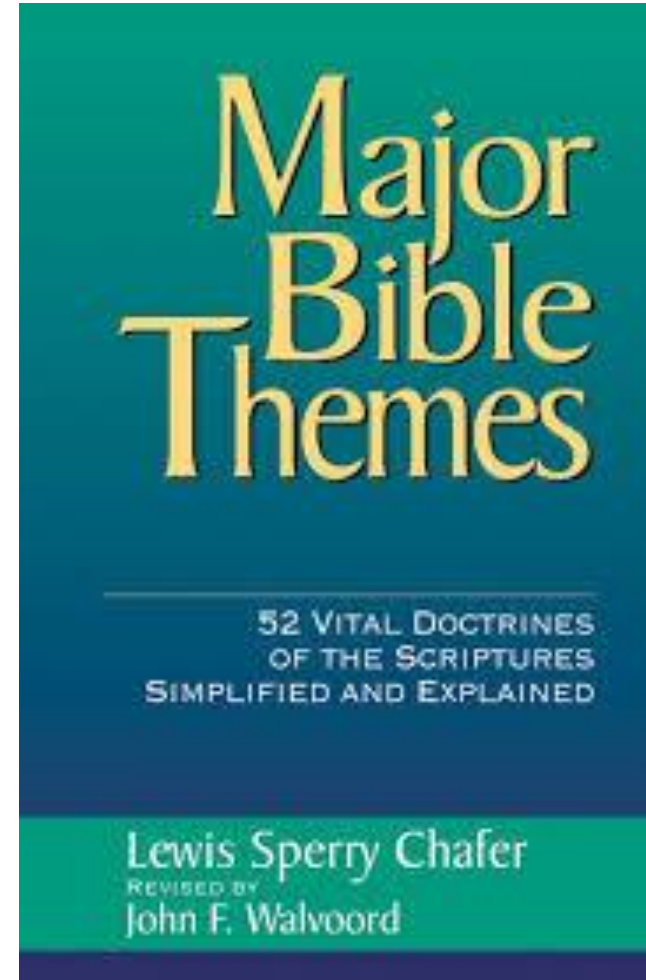
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## Chapter Thirteen: God the Son: Coming with His Saints

# MBT Chapter Twelve Outline

## Step # One

### Find the Outline



# **MBT Chapter Thirteen Outline**

A. Important Events Preceding the Second Coming

B. Vital Facts Relating to the Second Coming

C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture

# MBT Chapter Thirteen Outline

## Understand It



### A. Important Events Preceding the Second Coming

The period between the rapture of the church and Christ's second coming to set up His kingdom is divided into three well-defined periods.

1. A period of preparation will follow the rapture in which ten nations will be formed into a confederacy in a revival of the ancient Roman Empire. Out of this will emerge a dictator who will control first three then all ten of the nations.
2. A period of peace will be brought about by the dictator in the Mediterranean area,
3. A time of persecution for Israel and for all believers when the dictator breaks his 7 year covenant after the first three and one half years.

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### B. Vital Facts Relating to the Second Coming

1. The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to the earth (Zech. 14:4), personally
2. His glorious appearing will be like lightning shining from the East to the West.
3. In His second coming to the earth, Christ is accompanied by saints and angels in a dramatic procession.
4. At His coming, Christ will first judge the armies of the world deployed in battle

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a. Rapture: Israel unchanged;

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  - 8. As it relates to the Nations
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    - b. Second Coming: Nations judged
  - 9. As it relates to creation
    - a. Rapture: Creation unchanged;
    - b. Second Coming: delivered from the bondage corruption



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### C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture (con't)

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11. As it relates to the Nations

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12. As it relates to creation

- a. Rapture: Creation unchanged;
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- a. Rapture: A "mystery" not before revealed;
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14. As it relates to promises

a. Rapture: Hope centered in Christ -

b. Second Coming: Hope in the kingdom to come

15. As it relates to offices

a. Rapture: Christ appears as Bridegroom, Lord, and Head of the church

b. Second Coming: He appears as King, Messiah, and Immanuel to Israel

16. As seen in His visibility

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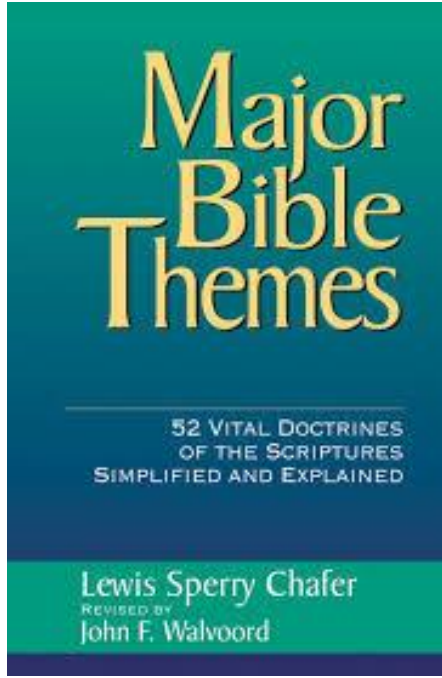
b. Second coming: in power and great glory

17. As it relates to Judgments

a. Rapture: Christians judged as to rewards;

b. Second Coming: the nations judged as to the kingdom

# The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible teach about the Son coming for His Saints?

Chapter 12 :

God the Son-

His coming for His Saints

Using Major Bible Themes write a study explaining the coming of His Son for His saints

# God the Son: His Coming with His Saints

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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



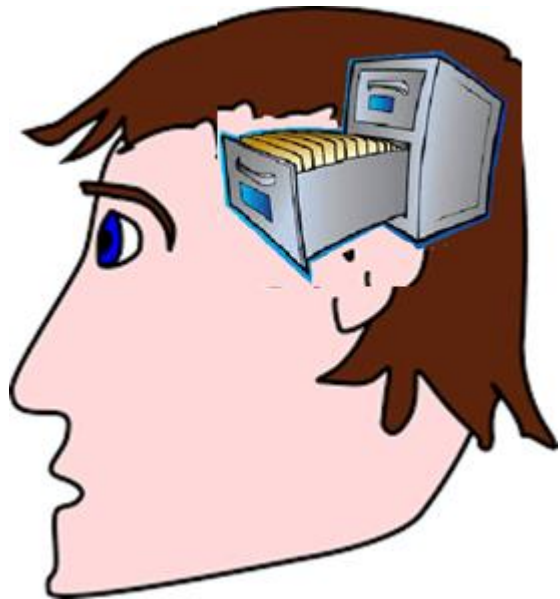
**Memorize it**

**MBT Chapter Twelve Outline**  
**God the Son: His coming for**  
**His Saints...**



A. **Unfulfilled Prophecy**

B. **Prophecy of the Rapture**



C. **Contrast** between Christ coming **for** His saints and coming **with** His saints



# Step # Two

**Read the Section and look up the passages**



## **B. Vital Facts Relating to the Second Coming**

1. A period of peace will be brought about by the dictator in the Mediterranean area, Dan. 9:27

**Dan 9:27** *And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."*

2. A time of persecution for Israel and for all believers when the dictator breaks his 7 year covenant after the first three and one half years.

**Dan 12:1** *"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.*

**Mat 24:21** *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.*

**Rev 7:14** *I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

**Rev 16:14** *For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.*

**Rev 16:15** *("Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!")*

**Rev 16:16** *And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*



3. The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to the earth

**Zec 14:4** *On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.*

**Mat 25:31** *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.*

**Rev 19:11-4** *Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

**Mat 24:30** *Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

**Act 1:11** *and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

**Rev 1:7** *Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

## **B. Vital Facts Relating to the Second Coming**

### **2.His glorious appearing will be like lightning shining**

**Rev 6:12-14** *When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.*

**Mat 24:27-30** *For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

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### **4. At His coming, Christ will first judge the armies of the world deployed in battle**

**Rev 19:15** *From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.*

**Eze 20:34-36** *I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord GOD.*

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**Mat 25:31-33** *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.*

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1. How His coming is Described:

a. **Rapture:** "Our gathering together unto him";

a. **Second Coming:** "The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

**2Th 2:1** *Now concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** and our being **gathered together to him**, we ask you, brothers,*

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### **2. His Names**

#### **a. First Coming: He comes as the "Morning Star"**

*Rev 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.*

*Rev 22:16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."*

#### **b. Second Coming as the "Sun of Righteousness"**

*Mal 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*



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### 3. How He comes

**a. Rapture: A sign less event;**

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**1Th 5:4** *But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.*

**Heb 10:25** *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

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### 4. Immanent

a. Rapture: A timeless event - at any moment;

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**2Th 2:2** *not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.*

**2Th 2:3** *Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,*

## C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture

5.. As it relates to Evil

a.Rapture: No reference to evil;

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**2Th 2:8** *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

**Rev 19:20** *And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.*

**Rev 20:2** *And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,*

## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

6. As it relates to Israel

a. Rapture: Israel unchanged;

b. Second Coming: all her covenants fulfilled (Jer. 23:5-8; 30:3-11; 31:27-37).

**Jer 23:5-6** *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'*

**Jer 30:3** *For behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the LORD, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it."*

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**Jer 31:27** *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast.*

**Jer 31:28** *And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring harm, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, declares the LORD.*

## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

7. As it relates to the church

### **a. Rapture: The church removed from the earth**

**1Th 4:17** *Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

### **b. Second Coming: returning with Christ**

**Jud 1:14-15** *It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."*

**Rev 19:14** *And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.*

## C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture

8. As it relates to the Nations
  - a. Rapture: The nations unchanged;
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**Mat 25:31** *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.*

**Mat 25:32** *Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

9. As it relates to creation

a. Rapture: Creation unchanged;

b. Second Coming: delivered from the bondage of corruption

**Isa 35:1-2** *The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing...*

**Isa 65:17** *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.*

**Rom 8:21** *that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*



## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

10. As it relates to revelation

a. Rapture: A "mystery" not before revealed;

**1Co 15:51-52** *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.*

b. Second Coming: seen throughout the Old and New Testaments

**Dan 7:13** *"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.*

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**Mat 24:27-30** *For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

11. As it relates to promises

### **a. Rapture: Hope centered in Christ -**

**Tit 2:13** *waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

**Php 4:5** *Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;*

### **b. Second Coming: Hope in the kingdom to come**

**Mat 6:10** *Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

## **C. Second Coming contrasted with the Rapture**

12. As it relates to offices

a. Rapture: Christ appears as Bridegroom, Lord, and Head of the church

**Eph 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

b. Second Coming: He appears as King, Messiah, and Immanuel to Israel

**Isa 7:14** *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

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**Isa 9:6-7** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

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a. Rapture: His coming unseen by the world;

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**2Co 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

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**Mat 25:32** *Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*

## Important Scripture

**Joh 14:1-3** *"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."*

**1Co 15:51-53** *Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.*



## Important Scripture

**1Th 4:13-18** *But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

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**Php 3:20-21** *But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

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**2Th 2:8-12** *Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

# Step # Three

## Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



# **Step # Four      Take the Test at the end of the chapter**

## **Chapter 13:**

### **God the Son: His coming with His Saints**

1. Describe the period of preparation which will follow the rapture of the church.

A period of preparation will follow the rapture in which ten nations will be formed into a confederacy in a revival of the ancient Roman Empire. Out of this will emerge a dictator who will control first three then all ten of the nations.

2. What is the extent of the period of peace which will follow the period of preparation, and how will it be brought about'?

The period of peace will be short lived and brought about by a 7 year covenant

3. What are the major characteristics of the time of persecution for Israel which will follow the time of peace?

A time of persecution for Israel and for all believers when the dictator breaks his 7 year covenant after the first three and one half years.

4. What is the precise meaning of the time of the great tribulation, and what will bring this period to a close?

The great tribulation refers to the last 3 ½ years and Christ's coming Brings it to a close

5. Why would it be impossible for Jesus Christ to come and establish His kingdom in the earth today?

It would be impossible to regard the second coming to the earth as imminent in as much as these events prophesied have not yet taken place.



6. Describe the appearance of the second coming of Christ as it will be seen by the world.

As lightening shining out of the east

7. What will be the situation in the earth and in the heavens at the time of the second coming of Christ?

Utter chaos with all of the Judgements of Christ

8. Why do all tribes of the earth mourn at the time of the second coming?

Because of the Judgements but they will still not repent

9. Who accompanies Christ in His second coming?

The Church and Holy angels

10. How can you account for the fact that the entire world will see the second coming?

The fact that this is a procession in which Christ is accompanied by all the saints and holy angels indicates that it is gradual and may take many hours. During this period the earth will rotate, permitting the entire world to see the event.

11. To what place on earth will Christ return in His second coming, and what will occur when His feet touch the earth?

The Mount of Olives and the mountain will cleave into making a great valley

12. What is the first act of judgment of Christ upon His return?

He will judge the armies of the world

13. What will Christ do in relation to Israel at His return?

He will regather Israel and judge them relative to their worthiness to enter the millennial kingdom

14. What will Christ do in relation to the Gentiles at His return?

He will gather the Gentiles or "the nations" and judge them

15. What contrast between the Rapture and the Second Coming makes clear that these were two distinct events?

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14. As it relates to promises

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b. Second Coming: Hope in the kingdom to come

15. As it relates to offices

- a. Rapture: Christ appears as Bridegroom, Lord, and Head of the church
- b. Second Coming: He appears as King, Messiah, and Immanuel to Israel

16. As seen in His visibility

- a. Rapture: His coming unseen by the world;
- b. Second coming: in power and great glory

17. As it relates to Judgments

- a. Rapture: Christians judged as to rewards;
- b. Second Coming: the nations judged as to the kingdom



16. Name some of the important Scripture passages that relate to the rapture and to the second coming of Christ to the earth

2 Thess. 2:8-12, 2 Thess. 2:1-7, 2 Cor. 5:10, Phil 3:20-21, 1 Thes. 4:13-18  
1Cor. 15:51-53, John 14:1-3

17. Why does literal interpretation of prophecy make it impossible to make the rapture of the church and Christ's coming to set up His kingdom the same event?

When we understand that we are literally caught up together with Christ in the clouds and we understand that literally he will touch earth in the second coming, the two events can't be confused.