

# WHAT SIGNS

Must Occur before the

# RAPTURE



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*I am one who loves to "re-search." I like to look at things from different angles and search what has already been searched (re-search). In this article, I have used as many different translations of the Scriptures as possible in order to gain a broad, unprejudiced view of this topic.*

## what signs?

What signs must occur before the Rapture? Is there a difference in the number of signs that are given for each End Times event differentiating the Rapture from the Second Coming? Everyone agrees that there are several signs that do proceed the Second Coming, but what about the Rapture? Are there any prior signs that need to take place for the Rapture to occur?

# what signs must occur before the rapture?

## The Rapture

### **1 Corinthians 15:51-52** - *King James Version (KJV)*

<sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

## Immanence

If there were any such signs needed, then please consider what the Bible has to say about waiting and His imminent return as follows:

Jesus told His Disciples to continuously wait for Him—implying **immanence** which refers to being “near,” “next,” forthcoming,” and “**at any moment!**”:

### **1 Thessalonians 1:10** - *English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>10</sup> ...and to **wait for** his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

## Continuously Wait

The word for “wait” in verse 10 above is the greek word “anamenein” which means to **continuously wait**, abide, tarry, and expect.

The Father’s actions are swift, discerning, and decisive. He doesn’t wait even a second. God does not always move at our frantic pace. We are too often double espresso followers of a decaf Sovereign and when it comes to waiting, He holds the sands of time. This same word to continuously wait and expect is also used in verse 2 below:

### **1 Thessalonians 1:2** - *Amplified Bible (AMP)*

<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, **continually** mentioning you in our prayers;

So concerning imminency and waiting, we are to continuously wait for Christ—meaning He can come at any moment (The Rapture).

## Right Outside the Door

### **James 5:9** - *The Voice (VOICE)*

<sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, don’t waste your breath complaining about one another. If you judge others, you will be judged yourself. Be very careful! You will face the one true Judge who is **right outside the door**.

Christ can step through the door from heaven at any moment. There are no signs that need to proceed the Rapture unlike His Second Coming.

# A Comparison: The Rapture vs. the Second Coming

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## one: signs

### **Rapture**

Imminent event with **no signs** given (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1)

### **Second Coming**

Proceeded by **many signs** (Matthew 24:1-31; Revelation 6:1 - Revelation 18:24)

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## two: when

### **Rapture**

It occurs **before** the Tribulation (Luke 21:36)

### **Second Coming**

It occurs **after** the Tribulation (Matthew 24:29-30)

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## three: who

### **Rapture**

Christ comes **for** His own (John 14:3)

### **Second Coming**

Christ comes **with** His own (Revelation 19:14)

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## four: where

### **Rapture**

Christ **takes** the Saints to heaven (John 14:3)

### **Second Coming**

Christ **brings** the Saints back to earth (Zechariah 14:4-5;  
Revelation 19:14)

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## five: how

### **Rapture**

Christ comes to the **air** (1 Thessalonians 4:17)

### **Second Coming**

Christ comes to the **earth** (Revelation 1:7)

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## six: see

### **Rapture**

**Only His own** see Him (1 Corinthians 15:52)

### **Second Coming**

**Every eye** will see Him (Revelation 1:7)

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## seven: hope

### **Rapture**

It is the “**blessed hope**” of the Church (Titus 2:13)

### **Second Coming**

It is the great day of His **wrath** (Revelation 19:15)

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