



Going Up (Part 2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." - John 14:1-3

Jesus is preparing a place for us _____.

To get _____ (Heaven), we will have to leave _____ (Earth).

The Rapture vs. the Second Coming:

At the Rapture, Jesus comes _____ His Church, meets them in "the clouds / the air", and takes them to Heaven to be with Him during the 70th Week of Daniel and the _____.

At the Second Coming, Jesus comes _____ His Church, to the _____, to reign with them for the thousand years of the Millennial Kingdom.

The Rapture is all about God's promises to _____.

The Second Coming is all about God's promises to _____ (the Jewish people).

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. - Revelation 4:1-2

The Book of Revelation flows _____, prophesying the Church Age in chapters 2 & 3, the Rapture in 4:1-2, the Church in Heaven in chapters 4 & 5, and the 70th Week of Daniel / the Great Tribulation in chapters 6-19.

...God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ... - 1 Thessalonians 5:9

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" - Revelation 6:15-17

"I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." - Luke 17:34-36

The Word "Rapture" in the Bible:

In the original Greek the word "harpazo" was translated to the word "raptus" in the Latin Vulgate. "Raptus" was then translated to the English phrase "caught up" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. Both "harpazo" and "raptus" mean to be "caught up" or "snatched up".

"All the saints and elect of God are gathered together before the tribulation, which is to come, and are taken to the Lord, in order that they may not see at any time the confusion which overwhelms the world because of our sins." - Ephraem the Syrian (373 A.D.)