

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

Principles for Studying Eschatology:

1) If God was capable of _____ the universe the way He wanted to, then it follows, logically, that He is equally capable of _____ it the way He wants to.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Genesis 1:1

2) We take the Biblical text _____, unless there is a clear reason not to.

3) Good theology and doctrine work _____ in the Bible.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants - things which must shortly take place. - Revelation 1:1

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. - Revelation 1:3

"The Church" = *A collective term for Christians - those who have placed their faith in Jesus in the Church Age (33 A.D. – present)*

"Saints" = *The individual Christians who make up the Church*

The Rapture:

An instantaneous future event, prophesied in the Bible, in which Jesus removes His Church from the earth to meet Him and all saints who have died earthly deaths in the "clouds"/"air", where they receive resurrected bodies before being led to Heaven, where they remain until the Second Coming.

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For our study on Daniel 9:20-27, titled "The 70 Weeks Prophecy", visit mynewhope.ca/messages/the-70-weeks-prophecy

V.14: Paul assures the Thessalonians (and us) that when we are united with _____, we will also be reunited with all _____ who have died before us.

VV.16-17: Scripture is clear that the _____ (ALL saints) will meet Jesus in "the clouds"/ "the air", and NOT on the _____.

Our resurrected bodies will be like _____, following His resurrection.

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. - 1 John 3:2

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5:6

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5:8

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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed. - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52