

IS THE RAPTURE THE SECOND COMING? TOPICAL

I. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WAS FIRST PROPHESED, AT LEAST SIX HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE THE FLOOD

- A. It Has Been So Long Since Even The Last Prophecy On This, That Men Have Become Predictably Skeptical
- B. The Length Of Time Between The First & Second Coming Has Been Set By God For Very Specific Redemptive Purposes
 - 1. A Hardening, In Part, Has Taken Place Within The Blood Line Of Abraham In This Dispensation (Romans 11:25)
 - 2. The Jerusalem Council Affirmed That God Had Begun An Extended Program Of Taking From The Gentiles A People For His Name (Acts 15:14)

II. THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 19:11-21 IS NOT THE COMING THAT CHRISTIANS ARE WAITING FOR

- A. The Second Coming Of Christ Is Most Correctly Understood, As Occurring In Two Phases
- B. The Reasons For Differentiating Between The "Rapture" & Christ's Actual Touch Down Back To Earth Must Be Understood
 - 1. The Natural Chronological Sequence Of I Thessalonians 4 & 5
 - 2. The Explicit Statement Of I Thessalonians 5:9
 - 3. The Nature Of The Confusion Paul Addresses In II Thessalonians 2:2
 - 4. The Supplementary Facts Given In Addition To The Original Presentation Of The Rapture In II Thessalonians 2:3-7
 - 5. The Promise Given To The Church In Philadelphia In Revelation 3:10
 - 6. The Context Of Revelation 19:11-21 & Associated Passages