

# THE BEGINNING OF THE END

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## GOING AND COMING - THE RAPTURE AND THE RETURN

“Going” - the Rapture

1 Thes. 4:16-18

*For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

“Coming” - the Second Coming of Christ

Acts 1:9-11

*And when he (Jesus) had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. [10] And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; [11] Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

I have preached many times on the rapture, but not so many on the second coming of our Lord Jesus to this earth. Yet the Bible is very clear on this glorious occasion. For example:

Rev. 19:11-16

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his*

1 *head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man*  
2 *knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in*  
3 *blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies*  
4 *which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine*  
5 *linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,*  
6 *that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a*  
7 *rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath*  
8 *of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a*  
9 *name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

## 11 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOING AND COMING

13 At the Rapture, our Lord comes “as a thief in the night” - quietly. But at  
14 the second coming, all NATURE EXPLODES.

16 Daniel 7:13-14

17 *I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came*  
18 *with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they*  
19 *brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion,*  
20 *and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages,*  
21 *should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which*  
22 *shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be*  
23 *destroyed.*

25 Joel 2:30-31

26 *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and*  
27 *fire, and pillars of smoke. [31] The sun shall be turned into darkness,*  
28 *and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the*  
29 *Lord come.*

31 Isaiah 13:9-10

32 *Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce*  
33 *anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof*  
34 *out of it. [10] For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof*

1 *shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth,*  
2 *and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*

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4 Zech. 14:3-6

5 *Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when*  
6 *he fought in the day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day*  
7 *upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and*  
8 *the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east*  
9 *and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of*  
10 *the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the*  
11 *south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the*  
12 *valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as*  
13 *ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of*  
14 *Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*  
15 *[6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be*  
16 *clear, nor dark:*

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18 Luke 21:25-27

19 *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars;*  
20 *and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the*  
21 *waves roaring; [26] Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking*  
22 *after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of*  
23 *heaven shall be shaken. [27] And then shall they see the Son of man*  
24 *coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

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26 Rev. 19:11-13

27 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat*  
28 *upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth*  
29 *judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his*  
30 *head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man*  
31 *knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in*  
32 *blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

1 2 Thes. 1:7-9

2 *And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be*  
3 *revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, [8] In flaming fire taking*  
4 *vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of*  
5 *our Lord Jesus Christ: [9] Who shall be punished with everlasting*  
6 *destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his*  
7 *power;*

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9 **THIS PROMISE WAS GIVEN WAY BACK IN GENESIS**

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11 Jude 1:14-15

12 *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying,*  
13 *Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, [15] To*  
14 *execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly*  
15 *among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly*  
16 *committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have*  
17 *spoken against him.*

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19 1. When does the second coming take place? After the tribulation.

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21 2. What happens next? A new heaven and earth are created  
22 The Millennium – a thousand years takes place on the newly  
23 created earth

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