

## WHEN WILL THE RAPTURE OCCUR?

The rapture is a topic that we hear much about in our religious world today. This concept has varied views but at least part of the view says that Jesus will return to this earth, raise the righteous dead and assemble the righteous living. He then will whisk them away secretly to a beautiful somewhere for some seven years while those remaining on earth will not know what has happened to them. Those left on the earth will then experience great tribulation. But what does the bible say?

- I. There is nothing secret about Christ's coming.
  - A. With a loud shout. I Thes 4:16
  - B. Trumpet will sound. I Cor 15:51-52
  
- II. When Jesus comes again the world will be destroyed.
  - A. But according to the rapture theory it will still be inhabited.
  - B. Read II Peter 3:10-11
  
- III. There will only be on resurrection day for both good and evil.
  - A. Note Jn 5:28-29
  - B. Note Acts 24:15
  - C. According to theory there will be two. One for good and one for evil.
  - D. Evil dead will be raised at a later date.
  
- IV. When Jesus comes he will judge all.
  - A. Not just the righteous as theory says.
  - B. Note Mt 25:31-32
  - C. Note I Tim 4:1
  
- V. There will be no separation until the last day.
  - A. Theory says there will be separation before the last day.
  - B. See parable of fish net in Mt 13.
  
- VI. The Faithful will be raised at the Last Day.
  - A. Note Jn 6:54.
  - B. Theory has then being raised before the very last day.
  
- VII. Conclusion.
  - A. The rapture will never occur.
  - B. It is against scripture.
  - C. Jesus will return once and judge all.