

The Rapture and The Revealing Compared

The Rapture	The Revealing (The Return)
A "mystery" revealed only in the New Testament <i>1 Corinthians 15.51</i>	A central truth revealed throughout both Testaments <i>Jude 14</i>
Believers bodies are transformed <i>1 Corinthians 15.51-54</i>	Bodies are not transformed
Christ comes in the air <i>1 Thessalonians 4.16</i>	Christ comes to earth <i>Zechariah 14.4,9; Matthew 25.31</i>
Christ comes for the saints <i>John 14.1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4.15-17</i>	Christ comes with the saints <i>Matthew 25.31-32; 1 Thessalonians 3.13; Revelation 19.14</i>
Believers are taken to heaven <i>John 14.2-3; 1 Thessalonians 4.17</i>	Believers remain on the earth to live in the kingdom <i>Matthew 25.34; Revelation 5.10</i>
Earth and nations not judged	Earth and nations are judged <i>Revelation 6.19</i>
Imminent – comes with no warning <i>1 Corinthians 15.52; 1 Thessalonians 4.16</i>	Not imminent – exact time not known, but is preceded by clear warning signs <i>Matthew 24.29-31; Mark 13.14-26; Revelation 1.7</i>
Affects only believers <i>Revelation 3.10</i>	Affects all of humanity <i>Matthew 24.37-39; Revelation 6.10</i>
Unseen by the world <i>1 Thessalonians 1.9-10; 4.14-17</i>	Seen by the entire world <i>Revelation 1.7</i>
Church is removed <i>1 Thessalonians 4.13-18</i>	Satan is removed <i>Revelation 20.1-3</i>
Evil is unleashed and floods the earth <i>2 Thessalonians 2.1-12</i>	Evil is suppressed as Satan is bound <i>2 Thessalonians 1.7</i>
No reference to Satan or Anti-Christ	Satan bound, Anti-Christ is judged <i>Revelation 19.20; 20.1-3</i>
Immediately precedes Tribulation	Immediately precedes Kingdom <i>Matthew 24.31; 1 Corinthians 15.23</i>
Bodies of believers become immortal <i>1 Corinthians 15.50-57</i>	Bodies of believers are not immortal – can still die <i>Matthew 25.31-34</i>
Nature is subsequently ruined <i>Revelation 6-19</i>	Nature is subsequently restored <i>Isaiah 11.6-9; Romans 8.19-22</i>