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**WILL WE BE RAPTURED**  
**SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2025? PART 1**

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study how Jesus will return to earth the second time and disprove the idea of a secret rapture. This will be part 1 of a series addressing claims that the rapture will occur September 23-24, 2025.

2. **Current Event:** The Date for the END OF THE WORLD REVEALED | The message I received personally from Jesus | Mr Joshua  
<https://youtu.be/bSfKjB9xkPM?si=147HgwoTvnO5Srem>

It's THE END TIME | Rapture, Judgement, the Anti-Christ | 7 Year Tribulation | My Heaven Visitation | Part 2  
<https://youtu.be/HgPwLADrios?si=O0ukJoedF5cerudT>

3. Notice how the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association answers the question, "What is the rapture?"

**There are many Christians who believe that the second coming of Jesus Christ will be in two phases.** First, He will come for believers, both living and dead, in the "rapture" (read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). **In this view, the rapture—which is the transformation and catching up of all Christians, dead or alive, to meet Christ in the air—will be secret, for it will be unknown to the world of unbelievers at the time of its happening.**

The effect of this removal, in the absence of multitudes of people, will, of course, be evident on earth. **Then, second, after a period of seven years of tribulation on earth, Christ will return to the earth with His church, the saints who were raptured** (Matthew 24:30, 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 1 Peter 1:13, Revelation 1:7). He will be victorious over His enemies and will reign on the earth for 1,000 years (the millennium) with His saints, the church.  
<https://billygraham.org/answers/what-is-the-rapture#:~:text=Answers,%2C%20chapters%2019%2D22>).

4. Let us now study to see if the aforementioned views are biblically accurate. What does the word "rapture" mean? **Answer:** "Rapture" means to be carried away with power/caught away/caught up (1 Thessalonians 4:17). The Bible teaches that there will be a rapture, but it will not be a secret and it will occur at the Second Coming of Jesus, not separately.

5. Will Jesus return to the earth a second time? John 14:1-3; Hebrews 9:28

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6. Why will Jesus return to earth?

a) Revelation 22:12

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b) John 14:3

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7. In what manner will Jesus come back the second time? Acts 1:9-11; Matthew 24:30

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8. Will Jesus' Second Coming be visible to everyone or only a select group of people? Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:27

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9. Will Jesus' Second Coming be audible? Psalm 50:3

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a) What will be heard which signals the return of Jesus? 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Matthew 24:31

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10. Who is Jesus bringing with Him to the earth? Matthew 25:31; Matthew 24:30, 31; Luke 9:26

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11. Will Jesus touch the earth when He returns? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Matthew 24:31; Psalm 50:4, 5

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12. What will happen to the righteous who are dead and the righteous who are living? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

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13. What will happen to the wicked who are alive at the Second Coming? Revelation 6:15-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Isaiah 11:4

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### **Scriptures Falsely Used To Teach The Secret Rapture**

14. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 is a key scripture for those who teach the secret rapture. Connected to that false doctrine is that the faithful who have died are in heaven. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:14, then read the passage below regarding this false doctrine that people go to heaven at death.

**Third**, it is because we believe and know to be true that Jesus died and rose again that we can have absolute and unchanging assurance that when Christ returns, he will bring "with him" our friends and family members who have died. This phrase, "with him," suggests that far from lying unconscious in the grave, Christians who have died physically are even now "with" Christ Jesus in heaven.

<https://www.samstorms.org/all-articles/post/unraveling-the-rapture-1-thessalonians-4:13-18-revelation-3:10>

15. The context of 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 shows us in which direction God will bring those who are asleep in Jesus. Once He returns and resurrects the dead in Christ, **He will bring them with Him TO HEAVEN in the clouds**. Write down scriptures which teach the biblical truth that the dead are unconscious at death and remain in the grave until the Second Coming.

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16. The following accounts in Matthew and Luke are the primary scriptures used to teach the idea of a secret rapture. What phrases give people the false idea that there will be a secret rapture? Matthew 24:40-41; Luke 17:26-30, 34-36

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17. To understand these scriptures, we must read the previous verses for context. Read Matthew 24:37-41. According to the verses, which group of people will be "taken away" the saved or the lost?

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a) **Note:** In Luke's version, not only does he compare the glorious coming of Jesus with the Flood, but he goes a step further, comparing it with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire in the days of Lot. In Luke 17:34, it brings to view two men in one bed, one is taken and the other is left. There are two kinds of people sleeping in death right now: the dead in Christ and those who are lost. When Jesus comes, the dead in Christ will rise, but the lost won't rise until the Second Resurrection (Revelation 20).

Luke 17:36 mentions two men working in the field. This points to evangelism. There are two kinds of people out there sharing two kinds of gospels, the true and the false. One is going to be saved and one will be lost. The field represents the world (Matthew 13:38). When Jesus comes again, there will be two kinds of missionaries laboring out in the field - the true and the false. This is why Jesus said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23).

18. Rapturists believe that there will be a secret rapture because the Bible says that Jesus comes as a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:2). Since there will not be a secret rapture, then what do these texts mean? Matthew 24:42-51 **Answer:** Firstly, Jesus coming as a thief in the night means that no one knows the exact day or hour when He will return. Secondly, it means that the wicked will be found unprepared for His return because they neglected to watch and pray. To the wicked, he comes as a thief - 1 Thessalonians 5:2-5).

19. **Key points:** Notice after which events will the Second Coming of Jesus occur.
- **After the sealing of God's people.** They will be spiritually preserved on earth during the tribulation. Revelation 7:1-3
  - **After the Mark of the Beast Crisis.** Revelation 14:9-12, 14-16
  - **After the falling of the 7 last plagues.** Once 6 plagues have fallen, Jesus will declare, He comes as a thief in the night (Revelation 16:12, 15). What sense would it make for Him to say "Behold, I come as a thief" after 6 plagues have fallen if He supposedly already came before they were poured out? Revelation 15:8 clearly states that no one can enter the (heavenly) temple until the plagues are completed.

20. Based on the Bible, when will the separation between the righteous and wicked occur? Matthew 13:24, 25, 30, 39; Matthew 25:31, 32

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21. Christians also use Revelation 3:10 to justify a pre-tribulation rapture. When Jesus says He will "keep thee from the hour of temptation" in Revelation 3:10, does this mean God's people will not have to go through the tribulation? Matthew 6:13; Matthew 26:39, 45; Jude 1:24

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22. **Note:** The Bible teaches that the time of tribulation takes place before the rapture, for we are saved **THROUGH** it and not **FROM** it. Here are some examples of people who were saved through tribulations and crises.

- Noah was saved through the Flood, not from it.
- Job was saved through the crisis, not from it
- Joseph was not saved from being sold into slavery, but God saved him through it.
- Daniel was saved through the lions' den, not from it.
- The Three Hebrews were saved through the fiery furnace and Jesus went through it with them, just as He will go through the great tribulation with us.
- The children of Israel were not saved from Egypt before the plagues fell, but afterward. Similarly, the righteous will be in the world when the seven last plagues fall (Revelation 16), but God will preserve them.

23. The Bible foretells that there will be a time of tribulation, even the Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). When church and state unite to enforce unbiblical Sunday worship and persecute God's commandment keeping people, then God's people will have to depend on Him for strength to endure the test. All of this takes place prior to the Second Coming of Jesus (Revelation 14:6-19). What hope does Jesus leave with us for that time of tribulation? Revelation 2:9-10

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24. Although we must go through tribulation, what is the prayer of Christ on our behalf which should encourage us? John 17:14-17

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25. What will Jesus give to us so that we can endure and overcome the tribulation before us? John 16:33

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