



**Put on the
Full Armor
of God
Ephesians 6:14-18**

Scripture of the Quarter

Rapture 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17^{NKJV} Paul wrote:

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.

Second Coming Revelation 19: 11-14^{NKJV} John wrote:

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He (Jesus) who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

THE RAPTURE VS. THE SECOND COMING

In this newsletter, God's scriptures will prove there is a difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ. We must remember the God we serve is a God of order. Because it is written in 1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. Satan is the one who causes confusion and he is a liar.

James 3:16^{NKJV} For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every

evil thing are there. Everyone who studies the Word of God knows Satan is a liar according to John 8:44 NKJV 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Scripture Clearly Prove That the Rapture and Second Coming Are Two Different Events

RAPTURE:

- Christ comes in the air
- Christ comes for His saints
- Believers are taken away (caught up)
- Christ claims His bride
- Christ Gathers His own
- Christ comes to reward
- There are no signs that must occur first and it can happen at any moment
- Mystery
- A time of blessing and comfort
- Involves faithful believers only
- Will see Christ Lord takes faithful believers to heaven
- Faithful believer's go to the Father's house ref: the 5 wise and 5 foolish **Matthew 25:1-3**
- Backsliders and Unwise remain on earth Tribulation begins

SECOND COMING:

- Christ comes to earth
- Christ comes with His saints
- Unbelievers taken away
- Christ comes with His bride
- Angels gather the elect
- Christ comes to judge and rule
- Many signs precede it
- Foretold
- Mount of Olives is divided
- Time of judging and destruction
- Involves Israel and Gentile Nations
- Whole world will see Christ
- Millennial reign begins
- Faithful believers return from heaven
- The elect stay on earth

I would like to talk about *1 Thessalonians 4:15^{NKJV} 15* *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are **alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.***

I want to approach it from the Greek language as the New Testament was written in Greek. We will do word studies on the words **alive** and **remain**. The word **alive** in Greek is the word hoi zoontoi, a plural from the Greek word zao, which not only means to be alive, but here it conveys the meaning of those who are fully alive, robust, thriving, vibrant, and vigorous. It doesn't refer to those who are merely physically living—rather, it pictures those who are spiritually living, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, spiritually vibrant, and spiritually vigorous. This description contrasts with those who are physically alive but who are not spiritually **alive** and vibrant.

The use of this particular **Greek word** tells us that Christ is coming for those who are spiritually engaged. He is not coming for those who merely have **a form of godliness**, but for those who are, the living ones or the vibrant ones.

Jesus wants all of His children according to the Greek wording to not just simply be physically alive, but of those who are spiritually engaged. God's children will be spiritually alive, spiritually robust, spiritually thriving, and spiritually vigorous at the time of the Rapture.

Paul then added he was specifically referring to the **remnant** in *1 Thessalonians 4:15*, Paul used the Greek words hoi perileipmenoi, the plural form of perileipomai, which is a compound of the word's peri and leipo. The word peri means around, and it depicts a circumference or an outer edge, and the word leipo pictures what is left over. The King James version translates the words hoi perileipmenoi as **"remain"** But we must pay attention, for this Greek wording specifically

depicts the remaining outer remnant of a garment; a fragmented, left over, end piece of a garment; or a residue. It denotes a smaller amount that is left over from an original larger piece.

Typically, this Greek word was used to picture a remnant piece of material. It indicated that the greater part had been used, removed, or destroyed—and now only a remnant is left over and remains.

Another important note that in early New Testament times when Paul wrote these words, they were also used militarily to describe soldiers who had endured or survived a battle (hence those men were the **"residue"** or residual, remaining soldiers.

Paul was a brilliant scholar and linguist who knew exactly what these words meant as he penned them. In their use he clearly implies that only a **remnant of authentic believers** may be existing at the time of the Rapture of the Church. Those who remain will be a faithful remnant who endured, remained faithful to the end, and survived the storms of life and possibly persecution—yet they kept their faith.

Right now, we all need to ask ourselves this question? **Am I going to be part of the remnant Paul described?**

In closing is their actual scriptural proof of Rapture's that have already occurred? Again, God's Word will show you many examples of people who have been Raptured. The very first person who was Raptured was a man named Enoch; *Genesis 5:24^{NKJV} And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

Let's look at another example Elijah; *2 Kings 2:10-11^{NKJV} 10* *So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."* *11* *Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared*

with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

The next example is of the Lord Jesus himself; Jesus Ascends to Heaven *Acts 1:9-11^{NKJV} 9* *Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10* *And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11* *who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

Notice in verse 11—it states that Jesus will return to get His Bride in the clouds His feet will not touch down on the earth.

Now when you look at the list, the Lord gave me the list of differences between the Rapture and the **Second Coming**, you will notice in the **Second coming** His feet will touch down on the Mount of Olives; *Zechariah 14:4^{NKJV} 4* *And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,*

- Which faces Jerusalem on the east.
- And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
- From east to west, making a very large valley;
- Half of the mountain shall move toward the north
- And half of it toward the south.

One last scripture for those of you who still don't believe in the Rapture with all the scriptural proof that has been given by the Word of God!

Matthew 13:15^{NKJV} For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So, that I should heal them.