

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND JESUS' RETURN?

This information was pulled from an interview with Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Jeff Kinley and Dr. Ron Rhodes.

THE RAPTURE:



Christians meet the Lord in the air



Christ takes believers out of the world, unbelievers are left to go into the tribulation



Jesus rescues believers before the hour of tribulation



No signs precede the rapture



No mention of God's judgment falling before the rapture



A resurrection of the dead in Christ takes place as believers meet Christ in the air

THE RETURN:



Christ descends to the Mount of Olives



Angels gather people from the earth for judgment. Believers are left, unbelievers are taken for judgment



Jesus comes after the tribulation to inflict final punishment



Detailed signs precede Jesus' return



Second coming is in the context of tribulation and judgment



A resurrection of the righteous who died during the tribulation takes place after Christ has descended to the earth.