The Rapture	The Second Coming
1. the Lord Jesus comes FOR His Church	1. the Lord comes WITH His Church (bride/wife)
John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:14-17	Jude 14; Rev. 17:14, 19:14
	2. Jesus will return to the earth - He comes
2. believers are caught up to the clouds	
to meet the Lord in the air 1 Thess. 4:13-18	to dwell among His people Zech. 14:4, 2:10; Eze. 48:35
3. the believers are taken to heaven	3. the Lord & His holy ones descend to
where the Lord has prepared a place John 14:1-3	the earth riding on white horses Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:14
4. the Lord descends from heaven with a	4. a sharp sword comes from His mouth
shout and the trumpet of God 1 Thess. 4:16	with which He smites the nations Rev. 19:15
5. it is an event that can happen at any	5. it follows specific predicted signs
time without warning	including the great tribulation
• it brings the church age to a close	• it brings Dan.9's 70 th week to a close
 it is not mentioned in the OT 	 it is often spoken of in the OT
Rev. 3:3; 1 Thess. 5:4-6; Matt. 24:36	Isa 13:9; Matt. 24:29-30; 2 Th. 2:3-8
6. it happens too fast for the eye to see	6. every eye will see Him
1 Cor. 15:52	Matt. 24:27; Rev. 1:7
7. it is followed by the marriage of the	7. it is followed by the marriage supper
Lamb in heaven	of the Lamb on earth
1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 19:7-8	Dan. 12:1-2, 13; Luke 13:29; Rev. 19:9
8. there is no mention of Satan at all	8. Satan will be bound for 1,000 years Rev. 20:1-3
9. the Holy Spirit, the restrainer, is taken	9. the Antichrist and the false prophet
out of the way	are taken out of the way
2 Thess. 2:6-7	2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:17-21
10. it is a message of hope and comfort	10. it is a message of wrath and judgment
for all believers in Christ	against Israel and all ungodly nations
1 Th. 4:18; Titus 2:13; 1 John 3:3	Deut. 32:35; Zeph. 1:15; Mal. 4:5