

**Studies in Biblical Eschatology**  
**What About the Rapture?**  
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**Introduction**

**I. The Three Best Arguments for a Rapture/Second Advent Distinction**

- A. The plain meaning of 1 Thess. 4:13-18
  
- B. The Imminency passages  
Matt. 24:13, 36-39, 42-44; Mk. 13:32; Lk. 12:40  
Jas. 5:7-9; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:7, 12, 20
  
- C. The exemption from wrath passages (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9 and Rev. 3:10)

**II. An Evaluation of These Arguments**

- A. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
  
- B. Imminency
  
- C. Exemption from wrath

**III. Some Other Considerations**

- A. Lexical considerations  
Parousia, apocolupsis, epiphania - Ladd, 69-70
  
- B. 2 Thess. 2:1-5
  
- C. 2 Thess. 1:6-10

**IV. Some Firm Conclusions**

- A. Exegetically and theologically the only sound interpretation is to understand the rapture and the Second Coming as one, single, glorious event.
  
- B. A pre-trib rapture is theological fiction. Fitting.
  
- C. We are called to watch and pray, be alert. We do not know what tribulation may come, we do not know the hour of His return. We must be people who are ready, ready to endure, ready to die, ready to meet the Lord.