

**The Second Coming,
the Resurrection,
and the Rapture.**

The Old Testament teaches that someday:

**(1) YHVH will come from heaven to save His
people.**

**(2) This event coincides with the
resurrection of the dead.**

The Resurrection

**“As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last He will take His stand on the
earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet
from my flesh I shall see God; Whom I
myself shall behold, and whom my eyes
will see and not another.”**

(Job 19:25-26)

“Your dead will live; their corpses will rise. You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy, for your dew is as the dew of the dawn, and the earth will give birth to the departed spirits.”

(Isaiah 26:19)

“Again He said to me, ‘Prophecy over these bones and say to them, “O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.” Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, “Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.”””
(Ezekiel 37:4-6)

“Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it,” declares the Lord.’ ”

(Ezekiel 37:11–14)

“Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.”

(Daniel 12:1-2)

YHVH will come from heaven:

“...Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, ‘Behold, the Lord comes with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all.’”

(Jude 14)

- **The Lord will “come”**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**

“This is the blessing that Moses, the man of God, gave the Israelites before his death. He said: “The Lord will come from Sinai and appear to them from Seir; he will shine on them from Mount Paran and come with ten thousand holy ones, with lightning from his right hand for them.”

(Deuteronomy 33:1–2)

- **The Lord will “come”**
- **The Lord will appear**
- **The Lord will shine on them**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**

God (will) come from Teman,
And the Holy One from Mount Paran.

Selah.

His splendor (will) cover the heavens,
And the earth (will be) full of His praise.
His radiance (will be) like the sunlight;
He (will) have rays flashing from His hand,
And there is the hiding of His power.

(Habakkuk 3:3–4)

In indignation *You (will) march through the earth*; In anger You (will) trample the nations. You (will) *go forth* for the salvation of Your people
(Habakkuk 3:12–13)

- **The Lord will “come”**
- **Marching (in human form)**
- **The Lord will appear**
- **The Lord will shine on them**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**

“Then *the glory of the Lord will be revealed*, and all flesh will see it together. . .

Behold, *the Lord God will come with might*, with His arm ruling for Him.

Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him.”

(Isaiah 40:5,10)

- **The Lord will “come”**
- **Shining “like the sunlight”**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**

“For behold, *the Lord will come in fire*
And His chariots like the whirlwind,
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke *with flames of fire.*”

(Isaiah 66:15)

- **The Lord will “come”**
- **Shining “like the sunlight”**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **In blazing fire**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**

You will flee by the valley of My mountains,
for the valley of the mountains will reach to
Azazel; yes, you will flee just as you fled
before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah
king of Judah. *Then the Lord, my God, will
come, and all the holy ones with Him!*

(Zechariah 14:5)

“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and *they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.* He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”

(Matthew 24:30–31)

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- **In human form**
- **Shining “like the sunlight”**
- **With myriads of Holy Ones**
- **In blazing fire**
- **To execute vengeance on His enemies**
- **In the clouds**

**“For yet in a very little while,
the Coming One will come and not delay.”
(Hebrews 10:37)**

“May the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people... so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at *the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*”

(1 Thessalonians 3:12–13)

“and to give relief to you who are afflicted
and to us as well when *the Lord Jesus will
be revealed from heaven with His mighty
angels in flaming fire*”
(2 Thessalonians 1:7)

“looking for the blessed hope and *the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus*”

(Titus 2:13)

The rapture is simply Paul's explanation of what will happen to those who are still alive when this happens.

Behold, I tell you *a mystery*; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound,* and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
(1 Corinthians 15:51–52)

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. *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 not precede those who have fallen asleep.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–15)

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:16–18)

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.”

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Revelation places the timing of the first resurrection after the tribulation.

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. ***This is the first resurrection.*** Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”

(Revelation 20:4–6)