

Session 2 Jesus' Procession Across the Sky to Rapture the Church

I. DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING

- A. The Second Coming describes what Jesus does when He “comes” back to earth. The Rapture describes what happens to the Church when Jesus first “appears” in the sky. Jesus’ Second Coming by definition is a “coming” to earth the second time not merely a brief appearing in the sky. His “coming” requires a prolonged mission on earth as in His first coming.
- B. Jesus’ coming is the ultimate future event in prophecy and is referred to as our blessed hope (Titus 2:13). The NT gives significant emphasis to this theme (Mt. 10:23; 16:27; 23:39; 24:27-31, 38-44; 25:31-32; Lk. 9:26; 13:35; 18:8; Jn. 14:1-3; Acts 1:6-13; 1 Cor. 4:5; 1 Thes. 3:13; 4:14-17; 5:1-6; 2 Thes. 1:10; 2:3; Heb. 10:37; Jude 14; Rev. 1:7; 3:11; 11:15-18; 16:15; 19:11-21; 22:7, 12, 20; Isa. 40:1-11; 59:20; 62:10-63:6).
- C. Jesus’ coming is in context to ending a military conflict (Armageddon campaign) at the Battle of Jerusalem in order to establish His Throne and bring all nations under the Father’s authority.
11 In righteousness He judges and makes war...15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron...16 He has...a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Rev. 19:11-16)
31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him... (Mt. 25:31-32)
- D. As Jesus descends from heaven, He will catch up or rapture the saints in the sky. The Rapture describes what happens to all the saints worldwide. They will be caught up (the Latin word is translated raptured) to meet Jesus in the air as they are instantly changed by receiving resurrected bodies.
16 Lord will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel...the trumpet of God...17 we who are alive...shall be caught up...to meet the Lord in the air... (1 Thes. 4:16-17)
- E. ***The context of the Rapture:*** When Israel was backed up to the sea, Moses stretched forth his rod and the waters parted. The armies of Pharaoh were drowned in the sea as the armies of the Antichrist’s will be in the sea of Jesus’ bowls of wrath. The Church supernaturally flees into the safety of the cloud-of-glory cloud (I Thess. 4:16-17, I Cor. 15:51-54) as unsaved Israel flees through the mountain that is parted by Jesus as Moses parted the Sea. All the raptured saints will be with Jesus by the time He arrives at the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:5).
- F. Many assume Jesus will appear simultaneously to all the peoples of the earth at the same moment as He instantaneously finishes all the activities involved in the Second Coming. The result of establishing a Biblical paradigm about the End-Times is that many passages fit without needing to dismiss them either by spiritualizing them or just ignoring them. Many passages of Scripture do not make sense if Jesus instantaneously completes all the activities associated with His Second Coming.

II. THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE ON EARTH WHEN JESUS APPEARS IN THE SKY

- A. The **redeemed** will be raptured during Jesus' worldwide procession across the sky.
- B. The **reprobate** who took the mark of the Beast will be judged then killed (some executed).
- C. The **resistors** are the unsaved survivors (Jews and Gentiles) of the Great Tribulation who refused to worship the Antichrist. The Scripture refers to them as "those who are left" or "who remain." These will have an opportunity to be converted after Jesus returns and then populate the Millennial earth (Isa. 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 65:8; 66:19; Jer. 31:2; Ezek. 20:38-42; 36:36; Dan. 12:1; Amos 9:9-10; Joel 2:32; Zech. 12:14; 13:8; 14:16).

III. THE SECOND COMING PROCESSION: 3 STAGES (30 DAYS)

- A. I refer to the many different events associated with Jesus' Second Coming as the "Second Coming Procession." It is a procession because Jesus comes with all the saints (1 Thes. 3:13) and all the angels (Mt. 25:31) as He travels on clouds across the whole earth for all to see (Mt. 24:30). It will be a glorious procession as Jesus comes with the Father's glory (Mt. 16:27), great power (Mk. 13:26) and flaming fire (2 Thes. 1:8) as He travels across the sky with the brightness and energy of lightning (Mt. 24:27). He will descend from heaven with a shout, the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God as He raises the dead. (1 Thes. 4:14-16). The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken (Mt. 24:29) causing darkness and silence (Hab. 2:20; Zech. 2:13) to cover the earth.
- B. The Second Coming Procession involves a **3 stage process** including many events occurring over 30 days (compare Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 12:7 with Dan. 12:11). This Procession begins in the sky at the 7th Trumpet (Last Trumpet; Rev. 11:15; 1 Cor. 15:52) with the Rapture and ends on the earth after the 7th Bowl to end the Armageddon campaign with an astonishing victory over the armies of the Antichrist at Jerusalem (Rev. 19:11-21; Zech. 12:1-13:6; 14:1-9).
- C. Stage #1: Jesus' procession across the sky: to rapture the Church (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7).
- D. Stage #2: Jesus' procession on the land: traveling from Egypt through Jordan (Isa. 63; Hab. 3).
- E. Stage #3: Jesus' procession into Jerusalem: to the Mount of Olives followed by His coronation.

IV. STAGE #1: JESUS' PROCESSION ACROSS THE SKY: TO RAPTURE THE CHURCH

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him...and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him... (Rev. 1:7)

- A. The Second Coming Procession begins in the sky when Jesus circles the earth on clouds at the Last Trumpet (1 Cor. 15:51-52; Rev. 11:15) as He raptures the Church.
- B. Jesus will be seen by every eye of every person (believers and unbelievers), from all the tribes of the earth. This requires a global procession over every inhabited place on earth including each remote island of the sea.
- C. The Rapture will not be a secret event, but a dramatic event that all the people on earth will witness with their natural eye (rather than seeing Him in a mystical vision or by technology). It will be necessary for the people to see Jesus in person because they would not be convinced so as to mourn if they only saw Him by technology (because they could not be sure it was Jesus).
- D. Angels will gather the saints from one end of the sky to the other after every eye in their area has seen Jesus who is traveling on the clouds with power and great glory (Luke 21:27).
30 All the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds...31 He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt. 24:30-31)
- E. Jesus will make a procession around the globe crossing over every remote island of the sea that is inhabited by people. This is necessary if every eye of all the tribes of the earth is to see Him.
- F. The Rapture will be a process that takes time to complete. For example, the people in the Pacific islands will not see Him at the same time as those in the Mediterranean islands. Since the earth is round, it is impossible for all the people on the earth to see Him at the same time.
- G. It will not be sufficient for Jesus to make one trip around the earth. He will need to cover each longitude and latitude of all the inhabited places on earth so that each person sees Him in person as He arrives over their region. They will see Him in such a way that they cry out to Him (mourn).
- H. What ***height*** and ***speed*** will Jesus travel at so as to be recognizable to people on the earth with the naked eye? His procession across the sky requires that Jesus be ***bright enough*** and ***close enough*** to be seen and the process is ***slow enough*** for each person (not raptured) to interpret what is going on so that they mourn. How long will this take as He travels on a cloud-chariot? It must be ***convincing enough*** to cause hardened (not reprobate) unbelievers to mourn.

V. PAUL'S PRIMARY PASSAGE ON THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS (1 THESS. 4:13-5:11)

- A. Paul's most detailed passage on the Second Coming is 1 Thes. 4:13-5:11 with additional key information given in 2 Thes. 1-2. Sound dominates what Paul emphasized including the shout of God, the cry of an archangel, and the sound of God's trumpet (1 Thes. 4:16). Paul reveals that Jesus will raise the dead along with the catching up or the Rapture of the living (1 Thes. 4:17).

13 I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 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. 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. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thes. 4:13–18)

- B. God's shout – Jesus will come from heaven with a shout. It is not clear who shouts. This shout of Divine command will probably come from both the Father and the Son.

- C. The shout is translated by some as the command (keleusma) which is common when God rebukes His enemies or the opposing powers of nature when He appeared in the OT (Ps. 29:3-9; Isa 17:13; 50:2; Nah. 1:4). God rebukes hostile waters (Ps 104:7; 106:9). God will shout His word of command to release His power to destroy His enemy and deliver His people. Commands are used to direct His armies and terrify His enemies. The words of Jesus will release His judgments and destroy His enemies (Rev 2:16; 19:15-16). The command releases the fire or sword at Jesus' disposal. Jesus' voice will shake the heavens and earth (Heb. 12:26).

- D. The Divine command from the Father

25 We not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." (Heb. 12:25-26)

30 The LORD will roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. (Jer. 25:30)

10 They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west... (Hos. 11:10)

- E. The Father mocks the nations (Ps. 2:1-3) who dare to oppose His choice to make Jesus King.

4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King (Jesus) on My holy hill of Zion (Jerusalem after the Second Coming)." (Ps. 2:4-6)

- F. The Divine command will also come from Jesus.

The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. (Isa. 42:13)

25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live...28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. (Jn. 5:25-29).

15 For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. (Isa 66:15)

- G. David has a revelation of the Messianic King using intercession in taking possession of each area of each nation (including political, economic, spiritual, educational, military, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, environment, social institutions, etc. (Ps. 2:7-9).

7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD (Father) has said to Me (Jesus), 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." (Ps. 2:7-9)

- H. Through intercessory decrees, Jesus will break and dash every institution on the planet that does not righteously line up with His Father's agenda.

- I. Jesus spoke to release the Father's will (Gen 1:3, 9, 11, 15, 24, 30; Ps. 33:6; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2).

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Gen 1:1-3)

- J. Jesus will rule through speaking to the Father in intercession (called the rod of His mouth). This rod of His mouth is what He strikes the earth with. It is the same rod that He used in Gen. 1 when He said, "Let it be" as He created the earth. It is a direct parallel to the rod of Moses that struck the earth in judgment. The rod of His mouth (Rev. 19:15; 12:5; Ps. 2:7, 9; 110:2; Isa. 11:4).

4 He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)

- K. The sword from Jesus' mouth is another term for releasing God's power through His words.

15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. (Rev. 19:15)

17 The sword of the Spirit which is the word of God... (Eph. 6:17)

- L. Jesus will speak over and blow on His enemies to slay them. The breath of Jesus' mouth is another way of expressing how Jesus releases God's power and army through His words. The Holy Spirit hovered over the earth waiting to release God's authority. Jesus speaks the word of release. Jesus blew on the apostles after the resurrection to release the Spirit.

4 By...the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. (Isa. 11:4)

8 The lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth. (2 Thes. 2:8)

22 He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn. 20:22)

27 Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, burning with His anger...His lips are full of indignation, and His tongue like a devouring fire. 28 His breath is like an overflowing stream...to sift the nations...29 You shall have a song...and gladness of heart...to come into the Mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel. 30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger and the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones. 31 For through the voice of the LORD Assyria will be beaten down, as He strikes with the rod. 32 And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, it will be with tambourines and harps; and in battles of brandishing He will fight with it. 33 ...the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone... (Isa. 30:27-33)

VI. WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL

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. (1 Thes. 4:16)

- A. Paul highlights one specific archangel in 1 Thes. 4:16. Archangels are also called "mighty angels" since they are angels of high rank in the heavenly authority structure. This mighty archangel probably sets into action a dimension of the battle strategy. Jesus comes with mighty angels when it is time to release vengeance on God enemies.
- 7 When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God (2 Thess 1:7-8)***
- B. Archangels or mighty angels are mentioned in 1 Enoch and in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 5:2; 10:1; 18:1, 21). John shows Michael the archangel as warring with significant leadership (Rev. 12:7). In Revelation specific angels give specific commands (Rev 8:7, 8, 10, 12; 9:1, 13; 11:15) to release God's judgment.
- C. Dan 12:1 speaks of Michael as a great prince (mighty angel/archangel). The seven archangels known in OT tradition are Michael, Gabriel, Uriel, Raphael, Raguel, Saragael, Remiel. Michael is known as the leader of the mighty angels (1 Enoch 24:6, 11).

- D. Jesus will come with all the angels (Matt 13:41; 24:31; 25:31; Mk. 8:38; 13:27; Lk. 9:26; 2 Thess 1:7-10). Jesus' procession in the sky with billions of angels will show forth the overwhelming power and might of His army.

31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him (Mt. 25:31)

- E. Jesus will send out His angels with a specific role in gathering the saints to the sky from the ends of the earth. The angels will also remove sinners by killing them.

31 He will send His angels...and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt. 24:31)

41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness... (Mt. 13:41)

- F. God came as leader of the heavenly armies in the generation of Moses as a prophetic picture of the End-Times (Deut 33:2-3). Some translate this as He came "with myriads of holy ones." In the End-Times, these holy ones or "saints" will include both angels and believers.

2 The LORD came from Sinai, and dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousands of saints (holy ones)... (Deut 33:2)

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of thousands; the Lord is among them as in Sinai, in the Holy Place. (Ps. 68:17)

- G. Paul quoted Zech. 14:5 in 1 Thes. 3:13.

5 Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. (Zech. 14:5)

13 At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. (1 Thess 3:13)

- H. Other voices related to the Second Coming include the voices in heaven crying out, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever" (Rev. 11:15). Also, when the Antichrist and His armies are defeated, an angel, standing in the sun, commands with loud voice to the birds, "Come, gather, for the great supper of God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains and their horses..." (Rev. 19:17-18).

VII. THE TRUMPET OF GOD

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. (1 Thes. 4:16)

31 He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather His elect. (Mt. 24:31)

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trumpet. For the Trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Cor 15:51-52)

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ... (Rev. 11:15)

14 Then the LORD will be seen over them...the Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, and go with whirlwinds from the south. (Zech 9:14)

13 So it shall be in that day: The great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem. (Isa 27:13)

- A. This trumpet points to the holy war that Jesus is leading against the Antichrist and his armies. The trumpet gives the signal to assemble for war (Jud 3:27; 6:34; 1 Sam 13:3) and then gives signals for the movement of the troops..
- B. In Revelation angels are seen blowing trumpets to release judgment (Rev 8:2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12).

VIII. JESUS WILL RAISE THE DEAD. (1 THES. 4:14-16)

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout... 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. (1 Thes. 4:16–17)

- A. Some of the saints in Thessalonica grieved because they believed that death robbed their loved ones of sharing in the glory of the Second Coming. Paul is reassuring the Thessalonians that at the Lord's coming, the living will be no better off than the deceased.
- B. The dead cannot be taken up until they are first come to life again. Paul places resurrection of the dead before the Rapture. In other words, they will return to this life so as to participate in the Rapture. Paul said that they would first be raised then brought with Jesus in the Rapture. Paul explains to those who were grieving for their deceased loved ones, that these would not be prevented (by their death) from participating in Jesus' Second Coming.
- C. Paul assures them that before the living are raptured that the dead in Christ would be brought to life to position them to participate in the glory of the Second Coming events.

IX. TRAVELING ON HEAVENLY SUPERNATURAL CLOUDS

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. (1 Thess 4:17)

13 Behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! (Dan. 7:13)

30 They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power... (Mt. 24:30)

- A. The clouds of heaven are not natural clouds, but heavenly supernatural clouds. They are the mode of transportation between earth and heaven and veil God's majestic presence (Lk. 9:34-35; (Ex. 14:20; 20:21; Deut. 4:11; 5:22-23; Ps. 97:2; 2 Sam. 22:10, 12). In the OT, God came and went in context to smoke and cloud. Jesus will travel across the earth in the sky on clouds in the midst of flaming fire for all to see (Mt. 24:30; Isa. 19:1). Elijah traveled in the chariot of fire. Angels travel on clouds (Rev 10:1).

1 You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2...cover Yourself with light as with a garment...3 who makes the clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind. (Ps. 104:1-3)

4 Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH... (Ps. 68:4)

1 Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt... (Isa. 19:1)

- B. Jesus will come on heavenly clouds (Mt 24:30; 26:64; Mk. 13:26; Lk. 21:27; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thes. 4:17; Rev 1:7; 11:11-13; 14:14-16; Dan 7:13; Isa. 19:1; Ps. 68:4; 104:1-3). The revelation of the Messiah coming on clouds was seen first in Dan 7:13.

9 He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10...two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee...this same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him...all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. (Rev 1:7)

64 Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven." (Mt. 26:64)

- C. The believers alive on earth at the Second Coming will be caught up in the clouds. The truth of people not dying was only revealed in the NT.
- D. The two witnesses will be taken up by a cloud to heaven (Rev 11:11-13).

X. BLOOD, FIRE, SMOKE AND DARKNESS AND STARS FALLING

19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood BEFORE the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. (Acts 2:19-20)

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. (Joel 2:31)

10 The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. (Joel 2:10)

15 The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. (Joel 3:15)

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven... (Mt. 24:29)

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the Beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. (Revelation 16:10)

10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. (Isaiah 13:10)

9 It shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD, "That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight... (Amos 8:9)

7 When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. (Ezekiel 32:7)

XI. THE BRIGHTNESS OF JESUS' APPEARING: GLORY AND FIRE (LIKE LIGHTNING)

27 For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Mt. 24:27)

8 Then the lawless one (Antichrist) will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. (2 Thes. 2:8)

7 Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire... (2 Thes. 1:7-8)

2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. (Isa. 60:1-2)

7 Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously. (Isa. 24:23)

6 It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. 7 It shall be one day (unique day) which is known to the LORD-- neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. (Zech. 14:6-7)

19 Flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail... (Rev. 11:19).

14 Then the LORD will be seen over them... His arrow will go forth like lightning. The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, And go with whirlwinds from the south. (Zech 9:14)

26 On the likeness of the Throne was a likeness with the appearance of a Man...27 From the appearance of His waist and upward...the appearance of fire all around...and from the appearance of His waist and downward...the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the appearance of a rainbow...so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. (Ezek. 1:26-28)

4 His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand... (Hab. 3:4)

3 Who (Jesus) being the brightness of His (Father's) glory... (Heb. 1:3)

XII. EARTHQUAKES AND THE SHAKKNG OF THE WHOLE EARTH

6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nation..." (Hag. 2:6-7)

25 From Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven"... (Heb. 12:25-26)

18 There were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. 19 Now the great city (Jerusalem) was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (Rev. 16:18-20)

19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel (Ezek. 38:19)

6 You will be punished by the LORD of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire. (Isaiah 29:6)

2 Listen, O earth, and all that is in it...the Lord from His holy Temple. 3 For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. 4 The mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire... (Mic. 1:2-4)

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! that You would come down! that the mountains might shake at Your presence 2...to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. (Isa. 64:1-3)

4 Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low...5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together... (Isa. 40:4-5)

XIII. SILENCE WILL COVER THE EARTH AT JESUS' SECOND COMING

20 The LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him. (Hab. 2:20)

13 Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation! (Zech. 2:13)

7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; for the day of the LORD is at hand... (Zeph. 1:7)

10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations... (Ps. 46:10)

XIV. THE SAINTS WILL MARVEL AT JESUS

10 When He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired (marveled) among all those who believe... (2 Thes. 1:10)

23 May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:23)

XV. MT. SINAI

A. God's revelation of Himself at Sinai provides a clear OT prophetic picture of key dimensions of Jesus' Second Coming (Ex. 19:10–20; Deut 33:2).

10 The LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. 11 Let them be ready...on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people...13 When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come near the mountain"...16 On the third day...there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people...trembled...18 Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. 19 When the blast of the trumpet sounded long and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by voice. 20 The LORD came down upon Mount Sinai. The LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. (Ex. 19:10-20)

B. When the Lord came down to Mount Sinai, the people heard heavenly trumpet blasts, God's voice, thunder, and saw lightening, clouds, smoke, angels (Deut. 33:2) and the whole mountain shake. The parallel of Exod 19:10–20 to 1 Thess 4:16–17 is meant to be understood. In 1 Thess 4:13-18, Paul adds the element of the dead being raised and the saints being taken up into the air by heavenly clouds. The Lord appeared to Moses as the captain of the heavenly (angelic) army called the holy ones (saints).

C. In Exod 19:10-20, we do not have an account of an archangel.

XVI. JESUS RAPTURES THE SAINTS AT THE SOUND OF THE LAST TRUMPET

Jesus will begin to rapture the saints at the sound of the Last Trumpet (1 Cor. 15:50-52; Rev. 11:15-17; 10:7; Mt. 24:31; 1 Thes. 4:16; Isa. 27:13). Only the righteous dead will be raised at the Last Trumpet (1 Cor. 15:51-52). The mystery of God or the plan of God for the Bride to be ready to rule the earth with Jesus will be complete at the 7th Trumpet. Jesus will rapture the saints in association with a great trumpet (Mt. 24:31). Paul tells us that the Rapture occurs in association with the Last Trumpet (1 Cor. 15:50-52; 1 Thes. 4:16-17; Isa. 27:13; Rev. 11:15-17; 10:7). The 7th Trumpet is the Last Trumpet in the series of seven (Rev. 8-9; 11:15) and is when the empires of the earth begin to be taken over by Jesus. The Last Trumpet is the last of the seven Trumpets that are numbered by John in Revelation. The world is celebrating the death of the Two Witnesses as they are the first ones raptured at the 7th Trumpet. Jesus comes back to earth beginning at the 7th Trumpet (Rev. 11:15-18)