



# REVELATION'S RAPTURE

## BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #2

**Matthew 24:24** Jesus warned that there will be a lot of deception regarding His return.

**John 14:1-3** The promise of the second coming of Jesus.

**Matthew 24:25,26** Beware of anyone proclaiming that Christ has already come or that His coming will be in a secret manner.

### **EIGHT BIBLE FACTS OF HOW JESUS WILL COME:**

**Acts 1:9-11** 1. **LITERAL.** As He left, so He will return.

**Acts 1:11** 2. **PERSONAL.** The same Jesus that ascended into heaven will return.

**Revelation 1:7** 3. **VISIBLE.** Every eye will see Him—even the wicked (see also Matt. 24:30).

**Matthew 24:31** 4. **AUDIBLE.** He will come with angels and the trumpet of God. 1 Thess. 4:16,17 says there will be a divine shout, and the *voice* of the archangel, with the trumpet blowing.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** 5. **RESURRECTING!** The dead in Christ shall rise first.

**Psalms 50:3** 6. **GLORIOUS.** The Lord will come in all His glory (2 Thes. 2:8) with all of His angels (Matt. 25:31). Revelation 5:11 tells us there are more than 100 million holy angels.

**Matthew 24:27** 7. **CLIMACTIC.** Christ's coming will be like lightning that shines from the east to the west.

**Revelation 22:11,12** 8. **DECISIVE.** All cases will have been decided for eternity when Jesus returns.

**THE BIBLE USES THE “THIEF IN THE NIGHT” ILLUSTRATION  
FIVE TIMES:**

**Matt. 24:42,44; 1 Thess. 5:2,4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; Rev. 16:15**

In every above text there is NO evidence of a secret, silent, invisible coming of Jesus. The context of the usage of the expression “thief in the night” is always referring to the time, the suddenness, or unexpectedness of His coming—but not to secrecy.

**Matthew 24:40-44,51** The “one shall be taken, and one shall be left” passage simply shows us that at Jesus’ coming one group will be ready and saved, with the other group lost and destroyed. (See also Luke 17:34-37)

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** The coming of the Lord as a thief is to those who are *not* ready.

**1 Peter 1:13** Peter also exhorted his readers to hope for the “revelation” or revealing of the Savior from heaven—not a secret, invisible rapture.

**Titus 2:13** The hope of the Christian Church is in the glorious return of Christ—not a previous secret rapture.

**Luke 21:26,27** At a time when people’s hearts are afraid, the Lord will come with power and great glory—no mention again of any “taking up” of the church prior to the glorious coming of the Lord.

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** The antichrist power does not reign *after* the “parousia” (appearing) because the Bible teaches that it will be destroyed by the “parousia” or the coming of the Lord.

**John 17:15** Jesus did not pray that His church be “raptured” away before the tribulation time but rather that through God’s power they be kept from succumbing to the evil of the world.

**Revelation 22:11,12** The Lord’s coming is a DECISIVE event, because everyone’s case will have been decided for eternity. (2 Cor. 6:2)