# IS THE RAPTURE THE SECOND COMING?

## TOPICAL

1. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST WAS FIRST PROPHESIED, AT LEAST SIX HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE THE FLOOD**
	1. It Has Been So Long Since Even The Last Prophecy On This, That Men Have Become Predictably Skeptical
	2. The Length Of Time Between The First & Second Coming Has Been Set By God For Very Specific Redemptive Purposes

		1. A Hardening, In Part, Has Taken Place Within The Blood Line Of Abraham In This Dispensation (Romans 11:25)
		2. The Jerusalem Council Affirmed That God Had Begun An Extended Program Of Taking From The Gentiles A People For His Name (Acts 15:14)
2. **THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 19:11-21 IS NOT THE COMING THAT CHRISTIANS ARE WAITING FOR**
	1. The Second Coming Of Christ Is Most Correctly Understood, As Occurring In Two Phases
	2. The Reasons For Differentiating Between The "Rapture" & Christ's Actual Touch Down Back To Earth Must Be Understood

		1. The Natural Chronological Sequence Of I Thessalonians 4 & 5
		2. The Explicit Statement Of I Thessalonians 5:9
		3. The Nature Of The Confusion Paul Addresses In II Thessalonians 2:2
		4. The Supplementary Facts Given In Addition To The Original Presentation Of the Rapture In II Thessalonians 2:3-7
		5. The Promise Given To The Church In Philadelphia In Revelation 3:10
		6. The Context Of Revelation 19:11-21 & Associated Passages