

7 Biblical Raptures (Prophetic Pattern)

- Only Those Who Had a Relationship with God Were Transposed
 - Instruction (Not Judgement): Paul, John
 - Reward: Elijah, Enoch
 - Indication of God's Power: Philip
 - Service as High Priest: Jesus
 - Fulfillment of a Promise: The Church
- The Justified Find their Shelter in God
The Judged Suffer an Earthly Fate

The Questions of Controversy:

- When Does the Church Resurrect and Stand in Christ's Presence?
- When Does the Tribulation Occur?
- What Type of King is Christ?

Background: The Imperial Church

- Origen of Alexandria (185-283AD) Popularizes Allegorical Interpretation of Scripture (Revelation).
- Christianity Legalized in 313AD.
- Theodosius Proclaims Christianity the State Religion of the Roman Empire in 380AD.
- Augustine of Hippo (354-430AD) Popularizes Amillennial Theology.

Two Phases of the Second Advent?

Rapture	Day of the Lord
Saints Transposed	No Transposition
Saints Enter Heaven	Saints Return with Christ
Earth Not Judged	Earth Judged
Imminent (Sign-less)	Follows Signs
NT Only*	OT and NT
Believer's Only	Affects Everyone
Before the Wrath	Concludes the Wrath

Isaiah 26:16-21

