

# The Rapture and the Millennium

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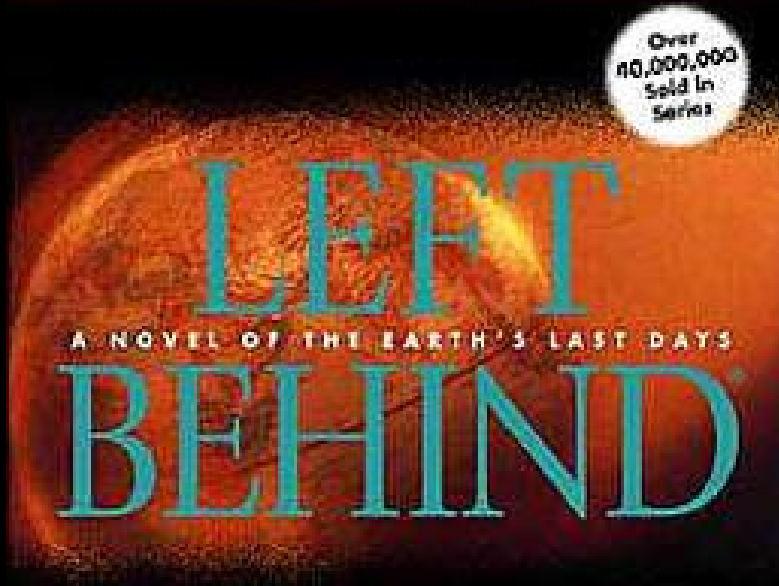


Rapture = to be caught  
up

*Three*  
advents of  
Christ?

1. Incarnation
2. Secret rapture
3. Christ's coming in glory at the end of time

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## First Advent: The Incarnation

- Mission to redeem humanity and reconcile creation to God (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)
- Destroyed the power of death (Hebrews 2:14, 1 John 3:8)
- Satan allowed to remain active during present age
- Church entrusted with sacraments to dispense grace
- Number of saints and martyrs continues to grow (Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9, 13-14)

## Second Advent: Return in Glory

- Revelation 1:7 and Matthew 24:27
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17: Yes, there *will* be a rapture.
  - Parousia
  - For example, Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-17)
- Final (public) judgment (1 Corinthians 4:5)

# The Secret Rapture Doctrine: An American Phenomenon

- 18<sup>th</sup> century
  - Increase Mather
  - Morgan Edwards
- 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Manuel De Lacunza
  - William Miller
  - John Nelson Darby
- 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - C.I. Scofield
  - Hal Lindsey
  - Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

# Millenarianism

- Apocalyptic expectations
- Christ's earthly reign prior to close of history



# Secret Rapture in the Bible?

- 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
- Matthew 24:36-42
- 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9-10

Are you “pre,”  
“post,” or  
“mid”?

- Pre-tribulationist
- Post-tribulationist
- Mid-tribulationist
- Partial tribulationist

A minority view

Secret rapture doctrine unknown or rejected among:

- Catholics and Orthodox
- Protestant reformers

# The Millennium (Revelation 20:1-10)

- Premillennialist
  - Church deems “cannot be taught safely”
- Postmillennialist
- Amillennialist



Confused?

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“The one who gives this testimony says, ‘Yes, I am coming soon.’ Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!”  
(Revelation 22:20)