**Second Coming, Resurrection, Rapture, End Of**

**The World, Judgment Day - All Happen Together**

I Thess 4:15-17 “For this we say unto you … that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

* everybody will be aware of the second coming – the JW’s secret coming in 1914 is false
* first the dead Christians will rise, and then the Christians still alive will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air
* the dead Christians and dead wicked will be raised at the same time – John 5:28-29 “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”
* this resurrection will occur on the “last day” (of the world) – John 6:40 – “And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 11:24 – “Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
* the resurrection will occur at Jesus’ second coming at the end of the world – I Cor 15:22-24 – “… even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end …”
* the word “rapture” is a Latin word meaning “caught up” - which we find in verse 17
* we also see this rapture “caught up” concept in Matt 24:40-41 “Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.”

II Pet 3:3-4,10 “… there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? … But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”

* so the end of the world occurs at Jesus’ second coming
* leaves no room for “Premillennialism” or for anybody being “left behind” after the rapture

John 12:48 “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.”

* so on the “last day” (of the world) we will be judged – the Judgment Day
* by God’s word according to our works Rev 20:11-12 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.”