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- The rapture explained:
 - A time when the Lord will return and take His people up in the air for 7 years.
 - Only the righteous dead will be raised at this time, and the righteous living will be raptured.
 - The rest will remain on earth while great tribulation occurs. Death on mass scale will occur on earth.
 - At the end of the 7 year period, Jesus will return to earth to establish His 1000 year kingdom.

- Defining Premillennialism:
 - "Pre" means "before" and "millennium" means one thousand.
 - The basic doctrine teaches that Jesus will return to earth before He begins His 1,000 year reign on earth. After the 1,000 year reign on earth, the saints will go to heaven for eternity and the wicked will be consigned to hell for eternity.

- The Quiet Coming.
 - The central text to support the rapture is the text that denies it. 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - The rapture theory teaches that they will quietly be taken away, become instantly invisible.
 - Yet the Bible teaches a very noisy return of the Lord. 2 Pet 3:10-12
 - We do not read of a "hushed up rapture."

- The Two Comings.
 - No such teaching in 1 Corinthians 15.
 1 Cor. 15:23-28
 - Paul did not teach the rapture to the Thessalonians.
 1 Thess. 5:1-6, 2 Thess. 1:6-10
 - There will be a resurrection of all the dead, just and unjust! Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29

- The problem with this doctrine:
 - A denial of the universal coming of Jesus.
 - The rapture theory calls for only a portion of humanity to witness the second coming of Jesus.

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Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7
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All nations will be before Him. Matt. 25:31-46

- The problem with this doctrine:
 - When He returns, the living and the dead, righteous and wicked will be judged.
 - 2 Tim. 4:1; 2 Cor. 5:10
 - It denies that the kingdom of Christ was established, and thus denies that Jesus in King.
 - 1 Tim. 6:14-15; Col. 1:13

- Too many contradictions:
 - Contradicts: John 5:28-29
 - Contradicts "last day" statements.
 - John 6:39-40; 44; 54; 11:21-26; 12:48
 - Contradicts: 2 Tess. 1:5-10
 - Contradicts: 2 Pet. 3:9-12

