Rightly Dividing the Word:
First and Second Coming; Rapture vs Revelation
John 14:3

I. Rightly Dividing the First and Second Coming

A. The Clarity of the Two Comings
B. The Confusion of the Two Comings
C. The Contexts of the Two Comings
D. The Contrast of the Two Comings
1. The Place of His Comings
a. His First Coming would be to Bethlehem.
b. His Second Coming will be to Jerusalem.
2. The Purpose of His Comings
a. His First Coming was to save sinners.
b. His Second Coming will be to judge sinners.
3. The Person of His Comings
a. His First Coming was as a Baby in a manger.
b. His Second Coming will be as a conquering warrior.
4. The Position of His Comings
a. His First Coming was as a servant.
b. His Second Coming will be as a King of Kings.
5. The Program of His Comings
a. In His First Coming He came to Die for His enemies.
b. In His Second Coming He will come to Rule over His enemies.
6. The Prominence of His Comings
a. In His First Coming, he was noticed by only a few and there was no room for Him. He was despised and rejected.
b. In His Second Coming, every eye will see Him, and He will be accepted by His brethren.
7. The Passage of His Comings
a. In His First Coming, He rode meekly on a donkey.
b. In His Second Coming, He will ride powerfully on a white horse.
8. The Peace of His Comings
a. In His First Coming, He offered peace to the human heart.
b. In His Second Coming, He will establish peace on earth.
9. The Politics of His Comings
a. At His First Coming, the governments were in the hands of men.
b. At His Second Coming, the governments will be upon His shoulder.
10. The Pain of His Comings
a. At His First Coming, the Serpent bruised His heel.
b. At His Second Coming, He will bruise the Serpent's Head.

II. Rightly Dividing the Rapture and Revelation _____

A. The Clarity of the Rapture and Revelation _____

B. The Confusion of the Rapture and Revelation _____

C. The Contexts of the Rapture and Revelation _____

1. Rapture – John 14, 1 Thessalonians 4, 1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 2-4 _____

2. Revelation – Old Testament prophecy, Matthew 24, Revelation 19-20 _____

D. The Contrast of the Rapture and Revelation _____

1. The People of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is the coming of the Lord for His saints. _____
   b. The revelation is the coming of the Lord with His saints. _____
2. The Place of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. At the rapture, the saints are caught up in the air. _____
   b. At the revelation, Christ returns to the earth. _____
3. The Power of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture brings a message of hope and comfort. _____
   b. The revelation brings a message of fear and judgment. _____
4. The Premonitions of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is an event without any signs, only promises. _____
   b. The revelation is an event preceded by a multitude of signs. _____
5. The Prophecies of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is strictly New Testament mystery. _____
   b. The revelation is the subject of Old Testament prophecy. _____
6. The Promise of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is a promise given exclusively to the church. _____
   b. The revelation primarily concerns the nation of Israel. _____
7. The Place of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. At the rapture, the church' s expectation is to be taken into the Lord's presence. _____
   b. At the revelation, Israel's expectation is to be ushered into the Kingdom. _____
8. The Program of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is before the Tribulation. _____
   b. The revelation is after the Tribulation. _____
9. The Pace of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture will be in a moment. _____
   b. The revelation will be visible. _____
10. The Proving of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. The rapture is tied to judgment seat of Christ. _____
   b. The revelation is followed by the judgment of nations and ultimately the Great White Throne Judgment. _____
11. The Prize of the Rapture and Revelation _____
   a. In the rapture, Christ comes to receive His bride. _____
   b. In the revelation, Christ comes to receive His kingdom. _____