

THE RETURN OF THE  
**PRINCE OF PEACE**

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**UNDERSTANDING THE RAPTURE**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

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2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven,  
nor the Son, but only the Father. Matthew 24:36

**2. THIS EVENT WILL \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**3. IT WILL ONLY \_\_\_\_\_.**

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house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to  
prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and  
take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:1-3

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**SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

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1 Thessalonians 4:16

“God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.”

1 Thessalonians 4:14

**2. THE \_\_\_\_\_**

“According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left  
until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Thessalonians 4:15

**3. THE \_\_\_\_\_**

“We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed”.

1 Corinthians 15:51

**4. THE \_\_\_\_\_**

“...we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together...”

1 Thessalonians 4:17

**5. THE \_\_\_\_\_**

“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them  
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”

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### 2. THIS EVENT WILL OCCUR SUDDENLY.

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### 3. IT WILL ONLY INVOLVE BELIEVERS.

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