Be Ready! ( Part 2)

Where are we heading up to – rapture of the church or God & Magog War?

We saw from Luke 21:29, that we are the generation that will prepare the way for the King of Glory and see His rapture.

* Matthew 24:29 ; Mark 13:24-26; Revelation 6:12
* Four Blood Moons – Apr 2014 – Sep 2015
* Rapture – 1 Cor 15:51,52; 1 Thess 4:16; 1 Cor 15:23;24; John 14:3

The reason of His second Coming:

1. Christ will come for the church, to receive all true believers to Himself
2. Christ will come for the national salvation of Israel
3. Christ will come for the overthrow of Antichrist and of Satan himself
4. Christ will come for the judgment of the Gentile nations
5. Christ will come to establish His millennial Kingdom upon earth

Though there is a general agreement among the Bible believers concerning these main purposes, there is discussion and controversy concerning the details and the precise relationship and timings. Will it be a single event or will there be definite intervals of time between some of them? IF so what order will they take place? Is it possible that some will overlap others?

Rapture. We will never die - no need of resurrection from the dead

1 Cor 15:51-53
1 cor 15:23

1. Christ the first fruits
2. Christ's at His coming - we are the generation
Coming - parousia - this is the word mainly used throughout the New Testament to denote that aspect of Christ's second coming as the Bride groom to take His bride, the church, to Himself.

Gog & Magog War: Ezekiel 38 & 39.

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1 Cor 15:“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1 Thess 4:15-17” For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord”

John 14:3” And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

1 Corinth 15:23-24” But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ’s at His coming. 24 Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and powe

* Three people group: Jews, Church & the nations
* Gog & Magog war : Ezekiel 38
* This is not the Battle of Armageddon which will occur at the end of Tribulation ending with the Return of Christ and the start of his Millennial Reign ([Revelation 19:11-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2019:11-16&version=NASB" \t "_blank)). In this war, God will end the battle before it starts. The war of Armageddon will involve virtually every nation on earth and will initially be centered on the Antichrist. This war, while involving a huge hoard, will not include every nation on earth and will be lead by Russia and Iran ([Ezekiel 38:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%2038:1-6&version=NASB" \t "_blank)).
* Re-gathering of Jews, worldwide revival, rapture of the Church – Romans 11:25,26

