

Amillennialism — Rapture

“An indication that this is a day of cosmic significance is the fact that believers are caught up—a word meaning to be seized by an irresistible force—into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Paul’s reference to the air may have something to do with the fact that Satan was elsewhere described by the apostle as the “ruler of the kingdom of the air” (Eph. 2:2). Hence, this event marks the final defeat of Satan (cf. 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 20:10).”

—— Kim Riddlebarger, *A Case for Amillennialism*, (Baker Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013), 162.

“The presence of the clouds recalls to mind other climactic events in redemptive history: the exodus (Exod. 13:21; 14:19), the events that transpired on Mount Sinai (Exod. 19:16; 24:15), the filling of the tabernacle (Exod. 40:34–35), the wanderings in the wilderness (Exod. 40:36–38), and the transfiguration (Mark 9:7) and ascension of Jesus (Acts 1:9).⁵ This event is the long-anticipated redemptive-historical climax, not a secret rapture that is but the prelude to the “real” second coming seven years later.”

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