

- COMING SOON -



Unraveling the RAPTURE

Class FIVE –Chapter 11:15-19 and more

Apocalypse (from Ancient Greek
ἀποκάλυψις (apokálypsis)
'**revelation, disclosure**')

REVELATION

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

*****The MAIN POINT*****

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must ^[a]shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John,”

(Rev. 1:1 NKJV)

“COMING SOON” - 7 CLASSES - **BOOK OF SEVENS**

- **Class 1** – 3/1 - **Revelation Overview**
& Chapter 1
- **Class 2** – 3/8 - Chapters 2-5
- **Class 3** – 3/15 - Chapters 6-9
- **Class 4** – 3/22 - Chapters 10-14
- **Class 5** – 3/29 - **THE RAPTURE**
- **Class 6** – 4/5 - Chapters 15-18
- **Class 7** - 4/12 - Chapters 19-22

How to get the
MOST
out of this class??

- **Attend every session**
- **Attend in person**
- **Bring your Bible and notebook**
- **Pay close attention**
- **Download slides from app**
- **Do the homework**

LET'S BE LIKE THE BEREANS...

COMING SOON...

“Uncovering the BOOK OF REVELATION”

- ❖ Wednesday Nights 7:00-8:30 pm
At Remnant Church
- ❖ STARTS MARCH 1st
- ❖ Enlightening End-Times 7-class series
- ❖ You *DO NOT* want to miss this!

Acts 17:11

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Special thanks and acknowledgements first to my dad, **Pastor Glen Gammon**, then **Mike Bickle** – **Book of Revelation Study Guide 2009** - Extensive notes on Revelation may be found at Mikebickle.org; Also grateful for much inspiration from **Dr. Chuck Missler**, 24 YouTube videos on The Book of Revelation

**THE ONLY BOOK OF THE BIBLE THAT
PROMISES A BLESSING FOR READING IT:**

***“BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO **READS** ALOUD THE WORDS OF THIS
PROPHECY, AND BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO **HEAR** THE WORDS OF
THIS PROPHECY, AND **KEEP** WHAT IS WRITTEN IN IT,
BECAUSE THE TIME IS NEAR.” (REV.1:3 CSB)***



HOMEWORK FOR CLASS 5

Review: The structure of the book of Revelation:

Memorize the 4 parts **AND THE CHAPTERS** in c

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| Part 1 - | Chapter 1 | 1. John's calling/con |
| Part 2 - | Chapters 2-3 | 2. Jesus' 7 Letters to |
| Part 3 - | Chapters 4-5 | 3. Jesus takes the Scr |
| Part 4 - | Chapters 6-22 | 4. Jesus' Battle Plan |

**Memorize the titles of the
5 Chronological Sections**

1. Seals
2. Trumpets,
3. 2nd Coming
4. Bowls
5. Triumphal Entry

“CLASP”: Calling, Letters, And the Scroll has the Plan

Re-read and meditate on **Chapters 10-14 – now with more understanding**

READ MATTHEW 24, MARK 13 and LUKE 21

in preparation for next week

PART 4 – JESUS' BATTLE PLAN

Chronologic 1 – Ch.6 : **The Seal Judgments**– against the kingdom of darkness

*Angelic 1 – Ch. 7: We receive **Protection** from judgments and falling away*

Chronologic 2 – Ch.8-9: The **Trumpet Judgments** – against Antichrist's empire

*Angelic 2 – Ch. 10-11:14: We receive **Direction** by the increase in prophetic ministry*

Chronologic 3 – Ch.11:15-19: (**The 7th Trumpet**), **2nd Coming Procession**

*Angelic 3 – Ch.12-14: Antichrist's violent **Confrontation** against the saints*

Chronologic 4 – Ch.15-16: **The Bowl Judgments** destroy evil infrastructure

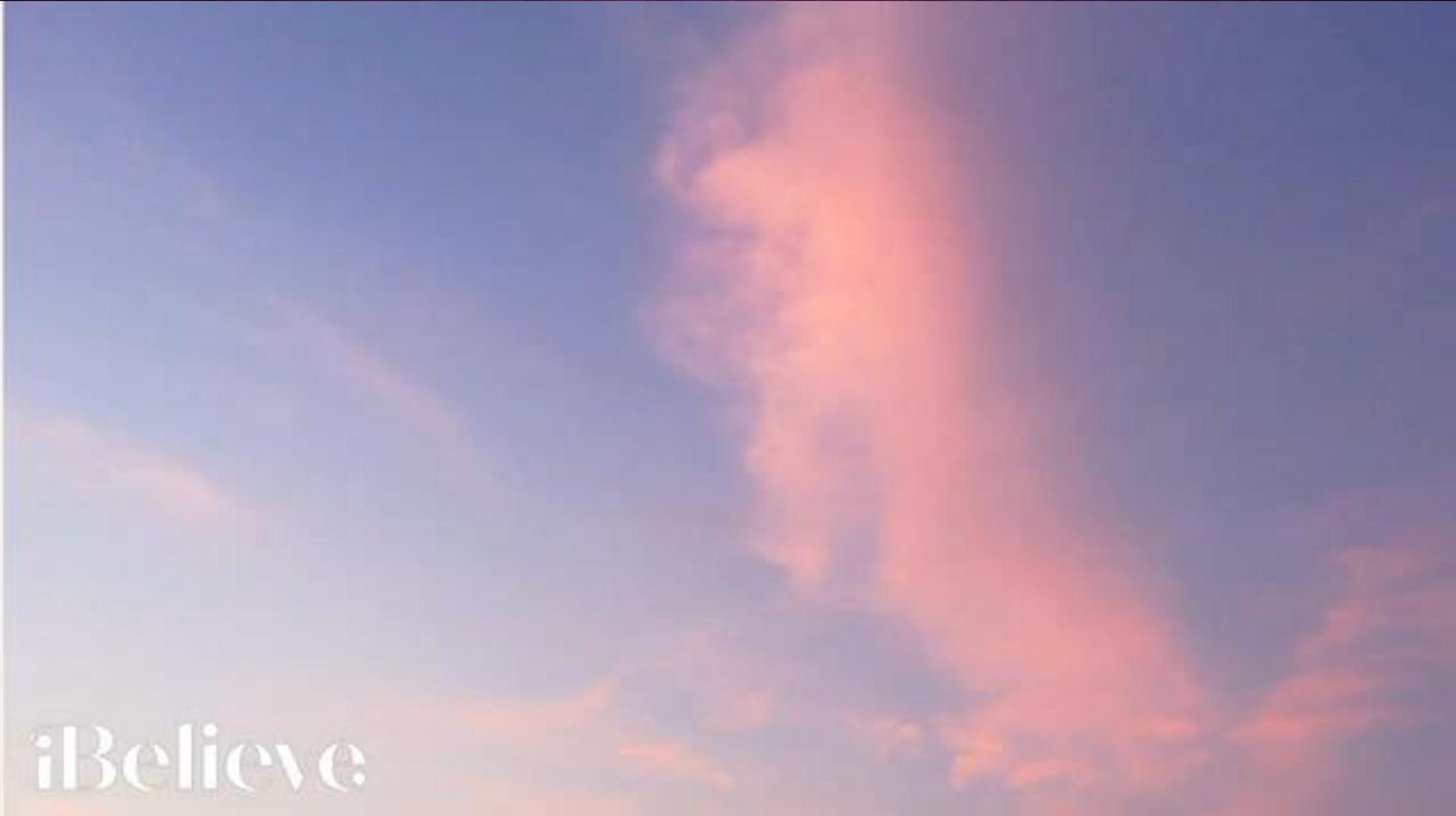
*Angelic 4 – Ch.17-18: The **Seduction** of society by Babylon's evil religion*

Chronologic 5 – Ch.19-20: Jesus' **Triumphal Entry** into Jerus. (Rev.19:11-21:8)

*Angelic 5 – Ch.21-22: The **Restoration** of all things (Acts 3:21, Rev. 21:9-22:5)*

THE RAPTURE- DIFFERENT VIEWS

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WHERE IS THE WORD “RAPTURE” IN SCRIPTURE??



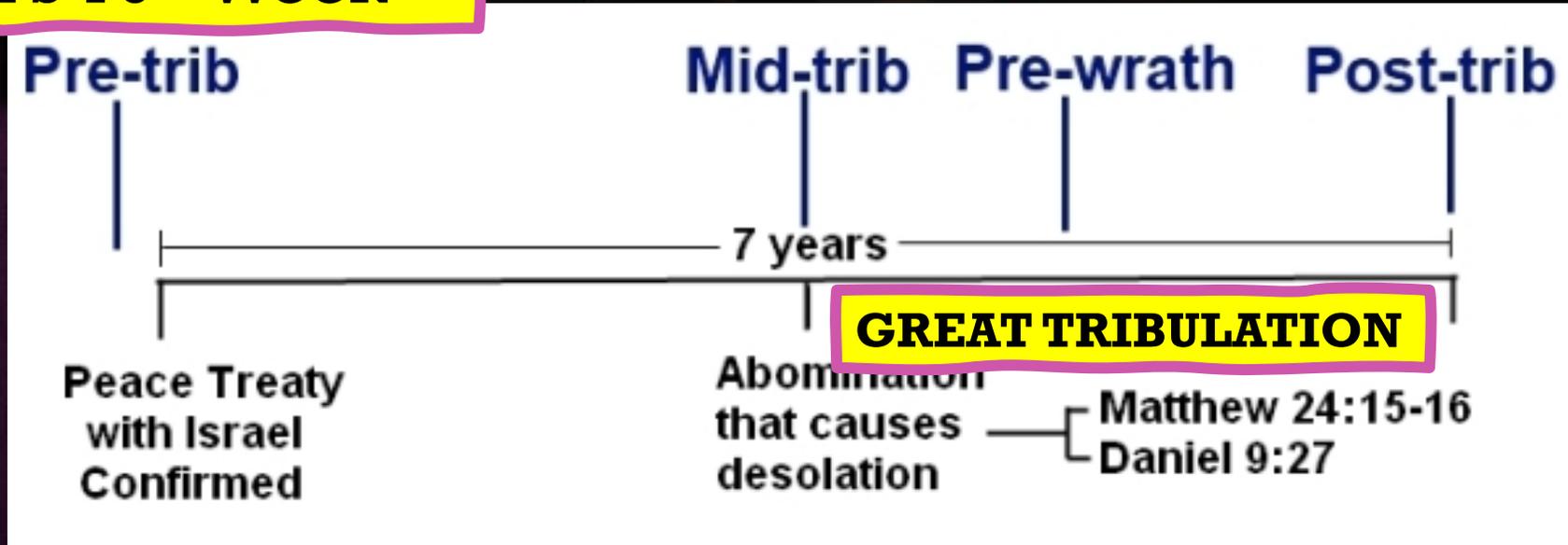
The English word “rapture” does not appear in Scripture.

It is derived from the Latin word *raeptius*, which was used in the Latin Vulgate (the early Latin translation of scripture) to translate the Greek word *harpazo*, which is translated “caught up” in 1 Thess. 4:17 (NKJV). So the word “**rapture**” means a “catching up, snatching up, or catching away.”

SO...WHICH IS IT???

- PRE —^{VS}— MID —^{OR}— POST — TRIBULATION

Daniel's 70th Week



Or NO RAPTURE AT ALL...???

KINGDOM NOW/DOMINION THEOLOGY
I.E. **NO RAPTURE**





**THERE WILL BE
NO RAPTURE**

Preterism

- **Preterism** is a view in Christian eschatology which holds that some or all of the biblical prophecies concerning the *Last Days* refer to events which took place in the first century after Christ's birth, especially associated with the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. The term preterism comes from the Latin *praeter*, meaning *past*, since this view deems certain biblical prophecies as *past*, or already fulfilled. (<http://www.theopedia.com/Preterism>)

The History of Amillennialism

- Origen: Allegorization of Scripture
- Augustine: Amillennialism
- Roman Catholic Eschatology
- Reformation failed to address...
 - Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial (and Post-Tribulational) in their eschatological views

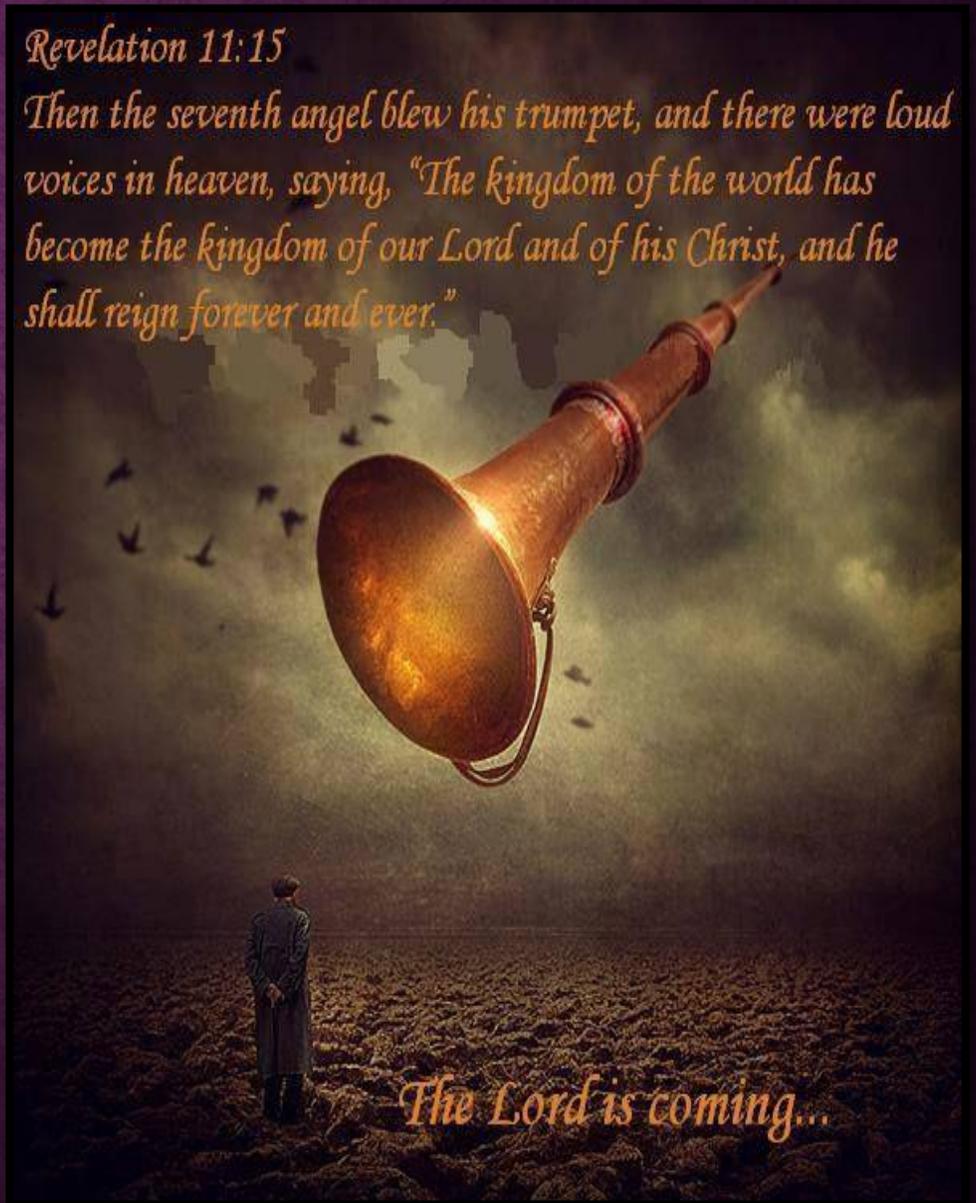
IS THE 'RAPTURE' EVEN
MENTIONED IN REVELATION?



REVELATION
The Rapture

NO MORE DELAY...

- “There will **no longer be a delay**, but during the days when the **seventh angel will blow his trumpet**, then the **mystery of God will be completed**, as he announced to his servants the prophets.”
Rev.10:6-7
- Mystery of God – Dan.7:13-27 Jesus will rule the earth with His people, Jew and Gentile as one
- “During the days of the sounding of the 7th angel – the 30 day period in which Jesus’ 2nd coming process and the release of the 7 Bowl judgments come to completion.



THE SOUNDING OF THE 7TH TRUMPET -11:15-19

Could this be the **SECOND COMING**, The Rapture and Replacement of all the World Governments???

Listen, I am telling you a **mystery**: We will not all fall asleep, but we will be changed, 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 will be changed. (1 Cor.15:51-52, CSB)

- ¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:
 - **“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah and he will reign for ever and ever.”**
- ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying:
 - **“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because **you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.****
- ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and **your wrath has come.** The time has come for judging the dead, and for **rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small**—and for **destroying those who destroy the earth.”**
- ¹⁹ **Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.**



Come Up Here

Revelation 4

**IS THE 'RAPTURE'
MENTIONED IN
REVELATION?**

**OR perhaps it occurs in
Revelation 4:1**
(pre-tribulation view)

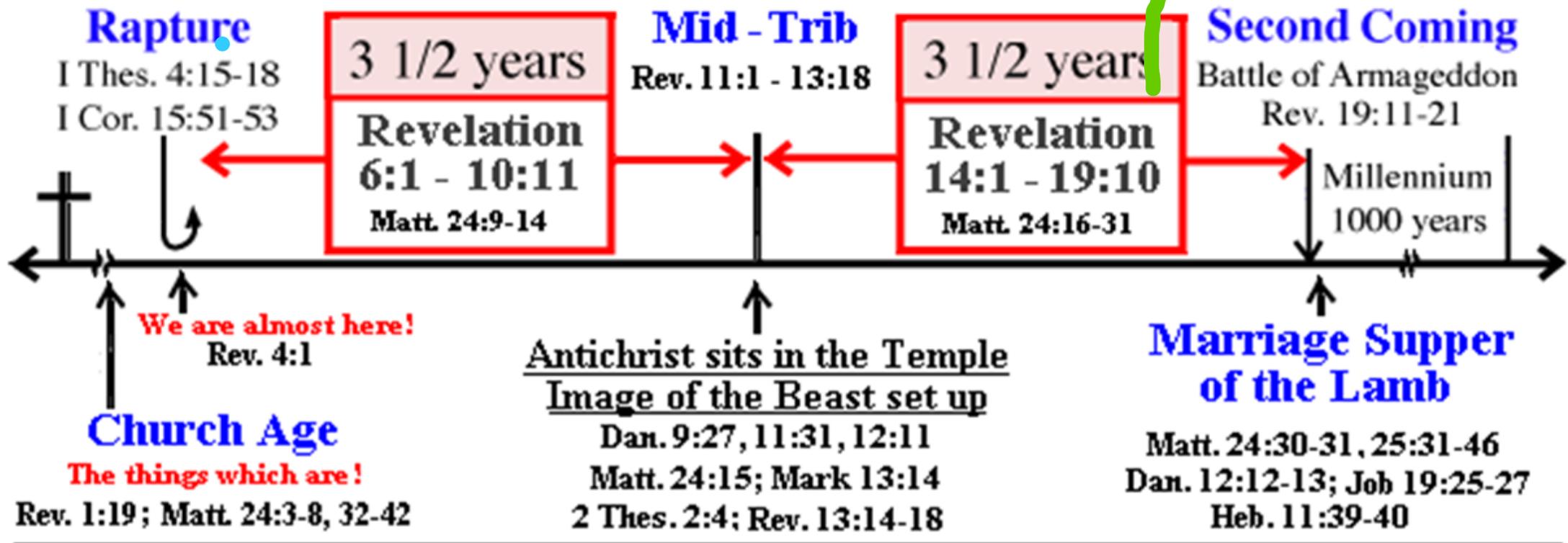
After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, **"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."**

7th Trumpet/pre-bowls of wrath

TRIBULATION TIMELINE (Seven Years of God's Wrath)

The things which shall be hereafter! (Rev 1:19)

**Daniel's
70th Week**



1. PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW

(Adapted from the position paper of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, 1979)

<https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers/The-Rapture-of-the-Church>

a. His coming is imminent and without warning – need for a state of readiness

Matthew 24:36-42 "But of that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just **like the days of Noah**. 38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. 42 "Therefore **be on the alert**, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

Even believers in the early days of the church lived in a state of expectancy (1 Cor. 1:7, 1 Thess. 1:9-10)

Paul maintained hope he'd be alive with Jesus returned (1 Cor.15:51, 1 Thess. 4:17)

Doctrine of Imminency

- Paul seemed to include himself among those who looked for Christ's return.
1 Thes 4:15,17; 2 Thes 2:1
- Timothy was admonished to “keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
1 Tim 6:14
- Jewish converts were reminded that “yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry.”

Heb 10:37

PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW-2 SEPARATE EVENTS

- A comparison of scriptures r/t the 2nd coming shows that some scriptures speak of a **visible event seen by all mankind** and involving the judgment of sinners.
- Others describe a prior coming known only to believers and resulting in their removal from the earth. This is known as **THE RAPTURE**, a sudden and **secret removal of believers** from the earth, leaving unbelievers to face tribulation.



PRETRIBULATION VIEW



b. Removal of saints from the earth

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will 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 imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

(speaks of same event as 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

PRETRIBULATION VIEW

c. 2 different events – the Rapture and the 2nd Coming



1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 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 not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.**

Rapture Distinct from Second Advent

Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Cor 15:51-57)	Second Coming (Rev 19:11-16)
Christ comes in the air (1 Thess 4:16)	Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4)
For His saints (1 Thess 4:15-17)	With His saints (Rev 19:14)
Blessing (1 Thess 4:18)	Judgment (Rev 19:15)
Effects only believers (1 Thess 4:16)	Effects both believers and unbelievers (Rev 19:15)
Invisible (1 Thess 4:16)	Visible to all (Rev 1:7)
Announced only by an archangel (1 Thess 4:16)	Involves myriads of angels (Jude 14)
Resurrection (1 Cor 15:51)	No resurrection
Rescue of the church (1 Thess 1:10)	Rescue of Israel (Matt 23:37-39)

PRETRIBULATION VIEW

d. Signs before the Great Tribulation and 2nd Coming



2 Thes.2:1,3-4,7 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him...3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God...7 for the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

PRETRIBULATION VIEW

e. Saints are not appointed to wrath



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1 Thess. 5:9 For God did not appoint us to suffer **wrath** but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PRETRIBULATION VIEW

f. Saints are to wait for Jesus, not wait for the Great Tribulation



1 Thes. 1:10 ...and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, **12** instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, **13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing** of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, **14** who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

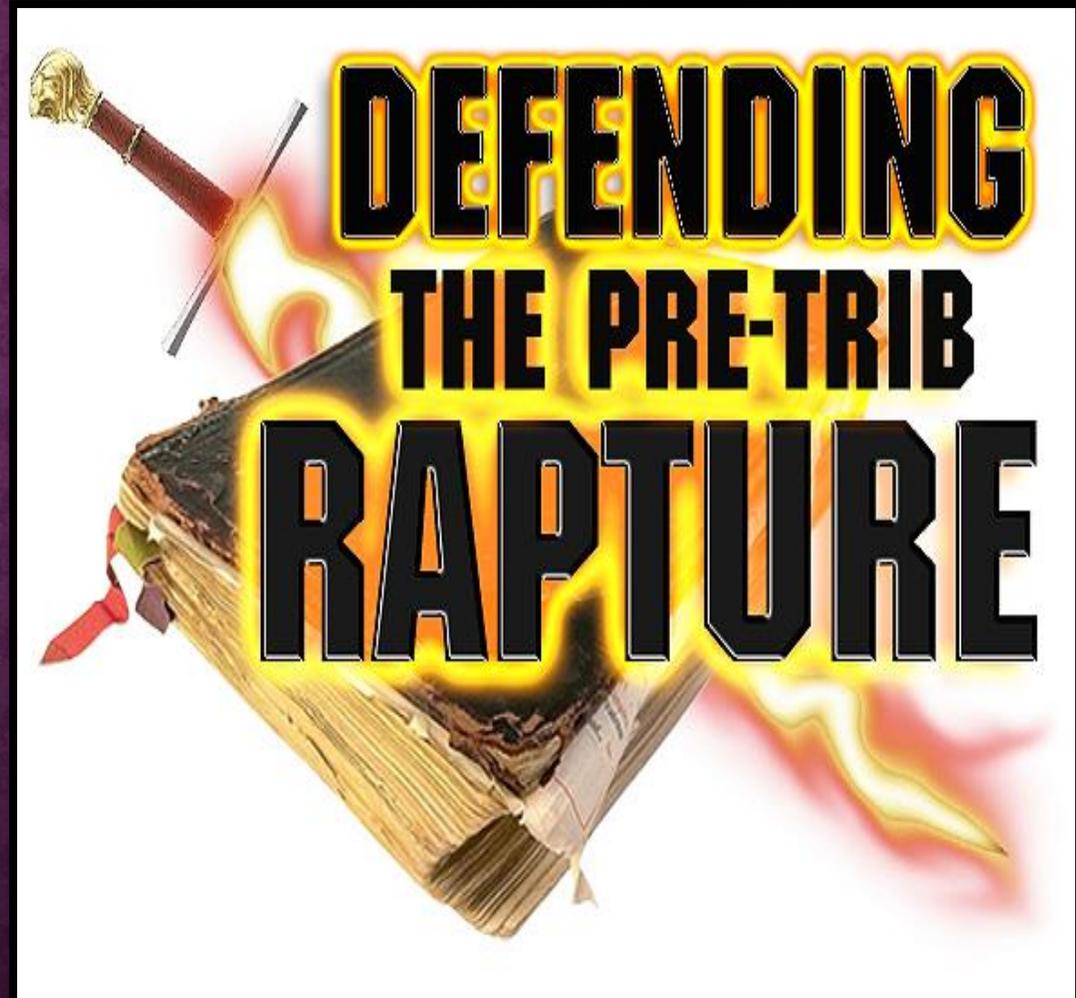
PRETRIBULATION VIEW

In summary, “Christians are repeatedly told in the New Testament to be watchful for the Lord’s appearing. Never are they taught to watch for the Great Tribulation or the appearance of the Antichrist. To expect that such things must happen before the Rapture destroys the teaching of imminence with which the New Testament is replete. When the signs of the end of the age are evident, they are to look up and lift up their heads in expectation of their redemption, not in expectation of enduring the Great Tribulation” (Luke 21:28).



OTHER PRE-TRIB EVIDENCE

- In Rev. 1:20 John sees Jesus with seven golden lampstands – which Jesus clearly says are the seven churches. Then in Chapter 4:5 John sees seven lamps burning before the throne* – shows **the ‘churches’ are now in heaven** – before the opening of the scroll and the tribulation. (**”which are the 7 spirits of God”*)
- In Rev. 4 the **24 elders**, who clearly represent the ‘redeemed church’ are **already in heaven** before the opening of the scroll/start of the Great Trib.
- Rev. 3:10 “Because you have kept my command to endure, I will also **keep you from the hour of testing** that is going to come on the whole world to test those who live on the earth”.





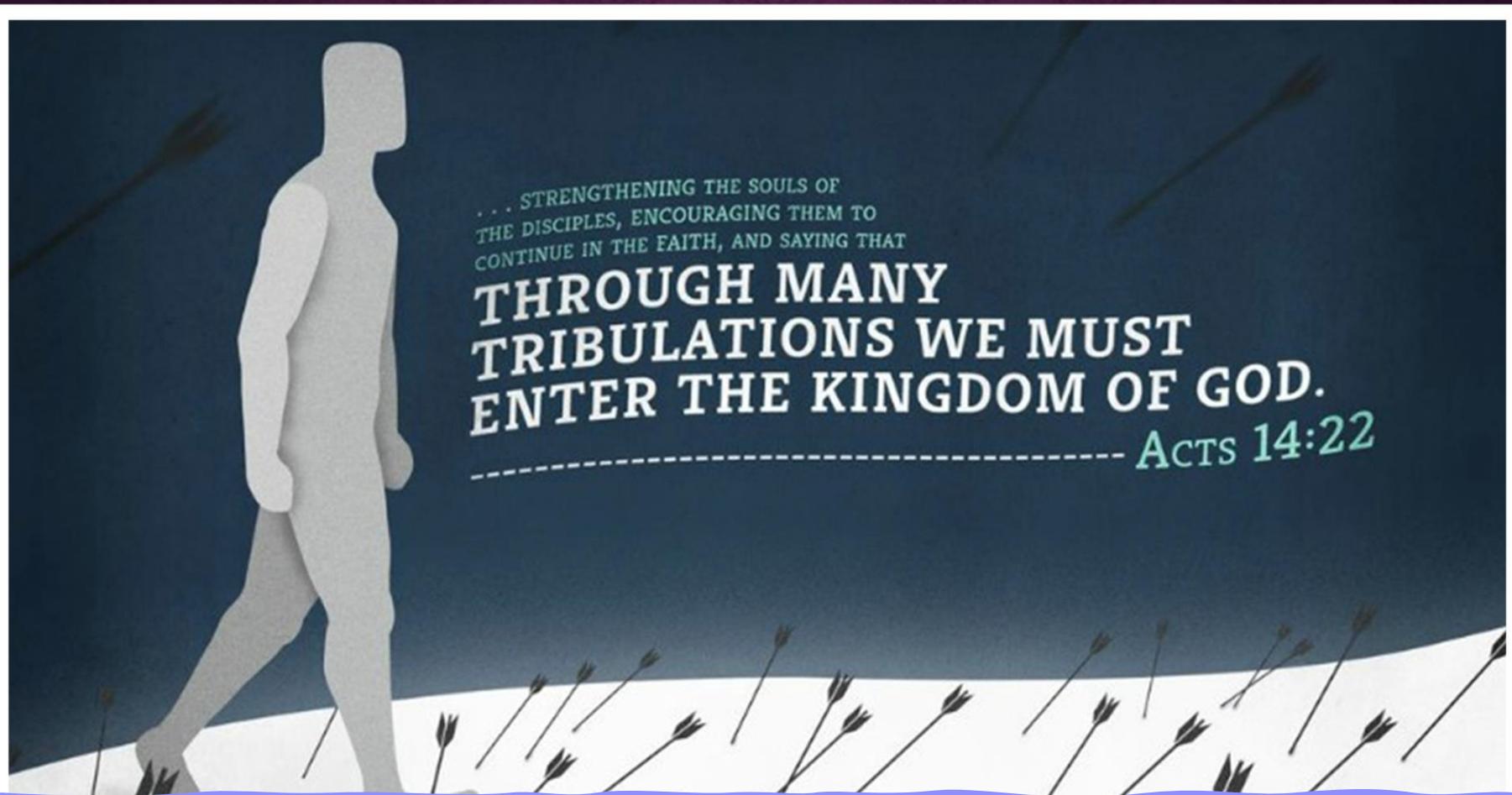
Let's now look through another lens...

A photograph of a paved road with double yellow lines curving through a desert landscape. The road is flanked by sand dunes and sparse, low-lying vegetation. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text is overlaid on the image in white font on a dark red background.

God, who foresaw your
tribulation, has specially armed
you to go through it, not without
pain but without stain.

C. S. Lewis

 quoteFancy



Is it God's pattern (biblically) to remove us from trials? Or to protect, strengthen and sustain us through them? Is it God's biblical precedent to move upon the earth by Himself, or to partner with us?? Perhaps ask Moses, ask Jonah, Gideon, Jael...how about Peter and Paul...the list goes on...

Does God care most about our present comforts – OR about our being overcomers in the midst of difficulties and "*pressing toward the prize of the high calling*" to ultimately spend an eternity of Love and communion with Him??

#2. 7TH TRUMPET (PRE-BOWLS OF WRATH) VIEW

- 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

15 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 (*harpazo*) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

- Dead in Christ will rise first
- Then saints who are alive and remain will be caught up together
- Both groups will meet the Lord in the air (the only location large enough)
- An angel will shout, and a trumpet will blast...

7TH TRUMPET (PRE-BOWLS OF WRATH) VIEW

- [1 Corinthians 15:51-52](#)

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.

- This sudden event happens in conjunction with shout of archangel and trumpet blast
- Paul identifies the trumpet as the “last trumpet.”
- This is same ‘trumpet of God’ he mentions in his letter to the Thessalonians (prior slide)

7TH TRUMPET (PRE-BOWLS OF WRATH) VIEW

Matthew 24:30-31

30 Then the sign of the **Son of Man** will appear in heaven, and then **all the tribes of the earth will mourn**, and they will **see the Son of Man** coming on the clouds of heaven with **power and great glory**.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a **trumpet**, and they will **gather together** His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- Jesus comes 'on the clouds of heaven'- (not ordinary cloud)
- All the tribes will see and mourn
- He will come with great power and glory
- He will come with His angels to gather the elect from one end of heaven to the other
- Is this a secret/quiet event???

7TH TRUMPET (PRE-BOWLS OF WRATH) VIEW

Revelation 1:7

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and **every eye will see Him**, even they who pierced Him. And **all the tribes of the earth** will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

- Those of every tribe of people upon earth will recognize Jesus' coming and will mourn at the revelation of Jesus to the earth.
- In order for **EVERY** individual on earth to see Jesus in the air, it makes sense He would make aerial procession in the sky around the globe before coming to earth.

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- The 'catching away' (i.e. rapture) is placed at the same time as the 'coming of the Lord'.
- The rapture happens at the same time as the 2nd coming of Christ.
- The Greek word for 'coming' is **Parousia** – it means to “*come and remain.*” (an arrival – a **royal visit**; literally means 'the being beside' or 'the personal presence'. Strong's 3952)
- The coming of the Lord is a *remaining*, not a quick appearing and returning.
- His '*Parousia*' precipitates the rapture...

7TH TRUMPET (PRE-BOWLS OF WRATH) VIEW

2 Thess. 2:1-4

Now, brethren, concerning the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our **gathering together to Him**, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the **day of Christ** had come.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day** will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that **he sits as God in the temple** of God, showing himself that he is God.

- Paul speaks of the rapture, 2nd coming and 'day of the Lord' interchangeably
- They are 3 distinct events, yet all happen simultaneously
- The word 'coming' in this passage again is ***Parousia***, i.e. coming and remaining
- What else can we learn about His '*Parousia*'...?

“PAROUSIA” –AN EVENT...

In the ancient world the term **parousia** (“**coming**”) referred to a **royal visitation**. Any time a high-ranking dignitary, even Caesar himself, came for a visit everyone would gather outside and throw a big party and **welcome him into their town**.

There’s this great scene in the movie *Gladiator* where Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix) is entering Rome as the new head of the Empire. Pretorians and legionnaires are lined up, 50 deep, stemming the tide of surging onlookers. **That is a parousia.**

The Second Coming of Christ is meant to be the **ultimate welcome-back party for the King of Kings**. In 1 Thessalonians Paul likened the return of our King as being like a splendid shock of might and love coming to us from Heaven.

It was the **custom for significant members of society to go out and welcome the King at his parousia** and then escort him back into their city. A **parousia**, then, did not entail the King leaving with the people and taking them somewhere else; but the people **welcoming the King and bringing him back into their home**.

What this means is that the Second Coming is not about removing Christians from the Earth, but about welcoming Jesus home... (Paul- by using the word ‘parousia’) likened it to a visiting Emperor being greeted, received, and then brought back home. Here.

Dr. David McDonald - pastor at Westwinds Community Church in Jackson, MI.

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SO WHAT ARE THE TIMING INDICATORS OF THE RAPTURE??

1. The Rapture happens during the 2nd Coming of the Lord

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SO WHAT ARE THE TIMING INDICATORS OF THE RAPTURE??

2. The Rapture happens after the great apostasy (falling away), and the revealing of the antichrist, and the abomination of desolation

3. The Rapture happens after the Great Tribulation begins

SO WHAT ARE THE TIMING INDICATORS OF THE RAPTURE??

Matthew 24:21-22

21 For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

Matthew 24:29-31

29 "Immediately **after the tribulation of those days** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **Son of Man coming** on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will **gather together His elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

4. The Rapture happens after the 6th Seal

Acts 2:20

The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood, Before the
coming of the great and awesome day of
the LORD. *(also see Joel 2:28-31)*

Revelation 6:12

I looked when He opened the sixth seal,
and behold, there was **a great
earthquake; and the sun became black
as sackcloth of hair, and the moon
became like blood.**

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5. The Rapture happens ? at the 7th Trumpet?

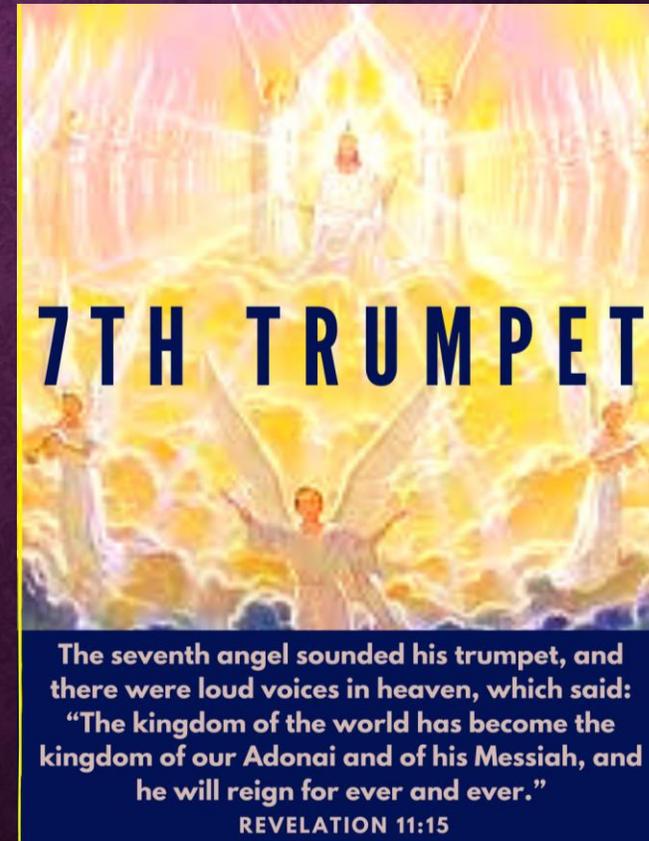
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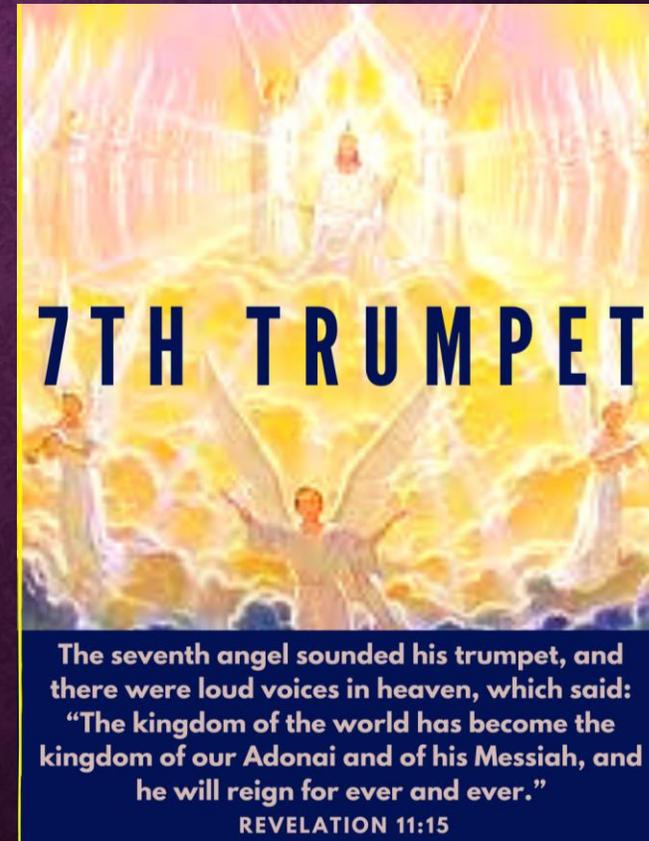


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Revelation 10:6-7

...and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,
7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, **the mystery of God would be finished**, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

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Romans 11:25

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

*There are multiple NT scriptures that identify the mystery of God as **the Gentiles being the fellow heirs with the Jews of salvation through Christ.***

(Rom.11:25-26, Eph. 3:2-6, 1 Cor. 15:5-53, Eph. 1:9-10, Eph. 3:3-6 & 8-9, Eph. 5:24-32, Eph.6:19, Col. 1:26-27, Col. 4:3)

*The **MYSTERY OF GOD** will be completed at the sounding of the 7th Trumpet, i.e. the full number of Gentiles will be saved through Jesus Christ just before He returns.*

THE SOUNDING OF THE 7TH TRUMPET -11:15-19

Could this be the
SECOND COMING,
The Rapture and
Replacement
the World
Governments???

Listen, I am telling you a **mystery**: We will not be asleep, but we will be changed, 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 will be changed. (1 Cor.15:51-52, CSB)

- ¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:
 - **"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah and he will reign for ever and ever."**
- ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying:
 - "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because **you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.**
- ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and **your wrath has come.** The time has come for judging the dead, and for **rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small**—and for **destroying those who destroy the earth."**
- ¹⁹ **Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.**

NO MORE DELAY...THOUGHTS

- Concerning sounding of the 7th Trumpet, the Angel (Ch.10) said, "there will be no more delay!" So, at it's sounding, God's mysterious pause in carrying out what He has so long promised (*fullness of Gentiles, Israel saved*) to do will end. **No more delay!!**
- And when it happens, **MESSIAH will begin his reign on the earth**. It may surprise some of you to know that the LORD has never actually reigned on earth up to this point of time. He has been King over heaven and earth and the whole universe, but He has never yet reigned **ON EARTH**.
- He has and does rule and overrule here—He certainly does govern human events, bringing them into being and changing things - but he does it, in a sense, remotely. He has never brought His great power and openly/physically reigned upon the physical earth. **But when the seventh angel sounds, then JESUS WILL BEGIN TO REIGN OVER THE EARTH SEATED ON DAVID'S THRONE FROM JERUSALEM – HalleluYAH!!!**



1 Thess. 5:9

For **God did not appoint us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 15:1-2

Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for **in them the wrath of God is complete**. 2 And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WRATH??
(CUZ THIS THEORY WOULD MEAN BELIEVERS WOULD STILL BE ON EARTH THROUGH ALL THE SEALS AND TRUMPETS??)

6. The Rapture happens ?before the First Bowl of Wrath?

BUT DIDN'T JESUS PROMISE TO KEEP US FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL??

- Look at Revelation 3:10, where Jesus says He will “**keep you from**” the hour of trial:
- ***“Because you have kept my command to endure, I will also keep you from the hour of testing that is going to come on the whole world to test those who live on the earth.”***
- In this passage ‘**keep you from**’ = ***Tereo Ek (Greek)***
These are the same exact Greek words used in John 17:15 where Jesus prays to the Father concerning His disciples:
- “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should ***keep them from (Tereo EK)*** the evil one.”
- **So *Tereo Ek* ‘keep you from’ obviously does not mean ‘remove you from.’**

??TIMING OF THE RAPTURE??

WHY ISN'T THE
TIMING MADE
PERFECTLY CLEAR
IN SCRIPTURE???



- Neither the **Rapture** nor the **Marriage Supper** (*nor the **Trinity**, nor the...*) are explained in great detail (or to our satisfaction) in Revelation or elsewhere in the Bible. **WHY???**
- Possibly because neither is an event that happens in one brief moment, but instead will involve a more complex process that occurs over time...
- E.g., the time it takes for a physical body to be transformed is instantaneous (1 Cor.15:52) – However, it will take more than one moment for Jesus to cross the entire earth so that the eye of every unbeliever will see Him well enough to respond emotionally with deep mourning (Rev.1:7)
- Maybe God prefers for us to **WAIT**, to **TRUST**, to **WONDER**, to **DREAM** about, even to discuss and **SPECULATE** as we read His Word and marinate in **HIS AWESOME PLANS FOR US...**

SCRIPTURAL SUMMARY OF THE RAPTURE EVENT

1. The 7th Trumpet will sound (Rev. 11:15-19)
2. The Lord will descend from heaven with the shout and the voice of an archangel. (1 Thess. 4:16)
3. The saints who have died will be resurrected and the saints who are alive will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51-52) and they will all be caught up together and meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:16-17) for His **PAROUSIA!!**
4. Those who have been raptured from the earth will be gathered together from the ends of the heavens by the angels of God (Matt. 24:31; 1 Thess. 4:17)

Remember!!

Be a Berean

SCRIPTURAL SUMMARY OF THE RAPTURE EVENT

5. Jesus will likely make an aerial procession across the sky, riding upon clouds of glory with His angels in flaming fire (Matt. 24:30; 2 Thess. 1:7-8)

6. All the tribes of the earth will see Him, clearly distinguishing who He is, and begin to mourn (Rev. 1:7, Matt. 24:30).

7. All the resurrected saints, as well as saints from all the ages, will convene with Jesus and will receive rewards. (Rev. 1:2-4, Matt. 16:27, Rev. 11:18)

8. Jesus will then descend to the earth with His armies (likely both angelic hosts and saints) to begin His earthly procession across the land (Is. 63:1-6) and the Great Day of the Lord events - (including the 7 Bowl judgments and battle of Armageddon) - culminating in His Triumphant Entry in Jerusalem (Rev. 19) to take His Davidic throne as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!!

Be a Berean

Don't Forget...

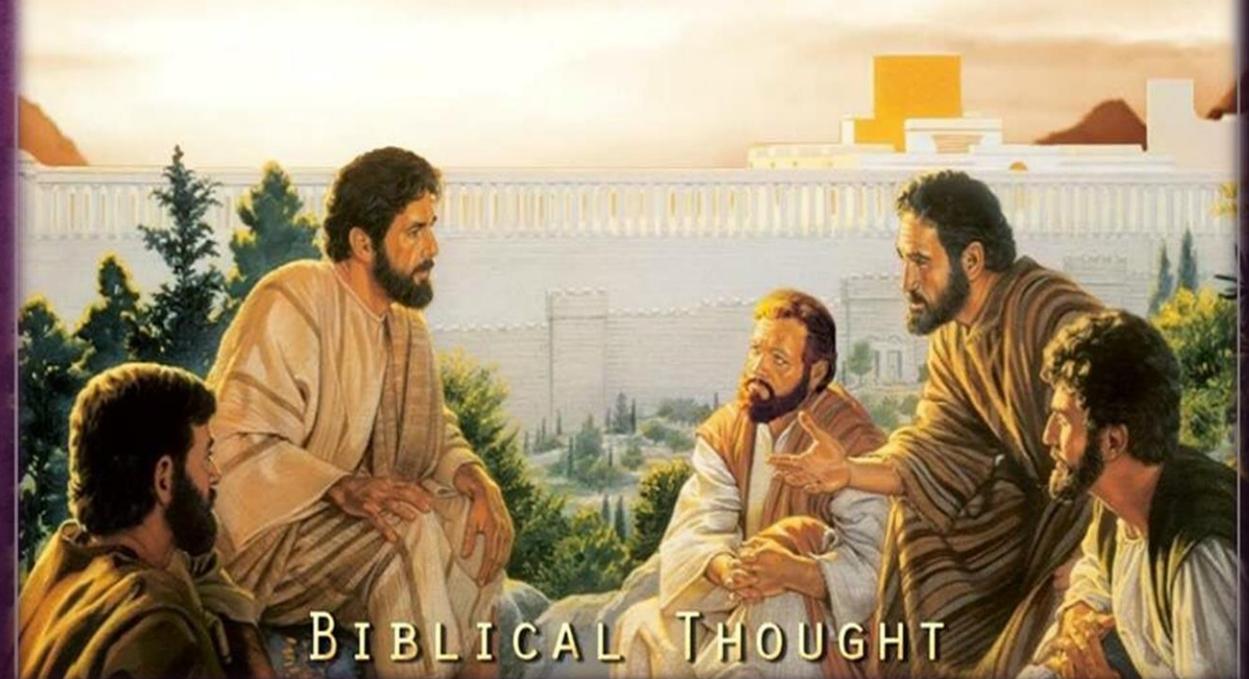
THE 'SIGNS' ACCORDING TO JESUS...

In [Matthew 24:5–8](#) Jesus gives us some important clues for discerning the approach of the end times:

“Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, **but the end is still to come**. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the **beginning of birth pains**.”

When will these things be,
and what will be the sign of your presence
and of the conclusion of the system of things?

Matthew 24:3 *NWT*



MY THOUGHTS ON HOW SOON(?)...FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH...



• **WE ARE EXPERIENCING THOSE BIRTH PANGS...**

- We have been witnessing blatant and accelerated moral decay in our society the past few decades, and many signs of the 'end-times' are disturbingly evident. We all can now clearly see pre-cursors (and great headway made) toward a one-world religion, a single global tyrannical government, as well as a one-world economic system - and even the technology needed for the mark of the beast – entities that previously we could not have even imagined how they would possibly come to pass. **However, despite Satan's best (premature) efforts, IT IS NOT YET TIME for Satan to have his end-time heyday across the planet.** God is about to squash his plan and set it back for a period of time (?a few decades?). The many tentacled **antichrist-globalist-NWO's-agenda** is currently being exposed, and the backlash against it will be SEVERE.

A GREAT REVERSAL engineered by God is coming for one reason – IT ISN'T YET TIME FOR the judgments of REVELATION - Instead, it is time for a **GREAT REVIVAL** and a **GREAT HARVEST** which Jesus mentions in Matt. 13:39 – and this current thwarting of Satan's plan prepares the way.

- It is both a massive **harvest of souls** into the kingdom and a **maturing of His Bride**.
- **The Gospel must be preached to all the world- and then the end will come...Matt.24:14**
- When the full number of souls has come in, THEN God will remove the restraint mentioned in 2 Thess. 2:6-8 - the Antichrist will be revealed, and all the events in the book of Revelation, including the **RAPTURE**, will follow. **THE KING IS COMING!!!– but not quite yet...**

WHEN???

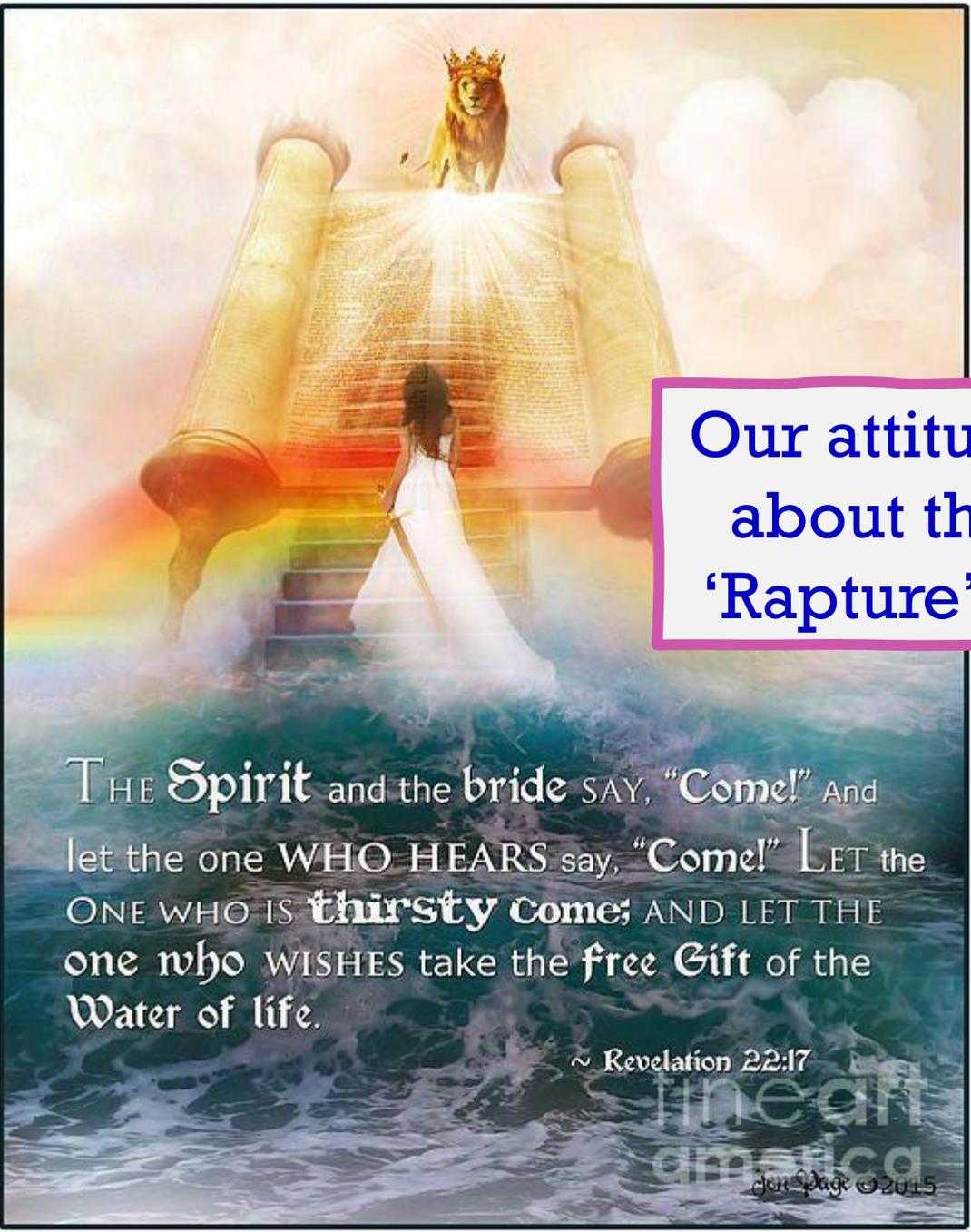
– SHOULD NOT CAUSE DIVISION BETWEEN US

- No matter what you believe about the rapture

HE's coming – ready or not!!

- And most, if not all of us, will be surprised about a lot of things!!!
- – and to think otherwise is probably a bit prideful...just sayin'...





Our attitude
about the
'Rapture' ...

THE Spirit and the bride SAY, "Come!" And let the one WHO HEARS say, "Come!" LET the ONE WHO IS **thirsty** Come; AND LET THE one who WISHES take the **free Gift** of the Water of life.

~ Revelation 22:17
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He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Revelation 22:20-21

HOMEWORK FOR CLASS 6

Review: The structure of the book of Revelation:

Memorize the 4 parts **AND THE CHAPTERS** in

Part 1 - **Chapter 1** 1. John's calling/cor

Part 2 - **Chapters 2-3** 2. Jesus' 7 Letters to

Part 3 - **Chapters 4-5** 3. Jesus takes the Sc

Part 4 - **Chapters 6-22** 4. Jesus' Battle Plan

**Memorize the titles of the
5 Angelic Explanations**

1. **Protection**

2. **Direction**

3. **Confrontation**

4. **Seduction**

5. **Restoration**

Titles of 5 Chronologic Sections:

Seals, Trumpets, 2nd Coming, Bowls, Triumphal Entry

Re-read Rapture notes carefully and prayerfully

READ Revelation 15-18
in preparation for next week