

Revival Christian Fellowship
The Church Victorious
Revelation 4:1 - The Raptured Church
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Main Point: The Rapture of the Church is Eminent.

Introduction

- Describe the three different views of the timing of the tribulation.
 - Pre-tribulation
 - Mid-tribulation
 - Post-tribulation

Understanding

1. What John Saw. Read Revelation 4:1a.

- a. What does “After these things” mean?
- b. How does this scene in heaven set the stage for the rest of the book?
- c. John refers to seeing a door. What unique things do the following verses teach us about the door?
 - i. Revelation 4:1
 - ii. Revelation 3:8

- iii. John 10:7-10

2. What John Heard. Read Revelation 4:1b.

- a. John reports that he heard a majestic voice. Who is the voice and what does this voice command him to do?
- b. Trumpets are often used in reference to the Lord. How is the trumpet used in the following verses?
 - i. Revelation 1:10
 - ii. 1 Thessalonians 4:16
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

3. The Components of the Rapture.

- a. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Describe the sequence of events found in verses 16 - 18.
- b. Paul describes Christians who have died as being “asleep.” What does this imply about the Christian’s death?

- c. What does it mean to be raptured?
- d. Who gets raptured according to these verses?
- e. What additional information can be added about the Rapture from 1 Corinthians 15:50-54?
- f. Read John 14:1-3. What does Jesus say about heaven?
- g. As a Christian how are you encouraged by these words of John?
- h. Would you like for Christ to return in your lifetime? Why or why not?

Application

- What should be our primary response when thinking about the Rapture?