

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 4:1-3

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"WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN"

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* *Revelation 4:1-3*

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all 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 shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. – **1 Corinthians 15:51-53**

The Book of Revelation,

- There are (5) five key things we now know about the book.
- #1 – that all those who read this book and hear this book will be blessed.
 - #2 – is that when something is symbolic or typological, it tells us.
 - #3 – that Jesus Christ is revealed as The Creator God of all things.
 - #4 – that Jesus has written seven (far reaching) letters to his churches
 - #5 – that there is a divine outline that interprets the book

Revelation 1:17-19

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "*Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. :18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. :19 (Part 1) - Write the things which you have seen, and (Part 2) the things which are, and (Part 3) the things which will take place after this.*"

Part 1

Details the Events from Chapter 1
"Write the things which you have seen..."

Part 2

Details the Events of Chapter 2&3
"Write the things which are..."

The First Two Parts are Now Already Complete

Part 3

Details the Events from Chapter 4 thru 22

“Write the things which will take place after this”

If you understand this simple Three part outline,
Then you’re already light years ahead of many-a-Bible College Student.

Our Text

Revelation 4:1-3

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” :2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. :3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

There is an Undeniable Transition

Between the Earthly Events of Chapters 2&3 and the Heavenly Vantage Point from Chapter 4 Onward to the End of the Book

Revelation 1:19

(Part 1) - Write the things which you have seen, and (Part 2) the things which are, and (Part 3) the things which will take place after this, or after these things – meta tauta

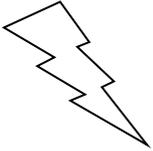
grk - a strong and emphatic shift in events

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

I.) It will be at the moment of the Rapture

vv. 1

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Here - You Cannot Escape the Fact

That from Revelation Chapter 3:22 to Revelation Chapter 4:1
Something Radical and Drastic has Occurred

The Scene has Taken a Dramatic Shift,

From the earthly **situation** of the church to it’s new heavenly **position**
Special Consideration of Chapter 4 to the End of the Book.

From here on out you no longer hear about, nor see anything of,
the church on earth in any form.

The Apostle John’s Vantage Point

is Now from Heaven, looking Down to Earth and the Cataclysmic Events of the Great Tribulation Period.

It’s not until Chapter 19 that we hear from or and see the church again,
And it’s heaven with Jesus Christ!

The 64K Question is This:

*How Did The Church Get from Earth to Heaven -
in just one chapter?*

**The Answer is Priceless:
By The Rapture of the Church**

We now come to those things that will take place after the church is removed from the earth via the Rapture of the Believers!

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

I.) It will be at the moment of the Rapture vv. 1

1st The Timing - will be of God v.1

After these things...

What Should We Expect Next, After These Things?

After, After What Things?

After the things of the church are done on earth

When will Jesus come again?
When He Comes Again!

During that Loadicean Period of the Church Age, Jesus will Return for the Church, After that, you've got Revelation 4:1 onward...

Seven Times to Seven Churches the Bible Says

"He who has an ear, let him hear **what the Spirit says to the churches.**" '

But The Church is Gone After Chapter 4:1

Revelation 13:9

If "anyone" has an ear, let him hear. – **there's no church, only individuals**

If Timing is Everything

Then understand this, the church is gone from the earth, gone from the book of Revelation until Chapter 19, contrary to the teachings of the Mormons, the Seventh Day Adventist and the Roman Catholic Church.

At the moment of the Rapture...

2nd The Place - will be with God v.1

I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here

The Very Next Event that Pertains to the Church in a Global Sense,
Is the Opening of a Door in Heaven // Rapture of the Church !

Revelation 2:5

...Behold I will come to you quickly – that’s urgent!

Revelation 2:16

...Behold I will come to you quickly – that’s urgent too!

Revelation 3:3

Behold If you do not watch, I will come upon you as a thief... – that’s serious!

Revelation 3:11

Behold, I am coming quickly! – that’s even more urgent!

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. – that’s intense!

What are the Features of the Rapture ?

...**a door** standing open in heaven And the first **voice** which I heard was like a **trumpet** speaking with me

A Door

John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Revelation 3:8

“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door,

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

Isaiah 26:19-21

Your dead shall live; *Together with* my dead body they shall arise (resurrection). Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead (rapture). **:20 Come, my people,** (voice) enter your chambers, And shut your **doors** behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. **:21** For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, And will no more cover her slain.

A Voice

1 Thessalonians 4:16a

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with **the voice** of an archangel...

Revelation 1:10-11

I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice... saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,”

A Trumpet

1 Thessalonians 4:16b

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise...

1 Corinthians 15:52

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.

A Trumpet cont.

Revelation 1:10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

Verse 1

...a trumpet saying - "**Come up here!**"

There is no other Biblical event that has that definition ascribed to it
- but the Rapture of the Church !

Greek / Latin

αἰρᾶσθαι harpazo, *har-pad'-zo*; from a derivative of 138; to seize (in various applications):—catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

2 Corinthians 12:2

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was **caught up** (harpadzo – rapturus) to the third heaven.

...a trumpet saying - "**Come up here!**"

2 Corinthians 12:4

how he was **caught up** into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

...a trumpet saying - "**Come up here!**"

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

...a trumpet saying - "**Come up here!**"

Revelation 12:5

She (Israel) bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.
And her Child was **caught up** to God and His throne.

Isaiah 26:19-21

19: Awake and sing, you who are in dust; For you are like the dew of herbs,
- the earth shall cast out the dead (rapture). :20 **Come, my people,**

Hebrew

Come yalak, yaw-lak'

To be carried away, to be lead in a departure, to exodus or to leave, a vanishing, it is the Hebrew equivalent to the greek "caught up"

Why is all this Teaching so Important?

Because The Doctrine of the Rapture Brings the Believer Hope

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1 John 3:2-3

...now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be like, but we know this, that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. :3 And everyone who has **this hope** in Christ purifies himself, just as Christ is pure.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what *is our hope*, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His appearing, coming?

At the moment of the Rapture...

3rd The Revelation - will be from God v.1

and I will show you things which must take place after this

God Delights in Telling us the Future

1/3 of the Bible is Prophetic in Nature.
He Only Tells us What we Need to Know

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

That means that if God is going to speak anything to you today,
It will be Bible!
It could come from a Christian friend, a radiobroadcast, a sermon...

John 13:19

Now I tell you before it happens, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am.

John 21:20

Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You? :21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what *about* this man?" :22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me." :23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what *is that* to you?"

Jesus Knew that He was going to be taking John to the day of His return by revelations and visions...

The Hope of the Rapture is a Practical Hope

Revelation 3:3

Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

II.) It will be our entrance into Eternity vv. 2

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne

It will be our entrance into Eternity

1st When we are changed by the power of God v.2

Immediately I was in the Spirit

*The transformation from the earthly physical
To the heavenly spiritual*

#1 – *that he is seeing things yet future*
#2 – *that he has been transformed*

The Bible Makes It Clear,
We cannot go to heaven wearing what we're wearing!

1 Corinthians 15:49-50

And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*. :50
Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit** the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit
incorruption.

Like a Little Baby - We Need Changing !

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

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,

Without His "Covering" and "Cleansing" We're Lost
And no amount of religion will remove the stain of sin!

You can try soaking it out, you can try rinsing it out – but you'll still come out with sin around your collar!

Matthew 22:2-13

"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, :3 and sent out his servants
to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. :4 Again, he sent out other
servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are*
killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.'" :5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to
his own farm, another to his business. :6 And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed
them. :7 But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those
murderers, and burned up their city. :8 Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready, but those who
were invited were not worthy. :9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the
wedding.' :10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both
bad and good. And the wedding *hall* was filled with guests. :11 "But when the king came in to see the guests,
he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. :12 So he said to him, "Friend, how did you
come in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. :13 Then the king said to the servants,
"Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness;
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

A New Garment is Needed for Heaven!

It will be our entrance into Eternity

2nd When we see the Lord face to face v.2

...and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne

An Awesome Sight to Behold !

Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away.
And there was found no place for them.

Revelation 22:3-4

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. :4 They shall see His face,

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

III.) It will be like nothing we've ever seen before vv. 3

*And He who sat there was like a **jasper** and a **sardius** stone in appearance;
and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

It will be like nothing we've ever seen before...

1st When we see the Almighty God v.3

And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance;

*was like – means it wasn't, but was like
(John's doing his best to describe what he's seeing)*

*Why just these two stone-like appearances?
He who sat there - was like a **jasper** and a **sardius***

In The Old Testament...

The 12 Tribes of Israel Were Represented by (12) Twelve Stones
Which appeared on the breastplate of the High Priest.

Each stone was given a name, the name of each of the 12 sons of Jacob according to birth...

The First Stone was Jasper = The Tribe of Rueben
The Last Stone was Sardius = The Tribe of Benjamin

**Rueben's Name Means
"Behold This Son"**

Benjamin's Name Means "The Son of Righteousness"

"Behold This Son" "The Son of Righteousness"

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

I Know -

"Behold This Son" "The Son of Righteousness"

It will be like nothing we've ever seen before...

2nd When we see the Throne room of Heaven v.3

*and there was a rainbow **around** the throne, in appearance like an emerald.*

(a full circle, not a bow)

Chapter 4

In the first 11 verses The word "Throne" is Mentioned 12 times.

that's why the book of revelation is referred to as
"The Throne Book"

1 Timothy 6:16

who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom *be* honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Psalm 103:19

The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens;

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Throne of God

1. It's where God the Father is
2. The Holy Angels are There
3. All the Old Testament Saints are Around the Throne
4. Seraphim and Cherubim are There in Worship
5. And It's Where Jesus Christ is Enthroned Until He Comes Again
6. There is a sound like thunder there, there is the flashing of light,
7. There are scenes of glory that cannot be humanly communicated,
And it is where we're going...

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :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.

2 Corinthians 12:4

paul had seen the Paradise of God and he heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a human to utter.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: “*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*”

It will be like nothing we’ve ever seen before...

3rd When the Saints go marching in, I will be in that # #

I Personally Believe that I will see the Return of Jesus Christ for the Church in My Lifetime...

I Personally Believe

that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have died in Jesus. For this I 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 have died in Christ. 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. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be “Raptured - caught up” together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

That’s What I Personally Believe

He will be Joyous

(Enter into the joy of the Lord.
- Matthew 25)

He will be Delighted

(It is your Heavenly Father’s good Pleasure to Give you the Kingdom.
- Luke 12)

Listen to How Personal He’s Going to be with You...

The LORD your God, in your midst, He is The Mighty One,
• He will save you; • He will rejoice over you with gladness, • He will quiet *you* with His love, • He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Zephaniah 3:17

END OF STUDY