

A person in a long, light-colored robe stands in the center of a large, ornate doorway. The doorway is flanked by two tall, narrow panels with intricate, repeating patterns. The person is looking out into a bright, hazy, and radiant light that fills the space beyond the doorway. The light has a sunburst effect, radiating from a central point. The overall scene is dramatic and evocative, suggesting a divine or heavenly realm.

“Come Up Here!”

Revelation 4:1

EVEN SO

COME

Joseph took his wife and child and they went to Africa
To escape the rage of a deadly king
There along the banks of the Nile, Jesus listened to the song
That the captive children used to sing, they were singing...

My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by [x2]

Through a dry and thirsty land, Water from the Kenyon
heights, pours itself out of Lake Sangra's broken heart
There in the Sahara winds, Jesus heard the whole world cry
For the healing that would flow from His own scars, the world
was singing...





My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by [x2]
He will never break His promise - He has written it upon the sky
My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by

My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by [x2]
I will never doubt His promise though I doubt my heart...
I doubt my eyes

My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by

My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by [x2]
He will never break His promise though the stars should break
faith with the sky

My Deliverer is coming... My Deliverer is standing by

**○ COME, ○ COME
EMMANUEL
IN ENGLISH & HEBREW**

O come, O come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel
O come, Thou King of David, come, And open wide our heavenly home
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou
Simchu, Simchu,
Rod of Jesse,
Emmanuel,
Tree, Thine own
Yavo lachem
from Satan's
b'nei Yisrael
tyranny

From depths of
Yavo lachem,
hell Thy people
b'nei Yisrael,
save, And give
them victory o'er
Has come to You
the grave

O Israel
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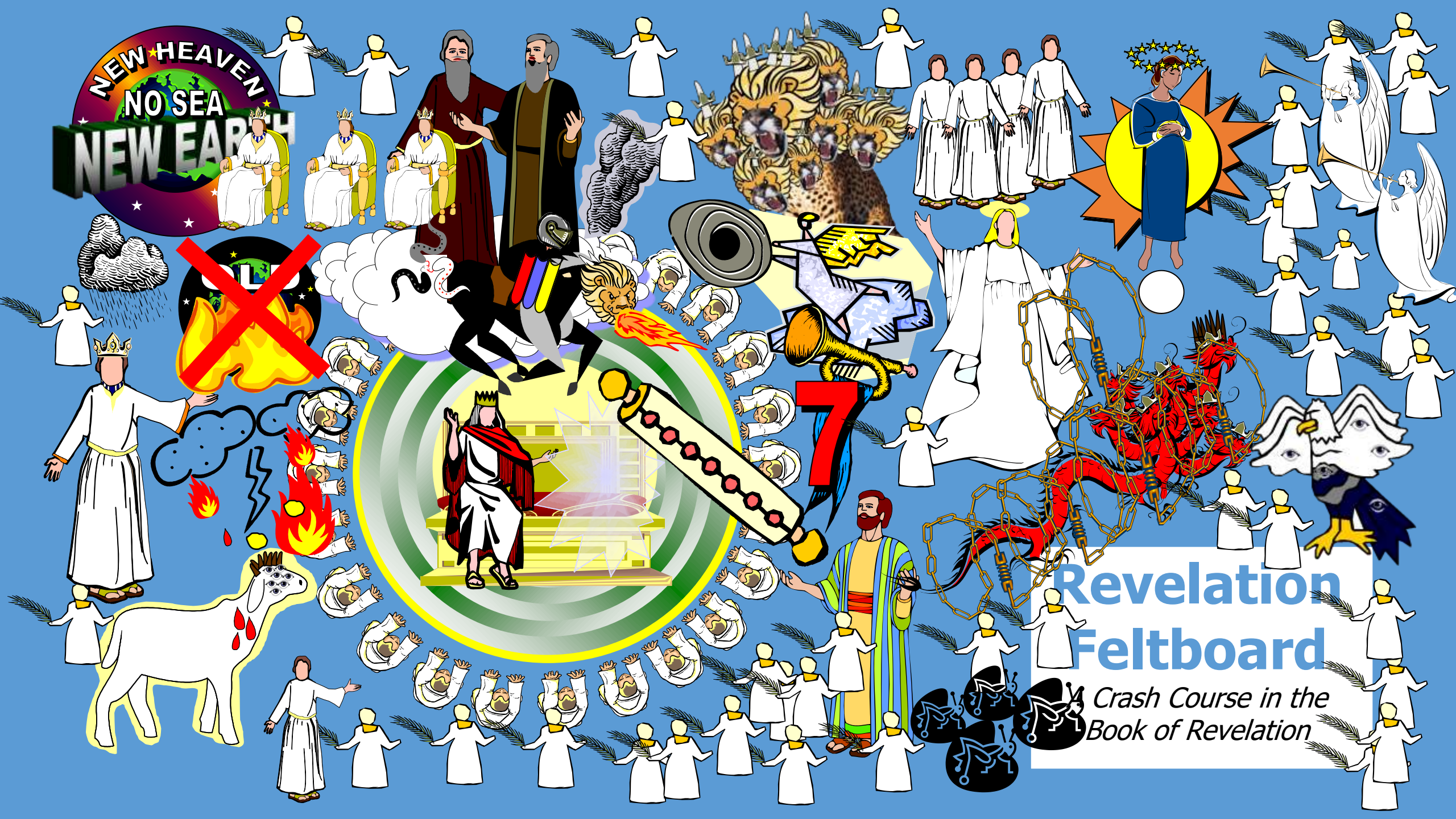
He is coming.
We are leaving.
(with Him!)

**Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu
Adonai Echad
Baruch Shem k'vod malchutto,
l'olam va'ed**

**Hear, O Israel: the LORD is our God.
The LORD is One.
Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom
for ever and ever.**



NEW HEAVEN
NO SEA
NEW EARTH



Revelation Feltboard

*Crash Course in the
Book of Revelation*

Revelation 4

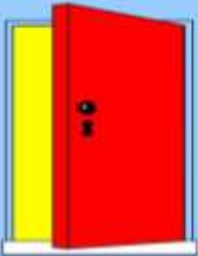


"Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is, and
is to come!"

"come up
here!"



"You are worthy, O Lord;
to receive glory and honor
and power; For you created
all things, and by your will
they exist and were created!"



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- Will look at only 1 verse this study. But that one verse is loaded.
- **Critical to have understanding** of this before going forward.
- Two topics:
 1. Consistent, obvious **CHRONOLOGY**
 2. An Amazing **INVITATION**

Chapter 4, Verse 1:

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Part 1

CHRONOLOGY

The Greek “meta tauta”

“After these things...”

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1



- Jesus' instructions to John from 1:19

Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- ***“After this...” “After these things”*** – meta tauta...
There IS a chronology to Revelation!
- **1:19** – *First use of this Greek phrase. Used many more times to provide a simple chronology to this book.*
- **“THINGS WHICH ARE”** – Chapters 1-3 (what is)
- **“THINGS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS”** – Chapters 4-22 (what will be, **future**)

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- **CHURCH AT LAODICEA ENDS CHURCH AGE...** ends “things which are,” first part of book.
- **Chapter 4 + is future,** “the things which will take place after this.”
- **Now in Part 2, the future.**
 - Ch 4/5 Throne Room
 - Ch 6-18 Tribulation
 - Ch 19 Return
 - Ch 20 Millennium
 - Ch 21/22 Eternity

Revelation
Chapters 4 through 22
= The Future



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

1: The Glory of Yeshua, Risen Messiah (1)

- Jesus among lampstands (churches)
- True identity of Messiah
- Description of glorified Messiah
- ★ • Directions to John (write a letter) who is seeing these things in visions

2: 4 Letters from Jesus to “called out ones” (churches) then and now

- Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira

3: 3 More Letters to Churches

- Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea

4: Throne room of God

- ★ • Door open (“Come up Here!” = Harpazo?)
- Redeemed assembled around the Throne
- Multitude of praising angelic beings
- Four living creatures, also praising
- Unceasing Praise

5: Throne room

- Lamb who was slain with the scrolls
- Praise, Worthy is the Lamb!

6: The Six Seal Judgments

- 1st Seal: Conqueror and white horse
- 2nd Seal: Red Horse, War, no peace
- 3rd Seal: Black Horse, famine/economic disasters
- 4th Seal: Pale Horse, plagues and death
- 5th Seal: Martyrs under altar in heaven
- 6th Seal: Great Day of the Wrath of the Lamb
- Overview of Tribulation, prevailing conditions

7: Redeemed of God still on earth

- ★ • 144,000 Jews from 12 tribes sealed
- ★ • Martyrs during the Great Tribulation

12: The Woman, Child and Dragon

- Israel portrayed (woman), “child” (Messiah) born
- Dragon attempts to kill
- Satan thrown out of heaven, battle in heavens
- Satan mad, persecutes “woman and offspring”

13: Unholy Trinity (Dragon + 2 beasts)

- Beast from sea (antichrist)
- Beast from land (false prophet)
- Number of beast

14: Overview and Harvests

- Lamb and 144,000
- 3 Angels Proclaim
- 1st Angel: Eternal Gospel
- 2nd Angel: Babylon is fallen
- 3rd Angel: Don’t take mark of beast
- 2 Harvests, winepress trampled (judgment)

15: Song of Moses and Lamb, Final Judgments ready

- Angels with last plagues
- Singing Song of Moses and Song of the Lamb
- Temple in heaven opened

- ★ • 7 angels given last 7 judgments (bowls)

16: 7 Bowl Judgments Poured out

- 1st Bowl: Ugly, painful sores
- 2nd Bowl: Seas turned to blood
- 3rd Bowl: Rivers (fresh water) turned to blood
- 4th Bowl: Scorching heat
- 5th Bowl: Total darkness
- 6th Bowl: Preparation for war (Armageddon)
- 7th Bowl: Huge worldwide earthquake, monster hail, worldwide destruction

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

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REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

★ Revelation 1:19

Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

(all the things which happen after the Church Age)

★ Revelation 4:1

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.”

(1: after the Church Age, 2: after “Coming up to heaven”)

★ Revelation 7:1

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.

after the throne room (ch 4-5)

after the first 6 seals (ch 6)

★ Revelation 7:9

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,...

after the 144,000 sealed (ch 7)

★ Revelation 9:12

One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

after the multitude of Tribulation Saints (ch 7)

after the 7th seal opened, and after first 4 trumpets (c 8)

after trumpet 5 (ch 9)

★ Revelation 15:5

After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.

after Tribulation Saints sing Song of Moses(ch 15)

A great deal happens between chapter 9 and chapter 15
(between these two chronology markers – the “meta tauta”)

★ Revelation 15:5

after Tribulation Saints sing Song of Moses(ch 15)

NOTE: Between chapter 9 and into 15 the following occurs:

- Big Angel with little scroll, John eats, no more delay (ch 10)
- Temple Measured, Two Witnesses, 7th Trumpet sounds (ch 11)
- Vision of the Woman, Dragon, child, Israel pursued/preserved (ch 12)
- Unholy Trinity (Beast from Sea, Beast from land, Dragon) (ch 13)
- Overview of remaining Trib, two Harvests, winepress trampled (ch 14)
– but this is not to be inserted in a strict timeline – merely overviews remaining judgments)
- Angels having last plagues seen (ch 15)

★ Revelation 18:1

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory.

after 7 angels given 7 bowls (final judgments) (ch 15)

after **all 7 Bowl Judgments executed** (ch 16)

after **destruction of Mystery Babylon, the Harlot** (ch 17)

*NOTE: Chapter 18 (destruction of Babylon) likely happens at some point **DURING** ch 16 as final judgments poured out. Cannot be put on strict timeline.*

★ Revelation 19:1

After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"

after destruction of Babylon (world system) (ch 18)
AFTER ALL JUDGMENTS COMPLETE

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

★ Revelation 20:3

“...and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

after angels sing Alleluia's (ch 19)

After Jesus and saints return (ch 19)

After completion of Armageddon (ch 19)

After Beast and False Prophet thrown into Lake of Fire (19)

After bird feast (19)

After Satan chained, thrown into bottomless pit (20)

(Merely informs that Satan will be bound 1000 years, during Millennium)

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- Essentially, timeline of Revelation follows its layout chapter wise.
- Some chapters are informational or overview purposes only and **do not advance the timeline** and may not lay strictly on the book's layout.

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REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- **Church age over.** New scene opens.
- Beginning in chapter 4, 2nd section (*“things which will take place after this”*) begins.
- This chapter a sort of prelude, sets scene, for events of chapter 5.
- Gives view into **awesome Throne of God**
- **But something seems to happen before this scene is revealed...**



Part 2
The Open Door
and
the Invitation

Chapter 4, Verse 1:

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REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- Before looking at entire chapter, must first know what first verse means.
- First “event” of the “future” being revealed to John.
- ***“After these things...”*** have already determined = something AFTER the Church Age. After final days of church of Laodicea.



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- *“I looked and behold, a door standing open in heaven...”* An open door = invitation in itself, but this door is to *heaven’s entrance*.
- And as this chapter continues, more specifically to the Throne Room of the King of the Universe.

Not just any door!

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

So far in these first few chapters we've seen the **word "door" used four times.**

- *"...See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;..."* (3:8) Door of **evangelistic or other opportunity to serve God**. HE opens this door.
- *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."* (3:20) Door to **fellowship with God**. WE open this door.
- *After these things I looked, and behold, a **door** standing open in heaven.* (4:1) Door to heaven. HE opens this door.

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1



Revelation 4:1



This is the door to heaven. The door to the very throne of God and the Lamb, the King of Universe.

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- ***“And the first voice which I heard...”*** can also be interpreted as *“the voice which I heard first.”* The voice John heard first was the voice of His Risen Lord.
- **The Voice of Yeshua:** *“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,”... (1:10-11)* There is no mistaking WHO is speaking here.

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- “*was like a trumpet speaking with me,...*” when Jesus spoke first to John in chapter 1, His voice sounded like a trumpet then as well.
- A trumpet has a clear, piercing, easily heard sound.
- It is most likely the **Voice of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah** speaking like a trumpet here. (*Remember, His own know His voice!*)
- Throughout the OT God’s throne and His Voice are equated with the sound of the trumpet (shofar).

REVELATION FELTBOARD: Chapter 1



- Not only is door standing open to heaven, but a Voice of authority commands John to “come up here.”
- An open door, an invitation that may be more command, **to enter the throne room of heaven.**

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

So. We have **an open door**, a standing invitation in itself, AND a **loud voice like a trumpet saying (or commanding!) "COME UP HERE!"** Come up to the center of the Universe. Command Central. *We call it heaven.*

What do you suppose this is about? A simple command to John, or something else? At other times when John is seeing something, he is not told to go or come. Just this time. And it is the very first "event" of the future events laid out in part 2 of this book. *The things which are to come "after this."*

AFTER THIS EVENT. So, what, exactly is this event?

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

Another open door (John didn't open it!) with an invitation or command to come up here. ***Could it be...***

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep 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 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. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

What do we call the event described in the 1 Thessalonians 4 passage?

- **The Rapture** (not a good title!!)
- (Latin, “rapturo”)
- (Greek, “harpazo” to seize or snatch away)
- **English, “catching away”**

IS THIS
THE SAME EVENT
AS THE OPEN DOOR
AND COME UP
HERE?

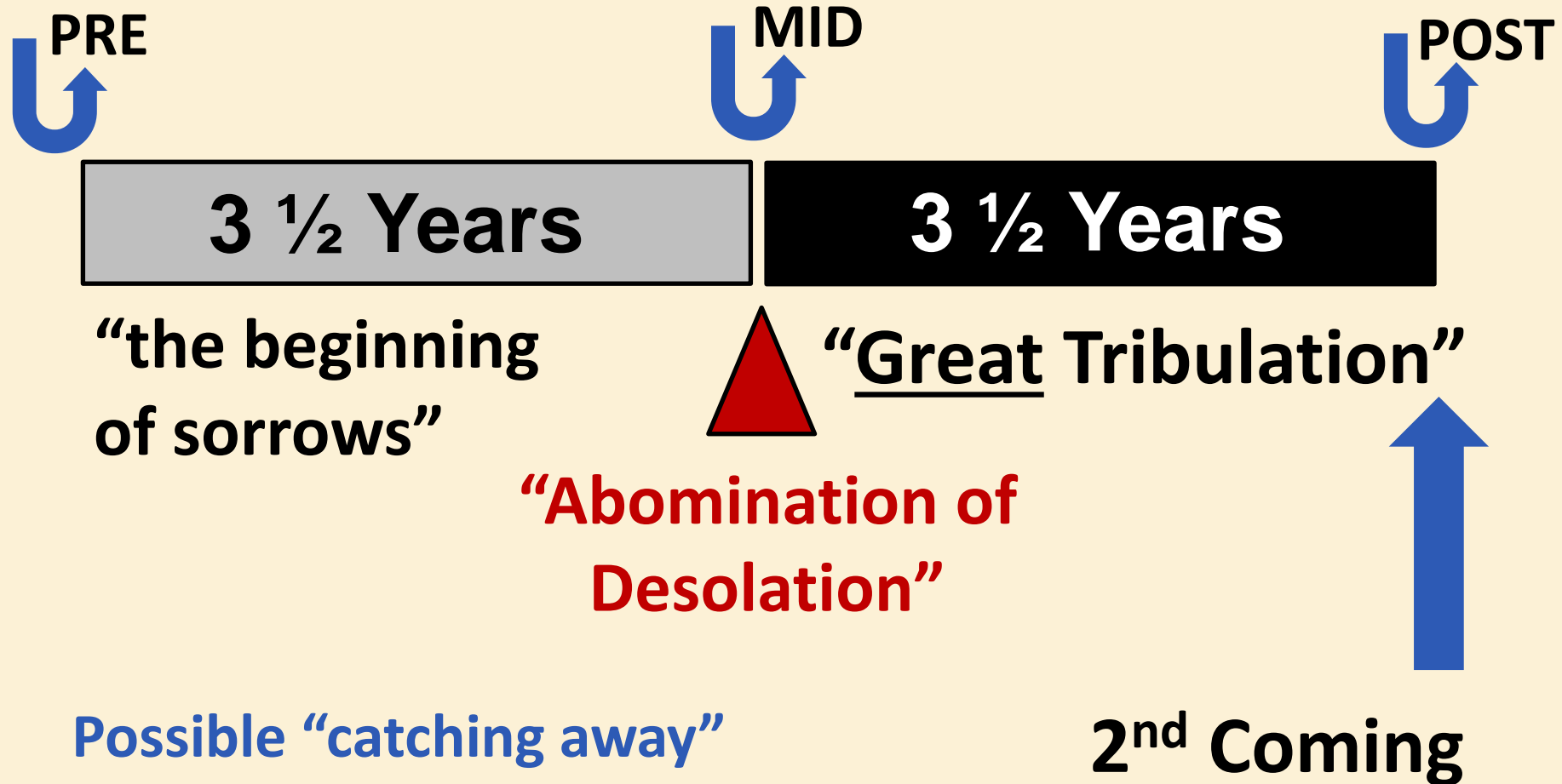
REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- Many believe they are same event. *Open door* command = “catching up” of true believers...
- **IMPORTANT: NO debate regarding Biblical truth of removal of the Church** (*whatever you want to call it!*). It IS biblical (We just read it in 1 Thessalonians 4)
- **3 main positions regarding TIMING** of “Great Snatch.”
 - 1. PRE-TRIBULATION**
 - 2. MID-TRIBULATION**
 - 3. POST TRIBULATION**

REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

TRIBULATION

(7 years, Daniel 9:27, “70th week”)



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

- Could this invite in verse 4:1 correspond to position one here, **PRE-Tribulation view of the catching away of the “Church?”** Maybe. Many think so.
- **Great debate** in believing community about timing of this event. DO NOT ALLOW THE TRANSLATION (catching away) DEBATE TO DIVIDE US!!
- **20 solid reasons** *(and reasons within reasons!)* of why we believe this *(there are many others)*. Opinion piece based on scripture.

1. CHURCH MISSING IN MOST OF REVELATION

- Prominent **chs 1-5** (church age, then with God), and **19-22** (return, Millennium, Eternity)
- Church missing chs **6-18** (Tribulation)
- Israel prominent chs **6-18** (Tribulation)

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND CHURCH

- Daniel 9:24... *“for YOUR people...YOUR holy city...”* (Israel, Jerusalem)
- Tribulation (“time of Jacob’s trouble”) not designed for the Church. Period of refining for Israel (see Zechariah 13:8-9)
- **Gap of time** between 69th-70th week (*Church Age, end of Church age likely restarts the count down*)
- **Dispensations** (ages, etc. different plans)



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2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND CHURCH

*Then it will happen —it is a declaration of ADONAI—
that in the entire land
two-thirds will be cut off and die,
but a third will be left in it.*

*⁹ This third I will bring through the fire.
I will refine them as silver is refined,
and will test them as gold is tested.
They will call on My Name
and I will answer them.*

*I will say, 'They are My people,'
and they will answer, 'ADONAI is my God.' Zechariah 13:8-9*

3. TRIBULATION IS A “TEST” – ONE THE “BRIDE” DOES NOT REQUIRE

- Revelation 3:10 – *“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”*
- **“those who dwell on the earth”** (“inhabitants of the earth” – 20X) Always used to describe lost.

4. SCRIPTURAL HOPE OF ESCAPING TRIBULATION

- Multiple scriptures seem to indicate true believers will be spared from all or most of Tribulation period. Too many to list here. *(multiple reasons inside this one reason!)* But these are a smattering of what we find...
- Luke 21:36 - *Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."*



4. SCRIPTURAL HOPE OF ESCAPING TRIBULATION



4

- **Zephaniah 2:1-3** - *Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation,
² Before the decree is issued, Or the day passes like chaff, Before the LORD's fierce anger comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you!
³ Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth, Who have upheld His justice.
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
It may be that you will be hidden
In the day of the LORD's anger.*



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1

Continued...

Isaiah 26:19-21 - Your dead shall live;
Together with my dead body they shall arise.
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.
Come, my people, enter your chambers,
And shut your doors behind you;
Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment,
Until the indignation is past.
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.

5. NO TEACHING HOW TO LIVE/SURVIVE TRIB

In a book that provides so much detail about the final seven years on earth, it might be thought there would also be special instruction for believers to go through this time. *There is nothing anywhere else in scripture either about surviving this time.* **Only about escaping it.**

NOTHING ADDRESSED TO THE CHURCH.

6. DOCTRINE OF “IMMINENCE”

- “**Imminent Return**” – early disciples believed Jesus would return at any time to get them.
- Much of Revelation and other scriptures need to be fulfilled before mid or post Trib removal
- Pre-Trib only position matches doctrine of imminence
- No prophecies have to happen before catching away can occur (*only possible with Pre-Trib removal*)
- Imminence keeps us watchful
- Doctrine lost in allegorized/symbolic interpretations

7. DAYS OF NOAH

- Genesis 6 (God removed the righteous, Noah + family before bringing flood of judgment)
- Luke 17:26-27 (same wicked world, remnant)

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

- **Understanding how God works** – He removes the righteous before bringing judgment. *Know patterns!*



8. DAYS OF LOT

- Genesis 19, Lot/family “seized, snatched away” delivered from Sodom and Gomorrah’s fate
- Luke 17:28-29 - *Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.*
- Genesis 19:22 Angels could not bring wrath until Lot and family away

9. ROLE OF HOLY SPIRIT AND CHURCH

- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8a “*restrainer?*”

And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed,...

How is “He” taken out of way? Remove the Church where He dwells.



9. ROLE OF HOLY SPIRIT AND CHURCH

- “Fullness” of evil (i.e., Daniel 8:23) Basic concept in scripture of God’s timing, that both good and evil must reach “**fullness**” before His plans continue.

*“And in the latter time of their kingdom,
When the transgressors have reached their fullness,
A king shall arise, Having fierce features,
Who understands sinister schemes.*”



9. ROLE OF HOLY SPIRIT AND CHURCH

- Romans 11:25b-27 *“...blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.”*
- References Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah and others in OT. Has been God’s plan from beginning to bring in “Church” then turn attention to Israel during Trib. HS will be present then, but will not “indwell” believers.



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10. PREVAILING AGAINST “TRIBULATION SAINTS”

- Revelation 13:7

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (all Trib believers)

- Daniel 7:21-22

“I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.



10. PREVAILING AGAINST “TRIBULATION SAINTS”

- “gates of hell will NOT prevail against the Church” (Matthew 16:18)
- Different groups (Israel, Church, Trib Saints)



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Read Psalm 46 (Proclaim it!)

11. THE 7 LETTERS OF REVELATION

- Ch 2-3, *“he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the CHURCHES...”*
- If *“anyone has an ear, let him hear.”* (Rev 13:9)
Not speaking to Church, but to ANYONE.
- Church missing again, no mention

12. BEAST BLASPHEMES “THOSE WHO LIVE IN HEAVEN”



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- Revelation 13:6 - *Then he* [beast from the sea, A/C] *opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.*
- “**dwell**” in heaven = skenoo = to occupy, as a mansion; to reside (as God did in the Tabernacle) (v6); “**dwell**” on earth = katoikeo = permanent inhabitant
- **Who lives in heaven, who lives on earth?**

13. “COME UP HERE!” (Revelation 4:1)

- First event of the future part of this book
- Church does not appear in ch 6-18
- Commanded to come up
- *Meta tauta*, chronology of Revelation (“after these things...” AFTER the Church age.

14. THE 24 ELDERS

- Revelation 4 and 5 (Throne Room, heaven)
- **24 Elders identified as redeemed, the Church**
- Remain here with the Lamb until His return at end of Trib
- There **BEFORE seal judgments** opened.



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15. “GREAT MULTITUDE” OF CHAPTER 7 NOT THE CHURCH

- Revelation 7:9-10 *“After these things I looked, and behold, a vast multitude that no one could count—from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues—was standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*
- After Tribulation begins (after 6 seals), Tribulation Saints



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- Introduced to 24 elders in this chapter. Will see they represent all believers saved through this time (*including ekklesia*). **14**
- **The “multitude” in Chapter 7 is not the Church! (“Tribulation Saints”)**
- Mid-Tribbers may point to this multitude in support of mid tribulation removal of church. *Not the same group!*

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ELDERS Chapters 4-5	THE MULTITUDE Chapter 7
SIT on thrones	STAND before the Throne
Wear white raiment (<i>himation</i>) ALL clothing	Wear white robes (<i>stole</i>), outer robe
Wear laurel crowns (<i>stephanos</i>) of victory	Hold palm branches
Sing a new song	Cry out in a loud voice
Already in heaven, before Tribulation	Come “out of Great Tribulation”
Rule and reign with Yeshua	Serve God day and night in Temple
Rejoice	He wipes away their tears, consoles
NOT in chapters 6-18	In chapters 6-18

16. REVELATION 15 GROUP IS NOT THE CHURCH

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.

- Stand on sea of glass/fire
- Fire biblical symbol of judgment, trial (refining)
- Elders sea of glass, no fire, “like crystal”
- Tribulation saints

17. “GATHERING OF ELECT” NOT THE CATCHING AWAY

- Matthew 24:30-31

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. 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 Himself gathers Church, angels gather these



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- The “saints” (church) return WITH Jesus and have been gathered to Him through the catching away, and meeting in the clouds previously.

“...Enoch, the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with myriads of His kedoshim [saints], to execute judgment against all. (Jude 14-15a TLV)

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The One riding on it is called Faithful and True, and He judges and makes war in righteousness. ...And the armies of heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. (Revelation 19:11, 14)



- Saints come out of heaven with Him, already redeemed, not gathered at His return
- Post Trib believing survivors (these are those who will enter the Millennium in natural bodies (all believers – everyone else killed))

18. TRUMPET JUDGMENTS DO NOT INCLUDE “LAST” TRUMP *(not the same)*

- Bring in more wrath (judgments), do not signal “catching away” of ekklesia (Church)
- Completely different times and purposes

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**The Trumpet Judgments in
Chapters 8 and 9**

are not

the trumpet call of the Church!

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LAST TRUMP	REVELATION TRUMPETS
For rapture, trump of <i>God</i>	Blown by angels to announce judgments
“call to assembly” to rise and meet Jesus in the air	Announce and send God’s judgments onto a rebellious world
Call to be with the Bridegroom, worship at God’s throne	Cause people to harden their hearts and they do not repent-- Revelation 9:20-21 .
For believers	For unbelievers
Act of <u>God’s grace</u>	Act of <u>God’s wrath</u> (<i>although His grace seen in those who come to Him – also a grace period to force people who will come and “not perish”</i>)
Told to “comfort one another” with these words	“the nations will be angry”
Jesus not in heaven (meet him in the air)	Jesus in heaven (no mention of him being elsewhere)

19. YESHUA'S COMING FOR CHURCH IS NOT THE SAME AS HIS RETURN TO EARTH (2ND COMING)

- We meet Him in the air
- He does not return to earth
- Many more differences...

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“Catching Away” of the ekklesia

≠ (is NOT!)

the Second Coming!

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19. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RAPTURE AND 2ND COMING

"Catching Up" (rapture)		Second Coming	
CHARACTERISTIC	SCRIPTURE	CHARACTERISTIC	SCRIPTURE
Relates to Church	Philippians 3:20-21, Hebrews 12:22-24	Relates to Israel	
Messiah comes <u>for</u> His Bride (the Church)	John 14:3, 2 Thessalonians 2:1	Messiah comes <u>with</u> His Bride	Jude 1:14-15. Revelation 19:14. Zechariah 14:5
opens door for "man of sin" to rise to power	2 Thess 2:6-8 ("restrainer" removed)	dooms "man of sin"	Revelation 19:20
Imminent, can happen any time	Matt 24:38-39, Matt 25:13, Luke 17:26-30, 1 Thess 5:1-11, Heb 10:24-25	Preceded by many days, signs and events	

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"Catching Up" (rapture)		Second Coming	
Church proceeds to judgment (bema) seat of Messiah (rewards)	2 Corinthians 5:10, 1 Cor 9:24-27, 1 Thess 2:19-20	judgment of sheep and goats	Matthew 24:31-46
About God's mercy and grace		Pertains to God's wrath	
Yeshua is the morning star	2 Peter 1:19, Revelation 2:28, Revelation 22:16	He is the Sun of righteousness	Malachi 4:1-2
The hope of the Church	2 Peter 1:19, Revelation 22:16	The hope of Israel	Malachi 4:1-2
Meet in the air	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Messiah sets foot at Mount of Olives	Zechariah 14:4
World sinks deeper into sin		World judged for sin (Armageddon), sheep and goats, etc.	

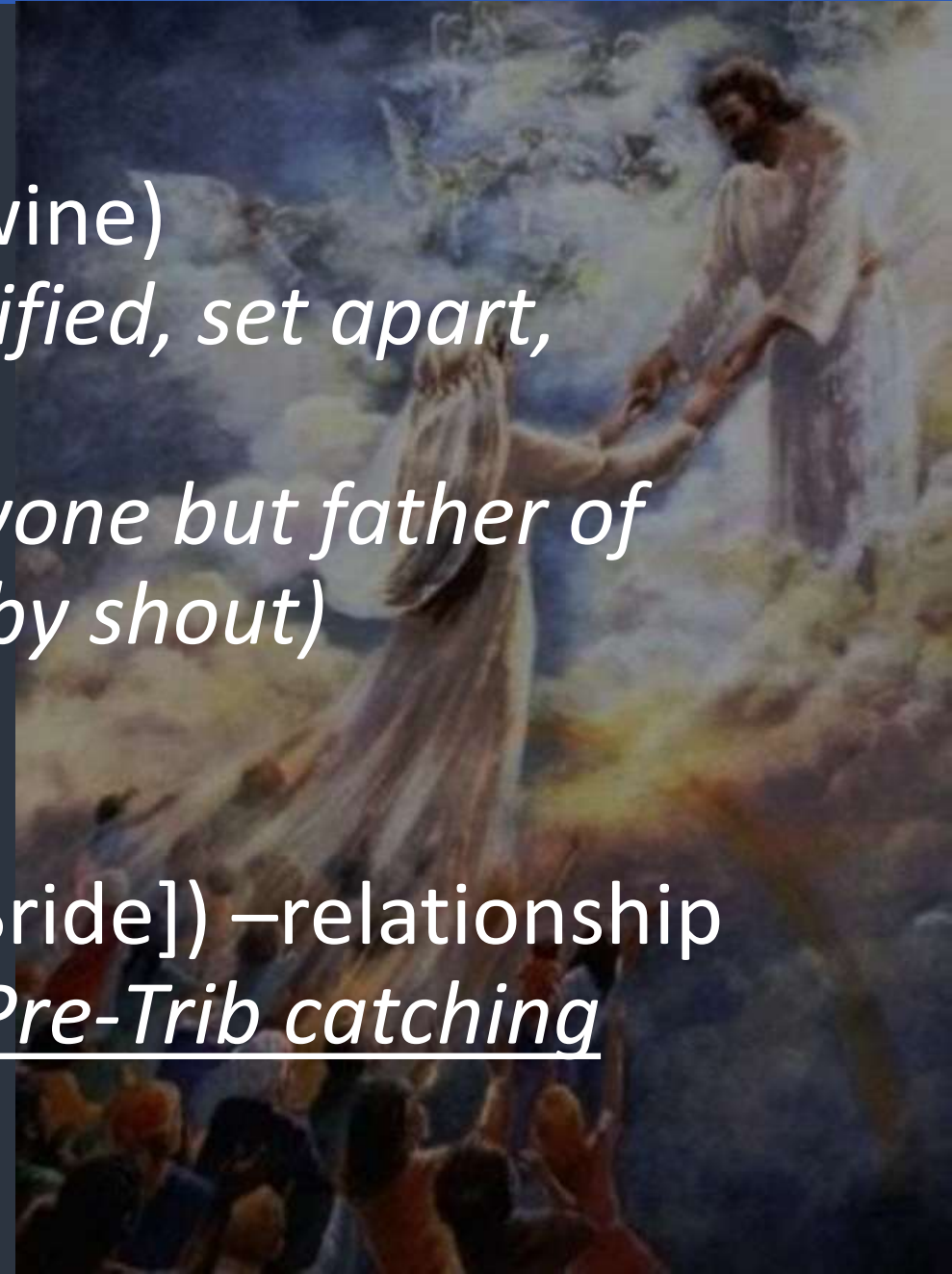
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"Catching Up" (rapture)		Second Coming	
Gathering by Jesus	1 Thess 4:13-17	Gathering by angels	Revelation 14:18-20
Followed by judgment seat of Messiah, wedding ceremony of Bride		Followed by judgment of sheep and goats (<i>post trib does not allow for bema seat/wedding ceremony</i>)	
Bodies changed when we meet him in the air <i>(Note: If believers were translated at second coming [post-Trib], and unbelievers were destroyed by final tribulation judgment, there would be <u>no one left in their flesh to populate the world in the millennium.</u>)</i>	1 Thess 4:13-18	judgment of Gentile nations follows 2 nd coming <i>scripture seems to indicate both saved + lost in natural bodies (impossible if there were removal at the second coming) [post-trib]... surviving tribulation saints are not translated (into immortal bodies) at 2nd coming of Christ, but carry on into Millennium with ordinary activities, like farming, construction, and giving birth.</i>	Matthew 25:31-46 Isaiah 65:20-25

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HEBREW MARRIAGE TRADITIONS

- Betrothal/Covenant (sealed with wine)
- Separation and Preparation (*sanctified, set apart, prepared*)
- Reunion (*Timing not known by anyone but father of Groom; Groom's arrival preceded by shout*)
- Seclusion for 7 days (!)
- Feast
- Jesus [Bridegroom] and Church ([Bride]) –relationship fulfills entire “model” – including Pre-Trib catching away



REVELATION Chapter 4 Part 1



Next time we will step into the Throne Room...

***Yevarekh-kha Adonai
veyishmerekha***

May the LORD bless you and keep you

***Ya'er Adonai panav elekha
vihunneka***

May the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you

***Yissa Adonai panav elekha
viyasev lekha shalom.***

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon
you and give you peace.

