

## **Thursology 83: The Rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ:** **We Will All Stand Before Him!!! (Rapture #6)**

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### **--The Pre-Tribulational Rapture—The Strengths:**

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### **--The Chronology of the major Tribulation events...as they flow naturally out of Revelation:**

--Rev 4:1-2: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here...And immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--Revelation 4: John...a member of the \_\_\_\_\_...hears a \_\_\_\_\_...hears a \_\_\_\_\_...and is \_\_\_\_\_ up to be with the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_

--Rev. 6:1-2: Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

--Revelation 6: The temporary/false \_\_\_\_\_ Treaty \_\_\_\_\_ the 7-year Tribulation

--Rev 11-13 (excerpts): Then the seventh angel sounded...And the dragon stood before the woman...Then the woman fled into the wilderness...so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days...And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan...And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child...Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea...And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast...and they worshiped the beast...And there was given to him...authority to act for forty-two months...Then I saw another beast...And he deceives those who dwell on the earth...to make an image to the beast...so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all...to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and...no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark...Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

--Revelation 11-13:

--The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgment heralds the \_\_\_\_\_-point of the Tribulation when Satan is \_\_\_\_\_ down from heaven

--The Antichrist is \_\_\_\_\_

--He \_\_\_\_\_ the Peace Treaty and begins persecuting

--He sets himself up as \_\_\_\_\_...and \_\_\_\_\_ those who won't take the \_\_\_\_\_ and worship him

--Rev 19:11-20:4 (excerpts): And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...And the armies which are in heaven...were following Him on white horses...And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet...these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone...Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven...And he laid hold of...Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss...Then...I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

--Revelation 19:

--Christ \_\_\_\_\_...and \_\_\_\_\_ the Great Battle

--He \_\_\_\_\_ Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire

--He \_\_\_\_\_ Satan into the abyss...and begins His Millennial

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### The Revelation Chronology...By Chapter Location

Peace Treaty Israel protected		Satan thrown down Beast Revealed Abomination/666	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming Armageddon
____-Trib	Trib _____	____-Point	Trib _____
Rapture	← I _____	I _____	I → Millennium
<u>Rev.</u> ____	<u>Rev</u> ____	<u>Rev</u> ____	<u>Rev</u> ____

--**Strength #3**: The Pre-Trib view is the only one that has a picture of the Judgment \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_...the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment...clearly expressed in the Book of Revelation

--Key Concept: Both \_\_\_\_\_ and non-\_\_\_\_\_ will stand before The Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_

--Romans 14:10-12: For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

--Rom 1:1: Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God...to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints..."

--Rev. 5:1-4: "I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it..."

--Key Concept: If the experience that John had in Revelation 5 is a picture of the Judgment Seat of Christ...then the \_\_\_\_\_-Trib Rapture View is correct...because believers must be caught up into heaven \_\_\_\_\_ this event...so they can stand before the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

--The Revelation sequence of End Times events for the Church...if the Pre-Trib View is right:

- Rev 4: The \_\_\_\_\_
- Rev 5: The \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment ("Judgment Seat of Christ")
- Rev 6: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation (Peace Treaty)
- Rev 11-13: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation (Abomination/Antichrist/The Mark)
- Rev 19: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming, Armageddon, Antichrist defeated, Christ prepares to reign in the Millennium)

--**Application #1: The Atonement doesn't get us off the \_\_\_\_\_ for standing before the \_\_\_\_\_...and it doesn't keep us from suffering \_\_\_\_\_ at the Believer's Judgment!!!**

--A common response to the Believer's Judgment:

--"I thought the Atonement took care of my sin...and that Jesus paid the price...and that all of my sins have been covered by the Blood. So I thought the future judgments were for non-believers who haven't had their sins forgiven."

--"I came to Christ to get my sins forgiven so I could avoid the Judgment...and go to heaven!!!"

--What the Atonement IS: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and humanity...through the shed \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ...that has \_\_\_\_\_ the price for a person's sin

--What the Atonement DOES:

- It removes God's \_\_\_\_\_ from the believer
- It removes eternal \_\_\_\_\_ for our sin
- It allows us to stand \_\_\_\_\_ before the Throne because God sees in \_\_\_\_\_...the righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_

--What the Atonement DOESN'T do:

- It doesn't remove the \_\_\_\_\_ from believers for what they did...and didn't do \_\_\_\_\_ receiving God's \_\_\_\_\_ grace!!!
- It doesn't remove the \_\_\_\_\_ to give an \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer's \_\_\_\_\_...as a believer!!!
- It doesn't guarantee \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_...which will be determined at the Judgment Seat of Christ

--Rom 14:10, 12: "...For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God...So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

--One of the biblical descriptions of the Judgment Seat of Christ:

--I Cor 3:10-15: According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each one must be careful how he builds on it. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. If any one's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any one's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

--An important biblical precept: We won't stand \_\_\_\_\_ before the Throne...until after our works have been \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_...at the Believer's Judgment!!!

--**Application #2**: No matter how \_\_\_\_\_ we are...we are hopelessly \_\_\_\_\_...but fortunately...the Lamb is perfectly \_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Revelation 5 (excerpts): "And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it..."

--Key Concept #1: Our \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_-stated!!!

--Revelation 5:5-9: "...and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah...has overcome so as to open the book...And I saw...a Lamb standing, as if slain...And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

--Key Concept #2: The Lamb's \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be \_\_\_\_\_-stated!!!

--Rev 5:11-14: "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever." And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped."

## **Thursology 82: Will the Church...and the Children...Really VANISH...Leaving Everyone Else Behind??? (Rapture #5)**

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--**Vanished!!!???**

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--I **Thess 4:15-17**: “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. 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. Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...**”

--What I Thessalonians 4 describes: 1) A **SHOUT**, 2) A **TRUMPET**, 3) Believers are **CAUGHT** up, 4) They **MEET** the Lord

--**Four specific aspects of the Rapture sequence:**

3. The Lord will **SHOUT** a loud command as He **DESCENDS** (I Thess 4:16)
4. We will hear the **VOICE** of the **ARCHANGEL** (I Thess 4:16)
5. We will hear the **TRUMPET** call of God (I Thess 4:16)
9. The **LIVING** saints will be **CAUGHT** up to meet the Lord (I Thess 4:17)

--**An example of an approach to unpacking the Rapture:** The “loud **VOICE**”...and the “**TRUMPET**”...have very specific biblical meanings and usages that can help us **EVALUATE** the 3 Rapture Timing Views

--**The meaning and purpose of the shout of the Lord:**

--The shout at **BETHANY**

--**John 11:43-44**: When He had said these things, He **cried out with a loud voice**, “Lazarus, come forth.” And **the man who had died came forth**, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

--The shout at **CALVARY**

--**Matt 27:50-53**: And **Jesus cried out again with a loud voice**, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. And the tombs were opened, **and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.**

--The shout at the **RAPTURE**

--I Thess 4:16: 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.

--John 5:25, 28-29: “Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, **when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live...** Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which **all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth...**”

--**Key Concept:** When the Lord **SHOUTS** with a loud **VOICE**...it literally **raises** the **DEAD!!!**

--The meaning and purpose of the trumpet:

--Purpose #1: The trumpet is a **CALL** to **BATTLE**

--Numbers 10:9: When you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the Lord your God, and be saved from your enemies.

--Numbers 31:6: Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them...and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

--Purpose #2: The trumpet is a **CALL** to **WORSHIP**

--II Chronicles 5:13: "...in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the Lord saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud,"

--II Chronicles 29:28: "...the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded..."

--Summary:

--The purpose of the voice of the Lord at the Rapture: To **RAISE** the **DEAD!!!**

--The purpose of the trumpet at the Rapture: Calling the Church to **WORSHIP** in **HEAVEN**

--A scoring approach to evaluating the Rapture:

--Scoring method: 0 = Not a match; 1 = Possible/inferred match; 2 = Good match

--I Thess 4:16-17: "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. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..."

	Voice	Purpose	Trumpet	Purpose	Players	Pts
Rapture	<b>LORD'S (2)</b>	<b>RESURRECTION (2)</b>	<b>Y (2)</b>	<b>WORSHIP (2)</b>	<b>CHURCH (2)</b>	<b>10</b>
Post	<b>ANGEL'S (1)</b>	<b>DEATH (0)</b>	<b>Y (2)</b> (Mt 24)	<b>WAR, WORSHIP? (1)</b>	<b>Trib Saints Vs. Church (1)</b>	<b>5</b>
Mid	<b>YES (Who's?) (1)</b>	<b>RESURRECTION (2)</b>	<b>Y (2)</b>	<b>WORSHIP (2)</b>	<b>Jewish witnesses, Elders (Church?) (1)</b>	<b>8</b>
Pre	<b>LORD'S (2)</b>	<b>RESURRECTION</b> (Not explicit...but inferred) <b>(1)</b>	<b>Y (2)</b>	<b>WORSHIP (2)</b>	<b>John</b> (a member of the Church), <b>Elders, Angels (2)</b>	<b>9</b>

--Scoring the Post-Trib View:

--Rev 19:16-17: And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men..."

--Matt 24:30-31: And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

## --Scoring the Mid-Trib View:

--Rev 11:3, 6-9, 11-12: And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."...These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague...When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city...where also their Lord was crucified. Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb...But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet...And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven...

--Vv. 15-16: Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God...

## --Scoring the Pre-Trib View:

--Rev 4:1-2: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--Vv. 4, 10: Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads...and the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever...

--What Revelation 4 describes:

--1) A loud **VOICE**, 2) A **TRUMPET**, 3) John is **CAUGHT** up, 4) He's **WITH** the Lord 5) He joins those in heaven in **WORSHIP**

--Rev 1:12-13, 17: Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man...and when I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man.

--Rev 4:1: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here..."

--A Summary:

--Key Concept #1: Determining Rapture **TIMING** is **COMPLEX!!!**

--Key Concept #2: **NONE** of the views matches the Rapture passages **PERFECTLY!!!**

--Key Concept #3: In this specific analysis of the texts...the **PRE**-Trib Rapture view fares **WELL**

--Key Concept #4: At least in these passages...the Word hasn't revealed enough **DETAIL** to be absolutely **SURE** of which timing view is **BEST!!!**



--**Application: The greatest POWER in the Universe...is the VOICE of God!!!**

--**Key Concept #1: With a WORD...God RAISES the DEAD!!!**

--Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14-15, 20, 24, 26: Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light...Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters...Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so...Then God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them"; and it was so...Then God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night...and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so...Then God said, "Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens"...and God saw that it was good...Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind"; and it was so...Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."

--**Key Concept #2: With a WORD...God creates EVERYTHING...from NOTHING!!!**

--II Thess 2:1-3, 8: Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 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...Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming...

--**Key Concept #3: With a WORD...God will DEFEAT the ENEMY!!!**

--**The Biblical Power Precepts:**

--**Power Precept #1: TIMELESSNESS cannot stand against the word of God!!!**

--**Power Precept #2: The VOID of NOTHINGNESS cannot stand against the word of God!!!**

--**Power Precept #3: DARKNESS cannot stand against the word of God!!!**

--**Power Precept #4: DEATH cannot stand against the word of God!!!**

--**Power Precept #5: SATAN cannot stand against the word of God!!!**



# The Revelation Timetable of the Future

