

Thursology 84: Pre-Trib Rapture: In Revelation...the Church is MISSING...But ISRAEL is EVERYWHERE!!! (Rapture #7)

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--Strength #4: It explains why the Church is the _____ topic in Revelation 2 & 3...but completely _____ from the entire rest of the Book...where _____ is prominent

--Chapter 1: Establishes Christ's awesome _____...and that He's coming _____!!!

--Chapters 2-3 (excerpts): "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... To the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'... To the angel of the church in Laodicea write... 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches'."

--The theme: Chs 2 & 3 are all about The _____...written to seven specific local _____...and they give a prophetic outline of the _____ Age

--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.

--Chapter 4 gives a picture of the _____-Trib Rapture

--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..."

--Having been _____ up into _____ to be with Christ in Ch 4...Ch 5 now gives a picture of the Judgment of _____

--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.

--In chapter 6: The Tribulation _____ with the appearance of the _____ "messiah"...who comes with a _____ peace...to "save" _____

--Chs 6-18 (excerpts): And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand were sealed...

--Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it. Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months...

--And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...and she was with child...And she gave birth to a son...who is to rule all the nations...Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days...

--And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time...And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman...But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

--Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads...And they sang a new song before the throne...and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth.

--And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast...And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God...

--And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits...which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty...And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

--Key Concept #1: The Scripture frequently refers to _____ (and Mary...who was a direct descendant of King David) giving birth to The Christ...but never even _____ at the _____ giving birth to Him

--Key Concept #2: The Church is always pictured as the _____ of Christ...that was _____ by Christ

--A summary of chapters 6-18: A striking and complete _____ of the Church...and a repeated, pervasive _____ of Israel

--Ch 19: Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints....Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"...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, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations...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.

--What happens in chapter 19: Christ returns _____ the _____ from Heaven...to the Valley of Megiddo...in _____...fulfilling God's many promises to save the _____ Nation!!!

--A summary of the appearances of the Church in the Revelation:

--How many times does the word "church" appear in chapters 2 & 3?

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--How many times do the words "church" or "churches" appear in all of the rest of Revelation? → Not _____!!!

--The final appearance of The Church in Revelation: In chapter 19..._____ the Tribulation is over...the _____ comes _____ Heaven..._____ Christ...to join Him in _____ the Antichrist and his armies at Armageddon

--The Pre-Trib advocates' contention about the Book of Revelation: It's difficult to _____ how the biblical text could make it any _____...that the sequence of the major events of the Last Days points to a _____-Trib Rapture.

--The Sequence: →

--John introduces Jesus' prophecy of His _____ (Ch 1)

--The _____ Age runs its course in chapters 2 & 3...it comes to _____...and believers are _____ up to be with Christ in Ch 4

--After the _____ is gone...the Tribulation _____ with Israel's Peace Treaty (Ch 6)

--The next seven years is about Antichrist's world _____ ...and his attempt to destroy _____ (Chs 6-18)

--The Church isn't mentioned _____ until the Tribulation is _____ ...and this means that the Church does not live _____ the Tribulation

--The Tribulation _____ after seven years...when Christ returns from Heaven...with the _____ ...and saves _____ from annihilation at Armageddon (Ch 19)

--Dave Hunt:

--"The Book of Revelation is a clear description of the Pre-Trib Rapture timing. Chapters 2 and 3 are all about the church! Then, at the end of chapter 3, the Church Age comes to completion...just in time for John (a member of the Church) to hear a loud voice, and a trumpet, and then to be caught up into heaven in chapter 4. This is followed by John, representing the Church, standing before the Judgment Seat of Christ as he is purified...made perfectly holy...by the Blood of the Lamb in chapter 5. And then the Church vanishes from the Book...not to be heard from again, until Christ comes (in chapter 19) with His holy ones...to defeat Antichrist and win the Battle of Armageddon. So, the Pre-Trib chronology in Revelatoin is natural, simple, and flows directly out of the Scripture...without any manipulation and without laying any other system over the biblical text.

--Application: Do you love God's _____ People _____...like God loves them???

--Gen 12:1-3: Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

--An obvious question: If I actually _____ God's promise...how can _____ bless God's _____ People...in a _____ way???

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

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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 **CHURCH**...hears a **VOICE**...hears a **TRUMPET**...and is **CAUGHT** up to be with the Lord in **HEAVEN**

--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 **PEACE** Treaty **BEGINS** 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 7th Trumpet Judgment heralds the **MID**-point of the Tribulation when Satan is **THROWN** down from heaven

--The Antichrist is **REVEALED**

--He **BREAKS** the Peace Treaty and begins persecuting **ISRAEL**

--He sets himself up as **GOD**...and **KILLS** those who won't take the **MARK** 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 **RETURNS**...and **WINS** the Great Battle

--He **CASTS** Antichrist and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire

--He **THROWS** Satan into the abyss...and begins His Millennial **REIGN**

The Revelation Chronology...By Chapter Location

	Peace Treaty Israel protected	Satan thrown down Beast Revealed Abomination/666	2 nd Coming Armageddon
PRE -Trib	Trib BEGINS	MID -Point	Trib ENDS
Rapture	← I	I	I → Millennium
Rev. 4	Rev. 6	Rev. 11-13	Rev. 19

--**Strength #3: The Pre-Trib view is the only one that has a picture of the Judgment **SEAT** of **CHRIST**...the **BELIEVER'S** judgment...clearly expressed in the Book of Revelation**

--Key Concept: Both **BELIEVERS** and non-**BELIEVERS** will stand before The Sovereign **JUDGE**

--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 **PRE**-Trib Rapture View is correct...because believers must be caught up into heaven **BEFORE** this event...so they can stand before the **THRONE** of God.

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

--Rev 4: The **RAPTURE**

--Rev 5: The **BELIEVER'S** Judgment (The "Judgment Seat of Christ")

--Rev 6: The **BEGINNING** of the Tribulation (Peace Treaty)

--Rev 11-13: The **MIDDLE** of the Tribulation (Abomination/Antichrist/The Mark)

--Rev 19: The **END** of the Tribulation (2nd Coming, Armageddon, Antichrist defeated, Christ prepares to reign in the Millennium)

--**Application #1: The Atonement doesn't get us off the **HOOK** for standing before the **JUDGE**...and it doesn't keep us from suffering **LOSS** 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 **RECONCILIATION** of God and humanity...through the shed **BLOOD** of Jesus Christ...that has **PAID** the price for a person's sin

--What the Atonement **DOES**:

--It removes God's **WRATH** from the believer

--It removes eternal **PUNISHMENT** for our sin

--It allows us to stand **BOLDLY** before the Throne because God sees in **US**...the righteousness of **CHRIST**

--What the Atonement **DOESN'T** do:

--It doesn't remove the **RESPONSIBILITY** from *believers* for what they *did*...and *didn't* do **AFTER** receiving God's **SAVING** grace!!!

--It doesn't remove the **NEED** to give an **ACCOUNT** for the believer's **ACTIONS**...*as a believer*!!!

--It doesn't guarantee **CROWNS** and **REWARDS**...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 **BOLDLY** before the Throne...until after our works have been **TESTED** by **FIRE**...at the Believer's Judgment!!!

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

--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 **UNWORTHINESS** cannot be **OVER**-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 **WORTHINESS** cannot be **OVER**-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."

The Revelation Timetable of the Future

