

REVELATION: *The Triumph of the Lamb*

## **WHEN IS THE RAPTURE COMING?**

Revelation 4:1-4      Jeff Schreve

**What does God want us to know about the rapture?**

**1. The rapture is the catching away of the Lord's saints.**

**2. The rapture is a certain, future event.**

*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 in Christ shall be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

\* Disagreements come in the timing of the rapture.

**3. The rapture is coming next.**

*... and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come. 1 Thessalonians 1:10*

A. The Lord promises to deliver us from the coming wrath.

*Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. Revelation 3:10*

B. The Lord doesn't mention the church in the tribulation.

C. The tribulation period is for Israel, not the church.

D. We are told to look for Jesus Christ not the Antichrist.

E. We see the church in heaven before the tribulation.

*And 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. Revelation 4:4*

*And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. And You made us kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth. Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV*

F. We return with Christ at His second coming.

*And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.*

*Revelation 19:14*

**Are you ready for the rapture?**