

The Glory of Christ in the Revelation #17

The Return of Christ & Rapture of the Church: Part 1

Revelation chs. 6-7

A) Summary of Events in the 6 Seals of Revelation 6

1st Seal: The arrival and initial deception of the Antichrist (vs. 1-2)

2nd through 4th Seal: Devastating wars & resulting famines & plagues (vs. 3-8)

5th Seal: The Great Persecution of the Church by the Antichrist (vs. 9-11)

6th Seal: The visible return of Christ (vs. 12-17)

Revelation ch. 7: The Rapture of the Church (Rev 7:9, 13-14)

B) Attributes of the Return of Christ

1) The return of Christ will be “pre-wrath,” not “pre-trib” (Matt 24:29-31; 1 Thess 4:15-17;

2 Thess 2:1-3).

2) The return of Christ & the rapture of the church will not be “secret” and “silent (Matt 24:26-27).

3) The return of Christ involves 1 arrival with many appearances (Zech 14:4; Isa 63:1; Rev 19:11-14, 19-21).

Application

1) Jesus will get the respect, honor, and obedience He deserves (2 Thess 1:6-10; Phil 2:9-11)

2) Are you giving Jesus Christ the respect He deserves now? (John 14:23; 15:12; 1 John 4:20-21;

Matt 25:40)

L.I.F.E. Group ?’s

1) What was especially meaningful to you about the Sunday message?

2) Without looking at notes, can you think about Matthew 24 or Revelation 6 and list the

sequence of Endtime Events?

3) What is meant by the term “Pre-trib Rapture”? Why do the verses refute this popular view? (Matt 24:29-31; 1 Thess 4:14-17; 2 Thess 2:1-5)

4) Is there anything that still confuses you about the sequence or substance of Endtime Events?

5) How has the Revelation series helped you “set your minds on things above, not on earthly things” (Col 2:2)?