

Rev. 4:1

SUBJECT: A Door
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(The Rapture)

1:19 the outline of the book (1) things which have been - vision of Y. Rev. 1.
(2) - " - " - the church Rev 2, 3
(3) " - " - " - after the church Rev 4-22.

John faithfully follows: Rev. 4:1 "after the things" ^{Rev. 1-3}
of the church. "no more churches. Next seen in Rev. 19:6-15
the bride & Christ coming with them in glorious triumph.
Rev 2, 3 epitomized the history of the many centuries of ch. history.
The ending of the history brings us to the end of the age. With these
centuries past, with the church gone, John tells us "after these things,"
what takes place after the church is taken from the world.

What has happened to the church?
Paul explains I Cor. 16: 51 the troubling = not resurrection
not "blinking", the instruction by the resurrection
with the church being

" " II Thess. 4:16, 17

In Rev. 4-19 not seen. In Rev. 19:6ff with X, coming in victory.
How get off this? Taken away, raptured.

"Rapture" Latin raptus, raptum, to carry off, away, etc?
transport. Meaning body, carried away in our bodies. sense,
in joy, peace, pleasure, & without. scriptured, in scripture

"A door opened in Heaven" the door of the ascension, & the saints
the trumpet with Paul describes as calling those asleep in Jesus,
Jesus descends as the signal by which further to do it

"Conversion" - John is caught up to the presence of the Lord, &
representation of all saints people, called home to Heaven.

Then follows "The Great Tribulation" ^{Rev 2:12}
in $\Theta\lambda\iota\gamma\omega\iota\varsigma$ in $\mu\epsilon\upsilon\delta\alpha\lambda\alpha$ Rev. 7:14

- called in $\text{Isa. } 13:6-11$; $\text{Joel } 1:15; 2:1$ "the day of the Lord"
• • $\text{Jer. } 30:7$ "the times of Jacob's trouble"
• • $\text{Dan. } 12:1$ "trouble such as never was --"

Our Lord warned, Paul warned, that age close with a time of trouble such has never been seen since begin of time. Will of the Lord over the entire earth $\text{Ps. } 21:34, 35$ Center of intensest agony land of Babelia (where 3 intensity meet). But never more.

The world has seen periods of tribulation, ^{afflictions} ^{of spiritual} ^{But they} ^{are} ^{not} ^{the} ^{same} ^{as} ^{the} ^{tribulation} ^{of} ^{the} ^{last} ^{days}
1) Spanish Inquisition - torture, death to control & unity
2) French revolution, like destruction of $\text{Jer } 70 \text{ AD}$, streets were ^{filled} ^{with} ^{blood}
3) Hitler's cruel reign of millions of defenseless Jews.
all show the outbreathing of man's wickedness
But the great tribulation of tribulation ^{of} ^{the} ^{last} ^{days} is ^{different} ^{from} ^{all} ^{of} ^{these}
unprecedented period of suffering, destruction, and death. 04/61

1. Structural outline of the Apocalypse 1:19; 41 ^{with} ^{reference} ^{to} ^{the} ^{beginning} ^{of} ^{the} ^{world} ^{and} ^{the} ^{end} ^{of} ^{the} ^{world}
But the church, God's people, will not endure

2. Scriptural explanation.

1. The terrible persecution in Thessalonica made them think they were in the tribulation. But Paul explains $\text{II Thess. } 2:1-12$
The man of sin, the final Anti-Christ, not appear until the Holy Spirit is in the believers, the church, is taken out of the way. The majority of mankind at world this way entirely, will finally deal off in a Satan-marginal world by Jesus under the leadership of a mysterious, Satan-man, the ultimate anti-Christ. He will appear in the scene of history as a leader of peace and unity, but he grows to be an insufferable and a delusion, will plunge the world in the most devastating war) at last, victory in its battle, accomplished. This devil possessed Satan inspired anti-Christ will rule 7 years, but the last half, 3 1/2 years, 42 months, 1260 days as the great tribulation. ² on that, at the tribulation delayed, against the nation is the last battle of Armageddon, all period was it not for the thousands of cities who return in the last battle with his seat.

But the current come to pass until A.D. is the church be taken away. Only the present college now, the presence of the A.D. is the church.

3. Scriptural Type

2. Yh. 17: 26-30

"in days, Noah" Event takes before the flood
 Noah passing thru the flood, the type?
 & saved remnant in it
 The world would perish = the flood

"in days, Job" takes out first.
 Not only body Christ but experienced Job takes out.
 Event & spiritual blessing, saved in Job
 Job - committed " " by the day, as test

So I Cor. 3: 12-15
 II Cor. 5: 10

The order, events

1. Next to come, the rapture, (resurrection, change, translation)
2. Anti-X reveals, false millennial system
3. after $3\frac{1}{2}$ years (42 months, 1260 days) will persecute & nation = the last atome war
4. the last battle, as a whole, terminated by the second return, Christ with his people, & returned, God is King.
5. The millennial kingdom, our God.

J. Thos 5: 4, 5, 9. the world has → the world, & returned
 = saved
 So J. Thos 1: 2, 3
 - before us, but all is for the Tribulation

4. Scriptural exp. promise

3. The Epitaphy and Comfort of the Church
7 John 2:13 "looky for the blessed age -" ^{anxiously, great} ^{from light}
not, ^{as you} for the long of anti-clit, ^{was} of sin, ^{for} the days,
trial; ^{the} of ^{the} ^{we} as ^{to} ^{let} ^{for}, ^{wait} ^{for}. ^{is} ^{it}
^{is} ^{not} ^{deprived} ^{of} ^{any} ^{delay} -
^{we} ^{will} ^{come} ^{of} ^{mount}. ^{Before} ^{the} ^{awesome}
^{days} ^{of} ^{tribulation} ^{will} ^{break} ^{forth} ^{up} ^{the} ^{world}
^{you}, ^{will} ^{let} ^{down} ^{restraints}, ^{restraints} ^{that} ^{will}
^{come} ^{for} ^{an} ^{hour}, ^{for} ^{not} ^{of} ^{read}, ^{the} ^{trial} ^{of}.
^{Secretly} ^{disappear} - ^{like} ^{Enoch}, ^{"caught} ^{up"} ⁱⁿ ^{clouds}
^{and} ^{not} ^{seen} ^{any} ^{more} ^{of} ^{him} ^{again}.

The door, the Philadelphia age of the garden
The key of the Kingdoms are the door down
all over the world, the door closing (chain, door, again)
But Rev 4:1, the closing of the door or would the symbol for
the opening of the door is heaven. After Rev 3:20, Rev 4:1.
John represent the church is caught up, taken into the
heaven. They follow the tribulation.

Phil 3:20 - strangers, pilgrims here, Gods ambassadors,
who were a heart, ambassadors called home first.

(10) John

no place down in our way, X is way to take us to heaven. Always
to take us to heaven. In 14: "remain with us"
I Thes. 4:17 "we meet at the Lord... we will be with the Lord"
1st - 2:12 "looky for... our Saviour..."
not looky for an event, a sign, but for a person.

