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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? <u>John</u>
- 3) Where was it written from? Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? The Seven Churches
- 5) When was it written? <u>A.D. 95</u>
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered <u>Seven steps</u>
- 8) Why was it written? Encouragement and holiness
- What is it about? <u>Jesus' final victory</u>
- 10) What makes the book different? OT relationship

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Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



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- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)

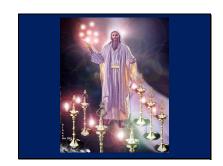


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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES Revelation 2–3				
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION		
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless		
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted		
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised		
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt		
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead		
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary		
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered		

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Revelation

Revelation 4:1 "After these things [meta tauta] 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 [meta tauta]."

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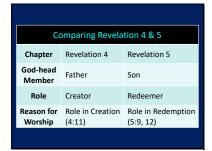
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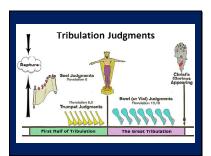
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When Will the Rapture Take Place
Relative to the Tribulation Period?

Pre-tribulation rapture theory

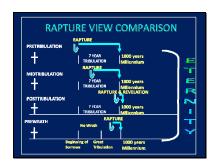
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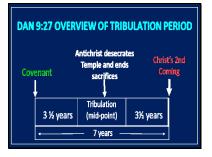
Post-tribulation rapture theory

Pre-wrath rapture theory

Partial rapture theory

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Isaiah 9:6-7

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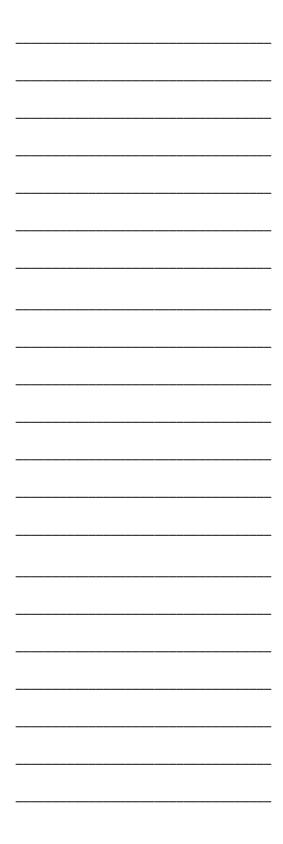
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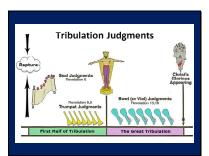
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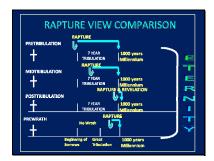
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Rev. 6:16-17

Robert L. Thomas, Revelation 1-7: An Exegetical Commentary, ed. Kenneth Barker (Chicago: Moody, 1992), 457-58.

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Rev. 5:7-And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

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Zech. 12:2-3-2 "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup [b]that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah. ³ It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely [c]injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

Dan. 9:27-And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of [ae] abominations *will come* one who [af] makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who [ag] makes desolate.

Ezek. 38:8-After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, *whose inhabitants* have been gathered from many ^[f]nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but ^[g]its people were brought out from the ^[h]nations, and they are <u>living securely</u>, all of them.

Ezek. 38:11-and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of ^[j]unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that <u>live securely</u>, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates.

1 Thess. 5:3- While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then [b] destruction [c] will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

Mark 7:20-23-²⁰ And He was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, ^[h] fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting *and* wickedness, *as well as* deceit, sensuality, ^[i] envy, slander, ^[i] pride *and* foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.

Jas. 4:1-2-What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? ^[b]Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ² You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

Isa. 28:18-Your covenant with death will be ^[q]canceled, And your pact with Sheol will not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, Then you become its trampling *place*.

Rev. 19:11-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.

There are differences between the two riders spoken of in chapter 6 and 19. The rider in chapter 6 has a crown while the rider in chapter 19 has many crowns. The rider in chapter 6 has a bow while the rider in chapter 19 has a sword.

2 Thess. 2:9- *that is*, the one whose ^[g]coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and ^[h]signs and false wonders.

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Amos 9:13- Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved.

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Rev. 20:13- And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds.

Rev. 1:18- and the living One; and I [1] was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Rev. 9:18- A third of ^[p]mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the ^[q]brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.

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Rev. 12:11-11 And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even [e] when faced with death.

2 Tim. 3:12-Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

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2 Cor. 5:8- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Philip. 1:21-23- 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 [s] But if *I am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful

labor for me; and I do not know [t] which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better.

Philip. 3:9-and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith.

Rev. 12:12-¹² For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who ^[f]dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.

<u>12</u>

Rev. 16:18-And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

Rev. 8:8-The second angel sounded, and *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood.

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Rev. 5:1-I saw [a]in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a [b]book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

Rev. 19:19-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.

Rev. 9:20-The rest of [r]mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

Matt. 24:12-Because lawlessness is increased, [f]most people's love will grow cold.

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1 Thess. 1:10-and to wait for His Son from ^[h]heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess. 5:9-For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.