

The Revelation

(8) After the Church Age

After these things... Rev.4:1

What is the given outline of the book of Revelation? 1:19

The things you've seen, ch 1; things which are, churches, ch 2-3; after churches, ch 4-22

When the last church letter is complete, what does John see? 4:1 II Cor.12:2,3

He sees an open door, apparently leading into heaven. This would be the "third heaven".

At this same time, describe what he hears. 4:1 cp. 1:10

He hears the same voice, like a trumpet, that he heard first. The voice is of Christ.

And what is the instruction to John in 4:1? and the result? 4:2a

Come up here! John is immediately "in the Spirit". No stairs/ladder. Caught up to heaven.

What are the similarities in Paul's description of the end of the churches in I Thess.4:13-18?

The Lord comes down and shouts, trumpet sounds, believers are caught up to heaven.

What are the similarities in Paul's description of the end of the churches in I Cor.15:50-52?

Happens in an instant (not over time), trumpet sounds, believers changed and 'raised'.

After chapters 1-3, is the Church seen on earth again? Rev.4:4; 19:6-14

No. The Church is seen in heaven in 4:4 and returning WITH Christ in 19:6-14.

Separating the rapture from the 2nd coming...Rom.9-11; Mt.24

What has happened to the nation of Israel during this Church Age? Rom.11:25

God has 'partially' hardened them (to the Gospel). A few (remnant) are saved but ...

Why has this happened? Rom.11:28 Is it permanent? 11:25-28

Judgment for rejecting Christ (nation). When 'fullness of Gentiles' is done, back to Israel.

What KEY doctrine does Paul give to separate the nation of Israel and the Church? Eph.3:1-13

The Church is a mystery, never revealed before. The Church is NOT Israel.

What is the context, setting, topic of Mt.24? 24:1-3

To/for Jews, about their temple/nation, 2nd coming (kingdom), end time. NO CHURCH.

What are the preamble signs of this 'end'? Mt.24:4-14

False Messiahs, wars, famines, earthquakes, tribulation, anti-Semitism, world-wide Gospel

Where, in the Revelation, do these things occur? Rev.6-11

Rev.6-11, all the above. Note 11:1-13 is the world wide preaching of the Gospel.

What are some of the descriptions of the 2nd coming? Mt.24:15-22; 29-31; Rev.19:7-21

HE comes visibly, in wrath, WITH the Church (Rev.19:14); after abomination (Mt.24:15)

Comparing the signs/descriptions of the rapture and the 2nd coming, what's the conclusion?

These are two separate events. Rapture takes Church out. 2nd coming finishes His wrath.

Where does the book of Revelation place these two events? 4:1; 19

Rapture at 4:1, 2nd coming at 19, with tribulation wrath, restore Israel, in between (7 yrs)