
Revelation
The Unveiling of Jesus Christ



“After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

“Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.”

Have seen - “Past” / Revelation 1
Which are - “Present” / Revelation 2-3
Which will take place - “Future” / Revelation 4-22



End-Time Events

Jesus Resurrection

Jesus Ascension

Church Age

Rapture of the Church

7 Year Tribulation

Jesus' Second Coming

1000 Year Millennial Reign



Great White Throne of Judgement

New Heaven & New Earth

Rev. 1-3

Rev. 6-18

Rev. 20

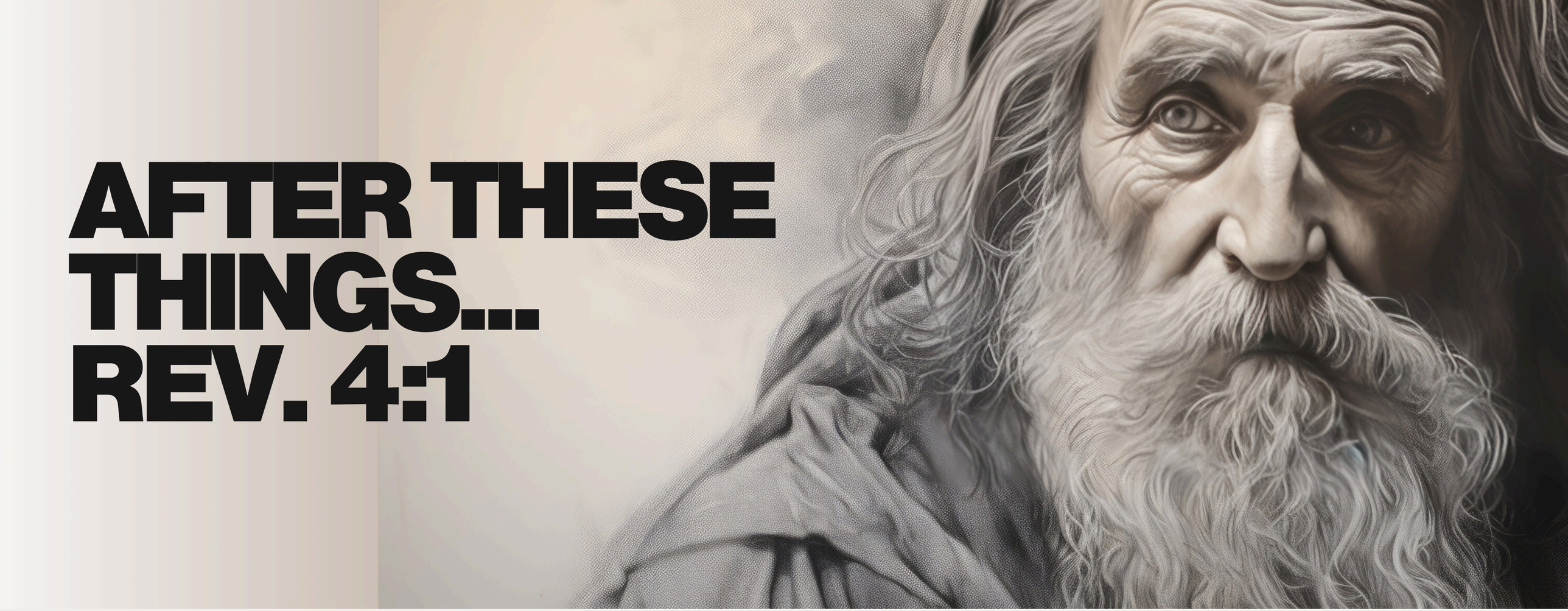
Rev. 21-22

40 Days Acts 1

Rev. 4-5

Rev. 19

AFTER THESE THINGS... REV. 4:1



After these things - referring to the things which are (Revelation 2-3)

The moment the ministry of the church is complete, "after these things" the next event that we believe will take place is the Rapture of the Church.

WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

The rapture is when Jesus will return in the clouds to “take up” believers in Christ from the earth to be with Him in heaven.

“The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. We who are alive and remain shall be “caught up” together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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THREE PRIMARY VIEWS

Pre-Tribulation | Mid-Tribulation | Post-Tribulation



WE BELIEVE

<u>Pre-Tribulation</u>:

1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Corinthians 15:50-53

God did not appoint us to wrath,
1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

Believers will be kept from hour of trial,
Revelation 3:10

The absence of the church.
Revelation 4 -22

I WAS IN THE SPIRIT REV. 4:2



From earth to heaven- though his body was on the island of Patmos, he was supernaturally transported into heaven.

- He will see from heaven things that will take place.
- He points out four things he saw in the throne room of God.

4 THINGS JOHN SAW...

<u>One who sat on the throne</u> - God is the Sovereign Ruler, King, and Creator who is in complete control over all the universe.

“The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.”
Psalm 103:19

4 THINGS JOHN SAW...

Around the throne - twenty-four thrones / twenty-four elders clothed in white robes and had crowns of gold on their heads.

This image could represent the victory we have in Christ.

4 THINGS JOHN SAW...

Out of the throne - lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Could represent the image of God's judgement brewing.

Seven lamps of fire - the sevenfold work or completeness of the Holy Spirit is present.



TAKEAWAY

The rapture of the church can happen at any time,
are you ready for Jesus' return?