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## **Introduction**

As we progress into 2026, the world is in a heightened state of chaos, shaking and confusion. There is a notable separation occurring between believers and unbelievers. There is a war of ideas and beliefs. Political factions are so volatile that someone can be killed for no other reason that they have the wrong sign on their lawn or decal on their vehicle. Cultures that have stood with some level of language and customs have lost their national cohesiveness.

We have entered the AI era in the past few years that has had a profound impact on technology and every aspect of knowledge acquisition and presentation. We see AI as a helpful tool but also as a sly and deceitful influencer. Can we trust the information that is being presented as fact? Images can be manipulated into any fanciful thing that

we can imagine. Nothing is clearly what it seems to be. Nothing can be taken at face value nor certain.

The “*signs of the times*” spoken of from Daniel to Revelation seem to be in evidence everywhere. The “*god of this world*” has his players in position! With such a great contrast between what is held as good and virtuous and that which is sinister and evil do we even know what is true? Darkness parades as light. Those who kill us think they are doing God a service! The time of separation is at hand. Only the Almighty, the Righteous Judge of all things can ordain the outcome. He knows who are his! It would seem that this time of separation the “*wheat from the chaff*” is at the door. I am talking about *the removal of the blood bought believers* from this world allowing the conclusion of the age, the six days of this human epoch equaling six thousand years is about to play out. The earth is crying out. The vile and corrupt are spewing forth their venom like fiery volcanoes.

### **Defining the Term “Rapture” From the Greek “Harpazo”**

The Rapture is a prophetic doctrine which has varied interpretations that are subject to debate. The doctrine I share here is known as the *Dispensational, Pre-Tribulation Rapture*. *Although the term rapture only occurs in the Latin Vulgate it is taken from the Greek word “Harpazo.”* Harpazo is found many times in Scripture. It is defined as the forceful snatching away from one place to another.

### **Passages which use the term Harpazo in the NT.**

[Mat 11:12](#) -- [Mat 13:19](#) -- [Joh 6:15](#) -- [Joh 10:12](#) [Joh 10:28](#) -- [Joh 10:29](#) -- [Act 8:39](#) --  
[Act 23:10](#) -- [1 Thessalonians 4:17](#) -- [2Co 12:2](#) -- [2Co 12:4](#) -- [1Th 4:17](#) -- [Jud 1:23](#) [Rev 12:5](#) --

The rapture as described in the New Testament (NT) Bible is a supernatural event that involves the physical resurrection of persons who have died. Paul further describes the rapture as a “Mystery” having two parts. First the resurrection of the dead who were

“In Christ” are raised with a Spiritual- incorruptible bodies; and second, the transformation of those who are alive “In Christ.” These living believers are caught up from the earth to join with them. This transfiguration coincides with time of the resurrection.

The whole idea of being resurrected or being *transported into another dimension* instantaneously, would sound to any natural-minded person far-fetched and insanely ludicrous.

At the first resurrection, lifeless bodies will be transfigured into an incorruptible and immortal form. Coinciding with this, living Christian believers who are "In Christ" shall be transformed into a similar immortal form and taken up to meet with the Lord in the air, and thereafter to remain forever in his presence.

*1Thessalonians 4: 16-17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

The Rapture when it occurs, will end the current dispensation of human history, which we note as the “Age of Grace” or The Church Age. This will be followed by a new and final dispensation. This period opens up the 7 year era of God's Judgment upon the unrighteous. This period has been is called variously, 'The Day of the Lord;' 'The day of Jacob's trouble; 'The day of Judgment;' or 'The Day of Wrath.'

These 7 years will be filled with momentous events, wars, pestilences, mass destruction and famine. Harsh judgments will befall the planet. In this time a prophesied last world ruler will be introduced to the world. He is the false messiah will come upon a world in chaos and crisis and seem to have all the godly insight as Christ. With signs and wonders he will persuade the whole world of his divine authority. This is he of whom Jesus said, "***you do not receive me, but another will come in his own name and him you will receive.***" This miracle man will be received as the authentic messenger of God, showing miraculous signs. He will be that peace giver sought by all nations.

In the present age, good and evil co-exist. We are free to choose to be a believer in the Savior or not to believe. We we are free to choose any god and any religion that suits

our fancy. We can choose to live a sensuous, self-serving life; to be a profligate sinner, or not. This present dispensation is called prophetically in Isaiah 61, the 'Day of the Lord's Favor.' It is also known as the church age. An epoch of *Grace* in which the vengeance of God has been postponed, The dispensation of 'Grace'

(Read Isaiah 61:1)

*61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; Isaiah 61:2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, - - - (and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; which Jesus quotes in Luke 4:18)*

Note that the portion of Isaiah's prophecy regarding wrath and judgment is omitted. It is not part of his mission and ministry in his first coming as "The Son of Man."

### **Jesus Answers Questions on "the End of the Age" in The Olivet Discourse**

In the Olivet discourse (in Matt. 24, Luke 21 and Mark 16) we must remember that Jesus is addressing a Jewish audience. Details pertaining to "*the day of vengeance, etc.*" point to the last end-time prophetic period, the tribulation and time of final judgment.

### **The Last Days are Likened Unto The Days of Noah and the Days of Lot**

Jesus met Peter, James, John and Andrew on the Mount of Olives and gave them a prophetic outline of the future of the temple, Israel and the end of the age. He gave specific descriptions of the signs of the "*birth pangs*" in the latter days. Jesus said that it would be as it was in *The Days of Noah* and as the days *Lot and Sodom*. (Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13.)

The Olivet Discourse provides us with typology that portrays the future of the world. Genesis portrays the time of Judgment by the great flood. We have the example destruction of the world by water in the days of Noah. We are shown a world the carried on with normal, daily routines until judgment fell upon them. We are shown a time of a corrupted society devoid of morality. Though they were warned of coming judgment

they paid no heed. *Among the patriarchs we note that Enoch escaped the deluge, Methuselah died before the flood and Noah went through the flood.*

The details of Lot and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah illustrate the final judgment of the world by fire. We learn that these cities were rich and exceedingly wicked and corrupted. [Ezekiel 16:49](#) *Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.*” The portion of the account of Lot’s “rescue” from Sodom is told in Genesis chapter 19. Angels came to deliver Lot and his family to safety. The angels urged Lot and his wife and daughters to leave quickly. The text that I find most revealing is found in Genesis 19vs22. [Gen 19:22](#) *Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.*

The detailed typology of God’s Judgment is still to be fulfilled at the end of the age. The conditions match those that Jesus described. A remnant is to be reserved and protected from destruction. Again those saved are of One Family, those who are Christ’s who have sought mercy through him in Salvation. Multitudes have mocked and rejected Christ’s free gift they are reserved to pay the penalty for their choice.

*Genesis 7:16 "And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in."*

### **Sodom and Gomorrah Are a Type and Foreshadow of God’s Judgment!** **Genesis 19:13-25**

*"For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it." Genesis 19:14 "And Lot went out, and spoke unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law." (Many are so deceived in this present time) Genesis 19:16 "And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city." Genesis 19:22 "Haste thee, escape*

*thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar." (ASV)*

Notice in the above text:

Two unnamed angels manifested as humans to bring the message to Lot. They were the agents of deliverance. They were tasked with physically removing Lot, and that *one righteous family* out of Sodom. The angel in Genesis 19:22 could not proceed with the destruction until the family of Lot were taken to a sanctuary city.

### **The Object Lesson of Lot's Rescue and Lot's Wife**

We need to test ourselves as to the attachment to the things of this world. Those who lose their lives will save it; those who will save their lives will lose it.!

*Luke-9:24 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.*

Those living their lives may need to consider their eligibility to being saved from the wrath to come: Eligibility depends upon their spiritual priorities. Where are the affections and treasures of the heart?

*Genesis 19:26 "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."  
The nature of cares, lusts, attachments are shown by Jesus who reminds us again of the results of not letting go of this present life:*

### **Will the Rapture Be Before, During, or After the Tribulation Period?**

*Luke 17:27 "They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."*

*Luke 17:26 "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man."*

*Luke 17:28 "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;" Luke 17:29 "But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all."*

*Luke 17:30 "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."*

These same scriptures also describe how life was in a sense of normality and routineness until the separation of the righteous remnant who were spared from the wrath.

## **To Whom is The Audience to Whom the Olivet Discourse is Addressed?**

If these passages described the midpoint of the tribulation just at the onset of the Great Days final judgment, the audience consists of Jews in Israel. A remnant is to be saved these must immediately go to their place of refuge. "*Pray that the time is not on the Sabbath.*" is the key to it being directed at Jews who are again under the law.

*Luke 17:31 "In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back." Luke 17:32 "Remember Lot's wife." Luke 17:33 "Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it."*

The preceding and following passages describe how people who are apparently in close fellowship (IE church of professing believers) may experience different judgments. See Matt 25.

*Luke 17:34 "I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left." Luke 17:35 "Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left." Luke 17:37 "And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where ever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together."*

## **The Believing Church is Taken Out of This World To Meet the Lord In the Air**

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

*Luke 21:20 "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh."* Preterists view this prophecy as happening at the time of the destruction of the temple in 70 ad by Vespasian. Futurists as myself see the temple's destruction as as a *near fulfillment of prophecy*. The dispensational camp believes that the Jews will build a third temple that comes into place with the permission of the Antichrist after his ascent to power. The Temple Mount Society has been in preparation for its construction for more than a decade. All of the appliances and furnishing are ready now. This I believe is the temple that Jesus speak of in his foretelling of the end of age. There was a near fulfillment and there will be a future fulfillment during the final conflict in Jerusalem. Israel is THE FOCUS of last days prophecy during the last 7 years before the Kingdom comes literally to its place in Israel.

*Luke 21:21 "Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter there into."*

*Luke 21:22 "For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled."*

**The Second Coming** unlike the rapture, will be witnessed visibly by all those who have survived to this point. Christ's return will be as described as lighting that lights up the heavens in supernatural majesty. It will be a breathtakingly, awesome phenomena.

*"This same Jesus who you saw leave will in return in like manner-" (Acts-1:11.)*  
Zechariah describes Jesus return and describes his feet standing upon Mount Olivet (Zechariah 14:4.)

*Luke 21:27 "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."*

## **Warnings and Admonitions**

*Luke 21:34 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:35 "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21:36 "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."*

## **The Coming of The Lord Will Be As A Thief in the Night When He returns for "His Bride."**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" 1 Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thessalonians 4:18 "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."*  
*1 Thessalonians 5:1 "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." 1 Thessalonians 5:2 "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night." 1 Thessalonians 5:3 "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:4 "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thessalonians 5:5 "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."*

## **EXHORTATIONS**

*1 Thessalonians 5:6 "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be*

sober." 1 Thessalonians 5:7 "For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night." 1 Thessalonians 5:8 "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." 1 Thessalonians 5:9 "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Thessalonians 5:10 "Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

## **A Miraculous Recreation: At The Trumpet Call of God**

1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."  
1 Corinthians 15:51 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed," 1 Corinthians 15:52 "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." 1 Corinthians 15:53 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Corinthians 15:54 "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."  
1 Corinthians 15:55 "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

## **Who Will Our Hearts Choose? Where is Our Treasure:**

Matthew 8:12 "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."  
Matthew 13:30 "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." - - -  
Matthew 13:40 "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world."  
Matthew 24:42 "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Watch and Pray lest you enter into temptation"  
Matthew 24:43 "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." Matthew 24:44 "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man comes."  
Matthew 24:48 "But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;"

*Matthew 24:49 "And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;" Matthew 24:50 "The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looks not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,"*

## **More on the Typology Of The Bridegroom and the Bride**

*John 14:2-3 " - -I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am you may be also, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am you may be also."*

## **Awaiting The Bridegroom's Return**

*Matthew 25:1 "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom." Matthew 25:2 "And five of them were wise, and five were foolish." Matthew 25:3 "They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:" Matthew 25:5 "While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." Matthew 25:6 "And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom comes; go ye out to meet him." Matthew 25:10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."*

(The door of the ark closed by God)

*Matthew 25:11 "Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us."*

*Matthew 25:12 "But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."*

*Who will fellowship with the Lord? Who will seek to know Him? Matthew 25:13 "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."*

*Matthew 25:32 "And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats:" Matthew 25:34 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"*

## **MATT 25:32 – Arguments to Support The Pretribulation Rapture**

For my own edification and peace founded upon hope, I find these 3 scriptural principles as the most relevant to discerning false doctrine.

1. Old testament typology of Noah's Ark of safety and the references to Sodom and Gomorrah. (Jesus Gospel teaching - Olivet discourse.)

2. Jesus teaching parable of the tares:

*Matt 13:27 Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Matt 13:36 " --saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37He answered and said unto them, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man; 38The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39**The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world (age) ; and the reapers are the angels. 40As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear - "***

3. The apostle Paul in his first letter to Thessalonica:

In 1 Thessalonians Paul identifies the mystery of the transformation of the dead and living believers who are to be resurrected or transformed. The righteous dead are resurrected the righteous living are translated and caught up to meet them. To be caught up. (*harpazo=snatched away forcefully*) (*raptare- Latin vulgate*) Both groups are gathered together to meet Christ in the air.

4. Paul's second letter to Timothy: Society Slides Into Lawlessness and Corruption

*Chapter 3: 1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly*

women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. 10But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience, 11Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. 14But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

From the above, you may clearly see that those who teach Restoration -  
- Kingdom-now theology completely ignores these guiding principles of Scripture. The *Reconstructonist Christians* comprise a group who over estimate the role of the church to bring the world into godliness. They are not capable in my opinion, to completely destroy the works of the enemy, Satan and his control of this world, bringing in the reign of righteousness upon the earth.

Hal Lindsey an eminent Bible teacher, has focused most of his ministry on end-time prophecy and is a proponent of the imminent rapture of the church. The harvest will consist of two stages of separation. The first sorting is the rapture itself when a distinction is made between those whose lamps are burning (Holy Spirit faith and zeal) and those without oil. A second harvest will follow during the time of tribulation which follows. Many who come to Christ but will face death for the namesake of Jesus. The remaining are the enemies of God and have become followers of the false messiah, Anti-Christ, or gospel unbelievers. There will also be a significant remnant of Jewish believers in the Messiah, the harvest of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists.

Chuck Missler has an internet link describing matters of eschatology and the second coming of Messiah for and with his church. I believe that his doctrine is solid and fully details scriptural positions. (Koinonia House Online:)

<http://www.khouse.org/articles/2002/444/>

More On The Tribulation and The Revealing of the Anti-Christ.

*2 Thessalonians 1:5 "Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:"*

*2 Thessalonians 1:6 "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;" 2 Thessalonians 1:7 "And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,"*

*2 Thessalonians 1:8 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:" 2 Thessalonians 2:1 "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,"*

### **A Restraining Power is Presently at Work.**

**He Will be Removed to Allow the Full Power of Deception and the Revealing of the Man Of Sin (Anti-Christ.)**

*2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away (POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION CATCHING AWAY) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"*

*2 Thessalonians 2:6 "And now ye know what with holds that he might be revealed in his time." 2 Thessalonians 2:7 "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now lets will let, until he be taken out of the way."*

THE PERIOD OF GRACE is this current time period (DISPENSATION).

Jesus announced as the Year of The Lord's Favor; The acceptable year of the Lord.  
(Isa 61:2)

God is not the author of confusion but a God of order . The age of Grace is a finite and fixed time period. It begins with Jesus declaring. "*Father forgive them they know not what they do.*" The Gospel of the Grace can be correctly understood as *good news* when we are aware that we are not judged for our sins if we accept the understanding that Jesus, was a sacrificial lamb for the whole world. The Lamb paid the price for the redemption of the world. Grace is poured out upon those who believe.

This "*acceptable year of the Lord*" is followed by the *time of Judgment* and wrath in the Isaiah 61 prophecy. Jesus did not read the concluding portion when he announced his mission of grace. It remained for a future time; a separate dispensation.

The Book of Revelation Warns the Churches in Chapters 1-3 and in Chapter 4 removes the believers. The term church (*ekklesia*) is not seen after chapter 3 but is named again in Revelation 22:16.

THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION WARNS THE "CHURCHES" in chapter 2, THEN TAKES THE BELIEVERS OUT

*Revelation 2:16 "Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth."*

*Revelation 3:8 "I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name."*

*Revelation 3:10 "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."*

It is commonly understood of those who believe in a *futurist* view of eschatology and the pre-tribulation rapture of the church, that a heavenly door is opened at the beginning of Revelation, Chapter 4. The chapters that follow view the events from a heavenly not an earthly viewpoint until Chapter 19.

*Revelation 4:1 "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter."*

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