

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Series: **the End Times – Bible prophecy about future events and periods**

Teaching Summary for Week 64

The Tribulation Period

Part 4. The Book of Revelation

Overview of the Book of Revelation

9. The Rapture is **not** found in this book of prophecy.



- a. Two passages in Revelation are often thought to be referring to the Rapture. They are **Rev 3:10** and **Rev 4:1-2**. *Let's read them now.*
- b. We know that **1 Thess 4:13-18** describes the Rapture. *Let's read this passage together.* Are the events described in 1 Thess 4:13-18 also found in either Rev 3:10 or Rev 4:1-2? Let's see for ourselves.
- c. See the **Handout “The Rapture of the Church: Comparing Revelation passages to 1Thess 4:13-18”**.



- d. See also the **handout “Revelation 3:10 – the Greek verb *tereo*”**.
- e. Revelation is a book of prophecy. If the body of Christ is in Revelation, the Rapture (the one church-age prophetic event) must also be in Revelation. If it isn't, then the body of Christ is not in the book of Revelation.

10. As you proceed through the seven assemblies in Rev 2-3, **the Second Coming of Christ** gets closer and closer.

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| Ephesus | Rev 2:5 or <u>else</u> I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place | |
| Smyrna | {none} | |
| Pergamum | Rev 2:16 or <u>else</u> I am coming to you <u>quickly</u> , and I will make war against them | |
| Thyatira | Rev 2:25 hold fast <u>until</u> I come. | |
| Sardis | Rev 3:3 Therefore <u>if</u> you do not wake up, I <u>will come like a thief</u> , and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. | |
| Philadelphia | Rev 3:11 ' I <u>am coming quickly</u> ; | |
| Laodicea | Rev 3:20 Behold, I <u>stand at the door</u> and knock; | |

What does this tell us about who these assemblies are and when they will be around?

Outline of the Book of Revelation

See **Handout** titled “**An outline of the book of Revelation: Visions, Events, and Judgments**”. Let’s work through this outline. Look for patterns. Ask questions.

Timeline for the End Times

See **Handout** titled “**Suggested Timeline for the End Times**”

We are now able to put together the facts we have learned about end times chronology in a simple comprehensive timeline. Let’s go from start to finish and read each Scripture so you see the connections. Again, please ask any questions that you have.