Revelation Outline (1:19)

1. Things you have seen (Revelation 1).

• Jesus is revealed, encourages us and instructs John to record what he's seen.

2. Things which are (Revelation 2-3).

- The church age from Jesus' ascension to the rapture.
- Seven churches represent the church age.

3. Things that will take place after this (Revelation 4-22).

- **Revelation 4:1** The rapture of the church.
- **Revelation** 4-5 The scene in heaven.
- **Revelation** 6-18 The Great Tribulation.
 - The anti-Christ is introduced and signs a 7-year peace treaty.
 - o The 21 judgments are poured out.
 - Halfway into the tribulation, the anti-Christ will declare himself to be god.
 - The Jews will turn back to God.
- Revelation 19 Jesus returns to the earth to establish His kingdom.
- Revelation 20 Jesus' 1,000-year reign and judgment of the world.
- Revelation 21 Jesus presents a new heaven and new earth.
- Revelation 22 Final notes.

End-Times Timeline

(Text "ENDTIMES" to 209.493.6495 for a detailed outline)

- #1 The "Church Age" began after Jesus died and rose again (Pentecost).
 This has now lasted almost 2,000 years.
- #2 The Rapture of the church.
- #3 The battle of Ezekiel 38-39 will happen around this time.
- #4 Soon after the Rapture, the Antichrist (world ruler) will be revealed.
- #5 7-year Peace Treaty will be signed (allowing the temple to be rebuilt).
- #6 Exactly 3½ years later (exact middle of the 7-year treaty), the Antichrist will declare himself God in the temple.

 He will murder anyone who won't take his mark & worship him.
- #7 Exactly 3½ years later, that Great Tribulation will end.
- #8 Jesus will come to reign for 1,000 years after the Great Tribulation.
- #9 Jesus will judge the whole world after the 1,000-year reign.
- #10 The Lord will replace the current heavens & earth...then eternity.

Reasons for a "Pre-Tribulational" Rapture View

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11)

- Reason #1 We, the church, are NOT appointed to wrath. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 & 5:9 as well as Revelation 3:10, 6:16-17, 11:18, 14:10, 16:19, 19:15.
- Reason #2 We can't know the time of day or the hour of the rapture. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 told us this was to come as a thief. Also see Matthew 24:36-37, 24-43 and Revelation 11:3, 12:6 & Daniel 9:27 & 12:9-12.
- Reason #3 Noah pictures us being removed from the earth for God's judgment and returning to the earth. Matthew 24:37 a moment ago likened these days to Noah.
- Reason #4 God has already given us a track record of removing His faithful followers from His wrath.

2 Peter 2:4-7 & 9 – He did it with Lot from Sodom & Noah from the face of the earth.

- Reason #5 The word "church" is never used in the book of Revelation during the entire time His wrath is being poured out (Revelation 6-19). Revelation chapters 1-3, the word "church" is used 19 times, but not again until 22:16. Also see the phrase in Revelation 13:9 with no reference to the church.
- **Reason** #6 The church will be removed before the Anti-Christ is revealed. And, certainly before he declares himself God half-way into the Tribulation. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-8.
- Reason #7 Jesus told us to pray to be delivered from this judgment. Why if it is not to be done?
- Reason #8 We are to be comforted by these words. I simply don't see words of comfort in any other view.

The High Priest's Clothing



The High Priest's breastplate

Stones: Inside the breastplate were twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel (Exodus 28:17–21).

- Row one: Sardius, topaz, & emerald.
- Row two: Turquoise, sapphire, & diamond.
- Row three: Jacinth, agate, & amethyst.
- Row four: Beryl, onyx, & jasper.



The 4 Living Creatures of Revelation 4:6-9

(Also see Ezekiel 1:4-10 & 10:6-17)

Creature #1 – A lion (king).

Gospels: Matthew portrayed Jesus as a king.

Creature #2 - A calf or ox (servant).

Gospels: Mark portrayed Jesus as a servant.

Creature #3 – A man (man).

Gospels: Luke portrayed Jesus as a man.

Creature #4 – An eagle (God).

Gospels: John portrayed Jesus as God.

Note regarding creatures of Revelation 4 vs. Ezekiel 1:

- 1. The creatures of Revelation 4 are distinct with 6 wings each.
- 2. The creatures of Ezekiel 1 each have the same four features of the creatures in Revelation, but with 4 wings each.
- 3. The creatures of Ezekiel 10 each had four features (only different from Revelation 4 & Ezekiel 1 in that 1 was a "cherub" rather than an ox). But, a cherub is a servant of God as well.
- 4. The two sets of creatures appear to be different. But they each contain the four traits of Jesus & the gospels.