

# CALVARY CHAPEL DISTINCTIVES

## **Study #7 | Eschatology** (Anticipating Jesus Rapturing His People)

### **Introduction:**

- Prophetic Outline in Revelation 1:19
  - 1:9-18
  - 2:1—3:22
  - 4:1—22:21
    - Outline of Revelation 4:1—22:21
      - 4:1—5:14
      - 6:1—18:24
      - 19:1-21
      - 20:1-15
      - 21:1—22:21

### **A. The Rapture of the Church (Revelation 4:1)**

- Revelation 1:4a
  - 2:1, 8, 12, 18

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- 3:1, 7, 14
  
- Revelation 4:1 w/ Revelation 1:19
  
- John 14:1-3 w/ 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
  
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9-10
  
- 1 Corinthians 15:51-57
  
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8
  
- Revelation 3:10 w/ Luke 21:36
  
- Revelation 4:4, 10-11
  
- The Identity of the 24 Elders (Revelation 4:4):
  - Their Position: “*sitting on thrones*”
    - Revelation 1:6; 3:21; 11:16 w/ 1 Corinthians 6:2-3
  
  - Their Clothing: “*white raiment*”
    - Revelation 3:5; 19:7-8
  
  - Their Crowns: “*crowns of gold on their heads*”
    - Revelation 2:10; 3:11; 4:10

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- Their Worship: Only the Church can sing their song  
(Revelation 5:8-9)
  - Revelation 1:8; 4:10-11; 5:5-14; 19:4
  
- Their Distinction:
  - Cannot be Angels - Revelation 7:11
  
  - Cannot be Tribulation Believers - Revelation 7:13-14
  
  - Cannot be 144,000 Jewish Believers - Revelation 14:3
  
  - Cannot be Israel - Revelation 5:8-9; 7 & 12
  
- Their Title: *"twenty-four elders"*
  - The number "24" indicates a Representative Group and a Completed Body — 1 Chronicles 24 & 25
  
  - In the Scriptures, Elders were representatives of:
    - The Different Cities of Israel — Judges 8:14, 16; 11:5, 7-11; 21:16; Ruth 4:2, 4, 9, 11, etc...
  
    - The Nation of Israel — Matt. 15:2; 16:21; 21:23; etc...; Acts 4:8; 22:5; 23:14; 24:1; 25:15
  
    - The Churches — Acts 11:30; 14:23; 15:4, 6, 22-23; 16:4; 20:17, 28; 21:18; 1 Timothy 5:17-19; Titus 1:5; 1 Peter 5:1-4

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- Their Location: “*round about the throne*” (in Heaven)

- Romans 11:25-26

### **B. Pre-Tribulational Events** (Revelation 6:1)

- Worldwide Conflict & Birth Pangs: Matthew 24:7-8
- The Reestablishment of the Nation of Israel: Isaiah 11:11 w/ Ezekiel 36 & 37
- Jerusalem Under Jewish Control: Daniel 9:27; Ezekiel 37:22; 38:8
- The Magog Invasion: Ezekiel 38—39
- The Revived Roman Empire: Daniel 2 & 7
- The Rise of AntiChrist: Daniel 7:8, 19-27 w/ 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8

### **C. The Great Tribulation** (Revelation 6:16-17)

- Revelation 6:1 — 18:24

- 6:1-2

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- 8:2, 6-7
- 15:7; 16:1-2
- Daniel 9:24-27
- Jeremiah 30:7
- Matthew 24:15, 21

### **D. The Second Coming Of Christ** (Revelation 19:11-16)

- Revelation 1:7; 19:1-21
- Isaiah 63:1-6
- Matthew 24:29-31
- Acts 1:9-11
- Zechariah 12:10 w/ Matthew 24:37-39

### **E. The Millennial Kingdom** (Revelation 20:4)

- Daniel 12:11-12
- Revelation 20:1-15

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- Luke 1:31-33 w/ Isaiah 9:7

### **F. The New Heaven and New Earth** (Revelation 21:1)

- Revelation 21:1—22:21
- 2 Peter 3:7, 10, 13

### **Conclusion:**

- Looking for the Lord (not for AntiChrist)
  - 1 Corinthians 1:7
  - Philippians 3:20
  - 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
  - Titus 2:13
- Serving and growing (not “waiting in the treetops”)
  - Luke 19:13
  - 2 Peter 3:1-18 (especially v. 12a)