

Come Up Here

Rev 4: 1-4

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- So far in our study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, we have.....
 - Studied all the letters written to the 7 churches
 - Ephesus..... lost their first love
 - Smyrna.....the persecuted church/no condemnation
 - Pergamum.....compromising church
 - Thyatira.....embracing false teachings and doctrines
 - Sardis.....the dead church
 - Philadelphia...the evangelical church
 - Laodicea....the lukewarm church

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- Now we move into another aspect of this book
 - Here is a short outline to help us
 - Chapter 1....Introduction to the Risen Christ
 - Chapters 2-3....messages to the churches
 - Chapters 4-5....scenes in heaven
 - Chapters 6-18....scenes on earth
 - Chapter 19....the marriage supper of the Lamb and the Second Coming of Christ
 - Chapter 20...the Millennial kingdom of Christ
 - Chapters 21-22....a new heaven and earth, the new Jerusalem, the river of life and we shall see Him face to face

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- Today, however, we are going to look at Rev 4: 1-4
 - You will note the title our message is “Come Up Here.”
 - We are going to discuss the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church
 - The reason I am doing so is because there are on the Internet, preachers/teachers teaching that this occurrence cannot be found in the Bible

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- What we will do today is use only Scripture to prove that this event is a Scriptural event.
 - There are 4 views concerning the Rapture of the Church
 - They are....
 - Pre-Tribulation
 - Post-Tribulation
 - Mid-Tribulation
 - Pre-Wrath

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- We need to clarify that the Tribulation period....
 - It is the wrath of God being poured out on earth.
 - Rev 6: 12-17
 - “Hide us from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of their wrath has come”
 - This is at the **BEGINNING** of the Tribulation period
 - This tells us that there is no Pre-Wrath rapture....
 - Rev 16.....
 - Question.....is Jesus angry at the Church or is He angry with an unbelieving world??
 - So then, why would the church go through His wrath?

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- I Thess 1: 9-10....
 - “Who rescues us from the wrath to come.”
 - Note.....”from” not “through” the wrath to come
- Rev 3: 10....
 - “I will keep you from the hour of testing”
 - Note... Jesus does not say “from testing” but from the “hour” of testing....
 - “which is about to come upon the whole earth”
- I Thess 4: 13-5: 11
 - We must read this passage in it entirety to get the full impact

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- First, we must note two distinct pronouns in the description of what is to take place
 - I Thess 5: 1-2.....**you** have no need, **you** know
 - I Thess 5: 3.....when **they** say...peace and safety
 - When are they going to say this?
 - Before the Tribulation or during it or after it??
 - Rev 6: 8....
 - A fourth of mankind dies.....
 - That's 2 billion people.....
 - 6 times the population of the United States

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- Rev 8: 7-12
 - A third, a third, a third.....
 - Rev 9: 15....a third of mankind is killed
 - That could be another billion or so.....
- Do you think these people will be saying “Peace and Safety?”
- I Thess 5: 4....**you** brethren....
 - Are not in the dark.....
 - **You** are sons of the day.....
 - Let **us** be alert

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- Vs 6....as **others** do
 - Literally...."the remaining ones"
- Vs 8....for **those**....
 - Who sleep.....sleep at night
 - Who get drunk....get drunk at night
- Vs 9....For God has not destined **us** for wrath
 - Same word that is used in Rev 6: 16-17
- Vs 11....therefore encourage one another!!!

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- Question.....
 - Will people be saved during the Tribulation?
 - Yes, Yes and Yes
 - But it will be under great trial
 - Rev 13: 7; Rev 20: 4
 - So, when people say, “I’ll wait and get saved then?”
 - First, what make you think you will be alive to do so?
 - Second...Heb 3: 12-15; II Cor 6: 2

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- Luke 21: 34-36.... “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 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.”

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- Luke 17: 22-37
 - Vs 26.....As in the days of Noah....
 - Until the “day” that Noah entered the ark
 - Vs 28....in the days of Lot....
 - Eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting and building.....
 - How much of this is going to go on in the Tribulation period?
 - Vs 29....”but on the day Lot went out”
 - It rained fire and brimstone.....
 - And destroyed them all.....

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- Matt 24: 36-44
 - Vs 44....you must be ready
- Question.....
 - If Jesus came today, would you be ready?
 - Or would there be some things you would like to remove from your life before He showed up?
 - Again and again, we hear these words in Scripture
 - Be alert, be ready
 - Are you ready?