



Rapture of the Church (God's Promise)  
Revelation 4:1

## SCRIPTURE

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## COMMENTARY

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This is the Rapture of the church, promised by our Lord in John 14:1-6:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. <sup>4</sup> And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. <sup>5</sup> Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? <sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

and described in I Thessalonians 4:13-17:

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them who are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. <sup>15</sup>For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; <sup>17</sup>Then we who 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.”

The same event is described by Paul in his letter to the church at Corinth in I Corinthians 15:51-52:

“Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

The unifying word in all three of these passages is the word, Trumpet. The meaning

to us as a church, the body of Christ, is reflected in the Lord's words as to the use of the trumpet to Moses in Numbers 10:1-2:

“And the Lord spoke unto Moses saying, <sup>2</sup>‘Make you two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shall you make them, that you may use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.’”

The church is a called-out assembly from the world. The trumpet will call us, and we are going for a journey when that trumpet sounds.

Revelation 4:1 is the sound of that trumpet when we will be called from the grave, or from our labors here on earth, to an eternity in heaven with Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us.