

Daniel Encounters Angels

(11) The Church, from Rapture to Return

Rev.3:22-4:4

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And then what do we see? Rev.6:1-2 Comments?

How is the start of the tribulation (removal of 1st seal by the Lamb) seen on earth? 6:1-2

At the opening of the 6th seal, what is now clear to those on earth? 6:12-17

After the 7 Trumpet judgments what happens next? 15:1,7-8, 16:1

What appears to happen in heaven next? 19:1-5

Then what is the next event in heaven for the Lamb and the Church? 19:6-8

And what follows the wedding? 19:9

After the wedding supper what happens? 19:11-18

And the result? 19:19-21

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The Church, in Heaven

What is *significantly* different about **Rev.1:1-3:22** versus **4:1-22:16**?

Rev 1:1-3:22 is all about the Church on earth. 4:1-22:16 church on earth is not mentioned!

And why is the church no longer mentioned (*on earth*) after **4:1**?

Because 4:1 seems to describe the rapture of the church! Come up here! After this...

What is indicated about the 24 elders? **4:4, 19:7-8**

They were dressed in white with crowns of gold. White= righteousness. Gold= glorified.

So what group seems to be represented by the Elders? Church, Jews, Tribulation saints??

Jews not glorified til after trib. Same for trib saints. Only Church glorified at the rapture.

So what is the first thing recorded here of the Church (Elders)? **4:5-11**, note **4:10-11**

Surrounding the throne, we worship Him Who lives forever, lay our crowns at His feet!

In **Rev.5:9**, what do we observe? **5:1-8** and then hear Him described as...? **5:9-10**

Observe the challenge of 7 sealed book. The Lamb is worthy! He created Church...!!

And then what do we see? **Rev.6:1-2** Comments?

The Lamb removes the 1st seal and the tribulation on earth begins. Seen from heaven.

How is the start of the tribulation (removal of 1st seal by the Lamb) seen on earth? **6:1-2**

The false peace maker (antichrist/white horse) signs 7yr peace treaty with Israel. Lasts 3.5

At the opening of the 6th seal, what is now clear to those on earth? **6:12-17**

All the horrible things happening are the wrath of God and the Lamb!! Who can stand?

After the 7 Trumpet judgments what happens next? **15:1,7-8, 16:1**

The final wath of God (bowl judgments) is poured out. Armagedon/Babylon are destroyed

What appears to happen in heaven next? **19:1-5**

There is rejoicing and worship and praise in heaven for this final victory!

Then what is the next event in heaven for the Lamb and the Church? **19:6-8**

The wedding of the Lamb has come! And His bride is clothed in fine linen (righteous acts)

And what follows the wedding? **19:9**

The wedding supper of the Lamb! The Church is the Bride. The saints are the guests!

After the wedding supper what happens? **19:11-18**

The bride follows Him Faithful and True, The Word of God King of Kings, Lord of Lords

And the result? **19:19-21**

The battle of Armagedon takes place. Beast/false prophet into lake of fire. All others die!