

EYE WITNESSES OF THE END TIMES—11

“Jesus as LAMB in the Midst of His Throne

Revelation 4:1—5:14

The RAPTURE — “... *Come up hither* ...”

Revelation 4:1-2

Introduction. _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE SOME DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE RAPTURE.

A simple definition is given by Dr. Robert Jeffress as “. . . the next event in God’s prophetic timeline, when Jesus ‘snatches away’ all Christians before the tribulations begins.”

II. SECONDLY, CONSIDER SOME DIFFERENCES WITH REFERENCE TO THE RAPTURE.

A. First, examine three major views of the Rapture.

1. First, the post-tribulation view.
2. Secondly, the mid-tribulation view.
3. Thirdly, the pre-tribulation view.

B. Secondly, note the two minor views of the Rapture.

1. First, there is the pre-Wrath view.

2. Secondly, there is the partial Rapture view.

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER SOME _____ RELATING TO THE RAPTURE (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

A. First, there will be the _____ or descending of Christ from heaven (4:16).

1. First, notice the _____ of the Rapture (4:16a).

2. Secondly, consider the _____ of the Rapture (4:16b) “. . . *with a shout* . . .”

3. Thirdly, note the _____ at the Rapture (4:16c) “. . . *and the voice of the archangel*.”

4. Fourthly, see now the _____ at the Rapture. (4:16d) “. . . *and the trump of God*.”

B. Secondly, there will be a _____ of all Christians at the Rapture. (4:17b) “. . . *shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air*.”