

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 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 thus we shall always be with the Lord.



Call to the Word 1Th 4:16-17

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.



Call to the Word 1Th 5:9,11

Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near



Call to the Word Rev 1:3



Four Views on End Times Eschatology

- 1. Idealist
- 2. Historicist
- 3. Preterist
- 4. Futurist



Idealist

The idealist view sees the entire book as a symbolic presentation of the battle between good and evil. It is allegorical.



Historicist

The Book of Revelation covers the *entire scope of history* from the Resurrection of Christ to His Second Coming.



Preterist

It sees most of Revelation *as being fulfilled* in a rather short period of history, the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 68-70 AD by the armies of the Roman Generals Vespasian and his son, Titus.



Futurist

The Futurist view understands the Book of Revelation as being a prophecy of events regarding the End Times, and that most of the book has yet to be fulfilled.



Futurist Timeline

Rapture
Tribulation
Second Coming
Millennial Reign



Judgement (Tribulation)

- Day of the Lord (Isa 2:12)
- · Day of the Vengeance of God (Isa 34:8; 63:1-6)
- · The Time of Job's Troubles (Jer 30:7)
- The Seventieth Week of Daniel(Dan 9:24-27)
- The Time of the End (Dan 12:9)



Judgement

Judgement (Tribulation)

- The Hour of His Judgment (Rev 14:7)
- The End of the World (Mt 13:40,49)
- The Indignation (Isa 26:20; 34:2)
- The Desolation of Abomination (Dan 9:27)
- The Time of Troubles as never before (Dan 12:1)



Judgement

Rapture Views

- Pre-Trib
- Mid-Trib
- Post-Trib

• 1Th 4:13-18; 5:4-11



Rapture

Why?

V9: For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us... (NLT)



Rapture

The Great Day of His Wrath

Rev 6:16-17

Jhn 3:35-36

Rom 1:18-19

Eph 5:1-6



The Warnings

- great warfare (Revelation 6:3-4),
- famine (Revelation 6:5–6),
- plague (Revelation 6:7–8),



The Wrath Poured Out

- the martyrdom of believers in Christ (Revelation 6:9–11),
- a devastating earthquake and astronomical upheaval (Revelation 6:12–14).



The Wrath Poured Out

- The trumpets include hail and fire that destroy much of the plant life in the world (Revelation 8:7),
- the death of much of the world's aquatic life (Revelation 8:8–9; 8:10–11),
- the darkening of the sun and moon (Revelation 8:12),

- a plague of "demonic locusts" that torture the unsaved (Revelation 9:1–11),

and the march of a demonic army that kills a third of humanity (Revelation 9:12–21).

• The bowl judgments include painful sores afflicting humanity (Revelation 16:2),

• The death of every living thing in the sea (Revelation 16:3),

The turning of <u>rivers to blood</u> (<u>Revelation 16:4–</u>
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An intensifying of the sun's heat (Revelation 16:8–9) great darkness and intensifying sores from the first bowl (Revelation 16:10–11),

The advance of the Antichrist's armies at Armageddon (Revelation 16:12–14),

A devastating earthquake followed by giant hailstones (Revelation 16:15–21).

Rev 16:5-7 "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve. . . . Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."



Wrath Poured Out

1Th 1:10 And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment. (NLT)



Who would have ever dreamed a Roman cross would also become a symbol of the greatest love ever expressed?



Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid —
Here in the death of Christ I live.
(In Christ Alone)



The worst brutality meets the mightiest meekness.

Unfathomable horror meets unsurpassed beauty.

The most righteous condemnation meets the most gracious pardon.



The greatest justice meets the greatest mercy.

The fiercest wrath meets the most bountiful favor. And such love.

1Jn 4:9-10



