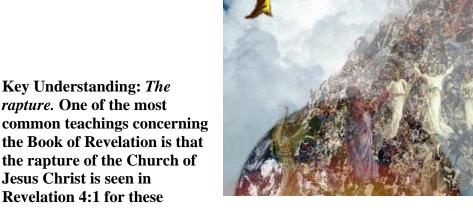
## #1064 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – It is extensively taught that the Rapture is seen in Revelation 4:1 because the Church is not seen in the Book of Revelation after Chapter 3

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 (KJV) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which 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.



rapture. One of the most common teachings concerning the Book of Revelation is that the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ is seen in **Revelation 4:1 for these** reasons:

- The Church of Jesus Christ is not mentioned in the Book of Revelation past (i) Revelation chapter 3.
- The wording of Revelation 4, and specifically Revelation 4:1, including the words "a (ii) door was opened in heaven," is a clear indication of the rapture.
- The events of the Book of Revelation from chapters 4 through 19 take place within a (iii) 7-year tribulation period of time, evidenced by the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ is not seen in those chapters.
- The Church is not appointed to endure the wrath of God (1 Thessalonians 5:9) that is (iv) displayed during the 7-year tribulation, which encompasses Revelation chapters 6-19, commencing with the opening of the first seal in Revelation 6:1-2.

**Revelation 4:1-2 (KJV)** After this I looked, and, behold, A **DOOR WAS OPENED in heaven**: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.



This series of <u>The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God</u> will by its very nature further address why Revelation 4:1 is not fulfilled by – or a fulfillment of – the rapture.

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