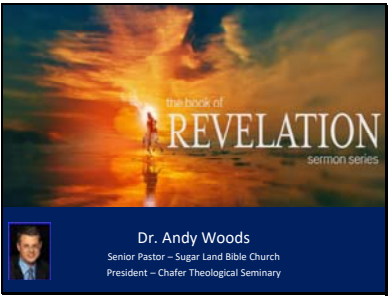


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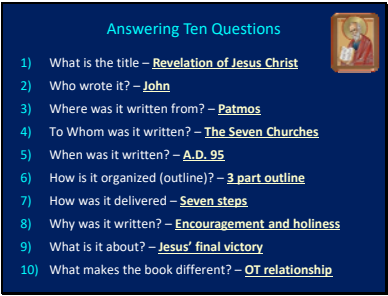
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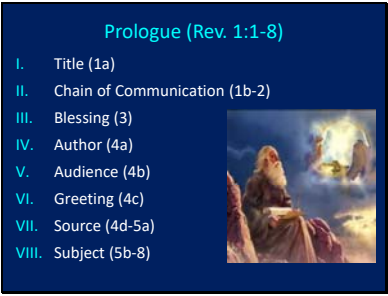
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Slide 4

Revelation 1:19

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [meta tauta].”



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Slide 5

Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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Slide 6

Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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Slide 8

**Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2–3**

1. Destination
2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
3. Commendation
4. Rebuke
5. Exhortation to change
6. Consequence
7. Exhortation to listen
8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21–22)



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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES		
Revelation 2–3		
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

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Slide 16

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)
2. Description of Christ (7b)
3. Commendation (8-9)
4. Rebuke
5. Consequence
6. Exhortation (10-11)
7. Promise to overcomers (12)
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Slide 17

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)
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Slide 19

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)
2. Description of Christ (7b)
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Slide 21

2. Description of Christ to Philadelphia

(Rev. 3:7b)

- A. Holy
- B. True
- C. Holds the Key of David
- D. Authoritatively opens and closes doors



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Slide 22

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)

2. Description of Christ (7b)

3. Commendation (8-9)

4. Rebuke

5. Consequence

6. Exhortation (10-11)

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THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

PHILADELPHIA

THE FAITHFUL CHURCH

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Slide 23

Revelation 3:8

"I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name."

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Revelation 3:9

"Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you."



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Slide 26

Philadelphia  
Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)
2. Description of Christ (7b)
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4. Rebuke
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Slide 28

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)

2. Description of Christ (7b)

3. Commendation (8-9)

4. Rebuke

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Slide 29

Revelation 3:10

"Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."

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Slide 31

When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?


■ Pre-tribulation rapture theory

■ Mid-tribulation rapture theory

■ Post-tribulation rapture theory

■ Pre-wrath rapture theory

■ Partial rapture theory



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Slide 32

Problems with Partial Rapturism?

1. Every divine blessing is given on the basis of His grace and not human effort (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 12:6)

2. Symbolic parallels mandate that carnal as well as sanctified Christians will be taken up in the rapture (Gen. 19:22)

3. The promise of the rapture is mentioned in Paul's letter to the carnal Corinthian church (1 Cor. 15:51)

4. A partial rapture would sever Christ's body (1 Cor 12:12-14)

5. The partial rapture view subjects believers to God's wrath (Thess 1:10)

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Slide 33

Problems with Partial Rapturism?

6. Partial rapturism makes the Bema Seat Judgment unnecessary (1 Cor. 3:10-15)

7. Partial rapturists never objectively quantify the exact degree of faithfulness or spiritual maturity that is necessary to participate in the rapture

8. Partial rapturists appear individually biased

9. Partial rapturists dispensationally misapply Bible passages (Matt. 25:1-13)

10. Partial rapturists misapply passages promising a reward to faithful believers (Rev. 3:11)

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Slide 34

Revelation 3:9-10

<sup>9</sup>Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you. <sup>10</sup>Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."



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Slide 36

Problems with Beginning the Sentence in  
Rev. 3:10 with "Because"

1. Not part of the original manuscripts: chapter & verse divisions & punctuation marks (periods, commas, or exclamation points).
2. These things were all added by later copyists.
3. Most English translations separate the two verses with a period.
4. Thus, it becomes cause for participating the Rapture and not a cause for their enemies to worship before their feet.
5. However, the period should be placed in the middle of verse 10.
6. Thus, it becomes not a cause for participating the Rapture and a cause for their enemies to worship before their feet.

John Nienhuis, The Interpretation of Revelation 3:10: You Have Kept My Word, CTS Journal. As summarized by Dennis Robert, A Golden Rapture in Revelation 3:10, Grace for the Race, no. 29.

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Slide 37

Problems with Beginning the Sentence in  
Rev. 3:10 with "Because" (cont'd)

7. Rev. 3:10b becomes an additional unconditional promise of Rapture participation beyond the promises of Rev. 2:9b.
  8. It is rare to begin a sentence with "because" (*hoti*) in a causative sense.
  9. Instead, *hoti* ("because"), when casual in function, usually follows a statement or promise in providing a reason for what preceded it in the sentence.
  10. Thus, Greek sentences rarely begin a sentence with the phrase "Because you have" when explaining the cause or reason for something, as Greek and English texts of Revelation 3:10 unfortunately do today. Instead, the "because" phraseology consistently follows later in the sentence.
- ©2016 Normandy, The Translations of Revelation 3:10: The New King James Version, CTS, NetAm. An uncopyrighted work by permission: J. Golden (author) in Revelation 3:10, Gray for the NKJ, no. 79.

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Slide 38 Revelation 3:9-10

MacDonald's Idiomatic Translation (MIT)

"9 I would put at your disposal those from the synagogue of Satan who call themselves Jews but are not; they are lying. See: I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will know that I loved you <sup>10</sup> because you kept my enduring word. I also will keep you from the time of trial that is about to come..."



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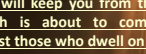
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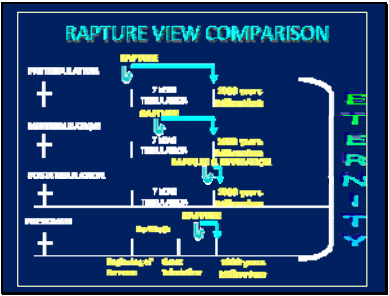
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Does Revelation 3:10 Teach the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

1. Are there easier ways to convey "protection through"?
2. Will God protect believers during the Tribulation?
3. What is the meaning of "keep you from"?
4. What is the meaning of "the hour"?
5. What is the meaning of the "whole world"?
6. What is the meaning of "testing/to test"?



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Slide 43

Does Revelation 3:10 Teach the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

- Who are the "earth-dwellers"?
- What is the meaning of "about to come"?
- How will Christ keep His promise?
- Is this promise for Philadelphia only?
- How does the Pre-Trib. View of Rev. 3:10 harmonize with the rest of the Book of Revelation?



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Slide 45

 **Renald Showers**  
Renald Showers, Maranatha Our Lord, Come! (Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1993), 212.



"The idea of the saints being shielded from the testing while living within and through this time period also would have been expressed more clearly through the use of another preposition, either *en* (meaning "in") or *dia* (meaning "through") [thus, "I will keep you *in* or *through* the time period of testing] rather than *ek*."

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Slide 46

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Slide 47

2. Protection Through the Tribulation?  
(Revelation 3:10)

1) Like the protection in Goshen (Exod. 8:22, 24; 9:4, 6; 11:4-7; Rev. 9:4; 16:2)

2) Effective ? Rev. 6:9-11; 7:13-14; 13:10, 15:20:4

3) Comfort? John 14:1; 1 Thess. 4:18; Titus 2:13

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Slide 49

Revelation 3:10

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Slide 50



Charles Ryrie

Charles C. Ryrie, "What You Should Know About the Rapture,"  
Current Christian Issues (Chicago: Moody, 1981), 114-15.

“Posttribulationists say that ‘from’ (*ek*) refers to protection of the church within the Tribulation. Pretribulationists understand it to mean preservation by being absent from the time of tribulation. One is internal protection (while living through the Tribulation); the other is external protection (being in heaven during that time). Which meaning does ‘from’ (*ek*) support? The answer is either, if the preposition is considered alone. But for the record, let it be said that *ek* does denote a position outside something without. The pretribulationist understanding of *ek* is supported by a number of verses that have nothing to do with the rapture and therefore do not beg the question.”

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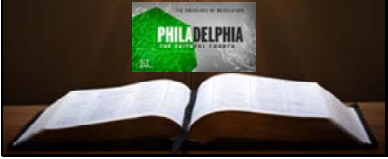
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Matthew 7:5

“You hypocrite, first take the log out of [ek] your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of [ek] your brother’s eye.”



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Slide 52

Revelation 3:10

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep [têreō] you from [ek] the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”



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Slide 53

Acts 15:29

“that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep [diatêreō] yourselves free from [ek] such things, you will do well. Farewell.”



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Slide 54

John 13:27

“Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save [sōzō] Me from [ek] this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”



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Slide 55

Colossians 1:13

"For He rescued [*rhyomai*] us from [*ek*] the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son."



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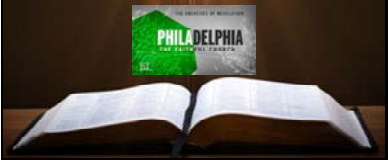
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1 John 5:18

"We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him."



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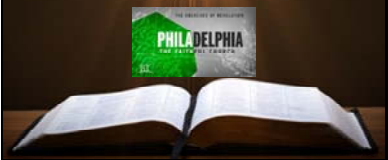
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John 17:15

"I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep [*têreō*] them from [*ek*] the evil one."



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Slide 58

**John Piper**

Lauren Leigh Nicks, "Nine Reasons Why John Piper Disagrees with Nicolas' 'Left Behind' Model's View of Rapture," The Gospel Herald, August 6, 2014; [www.gospelherald.com](http://www.gospelherald.com). See also John Piper, "Definition and Observations Concerning the Second Coming of Christ," Clearing God Ministry, August 30, 1982; [www.clearinggod.org](http://www.clearinggod.org).



"John Piper believes that the main Scripture which some believe supports the pre-tribulational rapture viewpoint (Revelation 3:10) does not necessarily mean that believers will be taken away from the earth, however; rather, it could mean that God will keep or protect His people from evil during the tribulation (see also John 17:15)."

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Slide 59

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Revelation 3:10

"Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour [hōra] of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth."





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Slide 63

John 13:27

"Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour [hōra]'? But for this purpose I came to this hour [hōra]."





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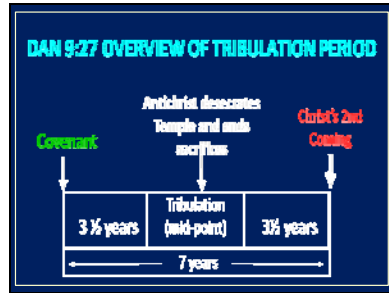
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Charles C. Ryrie, What You Should Know About the Rapture,  
Current Christian Issues (Chicago: Moody, 1981), 116-17.

"However, the promise of Revelation 3:10 not only guarantees being kept from the trials of the Tribulation period but being kept from the time period of the Tribulation. The promise is not, I will keep you from the trials. It is I will keep you from the hour of the trials. But how clear and plain is the promise. "I...will keep you from the hour of testing." Not just from any persecution, but from the coming time that will affect the whole earth. (The only way to escape worldwide trouble is not to be on the earth.) And not just from the events, but from the time. And the only way to escape the time when the events take place is not to be in a place where time ticks on. The only place that meets those qualifications is heaven."

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Jeremiah 31:7 (LXX)


"Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it;  
And it is the time of Jacob's distress (Gen. 32:8;  
35:10), But he will be saved [sōzō] from [apo] it."



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**Zechariah 13:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>"It will come about in all the land," Declares the LORD, **"That two parts in it will be cut off and perish. But the third will be left in it."** <sup>9</sup>"And I will bring **the third part** through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The LORD is my God.' "



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**Does Revelation 3:10 Teach the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?**

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**Revelation 3:10**

"Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon **the whole [holos] world [oikouménē]**, to test those who dwell on the earth."



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**5. The Whole World?**  
(Revelation 3:10)

- 1) Oikouménē – known world? (Luke 2:1; Acts 11:28)
- 2) Oikouménē – entire world (Luke 4:5; Acts 17:31; Rev. 12:9)
- 3) Context favors the global definition
  - a. Adjective “whole” (*holos*)
  - b. Rev. 6–18



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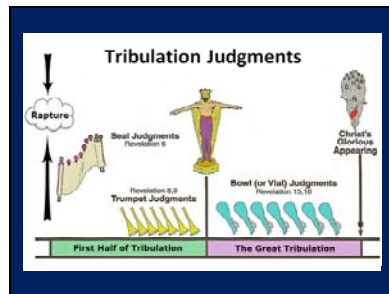
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Revelation 3:10

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing [peirasmós], that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test [peirázō] those who dwell on the earth.”



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6. Test  
(Revelation 3:10)

1) Peirasmós / peirázō

a. To demonstrate the quality of something rather than to purify its contents

b. A Test for the purpose of exposing someone's true character typically with the negative intent to demonstrate a failure

2) Examples (Jas. 1:13-14; Rev. 2:2)



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Revelation 2:2

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test [peirázō] those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false.”



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James 1:13-14

"<sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted [peirázō], 'I am being tempted [peirázō] by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt [peirázō] anyone. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted [peirázō] when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust."



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Renald Showers

Renald Showers, *Maranatha Our Lord, Come!* (Beltsville, MD: Friends of Israel, 1995), 215.



"Christ was declaring that the purpose of the future period of testing will be for God to test 'them that dwell on the earth' to demonstrate or expose the kind of people they are."

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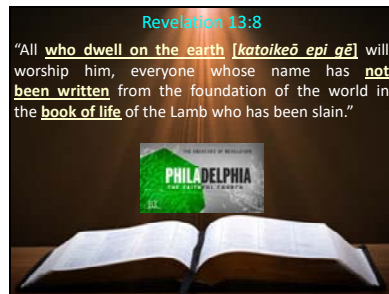
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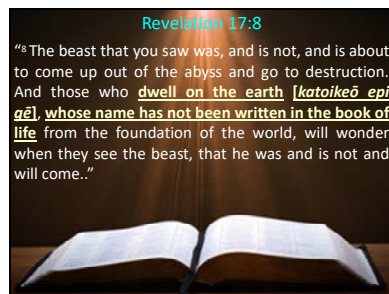
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Thomas Ice

Thomas Ice, "Kept From the Hour," online:  
www.pre-trib.org, accessed 4 September 2014, 2.



"This phrase 'earth dwellers' is used eleven times in nine verses in Revelation (3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10 2xs; 13:8, 12, 14 2xs; 14:6; 17:8). As you examine each individual use, except 3:10, you will see that all refer to a special class of stubborn sinners who are set in their rebellion against the God of heaven. You will also find that the phrase is *only* used to refer to those during the tribulation period. Therefore, since the future hour spoken of in 3:10 is set in contrast with the present set of believers in the church age, and the future 'earth dwellers' will be active during the time period in which believers are said to be kept from, it is clear that John speaks of the time or hour of the tribulation. This is why 3:10 is a clear promise that Christ will keep believers from the time of the seven year tribulation."

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Slide 83

Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim. 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph. 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)

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**Renald Showers**

Renald Showers, *Maranatha Our Lord, Come!*  
(Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1995), 212.



“Christ based His promise on the fact that the church saints had already passed their test. In light of that, it appears that because they had already passed their test, Christ promised that He would not put them into the period that...will have the purpose of testing a very different group of people.”

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Imminency

■ Méllő: “and one who will share in the glory to be revealed” (1 Pet 5:1)



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Revelation 3:11

“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”



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1 Corinthians 4:5

"Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God."



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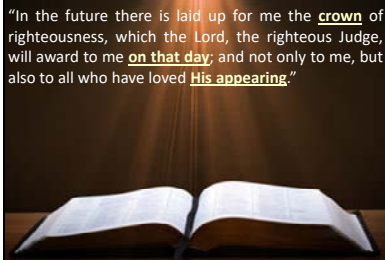
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2 Timothy 4:8

"In the future there is laid up for me the **crown** of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me **on that day**; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved **His appearing**."



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Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:19)



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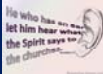
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8. Exhortation to Listen

Rev 3:13

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."





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Revelation 1:19

"Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [*meta tauta*]."



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Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



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The Missing Church

- Rev 4-19
- Rev 13:9
- Revelation's Jewish nature



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God's Work Through Israel

- Revelation 7 – 144,000 Jews
- Revelation 11 – Two Jewish witnesses
- Revelation 12 – Israel flees



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Revelation 3:11

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Revelation 3:11

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Chronological vs. Adverbial Use of *Tacos*

- "I hope to come to you *soon*" (1 Tim 3:14) vs. "Leave Jerusalem *quickly*" (Acts 22:18)
- LXX
  - ◆ Isaiah 13:22: "Her fateful time also will *soon* come"
  - ◆ Isaiah 51:5: "My righteous is *near*, My salvation has gone forth, And my arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon me, And on My arms they will trust."



Thomas Ice, *End Times Controversy*, pp.102-108

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**J. Dwight Pentecost**  
*Prophecy for Today, Page 20*

“A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck anew with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living.”

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**Remembrance in 2 Peter**

- Has forgotten that he has been cleansed (1:9)
- I will always remind you of these things (1:12)
- It is right to refresh your memory (1:13)
- You will always be able to remember these things (1:15)
- I have written both of them as reminders (3:1)
- Do not forget (3:8)
- Bear in mind (3:15)



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**Jeremiah 6:16**

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”



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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)		
SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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1 Corinthians 3:10-15

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...



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1 Corinthians 3:10-15

<sup>14</sup> If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire."



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1 Corinthians 9:24-27

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup> but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified."



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2 John 8

"Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward."



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Grant R. Jeffrey  
Apocalypse: The Coming Judgment of the Nations, p. 85, 87.

"Someday every Christian will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards for faithful service. Some believers will receive no rewards at all because they lived their lives of service to self rather than service to the Lord...Christians are promised a number of golden crowns for us faithful service to the Lord. Jesus warned that we are to "hold fast" lest we lose our crowns. This indicates that it is possible to lose eternal rewards and blessings that God prepared for those who love Him. While our salvation is assured today by our accepting Christ as our savior...our future reward will be determined at the Judgment Seat of Christ after the Rapture. We are encouraged to hold on to these rewards through continued faithful service."

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Philadelphia  
Revelation 3:7-13

1. Destination (7a)
2. Description of Christ (7b)
3. Commendation (8-9)
4. Rebuke
5. Consequence
6. Exhortation (10-11)
7. Promise to overcomers (12)
8. Exhortation to listen (13)



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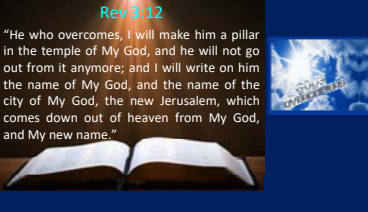


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7. Promise to the Overcomers

Rev 3:12

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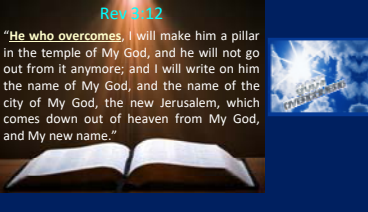
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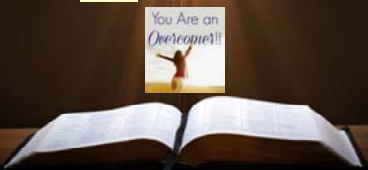
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1 John 5:4-5

"<sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"



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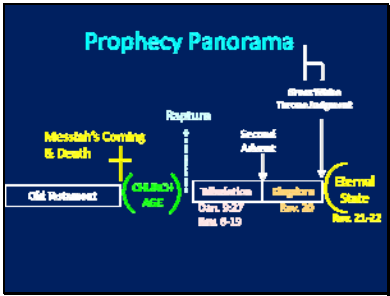
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**7. Christ's Promises to Overcomers in Philadelphia**  
(Rev. 3:12)

A. Pillar in God's Temple – 12a

B. Three names – 12b

1. My God
2. New Jerusalem
3. Son's new name



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A small image showing a figure, likely Jesus, standing on a rocky outcrop, looking up towards a bright, cloudy sky.

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1 Peter 1:2

"according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure."

A small image showing two figures, likely Jesus and a disciple, standing in a dark, cave-like setting, looking at a bright light source.

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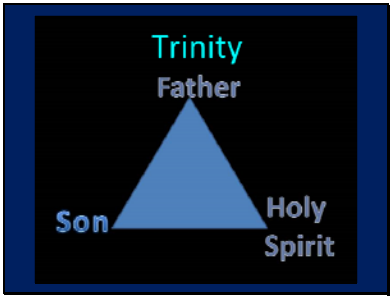
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Philadelphia  
Revelation 3:7-13

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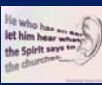

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8. Exhortation to Listen

Rev 3:13

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Deuteronomy 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!...<sup>6</sup> These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall **teach** them **diligently** to your **sons** and shall talk of them when you **sit** in your house and when you **walk** by the way and when you **lie** down and when you **rise** up."



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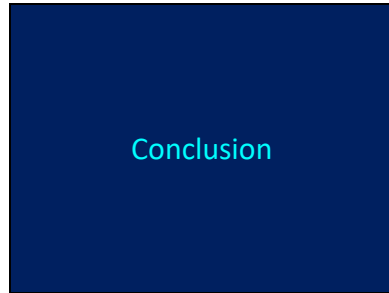
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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)

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Exodus 9:6-So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

Rev. 13:10-If anyone <sup>[g]</sup>*is destined* for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the <sup>[h]</sup>perseverance and the faith of the <sup>[i]</sup>saints.

Rev. 13:15-And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even <sup>[l]</sup>speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

John 14:1-**Do not let your heart be troubled;** <sup>[a]</sup>believe in God, believe also in Me.

1 Thess. 4:18-Therefore comfort one another with these words.

#### 4

John 2:4-And Jesus \*said to her, “Woman, what does that have to do with us? My **hour** has not yet come.”

Dan. 12:1-Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. **And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time;** and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

1 Thess. 1:10-and to wait for His Son from <sup>[h]</sup>heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.



1 Thess. 5:9-For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

Rom 5:9-Much more then, having now been justified <sup>[e]</sup>by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

Rom. 8:1-Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## 5

Luke 2:1-Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all <sup>[a]</sup>**the inhabited earth**.

Luke 4:5-And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of <sup>[b]</sup>the world in a moment of time.

Acts 17:31-because He has fixed a day in which He will judge <sup>[u]</sup>**the world** in righteousness <sup>[v]</sup>through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men <sup>[w]</sup>by raising Him from the dead.

Rev. 12:9-And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole <sup>[d]</sup>world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

## 8

1 Pet. 5:1-Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory **that is to be revealed**.

## 10

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## 11

Gal. 3:28- There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 2:14-For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the <sup>[i]</sup>barrier of the dividing wall.

Rev. 1:20-For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into* one and broke down the <sup>[i]</sup>barrier of the dividing wall

Rev. 4:5-Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

## Conclusion

Num. 6:24-26-The LORD bless you, and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.