

# REVELATION – a careful study of the final book

Careful – in that we will take our time, be thoughtful, tread cautiously with aspects we may not understand, digging deeply to find the truth, and being sure to read it, hear it and take it to heart.

## JANUARY

- 7 Introduction 1: Revelation 1:1  
**14 Jesus is Coming for His Own**  
21 Introduction 2: Revelation Overview (Bus. Mtg.)  
28 Revelation 1:1-8 God Speaks – Then & Now

## **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST**

- I. **Jesus is Coming Again ! - Revelation 1:7**  
**BIG QUESTION = WHEN ?**  
**BIG ANSWER = WE DON'T KNOW**
- II. **Believers will be taken from the earth to be with the Lord**
- Revelation 3:10
  - From what “hour of trial” will believers be exempt?
- III. **Jesus is bringing thousands with Him - Jude 1:14**
- IV. **There is victory over death. 1 Corinthians 15:50-54**  
**“...the dead will be raised....”**
- V. **When Jesus comes – He’s coming for His own - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
- A. SAINTS - “Brothers,...” - v. 13**
- B. SLEEP - “...about those who fall asleep,” - vv. 13-14**
- C. SUMMON ALL HIS PEOPLE - vv. 15 - 17**

**Personal – the Lord is coming Himself**  
**Powerful – “loud command” - “voice of the archangel” - “trumpet call of God”**  
**Present – those dead and those alive**

**D. SNATCHED UP – v. 17 “...caught up together...”**

**E. SEALED - v. 17**  
**“And so we will be with the Lord forever.”**

**F. SUPPORT & STRENGTH – v. 18**  
**“Therefore encourage each other with these words.”**

## NOW WHAT ?

1. Since the Bible is very clear Jesus will return, be **READY**.
2. There is good biblical reasoning to believe that Christians will miss **ALL** or **PART** of the Great Tribulation.
3. The rapture will be quick, but the Great Tribulation will be **LONG**.
4. I believe Scripture teaches the **RAPTURE** and the **SECOND COMING** are two different events.

## DIGGING DEEPER - before next Wednesday

1. ASK yourself, “Do I believe that the nation of Israel plays an important role in the book of Revelation?”
2. REREAD Revelation chapter 1.
3. MAKE a list of all names and descriptions that appear to be referring to Jesus in Revelation 1:1 - 20.
4. READ John 14:1-3 What did Jesus promise his followers ?
5. STUDY – other books/passages  
Ezekiel 1:27-28; 8:1-2; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43; 24:1ff  
38, 39, 40, 48 Mark 13  
Daniel 7-12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Habakkuk 3:4 2 Thessalonians 1-2  
Zechariah 3:8-10 2 Peter 3