

Decrypting the Book of Revelation Season 4

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Scripture

- **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17**

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Other Scriptures

- I Thessalonians 4:16-17
- Genesis 5
- Matthew 17
- 2 Peter 1:16-18
- Revelation 22:12
- I Corinthians 10:11
- John 1:29
- I Peter 1:19
- Exodus 12
- Exodus 14
- I Corinthians 15:52

Main Points

- Jesus is coming back soon.
- Jesus is coming back for me.
- In the Book of Revelation, Jesus is referred to as “the lamb” 29 times.
- “The lamb” terminology comes from the Passover story.
- The Exodus of Israel out of Egypt is the prototype for understanding the end times and the rapture.
- The Book of Revelation must be seen through the lens of the Passover.

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Questions for Discussion

1. What is the Rapture and why is it relevant for Christians today? In what way did Rabbi say it was like the days of Noah and the building of the ark and coming judgement?
2. Honestly evaluate your belief in the Rapture. Do you believe and expect that it is a real event that could happen in your lifetime? How would true belief in the Rapture affect your living? Your sharing the Gospel? If you have not given the Rapture much credibility or thought, what action steps will you take to embrace it more fully?
3. What are some of the reasons Rabbi believes that the Church will be here for a portion of the judgements and then be taken before the final pouring out of judgement on unbelievers?
4. What can you do to today to get ready for the day of His coming?