

**Book of Revelation**, part 43  
*The Activity Between Chapters 3 & 4*

**I. Review:**

1. The Rapture occurs prior to the Tribulation.
2. Those who ‘sleep’ before the Rapture (1 Thes. 4:13-14).
  - 1) Are brought back from the Third Heaven.
  - 2) Sleep through Jesus, dead in Christ.
3. The **Shout**: designates who rises (1 Thes. 4:16).
  - 1) Two kinds of resurrections (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 5:29).
  - 2) Rank order of resurrections (1 Cor. 15:20-24, 51).
    - i. The “*out from among dead ones*” rank.
      - Christ the firstfruit.
      - The church—Rapture.
      - Pre and Old Testament saints at His Second Coming—after the Tribulation before the Millenium.
    - ii. The end rank—none left in the graves—just prior to the Great White Throne Judgment.

**II. The Voice of an Archangel** (1 Thes. 4:16).

1. Satan is currently ruler of the world system (Mt. 4:8; Lu. 4:5-7; Jn. 14:30).
2. One role of Michael the Archangel is to thwart Satan with epic irony (Dan. 12:1; Rev. 12:7, 13-16).
3. Michael will tell Satan to let the resurrected saints pass through his domain (1 Thes. 4:16).

**III. The Trumpets of God.**

1. Traditional method of formal announcement (1 Cor. 14:8).
2. The first trumpet—the dead bodies rise glorified (1 Thes. 4:16).
3. The last trumpet—the living generation is changed (1 Cor. 15:51-52 cf. 15:45).

**IV. The Snatching away** (1 Thes. 4:17 “caught up” cf. Jn. 10:28-29; 2 Cor. 12:2, 4).

1. “Meeting”—formal ceremonial meeting, like greeting a foreign dignitary (1 Thes. 4:17).
2. “Gathering”—planned gathering together (2 Thes. 2:1).
3. See Him as He is at that meeting (1 Jn. 3:2 cf. 1 Tim. 6:16).