

# **“What Will The Future Be Like According To Scripture?”**

## **The Book of Revelation**

### **Sermon Series: “You Asked For It”**

#### **Introduction:**

2 key words are throne and kingdom

#### **Revelation 1:1-8, 1:19**

##### **1. The throne of God is the foundation and centerpiece of everything in the universe (Revelation 4-5).**

-How does this relate to the end of the world? Jon Akin, “Last things are like first things-only better.” The big question of why is there something instead of nothing? The question of how did everything come from nothing? If we came from nothing as a cosmic accident, we are going nowhere without any purpose. This is a huge question. Do we just go to the ground or are we immortal? It relates to the image of God issue. This asserts that God who reigns from His throne is the source of all things, sustains all things, and will bring all things to their intended climax. **The throne of God is a place of:**

- A. Worship (4:1-11, 5:8-14).**
- B. Sovereign Rule (5:11, Daniel 7:13-14, Revelation 11:15-17).**
- C. Judgment (5:1-7, 6:16-17).**
- D. Salvation (5:9-10).**

##### **2. The King on His throne will establish His eternal Kingdom.**

- A. The Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

#### **Reasons I believe in a pre-tribulation rapture:**

1. The differences in the details between 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and Revelation 19:11-16.
2. Old Testament foreshadowing (Enoch’s translation, Noah’s protection, Lot’s warning, Israel’s exodus).

3. The distinction between Israel and the church (Romans 9-11).
4. The Tribulation being at a time when the focus of God's plan is even more turned back to Israel in the absence of the church (Daniel's 70th week, Romans 11:11-27, Revelation 7:1-8).
5. The "church" is not named or pictured in Revelation 4-19.
6. The apparent imminence of Christ's return (Titus 2:13) along with the inability to know the time (Matthew 24:36).
7. Verses like Romans 8:1 tell us there is no condemnation (which means judgement) for those who are in Christ.
8. 1 Thessalonians 5:9 says, "For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**B. The Great Tribulation (Revelation 6-18, Matthew 24:21)**  
Why wrath and judgment

**C. The Return of Jesus To The Earth To Defeat His Enemies (Revelation 19:11-21)**

**D. The Establishment Of The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:4-6)**

**E. The Great White Throne Judgment With Unbelievers Sent To Hell (Revelation 20:11-15)**

**F. Believers Will Be Forever In The Presence Of The Lord In The New Heavens And The New Earth (Revelation 21:1-7, 21:22-22:5)**

**Conclusion: Be ready (Matthew 24:44)**

-Get saved

-Trust and surrender

-Live to advance the Kingdom and bring others into it