

The Church and the Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Church

1. My Testimony
2. **Who is the Church. Ekklesia = "called out ones"**
3. **ROM 2:28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.**
4. **Not all in the 'Church' are really the 'Church'**
5. **ROM 9:6 But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called."**
6. **1CO 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. 44 It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.**
7. **GEN 22:15 Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 16 and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—17 "blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants AS THE STARS OF THE HEAVEN and AS THE SAND WHICH IS ON THE SEASHORE"; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.**
8. **JER 31:31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the HOUSE OF ISRAEL and with THE HOUSE OF JUDAH— 32 "NOT according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**
9. **HEB 8:8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make A NEW COVENANT with THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL and WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH—9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (quotes JER 31:33)**
10. **LUK 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is THE NEW COVENANT in My blood, which is shed for you. (First miracle at CANA, a WEDDING)**

11. **Spiritual Israel = the Church**

12. **GO THRU TABLE about OT & NT descriptions of God's people**

13. **HOS 1:10** “Yet **the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered.** And **it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ There it shall be said to them, ‘You are sons of the living God.’** 11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For **great will be the day of JEZREEL!**

14. **42 Months of Glory. PURPOSE of the Rapture.**

15. **God will COMBINE His peoples into ONE (continue with TABLE)**

16. **How will we get to the promised land? On horseback:**

17. **REV 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and **behold, A WHITE HORSE.** And **He who sat on him was called Faithful and True,** and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 **And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him ON WHITE HORSES.** 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. **He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.** 16 **And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Author: Julia Ward Howe

Scripture: Rev. 14:18-9; Ps 85:9-12

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

In beauty of the lilies, Christ born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on

He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty, He is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be His footstool, and the soul of wrong His slave.
Our God is marching on.

Chorus

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
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Our God is marching on.

18. **Cross in OT**

The Rapture

- "*rapture*" from Latin Vulgate, 1Th 4:17 translated *rapiere*, from which we get *rape*, *enrapture*, etc. It means " *catch up, take by force, catch away, seize, pluck*"
- 1TH 4:17** Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- Discuss God's timeline**
- 2PE 3:3** knowing this first: that **scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and **saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, **do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.** 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But **the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**
- PSA 90:4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. ---REV 20:1-3, 7-8 The millenium**
- 6 days of creation**
120 years God deals with man
Noah preaches 120 years
6 days to take Jericho
- Terms:**

Eschatology	Pre-Trib	46.5%
	Mid-Trib	8.5%
	Pre-Wrath	?
	Post-Trib (Pre-millennial)	35.0%
	Amillennialism	3.0%
(<i>preter</i> = "past")	Preterism, other	6.5%

<u>Greek</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>English</u>
<i>apokalupto</i>	to reveal, uncover, disclose, manifest	<i>epiphany</i>	appearing, appearance
<i>apokalupsis</i>	revelation, uncovering, disclosure	<i>erchomai</i>	to come, to appear, come forth
<i>apoleia</i>	perdition, destruction, perish, ruin	<i>harpazo</i>	catch up, take by force, catch away, seize, pluck
<i>apollyon</i>	destroyer	<i>parousia</i>	presence, coming, arrival, advent
<i>apostasia</i>	a falling away, defection, apostasy	<i>salpigx</i>	trumpet, trump
<i>elektos</i>	elect, chosen, selected	<i>thlipsis</i>	tribulation, affliction, trouble, anguish

8. **It is generally agreed among scholars that PREMILLENNIALISM was the view of the early church fathers. There is no record of any church leaders for the first two centuries of church history that disagreed with this view. Among those from the first century were: Aristio, John the Presbyter, Clement of Rome, Barnabas, Hermas, Ignatius, Polycarp, and Papias; from the second, Pothinus, Justin Martyr, Melito, Irenaeus, Tertullian, and Hippolytus. Two of these are of particular interest: First, Papias by his own testimony stated the apostles Andrew, Peter, Philip, Thomas, James, John, and Matthew were premillennial. Second, Justin Martyr of the second century declared those teachers who were not of the premillennial point of view as heretics.**
9. **Quotes from the Early Church Fathers**
10. **ACT 17:11** Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.
11. **RAPTURE Handout**
12. **Conclusion: Holiness is the Best Preparation.**
13. **EST 4:12** So they told Mordecai Esther's words. 13 And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: **"Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. 14 "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. YET WHO KNOWS WHETHER YOU HAVE COME TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?"** 15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" 17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.
14. **Feast of Tabernacles: MAT 17:1** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and **led them up a high mountain by themselves.** 2 **There he was TRANSFIGURED before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.** 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, **"Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three TABERNACLES—**one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"
15. **ROM 8:18** I consider that **our present sufferings are not worth comparing with THE GLORY THAT WILL BE REVEALED IN US.**
16. **2TH 1:6** since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with **tribulation** those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,** 10 **when He comes, in that day, TO BE GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS** and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.
17. **Shofar**
18. **Altar Call. Prayer.**
19. **Questions**