

Revelation 4:1
Is the Doctrine of the Rapture in the Bible?
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Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard **was like a trumpet** speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Rev 1:18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen [chapter 1], and the things which are [church age - chapters 2-3], and the things which will take place after this [after these things or after the church age].

1 Cor 15:47 The first man [Adam] was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly [truly born again - saved]. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

1 Thess 4:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep [died], lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep 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 by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, **and with the trumpet of God**. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** [Greek harpazo, latin Rapiemur] together **with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2 Thess 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [to earth to set up His kingdom] and our gathering together to Him [when we meet him in the clouds to go be with Him several years earlier], we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ [tribulation period where we are supposed to be gone] had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away [strong scriptural support for meaning being taken away - rapture] comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

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4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.