

# The Church - After Rev. 4:1

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**Rev. 4:1 = Is NOT the Rapture** = As this is the 1<sup>st</sup> mention of any Trumps (I Cor. 15:52 = says we are raptured at the Last Trump, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> Trump). Further = John alone was told to "Come up hither", NOT the entire church (so this is not a picture of the entire church being raptured). John (personally) had a Third Heaven experience. The Heavens were also opened for Ezekiel, as he had the same experience, and seen the same 4 beasts that John wrote about in Rev. 4:6-7 (Ezek. 1:1-10). Paul = also knew a man that had such an experience (II Cor. 12:1-4) = No one says Ezekiel's vision and Paul's acquaintance were both raptured... So we must use the same logic in **Rev. 4:1** (it was simply a vision of Heaven = a "Third Heaven" experience.... NOT the Rapture of the entire Church). Some use the idea of Rev. 4:1 being the rapture, coupled with the idea that "the church" is not mentioned after Rev. 4:1... to prove a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

**However, listed below = are 16 Direct References = to The Church (after Rev. 4:1).**

**Note:** There is only **1 Church**, and only **1 Bride** = these terms are synonymous, & both directly refer to the Saints! There is **NO SCRIPTURE** = for the idea of 2 different kinds of "Saints" = (i.e. = "Raptured Saints" and "Great Tribulation Saints"). You're either a "Saint", or an "AIN'T"! The church, the bride, and the saints = are all one and the same!

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- 1 Rev. 5:8-10 - 24 Elders (represent the church)
  - 2 Rev. 7:9-14 - Gentile Revival (during Great Tribulation)
  - 3 Rev. 11:3 - 2 Witnesses (are apart of church)
  - 4 Rev. 11:15-18 - 7<sup>th</sup> Trump = Reward to Saints @ Rapture
  - 5 Rev. 12:12-17 - Satan Persecutes the Church
  - 6 Rev. 13:7-10 - Antichrist Makes War with Saints
  - 7 Rev. 14:1-4 - 144,000 Jewish Revival – these follow Lamb
  - 8 Rev. 14:6-13 - Pic of Saints - who made it thru Great Trib.
  - 9 Rev. 14:14-20 - 2 Simultaneous Harvest / Wheat & Tares = (Matt. 13) Same
  - 10 **Rev. 16:15** - "Behold, I come as a Thief. Blessed is he" = Church
  - 11 **Rev. 18:4** - Babylon Judged – Come out of her MY PEOPLE
  - 12 **Rev. 19:6-9** - The "Bride" = is also the "Saints" (both are the church)
  - 13 **Rev. 19:14** - Armies of Heaven = is the Church (see Jude 1:14)
  - 14 **Rev. 20:4-6** - First Resurrection (Rapture) = of the Church
  - 15 **Rev. 21:2,9-10** - New Jerusalem = is the Bride (aka = The Church)...  
(see Acts 17:24, I Cor. 6:19-20, Matt. 5:14) = Figurative City
  - 16 **Rev. 22:6-21** - Bride = is the Church / Bride-Groom = is Jesus Christ