

## Prophecy devo #14 – Why the Church will not go through the Tribulation (Part 2)

There are at least eight reasons the church will not go through the Tribulation.

Reason # 1: The outline of the Book of Revelation indicates the church will be in Heaven during the Tribulation. The outline is given in 1:19: “Write the things which you have seen (vision of Christ in chapter 1), and the things which are (the churches), and the things which will take place after this (after the church age).” After these things John saw an open door in heaven. And a voice said, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this” (4:1). After what? After the church age. The rapture will take place after the church age before the Tribulation. “Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne” (4:2). After the church age John saw an open door in heaven, and heard a voice inviting him to “come up here.” Then John saw a vision of Heaven with God the Father and 24 elders seated on thrones wearing white robes and crowns, singing songs of redemption (4:4; 5:8-10). They are wearing crowns, and they are in the place Jesus prepared for them (John 14:1-4). In the midst of the throne was the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David (5:5) who is the only one worthy to send the Tribulation. In summary, the scene in Heaven shows the church has been caught up and rewarded, evidenced by their crowns and thrones. They are waiting for Jesus to open the seven-sealed book which begins the Tribulation. The Tribulation can’t begin before the church is caught up into Heaven and Christ opens the seven-sealed scroll. When the elders saw the Lion of Judah (Jesus), they began to sing praises to Jesus (5:8-10). That is worth singing about. If the church is going through the Tribulation, that is nothing to sing about.