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Chapter 31

Why I believe in a pre-Trib. Rapture of the church- Part 1- The Crowns in Rev. 4

Review: Are there other proofs of this gap in Scripture?-

1 Peter 1:10-12 (MSG)

The prophets who told us this was coming asked a lot of questions about this gift of life God was preparing. The Messiah's Spirit let them in on some of it—that the Messiah would experience suffering, followed by glory. They clamored to know who and when. All they were told was that they were serving you, you who by orders from heaven have now heard for yourselves—through the Holy Spirit—the Message of those prophecies fulfilled. Do you realize how fortunate you are? Angels would have given anything to be in on this!¹

Ironside: "In other words, these Old Testament prophets wrote as they were borne along by the Spirit of God, and then, after putting pen to papyrus, they sat down and studied their own writings, pondering them thoughtfully, wondering just what all these marvelous promises could mean, and when they would be fulfilled. They wrote, as Peter again tells us, of the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow, but of the interval between the two they knew nothing."²

Intro- What have we covered? More than one harvest

James 5:7 (KJV)

⁷ Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

¹ Peterson, Eugene H. (2005). *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language.* Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

² Ironside, H. A. (1943) *The Great Parenthesis.* (Under Chapter 3). Grand Rapids MI. Zondervan Publishing House.

The Lord has patience waiting to receiving two different harvest. The gifts will operate all the way until we see Jesus. (Joel 2, 1 Cor.13)

1 Cor. 15:22-23- Concerning Harvest and first fruits

1 Corinthians 15:22-23 (KJV)

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Resurrections come in separate times. This includes all the comings and resurrections. Both the church and Israel have first-fruits and resurrections related to His comings.

I. Why I believe in the pre-Trib. Rapture of the church

A. Good logic and literal interpretation

Tim LaHaye: “The pre-Tribulation view is the most logical view of Second Coming Scriptures when taken for their plain, literal meaning whenever possible. Many of the details of the Second Coming must be pieced together from various passages of Scripture, no matter what view you take. The pre-Trib position finds a logical place for every second-coming passage. Like a completed puzzle, all the pieces fit.”³

B. The crowns in Rev. 4:1-11 The 3 “w’s”

In Revelation 1:19, the book of Revelation is divided into three parts for John to write: Things you see, things that are, and things that shall be hereafter. Remember this is the beginning of the last section of Revelation of the “things to come.” The first great event to come is the Rapture of the church. Also note that the church is mentioned many times in chapters 1-3 but only twice past this point. The church is mentioned later in Rev. 19, when she comes back with Jesus at His revelation as He is returning to the Earth, she is announced as the wedded Bride just before the Marriage Supper. Only the Tribulation saints and Israel are later mentioned between Rev. 4:1 and chapter 18, and NEVER as the church. The last mention of the *Ecclesia*- the church by name is Rev. 22:16 where Jesus says in Revelation 22:16, “I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches...”

Revelation 4:1 signifies the Rapture of the church:

³ LaHaye, Tim. (2016). Who Will Face the Tribulation?: How to Prepare for the Rapture and Christ's Return (Tim LaHaye Prophecy Library™) (Kindle Locations 1917-1920). Harvest House Publishers. Kindle Edition.

1. Door opened
2. Trumpet
3. Come up
4. In the Spirit
5. The throne
6. Jesus is seated
7. Crowns are cast

Revelation 4:1-11 (KJV)

¹ **After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.**

² **And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.**

³ **And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

⁴ **And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

⁵ **And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

⁶ **And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.**

⁷ **And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.**

⁸ **And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

⁹ **And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,**

¹⁰ **The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,**

¹¹ **Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Mark Hitchcock says this is the church and states this:

But the church doesn't appear again until chapter 19, where she is pictured as a bride, beautifully adorned for her husband, who returns to earth with her glorious Bridegroom. This clearly indicates that the bride has already been in heaven for some time since she has "made herself ready"(Revelation 19:7). In Revelation 22:16, God gives the last mention of the church—ekklesia—in Scripture.⁴

1. **W**ho are the 24 Elders? The raptured church who has received crowns signifying that the Bema Seat has already happened in heaven just prior to Revelation 4.

a. The 24 elders seem to represent the raptured church in heaven before the Tribulation period begins. John's catching up represents the same place in time that the church will be raptured up- before the Tribulation starts.

b. One of them says he is a man like John.
John later falls down to worship one of them and the elder says to John, "I am just like you redeemed out of the earth" (Revelation 19:5-10). The elders are redeemed men like John redeemed (raptured) out of the Earth. A fellow servant.

⁴ Hitchcock, Mark. (2005). Could the Rapture Happen Today? (p.74). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

c. Facts about the 24

- They are seen in heaven at the beginning of the Tribulation period
- They are not angels
- They are men redeemed out of the Earth
- They have crowns which means they have already been judged
- They represent a much larger group like the priesthood did
- They carry the vessels which hold prayers of all the saints

Revelation 19:5-10 (KJV)

⁵ And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

¹⁰ And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it not*: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

d. The “come up” for the two witnesses does include a Rapture-

Notice in Rev 4:1 the same *language* of rapture, that Jesus uses with John to call him up to heaven is also used for the two witnesses to “come up here,” and uses the same Greek words “*anabainō hōde*” These words do mean a physical rapture at the end of the Tribulation for them- “come up here” in Rev. 11:12. John’s catching up represents the same place in time that the church will be raptured up- before the Tribulation starts.

Revelation 11:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

¹² And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

1. **W**here did the elders get those crowns?**Revelation 4:10-11 (KJV)**

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

- a. In Revelation 4:10, the elders fall down worshipping and casting their crowns at Jesus' feet. One has to ask "Where did the Elders get those crowns?" How could a group in heaven already have crowns unless **the Bema Seat Judgment** had not already happened? The Bema Seat or judgment seat of Christ for believers has already happened, for them to have had crowns. It seems so. The Bible says at the Rapture when He appears, that we shall receive a crown of righteousness. (See 2 Tim 4:8; 1 Cor. 1:8) See the Judgment Seat of Christ verses: (Mt. 16:27; Rom. 14:10-13; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Cor. 5:8-11). This happens before the throne in heaven.
- b. Recap about Judgments:

We understand these are the judgments to follow in the future: **The Bema Seat**- after the Rapture in Heaven during the Tribulation period (1 Cor. 3:11-15, 2 Cor. 5:10), the **Judgment of Israel** mainly during the Tribulation and later by the disciples during the Millennial reign (1000 year reign on Earth Ezekiel 20:33-44; Matthew 19:28, Rev. 20:4), the **Judgment of the Nations** (called the Sheep and Goats Judgment Matt. 25:31-46) where Christ judges all living people who survived the Tribulation, the **Judgment of the fallen angels** (1 Cor. 6:1-3), and finally the **Great White Throne Judgment** when Christ resurrects and judges all the unrighteous dead after the Millennial reign on Earth (Rev. 20:11-15), (See my series on these).

- c. Judgment seat (Bema) of Christ verses:

Matthew 16:25-27 (KJV) Sheep and Goats Judgment

²⁵ **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.**

²⁶ **For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

²⁷ **For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.**

Romans 14:10-13 (KJV) All will appear before Christ

¹⁰ **But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

¹¹ **For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

¹² **So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

¹³ **Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.**

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 (HCSB) Bema Seat, not Sheep and goat judgment

¹¹ **For no one can lay any other foundation than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ.**

¹² **If anyone builds on that foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw,**

¹³ **each one's work will become obvious, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work.**

¹⁴ **If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward.**

¹⁵ **If anyone's work is burned up, it will be lost, but he will be saved; yet it will be like an escape through fire.**

2 Corinthians 5:8-11 (KJV) Two judgments

⁸ **We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

⁹ **Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.**

¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

¹¹ **Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.**

2. **W**hen in time do they get those crowns? Luke 14:13-14 teaches us that rewards comes after resurrection:

Three Judgment Days:

One for believers

One for wicked nations

One at the end for the wicked dead

Luke 14:13-14 (KJV)

¹³ **But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:**

¹⁴ **And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.**

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2 Timothy 4:8 (HCSB)

⁸ **There is reserved for me in the future the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved His appearing.**

I ask the Lord at a young age while studying the Rapture for proof of a pre-Trib. Rapture and He pointed out the crowns to me. He spoke to my heart, "Where and when did the elders get those crowns?" In my study I realized it was at the Bema Seat Judgment and that that occurs immediately following the Rapture of the church.

So by the beginning of the Tribulation period as Revelation 4:1 shows, the church has already received crowns before the Bema Seat of judgment. The Bema Seat is where believers are rewarded for what they have done. While some will be ashamed, all will be crowned. It is a celebration for all believers and not a condemnation time. In verse 10, the elders are casting those crowns at Jesus feet to show that the rewards and glory we receive belongs to God and Jesus. In the book of Revelation the Bema Seat is not mentioned once, but is represented in these verses.

- a. **When? At the Bema Seat Judgment-** *When* are these promises seen *fulfilled* in the book of Revelation? Rev. 4 is at the very beginning of the Tribulation, and after the Rapture of the church.

1) The church saints are promised to receive rewards- Overcomers/Victors

a. Revelation 2:7- The right to eat from the tree of Life

b. Revelation 2:11- Will not be hurt by the second death

c. Revelation 2:17- Given hidden Manna and a white stone with a new name

- d. Revelation 2:26-28- Power over nations, and given the morning star
- e. Revelation 3:5- Clothed in white, name in the book of life, and name confessed before the Father
- f. Revelation 3:10-12- Kept from the Tribulation period
- g. Revelation 3:21- Granted to sit with Christ in His throne
- h. Revelation 21:7- Will inherit all things, will be sons of God

1) Saints who suffer loss/sadness/tears at the Bema Seat

1 Corinthians 3:15 (KJV)

¹⁵ **If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

- a. Some whose works will burn up will suffer loss- I Corinthians 3:15
- b. Ashamed- 1 John 2:28

1 John 2:28 (KJV)

²⁸ **And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.**

- c. Saved so as by fire; they will not lose their salvation- I Corinthians 3:15
- d. No death-Isaiah 25:8
- e. Wipe away tears and sadness- Isaiah 35:10, Rev. 7:17, 21:4

2) Saints receiving crowns

- a. Incorruptible Crown (I Corinthians 9:25)
- b. Crown of Rejoicing (I Thessalonians 2:19, 20)
- c. Crown of Righteousness (II Timothy 4:8)
- d. Crown of Life (James 1:2)
- e. Crown of Glory (I Peter 5:4)

II. A closer look at who they represent

A. These elders are no doubt the pre-Trib. Raptured church

Who are the elders? They are the church in heaven at the beginning of the Tribulation period. See also Rev. 19:5-10 where one of these elders represents many people and voices, so much so that John bows to worship him thinking he is God and the elder rebukes John and says he is one like John himself. Somehow the voices were so connected to the 24 that John was overwhelmed by it and thought he was Jesus himself.

Revelation 19:3-10 (KJV)

³ And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

⁴ And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

⁵ And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

⁶ And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

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B. The 24 represent *all* of the church. Again see Rev. 5 for another very important description of the 24 elders:

Revelation 5:8-10 (KJV)

⁸ And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

¹⁰ And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Here is the proof that they represent all saints. Some say that the 24 are 12 Old Testament and 12 New Testament saints who represent all the church and Israel together. (See quotes below) Some say they represent the 12 tribes of Israel and the church by the 12 Apostles, but all of those men were born Jews and could not make the statement true in verse 9 that "Thou hast redeemed us out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." If they only represented themselves and not a larger group. They are definitely redeemed men who are saved and represent the raptured church. The 24 must represent a much larger group of people here even if they are all Jewish. They represent the blood bought church from all nationalities and not Just Jewish peoples.

C. What I used to believe about the 24

1. It is commonly believed that the 24 elders in Revelation 4 and 5 and other chapters, represents the 12 heads of tribes of Israel and the church with 12 disciples in heaven *at the beginning* of the Tribulation period. So to some this is proof that Old Testament Israel

will have her resurrection at the pre-Trib. Rapture of the church also. Again **Dake**, **Ironside**, and **Perry Stone**⁵ believes this to be true.

Harry Ironside: “The elders in heaven represent the whole heavenly priesthood— that is, all the redeemed who have died in the past, or who shall be living at the Lord’s return... The church of the present age and Old Testament saints alike are included. All are priests. All worship. There were twelve patriarchs in Israel, and twelve apostles introducing the new dispensation. The two together would give the complete four and twenty.”⁶

Some do not agree with this premise though:

2. **Mark Hitchcock** disagrees:

“This is also why I believe that the twenty-four elders cannot represent saved Israel: Old Testament believers will not be resurrected and rewarded until after the Tribulation is over (Daniel 12:1-3), yet these elders are shown with crowns while the Tribulation is still under way.”⁷

In the New Testament the elders of a church are its representatives. These twenty-four elders represent the glorified church in heaven. Their number- The Levitical priesthood in the Old Testament numbered in the thousands (see 1 Chronicles 24). Since all the priests couldn't worship in the temple at the same time, the priesthood was divided into twenty-four groups, with a representative of each serving in the temple on a rotating basis every two weeks. While the nation of Israel was a kingdom of priests (see Exodus 19:6), only Aaron's sons were allowed to enter God's presence. However, all believers in the church are priests unto God (see 1 Peter 2:5, 9). This is yet one more evidence that the twenty-four elders are representative of the entire church of Jesus Christ.”⁸

3. **J. Dwight Pentecost** disagrees also and believes all 24 elders represent the church and not Israel. This does also cut to the core of what the Tribulation is all about: the judgment and purifying of Israel according to the prophets. The church program is over and God is dealing with Israel again.

“While this view is less objectionable than the first view, there seem to be reasons for rejecting the interpretation that Israel is a part of the scene here. In the first place, this view is based on the assumption that Israel and the church are both resurrected at the time of the Rapture and translated together into the heavenlies. The problem of Israel’s resurrection will be considered later, but certain Scriptures (Dan. 12: 1-2; Isa. 26: 19; John 11: 24) indicate that Israel’s resurrection is to be connected with the second advent of Messiah to the earth. Thus Israel could not be translated. In the second place, the Rapture is the program for the church that brings the church into

⁵ Stone, Perry. The Rapture Revelation Teaching Syllabus. (P. 26) Cleveland Tn. Voice of Evangelism

⁶ Ironside, H. A. (1920). Lectures on the Book of Revelation (p. 82). Neptune, N. J.: Loizeaux Brothers.

⁷ Hitchcock, Mark. (2012). 101 Answers/End times (P.94). Harvest House

⁸ Hitchcock, Mark. (2005). Could the Rapture Happen Today? (p. 76). The Crown Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

her eternal blessing. The program with Israel is entirely distinct, taking place with different subjects at a different time. Israel could not be resurrected and rewarded until the close of her age. Since these twenty-four elders are resurrected, rewarded, and glorified, and the church is the only body that has experienced these things as yet in the program of God, the saints of the Old Testament could not be included in the group.”⁹

What about the Tribulation saints who are a mix of Gentile and Jewish Christians? If some are taken out in the middle where do they fall in the mix for judgment? Will the 144,000 wait for the end to be judged? It seems this could be true. More likely they will be judged in heaven at the Bema Seat, and those left at the end will be judged at the Judgment of the Nations, some call the “Sheep and Goats” Judgment.

D. Israel’s program has their resurrection at the Second Coming

Isaiah 26:19-21 (KJV)

¹⁹ Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with my dead body* shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is as* the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

²⁰ Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

²¹ For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

John 11:24 (KJV)

²⁴ Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Speaking of resurrection **Dwight Pentecost** states:

“Therefore it is to be concluded that the resurrection of Israel does not take place at the time of the Rapture because that resurrection includes only those who are “in Christ” (1 Thess. 4: 16) and Israel does not have that position. Further, the point is substantiated because the church is a mystery and God will complete the program for the church before resuming His program with Israel. Resurrection is viewed as a terminating event and Israel’s resurrection could not come until her program were terminated.”¹⁰

“The Old Testament references already cited indicate that Israel’s resurrection takes place at the second advent of Christ. In Daniel 12: 1-2 the resurrection is said to take place “at that time,” which must be the time previously described, or at the time of the closing events of the seventieth week, when the end comes to the Beast. “At that time” there will be both a deliverance (v. 1) and a resurrection (v. 2). This passage seems to indicate that the resurrection is associated with the act of deliverance from the Beast at the second advent. In like manner Isaiah 26: 19 shows us that the promised deliverance of

⁹ Pentecost, J. Dwight; (1958, 2001). Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology (Kindle Locations 4655-4663). Grand Rapids, MI., Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

¹⁰ Pentecost, J. Dwight; (1958, 2001). Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology (Kindle Locations 7421). Grand Rapids, MI., Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

resurrection does not come until “the indignation be overpast” (v. 20). This indignation is none other than the tribulation period and the resurrection of Israel is said to take place at the termination of that period. It seems to be an error to affirm that the church and Israel are both resurrected at the Rapture. Scripture shows that Israel will be resurrected at the close of the tribulation period, while the church will be resurrected prior to it.”¹¹

Daniel 12 and Isaiah 26:19-20 (see above) really seems to prove a definite resurrection near the end, but sometime during those 7 years some could be taken out *alive* like the 144,000. Maybe the middle group that possibly goes according to revelation 7 and 12 is a midtrib. rapture of *living* saints from Gentile and Jewish groups found worthy to escape all the rest that is coming. There is no resurrection in the middle at all, just a rapture of living saints. In Zech. 14:5 it says the Lord will come and all his saints with Him, but living Israel is seen here to be delivered alive and saved by seeing Christ himself. So According to Ezek. 37:12-14 (see below) the graves are being opened is another proof that Jesus is God when he resurrects Israel’s past righteous group. Then he says they will inhabit the land.

Another possibility exist that satisfies both interpretations. It is that the 24 Elders do represent the Old and New Testament saints but not all of the future Israel. They are dealt with in the Tribulation period. All the Old Testament believers could have gone in the Rapture because Christ preached to them in Paradise and delivered them to heaven. It would mean they would be resurrected at the Rapture, but that there is a future resurrection for all the future Israeli believers who die in the Tribulation period. This seems to be unlikely. See Isaiah 26:19-20 above, Isaiah who would be a part of that group, says the future resurrected would arise with him, and that verse places his resurrection at the end of the Tribulation period like in Daniel 12. So this probably negates this last possibility.

E. Jesus comes back at the Day of the Lord and has all those crowns on his head representing the glory of the church.

Revelation 19:11-12 (KJV)

¹¹ **And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

¹² **His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.**

God glorified Jesus in the earth, then Jesus gave His glory to the church, at the Bema Seat the church is rewarded with glory, then sometime after the church gives all the glory to Jesus again. One day Jesus himself will after all things are subject to Him, gives to the Father all the glory and God is in all things glorified and supreme.

¹¹ Pentecost, J. Dwight; (1958, 2001). Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology (Kindle Locations 7422-7430). Grand Rapids, MI., Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

1 Corinthians 15:26-28 (KJV)

²⁶ The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

²⁷ For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

²⁸ And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

