

Book of Revelation, part 44
The Rapture Between Chapters 3 & 4

- I. Review:**
1. Christ descends from the Heaven with His departed saints.
 2. He stops coming while still in the upper atmosphere.
 3. The voice of an archangel shouts for Satan to permit the saint, when glorified, to pass through his domain.
 4. Christ commands only New Testament saints' bodies come from their graves. This is heralded by the first trumpet.
 5. The living generation of saints' bodies are changed rapidly. This is announced by the last trumpet.
 6. There is a formal meeting in the air.
 7. The Bema Seat Judgment is before entering the Heaven.
- II. The term 'Bema' denotes a raised platform, a place where judgment is made (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10).**
1. The difference between judging and judgment.
 - 1) To judge is *to discern, scrutinize, examine.*
 - 2) Judgment is the conclusion from the judging.
 - 3) The sentence from the judgment can be either reward of punishment.
 2. Christians are judged and sentenced in this life so they will not be judged in the next life (1 Cor. 11:32).
 3. At the Bema the question is not salvation.
- III. At the Bema Christ will evaluate Christians' works (2 Cor. 5:10).**
1. Whether the works brought pleasure to God or worthless.
 2. The evaluated works are those that were "*practiced*".
 3. Since dross is still associated with the glorified Christians at the Bema, it must take place before entering the Throne room in the third Heaven (1 Thes. 3:13; Eph. 5:27).
 4. Example of worthless works being evaluated (Rom. 14:10).
 - 1) Judging motives.
 - 2) Despise, ignore (set at naught) a weak Christian for reasons that would be valid for a stronger Christian.
- IV. The evaluation of works will be of those practiced with the individuals building on Christ as the foundation (1 Cor. 3:11-12).**
1. Not everyone who "comes in Christ's name" belongs to Christ (Mt. 7:21-23).
 2. Not all works in Christ's 'name' are pleasing to God (Rev. 2:13; 2:20; 3:1; 3:15).