

BEAM ME UP, JESUS!
REV. 4:1 / 6-20-18 / WED

I. FIRST, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT VERSE.

- A. Its significant because it's a "**transition**" verse ("**After this**")
It's a bridge between Revelation 1-3 and what follows.
- B. Its also significant because it's a **representative** verse ("**I looked**")
1. John represents all Christians who will be raptured to heaven.
 2. The church is not mentioned again being on earth after chapter three.

II. SECOND, THIS IS A SYMBOLIC VERSE.

- A. First, there is a **visual** symbol ("**a door standing open in heaven**").
1. This symbolizes entrance into heaven.
 2. This door is not a thing, but a person-John 10:9.
- B. Second, there is a **auditory** symbol ("**the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet**").
1. John had heard this voice before-1:10.
 2. This voice belongs to Jesus-1:17-18.
 3. A trumpet will sound preceding Jesus' Return (perhaps Rapture)
-I Thessalonians 4:16 & I Corinthians 15:52.

III. THIRD, THIS IS SOLACING VERSE.

- A. There is a solacing invitation (“**Come up here**”-symbolic of the rapture which means “**caught up**”).

- B. There is solacing information (“**I will show you what must take place after this.**”) (i.e. “**after you are gone**”). Refers to chapters 4-22.