

Reading Schedule

THE RAPTURE EXPOSED

by Barbara R. Rossing

The Rapture Exposed is supplemental reading to our study of The Revelation of John, using N.T. Wright's *Revelation for Everyone*. It is important reading because it helps dismantle the faulty theology that infects much of western Christianity's understanding of the Second coming of Christ, including the understanding of those of us who did not grow up in or did grow up in but no longer espouse ,literalist, fundamentalist understandings of Christianity. The readings from Rossing's book do not track the chapters in the N.T. Wright readings, but are important in that they will enrich our ability to embrace the message of the book of Revelation with fresh eyes by disposing of improper understandings that cloud our ability to hear the book of Revelation for what it is, rather than for what we've been falsely told it is. (*Page references are to the paperback edition.*) Therefore I encourage you to try to do the reading along with the N.T. Wright readings

01/17/19 2021 Rossing, Preface, pp vii-xii; Chapter 1 "The Destructive Racket of Rapture," pp. 1-18

01/24/26 Rossing, Chapter 2 "The Invention of the Rapture" pp. 19 -46

01/31/2/2 2021 Rossing, Chapter 3 "The Rapture Script for the Middle East" pp. 47-80

02/07/9 2021 Rossing, Chapter 4 "Prophecy and Apocalypse" pp.81-102

02/14/16 2021 Rossing, Chapters 5-6 "The Journey Begins' "Lamb Power" pp 103-114

02/21/23 2021 Rossing, Chapters 7-8 "Nonviolence" "The Exodus Story in Revelation" pp. 115-134

02/28/3/2 2021 Rossing, Chapters 9-10 "Hijacking the Lamb" "Rapture in Reverse" 135-158

03/07/92021 Rossing Chapter 11 "The Journey Outward" pp. 159-171

03/14/16 2021 Rossing, Epilogue: "Debunking the Rapture by Verse" pp.173-186

N.T. Wright Reading Schedule:

01/17/19 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. ix-10): Introduction to apocalypticism (supplemental material TBD), Opening address, Vision of Jesus [Rev 1]

01/24/26 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 10-41): Seven messages/letters to churches [Rev 2-3]

01/31/2/2 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 41-59): Liturgy of creation and redemption in the Heavenly court [Rev 4-5]

02/07/9 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 59-76): Unsealing of the scroll (7 seals) [Rev 6-7]

02/14/16 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 76-106): Sounding the 7 trumpets, proclamation of God's rule [Rev 8-11]

02/21/23 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 106-122): Signs in Heaven (Woman, Dragon), Two beasts [Rev 12-13]

02/28/3/2 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 122-148): Army of the Lamb, Seven final plagues [Rev 14-16]

03/07/9 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 149-166): Babylon, Prostitute [Rev 17-18]

03/14/16 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 166-186): God's victory, 1000-year reign, Final judgement [Rev 19-20]

03/21/23 2021 *Revelation for Everyone* by **N.T. Wright** (pp. 186-207): New Heaven and Earth, New Jerusalem, Restoration, Closing address [Rev 21-22]

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