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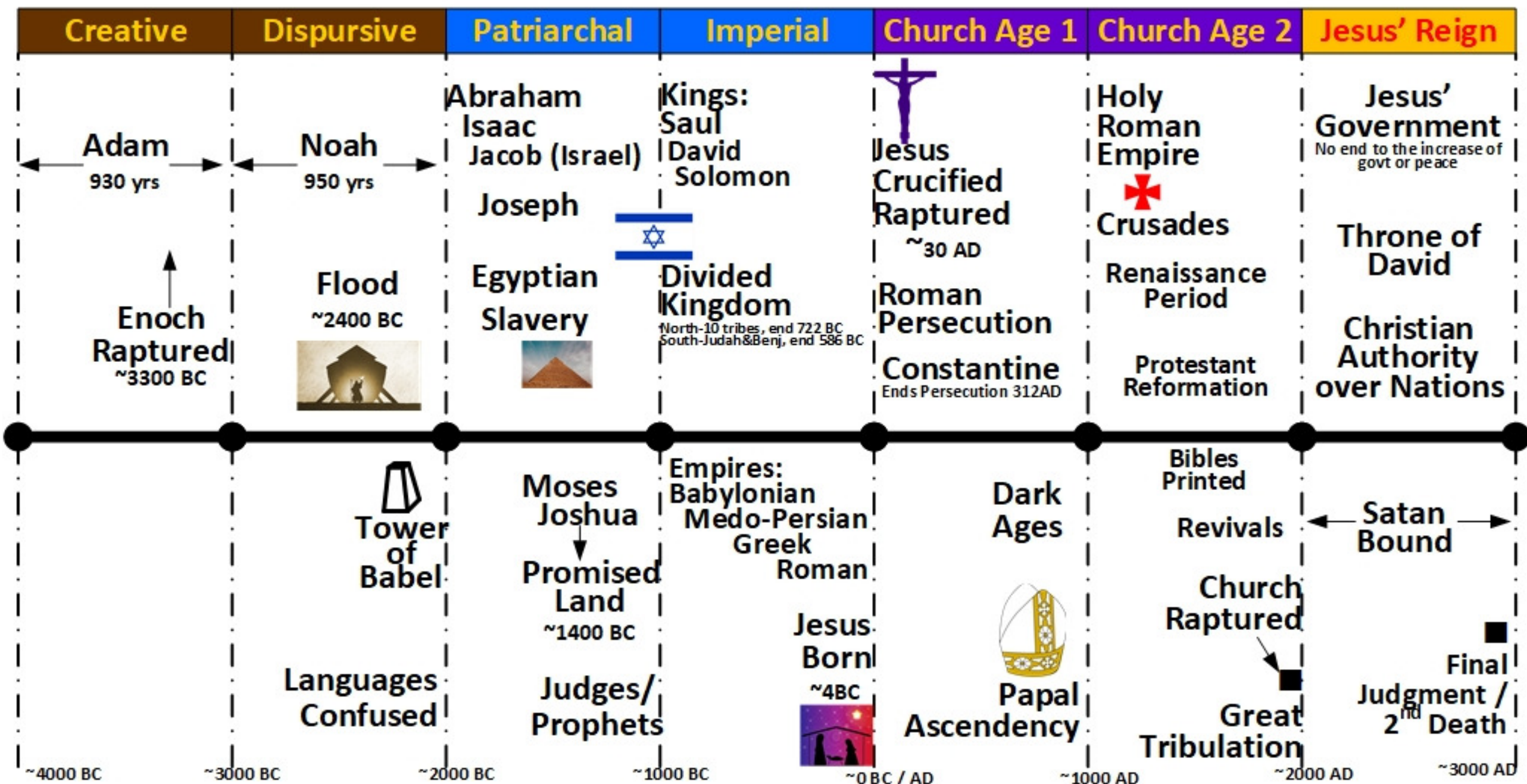
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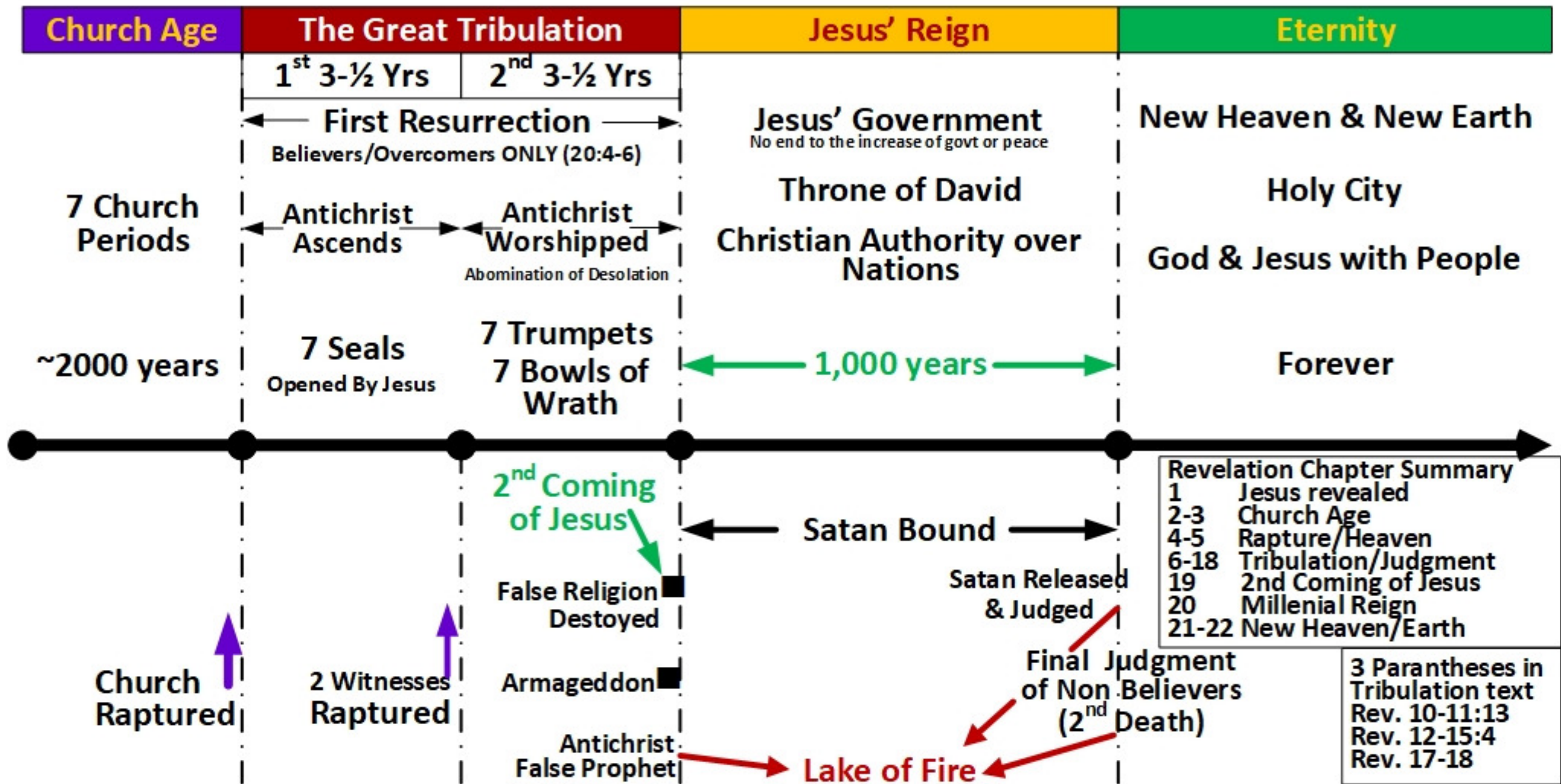
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21-22	New heaven & earth

7 Milleniums of Human History



Major Events in Revelation





healing brokenness, restoring lives

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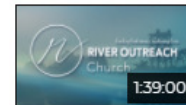
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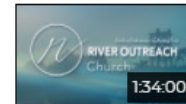
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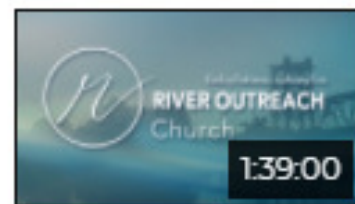
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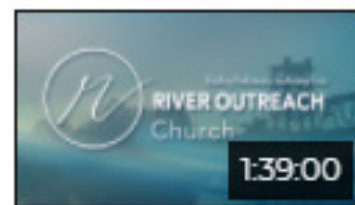
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1. Main References to the Rapture

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1. Main References to the Rapture

1 Th 4:13	But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.
1 Th 4:14	For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
1 Th 4:15	For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that <u>we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.</u>
1 Th 4:16	For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and <u>the dead in Christ will rise first.</u>
1 Th 4:17	Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up</u> together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
1 Th 4:18	Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2. “Caught Up”

1 Th 4:17	Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up</u> together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
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Strong's G726 - ἁρπάζω harpazō (här-pä'-zo pronunciation)

<u>Snatch/away (6x)</u>	<u>Caught up (4x)</u>	<u>Take by force (3x)</u>
Wolf taking sheep	Paul 3 rd heaven (2x)	Heaven suffers violence
No one can take us from Jesus / Father	Rev 12:5 describes Jesus taken to heaven	Jesus, people wanting to make Him King
Philip / Eunuch		Paul taken by Romans

3. Resurrection Patterns

1 Corin 15 – detailed explanation of resurrection

1Cor 15:20	But now Christ has been raised from the dead, <u>the first fruits of those who are asleep.</u>
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1Cor 15:20 NLT	But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. <u>He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.</u>
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3. Resurrection Patterns

1Cor 15:35	But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with <u>what kind of body</u> do they come?”
1Cor 15:42	So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a <u>perishable body</u> , it is <u>raised an imperishable body</u> ;
1Cor 15:44	it is <u>sown a natural body</u> , it is <u>raised a spiritual body</u> . If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

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1Cor 15:52	in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the <u>dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.</u>
1Cor 15:53	For <u>this perishable must put on the imperishable,</u> and this mortal must put on immortality.

→ Will our natural body stay on earth? ←

NO – just like Jesus' body rose, so will ours

4. Unannounced & Shocking

Mat 24:37	For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.
Mat 24:38	“For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
Mat 24:39	and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
Mat 24:40	“Then there will be two men in the field; <u>one will be taken and one will be left.</u>
Mat 24:41	“Two women will be grinding at the mill; <u>one will be taken and one will be left.</u>
Mat 24:42	“Therefore be on the alert, for <u>you do not know which day your Lord is coming.</u>

5 references – “coming as a thief in the night”

5. Rapture vs 2nd Coming

Rapture

1 Th 4:17	Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up</u> together with them <u>in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air</u> , and so we shall always be with the Lord.
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2nd Coming

Zec 14:4	In that day <u>His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives</u> , which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.
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6. Resurrection Order

Rev 20:4	Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had <u>not received the mark</u> on their forehead and on their hand; and <u>they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.</u>
Rev 20:5	The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. <u>This is the first resurrection.</u>
Rev 20:6	Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the <u>second death</u> has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

6. Resurrection Order

First Resurrection

Time	Persons	Comment
30 AD	Jesus	First fruit of harvest
Pre-trib A	Deceased saints	Precedes those alive
Pre-trib B	Alive saints	Immediately after above
2 nd Coming	Tribulation saints	Martyrs and survivors who don't take mark of beast

Second Death (Resurrection)

After 1000 years	The lost	Judged & cast into fire
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7. Pre-tribulation Rapture

3 Theories:

- Pre-Tribulation Rapture**
- Mid-Tribulation Rapture**
- Post-Tribulation Rapture**

7 Reasons Why The Rapture Occurs at Beginning of The Tribulation

Pre-tribulation Rapture

1. Churches Not Spoken of Again Except:

Rev 22:16	“I, Jesus, have sent My angel <u>to testify to you these things for the churches</u> . I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”
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18 times in Chapters 1-3

Pre-tribulation Rapture

2. Trumpet Sound

Rev 4:1	After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and <u>the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet</u> speaking with me, said, “ Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things. ”
Rev 1:10	I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and <u>I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,</u>
1 Th 4:16	For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and <u>with the trumpet of God,</u> and the dead in Christ will rise first.
1Cor 15:52	in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, <u>at the last trumpet;</u> for <u>the trumpet will sound,</u> and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Pre-tribulation Rapture

3. Context from Laodicean Church Age

Rev 3:20	‘Behold, <u>I stand at the door and knock</u> ; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.
Rev 3:21	‘He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, <u>as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.</u>
Rev 3:22	‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”
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Rev 4:2	Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, <u>a throne was standing in heaven</u> , and One sitting on the throne.

Pre-tribulation Rapture

4. Promise to Overcoming Church

Rev 3:10	<p>‘Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, <u>I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world</u>, to test those who dwell on the earth.</p>
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5. Not Destined for Wrath

1Th 5:2	<p>For you yourselves know full well that <u>the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night</u>.</p>
1Th 5:9	<p>For <u>God has not destined us for wrath</u>, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,</p>
1Th 5:10	<p>who died for us, <u>so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him</u>.</p>

Pre-tribulation Rapture

6. How Could it be a Surprise During the Tribulation

Rapture will be: → **Unannounced & Shocking**
 → **As a thief in the night**

4th Seal -- War, famine, pestilence & wild animals

-- Death and Hades given power over 1/4 part of the earth

5th Seal -- Martyrs, killed because of the Word of God and their testimony

6th Seal -- Incredible earthquake, sun blackened, moon like blood

-- Stars in sky fall to the earth

-- Every mountain and island moved out of place

....Then comes the trumpets and bowls of wrath that are even worse

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7. Marriage of the Lamb

Rev 19:7	“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made <u>herself ready.</u> ”
Rev 19:8	It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
Rev 19:9	Then he *said to me, “Write, <u>‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper (feast) of the Lamb.’</u> ” And he *said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Pre-tribulation Rapture

7. Marriage of the Lamb

Eph 5:25	Husbands, love your wives, <u>just as Christ also loved the church</u> and gave Himself up for her,
Eph 5:26	so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
Eph 5:27	that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.
Eph 5:28	So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;
Eph 5:29	for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, <u>just as Christ also does the church,</u>
Eph 5:30	because we are members of His body.
Eph 5:31	FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.
Eph 5:32	<u>This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.</u>

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Marriage Correlations

Jesus	Groom
Heaven	Groom's home
Believer	Bride
Church	Bride's family (made of all believers)
Earth	Bride's current home
God	Groom's family, Father

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Step 1. Jewish Marriage – Betrothal

Marriages Arranged

2Cor 11:2	For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for <u>I betrothed you to one husband</u> , so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.
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Bride is Purchased

1Cor 6:20	For <u>you have been bought with a price</u> : therefore glorify God in your body.
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Step 1. Jewish Marriage – Betrothal

Groom Gives Bride a Gift

Acts 2:38	Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and <u>you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.</u> ”
John 16:7	“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, <u>the Helper</u> will not come to you; but if I go, <u>I will send Him to you.</u> ”

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Step 1. Jewish Marriage – Betrothal

Groom Leaves to Prepare Home

John 14:2	“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for <u>I go to prepare a place for you.</u> ”
John 14:3	“If I go and prepare a place for you, <u>I will come again and receive you to Myself</u> , that where I am, there you may be also.”

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Step 2. Jewish Marriage – Wedding Procession

Groom Leaves His Home to get Bride

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Step 2. Jewish Marriage – Wedding Procession

Procession is After Dark, Lit by Oil Lamps of Guests

Dan 12:13	“But as for you, go your way to the end; then <u>you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.</u> ”
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→ After Dark Signifies End of Church Age ←

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Step 3. Jewish Marriage – Wedding Feast

Feast is at New Home

John 17:24	<u>Father</u> , I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, <u>be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me</u> , for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
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Step 3. Jewish Marriage – Wedding Feast

Wedding Feast at Same Time as Tribulation

Wedding Feast is Typically 7 Days

- Jacob (Genesis 26 for Leah & Rachel)
- Samson (Judges 14)

Daniel 9 prophecy

- 1 week of years remaining for Israel (7 years)

You are Betrothed to Jesus!

7 Things You Shouldn't Do To Your Spouse

1. Don't spend time

2. Ignore phone calls

3. Fail to introduce when meeting someone new

4. Don't help around the house

5. Look around for something better

6. Don't ask opinion on important decisions

7. Speak poorly of or gossip about

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