

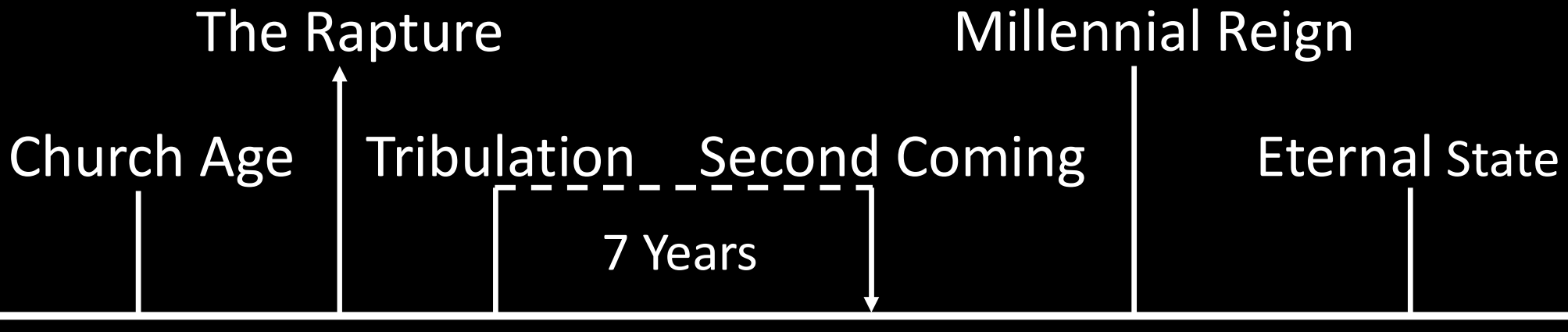
The background of the slide is a photograph of a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the upper half of the image, with some appearing more dense and others more wispy. The overall tone is serene and open.

Examining the End

A Study Through End Times Passages

- The Tribulation
- The Second Coming
- The Millennial Reign
- The Eternal State

The Rapture



Imminency

- Christ could return at anytime.

Imminent Verses & Passages

- 1 Corinthians 1:7
- 1 Corinthians 16:22
- Philippians 3:20
- Philippians 4:5
- 1 Thessalonians 1:10
- Titus 2:13
- Hebrews 9:28
- James 5:7-9
- 1 Peter 1:13
- Jude 1:21
- Revelation 3:11
- Revelation 22:20

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Other Passages About The Rapture

- John 14:3
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-55
- Revelation 3:10

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- Who?
- What?
- How?
- Why?

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Who:

1. Dead in Christ
2. Those who are alive at the Lord's coming

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Who:

The Lord Himself

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What:

- Rapture: When Jesus come for His Church, takes us suddenly to heaven, gives us our new glorified bodies and will always be with Him.

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What:

- The Rapture is when Jesus comes FOR His church, the Second Coming is when Jesus comes WITH His church.

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What:

Rapture: Greek word "Harpazo" meaning "caught up, to seize or snatch away".

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Corinthians 15:53-55

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on *immortality*, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "*Death is swallowed up in victory.*" "*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*"

Who:

- Jesus, dead in Christ, alive in Christ.

What:

- Jesus takes the Church to Heaven
- Glorified bodies

How:

- In verse 16
 - He will descend from Heaven with a shout
 - With the voice of an archangel
 - With the trumpet of God
 - The Dead in Christ will rise first

How:

- In verse 17a

- **"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."**

How:

- In verse 17b

- **"And thus we shall always be with the Lord."**

Who, What, How...

Why the Rapture

- In verse 18

- **"Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9

**“For God has not destined us
for wrath, but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ”**

What Do We Do?

1. Make Sure we are right with God
2. Comfort one another
3. Share and shine to the lost world

