



The Rapture of the Church

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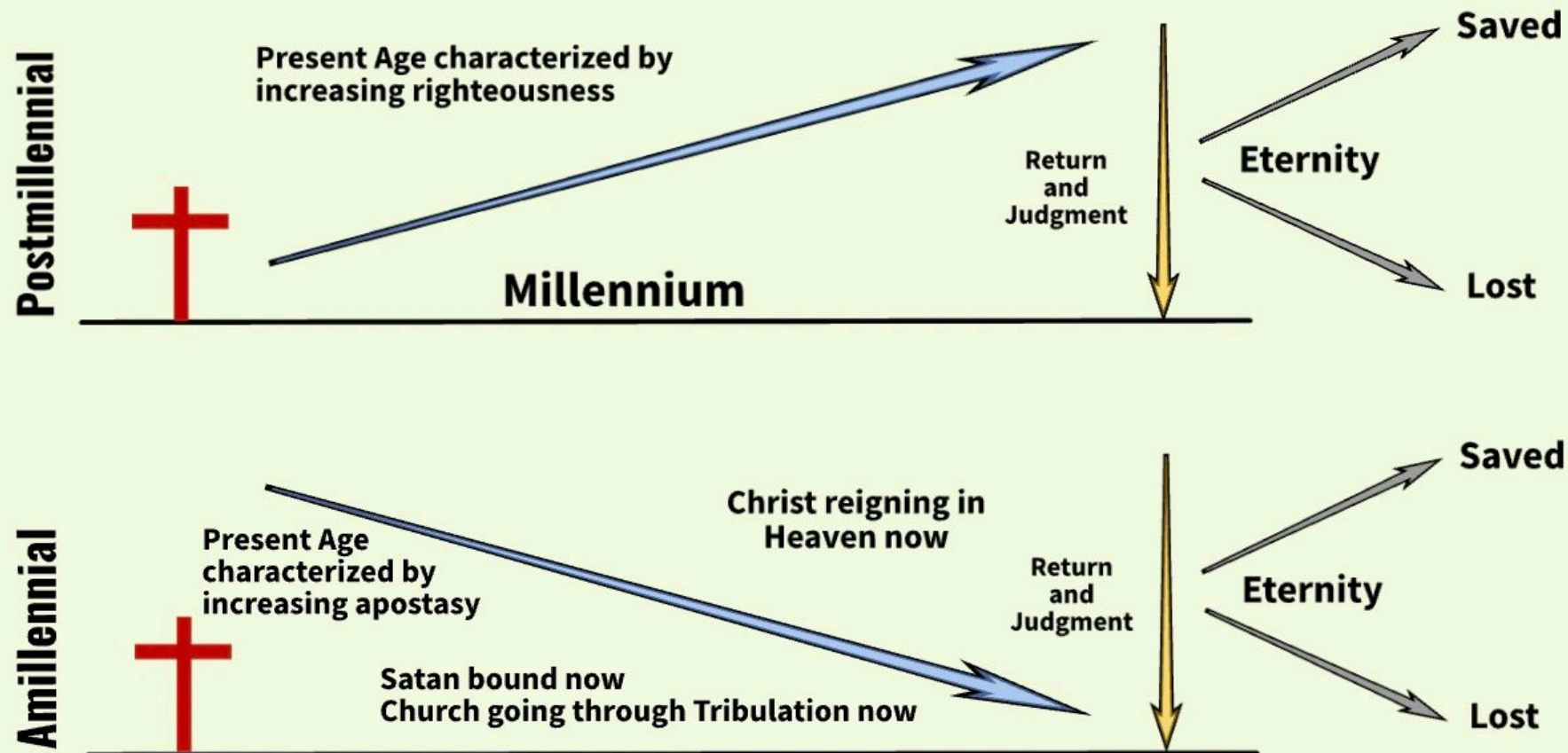
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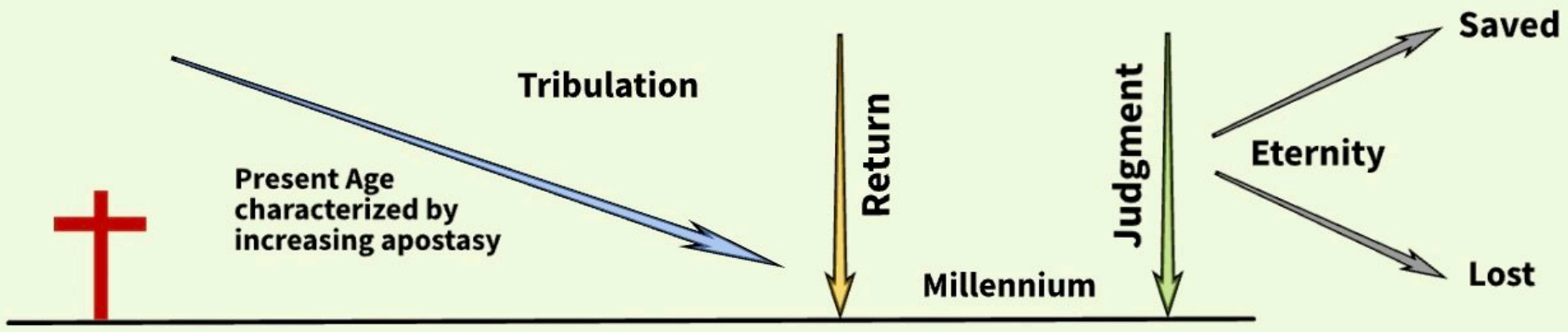
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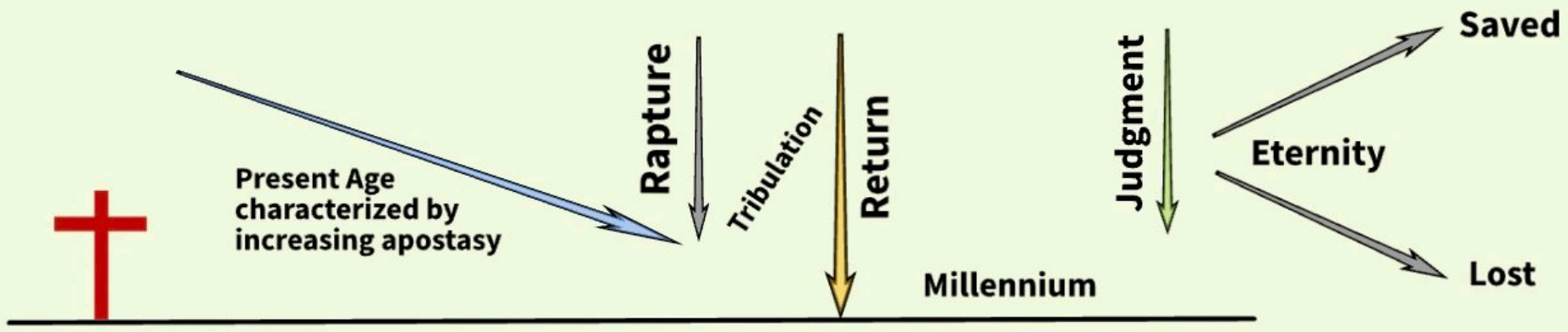


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COVENANTS

EARTHLY PROMISES ——— HEAVENLY PROMISES

SEED OF ABRAHAM

PHYSICAL SEED ——— SPIRITUAL SEED

PHYSICAL BIRTHS ——— SPIRITUAL BIRTH

HEADSHIP

ABRAHAM ——— CHRIST

ISRAEL (ONE NATION) ——— ALL NATIONS

HISTORY (70 WEEKS) ——— ONE WEEK

CHRIST

MESSIAH, IMMANUEL, KING ——— SAVIOR, LORD, BRIDEGROOM, HEAD

MOSAIC LAW ——— LAW OF GRACE

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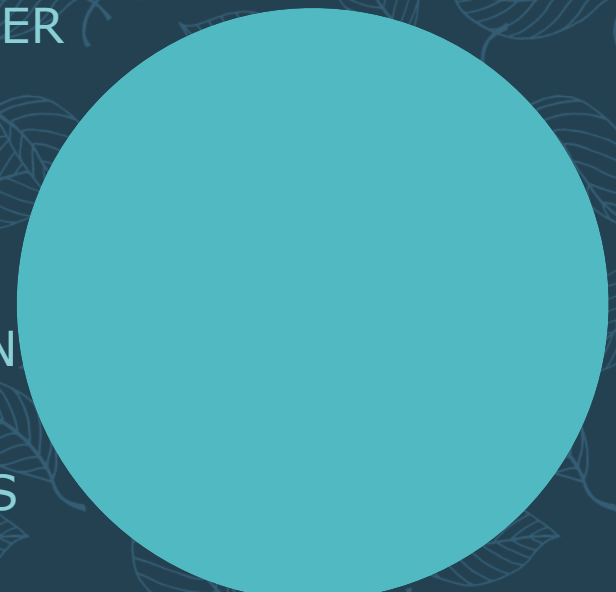
ROMANS 9

V. 2-5 - ISRAEL'S SALVATION

V. 6-34 - LINEAGE OF ISRAEL WAS CHOSEN
(V. 11)

V. 24 - NOT JEW ONLY, BUT ALSO GENTILES

V. 25-29 - ISRAEL REDEEMED



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ROMANS 10 - ISRAEL'S PRESENT SITUATION

V. 1-4 - CHRIST THE END OF THE LAW

V. 12-13 - SALVATION TO BOTH...SAVED SAME WAY

V. 19 - GENTILES A TOOL TO MAKE JEALOUS

V. 21 - IN THE MEAN TIME...REACHING GENTILES



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ROMANS 11 - ISRAEL'S FUTURE

V. 1-2 - GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH ISRAEL

V. 11 - THEIR STUMBLING IS NOT PERMANENT

V. 12 - NOW IS SIMPLY THE TIME OF GENTILES

V. 16 - NATURAL BRANCHES - ISRAEL

V. 17 - WILD - GENTILES

V. 19 - BROKEN OFF, UNBELIEF

V. 23-24 - ISRAEL RETURNS.

WHY WOULD YOU THINK THEY ARE CAST OFF



ISRAEL and The CHURCH

GOD HAS GIVEN TO US THE SIGNS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE COMING OF JESUS CHRIST. ONE OF THE GREATEST SIGNS TO THE WORLD TODAY IS THE **REESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATION ISRAEL.**

FOR YEARS BIBLE SCHOLARS HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO THE REGATHERING OF THE NATION ISRAEL BASED ON MANY SCRIPTURES (INCLUDING MATTHEW 24:32) AND THE APPLICATION OF EXPOSITIONAL CONSTANCY (FIG TREE OR FIGS IN PARABLES SYMBOLIZE THE NATION ISRAEL).

IN THE SAME BREATH...THERE ARE THOSE IN WAITING... LOST HEART AND BEGAN TO RE-INTERPRET MANY SCRIPTURES DEALING WITH ISRAEL "SPIRITUALLY" AND BEGAN TO ATTRIBUTE THEM TO THE CHURCH. REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY...

ISRAEL and The CHURCH

SO...

DID THE CHURCH REPLACE ISRAEL?

DID ISRAEL GET ABSORBED INTO THE CHURCH? NO LONGER TWO DISTINCT GROUPS

IS ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT GROUPS?

DOES GOD STILL HAVE SEPARATE PLANS FOR ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH?



ISRAEL and The CHURCH



AFTER THE CHURCH (IS RAPTURED), GOD WILL ONCE AGAIN DEAL WITH ISRAEL, HIS ELECT. GOD WILL FULFILL THE MANY PROMISES AND PROPHECIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT RELATING TO ISRAEL, INCLUDING THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF DANIEL. THUS, ONE MORE SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD IS TO BE FULFILLED IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. JEREMIAH CALLS IT "THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE." ISRAEL WILL EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESERVING POWER DURING THE GREAT TRIBULATION AS 144,000 JEWS WILL BE SEALED BY GOD. THOUGH ON EARTH, THEY'LL BE SHIELDED FROM PART OF THE JUDGMENTS (REVELATION 7:3, 9:4).



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TRIBULATION: What is it?



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The 70th Week of Daniel 9

24 **“Seventy weeks are determined**

For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy.

25 “Know therefore and understand,

That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem
Until Messiah the Prince,
There shall be **seven weeks** and **sixty-two weeks**;

The street shall be built again, and the wall,
Even in troublesome times.

26 “And after the **sixty-two weeks**

Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are
determined.

27 Then he shall confirm **a covenant** with many for
one week;

But in the **middle of the week**

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of **abominations** shall be one who
makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is determined,
Is poured out on the desolate.”

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- (1) to try men who dwell upon the earth (Revelation 3:10);
- (2) that God might vent **His wrath** upon the wicked (Revelation 6:16-17; 11:18, 14:19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19)
- (3) to destroy those who destroyed the earth (Revelation 11:18).

REVELATION 3:10 BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT MY COMMAND TO PERSEVERE, I ALSO WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL WHICH SHALL COME UPON THE WHOLE WORLD, TO **TEST THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH**

REVELATION 15:7 THEN ONE OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES GAVE TO THE SEVEN ANGELS SEVEN GOLDEN BOWLS FULL OF **THE WRATH OF GOD** WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER.

REVELATION 11:18 THE NATIONS WERE ANGRY, AND **YOUR WRATH HAS COME**, AND THE TIME OF THE DEAD, THAT THEY SHOULD BE **JUDGED**, AND THAT YOU SHOULD REWARD YOUR SERVANTS THE PROPHETS AND THE SAINTS, AND THOSE WHO FEAR YOUR NAME, SMALL AND GREAT, AND SHOULD **DESTROY THOSE WHO DESTROY THE EARTH.**"

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There's a debate in theological circles as to whether or not the Church will be here when **God's wrath** is unleashed upon the earth. Many are saying the Church must go through this time period of judgment known as the **Great Tribulation**. They speak disparagingly of the blessed hope that Christ will come for His Church before **God's judgments are loosed upon the earth**.

Since they maintain that there's to be no escape for the Church, they make the prayer Christ encouraged us to pray in Luke 21:36 meaningless.

LUKE 21:36 - WATCH THEREFORE, AND PRAY ALWAYS THAT YOU MAY BE COUNTED **WORTHY TO ESCAPE** ALL THESE THINGS THAT WILL COME TO PASS, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."

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JOHN 16:33 THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU, THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. **IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION; BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER, I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."**

IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTICE THAT THE "TRIBULATION" FACED BY THE CHURCH ORIGINATES FROM THE WORLD AND COMES FROM THE WORLD SYSTEM CONTROLLED BY SATAN. SATAN IS BEHIND ALL THE ATTACKS ON THE CHURCH.

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REVELATION 6:12 I LOOKED WHEN HE OPENED THE SIXTH SEAL, AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE; AND THE SUN BECAME BLACK AS SACKCLOTH OF HAIR, AND THE MOON BECAME LIKE BLOOD.

REVELATION 6:16-17 AND SAID TO THE MOUNTAINS AND ROCKS, "FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM THE FACE OF HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND **FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!** ¹⁷ FOR **THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH** HAS COME, AND WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?"

THE GREAT TRIBULATION THAT WILL COME UPON THE EARTH ORIGINATES FROM HEAVEN. GOD'S WRATH IS Poured OUT IN JUDGMENT AGAINST THE SINNERS DURING THIS TRIBULATION.

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MATTHEW 24:21-22 ²¹ FOR THEN THERE WILL BE GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS HAS NOT BEEN SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD UNTIL THIS TIME, NO, NOR EVER SHALL BE. ²² AND UNLESS THOSE DAYS WERE SHORTENED, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED; BUT FOR THE ELECT'S (ISRAEL) SAKE THOSE DAYS WILL BE SHORTENED. (VS. 16, 20)

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GENESIS 18:23 AND ABRAHAM CAME NEAR AND SAID, "WOULD YOU ALSO DESTROY THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED?"

GENESIS 19:22 HURRY, ESCAPE THERE. FOR **I CANNOT DO ANYTHING UNTIL YOU ARRIVE THERE.**"

2 PETER 2:9 THEN THE LORD KNOWS HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATIONS AND TO **RESERVE THE UNJUST UNDER PUNISHMENT FOR THE DAY OF JUDGMENT,**

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Does God's Judgement come upon EVERYONE...WAIT THERES MORE...

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 FOR GOD DID NOT APPOINT US TO WRATH, BUT TO OBTAIN SALVATION THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

ROMANS 5:9 MUCH MORE THEN, HAVING NOW BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM.

ANY ARGUMENT THAT MIGHT BE DEVELOPED TO PROVE THAT THE CHURCH WILL GO THROUGH THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD THAT IS COMING UPON THE EARTH MUST SOMEHOW EXPLAIN THE FOLLOWING POINT. WHEN DID GOD CHANGE HIS WAYS AS TO NOW PUNISH THE RIGHTEOUS WITH THE WICKED? IT WOULD BE A CHANGE IN GOD'S NATURE TO FORCE HIS CHILDREN TO FACE THE OUTPOURING OF HIS WRATH. YET, GOD SAID THAT HE CHANGES NOT (MALACHI 3:6).

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IN **DEDUCTIVE LOGIC** THE MOST COMMON FORM OF REASONING IS KNOWN AS A SYLLOGISM. A SYLLOGISM CONSISTS OF A MAJOR PREMISE, A MINOR PREMISE, AND A CONCLUSION. WHEN ONE PREMISE IS NEGATIVE AND THE OTHER POSITIVE, ONLY A NEGATIVE CONCLUSION CAN FOLLOW.

FOR EXAMPLE, A MAJOR PREMISE MIGHT BE POSITIVE: **ALL BIRDS HAVE WINGS.** THE MINOR PREMISE IS NEGATIVE: **DOGS DO NOT HAVE WINGS.** THE CONCLUSION MUST BE NEGATIVE: **DOGS ARE NOT BIRDS.**

OUR MAJOR PREMISE IS NEGATIVE: **THE CHURCH IS NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH** (GREEK: ORGE). (ROMANS 5:9); (I THESSALONIANS 5:9).

THE MINOR POSITIVE PREMISE IS: **THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS A TIME OF GOD'S WRATH (ORGE).** (REVELATION 6:16-17).

THE CONCLUSION MUST BE NEGATIVE AND PLAIN: **THE CHURCH WILL NOT EXPERIENCE THE GREAT TRIBULATION.**

To argue any differently is to defy logic, and one may as well seek to prove that a dog is a bird. No further argument to prove that the Church will not go through the Great Tribulation is necessary, yet the burden of evidence is overwhelming. So, let us go on.

COMING ANTI-CHRIST



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COMING ANTI-CHRIST - The Restrainer



II THESSALONIANS PAUL THE APOSTLE WROTE TO CORRECT AN ERROR THAT HAD CREEPT INTO THE CHURCH. SOME FALSE TEACHERS WERE SAYING THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD HAD ALREADY COME. PAUL TOLD THE THESSALONIANS THAT "THAT DAY," THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST TO REIGN OVER THE EARTH, WOULDN'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL THERE WAS FIRST A FALLING AWAY, OR DEPARTURE, AND THE MAN OF SIN, THE SON OF PERDITION, WAS REVEALED. PAUL REMINDED THE BELIEVERS THAT HE HAD TOLD THEM THESE THINGS WHEN HE WAS WITH THEM.

IN CHAPTER 2 PAUL DECLARED, "NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS WITHHOLDING HIM THAT HE MIGHT BE REVEALED IN HIS TIME. BUT THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY IS ALREADY AT WORK; ONLY HE WHO IS RESTRAINING WILL CONTINUE TO RESTRAIN, UNTIL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY. AND THEN SHALL THAT WICKED ONE BE REVEALED, WHOM THE LORD WILL CONSUME WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS MOUTH, AND SHALL DESTROY WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING."



THE TRUMPETS

THOSE WHO TEACH THAT THE CHURCH MUST GO THROUGH THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND FACE THE WRATH OF GOD WHICH IS COMING UPON THE EARTH TRY TO IDENTIFY THE LAST TRUMP OF I CORINTHIANS 15 WITH THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION. I SEE GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN PARALLELING THESE TWO TRUMPETS.

FIRST OF ALL, THE TRUMPET THAT SOUNDS AT THE TIME OF THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH IN I THESSALONIANS 4:16 IS CALLED THE "TRUMP OF GOD." IN REVELATION THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS THE TRUMPET OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL.

THE TRUMP OF I CORINTHIANS 15 IS USED TO PROCLAIM AN EVENT THAT HAPPENS IN A MOMENT, IN A TWINKLING OF AN EYE. PAUL SAID, "I'LL SHOW YOU A MYSTERY. WE'LL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE'LL BE CHANGED IN A MOMENT, IN A TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP." ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SEVENTH TRUMP OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION WILL COVER A PERIOD OF DAYS. REVELATION 10:7 SAYS, "BUT IN THE DAYS [PLURAL] OF THE VOICE OF THE SEVENTH ANGEL, WHEN HE SHALL BEGIN TO SOUND, THE MYSTERY OF GOD SHOULD BE FINISHED, AS HE HATH DECLARED TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS."

CHURCH AGE:



THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE GENERAL SECTIONS.

IN REVELATION 1:19 THE ANGEL INSTRUCTED JOHN TO WRITE THE THINGS THAT **HE HAD SEEN**, THE **THINGS THAT ARE**, AND THE **THINGS THAT SHALL BE AFTER THESE THINGS**.

IN CHAPTER 1, JOHN WROTE THE VISION **WHICH HE SAW**: CHRIST IN HIS RESURRECTED GLORY STANDING IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS AND HOLDING THE SEVEN STARS IN HIS RIGHT HAND.

IN CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 JOHN WROTE OF THE **THINGS WHICH ARE**: THE MESSAGES OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA (WHICH ALSO REPRESENT THE SEVEN PERIODS OF CHURCH HISTORY).

CHAPTER 4 BEGINS THE THIRD SECTION OF THE REVELATION. THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH THE SAME GREEK PHRASE, META TAUTA, "**AFTER THESE THINGS.**"

THE QUESTION NATURALLY ARISES, "AFTER WHAT THINGS?" THE OBVIOUS ANSWER IS, "AFTER THE THINGS OF CHAPTERS 2 AND 3." THE THINGS OF THE CHURCH.

SO, YOU COULD BEGIN REVELATION 4:1, "AFTER THE THINGS OF THE CHURCH, I SAW A DOOR OPEN IN HEAVEN, AND THE FIRST VOICE I HEARD WAS AS A TRUMPET SAYING TO ME,..."

THIS I BELIEVE IS THE ACCOUNT OF THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH; THE **VOICE AS OF A TRUMPET** CALLING THE SAINTS TO COME UP. PAUL SPEAKS OF THE **TRUMPET OF GOD** ACCOMPANYING THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH.

I THESSALONIANS 4:16; I CORINTHIANS 15:52

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RAPTURE

VS

SECOND COMING



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Rapture and Second Coming Side by Side





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RAPTURE

Key Scriptures:

John 14:1-3

I Cor. 15:50-54

I Thess. 4:13-17

- A. Occurs in the air
- B. Christ comes to claim a bride
- C. It is imminent
- D. It is related to the church
- E. Believers are judged
- F. Christ returns to heaven
- G. Creation unchanged, Earthly curse remains
- H. Satan and sin unrestrained Sin is judged;
- I. Occurs before "the day of wrath."
- G. The expectation of the church is to be taken into the Lord's presence

Second Coming

Key Scriptures:

Zechariah 14:1-11

Matt. 24:29-44

Rev. 19:11-21

- A. Occurs on the Mt. of Olives
- B. Christ returns with His bride
- C. It will follow definite signs
- D. It is related to Israel and the world
- E. Gentiles and Israel are judged
- F. Christ remains and reigns as king
- G. Creation changed , Earthly curse is lifted
- H. Satan removed, & righteousness prevails
- I. Occurs after "the day of wrath."
- G. The expectation of Israel is to be taken into the millennial kingdom

THE RAPTURE and THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



The Rapture will take place when Jesus Christ snatches His Church out of this world. It shall happen suddenly and without any notice. It's important to realize that the Rapture of the Church and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ **are completely different.**

At the Rapture Jesus is Coming for His saints. At the Second Coming the Church will return with Jesus Christ. Jude 14 tells us, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints."

I CORINTHIANS 15:51-53

I THESSALONIANS 4:16-18

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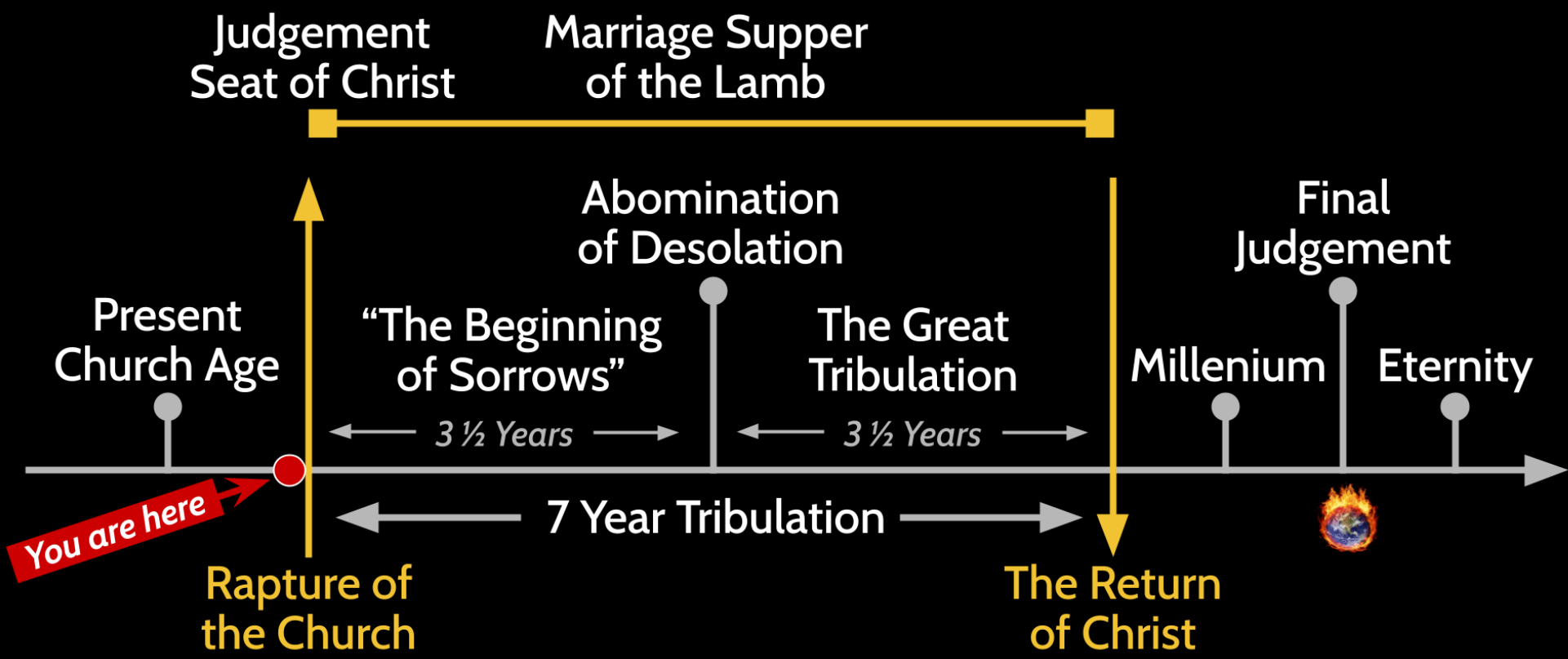
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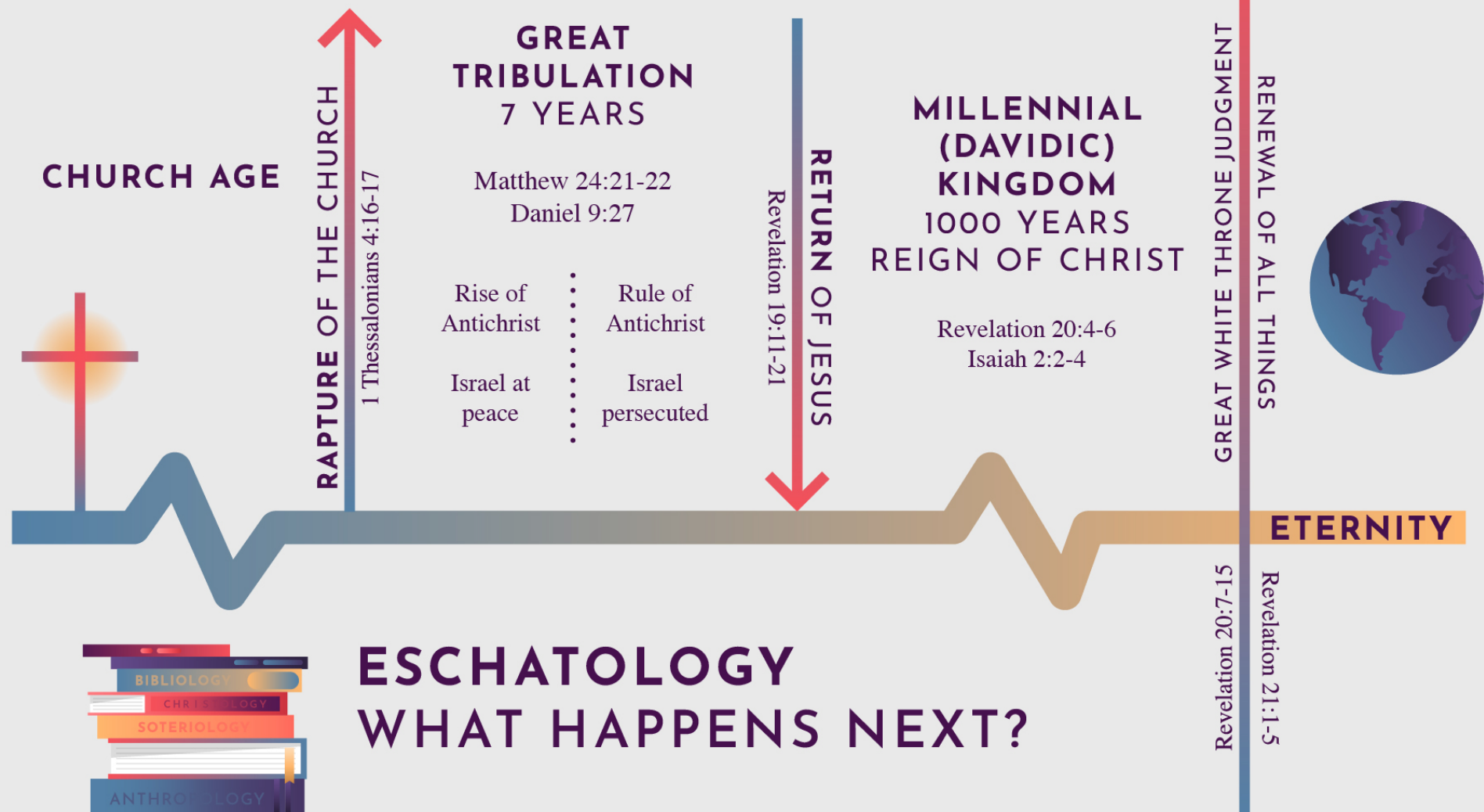
Second Coming, Rapture are they different or describing the same thing?

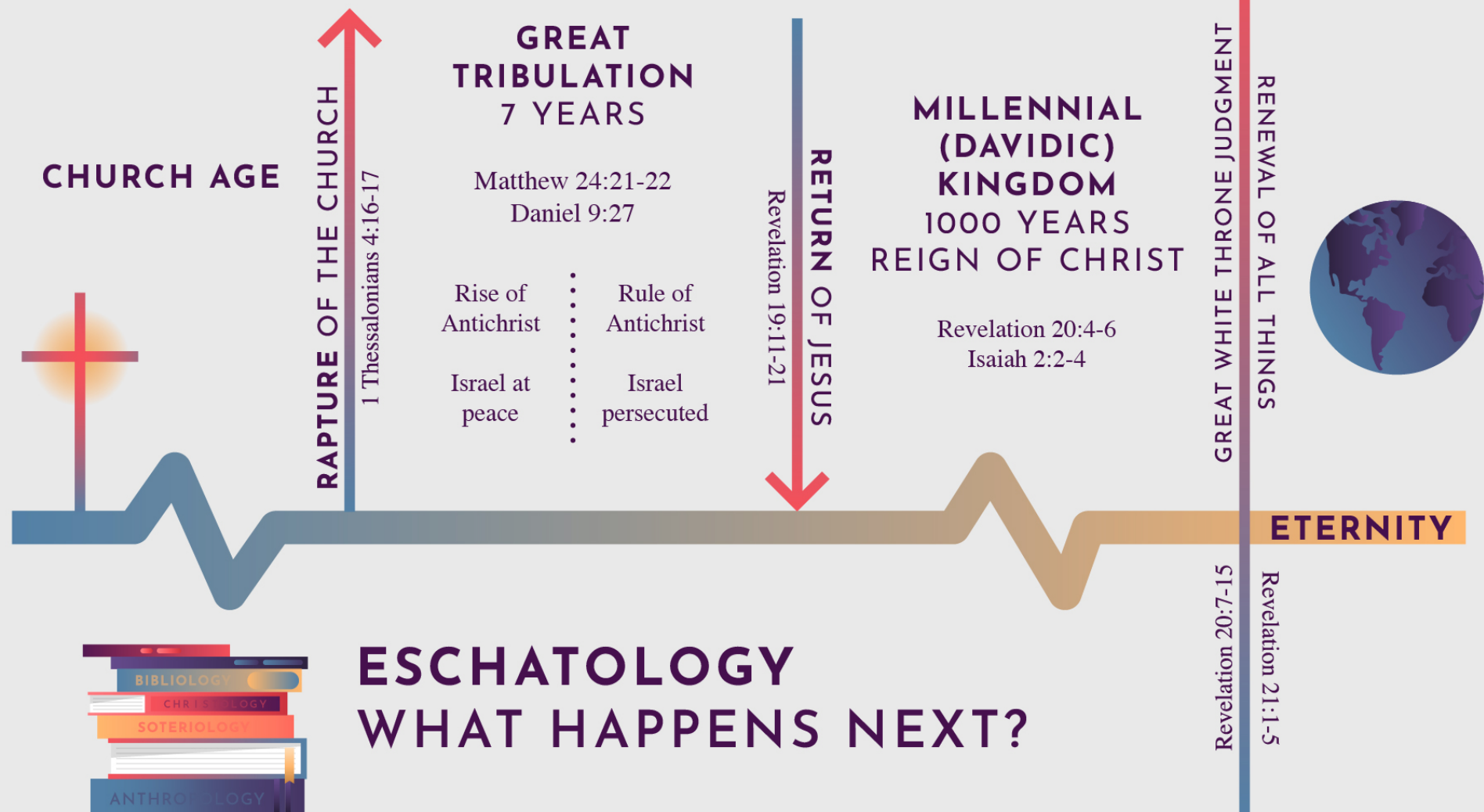
If they are the same thing...When will it occur?

If they are different...When will they occur?



Timeline of the End Times





ESCHATOLOGY WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?





RAPTURE



- Christ takes His Church up into heaven
- Revelation 3-4



TRIBULATION



- Jesus comes down to earth, ending the Tribulation, to reign for 1,000 years



SECOND COMING





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What is the difference between
THE RAPTURE
and the
SECOND COMING OF CHRIST?

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SECOND COMING

10 SIGNS
the
TRIBULATION IS NEAR

1

DECEPTION

Many will say "I am the Christ" (Matt 24:5)

2

DISSENTION

Wars
(Matt 24:6-7)

3

DEVASTATION

Famines
(Matt 24:7)

4

DISEASE

Pestilences
(Matt 24:7)

5

DISASTERS

Earthquakes
(Matt 24:7)

6

DEATH

Hated for my name's sake (Matt 24:9)

7

DISLOYALTY

Betray, hate one another
(Matt 24:10)

8

DELUSION

False prophets
(Matt 24:11)

9

DEFECTION

Turn away from God & each other (Matt 24:12)

10

DECLARATION

Gospel preached in all the world (Matt 24:14)

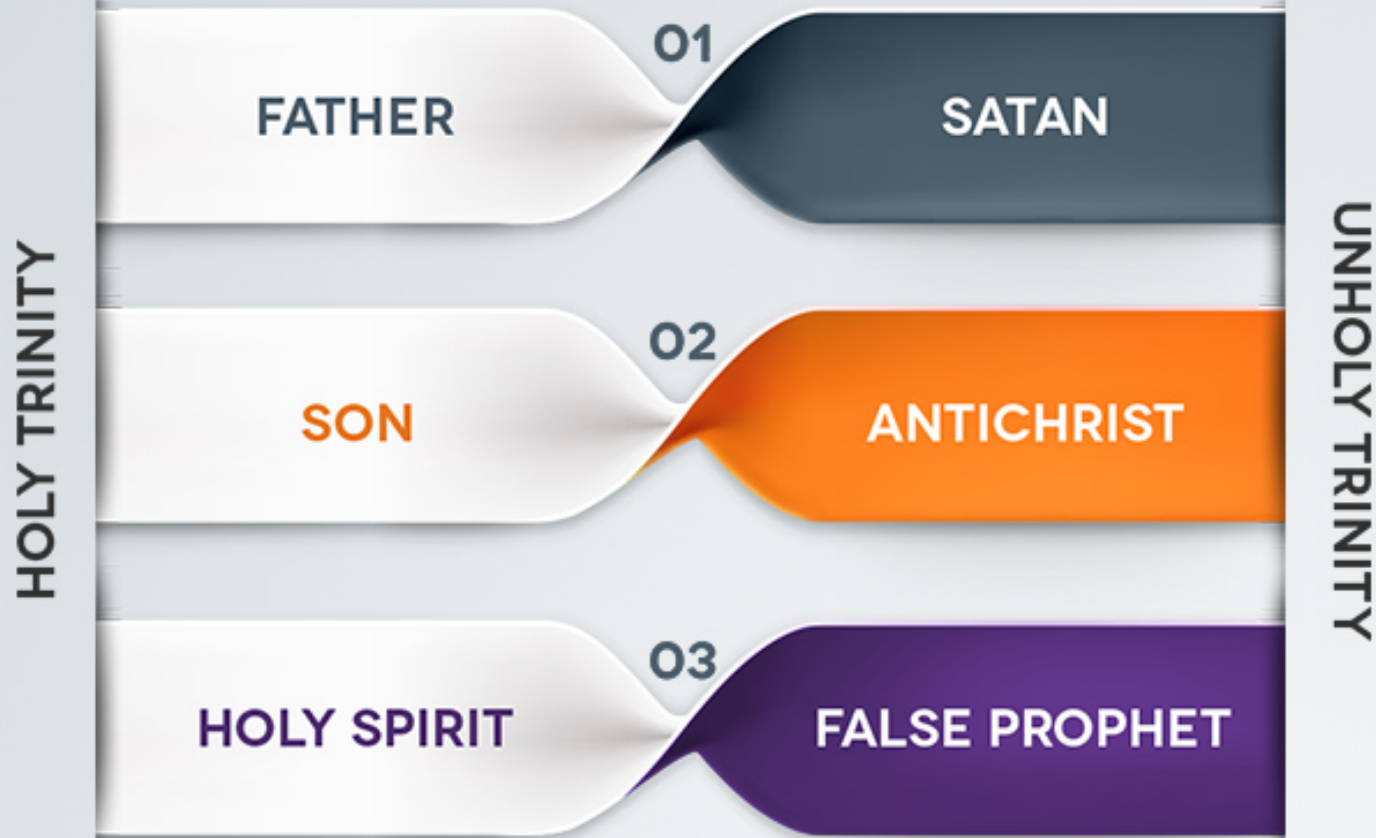


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What will happen on earth
DURING THE TRIBULATION?



WHAT IS *the* "UNHOLY TRINITY"?



A TIMELINE *of the* END-TIMES



THE IMMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST...



We firmly believe that the coming of Christ is imminent, that not one single prophecy must be fulfilled before He catches up His Church, and that He has intended the Church of every generation to be watching and waiting for His return.

MARK 13:35-37 - WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS COMING—IN THE EVENING, AT MIDNIGHT, AT THE CROWING OF THE ROOSTER, OR IN THE MORNING—³⁶ LEST, COMING SUDDENLY, HE FIND YOU SLEEPING. ³⁷ AND WHAT I SAY TO YOU, I SAY TO ALL: WATCH!”

PREPARE FOR THE RETURN OF CHRIST...



Being a Tribulation saint is a hard way to come. As Jesus said, "For then will be great tribulation" such as the world never has seen before or ever will see again (Matthew 24:21). Why wait? Why slough off your chances of knowing the glorious excitement of being with the Lord when He catches up the Church?

The question at this point is, "Are you ready?" Consider the Lord proclaiming today, "This is the end for the Church! You have finished your witness. Come home!" Would you be gathered with the Church to meet the Lord in the air, or would you be down here scratching your head wondering what's going on?

How much better to go with the Church than to be left behind to face the Tribulation and all the horror coming upon the earth. Why make it tough for yourself when the Lord wants to make it easy on you? Why not just open your heart and life to Jesus Christ now? Why not just receive Him as your Lord and Savior and, as He said, be ready?

What do you need to be ready? Jesus Christ dwelling in your heart and in your life. For if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.

LAST DAYS FOR THE CHURCH...



Not a pretty end...

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2:

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5

2 TIMOTHY 4:3-4

JAMES 5:1-8

2 PETER 2:1-22

2 PETER 3:3-6

JUDE 1:1-25

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WITH IN THE PROFESSING CHURCH...

THERE WILL BE A DENIAL OF>>>

- OF GOD (LUKE 17:26, 2 TIM. 3:4-5)
- OF CHRIST (1 JN. 2:18, 1 JN. 4:3, 2 PT. 2:6)
- OF CHRIST RETURN (2 PT. 3:3-4)
- OF THE FAITH (1 TIM. 4:1-2)
- OF SOUND DOCTRINE (2 TIM. 4:3-4)
- OF A SEPARATED LIFE (2 TIM. 3:1-7)
- OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY (1 TIM. 4:3-4)
- OF MORALS (2 TIM. 3:1-8, JUDE 18)
- OF AUTHORITY (2 TIM. 3:4)

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