

ESCHATOLOGY

course

Mondays | 7 PM - 8:30 PM

March 15 & 22; April 12 & 19; May 10, 17, 24



LIVING LIGHT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PREMILLENNIALISM

**Dispensational
(futurist reading of prophecy)**

**Historic
(futurist reading of prophecy)**

Christ will rapture the Church before His return. This resurrection of believers is the first resurrection

Christ establishes a 1,000-year physical, political reign centered around Israel and a rebuilt temple

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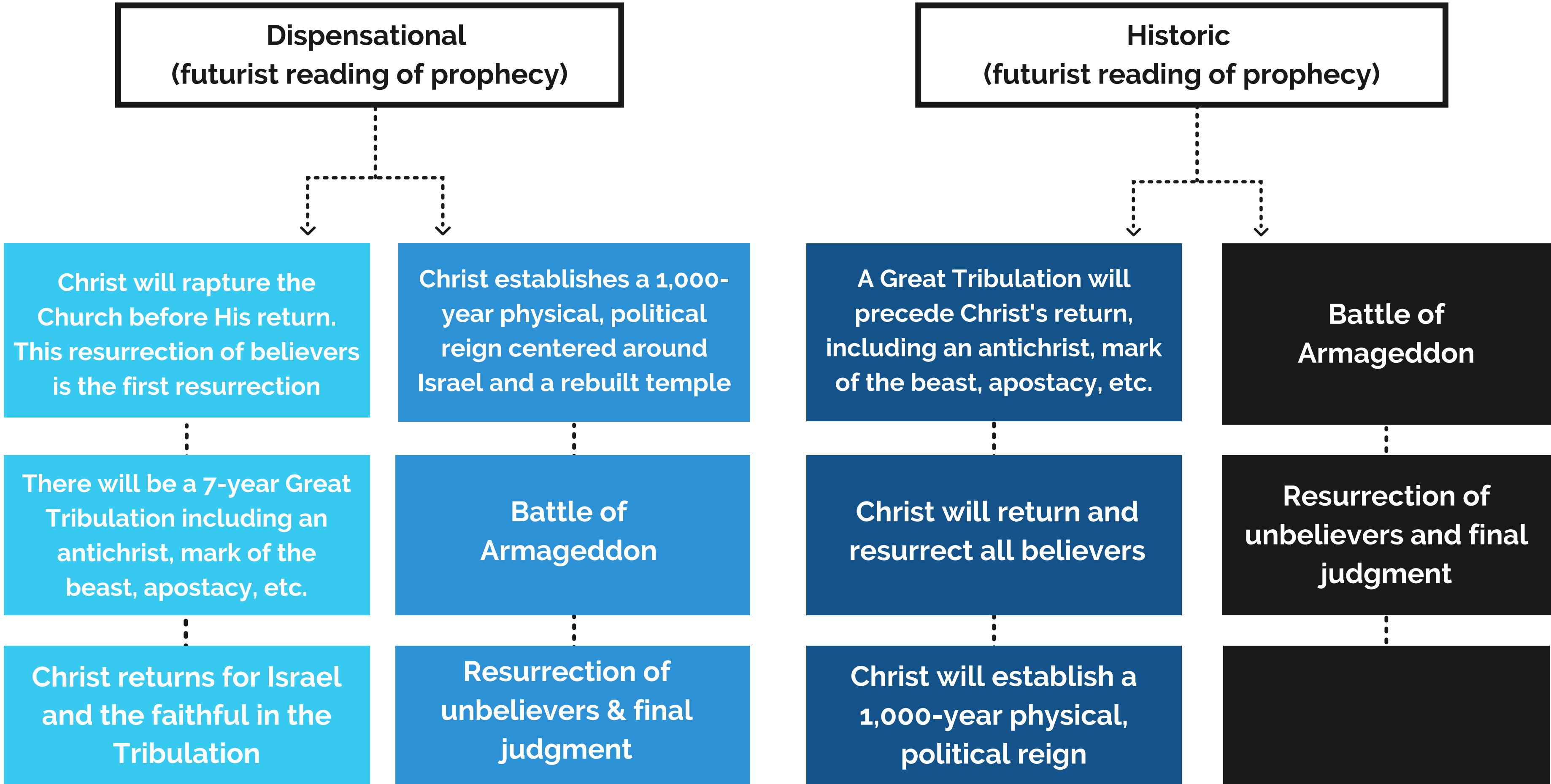
Christ will return and resurrect all believers

Resurrection of unbelievers and final judgment

Christ returns for Israel and the faithful in the Tribulation

Resurrection of unbelievers & final judgment

Christ will establish a 1,000-year physical, political reign



POSTMILLENNIALISM

Amillennialism
(modified idealist reading of prophecy)

The 1,000-year binding of Satan in the Church age is the spiritual reign of Christ and the saints

The signs of the last days occur in varying degrees throughout the Church but will reach a climactic expression before Christ's return

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Postmillennialism
(preterist reading of prophecy)

Most of the prophetic passages were fulfilled in the events surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

There will be a time in history before the return of Christ when the gospel will have won the victory in the earth. This is the millenium.

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TIMING: IS THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST BEFORE OR AFTER HIS RETURN?

AFTER



PRE MILLENNIAL



Nature: Is the millennial reign Jewish or ecclesial in nature?

JEWISH



DISPENSATIONAL

ECCLESIAL



HISTORIC

BEFORE



POST MILLENNIAL



Nature: Is the millennial reign spiritual and hidden or spiritual and visible?

HIDDEN



AMILLENIAL

VISIBLE



POSTMILLENNIAL



Dispensationalism Review:

- Old Testament: Israel, law, physical/earth, literal
- New Testament: The Church (gentiles), grace, spiritual/heaven, figurative
- History is divided into dispensations:
 - a. New way to relate to God (test)
 - b. Ends in failure and sin
 - c. God judges the wicked and rescues a faithful remnant to start a new dispensation



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And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

GENESIS 1:16–18



“The kings came, they fought; then fought the kings of Canaan, at Taanach, by the waters of Megiddo; they got no spoils of silver. From heaven the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera.

JUDGES 5:19–20



Behold, on the day of the Lord comes, cruel,
with wrath and fierce anger, to make the
land a desolation and to destroy its
sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens
and their constellations will not give their
light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and
the moon will not shed its light.

ISAIAH 13:9–10



Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. All the host of heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree.

ISAIAH 34:3–5



For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction.

ISAIAH 34:3-5



“And on that day,” declares the Lord God, “I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.

AMOS 8:9–10



When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and put darkness on your land, declares the Lord God.

EZEKIEL 32:7-8



And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.

MATTHEW 12:32



Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil.

MATTHEW 13:36-43



Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

MATTHEW 13:36–43



And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers[b] or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.”

LUKE 18:29–30



and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

EPHESIANS 1:19–21



But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20–26



Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20–26



But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 PETER 3:8-13



But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a roar,
and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and
dissolved, and the earth and the works that are
done on it will be exposed. Since all these
things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of
people ought you to be in lives of holiness and
godliness,

2 PETER 3:8–13



waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

2 PETER 3:8–13



For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

ROMANS 8:18–23



For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

ROMANS 8:18–23



“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father,

MATTHEW 25:31–46



inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

MATTHEW 25:31-46



And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,[f] you did it to me.' "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

MATTHEW 25:31–46



For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'

MATTHEW 25:31-46



Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MATTHEW 25:31-46



since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:6–8



Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1–8



For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness[b] is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1–8



And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1–8



But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18



For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18



And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

LUKE 17:22–37



They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

LUKE 17:22–37



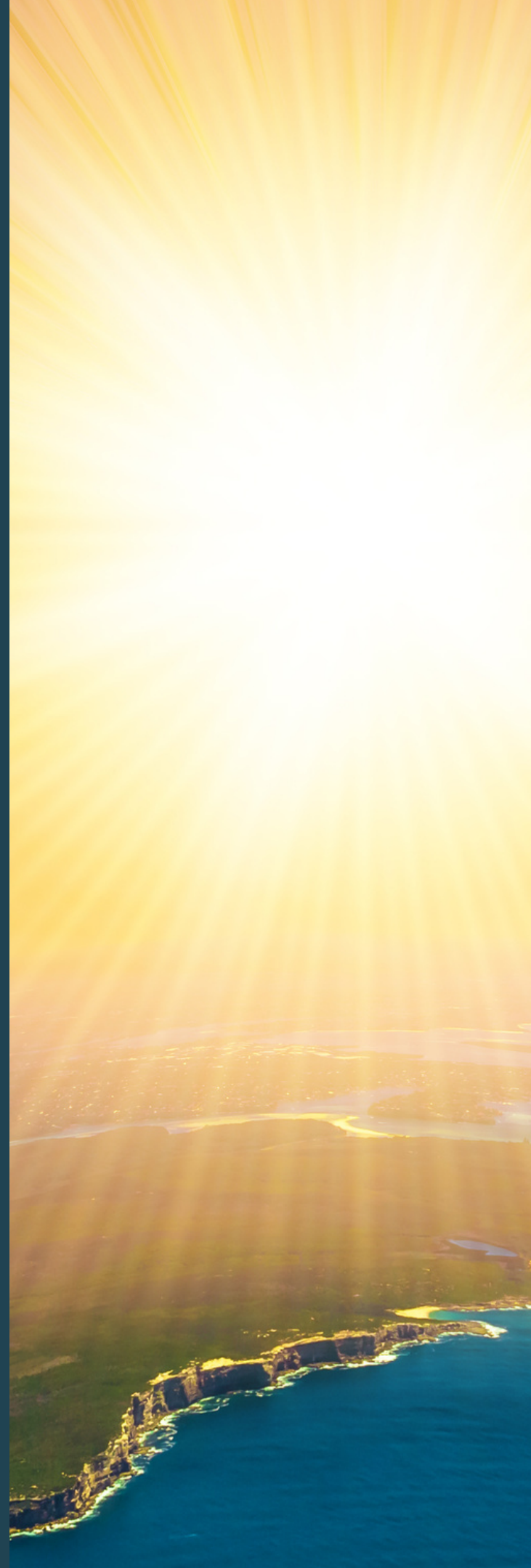
On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together.

LUKE 17:22-37



One will be taken and the other left.” And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

LUKE 17:22–37



“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

MATTHEW 24:36–42



Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

MATTHEW 24:36-42

