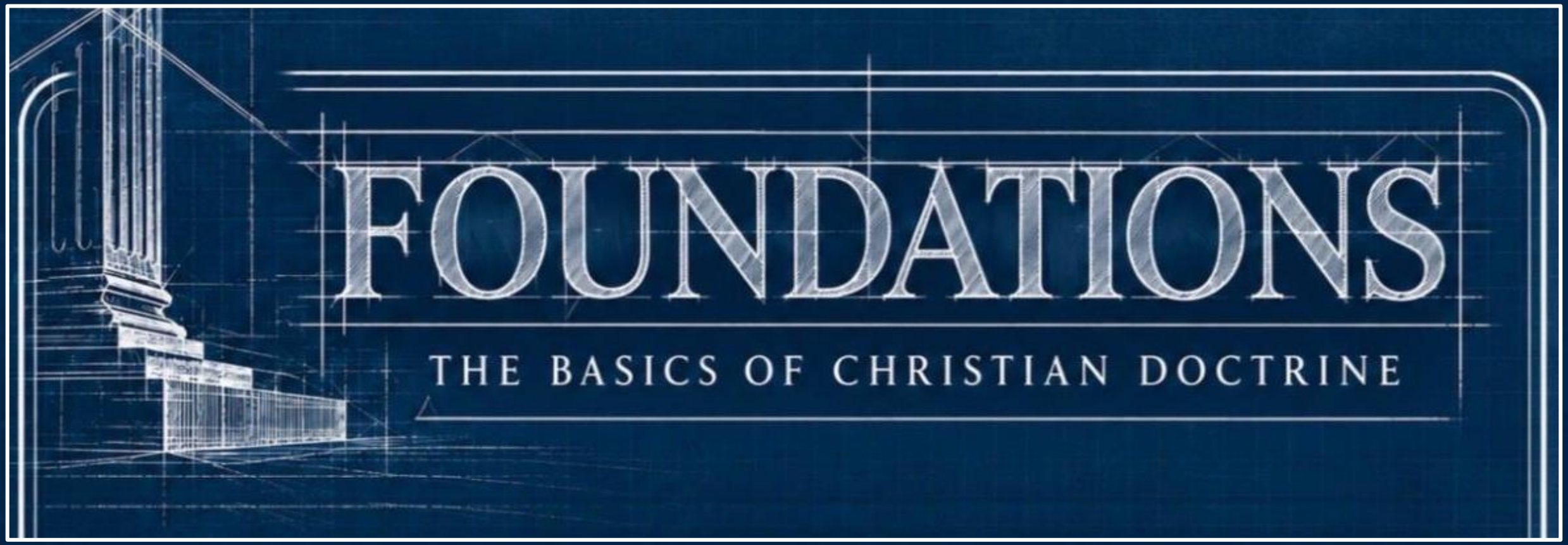

FOUNDATIONS
THE BASICS OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

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# Eschatology

# What is Eschatology?

A term not found in scripture meaning ideas about the ‘end’ or ‘last’ (Greek *eschatos*) period of history or existence. *Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary*

The study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. *Source: https://www.gotquestions.org/Eschatology.html*

Eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. Many treat Eschatology as an area of theology to be avoided. Of course, Eschatology is not as crucial as Christology or Soteriology. That does not mean, though, that it is unimportant to a Biblical worldview. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God's plan.

A key verse on Eschatology is Titus 2:13: "we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

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Eschatology is the study of the last things or the last days on earth. This theological doctrine seeks to understand what events will occur when Jesus returns to earth for His Second Coming, when they will occur, in what order they will occur, and how His return will affect the world. Eschatology describes Jesus' return to earth to reign over His glorious kingdom.

Christology is the study of Jesus Christ. Christology seeks to understand who Christ is, what He does, why He came to earth, and how human beings are to know Him personally. One's belief about who Christ is impacts one's belief and understanding of His Second Coming. Therefore, one's Christology affects one's eschatology. Those who believe that the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is alive and will return to earth to judge and rule probably also believe that He is the living Son of God and conqueror of sin and death. Scripture teaches that Jesus Christ came to earth to live as a man, ministered for three years, was crucified on a Roman cross, and was resurrected three days later. If a person does not believe in the resurrection because they doubt Jesus' deity, they have a low view of Christology and are unlikely to believe He will return to reign on earth.

# 3 Comings of Jesus Christ – 1 Past, 2 Future

Past

1. Jesus came the first time – born as the Christ child

Future

2. Jesus will come to get His bride, the Church (Rapture)

3. Jesus will come with His bride (Second Coming)

# Possible order of End Times events

- Rapture of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- Israel defeats her surrounding neighbors (Psalm 83)
- Battle of Gog and Magog (Ezekiel 38-39)
- Antichrist makes peace treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27)
- Seven-Year Tribulation (Daniel 9:24-27)
- Antichrist sets himself up to be worshipped (Revelation 13:4, 8)
- Second Coming of Jesus (Matthew 24:30, Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7)
- Battles of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16)
- Sheep/Goat Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Millennial Kingdom of Jesus on earth (Revelation 20:1-6)

# What is the Rapture?

The rapture of the church is the event in which God “snatches away” all believers from the earth in order to make way for His righteous judgment to be poured out on the earth during the tribulation period. The rapture is described primarily in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 and 1 Corinthians 15:50–54. God will resurrect all believers who have died, give them glorified bodies, and take them from the earth, along with all living believers, who will also be given glorified bodies at that time. “For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

The rapture will involve an instantaneous transformation of our bodies to fit us for eternity. “We know that when he [Christ] appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). The rapture is to be distinguished from the second coming. At the rapture, the Lord comes “in the clouds” to meet us “in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). At the second coming, the Lord descends all the way to the earth to stand on the Mount of Olives, resulting in a great earthquake followed by a defeat of God’s enemies (Zechariah 14:3–4).

The doctrine of the rapture was not taught in the Old Testament, which is why Paul calls it a “mystery” now revealed: “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:51–52).

The rapture of the church is a glorious event we should all be longing for. We will finally be free from sin. We will be in God’s presence forever. There is far too much debate over the meaning and scope of the rapture. This is not God’s intent. Rather, the rapture should be a comforting doctrine full of hope; God wants us to “encourage each other with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

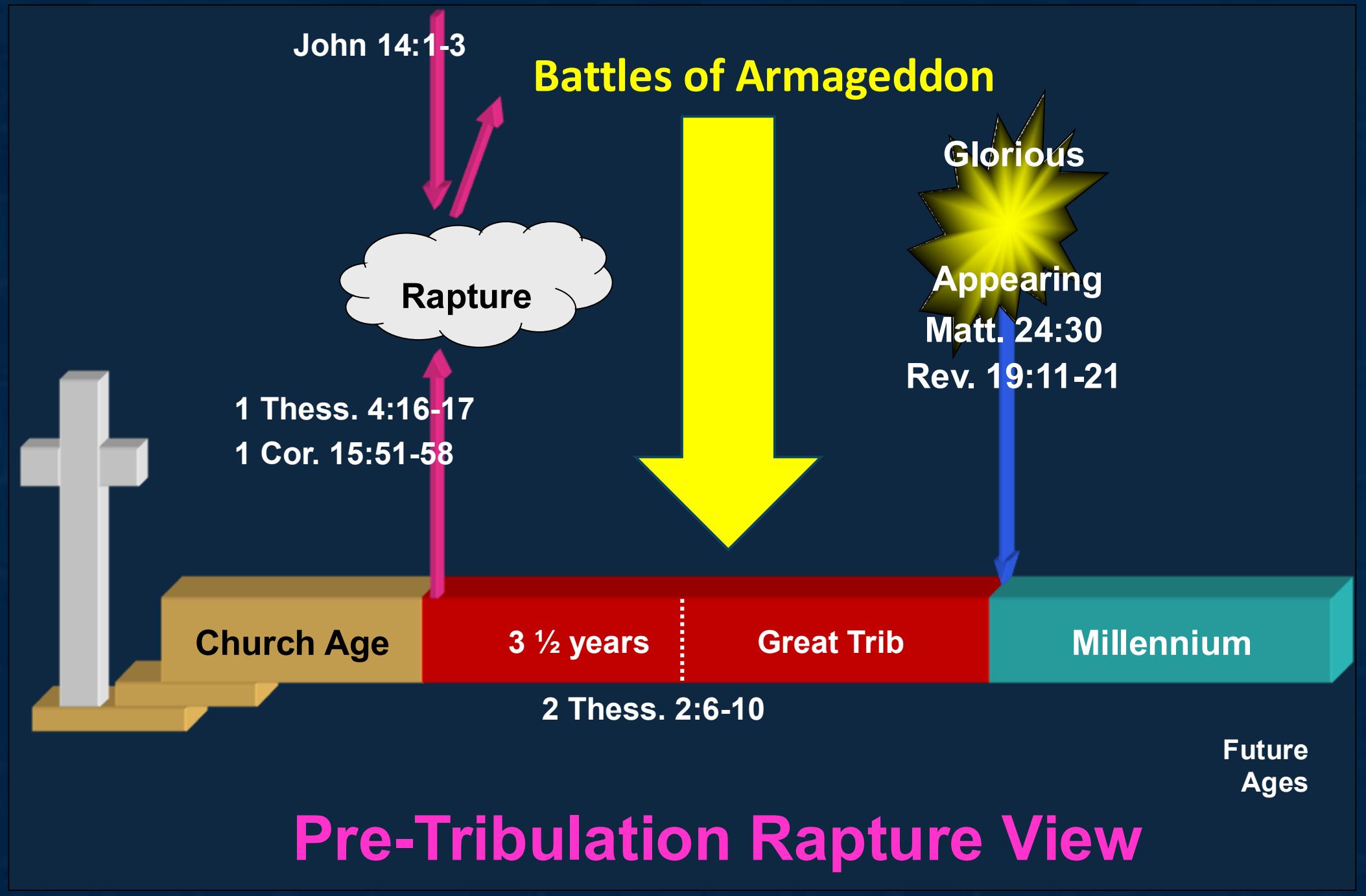
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The most common issue centered around the Rapture has to do with the timing of it. There are four main views:

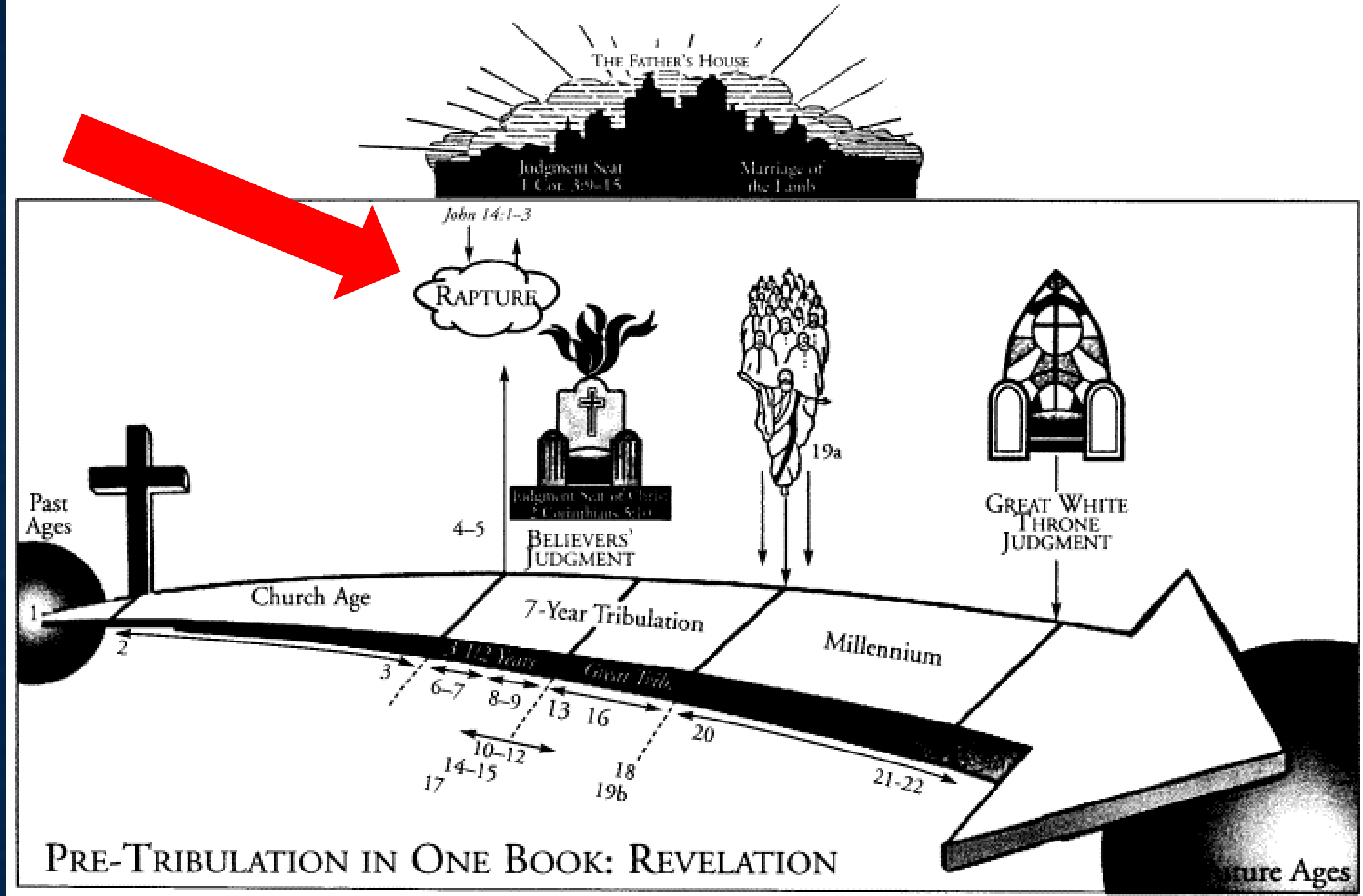
- **Pre-Tribulation Rapture:** This view maintains the rapture occurs when Jesus comes secretly to gather the church prior a seven-year Great Tribulation that precedes the return of Christ to earth.
- **Mid-Tribulation Rapture:** This is similar to the pre-tribulation view except that it locates the rapture after the first three-and-half years at the point when the Anti-Christ assumes power.
- **Pre-Wrath Rapture:** This position argues that the rapture will occur toward the end of the tribulation before the outpouring of God's wrath with the bowl judgments (Revelation 16) prior to the return of Christ.
- **Post-Tribulation:** This view sees the rapture as occurring simultaneous to the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation.

# What is the Rapture?

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



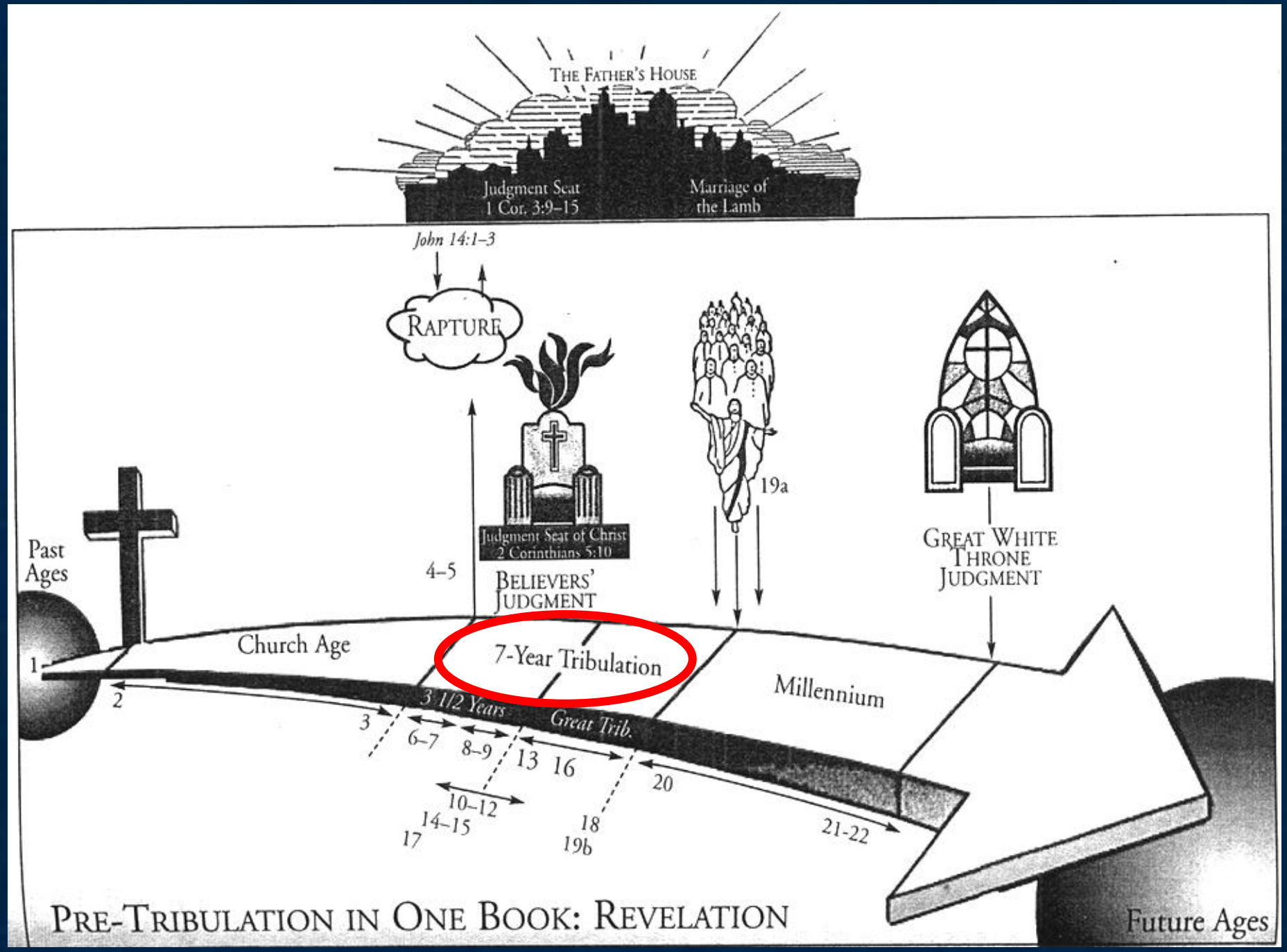

# Pre-Tribulation Rapture View


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Pre-Tribulation in One Book: Revelation

“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. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort (encourage, *parakaleite)* one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

# Examples of rapture in the Bible

1. Enoch (Genesis 5:24)
2. Elijah (2 Kings 2:1)
3. Philip (Acts 8:39-40)
4. Jesus (Acts 1:9-10)


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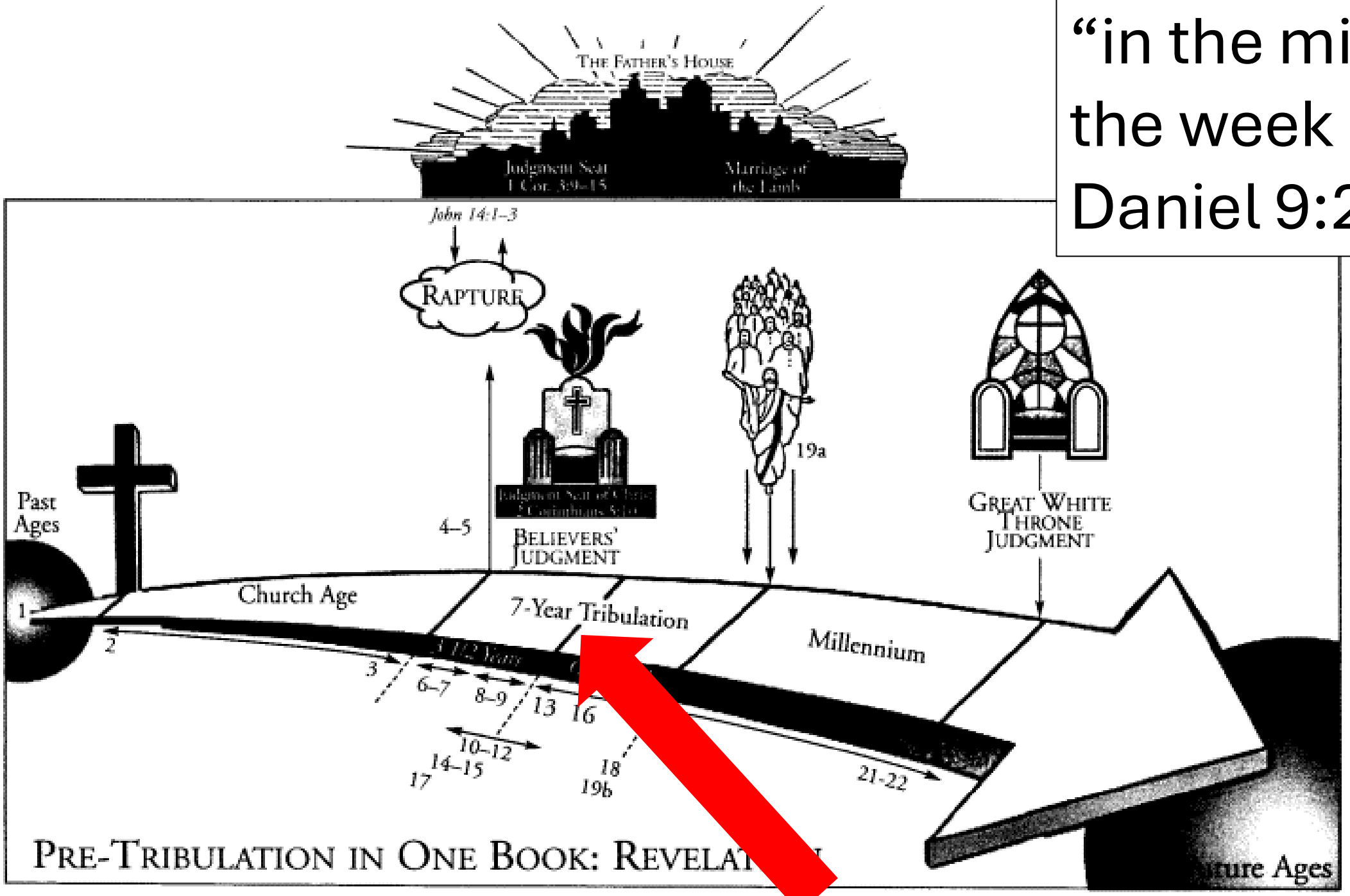
Apostle John wrote, “Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.” 1 John 2:18

“Anti”=opposed to, against, in the place of, a substitute for; He will be both opposed to God and a substitute for God. He will pretend to be Jesus.

“Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.” Daniel 9:24-26

“And he (antichrist) will make a firm covenant with the many for one week (seven), but in the middle of the week (seven… after 3.5 years) he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.” Daniel 9:27

“in the middle of the week (seven)” Daniel 9:27



# Revelation 13

## Satanic/Unholy/Evil Trinity during the End Times

- Satan (dragon) – imitates the Father
- Antichrist (first beast) – imitates the Son
- False Prophet (second beast) – imitates the Holy Spirit

“And the dragon *(Satan)* stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.” Revelation 13:1-2

“I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; ” Revelation 13:3

How can the whole world be amazed?

“they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?’” Revelation 13:4

They worshiped the dragon (Satan) because he gave his authority to the beast (antichrist)

“There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months *(3.5 years)* was given to him. And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven. It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him *(political power).*” Revelation 13:5-7

# How could the antichrist come to power?

"authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him" Revelation 13:7

- COVID vaccines cost $20-30 per dose.
- $20 per dose X 8 Billion people = $160 Billion
- What would it take for Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos or Bill Gates to become the ruler of the world?
- These men are NOT the antichrist, but you could see them being in the position for the world's leaders to GIVE them ruling power.

Forbes List of October 11, 2021
https://www.businessinsider.in/business/news/top-10-richest-people-in-the-world/articleshow/74415117.cms

“All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.  If anyone has an ear, let him hear.  If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.”  Revelation 13:8-10

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed *(religious power)*. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. ” Revelation 13:11-14

“And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” Revelation 13:15

Jesus said, “Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.” Matthew 24:9

“And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name *(economic power)*.”
Revelation 13:16-17

“Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.”
Revelation 13:18

What does “666” mean?

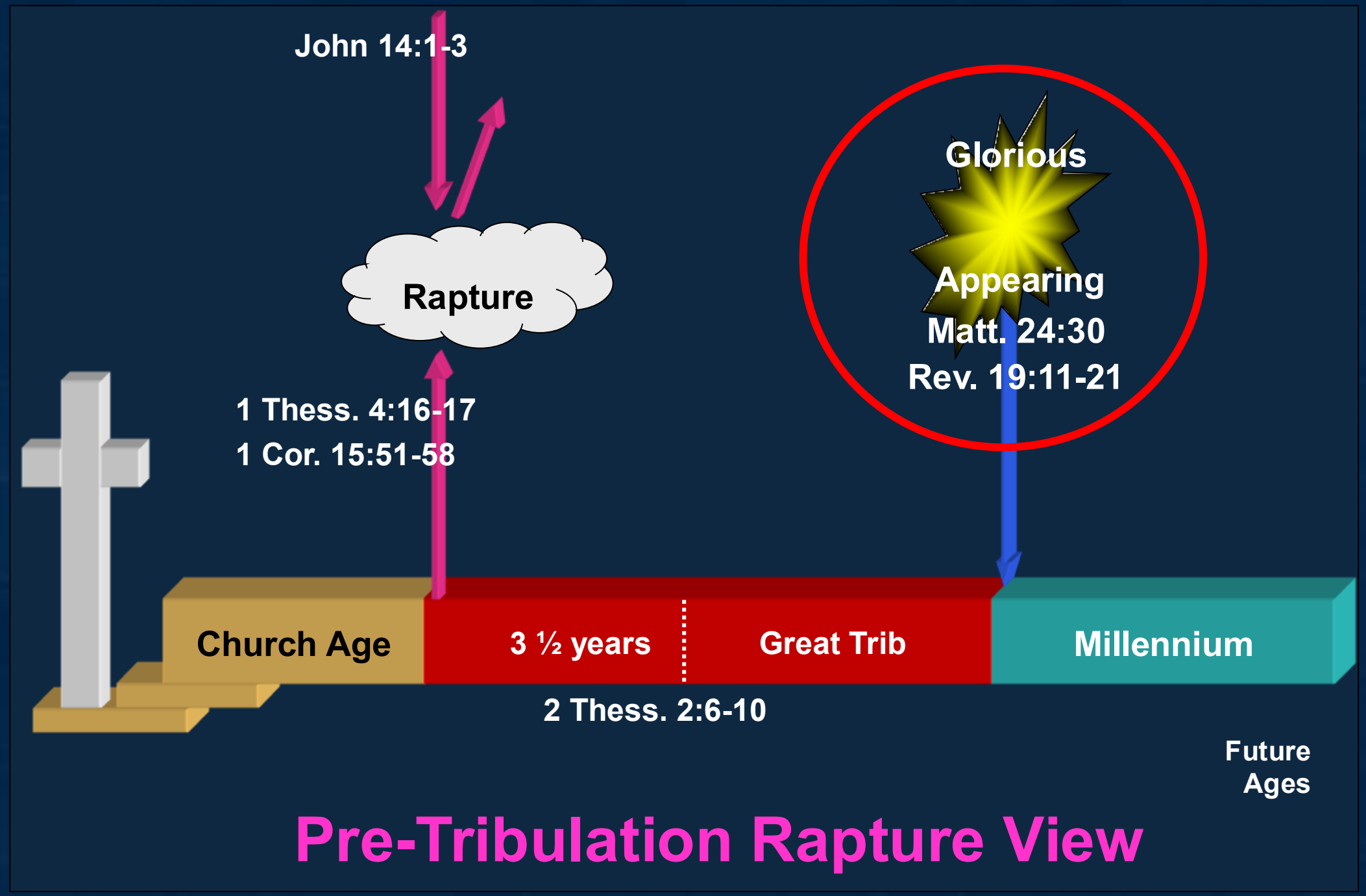
# Why is it called “Tribulation”?

Jesus said, “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.” Matthew 24:21

θλῖψις [*thlipsis*] noun; 45 occurrences; AV translates as “tribulation” 21 times, “affliction” 17 times, “trouble” three times, “anguish” once, “persecution” once, “burdened” once, and “to be afflicted” once.

- **Matthew 24:21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.
- **Daniel 12:1** "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.
- **Matthew 24:29** "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
- **Matthew 24:22** And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.
- **Daniel 9:27** And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

- **Revelation 3:10** Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
- **Daniel 9:24** “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.”
- **Revelation 13:5** And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.
- **Revelation 7:14** I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.




# Pre-Tribulation Rapture View

# Does the Bible talk about the Second Coming of Jesus?

"There are 300 prophecies about the First Coming of Jesus in the Old Testament, but there are 500 in the Old Testament about His Second Coming! And in the New Testament, one out of every 25 verses has to do with the Second Coming of Jesus." – Dr. David Reagan

http://christinprophecy.org/articles/jesus-is-coming-soon-2/

# Bible passages referring to Christ's Second Coming

- Psalm 2:1–9; 24:7–10; 96:10–13; 110
- Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:6–7; 24:21-23
- Jeremiah 23:1–8; 33:6-18
- Ezekiel 20:33-44; 37:15–28; 39:21-29
- Daniel 2:44–45; 7:13–14
- Hosea 3:4–5
- Amos 9:11–15
- Joel 3:14-17, 21
- Micah 4:1-7
- Zephaniah 3:14-20
- Zechariah 2:10–12; 12; 6:12-13; 14:1–9

**Old Testament**

- Matthew 19:28; 24:27–31; 25:6, 31–46
- Mark 13:24–27
- Luke 1:26-38; 12:35–40; 17:24–37; 18:8; 21:25–28
- Acts 1:10–11; 3:21; 15:16–18
- Romans 11:25–27
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- 2 Peter 3:3–4
- Jude 14–15
- Revelation 1:7–8; 2:25–28; 11:15; 16:15; 22:20

**New Testament**

# Second Coming of Jesus

Matthew 24

# His Return – Second Coming of Jesus

Jesus said, “But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.” Matthew 24:29-31

# Preparing for His Return – Look for Signs

Jesus said, “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, **when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.** Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” Matthew 24:32-35

# Preparing for His Return

**“But of that day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 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, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken (judged) and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.” Matthew 24:36-41

# Preparing for His Return

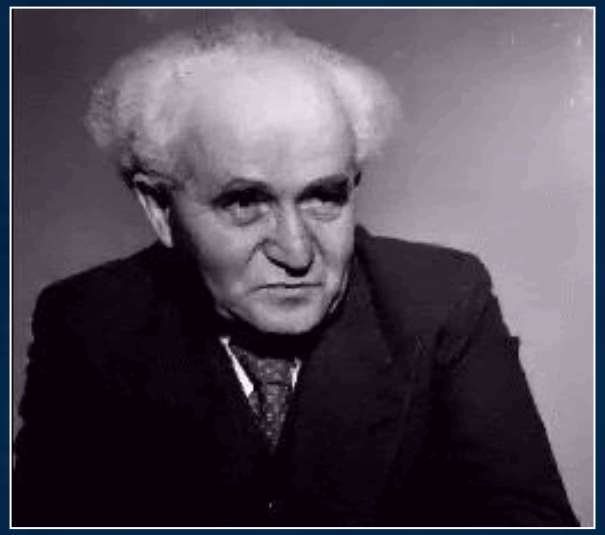
"**Therefore be on the alert**, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will." Matthew 24:42-44

# What are the signs of the Second Coming of Jesus?

# Sign 1: Rebirth of the Nation of Israel

## Will God keep His promises?

- God said to Abraham, “I am the Lord who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to posses it.” Genesis 15:7
- God said to Abraham, “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.” Genesis 17:7
- God said to Isaac, “Sojourn in this land and I will be with you and bless you, for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I swore to your father Abraham.” Genesis 26:3
- God said to Jacob, “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.” Genesis 28:13





- At 4 pm on May 14, 1948, in Tel Aviv, David Ben-Gurion read the Declaration of Independence of the new State of Israel and for the first time since 135 AD, there was a land called Israel in existence.
- David Ben-Gurion read a 979-word declaration of independence in front of a small audience at the Tel Aviv Art Museum. He finished, "The state of Israel is established! The meeting is ended." At midnight, British rule over the land lapsed; 11 minutes later White House spokesman Charlie Ross announced U.S. recognition.
- "God put you in your mother's womb," the Chief Rabbi of Israel later told President Harry Truman, "so you would be the instrument to bring the rebirth of Israel.“
- “Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once?” Isaiah 66:8

Source: Romesh Ratnesar, TIME: 80 Days That Changed the World, *May 14, 1948*: The Dawn of Israel

# Sign 2: Re-Unification of Europe

"Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the **people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary**. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined. And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate." Daniel 9:26-27

Who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in August, 70 AD?
**The Roman army**, led by the future Emperor Titus, to fulfill the prophecy of Jesus in Matthew 24:2.

# Territory of the Ancient Roman Empire



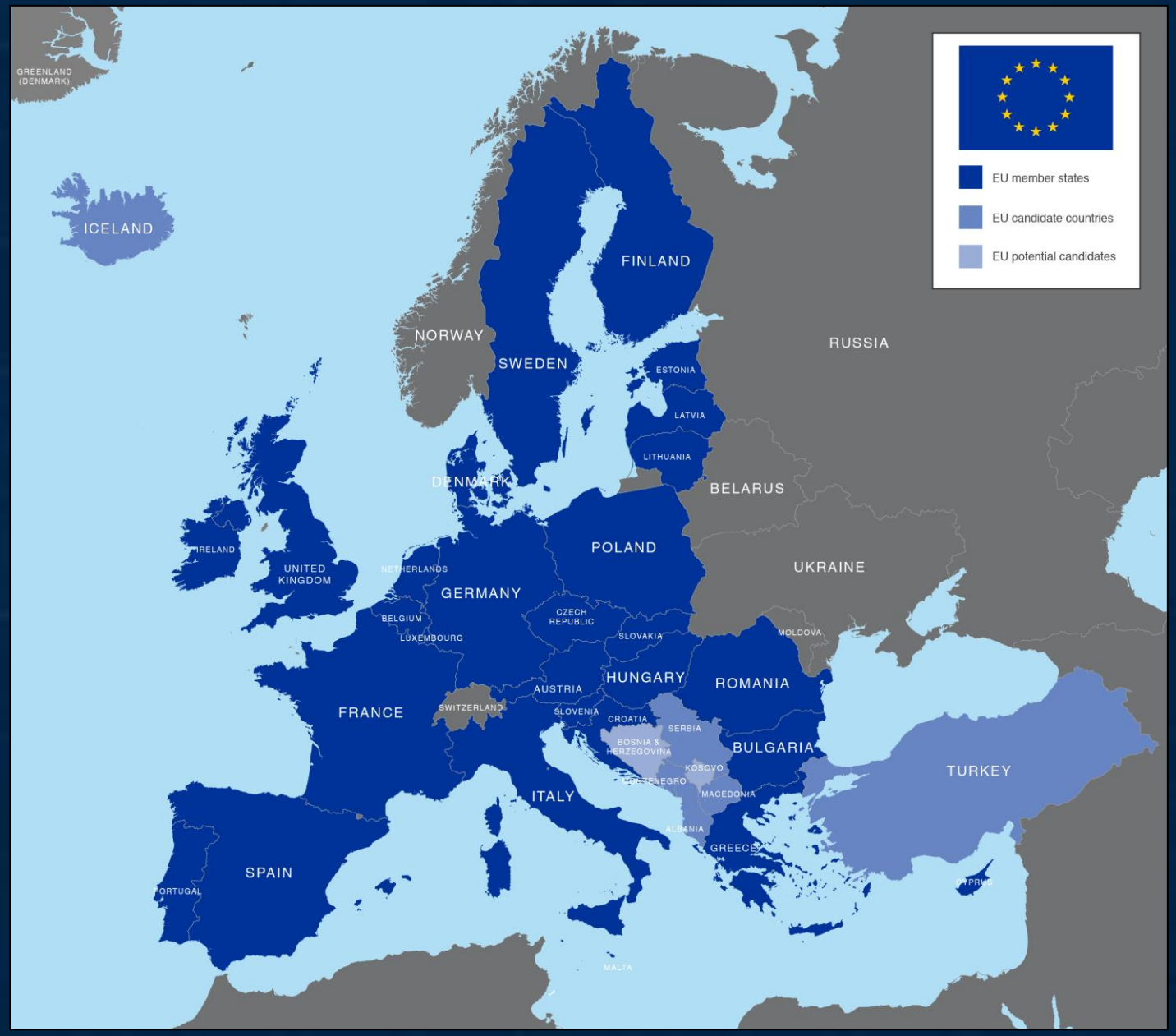
# European Union (EU) = Revival of Ancient Roman Empire

"ten horns" in Daniel 7:7

**<u>Original 10 Nations of EU</u>**

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| Germany | France |
| Italy | United Kingdom |
| Belgium | Netherlands |
| Luxembourg | Portugal |
| Spain | Greece |

*Now 28 member states



# Sign 3: Rise of radical Islam

- Root of conflict is rivalry between Isaac and Ishmael, sons of Abraham
- Eventually will result in the War of Gog (leader) and Magog (nation) as described in Ezekiel chapters 38-39
- Nations will join together to destroy Israel, but God will intervene
- "You will fall on the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you" Ezekiel 39:4
- Invasion to take place just prior to Rapture or simultaneous with it

# Sign 4: Revealing of the Antichrist

- He rises up out of the European Union, the revived form of the Ancient Roman Empire
- He will rule the world for 7 years, called the “time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7), called “Tribulation” by Jesus in Matthew 24:21 and described in Revelation 6:1-19:11
- He will seem to be a miracle worker and nations will follow him willingly
- Israel will establish worship in the rebuilt Jewish Temple in Jerusalem for the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation
- After 3.5 years, Antichrist will establish himself as the one to be worshipped

# Sign 5: One-world government and one-world religion

- During the Tribulation, chaos, disease, famine, warfare will cause people to seek a unifying political leader
- The Antichrist will establish a peace treaty with Israel
- After 3.5 years, the Satanic Trinity will force the inhabitants of earth to worship Antichrist
- False Prophet will order an image of the first beast, the Antichrist, to be set up on a wing of the rebuilt temple and will order the execution of all who do not cooperate
- Antichrist will force everyone to take a mark either in their forehead  or on their right hand and without this mark one will not be able to survive (buy or sell)

It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and **authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him**. **All who dwell on the earth will worship him**, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. Revelation 13:7-8

And **he causes all**, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, **to be given a mark** on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Revelation 13:16-17

# Sign 6: Rebuilding of the Jewish Temple

- First Temple in Jerusalem, built by King Solomon, stood for 374 years until Babylonians destroyed it in 586 BC
- Second Temple, rebuilt under leadership of Zerubbabel and Ezra, later enlarged by Herod the Great, towered over Jerusalem for 586 years until destroyed by Roman tenth legion in 70 AD
- Since 70 AD it has been the desire of the Jewish people to rebuild their Temple, especially since 1948. Desire escalated in June 1967 when the Israelites captured the Old City of Jerusalem and the 35 acres known as Temple Mount.
- In June 1967, Israeldefeated Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The City of Jerusalem, divided since 1948, was about to be united. For the first time since 70 AD, the Jewish people would be allowed to pray at the Western Wall. Israeli General Moshe Dayan of the IDF decided to allow the defeated Muslims to continue to exercise control over the Temple Mount.

# Dome of the Rock



# Western Wall









- **Measuring cups are** used for measuring flour, wine and oil, of which specific amounts are prescribed to be used as ingredients in various offerings.
- **The copper vessel** is used for preparing the meal offering. Meal offerings are made using various amounts of flour, oil and spices.
- On Yom Kippur, the High Priest reaches into the **lottery box** and chooses lots. Thus is determined which goat will be used as an offering to God, and which will be sent off to *Azazel*, as an atonement for the sins of the people. During the First Temple, the lots were fashioned of wood. In the time of the Second Temple, they were of gold. The lots pictured above are fashioned of both wood and gold.
- **The silver cup, with the golden flask,** is used in the Festival of the Water Libation, which takes place during the Holiday of Succot. At dawn, the priests and levites, accompanied by the throngs of participants, wend their way down to the Spring of Shiloach. Water is drawn from the spring, and carried up the the Temple in the golden flask, where it is poured into the silver cup, as it rests atop the altar.

# Sign 7: Gospel will be preached in the whole world

Jesus said, “This gospel of the kingdom **shall be preached in the whole world** as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

**Bible Translation:** Of the approximately 7,100 languages, about 1,530 have the New Testament available covering over 95% of the world’s population. The goal is to start all needed translations by 2025.

**10/40 Window:** The 67 countries of the 10/40 Window are home to over 5,900 unreached people groups. 5 out of every 6 unreached people groups are in the 10/40 Window.

**50 Largest Unreached People Groups:** Comprised of 1.5 billion souls. One in every five people on earth live in these 50 largest unreached peoples. Every group is larger than 10,000,000 and none have an indigenous church capable of reaching the rest of the group. 47 of these groups are in closed or restricted countries.

https://joshuaproject.net/assets/media/handouts/status-of-world-evangelization.pdf

## Sign 8: Ease of worldwide travel, technological advances

"But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and **knowledge will increase**." Daniel 12:4

# Sign 9: Increase in deadly diseases

Jesus said, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places **plagues** and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.” Luke 21:10-11



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## Deadly Infectious Disease Outbreaks Are Occurring All Over The World

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By Alex Berezow — July 16, 2018

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Infectious diseases never go away.

Living in the developed world, it's certainly tempting to think that they do. Our triumph over microbes has lulled many people into a false sense of security, which has, in part, fueled the anti-vaccine movement. If we don't see people dying of diphtheria, is a vaccine against it actually necessary?

Citizens of the developing world don't have the luxury to ask such

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**Infectious disease remains a national and global security threat.** Because of the ease with which people can travel around the world, we should expect other exotic diseases to arrive in America. Ebola, Lassa, and Zika have already done so, and yet-to-be-identified microbes are also likely to be imported. **War and natural disasters exacerbate infectious disease.** Cholera, in particular, spreads rapidly in unsanitary conditions, as was demonstrated following the earthquake in Haiti in 2010. Approximately 800,000 were infected and more than 9,000 were killed.

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# Sign 10: Worldwide Earthquakes

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## Significant world earthquakes in the last 60 days

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| 2026/10/25 | 02:09:23.8 | 27.795 | 139.618 | 492 | 6.5 | 3 | BONIN ISLANDS, JAPAN | |
| 2026/10/24 | 02:31:30.5 | -14.056 | 165.546 | 10 | 6.9 | 5 | VANUATU | |
| 2026/10/22 | 14:33:40.2 | 32.381 | 93.780 | 18 | 7.0 | 7 | XIZANG,CHINA | |
| 2026/10/16 | 03:35:32.6 | 51.985 | 157.270 | 135 | 6.9 | 5 | KAMCHATKA | |
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# Sign 11: Possession of Jerusalem disputed

"It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And **all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it**."
Zechariah 12:3

The New York Times

## *Defying Trump, U.N. General Assembly Condemns U.S. Decree on Jerusalem*



The Palestinian foreign minister, Riad Malki, addressed the United Nations General Assembly on Thursday. Justin Lane/European Pressphoto Agency

By Rick Gladstone and Mark Landler

Dec. 21, 2017

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UNITED NATIONS — A lopsided majority of United Nations members rebuked the United States on Thursday, denouncing its decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and ignoring President Trump's threats to retaliate by cutting aid to countries voting against it.

In a collective act of defiance toward Washington, the United Nations General Assembly voted 128 to 9, with 35 abstentions, for a resolution demanding that the United States rescind its Dec. 6 declaration on Jerusalem, the contested holy city.

The resolution is nonbinding and therefore largely symbolic, but the vote indicated the extent to which the Trump administration's departure from a 50-year international consensus on Jerusalem's status has unsettled world politics and contributed to America's diplomatic isolation.

Major allies like Britain, France, Germany and Japan voted for the resolution, though some allies, like Australia and Canada, abstained.

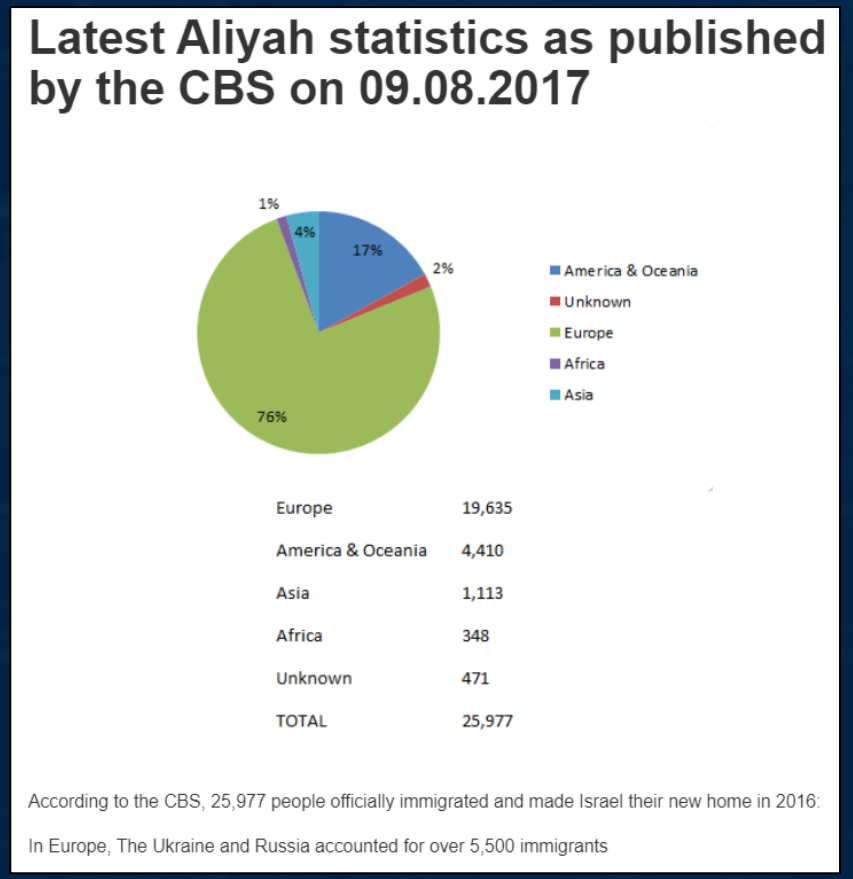
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# Sign 12: Return of Jews to their homeland

The Lord said, “For **I will take you from the nations**, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.” Ezekiel 36:24

**Aliyah (immigration of Jews to Israel) statistics**

The chief countries sending immigrants to Israel in 2017 were Russia (27%), the Ukraine (25%), France (13%) and the United States (10%). Most of the immigrants—20,200 people, or 75 percent of all immigrants—came from Europe. 4,200, or 15 percent of the immigrant population, came from the US and the Ukraine. Lastly, 1,400—or 5 percent—came from Asia and 1,200—4 percent—came from Africa.

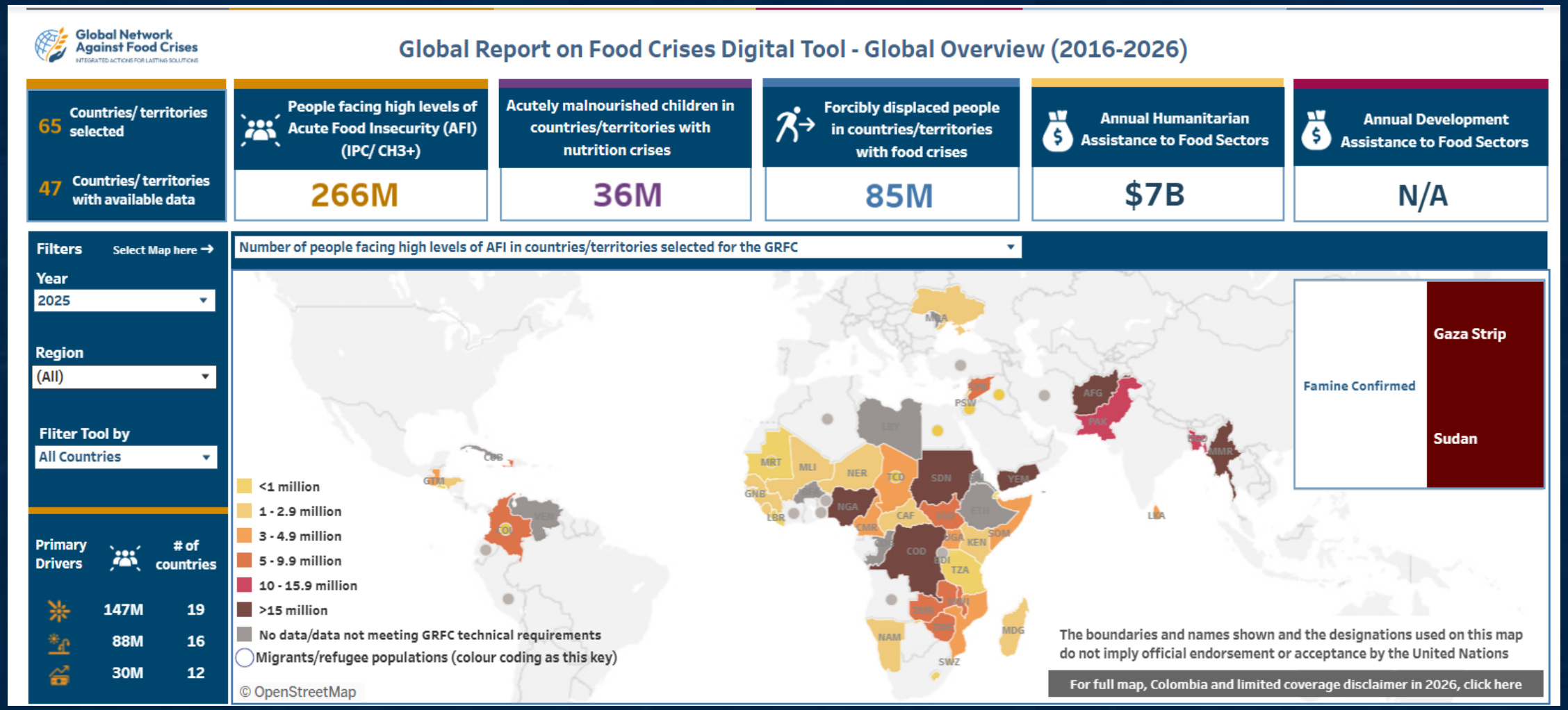



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# Sign 13: Worldwide Famines

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November 18, 2026

Jesus said, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be **famines** and earthquakes.” Matthew 24:7



## Sign 14: All the signs coming together

Jesus said, “But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because **your redemption is drawing near**.” Luke 21:28

“Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” Matthew 24:3

# 14 Signs of the Second Coming of Jesus

1. Rebirth of the nation of Israel
2. Re-unification of Europe
3. Rise of radical Islam
4. Revealing of the antichrist
5. One-world government and religion
6. Rebuilding of the Jewish Temple
7. Gospel will be preached in the whole world
8. Ease of worldwide travel, technological advances
9. Increase in deadly diseases
10. Worldwide earthquakes
11. Possession of Jerusalem disputed
12. Return of Jews to their homeland
13. Worldwide Famines
14. All of the signs coming together

# Important Reminders

- Haven’t these kinds of events happened throughout the centuries?
- Yes, but the fact that they ALL seem to be happening at once in our generation should garner our attention.
- We cannot say when The End is coming but we can say that the necessary ingredients seem to be present in our generation.

# Millennial (1,000 year) Reign of Jesus

Revelation 20:1-10

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X = Fall
E = Eternity
✝ = Crucifixion/Resurrection

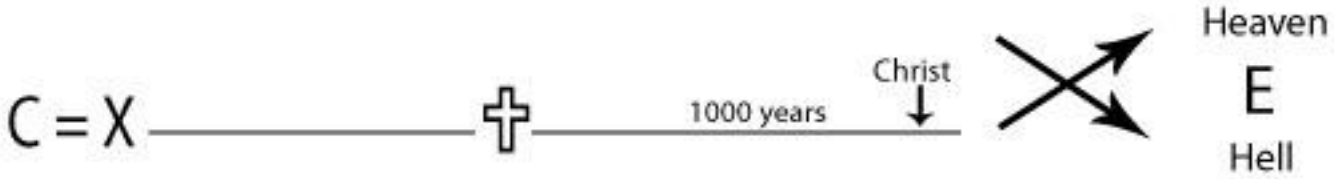
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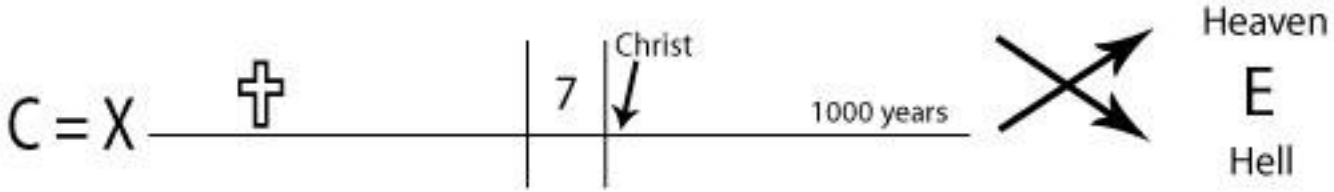
# Millennial Views

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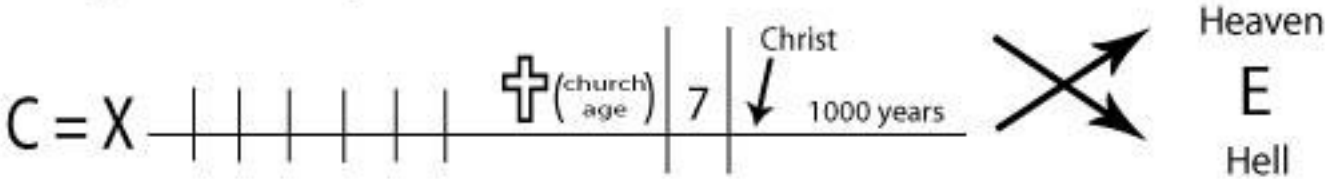



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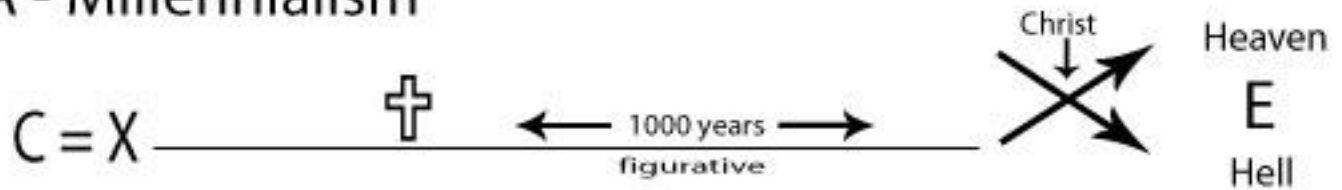
### a. Historical pre-millennialism




### b. Dispensational pre-millenialism




## 3. A - Millennialism



# Millennial Reign of Jesus

- There are at least 1,845 references in the Old Testament and 17 books give prominence to the reign of Jesus on earth during the Millennial Kingdom.
- There are at least 318 references in 216 chapters of the New Testament and 23 of its 27 books give prominence to the event.

Source: Dr. Chuck Missler

John the Apostle writes… “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.  And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”  Revelation 20:1-3

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 not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4-6

# Is it really 1,000 years?

- The Millennial Kingdom is the title given to the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.
- Some seek to interpret the 1,000 years in an allegorical manner. They understand the 1,000 years as merely a figurative way of saying “a long period of time,” not a literal, physical reign of Jesus Christ on the earth.
- However, six times in Revelation 20:2-7, the Millennial Kingdom is specifically said to be 1,000 years in length. If God wished to communicate “a long period of time,” He could have easily done so without explicitly and repeatedly mentioning an exact time frame.

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

- The Bible speaks of the conditions during the Millennium as a perfect environment physically and spiritually.
- It will be a time of **peace** (Micah 4:2–4; Isaiah 32:17–18), **joy** (Isaiah 61:7, 10), and **comfort** (Isaiah 40:1–2).
- It will be a time of **obedience** (Jeremiah 31:33), **holiness** (Isaiah 35:8), **truth** (Isaiah 65:16), and the **knowledge of God** (Isaiah 11:9, Habakkuk 2:14).
- Jesus Christ will rule as King (Isaiah 9:3–7; 11:1–10).
- Nobles and governors will also rule (Isaiah 32:1; Matthew 19:28).
- Jerusalem will be the political center of the world (Zechariah 8:3).

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

- The Temple of the Millennial Kingdom is described in Ezekiel 40-44.
- The glory (כָּבוֹד *kabod*) of the Lord will fill the Temple (Ezekiel 43:5).
- The law given by God through Moses will still be kept, including the sacrifices (Ezekiel 43:19-27).
- The Levites will still minister in the Temple (Ezekiel 44:9-11).
- The laws and statutes delivered by Moses will be obeyed (Ezekiel 44:24).
- The sabbaths and feasts of Israel will still be kept, including the Passover, the feast of Unleavened Bread (Ezekiel 45:21), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Ezekiel 45:25).
- All will know that Jesus gave His life as the perfect sacrifice for all mankind.

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

"And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for **the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea**." Isaiah 11:6-9

# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

"No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his days; for the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred will be thought accursed. They will build houses and inhabit them; they will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and another inhabit, they will not plant and another eat; for as the lifetime of a tree, so will be the days of My people, and My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, and their descendants with them. **It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.** The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent's food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain," says the LORD. Isaiah 65:20-25

# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "**Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths**." For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war. Micah 4:1-3

# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and act wisely and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, '**The LORD our righteousness**.'"
Jeremiah 23:5-6

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# What happens during the Millennial Kingdom?

Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem **will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths** (Tabernacles - Sukkot). And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths. Zechariah 14:16-19

# Who will populate the earth during the Millennium?

- Those who live to the end of the Tribulation and have accepted Jesus as Savior will be allowed to enter the Millennium in the flesh (Matthew 25:3-46).
- Most of those who place their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation will be martyred for their faith (Revelation 7:9-14).
- The believers who go into the Millennium **in the flesh** will begin to propagate, and the population of the world will grow exponentially. The reason the growth will be so rapid is because life spans will be expanded and death will be curtailed.
- Isaiah says that people will live as long as a tree (Isaiah 65:22) and there will no longer be infants who live only a few days (Isaiah 65:20). Those who die at 100 years of age will be considered young, and only those who refuse to accept the Lord will die at that age (Isaiah 65:20). The implication of Isaiah's prophecy is that during the Millennium the life span of those in the flesh will be returned to what it was before the Noahic flood, when people lived 800 to 1,000 years. If so, then by the end of the Millennium, the population of the earth could easily exceed the current seven billion.

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# Will the Millennium take place on this earth or on a new one?

- The millennial reign of Jesus will take place on this earth, but the earth will be greatly changed in nature.
- The first earth, the earth of Adam and Eve, was perfect. There were no poisonous animals or plants. There were no meat-eating animals. There were no natural cataclysms like earthquakes, tsunamis, or hurricanes. Man and nature lived together in perfect harmony.
- But when Man sinned, God placed a curse on the earth, and the nature of the earth was radically changed. Death entered the world. Nature turned against Mankind. This new earth, earth number two, existed until the time of Noah.
- When the worldwide flood occurred, this second earth was "destroyed" (2 Peter 3:6) in the sense that it was radically changed again. The earth's vapor canopy collapsed, its land mass separated into continents, the earth tilted on its axis, and the pressure of the water forced the formation of new mountain ranges. We have been living on earth number three ever since.
- When Jesus returns to reign, the earth will be radically changed once more. The change agents will be earthquakes and supernatural phenomena in the skies (Revelation 6:12-14). Every island will be moved (Revelation 16:18-20). Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain lowered (Isaiah 40:4).
- The topography of Israel will be radically changed, with Jerusalem becoming the highest place on earth (Isaiah 2:2).

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# What happens after the Millennial Kingdom?

When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
Revelation 20:7-10

# Why is Satan released after the 1,000-year reign?

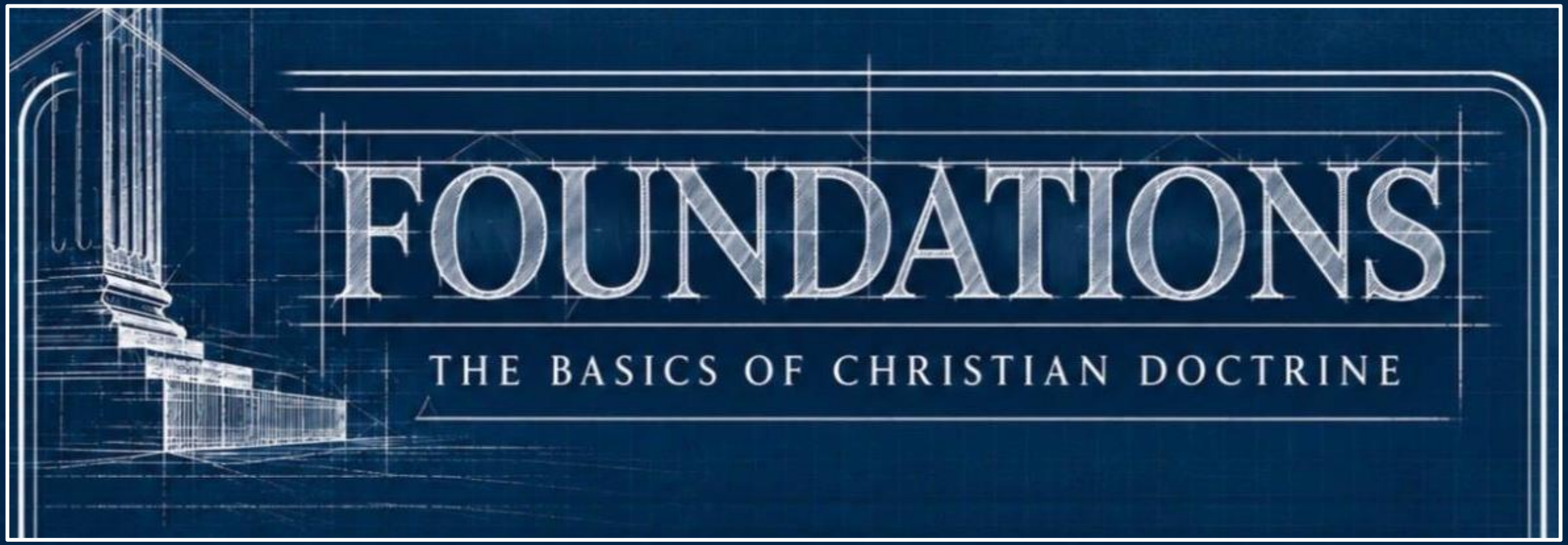
At the end of the Millennial Reign, Satan is loosed and is able to deceive a vast multitude to follow him in one final rebellion against the Lord of glory and His saints! It seems that the further humanity gets from the end of the Tribulation and the start of the Millennium, the more they will "take for granted" how good they have it, and some may even harbor doubts about the goodness of God. Even though the number who rebel with Satan are said to be "as the sand of the sea" (Revelation 20:7-8), they may still be a minority compared to the number who do not rebel. It will still be a large number of souls who join Satan. One of the reasons God gives us this picture of what will happen in time is to demonstrate the deep-seated sin nature inherent in all of humanity (Jeremiah 17:9).

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# Why is Satan released after the 1,000-year reign?

- God is trying to reinforce some very important lessons concerning Satan himself, especially for believers.
- Satan has been and always will be the enemy of humanity. As God has fixed His love on us, Satan has for us a special hatred. Ever since Satan's fall (Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28), he has been the adversary of believers, and he is the ultimate deceiver of mankind (John 8:44; 1 John 2:22). All he can give or promise man is death and destruction (John 10:10a).
- Satan is also shown here to be a truly defeated foe, and his ultimate doom is certain, along with the doom of all who follow him. God is trying to remind us that Satan is a created being who is powerless before Him (2 Corinthians 12:7).
- All this should encourage believers today to take God at His Word concerning our position in Christ with respect to the devil (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; James 4:6-8; 1 John 2:15-29; 1 John 4:1-3), especially as we remember this grand truth: "...greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

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