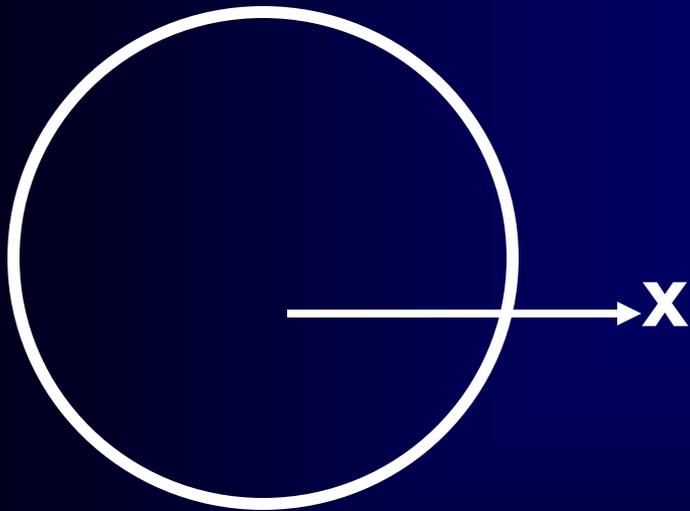


Revelation 3:10, “I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

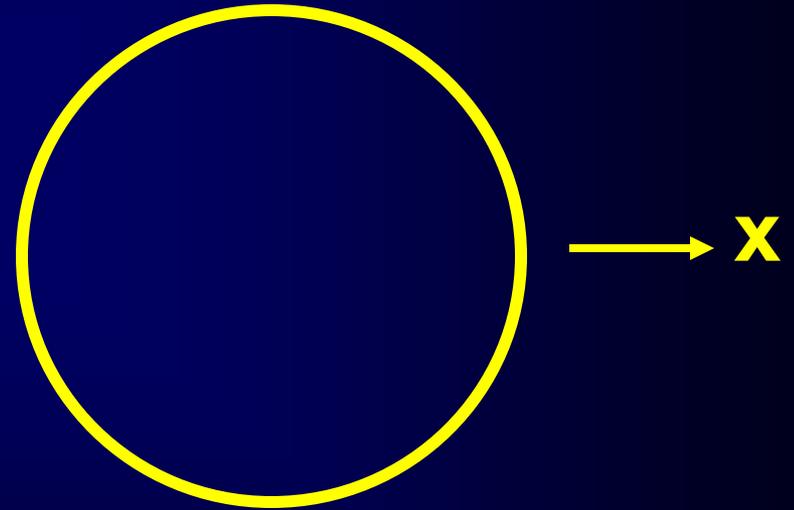
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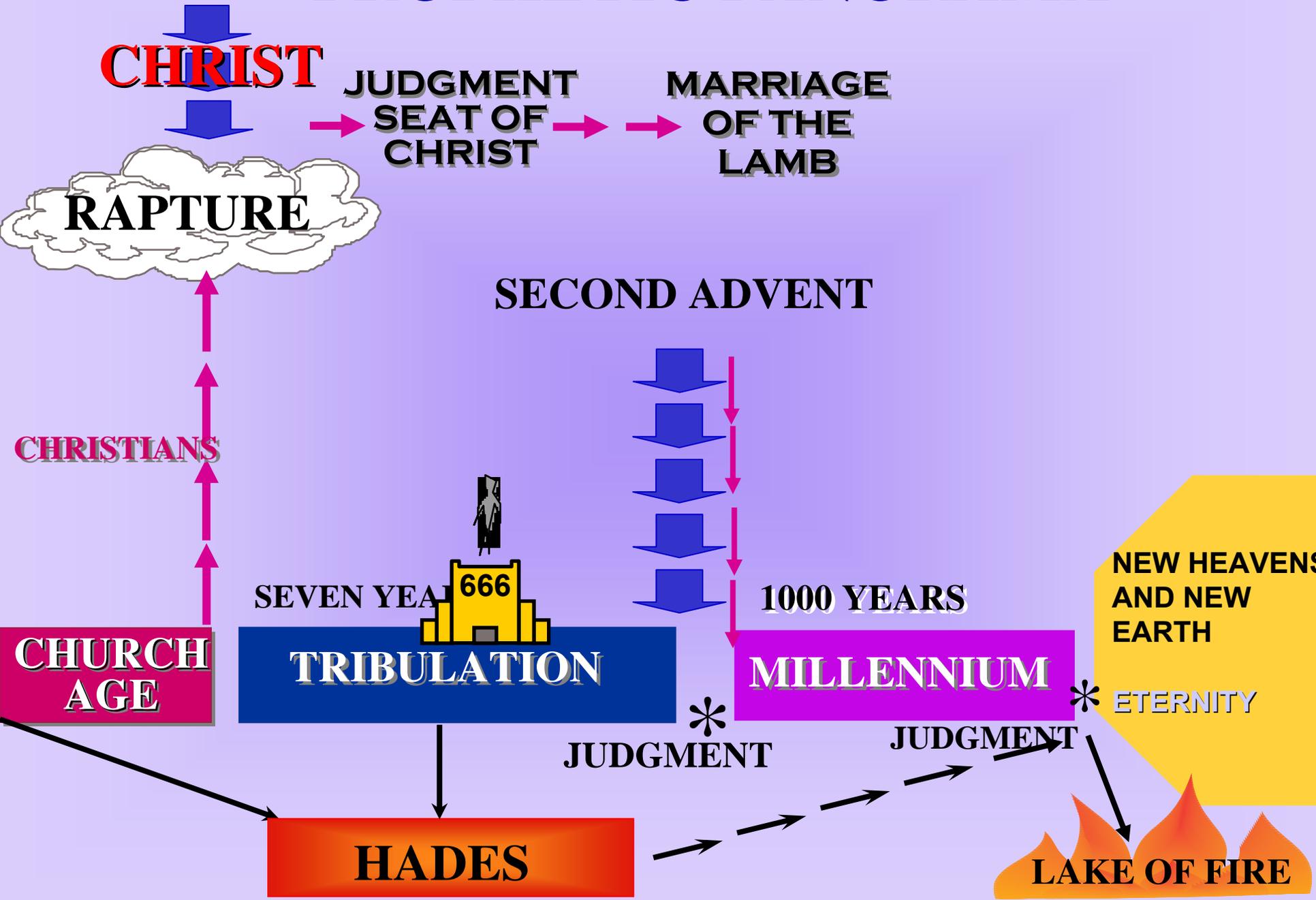
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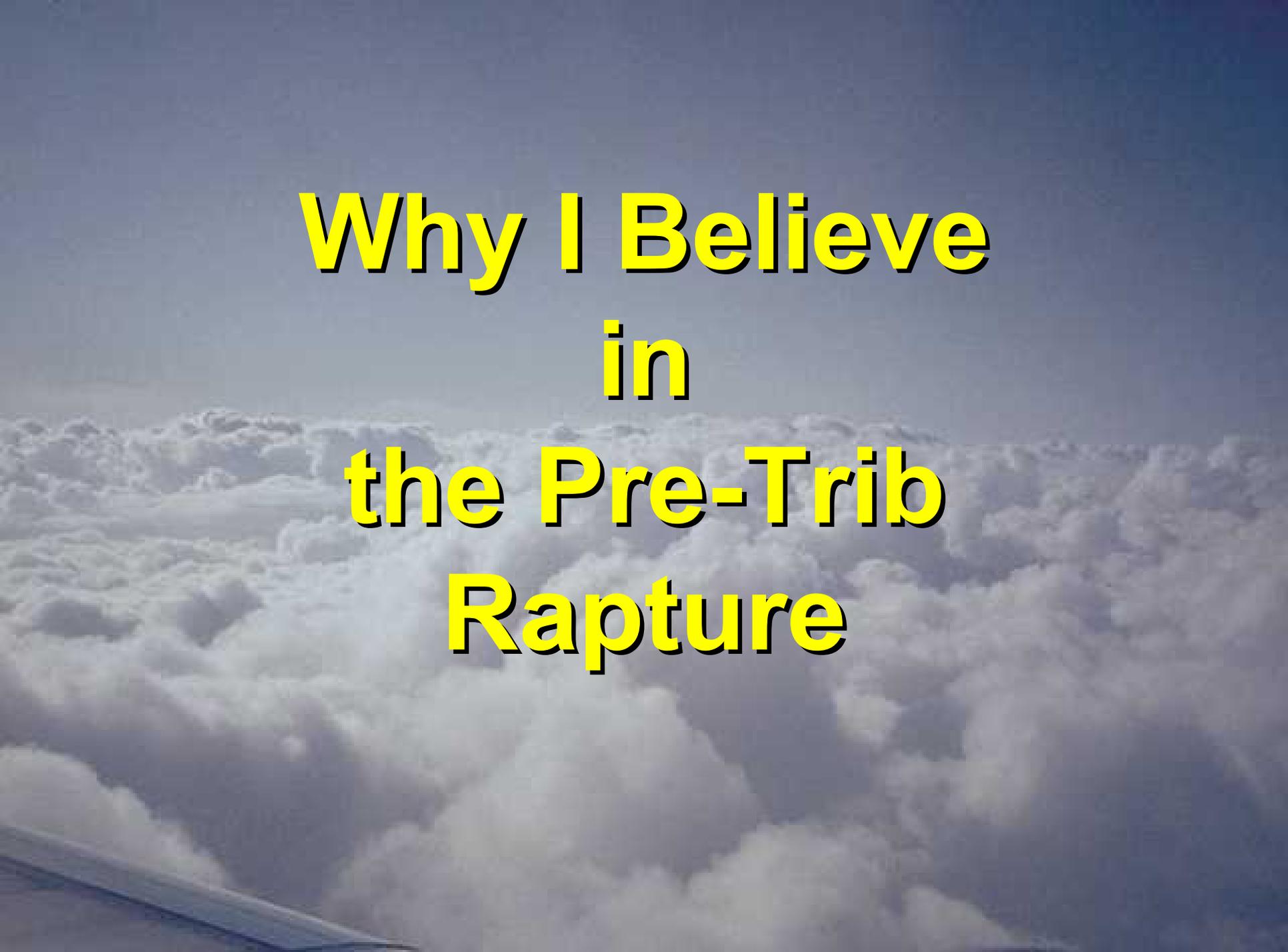
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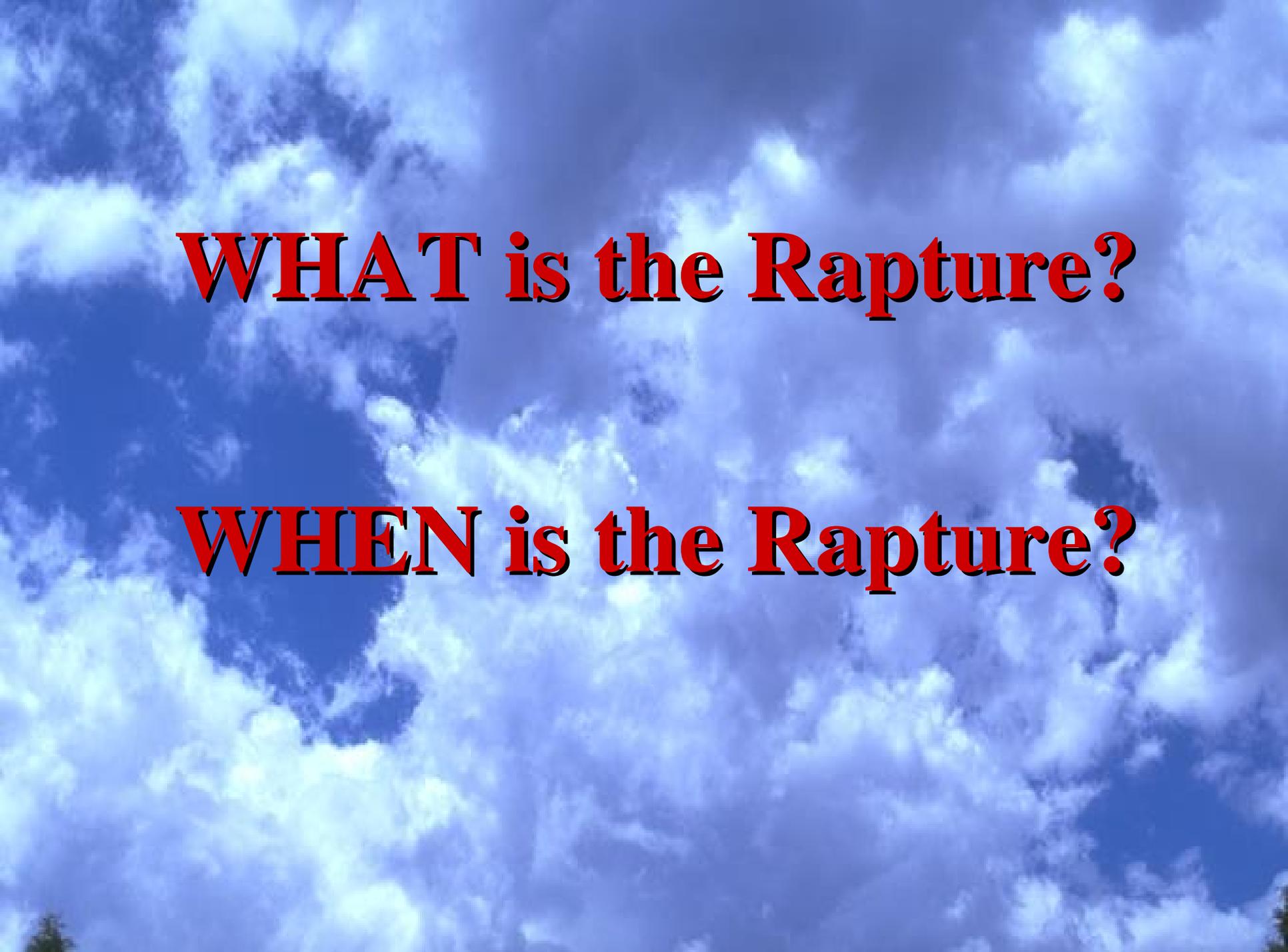
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PROPHETIC PANORAMA





**Why I Believe
in
the Pre-Trib
Rapture**



WHAT is the Rapture?

WHEN is the Rapture?



**WHAT is
the Rapture?**

The Rapture is . . .

The resurrection of all dead Church Age believers and the removal of all living believers from the earth at the end of the Church Age before the Tribulation begins.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

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 shall rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain **shall be caught up** (arpazw, *harpazo*, *rapturo*) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



arpazw, *harpazó*—“caught up”
“to seize upon with force” “to
snatch up”

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



**Rapture vocabulary tells us that Church Age believers will be transformed and transferred to heaven...
But not when the transfer takes place.**

**John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled;
believe in God, believe also in Me.**

**John 14:2 “In My Father’s house are many
dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have
told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.**

John 14:3 “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.

paral ambanw, *paralambanó*–

“to take to”

“to receive to oneself”

- a. Jesus ascended literally, bodily and visibly to heaven and will return the same way.**

Acts 1:11, “and they also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven’.”

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- b. **The promise in John 14 is made to the disciples who represent Church Age believers. They were not made to mankind in general. Therefore this refers to His return for the Church, not the return to the earth.**

c. When Jesus returns they are taken to His Father's house, not earth.

Titus 2:13, “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;”

Phil. 3:11, “in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

Phil. 3:20, “For our **citizenship is in heaven**,
from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ;”

1 Cor. 15:51, “Behold, I tell you a **mystery**; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1 Cor. 15:52, “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

1 Cor. 15:53, “For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

1 Th. 4:13, “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may 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 we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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 the dead in Christ shall rise first.

1 Th. 4:17, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Th. 4:18, “Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

a. Three Sounds

1. A shout:

κέλευσμα *kéleusma*, a summons to carry out a procedure, e.g., battle engagement, rowing, hunting:

Rev. 4:1, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things’.”

John 5:28, “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice,

John 5:29, “and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.”