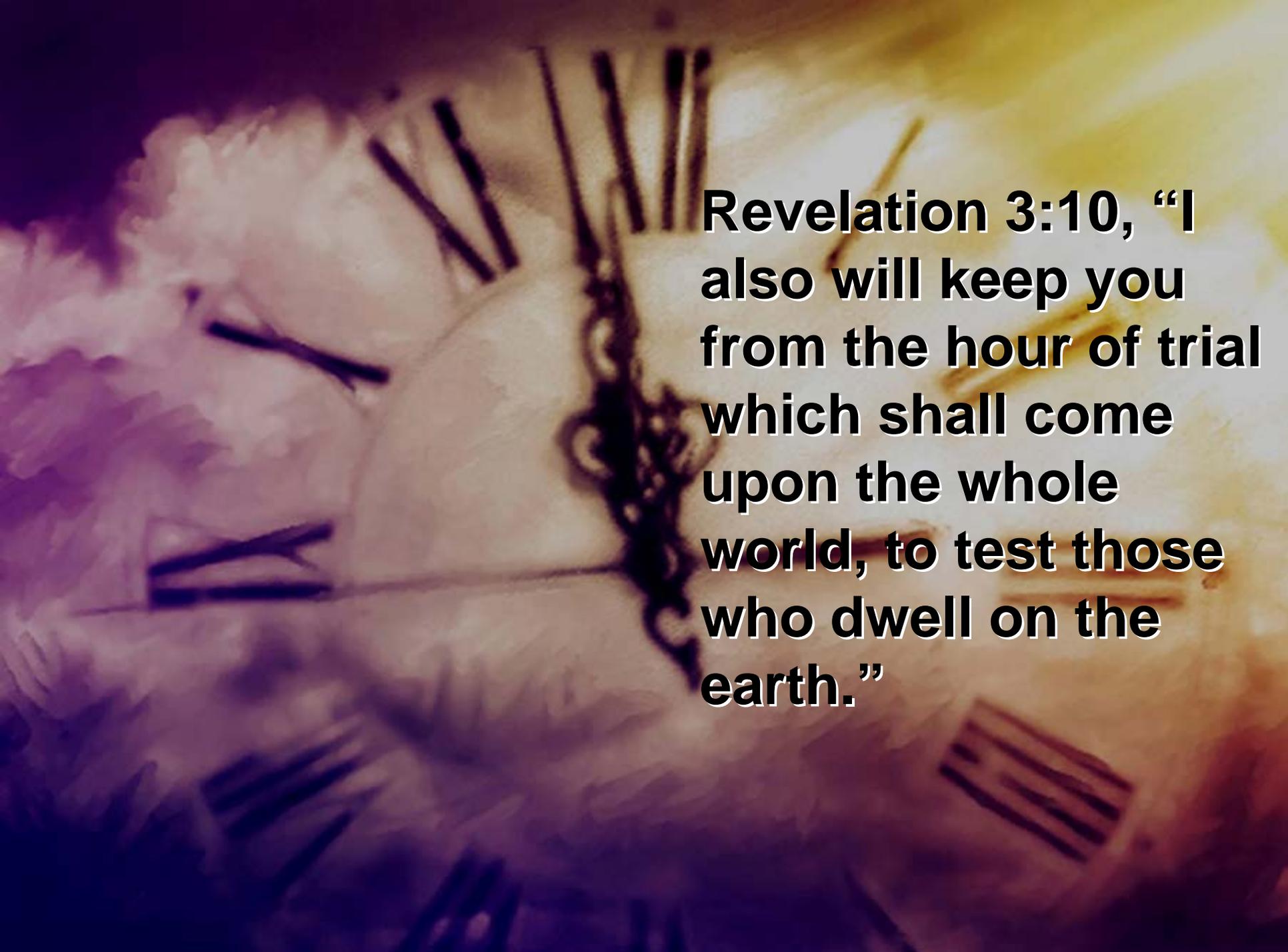


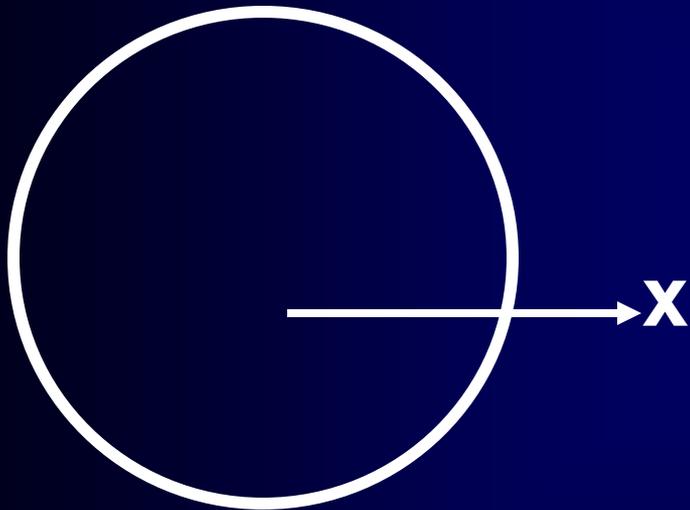
**Why We Believe
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Revelation 3:10, “I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

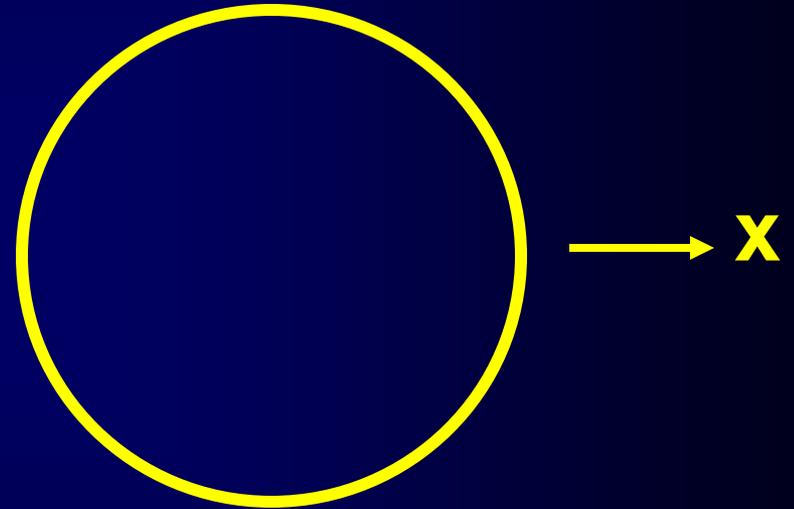
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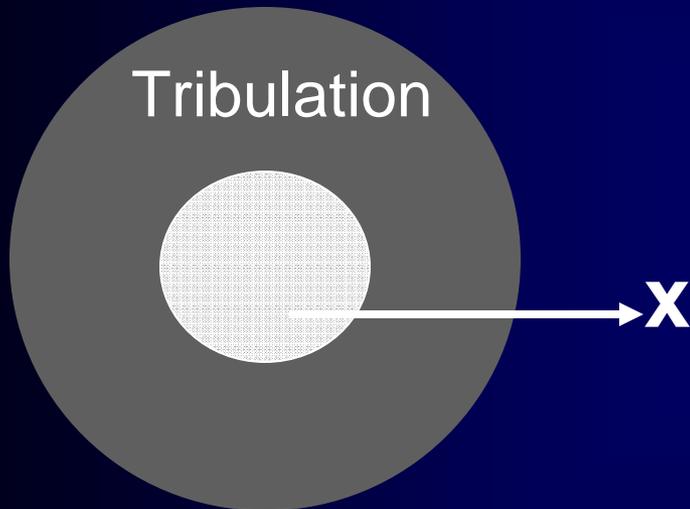
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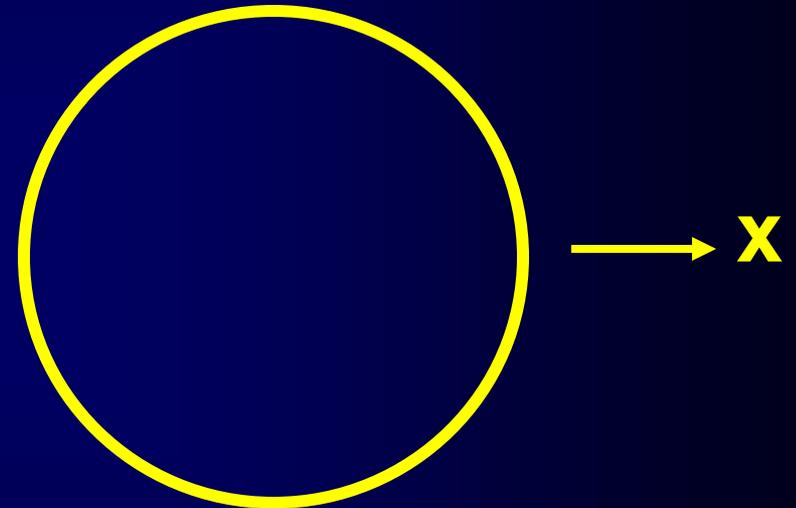
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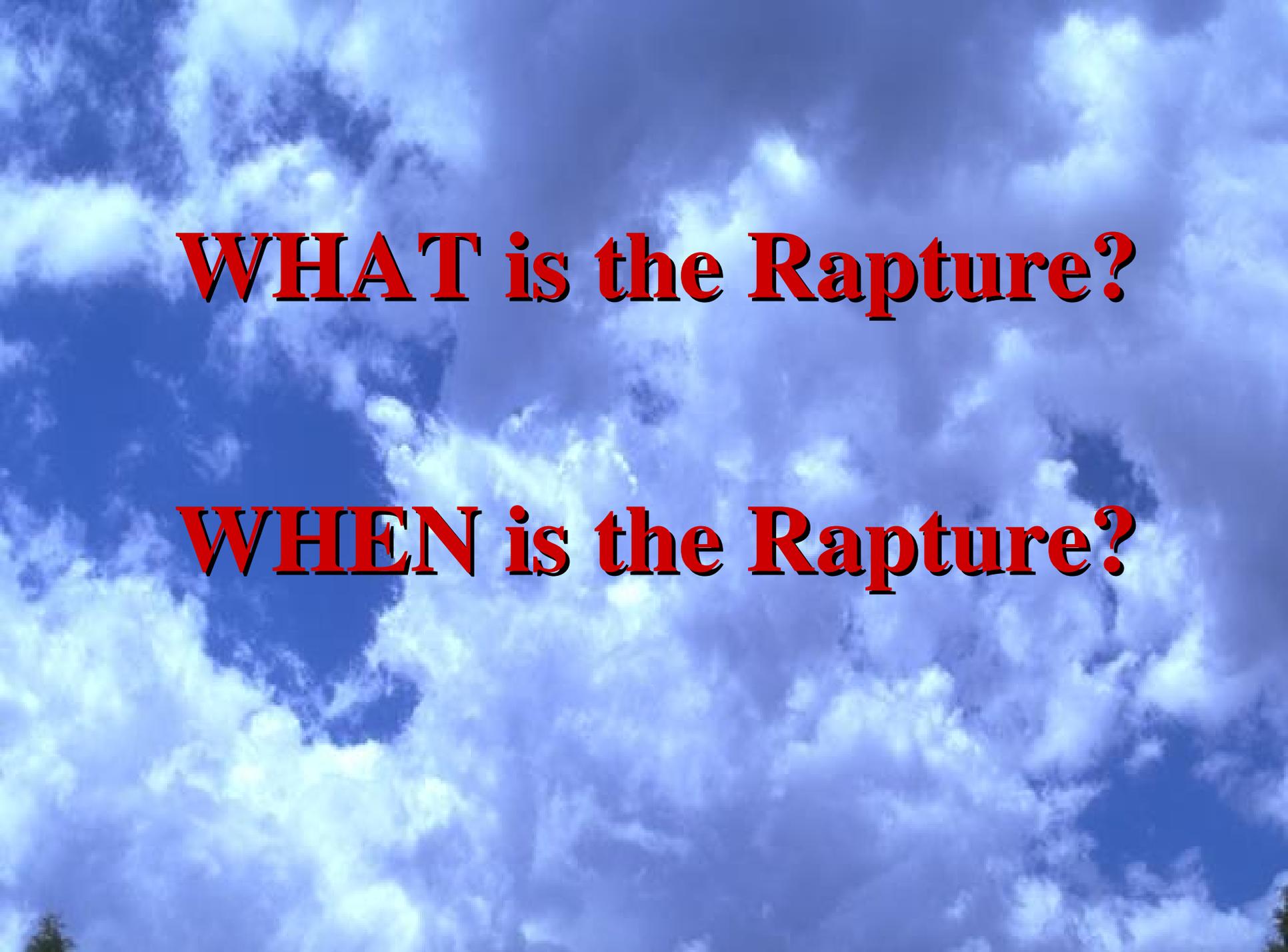
Ek = out from within
CA Believers remain IN
the Trib, but protected
FROM the Trib

Example B



Ek = out from but not ever
within
CA Believers are KEPT FROM
ever entering the Tribulation

John 12:27, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me **from** [ek] this hour?’ But for this purpose I came to this hour.”



WHAT is the Rapture?

WHEN is the Rapture?

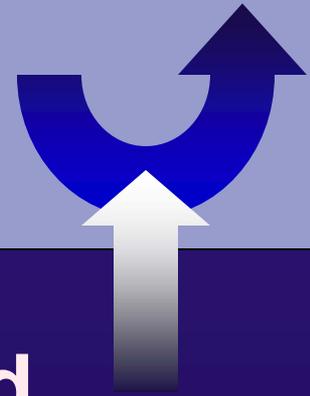
A composite image showing numerous people in various poses floating in the air against a sky filled with white, fluffy clouds. The people are scattered throughout the frame, some appearing to be in mid-air, others as if they have just jumped or are falling. The overall scene is surreal and evokes a sense of collective ascension or being lifted. Overlaid on this scene is the text 'WHAT is the Rapture?' in large, bold, yellow letters with a white outline. The word 'WHAT' is in all caps, while 'is' is in lowercase. 'the Rapture?' is also in all caps. The background shows a horizon line with some dark silhouettes of trees and a utility pole on the right side.

WHAT is the Rapture?

The Rapture is . . .

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

1 Thessalonians 4:16

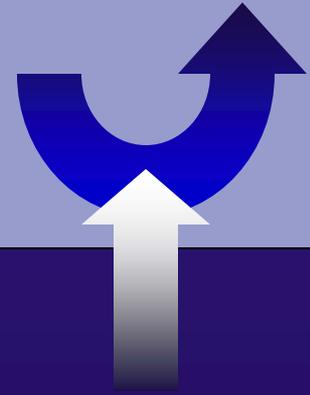


“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven



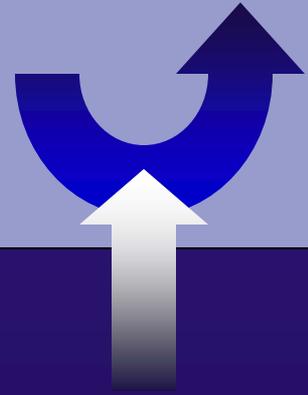
- **with a shout**
- **with the voice of the archangel**
- **and with the trumpet of God**
- **and the dead in Christ will rise first.”**

1 Thessalonians 4:17a



“Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up [*harpazo, rapturo*] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17c–18



**“And so we will
be with the Lord
forever.**

**Therefore
encourage each
other with these
words.”**



**WHEN is
the Rapture?**

RAPTURE VIEWS

Pre-Trib Rapture



The Rapture will occur before the Tribulation and will include all believers.

THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE

Practical Motivation for Spiritual Growth, Evangelism, & Missions

Pre-Trib Rapture

Work of the Holy Spirit

Nature of the Church

Nature of the Tribulation

Imminency

Interval Needed Between Comings

Contrasts Between Comings

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THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE

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Daniel's Seventieth Week

Dan. 9:16, “O Lord, in accordance with all Thy righteous acts, let now Thine anger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people have become a reproach to all those around us.”

A photograph of the ruins of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The scene shows a wide, paved path leading through a valley of stone ruins. On the right, a massive, multi-tiered stone wall rises, likely part of the Temple Mount's fortifications. To the left, there are more ruins, including a large stone structure with a semi-circular opening. In the background, a hillside with sparse vegetation and a fence is visible under a clear blue sky. A large pile of rubble and stone blocks is on the right side of the path. Many people are walking along the path, some looking at the ruins. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the image.

Dan. 9:17, “So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for Thy sake, O Lord, let Thy face shine on Thy desolate sanctuary.”

Dan. 9:24, “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.

Dan. 9:25, “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.

Dan. 9:26, “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.

Dan. 9:27, “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's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

DAN. 9:24-27

The Decree
to Restore

Messiah
The Prince

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 + 62 = 69 \\ \hline \text{weeks} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$70 \times 7 = 490 \text{ years}$$

$$69 \times 7 = 483 \text{ years} = \\ 173,880 \text{ days}$$

March 5,
444 B.C.

March 30
A.D. 33

Artaxerxes'
Decree

Triumphal
Entry

Neh. 2:1-3

Luke 19:28-40

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Rationale for 360-Day Years

Half week—Daniel 9:27

Time, times, half a time—

Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Revelation 12:6, 11:3

42 months—Revelation 11:2, 13:5

**Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days =
time, times, half time + half week**

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

Explanation of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years

- $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days
- March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 = March 30, A.D. 33

Verification

- 444 B.C. to A.D. 33 -1 (no year 0) = 476 years
- 476 years \times 365.2421989 days = 173,855 days
+ days between March 5 and March 30 = 25 days

Totals = 173,880 days

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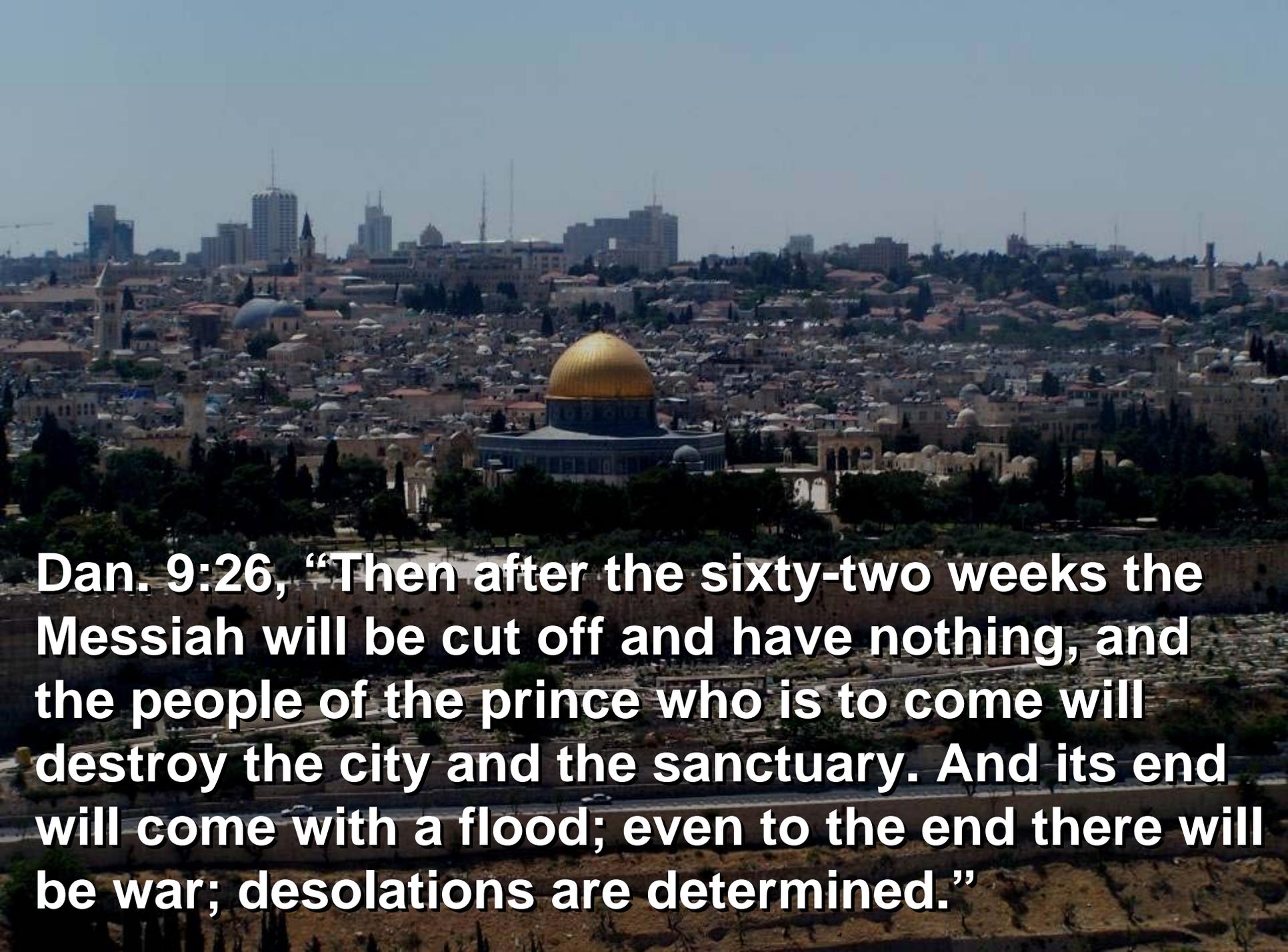
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What happened to the
other seven years???

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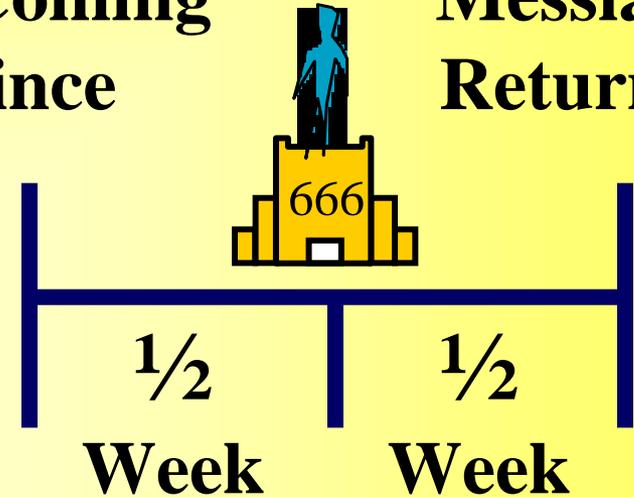
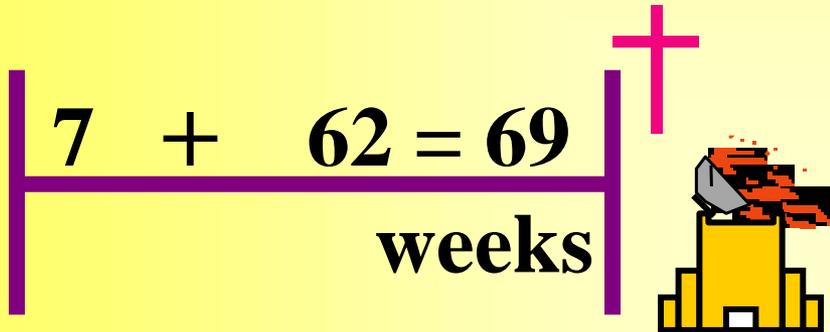
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**The Decree
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**Messiah
The Prince**

**The Coming
Prince**

**Messiah
Returns**



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Contrasts Between Comings

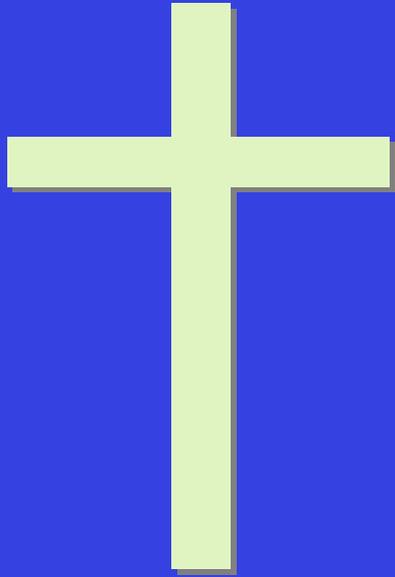
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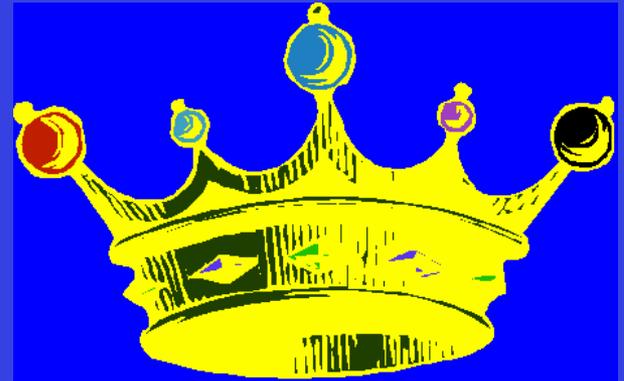
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The *TWO* Comings of Christ



The Cross



The Crown

Luke 4:16, “And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

Luke 4:17, “And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

Luke 4:18, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,

Luke 4:19, “To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:20, “And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

Luke 4:21, “And He began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’”

And the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn,

Isa 61:3, “To grant those who mourn *in* Zion,
giving them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of
fainting.

So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that He may be
glorified.”

The Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Our Viewpoint

We see the "Mountain Peaks" and the "Valleys" from the side, and we can separate the first and second coming prophecies.

Priest

Heb. 4:14

The Three Appearings

"Now to Appear"

Glory

Heb. 9:24

"Hath Appeared"

"Shall Appear"

Birth of Jesus (Bethlehem)

Num. 24:17;
Isa. 7:14; Mic. 5:2

Calvary
Isa. 53:1-12

Antichrist
Dan. 7:19-27

The Sun of Righteousness
Mal. 4:1-6

The Kingdom
Dan. 7:13-14;
Isa. 2:1-3;
Mic. 4:1-2;
Hag. 2:5-9

Destruction of the Earth by Fire
2 Pet. 3:7-13

The Holy City
Rev. 21:2

What the Prophets Saw



The Old Testament "Valley"
The viewpoint of the prophets

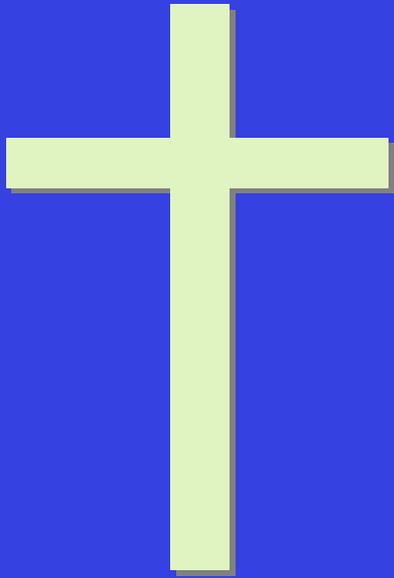


The Valley of the "Church"
The prophets did not see this.

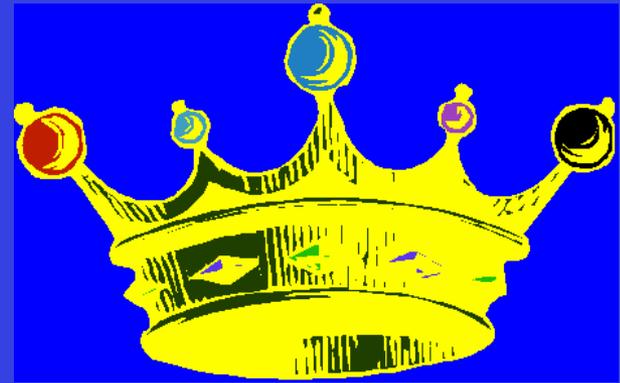
The New Heavens and New Earth
Isa. 65:17; 66:22;
Rev. 21:1

The Valley of the "Perfect Age"

The *TWO* Comings of Christ



The Cross



The Crown

RAPTURE & SECOND COMING PASSAGES



Rapture Passages

John 14:1 -3	2 Thess 2:3 (?)
Rom 8:19	1 Tim 6:14
1 Cor 1:7 -8	2 Tim 4:1
1 Cor 15:51 -53	2 Tim 4:8
1 Cor 16:22	Titus 2:13
Phil 3:20 -21	Heb 9:28
Phil 4:5	James 5:7 -9
Col 3:4	1 Peter 1:7, 13
1 Thess 1:10	1 Peter 5:4
1 Thess 2:19	1 John 2:28 -3:2
1 Thess 4:13 -18	Jude 21
1 Thess 5:9	Rev 2:25
1 Thess 5:23	Rev 3:10
2 Thess 2:1	

2nd Coming Passages

Daniel 2:44 -45	Acts 1:9 -11
Daniel 7:9 -14	Acts 3:19 -21
Daniel 12:1 -3	1 Thess 3:13
Zech 12:10	2 Thess 1:6 -10
Zech 14:1 -15	2 Thess 2:8
Matt 13:41	1 Peter 4:12 -13
Matt 24:15 -31	2 Peter 3:1 -14
Matt 26:64	Jude 14 -15
Mark 13:14 -27	Rev 1:7
Mark 14:62	Rev 19:1 1-20:6
Luke 21:25 -28	Rev 22:7, 12, 20

RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

Rapture

**Second Coming
Established Kingdom**

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Rapture



**1. Translation of
all believers**

Second Coming Established Kingdom



**1. No translation
at all**

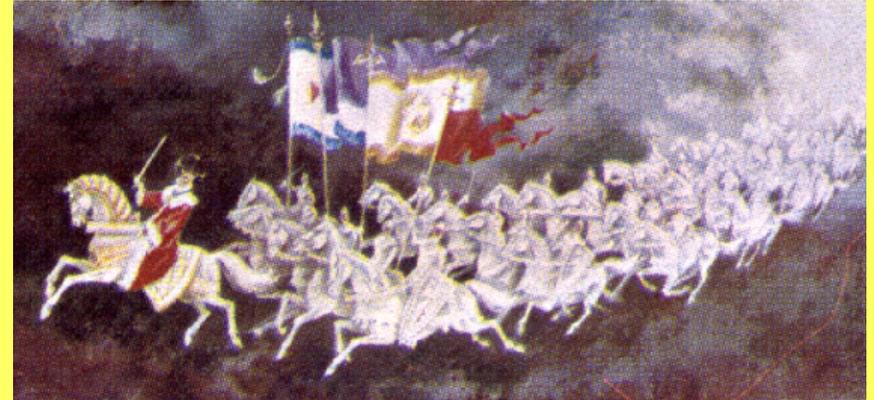
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**2. Translated
saints go to
heaven**

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**2. Translated
saints return to
earth**

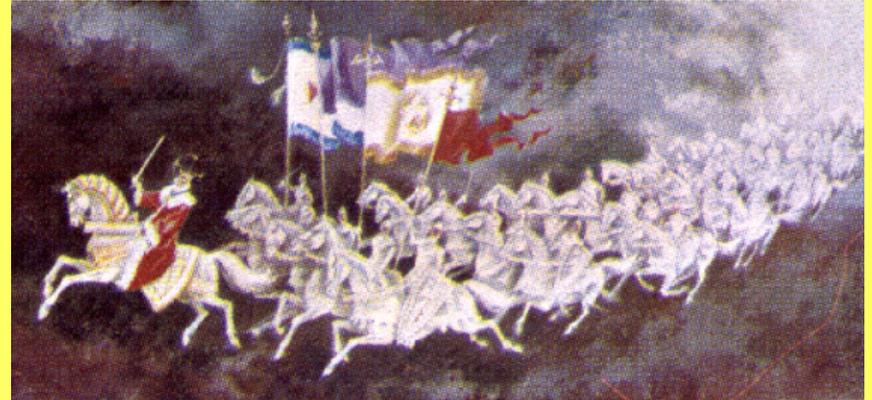
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3. Earth is not judged

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3. Earth is judged and righteousness established

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**4. Imminent,
any-moment,
signless**

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**4. Follows definite
predicted signs,
including the
Tribulation**

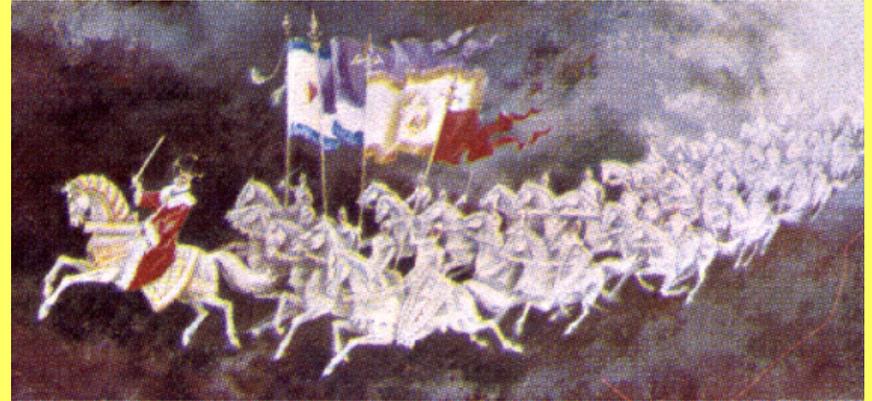
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**5. Not predicted
in the Old
Testament**

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**5. Predicted often
in the Old
Testament**

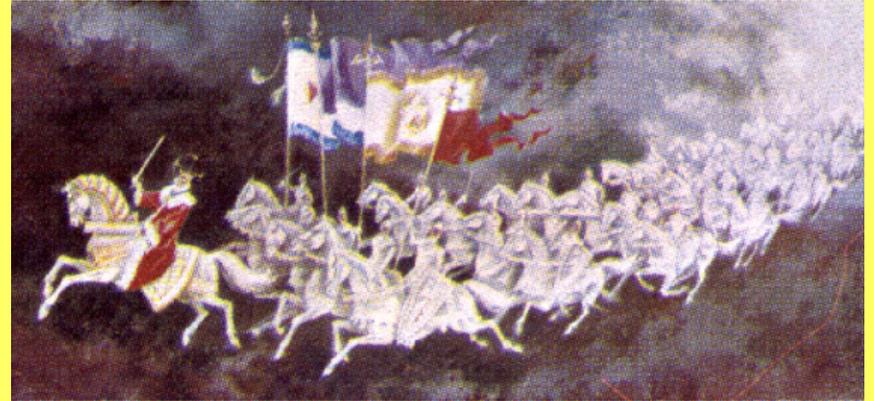
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6. Believers only

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**6. Affects all
mankind**

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**7. Before the day
of wrath**

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**7. Concluding the
day of wrath**

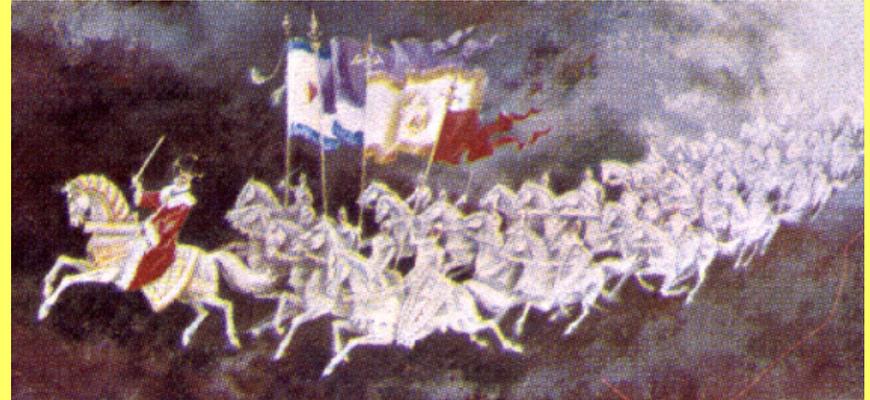
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**8. No reference
to Satan**

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8. Satan bound

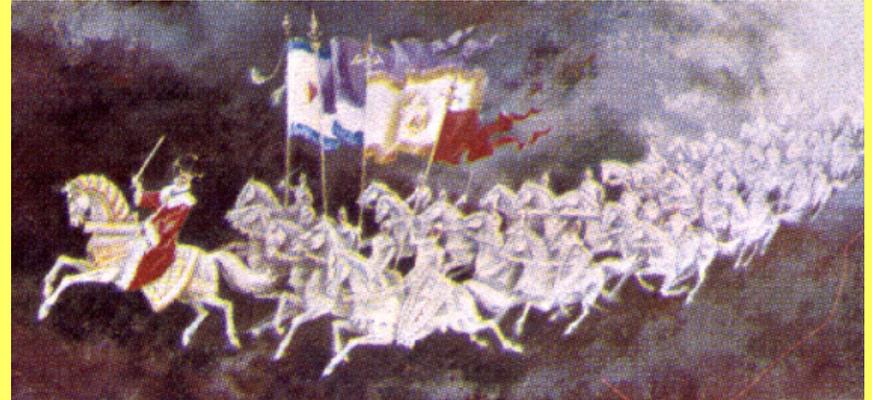
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**9. Christ comes
*for His own***

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**9. Christ comes
*with His own***

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**10. Christ comes
in the *clouds***

Second Coming Established Kingdom



**10. Christ comes
to the *earth***

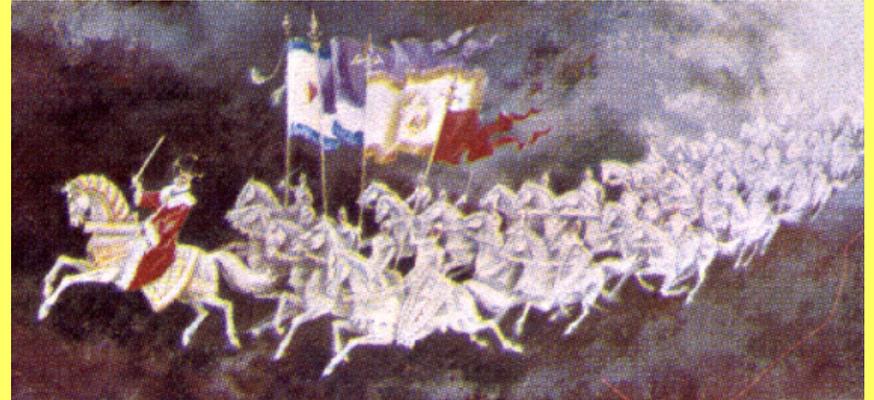
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**11. Christ claims
His bride**

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**11. Christ comes
with His
bride**

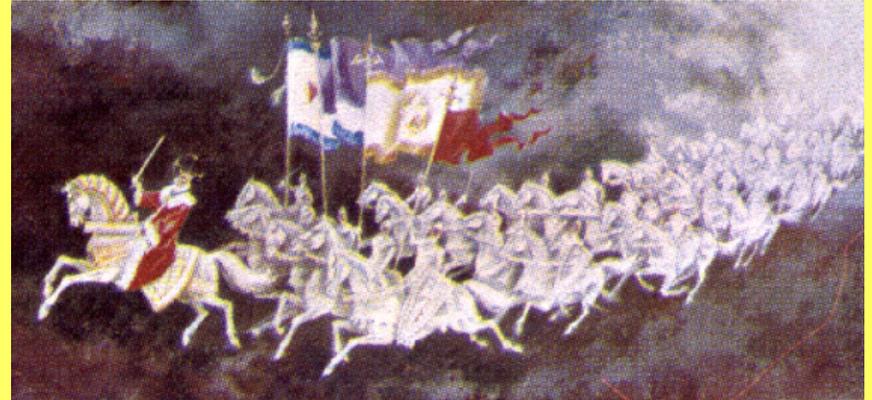
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**12. Only His
own see Him**

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**12. Every eye
shall see Him**

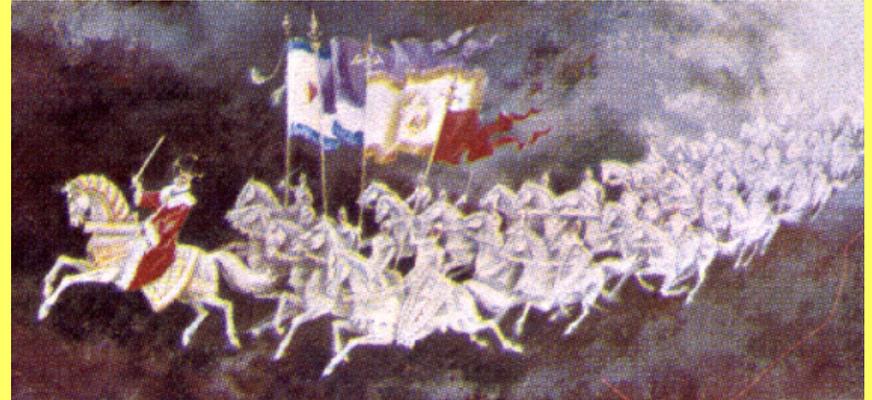
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**13. Tribulation
begins**

Second Coming Established Kingdom



**13. Messianic
Kingdom
begins**

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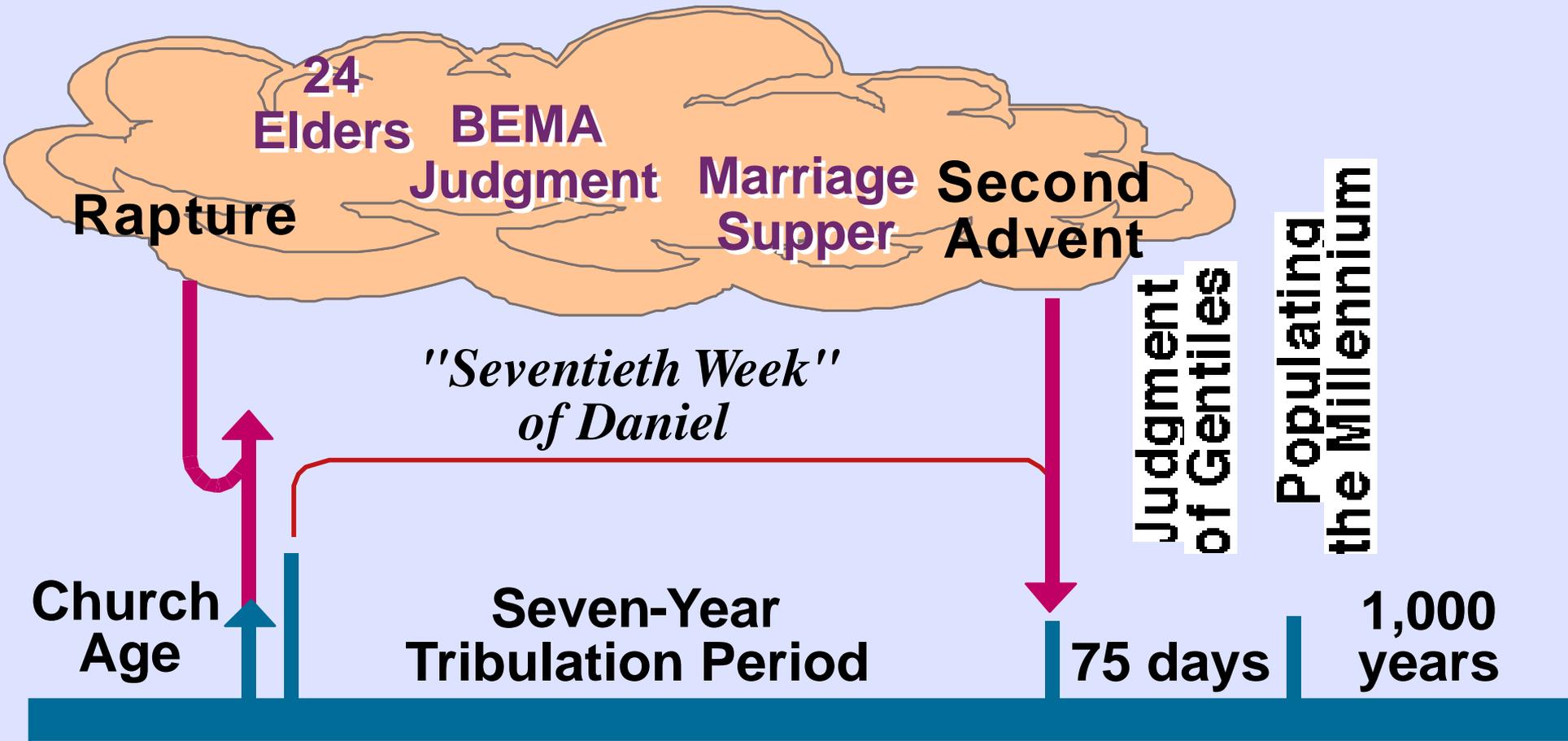
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INTERVAL EVENTS BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND SECOND COMING



THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE

Imminency

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Literal Interpretation

1. Definition

Imminency: the “at any moment” return of Jesus Christ.

OED: “hanging overhead, constantly ready to befall or overtake one; close at hand in its incidence.”

It is **certain** it will occur,
it is **uncertain** when it will occur;

It is **NOT** contingent on any other events;

and **NO** prophesied event intervenes between
the present time and the Rapture.

“EAGERLY WAIT”

Heb. 9:28, “so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who **eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”**

“EAGERLY WAIT”

Pictures eager expectation indicated by the head bent forward to catch the first glance of an advancing procession.

“It is one of those admirable words that the Greek language easily forms . . . It means ‘to wait with the head raised, and the eye fixed on that point of the horizon from which the expected object is to come.’”

Frederick Godet

THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE

Nature of the Tribulation

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