

# Revelation Series

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# OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

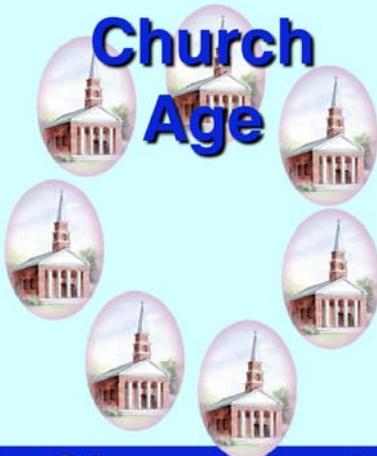
**“Write therefore the things which you have seen,  
the things which are,  
the things which shall take place after these things.”  
— Revelation 1:19 —**

**Glorified  
Christ**



Christ  
Jesus

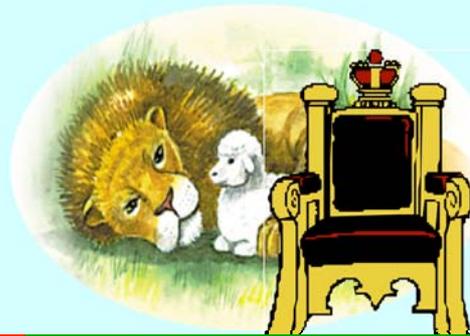
**Seven  
Churches  
of the  
Church  
Age**



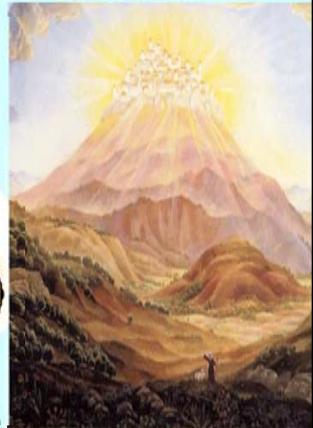
**Tribulation Millennium**



Tribulation  
Temple  
(2 Ths 2:4;  
Rev 11:1-2)



**Eternal  
State**



**4—19**

**20**

**21—22**

**Chapter 1**

**Chapters 2—3**

**Chapters 4—22**

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**Revelation 22:16, “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”**

Revelation 1:3, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; **for the time is near [engus].**”

Revelation 22:7, “And behold, **I am coming quickly [tachu].** Blessed is he **who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.**”

Revelation 22:10, “And he said to me, ‘Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, **for the time is near.**’ ”

**Revelation 1:8, “I am the Alpha and the Omega...” [F]**

**Revelation 1:17, “... I am the first and the last.”**

**Revelation 22:13, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last.”**

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**אָמַן** *ʾāman* – to confirm, support, uphold (Qal); to be established, be faithful (Niphal); to be certain, i.e., to believe.

**אֱמֶת** *‘emet* – Truth, faithfulness, verity

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**2 Pet. 1:20, “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,**

**2 Pet. 1:21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”**

## **Inspiration**

**[Greek (*theopneustos*) – literally “God-breathed”]**

**God the Holy Spirit so supernaturally directed the human writers of Scripture, that without waiving their human intelligence, vocabulary, individuality, literary style, personality, personal feelings, or any other human factor, His complete and coherent message to mankind was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of Scripture, the very words bearing the authority of divine authorship.**

**Daniel 2:28, “However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.”**

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**ταχύς *tachys* – quickly, in a rapid rate, or sometimes it can mean soon. But it does not inherently mean soon.**

**ἔγγυς *engys* – near; close**

**Daniel 2:29, “As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.”**

# The Image of Daniel 2

605–539 B.C. Babylon

539 B.C.–331 B.C. Medo-Persia

331 B.C. –146 B.C. Greece

146 B.C. – A.D. 1453 Rome

Revived Roman Empire

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron/Clay



**Daniel 2:45, “Inasmuch as you saw that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”**

**Matthew 24:2, “And He said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.’**

**Matthew 24:3, “As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ ”**

**Matthew 24:4, “And Jesus answered and said to them,  
‘See to it that no one misleads you.**

**Matthew 24:5, “ ‘For many will come in My name,  
saying, “I am the Christ,” and will mislead many.’ ”**

**Matthew 24:6, “ ‘You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end [to. te,loj, *to telos*].**

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

**Revelation 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.’ ”**

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**Of a truth, soon and suddenly shall His will be accomplished, as the Scripture also bears witness, saying, “Speedily will He come, and will not tarry;” and, “The Lord shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Holy One, for whom ye look.”**

*1 Clement*

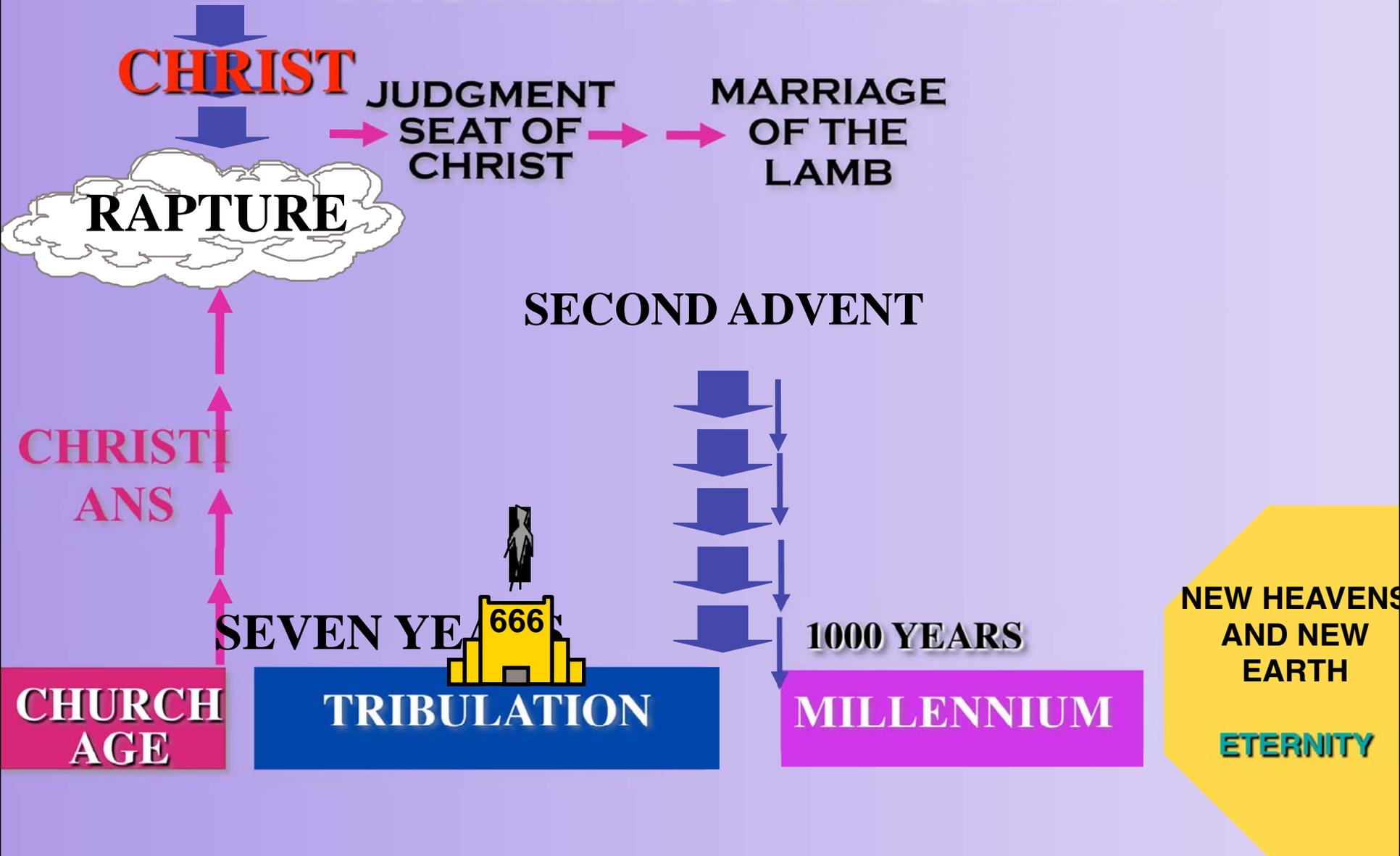
**The last times are come upon us. Let us therefore be of a reverent spirit, and fear the long-suffering of God, that it tend not to our condemnation. For let us either stand in awe of the wrath to come, or show regard for the grace which is at present displayed—one of two things.**

**Ignatius, *Ephesians***

**And therefore, when in the end the Church shall be suddenly caught up from this, it is said, “There shall be tribulation such as has not been since the beginning, neither shall be.”**

**Irenaeus, *Against Heresies***

# PROPHETIC PANORAMA



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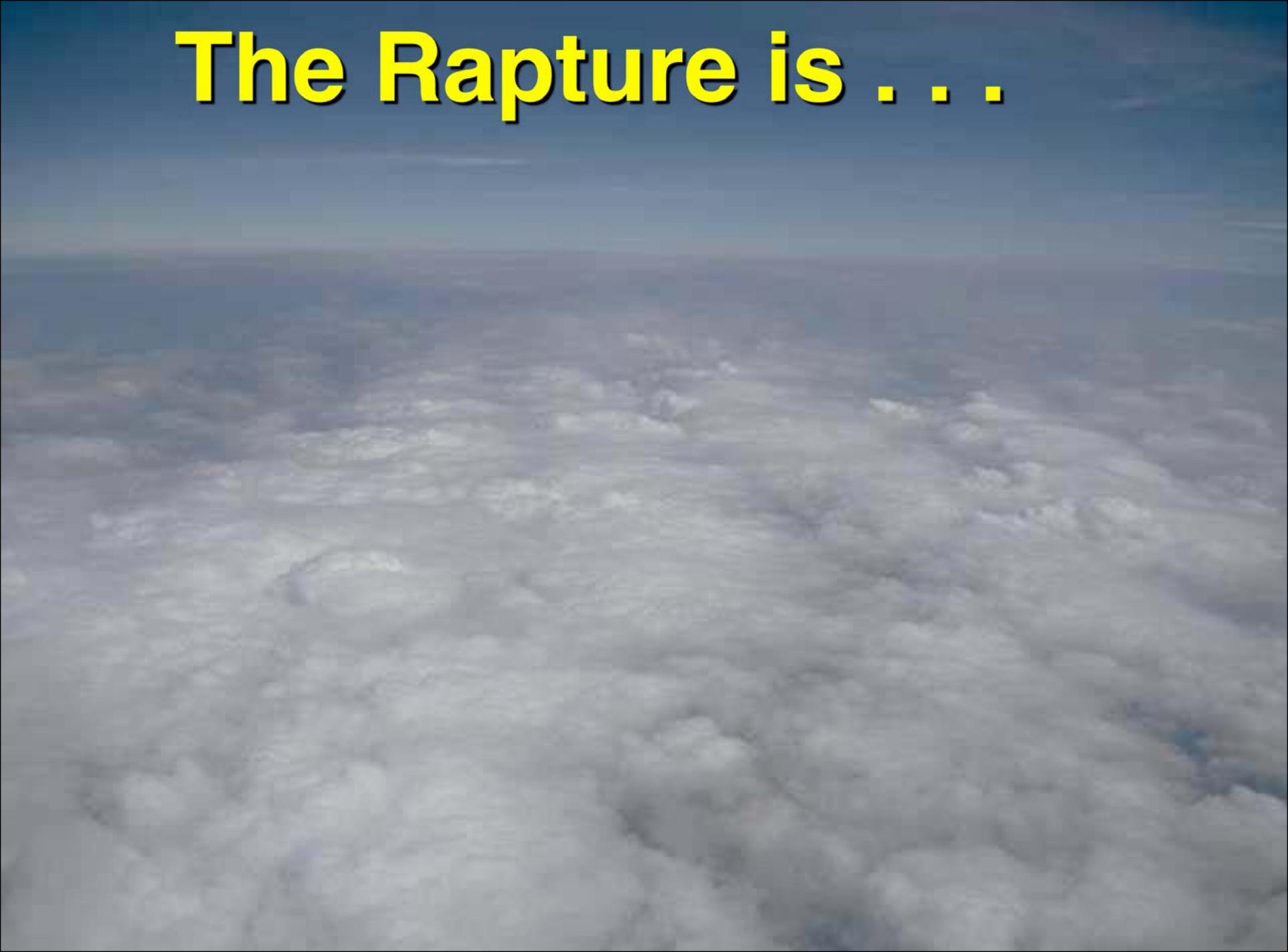
**OED: “hanging overhead, constantly ready to befall or overtake one; close at hand in its incidence.”**

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 believer and  
the Rapture.

**2. The doctrine of imminency is important to understanding the Pre-Tribulation return of Jesus Christ at the Rapture.**

**The Rapture is . . .**



# RAPTURE VIEWS

## Pre-Trib Rapture



All Believers



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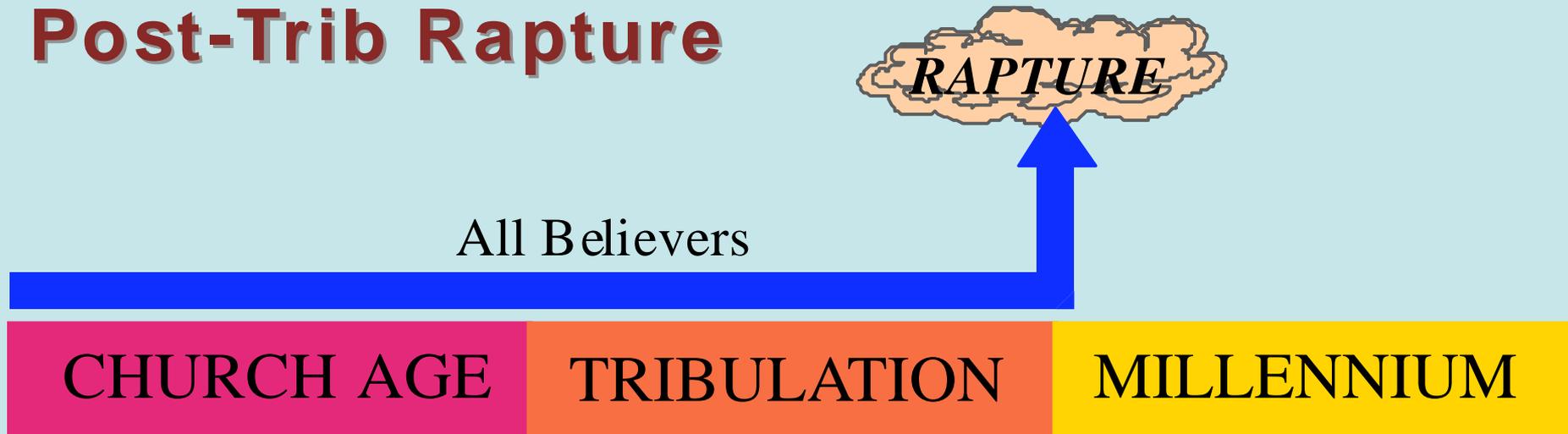
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## Post-Trib Rapture



**The Rapture occurs at the end of the Tribulation, forcing all believers to endure the entire seven years.**

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MILLENNIUM

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**3. The Purpose of the doctrine of imminency is to keep each believer in a constant state of expectancy, looking, waiting, watching, hoping for the return of Christ that we might be ready, prepared, that we might not be ashamed at His coming (1 John 2:28).**

**4. Believers are to look for the blessed hope.**

**a. We are to LOOK for the Savior.  
Heb. 9:28; Titus 2:13**

**b. We are to WATCH for the Savior.  
1 Thess. 5:6; Luke 12:37**

**c. We are to WAIT for the Savior.  
1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Thess. 1:10.**

**Luke 12:35, “Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.**

**Luke 12:36, “Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him when he comes and knocks.**

**Luke 12:37, “Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them.”**

**Luke 12:38, “Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.**

**Luke 12:39, “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.**

**Luke 12:40, “You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”**

**Luke 12:41, “Peter said, ‘Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?’**

**Luke 12:42, “And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?’**

**Luke 12:43, “ ‘Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.**

**Luke 12:44, “ ‘Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.’ ”**

**Luke 12:45, “ ‘But if that slave says in his heart, “My master will be a long time in coming,” and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;**

**Luke 12:46, “ ‘the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.’ ”**

**Luke 12:47, “ ‘And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,**

**Luke 12:48, “ ‘but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.’ ”**

**Matthew 24:36, “ ‘But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.**

**Matthew 24:37, “ ‘For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.**

**Matthew 24:38, “ ‘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,’ ”**

**5. No prophecy between the baptism of the Spirit and the Rapture means that the Rapture is imminent. It could occur at any time; no one knows the day or the hour.**

**6. While the Rapture is imminent, the Second Advent is not. Before the Second Advent occurs, there are many prophecies which must occur, e.g., the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Judgment Seat of Christ, Rev 6–19.**