

Thursology 80: Rapture Controversies Aside: What We Know FOR SURE About

"The Meeting in the Air" (Rapture #3)

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--The integration of the Rapture timing views...with the Millennial views:

--The three classical teachings about the Millennium:

--_____ -millennialism:

Christ Returns Final Judgment

The utterly _____ world gathered for _____ → I ← _____ → I → Eternity
| Christ establishes His Kingdom |

--_____ -millennialism:

Christ Returns

Church _____ the world → I ← _____ → I → Eternity
| World "Christianized" |

--_____ millennialism:

Christ Returns

Church evangelizes the world (_____ Millennium) I → Eternity

--The summary of the Millennial Timing Views:

--Premillennialism: Christ returns _____ the 1000 years and
_____ His Millennial Kingdom

--Postmillennialism: Christ returns _____ the 1000 years and _____
the Kingdom that the _____ has established for Him

--Amillennialism: There is _____ Millennium at all...rather Christ abruptly ends this
present _____ ...and then _____ begins

--Rev 4:1-2: 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." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--John hears a _____ and a _____ ...and then he's caught _____
into _____

--According to its advocates: This is a picture of the _____ -Trib Rapture

--Rev 6:1-2: "...I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

--The Tribulation begins with a great leader...having been "_____" by the
world...feigning _____ ...but fully intending to _____

--Rev 11:3, 7, 11-12: And I will grant authority to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."...When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them...But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet...And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud...

--_____ years into the Tribulation...the witnesses are _____ ...they
hear a loud _____ ...and they're caught _____ into heaven

--According to its advocates: This is a picture of the _____ -Trib Rapture

--**Rev 19:11, 14-16:** And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

--The _____-Trib Rapture and Christ's 2nd Coming to _____ Satan and His armies

--**Rev 20:1-4:** Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he took 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...And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus...and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

--Immediately after the 2nd Coming of Christ...an angel _____ Satan in the abyss...those who were beheaded during the Tribulation for refusing the _____ of the Beast are resurrected...and they _____ with Christ...for _____ years

--**20:7-8, 10-12:** When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war...And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone...Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it...And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

--The Millennium is _____...Satan is released to _____ the nations...his _____ are conquered...he's thrown into the Lake of _____...and unbelievers face the _____ judgment at the "Great White Throne"

--**Some important clarifications about the Rapture and the 2nd Coming:**

--**Clarification #1:** All three classic _____ views have Christ's Second Coming happening _____ the 1000-years...and are, thus, _____-Millennial

--**Clarification #2:** Regardless of _____ the Rapture happens...the Rapture and the "Second Coming" are not the same _____

--**Clarification #3:** During the Rapture...the dead in Christ and the living in Christ... _____ to meet Him in the _____

--**Key Concept #1:** Regardless of which view is held...the _____ of the Rapture...is _____

--**Key Concept #2:** The purpose of the Rapture is for Christ to _____ His _____

--**Clarification #4:** The 2nd Coming is when Christ _____ to the _____ with His angels and His Church...and _____ the Battle of Armageddon

--**Key Concept #3:** The _____ of the 2nd Coming...is _____

--**Key Concept #4:** The purpose of the 2nd Coming is for Christ to _____ His _____

--**Clarification #5:** Much _____ comes from the fact that the _____ student of End Times prophecy often uses the terms "Rapture" and "2nd Coming"...

--**Clarification #6:** The word "Rapture" is a misunderstood term...because of the controversy surrounding its _____...but...the event itself...is unequivocally _____

--The meaning of "harpazo" in Greek..."rapturo" in Latin...and "rapture" in English: →

--"to _____"

--Two foundational concepts about the Rapture:

- Foundational Concept #1: There is _____ controversy in classical theology about _____ the "rapture"...Christ "catching the Saints away to be with Him"...will _____
- Foundational Concept #2: Essentially _____ of the differences and controversies are about the _____ of the Rapture

--The things that we can be absolutely sure of...about the Rapture:

--**Rapture Fact #1:** We can be sure that the catching away of _____ saints to be with God has happened _____

-- _____ : Gen 5:21-24: Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

--Heb 11:5: By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

-- _____ : II Kings 2:9-12: When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more...

--**Rapture Fact #2:** We can be sure that the catching away _____ happen _____ !!!

--I Thess 4:15-17: 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.

--**Rapture Fact #3:** We can be sure of the _____ of the Rapture _____...even though we can't be absolutely sure of _____ it will happen

--John 14:1-3: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 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. 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.

--I Cor 15:51-53: Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 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 will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

--The order of the unfolding of the Rapture events:

1. The Lord will _____ from His Father's house where He has been _____ a place for _____ (John 14:1-3; I Thess 4:16)
2. The Lord will _____ as He _____
--I Thess 4:16: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout..."
3. We will hear the _____ of the _____
4. We will hear the _____ call of God...His last _____ for the Church
5. The Lord will _____ believers who have _____

6. The _____ bodies of the resurrected saints will be changed into _____, _____ bodies
 --I Cor 15:52-53: "...and the dead will be raised imperishable...For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.
7. Preceding the _____ saints...the resurrected saints...now in their Immortal Bodies...will _____ up to _____ the Lord (I Thess 4:15-16)
 --I Thess 4:15-16: "...we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep...the dead in Christ will rise first.
8. The bodies of the _____ saints will be _____ into Immortal Bodies...without going through _____ (I Cor 15:51, 53)
 --I Corinthians 15:51-53: Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 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 will be changed...for...this mortal must put on immortality.
9. The _____ saints will be _____ up with the _____ saints (I Thess 4:17)
10. The resurrected and the living saints will _____ together in the _____ (I Thess 4:17)
 --I Thess 4:16-17: "...the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds...
11. All of the _____ saints...both the dead who've been resurrected and the living who've been changed...will _____ the Lord...in the _____ (I Thess 4:17)
 --I Thess 4:17: Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...
12. The Lord will _____ us to Himself...and we will finally see Him _____ to _____ (John 14:3)
13. Christ will finally fulfill the _____ promise of all time..."That where I _____...there you may _____ also." (John 14:3)
14. From that time forward...we will _____ be _____ the Lord!!! (I Thess 4:17-18)
 --I Thess 4:17-18: 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 one another with these words.

--**Application:** Every warning to the _____ about Christ's _____...has _____ been given...so consider yourself..._____ !!!

--"The Day of the Lord."

--Isa 30:3: "For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near...a time of doom for the nations.

--Joel 2:11: The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it?

--Zeph. 1:14, 18: Near is the great day of the Lord, near and coming very quickly; listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly...Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire...

--Joel 3:14: Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

--Zech 2:11: Many nations will join themselves to the Lord in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you.

--**Key Concept:** The "Day" of the Lord is actually the "_____" or "_____" of the Lord... and is made up of _____ individual events...across a _____ period of time

--**Some of the WARNINGS to NON-believers that happen DURING the Day-of-the-Lord Era:**

--The _____ who are sealed and supernaturally protected...and witness to the truth about Christ's coming (Rev. 7)

--The two _____ who preach the Gospel throughout the first half of the Tribulation...and warn the world what's coming (Rev. 11)

--The _____ that preaches the Eternal Gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation...and warns the world what's coming (Rev. 14)

--God banishing the _____ during the Millennium...taking away every _____ for unbelief (Rev. 20)

--For 1000 years...Jesus Himself continuously announcing the _____ as He reigns as the Perfect King...and warns the world what's coming (Rev. 20)

--When Christ comes for BELIEVERS...

--Revelation 16:15: "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake..."

--Matt 24:42-44: "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."

--Matt 25:5-6: Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

--Matt 24:40-41: Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

--Key Concept #1: Don't _____ "The Day-of-the-Lord" _____...with the _____ of the Church

--Key Concept #2: During the Day of the Lord...there are _____ warnings given for what's coming...because unbelievers _____ the Word!!!

--Key Concept #3: In contrast...for the Rapture of the Church...there are _____ warnings given...because believers already _____ the Word...and shouldn't _____ any more warning!!!

--Key Concept #4: For the world...the warning is in the _____...but for the Church...the warning is in the _____!!!

--Key Concept #5: The Church is _____ waiting for Christ's return...while the world is _____ waiting for it

--Key Concept #6: Despite the fact that the Church _____ that Christ's return is imminent...tragically...compared to the world...there's little _____ in their _____!!!

--The most UNDER-recognized truth about the Last Days: While it will take more than a _____ years to fulfill God's promises to the world and to Israel... _____ promise left for the _____...will be fulfilled...in an _____!!!

Thursology 79: Without This Foundation...YOUR Rapture View...and ANY Rapture View...Falls Apart!!! (Rapture-Pt 2)

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--The Tribulation...in a verse (Daniel 9:27):

--The Tribulation...in a chapter (Matthew 24):

--The Tribulation...in a Book (Revelation)

--Chapter 1: Establishes Christ's **SOVEREIGNTY**...and that He's coming **QUICKLY!!!**

--Chapters 2 and 3: An outline of the **CHURCH** Age

--Revelation 4:1-2: A picture of the **Pre**-Trib Rapture

--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." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--This passage describes: 1) A loud **VOICE**, 2) A **TRUMPET**, 3) John is **CAUGHT** up, 4) He's with the Lord in **HEAVEN**.

--According to the Pre-Trib view: This describes the Rapture at the end of the **CHURCH** Age...and **BEFORE** the Tribulation begins.

--The First Half of the Tribulation:

--6:1-2: The Tribulation begins with a **FALSE** peace treaty...and the seven **SEAL** Judgments begin

--Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

--8:1-2: The seven **SEAL** Judgments end...and the seven **TRUMPET** Judgments begin

--When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

--The Mid-Point of the Tribulation:

--11:1: The **TEMPLE** is present during the Tribulation

--Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it."

--11:2: The Temple and Jerusalem will be "tread under foot" by the nations for **42** months because the **PROTECTION** of the Peace Treaty has been removed

--Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

--11:3, 7: The two witnesses who have prophesized for **1260** days are **KILLED** by the Beast

--And I will grant authority to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."...When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

--**11:11**: The witnesses are **RESURRECTED**

--But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

--**11:12**: After they're resurrected...the witnesses hear a loud **VOICE**...and then they're caught **UP** into heaven

--And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud...

--According to its advocates: This is a picture of the **MID**-Trib Rapture

--**12:7-9**: **SATAN** and his angels are thrown down from heaven to **EARTH**

--And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

--**12:13**: The Peace Treaty is **BROKEN**...and the horrendous persecution of **ISRAEL** begins

--And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

--**12:14-17**: A Remnant of Israel is supernaturally **PROTECTED** from the Dragon's destruction for **3 ½** years...so the Dragon makes war with the other believers throughout the world

--But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

--**13:1-2**: The **BEAST** appears and is given **SATAN'S** power

--And the dragon 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.

--**13:11-13**: The False Prophet appears and is given the Antichrist's authority and compels those on the earth to **WORSHIP** the Antichrist...and performs great **SIGNS**

--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. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth...

--**13:15-18**: The **MARK** of the Beast campaign begins and believers are **MARTYRED**

--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. 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. 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.

--**14:6-7**: An angel preaches the eternal **GOSPEL** to the **WHOLE** world

--And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

--**The "Great" Tribulation...the last three and a half years:**

--**16:1**: During the Great Tribulation the seven **BOWL** Judgments...which are the wrath of **GOD**...occur

--Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

--**16:12-13, 16**: The 6th Bowl: Preparation for **ARMAGEDDON**

--The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits...And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

--**16:17-18, 21**: The 7th Bowl: Horrendous **WRATH** is poured out on the armies that have come to destroy **ISRAEL**

--Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air...And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty...And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

--**Chapters 17 and 18**: As the Tribulation nears its end...the **HARLOT** of Babylon and the **CITY** of Babylon are **JUDGED**

--**The End of the Tribulation: The Completion of Daniel's 70th "Seven"**

--The **POST**-Trib Rapture occurs here...at the **END** of the Tribulation

--**19:6-7, 9**: The **MARRIAGE** Supper of the Lamb occurs in **HEAVEN**

--Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."...Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

--**19:11, 14-16**: The Second Coming of Christ when He comes in power to **FIGHT** the Antichrist and his armies at the Battle of **ARMAGEDDON**

--And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

--**19:19**: Antichrist leads the armies of the **WORLD** against **CHRIST**

--And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

--**19:20**: Antichrist and the False Prophet are **THROWN** into the **LAKE** of Fire

--And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

--**The Millennium**:

--**20:1-3**: An angel appears with a great chain and **BINDS** Satan in the abyss for **1000** years so that he cannot **DECEIVE** the nations

--Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he took 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...

--**20:4**:

--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 foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

--**Key Concept**: Christ will **REIGN** on the earth for **1000** years

--**20:7-8**: The Millennium **ENDS** and Satan is released to **DECEIVE** the nations...and they join him in a great **WAR** against Christ

--When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at 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.

--**20:9**: Fire destroys Satan's **ARMIES**

--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.

--**20:10**: **SATAN** is thrown into the Lake of Fire for his **ETERNAL** punishment...joining the Antichrist and the False Prophet

--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.

--**20:11-12**: The "Great White Throne"...which is the **FINAL** judgment for **UNBELIEVERS**

--Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

--**Beyond the Millennium:**

--**Rev 21:1**: The **NEW** heaven and earth are created...and **ETERNITY** begins

--Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...

--**Key Concept #1**: It is important to not to confuse the “Pre-**TRIBULATIONAL** view”...which is about the timing of the **RAPTURE**...with the “Pre-**MILLENNIAL** view”...which is about the **OVERALL** chronology of the Last Days...from the **PRESENT** age...into **ETERNITY**

--**Key Concept #2**: The clear, simple, explicit phrase, “...**THOUSAND** years...” is used **SEVEN** times in Revelation chapter 20.

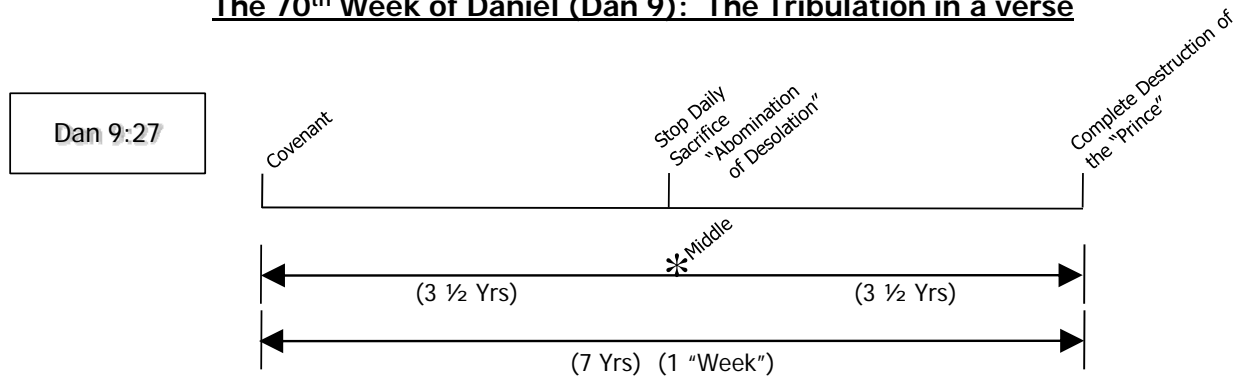
--**Key Concept #3**: The **PRE**-millennial chronology flows **NATURALLY** out of the “normal” reading of the Revelation and depends upon no **ALTERATION**...no **RE**-ordering of the text...and no theological **MANIPULATION**...for its support!!!

--**Application**: Never let eschatology merely be about **CHRONOLOGY** or the **TIMING** of future events...because the **FUNDAMENTAL** issue in all eschatology is about who...is...**LORD!!!**

--Matthew 7:13-14, 17, 19, 21-23, 26-27: “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it....every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit...Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire...” “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’... Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

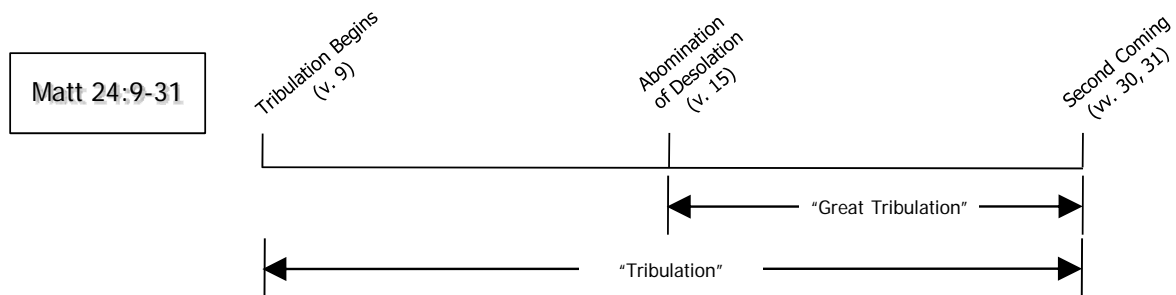
Putting It All Together: The Last Seven Years

The 70th Week of Daniel (Dan 9): The Tribulation in a verse

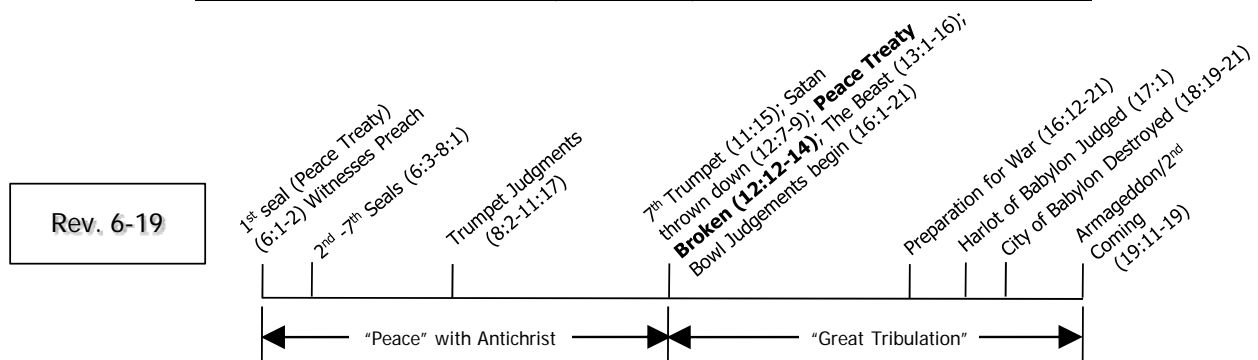


Compare: Dan 2:40-42; 7:1-8, 11, 19-26

The Olivet Discourse (Matt 24): The Tribulation in a chapter



The Revelation Account (Rev 6-19): The Tribulation in a book



The Revelation Timetable of the Future

