

**WELCOME**

**To**

**ESCHATOLOGY**

# Key Terms in Eschatology



# Overview of Biblical Eschatology



Four events that  
distinguish and  
divide students  
of eschatology



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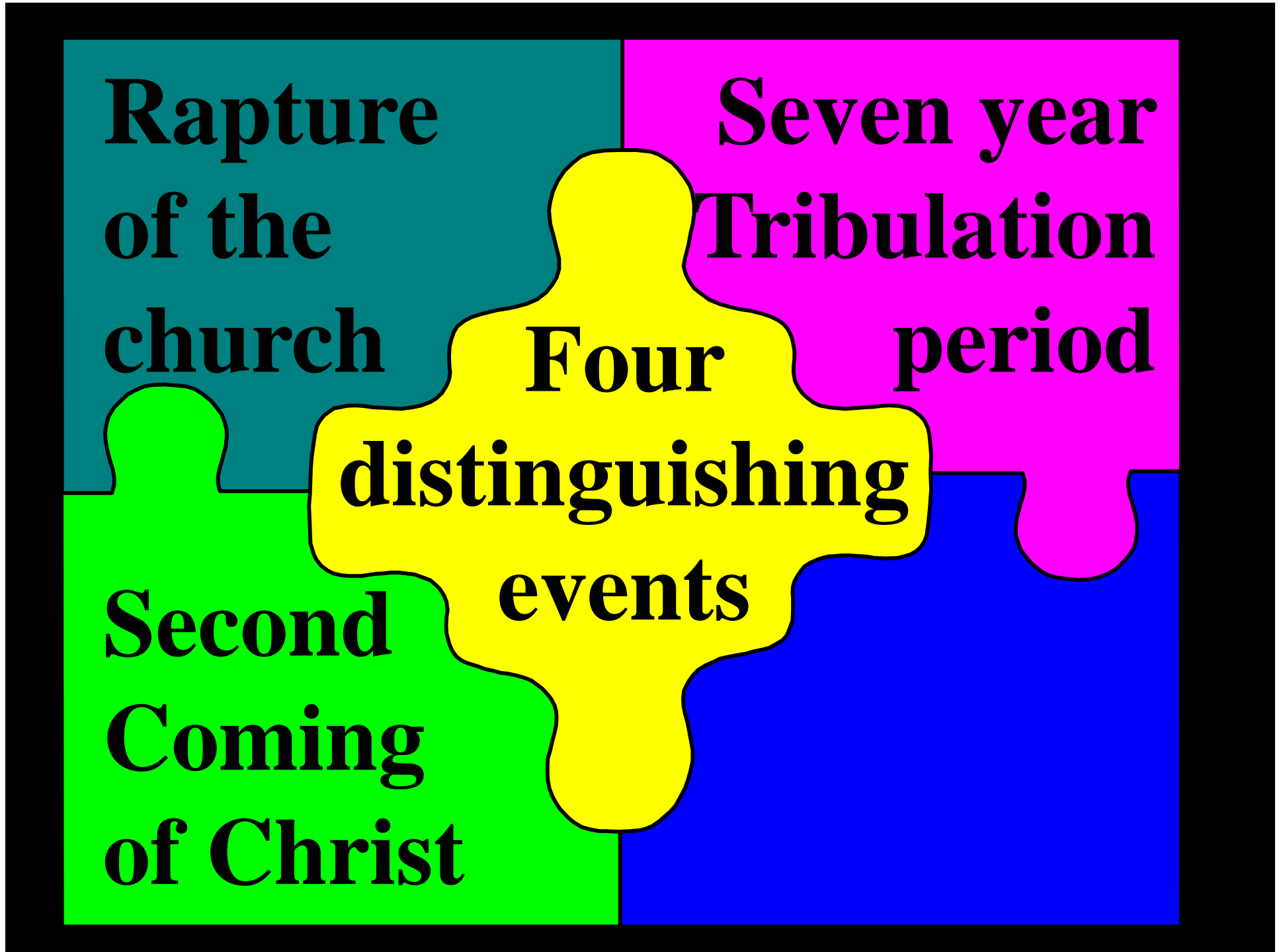
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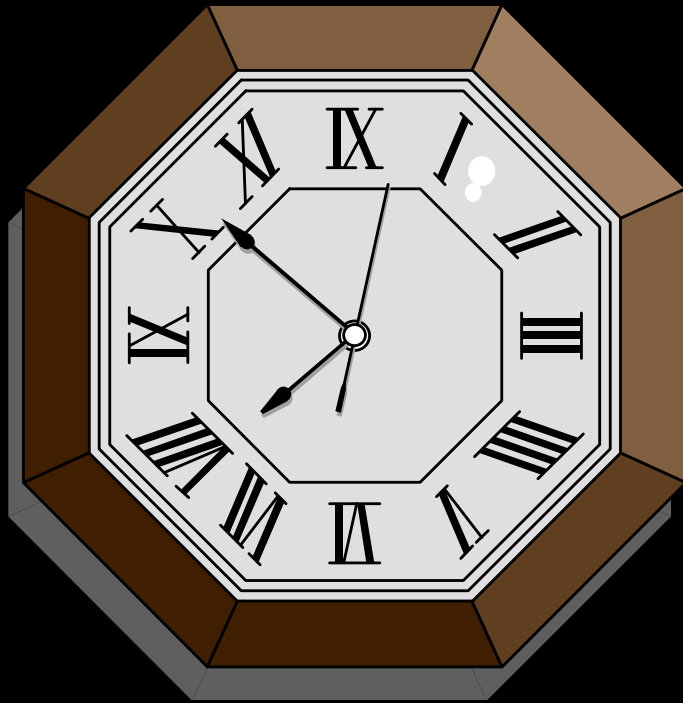
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**the  
Millennium**



# Overview: Four Views of Timing



⌚ **Preterist**

⌚ **Historicist**

⌚ **Futurist**

⌚ **Idealist**

# Overview: Three Views of the Millennium



→ Amillennial

→ Postmillennial

→ Premillennial

# Five Views re the Rapture



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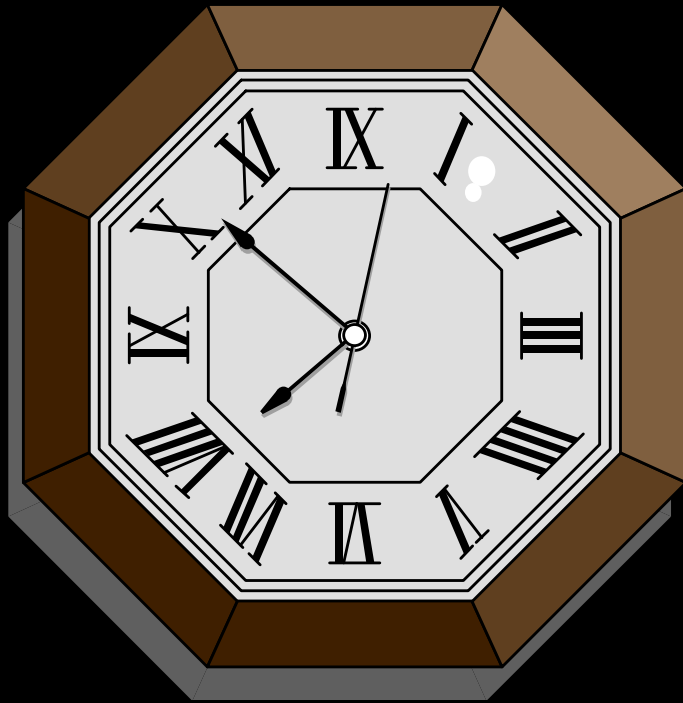
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⌚ Futurist

⌚ Idealist

# Preterist (past) View:

& Prophecy fulfilled in 70 AD

& Non-literal interpretation

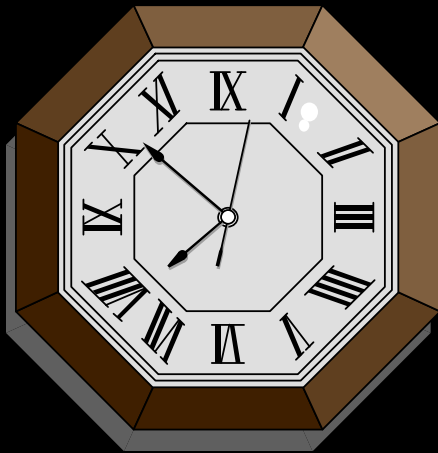
& No future for Israel

& No present fulfillment

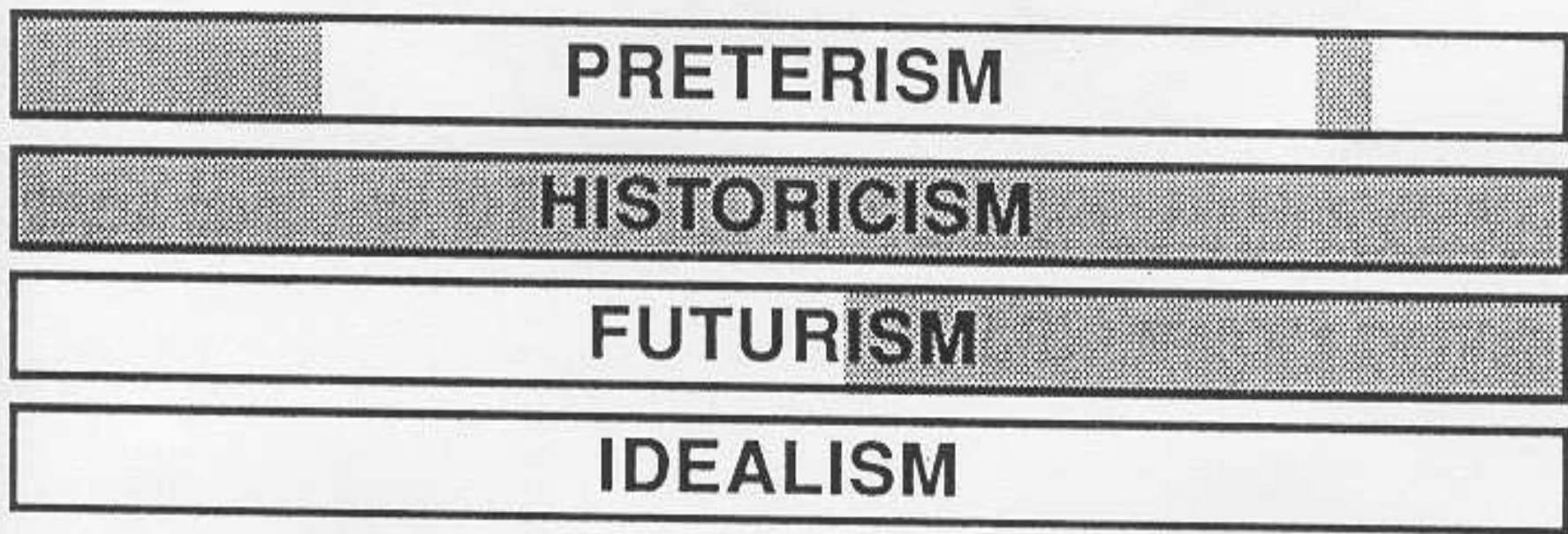
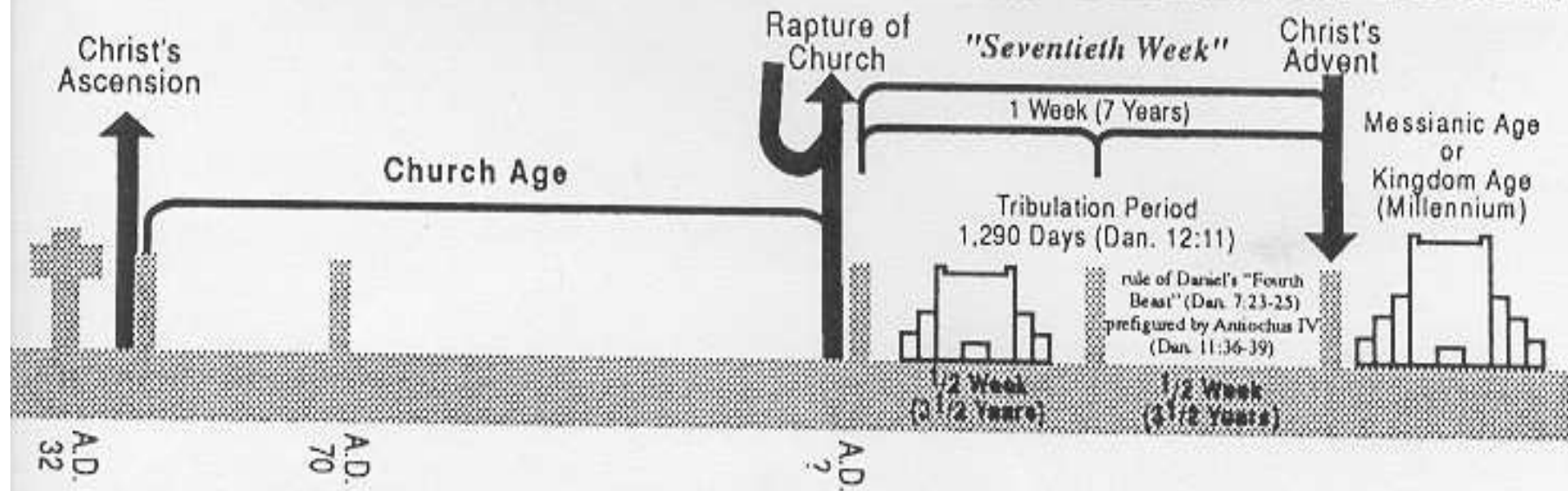
& Church is/will be victorious

& General resurrection/judgment.

& Christ's return ushers in eternal kingdom

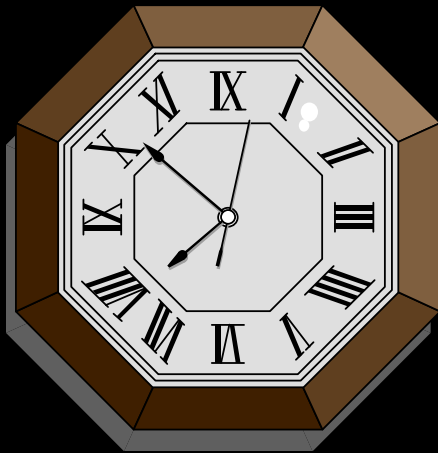


# BASIC APPROACHES TO ESCHATOLOGY



# Historicist (present) View:

& Prophecy being fulfilled  
throughout church history



& Non-literal interpretation

& No future for nation Israel

& Trib/millen. spiritual/now

& General

resurrectin/judgm.

& May be Amil. or Postmil.

# **Futurist View:**

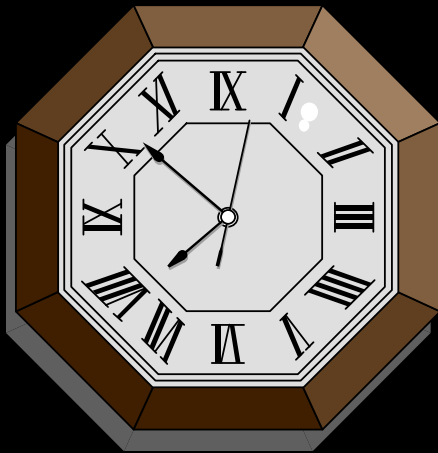
**& Prophecy not fulfilled today**

**& Literal interpretation**

**& Tribulation and millennium are future and literal**

**& May differ on timing of rapture and whether mil. is for Church or for Israel**

**& Only Premillennial**





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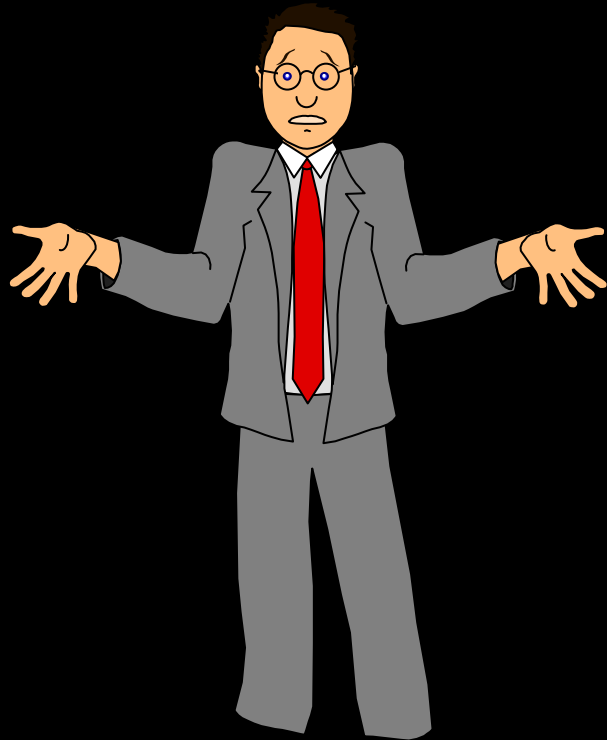


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# Amillennialism:



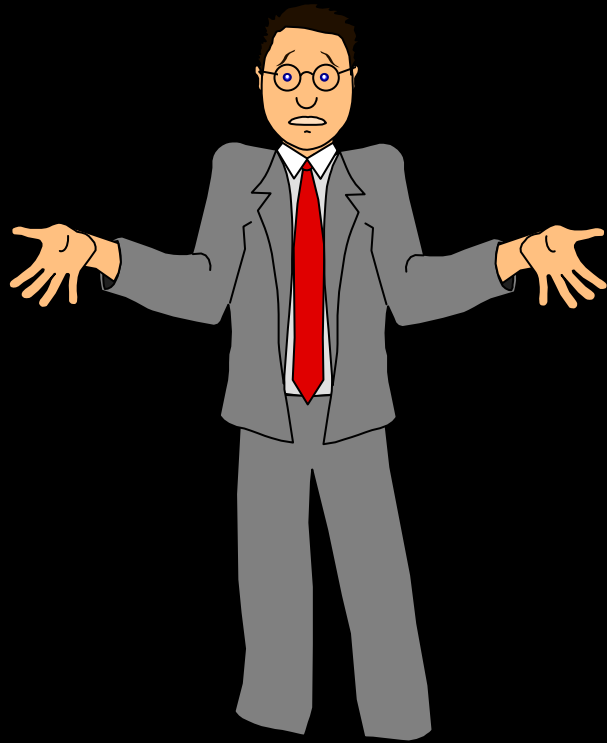
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# Amillennialism:

## → *Distinctives:*



\*Non-literal interp.

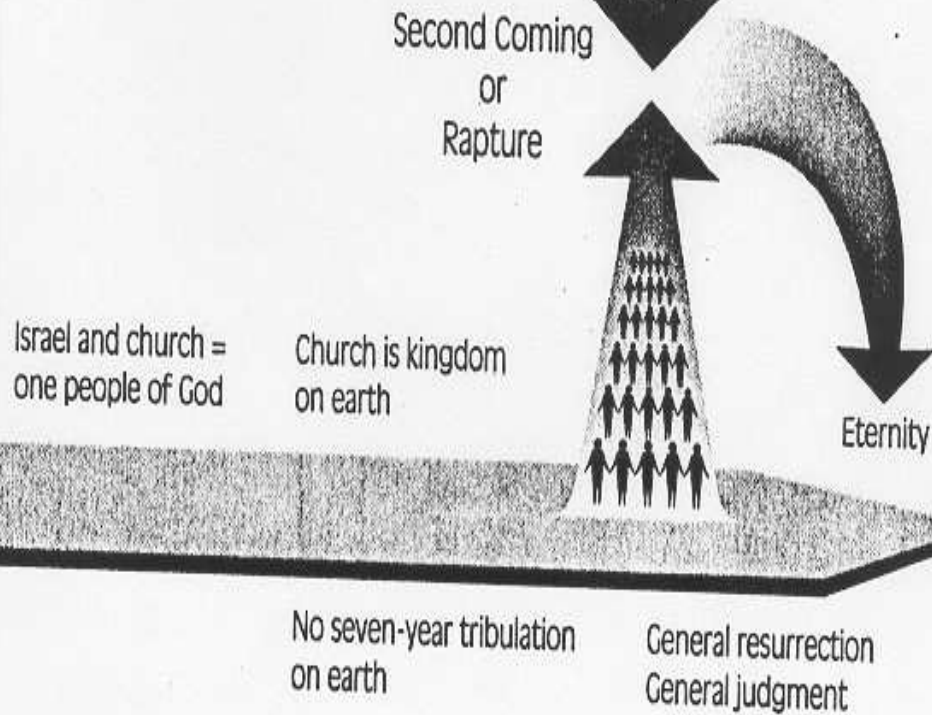
\*“No” millennium

\*Church = Israel

\*Covenant of grace

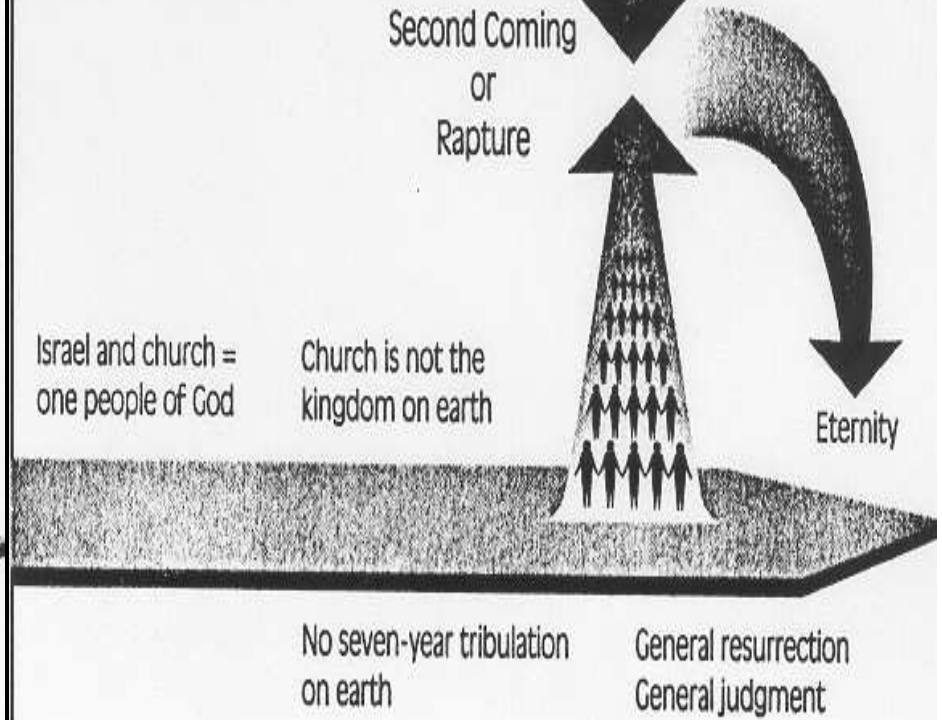
\*“Spiritual” kingdom

## St. Augustine's Amillennial View

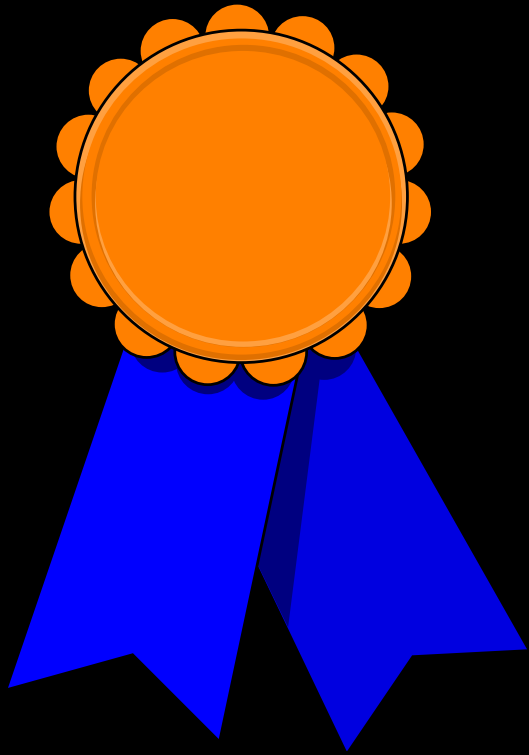


## Warfield's Amillennial View

Kingdom promises fulfilled now in heaven



# Postmillennialism:

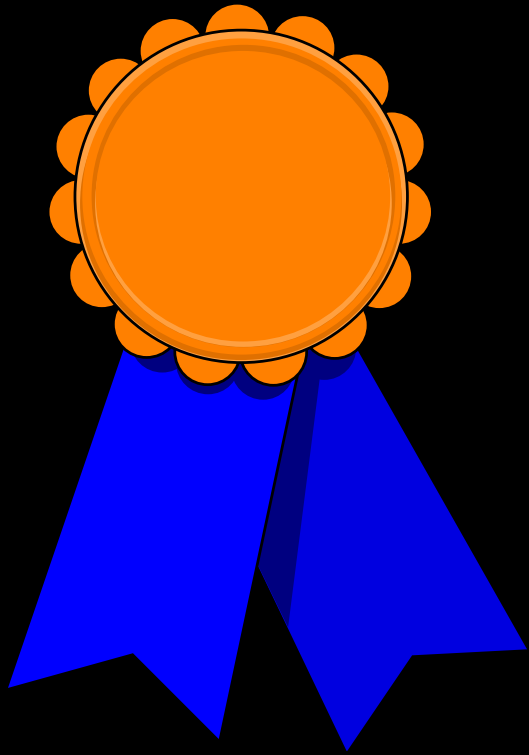


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# Postmillennialism:



## → *Distinctives:*

- \*Kingdom here now
- \*Kingdom = redemptive
- \*Transforming growth
- \*“Christianized” world
- \*Christ’s return ushers in a “golden age”

1. Jewish people will be converted (Zech. 12:10; Rom. 11:26, 27).
2. Kingdom of God is established as rule of God in hearts of believers, both Jew and Gentile (John 17:2, 20, 22; Rom. 10:11-13; Gal. 3:28, 29; Is. 56:7, 8; Mal. 1:11).
3. Righteousness and peace reign on earth (Is. 11:9; 25:9; Mic. 4:2, 3).
4. Kingdom will contain "tares" (Matt. 13:24-30).



Satan is bound (Is. 24:21-23; Matt. 12:24-29; John 12:31; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14; Rev. 20:3).



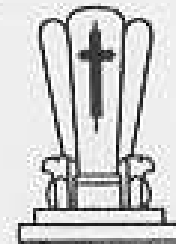
Tribulation. Satan loosed "a little while", rise of apostasy, war of good and evil, Armageddon. (Matt. 24:14, 21; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; Rev. 20:7-9)



World's societies become "Christian" (Zech. 4:6; Matt. 13:31-33; 24:14; 25:19; 2 Pet. 3:8, 9).



Second Coming of Christ, when He destroys the lawless one (2 Thess. 2:8)



Great White Throne Judgment. All the wicked are judged. (Rev. 20:11-15)



General resurrection of all dead and rapture of living Christians (Dan. 12:1, 2; John 5:28, 29; Acts 24:15; 1 Thess. 4:13-17)



Church obeys Great Commission (Matt. 28:19, 20).

CHURCH AGE

MILLENNIUM

NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

## The Millennium according to Postmillennialism

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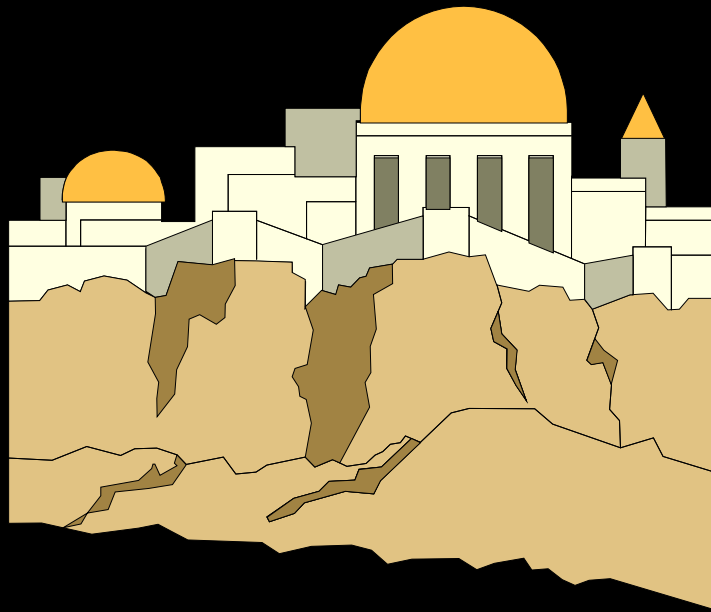
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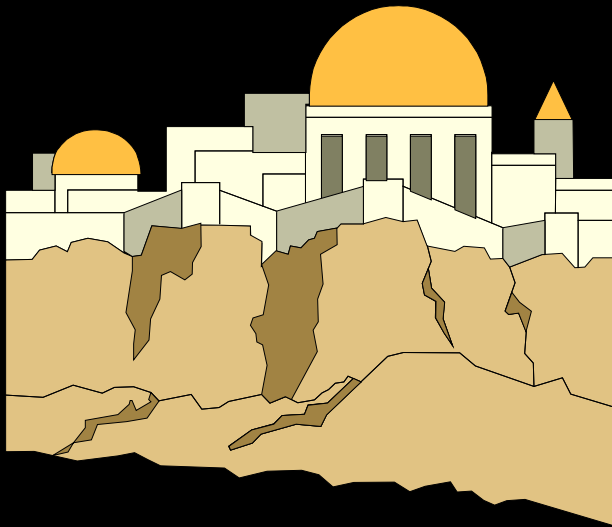
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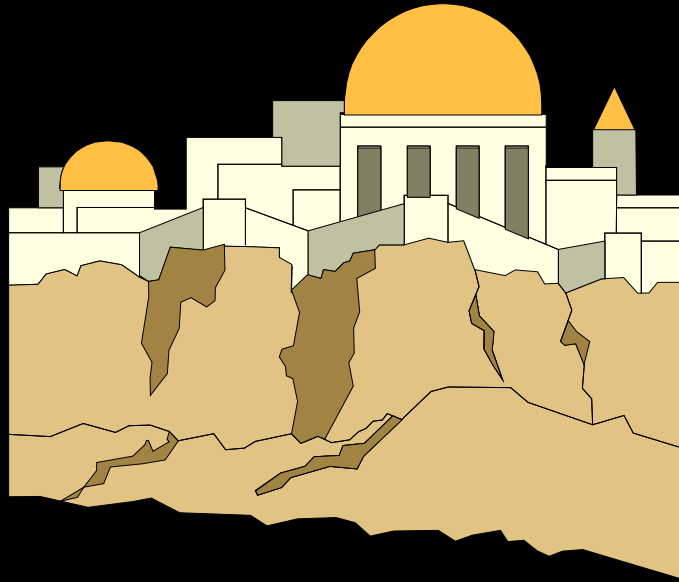



\* **Literal 1000 year kingdom on earth**


\* **Christ returns to earth prior to millennium**

\* **Literal interpretation**

# Premillennialism:



 **Covenant =**  
**“historical” premil**

 **Classic/normative**  
**Dispensationalism**

 **Progressive**  
**Dispensationalism**

# Covenant Premillennialism

## ➔ *Distinctives:*

- \* Church = New Israel
- \* Kingdom = Spiritual
- \* Figurative interpretation of OT
- \* Israel- no national future
- \* “Already” - “not yet”
- \* General resurrection/judgment

# Dispensational Premil.

## → *Distinctives:*

- \* Church & Israel distinct
- \* Consistent literal interpretation
- \* Biblical covenants emphasized
- \* National future for Israel
- \* Davidic kingdom postponed
- \* Rapture & Second Coming distinct

# Progressive Disp. Premil.

## → *Distinctives:*

- \*“Complimentary” hermeneutics
- \*Throne of David - “Already - “not yet”
- \*National future for Israel
- \*Rapture & Second Coming distinct
- \*Church less distinct from Israel
- \*Church revealed in OT - realized in NT

# Five Views re the Rapture



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# **What distinguishes these Five Rapture Views ?**



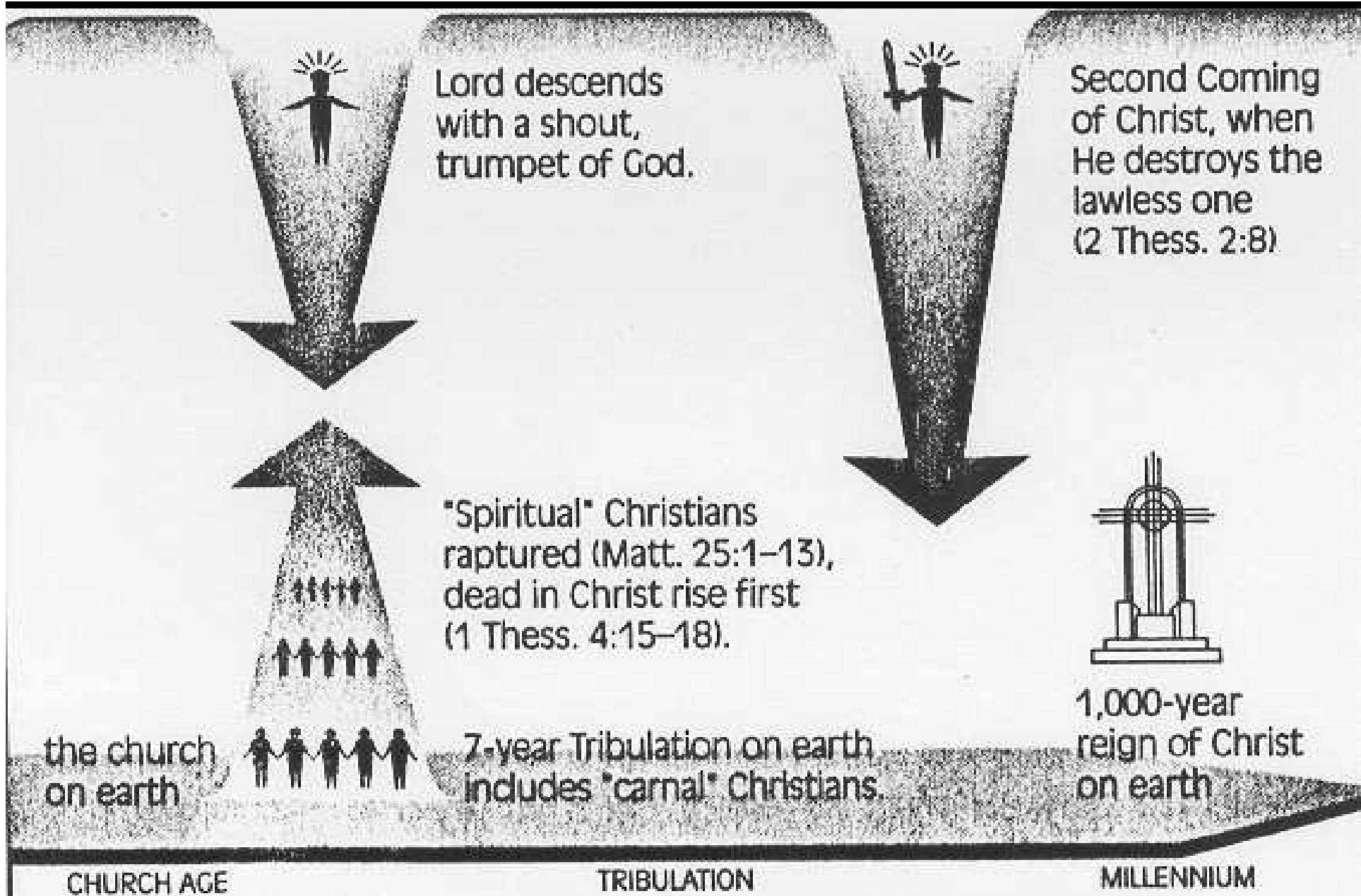
- 1. Is the tribulation for Israel only?**
- 2. Will the church be in the trib.?**
- 3. Is the rapture imminent?  
that is “signless”?**



# Partial Rapture view:



- only spiritual believers
- carnal believers (church) and Israel together
- more than one rapture
- rapture meritorious
- rapture is imminent for some but not for others

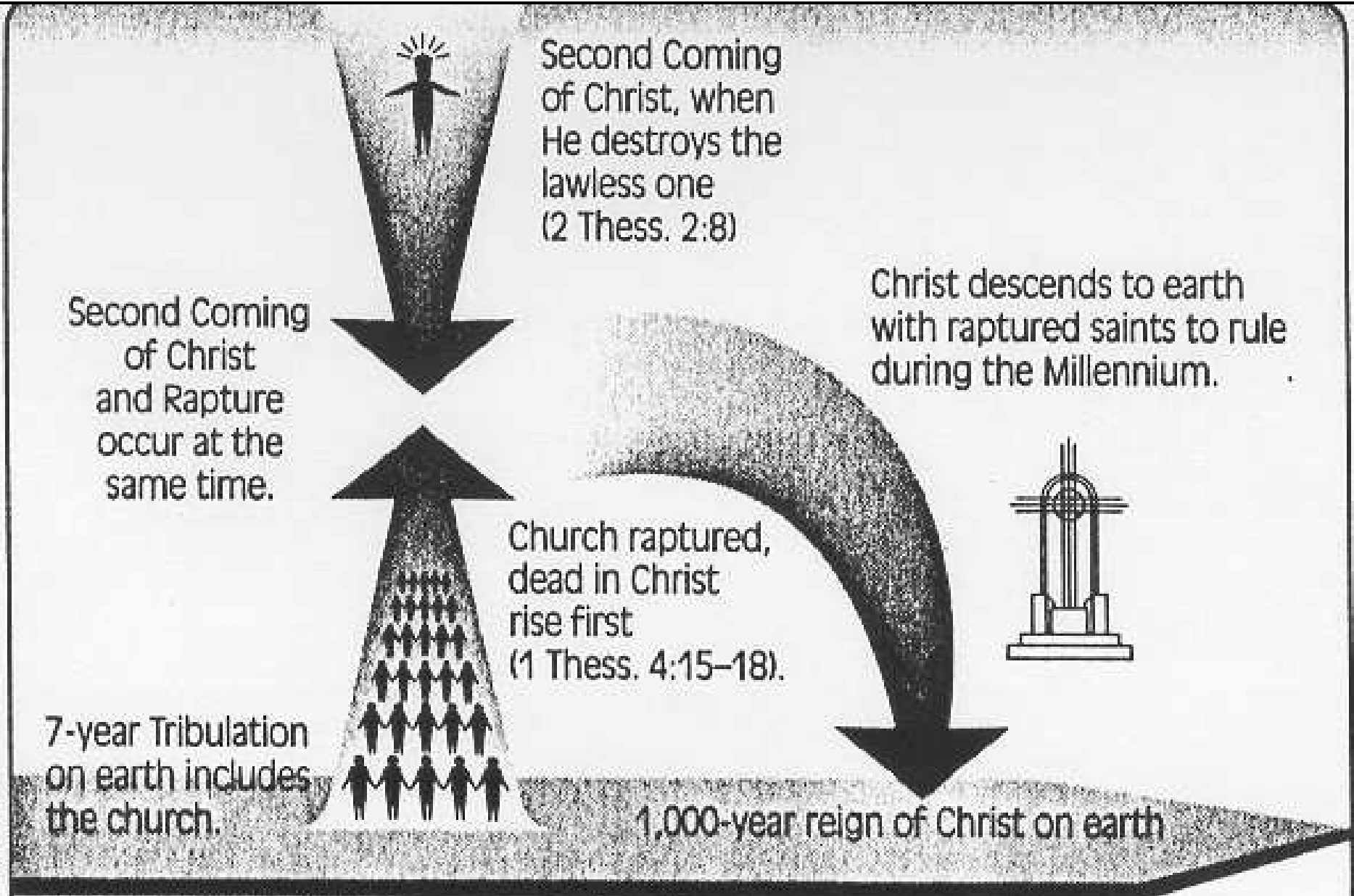


## Premillennial Pretribulation Partial Rapture

# Posttribulational view:



- Little distinction between church and Israel
- Church and Israel are together in tribulation
- Rapture is not imminent



CHURCH AGE AND TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

# Premillennial Posttribulation Rapture

# Midtribulation view:



- Church & Israel both in first half of tribulation
- Distinguish between trib. and great tribulation
- Rapture not imminent



Lord descends with a shout, trumpet of God.



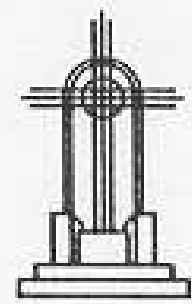
Second Coming of Christ, when He destroys the lawless one (2 Thess. 2:8)



Church raptured, dead in Christ rise first (1 Thess. 4:15-18).

3 1/2-year Tribulation on earth includes the church.

3 1/2-year Tribulation on earth



1,000-year reign of Christ on earth

CHURCH AGE AND FIRST PART OF TRIBULATION

LAST PART OF TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

# Premillennial Midtribulation Rapture

# Pre-wrath rapture view:



- Distinguish wrath of God from wrath of man
- Rapture not imminent
- Church & Israel both endure wrath of man
- Rapture occurs about 5 1/4 years into trib.

# The Prewrath Rapture

Kept from the Hour



PREWRATH  
RAPTURE

GOD'S  
WRATH

MIDPOINT

The beginning  
of Sorrows

The Great  
Tribulation

The Day of  
the Lord

3 1/2 YEARS

3 1/2 YEARS

"Because you (the Church of Philadelphia) have kept the word of my patience (here)"

"I will keep you from the hour (here)"

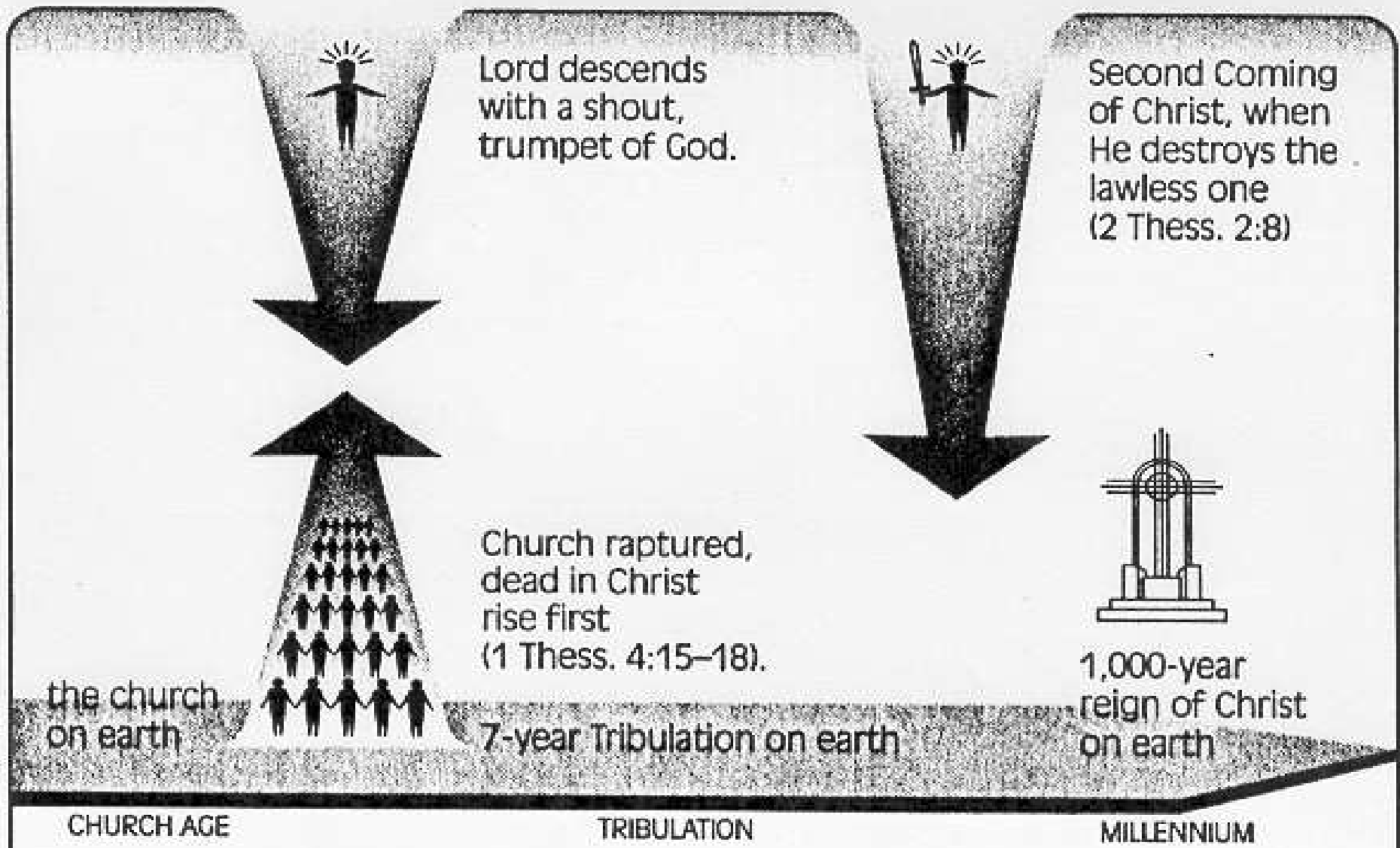
The Rapture and the Day of the Lord *follow* the hour of testing



# Pretribulation view:



- Tribulation is for Israel -  
(Daniel's 70th week)
- Church & Israel distinct
- Church in heaven from  
Revelation 4 to 19
- Rapture is imminent
- Consistent literal interp.



### Premillennial Pretribulation Rapture

# It is that time!

## ☆ Final Exam!

