

1 Thessalonians Series

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Saved from the Wrath to Come

1 Thessalonians 1:10



1ST

THESSALONIANS

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vs.

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ὅτι *hoti*; 1. Because, or, 2. For, or 3. That

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(3:10a–b) “Because you have kept My command to persevere, 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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(3:10b) “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.”

There are three things we must analyze in vs. 10

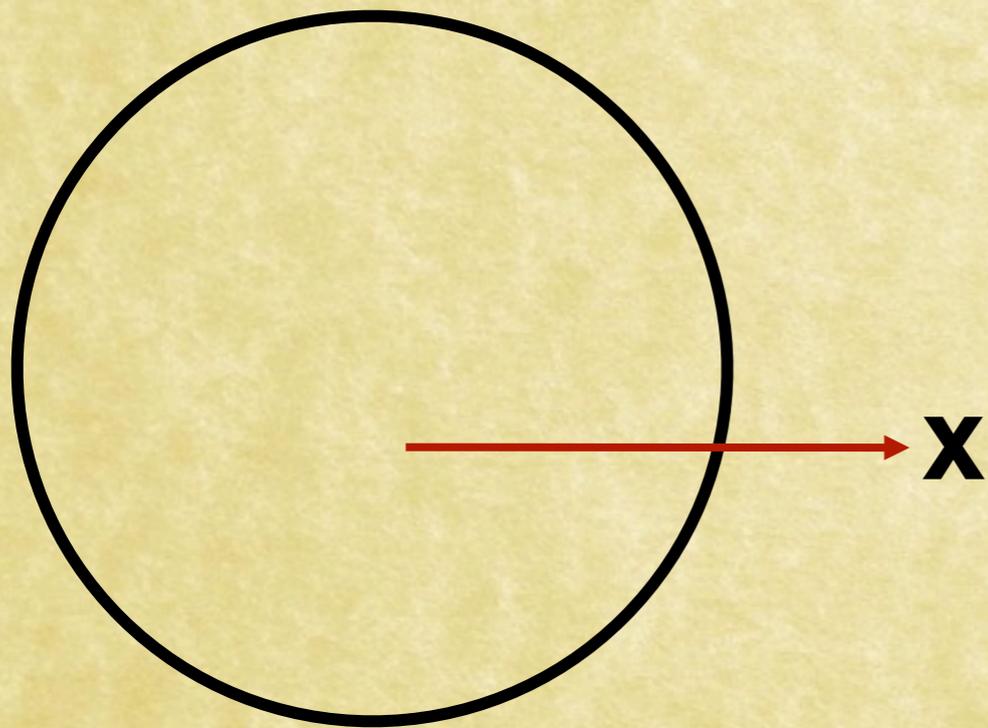
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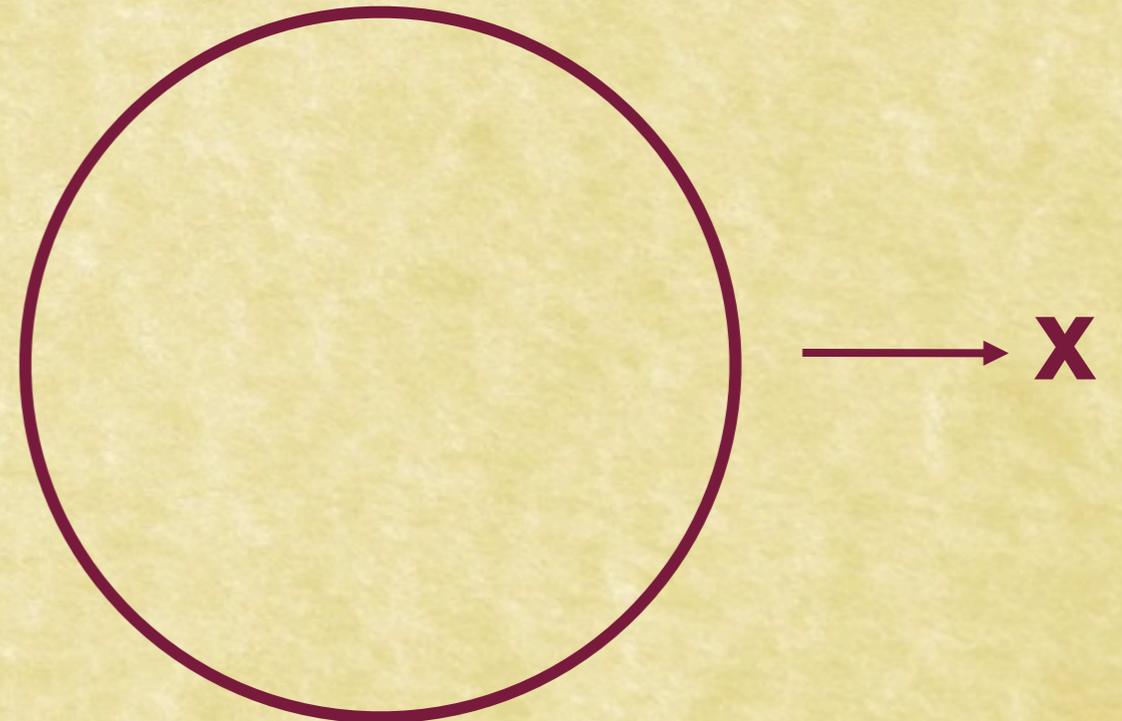
I will keep you from (τηρέω tēréō; ἐκ ek)

Example A



***Ek* = out from within**

Example B



***Ek* = out from but not
ever within**

The predominate meaning is a position outside its object with no thought of prior existence within the object or of emergence from the object.

Acts 15:28, “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:

Acts 15:29, “that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.”

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.”**

John 17:15, “I do not pray that You should **take them out of the world, but that You should keep them [*tereo ek*] from the evil one.”**

αἴρω aírō; “to take up; lift up, raise up”

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Matt. 3:7, “But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the WRATH to come?’ ”

Luke 3:7, “He said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the WRATH to come?’ ”

Luke 21:23, “Alas for those who are with child and for those who give suck in those days! For great distress shall be upon the earth and WRATH upon this people;”

Rom. 1:18, “For the WRATH of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth.”

Rom. 2:5, “But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,”

Rom. 2:8, “but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be WRATH and fury.”

Heb. 4:3, “For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, ‘As I swore in my WRATH, “They shall never enter my rest,” ’ although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.”

Cat. 2: Tribulation judgment

1 Thess. 5:9, “For God has not destined us for WRATH, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Cat. 3: Eternal judgment

Rom. 2:5, “But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up WRATH for yourself on the day of WRATH when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.”

Rom. 9:22, “What if God, desiring to show his WRATH and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the vessels of WRATH made for destruction,”

John 3:36, “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

The Doctrine of the Imminency of Christ's Return

“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

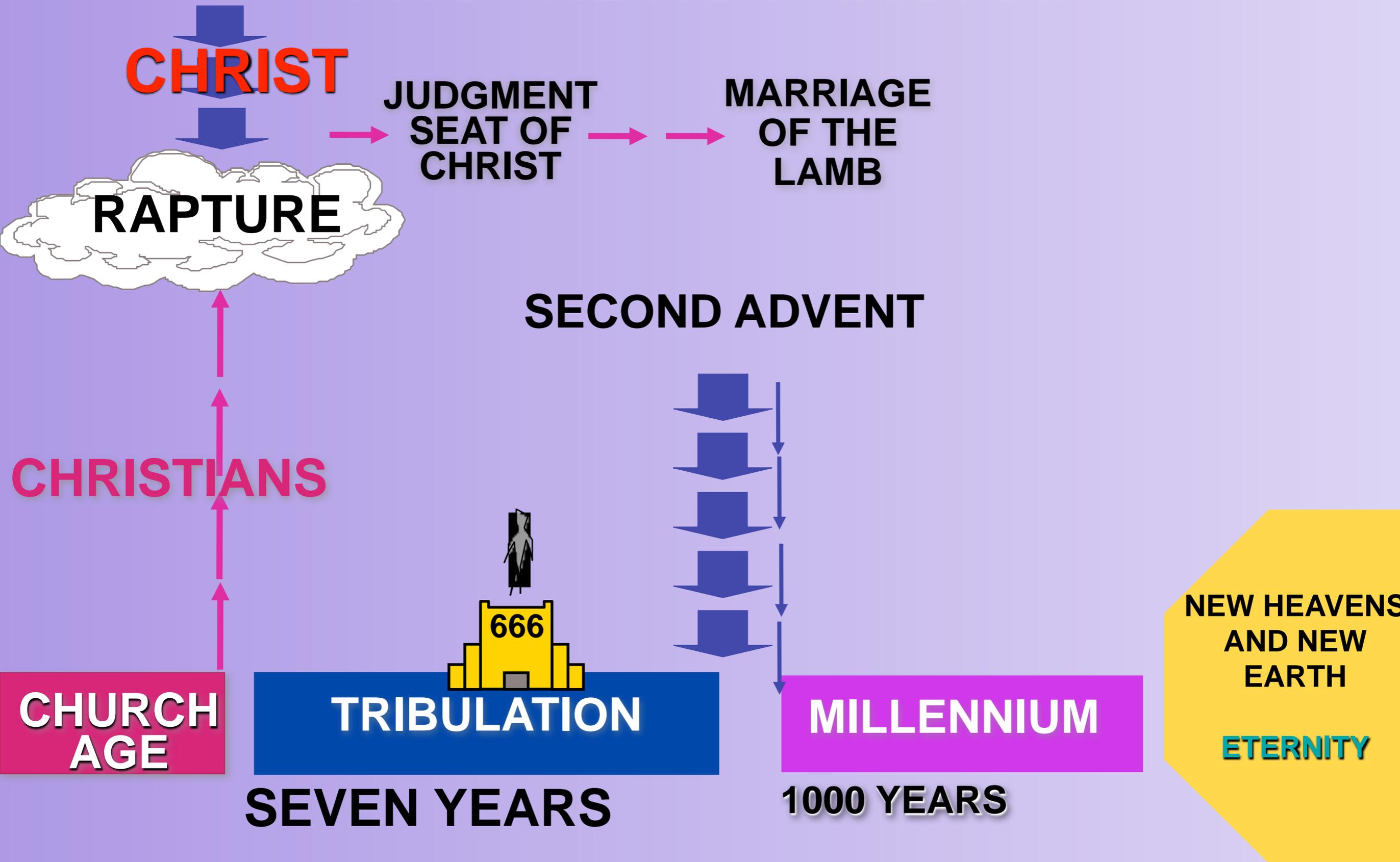
“The last times are come upon us. Let us therefore be of a reverent spirit, and fear the long-suffering of God, that it tend not to our condemnation. For let us either stand in awe of the wrath to come, or show regard for the grace which is at present displayed—one of two things.”

~Ignatius, *Ephesians 11*.

“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



2 Tim. 4:8, “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.”

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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 present time and the Rapture.

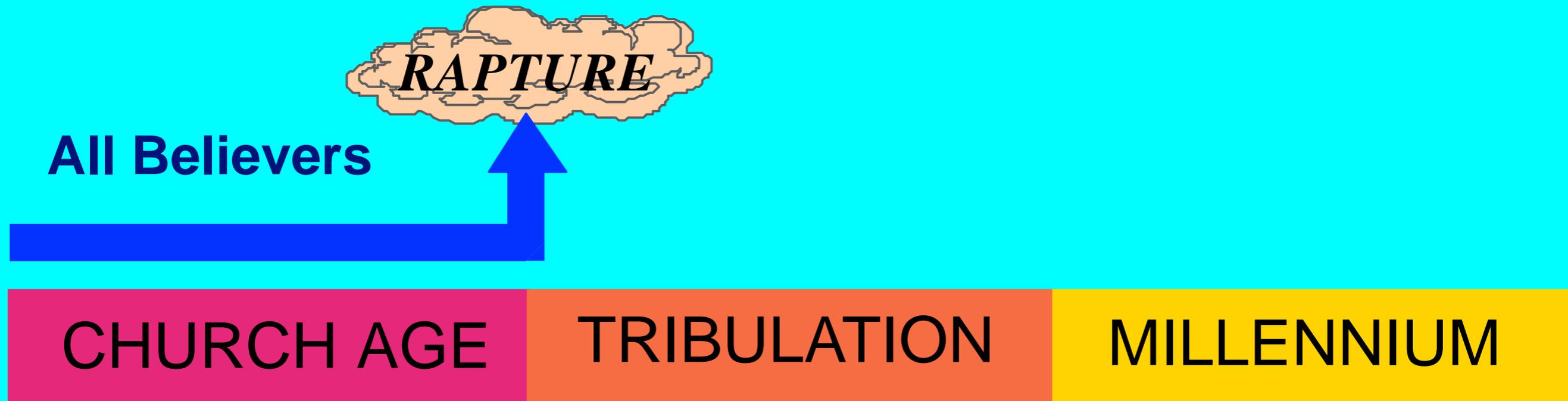
2. The doctrine of imminency is important to understanding the Pre-Tribulation return of Jesus Christ at the Rapture.

The Rapture is . . .

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.

RAPTURE VIEWS

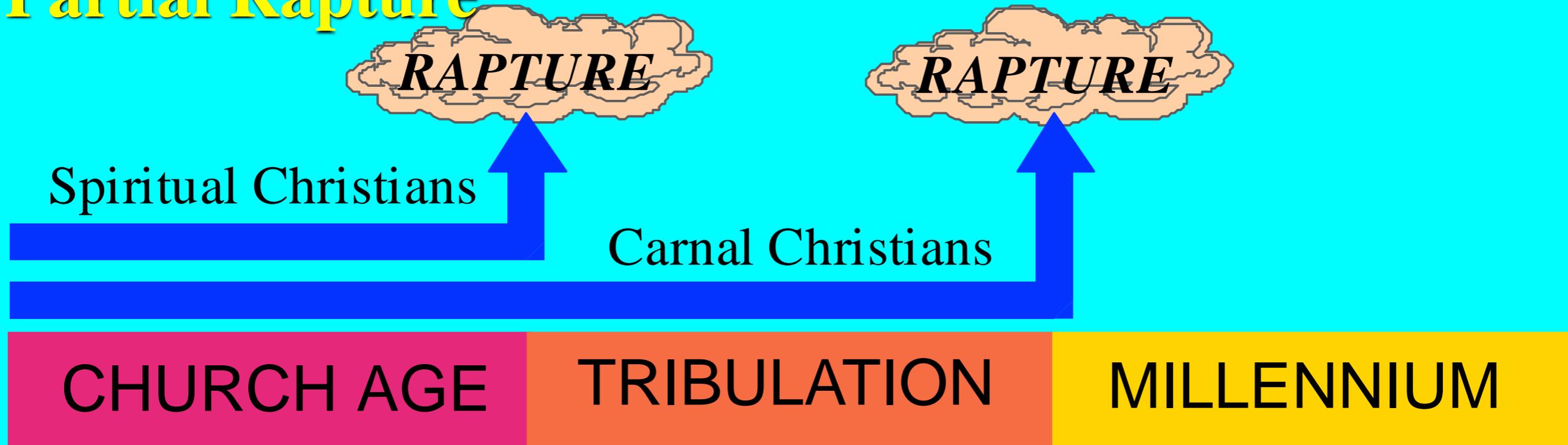
Pre-Trib Rapture



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

RAPTURE VIEWS

Partial Rapture



At the Rapture *only* those faithful, totally dedicated Christians will be caught up, leaving carnal Christians behind to be chastened by the tribulation.

RAPTURE VIEWS

Mid-Trib Rapture



All Believers



CHURCH AGE

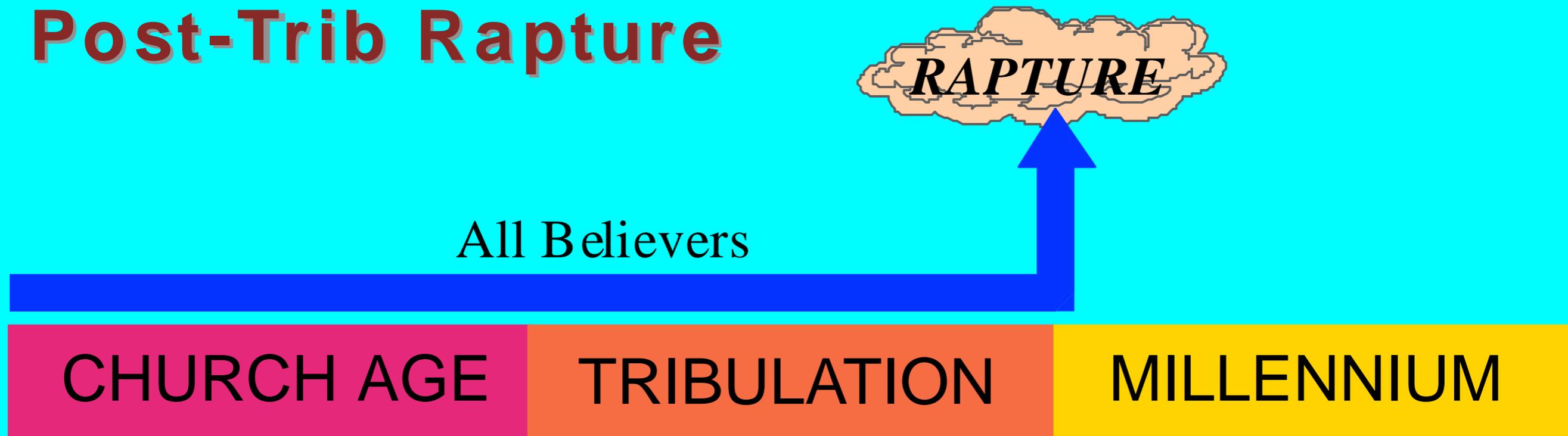
TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

The Rapture occurs in the middle of the Tribulation, thus believers endure the first half.

RAPTURE VIEWS

Post-Trib Rapture



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

4. 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).

5. 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

6. 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.

7. The resurrection of the Church, like our dying, is completely out of our control. Just as we have no control over the time and manner of our death, so we have no control over the time and manner of the Rapture.

8. The resurrection of the Church is totally beyond our control because resurrection is the Lord's victory.

1 Cor. 15:57, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**9. 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 antichrist, the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments, the Judgment Seat of Christ, Rev. 6–19.

10. The Rapture could have occurred at the time of James or Paul because no prophecy had to be fulfilled before the resurrection occurs.

11. Distortion of the imminency of the Rapture results in instability and foolish explanation or speculation about the time of the Rapture; hence, James gives us an admonition in James 5:7–8.