

Revelation Series

Lesson #013

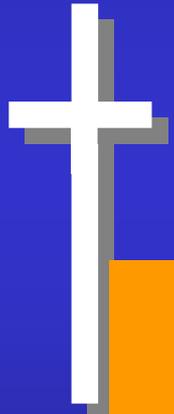
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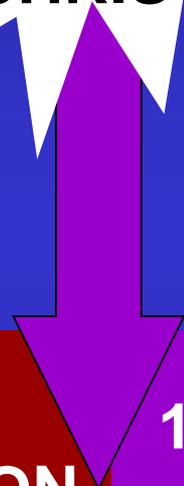


**CHURCH
AGE**

RAPTURE

**7-YEAR
TRIBULATION
(ISRAEL)**

**1,000-YEAR
KINGDOM
(MILLENNIUM)**





What is Preterism?

Preterism is . . .

based on a Latin word
“*praeteritus*” meaning “gone
by,” i.e., past. “Preterism”
holds that the Tribulation
prophecies occur in the *first
century*, thus in our past.

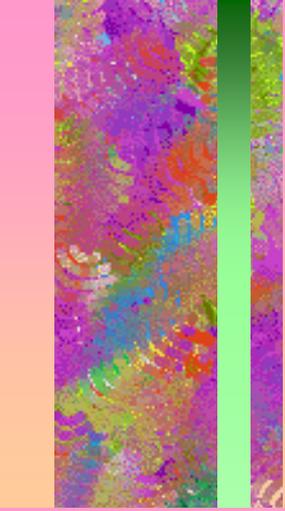
—Kenneth Gentry (preterist)



The Olivet Discourse

“The Olivet Discourse is not about the Second Coming of Christ. It is a prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.”

—David Chilton (preterist)



The Book of Revelation

“The Book of Revelation is not about the Second Coming of Christ. It is about the destruction of Israel and Christ’s victory over His enemies in the establishment of the New Covenant Temple. In fact, . . . the word ‘coming’ as used in the Book of Revelation never refers to the Second Coming But the main focus of Revelation is upon events which were soon to take place.”

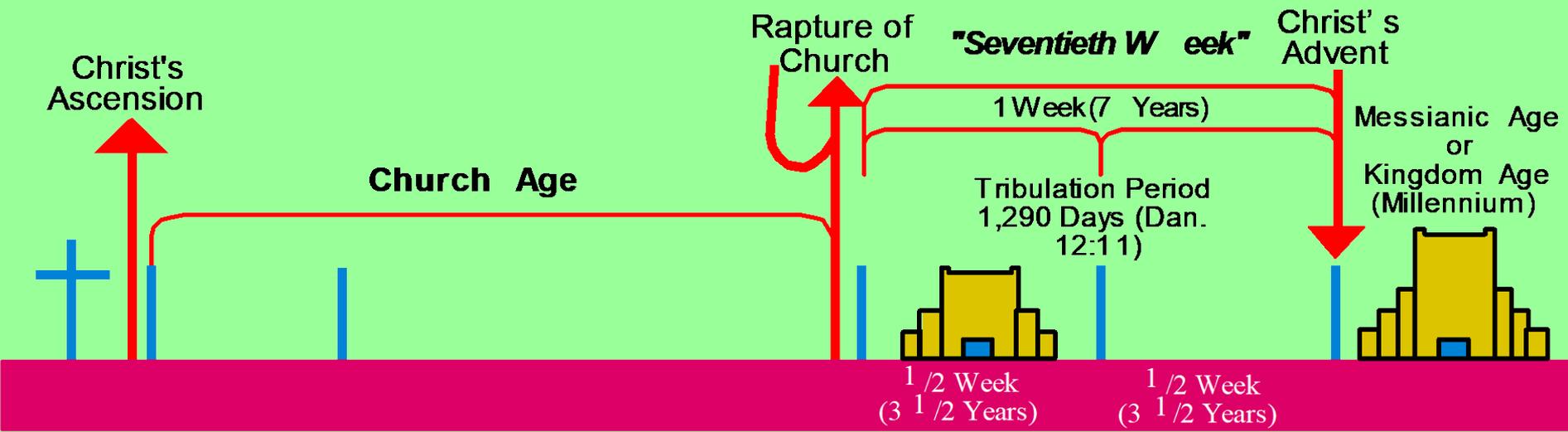
—David Chilton

R. C. Sproul's Preterism

“I am convinced that the substance of the Olivet Discourse was fulfilled in A.D. 70 and that the bulk of Revelation was likewise fulfilled in that time frame. . . .” —R. C. Sproul, Sr . . .

does see a lot of merit in the partial preterist approach . . .

BASIC APPROACHES TO PROPHECY

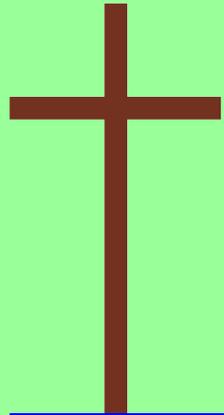


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AD 70
AD 1260
AD 1290

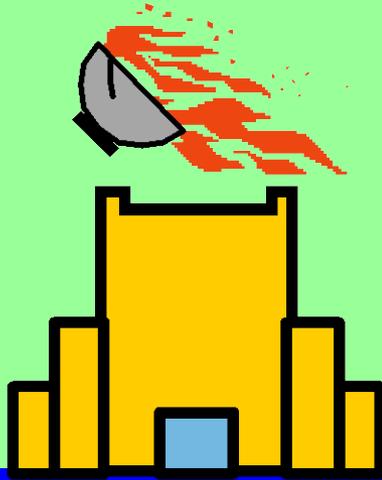
PRETERISM

PRETERIST

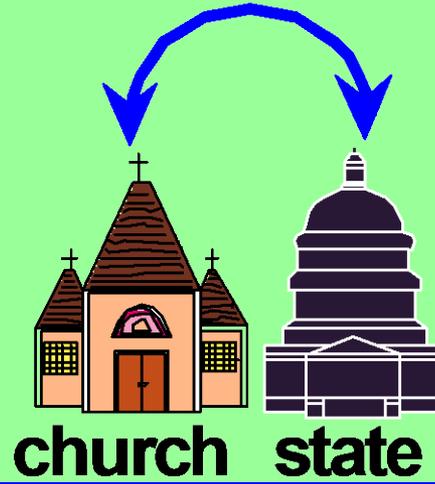
APPROACHES



A.D. 30



A.D. 70



church state

A.D. 350

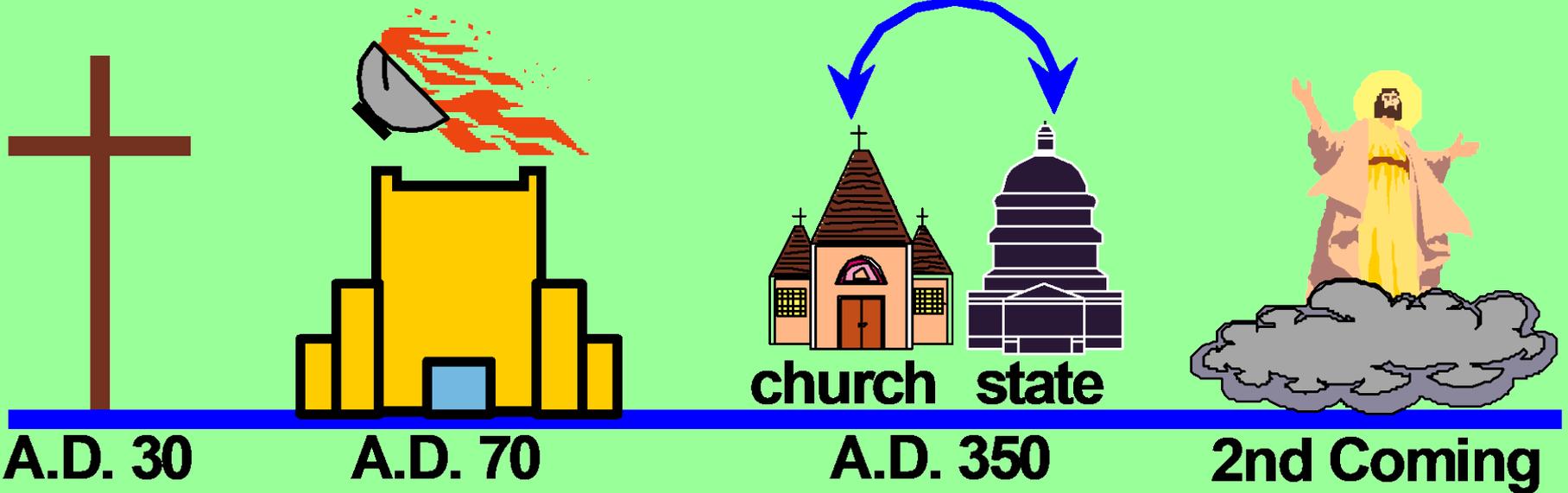


2nd Coming

EXTREME

PRETERIST

APPROACHES



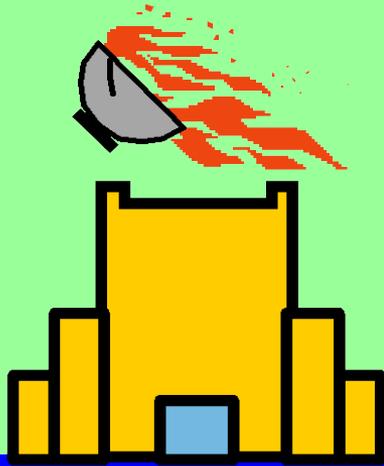
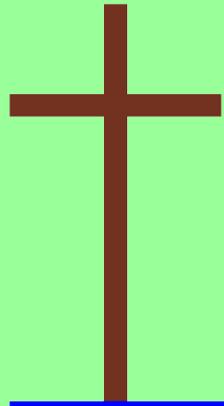
EXTREME

MODERATE



PRETERIST

APPROACHES



A.D. 30

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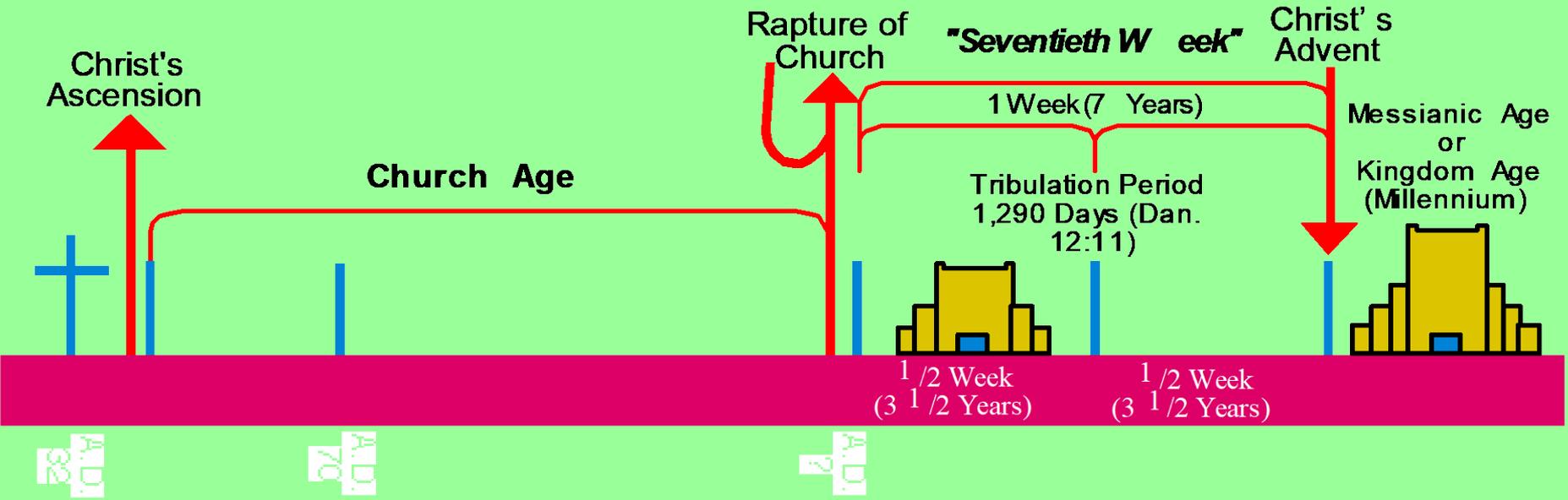
2nd Coming

EXTREME

MODERATE

MILD

BASIC APPROACHES TO PROPHECY



PRETERISM

HISTORICISM

**DAY OF
PENTECOST**



A.D. 33
A.D. 70

**Sower
Wheat
and
Tares**



Ephesus



Smyrna

**Mustard
Seed**



Pergamos

Leaven



Thyatira

**Treasure
Hid**



Sardis

Pearl



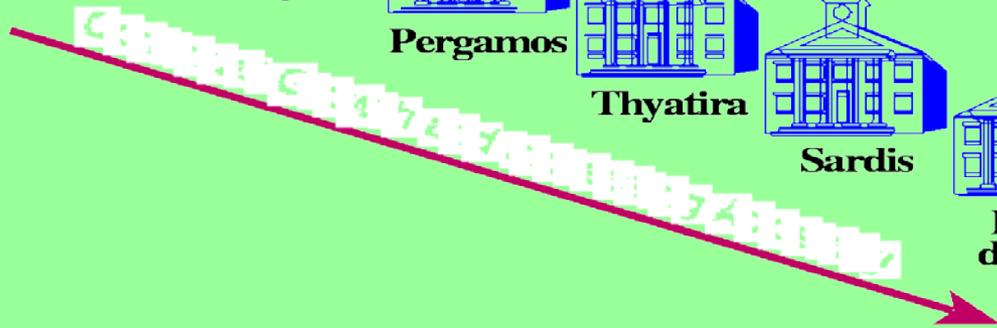
**Phila-
delphia**

**RAPTURE
OF THE
CHURCH
TO
HEAVEN**

Dragnet



Laodicea



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Church Age EQUALS Tribulation



**SECOND
COMING**



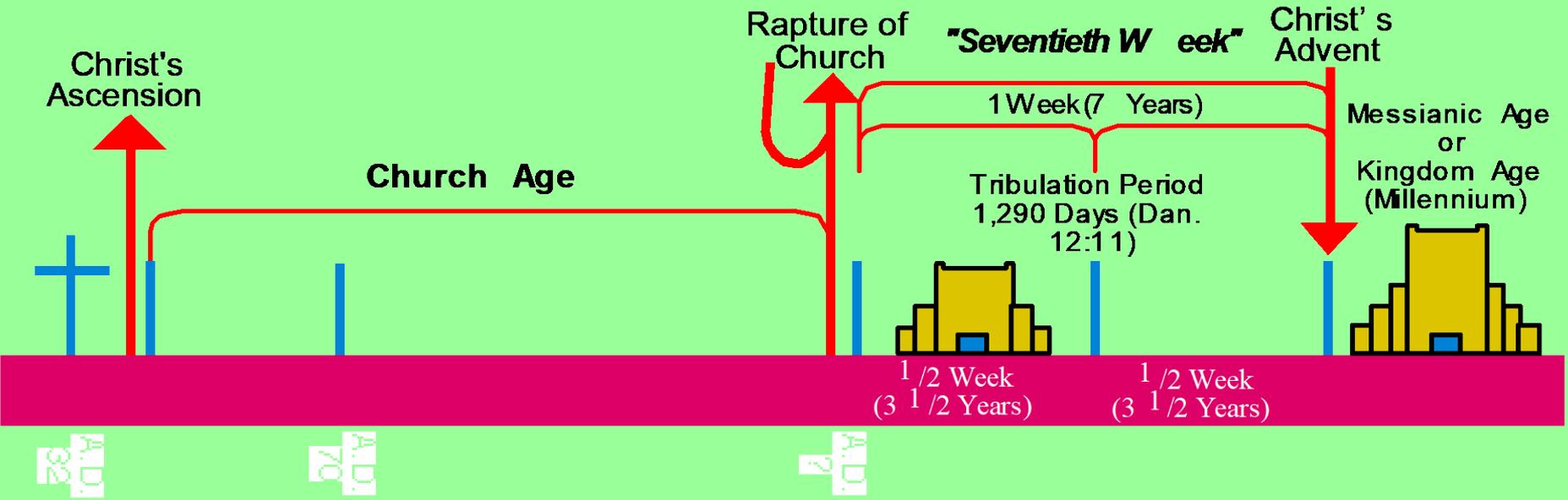
ARMAGEDDON

The Tribulation

HISTORICISM

- Popes are Antichrist
- Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments are fulfilled during European events the last 2,000 years
- Date-setting

BASIC APPROACHES TO PROPHECY



PRETERISM

HISTORICISM

FUTURISM

Revelation 1:7, “**Behold**, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.”

ἰδοῦ *idou*, demonstrative or presentative particle that draws attention to what follows: prompter of attention, behold, look, see. emphasis on the size or importance of something.

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ἴδοι
par
pro
em
sor

ἔρχεται μετὰ τῶν νεφελῶν, *erchetai meta ton vephelon*

Present, middle (dep), indicative

Futuristic present or prophetic present

Zechariah 12:10, “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

Zechariah 12:11, “In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

Zechariah 12:12, “And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;”

Zechariah 12:13, “the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;”

Zechariah 12:14, “all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.”

μετα, *meta*, with, preposition of accompaniment; marker of assoc. in gener. sense denoting the company within which something takes place, with;

1 Thess. 4:17, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

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ἐν νεφέλαις, *en nephelais* (FDP),
“clouds” either means (instrumental) or
location (locative)

Rev. 10:1, “I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.”

Rev. 11:12, “And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, ‘Come up here.’ And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.”

Rev. 14:14, “Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.”

Rev. 14:15, “And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, ‘Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.’ ”

Matt. 24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

Matt. 26:64, “Jesus said to him, ‘It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.’ ”

Acts 1:9, “Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

Acts 1:11, “who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’ ”

1 Thess. 4:17, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

Gen. 9:13, “I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

Gen. 9:14, “It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;”

Gen. 9:16, “The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

Ex. 13:21, “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.

Ex. 13:22, “He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.”

Ex. 24:15, “Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Ex. 24:16, “Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.”

Ex. 24:18, “So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.”

Matt. 17:5, “While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’ ”

Joel 2:1, “Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:”

Joel 2:2, “A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.”

Zephaniah 1:14, “The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.

Zephaniah 1:15, “That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,”

**Genesis 12:3, “I will bless those who
bless you, And I will curse him who
curses you; And in you all the families
of the earth shall be blessed.”**

Genesis 28:14, “Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Zechariah 14:17, “And it shall be that
whichever of the families of the earth
do not come up to Jerusalem to
worship the King, the LORD of hosts,
on them there will be no rain.”**

RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

Rapture

**Second Coming
Established Kingdom**

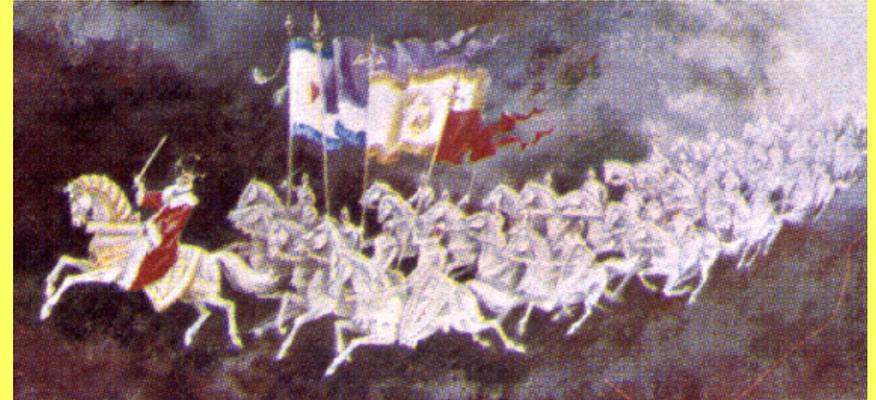
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Rapture



**1. Translation
of all believers**

Second Coming Established Kingdom



**1. No translation
at all**

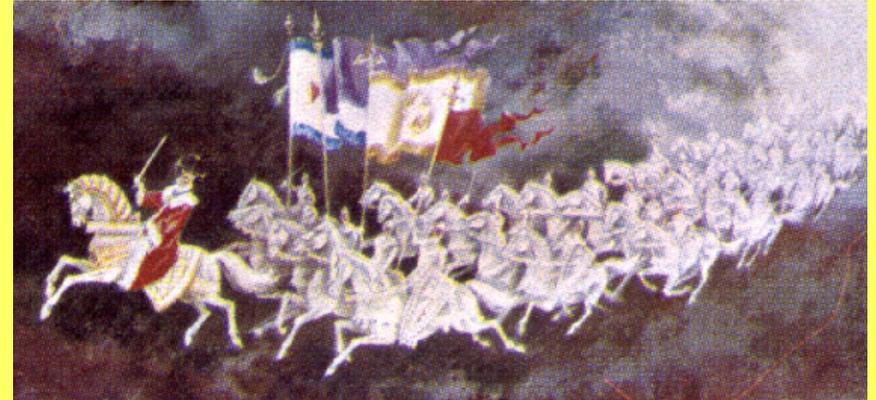
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**2. Translated
saints go to
heaven**

Second Coming Established Kingdom



**2. Translated
saints return to
earth**

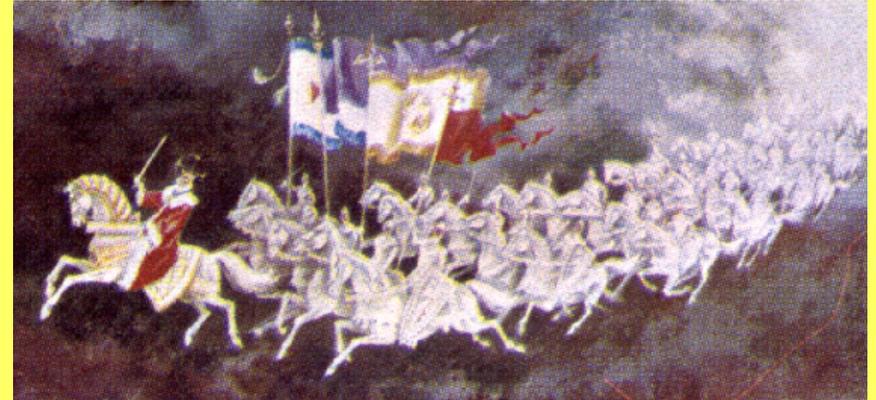
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3. Earth is not judged

Second Coming Established Kingdom



3. Earth is judged and righteousness established

RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

Rapture



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

Second Coming Established Kingdom



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

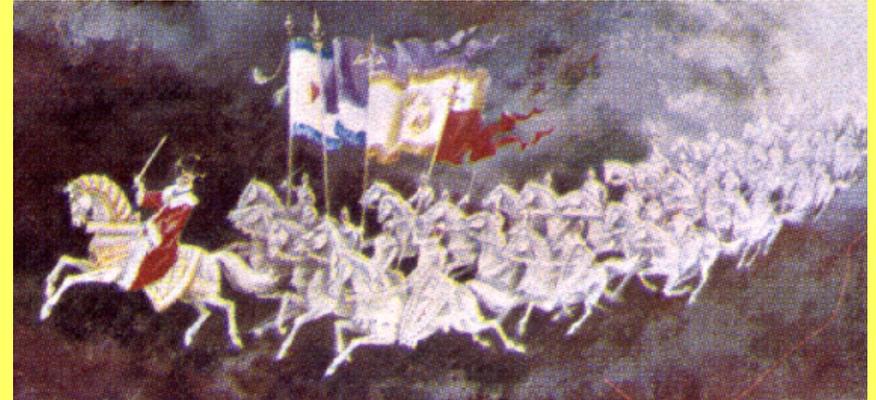
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**5. Not
predicted in
the Old
Testament**

Second Coming Established Kingdom



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

RAPTURE /2ND COMING CONTRASTS

Rapture



6. Believers only

Second Coming Established Kingdom



6. Affects all mankind

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7. Before the day of wrath

Second Coming Established Kingdom



7. Concluding the day of wrath

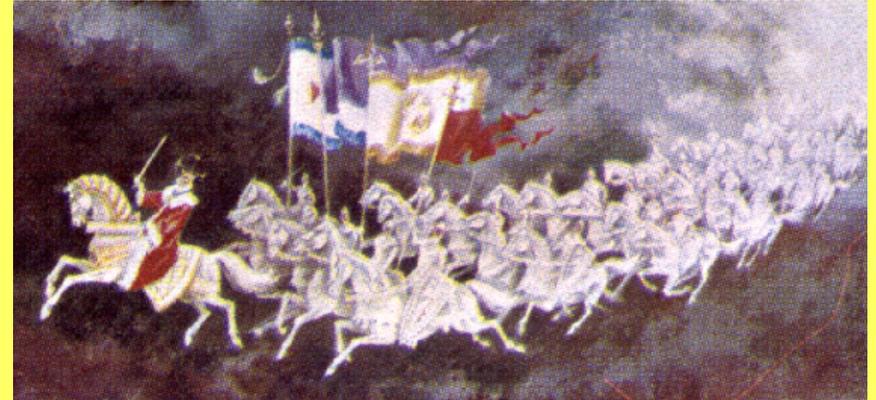
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8. No reference to Satan

Second Coming Established Kingdom



8. Satan bound