

## “The End of the Church Age”

### THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

#### PART 2

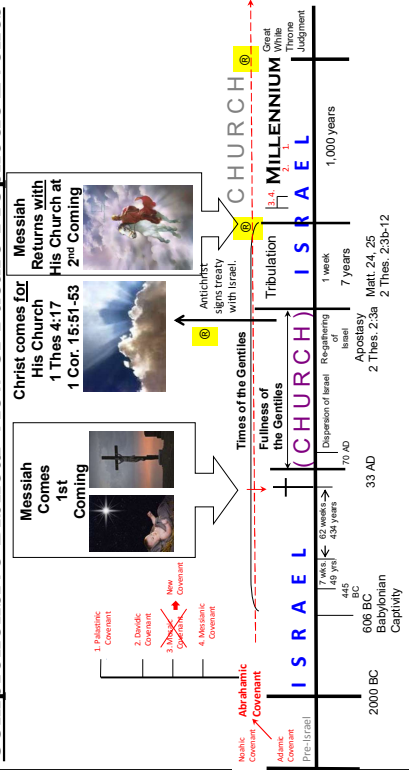
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**MULTITUDES MISSING**  
**DISASTER STRIKES EARTH** Hundreds Of Wrecks Drivers Missing  
**POLICE UNABLE TO CONTROL MOBS, LOOTING**  
**PANIC AND TERROR WORLDWIDE** Many Hospital Patients And Babies Suddenly Disappear  
**GRAVES SPLIT OPEN**

### Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



## 7 Reasons for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

### I. The Nature of the Tribulation.

- *It will be a time for the wrath of God upon the earth.*

#### Rev 6:16-17

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;  
 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- *It will be a time of God's dealing with Israel.*

#### Jer 30:3-7

- 3 'For behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The Lord says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.'
- 4 Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:  
 5 "For thus says the Lord, I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and there is no peace.  
 6 'Ask now, and see If a male can give birth. Why do I see every man With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And why have all faces turned pale?  
 7 'Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it.

### 1 Sam 12:22-23

22 "For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

### Ps 89:3-4

3 "I have made a covenant with My chosen;  
I have sworn to David My servant,  
4 I will establish your seed forever  
And build up your throne to all generations.

### Ps 94:14

14 For the Lord will not abandon His people,  
Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

### Rom 11:1

11 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be!

## II. The Nature of the Church.

- The Church is the object of God's grace, not His wrath.

### 1 Thess 5:9-11

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.  
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

### 1 Thess 1:10

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

### Rev 3:10

10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.'

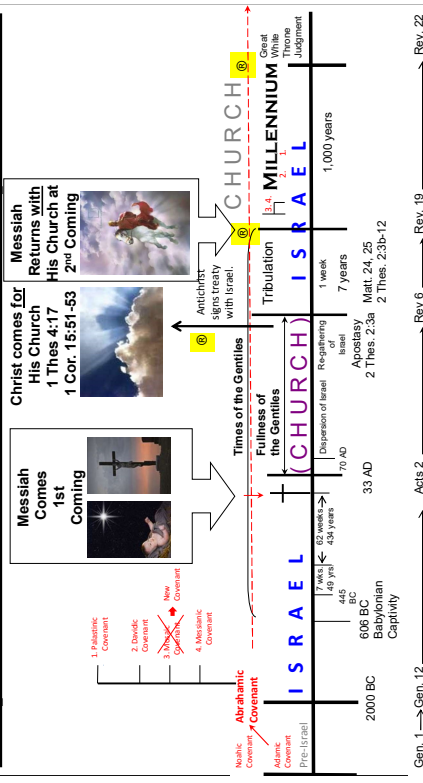
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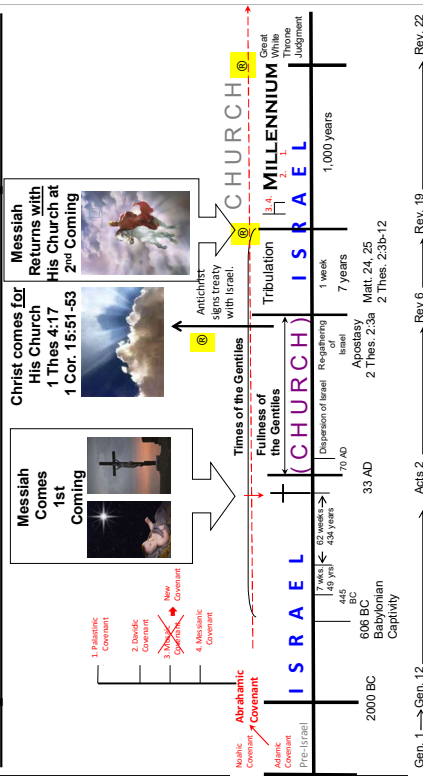
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#### Matt 25:31-34

- 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
- 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;
- 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.
- 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world
- 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;
- **If the Rapture and the Second Coming occur at the same time, there are no earthly people left with human bodies to procreate.**
  - **So who goes into the millennium??**



### IV. The Nature of the Chronology.

#### 1. Rev. 19

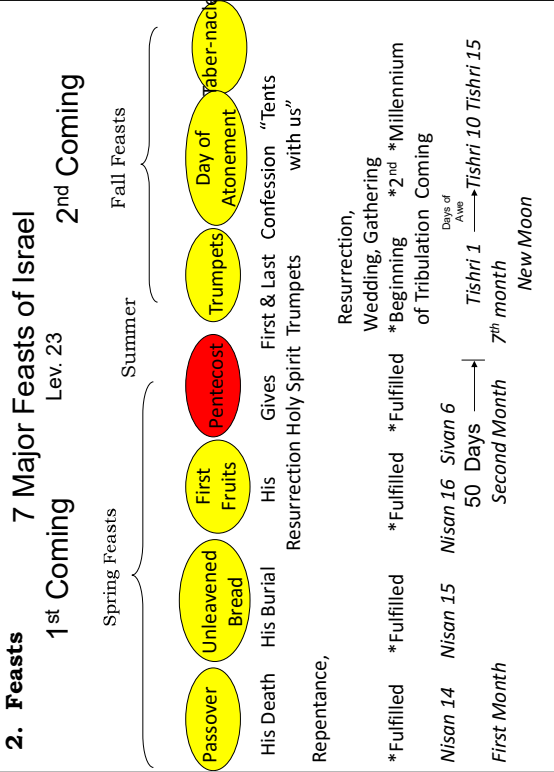
1. Marriage of the Lamb. (7)
2. Clothed in white linen (rewards). (8)
3. The Church returns with Christ at the Second Coming. (11,14)

#### Rev 19:7-8,11,14

- 7 "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.**"
- 8 It was given to her to **clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean**; for the fine linen is the **righteous acts of the saints.**
- 11 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.
- 14 And the **armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.**

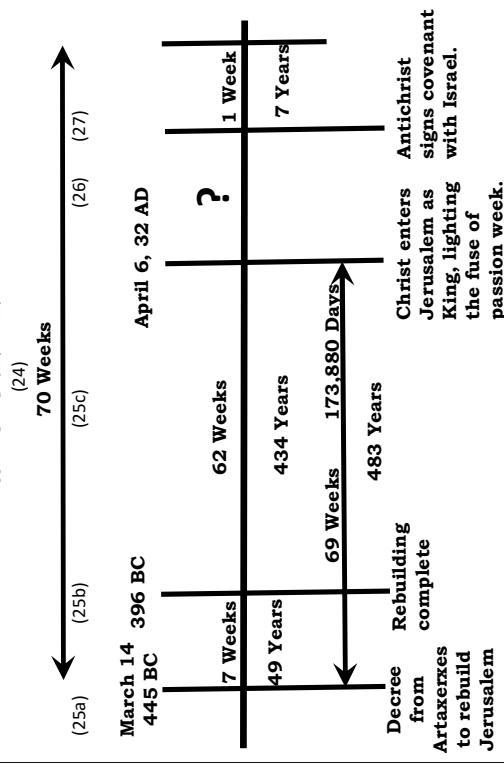


### 2. Feasts



### 3. Daniel 9 Prophecy

#### Daniel 9:24-27



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24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

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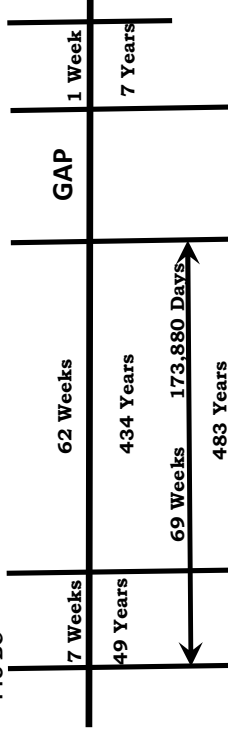
(24)

70 Weeks (7's) = 490 years

(25a) (25b) (25c) (26) (27)

March 14  
445 BC

April 6, 32 AD



Decree from Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem

Rebuilding complete

Christ enters Jerusalem as King & Messiah, lighting the fuse of passion week.

Antichrist signs covenant with Israel.

## V. The Nature of Christ's Imminency.

### Acts 1:6-8

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times (χρονος - chronos = length of time) or epochs (καιρος - kairos = characteristics within a length of time) which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

### Paul

#### 1 Thess 4:15

15 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.

#### 1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 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.

#### 1 Cor 1:7

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

#### Rom 13:11-12

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near

#### 1 Cor 10:11

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

#### 1 Thess 1:10

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

#### 1 Thess 5:23

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### 2 Thess 2:1

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

#### Titus 2:11-13

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

### James

#### James 5:7-9

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

9 Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

### John

#### 1 John 3:2

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

## Peter

### **1 Peter 1:13**

13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

### **1 Peter 4:7**

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

### **2 Peter 3:11-12**

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,

## Author of Hebrews

### **Heb 10:25**

25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

## **V. The Nature of Christ's Imminency.**

- We are to look for the Son – not signs.

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10 and to **wait for His Son** from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

*\*If a foreshadowing of Tribulational signs occurs they will be general and not specific and so it will be difficult to identify an exact time.*

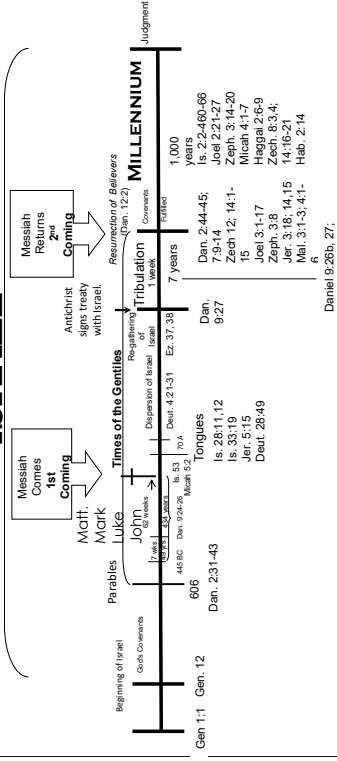
*\*There are no signs of the times because we are not in the time of the signs.*

### **1 Tim 4:1-5**

- 1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in **later times** some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
  - 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
  - 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.
- 2 Tim 3:1-5**
- 1 But realize this, that in the **last days** difficult times will come.
  - 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

## Old Testament View of Future Prophetic Events

# ISRAEL



1 Peter 1:10-12  
10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 to find out what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven – things into which angels long to look.

### **Heb 1:1-2**

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these **last days** has spoken to us in His Son,

### **1 Peter 1:20-21**

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these **last times** for the sake of you

21 who through Him are believers in God,

### **2 Peter 3:3-4**

3 Know this first of all, that in the **last days** mockers will come with their

mocking, following after their own lusts,

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?"

### **1 John 2:18**

18 Children, it is the **last hour**; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming,

even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the **last hour**.

### **June 17-18**

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken

beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,

18 that they were saying to you, "In the **last time** there will be mockers,

following after their own ungodly lusts."

## Church Age

Looking for the Son

## 7 Year Tribulation

