


The Hope
and
Comfort of
His Return

1 Thessalonians
4 : 13 -18



The background features a detailed, aged map of the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding regions, including the Iberian Peninsula, Sicily, and the Balkans. A thick, braided rope is draped across the map. In the lower-left corner, a brass compass rose is visible, showing cardinal and intercardinal directions. A piece of aged, torn paper is placed over the map, containing the text.

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a **faith** that **functions**





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● Thessaloniki

GREECE

● Athens



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BEREA

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ATHENS

CORINTH

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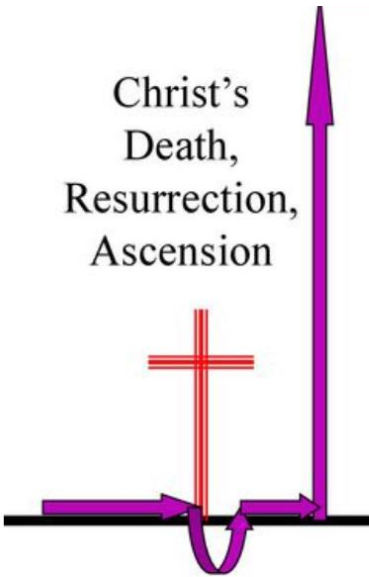
THE RAPTURE

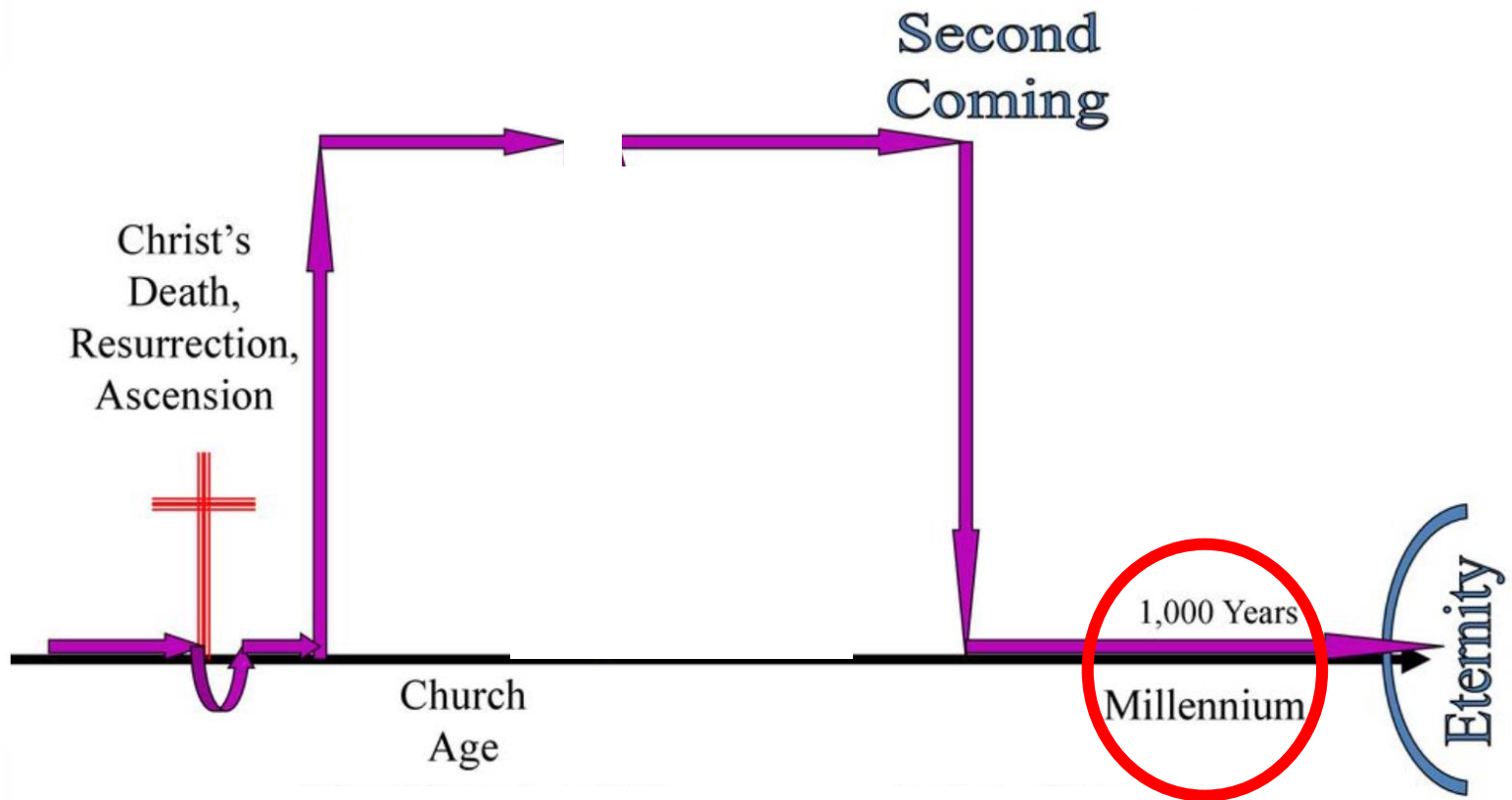
Caught up - *harpazo* ἀρπάζω

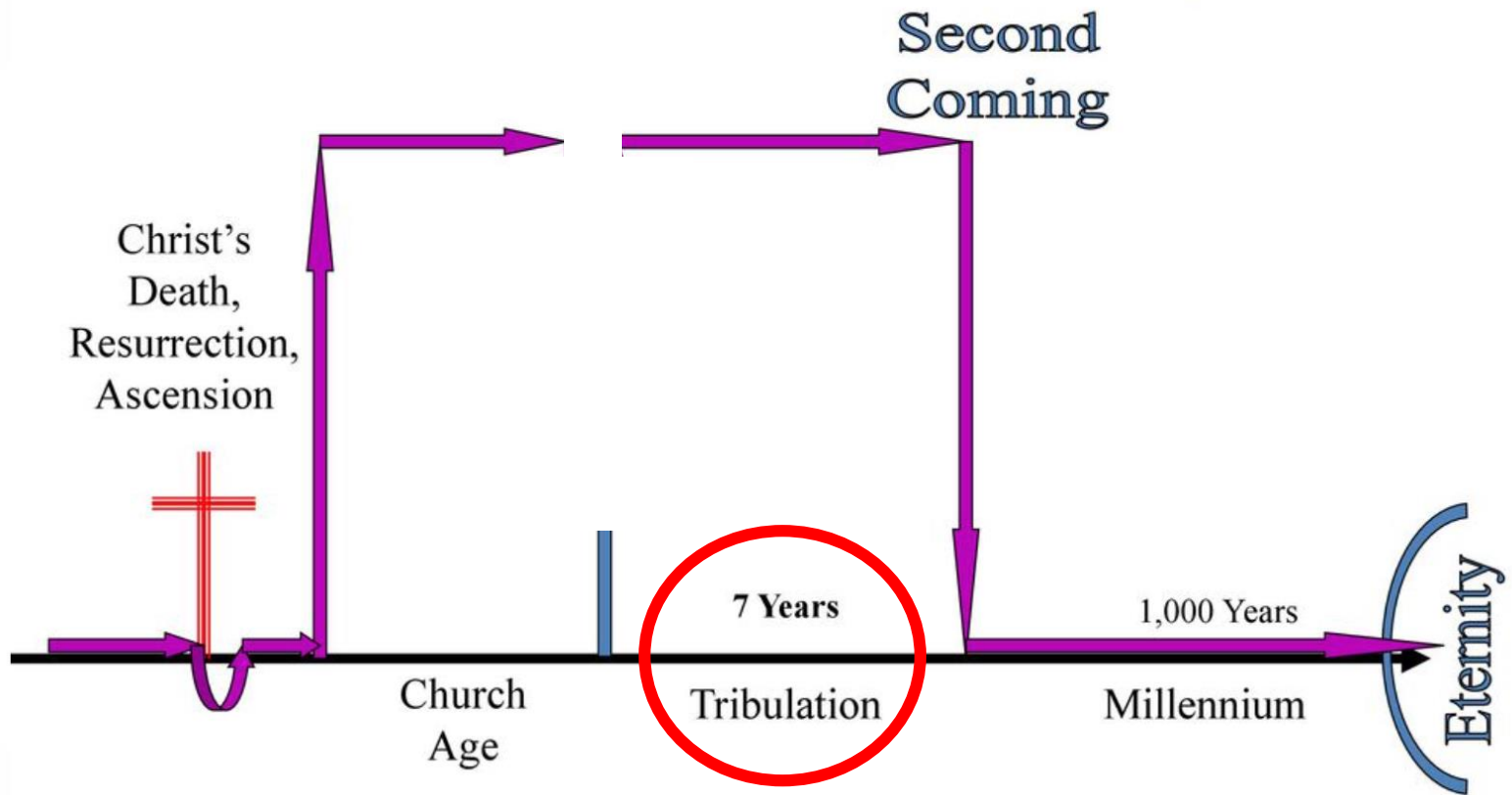
- A shout – the voice of an archangel
- Sound of the trumpet (Shofar)
- Dead in Christ rise
- Those living in Christ will be caught up

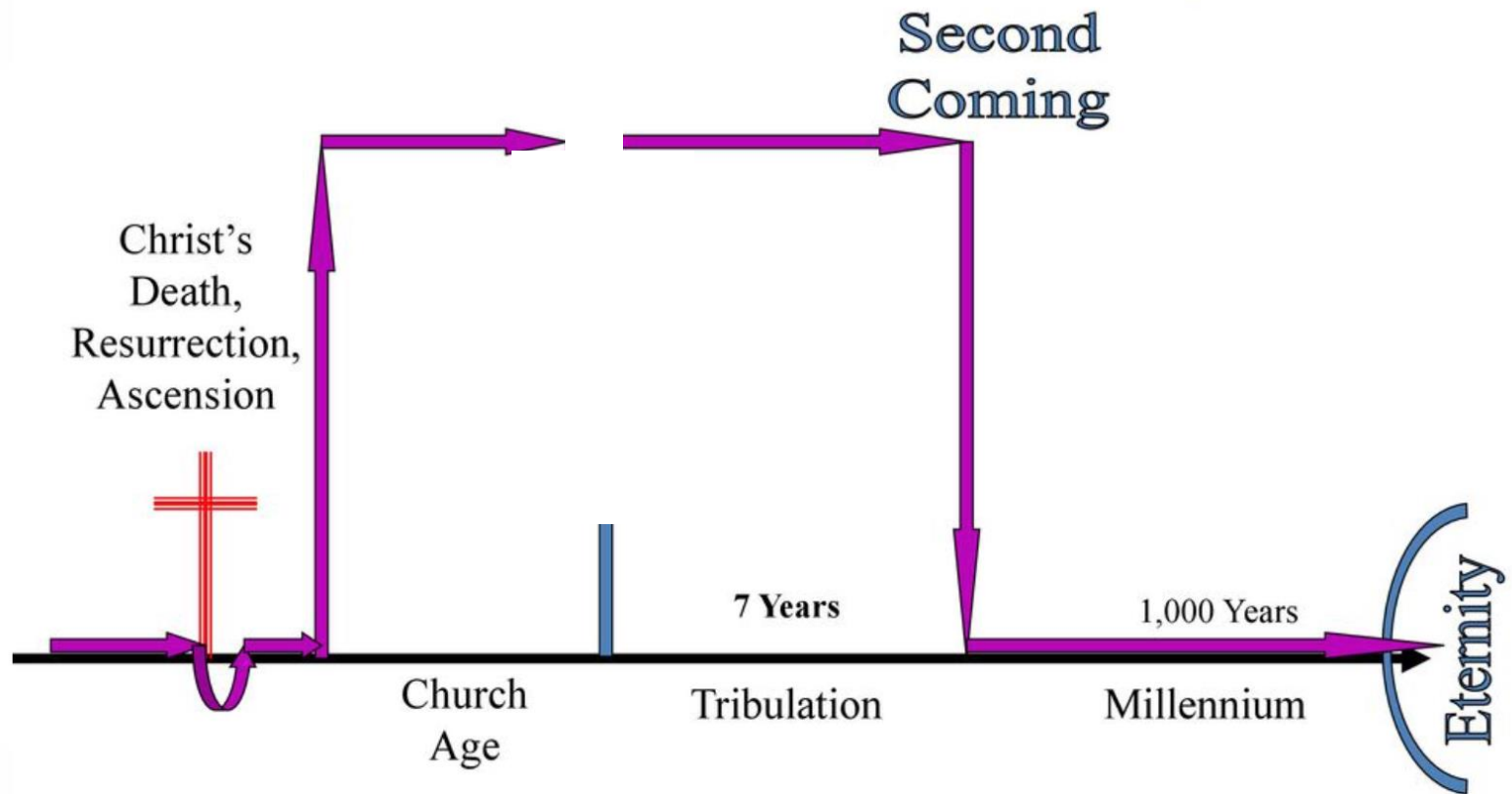


Christ's
Death,
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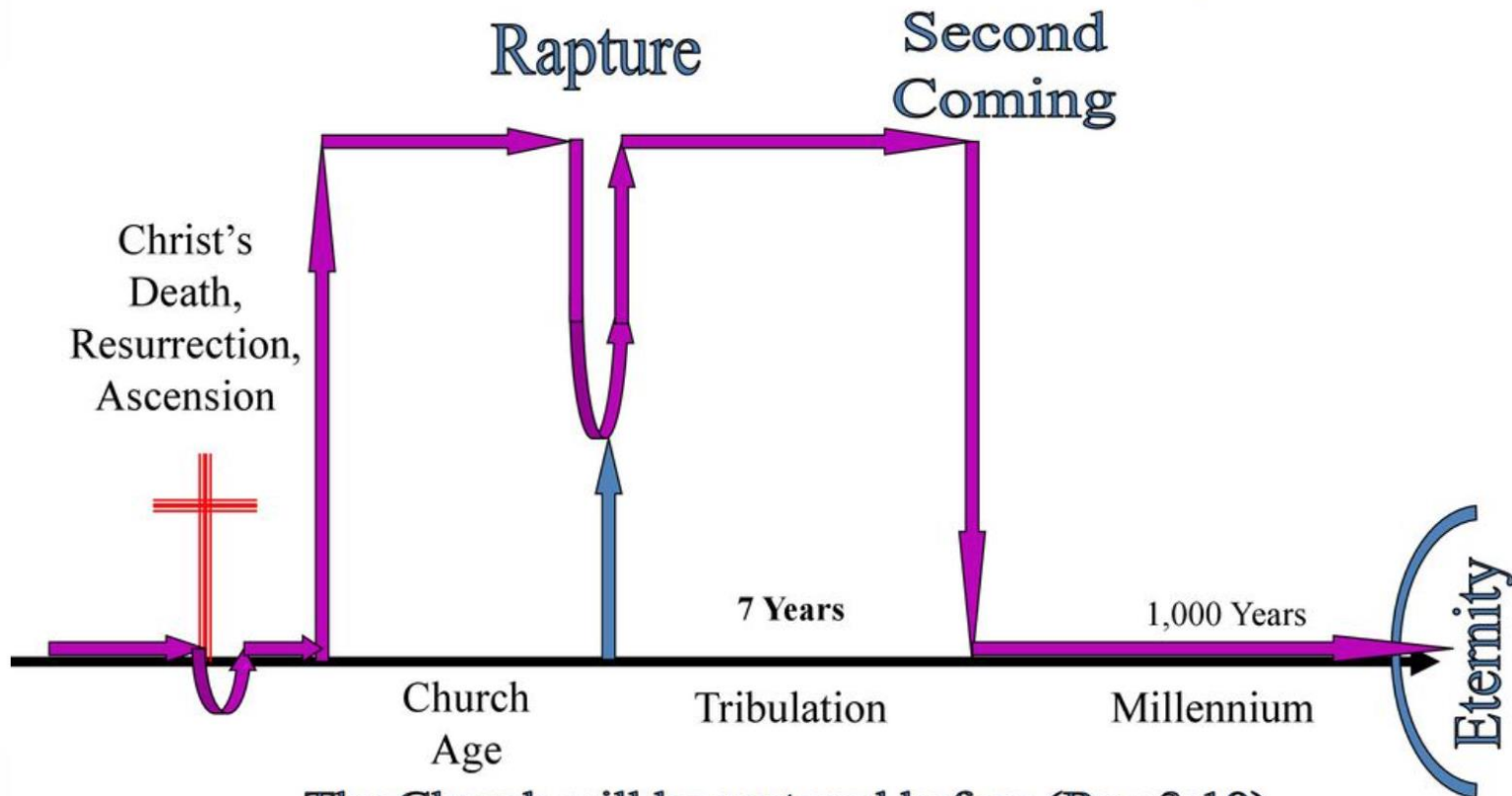






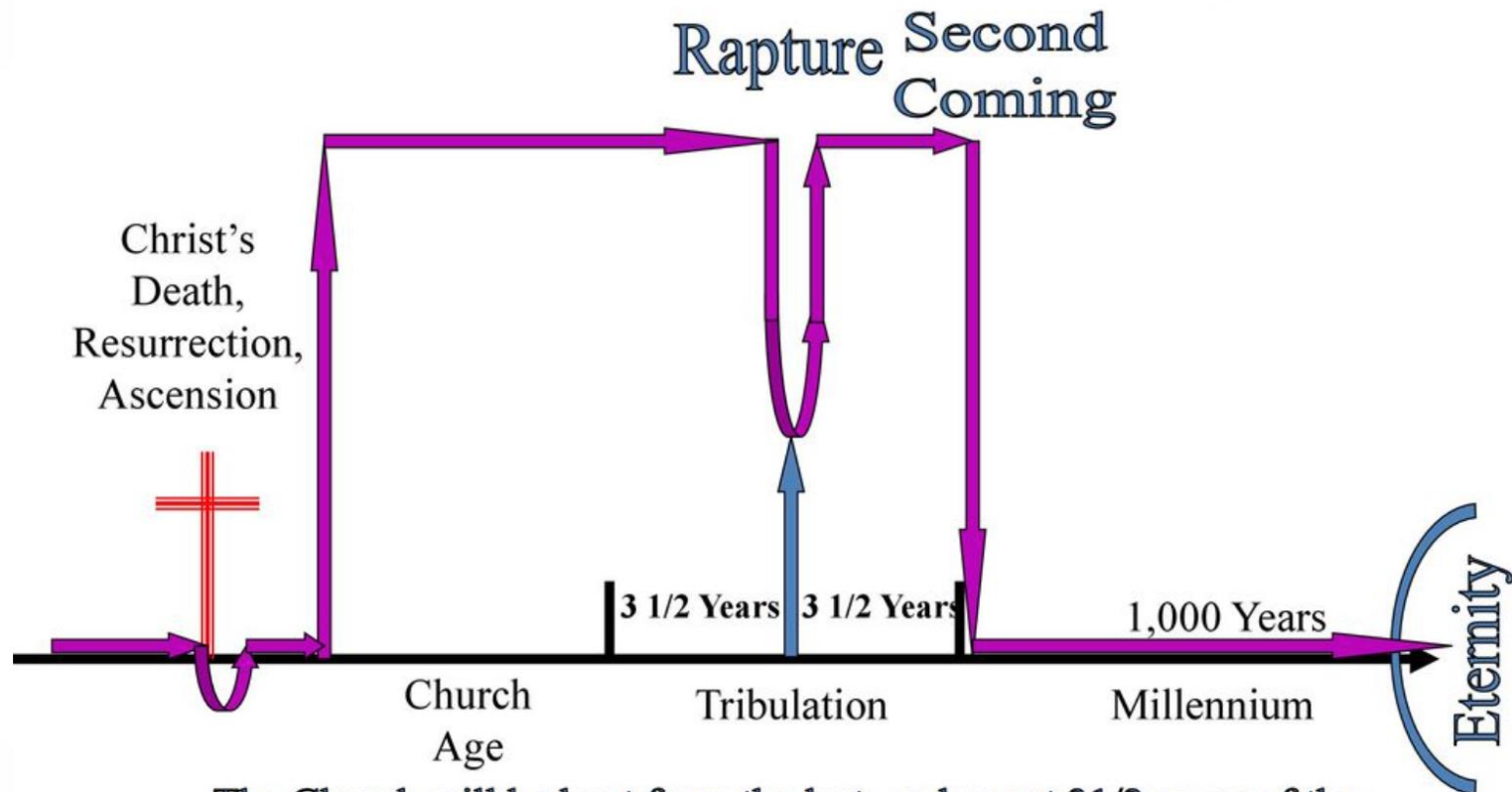


The Pre-Tribulation Rapture



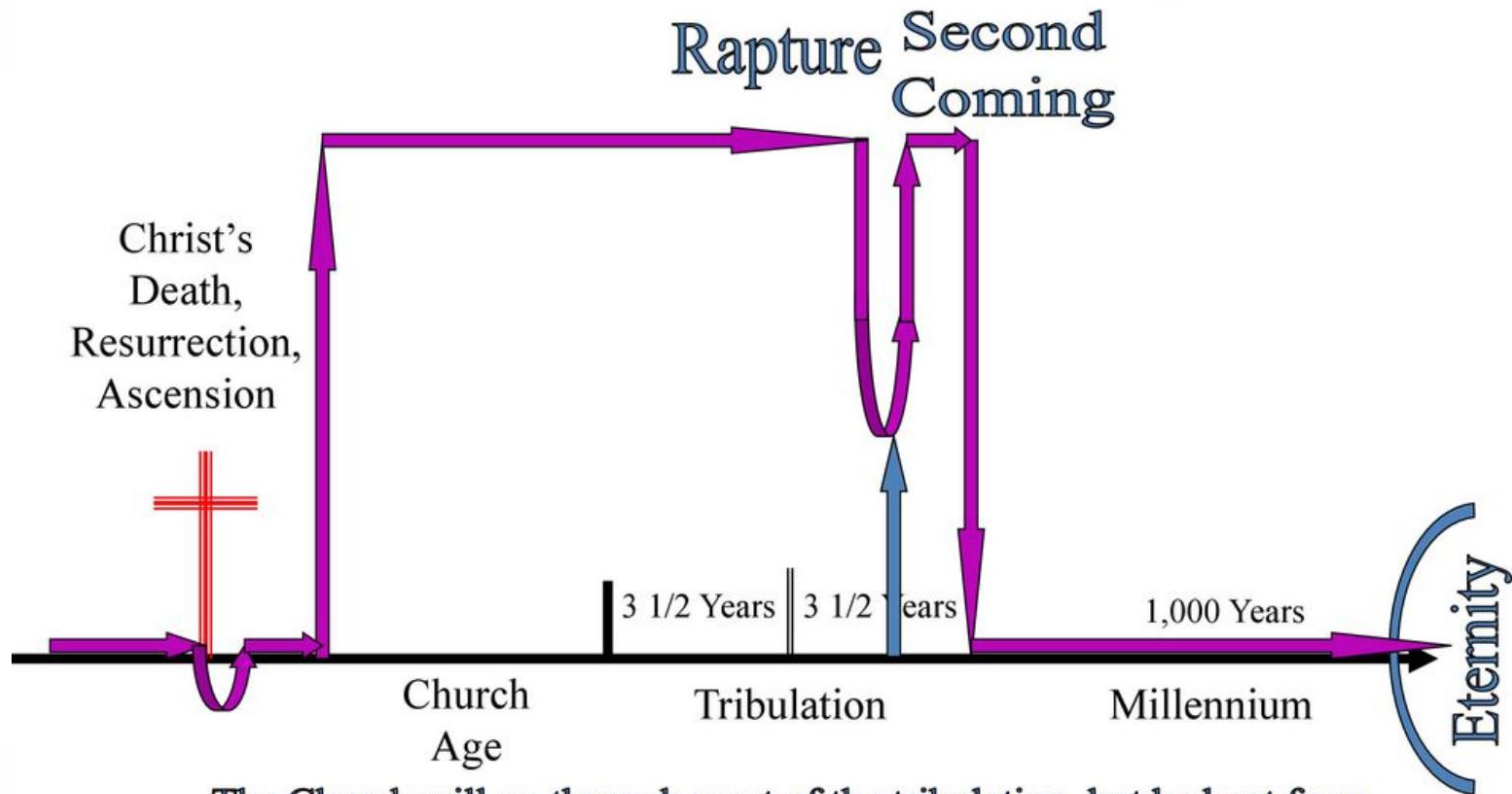
The Church will be raptured before (Rev 3:10) the tribulation which is for Israel (Jer 30:7, Dan 9:24-7).

The Mid-Tribulation Rapture



The Church will be kept from the last, and worst 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation (Dan 9:27; 12:7, 11 and Rev 11:2; 12:6, 14)

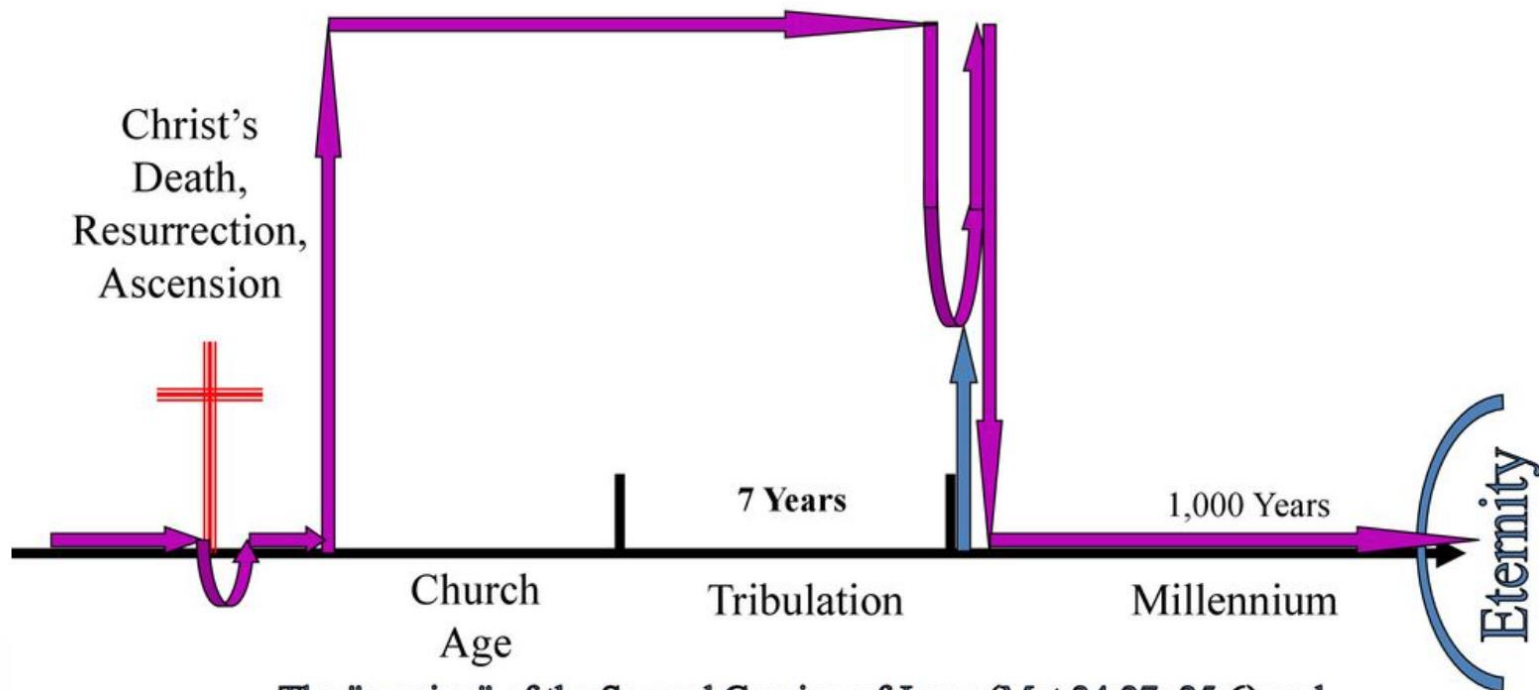
The Pre-Wrath Rapture



The Church will go through most of the tribulation, but be kept from the last, most difficult part, the wrath of God (see Mt 24:21-31).

The Post-Tribulation Rapture

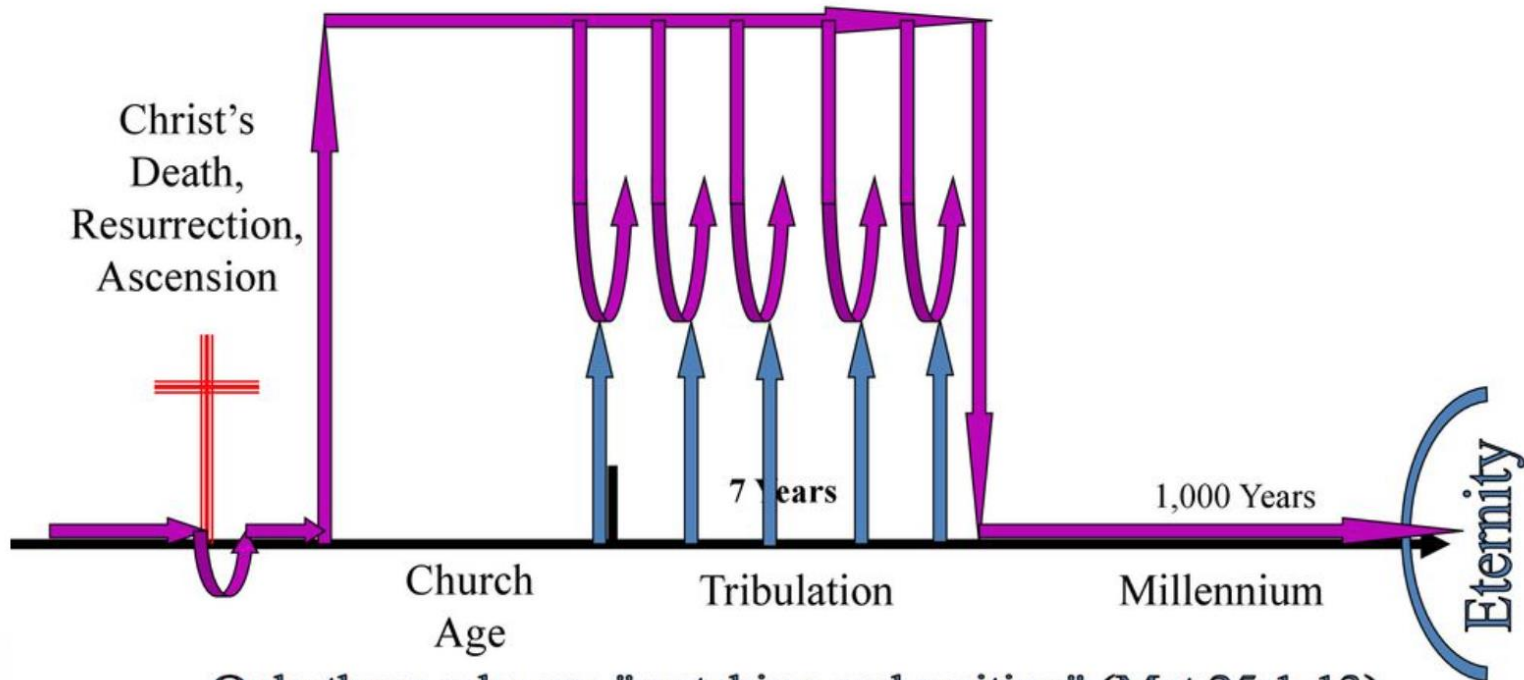
Rapture/Second Coming



The "coming" of the Second Coming of Jesus (Mat 24:27; 25:6) and the "coming" of the Rapture (1 Thes 4:15, 17) are the same event/"meeting."

The Partial Rapture

Raptures Second Coming

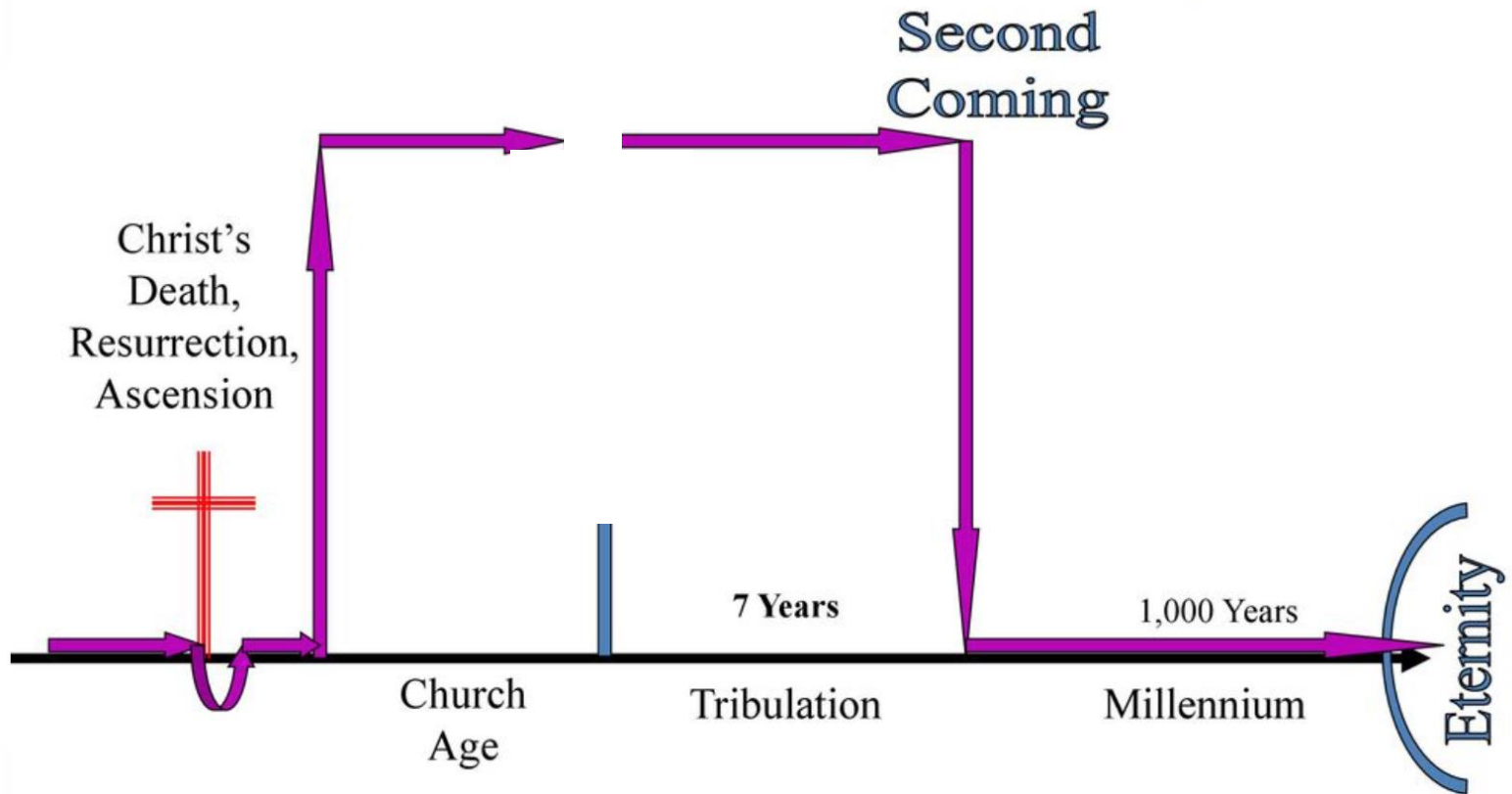


Only those who are "watching and waiting" (Mat 25:1-13)
will be raptured before and throughout the tribulation.

The 2nd
Coming &
the Rapture



Rapture - when?



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What words for encouragement?

Christians who have died will be resurrected again.

Living believers will be raptured – caught up in the air to meet with Christ.

We will forever be with the Lord.



Comfort one
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these words

1 Thessalonians 4:18

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A small green seedling with several leaves is growing out of a crack in a dark, textured rock surface. The background is a bright, overexposed white area.

Our Response

- 1. We should live as a child of God – in holiness and purity.
- 2. We should point others to Jesus.
- 3. We should live with hope and expectation.

- End of sermon