

A painting of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small cup of ink on the desk. The background is dark and indistinct.

# Listening to the Prophets- Part 2

A Study of Old Testament Minor Prophets

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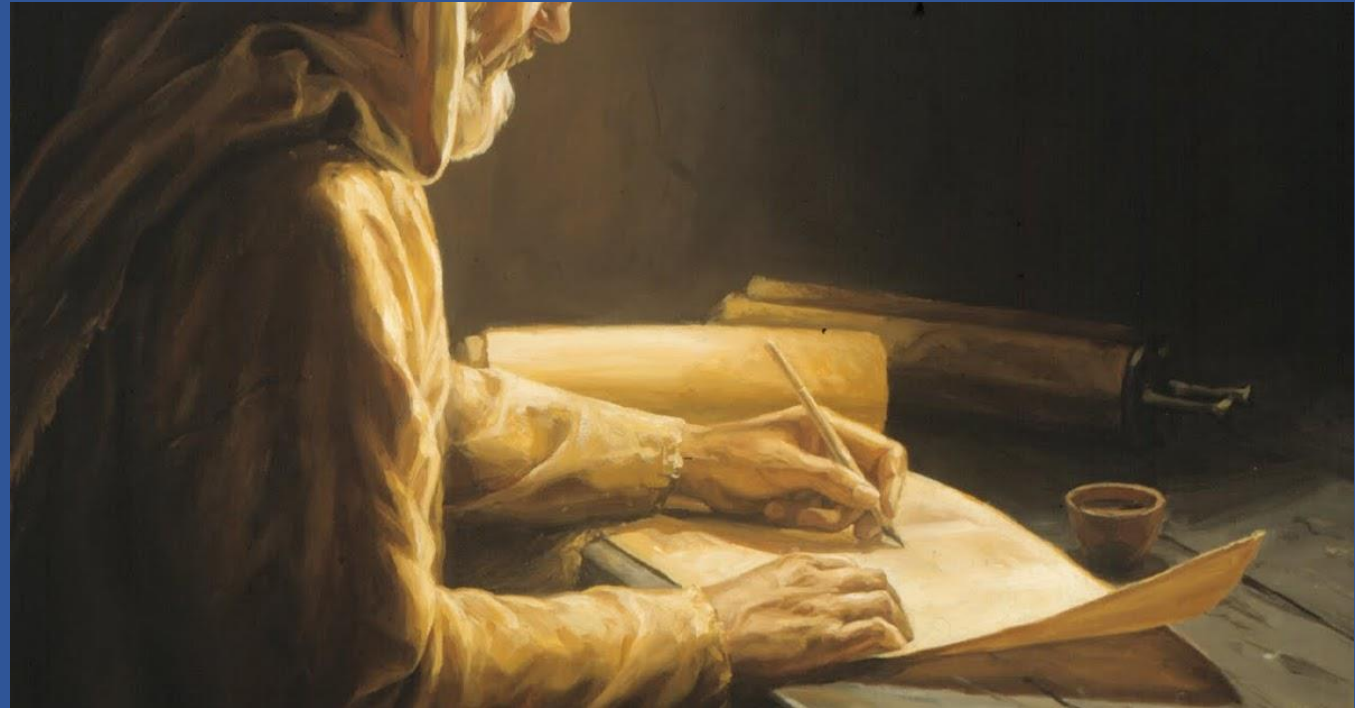
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# Lesson One

## Introduction to the Minor Prophets

### Introduction

- The Minor Prophets of the Old Testament consist of **12** Prophets. They are: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.



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- The Minor Prophets present some primary themes such as: Judgments against the sins of Israel and Judah, judgments against the sins of foreign countries, impending captivity of Israel and Judah, the future restoration of Israel, prophecies of the coming Messiah, and the Messiah's earthly reign.



<https://dwellingintheword.wordpress.com/2013/07/>

- The Dates of the Minor Prophets ranged from 845 B.C. to 420 B.C.

### THE MINOR PROPHETS (Update)

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Joel	835-796	‘Yahweh is God’	Judah	Joash (Ju) Jehu/Jehoahaz(Is)
Jonah	793-753	‘Dove’	Nineveh	Jeroboam 11 (Is) Amaziah/(Ju)
Hosea	753-715	‘Salvation’	Israel	Jotham/Ahaz (Ju) Jeroboam/Pekah/Hoshea (Is)
Amos	760-755	‘Burden-bearer’	Israel/Judah	Jotham/Uzziah (Ju) Jeroboam/Pekah (Is)
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Malachi	460 - 420	‘My Messenger’	Judah	N/A

# A Brief History of Israel

- Israel had four Kings: Saul, David, and Solomon.
- After the reign of King Solomon, Israel split into two separate Kingdoms: the Kingdom of Israel 931 B.C.-722 B.C (the northern kingdom) and the Kingdom of Judah 931 B.C.-586 B.C. (the southern kingdom).





- The northern kingdom of Israel never came back after its attack by the Assyrian Army in 722 B.C. Some did go to Judah(2 Chronicles 11:13-14) [✱]
- The southern kingdom of Judah did return after a 70-year captivity by the Babylonian and the Media-Persian empires.



- After Israel's captivity in 722 B.C. by the Assyrian Empire, the focus of the prophets centered on Judah's repentance.
- Judah failed to repent and Babylon took them captive in 605 B.C., 597 B.C. and 586 B.C.



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# Make-Up of the New and Old Testament

- The Bible is composed of **66** books.
- There are 39 books of the Old Testament and 27 books of the New Testament.

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- The Old Testament records the beginning of earth's history, the making and development of the Jewish nation, and ends **prior** to Christ's birth.

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- The New Testament details the birth of Christ, His death and resurrection, the formation of the Christian church (all believers of Christ), the rapture of the church, the time of tribulation, Jesus' second coming, and the formation of a **new** heaven and new earth.

- The Old Testament is divided into Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, and Minor Prophets.

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- The New Testament is divided into the **Gospels** (material relating to Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection), history of the early church, letters by the Apostle Paul, and general letters by other New Testament writers.

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- The emphasis of this study will focus on the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.
- The study of the Old Testament Minor Prophets is important in that, not only were their writings and prophecies important to Israel and Judah but they are relevant to our modern world.

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# Categorical Divisions of the Old Testament and the New Testament

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## NEW TESTAMENT 27 BOOKS

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EXODUS
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**GOSPELS 4**

MATTHEW
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2 TIMOTHY
TITUS
PHILEMON

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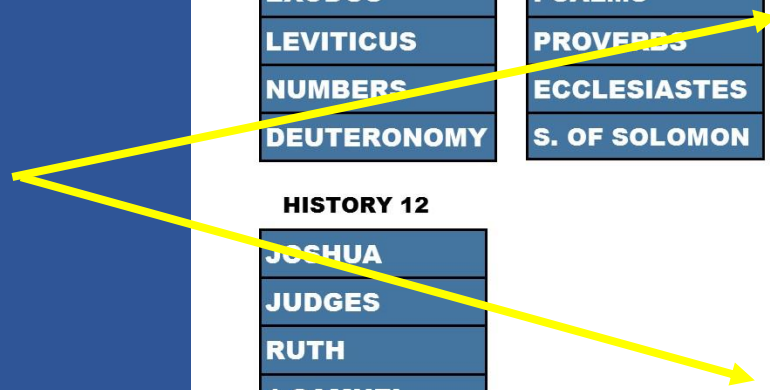
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**PAULINE EPISTLES 9**

ROMANS
1 CORINTHIANS
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GALATIANS
EPHESIANS
PHILIPPIANS
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1 THESSALONIANS
2 THESSALONIANS

**GENERAL EPISTLES 9**

HEBREWS
JAMES
1 PETER
2 PETER
1 JOHN
2 JOHN
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# Distinctions Between the Prophets of the Old Testament

- Two categories group the Old Testament Prophets: Major Prophets and Minor Prophets.
- The distinguishing factor between the Major and Minor Prophets are the **length** of their books.

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- There are 12 Old Testament Minor Prophets and 4 Old Testament Major Prophets.
- The Minor Prophets follows the Major Prophets.

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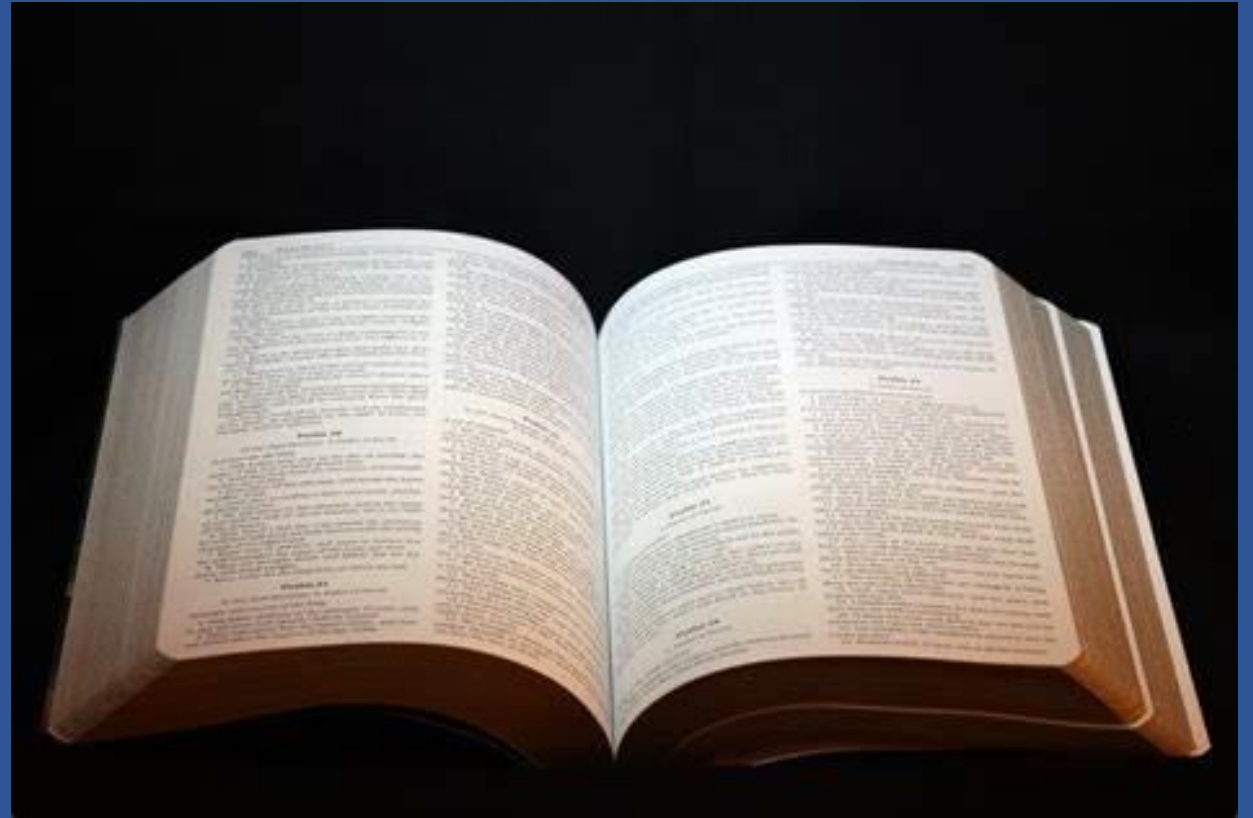
# The Major Prophets

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Isaiah	740-680 B.C	The Lord is Salvation	Judah	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh (s)
Jeremih	627-585 B.C.	Jehovah establishes	Jews in Judea and captivity	Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah (s)
Lamintations				
Ezekiel	592-570	God Strengthens	Judah	Future restoration of Israel
Daniel	537	God is my judge	The times of the Gentiles and Israel's kingdom	Jehoiakim (S), Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, Cyrus



# Ages of the Bible

- Various ages of time demonstrate God's relationship to humanity.
- These ages can help one organize the structure of the Bible.



# Ages of the Bible

Name	Scripture	Responsibilities	Judgment(s)
<b>Innocency</b>	Genesis 1:3-3:6	Keep garden; do not eat one fruit; fill, subdue earth, fellowship with God	Curses, and physical and spiritual death
<b>Conscience</b>	Genesis 3:7-8:14	Do Good	Flood
<b>Civil Government</b>	Genesis 8:15-11:9	Fill earth	Forced scattering by confusion of languages
<b>Patriarchal Rule</b>	Genesis 11:10-Exodus 18:27	Stay in Promised Land, believe and obey God	Egyptian bondage and wilderness wanderings
<b>Mosaic Law</b>	Exodus 19:1-Acts 1:26	Keep the law, walk with God	Captivities
<b>Grace</b>	Acts 2:1-Revelation 19:21	Believe on Christ, walk with Christ	Death, loss of rewards
<b>Millennium</b>	Revelation 20:1-15	Believe and obey Christ and His government	Death, Great White Throne Judgment

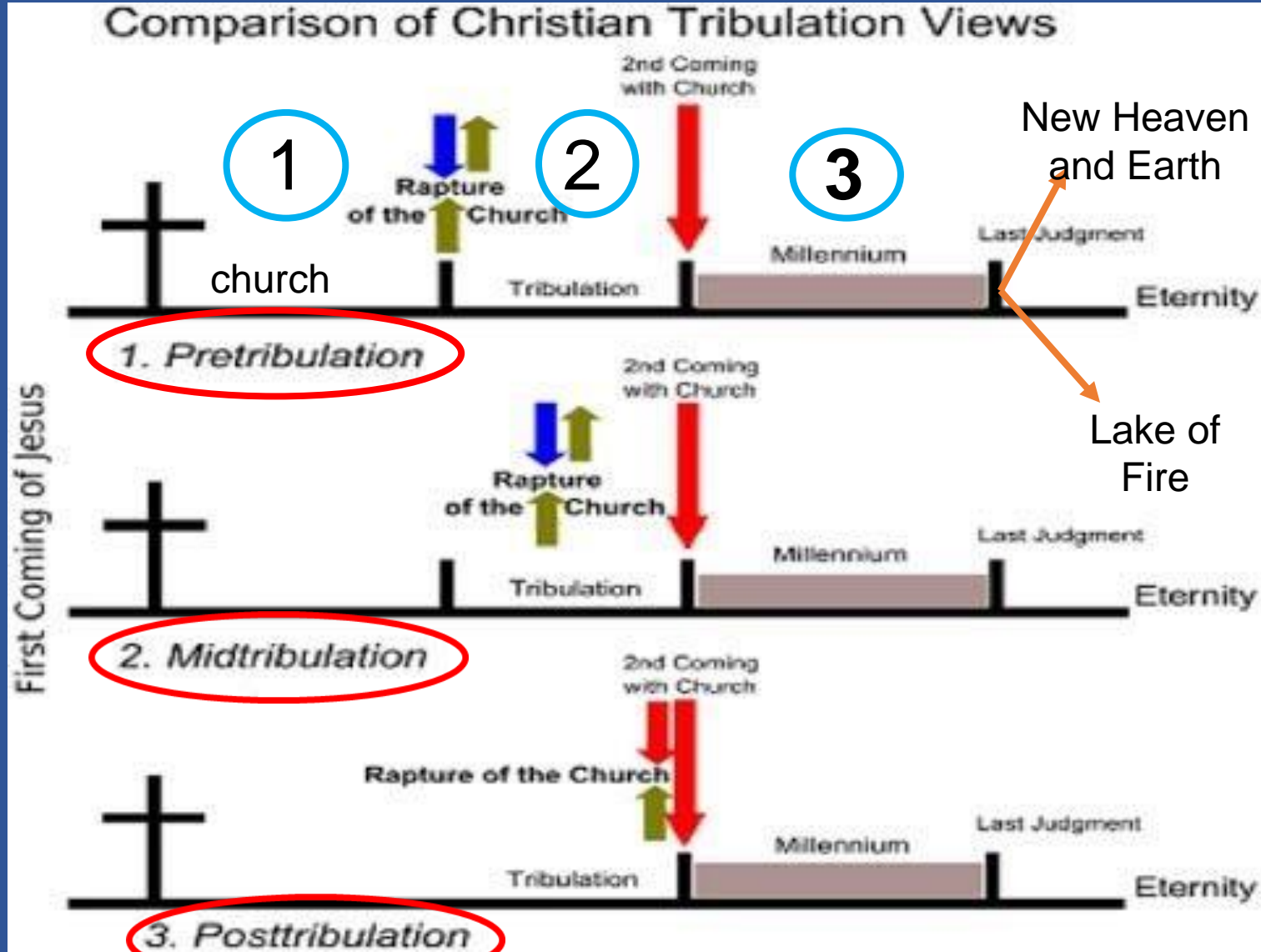
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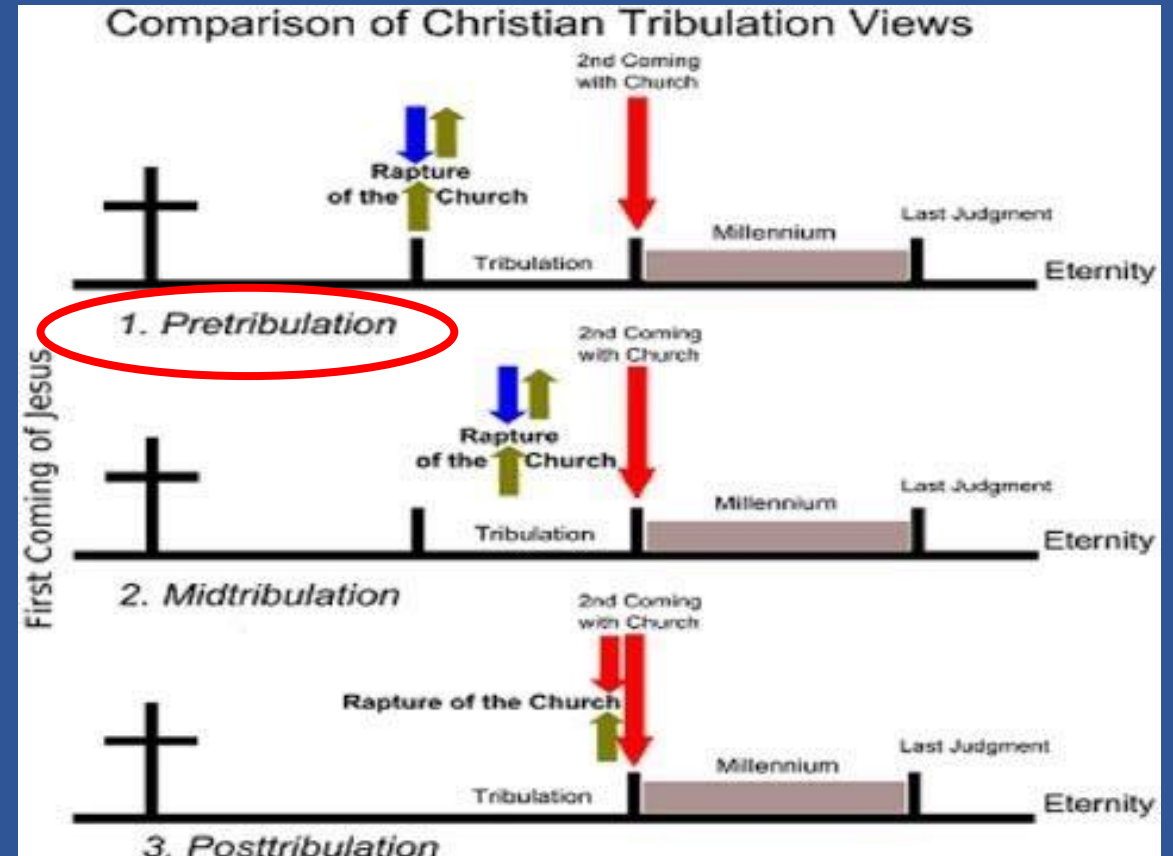
# Rapture of the Church



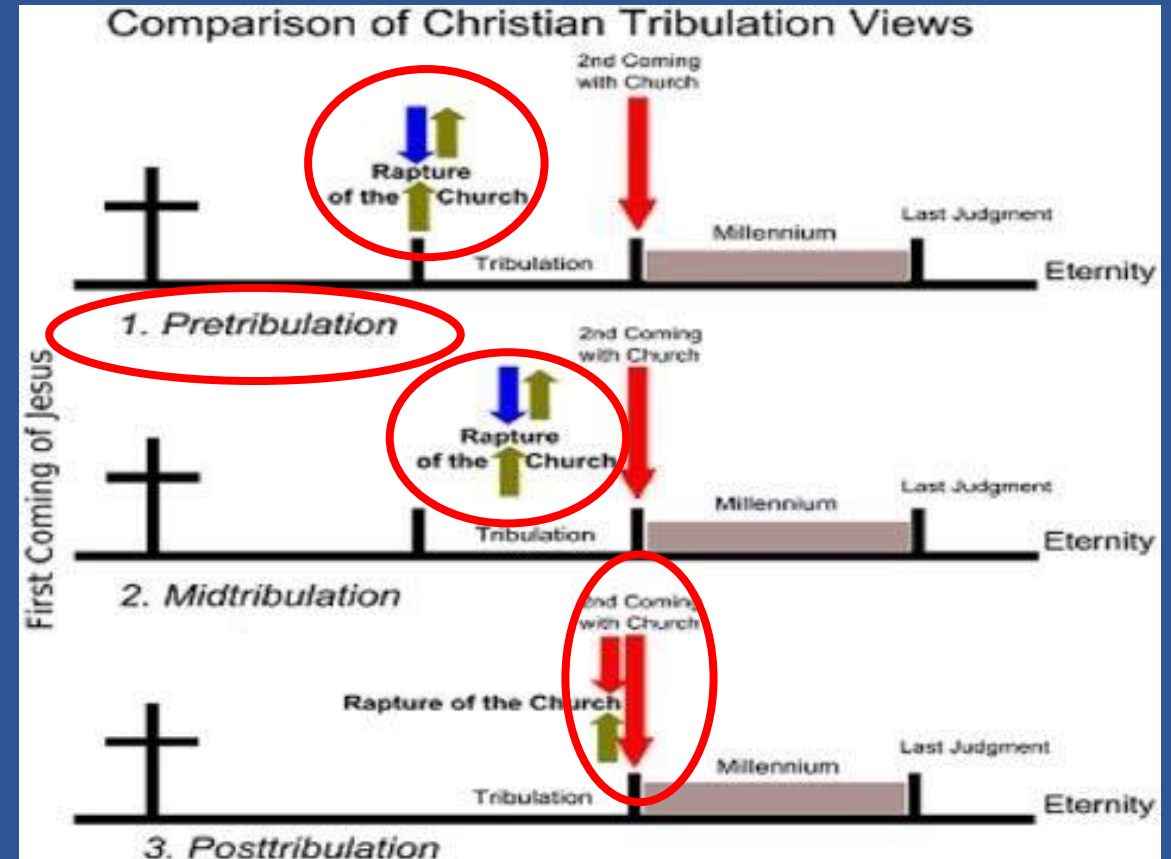


# Pretribulation

- Bible scholars disagree as to whether Jesus will **rapture** (catch up) the church (believers in Jesus) prior to, in the middle of, or at the end of the Tribulation Period.
- Pretribulation is a belief that Jesus will come for the church before the Tribulation.

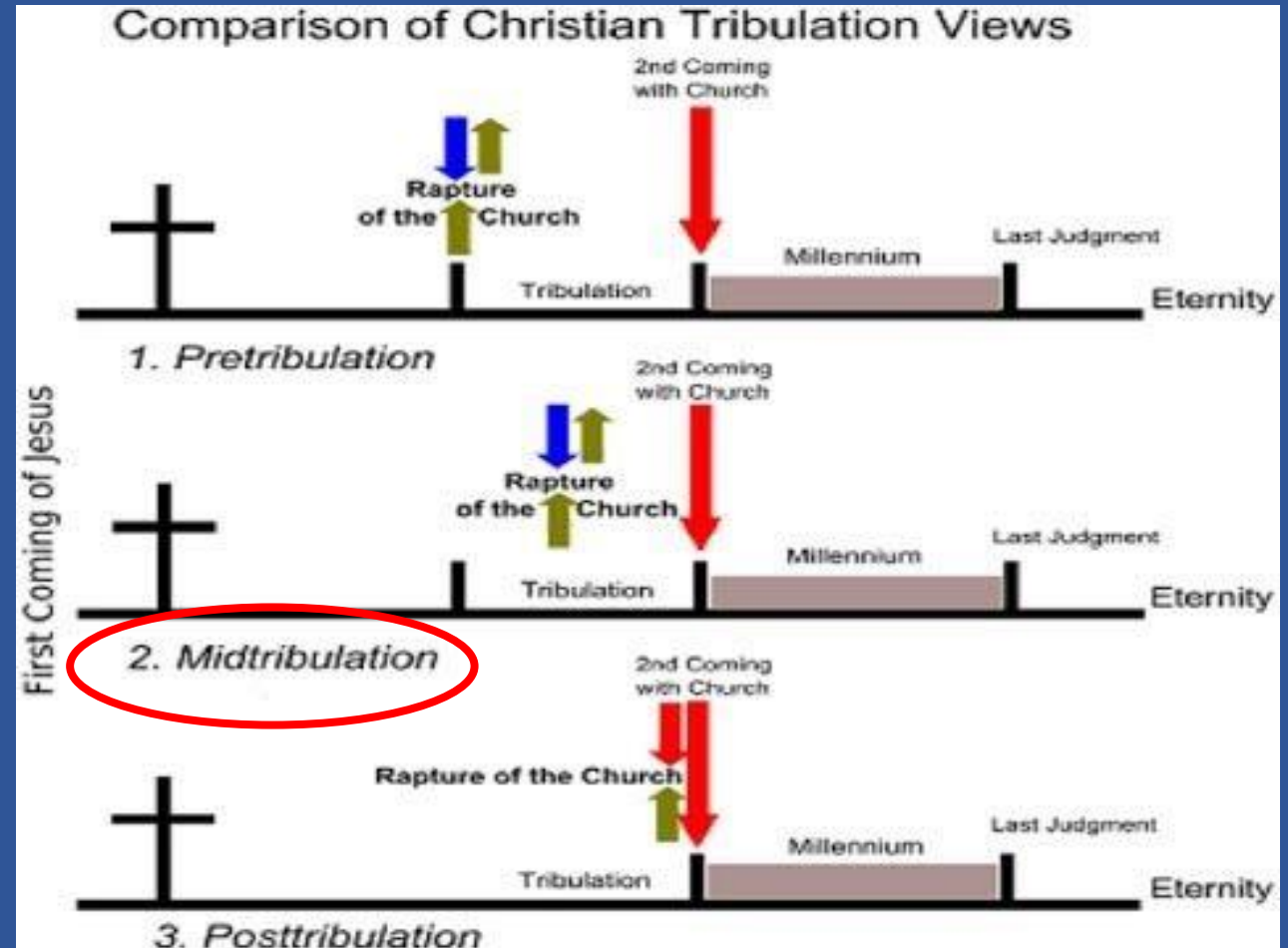


- This belief comes from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Revelation 4:1[\*]
- I will base our study on the **Pretribulation** view.



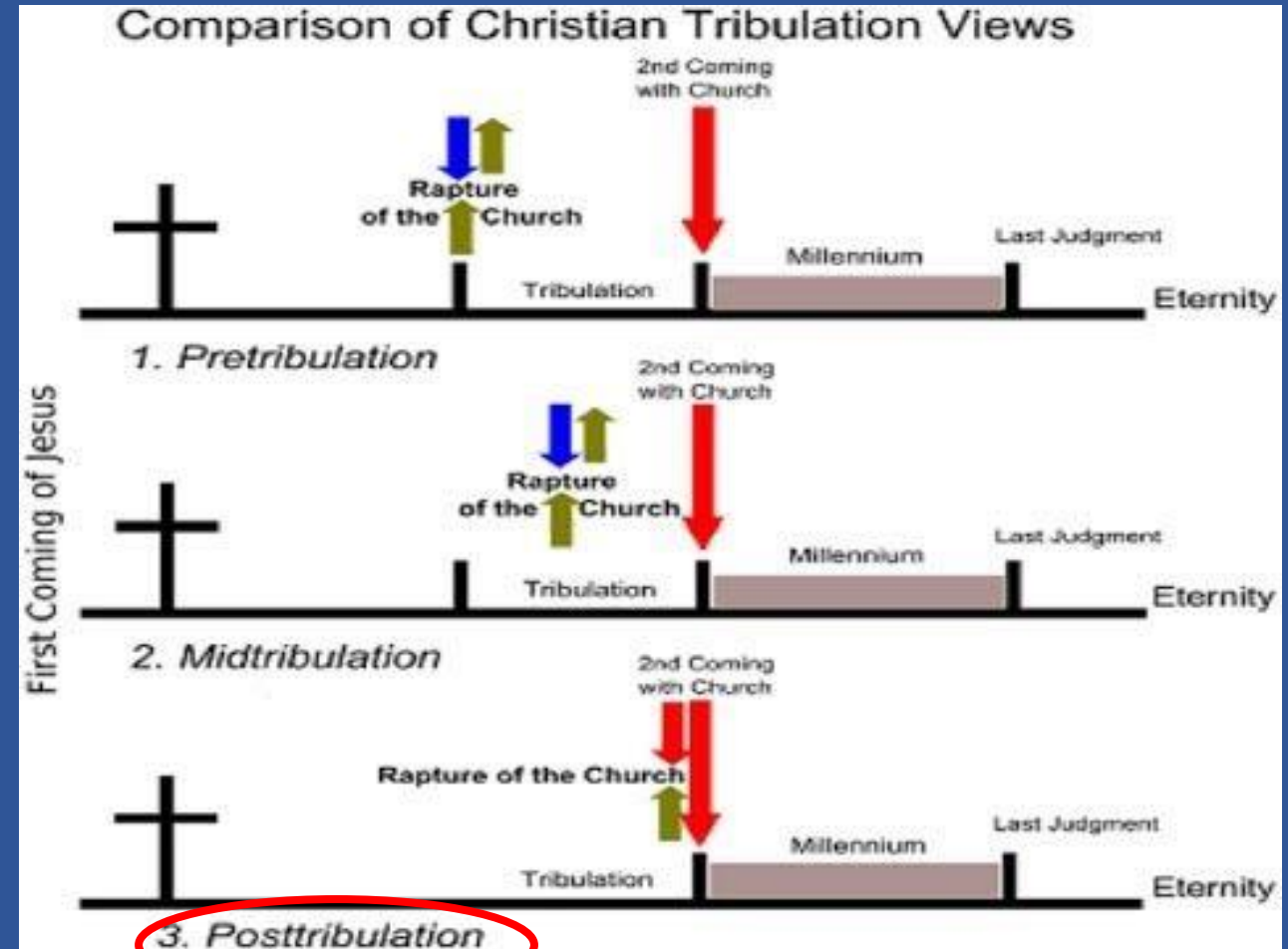
# Mid-Tribulation

- This view believes Jesus will rapture the church after the **first** 3 ½ years of the Tribulation period.<sup>3</sup>
- Mid-Tribulationists base part of their views on Revelation 11:3-12. [★]
- Mid-Tribulationists view Revelation 11 as allegorical rather than literal.



# Post-Tribulation

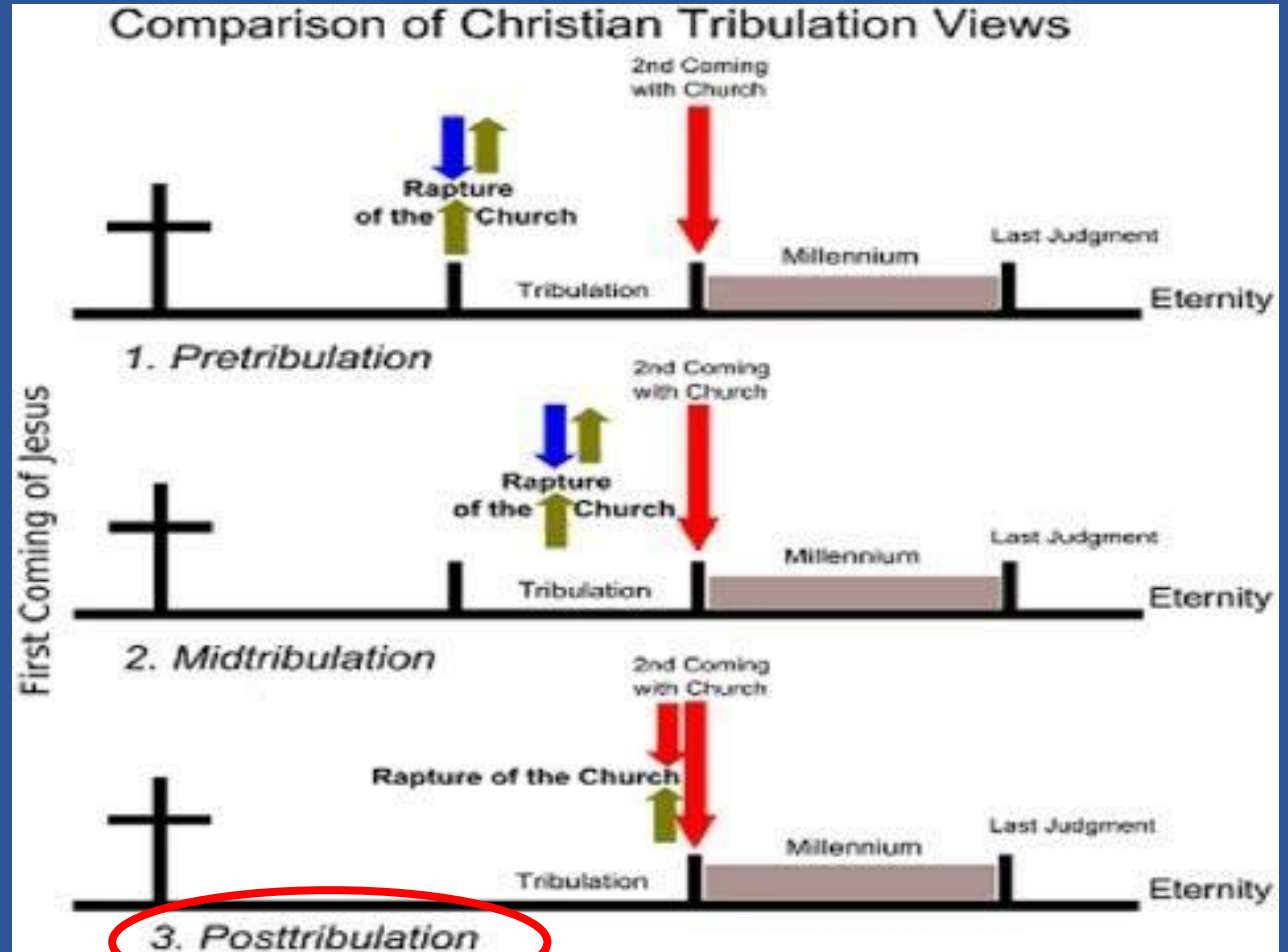
- Post-Tribulationists believe that Jesus will come for the Church after the Great Tribulation.
- They feel Jesus' coming will usher in the Millennial period.





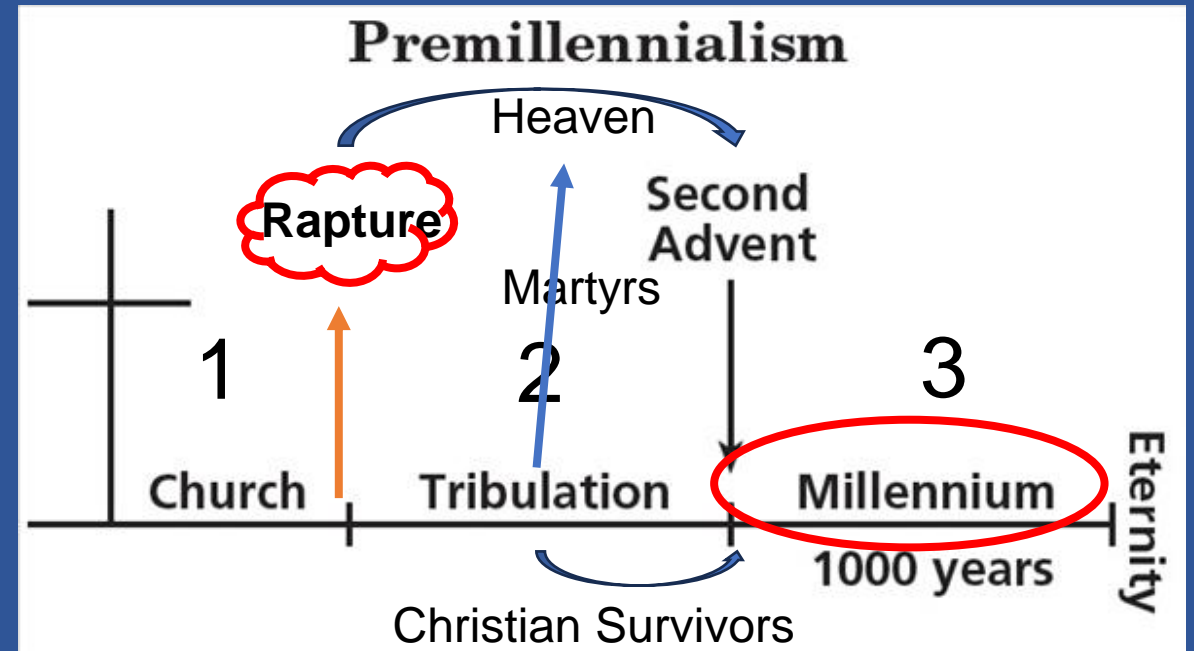
- Post-Tribulationists interpret Revelation 19:11-16 to mean that Jesus will come for His church after the Tribulation and at the start of the Millennium.

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# Millennial Period

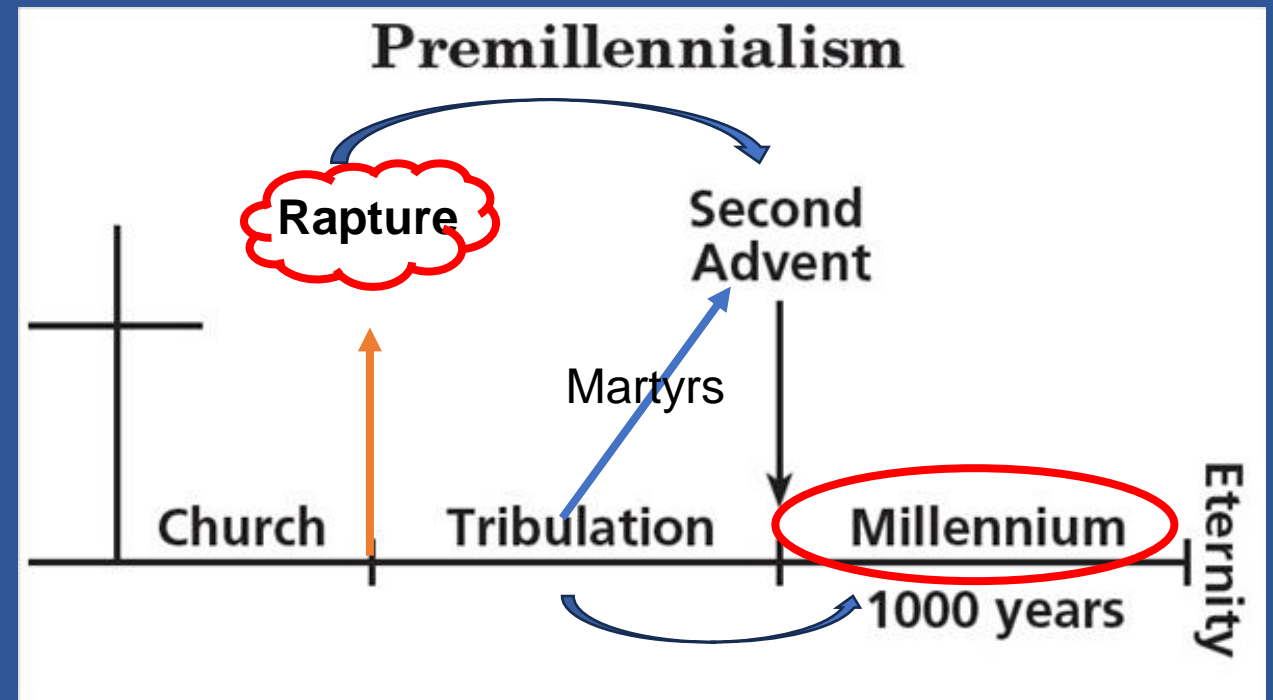
- The Bible predicts that Jesus will return to earth to establish a **millennial** (1,000 year) kingdom (Revelation 20:1-4).[\*]
- Who will enter the Millennium? [\*]
- Bible scholars disagree as to when Jesus will return to establish this 1,000-year rule and whether the 1,000 years is allegorical.



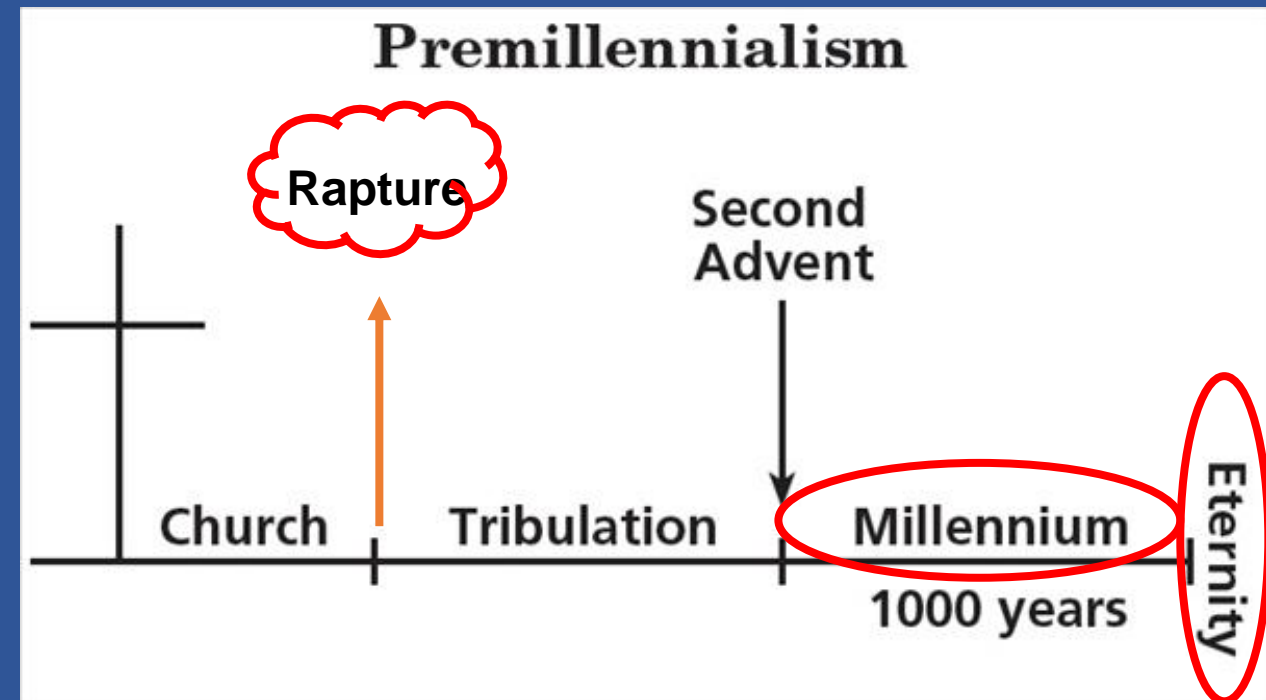
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# Premillennialists

- Jesus will rapture the church **before** the Tribulation period (7 years-1 Thessalonians 5:9). [✖]
- **After** the Tribulation, Jesus will bring the church back to earth to reign with Him for 1,000 years (Revelation 19:11-15). [✖]



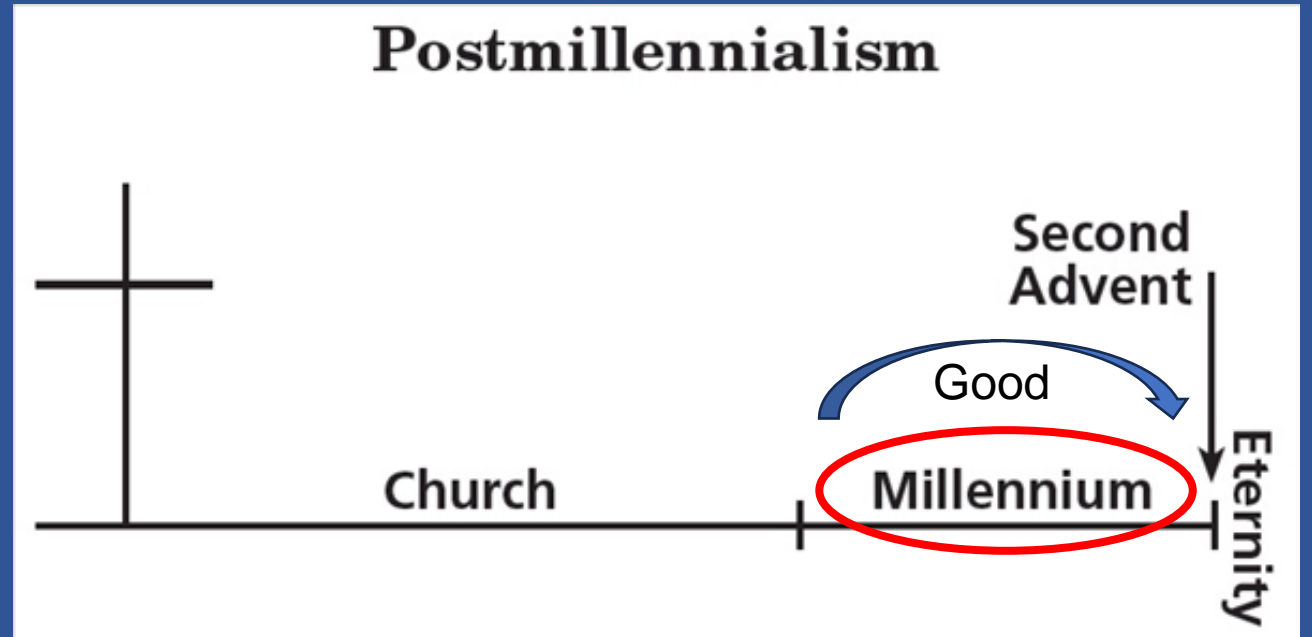
- After 1,000 years (millennialism), God will create a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 20:1-3, 7; 21:1-4). [✳]
- I will take the Premillennialist view.





# Postmillennialists

- Jesus will come for the church **after** the millennial period.
- The Millennial period will constitute a time where good will eventually overrule evil (Matthew 13:36-43). [✖]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-3 and Matthew 24:10-12 refute this theory. [✖]



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# Amillennialism

- Amillennialism does not believe in a **literal** millennium (1,000-year period of Christ's reign on the earth).
- They interpret the millennium as a spiritual kingdom whether this kingdom is in heaven or represented by the current church age.<sup>4</sup>



<https://www.zeteo316.com/millennial-definitions/amillennialism/>

# Summary

Israel and Judah failed to repent after warnings by the Old Testament prophets. As a result, foreign countries captured Israel and Judah. Israel fell in 722 BC and Judah fell in three waves by the Babylonians (605 BC, 597 BC, and 586 BC). After 70 years of captivity, the Judean captors allowed them passage back to Jerusalem.

The Old Testament Minor prophets prophesied of Israel and Judah's demise, their contemporary restoration, and their future restoration during Jesus' millennial reign. The prophecies prove amazingly accurate. Their future prophecies are yet to come. [Over---]

God has given us a timeline of ages that help to clarify His dealing with humanity. Within each timeline, there are three stages: God's requirement for humanity, man's failure to meet those requirements, and God's punishment for not adhering to the requirements.

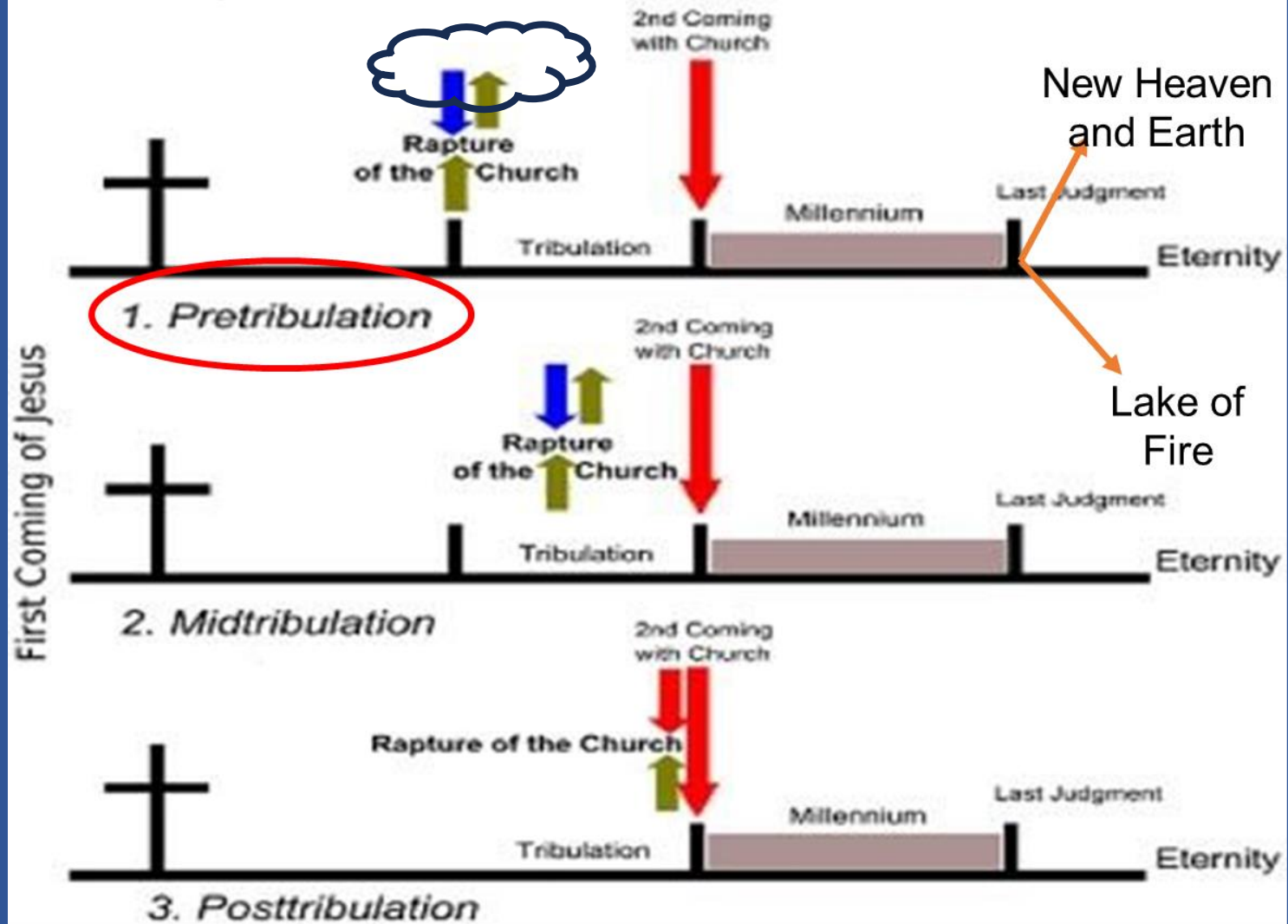
Since the Jewish nation refused to accept Jesus, the church age was born on the day of Pentecost. The church consists of anyone (Jew and Gentile) that has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal lord and savior. [Over---]



1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-52 states that one day Jesus will return in the sky, rapture all believers, and take them to heaven. After the rapture, there will be a seven-year tribulation period in which evil will reign under the leadership of the Antichrist. After the seven-year period, Revelation 19:14 states that Jesus will come back to earth with all believers, and we will reign with Him for one-thousand years (the millennium). Revelation 21:1 states that after the one-thousand years, God will create a new heaven and a new earth and all believers will live with God forever-AMEN!

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# Comparison of Christian Tribulation Views



## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:51-52

51 Behold, I am telling 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 Thessalonians 5:2,9

2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night...9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

17 Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

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## Revelation 4:1

1 After these things [Jesus' address to the churches chapters 1-3] I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like *the sound* of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

## Revelation 4:1 [NLT]

Then as I looked, I saw a door standing open in heaven, and the same voice I had heard before spoke to me like a trumpet blast. The voice said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after this." [\*] [□]



## Revelation 11:3-12

3 And I will grant *authority* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth... 11 And after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.

[\*]

## Revelation 19:11-16

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...15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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## Revelation 20:1-4

- 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. [Over---]



4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [\*]

## 1 Thessalonians 5:9

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...[\*]



## Revelation 19:11-15

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. 12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many crowns; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself. 13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. [[\\*](#)]

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## Revelation 21:1-2

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [[\\*](#)]

## Matthew 13:36-43

36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” 37 And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, 38 and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the weeds are the sons of the evil *one*; 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

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40 So just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. The one who has ears, let him hear. [✱]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:1-3

1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good...

## Matthew 24:10-12

10 And at that time many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will rise up and mislead many people. 12 And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will become cold. [✳]

## 2 Chronicles 11:13-14

13 The priests and Levites from all their districts throughout Israel sided with him [Rehoboam-king of Judah]. 14 The Levites even abandoned their pasturelands and property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them as priests of the Lord...

## Matthew 19:29

29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. [\*]

## Revelation 19:11-14

11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

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## Revelation 3:5

4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white.

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## Matthew 24:9-13

9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. [\*]

# How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King - clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice - all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light - and darkness tries to hide

It trembles at his voice - trembles at his voice

How great is our God / Sing with me

How great is our God / And all will see

How great, how great is our God

- And age to age He stands and time is in His Hands
- Beginning and the End - Beginning and the End
- The Godhead, three in one - Father, Spirit, Son
- The Lion and the Lamb - the Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God / Sing with me

How great is our God / And all will see

How great, how great is our God

You're the Name above all names

Worthy of all praise

My heart will sing, How great is our God

- Name above all names
- Worthy of all praise
- My heart will sing, How great is our God



How great is our God

Sing with me, How great is our God

And all will see how great, how great is our God

- How great is our God / Sing with me
- How great is our God / And all will see
- How great, how great is our God

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