

The Final Chapter: A Study of Last Things

The Rapture



Questions Concerning the Rapture

What is the rapture of the church?

- Traditional Beliefs
- The Biblical Record
- Deductive Reasoning

When will the rapture occur?

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- Eschatological Theories

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Smile!

**IN CASE OF RAPTURE
YOU CAN HAVE MY CAR**

JESUS LOVES YOU!



LITTLE BUSINESS
ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD



**DON'T BELIEVE
IN THE RAPTURE?
IT'S OKAY. YOU PROBABLY
WOULDN'T GO ANYWAY.**

**WARNING: CYCLISTS MAY BE
RAPTURED WITHOUT NOTICE**



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Hymns

Books

Movies

Oral Tradition (Rev. John Dooby (1830))

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1 Thes. 4:15-17

John 11:25-26

1 Cor. 15:51-57

Matt. 24:30-31

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The “age of the church” ENDS with the beginning of Daniel’s seventieth week.

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When we least expect it.

Anytime Now!!!

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Matt. 24:42-44

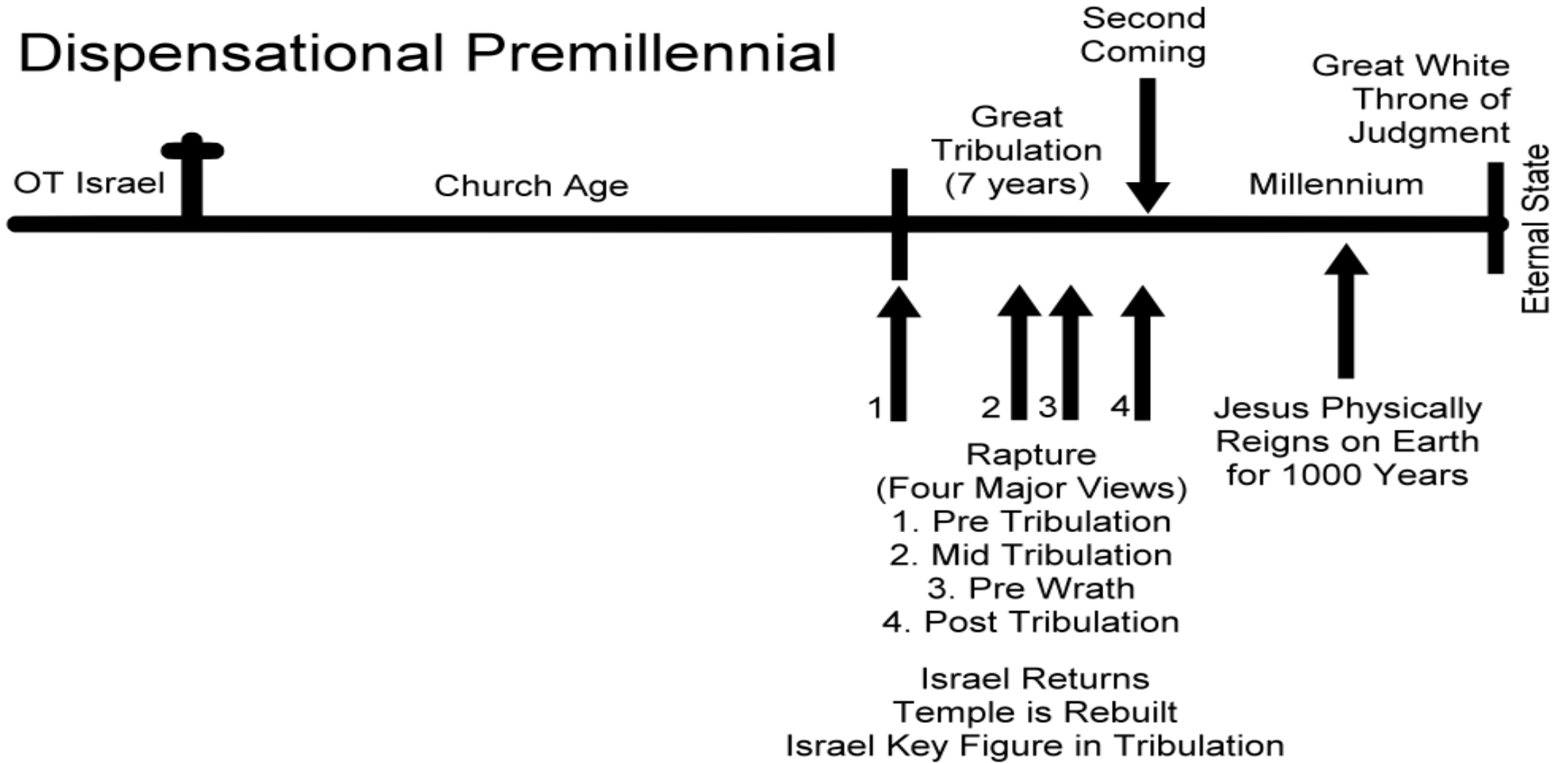
1 Thes. 5:1-4

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Dispensational Premillennial



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To protect the church from tribulation wrath.

To gather the saints.

To prepare the army of God.

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Luke 17:26-36

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“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. . . . It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one.”

C. S. Lewis