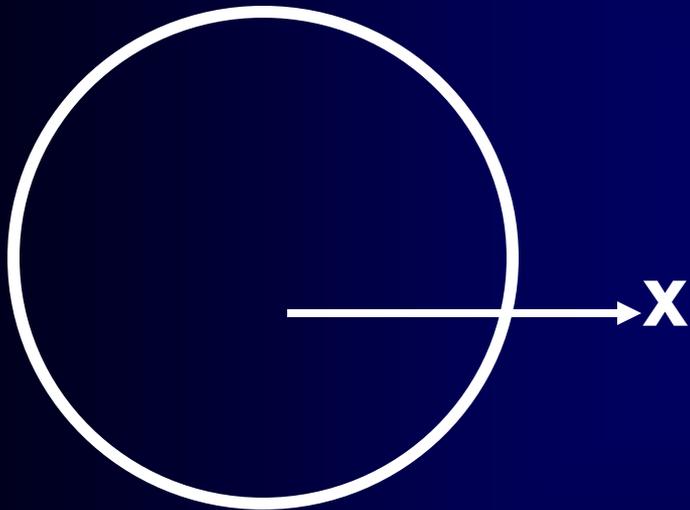


**Why We Believe
in
the Pre-Trib
Rapture**

Revelation 3:10, “I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

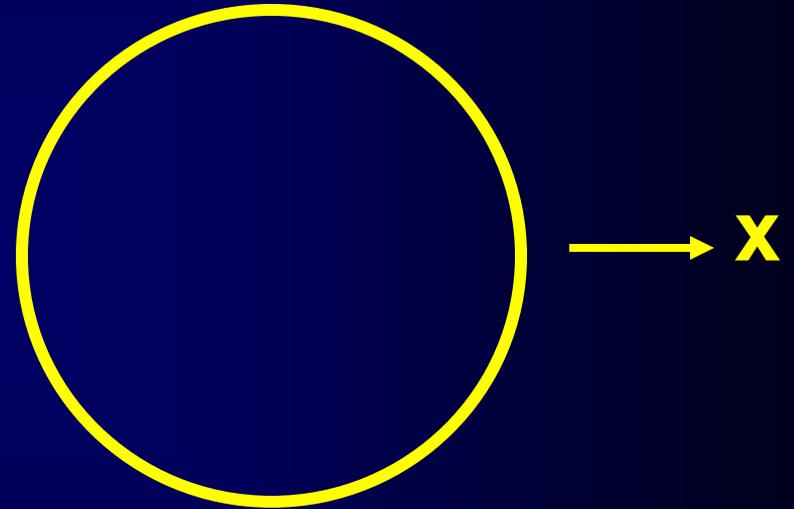
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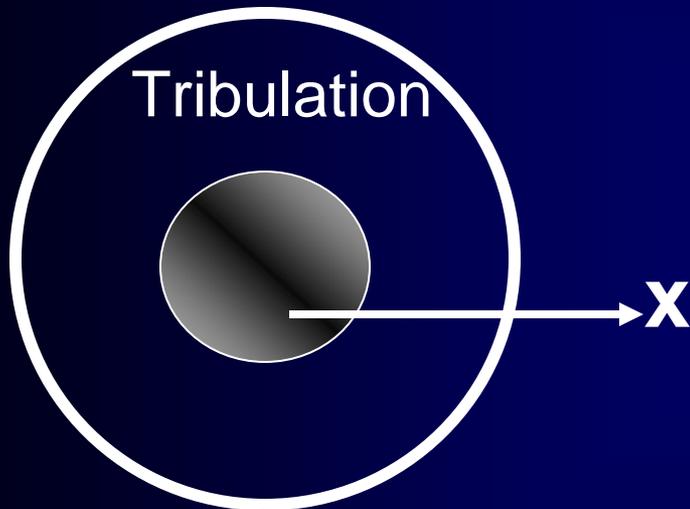
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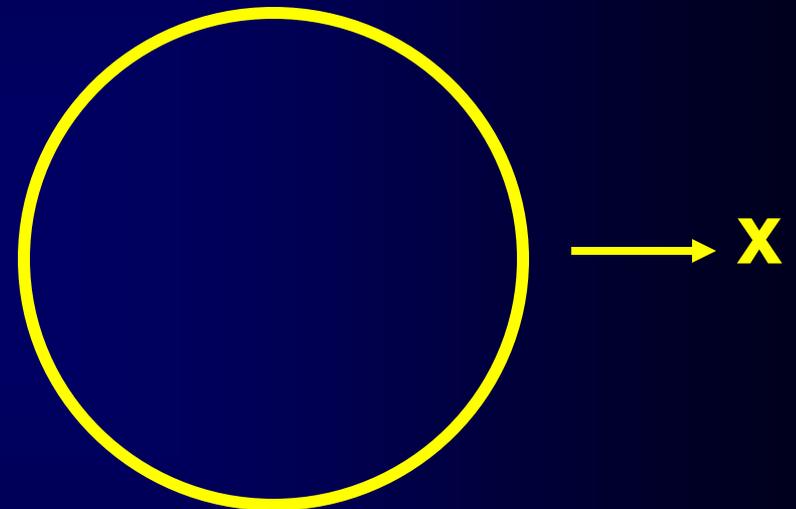
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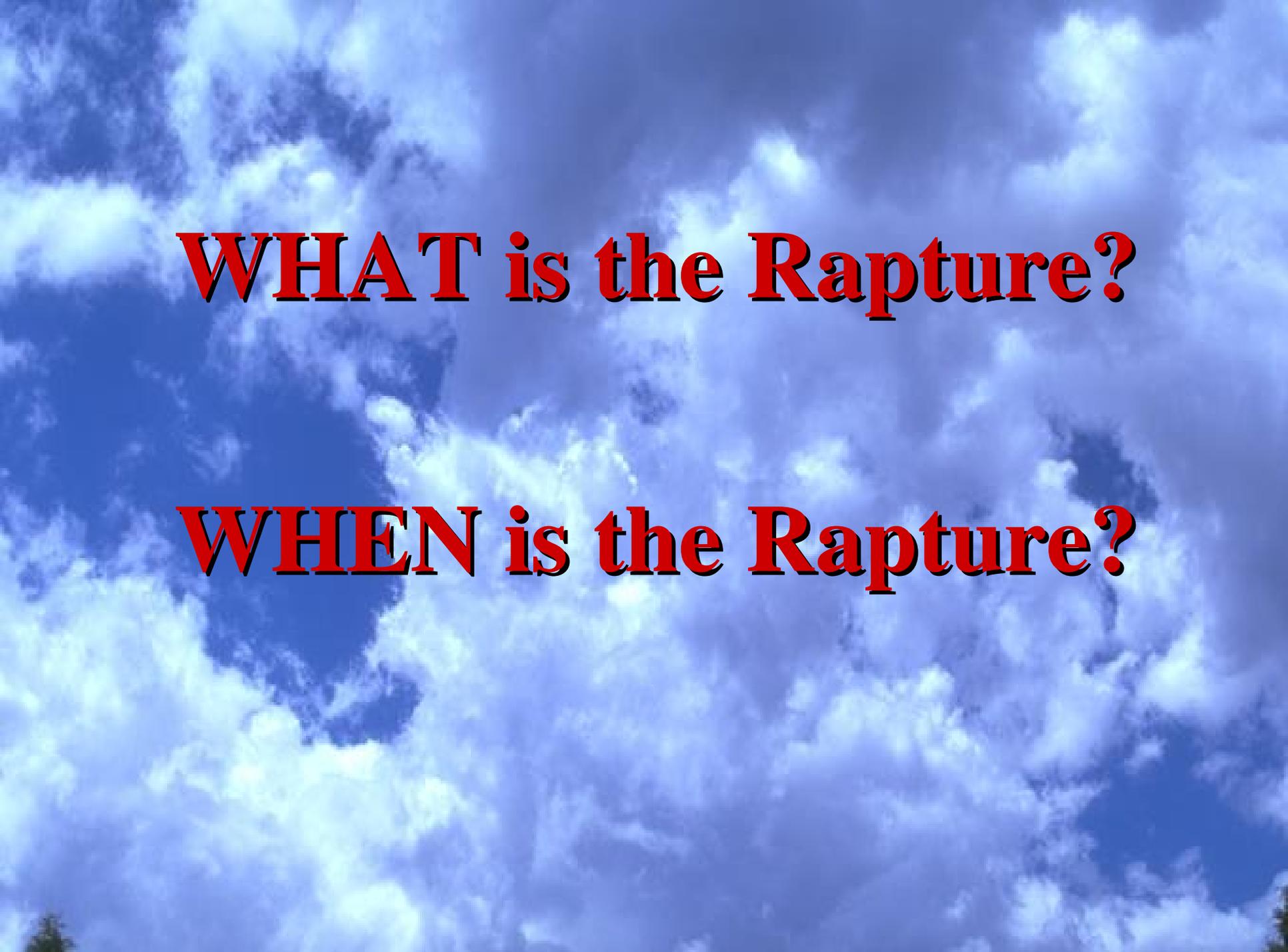
Ek = out from within
CA Believers remain **IN**
the Trib, but protected
FROM the Trib

Example B



Ek = out from but not ever
within
CA Believers are **KEPT FROM**
ever entering the Tribulation

John 12:27, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me **from** [ek] this hour?’ But for this purpose I came to this hour.”



WHAT is the Rapture?

WHEN is the Rapture?

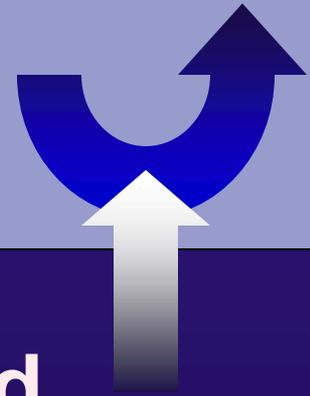
A composite image showing numerous people in various poses floating in the air against a sky filled with white, fluffy clouds. The people are scattered throughout the frame, some appearing to be falling or rising. The overall scene is surreal and evokes the concept of the Rapture. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "WHAT is the Rapture?" in a large, bold, yellow font with a white outline. The word "WHAT" is in all caps, while "is" is in lowercase. "the Rapture?" is in lowercase, with "Rapture" in all caps. The background shows a horizon line with some dark silhouettes of trees and a utility pole on the right side.

WHAT is the Rapture?

The Rapture is . . .

The resurrection of all dead Church Age believers and the translation of all living believers from the earth at the end of the Church Age before the Tribulation begins.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

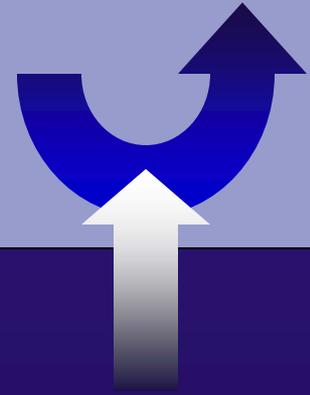


“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven

- **with a shout**
- **with the voice of the archangel**
- **and with the trumpet of God**
- **and the dead in Christ will rise first.”**

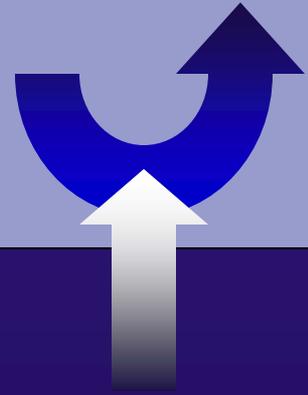


1 Thessalonians 4:17a



“Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up [*harpazo, rapturo*] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17c–18



**“And so we will
be with the Lord
forever.**

**Therefore
encourage each
other with these
words.”**



**WHEN is
the Rapture?**

RAPTURE VIEWS

Pre-Trib Rapture



The Rapture will occur before the Tribulation and will include all believers.

RAPTURE VIEWS

Partial Rapture



At the Rapture only those faithful, totally dedicated Christians will be caught up, leaving carnal Christians behind to be chastened by the tribulation.

RAPTURE VIEWS

Mid-Trib Rapture

RAPTURE

All Believers

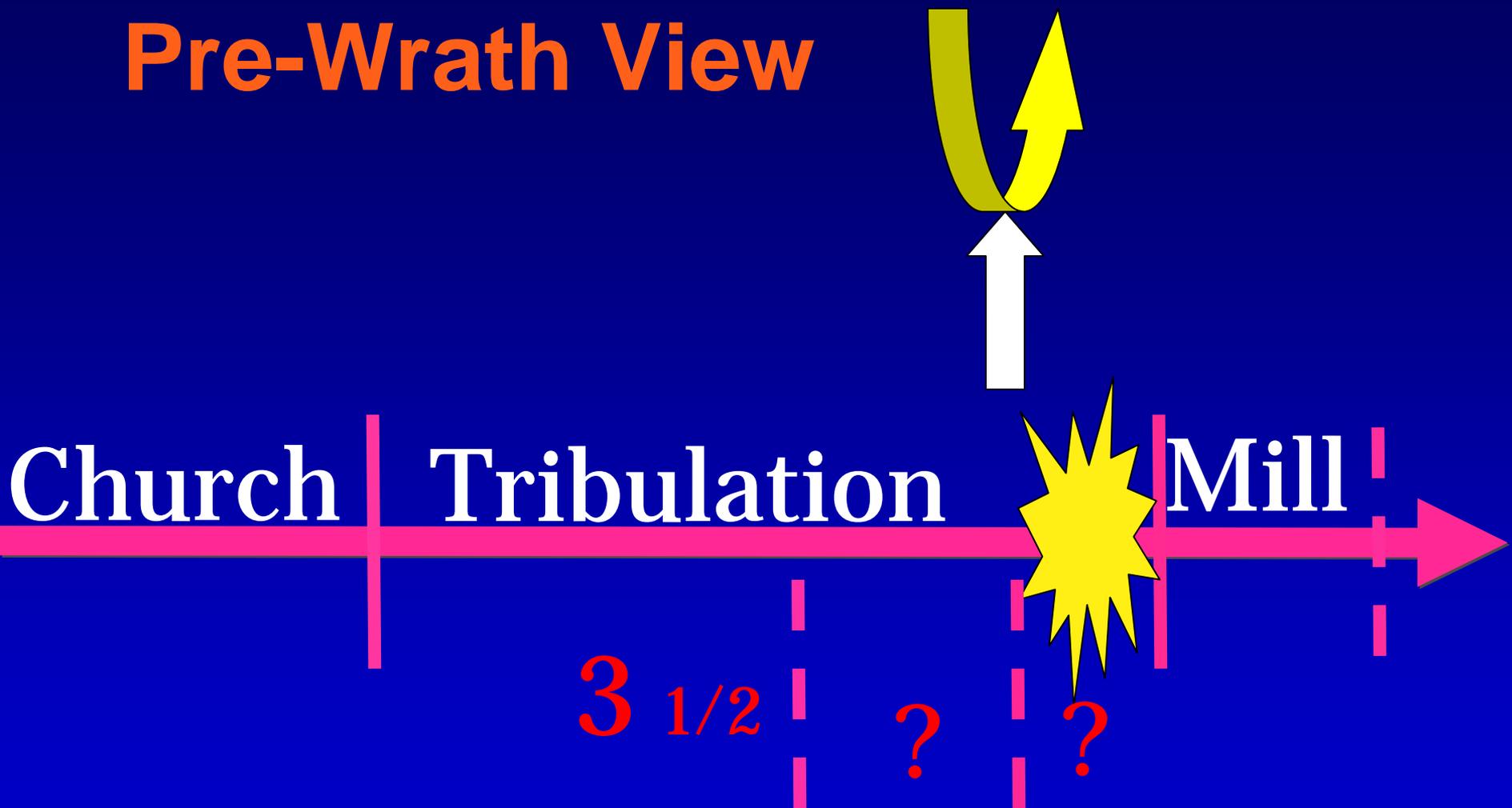
CHURCH AGE

TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

The Rapture occurs in the middle of the Tribulation, forcing believers to endure the first three and a half years of wrath.

Pre-Wrath View



RAPTURE VIEWS

Post-Trib Rapture



The Rapture occurs at the end of the Tribulation, forcing all believers to endure the entire seven years.

THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE

Practical Motivation for Spiritual Growth, Evangelism, & Missions

Pre-Trib Rapture

Work of the Holy Spirit

Nature of the Church

Nature of the Tribulation

Imminency

Interval Needed Between Comings

Contrasts Between Comings

**Premillen-
nialism**

Futurism

**Israel/Church
Distinction**

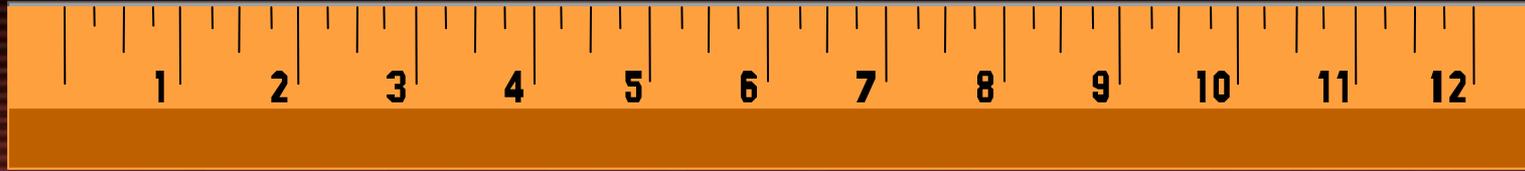
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THE PRE-TRIB RAPTURE DOCTRINE



Literal Interpretation

Golden Rule of Interpretation



When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.

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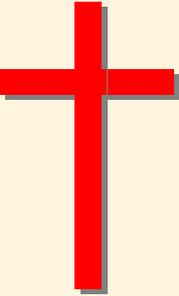
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PREMILLENNIALISM



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COMING OF
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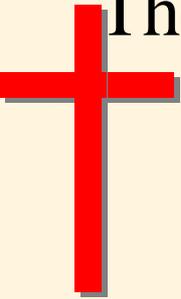
TRIB

MILLENNIUM
1000 literal years

ETER-
NITY

AMILLENNIALISM

Church = the Messianic Kingdom
The Kingdom is no longer literal



**SECOND
COMING OF
CHRIST**

All resurrections
All judgments

**CHURCH
AGE**

“1000” non-literal years

ETERNITY



POSTMILLENNIALISM

Church brings in
the Messianic Kingdom

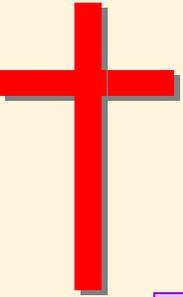
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**CHURCH/
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**“1000”
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ETERNITY



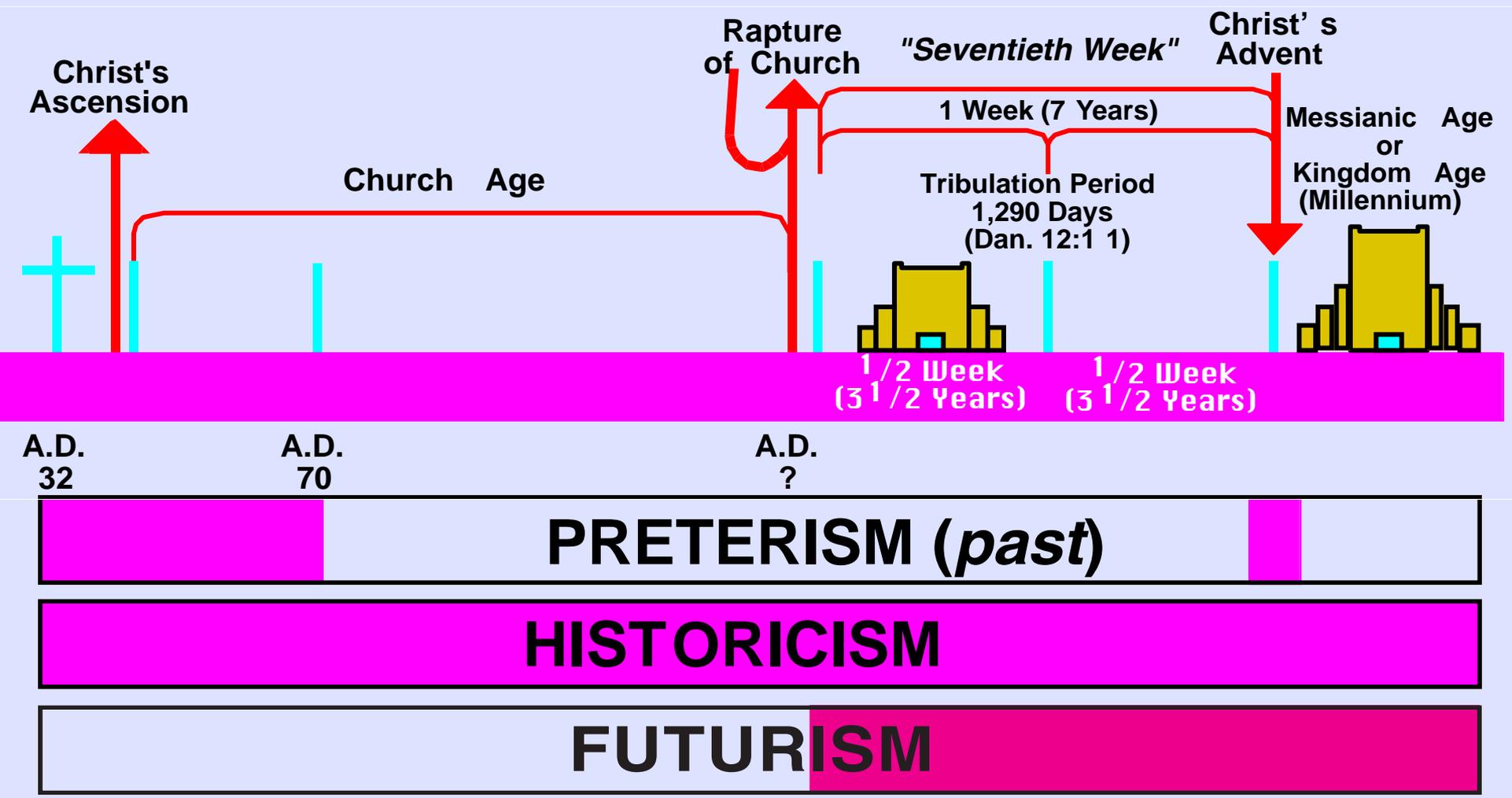
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BASIC APPROACHES TO PROPHECY



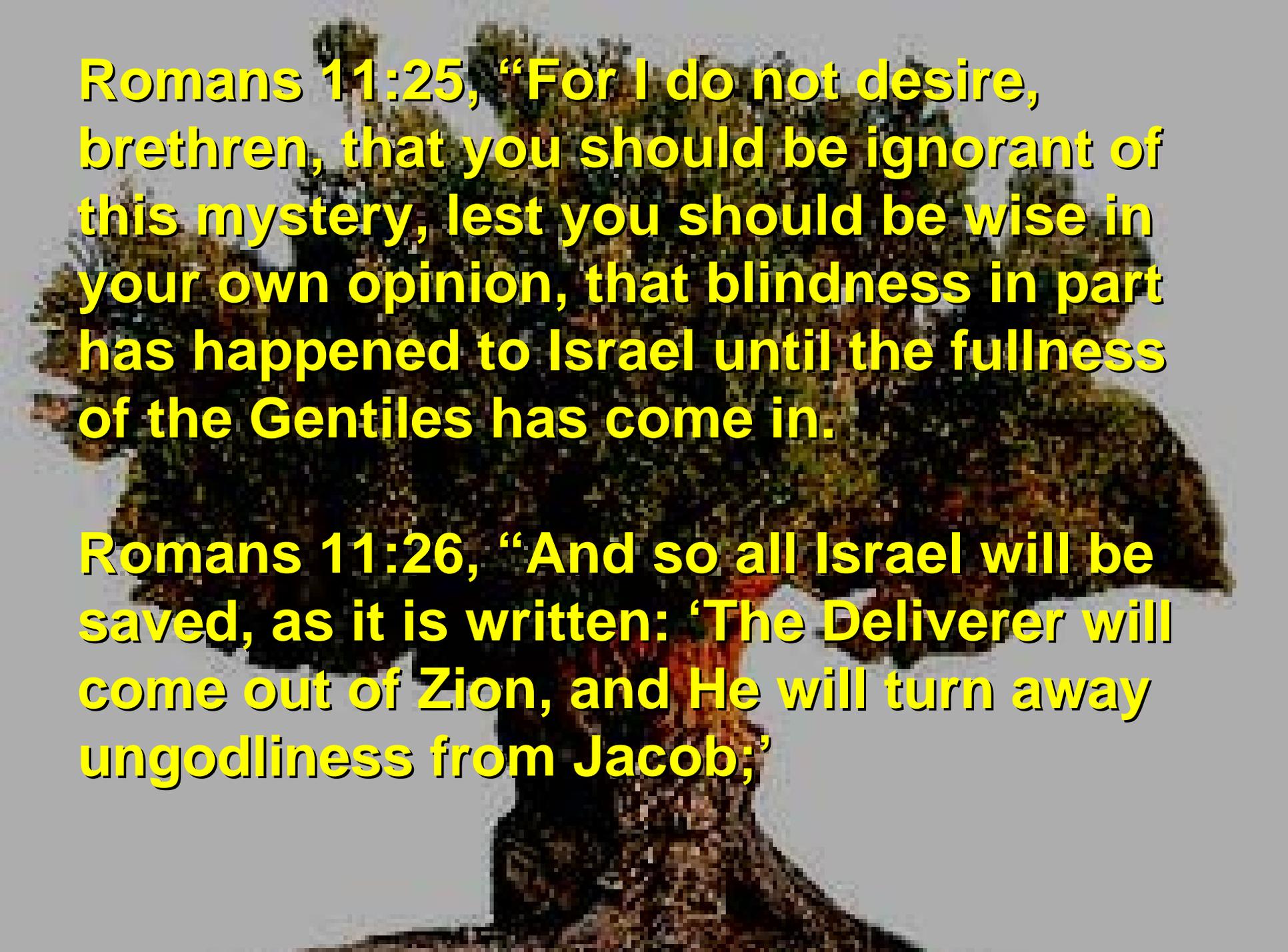
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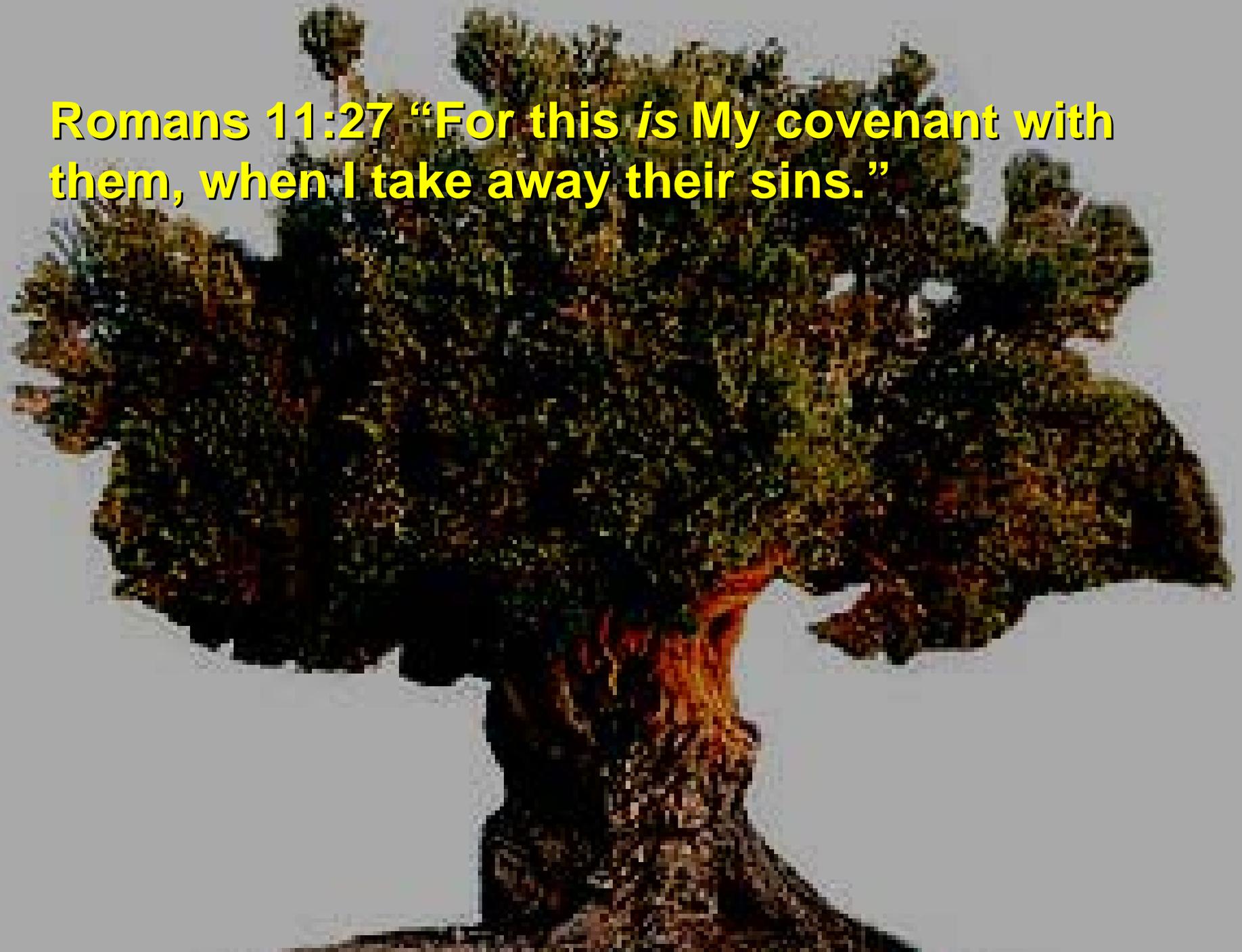
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Romans 11:25, “For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

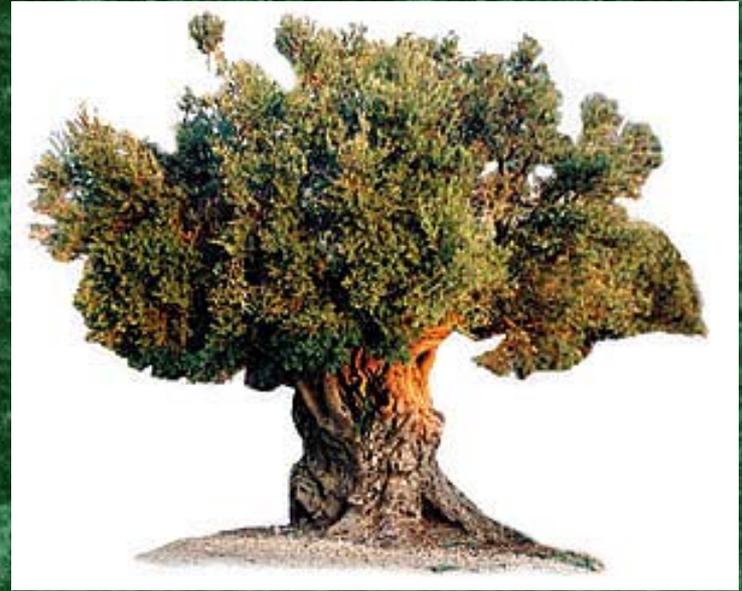
Romans 11:26, “And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: ‘The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;’

Romans 11:27 “For this *is* My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”



ISRAEL

God's Plan for **Israel** involves it being the head and not the tail, and ruling over the nations during the Millennial Kingdom.

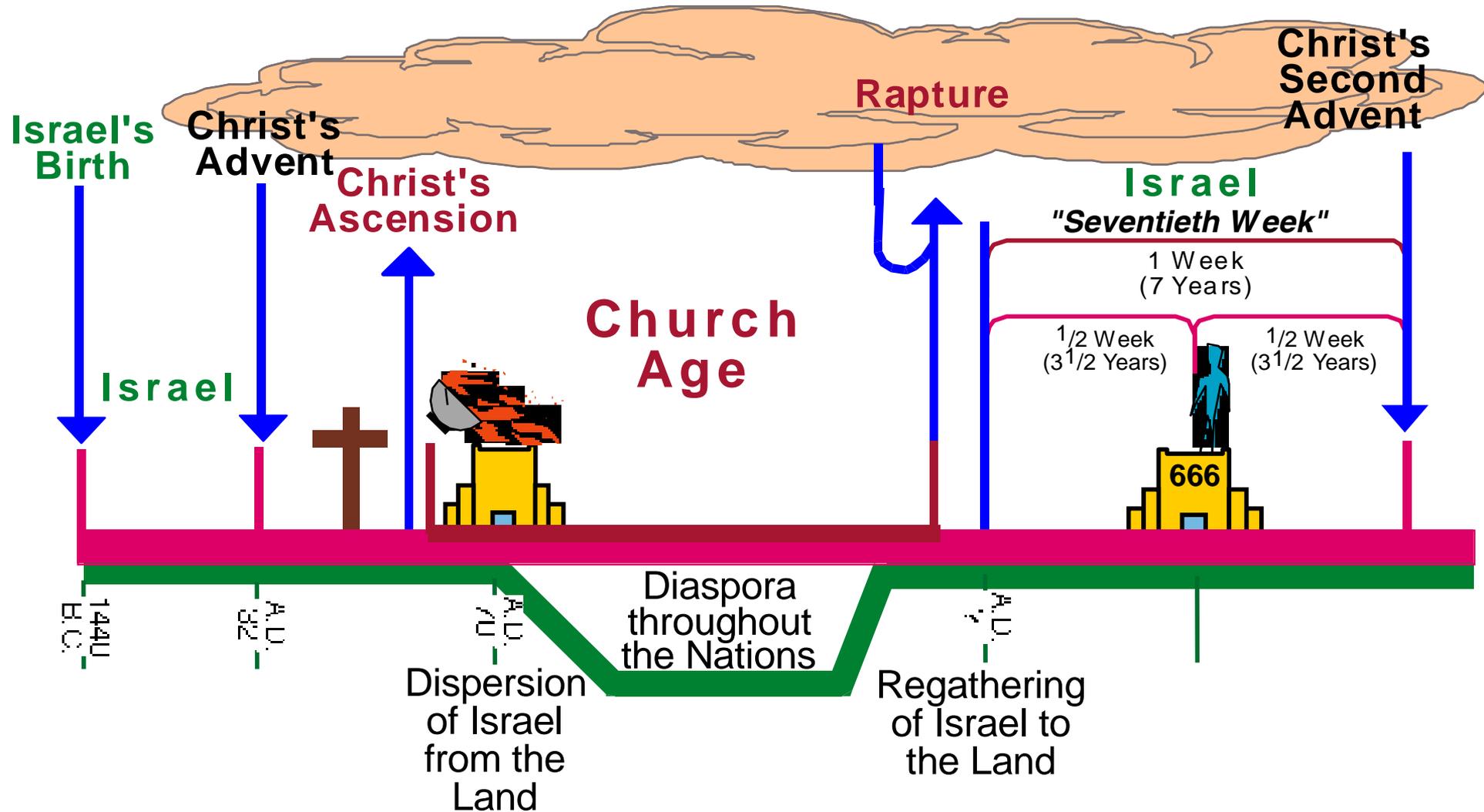


CHURCH

God's Plan for the **Church** involves a cadre of saved Jews and Gentiles who will rule and reign with Him in the Kingdom.



ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH



PURPOSES OF THE TRIBULATION

1. To execute judgment on the wicked and on the rebellious nations who have both rejected Christ and Israel.
2. To demonstrate the inability of Satan to rule the planet.
3. To provide time for millions to be saved.
4. Time of preparation for Israel's restoration & conversion (Dt. 4:29,30; Jer. 30:3–11; Zech. 12:10).

Daniel's Seventieth Week

Dan. 9:24, “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.

Dan. 9:25, “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.

Dan. 9:26, “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.

Dan. 9:27, “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.”

- 1. Cyrus' decree in 538 B.C.**
- 2. A decree by Darius Hystaspes mentioned in Ezra 6.**
- 3. The first decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus, given in 457 B.C.**
- 4. The second decree of Artaxerxes Longimanus, given in 444 B.C.**

Dan. 9:16, “O Lord, in accordance with all Thy righteous acts, let now Thine anger and Thy wrath turn away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain; for because of our sins and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people have become a reproach to all those around us. “

A photograph of the ruins of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The scene shows a wide, paved path leading through a valley of ancient stone walls and structures. On the right, a massive, multi-tiered stone wall rises, partially covered in ivy. To the left, another wall is visible, with a small structure on top. In the background, a hillside with more ruins and a fence is visible under a clear blue sky. A large pile of rubble and stones is on the right side of the path. Many people are walking along the path, some taking photos. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the image.

Dan. 9:17, “So now, our God, listen to the prayer of Thy servant and to his supplications, and for Thy sake, O Lord, let Thy face shine on Thy desolate sanctuary.”

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

DAN. 9:24-27

The Decree
to Restore

Messiah
The Prince

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 + 62 = 69 \\ \hline \text{weeks} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$70 \times 7 = 490 \text{ years}$$

$$69 \times 7 = 483 \text{ years} = \\ 173,880 \text{ days}$$

March 5,
444 B.C.

March 30
A.D. 33

Artaxerxes'
Decree

Triumphal
Entry

Neh. 2:1-3

Luke 19:28-40

ISRAEL