

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

WHEN IS THE RAPTURE?

GENTILES

ISRAEL

Perfect Environment

Conscience

Human Government

Patriarchs

Mosaic Law

Messianic Age

Church Age

Tribulation

Creation Covenant

Gen. 1:28-30;
Hosea 6:7

Adamic Covenant

Gen. 3:14-19

Noahic Covenant

Gen. 9:1-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3

Mosaic Covenant

Ex. 20-40

Logos

New Covenant Applied

Responsibility

Fulfill the Covenant:
Gen. 1:26-28;
2:16-17

Animal Sacrifice
Gen. 3:21

Fill the earth
Gen. 9:7

Stay distinct people
Gen. 7:14

Obey the Law
Ex. 19:3-8

Accept Messiah

**Faith alone
In Christ alone**

Failure

Ate fruit
Gen. 3:1-6

Evil and Wickedness
Gen. 6:5-6

Built Babel
Gen. 11:1-4

Assimilated
Gen. 34

Disobeyed
2 Chron. 36:14

Reject Messiah

Most reject Christ

Divine Judgment

Sp. Death
Gen. 3:7-19

Flood
Gen. 6—9

Confusion of Languages
Gen. 11:5-9

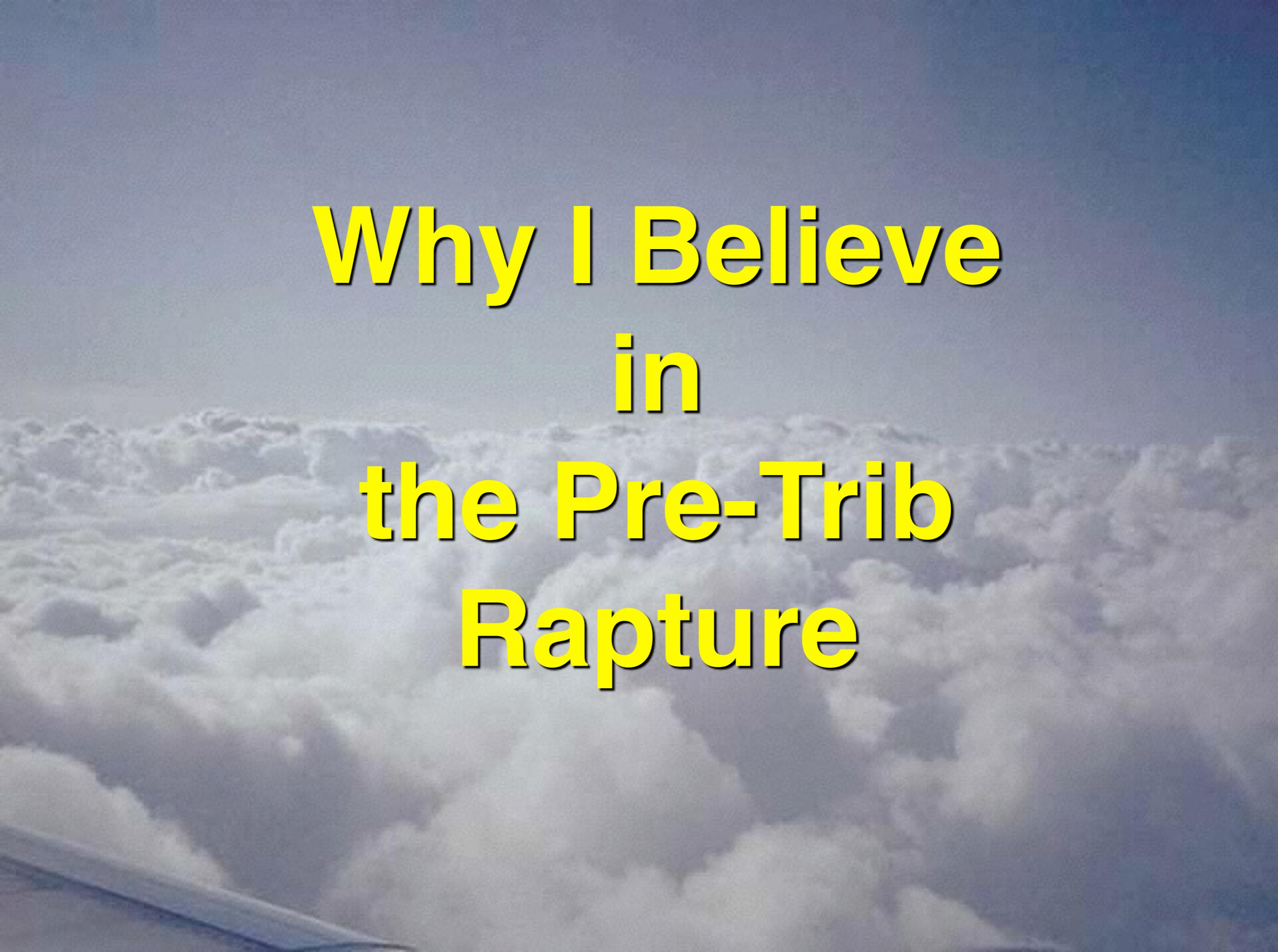
Egyptian Bondage
Ex. 1:8-14

Diaspora
Deut. 28:63-66

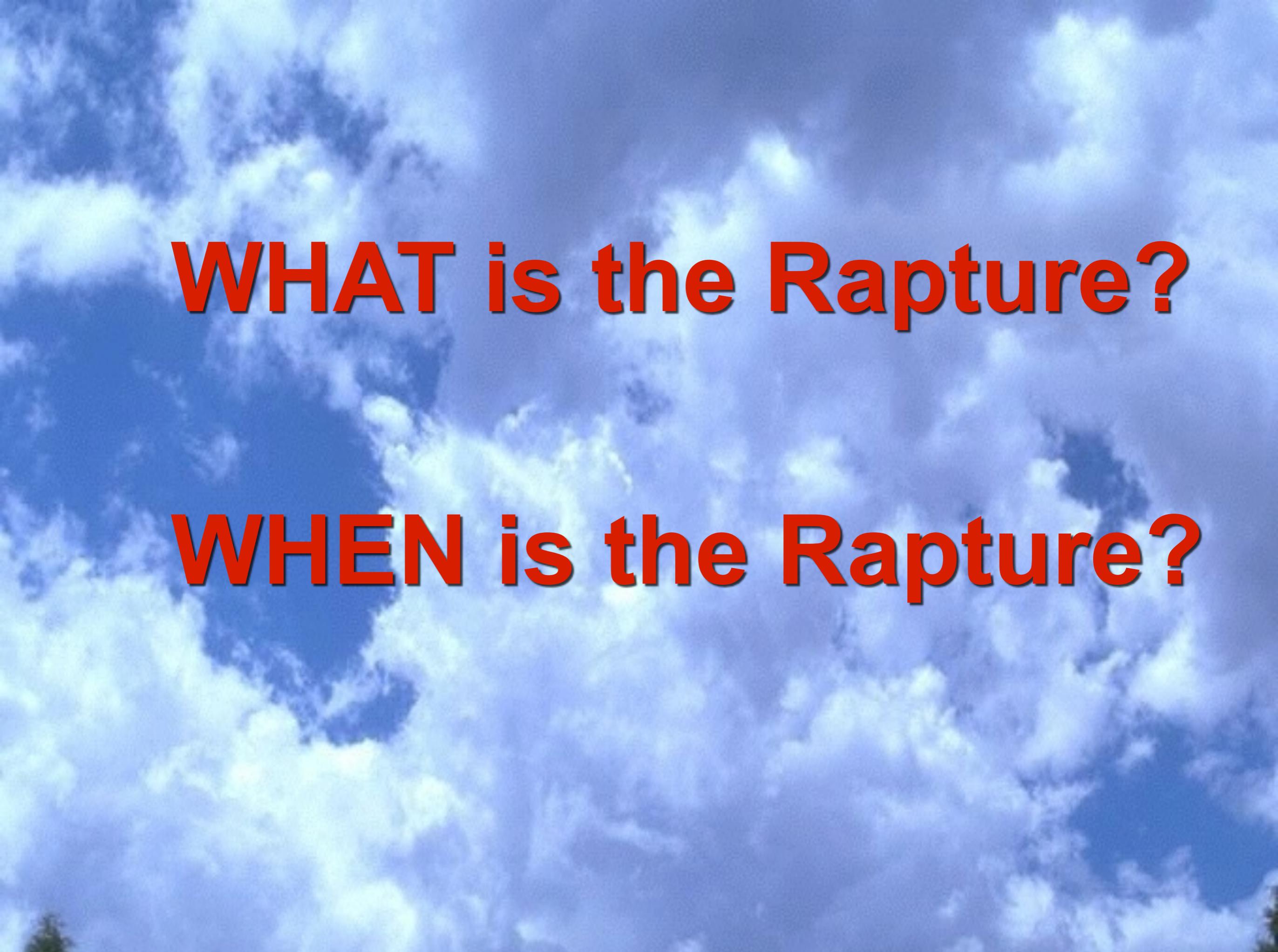
Cross 5th Cycle

Tribulation

BIBLICAL DISPENSATIONS



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



WHAT is the Rapture?

WHEN is the Rapture?

RAPTURE VIEWS

**Pre-Trib
Rapture**



CHURCH AGE

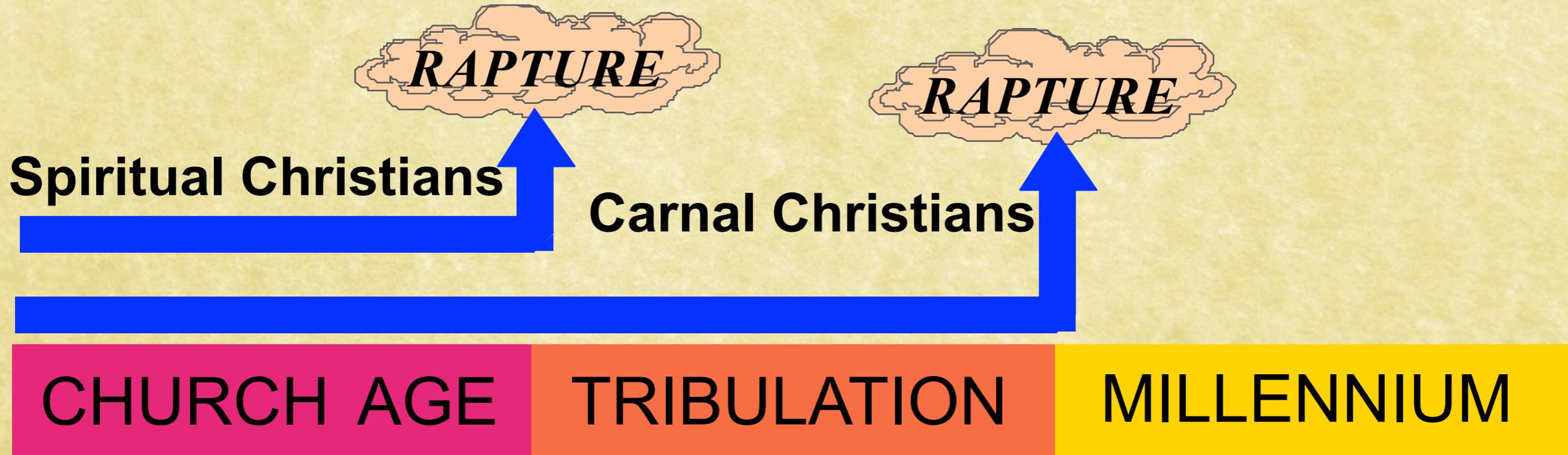
TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

The Rapture occurs before the Tribulation, ending the Church Age, so no Church Age believer goes through the Tribulation.

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**

All Believers



CHURCH AGE

TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

The Rapture occurs in the middle of the Tribulation, thus believers endure the first half. The “pre-wrath” Rapture is a variant of this.

RAPTURE VIEWS

**Post-Trib
Rapture**



CHURCH AGE

TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

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

1. The distinction between Israel and the Church.

Rom. 11:25, “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

Rom. 11:26, “and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘*The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.*’

Rom. 11:27, “And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

2. The purposes for the Tribulation do not relate to the Church.

- To execute judgment on the wicked nations who have rejected Christ.**
- To demonstrate the inability of Satan to rule the planet.**
- To provide time for millions to be saved.**
- To prepare the nation Israel for the Messiah and His kingdom.**

PURPOSES OF THE TRIBULATION

- 1. Time of preparation for Israel's restoration and conversion (Deut. 4:29, 30; Jer. 30:3–11; Zech. 12:10).**
- 2. Called "time of Jacob's tribulation" (Jer. 30:7).**
- 3. The Church currently experiences tribulations (Jn. 16:33), she will not experience "the" Tribulation.**
- 4. The Church is mentioned 19 times in Rev. 1–3, but in 4–19, that covers the Tribulation period, the Church is never mentioned.**

Deut. 4:30, “When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice”

Jer. 30:7, “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.”

Ezek. 20:37, “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;”

Dan. 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

The Decree to Restore

Messiah the Prince

The Coming Prince

Messiah Returns

69 Weeks

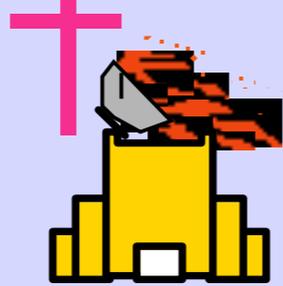
March 5, 444 B.C.

Artaxerxes' Decree
Neh. 2:1-8

March 30, A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry
Luke 19:28-40

Messiah "cut off" Apr. 3, A.D. 33



Church Age

City & Temple destroyed Aug. 6, A.D. 70



1 Week

1/2 Week

1/2 Week

The Tribulation is for Israel

3. The Church is NEVER the object of the wrath of God.

Wrath is a technical term for the execution of the judgment of God.

- “wrath” is used first in Rev. 6, the “wrath of the Lamb”; in the seal judgments.
- “wrath” is worldwide in scope.
- “wrath” involves supernatural judgments and signs and wonders on the earth.
- “wrath” results in the deaths of BILLIONS.

1 Thess. 5:9, “For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

1 Thess. 1:10, “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

Rev. 3:9–10, “ ‘Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you *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 upon the earth.”

Matt. 24:21, “for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.” (cf., Dan. 12:1)

**Jer. 30:7, “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.”**

Dan. 12:1, “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.”

Joel 2:2, “A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, so there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations.”

4. Imminency: The “at any moment” return of Jesus Christ.