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Biblical Defense of Our Souls

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Php. 4:13, “I am able to do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

What is the key idea here?

Rejoice, but more ...

Mental attitude; mindset; thinking

Thinking about life's situations based on God's truth, not man's ideas, while walking by means of the Spirit and claiming promises.

Php. 4:4, “Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! [NKJV]

Php. 4:5, “Let your gracious generosity be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. [RD]

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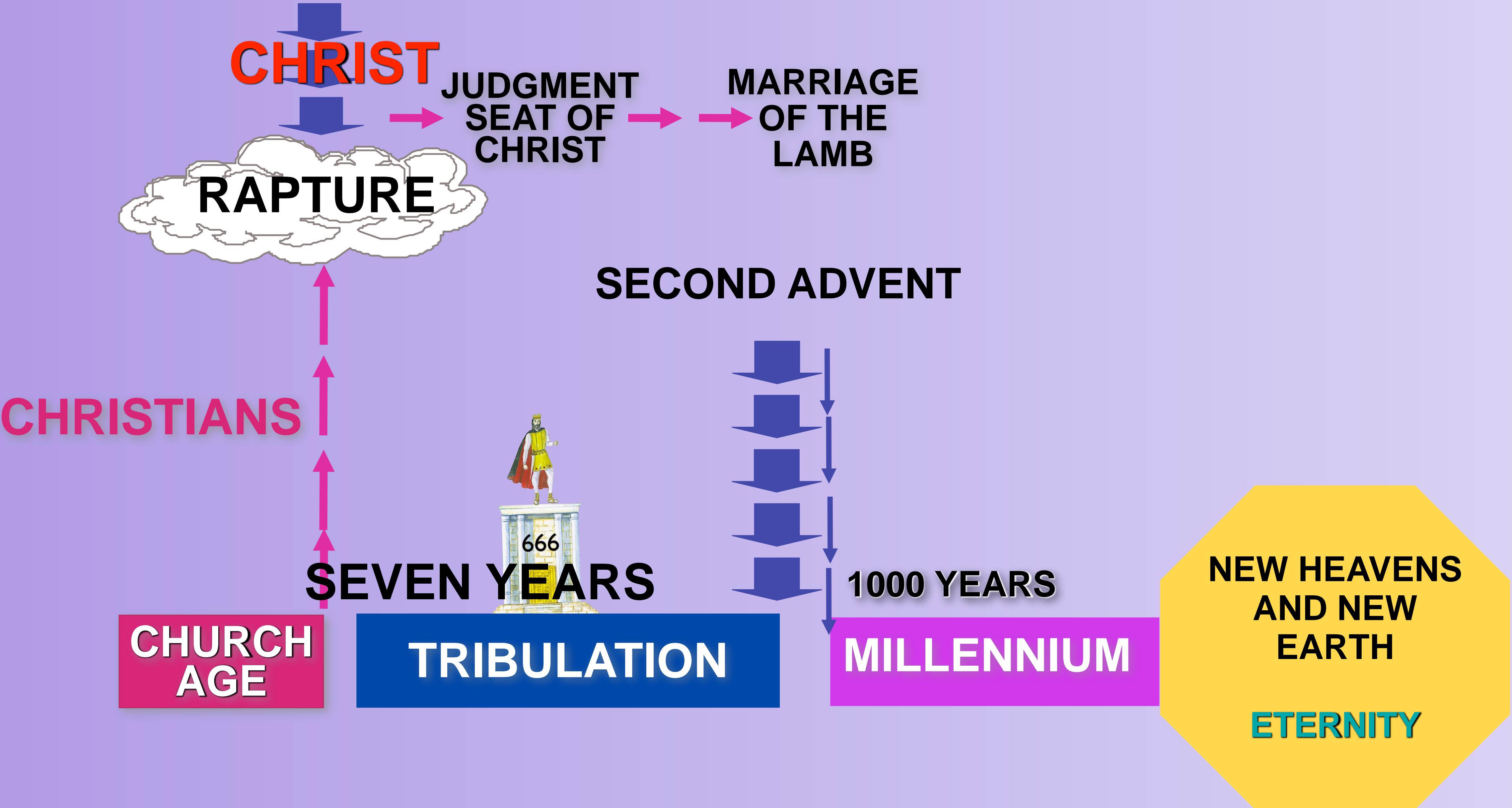
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Living today in light of eternity (i.e., the Judgment Seat of Christ!)

PROPHETIC PANORAMA



**What the Bible Teaches
About**

**the Imminency of
the Rapture**



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Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will seek refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psa. 27:5, “For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.”

**Psa. 31:2, “Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily;
Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me.**

**Psa. 31:3, “For You are my rock and my fortress;
Therefore, for Your name’s sake, lead me and guide me.”**

Psa. 62:2, “He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.”

Psa. 62:6, “He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved.”

Joy/Inner Happiness/Tranquility of Soul
James 1:3; John 15:11; 17:13

**Personal Love
for God
Deut. 6:5**

**Biblical Love for All;
Christian Love for
Other Believers
Lev. 19:18; Jn. 13:34, 35**

**Occupation with
Christ
Heb. 12:2; Php. 3:20**

**Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny
Col. 3:24; 1 Pet. 1:4**

**Faith-Rest Drill
Prov. 3:5, 6**

**Grace Orientation
Eph. 2:8, 9
2 Pet. 3:18**

**Doctrinal
Orientation
2 Pet. 3:18**

**Walking by the Spirit/Filled by the Spirit
Gal. 5:16/Gal. 5:25–26**

Confession of Sin, 1 John 1:9

The command to rejoice in Php. 4:4 is related to

Php. 3:1, “Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.”

In Php. 4:5, the command is to let your graciousness be known to all men. This is grace orientation, which becomes the foundation for developing a biblical love for all mankind.

Php. 2:2, “fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Php. 2:3, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.”

Php. 2:4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

3. The motivation for this is given at the end of Php. 4:5: The Lord is near!

Php. 3:20, “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Php. 3:21, “who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Php. 4:1, “Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.”

4. Now in Php. 4:6 we see the Faith-Rest Drill along with gratitude, which is part of grace orientation, expressed through prayer. The term we examined there is *epiekes*, which expresses a calm, gracious attitude toward others.

ἐπιεικής *epieikēs*

~NIDNTT “graciousness” gentle in the sense of not being ungracious, cruel, or abusive

5. The results of this relates to the peace of God, which is part of our concept of inner happiness.

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gracious kindness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

6. The situation they face is one that would threaten anyone's sense of security or peace or tranquility. This too was foreshadowed earlier in Php. 1.

Php. 1:28, “and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

Php. 1:29, “For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

Php. 1:30, “having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.” [NKJV]

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1 Tim. 2:1, “Therefore I exhort first of all that petitions [pleading], prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [RD]

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**φρουρέω *phroureō*
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garrison or fort to defend**

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καρδία *kardia*

fem plur acc

Literally, heart;

Figuratively, the center or innermost part of men, animals, plants.

The intellectual center of a person.

νόημα *noēma*

neut plur acc

mind, thought

NIDNTT “Heart and mind” (*noēmata*, literally, thoughts) can be used in parallel (2 Cor. 3:14 f.) or synonymously (Php. 4:7).

What the Bible Teaches About Prayer



Prayer is the most powerful asset in the believer's spiritual life.

Prayer is an awesome privilege that brings us immediately into the throne room of God, into the presence of the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them.

Prayer is the believer's vital communication link to his heavenly Father.