Thursology 89: The Dead Will Rise: The Pre-Trib View Reconciles the Future Resurrections (Rapture #12)

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--The Pre-Tribulational Rapture—The Strengths:

--Strength #7: The Pre-Trib View best _____ for the future

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--The Tribulation—The Last Seven Years…in Matthew 24:

--V. 3: As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

--The _____-up to the Tribulation

--Vv. 4-8: And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

--The Tribulation _____…believers are _____…and many will _____ away from The Faith

--Vv. 9-12: "Then they will deliver you to *tribulation*, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

--According to _____…and prophesied by _____…the Abomination of Desolation initiates the "_____ Tribulation."

--Vv. 15-18, 21: "Therefore when you see the *abomination of desolation* which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place…then those who are in *Judea* must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house. Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak…For then there will be a *great tribulation*, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

--At the end of the seven-year _____…Christ _____

--Vv. 29-30: "But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

--In the midst of His return…Christ _____ the _____ together from all over the _____

--V. 31: And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and *they will gather together His elect* from the four winds*, from one end of the sky to the other*.

--The Olivet Discourse and the Rapture

--I Cor 15:51-53: Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but *we will all be changed*, 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. For this perishable *must* put on the imperishable, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

--I Thess 4:13-17: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 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*. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air…"

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--An obvious question for the Post-Trib advocates: If this is actually the _____… what's *missing* for hundreds of _____ of Christians who have _____ during the Church Age???

--The obvious answer: What's missing is the _____ of those who have fallen _____ in Christ

--The Pre-Trib answer to who the Elect are that are being gathered together in Matt 24:31: The _____ of Israel who refused to take the _____…and who Romans 11 teaches will _____ be saved…when Christ returns at the _____ of the Tribulation

--Squaring Rapture timing with the future Resurrections

--#1: The Resurrection of the dead in _____ who were members of the _____

--#2: The two _____ in _____

--Rev 11:3, 7, 11-12: And I will grant authority to *My two witnesses*, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth…When they have finished their testimony, the *beast* that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and *kill them*…But 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. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then *they went up into heaven in the cloud*, and their enemies watched them.

--#3: The _____ Saints who were _____ for not taking the _____

--Rev 20:1-4: Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 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. 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.

--The Resurrection of the Church: All accounted for by the Pre-Trib View:

--I Thess 4:16-17: "…we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 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*. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."

--The Church:

--The dead in Christ: _____ → _____ up → _____ the living

--Living believers: Changed to _____ bodies → _____ up to be in _____

--Tribulation Converts:

--Alive at the end of the Tribulation: (Matt 24:31) _____ together at Christ's _____

--Died during the Tribulation: (Rev 20:4) Resurrected _____ the 2nd Coming…to _____ with Christ on _____

--So notice…Some telling attributes of these resurrected saints:

1. They are never _____ up to meet the Lord in the air…or to be taken into _____
2. In other words…they're never _____…which is another way of saying…"They aren't part of the _____"
3. After their resurrection…they stay on _____ to reign in the _____ Kingdom
4. They do not experience the Marriage Supper of the Lamb with the _____…because it has _____ happened…back in Rev. 19

--Key Concept #1: If the Post-Trib View is correct…then all believers who die _____ the Tribulation will be _____ and _____ when Christ returns

--Key Concept #2: This would leave no _____ believers to be _____ at the beginning of the _____

--Rev 20:4: 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.

--Application: Our entire _____ is completely *dependent* upon whether God can actually _____ us from the _____

--A corollary to this concept: The only way _____ can be resurrected…is if _____ was resurrected*!!!*

--I Cor 15:12-19: Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ,

whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, *your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins*. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, *we are of all men most to be pitied*.

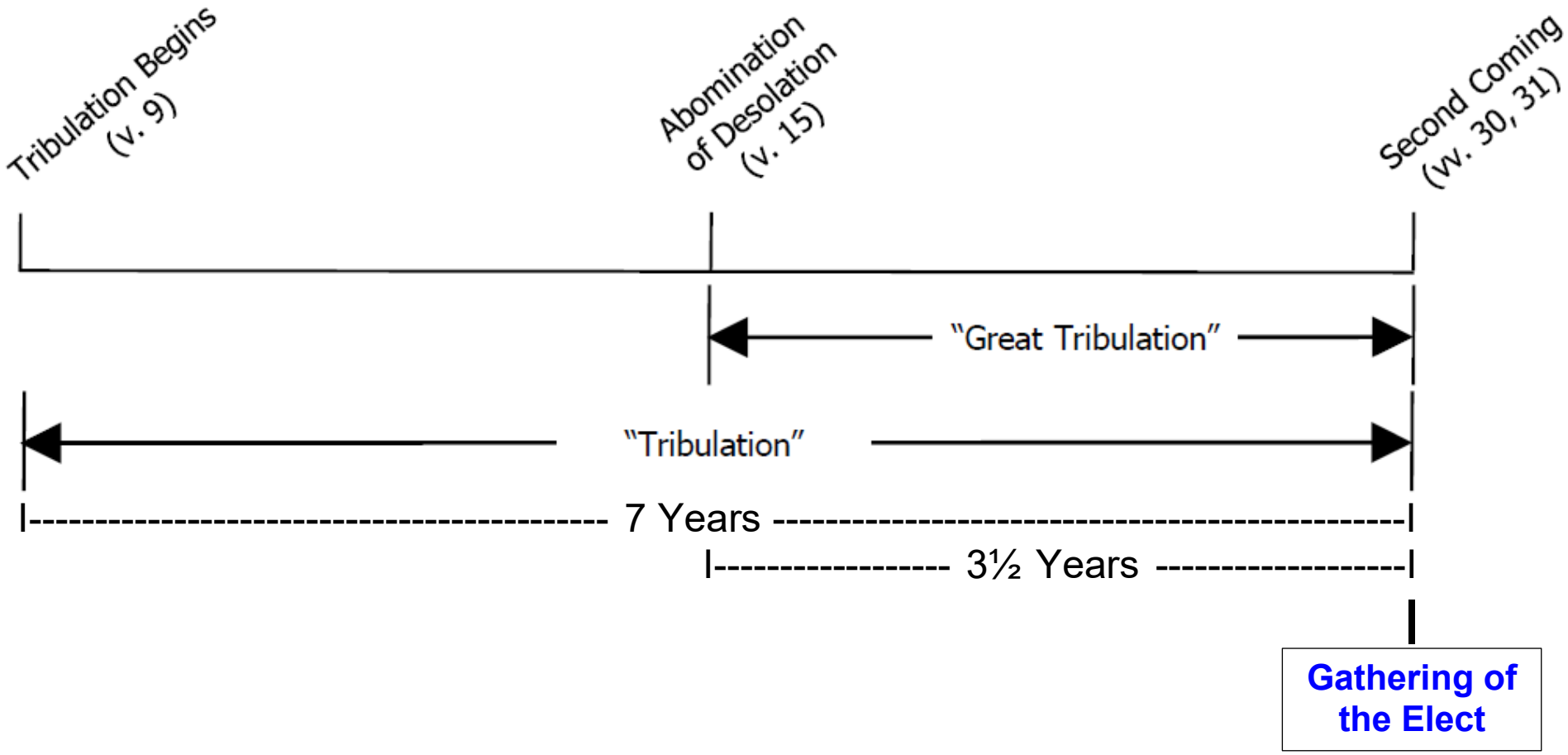
--A great result of our Faith: If we will be _____…then _____ has no _____ over us*!!!*

--Phil 1:12-14, 18-21: Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord *because of my imprisonment*, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear…What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice. *Yes, and I will rejoice*, for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, *according to my earnest expectation and hope*, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, *whether by life or by death*. For to me, to live is Christ and *to die is gain*.

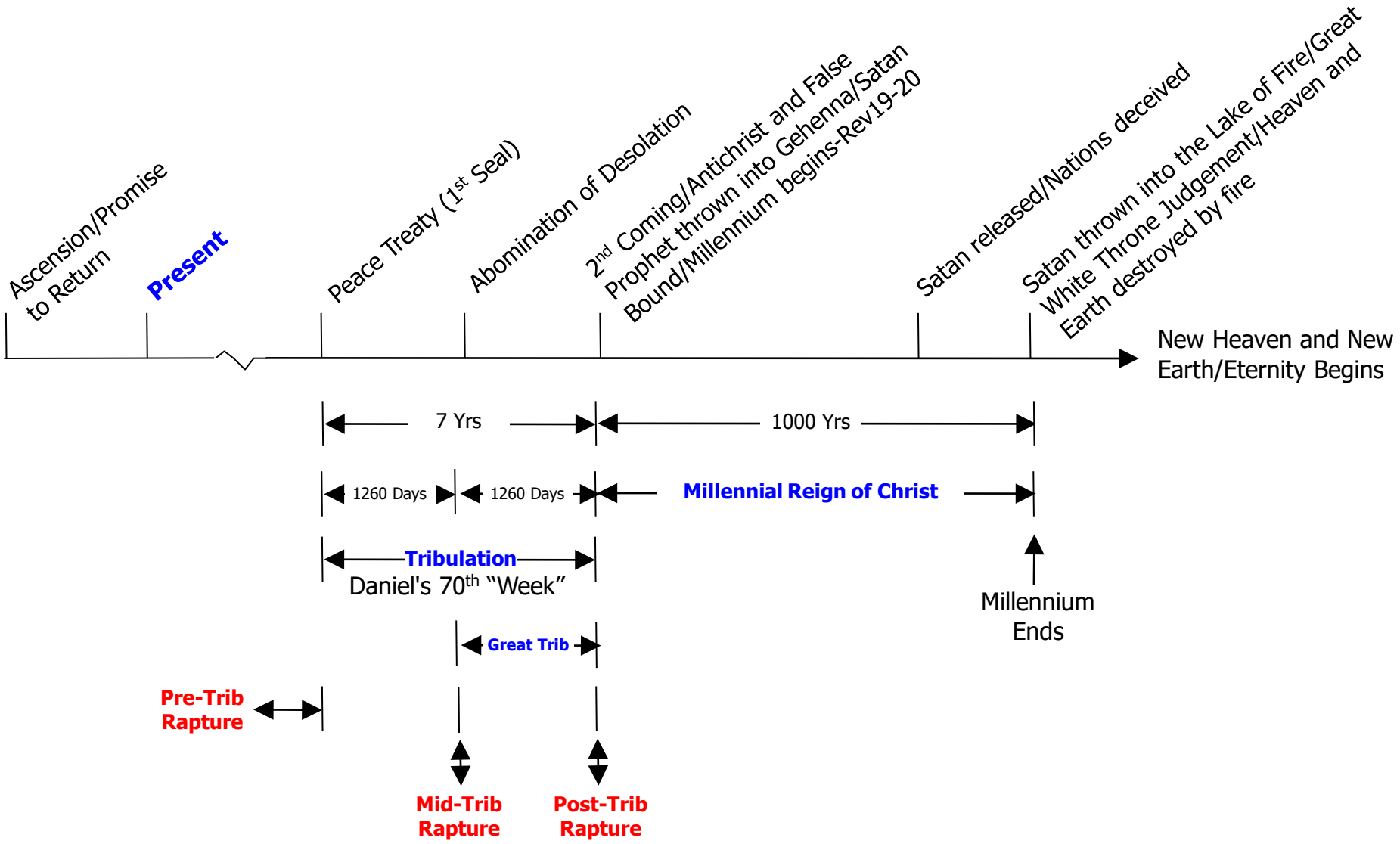
--Key Concept: To Paul…death wasn't a _____…it was actually an _____!!!

--A biblical challenge to how we live out our faith: The promise of our future resurrection shouldn't _____ give us victory over our fear of _____… it should give us victory over _____ of our fears*!!!*

Olivet Discourse: The Timing from Jesus' Sermon



The Revelation Timetable of the Future



Thursology 88: Did God Dump Israel??? Then Your Eschatology Falters AND…So Does Your SALVATION*!!!* (Rapture #11)

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--The Pre-Tribulational Rapture—The Strengths:

--Strength #1: It RESOLVES the dramatic DIFFERENCES between the EVENTS described in the Rapture passages and the 2nd Coming passages

--Strength #2: The Pre-Trib View is supported by the BEST Revelation picture of the Rapture…and makes perfect sense of the presence of the VOICE…and the TRUMPET…in the Rapture passages

--Strength #3: The Pre-Trib view is the only one that has a picture of the Judgment SEAT of CHRIST…the BELIEVER'S judgment…clearly expressed in the Book of Revelation

--Strength #4: It explains why the Church is the MAIN topic in *Revelation 2 & 3*…but completely MISSING from *the entire rest of the Book*…where ISRAEL is prominent

--Strength #5: The Pre-Trib view squares PERFECTLY with the mysterious "GAP" between Daniel's 69th and 70th groups of SEVEN years

--Strength #6: The Pre-Trib View perfectly INTEGRATES the Old and New COVENANTS…providing for *precise and complete fulfillment* of the promises both to ISRAEL…and to the CHURCH

--Understanding the Biblical Covenants:

--Two categories of STRATEGIC Salvation Covenants:

1. The JEWISH Covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic)
2. The NEW TESTAMENT Covenant
   --Key Concept: There is no strategic OVERLAP of the JEWISH and NEW Testament Covenants

--How the Pre-Trib view explains "The Gap" in Daniel's sevens: The Covenants with Israel were "placed on HOLD"…while the Church filled the Gap with the New Testament Covenant…but the "HOLD" will be released when the Church vanishes…allowing for the Jewish Covenants to RESUME…and to be COMPLETED

--But aren't the Old Jewish Covenants Obsolete???

--Two biblical metaphors for God's Covenant People:

--Metaphor #1: The **WIFE** of God is **ISRAEL**

--Metaphor #2: The **BRIDE** of Christ is The **CHURCH**

--The Complaint: The New Testament **EXPLICITLY** states that the Old Covenant was made **OBSOLETE** by a new and **BETTER** Covenant*!!!*

--Heb 8:6-7, 13: But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a *better covenant*, which has been enacted on *better promises*. For if that *first* covenant had been *faultless*, there would have been no occasion sought for a second…When He said, "A *new* covenant," He has made the first *obsolete*. But whatever is becoming *obsolete* and *growing old* is *ready to disappear*.

--Heb 8:8-11: For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a *new covenant* with *the house of Israel* and with *the house of Judah*; *Not like* the covenant which I made *with their fathers* on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not care for them, says the Lord. "For this is the covenant that I will make with *the house of Israel* after those days, says the Lord: *I will put My laws into their minds*, and *I will write them on their hearts*. and I will be their God, and *they shall be My people*. "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for *all* will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them.

--Key Concept: The Old Covenant is **OBSOLETE**…but…both the Old and New Testaments declare that God is going to make a **NEW** Covenant with…**ISRAEL***!!!*

--The New Covenant Facts:

--Fact #1: There are **TWO** New Covenants…one with the **CHURCH**…and one with **ISRAEL**

--Fact #2: The New Covenant with the *Church*…was *launched* at **PENTECOST**…and will be *fulfilled* when Christ **RETURNS** for His Bride

--Fact #3: The New Covenant with *Israel*…will be *launched* at the end of the **TRIBULATION**…at Christ's **SECOND** Coming…and will be *fulfilled* during the **MILLENNIUM**

--The big error in "Replacement Theology": The Old *Jewish* Covenants were not **REPLACED** by the *Church*…but will be **REPLACED** by a New Covenant with **ISRAEL***!!!*

--Dump Israel??? The Enormous Implications of Replacement Theology

--Implication #1: If God is willing to REVOKE His "irrevocable" promises to *Israel*…then we have no GUARANTEE that He will KEEP His promises to *us!!!*

--A chilling corollary to this implication: If God can't save **ISRAEL**…then God can't save **ANYONE***!!!*

--Two unchangeable salvation precepts:

--Unchangeable Salvation Precept #1: At Christ's **RETURN**…when the "fullness of the Gentiles" is complete…*all* Israel…the *entire* Remnant…will look on Him Whom they pierced…and **BELIEVE**…and they will *all* be **SAVED***!!!*

--Rom 11:25-27: For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel *until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*; and so *all Israel will be saved*; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob. This is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

--Unchangeable Salvation Precept #2: Salvation has always…in **EVERY** Covenant…been by **FAITH**…not by **WORKS***!!!*

--Rom 4:2-5; 9-11: For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham *believed* God, and *it was credited to him as righteousness*." Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is *due*. But to the one who *does not work*, but *believes* in Him who justifies the ungodly, *his faith is credited as righteousness*…Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "Faith was credited to Abraham as righteousness." How then was it credited? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised; and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of *the righteousness of the faith* which he had *while uncircumcised*, so that he might be the father of *all* who *believe* without being circumcised, that *righteousness might be credited to them*…

--Key Biblical Salvation Doctrine: Salvation was *never* dependent on **PERFORMANCE**…either in the **OLD**…or the **NEW** Covenants*!!!*

--Habakkuk 2:4: Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by faith.

--Implication #2: If God can't save undeserving *Israel* by FAITH…through GRACE…then God can't save ANYONE*!!!*

--Implication #3: Replacement Theology at the CORPORATE level…is the equivalent of PERFORMANCE-based salvation at the PERSONAL level

--The tenets of Replacement Theology:

1. Israel's *failure* to **PERFORM** the Jewish Covenants…led God to **REVOKE** the Covenants that He had made to them
2. Because they didn't **PERFORM** well enough…God's promises to Israel are now **NULL** and **VOID**
3. When Israel failed to **PERFORM**…God **REPLACED** them
4. Now…the **CHURCH** has received the **PROMISES** that God made to **ISRAEL**

--The profound misunderstanding represented by this "replacement":

--Misunderstanding #1: The Covenants were always based upon God's **FAITHFULNESS**…not on human **EFFORT** or **MERIT**

--Misunderstanding #2: If the Covenants are based upon **PERFORMANCE**…then every Covenant…even the **NEW** Covenants…will **FAIL**

--The massive implication if Replacement Theology is true:

--If you live under a *performance*-based understanding of *salvation*…

--You'll never have *confidence* in God's *love*

--You'll always view God as an *Angry Judge*…rather than a loving *Father*

--You'll feel His scorn…but not His *smile*

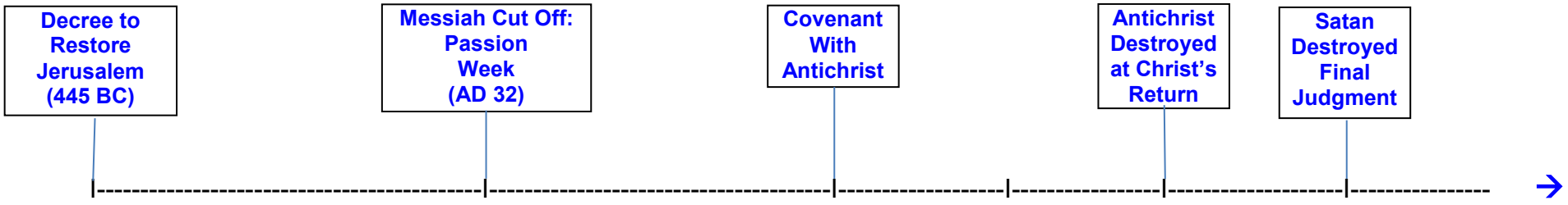
--You'll sense His *dissatisfaction* with you…rather than His *affection* for you

--You'll anticipate *calamity*…rather than His *blessings*

--You'll be held captive by the memory of your *sins*…rather than living into the *righteousness* that Christ wants to *bestow* on you

A timeline of the Jewish Covenants…and the New Testament Covenant

(The Pre-Trib Resolution of No Simultaneous Salvation Covenants)



Daniel's "Clock"

I---------- **69** "Sevens" ----------I I---------**70**th "Seven" ---------I

Jewish Covenants

------ **ABRAHAMIC** Covenant ----------I------- **Mysterious GAP** ------I- **ABRAHAMIC** Covenant -I---- Christ's ----I---Christ's
MILLENNIAL Reign ETERNAL Reign

---------- **MOSAIC** Covenant ----------I------- **Mysterious GAP** ------I----- **MOSAIC** Covenant ----I

---------- **DAVIDIC** Covenant ----------I------- **Mysterious GAP** ------I---- **DAVIDIC** Covenant ----I

Salvation Covenant: God's People **STRATEGICALLY** placed in the world

---------- **ISRAEL** ----------I--------- **The CHURCH** ---------I---------- **ISRAEL** ----------I------ New -----I
(Ends with the **PRE**-Trib Rapture) **JEWISH** Covenant