# Thursology 107: When Reading an End Times Passage… How Do We Know Where It Fits on the Prophetic Timeline?

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**--Helpful Hints When Trying to Identify the Timing of a Specific Passage:**

--Hint #1: When the "movement" of a passage is _____…it's usually a _____ passage

--I Thess 4:16-17: 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*…

--Hint #2: When the "movement" of a passage is _____…to the _____ …it's usually a Second Coming passage

--Hint #3: _____ occur at the time of the Rapture, the beginning of the Millennium, and the end of the Millennium

--Hint #4: _____ occur at the time of the Rapture and the end of the Millennium

--Hint #5: At the *Second Coming*…Christ comes to _____ and to establish His reign on _____…while at the *end of the Millennium*…the Earth is consumed by _____… _____ as we know it ends…and _____ begins

--Hint #6: If a big _____ is going on…it's at the end of the *Tribulation*…or the end of the *Millennium*…and these wars are very _____

--Hint #7: If you know the simple _____ of Revelation…many passages fall _____ into place on the Timeline

--Rev ____: The seven-year Peace Treaty between Antichrist and Israel begins the Tribulation

--Rev _____: The mid-point of the Tribulation, Abomination of Desolation, Antichrist revealed, 666 campaign starts, Great Tribulation begins and lasts 3½ years

--Rev ____: Christ returns, wins the Battle of Armageddon, saves Israel, and throws Antichrist into the Lake of Fire

--Rev ____: Christ reigns over the earth for a thousand years, then…at the end of the Millennium…wins the Battle of Gog and Magog, throws Satan into the Lake of Fire, judges unbelievers at the Great White Throne, destroys the present earth with fire, and ends time as we know it

--Rev ____: This present earth is replaced with a New Heaven and New Earth, God abolishes disease, suffering, and death, and eternity begins

**--Placing Scripture passages on the prophetic timeline:**

**--Passage #1:**

--II Thess 2:1-4: Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and *our gathering together to Him*, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless *the apostasy* comes first, and the *man of lawlessness* is *revealed*, the son of destruction, who opposes and *exalts himself above every so-called god* or object of worship, so that *he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God*.

--Where does this fit on the Timeline? At the _____-point of the Tribulation…the Abomination of Desolation

--Rev 13:3-4, 8: And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and *they worshiped the beast*, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"…All who dwell on the earth *will worship him*…

--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*…

**--Passage #2:**

--II Pet 3:7, 10, 12-13: But by His word the *present heavens and earth* are being reserved for *fire*, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men…But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which *the heavens will pass away with a roar* and the *elements* will be *destroyed with intense heat*, and *the earth* and its works will be *burned up*…because of which the heavens will be *destroyed by burning*, and the elements will *melt with intense heat*! But according to His promise we are looking for *new heavens* and a *new earth*…

--Where does this fit on the Timeline? At the ____ of the Millennium…at the destruction of the current Universe…and the creation of the _____ Heaven and Earth.
--Rev 20:7, 9, 21:1: When *the thousand years are completed*, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth…and *fire* came down from heaven and devoured them…Then I saw a *new heaven* and a *new earth*; for the first heaven and the first earth *passed away*…

**--Passage #3:**

--Zech 14:1-5, 9, 16: Behold, a day is coming for the Lord…For I will gather *all the nations* against *Jerusalem* to *battle*, and the city will be captured…Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations…In that day *His feet will stand* on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of *Jerusalem* on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley…Then the Lord, my God, *will come*, and all the *holy ones* with Him!...And the Lord will be *king over all the earth*…Then it will come about that *any who are left* of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up *from year to year* to worship the *King*, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

--Where does this fit on the Timeline? At the Second Coming…when Christ returns to _____…saves _____ at the Battle of Armageddon…and then reigns over the nations from _____…during the Millennium.

**--Passage #4:**

--Ezekiel 38:1-3, 8, 11, 14-16, 18: And the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Son of man, set your face toward *Gog of the land of Magog*…and prophesy against him and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against you, O Gog…After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is *restored* from the sword, whose inhabitants have been *gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel*…and you will say, 'I will go up against the land of *unwalled villages*. I will go against those who are *at rest*, that *live securely*, all of them living *without walls* and having *no bars or gates*…and against the people who are gathered from the nations…who live at *the center of the world*'…Therefore prophesy…and say to Gog, "Thus says the Lord God, 'On that day when *My people Israel are living securely*…You will come from your place out of the *remote parts of the north*…a great assembly and a *mighty army*…It shall come about in the *last days* that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me when I am sanctified through you before their eyes, O Gog…It will come about on *that* day, *when Gog comes against the land of Israel*…that My fury will mount up in My anger.'"

--Rev 20:7-9: When *the thousand years are completed*, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, *Gog and Magog*, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up…and surrounded the camp of the saints and the *beloved city*, and *fire* came down from heaven and devoured them.

--Where does this fit on the Timeline? At the _____ of Christ's Millennial reign…when the nations are deceived and come against _____…and the final _____ falls

**--Passage# 5:**

--Revelation 20:7-9, 11-13, 15; 21:1: *When the thousand years are completed*, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations…And they came up…and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and *fire* came down from heaven and devoured them…Then I saw a *great white throne* and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds…And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth…

--Where does this fit on the Timeline? The Great White Throne Judgment occurs at the _____ of the Millennium…right before _____ begins

--Details: Thursology 6-9

**--But…what does all of this have to do with me???**

--Ezekiel 38:18-20, 22-23: "It will come about on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," declares the Lord God, "that My fury will mount up in My anger. And in My *zeal* and in My *blazing wrath* I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. And the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will *shake at My presence*; the mountains also will be *thrown down*, the steep pathways will *collapse* and every wall will *fall to the ground*…With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and *I will rain* on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone. I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; *and they will know that I am the Lord*."'

--**Application #1**: The combined _____ of all the world's military forces…evaporates into _____ when compared to our God!!!

--Rom 8:28-29: "…neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

--**Application #2**: Beware of the tendency to _____ God's power…when times get _____

--Ezek 38:14-16a: "Therefore prophesy, son of man, and say to Gog…You will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north…a *great assembly* and a *mighty army*; and you will come up against My people Israel like a cloud to cover the land.

--Ezek 38:16: and *you will come up against My people* Israel like a cloud to cover the land. It shall come about in the last days that I will bring you against My land, *so that the nations may know Me* when I am sanctified *through you* before their eyes, O Gog."

--Key Concept #1: One of the ways that God is *glorified* in the world is when He _____ His people from _____

--Key Concept #2: If God never allowed His people to be in _____…there would never be anything for Him to _____ us _____*!!!*

--**APPLICATION #3**: When the victory of the Lord finally comes…it is _____ and _____*!*

1) Dan 6:19-23:

--Then the king arose at dawn…and went in haste to the lions' den. When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said…"Daniel, servant of the living God, *has your God*, whom you constantly serve, *been able to deliver you* from the lions?" Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! *My God sent His angel* and shut the lions' mouths and *they have not harmed me*, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime." Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and *no injury whatever was found on him*, because he had trusted in his God.

--How perfect was the deliverance? Not a _____ on him*!!!*

--Vv. 25-28: Then Darius the king wrote to *all the peoples, nations and men of every language*: "…I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to *fear and tremble before the God of Daniel*; For *He is the living God and enduring forever*, and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, and *His dominion will be forever*. He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

--What was the result? God was _____ among the _____*!*

2) Dan 3:24-27:

--Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated…Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire…Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire *without harm*, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!"…Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego came out of the midst of the fire. The satraps, the prefects, the governors and the king's high officials gathered around and saw in regard to these men that *the fire had no effect* on the bodies of these men *nor was the hair of their head singed, nor were their trousers damaged*, nor had the *smell* of fire even come upon them.

--How perfect was the deliverance? Not even the _____ of _____ was on them*!*

--Vv. 28-29: Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree that *any people, nation or tongue* that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses reduced to a rubbish heap, inasmuch as *there is no other god who is able to deliver* in this way."

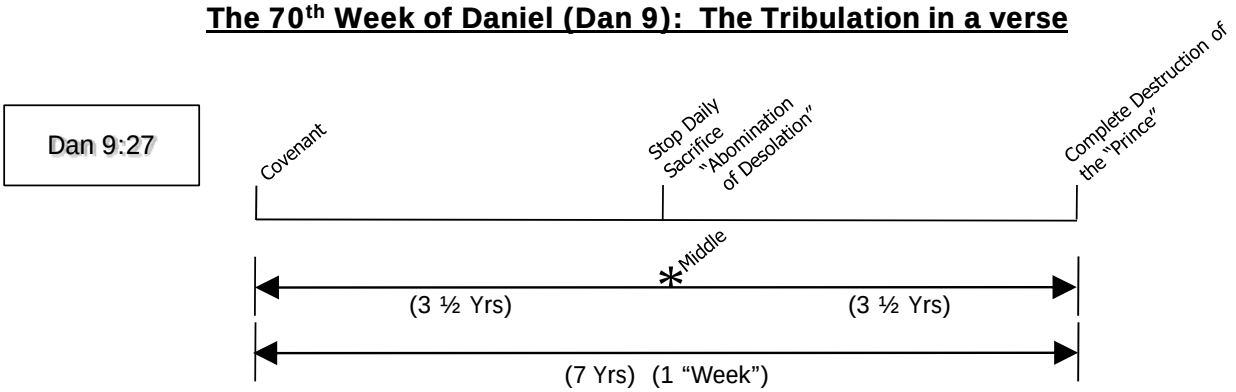
--What was the result? God was _____ among the _____*!*

--The questions we're left with:

--Do I trust God enough to be willing to face the LIONS if that's His plan for me?
--Do I trust Him enough to be willing to go through the FIRE if that's His plan for me?
--Is my desire to serve Him so absolute that I'm willing even to endure hardship…if it will bring glory to Him???

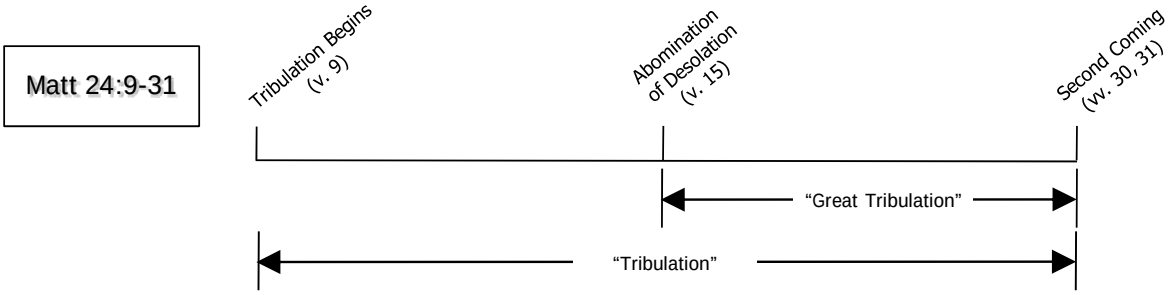
# Putting It All Together: The Last Seven Years

## The 70th Week of Daniel (Dan 9): The Tribulation in a verse

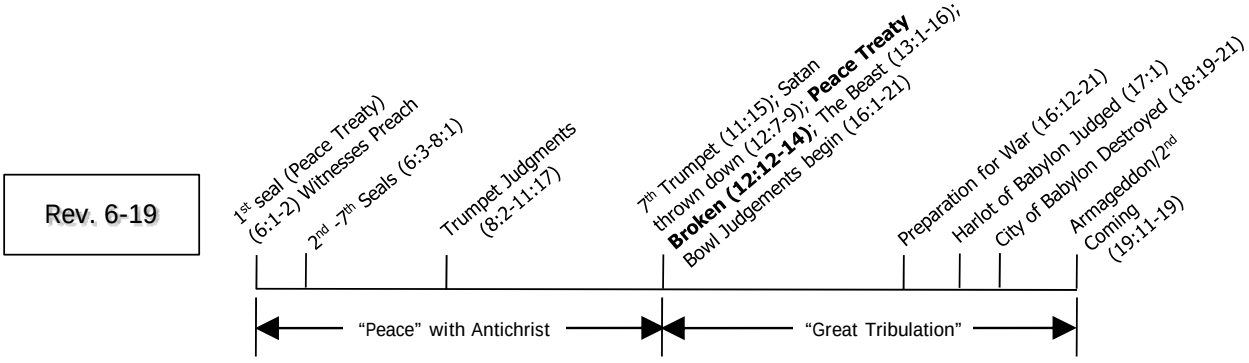



**Compare: Dan 2:40-42; 7:1-8, 11, 19-26**

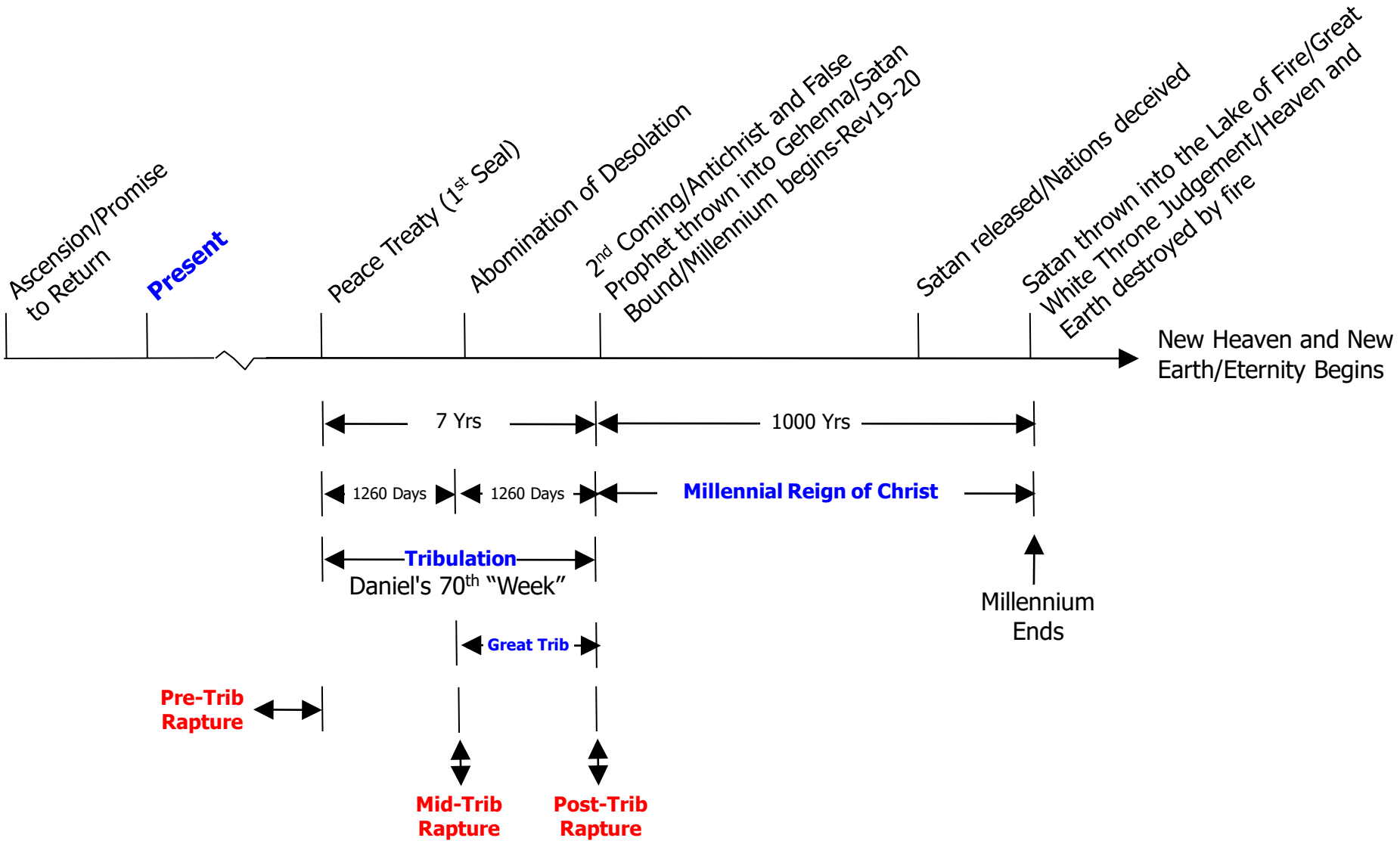
## The Olivet Discourse (Matt 24): The Tribulation in a chapter




## The Revelation Account (Rev 6-19): The Tribulation in a book



# The Revelation Timetable of the Future



# Thursology 106: Confused About the Rapture and Millennial Views? Making the Timing…Simple!!!

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--**The Tribulation—The Last Seven Years…in a *Verse* (Daniel 9:27)**:

--Daniel 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."

--How it will unfold:

1. The "covenant": The "prince" is the **ANTICHRIST** who will establish a peace treaty between the renewed **ROMAN** Empire and Israel
2. This covenant will allow the Jews to begin to *sacrifice* in the **TEMPLE** again
3. The "peace treaty" will be **BROKEN** at the *middle* of the seven years
4. Daniel calls the mid-point of the 7 years the "**ABOMINATION** of Desolation
5. At the **END** of the seven years…the evil prince will be **DESTOYED**

--**The Tribulation—The Last Seven Years…in a *Chapter* (Matthew 24)**:

--The start: The Tribulation **BEGINS**

--Matt 24:9: Then they will deliver you to *tribulation*, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

--The middle: According to Jesus, the **ABOMINATION** of Desolation begins the "**GREAT** Tribulation"

--Vv. 15-16, 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…For then there will be a *great tribulation*, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

--The end: At the **END** of the seven-year Tribulation…Christ **RETURNS**

--Vv. 29-31: 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*. 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 Tribulation—The Last Seven Years…in a *Book* (Revelation)**:

--6:1-2: The Tribulation begins with the **FALSE** Peace Treaty and the seven **SEAL** Judgments

--Then I saw when *the Lamb broke one of the seven seals*, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had *a bow*; and a crown was given to him, and he *went out conquering and to conquer*.

--**The Mid-Point of the Tribulation**:

--13:2-5, 15-16: At the mid-point of the Tribulation, the Antichrist is **REVEALED**, he breaks the **TREATY**, declares himself **GOD**, and the **GREAT** Tribulation begins.

--And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority…And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast…and they *worshiped* the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"…and…authority to act for *forty-two months* was given to him…And it was given to him to give breath to the

image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and *cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed*. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be *given a mark* on their right hand or on their forehead…

**--The End of the Tribulation: The Completion of Daniel's 70th "Seven"**

--Rev 19:11, 15-16, 19-20: The Tribulation ends with the *Second Coming of Christ*…when He comes in power to **SAVE** Israel and **DESTROY** the Antichrist and his armies at the Battle of Armageddon

--And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war…From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations…And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."…And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and *their armies assembled to make war against Him* who sat on the horse and against His army…And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet…these two were *thrown alive into the lake of fire* which burns with brimstone.

**--The three classical teachings about the Millennium:**

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**--PRE-millennialism**

2nd Coming — Final Judgment

The world is on the brink of annihilation → ←**Millennium**→ → Eternity begins

Christ reigns on earth

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**--POST-millennialism**

2nd Coming — Final Judgment

Church evangelizes the world → ←**Millennium**→ → Eternity begins

World "Christianized"

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**--Amillennialism**

2nd Coming — Final Judgment

Church evangelizes the world (**NO** Millennium) → → Eternity begins

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**--Comparing the Major Millennial Views to the Text of Revelation:**

--20:1-2: An angel *binds* Satan for **1000** years

--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…

--20:4: The Tribulation saints who were *beheaded* for not taking the Mark are *resurrected*…and they *reign* with Christ for **1000** years

--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*.

--20:5a: The *unbelieving* dead remain in the grave for **1000** years

--The rest of the dead did not come to life until the *thousand* years were completed.

--20:5b-6: The "first resurrection" occurs at the beginning of the Millenium and Christ will **REIGN** on the *earth* for **1000** years

--This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will *reign with Him for a thousand years*.

--20:7-8: At the *end* of the **1000** years…Satan is released to *deceive* the nations

--When the *thousand* years are completed, *Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations*…

--**The Rapture Timing**:

--I Thess 4:14-17: 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, and so we shall always be *with the Lord*.

--Rev 4:1-2: The *Revelation* picture of the **PRE**-Tribulational Rapture

--After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first *voice* which I had heard, like the sound of a *trumpet* speaking with me, said, "*Come up here*, and I will show you what must take place after these things." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing *in heaven*, and One sitting on the throne.

--According to the Pre-Trib view: This describes the Rapture at the end of the **CHURCH** Age (Ch. 2, 3)…and **BEFORE** the Tribulation begins (Ch. 6).

--Rev 11: 2-3, 7, 11-12: The *Revelation* picture of the **MID**-Tribulational Rapture

--Leave out the court which is outside the *temple* and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will *tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months*. 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*…

--Matt 24:29-31: The *Matthew* picture of the **POST**-Tribulational Rapture

--"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. 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.

--Mental Check about the Millennium versus the Rapture: When someone is talking about "Pre-*something*"…or Post-*something*"…make sure you listen carefully to whether the "*something*" is "**MILLENNIAL**"…or…"**TRIBULATIONAL**"*!!!*

--Key Concept #1: The clear, simple, explicit phrase, "…**THOUSAND** years…" is used **SEVEN** times in Revelation chapter 20.

--Key Concept #2: The **PRE**-millennial view flows *directly* out of the Revelation chronology and depends upon no **ALTERATION** of the text…or theological **MANIPULATION**…for its support.

**--APPLICATION #1: Revelation isn't hard to UNDERSTAND…it's hard to BELIEVE**

--The words from Revelation: **PLAIN** English…telling a **CLEAR** story…that usually interprets **ITSELF**…in words that are relatively **EASY** to comprehend!!!

**--APPLICATION #2: A Perineal Question: WHY will there even BE a Millennium…what is its PURPOSE???**

--Two primary purposes of the Millennium:

--John 3:16-17: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

--Vv. 18-19: The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and *people loved the darkness rather than the Light*; for their deeds were evil.

--Purpose #1: To reveal…once and for all…that humans aren't **JUST** *misunderstood*…or *mistreated*…or *misguided*…but rather…humans are truly **SINFUL**

--Rev 20:7-9: When the *thousand years* are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to *deceive the nations* which are in the four corners of the earth…to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and *surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city*, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

--Key Concept: The *Millennium* will be the *Great* **SCAM** *Exposer*!!!

--Purpose #2: To affirm the **FAITHFULNESS** of God…and to show that He *keeps* His **PROMISES**

--Isaiah 11:1, 4: Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse…but *with righteousness He will judge* the poor, and decide with fairness for the humble of the earth; and He will *strike the earth with the rod* of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips *He will slay the wicked*.

--Vv. 6, 8-9: And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer will be together; and a little boy will lead them…The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den…for *the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea*.

--Rom 8:35-39: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or trouble, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.