

ABOUNDING HOPE

I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

THE HOPE THAT EXPERIENCES SALVATION

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I. The Chronology of the Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1,

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End Time Events - Terms

The Church Age

The Rapture of the Church

The Judgment Seat of Christ

The Tribulation

The Antichrist

The Day of the Lord

The Revelation

The Judgment of the Nations

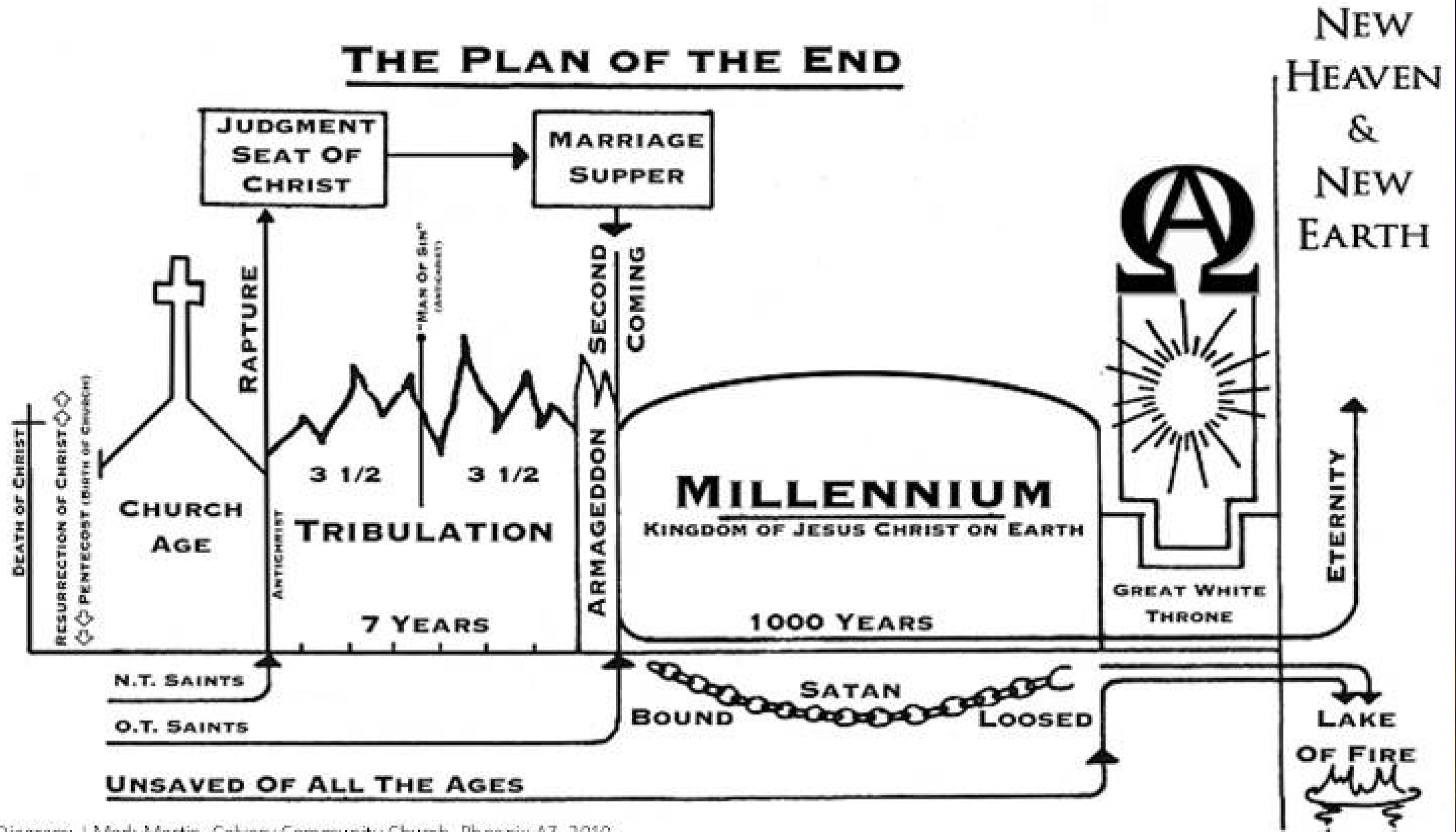
The Millennium

The White Throne Judgment

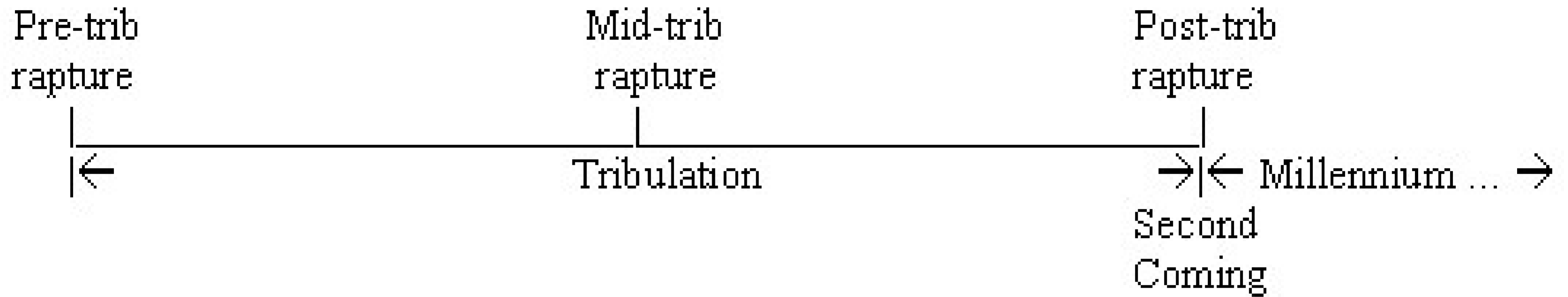
The Eternal Age

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture

THE PLAN OF THE END



The Mid-Tribulation Rapture Position



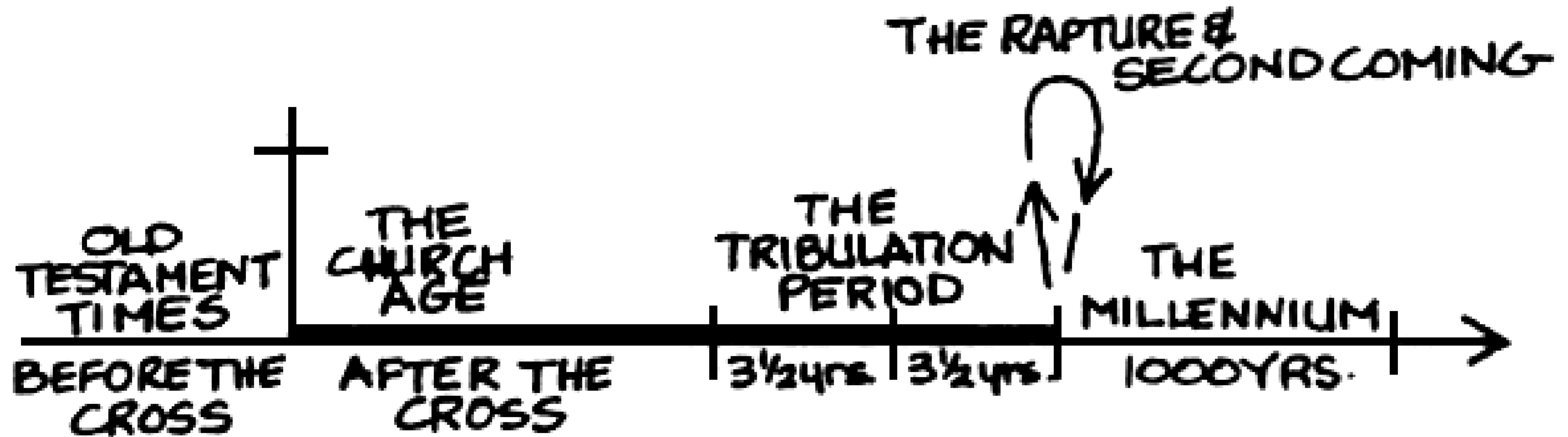
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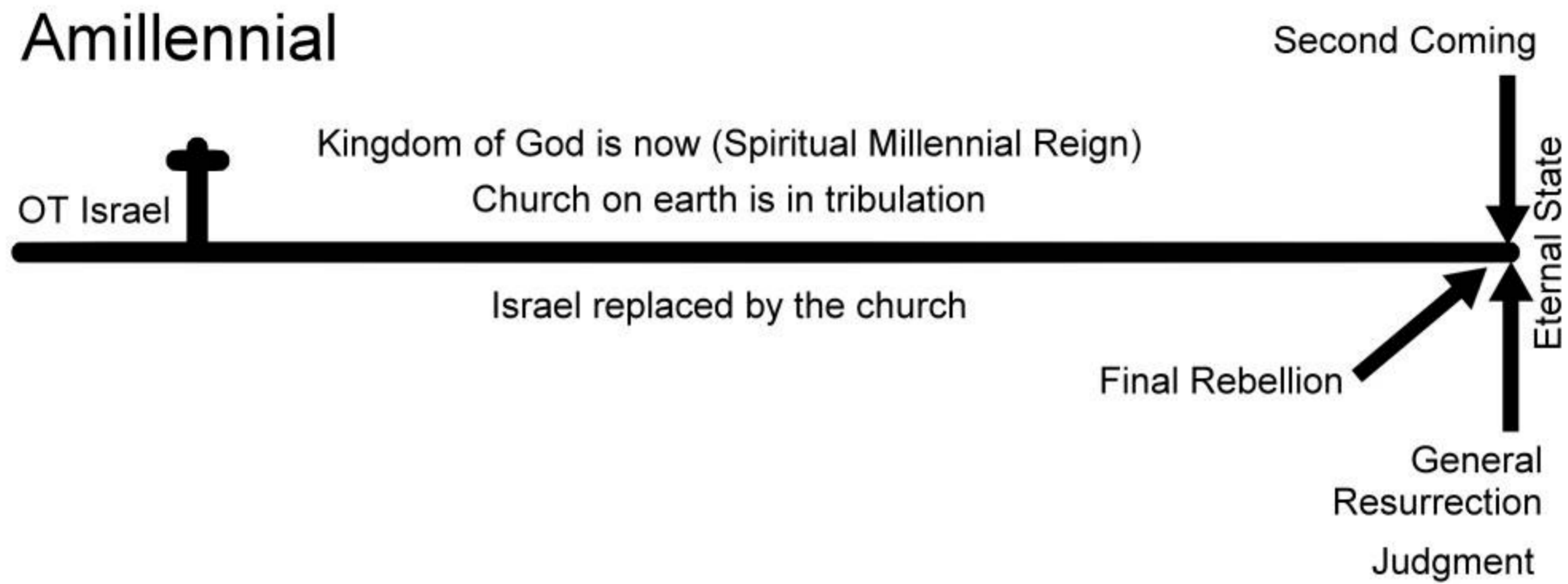


The Post-Tribulation Rapture

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE



The Amillennial Position



The Day of the Lord

“THE DAY OF CHRIST” or “The day of Christ Jesus” or “the day of the Lord Jesus” or “the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” = The Rapture and the subsequent judgment seat of Christ.

“THE DAY OF THE LORD” = The Seven-year Tribulation, the coming of Christ at the Revelation, the Judgment of the nations, the establishment of the millennium/earthly kingdom and the judgment of the rebellion at the end of the millennium.

“THE DAY OF GOD” = The Eternal Age that begins after the millennium (Revelation 21-22)

II. The Comparisons for the Day of the Lord

A. The Comparison to a Thief in the Night

1 Thessalonians 5:2 - Judgment of the Nations at the Revelation

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

* Followed by the millennial reign of Christ

2 Peter 3:10 - Judgment of the Rebellion at the End of the Millennium

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

* Followed by the eternal reign of God - “the day of God” (II Peter 3:12)

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B. The Comparison to a Woman Giving Birth to a Child

1 Thessalonians 5:3,

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

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III. The Concern that the Day of the Lord Would Overtake Believers

1 Thessalonians 5:4,

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

IV. The Contrast Between the Children of Light and the Children of Darkness

1 Thessalonians 5:5,

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night,
nor of darkness.

A chiasma - within the chiastic structure of the book:

A Ye are all the children of light

B and children of the day

B1 we are not of the night

A1 nor of Darkness

V. The Command to be Watchful and Sober

1 Thessalonians 5:6,

Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

VI. The Characteristics of the Children of the Night

1 Thessalonians 5:7,

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

VII. The Christian's Triad of Virtues to be Worn as Protection

1 Thessalonians 5:8,

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love;
and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

FAITH - LOVE - HOPE

The type of cancer Allissa has is called an invasive ductal carcinoma.

Stage: size and degree of invasiveness? Scale of 0 to 5. She has a tumor 2.2 cm in length. Cancer started in milk duct. Stage 2 moving to a 3. At present, only in one area and not in lymph nodes.

Grade: how fast is it growing? Scale of 3 - she has a 3 of 3, very fast growing cancer.

Receptors: the type of cells

Estrogen receptor status: negative - not good

Progesterone receptor status: negative - not good

Ki-67 - very high - not good

Her2nu - positive - good

FAITH - LOVE - HOPE

- 1) **FAITH** - By God's grace we are going to put on the breastplate of faith and trust God through this trial one day at a time. This trial is part of God's sovereign plan for our lives and we embrace it gladly.
- 2) **LOVE** - By God's grace we are going to experience the sustaining love of God. We also want to be good stewards of this trial and redeem each opportunity to declare the love of God to others. We want to always be wearing the breastplate of love.
- 3) **HOPE** - By God's grace we are going to put on the helmet, the hope of salvation. Our hope is in the Lord. We have the absolute confidence that we possess eternal life and will obtain the final aspect of salvation which is glorification. We look forward to being with the Lord, cancer-free and sin-free!

2 Corinthians 12:9, And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me

VIII. The Christian is Not Appointed to the Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:9,

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

IX. The Climactic Goal of all the Ages

1 Thessalonians 5:10,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

X. The Command to Comfort and Edify One Another Continually

1 Thessalonians 5:11,

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

THE CONTRAST BETWEEN BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS

BELIEVERS - LIGHT/DAY	UNBELIEVERS - DARKNESS/NIGHT
WORLD VIEW - FUTURE GOD HAS A PLAN -PURPOSE	WORLD VIEW NO PLAN - PURPOSE - HOPE
GOD'S WORD IS THE AUTHORITY FOR LIFE	AUTHORITY IS SELF AND OPINIONS OF MAN
FAITH IN ONE TRUE GOD	FAITH IN SELF AND IDOLS
VIEW OF DEATH MOURNS BUT WITH HOPE	VIEW OF DEATH MOURNS IS ONLY GUESSING
LIVE IN REALITY SUDDEN JUDGMENT IS COMING	PEACE AND SAFETY LIVE WITH A FALSE SECURITY
DELIVERED FROM THE WRATH OBTAIN SALVATION	SUDDEN DESTRUCTION OVERTAKEN BY THE DAY OF LORD
TOGETHER WITH THE LORD	SEPARATED FROM THE LORD

INVITATION - "TO TURN TO GOD"

Dear God:

I have been serving idols and living for the material and the temporal. I now turn from such a life to the true and living God. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for me and rose again from the grave. Please save me by your grace.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.