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Tribulation

an experience that causes someone to suffer

distress or suffering resulting from oppression or persecution

the Tribulation Theology: 7 year period of war before the Millennium

Rapture

ecstatic joy or delight; joyful ecstasy

the Rapture Theology(ies): the experience, anticipated by some fundamentalist Christians, of meeting Christ midway in the air upon his return to earth.

Millennium

a period of 1000 years

the Millennium *Theology(ies)*: the period of a thousand years during which Christ will reign on earth.

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What does the bible teach, what does man believe, what should we believe?

What does the bible say, in general?

Tribulation – 22 times

Rapture – 0 times

Millennium – 0 times

One may say that the bible does not teach on the rapture nor the millennium. However, do not assume that since the bible does not use “man’s” words, that the principal is not taught.

What is the Tribulation, the Rapture, and the Millennium?

What does the bible teach on Tribulation?

I Samuel 26 : 24

“...let Him deliver me out of all tribulation.”

‘tsarah’ – tightness (that is, figuratively trouble)

John 16 : 33

Romans 5 : 3 – 5

‘thlipsis’ - pressure (literally or figuratively); metaphorically oppression, affliction, tribulation, distress, straits

Tribulation will happen, and God will deliver us from it.

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What does the bible teach on the Rapture?

Acts 1 : 9 – 11

“...This same Jesus...will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself...” John 14 : 3

I Thessalonians 4 : 16 – 17

“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven...shall be caught up together...in the clouds...”

‘harpazo’ – to seize; to snatch out or away

A “rapture” (a change, a meeting in the air) will occur. It will occur at the final time, day of judgment.

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What does the bible teach on the Millennium?

Nothing

The bible does not give an credence to Jesus raining for 1,000 years hear on earth, and then the final judgment.

However, where there is man, there is a way.

Revelation 20 : 1 – 8

“...for a thousand years...for a thousand years...”

The book of Revelation does not contradict any other book in the Bible. A thousand year reign, a thousand year bondage, these are symbolic phrases, not literal.

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What does man believe on Tribulation?

It will last only 7 years.

Daniel 9 : 24 – 27

Seventy weeks

‘shabua’ - literally sevens, that is, a week
(specifically of years)

$(70 \times 7 \text{ (years)}) = 490 \text{ years}$

A prince will be seven weeks (25)

$(7 \times 7) = 49 \text{ years}$

For sixty-two weeks a rebuild (25)

$(62 \times 7) = 434 \text{ years}$

$434 + 49 = 483 \text{ years}$

7 years for tribulation (27)

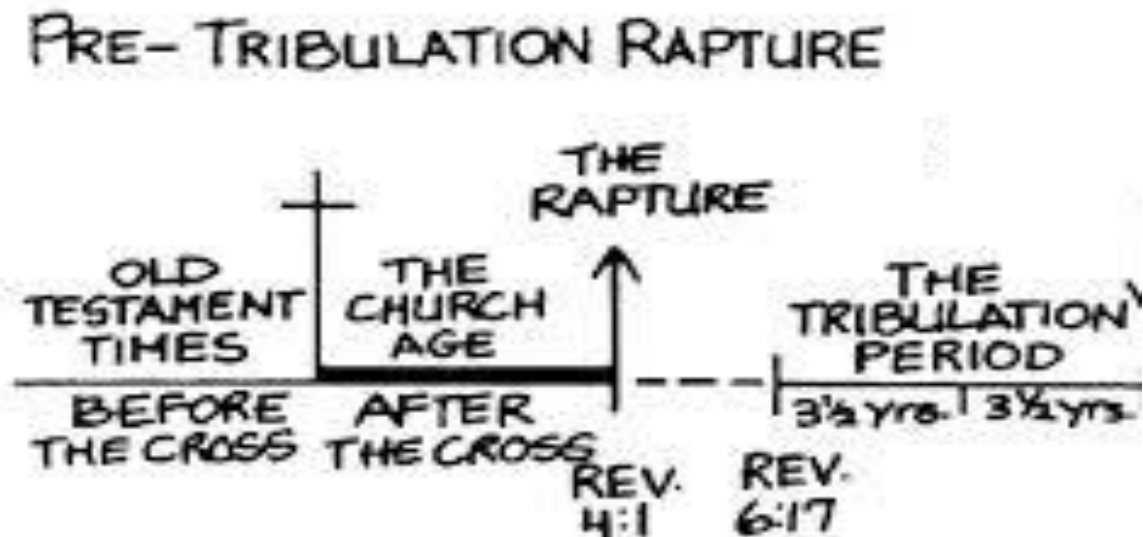
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What does man believe on the Rapture?

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Pre-tribulation Rapture

The Rapture will take place before the seven years of tribulation occur.



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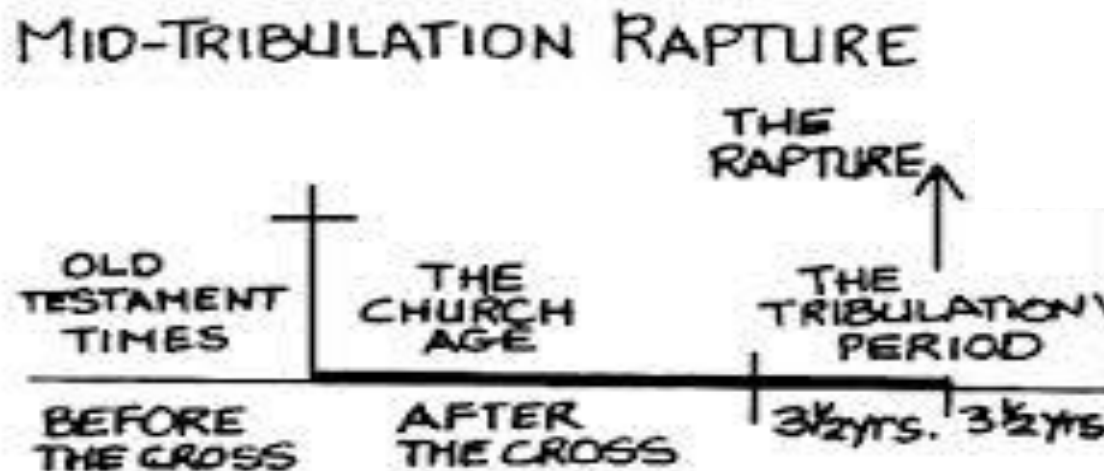
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Mid-tribulation Rapture

The Rapture takes place mid-way (half way) through the tribulation.

“...But in the middle of the week...” (Daniel 9 : 27)



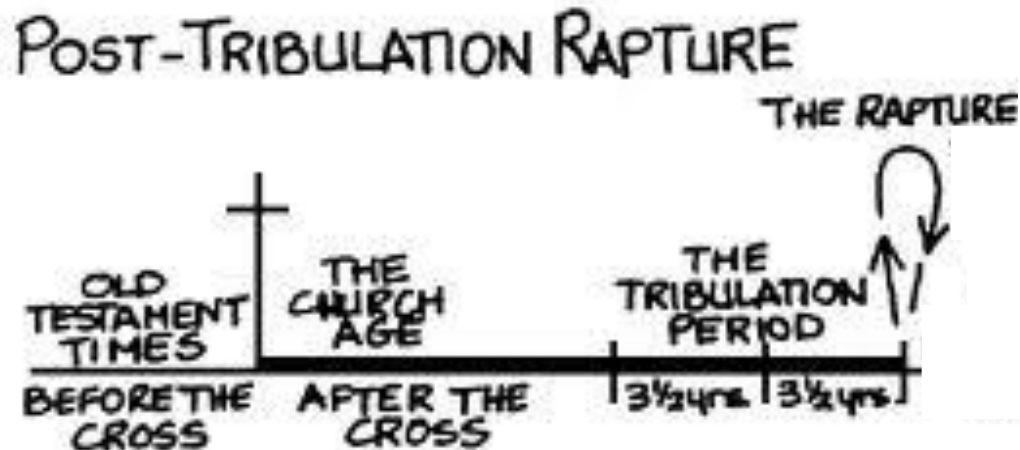
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Post-tribulation Rapture

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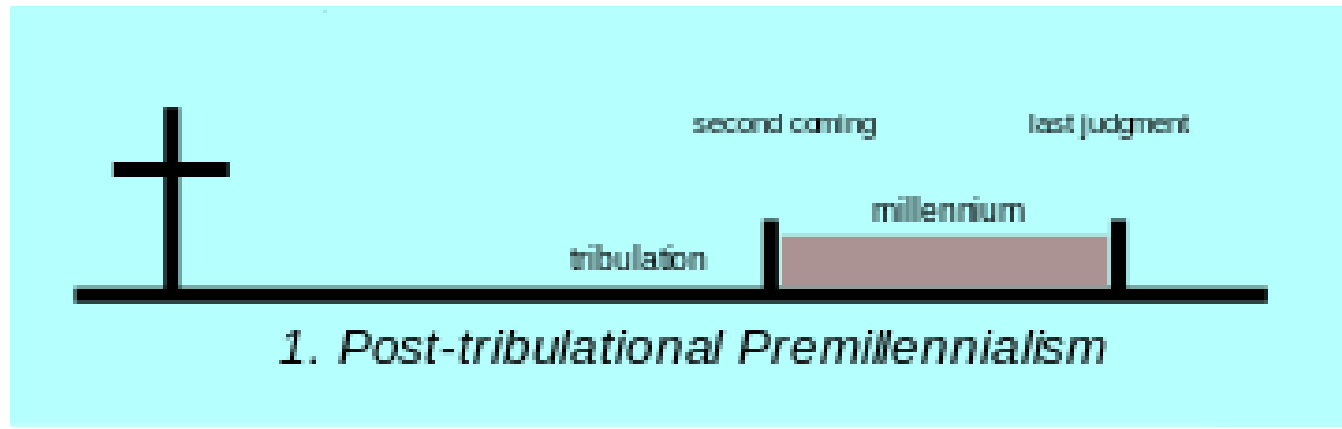


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What does man believe on the Millennium?

There are four points of view:

Post-tribulation Premillennialism – First there will be the tribulation, then the rapture will take place when Jesus will descend and physically rule for a 1,000 years, then judgment day.

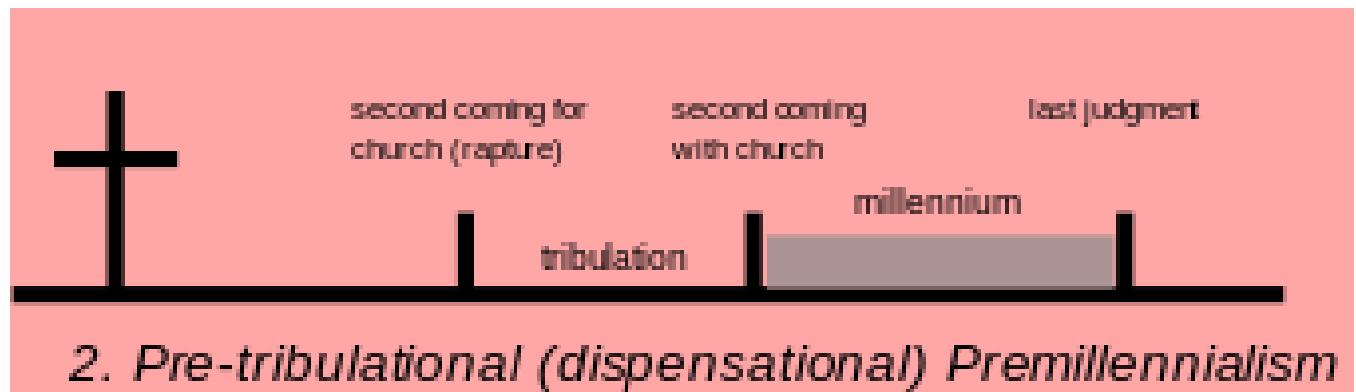


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Pre-tribulational (dispensational) Premillennialism – Jesus will take up the church (rapture) first, then tribulation, then a physical 1,000 year rule, then Judgment day.



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Postmillennialism – The final judgment will occur immediately after a 1,000 year “spiritual” rule of Christ. Tribulation is not directly addressed in this belief.

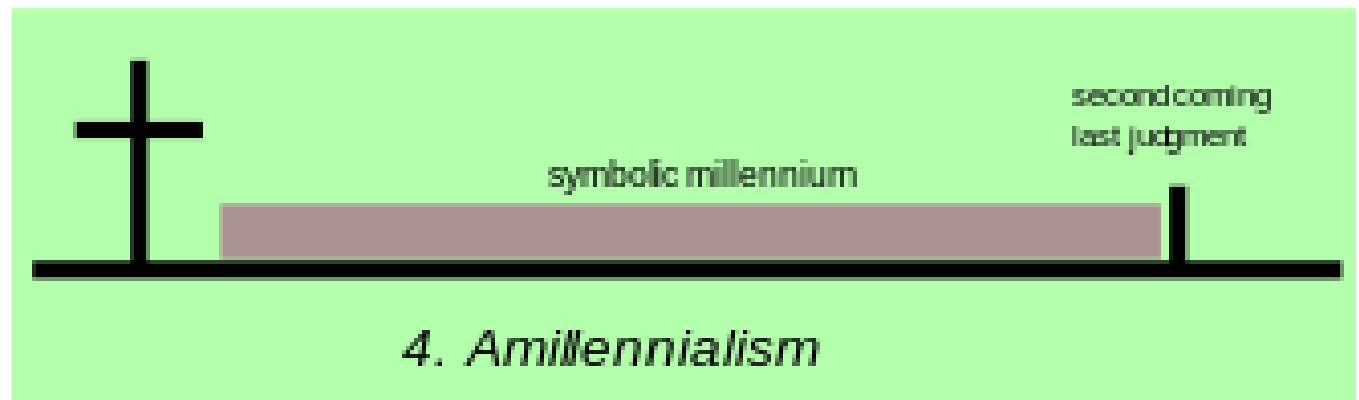


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Amillennialism – There will be a “spiritual” rule of Christ, which occurred on the Day of Pentecost at the establishment of the Church. The 1,000 years are figurative and will last until judgment day. Tribulation is the ongoing time called, the “last days” in the Bible.



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What should I believe?

Concerning the Tribulation

I Thessalonians 3 : 4

“...we told you...”

Romans 8 : 35

It will not separate you from God.

Concerning the Rapture

I Corinthians 15 : 52 – 53

“...the dead will be raised...”

Concerning the Millennium

Daniel 2 : 44

“...it shall stand forever...”