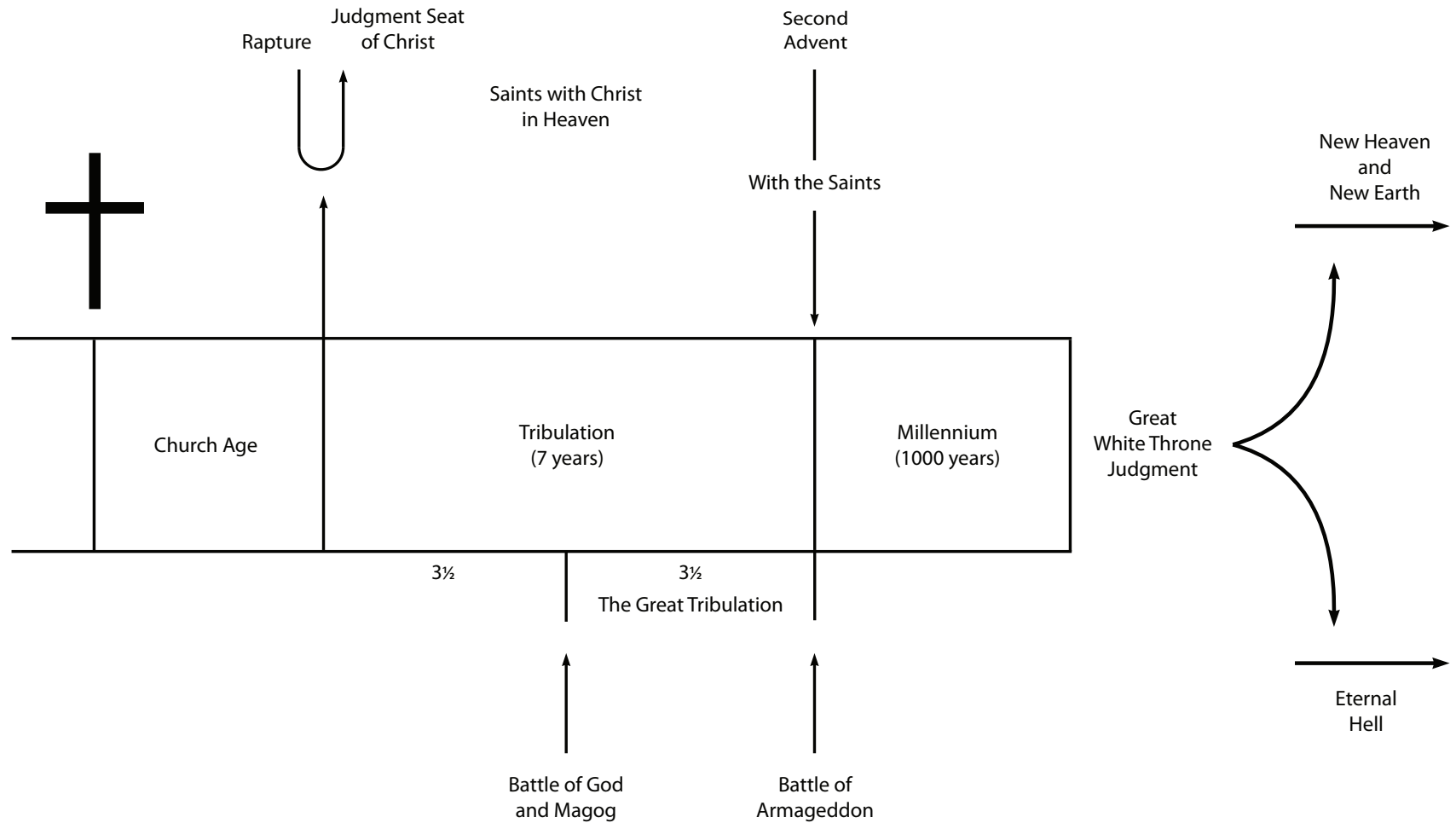


Pre-Tribulational Rapture: Reasons from Revelation

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The Premillennial Scheme of World Events



Many Argue : Christians Will Go Through the Tribulation Period

Believers suffered in the Old Testament.

Christians suffered in the New Testament.

Believers suffer today throughout the world.

Suffering and persecution is God's way of purifying, and strengthening the church.

- **Therefore the church must go through the tribulation period.**

Christians Will Not Suffer the Afflictions and Judgement of the Tribulation Period

Do Christians suffer?

2 Timothy 3:12 “Yea, all those who live godly for Jesus will suffer persecution.”

John 16:33 - “In the world you will have persecution but be of good cheer I have overcome the world.”

C. H. Spurgeon Quote

“I am afraid that all the grace that I have got of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours, might almost lie on a penny. But the good that I have received from my sorrows, and pains, and griefs, is altogether incalculable ... Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house. It is the best book in a minister’s library.”

Last Trumpet & 7th Trumpet Argument ?

1 Corinthians 15:52 “At the Last Trump for the trumpet shall sound.”

Trumpet of God, Last Trumpet

Silver Trumpets of Numbers 10

Numbers 10:3 “Blow two silver trumpets to gather at the tabernacle.

Numbers 10:4 “ Blow one silver trumpet to gather unto Moses

Numbers 10:5 “Blow an alarm then the camps on the east move forward

Numbers 10:6 “Blow an alarm a second time (last trumpet) ...shall take their journey.

Carl Armerding - Professor of Bible at Wheaton College

“The last trump would signify that the whole congregation was finally on the move. This serves to illustrate what we find in 1 Corinthians 15:23, ‘every man in his own order (“rank” - Greek tagmati): Christ the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming. These last are certain divided into at least two groups: those who have ‘fallen asleep’ and those who are ‘alive and remain.’

Carl Armerding, *The Last Trump and the Seventh Trumpet*, (New York, NY: Loizeaux Brothers Publishers

How Does God Purify the Church?

Ephesians 5:25-27

“just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”

“Raptures” in the Old Testament

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.(ref. to time in Egypt, etc.)”

Noah - Judgment upon the whole world
Sin was unbridled
Warning to the whole world before judgment
Noah and family take out through an ark

Lot - Judgement upon the whole city of Sodom
Sin and immorality was unbridled
Warning to the whole family - two son-in-law do not listen
Lot and family taken out before judgement

*The Church Will Not Go
Through the Tribulation Period*
Reasons Why

The Rapture Will Take Place Prior the the Tribulation Period

Biblical Basis

“Before the Hour of Trial that shall come...” - Revelation 3:10

“Deliver you from the wrath to come” - 1 Thessalonians 1:10

“You are not appointed unto wrath” - 1 Thessalonians 5:9

“Worthy to escape these things that shall come to pass...” —Luke 21:36

“Three Reasons Why” from the Book of Revelation Christians Will Be Rapture Prior to the Tribulation Period

Reason #1 - Title “Church” is Not Mentioned in Revelation Chapters 6-19

The word “Church” is mentioned 19 times in Revelation 2-3,
and 1 time in Chapter 22 but never mentioned in chapters 6-19

“Israel” is mentioned

“Gentiles nations” are mentioned

“Angels” are mentioned

“ Three Reasons Why” from the Book of Revelation Christians Will Be Rapture Prior to the Tribulation Period

Reason #2 - Other terms for the church, show that the church is in heaven.

A. “24 Elders” - Revelation 4, 5, 11

B. Those who “dwell in Heaven” Revelation 13

C. “Bride of Christ” mentioned in Revelation 19, as being in heaven

“ Three Reasons Why” from the Book of Revelation Christians Will Be Rapture Prior to the Tribulation Period

Reason #3 - Revelation 20:4 - The church is mentioned being prepared to come to earth with Christ to rule and reign.

Textual note - Parenthesis (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. (NIV)

A. Church - Revelation 20:4a - Prepared to judge

B. Tribulation saints - Revelation 20:4b

C. Unsaved prior to judgement - Revelation 20:4c



Divine Wrath Argument

Divine Wrath mentioned in Revelation

Revelation 6:16-17 – “Wrath of the Lamb”

Revelation 14:10 – “Wrath of God”

Revelation 15:7 – “Full of the Wrath of God”

Revelation 16:1, 19 – “Pour your bowls of the wrath of
God upon the earth”

The Divine Wrath Argument

The Lord Jesus Christ has once-for-all borne our wrath on the cross so believers will never suffer judgment for their sins again.

Romans 8:1 "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

"You are not appointed unto wrath" - 1 Thessalonians 5:9

"Deliver you from the wrath to come" - 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Harry Ironside (1876-1951)

**“Will the Lord have his bride endure
famine, persecution, beatings,
imprisonment, earthquakes, torture and
then usher her to heaven for the marriage
supper of the lamb— in a bruised, broken,
and soiled condition—veil torn and
wedding garment soiled.”**

from *Midnight Call*, (Zondervan: Grand Rapids, MI, 1949)



Dr. James Montgomery Boice (1939-2000)

Pastor, Author and Theologian

Former Pastor at 10 Avenue Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia

Comfort Argument

“According to the Postmillennial view, the church of Jesus Christ will go through the great tribulation. Nevertheless, this view is impossible for the simple reason that it makes meaningless the arguments of the apostle Paul. Paul was arguing for the soon return of Christ. This is to be a major source of comfort for suffering believers. If Christ was not to come until after the great tribulation, then there is little comfort in the Lord’s return.”

—James Boice, *The Last and Future World*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1974, pp.