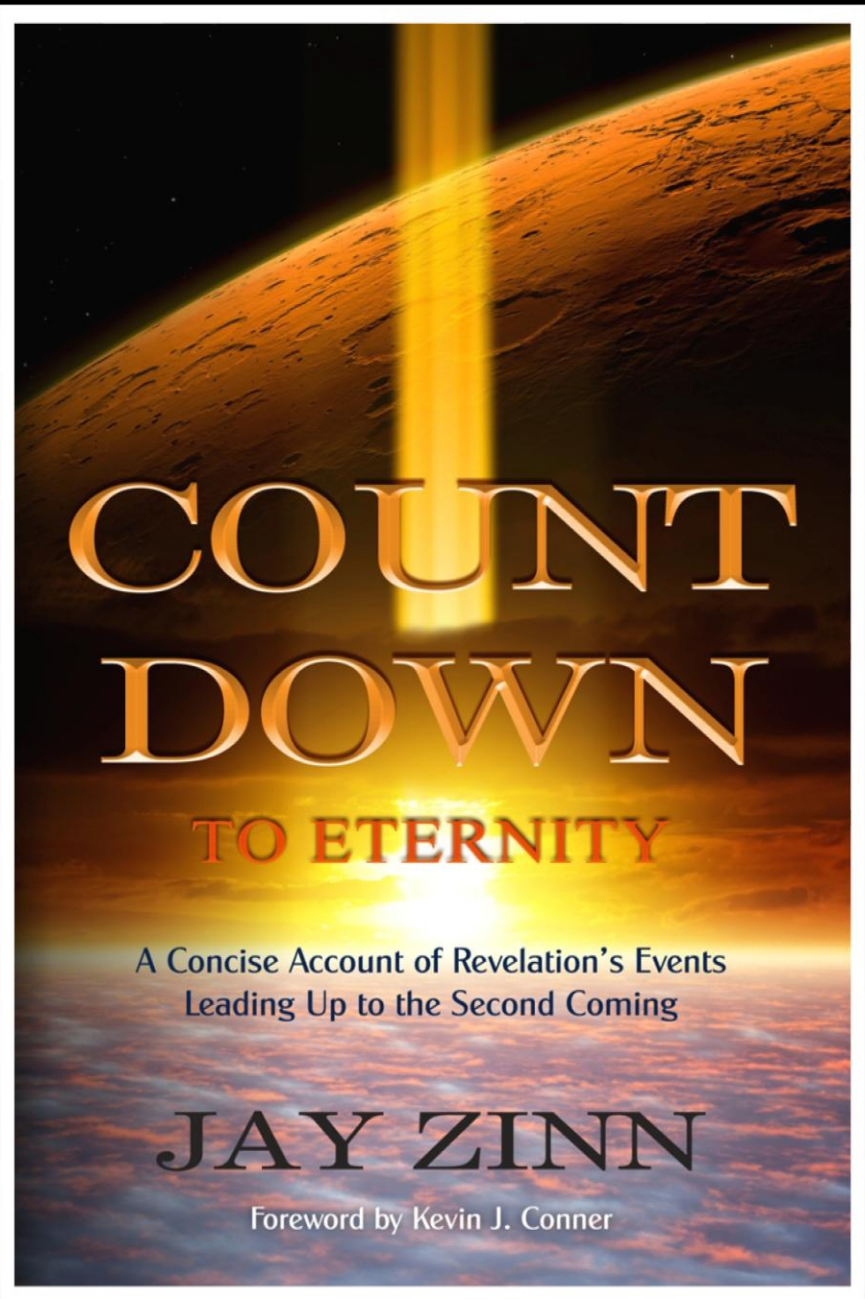


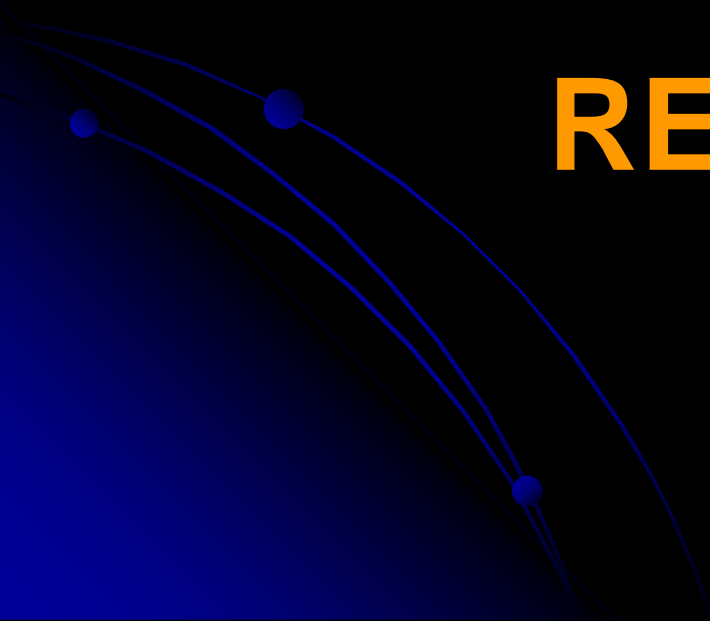
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Overview of The Book of the REVELATION



Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

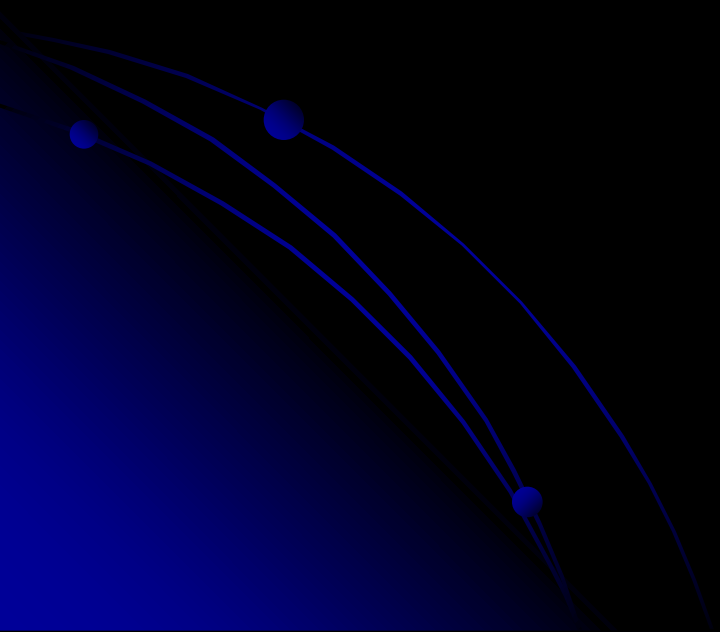
~ John the apostle



Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes that I might see
wonderful things in your law.

~ *David, the Psalmist*



Ecclesiastes 8:17

No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all his efforts to search it out, man cannot discover its meaning.

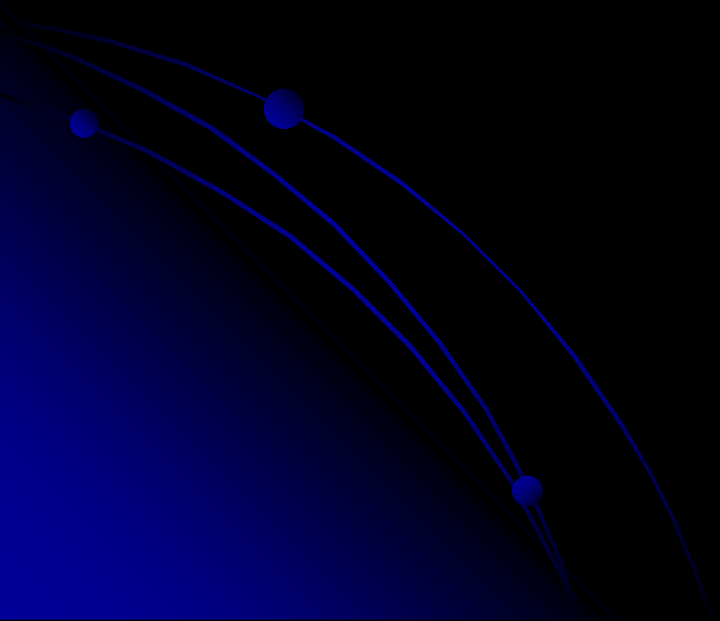
Even if a wise man claims he knows, he cannot really comprehend it.

~ *Solomon the Teacher*

Matthew 24:36

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

~ Jesus the Messiah



Foursquare on End Times...

We believe the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent; we are as certain that His second coming will occur as we are that His first coming is a historical fact. No one knows the exact time of His coming, but believers will continue to spread the gospel around the world until He does come again.

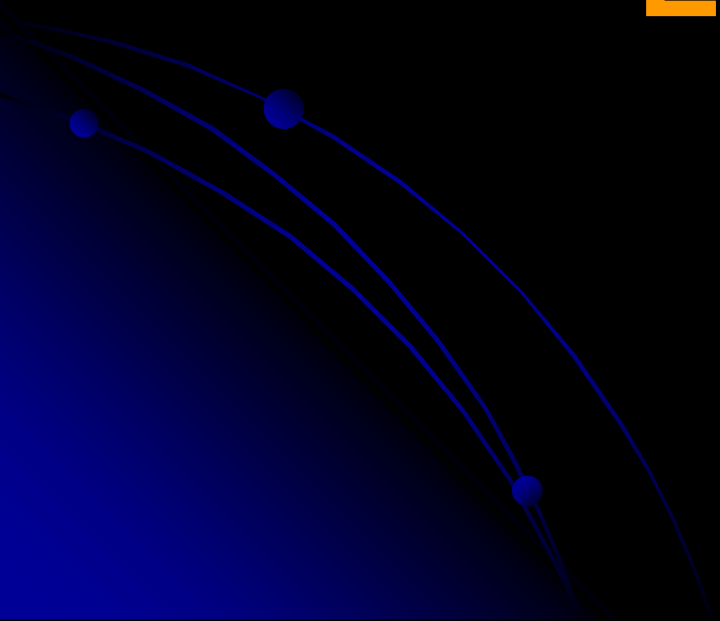
Foursquare on End Times...

At that time the Lord Himself will descend from heaven, the dead Christians will be resurrected, and believers will be taken up to meet the Lord in the air (Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

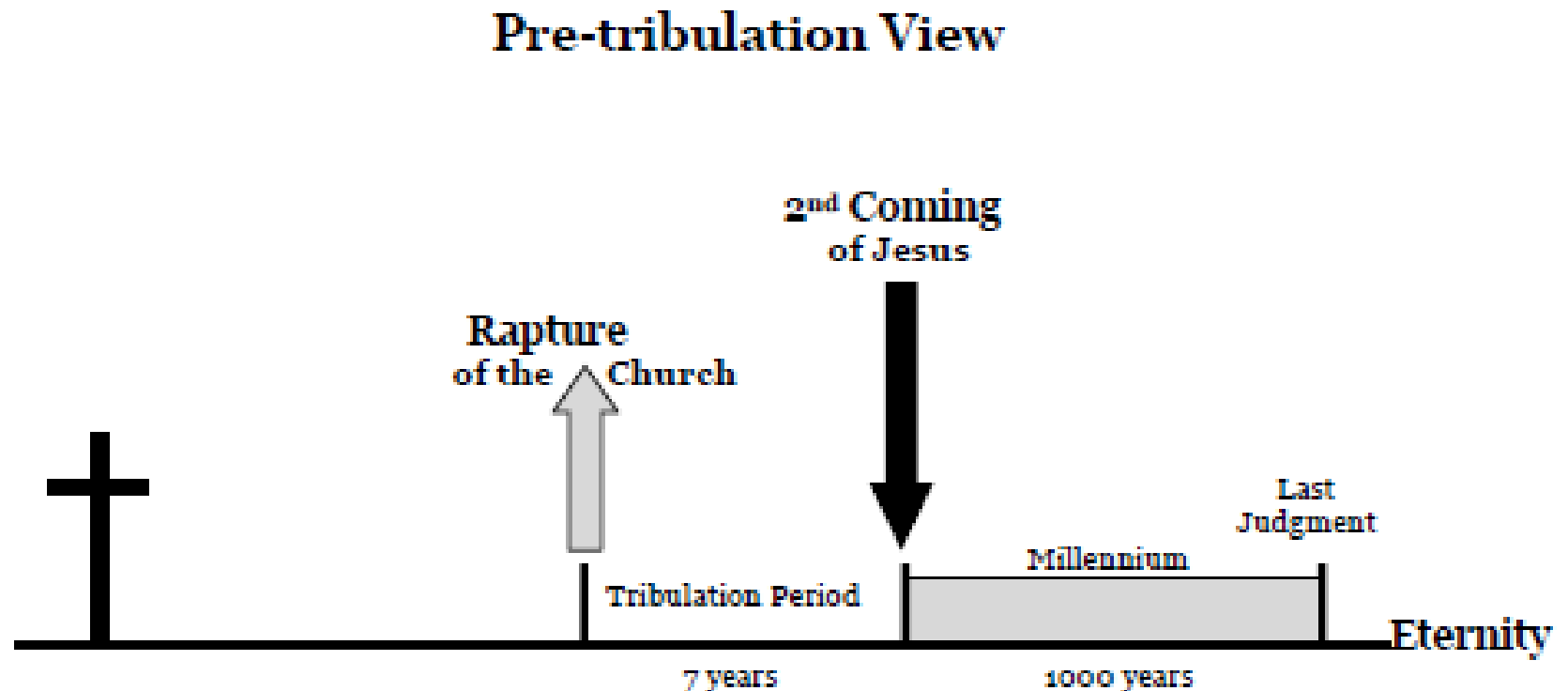
Foursquare on End Times...

We believe that everyone will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Born-again believers will be sent to a place of everlasting life, and nonbelievers will be sent to a place of everlasting punishment (Revelation 20:11, 12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

Three Primary Views of the End Times



Pre-Tribulation View

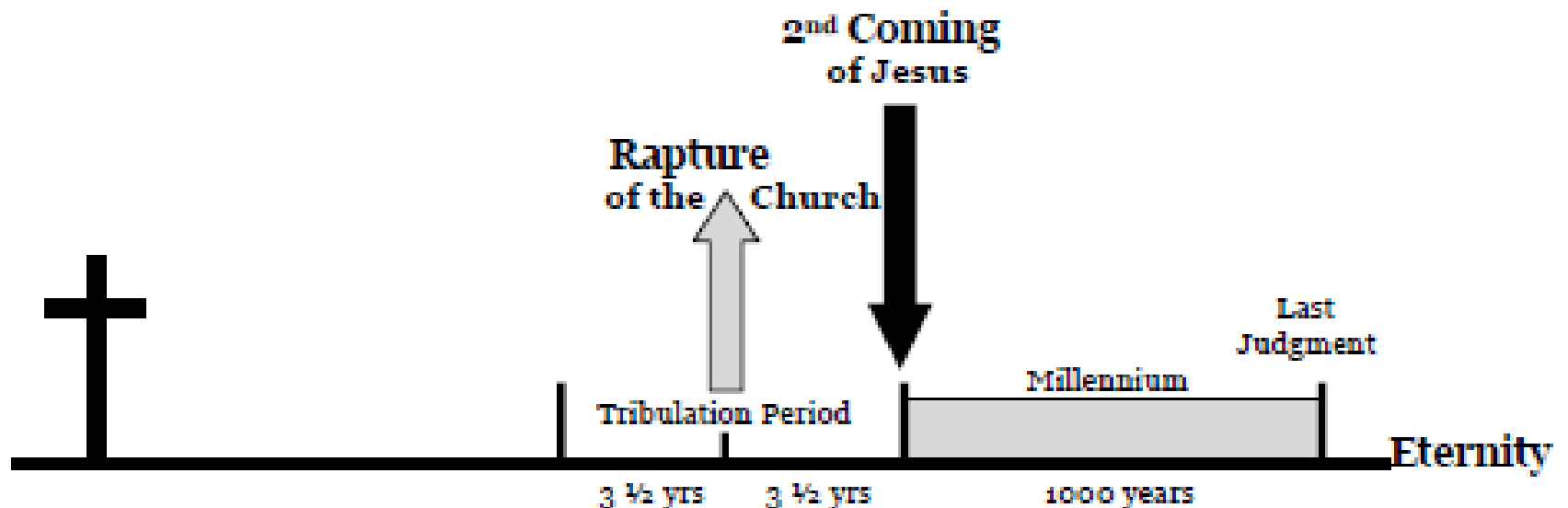


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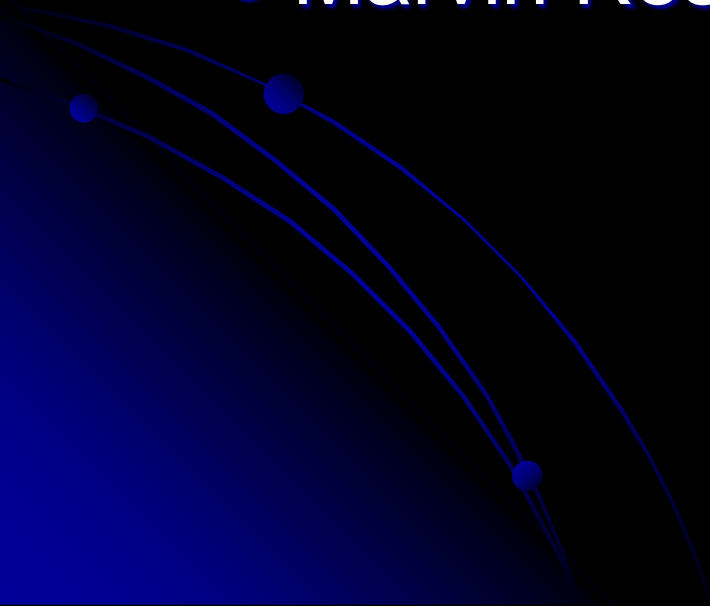
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 - Tim LaHaye
 - John Hagee
 - Jack Van Impe
 - John Walvoord
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Mid-Tribulation View

Mid-tribulation View

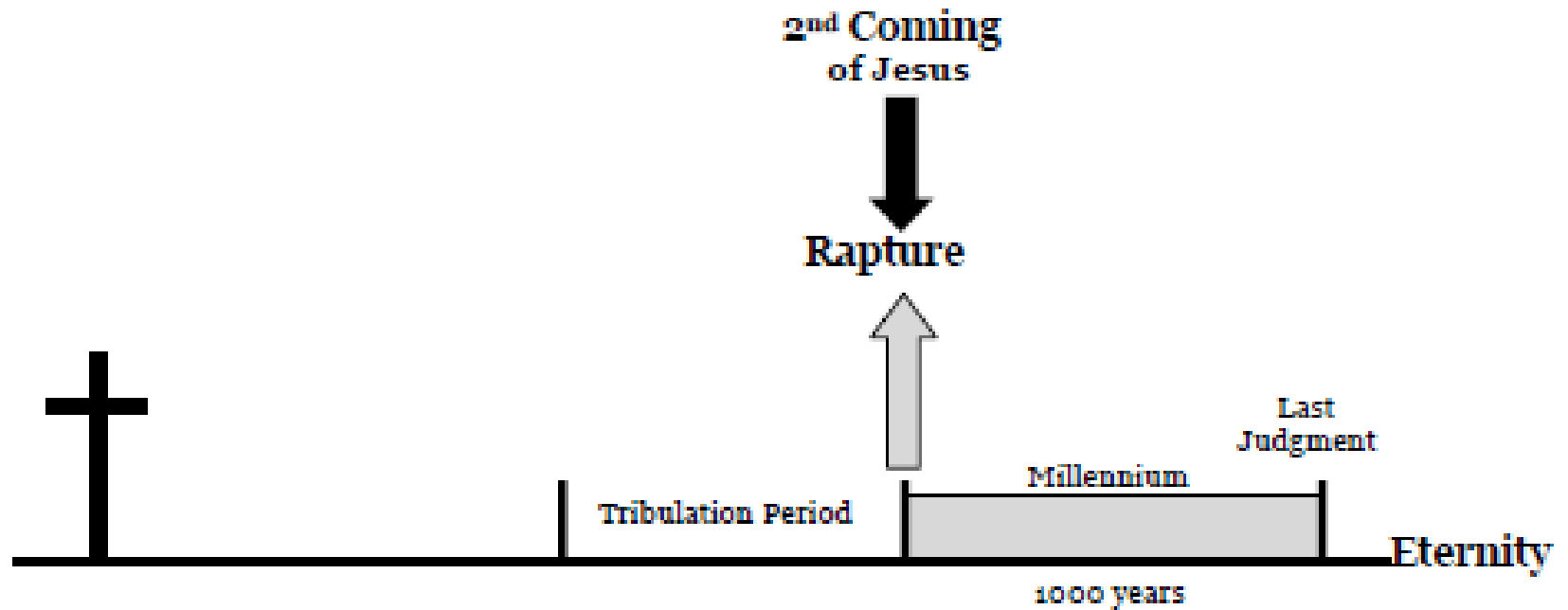


Mid-Tribulation Advocates

- Gleason Archer
 - Richard Reiter
 - Norman Harrison
 - Marvin Rosenthal
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Post-Tribulation View

Post-tribulation View



Post-Tribulation Advocates

Ireneaus

Hippolytus

John Calvin

Charles Finney

Adam Clarke

Matthew Henry

John Knox

C.S. Lovett

Martin Luther

Charles Spurgeon

George Whitfield

F.F. Bruce

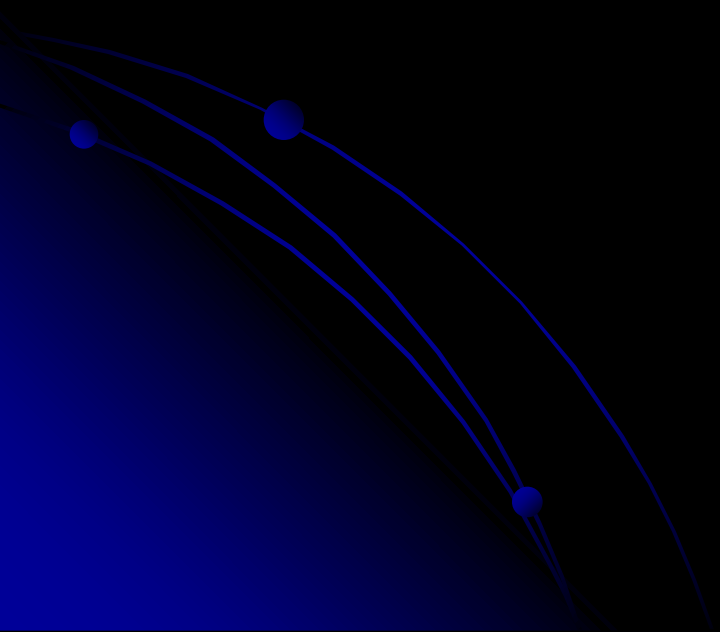
John Bunyan

Post-Tribulation Advocates

Early church teachers by the names of *Ireneaus* and *Hippolytus*, second and third generation disciples of John the Revelator, wrote of the rise of the Antichrist and of the coming of the Lord from a **Post-tribulation point-of-view**.

Post-Tribulation Advocates

They both taught that the Antichrist will reign on earth and persecute the Church right up to the return of the Lord in all his power and glory.



Post-Tribulation Advocates

In his book, "Against Heresies," Irenaeus, writing about the Antichrist, said, "His tyranny shall last three years and six months, during which the saints shall be put to flight" (Ch. xxv.4).

- Later, in the same book, he said, "The resurrection of the just takes place after the coming of Antichrist" (Ch. xxxv.1).

Post-Tribulation Advocates

Hippolytus wrote a number of books; and in one called a "Commentary on the Book of Daniel," speaking of the Antichrist, he said, "When he has conquered all, he will prove himself a terrible and savage tyrant; and will cause tribulation and persecution to the saints, exalting himself against them" (Ch. 7).

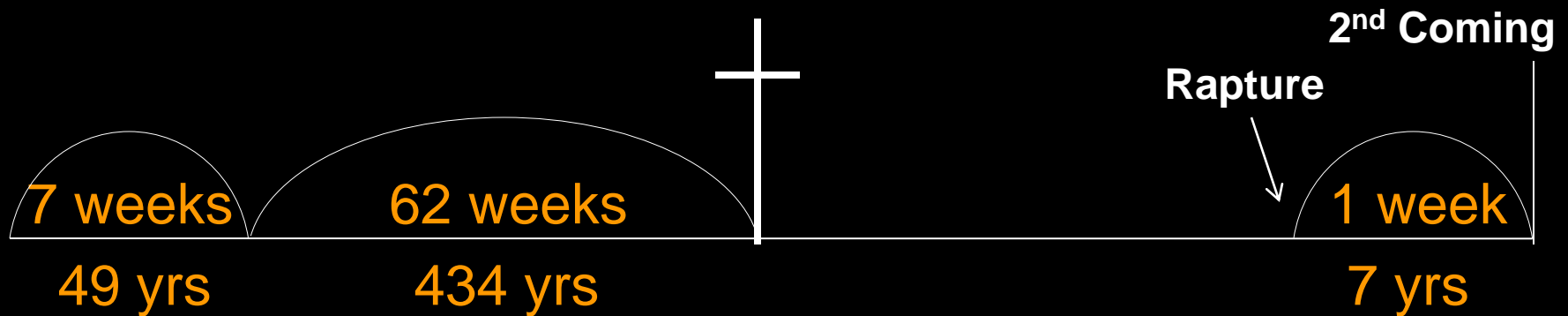
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In the same book, referring to the Two Witnesses of Revelation 11, Hippolytus said, "The two witnesses, then, shall preach three years and a half; and Antichrist shall make war upon the saints during (that time) and desolate the world" (Ch. 11).

Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy

- Daniel 9:24-27
- One day = 1 year
- Seven days = 7 years
- Seven weeks = 49 years
- Sixty-two weeks = 434 years
- **Seventieth week = last 7 years**
- Seventy weeks = 490 years

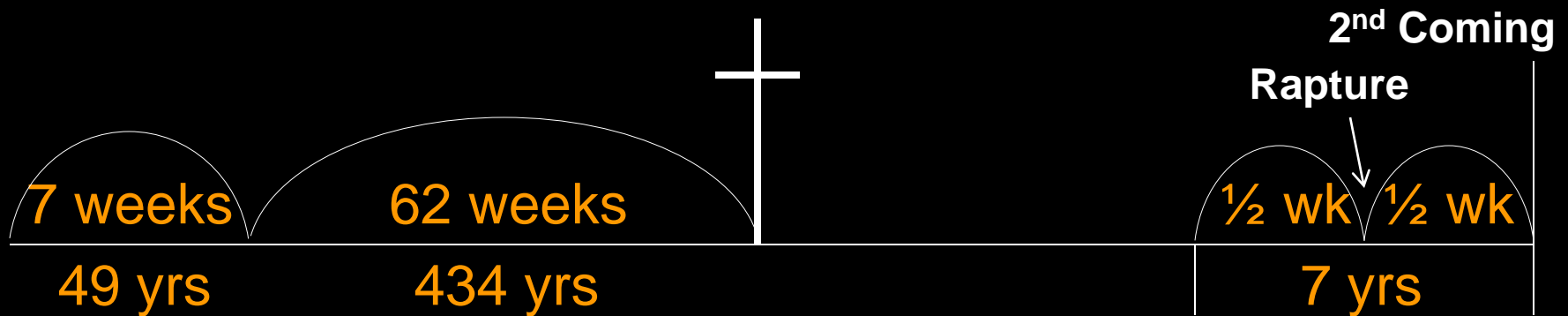
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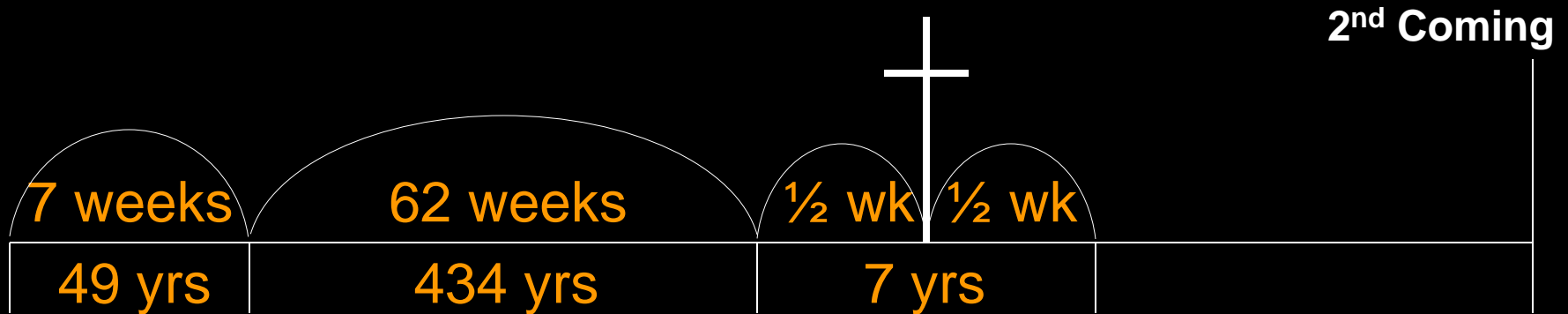
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Mid-Tribulation View

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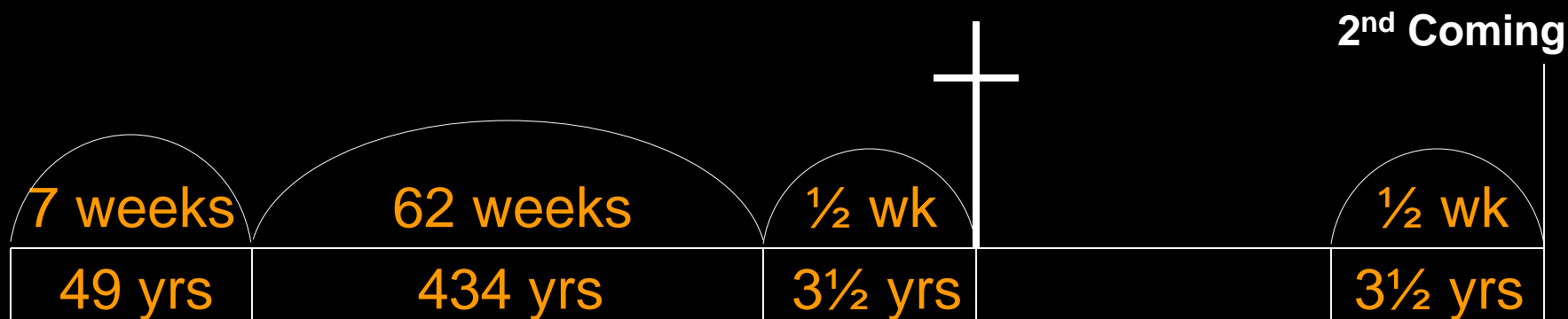
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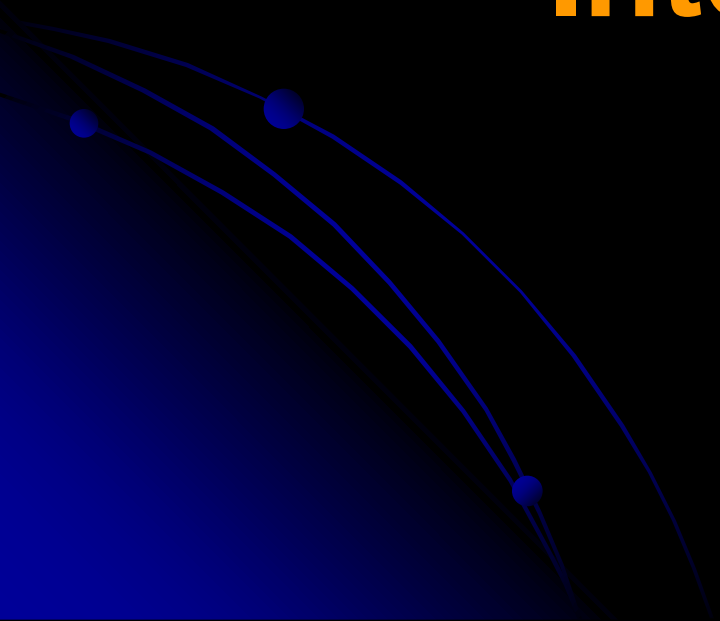
Preterists
Historicists

Daniel's 70 Week Prophecy




My View

Six Millennial Schools of Interpretation



Revelation 20:4-6

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God.



Revelation 20:4-6

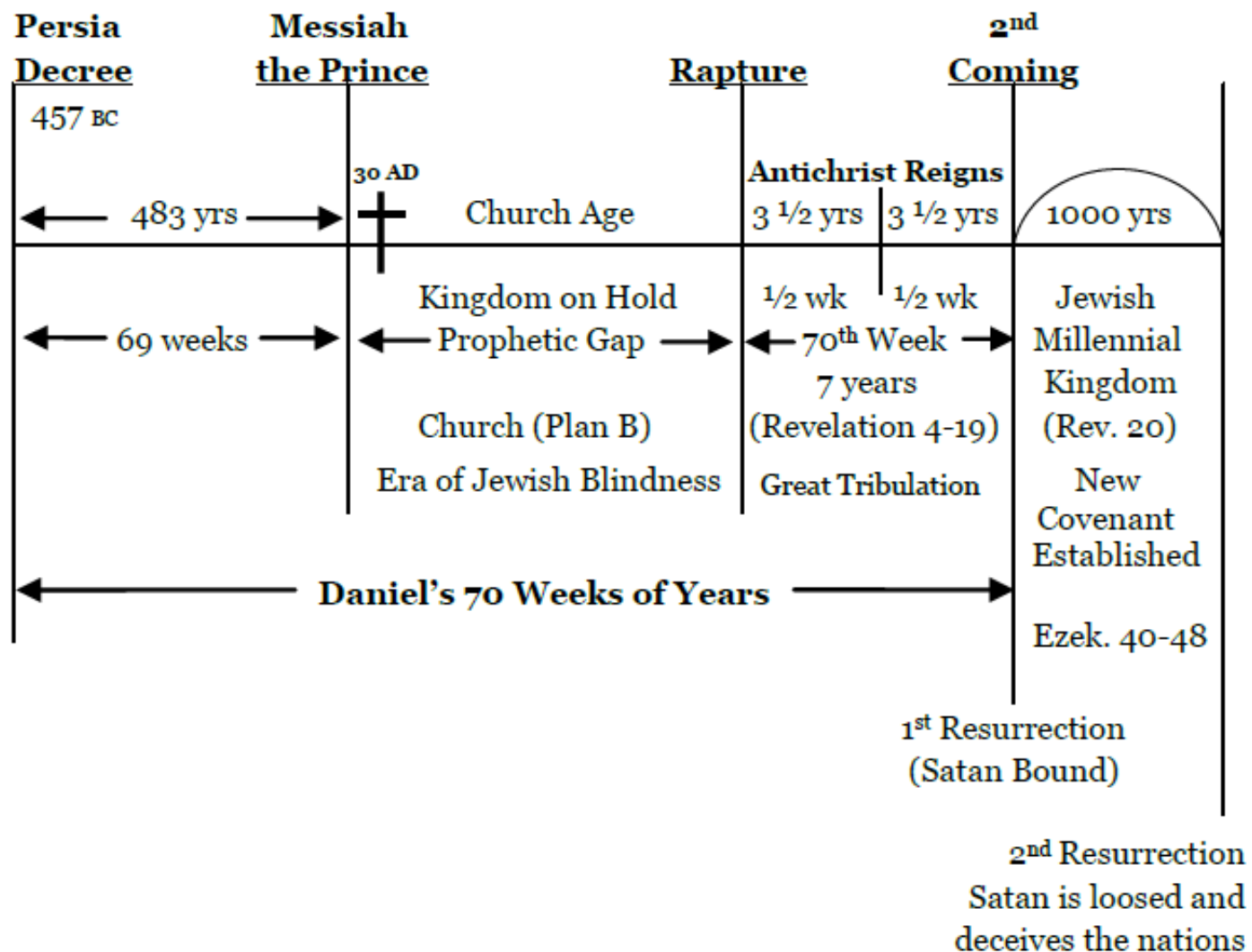
They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a **thousand years**. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years** were ended.)

Millennial Schools

- Dispensational Premillennialism
- Historic Premillennialism
- Postmillennialism
- A-Millennialism
- Partial Preterism (Historic or Post)
- Christian Millennialism

The most popular view:

Dispensational Premillennialism



Dispensational Premillennialism

- 1812 – Jesuit priest from Chile
- Manuel de Lacunza
- The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty
- Edward Irving – Scottish Preacher translated the book in London in 1827 into and began to preach Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

Dispensational Premillennialism

- John Nelson Darby – an English Preacher in the Plymouth Brethren Movement – 1820s and 1830s.
- April 1831 - Margaret Macdonald (15 year old Scottish girl) Port Glasgow, Scotland.
- She believed God showed her a new revelation after several hours of prophecy and vision of a “split-coming” of Christ, and that Christians are raptured before the days of the Antichrist.

Dispensational Premillennialism

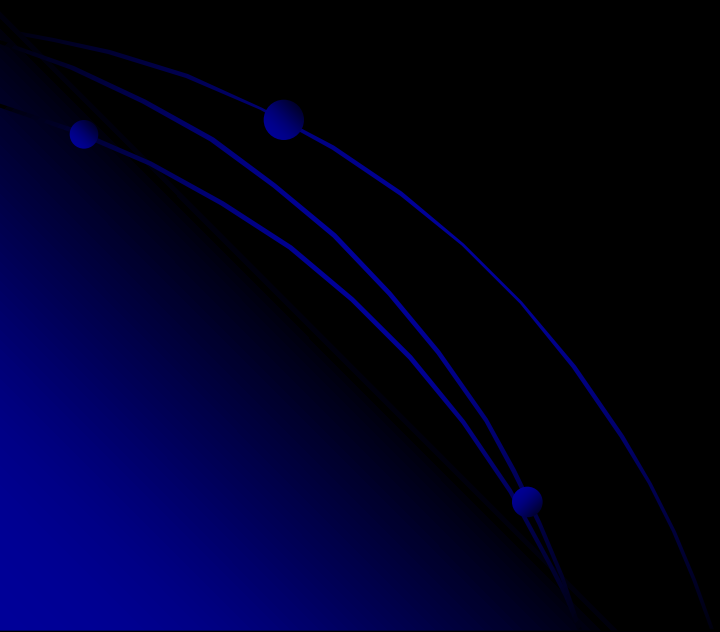
- Both Irving and Darby visited with her.
- John Nelson Darby adopted her view and expanded it to a secret rapture, two-stage, any moment return of Christ.
- He taught this view at a prophecy conference in 1883 in Ireland.
- The view spread to America. Darby visited five times to promote the teaching.

Dispensational Premillennialism

- Pastor James H. Brookes from St. Louis, MO embraced it and taught it.
- He mentored Cyrus I. Scofield who later became a minister and prominent leader in the movement of this teaching.
- In 1909, Oxford University Press published C.I. Scofield's annotated notes of the Bible (The Scofield Reference Bible).

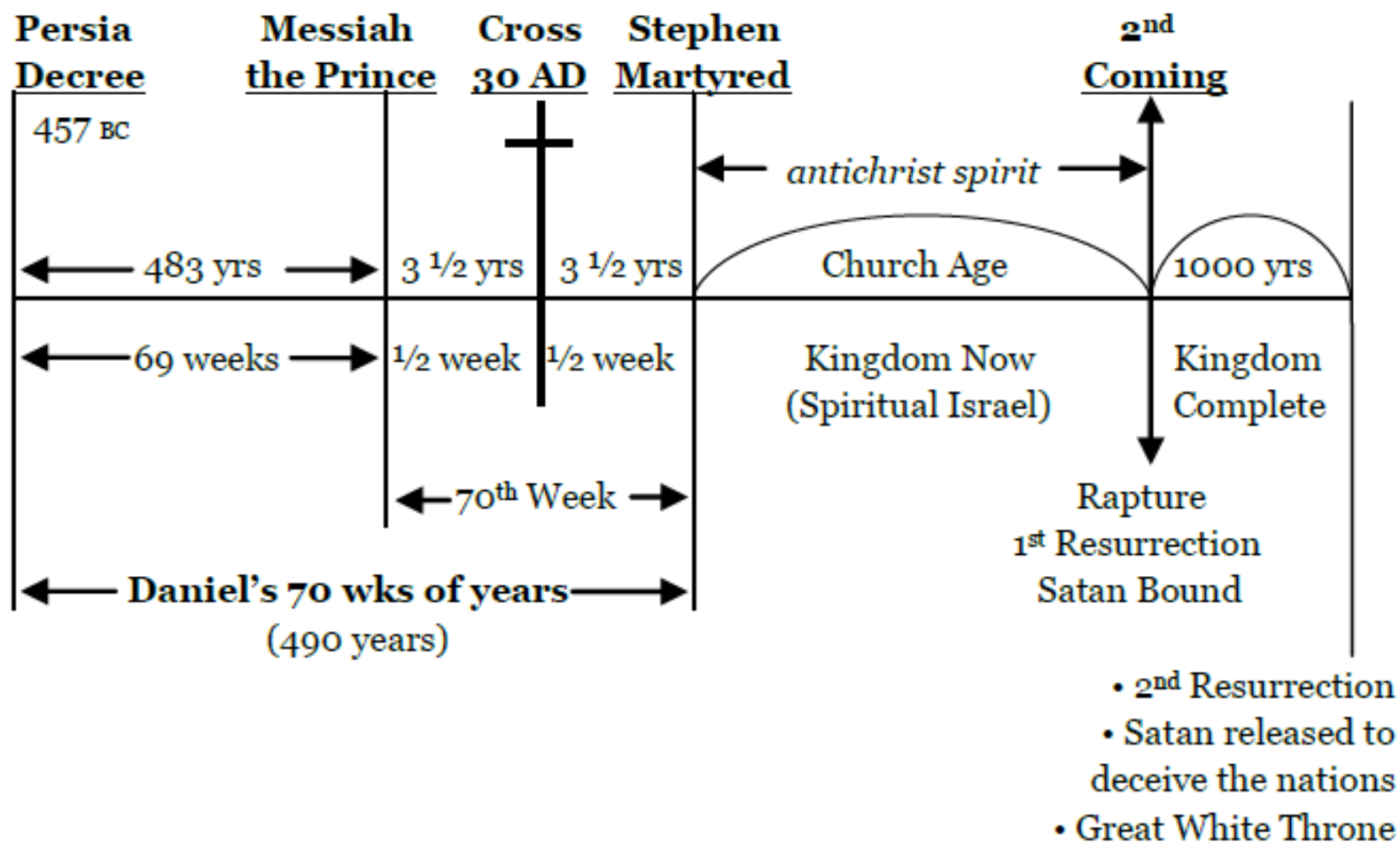
Dispensational Premillennialism

- Fundamentalist churches made this the most publicized premillennial view in America.



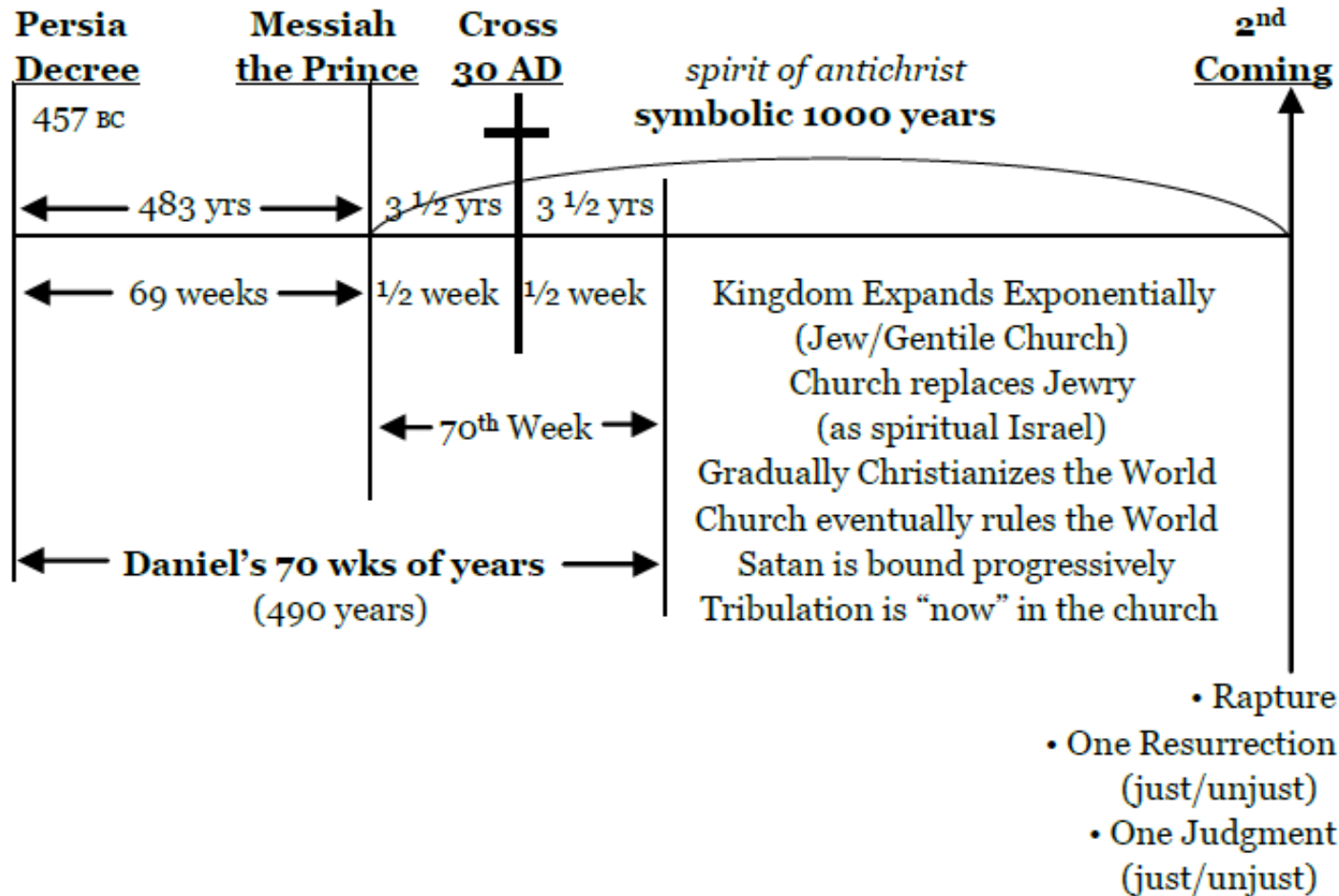
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Historic Premillennialism



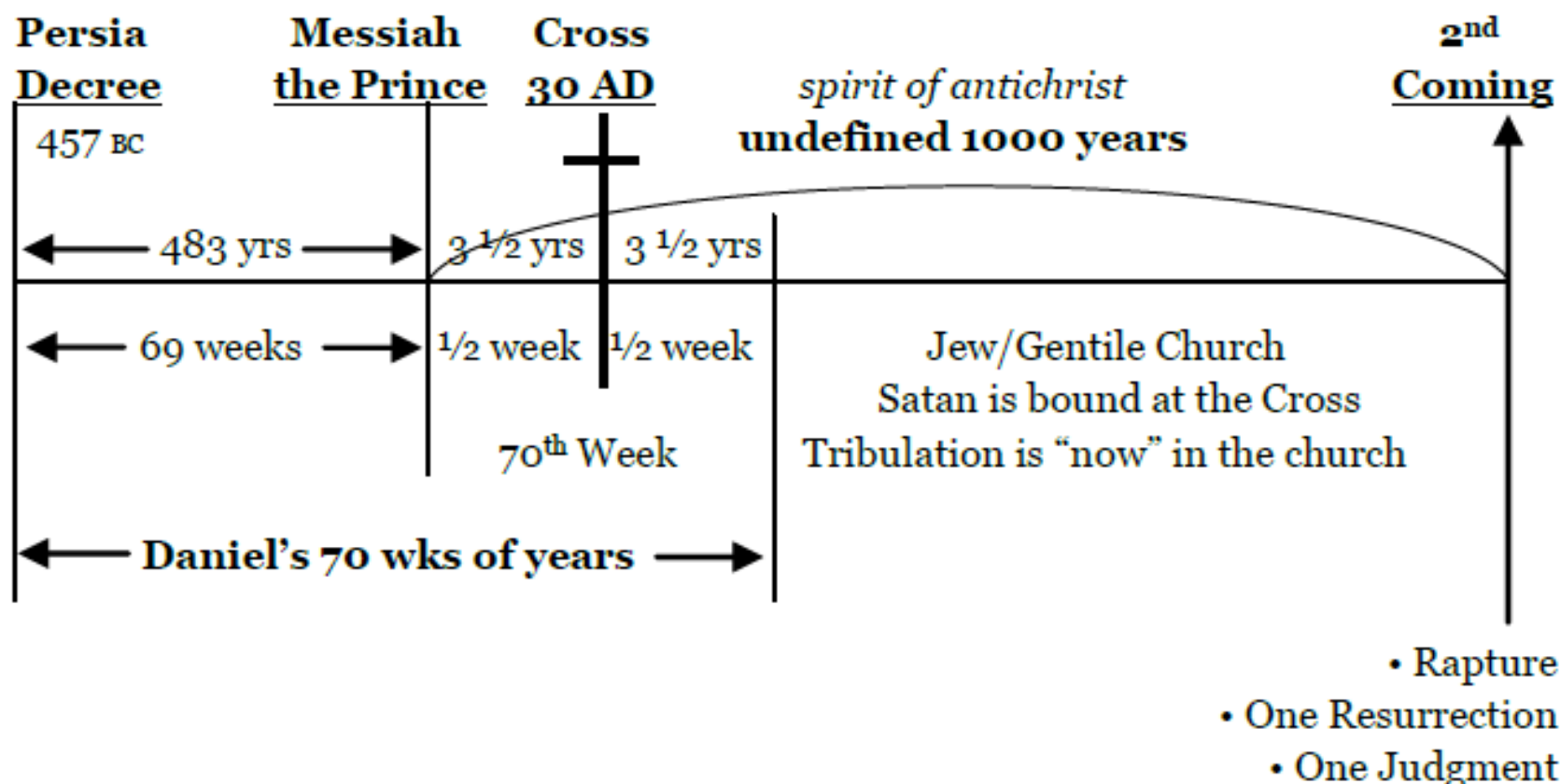
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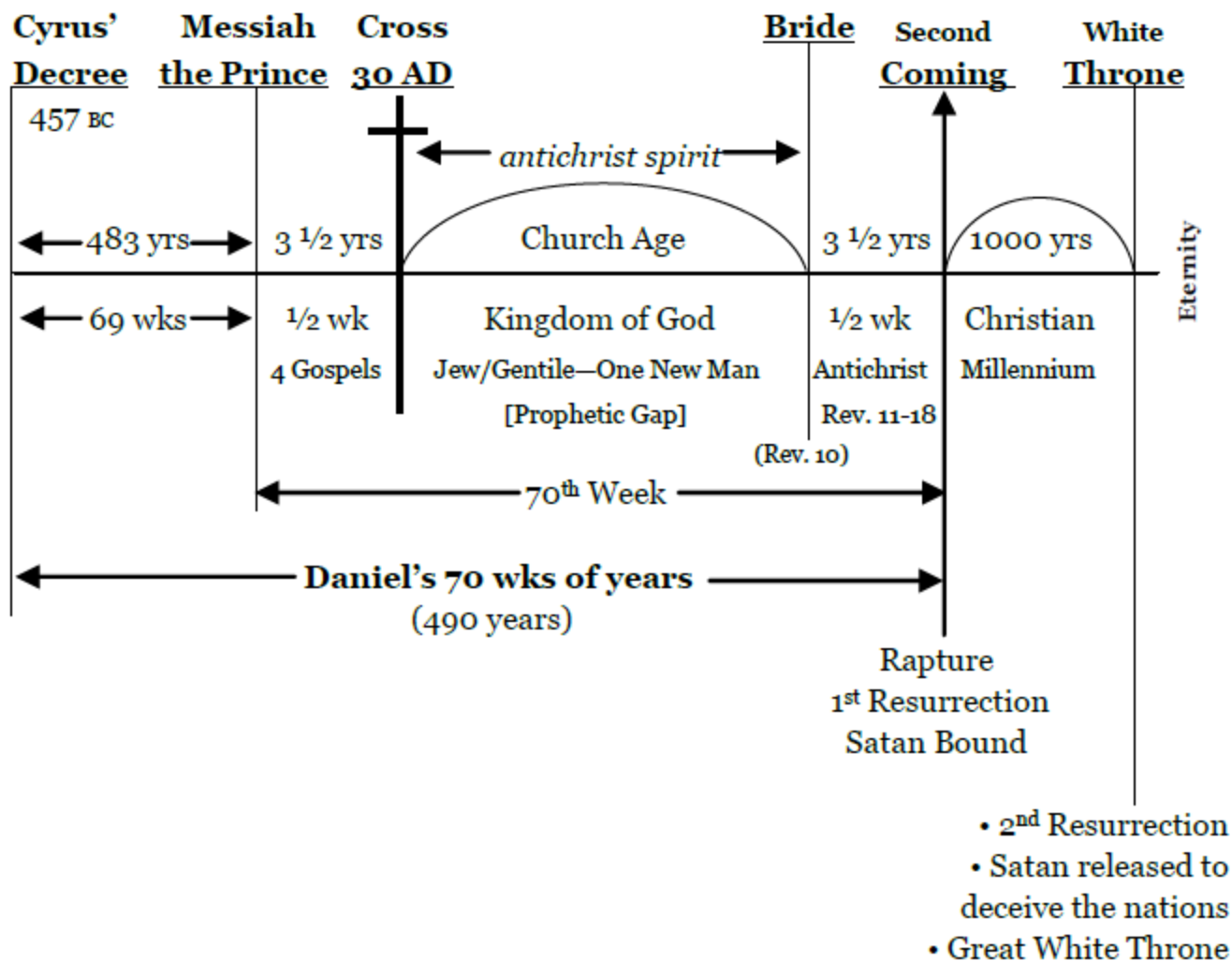


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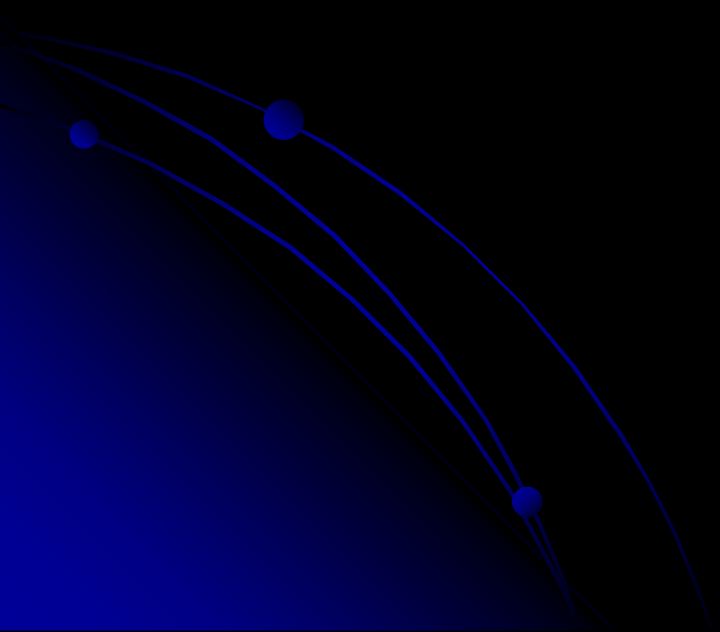
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Christian Millennialism



Why Should We Care?



Why Should We Care?

- Two of the seven principles of Christ deals with the resurrection of the dead in Christ and eternal judgment.
 - Nearly half of the books of the Bible addresses occurring events in the last days.
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Why Should We Care?

- Jesus tells us to watch and be on guard.
- A number of Jesus' parables addresses his Second Coming.
- John the apostle says that we would be blessed if we read the prophecy of the Revelation.


Why Should We Care?

- What we believe about the last days will affect how we approach life and our walk with Christ in light of the judgment we'll receive for our deeds when he returns.
- What we know and understand about the last days can prepare us to be discernible and effective witnesses in that time.

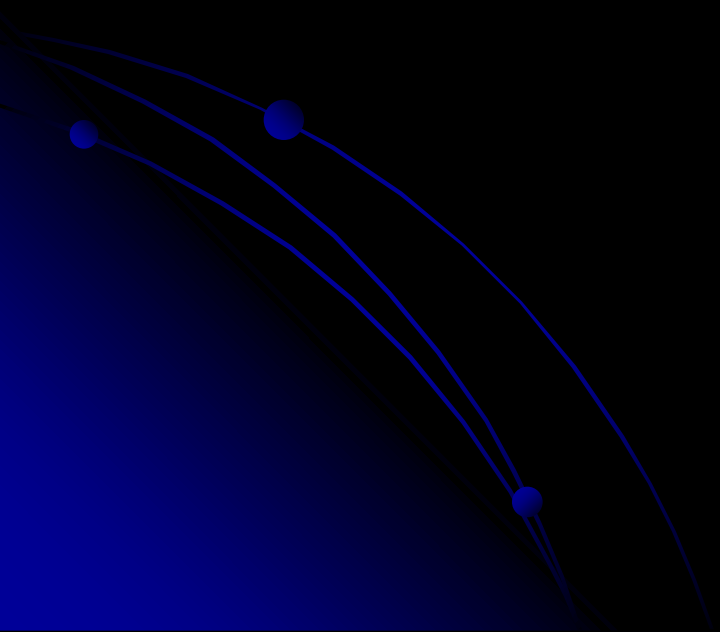
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- What we know and understand about the last days can prepare us to be able to discern the lies and deceit of the antichrist.
- What we know and understand about the last days can determine which **category** of Christians we'll be part of in those days.

Categories of Christians

- Five *Foolish* Virgins category
 - Five *Wise* Virgins category
 - Saints who are deceived by the Antichrist
 - Saints who are martyred for their faith
 - Saints who become apostates
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