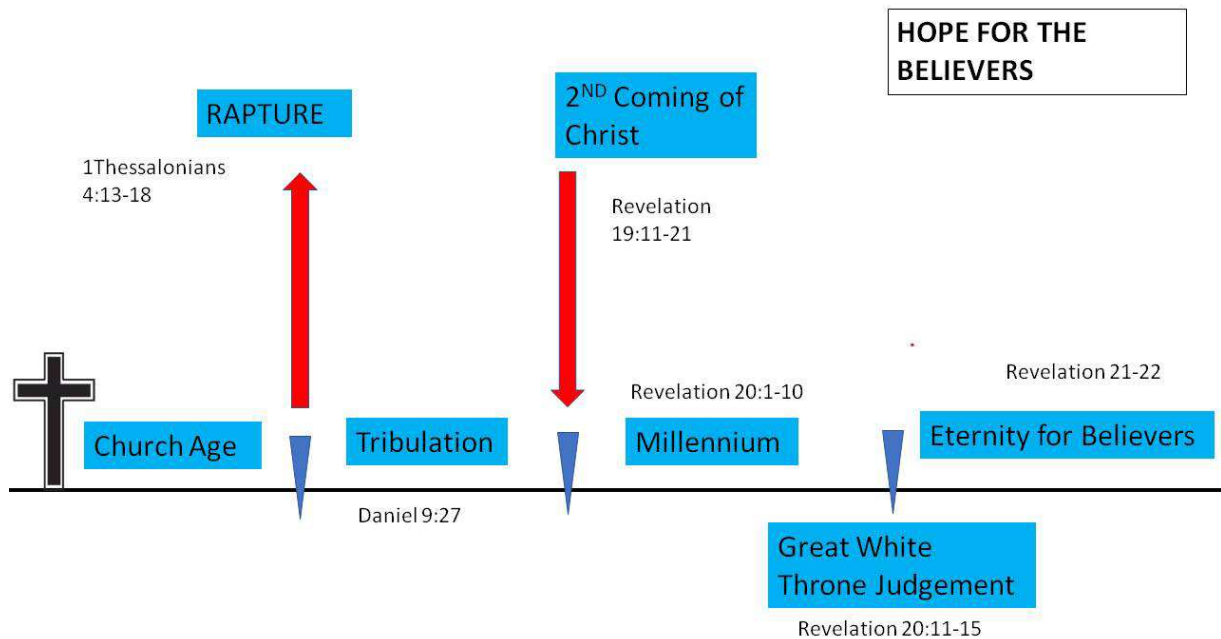


End Times Timeline



THE CHURCH AGE

- The cross marks the beginning of what we call the church age. Exactly where we are today in the church age, no one knows. But there plenty of markers to indicate an end is near.
- From the point of the cross, one thing has been set into motion: **The building of the Church.** Jesus said: “**I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18 NKJ)

THE RAPTURE

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died **so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.** ¹⁴ **For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.** ¹⁶ **FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN WITH A COMMANDING SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD.** First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will **BE CAUGHT UP (Raptured). IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR.** Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

- **The rapture** is Christ coming for His Church, His bride.

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- Here's how Jesus describes this day: It will be similar to "the days of Noah" and "the days of Lot" (Luke 17: 26, 28). **Here's the solid spine issue:** In both cases, the "**righteous**", the **church**, the **believer** were removed thus escaping the tribulation.

THE TRIBULATION

- After the church is no longer in the picture, the world left behind will enter a tribulation period of 7 years just like we read in Daniel 9:27

²⁷ **The ruler** will make a treaty with the people for a period of **ONE SET OF SEVEN**, but after **HALF THIS TIME**, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him." (Daniel 9:27 NLT)

- At the beginning of this tribulation period the antichrist will be revealed. He will make a peace treaty with Israel for 7 years, but at the halfway point, he will break that treaty.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

- The most detailed description of the second coming of Jesus Christ is found in Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

- The 2nd coming will mark the end of the tribulation period and usher in the millennial reign
- This is when Jesus is coming with His church to defeat the antichrist in a battle called the Battle of Armageddon.
- The term Armageddon comes from the Hebrew language Megiddo which a valley in the northern parts of Israel.
- According to Revelation 19:20, Christ and angelic army will capture the antichrist and cast him into the lake of fire.

THE MILLENNIUM REIGN

- Revelation 20:1-10 fully describes that period of 1000 years of reign with Jesus and us on earth.
- It will be a time of universal peace, prosperity, long life.

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- Satan will be bound for the entire 1000 years after that he will be released for a short time and then cast into the lake of fire where he will spend eternity.
- After that all unbelievers will be judged and because of their rejection of Christ, they will be sent into the lake of fire. This is the final judgement!

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

- The Great White Throne pertains to the judgement of the unbelieving dead as recorded in Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. ¹² I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds.

¹⁴ Then death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.

ETERNITY FOR BELIEVERS

- Revelation 2: 1,2 talks about an eternal dwelling place for all believers. **A NEW HEAVEN. A NEW EARTH. A NEW JERUSALEM**

¹Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ² And I saw the holy city, the **new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.