A white dove is perched on an open book. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, wispy white clouds. The scene is bathed in a gentle, ethereal light, suggesting a peaceful and divine atmosphere. The dove is facing forward, and its wings are slightly spread. The book is open, with its pages visible, and it appears to be resting on a surface. The overall composition is centered and balanced, with the dove and book as the primary focus.

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things.

(Ephesians 3:9-10)



# The Last Days

**WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?**

*Watch Therefore, For You Know  
Neither the Day Nor the Hour (2)*





A lack of interest in the Rapture & the Second Coming & the ignorance that accompanies such indifference has settled like an obscuring fog over the Church.

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Anonymous



## **2 Timothy 4:8**

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All that awaits me now is the crown of righteousness which the Lord, “the Righteous Judge,” will award to me on that Day – and not only to me, but also **to all who have longed for Him to appear.**



## **Definition: the Doctrine of the Rapture**

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The rapture of the church is the event in which God “snatches away” all believers from the earth in order to make way for His righteous wrath to be poured out on the earth during the Tribulation period. At the rapture, the Lord comes “in the clouds” to meet us “in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). God will resurrect all believers who have died, give them glorified bodies, and take them from the earth, along with all living believers, who will also be given glorified bodies at that time.

New Testament Scriptures that teach us about the rapture of the Church:  
**John 14:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:50-57, Hebrews 9:28, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18,  
1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, Revelation 3:10-11.**



## 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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- 16.** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
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## 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

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- 51.** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- 52.** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
- 53.** For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.



## **Definition: the Tribulation**

**Acts 14:22** tells us that “**through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God**” but there is, besides this common experience of Christians, a future period of tribulation.

- In **Daniel 12:1** it is spoken of as “**a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time.**”
- In **Matthew 24:21** it is described as “**a great tribulation.**”
- In **Luke 21:34** it is referred to as “**that day.**”



## **Definition: the Tribulation**

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- Revelation 3:10 speaks of “the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”
- Revelation 7:14 speaks of those who are “coming out of the great tribulation.”
- Jeremiah 30:7 refers to the Tribulation as “the time of Jacob’s trouble.”
- Isaiah 24:17-21; Isaiah 26:20f & Isaiah 34:1-3 refer to the Tribulation as “the time of God’s indignation with the inhabitants of the earth.”



## **Definition: the Tribulation**

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In Scripture, the Tribulation is associated with the term “the day of the Lord” which is related to a specific timeframe for the outpouring of the wrath of God.

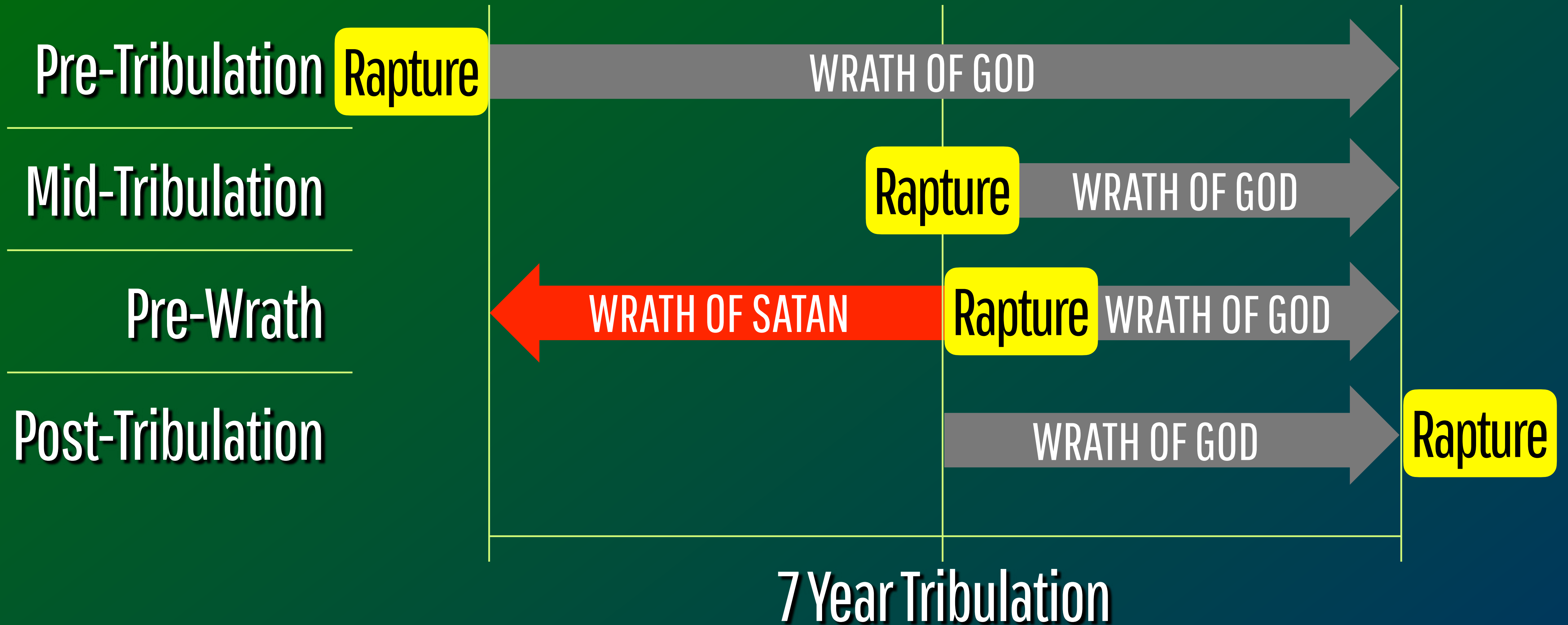
In the Tribulation the Lord will accomplish at least two aspects of His plan:

- He will complete His discipline of the nation of Israel (**Daniel 9:24**).
- He will pour out His wrath on the unbelieving, godless inhabitants of the earth (**Revelation 6 - 18**).

The length of the Tribulation is seven years, consisting of two periods of three & a half years (**Daniel 9:24-27**).



# 4 Views of the timing of the Rapture





First 3 & a half  
Years of the  
Tribulation

- Beginning  
of Sorrows

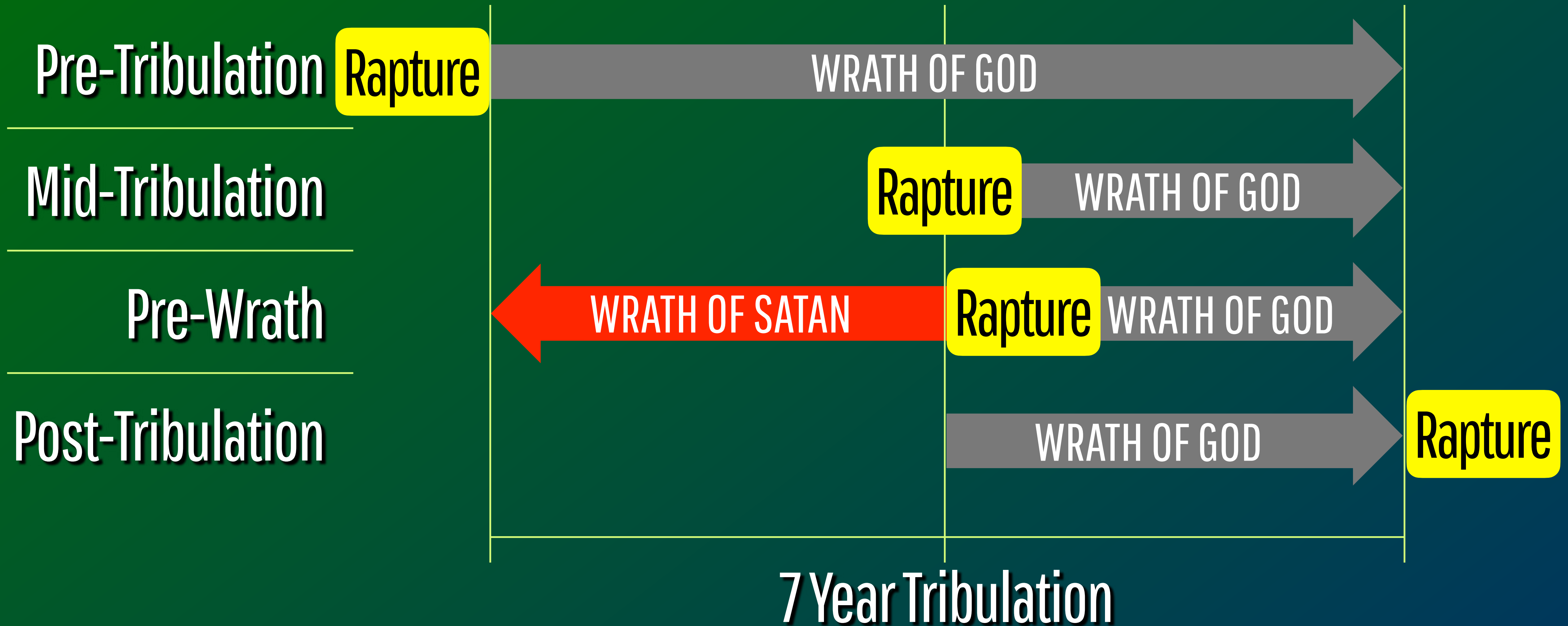
- Time of  
Jacob's  
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- Day of the  
Vengeance  
of the Lord

- \* Antichrist "strengthens" a 7 year peace treaty in the Middle East
- \* The temple in Jerusalem is rebuilt, sacrifices recommence
- \* Two witnesses & 144,000 Jewish evangelists
- \* First seal opened: rider on the white horse (Antichrist released)
- \* Second seal opened: rider on the red horse (war everywhere)
- \* Third seal opened: rider on the black horse (worldwide famine)
- \* Fourth seal opened: rider on the pale horse (1/4 of world killed)
- \* Antichrist moves his capital from Rome to Jerusalem
- \* Fifth seal opened: worldwide martyrdom of the "tribulation saints"
- \* Sixth seal opened: great worldwide earthquake

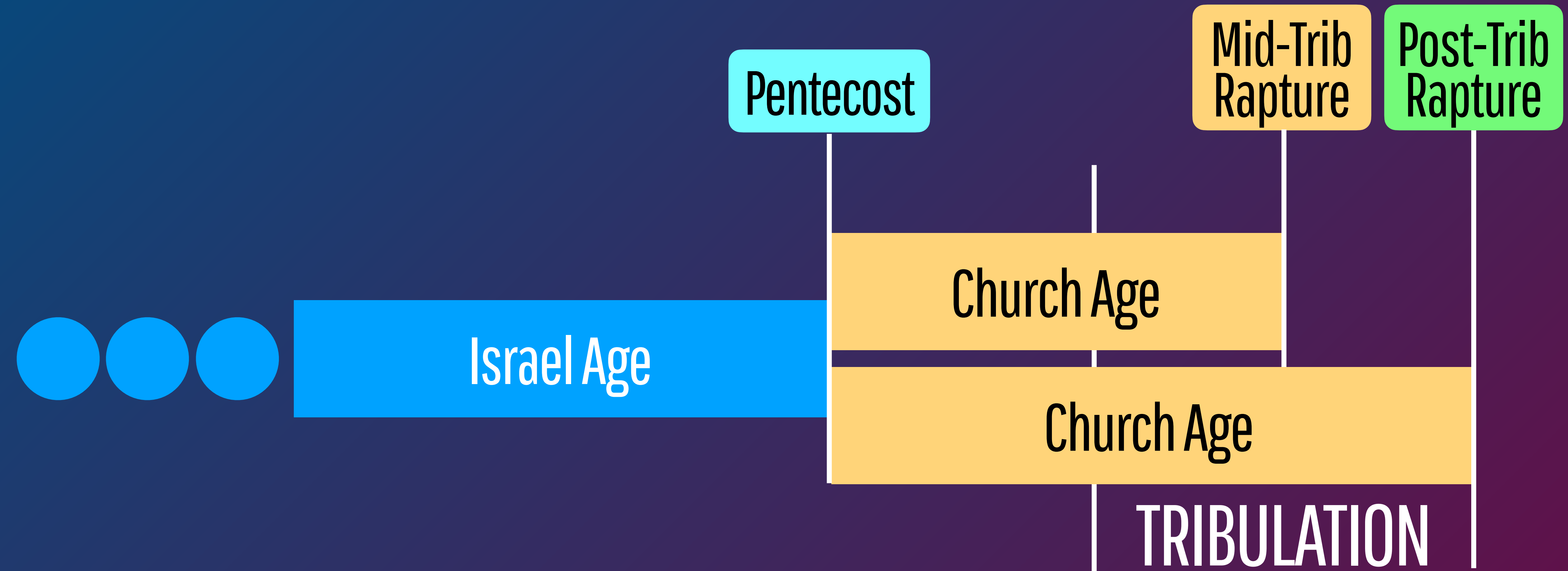


# 4 Views of the timing of the Rapture





# The lie of Replacement Theology





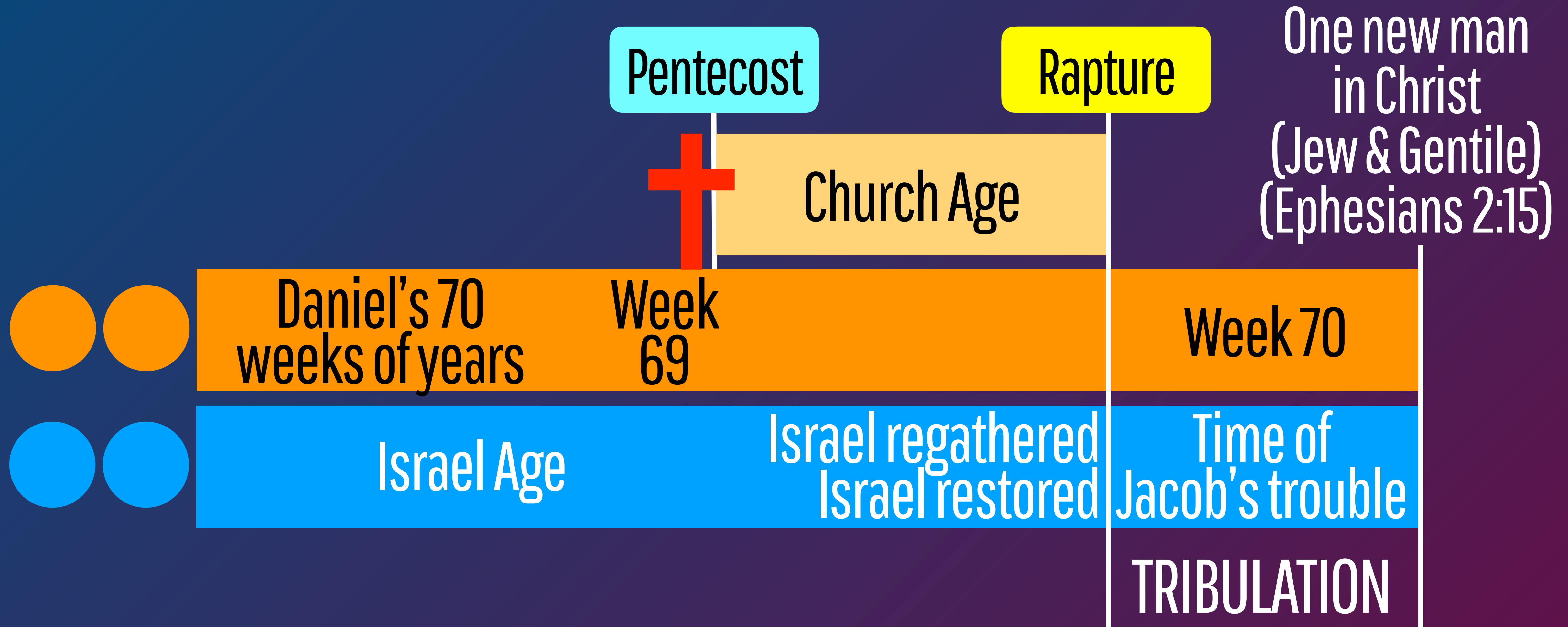
## Luke 13:35

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I tell you, you will not see Me again until you say, **Baruch Ha'ba B'Shem Adonai**, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.



# Scripture (including Bible prophecy) teaches





## Jeremiah 31:35-37

- 35.** Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is His name:
- 36.** **IF** this fixed order departs from before Me, declares the Lord, **THEN** shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before Me forever.
- 37.** Thus says the Lord: **IF** the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored **THEN** I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done, declares the Lord.



## Romans 11:1-2

1. I ask, then, has God rejected His people? **By no means!** For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
2. **God has not rejected His people** whom He foreknew.



## 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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## **1 Thessalonians 5:3**

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While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.



## 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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9. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10. who died for us so that whether we are **awake** or **asleep** we might live with Him.



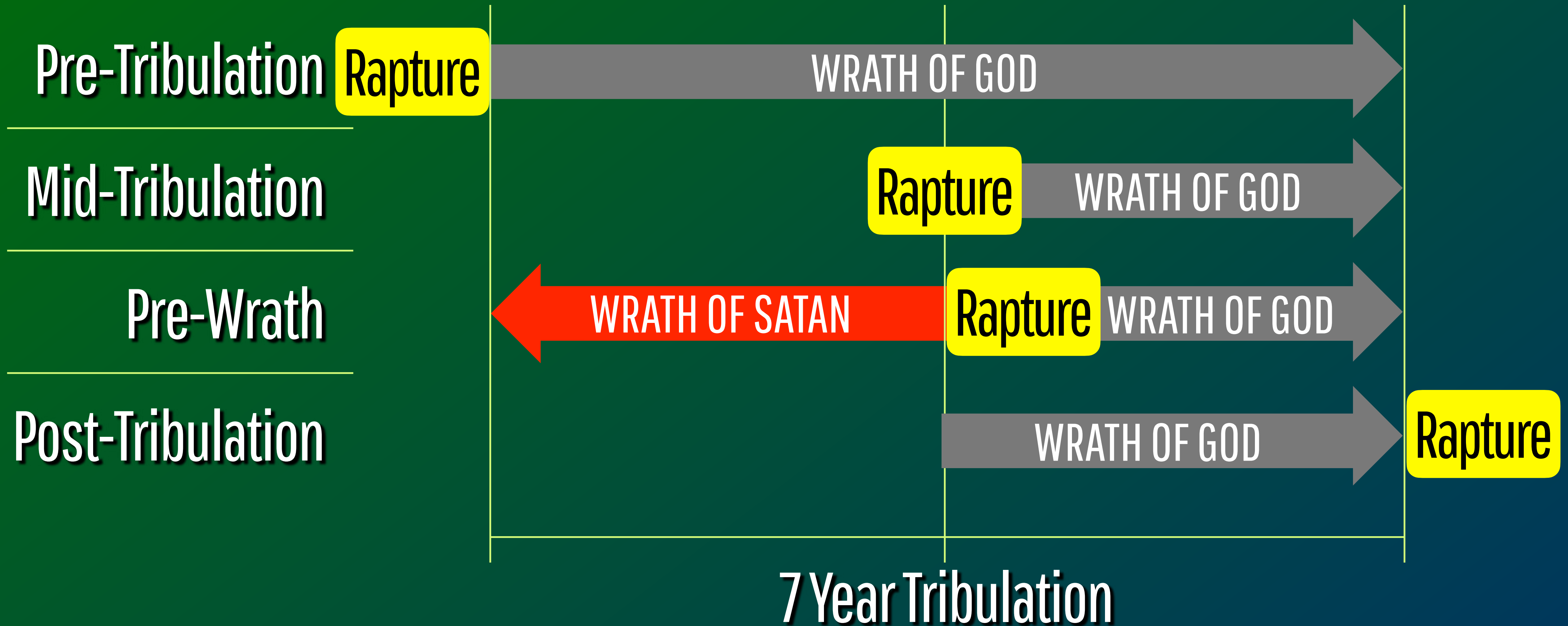
## 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (Amplified Bible)

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9. For God has not appointed us to [incur His] wrath [He did not select us to condemn us], but [that we might] obtain [His] salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)
10. Who died for us so that whether we are still **alive** or are **dead** [at Christ's appearing], we might live together with Him and share His life.



# 4 Views of the timing of the Rapture





## John 14:1 -3

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1. Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.
2. In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.



## Revelation 3:10-11

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10. Because you have kept My word about patient endurance, I will keep you FROM the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.
11. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown.



## Colossians 3:4-6

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4. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
5. Put to death, therefore, the components of your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.
6. Because of these, **the wrath of God** is coming on the sons of disobedience.



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Ready for the Rapture?  
There's no such thing as GETTING ready.  
There's only LIVING ready.

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David Jeremiah, *The Rapture*