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Logos Class

Book of Revelation- Ch 6

July 20, 2025

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Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 6, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 4 – Heavens Open Door*
- ✓ *July 13, 2025.* - *Revelation Ch 5 – Lion and Lamb*
- ✓ *July 20, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 6 A – Seals 1-6*
- *July 27, 2025* - *Revelation Ch 6B & 7A*
- *Aug 3, 2025* - *Charlie Owens to teach*

We will be out on vacation for 3 Sundays

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Israel has attacked Syria to prevent attacks on the Druze. It appears a cease-fire has begun*
- *No progress on Hostages or an end to the Gaza war*
- *Hopeful for the Abraham Accord & new peace treaties*

US/World

- *US is putting new sanctions on both Russia and Iran*
- *Not much new in the Ukraine/Russian War, except we are sending weapons again to Ukraine*
- ***Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease.***

Revelation – How the Book of Revelation Unfolds- 1

The book of Revelation presents Jesus Christ in 3 areas:

His Person, His Power, His Program

*This unfolds in **5 Parts**:*

Part 1: Rev 1-3 - Jesus and His Church

- ✓ *Introductions 1:1-8*
- ✓ *Unexpected Meeting 1:9-20*
- ✓ *Introduction to the Church*
- ✓ *Love Letters to the 7 churches (several lessons) **Finish today***

Part 2: Rev 4-5 – Journey to Heaven

- ✓ *Heaven's Open Door- Ch 4*
- ✓ *Lion and Lamb – Ch 5*

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Part 3 – The Judgments of the Lamb – Rev 6-18



The lamb opens the seals – Ch 6

First interlude – Ch 7

The Trumpets sound – Chapters 8-9

Second Interlude – Part 1 - John eats the book – Ch 10

Second Interlude – Part 2 – Two witnesses

Third Interlude – Part 1 – The Invisible War – Ch 12

Third Interlude – Part 2 – Antichrist comes to power – Ch 13

Third Interlude – Part 3 – Preview of things to come – Ch 14

A Song for the End – Ch 15

The Pouring of the Bowls – Ch 16

The Fall of Babylon – Ch 17-18

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Part 4 – The Reign of the King – Rev 19-20

The Return of the King – Ch 19

Wrapping Things Up – Ch 20

Part 5: Eternity – Rev 21-22

All things new – Ch 21-22:5

Even So...Come – Ch 22:6-21

Maranatha!!

Revelation Chapters 4-5



7 Seals
of
Revelation



White Horse



Red Horse



Black Horse



Pale Horse



Souls Crying Out



Earthquake, Sun, Moon & Stars



Silence in Heaven

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Ch 6
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Before we begin Rev Ch 6...

I mentioned last week that the judgments to come from the 7 seals mark the beginning of the Tribulation period, and that we, as Christians, will not be on Earth during this period.

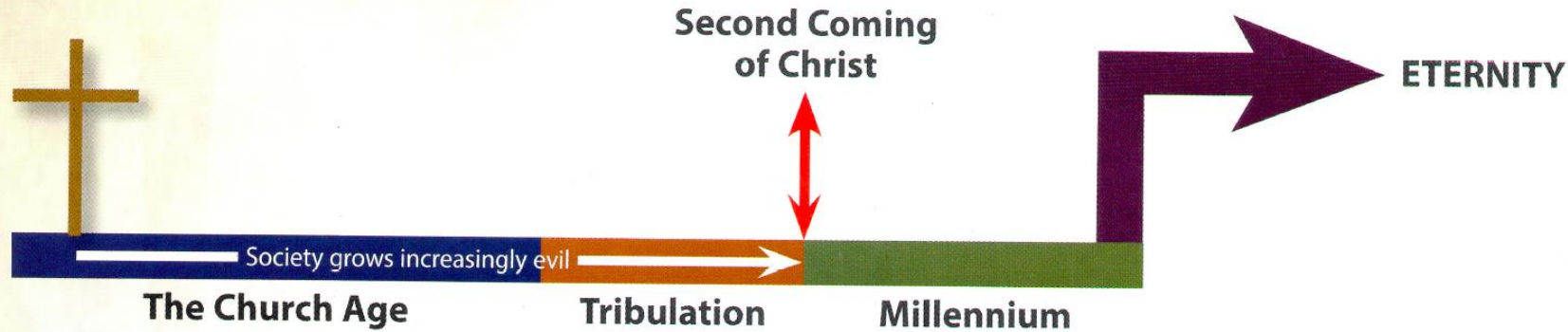
I know some of you are familiar with this concept from previous studies on Prophecy. I believe some of you ladies are in the Jennifer Johnson led discussion on the End Times, but I wanted to take a few minutes and explain the basics of the Biblical End Times.

Source of both comfort and discomfort in the Christian World today

- Differences on the basics of Interpretation...*
- Differences on the timing of agreed events*
- Fantasy, Allegory, or Literal Truth*

Four Basic Views of The End Times – Historical Pre

HISTORICAL PREMILLENNIALISM



What is historical premillennialism?

It is the belief that Christians will remain on the earth during the great tribulation, which will purify the churches by rooting out false believers. The second coming of Christ will precede the millennium, which is a literal, future event. God's promises of land and blessings to Abraham and his offspring were conditional promises based on their obedience. The church has replaced the nation of Israel as God's covenant people. God has maintained a covenant of grace throughout the Old and New Testaments with all who trusted in him. These believers—embodied today in the church—are the true Israel (Rom. 9:6–8; Gal. 6:16).

What Scriptures seem to support this view?

The revealing of the Antichrist precedes Christ's return (2 Thess. 2:3–4). The tribulation will root out false members from the churches (Rev. 2:22–23). The saints are on earth during the tribulation (Rev. 13:7). God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were conditional (Gen. 22:18; 2 Chron. 33:8; Isa. 1:19–20; Jer. 7:6–7). The New Testament frequently uses "Israel" and "the twelve tribes" to refer to Christians (Matt. 19:28–29; Rom. 9:6–8).

When has this view been popular?

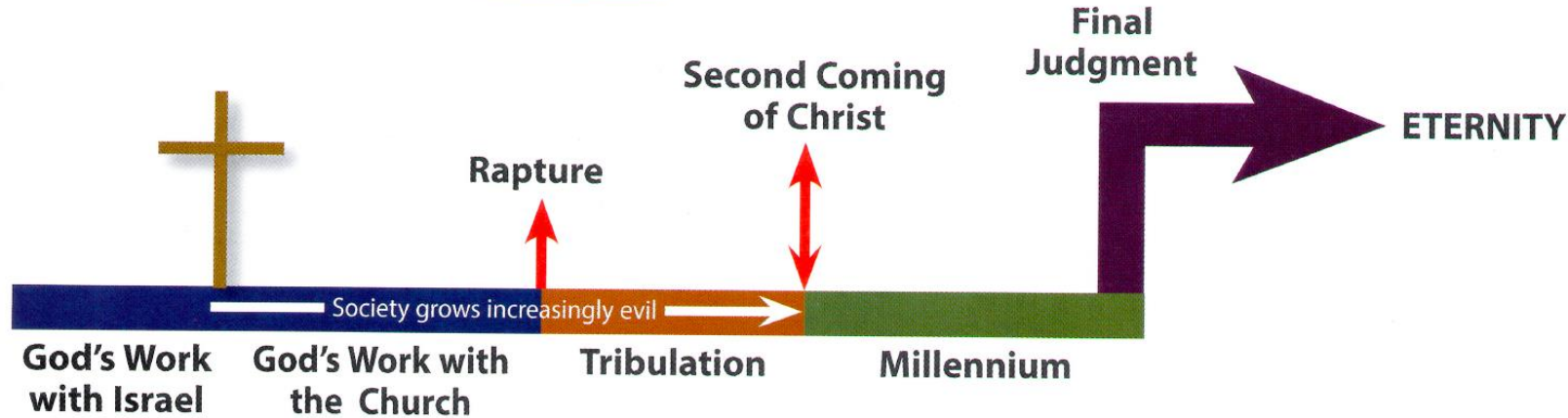
It seems to have been the earliest view of the end times among Christians who lived just after the apostles, but it faded with later church fathers. Supporters included many early church fathers such as Lactantius, Irenaeus, Justin Martyr, and possibly Papias. Modern supporters include David Dockery, John Warwick Montgomery, George R. Beasley-Murray, Robert Gundry, and George E. Ladd.

Key Beliefs

- The Church will be here for the Tribulation
- God's promises to Jews have been taken over by the Church, and Israel has little relevance any longer
- Modern "replacement Theory" movement in the church
- No Rapture of the Church

Four Basic Views of The End Times – Dispensational

DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM



What is dispensational premillennialism?

It is the belief that Jesus will come back to earth after a seven-year tribulation and will rule during a thousand-year millennium of peace on earth. God will still give to the nation of Israel the land described in Genesis 15:18. All references to Israel in Revelation refer to the nation of Israel. Most who hold this view are "pre-tribulationists"; they understand Revelation 4:1–2 to refer to the rapture. The rapture is the event when Christ removes Christians from the earth before the great tribulation begins. The rapture and the second coming of Jesus are two separate events. Others who hold this view are "mid-tribulationists"; they believe the rapture will occur during the tribulation.

What Scriptures seem to support this view?

God will remove Christians before the tribulation (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10). God's promises to Abraham and his offspring were unconditional (Gen. 15:7–21). The church is not specifically mentioned between Revelation 4 and 19.

When has this view been popular?

This view emerged in the 1800s among the Plymouth Brethren. It increased in popularity in the late 1800s and remains widespread today. Supporters include J. Nelson Darby, C.I. Scofield, Harry A. Ironside, Gleason Archer, Donald G. Barnhouse, Hal Lindsey, Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Charles Ryrie, Charles Stanley, Norman L. Geisler, and Tim LaHaye.

This is also called Pre-Trib, Pre-Millennial. Two separate times when Christ returns for His Church

- *Rapture*
- *Second Coming*

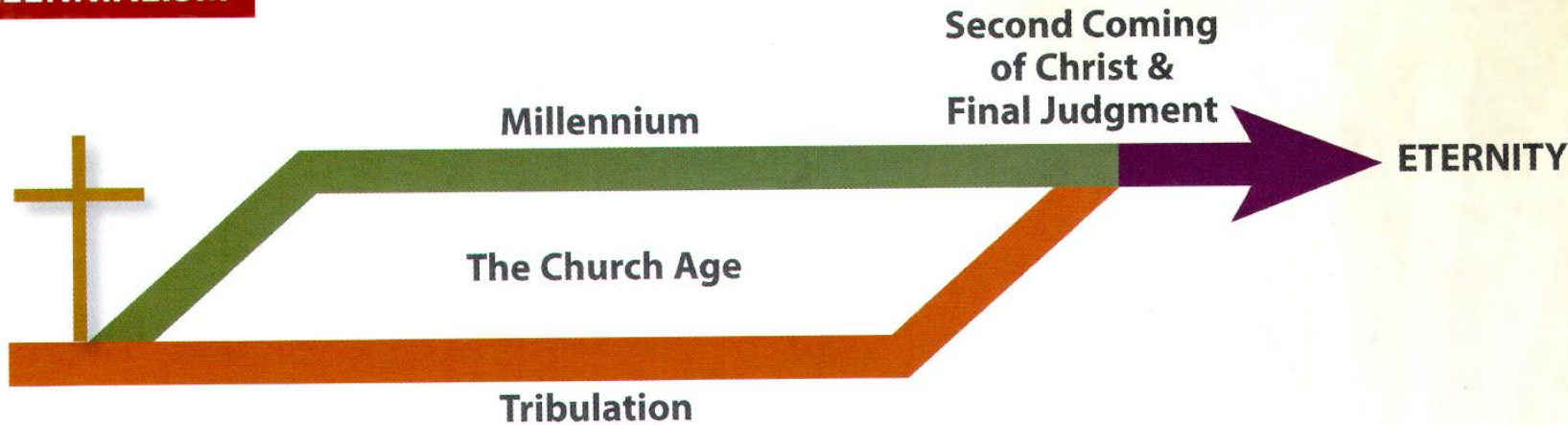
Differences in the timing of the Rapture demarcate keys

- ✓ *PRE-TRIB*
- *MID-TRIB*
- *POST-TRIB*

This is the view of Pastor Jeff and has been taught at FRC End Times Series

Four Basic Views of The End Times – Amillennial

AMILLENNIALISM



What is amillennialism?

It is the belief that the millennium is the spiritual reign of Jesus in the hearts of his followers. The "first resurrection" in Revelation 20:5 is not a physical restoration from the dead, but a spiritual resurrection (regeneration). Christ's triumph over Satan through his death and resurrection restrained the power of Satan on earth (Rev. 20:1–3). Persecution of Christians (tribulation) will occur until Jesus comes again, as will the expansion of God's kingdom (the millennium). When Christ returns, he will immediately defeat the powers of evil, resurrect the saved and the unsaved, judge them, and deliver them to their eternal destinies. Most references to Israel in Revelation are symbolic references to the people of God on earth.

What Scriptures seem to support this view?

The Bible frequently uses the number 1,000 figuratively (Ps. 50:10; 90:4; 105:8; 2 Peter 3:8). The first resurrection could refer to the spiritual resurrection of those who trust Christ (Rev. 20:4; Rom. 11:13–15; Eph. 2:1–4). The second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the saved and the unsaved will occur at the same time (Dan. 12:2–3; John 5:28–29). The saints are on earth during the tribulation (Rev. 13:7).

When has this view been popular?

It became popular in the fifth century and has remained widespread throughout church history. Augustine was possibly the first amillennialist. Martin Luther and John Calvin held this view. Other supporters include E.Y. Mullins, Abraham Kuyper, G.C. Berkouwer, Herschel Hobbs, Stanley Grenz, and J. I. Packer.

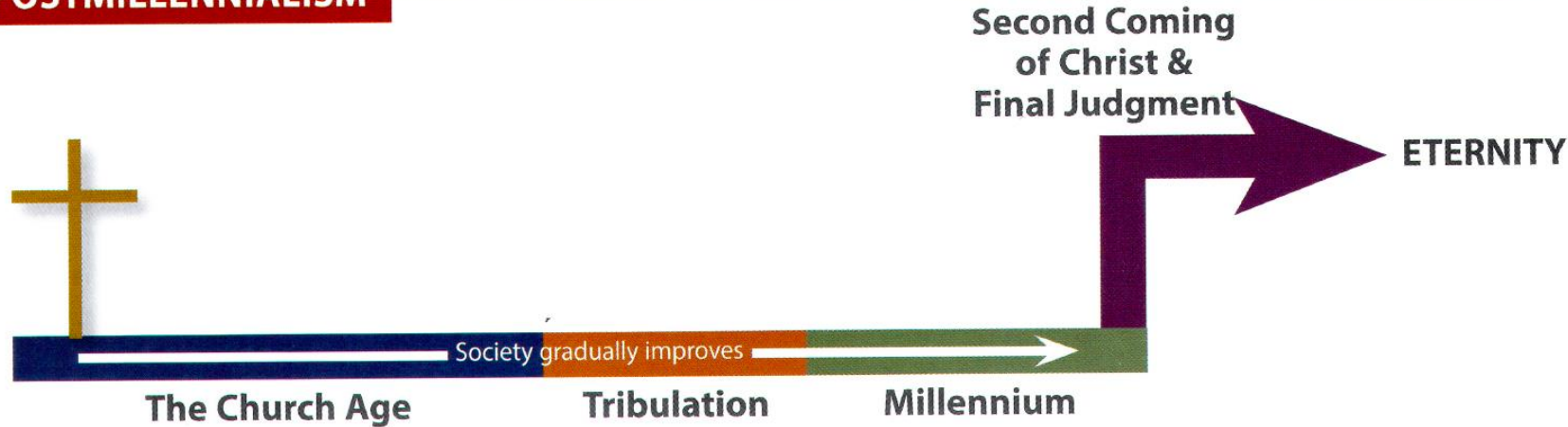
This view basically that there is no Physical Millennium, but it is all metaphorical.

I am surprised by who supported this idea.

I could support the PanMillennial view: It will all pan out as Christ has pre-determined

Four Basic Views of The End Times – Post Millennial

POSTMILLENNIALISM



What is postmillennialism?

It is the belief that the second coming of Christ will occur after the millennium, which represents a long time period when, through the preaching of the gospel, most of the world will submit to Jesus. Satan will have no power over the earth, and evil regimes will collapse (Rev. 19:19–20:3). Christ will rule the earth through his Spirit and through his church. He will not, however, be physically present on the earth. The resurrection depicted in Revelation 20:4 represents the spiritual regeneration of people who trust in Jesus Christ. The second coming of Christ, the final conflict between good and evil, the defeat of Satan, the physical resurrection of all people, and the final judgment will occur together, immediately after the millennium (Rev. 20:7–15).

What Scriptures seem to support this view?

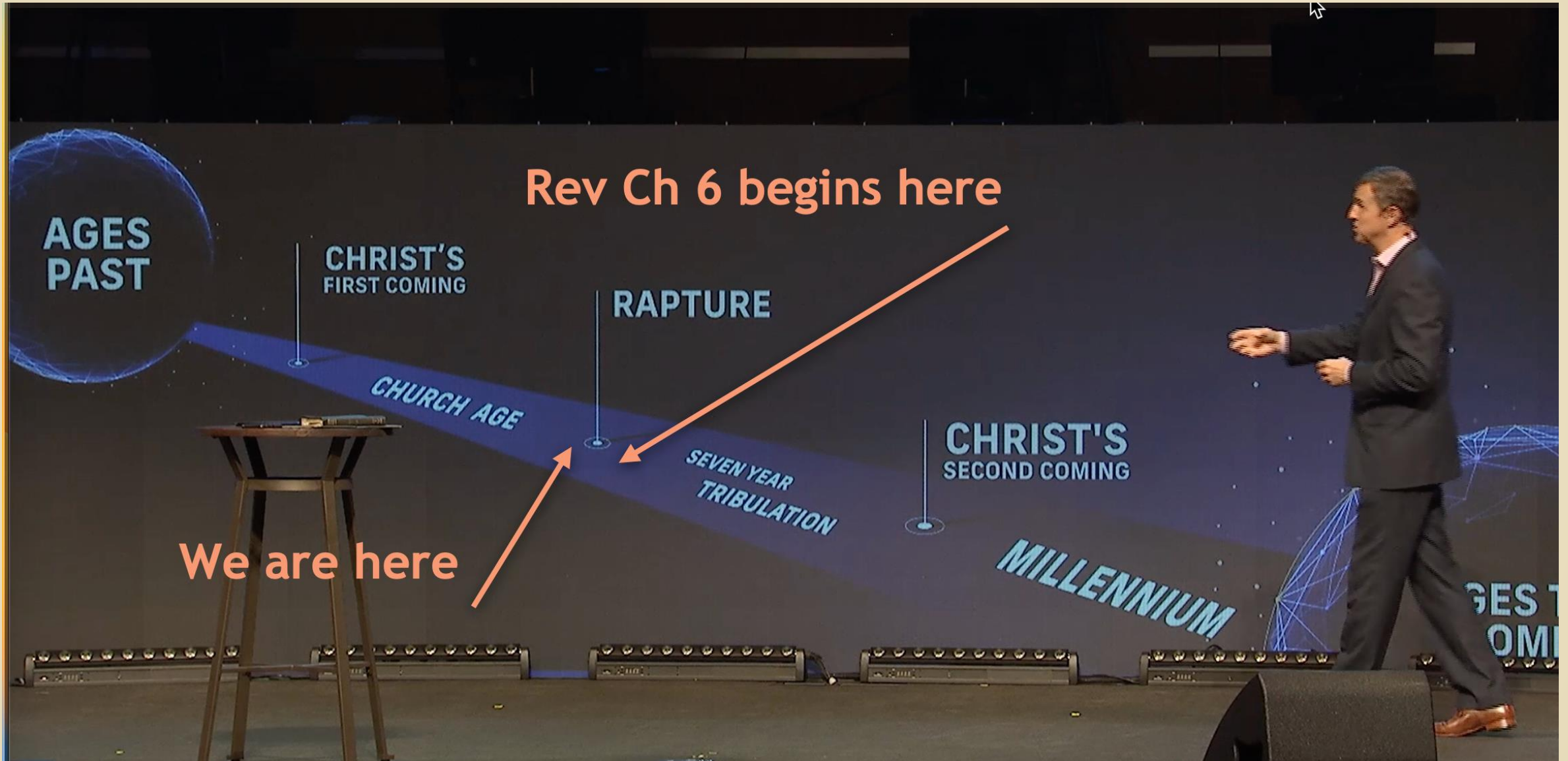
Every ethnic group will receive the gospel before the second coming (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10). The second coming of Christ and the resurrection of all people will occur at the same time (Dan. 12:2–3; John 5:28–29).

When has postmillennialism been popular?

The earliest writer who was clearly postmillennialist was Joachim of Fiore (1135–1202). Earlier leaders such as Eusebius, Athanasius, and Augustine may have also been postmillennialists. During the missionary expansion of the 1800s, this view increased in popularity. But in the early 1900s, a world war and economic depression raised questions about whether the world was becoming a better place, and postmillennialism diminished in popularity. Supporters include Jonathan Edwards, B.B. Warfield, Augustus H. Strong, Charles Hodge, R.L. Dabney, Loraine Boettner, and R.C. Sproul.

No Rapture, and a Spiritual Millennium where the world gets better and better until the condition of Peace and Christ's reign is across the world
All believers and all people go through the tribulation and there is only one time for Christ to come, and that is the Second Coming. Their idea of a Rapture means a regeneration spiritually, not physically

Pastors Chart from 2020 Sermon Series on The End Times



Contrasts between the Rapture and 2nd Coming

Rapture/Translation

- 1 Translation of all believers
- 2 Translated saints go to heaven
- 3 Earth not judged
- 4 Imminent, any-moment, sign less
- 5 Not in the Old Testament
- 6 Believers only
- 7 Before the day of wrath
- 8 No reference to Satan
- 9 Christ comes for His own
- 10 He comes in the air
- 11 He claims His bride
- 12 Only His own see Him
- 13 Tribulation begins

2nd Coming/Estab. Kingdom

- 1 No translation at all
- 2 Translated saints return to earth
- 3 Earth judged & righteousness established
- 4 Follows definite predicted signs, including tribulation
- 5 Predicted often in the Old Testament
- 6 Affects all men
- 7 Concluding the day of wrath
- 8 Satan bound
- 9 Christ comes with His own
- 10 He comes to the earth
- 11 He comes with His bride
- 12 Every eye shall see Him
- 13 Millennial Kingdom begins

Revelation Ch 6 – The Beginning of God’s Great Wrath

Key Points:

The first 6 seals are opened with tremendous impact on the Earth

The Interpretation of these depends on understanding other portions of the Bible, and critically, whether the “church” has been raptured/translated

In Rev Ch 6, I believe that the Church is already in Heaven, and all that is left are non-believers and some “close” believers in Christ. Non-believers include all people groups and religions that are non-Christian. “Close” believers include all who do not have the Holy Spirit and a form of Christianity.

These “seal” judgments are a warning to all inhabitants of Earth, and especially to those who live loosely their Christianity...Close but no cigar, as Groucho Marx used to say

Rev 6:1-8 describes 4 riders on horses

- *A white Horse*
- *A Fiery Red Horse*
- *A Black Horse*
- *A Pale Horse*

Remember, the purpose of the Tribulation, aka Time of Jacob's Trouble, is to drive the Jews to accept the Messiah and be saved, and also to judge the wicked and set up the Millennium. There are also Gentiles saved in the Tribulation.



Revelation 6:1-2 White Horse - Conquest

*6 I watched as the **Lamb** opened the **first of the seven seals**. Then I heard **one of the four living creatures** say in a voice like thunder, “**Come!**”*

*² I looked^{**}, and there before me was **a white horse**! Its rider held a bow, and he was given^{*} **a crown**, and he rode out **as a conqueror bent on conquest**.*

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*** - see, know, perceive. * - grant, give, or present, not earned.*

Revelation Ch 6:1-2. A little deeper

*So, John sees the Lamb who took the scroll from God open the **first seal**. When He did, one of the Cherubim called out in a loud voice, “Come”*

*Something is being called forward for action. What comes is a **White Horse** with a **rider with a bow and presented an “earned” crown**, which means he is some kind of warrior leader out for conquest and had the appearance of having earned his crown.*

The White Horse symbolizes a conqueror riding out from Heaven as an Earthly prince. I believe this is the “prince to come” in Daniel 9:26 that will lead the final Gentile Kingdom from Daniel's visions. It is generally referred to as the Revived Roman Empire, and the rider is viewed as the Antichrist.

Interestingly, there are no arrows with his bow, which could hint at a voluntary submission by the World to his authority.

Revelation 6:3-4 The Red Horse - War

³ When the Lamb opened the **second seal**, I heard the second living creature say, **“Come!”**

⁴ Then another horse came out, **a fiery red one**. Its rider was given **power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other**. To him was given a **large sword**.

This horse and rider take peace from the earth by starting wars and inflaming people to kill each other. We see glimpses of this power in today's hate and violence-filled world. He is given a large sword, which implies powerful weapons to wage war. The fiery red color indicates flaming hatred and violence.

Revelation 6:5-6 The Black Horse - Famine

*⁵ When the Lamb opened the **third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, **“Come!”** I looked, and there before me was **a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.***

*⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, **“Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”***

After war, famine comes, and food and water are scarce. This rider had the scales which indicated the prices of everything had gone up to where it was unaffordable compared to the daily wage

Revelation 6:7-8 Pale Horse of Death

*⁷ When the Lamb opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, **“Come!”***

*⁸ I looked, and there before me was a **pale horse**! Its rider was named **Death**, and **Hades was following close behind him**. **They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.***

- *After war and famine come, **Death** comes next. **Hades** is the Greek word for the resting place of souls. So, Death claimed its victims, and Hades took them into the ground as a holding place.*
- *The Horse is pale, which is a symbol of being weak, malnourished, and near death.*
- *All forms of death occur from being killed by the sword, dying from famine or plague, and being eaten by wild beasts. A fourth of the earth is claimed.*

Revelation 6:1-8 Let's Summarize -The first 4 seals...

*The **White Horse of Conquest** - A conqueror will come and conquer the Earth. He will come in what appears like Peace (White), but the people will follow him after battles.*

*He is followed close behind by the **Red Horse of War**. What tribes and people resist will be ravaged by war. The fiery red color points to brutal wars where people kill each other*

*After War, the **Black Horse of Famine** comes. After wars, famine usually follows. Those not killed in the wars are starved to death. Food costs go up, and a day's wage can barely keep them alive, and even then, low quality food.*

*After War, and Famine, comes the **Pale Horse, whose rider is Death**. **They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.***

***Death is followed closely by Hades**, the resting place of the dead souls (non-Christians)*

Revelation 6:1-8 Prophetic Implications

As Society plunges further away from God and His Word...we are descending into brutal acts of violence against others. We are seeing it play out now across the globe. Wars seem to be everywhere, and violence is off the charts. Hatred of others causes violence even in civil societies. People are yearning for a leader to take charge and right all the wrongs.

Religion and Peace are taking a back seat to hatred.

What we see in the first 4 seals is a progression of the world accepting a new leader, but with war, famine, pestilence, and death. These are the wrath of God, not the wrath of man.

Let's take a look at the next seals.

Revelation 6:9-11 Under the Altar...

⁹ When he opened the **fifth seal**, I saw **under the altar** the souls of those who had **been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained**.

¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, **“How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”**

¹¹ Then each of them was given a **white robe**, and they were **told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been**.

After all the deaths in the first 4 seals, we see souls under the Altar crying out for justice.

Q's: Who are they? And where did they come from?

Deeper Dive – Matt 24 and 25 are rich in prophecy

Remember Christ talking about the end times in the Gospel of Matthew?

Matt 24 speaks of the tribulation period, and He tells them they will

- Hear of wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, but these must happen.*
- Then He tells them they will be persecuted and die for their faith because of Him. People will fall away from the Truth and believe lies, and Christians will be martyred for their beliefs.*

This scene in Rev 6 takes place after the Rapture of the Church, but the Holy Spirit is still in the world, and the Word of God is still here, so people will continue to be saved. God's plan also includes the Jews.

- These souls under the altar are what are called the **Tribulation Saints**, to distinguish them from the Church. The fact that they are in Heaven speaks to their salvation, and since they do not have resurrected bodies tells us they were not in the rapture. I guess they have some kind of form though, because they are given white robes*

Revelation Ch 6:12-13 The 6th Seal

¹² I watched as he opened the **sixth seal**. There was a **great earthquake**. The **sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair**, the **whole moon turned blood red**,

¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and **every mountain and island** was removed from its place.

Now the seals affect the earth itself, not just the people. Calamity strikes everywhere with the sun going dark, blood moons, stars falling, fruit dropping from trees. (Fig trees stand for Israel)

Heavens roll up, and mountains and Islands disappear. I certainly don't know what all is involved, but these first 6 seals are devastating

Matthew 24:29 After the destruction and distress

29 “Immediately after the distress of those days

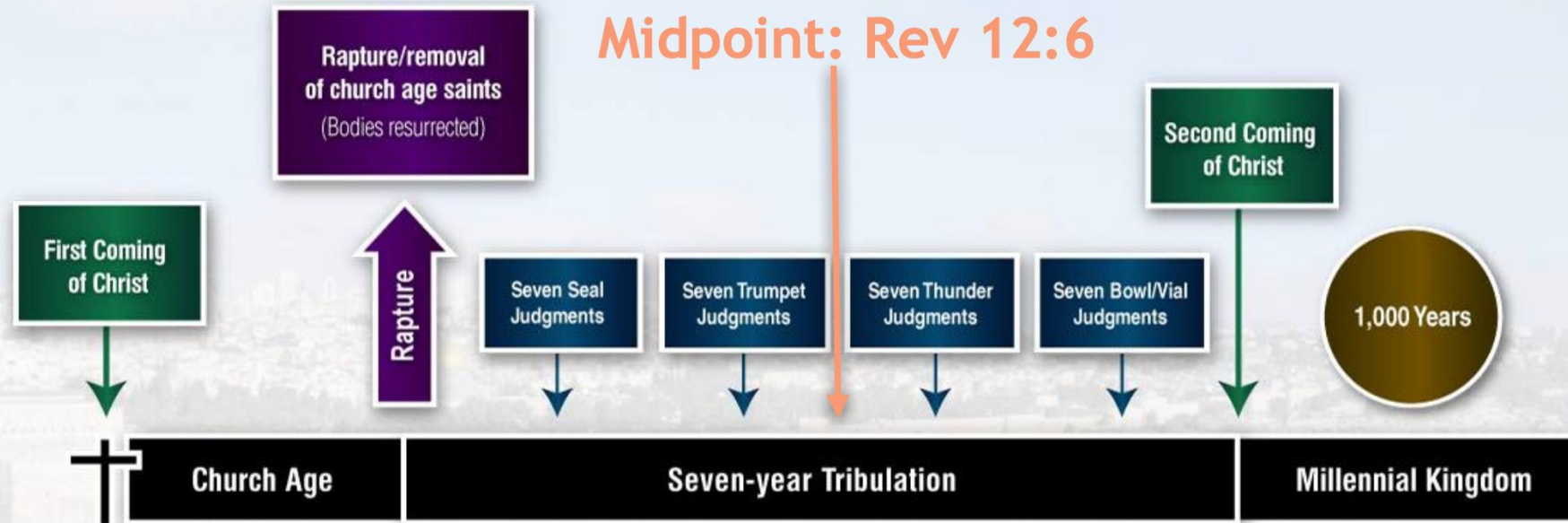
*“‘the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’*

We see strong parallels in Matt 24 and Rev 6.

Go back and read Matt 24-25 to see what the Lord tells us will happen

We are going to stop here for the day

Timing of Judgments with Tribulation Events



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One last thing for today

The relation of the judgments to the events of the Tribulation period is not exact because all of Revelation is not Chronological, but here is a good way to understand them

Next week

Next week, Finish reading Rev 6 and 7, and add Matt 24/25

- ***Pray for our country and our leaders***
- ***Pray for Georgia, and our Leaders***
- ***Pray for our church and leaders, and that our new facilities will be the lampstand that holds the light of Christ high for all to see.***
- ***Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem***
- ***Pray for each other and encourage each other***
- ***Pray for a **great awakening** to continue across the world and in the US in preparation for the things to come***
- ***Pray for the Nations, as the world closes in on the prophetic movement of the end times, as it marches to God's timetable***
- ***Be thankful and grateful for all the Lord has done and is doing.***