



**THE  
PRE-TRIBULATION  
RAPTURE**

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2 Peter 3:3, 4

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

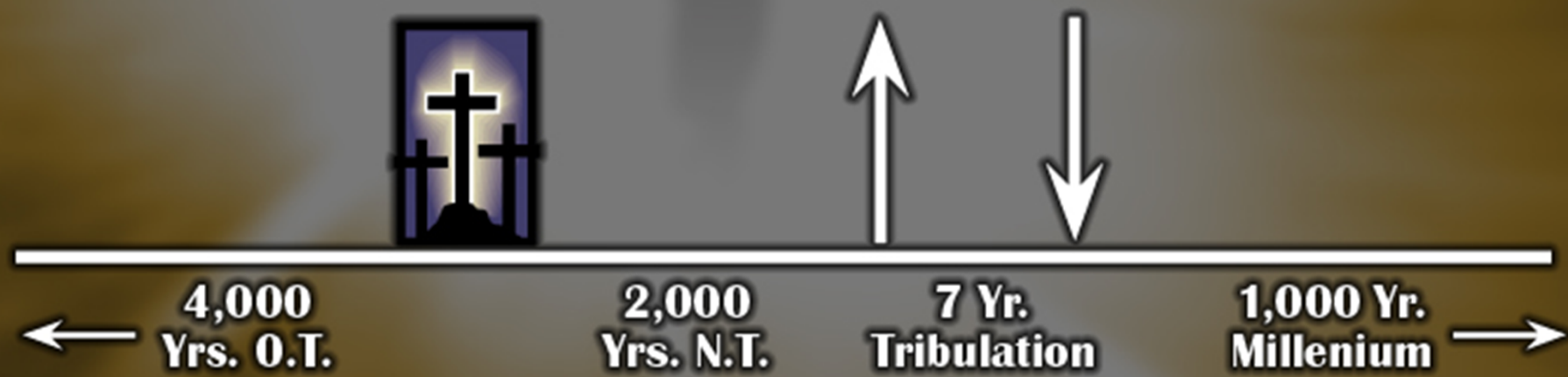
4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

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**2 Peter 3:8**

**But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

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## **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

**Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

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## **1 Corinthians 15:51-57**

**54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**

**56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.**

**57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

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**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

**17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

**18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

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**The Rapture marks the end of the Church Age, sparing God's people from His wrath — the Great Tribulation.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:10**

**And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

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**The Rapture marks the end of the Church Age, sparing God's people from His wrath — the Great Tribulation.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:9**

**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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**No one knows when the Rapture will occur, it is imminent. All things are in place for it to happen at any time.**

**There are several different teachings on where the Rapture falls on the prophetic timeline:**

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**Church Age**

**7 Yr.  
Tribulation**



**Post-Trib  
Rapture**

**THE RAPTURE**



**Church Age**

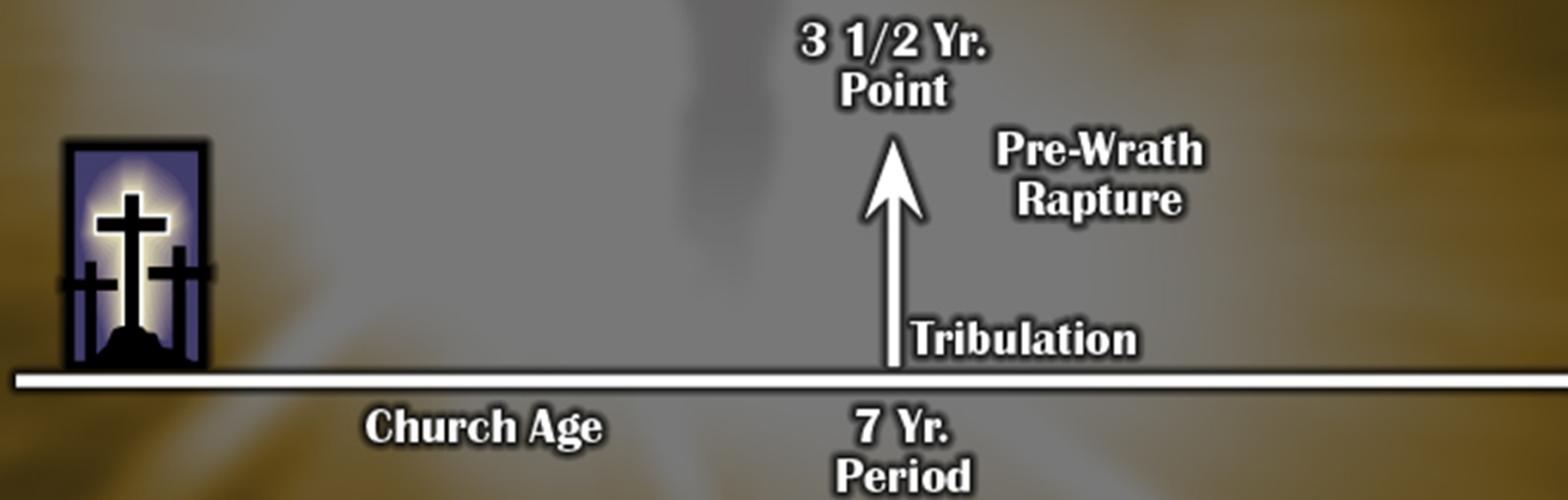
**7 Yr.  
Tribulation**

**3 1/2 Yr.  
Point**



**Mid-Trib  
Rapture**

**THE RAPTURE**



**THE RAPTURE**



**Church Age**



**Pre-Trib  
Rapture**

**7 Yr. Tribulation**

**THE RAPTURE**



**Enoch:**

**Genesis 5:24**

**And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**

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**Enoch:**

**Hebrews 11:5**

**By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

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**Lot:**

**Genesis 19:12, 13, 16, 22**

**And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place:**

**13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.**

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**Lot:**

**Genesis 19:12, 13, 16, 22**

**16 And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.**

**THE RAPTURE**

**Lot:**

**Genesis 19:12, 13, 16, 22**

**22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be come thither.**

**Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.**

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**Rahab:**

**Joshua 6:23, 24**

**And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel.**

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**Rahab:**

**Joshua 6:23, 24**

**24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.**

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**John:**

**Revelation 4:1, 2**

**After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.**

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**John:**

**Revelation 4:1, 2**

**2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.**

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**John is caught up to heaven, picturing the church, or, body of Christ...**

**Compare Ephesians 5:25 with John 21:20-24**

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**Ephesians 5:25**

**Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

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## John 21:20-24

Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*?

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? follow thou me.

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## John 21:20-24

23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee?

24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

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**John is a picture of the rapture of the church which is not mentioned again until Revelation 19:7-9**

**Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.  
8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

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## Revelation 19:7-9

**9** And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

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**Immediately (Rev. 4:2)**

**Trumpet (Rev. 4:1)**

**1 Corinthians 15:52**

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16**

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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The first voice (Rev. 4:1)-The loud voice of God calls His own.

John 10:3

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice; and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

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The first voice (Rev. 4:1)-The loud voice of God calls His own.

John 11:43, 44

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

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Come up hither (Rev. 4:1) – mentioned 3 times in scripture, matching the 3 parts of the first resurrection...

A. Old Testament Saints:

Proverbs 25:6, 7

Put not forth thyself in the presence of the king, and stand not in the place of great *men*:

7 For better *it is* that it be said unto thee, Come up hither; than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the prince whom thine eyes have seen.

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Come up hither (Rev. 4:1) – mentioned 3 times in scripture, matching the 3 parts of the first resurrection...

## B. New Testament Saints:

### Revelation 4:1

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

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Come up hither (Rev. 4:1) – mentioned 3 times in scripture, matching the 3 parts of the first resurrection...

C. Tribulation Saints:

Revelation 11:12

And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

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Just as there are 3 parts of a harvest...

Exodus 23:16

And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labors, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, *which is* in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the field.

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There are 3 parts to the first resurrection...

John 5:21, 28, 29

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

**THE RAPTURE**

There are 3 parts to the first resurrection...

Revelation 20:4, 5, 6

...and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

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**Part A**

**O.T. Saints  
(Firstfruits)**



**Part B**

**Church Age Saints  
(Harvest)**



**Part C**

**Tribulation Saints  
(Ingatherings)**



**Church Age**

**7 Yr. Tribulation**

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## A. Firstfruits – O.T. Saints:

1 Corinthians 15:20, 23

But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

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## A. Firstfruits – O.T. Saints:

Matthew 27:51-53

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

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**B. Main Harvest – N.T. (Church Age) Saints:**

**1 Corinthians 15:23**

**...they that are Christ's at his coming.**

**1 Corinthians 15:51**

**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

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## C. Ingathering, gleaning – Tribulation Saints:

1 Corinthians 15:24

Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

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## C. Ingathering, gleaning – Tribulation Saints:

Matthew 24:37, 40-42

But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 *Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

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## C. Ingathering, gleaning – Tribulation Saints:

### Revelation 14:14-16

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

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**C. Ingathering, gleaning – Tribulation Saints:**

**Revelation 14:14-16**

**16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.**

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Revelation 4:1 ...I Will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

Hereafter — The tribulation is after the rapture. The church disappears and Israel reappears

Jeremiah 30:7

Alas! for that day *is* great, so that none *is* like it: it *is* even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

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