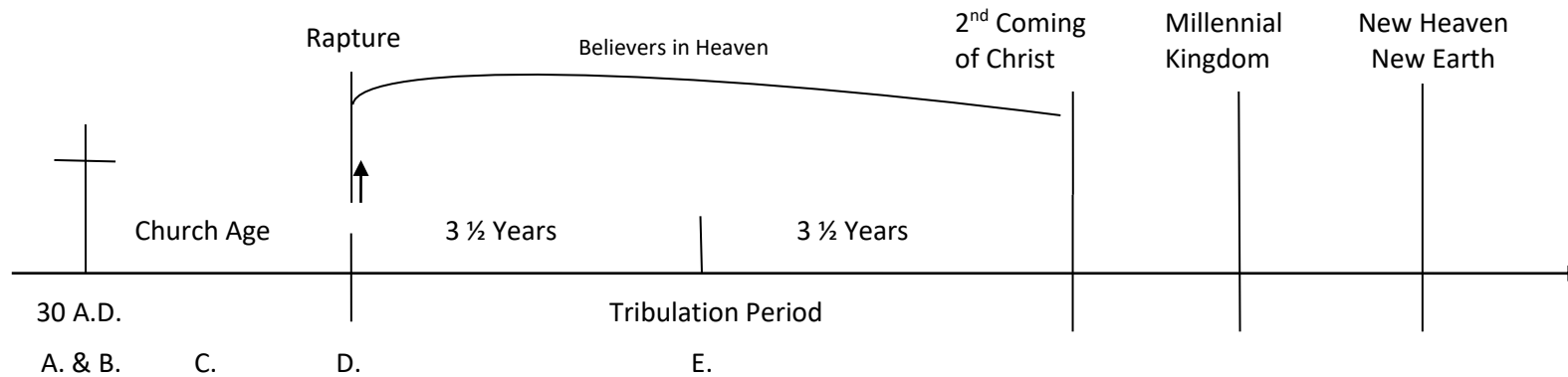


End Times Prophecy Timeline

- A. Ascension of Christ – Jesus Christ is crucified & resurrected. Prior to His ascension, He gave a message to the disciples to wait in Jerusalem to receive the Holy Spirit then He ascended into heaven 40 Days after His resurrection.
- B. Pentecost – The Holy Spirit came 40 Days after Jesus’ resurrection plus 10 days after His ascension into heaven. Jews had gathered in Jerusalem for the Festival of Weeks. After the Holy Spirit came and fell on each of them they received power, were filled and enabled to be witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. The Word of God spread and the number of disciples increased. The Church Age was born and continues today.
- C. Church Age (CA) – The period of time in which the Church is on the earth between the Day of Pentecost and until the Rapture. The Church Age is comprised of people, the called out assembly, who have faith and have accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. The CA is under the dispensation of grace rather than the Law of Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ; the Holy Spirit indwells His people permanently. In Daniel’s prophecy, the Church Age falls between the 69th and the 70th weeks. (Dan. 9:24-27) The CA will end when God’s people are snatched up and taken from the earth to be with the Lord.
- D. Rapture – This glorious event will occur at the close of the Church Age. God will snatch all believers, dead and alive, from the earth to be caught up with Him in the air and taken to heaven. All believers will be given glorified bodies. (1 Thess. 4:13-18, 1 Cor. 15:50-54) No one knows when this event will occur, just be ready, you don’t want to be left behind. After the Rapture the Tribulation period will begin.
- E. Tribulation – The Tribulation is a 7 year period in which God will bring great distress and destruction upon the world for rejecting Him. (Mat. 24:21) God’s judgment will be severe and intense, no one will escape. The Church Age will not be on earth during the Tribulation; the Rapture will have removed the Church from God’s wrath. As the Lamb opens the seals on the scroll, a new judgment is released upon the earth. (Rev. 5-7) Before the 7th seal is opened, God will place a seal on the forehead of 144,000 believers for protection from the antichrist. These believers will evangelize during the Tribulation period for others to come to faith in Christ. The 7th seal introduces the trumpet judgments followed by the bowl judgments. Each set of judgments are more severe than the last. At the end of the Tribulation period, Jesus returns, destroys the antichrist and his army, and sets up His kingdom of peace on earth.

Pretribulation - The belief that the Rapture will occur before the Tribulation begins.

Premillennial - The belief that Christ’s second coming will occur prior to His millennial kingdom.



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