

THE LAST TRUMP ...

A Defense of Biblical Eschatology
- (1 Cor 15:50-58)

THE END



Eschatology

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Definition of eschatology

noun es·cha·tol·o·gy \es-kə-'tä-lə-jē\

plural es·cha·tol·o·gies

- 1** : a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind
- 2** : a belief concerning death, the end of the world, or the ultimate destiny of humankind;
specifically : any of various Christian doctrines concerning the Second Coming, the resurrection of the dead, or the Last Judgment

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Three Major Views

A MILLENNIAL?
PRE MILLENNIAL?
POST MILLENNIAL?

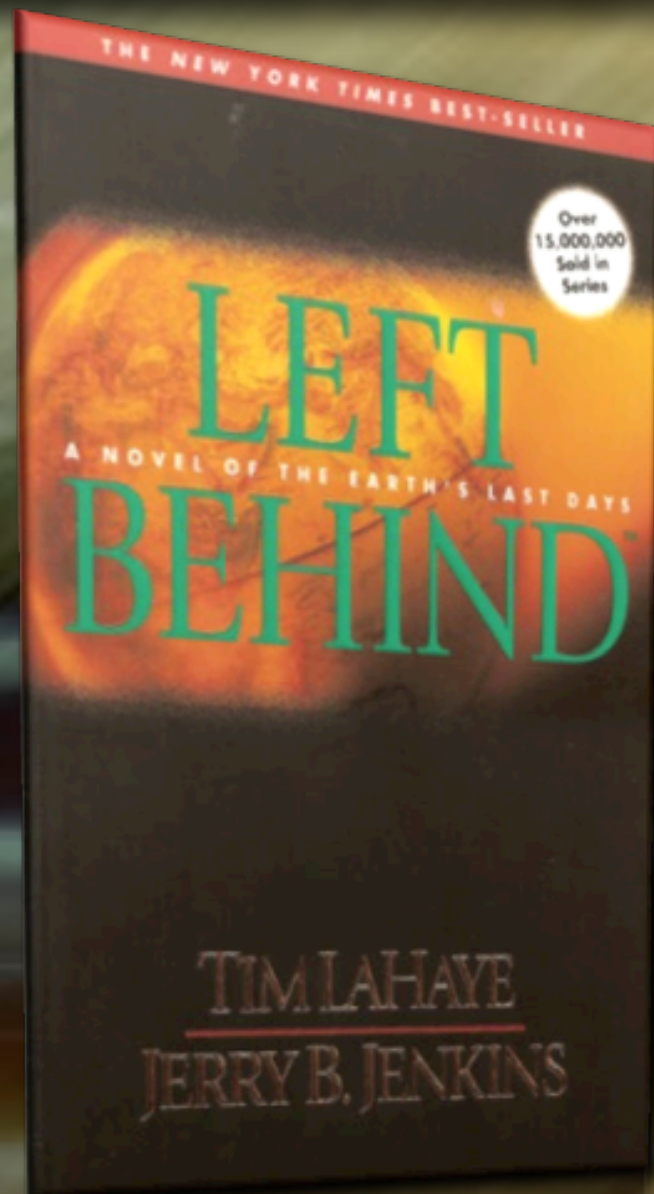
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Points of Difference

A MILLENNIAL?	PRE MILLENNIAL?	POST MILLENNIAL?
1 Resurrection	2 or 3 Resurrections	1 Resurrection
1 Judgment	2 Judgments	1 Judgment
1k Yr Reign Current / Figurative	1k Yr Reign Literal	1k Yr Reign Current / Figurative
Messianic Kingdom Current	Messianic Kingdom Future	Messianic Kingdom Current
Rapture / 2nd Coming Same Time	Rapture / 2nd Coming 7 Years Apart	Rapture / 2nd Coming Same Time
Moral Decline	Moral Decline	Moral Improvement

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Commonly Held Teachings of Premillennialism



- * The Rapture of the living saints leaving behind the unrighteous?
- * Begin a seven year period called the great tribulation?
- * Expose and defeat the Antichrist?
- * Establish a material kingdom centered in Jerusalem & reign a 1,000 years?
- * Restoration of National Israel?

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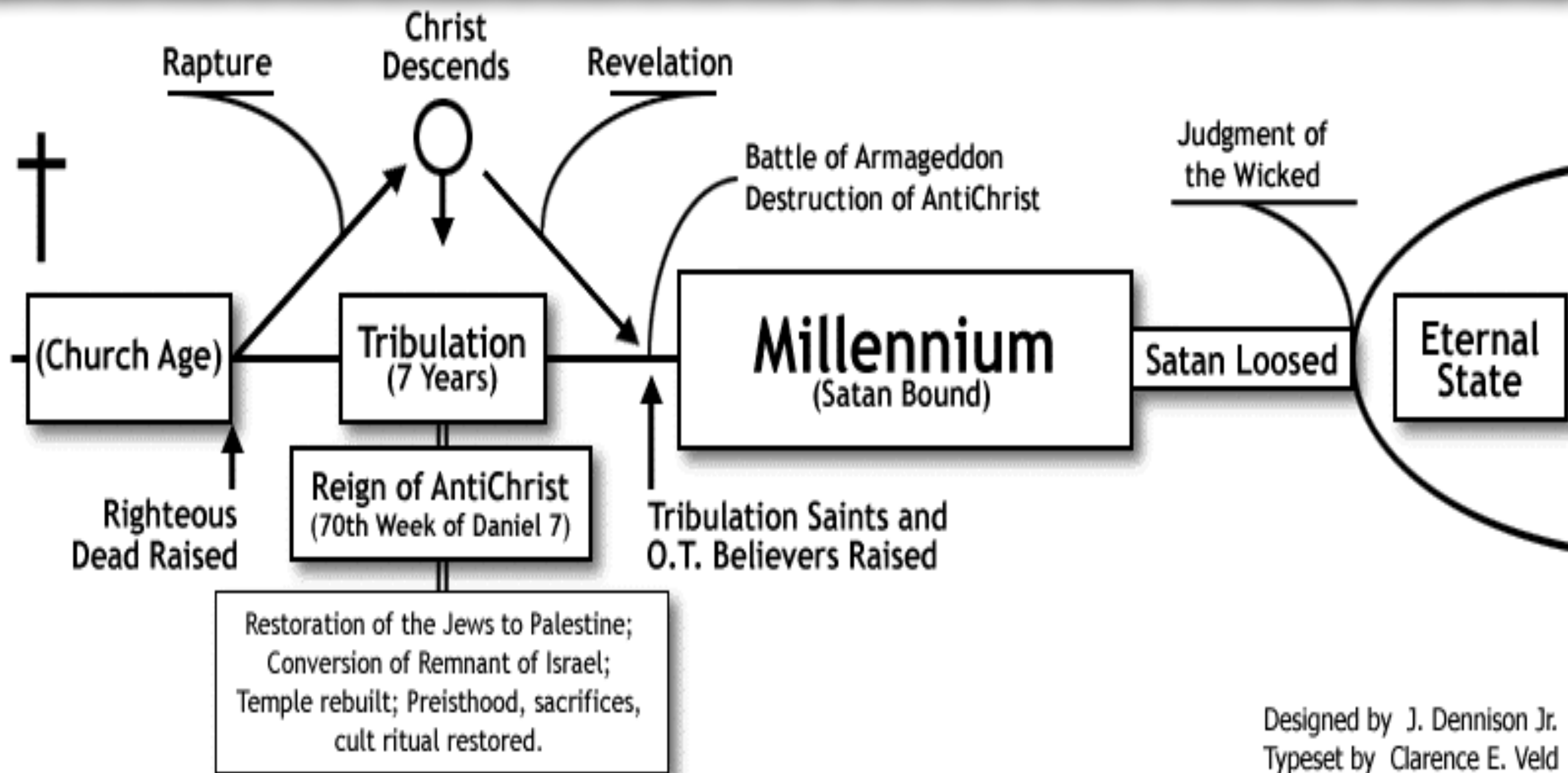
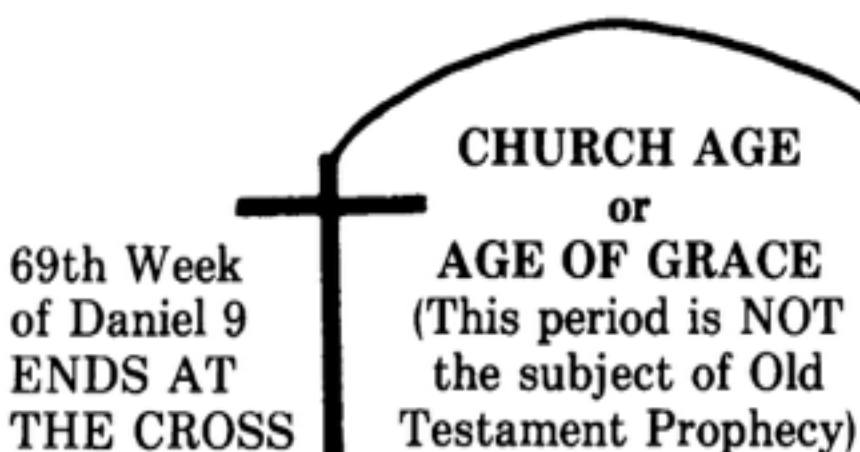


CHART ON DISPENSATIONALISM

7 DISPENSATIONS

1. INNOCENCY - Gen. 1:18 - 3:13
2. CONSCIENCE - Gen. 3:27
3. HUMAN GOV'T - Gen. 8:20
4. PROMISE - Gen. 12:1
5. LAW - Exodus 19:8
6. GRACE - Cross
7. KINGDOM - Second Coming

6th DISPENSATION



7 YEAR PERIOD

70th Week of Daniel 9

Revelation 4-19

SECOND COMING (Invisible)

Rise of the ANTICHRIST who breaks his covenant with the Jews

GREAT TRIBULATION PERIOD

SECOND COMING (Visible)

3 1/2 years

3 1/2 years

7th Dispensation

MILLENNIUM

1000 YEAR REIGN OF JESUS ON EARTH IN THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

(1) Jews are to be head of THE NATIONS

(2) Temple to be Rebuilt and Mosaic Sacrifices Reinstated (Ezek. 40-48)

FINAL JUDGMENT

HEAVEN or HELL

PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STOPS

PROPHETIC
CLOCK
STARTS (again)

RESURRECTION
of the
RIGHTEOUS

BATTLE
of
ARMAGEDDON

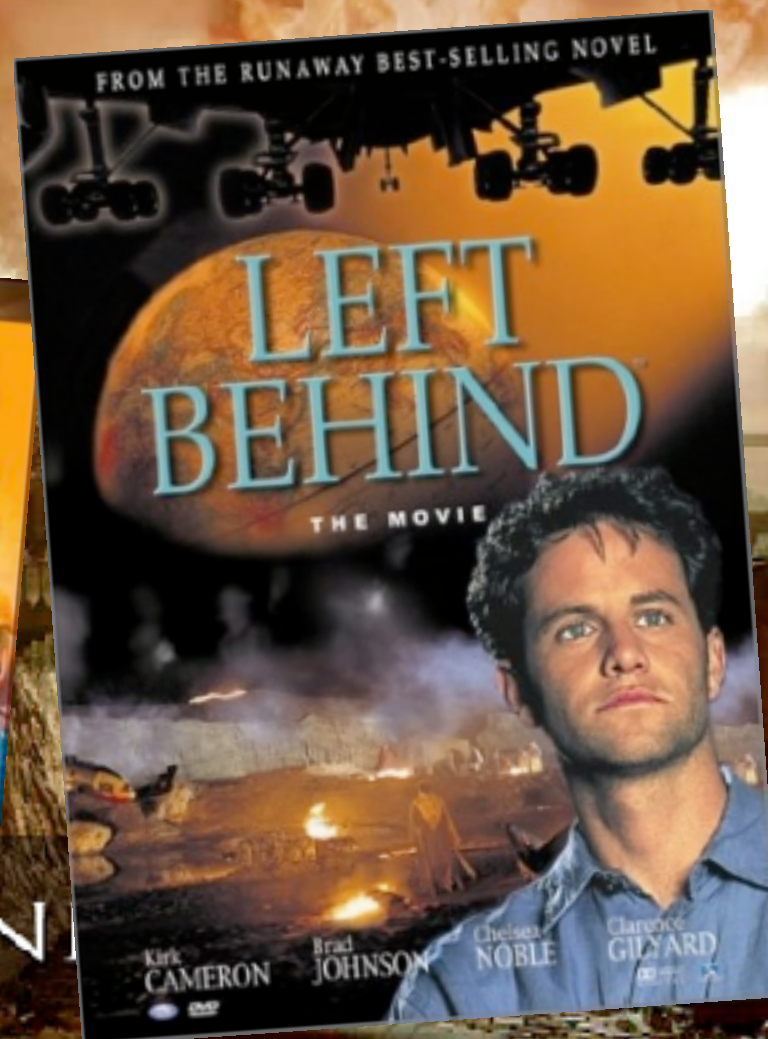
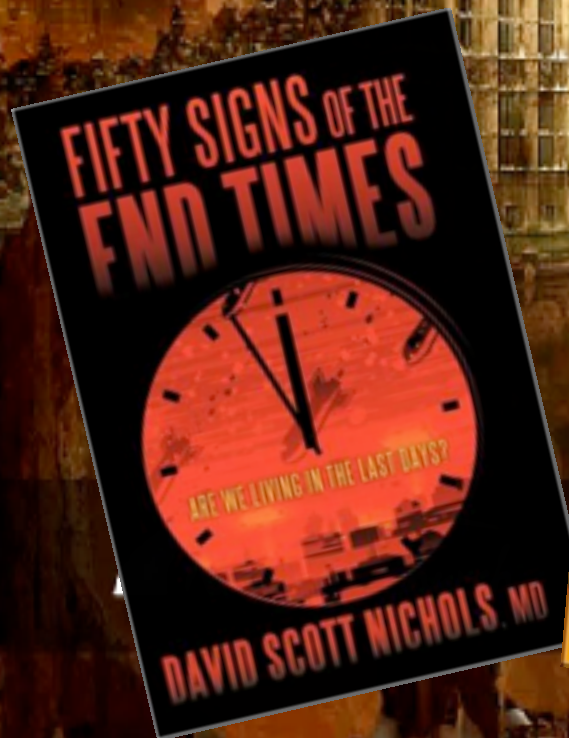
RESURRECTION
of the
TRIBULATION
SAINTS

BATTLE
of
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RESURRECTION
of the
WICKED

RAPTURE

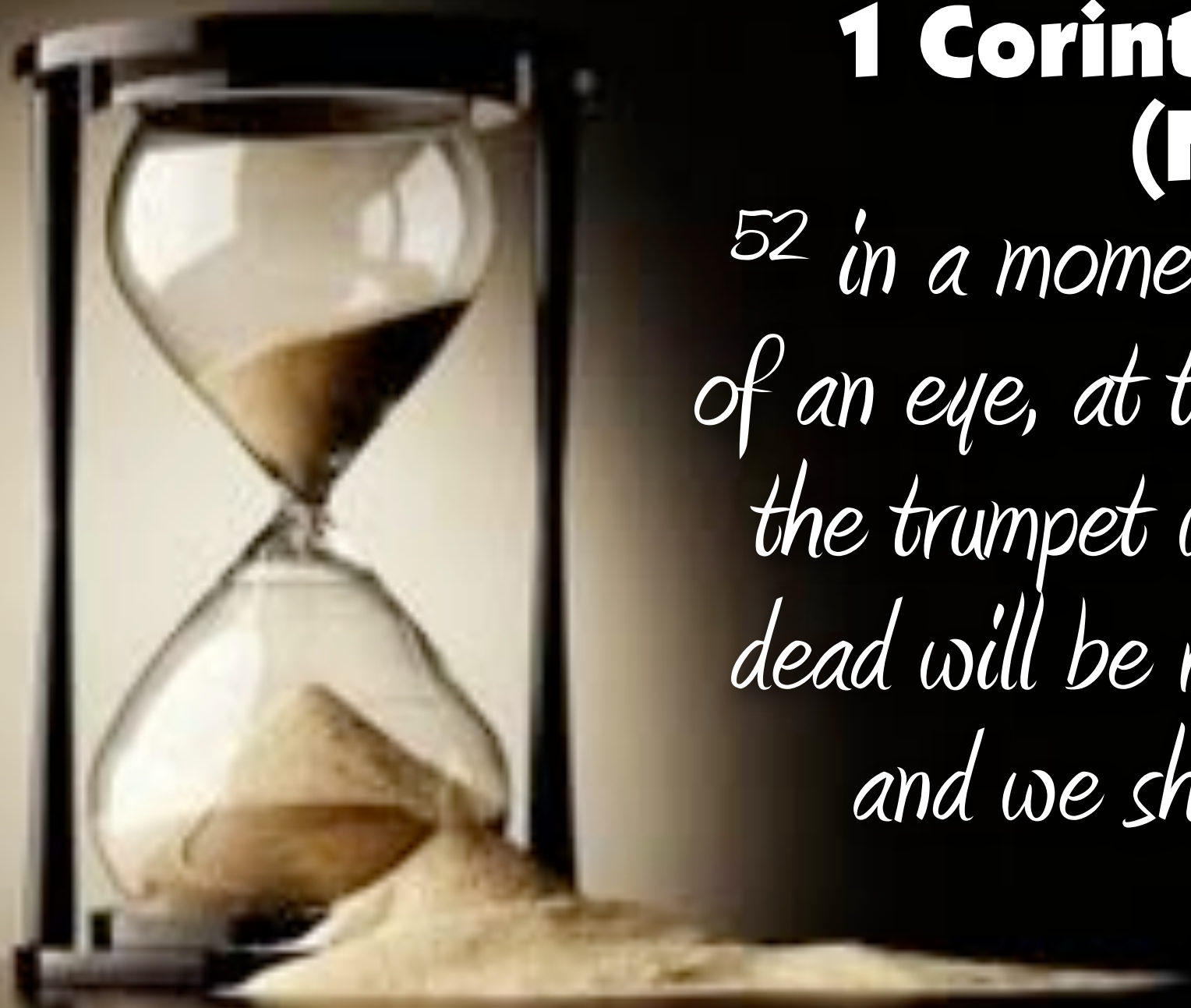
END TIMES



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1 Corinthians 15:52 (NKJV)

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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



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Biblical Descriptions Of Jesus' Return -



- * **With noise** – shout, voice of the archangel & the trumpet of God – 1 Thess. 4:16
- * **With His holy angels** – Matt. 25:31; 2 Thess. 1:7–8
- * **Suddenly and unexpected** – 1 Thess. 5:1–4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 22:20
- * **Visibly** – Acts 1:9–11; Rev. 1:7 “and every eye will see Him” –

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Things That Will Occur When Jesus Returns



- ✳ Simultaneously raise ALL the dead on the LAST DAY – John 5:28,29; 6:39,40,54; 11:24
- ✳ Judge The World on the last day – Ac 17:30–31; Mat 25:31–32; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16; John 12:48
- ✳ Glorify Saints – Col. 3:4; Phil. 3:20–21; 1 Cor. 15:51–52; Rev. 22:14; Matt. 25:46

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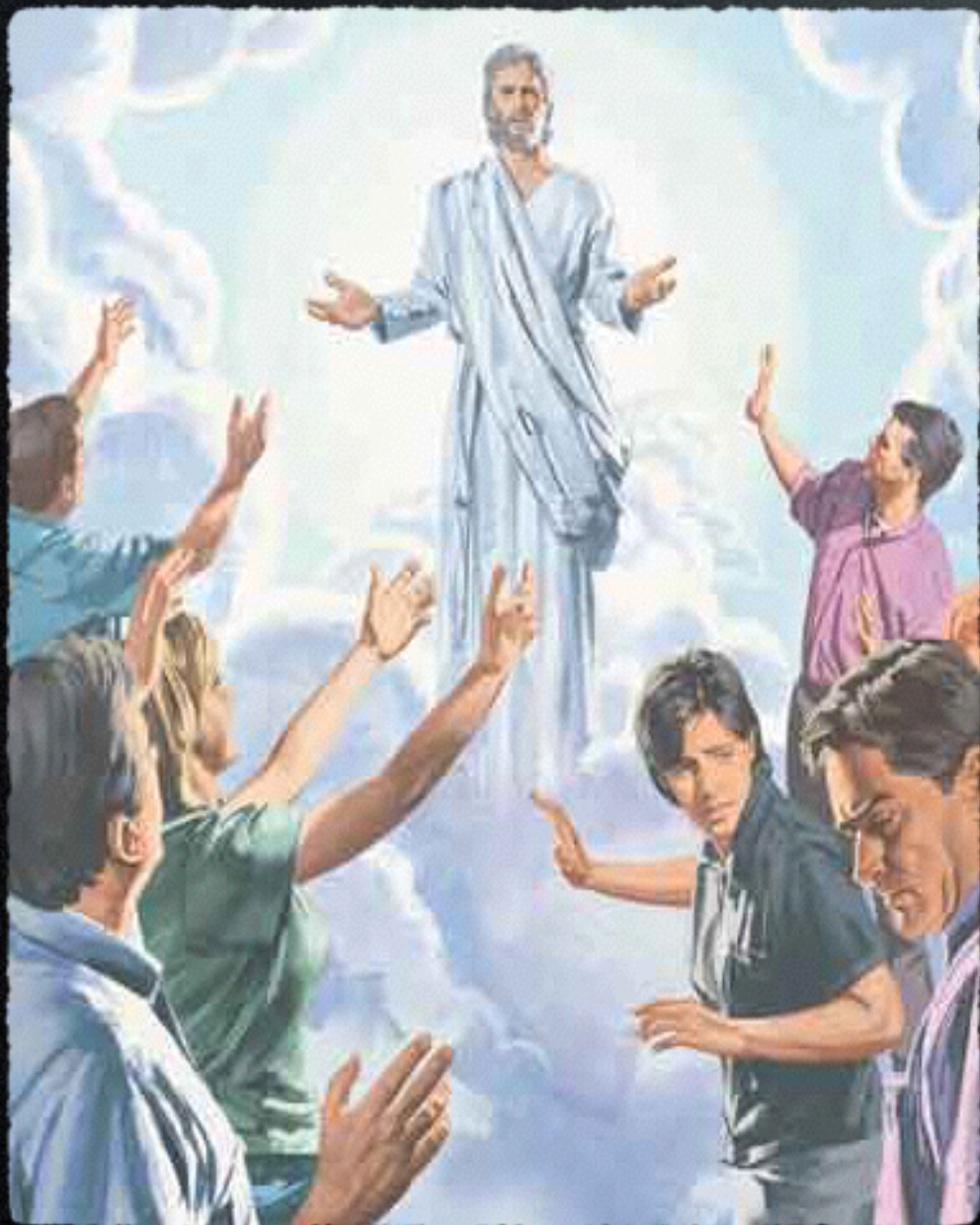
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- * Punish wicked – 2 Thess. 1:7–9 – Matt. 25:41,46; Rev. 20:10; Rev 21:8
- * Destroy present order and establish new heavens and new earth – 2 Pet. 3:10–13; Heb. 11:13–16; Rev. 22:14
- * Deliver Kingdom to Father – 1 Cor. 15:23–28

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Jesus Is Returning To Judge The World



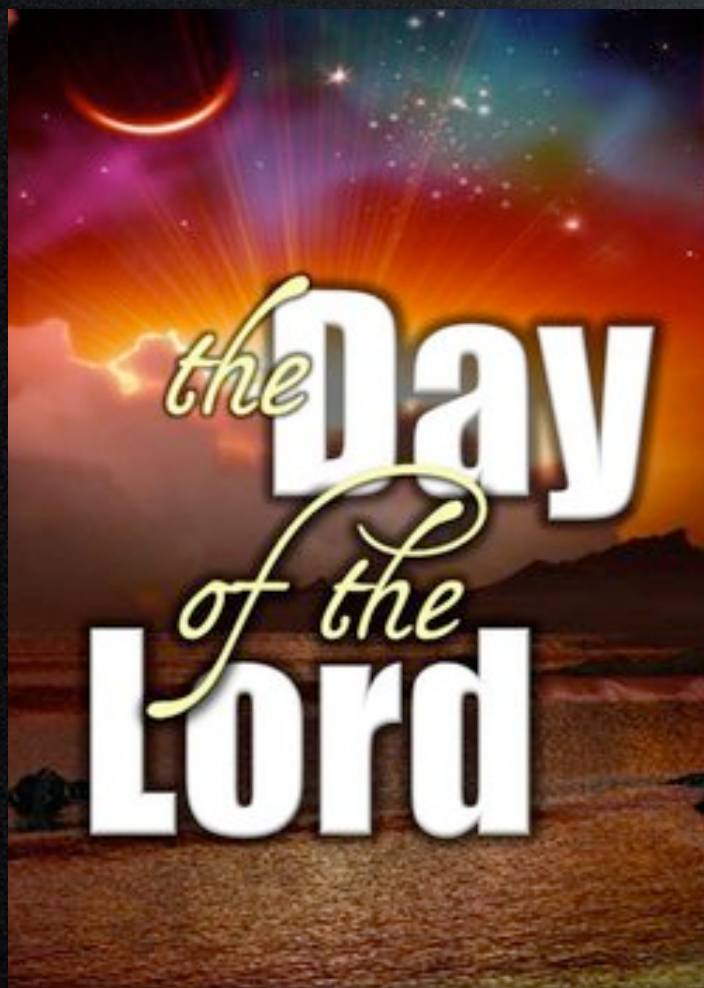
- ✧ All will hear his voice and come forth – (Jn 5:28,29; (2 Cor 5:10))
- ✧ Every work will be brought into judgment / all made known / Judgment impartial – (Eccl 12:7,13,14; Heb 4:13; Rom 2:5–12)
- ✧ The righteous will receive everlasting life in heaven, but the wicked, everlasting punishment in hell – (Matthew 25:46)

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No One Knows When

Matthew 24:36-39 (NKJV)

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.



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No One Knows When



- ✦ Mt 24:42,44 — Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- ✦ Mt 25:13 — Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- ✦ Mk 13:32 — "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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No One Knows When



- ◆ 1Th 5:2 — For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes **as a thief** in the night.
- ◆ 2Pe 3:10 — But the day of the Lord will come **as a thief** in the night, . . .
- ◆ Rev 16:15 — "Behold, I am coming **as a thief**. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

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Are You Ready For The Last Trump?



2 Peter 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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Are You Ready For The Last Trump?



- ✦ We prepare for important events in life – There is no event more important than our appointment to meet God – Heb. 9:27
- ✦ Our preparation to meet God indicates whether we are wise or unwise – Mat. 25:1-30; Luke 12:20
- ✦ Only those who are in Christ and living faithfully for Him are prepared to meet God – Rom. 8:1; 2 Tim 4:6-8

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- ✦ Requires intent – Mat 7:13,14
- ✦ Requires faith – John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- ✦ Requires repentance – Acts 17:30,31
- ✦ Requires confession – Rom 10:9,10
- ✦ Requires baptism & continued obedience – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3–6,16,17; Heb. 5:8,9
- ✦ Requires purpose – Acts 11:23
- ✦ Requires diligence – 2 Pet 3:5–11

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Are You Ready For The Last Trump?



- ✦ We can mock the warnings of scripture . . .
- ✦ We can ignore the warnings of scripture . . . delaying obedience, and be found unprepared . . .
- ✦ We can humbly heed the warnings & promises of God by obeying the gospel

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1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.