

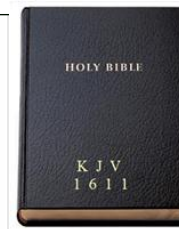
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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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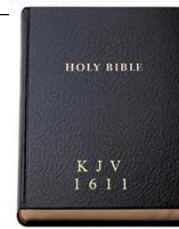
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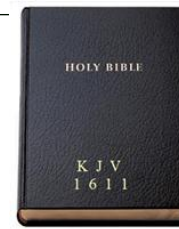


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I. Interpretations Regarding The Book Of Revelation

1. **Preterist View-** all the events in the book of Revelation were fulfilled in the past, most during the first century of the current dispensation
2. **Historist View-** the events in the book of Revelation were/are being fulfilled during the current dispensation
3. **Futurist View-** most of the events in the book of Revelation will be fulfilled in the future
 - The PAST= “the things which thou hast seen”= Revelation 1
 - The PRESENT= “the things which are”= Revelation 2-3
 - The FUTURE= “the things which shall be hereafter”= Revelation 4-22

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II. Interpretations Regarding The Second Coming

- There are three interpretative schools regarding the timing and placement of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and all three are based on the Millennium
- MILLENNIUM= L. *mille* (“thousand”) and L. *annus* (“year”) = thousand years (Rev 20:2-7)
- The Millennium is the fulfillment of the promised Davidic kingdom to Israel and the kingdom of heaven

2 Sam 7:16; Eze 34:23

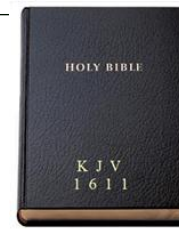
And thine house and **thy kingdom shall be established for ever** before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, **even my servant David**; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

Matt 6:10

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done **in earth**, as *it is* in heaven.

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1. Pre-Millennial View

- PRE= “before”; MILLENNIUM= “thousand years”
- The Second Coming of Christ is literal and physical
- The Second Coming of Christ occurs BEFORE the Millennium
- The view held by the early church and most fundamental Christians today
- The scriptural view- based on compliance to all rules and laws of interpretation

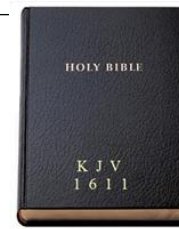


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2. Post-Millennial View

- POST= “after”; MILLENNIUM= “thousand years”
- The Second Coming of Christ is literal and physical
- The Second Coming of Christ occurs AFTER the Millennium
- The Millennium will be ushered in as a result of global evangelism by the church
- The most popular view during the time of the great revivals of the 18th and 19th centuries (World War I and World War II diminished this view)
- The view held by the Catholic Church and most Protestant churches
- Based in part on a misinterpretation of Matthew 24:13

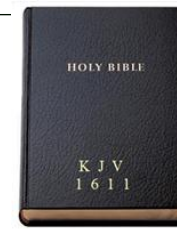


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3. A-Millennial View

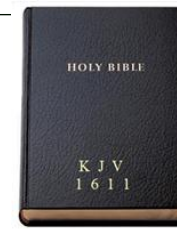
- A= “no; none”; MILLENNIUM= “thousand years”
- The Second Coming of Christ may be spiritual
- There is no literal, physical, earthly 1,000 year kingdom
- The view held by liberals in all denominations
- Those who hold this view usually also hold to the Historist view of Revelation, spiritualize the scriptures, and embrace Covenant Theology which states:
 - Israel= the Church
 - Abraham’s seed= Christians
 - Circumcision= infant baptism
 - Passover= Communion (Catholic and Protestant view of the Lord’s Supper)
 - The kingdom= heaven



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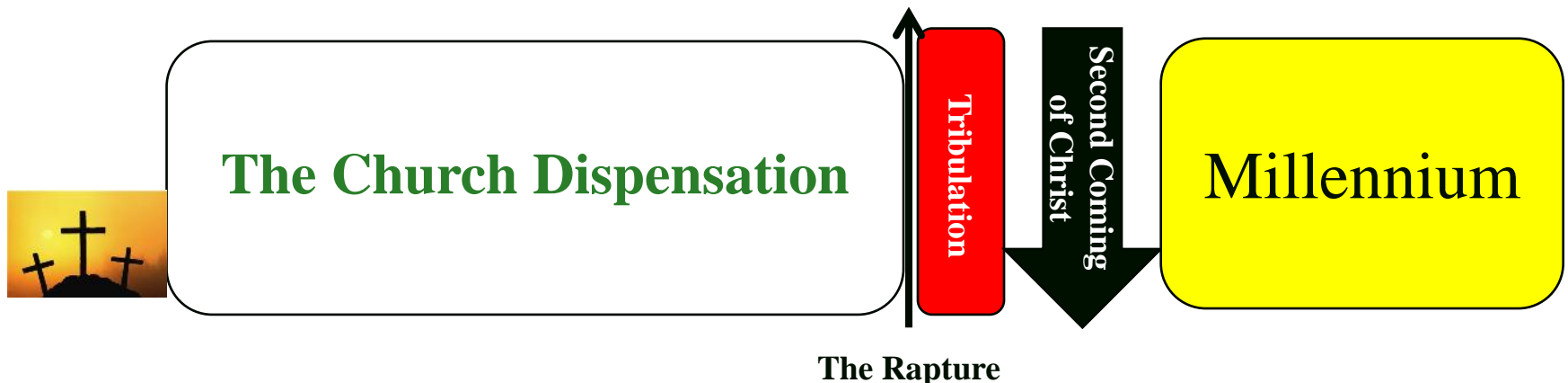


III. Interpretations Regarding The Rapture

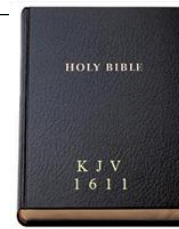
- There are four interpretative schools regarding the timing and placement of the Rapture of the Church and all are based on the Tribulation

1. **Pre-Tribulation View**

- The Rapture of the Church occurs BEFORE the Tribulation
- The Church will go through NONE of the Tribulation



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1) Doctrine Of Imminency Supports The Pre-Tribulation View

1 The 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.

Tit 2:13

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

2) Direct Statements Support The Pre-Tribulation View

1 The 1:10; 5:9

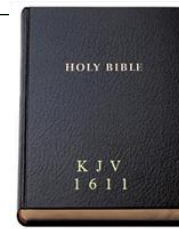
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Rev 3:10

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

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3) Descriptive Accounts Support The Pre-Tribulation View

- Enoch (a type of the Church) was translated before the Flood (Gen 5:24; Heb 11:5)
- John (a type of the Church) was translated to heaven (Rev 4:1) before any of the Tribulation judgments in Revelation (Rev 6:1-19:10)

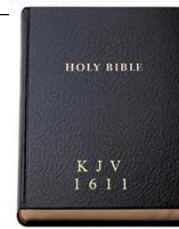
4) Daniel's 70th Week Supports The Pre-Tribulation View

- The entire seven year Tribulation (Daniel's 70th week) is the final part of a 490 year divine plan directed to ISRAEL not the Church

Dan 9:24

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

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- The Tribulation is the time of JACOB'S trouble not the Church's

Jer 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.

- The purpose of the Tribulation is to purge and purify ISRAEL not the Church

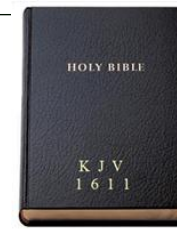
Eze 20:38

And I will **purge out from among you** the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Zec 13:8-9

And I will bring the third part through the fire, and **will refine them** as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It *is* **my people**: and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.

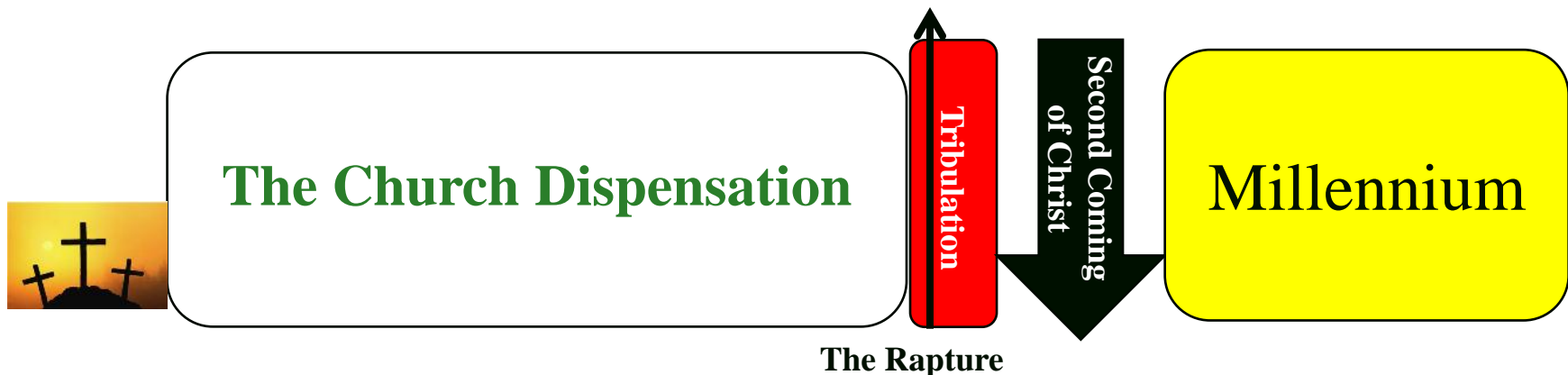
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2. Post-Tribulation View

- The Rapture of the Church occurs **AFTER** the Tribulation
- The Church will go through **PART** of the Tribulation, up to the sixth seal
- Based on a misunderstanding of what constitutes the “wrath of God”

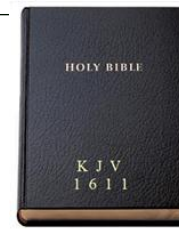


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Rev 6:12-17

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

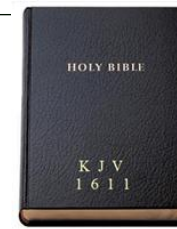
And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

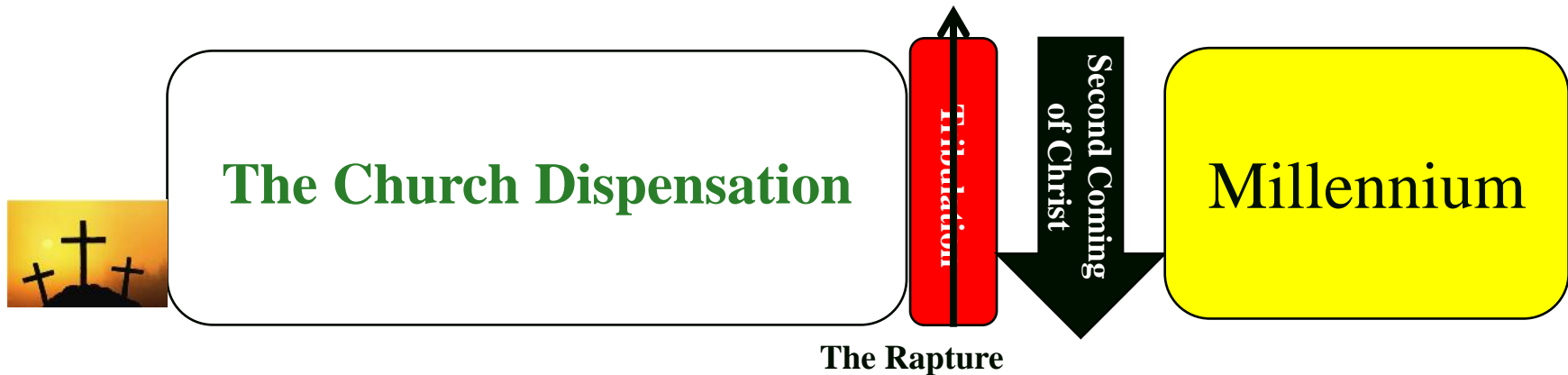
For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

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3. Mid-Tribulation View

- The Rapture of the Church occurs AFTER the Tribulation
- The Church will go through HALF of the Tribulation, up to the seventh trumpet
- Based on a misunderstanding of what constitutes the “trump of God”

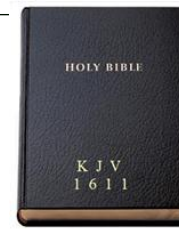


1 The 4:16-17

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:

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.

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1 Cor 15:51-52

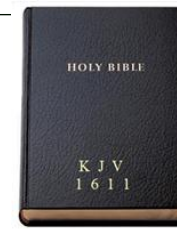
Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

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.

Rev 11:15

And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

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4. Pre-Wrath View

- The Rapture of the Church occurs **AFTER** the Tribulation
- The Church will go through **MOST** of the Tribulation, up to the vial judgments
- Based on a misunderstanding of what constitutes the “wrath of God”

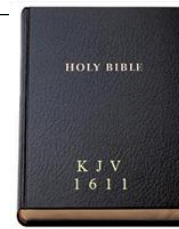


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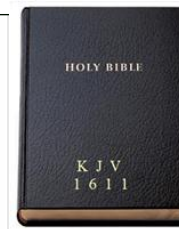
Rev 15:1; 16:1

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

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- FUTURIST regarding the book of Revelation
- PRE-MILLENNIAL regarding the Second Coming of Christ
- PRE-TRIBULATIONAL regarding the Rapture of the Church



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