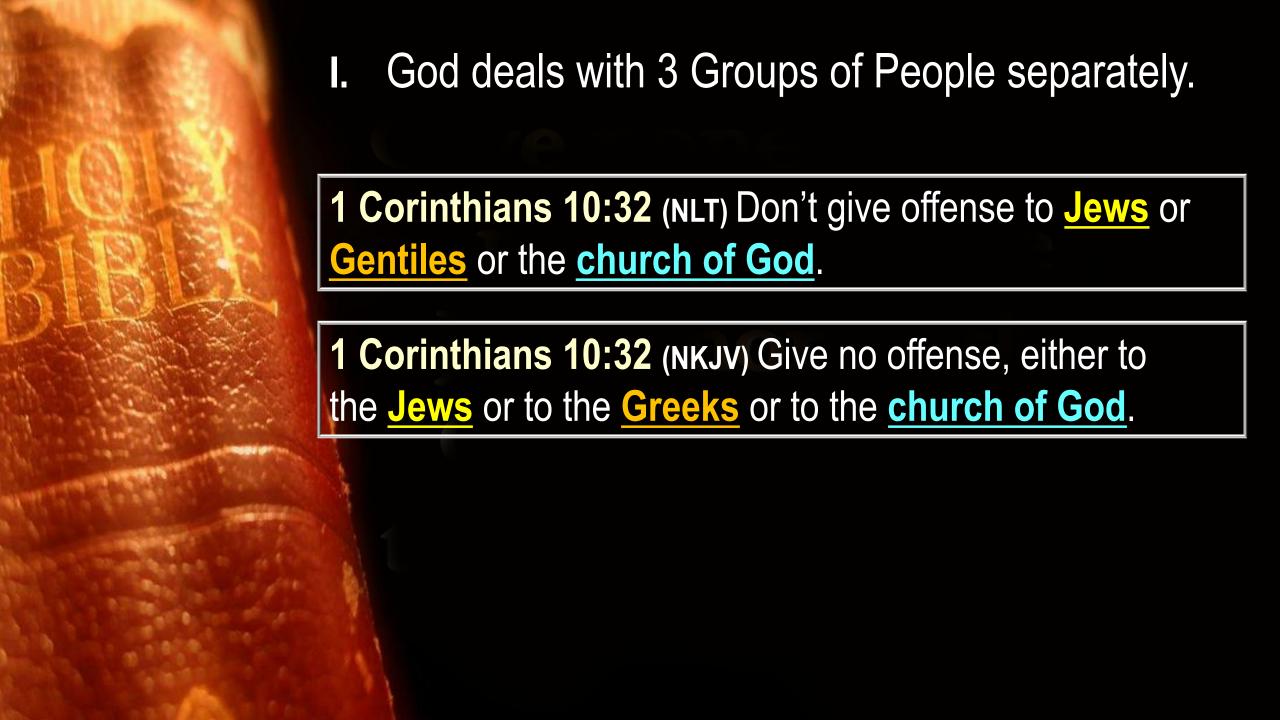
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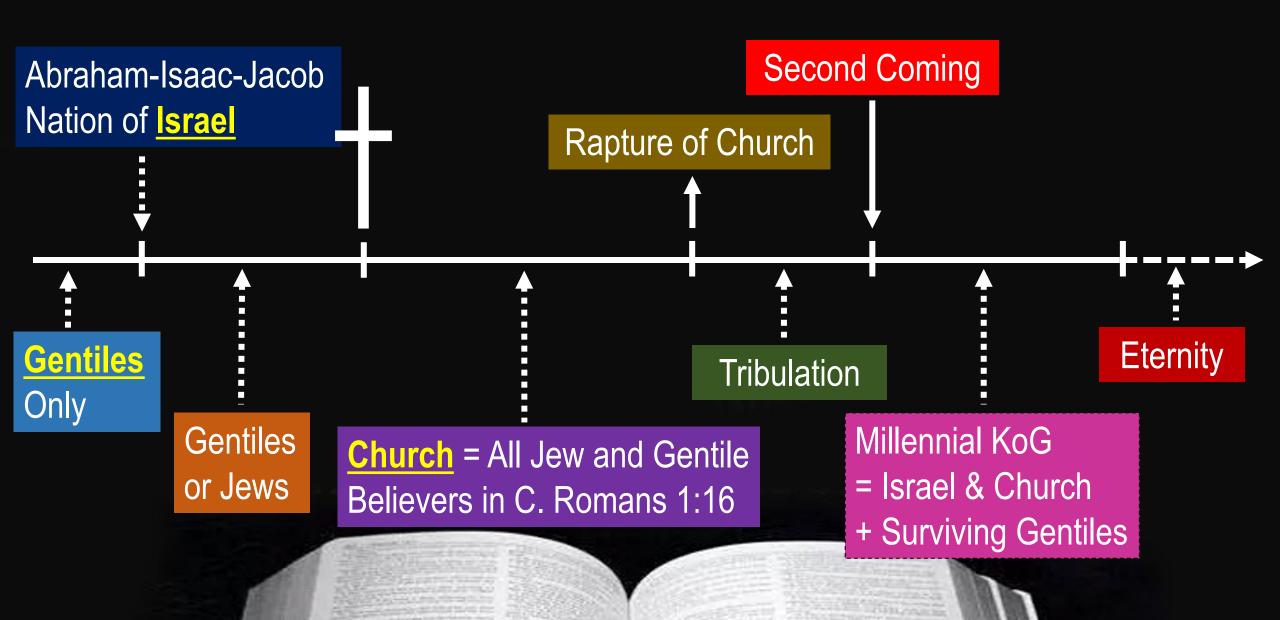
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- To better understand the prophetic scriptures, we need to know that God deals with 3 groups of people.
- All Scripture is for our understanding and instruction through revelation by Holy Spirit.
- But not every scripture/covenant is written for the Church.
- Some for Israel, some to Gentiles and some to the Church.
- Applying a scripture to the Church when meant for Israel or vice-versa leads to confusion and misunderstanding of the prophetic word.

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- Adam to Abraham only Gentiles [e.g. Enoch and Noah].
- Genesis 12 God called Abraham to build a nation separated from rest.
- Israel from Abraham, Isaac, Jacob-Israel onwards.
- At time Jesus was born, only 2 groups of people Gentiles and Jews.
- After Jesus ascended to heaven, He put His Blood on the altar in heaven, a third group called the Church was created [Hebrews 9].
- As the Son of Man, Jesus became the first man in this new group [Romans 8:29].
- Everyone (Jew or Gentile) who believes and receives the Lord Jesus today, in this window of grace, is a part of the Church [Galatians 3:26-28].

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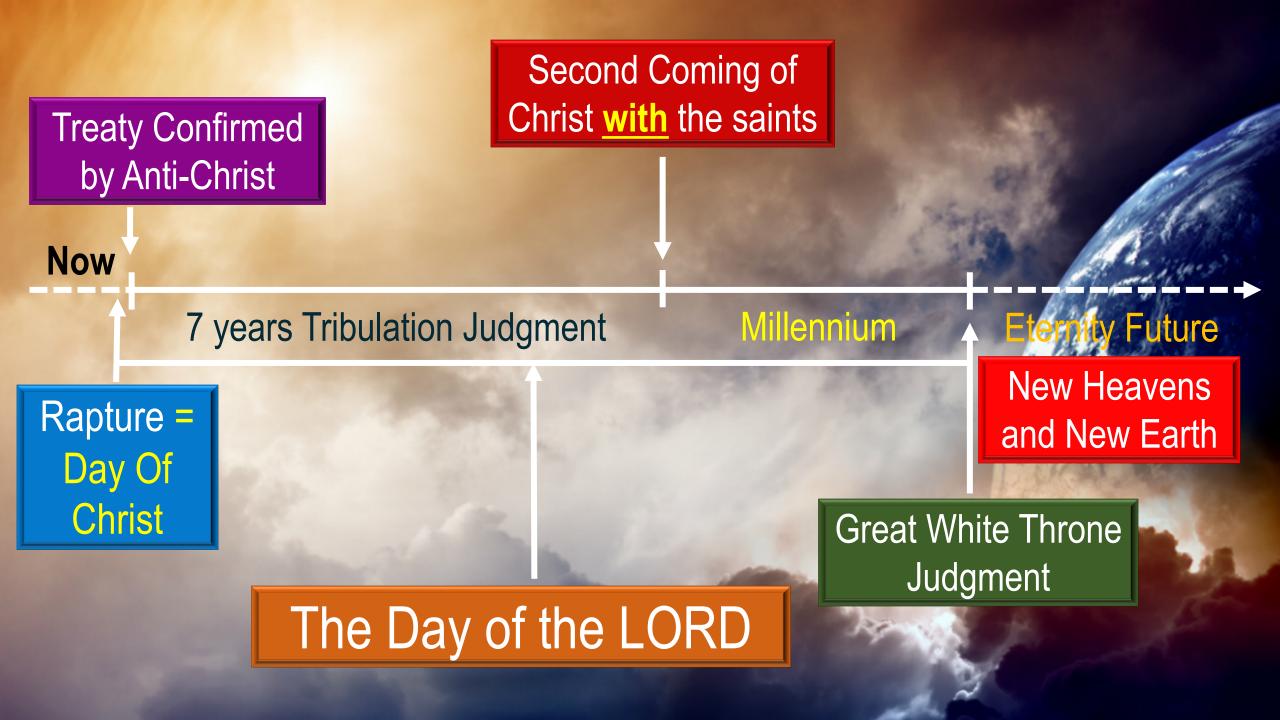
The Day of Christ = the Pre-tribulation Rapture



# II. The Day of Christ vs the Day of the LORD

## The Day of the **LORD**:

- begins with the Rapture followed by the
  - ✓ Tribulation;
  - Christ's Second Coming;
  - ✓ Millennial Kingdom;
  - ✓ Great White Throne Judgment;
  - concluding with new heavens and new earth in eternity.





The Key Differences between the Pre-tribulation RAPTURE of the Church and the SECOND COMING.



#1 - The Pre-tribulation Rapture is the "Blessed Hope".

The Second Coming is a part of the Day of the LORD to be greatly feared by the unbelieving world + Israel.

Titus 2:13 looking for the <a href="blessed hope">blessed hope</a> and glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. [Rapture]

Amos 5:18 Woe to you who desire the <u>day of the Lord!</u>
For what good is the day of the Lord to you? It will be <u>darkness</u>, and <u>not light</u>. [Tribulation Judgment ending with Christ's Second Coming]

2 Thessalonians 2:2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ [Rapture] had come.

Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the <u>day of the Lord</u> comes, <u>cruel</u>, with both <u>wrath</u> and <u>fierce anger</u>, to lay the land <u>desolate</u>; and He will <u>destroy</u> its sinners from it. [Tribulation Judgment ending with Christ's Second Coming]

**At Rapture - Comforting At Second Coming - Terrifying!** 

#2 - In Rapture, Jesus comes for His Church.

At His Second Coming He comes with the Church.

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 [Rapture]

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.

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1 Thessalonians 3:13 To the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the <u>coming</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. [at Second Coming]

#### **Revelation 19:8-9, 14**

8 And to her [the Church - after Rapture, J Seat] it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

14 And the <u>armies in heaven</u>, clothed in <u>fine linen</u>, <u>white and clean</u>, <u>followed Him on white horses</u>. [at Second Coming]

At Rapture, Jesus comes to bring His Bride for the Wedding, At Second Coming, Jesus returns from the Wedding!

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## Zechariah 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on

the Mount of Olives, [Second Coming] which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

At Rapture, Mt Olives is unchanged; At Second Coming, it is divided forming a valley #4 - In the Rapture, the Church is taken to Heaven.

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#### John 14:2-3

2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. [Rapture]

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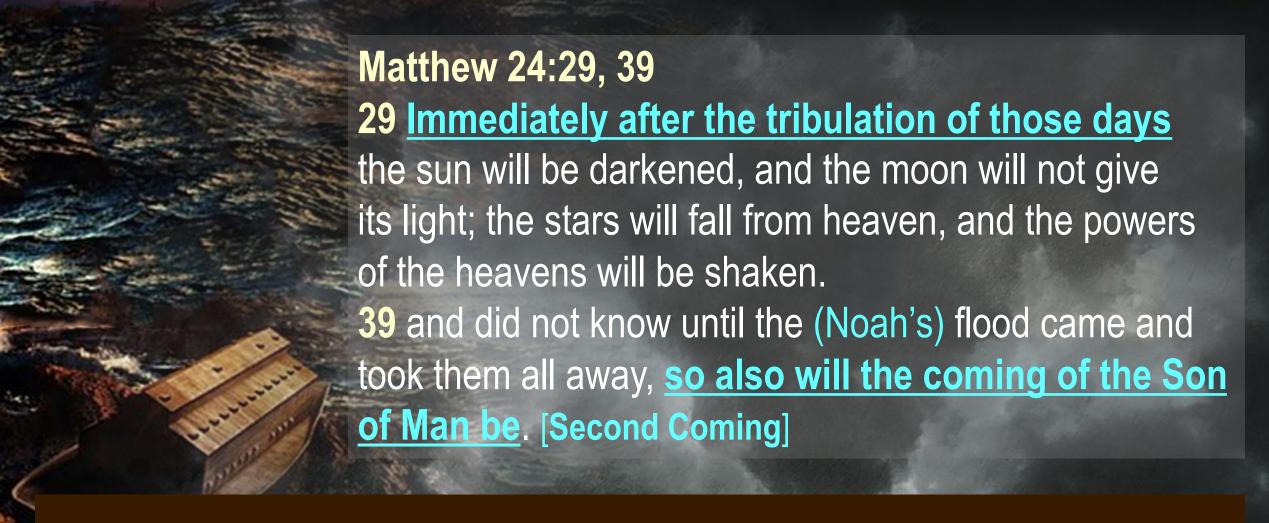
Revelation 20:4... And they (martyrs in Tribulation) lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. [after Second Coming]

Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death (lake of fire) has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years. [after Second Coming]

**#5 -** The Rapture happens before the Tribulation begins. The Second Coming happens after the 7 Years Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, [the 7 Tribulation Years] but to obtain salvation [Rapture] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:10 keep us from (out of) the hour of trial (Tribulation).



At Rapture, Holy Spirit in Church removed and Satan un-restrained At Second Coming, Satan bound and thrown into Abyss

- #6 In the Rapture, only the born again Church sees the Lord come for them. At the Second Coming the whole world witnesses it.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then <u>we</u> who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus <u>we</u> shall always be with the Lord. [Rapture]

Revelation 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and <u>every eye will see Him</u>, <u>even they who pierced Him</u>. And <u>all the tribes of the earth</u> will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. [Second Coming]

At Rapture - world left unjudged and in sin;
At Second Coming - world judged and Righteousness is established.



#7 - In the Rapture, no angels are sent to gather the saints. At the Second Coming, angels gather the alive remnant elect of Israel for the Millennial Kingdom on earth.

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#### Matthew 24:30-31

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. [Second Coming]

#8 - The Judgment <u>Seat of Christ</u> follows the Rapture while the Judgment of <u>Nations</u> follows the Second Coming.



2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. [Rapture]

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Matthew 25:31-33

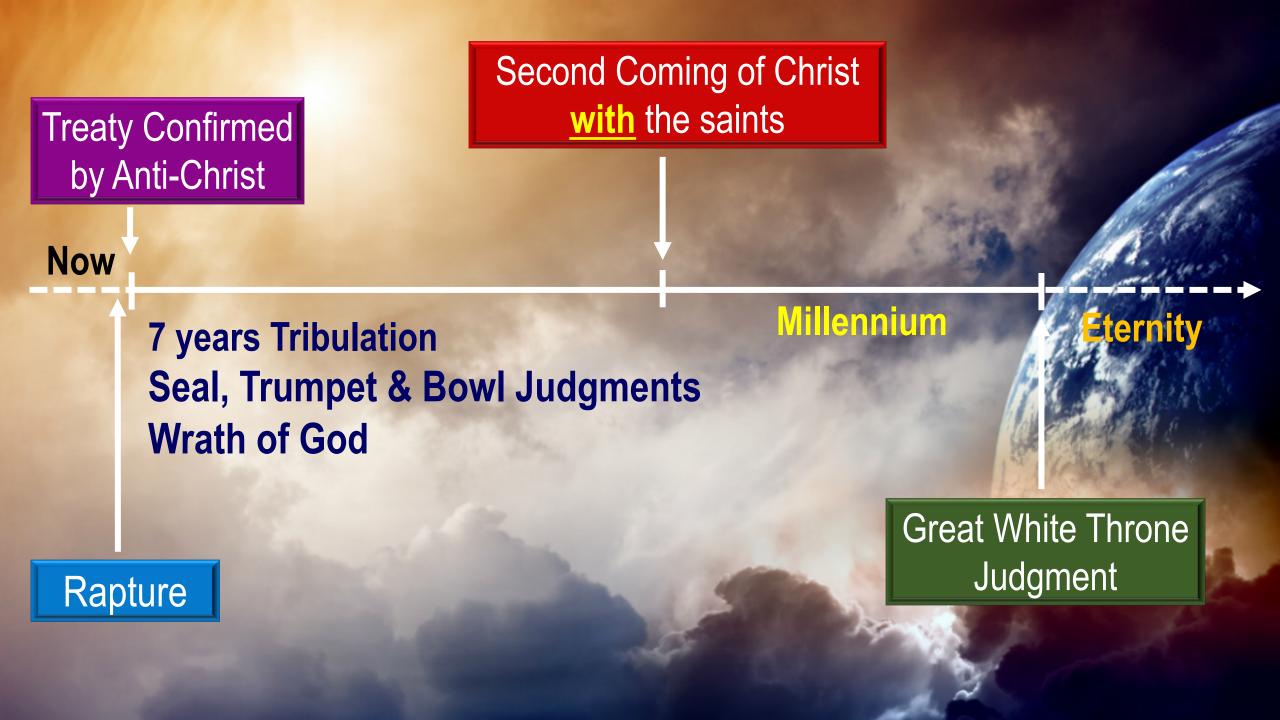
31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, [Second Coming] and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

#9 - Tribulation of God's wrath follow the Rapture while
 1,000 years of world peace - Willennial Kingdom follows the Second Coming.

The Rapture is **before** the day of God's wrath. The Second Coming **concludes** the day of God's wrath.

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

Seal, Trumpet & Bowl Judgments - Wrath of God



#9 - Tribulation of God's wrath follow the Rapture while 1,000 years of world peace - Millennial Kingdom follows the Second Coming.

Isaiah 11:6-10 [Millennial Kingdom after Second Coming]

Isaiah 65:20 (Millennial Kingdom)

"Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. (will be like Genesis 3 to 5 when Man lived for hundreds of years)

#10 - The Pre-tribulation Rapture of the Church was unknown until it was revealed by the Lord to the apostle Paul. The Second Coming was predicted in both the OT & NT.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

51 Behold, I tell 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 trumpet (not the trumpet judgments). For the trumpet (1 Thessalonians 4:16 - special Trumpet of God) will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. [Rapture]



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

AT Rapture, resurrection of dead saints; At Second Coming, there is no resurrection! #11 - At the Pre-tribulation Rapture, believers are given a glorified body. At the Second Coming those alive remain in earthly bodies as they enter the Millennial Kingdom.

### Philippians 3:20-21 (Rapture)

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself

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Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief [imminent], and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. [Rapture]

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#### **Daniel 12:11-12**

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. [Second Coming] 12 Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. [beginning of Millennial Kingdom]

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## **Bottom-Line**

Luke 21:34, 36

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day (Rapture) come on you unexpectedly.

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass (Tribulation wrath), and to stand before the Son of Man.



Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.