

Eschatology ABF Series

Handout for September 29th & October 6th

Review

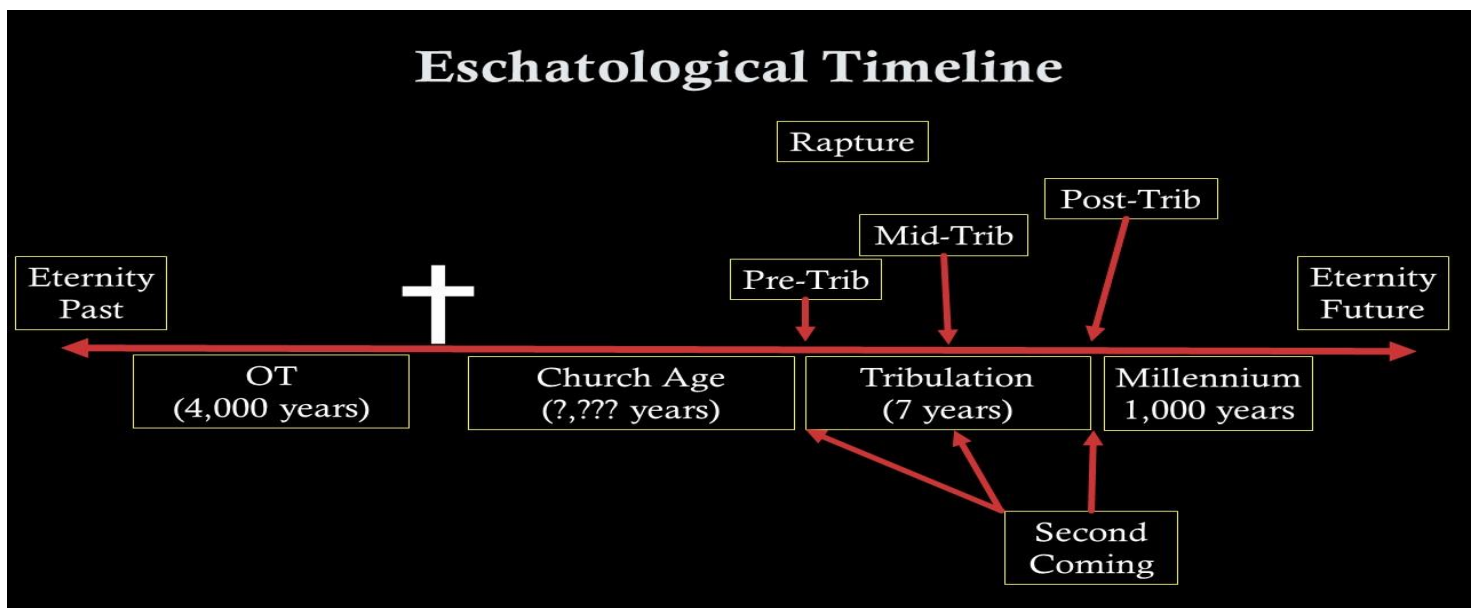
Questions to Be Answered

1. What does “rapture” mean?
2. Will there be an eschatological “rapture”?
3. Will the “rapture” be partial or full?
4. Will the “Rapture” Be Pre, Mid, or Post-Trib as it Relates to Daniel’s 70th Week?

Key Texts

Matthew 24–25; I Thessalonians 4; I Corinthians 15; and Revelation 3, 6–18

Eschatological Timeline



What Does “Rapture” Mean?

Will There Be an Eschatological “Rapture”?

I Thessalonians 4:16-17 (Isaiah 27:13)

I Corinthians 15:51-52

Will the “Rapture” Be Partial or Full?

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Will the “Rapture” Be Pre, Mid, or Post-Trib as it Relates to Daniel’s 70th Week?

1. The Church Is Not Mentioned in Revelation 6–18 as Being on Earth
2. The Rapture Is Rendered Inconsequential if It Is Post-tribulational
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
3. The Epistles Contain No Preparatory Warnings of an Impending Tribulation for Church-Age Believers

End of Class on September 29th

4. John 14:1-3 Parallels I Thessalonians 4:13-18
5. The Nature of Events at Christ’s Post-tribulational Coming Differs from That of the Rapture
 - Rapture - Christ comes in the air and returns to heaven (I Thessalonians 4:17)
 - Second Coming - Christ comes to the earth to dwell and reign (Matthew 25:31-32).
 - Rapture - Christ gathers His own (I Thessalonians 4:16-17)
 - Second Coming - angels gather the elect (Matthew 24:31)

Rapture - Christ comes to reward (I Thessalonians 4:17)
Second Coming - Christ comes to judge (Matthew 25:31-46)

Rapture - resurrection is prominent (I Thessalonians 4:15-16)
Second Coming - resurrection is not mentioned

Rapture - believers depart the earth (I Thessalonians 4:15-17)
Second Coming - unbelievers are taken away from the earth (Matthew 24:37 41)

Rapture - unbelievers remain on earth
Second Coming - believers remain on earth (Matthew 25:34)

Rapture - no mention of establishing Christ's Kingdom on earth
Second Coming - Christ comes to set up His Kingdom on earth (Matthew 25:31, 34)

Rapture - believers will receive glorified bodies (I Corinthians 15:51-57)
Second Coming - living believers remain in same bodies

Rapture – believers meet Christ in the air (I Thessalonians 4:7)
Second Coming – Christ returns to the Mount of Olives to meet the believers on earth
(Zechariah 14:4)

Rapture – Mount of Olives is unchanged
Second Coming - Mount of Olives is divided, forming a valley east of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4)

Rapture – believers go to heaven
Second Coming – glorified believers come from heaven, earthly believers stay on earth

Rapture – world left unjudged and living in sin
Second Coming – world is judged and righteousness is established

Rapture – depicts deliverance of the Church from wrath
Second Coming – depicts deliverance of believers who endured wrath

Rapture – no signs precede it
Second Coming – many signs precede it

Rapture – revealed only in New Testament
Second Coming – revealed in both Old and New Testaments

Rapture – deals with only the saved
Second Coming – deals with both the saved and unsaved

Rapture – Satan remains free
Second Coming – Satan is bound and thrown into the Abyss

6. Revelation 3:10 Promises That the Church Will Be Removed Prior to Daniel's 70th Week

7. The Jewish Wedding Ceremony

Add on a new room –

Send for his bride –

She had to be ready, but wouldn't know the precise moment of his arrival -

He & his friends let everyone know the time for the wedding had finally come -

8. Unknown Time of Christ's Return

Daniel 9 – 1,260 days from time Antichrist enters temple until Second Coming

Matthew 24:36 – no one knows the time of Christ's return

Suffering Servant (1st coming)

Conquering King (2nd coming)

Rapture (secret coming to receive His Bride – thief in the night)

Second Coming (Conquering King)