

# God's Plan for the Ages Series

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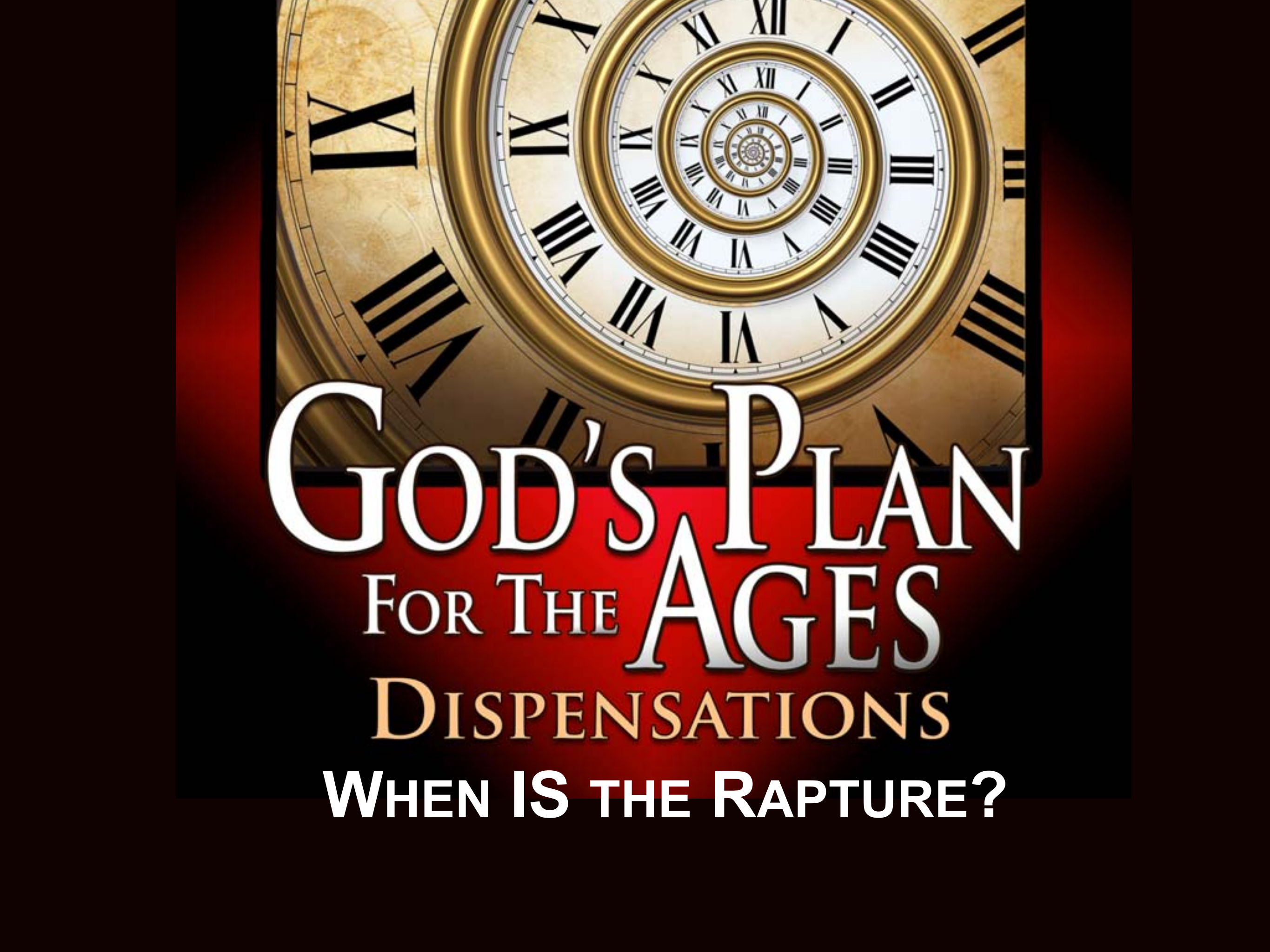
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**GOD'S PLAN**  
FOR THE **AGES**  
**DISPENSATIONS**

**WHEN IS THE RAPTURE?**

# GENTILES

# ISRAEL

*Perfect Environment*

*Conscience*

*Human Government*

*Patriarchs*

*Mosaic Law*

*Messianic Age*

*Church Age*

*Tribulation*

**Creation Covenant**

Gen. 1:28-30;  
Hosea 6:7

**Adamic Covenant**

Gen. 3:14-19

**Noahic Covenant**

Gen. 9:1-17

**Abrahamic Covenant**

Gen. 12:1-3

**Mosaic Covenant**

Ex. 20-40

**Logos**

**New Covenant Applied**

## Responsibility

**Fulfill the Covenant:**  
Gen. 1:26-28;  
2:16-17

**Animal Sacrifice**  
Gen. 3:21

**Fill the earth**  
Gen. 9:7

**Stay distinct people**  
Gen. 7:14

**Obey the Law**  
Ex. 19:3-8

**Accept Messiah**

**Faith alone  
In Christ alone**

## Failure

**Ate fruit**  
Gen. 3:1-6

**Evil and Wickedness**  
Gen. 6:5-6

**Built Babel**  
Gen. 11:1-4

**Assimilated**  
Gen. 34

**Disobeyed**  
2 Chron. 36:14

**Reject Messiah**

**Most reject Christ**

## Divine Judgment

**Sp. Death**  
Gen. 3:7-19

**Flood**  
Gen. 6—9

**Confusion of Languages**  
Gen. 11:5-9

**Egyptian Bondage**  
Ex. 1:8-14

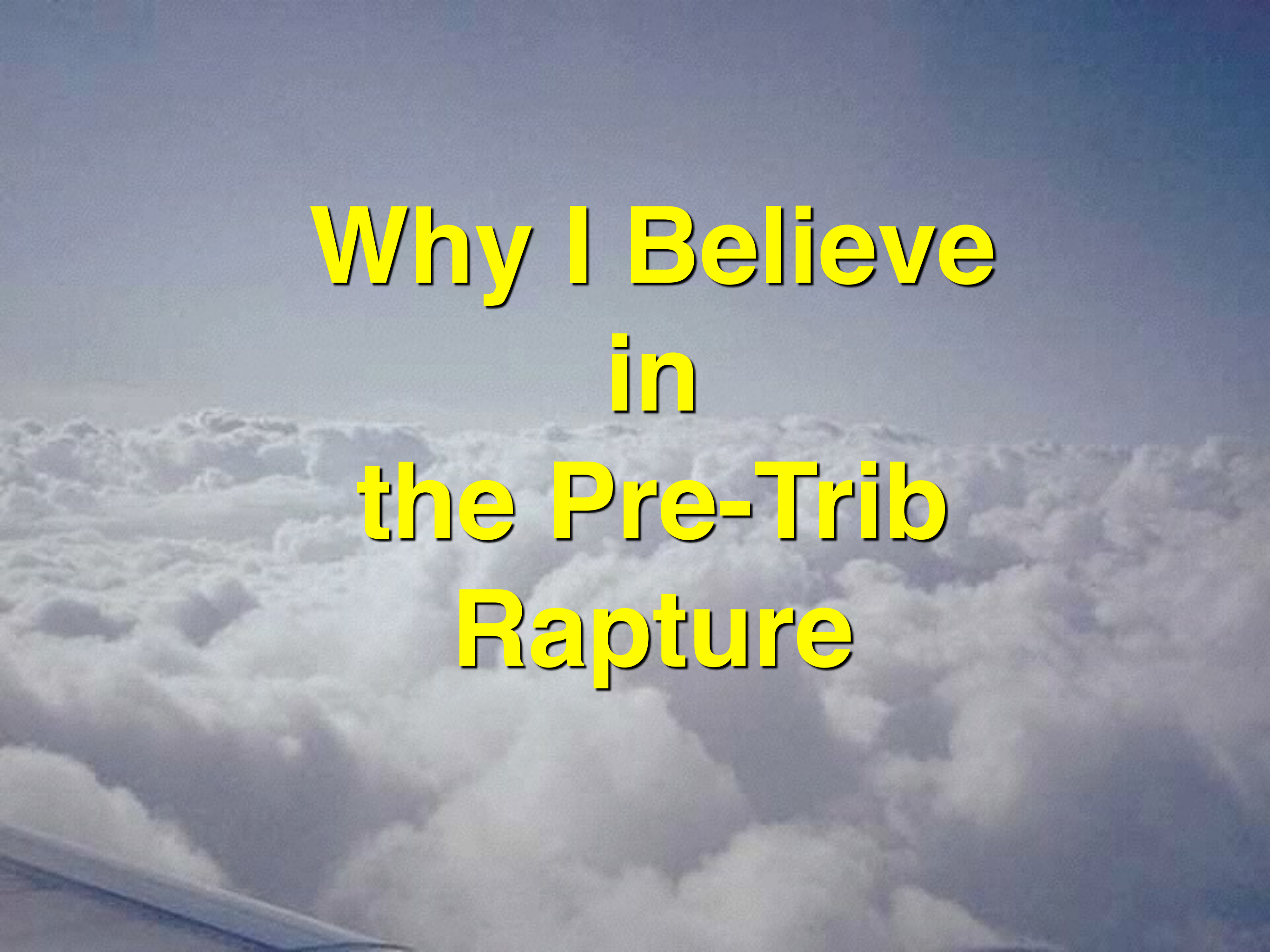
**Diaspora**  
Deut. 28:63-66

**Cross 5th Cycle**

**Tribulation**

# BIBLICAL DISPENSATIONS





**Why I Believe  
in  
the Pre-Trib  
Rapture**





**WHAT is the Rapture?**

**WHEN is the Rapture?**



# RAPTURE VIEWS

**Pre-Trib  
Rapture**



**CHURCH AGE**

**TRIBULATION**

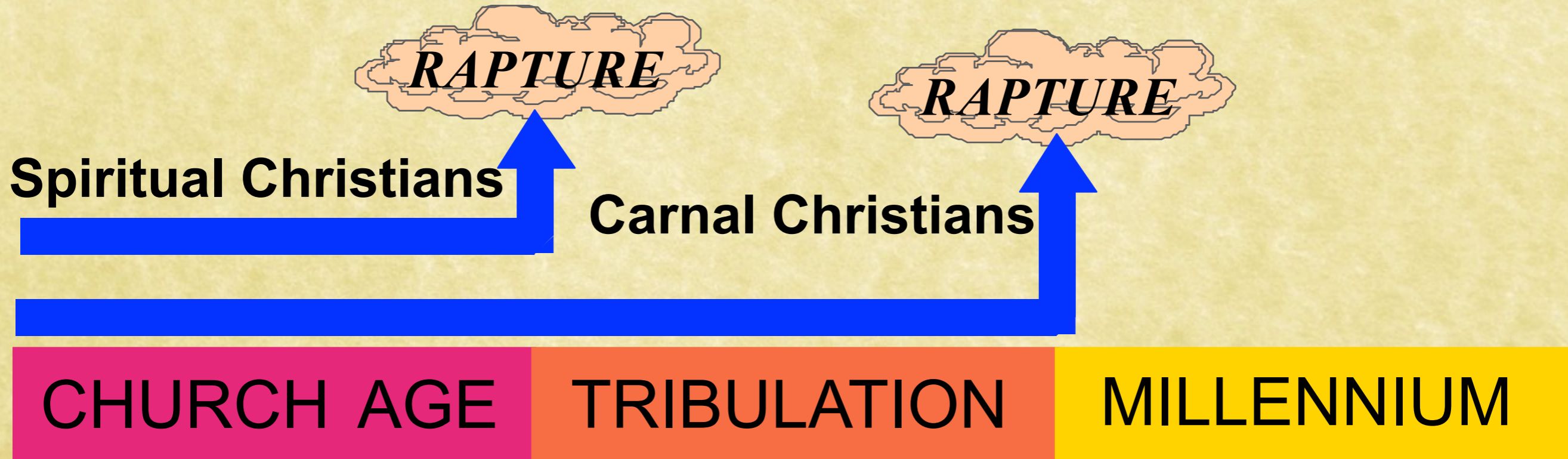
**MILLENNIUM**

**The Rapture occurs before the Tribulation, ending the Church Age, so no Church Age believer goes through the Tribulation.**



# RAPTURE VIEWS

## Partial Rapture



**At the Rapture only those faithful, totally dedicated Christians will be caught up, leaving carnal Christians behind to be chastened by the Tribulation.**



# RAPTURE VIEWS

**Mid-Trib  
Rapture**

**All Believers**



**CHURCH AGE**

**TRIBULATION**

**MILLENNIUM**

**The Rapture occurs in the middle of the Tribulation, thus believers endure the first half. The “pre-wrath” Rapture is a variant of this.**



# RAPTURE VIEWS

**Post-Trib  
Rapture**



**CHURCH AGE**

**TRIBULATION**

**MILLENNIUM**

**The Rapture occurs at the end of the Tribulation, forcing all believers to endure the entire seven years.**



# **1. The distinction between Israel and the Church.**



**Rom. 11:25, “For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;**

**Rom. 11:26, “and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘*The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.*’**

**Rom. 11:27, “And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”**



## **2. The purposes for the Tribulation do not relate to the Church.**

- To execute judgment on the wicked nations who have rejected Christ.**
- To demonstrate the inability of Satan to rule the planet.**
- To provide time for millions to be saved.**
- To prepare the nation Israel for the Messiah and His kingdom.**



# **PURPOSES OF THE TRIBULATION**

- 1. Time of preparation for Israel's restoration and conversion (Deut. 4:29, 30; Jer. 30:3–11; Zech. 12:10).**
- 2. Called "time of Jacob's tribulation" (Jer. 30:7).**
- 3. The Church currently experiences tribulations (Jn. 16:33), she will not experience "the" Tribulation.**
- 4. The Church is mentioned 19 times in Rev. 1–3, but in 4–19, that covers the Tribulation period, the Church is never mentioned.**



**Deut. 4:30, “When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice”**



**Jer. 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.”**



**Ezek. 20:37, “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;”**



**Dan. 12:1, “At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.”**



# Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

**The Decree to Restore**

**Messiah the Prince**

**The Coming Prince**

**Messiah Returns**

69 Weeks

Messiah "cut off" Apr. 3, A.D. 33

Church Age



1/2 Week

1/2 Week

**March 5, 444 B.C.**

**March 30, A.D. 33**

City & Temple destroyed Aug. 6, A.D. 70

Artaxerxes' Decree Neh. 2:1-8

Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-40

**The Tribulation is for Israel**



### **3. The Church is NEVER the object of the wrath of God.**

**Wrath is a technical term for the execution of the judgment of God.**

- “wrath” is used first in Rev. 6, the “wrath of the Lamb”; in the seal judgments.
- “wrath” is worldwide in scope.
- “wrath” involves supernatural judgments and signs and wonders on the earth.
- “wrath” results in the deaths of BILLIONS.



**1 Thess. 5:9, “For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,”**

**1 Thess. 1:10, “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”**



**Rev. 3:9–10, “ ‘Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie — behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you \*Because you have kept the word of My perseverance.**

**I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth.”**



**Matt. 24:21, “for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.” (cf., Dan. 12:1)**



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**Joel 2:2, “A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, so there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations.”**



# **4. Imminency: The “at any moment” return of Jesus Christ.**