

1 Thessalonians 5:27

A Command to Read

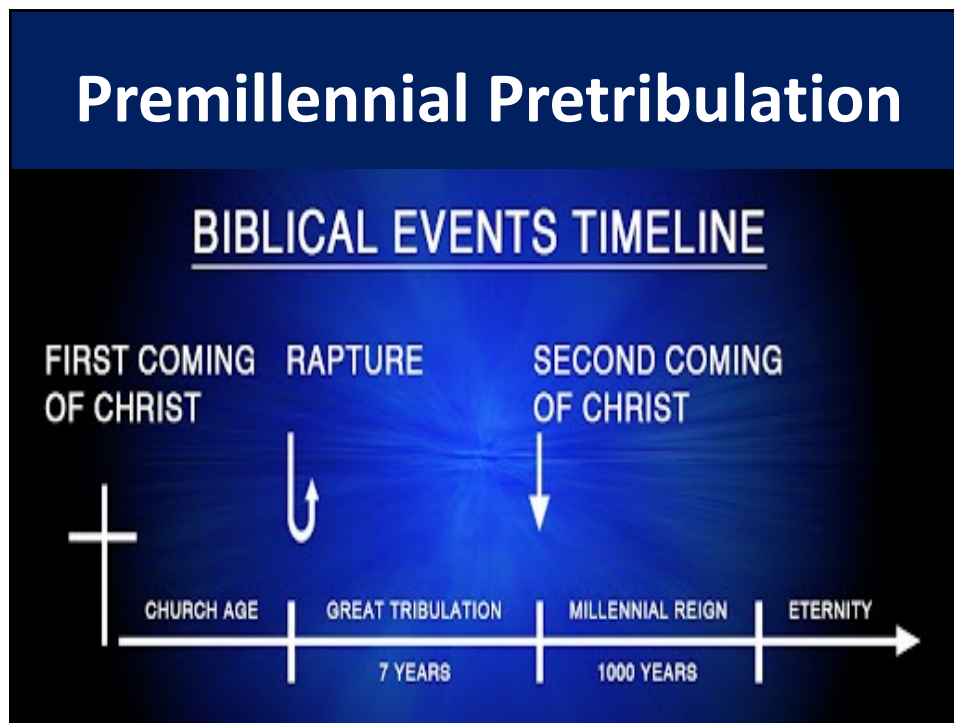
- *I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters. NLT*

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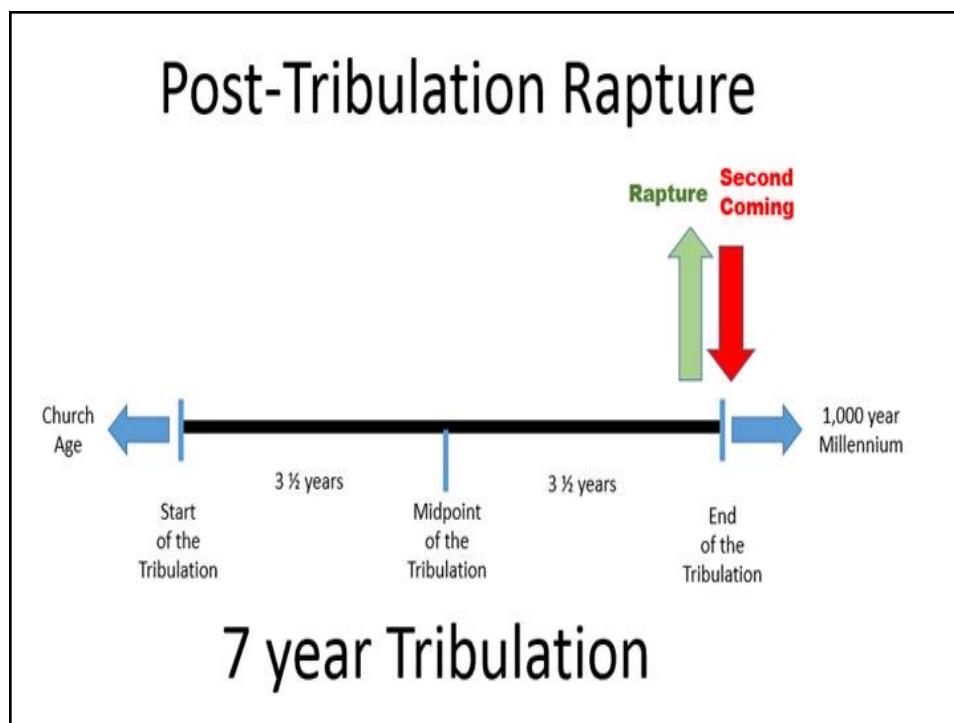
Grieve for those who died? (4:13)

"from these statements, it would appear that they supposed that those who had died, though they were true Christians, would be deprived of some important advantages which those would possess who should survive to the coming of the Lord. Some still struggling to understand the resurrection were wondering if those who had died would miss out on the resurrection all together." -Barnes Notes

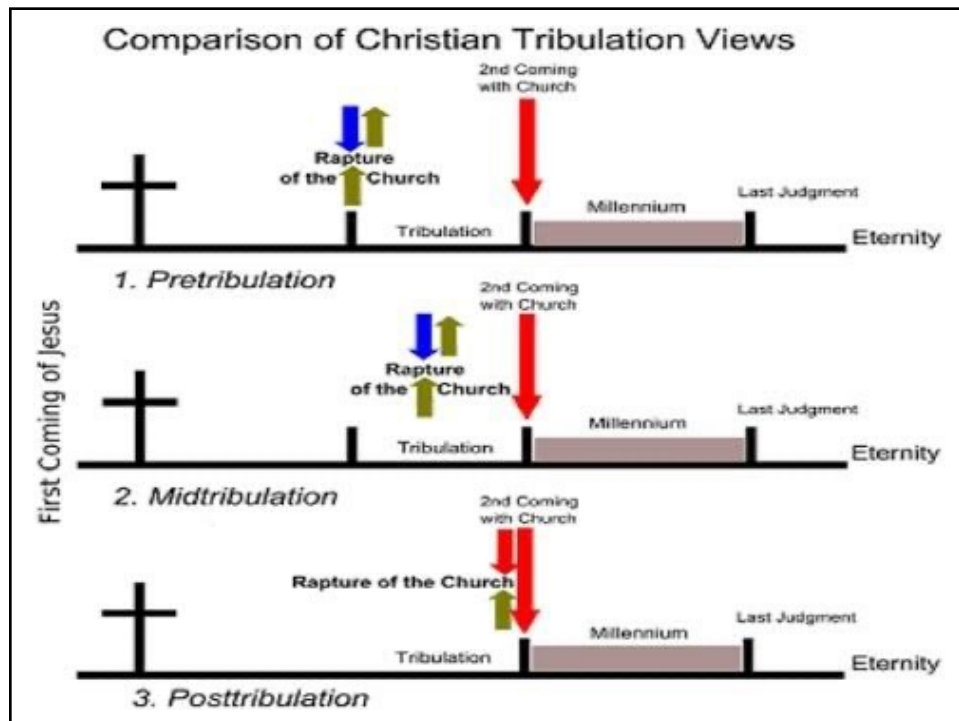
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RAPTURE OUT OR MEETING WITH

Although it is common in certain Christian circles to read a “rapture” into 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, this conclusion does not account for Paul’s literary and cultural contexts. Instead of describing a portal to heaven, the apostle offers a window into the eternal life that comes with the resurrection of the dead and Jesus’ everlasting reign in the Kingdom of God.

-Dr. Nicholas J. Schaser

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The Suddenly of the Lord’s Return	
TO THE WORLD	TO THE RIGHTEOUS
Completely unprepared thieves breaking in	Spiritual armor, Prepared, watchful not surprised
those who are sleeping	Those who are awake
those who are drunk	Those who are sober
Children in the dark	Children of the light

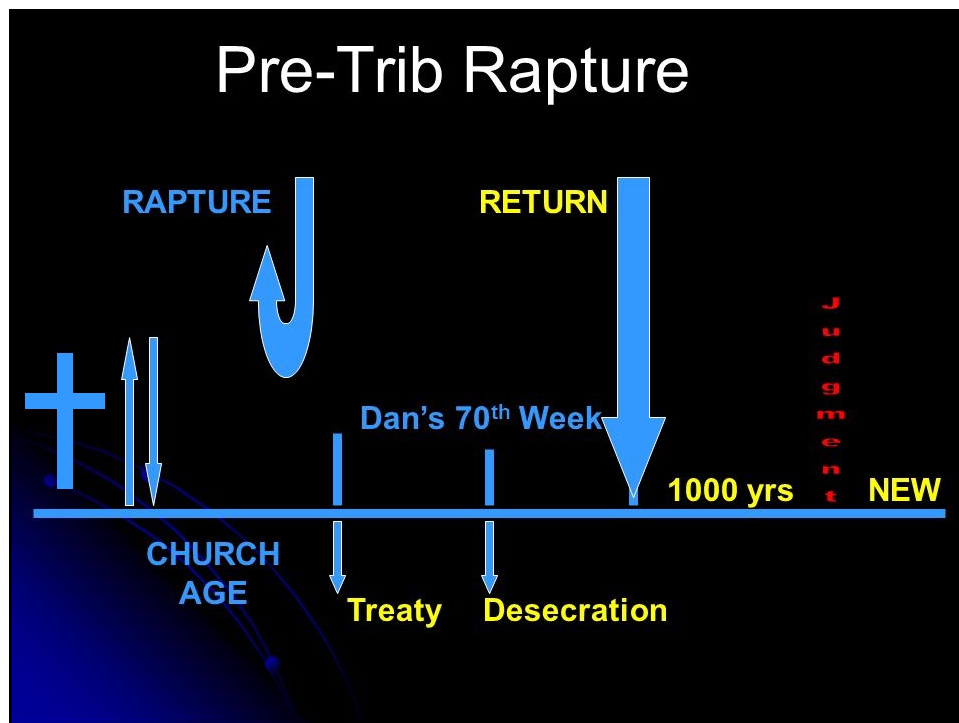
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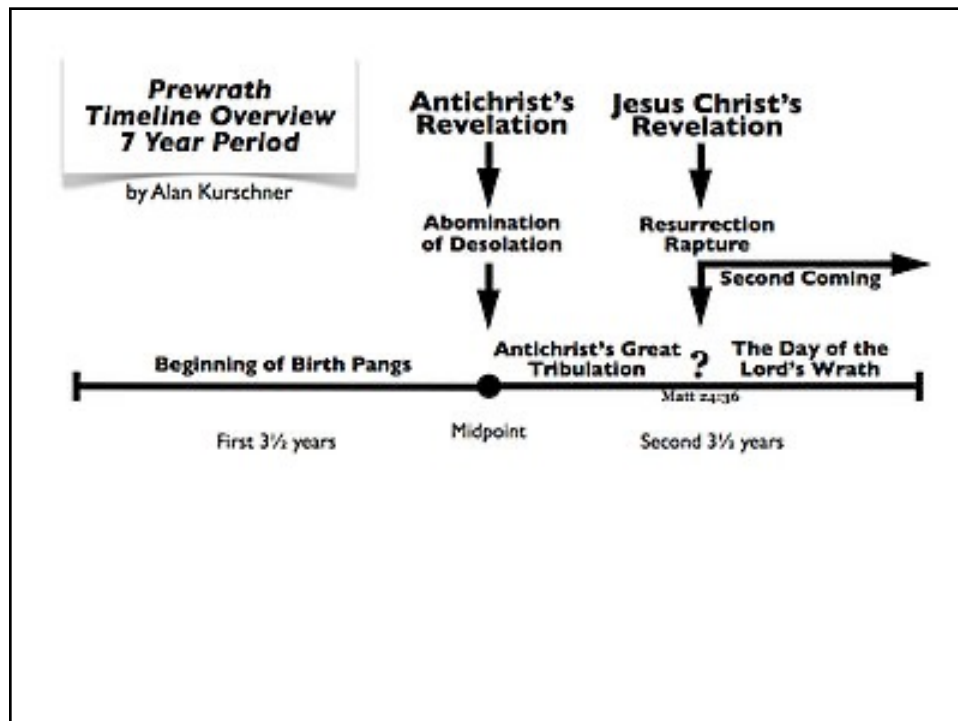
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Additions from 2 Thess

- Must be a 'falling away'
- Son of perdition/man of sin must be revealed
 - comes with power, signs, lying wonders, unrighteous deception, but opposes God
- Restrainer must be taken away

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