





# WHY ESCHATOLOGY MATTERS

Session 8 - Ten Reasons I Believe In A  
Pre-Tribulation Rapture



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### 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

**Jer 30:7** Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even *the time of Jacob's (ISRAEL's) trouble*; but *he (Israel)* shall be saved out of it.

**Dan 9:24** Seventy weeks have been decreed *for your people* and *for your holy city*...

## KINGDOM

(Age of the Messiah /1000 Year Millennial Reign of Christ)

Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed:

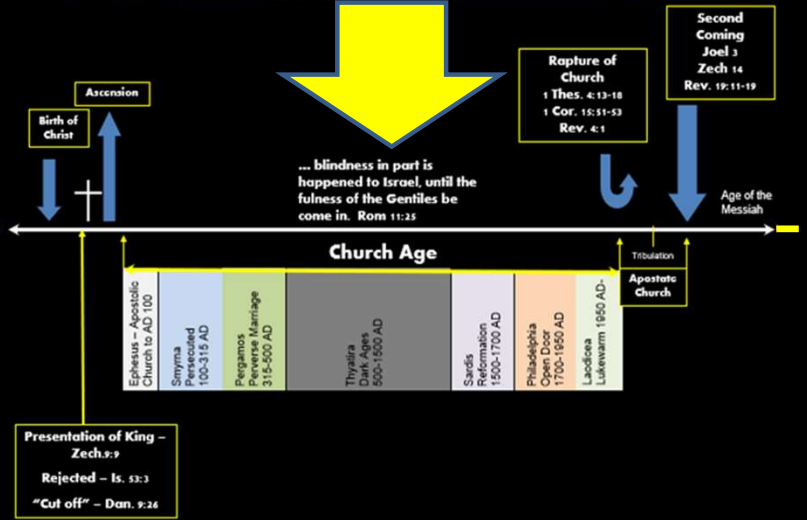
Mic 4:2-4 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.



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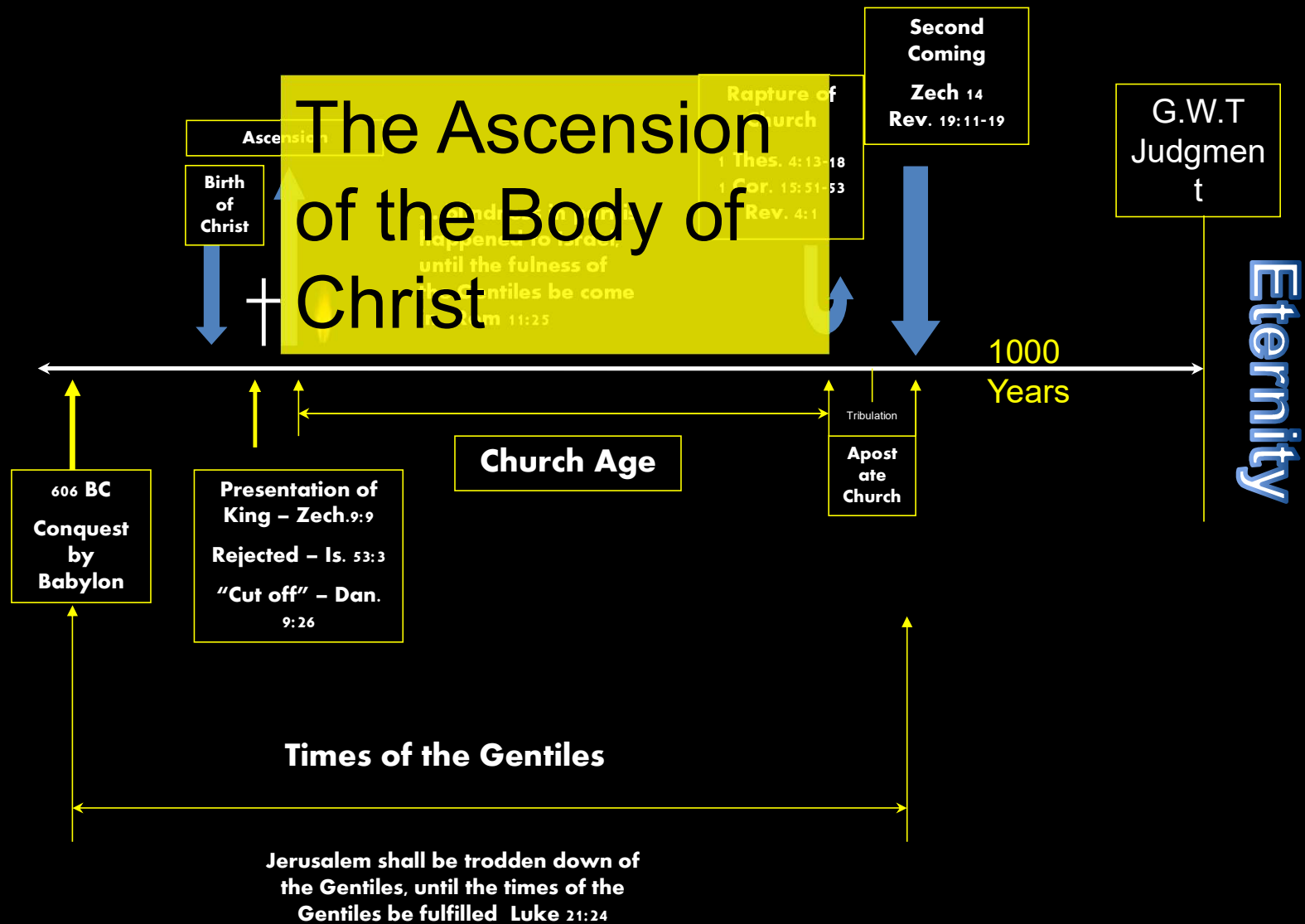




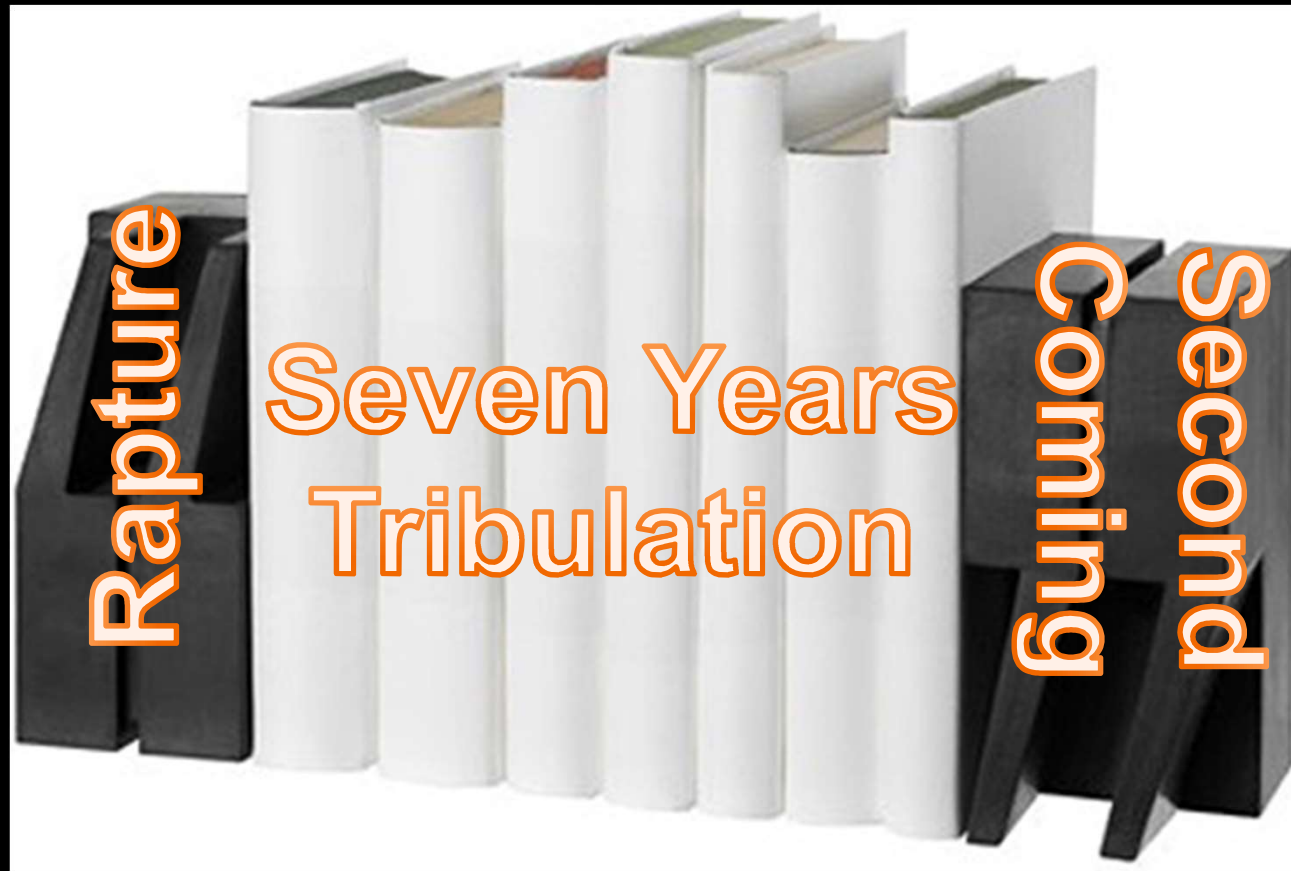
# This Period was Hidden in the O.T.

- Matt 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the **mysteries of the kingdom of heaven**, but to them it is not given. (13:33-35) Another parable spake he unto them...All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; **I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.**
- Eph 3:3-9 How that by revelation he made known unto me **the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men**, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel...I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ:











The background of the slide is a 3D-rendered classroom. On the left is a wooden door with a window showing a blue sky and white clouds. A red ribbon is tied to the top of the door handle. To the right of the door is a green chalkboard. In the foreground, there is a small wooden desk with a white chair. A brown bag is on the floor next to the desk.

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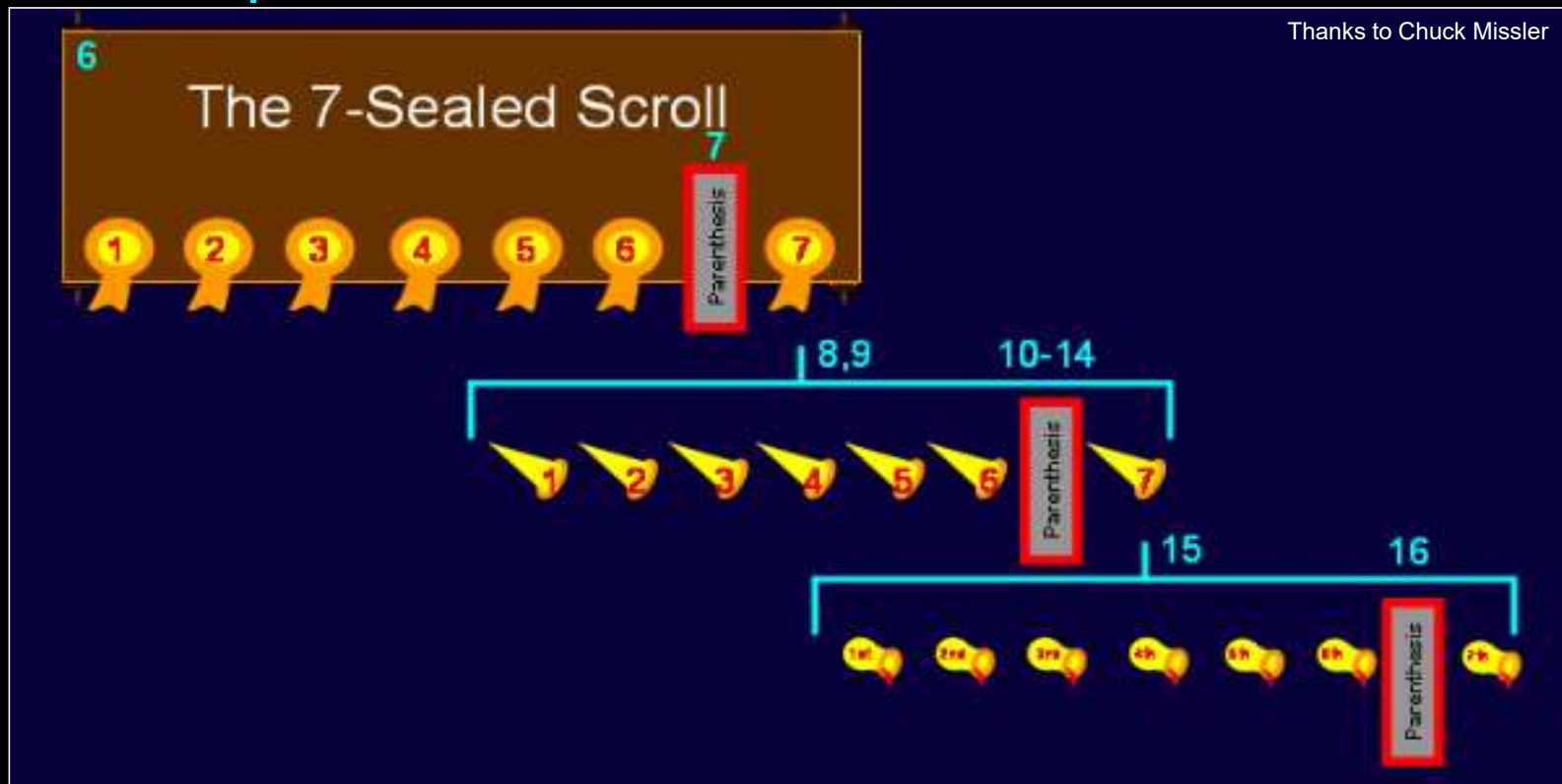
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# Ten Reasons I Believe In a Pre-Trib Rapture

**5) The Bride of the Lamb will  
Not face the WRATH of the Lamb**



- 1 – Vision of Jesus
- 2-3 – Church Age
- 4-5 - Rapture/Heaven



- 17-18 – Babylon
- 19 - Armageddon
- 20 - Millennium/GWT
- 21-22 - Eternity



Revelation 6:15-17

**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?**





**Ezek 32:10-12** Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when **I shall brandish my sword** before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall. For thus saith the Lord God; **The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall**, the terrible of the nations, all of them: and they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

**Jer 47:6** O thou sword of the Lord, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.

**Jer 21:3-5** Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. **And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm**, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.







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6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much **affliction**, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

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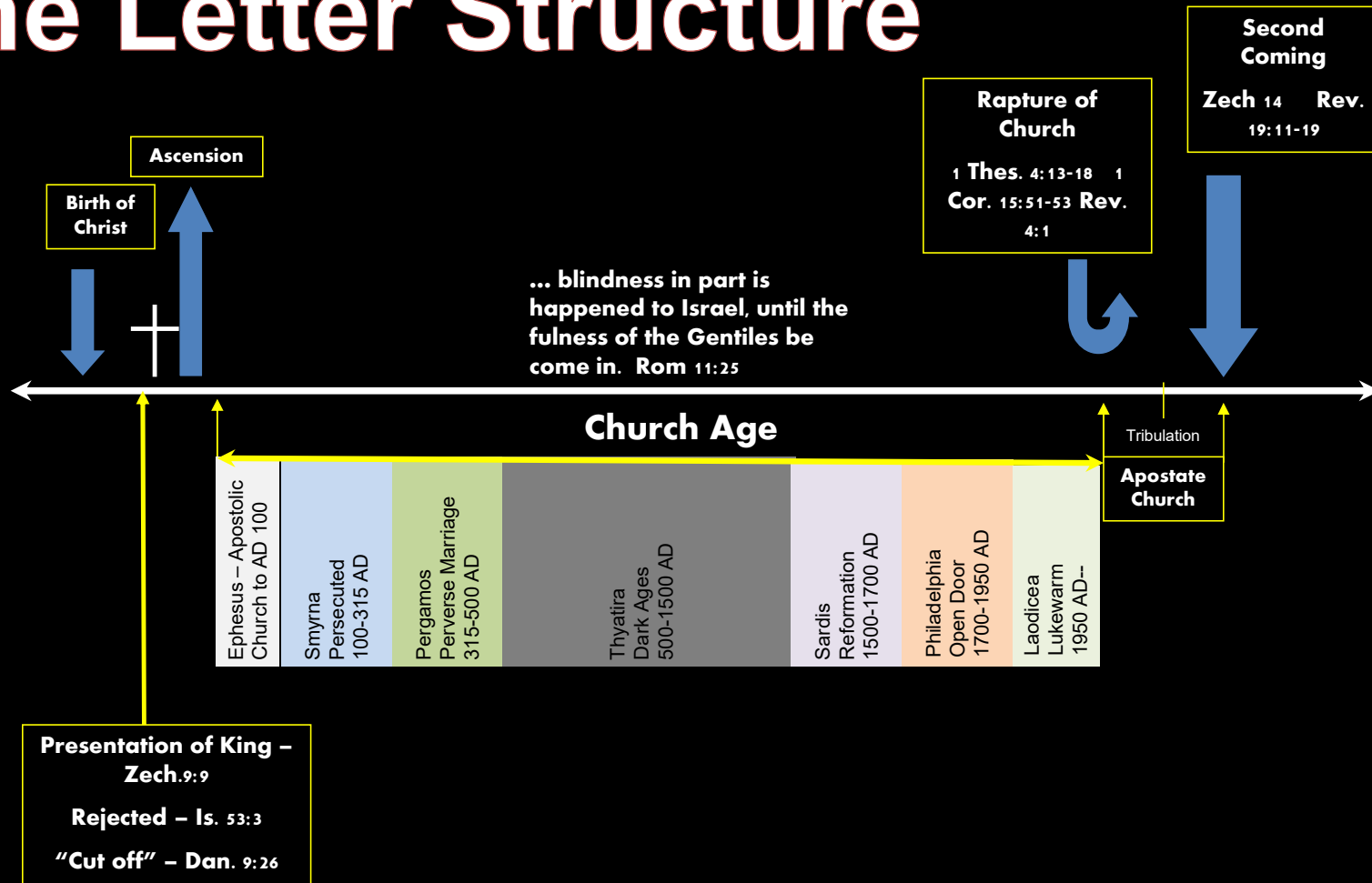


NT:2347 θλίψις **thlipsis** (thlip'-sis); from NT:2346; pressure (literally or figuratively):  
**KJV** - afflicted (-tion), anguish, burdened, persecution, tribulation, trouble.

NT:3709 ὀργή **orge** (or-gay'); from NT:3713; properly, desire (as a reaching forth or excitement of the mind), i.e. (by analogy,) violent passion (ire, or [justifiable] abhorrence); by implication punishment:  
**KJV** - anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath.



# The Letter Structure





Now notice also the structure of each of these seven letters.

- Each letter contains seven components:
- The name of the church
- Their title
- Commendation
- Concerns
- Exhortation
- Promise to the overcomer
- And a “consistent” invitation: *“He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.”*



Rev 2:7 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;* To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 3:5-6 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*



# Seven Churches of Asia



1. **Ephesus** - Apostolic Church through AD 100
2. **Smyrna** – Persecuted Church – 100 – 313 AD
3. **Pergamos** - Married to the State – 313 AD – 500 AD
4. **Thyatira** – Dark Ages/Nicolaitism – 500 AD – 1500 AD
5. **Sardis** – Reformation – 1500 – 1750
6. **Philadelphia** – Open Door – 1750 – 1950
7. **Laodicea** – 1950 --



**Thyatira** - the Holy Roman Catholic Church – still exists today. What does God say to individuals within Thyatira?

- Rev 2:22 *Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*

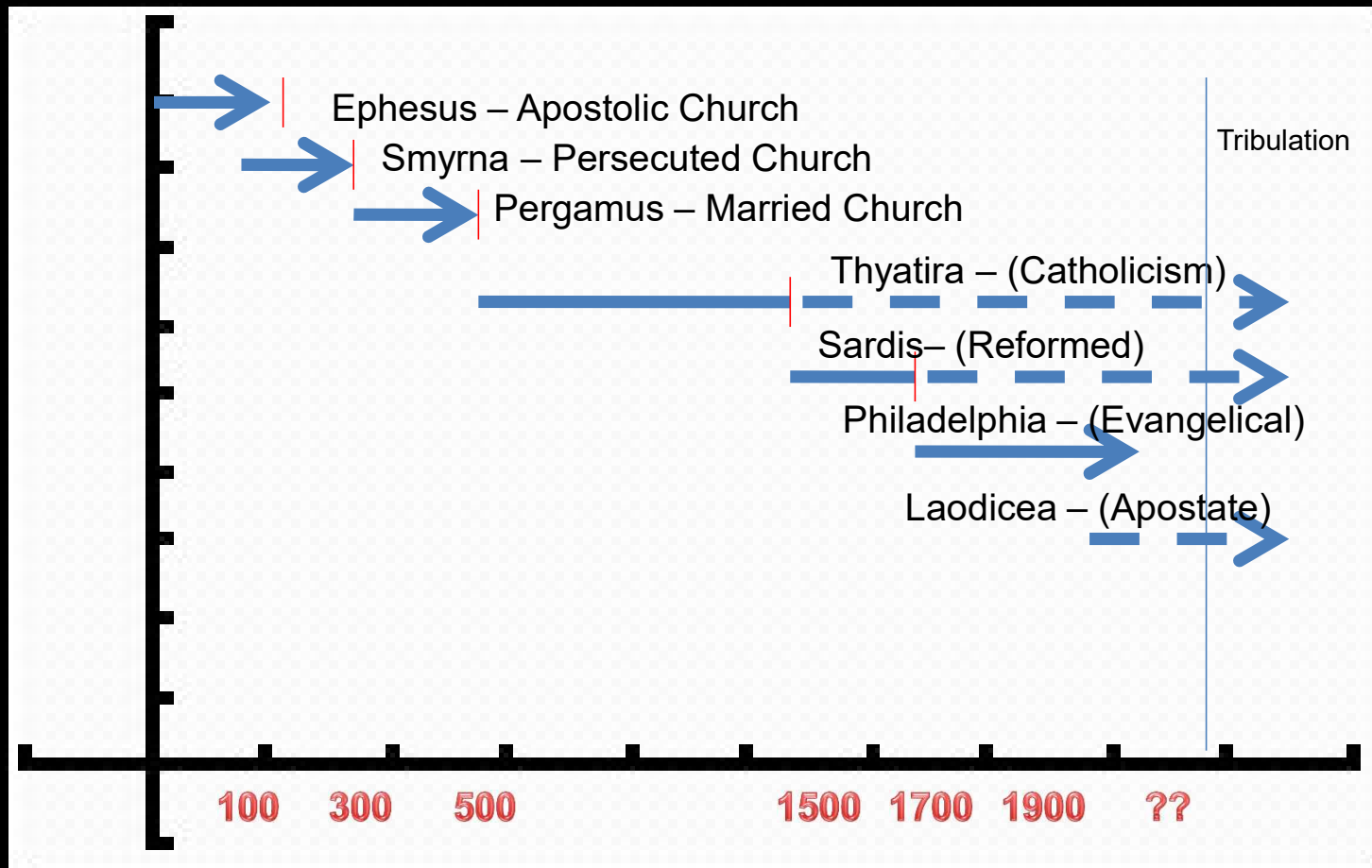
**Smyrna** – the churches of the Reformation – that got salvation right but largely held to the other Catholic/Augustinian beliefs of Amillenialism and many hold a hatred for Israel – still exist today. What does God say to individuals within Smyrna?

- Rev 3:3 *If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*
- 1 Thessalonians 5 says that Christians “...are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief.”

**Philadelphia** – the faithful open door whom God had NO correction for – still exists today and they are promised:

- Rev 3:10 *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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# **Ten Reasons I Believe In a Pre-Trib Rapture**

**6) Thessalonians doesn't make sense without the expectation of a Pre-Trib Rapture**





2 Thess 2:1-2

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NT:5228 ὑπέρ **huper** (hoop-er'); a primary preposition; "over", i.e. (with the genitive case) of place, above, beyond, across, or causal, for the sake of, instead regarding; with the accusative case superior to, more than:

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NT:1223 διὰ **dia** (dee-ah'); a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act, through (in very wide applications, local, causal, or occasional):

**KJV** - after, always, among, at, to avoid, because of (that), briefly, by, for (cause), fore,





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**Isaiah 13:9-11**

**Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.**







# The Tribulation will serve three purposes:

1. To punish the wickedness on this earth (Isaiah 26:21, Isaiah 13:11).
2. The Purification of Israel. Not all Israel is “believing” Israel. Only believing Israel will enter into the Millennial Kingdom. (Zechariah 13:8)
3. The Birth Pains of the Nation of Israel. (Jer. 30:6-9, Matt. 24:8)



There are two distinct sufferings talked about.  
Never confuse the two.

- There is the body of Christ that is persecuted by the world because of our faith. (Acts 9:4).
- There is the universal judgment upon the world and those in the world – for their mockery and rejection of Christ , His prophets and His bride. (Is 26:21)





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**“A Falling Away” Gr – Apostasia**

- It's literal meaning is “reject, rebel, forsake, defection from the truth.”
- It is the same word translated “rebellion” in the Septuagint in **Joshua 22:22**, *“The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not this day,)”*





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**And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

**7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

**8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

**9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

**“hinder/restrain”**





# Restraining work of the Holy Spirit

- **John 14:16-17** *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*
- **1 Cor 6:19** *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*
- “God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” — **Phil 2:13**
- And God commands us to “*have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*” - **Eph 5:11**



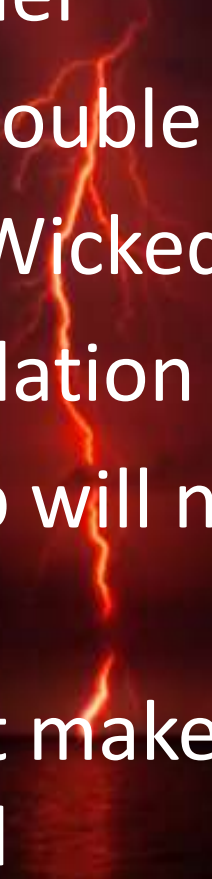
2 Thes. 2:8-12

**THEN shall that Wicked be revealed....who the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even his coming is after the working of Satan with all power, signs and lying wonders, (Revelation 13:4-15) with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; (WHY DO THEY PERISH?) because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause (they rec'd not the truth) God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**





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