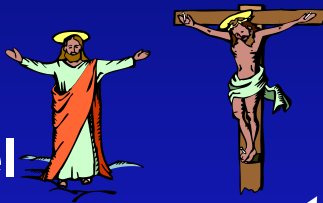


THE RAPTURE AND THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN

This doctrine teaches Jesus came to establish His kingdom BUT FAILED, the church age was a stop gap solution, that Jesus will come to establish His kingdom on earth and reign for a literal thousand years from the throne of David, there will be multiple resurrections (as many as 7 in some cases), multiple “Second Comings of Christ”, multiple days of Judgment, the restoration of the Nation of Israel, the rebuilding of the Temple, the restoration of the Old Testament Priesthood, the restoration of Old Testament sacrifices, and the restoration of the Old Covenant concerning worship and serving God.

Premillennialism

Christ Comes to Establish Kingdom
Christ Fails and is Rejected
Kingdom Postponed



Israel

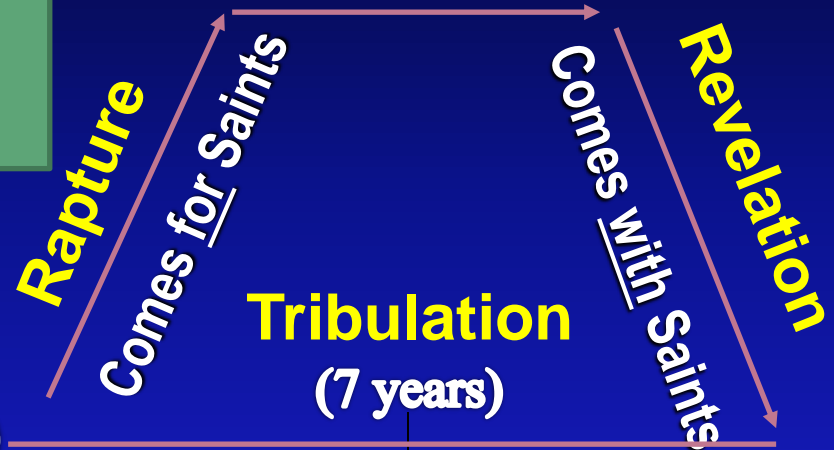
The church and the Church Age is not a subject of prophecy in the OT.

(Church Age)

Signs
Mt. 24

Resurrection of Righteous
Living Saints Changed
All Caught Up (1Thes. 4)

Marriage Supper



Tribulation
(7 years)

3 1/2 3 1/2
Great Tribulation

Antichrist

Resurrection of
Tribulation
Saints (?)

- In the Book of Revelation Hal Lindsey makes "fire and brimstone" equivalent to **nuclear explosions;**
- locusts equivalent to **Cobra helicopters;**
- Swords and shields stand for **tanks and missiles.**
- He insists **144,000** Jews in the text (Revelation 7) must mean just that... but **"fire and brimstone"** must mean something else.

- Revelation 20:1-6 – Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.
- Revelation 20:1–6 (LBLA) — 1 Y vi a un ángel que descendía del cielo, con la llave del abismo y una gran cadena en su mano. 2 Prendió al dragón, la serpiente antigua, que es el Diablo y Satanás, y lo ató por mil años; 3 y lo arrojó al abismo, y lo cerró y lo selló sobre él, para que no engañara más a las naciones, hasta que se cumplieran los mil años; después de esto debe ser desatado por un poco de tiempo.

- 4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. ESV
- 4 También vi tronos, y se sentaron sobre ellos, y se les concedió autoridad para juzgar. Y vi las almas de los que habían sido decapitados por causa del testimonio de Jesús y de la palabra de Dios, y a los que no habían adorado a la bestia ni a su imagen, ni habían recibido la marca sobre su frente ni sobre su mano; y volvieron a la vida y reinaron con Cristo por mil años. 5 Los demás muertos no volvieron a la vida hasta que se cumplieron los mil años. Esta es la primera resurrección. 6 Bienaventurado y santo es el que tiene parte en la primera resurrección; la muerte segunda no tiene poder sobre estos sino que serán sacerdotes de Dios y de Cristo, y reinarán con Él por mil años.

Numbers had figurative meanings

- **3** – God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **4** – The earth and earthly matters. North, East, South, West. 4 corners of the earth.
- **7** - A sacred number. God and Man. God and the Earth.
- **5** – Completeness. 5 fingers, 5 toes.
- **10** – Completeness intensified.
- **6** – An unholy number. One less than seven. 666 has an evil, incomplete, ungodly connotation.
- **3 x 4 = 12**. 12 Sons of Jacob, 12 Tribes of Israel, 12 Apostles, 12 gates into the New Jerusalem. A symbolic religious number. Usually associated with God's people.

- $12 \times 12 = 144$
- $12,000 \times 12,000 = 144,000$. 12 is multiplied by 1000
 - A thousand is a multiple of 10. $10 \times 10 = 100$.
 $10 \times 100 = 1000$.
 - In all likelihood the 144,000 represents the people of God. Or the complete number of the people under consideration.
- 1000 year reign signifies the completeness of time. It's not to be understood literally any more than the 70 weeks of Daniel are understood literally.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- The Book of Revelation is unlike any other book in the New Testament.
- N.T. Wright quote – “People often get upset when you teach them what is in the Bible rather than what they presume is in the Bible.”

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- Revelation 1:1-3 - *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, **the things which must soon take place**; and He **sent and communicated it** by His angel to His bond-servant John, 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the **prophecy**, and heed the things which are written in it; **for the time is near.** NASU*
- Revelation 1:1-3 (LBLA) — *1 La revelación de Jesucristo, que Dios le dio, para mostrar a sus siervos las cosas que deben suceder pronto; y la dio a conocer, enviándola por medio de su ángel a su siervo Juan, 2 el cual dio testimonio de la palabra de Dios, y del testimonio de Jesucristo, y de todo lo que vio. 3 Bienaventurado el que lee y los que oyen las palabras de la profecía y guardan las cosas que están escritas en ella, porque el tiempo está cerca.*

- Revelation 1:1-3 - *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, **THE THINGS WHICH MUST SOON TAKE PLACE**; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; **FOR THE TIME IS NEAR.** NASU*
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Revelation 22:10-

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, FOR THE TIME IS NEAR.

NASU

Revelation 22:10 (LBLA) —

10 También me* dijo: No selles las palabras de la profecía de este libro, **PORQUE EL TIEMPO ESTÁ CERCA.**

- Daniel 12:4 (NASB95) — 4 “But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”
- Daniel 12:4 (LBLA) — 4 Pero tú, Daniel, guarda en secreto estas palabras y sella el libro hasta el tiempo del fin. Muchos correrán de aquí para allá, y el conocimiento aumentará.

This is a book of prophecy and it is filled with prophetic language. Apocryphal language, language of the prophets, visions, word pictures.

- *"he sent and communicated it by his angel" –*
- Your Bible likely has a note about the word translated *communicated*.
- In the border or footnote it will say "*signified*" or "*he signified*".
- This is the word **semaino**

- Semaino means to tell in, by, or with symbols.

To communicate through signs.

The English word Semaphore is derived from this word.

- To use signs, flags, symbols to communicate a message.

What John is about to write is going to happen *soon, the time is near* ... it is a prophecy and will contain prophetic language, and he's going to use signals, signs, he's going to tell in, by, or with symbols in order to communicate it.

What about the passages concerning the Second Coming of Jesus.

- Matthew 24:36 - *"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone."*
- Matthew 24:36 (LBLA) — *"Pero de aquel día y hora nadie sabe, ni siquiera los ángeles del cielo, ni el Hijo, sino solo el Padre."*

THE KINGDOM OF THE MESSIAH

- *"David's son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must return to the earth, bodily and literally, in order to reign over David's covenanted kingdom. The allegation that Christ is seated on the Father's throne reigning over a spiritual kingdom, the church, simply does not fulfill the promises of the covenant ... A literal earthly kingdom must be constituted over which the returned Messiah reigns" - Pentecost, Things to Come, pp. 114,115 (via Miller, p. 98).*

- *"...the kingdom announced by John (and afterward by the Lord Jesus himself, Matt. 4:17; Mark 1:14,15) could have been none other than that of Old Testament prophecy ... that kingdom, though announced as 'at hand,' has never yet appeared..." - R.H. Boll, *Kingdom of God*, p. 34 (via Wallace, *God's Prophetic Word*, pp. 176f).*

- John 18:36- 36 *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."*

- John 18:36 (LBLA) — 36 *Jesús respondió: Mi reino no es de este mundo. Si mi reino fuera de este mundo, entonces mis servidores pelearían para que yo no fuera entregado a los judíos; mas ahora mi reino no es de aquí.*

- The Old Testament prophets foretold the establishment of this Kingdom.
- Matthew 3:2 - John the Baptist preached the kingdom.
- Matthew 4:23 - Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom [cf. 9:35; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 9:11; Mark 1:14,15]
- Matthew 13:19 - The message preached was the word of the kingdom.
- Luke 9:2,60 - The disciples were instructed to preach the kingdom [10:9,11; Matthew 10:7].
- In addition, many of Jesus' parables taught about the kingdom.

Mark 1:14-15 - 14 “Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” NASU

Mark 1:14–15 (LBLA) — 14 Después que Juan había sido encarcelado, Jesús vino a Galilea proclamando el evangelio de Dios, 15 y diciendo: El tiempo se ha cumplido y el reino de Dios se ha acercado; arrepentíos y creed en el evangelio.

- Mark 9:1 - "*And Jesus was saying to them, 'Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.'*" NASU
- Mark 9:1 (LBLA) — *1 Y les decía: En verdad os digo que hay algunos de los que están aquí que no probarán la muerte hasta que vean el reino de Dios después de que haya venido con poder.*

Matthew 16:28

28 "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

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**Was the Kingdom at hand?
Had the time been fulfilled?
Were there people standing
there who would see the
kingdom before they died?
Was Jesus right or was He
wrong?**

**Was he teaching the truth, was
he mistaken, was he lying?**

- Acts 8:12 - (NASB95) — *12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.*
- Acts 8:12 (LBLA) — *12 Pero cuando creyeron a Felipe, que anunciaba las buenas nuevas del reino de Dios y el nombre de Cristo Jesús, se bautizaban, tanto hombres como mujeres.*

- Colossians 1:13-14 - *13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* NASU

- Colossians 1:13–14 (LBLA) — *13 Porque Él nos libró del dominio de las tinieblas y nos trasladó al reino de su Hijo amado, 14 en quien tenemos redención: el perdón de los pecados.*

- Hebrews 12:28 - *28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.* NASU

- Hebrews 12:28 (LBLA) — *28 Por lo cual, puesto que recibimos un reino que es incommovible, demostraremos gratitud, mediante la cual ofrezcamos a Dios un servicio aceptable con temor y reverencia;*

- 1 Corinthians 15:22-24 - *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.*

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- 1 Corinthians 15:22–24 (LBLA) — *22 Porque así como en Adán todos mueren, también en Cristo todos serán vivificados. 23 Pero cada uno en su debido orden: Cristo, las primicias; luego los que son de Cristo en su venida; 24 entonces vendrá el fin, cuando entregue el reino al Dios y Padre, después que haya abolido todo dominio y toda autoridad y poder.*

- 2 Thessalonians 1:5 (NASB95) — *5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.*
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5 (LBLA) — *5 Esta es una señal evidente del justo juicio de Dios, para que seáis considerados dignos del reino de Dios, por el cual en verdad estáis sufriendo.*

- Revelation 1:9 (NASB95) — *9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

- Acts 1:9-11 - *And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? **This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."***

Revelation 1:7 –

"BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen."

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 -

*Then comes the end, when
he delivers the kingdom to
God the Father after
destroying every rule and
every authority and
power.*

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