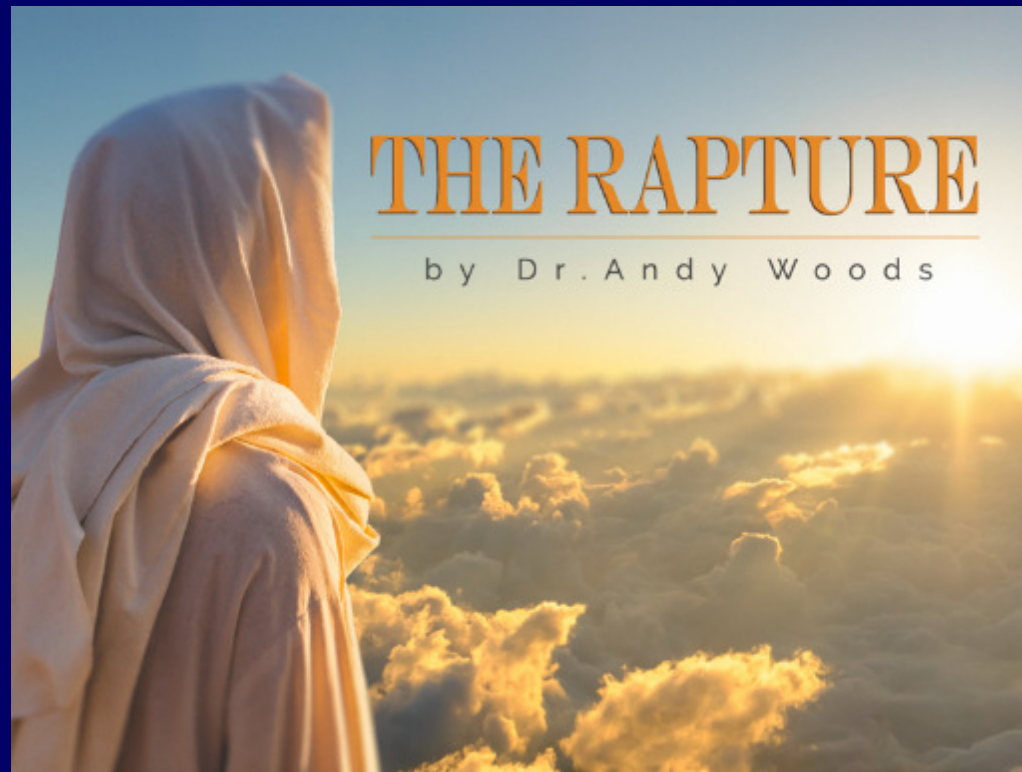


# THE RAPTURE

## What and When? – Part 11



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# What is the Rapture?



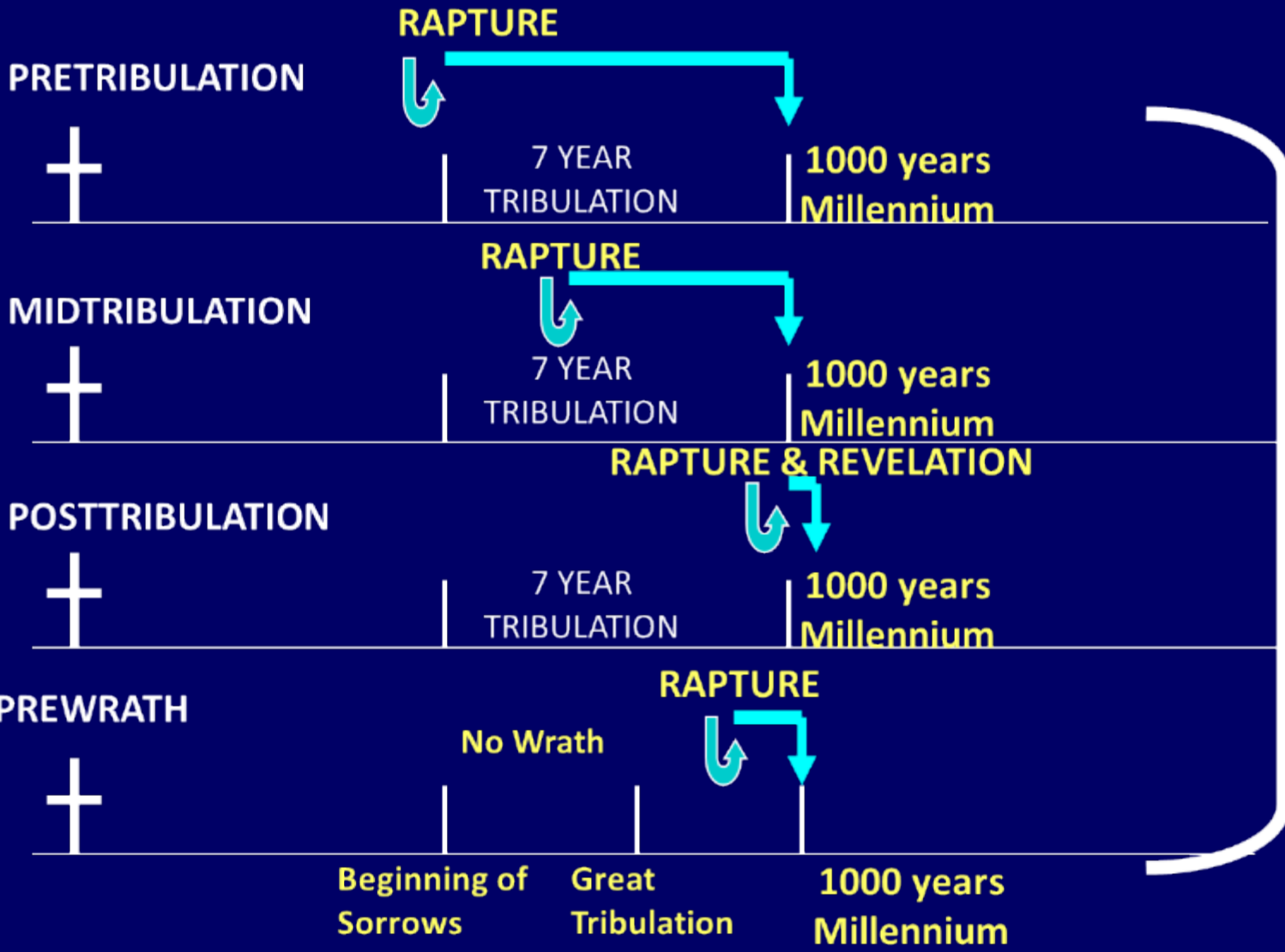
1. An important doctrine
2. Distinct from the Second Advent
3. Catching away of all living believers (1 Thess 4:17)
4. Reunion (1 Thess 4:14-16)
5. Resurrection (1 Cor 15:50-54)
6. Exemption from death (1 Cor 15:51, 54-56)
7. Instantaneous (1 Cor 15:52)
8. Mystery (1 Cor 15:51)
9. Imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)
10. Traditional doctrine now being recovered

# When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



# RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



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# Luke 17:26-30

“<sup>26</sup> And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: <sup>27</sup> they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup> It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.”



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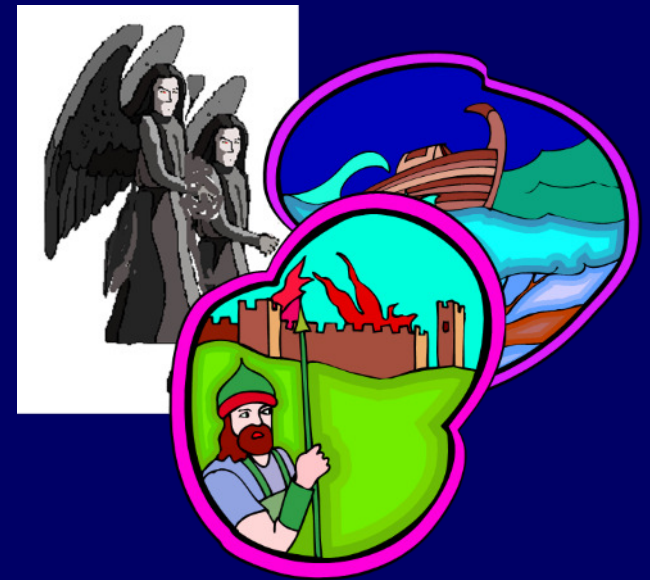


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# DOOM OF FALSE TEACHERS

2 Peter 2:4-9

- Judgment of God (6-8) – 3 Historical Examples
  - ◆ Fallen angels (4)
  - ◆ Flood (5)
  - ◆ Sodom & Gomorrah (6-8)
- Conclusion (9)





## Genesis 6:1-4

“<sup>1</sup> Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ . . .



## Genesis 6:1-4

. . .<sup>4</sup> The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”



## Genesis 6:5-7

“<sup>5</sup> Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup> The Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”





## Genesis 6:11-13

“<sup>11</sup> Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup> God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. <sup>13</sup> Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.”



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<sup>18</sup> Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. <sup>19</sup> Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died. <sup>21</sup> Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after ...



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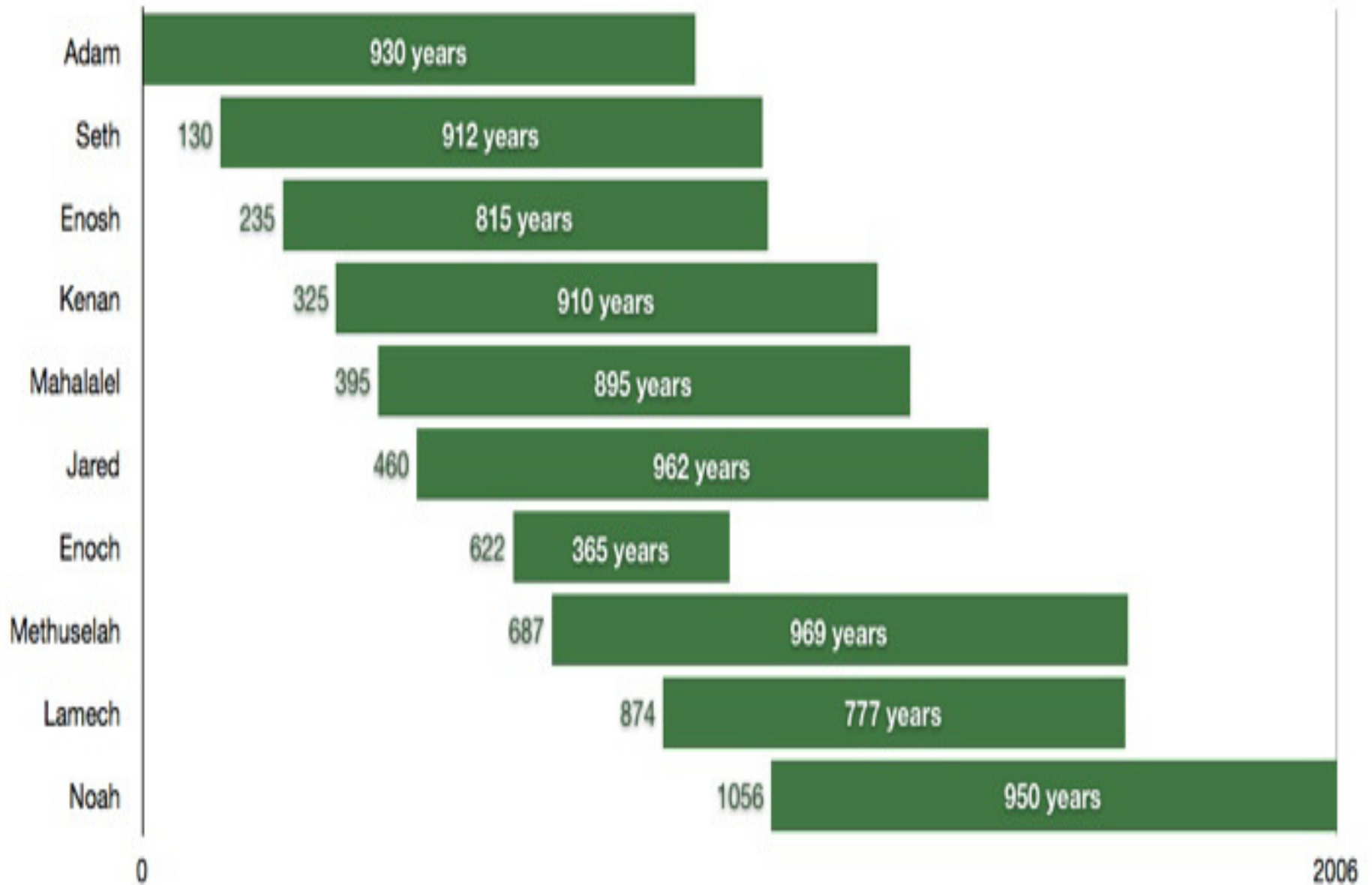
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## Genesis 7:6-7

“Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.”



# Genealogy From Adam to Noah





## Genealogy of Jesus according to Luke

|               |             |               |             |                |                |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. God        | 14. Cainan  | 27. Hezron    | 40. Eliakim | 53. Addi       | 66. Hesli      |
| 2. Adam       | 15. Shelah  | 28. Ram       | 41. Jonam   | 54. Melchi     | 67. Nahum      |
| 3. Seth       | 16. Eber    | 29. Amminadab | 42. Joseph  | 55. Neri       | 68. Amos       |
| 4. Enosh      | 17. Peleg   | 30. Nahshon   | 43. Judah   | 56. Shealtiel  | 69. Mattathias |
| 5. Kenan      | 18. Reu     | 31. Salmon    | 44. Simeon  | 57. Zerubbabel | 70. Joseph     |
| 6. Mahalalel  | 19. Serug   | 32. Boaz      | 45. Levi    | 58. Rhesa      | 71. Jannai     |
| 7. Jared      | 20. Nahor   | 33. Obed      | 46. Matthat | 59. Joanan     | 72. Melchi     |
| 8. Enoch      | 21. Terah   | 34. Jesse     | 47. Jorim   | 60. Joda       | 73. Levi       |
| 9. Methuselah | 22. Abraham | 35. David     | 48. Eliezer | 61. Josech     | 74. Matthat    |
| 10. Lamech    | 23. Isaac   | 36. Nathan    | 49. Joshua  | 62. Semein     | 75. Heli       |
| 11. Noah      | 24. Jacob   | 37. Mattatha  | 50. Er      | 63. Mattathias | 76. Joseph     |
| 12. Shem      | 25. Judah   | 38. Menna     | 51. Elmadam | 64. Mahath     | 77. Jesus      |
| 13. Arphaxad  | 26. Pharez  | 39. Melea     | 52. Cosam   | 65. Naggai     |                |



# Similarities Between Enoch and Noah

1. Both ministered to the same era
2. Both stood out as lights to a corrupt generation
3. Both serve as positive examples for us
4. Both are removed / protected prior to divine judgment



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## 2 Peter 2:7-9

“<sup>7</sup> and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men <sup>8</sup> (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”

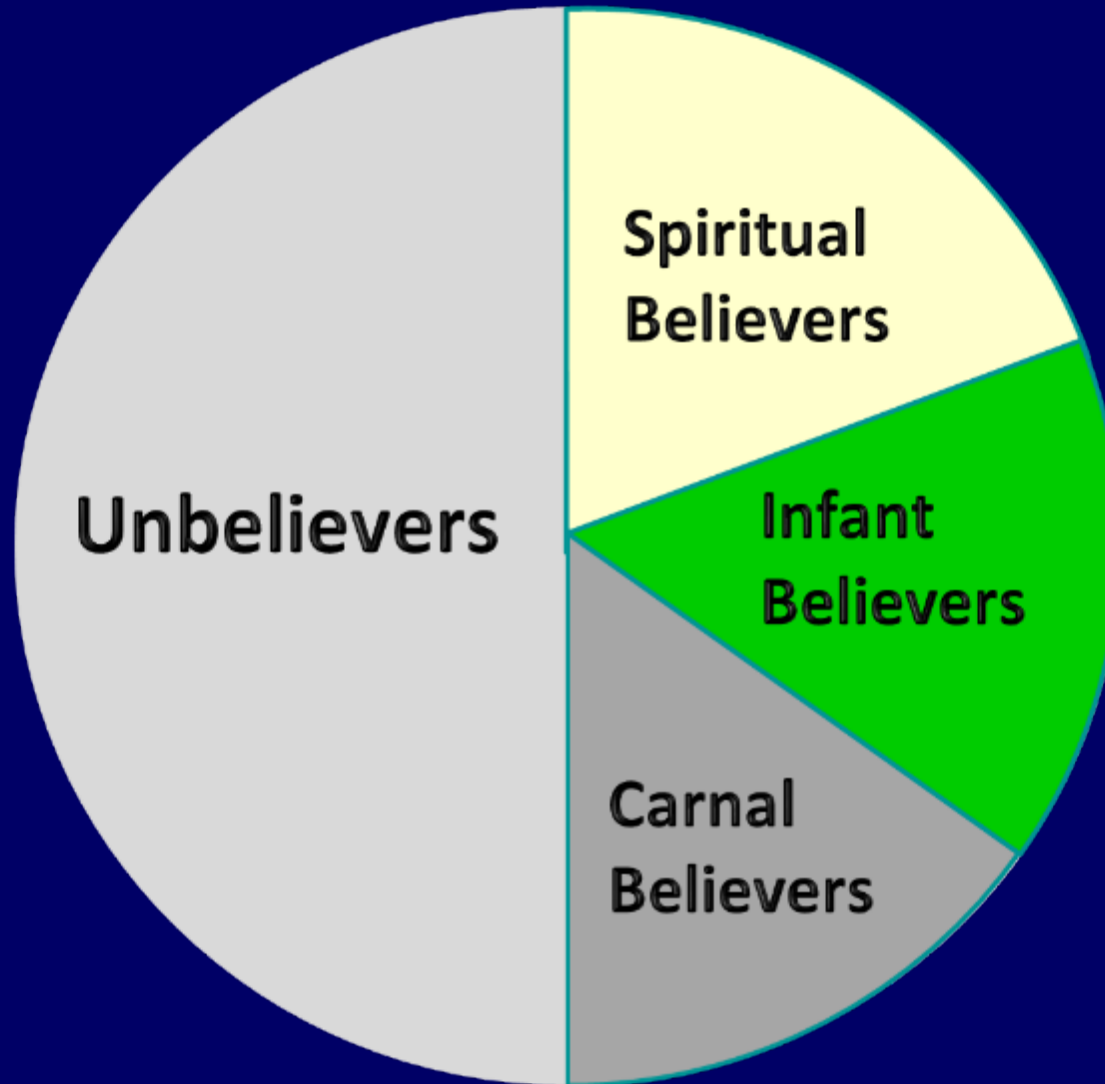


# 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men?



# 4 Kinds of People from 1 Corinthians 3:1-3





# 1 Corinthians 3:15

“If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”

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# YIELDING TO THE OLD (SIN) NATURE

## BELIEVER'S CONSEQUENCES

## PASSAGE(S)

Lack of power

(Gal 5:16; 1 Thess. 5:19)

Grieving the Holy Spirit

(Eph 4:30-32)

Loss of joy

(Ps. 51:4, 12; Gal. 5:22-23)

Loss of spiritual sight

(2 Pet. 1:8-10; Luke 15:18-19)

Lack of growth

(1 Pet. 2:1-2)

Carnality

(1 Cor 3:1-3)

Unfruitfulness

(John 15:5, 8)

Lack of purpose

(Eccles. 1:2-3, 8; Mark 8:35)

Lack of stability

(Gal. 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:18; 2 Pet. 3:17)

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Conviction

(2 Pet 2:7-8; Ps 32:1-5)

Divine discipline

(Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19)

Premature death

(Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 John 5:16; Rev 2:22-23)

Loss of reward

(1 Cor. 3:15; 9:27; 2 John 8; Rev 3:11)

Loss of fellowship

(1 John 1:9)

Excommunication

(1 Cor 5:4-5; Matt 18:15-17)

Temporal consequences

(Gal 6:7-8)

Unanswered prayer

(Ps 66:18; 1 Pet 3:7)

Loss of testimony

(Gen 19:14)

Loss of leadership privileges

(1 Tim 3:1-13; 2 Sam. 12)



# Genesis 19:22

“Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.”

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# 1 Corinthians 15:50-51

“<sup>50</sup> Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”

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