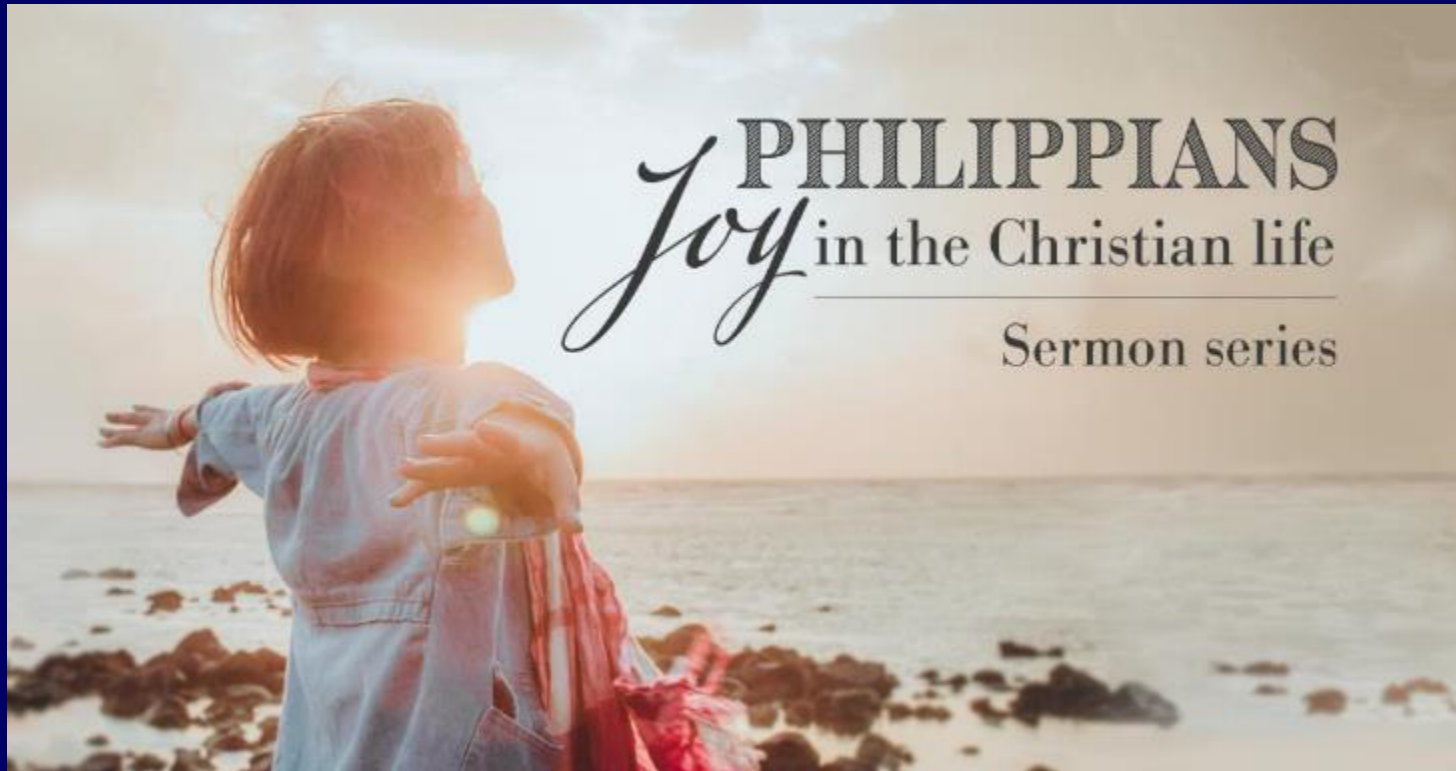


# HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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# Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
- 2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
- 4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
- 6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
- 9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**

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(Phil. 3:7-14)

1. Rejection of fleshly things (7)
2. Embracing of spiritual things (8-14)
  - a) Knowing Christ (8)
  - b) Christ's righteousness (9)
  - c) Fellowship of His sufferings (10)
  - d) Resurrection (11-12)
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... belongs to the fullness of Christ.<sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;<sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being . . .



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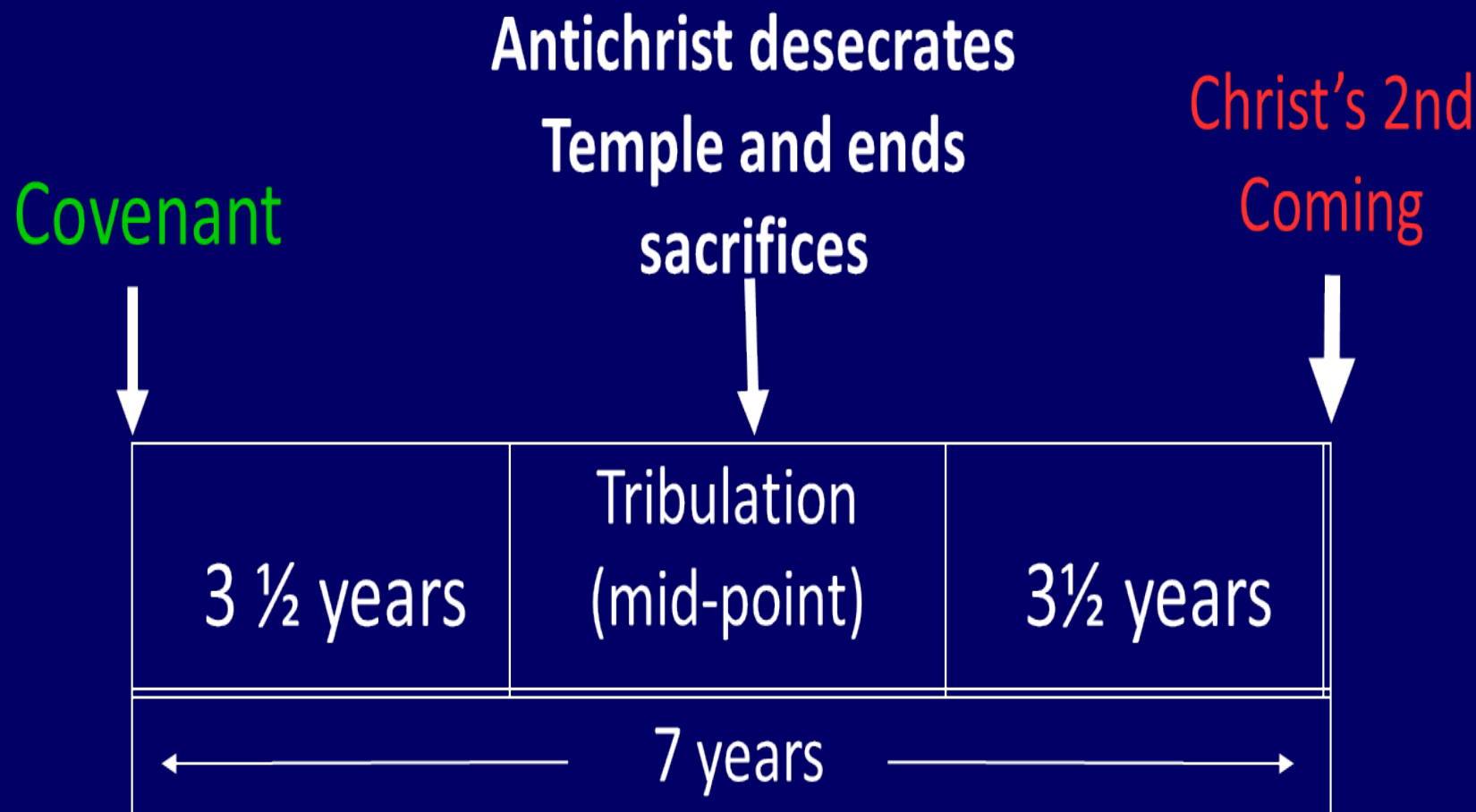


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<b>Christ comes in the air (1 Thess 4:16)</b>	<b>Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4)</b>
<b>For His saints (1 Thess 4:15-17)</b>	<b>With His saints (Rev 19:14)</b>
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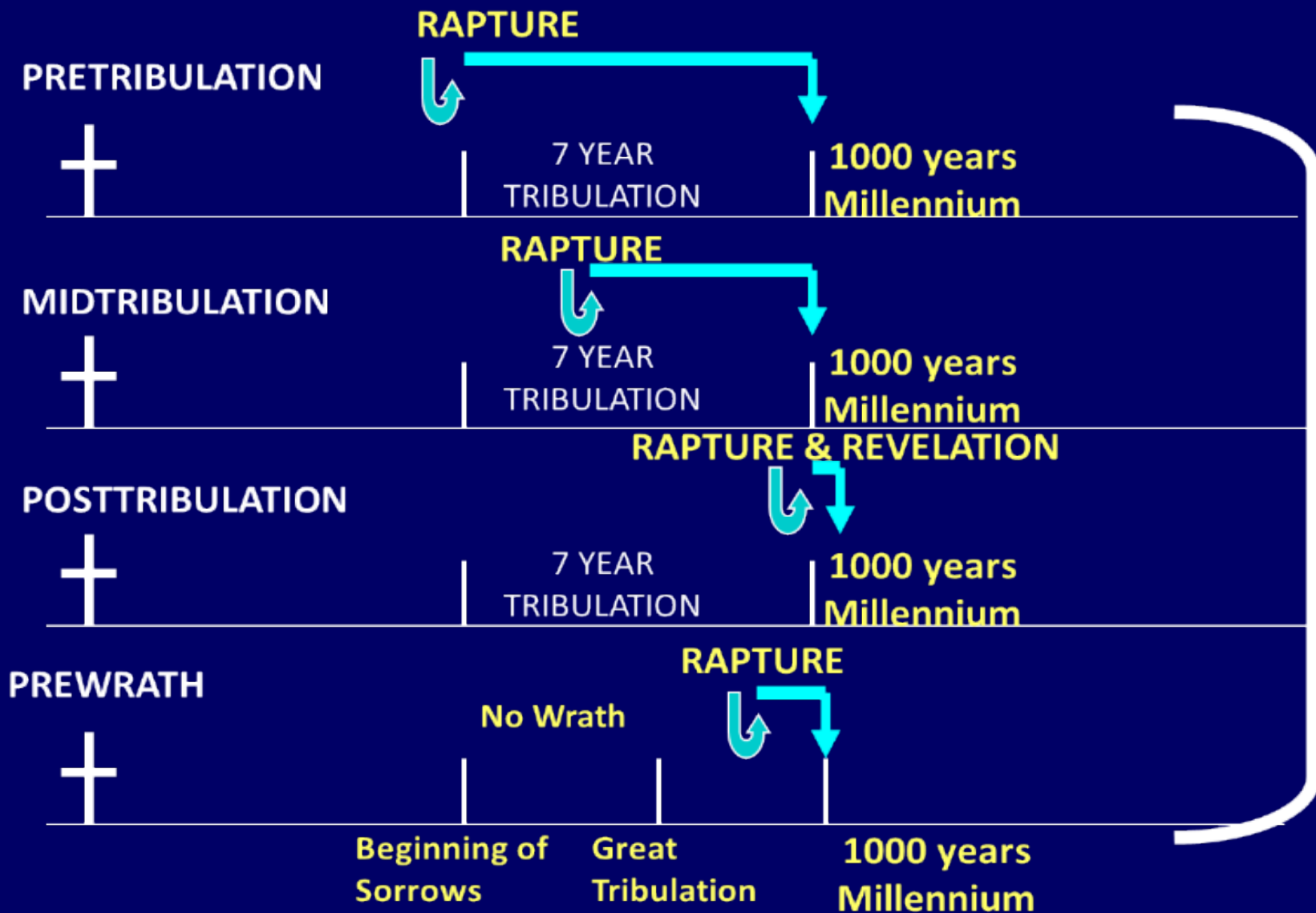


# When Will the Rapture Take Place?

- Pre-tribulation Rapture Theory
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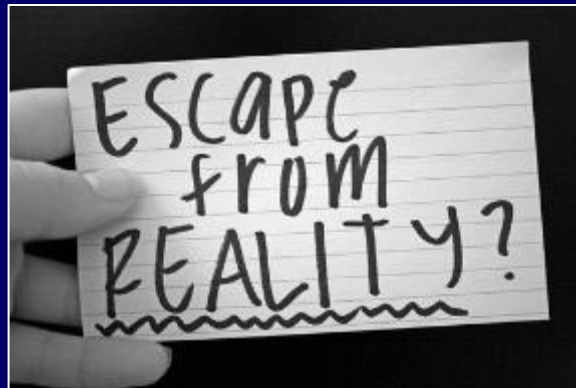
# RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-H

# Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)



## Romans 8:19-23

<sup>19</sup> “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know **that the whole creation groans** and suffers the pains ...



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...of childbirth together until now.<sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”



# Titus 2:13

“Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.”

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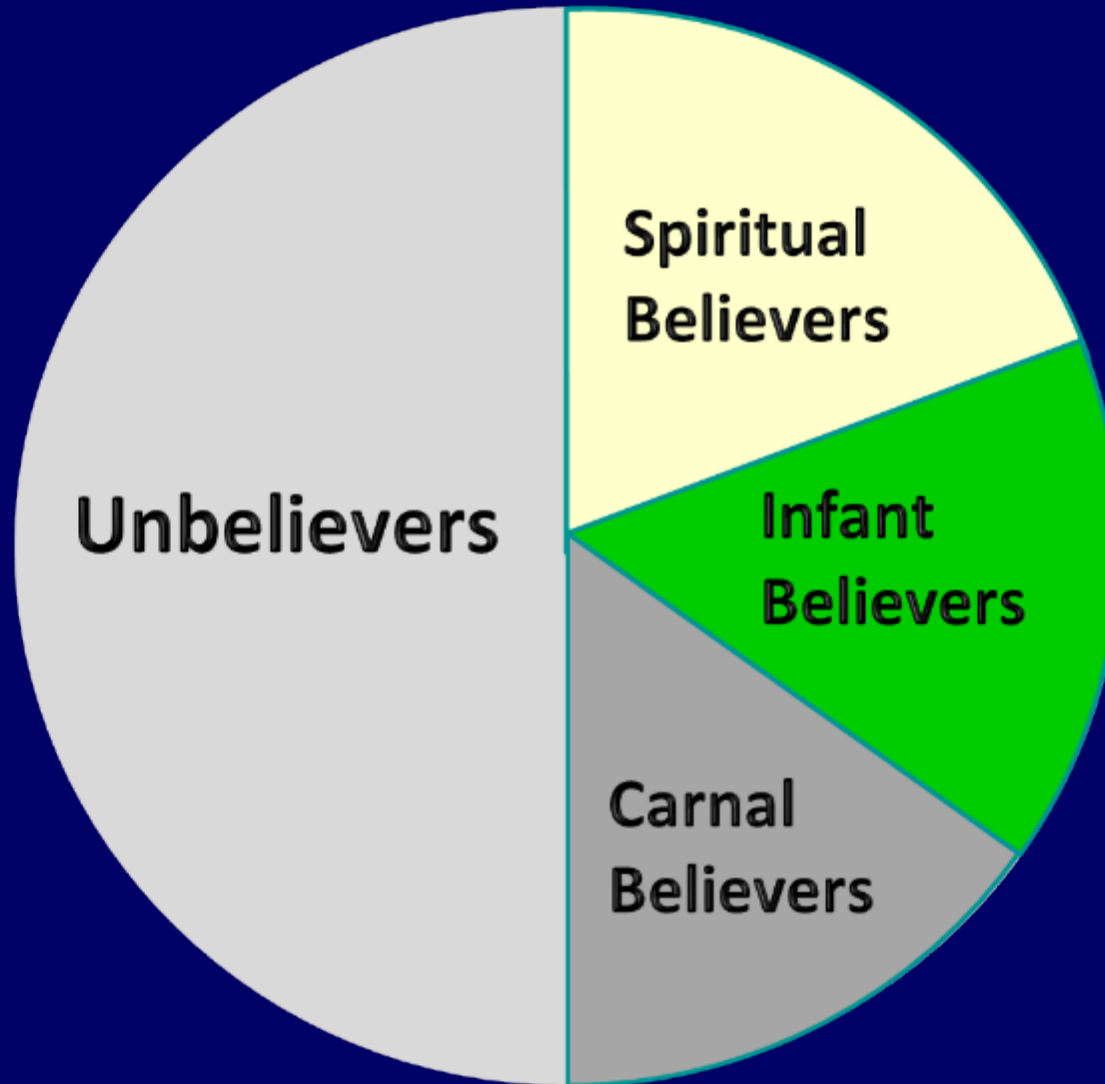
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