

When Jesus Comes.. Will There Be a Rapture



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



Rapture fever..



- Very popular... Sensationalism sells well... over 100 million copies

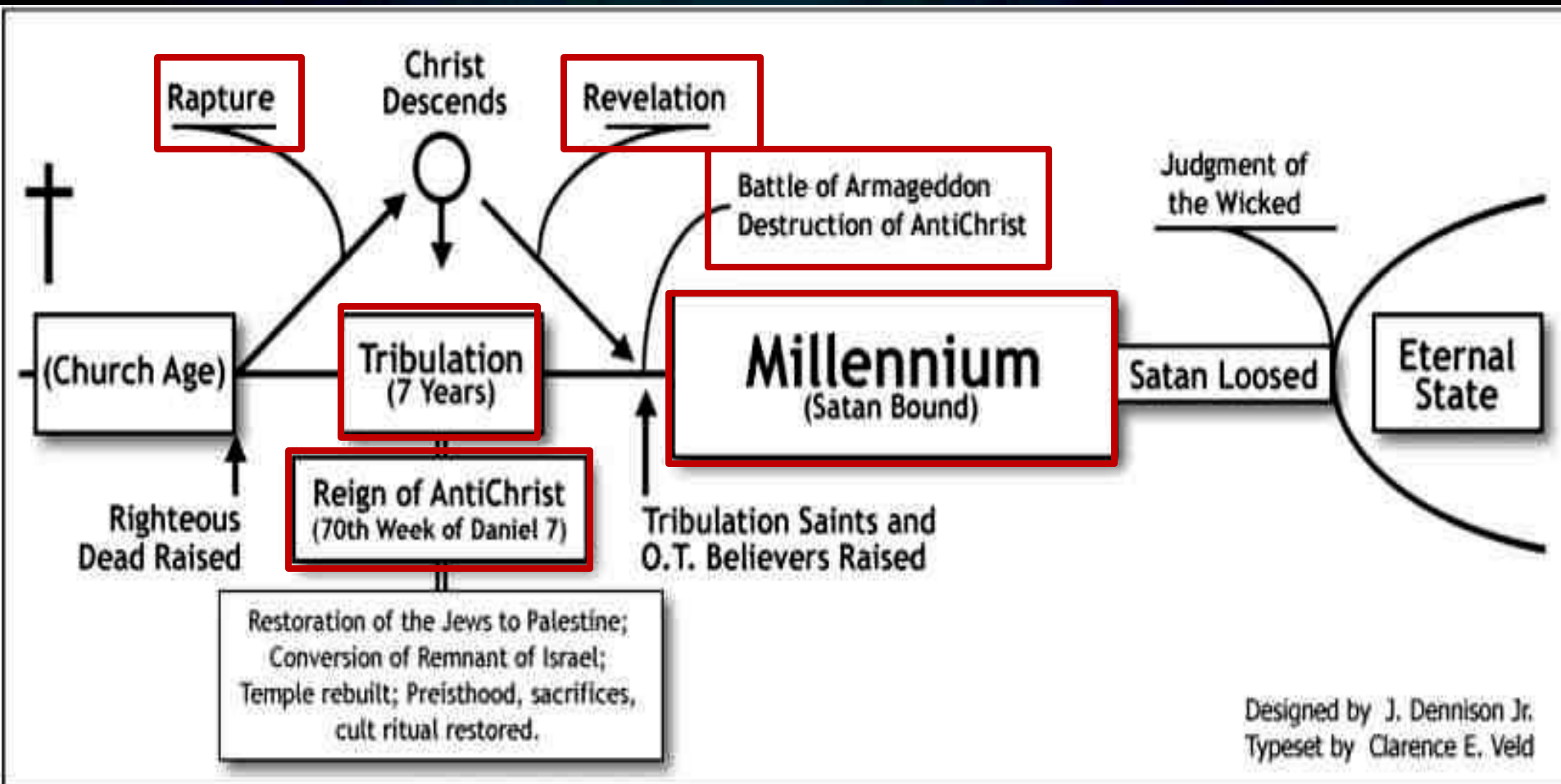
“Rapture” not in Bible..



THE RAPTURE

- “rapere”.. seize, snatch out, take away
- “harpadzo”.. caught up (1 Thess 4:17)
- Dispensationalism: Rapture will occur before 7-yr Tribulation period, followed by Millenium (1000 yrs)

Dispensational scenario..



Key proof text..

- **1 Thess 4:16-17** 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them **in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

- Not a secret, silent return..
- Not 7 years, but always with the Lord..
- This is the general resurrection..

Different terms..

“Presence”
(parousia)

Rapture

Coming
“for” saints

“Appearing”
(epiphaneia)

Coming
“with” saints

“Revelation”
(apokalupsis)



Used interchangeably..

- 1 Thessalonians 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ **with all His saints**.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now, brethren, concerning the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you..
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the **brightness of His coming**.