



Answering Challenging Questions:

“Does the church of Christ not believe in the Rapture and the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?” (Part 1)

The Challenging Accusations & Questions we are looking at in this study:

- What are the doctrines of Dispensationalism and the Rapture?
- Will there be signs of the coming of Jesus Christ?
- Can we know when the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?
- Will there be a Rapture?
- Will there be a 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?
- What will actually occur at the end of time?
- What do we know of Heaven and Hell?
- How do I get prepared for the Second Coming and Final Judgement?

Are we near the end of the world?

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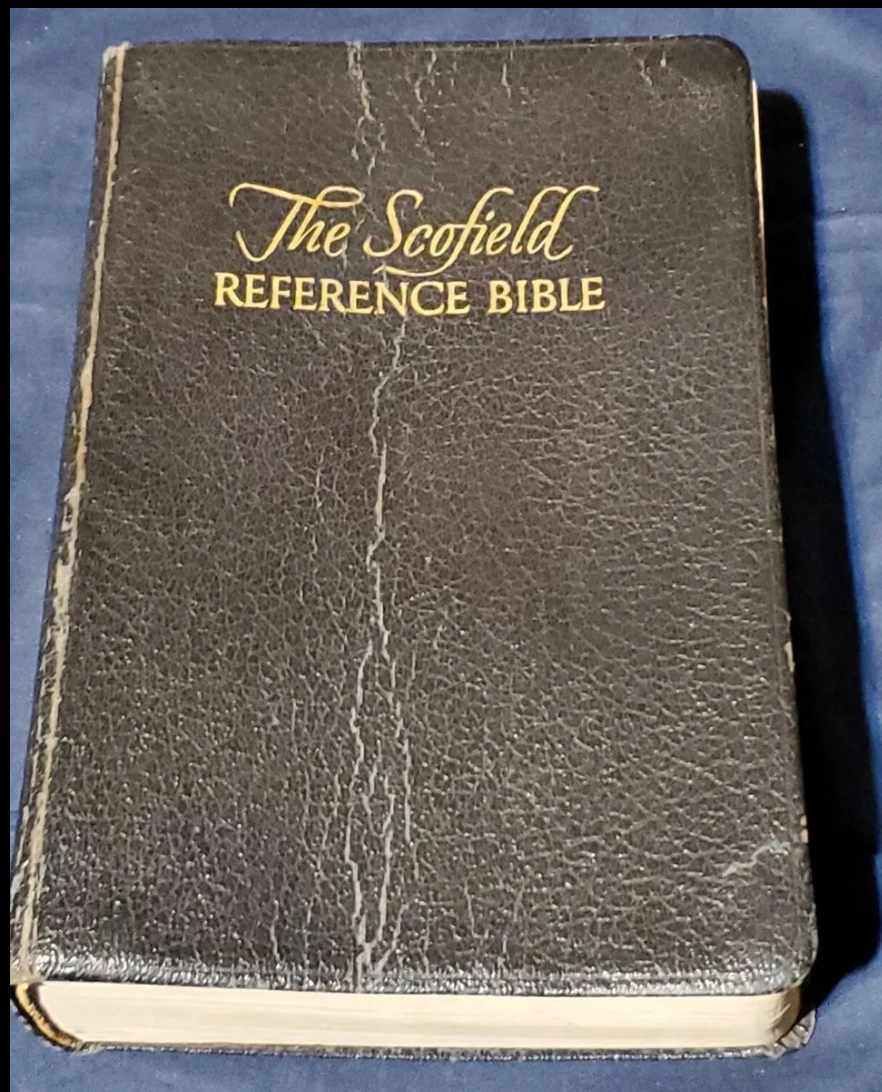
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A bright sun is partially obscured by a large, dark, horizontal cloud in the center of the frame. The sun's rays fan out across the sky, which is filled with smaller, lighter-colored clouds. The overall scene is a dramatic sky at sunrise or sunset.

What are the doctrines of
Dispensationalism?

A Brief History of the Dispensational doctrines:

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- It did not exist before the 19th century.
 - In 1820 or so there was a revival in Glasgow, Scotland where a young teenage girl named McDonald claimed to have a vision of a pre-tribulation rapture of the church out of this world and into Heaven. At this revival, there was a man named Darby (one of the founders of the Plymouth Brethren denomination) who took this doctrine to the United States.
 - In America Mr. Darby came in contact with a man named Dwight L. Moody (founder of the Moody Bible Institute and Moody Press), who was a famous preacher of the day. Following their meeting, Moody became a worldwide disseminator of the doctrine of Dispensationalism and a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.
 - Out of this came novels based on the Dispensational doctrine. One such novel was “Jesus is coming.”



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- The Scofield Reference Bible was first published in 1909.
 - C.I. Scofield was the first to add headings to the bible, not just chain references in the margins. Being a believer of the Dispensational doctrines, he added headings like “Jesus predicts the Rapture” in Matthew 24.
 - From there, the doctrine of Dispensationalism made its way into the mainstream of denominational churches.

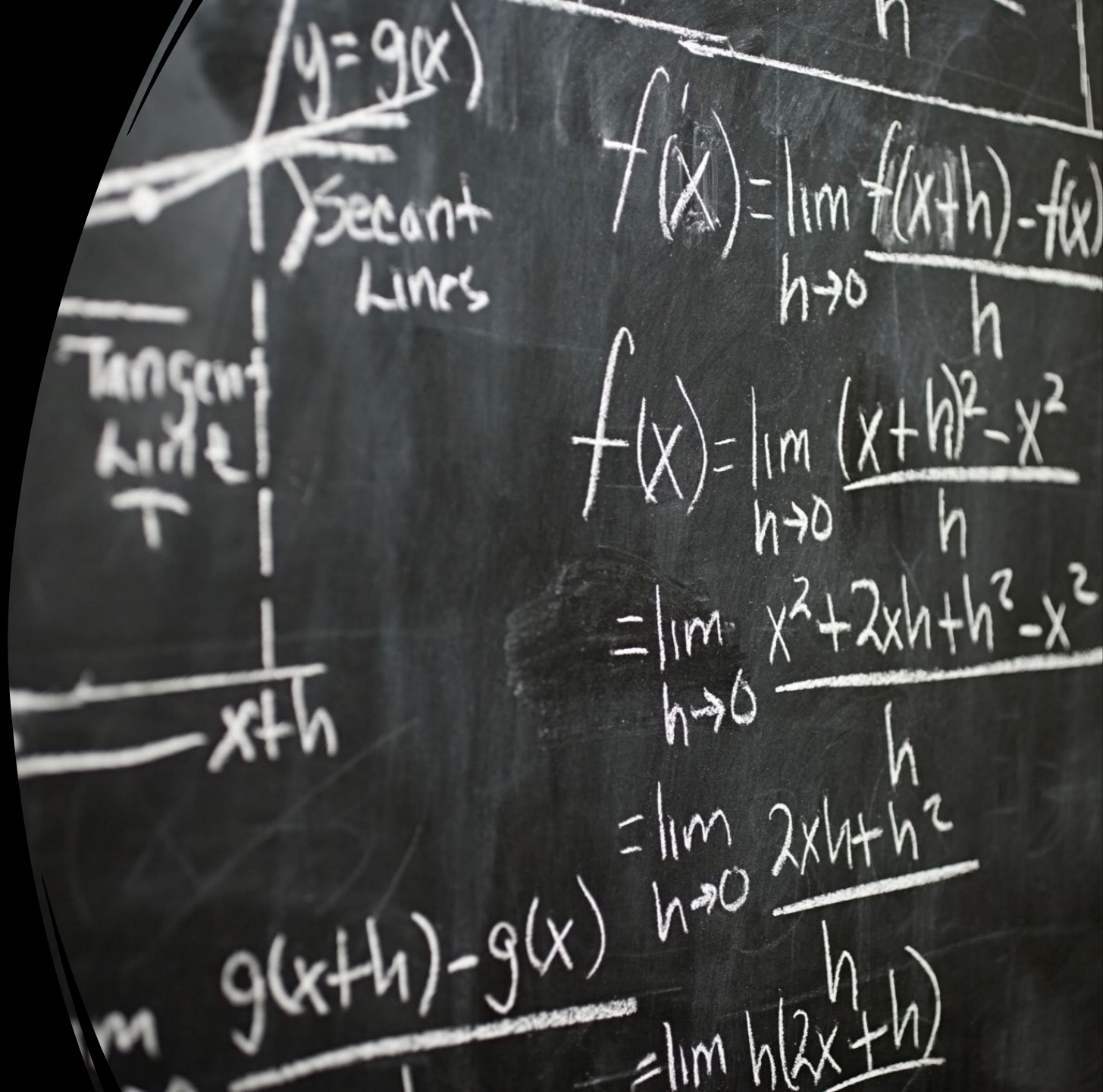
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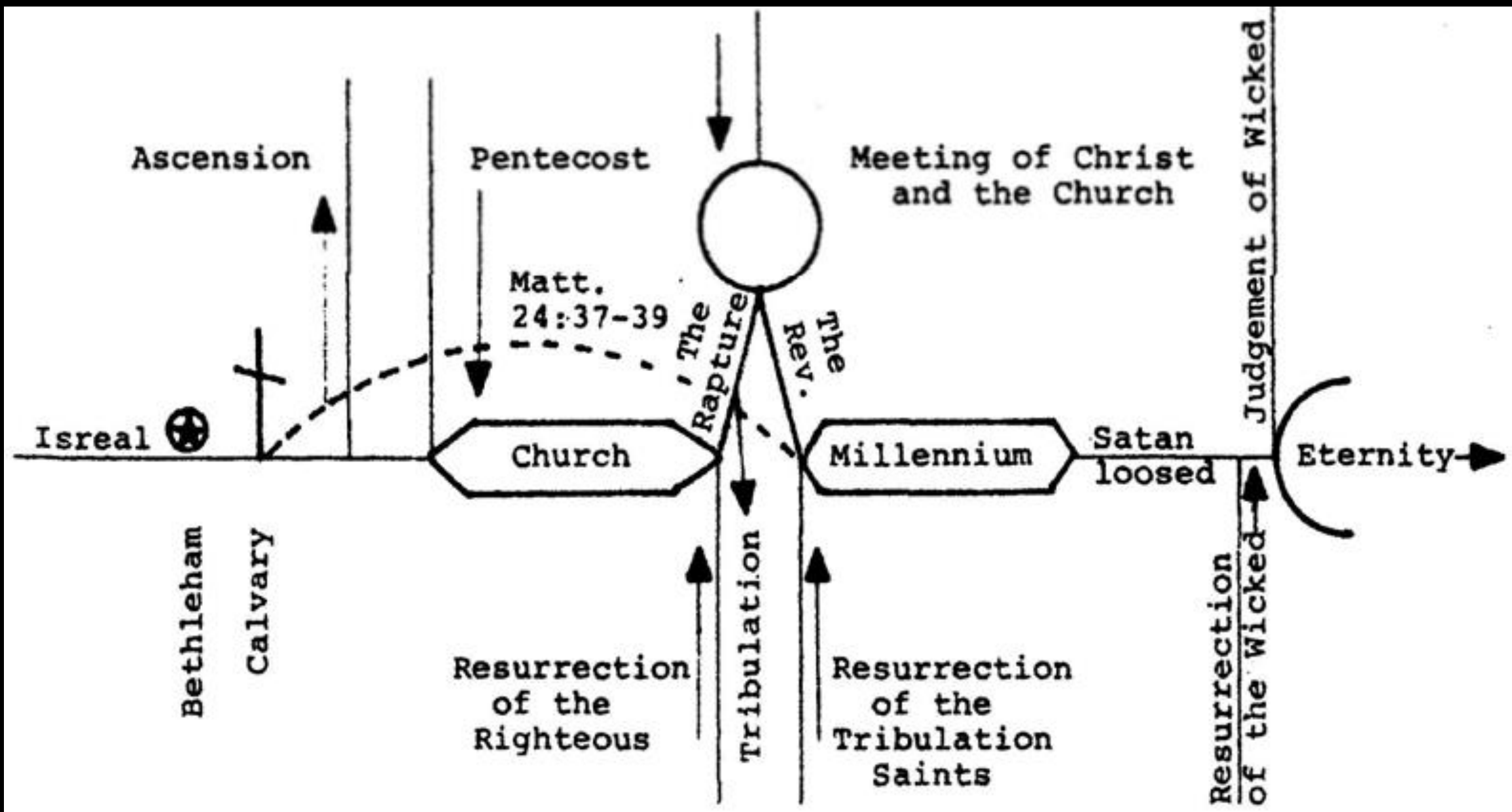
- It can be a complicated discussion due the many variant versions of the doctrine.
- Simply it refers to the resurrection of the righteous.
- Depending on the version of Dispensational doctrine there can be anywhere from one to three coming resurrections.



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Dispensational
doctrines:

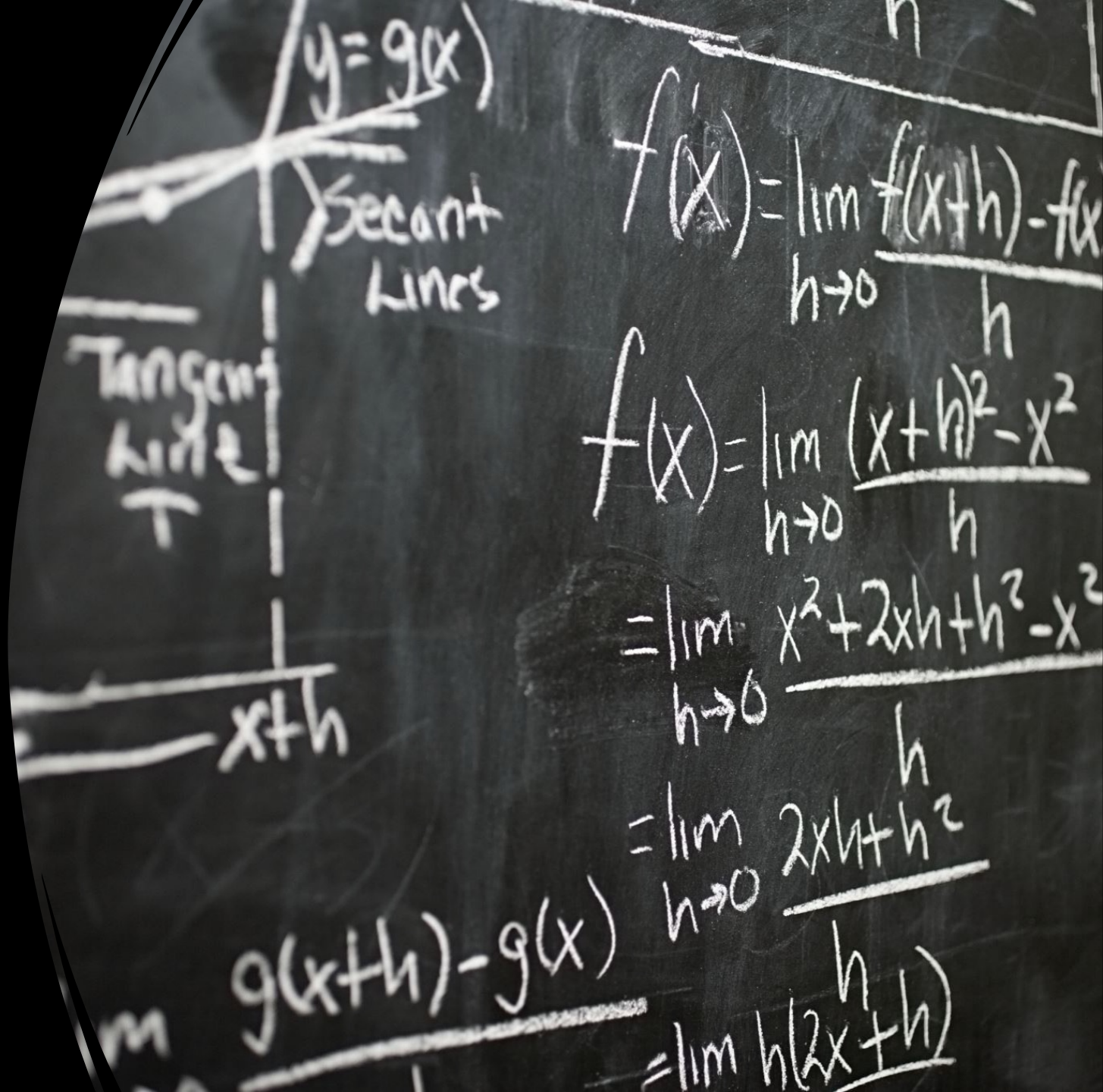
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- Post-millenniumism

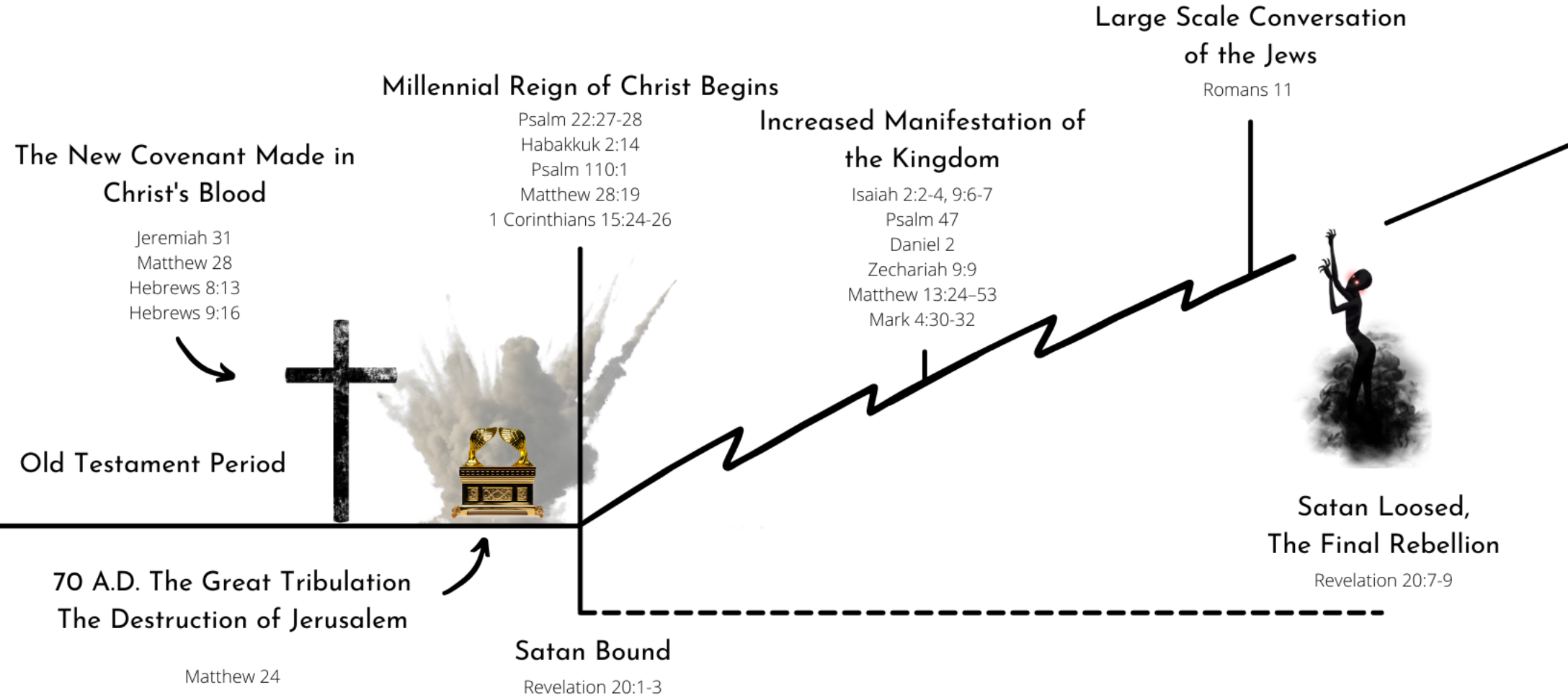


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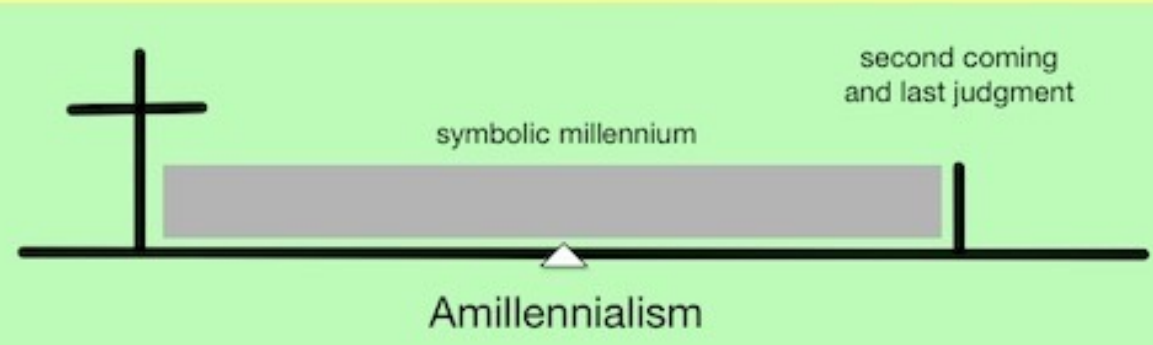
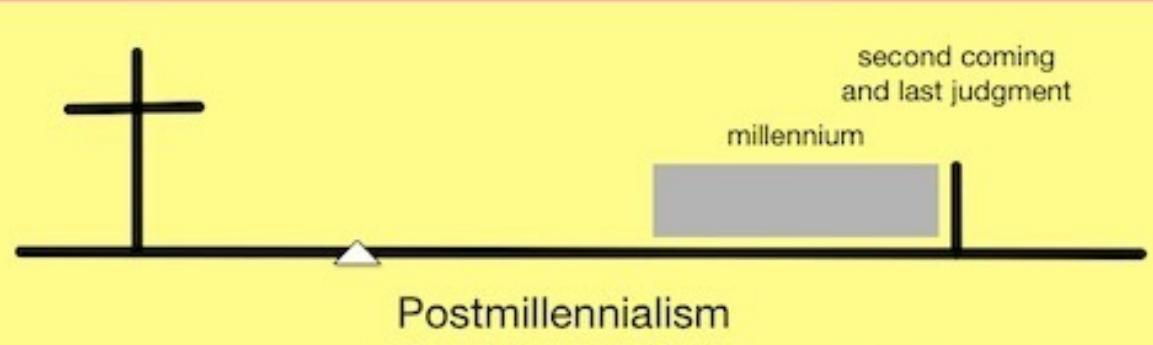
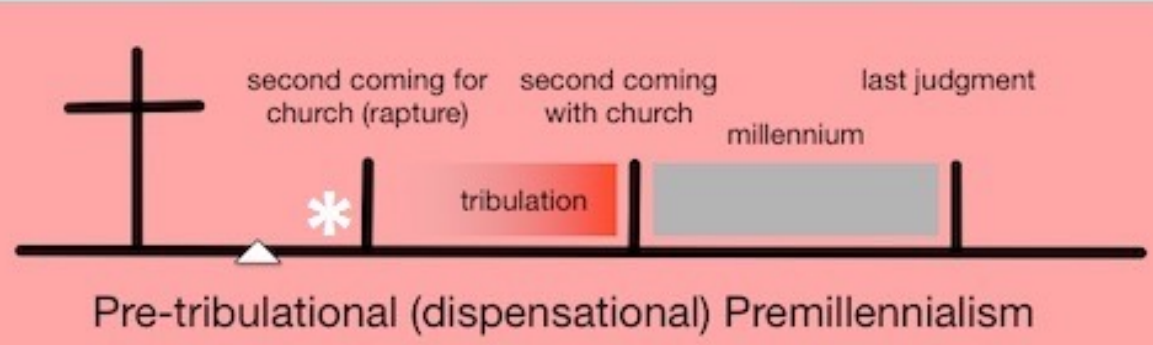
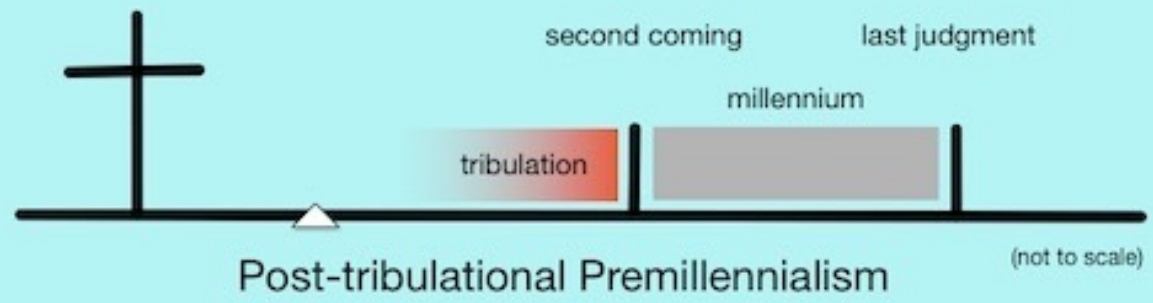
Second Coming of Christ, Resurrection and Judgement of all Men

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17



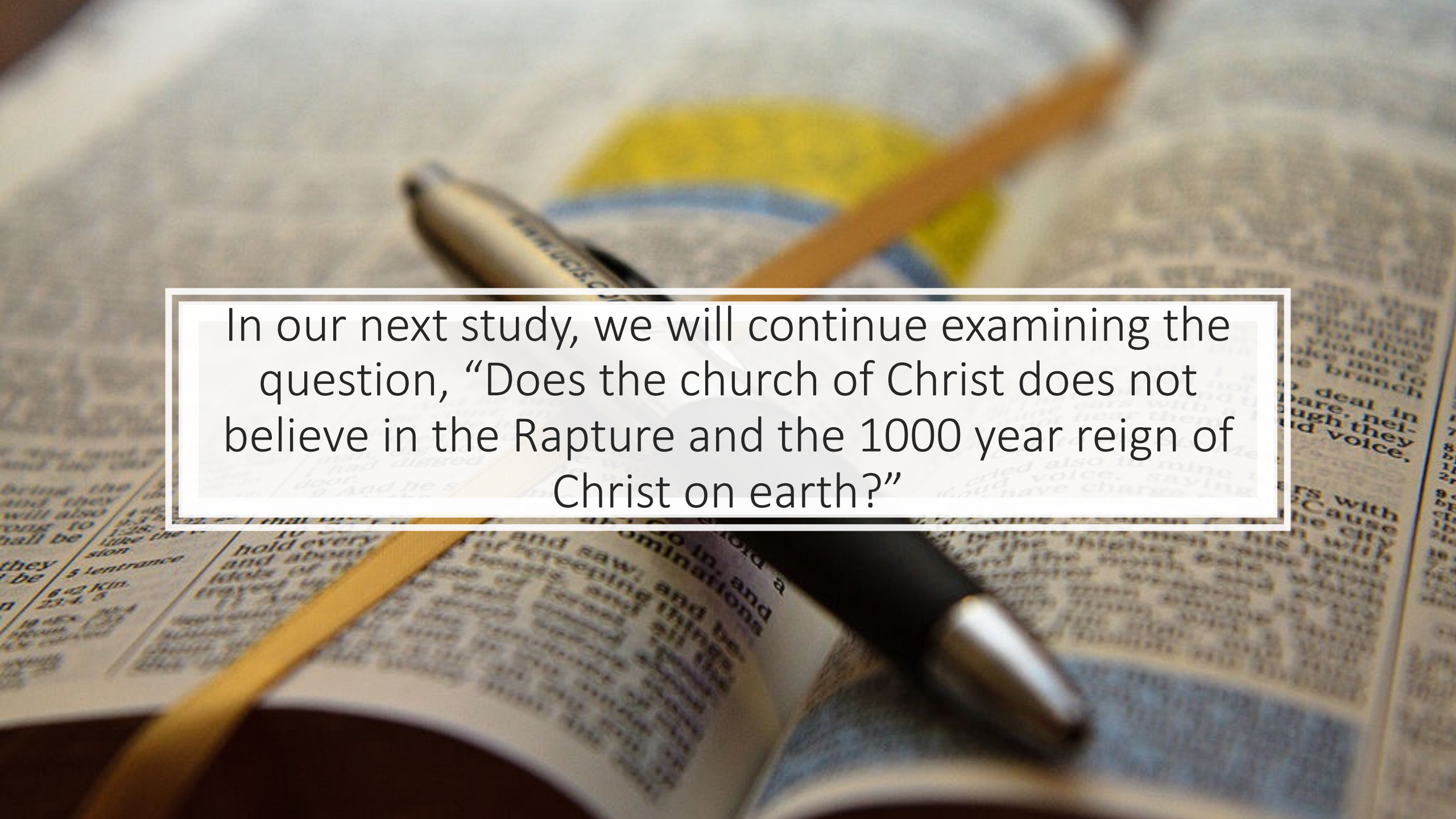
Old Testament: Num. 14:21; Psalms 2:6-9; 22:27-28; 47; 72:8-11; 110:1-2; 138:4-5 (cf. 102:15); Isa. 2:2-4; 9:6-7; 11:6-10; 45:22-25; 65; 66; Jer. 31:31-34; Daniel 2:31-35; Zech. 9:9f.; 13:1; 14:9.
 New Testament: Matt. 13:31-33; 28:18-20; John 12:31-32; 16:33; 1 John 2:13-14; 3:8; 4:4,14; 5:4-5; Acts 2:32-36,41; Rom. 11:25-32; 1 Cor. 15:20-26, 57-58; Hebrews 1:8-9,13; 2:5-9; Rev. 2:25-27; 3:7-9; 7:9-10; 11:15; 19:11-21.

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Will there be signs of the coming of Jesus Christ?



In our next study, we will continue examining the question, “Does the church of Christ does not believe in the Rapture and the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?”