

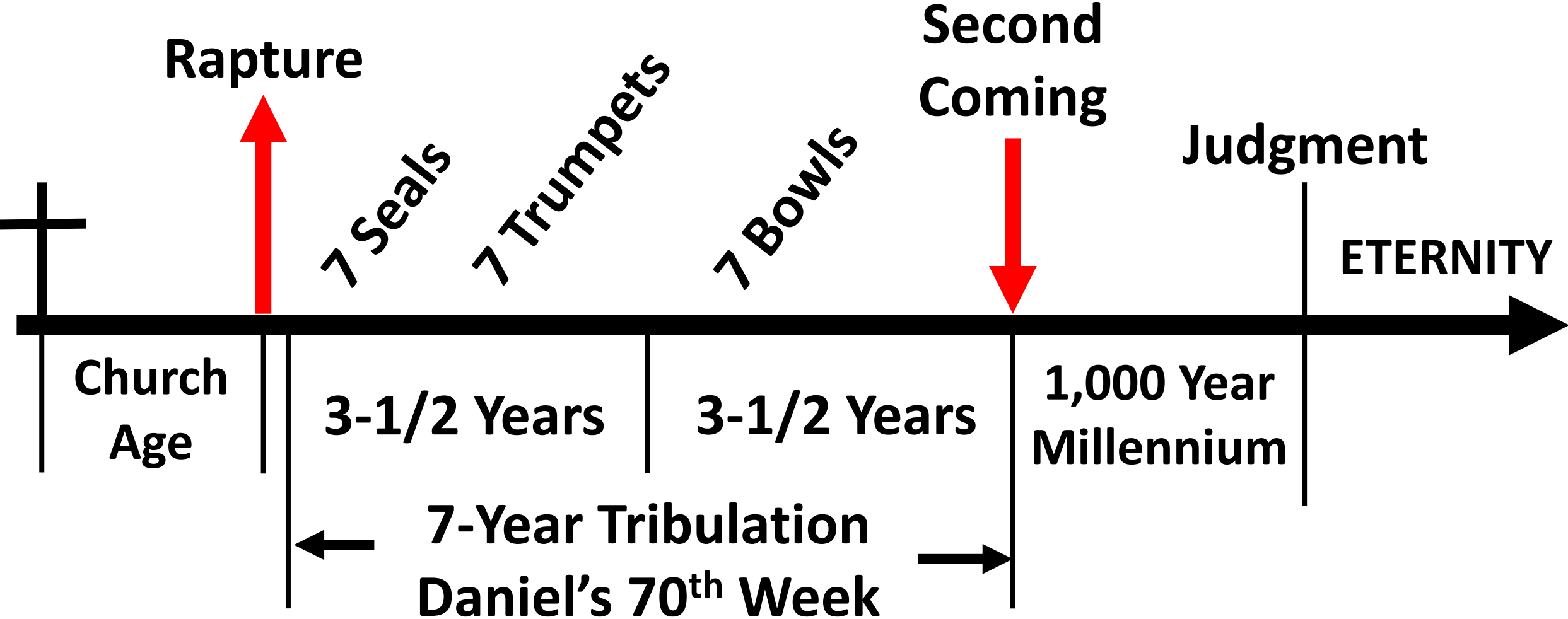
# REVELATION

Are we living in the end times?

**Week 4: The Lamb of God**

Revelation 4 – 5

# Revelation Timeline



# Four Views of the Rapture

1. Pre-Tribulation (Rev. 4:1-2)
2. Mid-Tribulation (Rev. 14:14-16)
3. Pre-Wrath (Rev. 15)
4. Post-Tribulation (Rev. 19)

# The Rapture (1 Th. 4:16-17)

*For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

**“Caught up” = snatch away; Gr. Harpazo = Latin Raptus**

# The Rapture (Jn. 14:2-3)

*In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

# The Rapture (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

*We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.*

# The Rapture Before the Tribulation

1. The church is mentioned 19 times in Ch. 1-3 and not again until it is seen in heaven as the bride in Ch. 19.
2. John is a “type” of the church in Rev. 4:1-2. The “*open door*” welcomes believers.
3. God promised to spare believers from the “wrath to come.” (1 Th. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 3:10)
4. Daniel’s 70 Weeks’ prophecy is for Israel, not the church. (Dan. 9:24-27)

# The Rapture Before the Tribulation

5. Ch. 6-18 is God's judgment upon those on the earth, including Jewish people who have not accepted Jesus as the Messiah.
6. That which restrains evil must be removed from the earth. (2 Th. 2:6-8)
7. The church returns with Christ at His Second Coming. (Rev. 19:14)



# Ch. 4: The Throne Room of Heaven

- *Vs. 2-3 – A throne in heaven with someone sitting on it = God (El Shaddai); His brilliance and glory described by precious stones/rainbow*
- *Vs. 4, 10 – 24 other thrones and 24 elders = 12 Tribes and 12 Apostles (cf. Rev. 21)*
- *Vs. 5-6 – Lightning and Thunder = power*
  - *Sea of Glass = peace*
  - *The sevenfold Spirit of God = the Holy Spirit.*

# Ch. 4: The Throne Room of Heaven

- *Vs. 6-8 – Four living creatures = high-order angels (cf. Ezek. 1; Isa. 6) representing God’s creation:*
  1. Lion = wild animals
  2. Ox = domestic animals
  3. Man = humanity
  4. Eagle = birds of the air
- They sing “Holy, Holy, Holy!”
- *Vs. 11: ...for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.*

# Ch. 5: The Lamb of God

- Vs. 1 – ...a scroll with writing on both sides = a legal document
- Vs. 5 – the Lion of the tribe of Judah...the Root of David  
= Jesus Christ (Gen. 49:9-10; Is. 11:1-12)
- Vs. 6 – ...a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain = Jesus Christ (cf. Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Pet. 1:19)
  - *7 horns = All-powerful*
  - *7 eyes = All-seeing/ knowing*

# Ch. 5: The Lamb of God

- Vs. 9-14 – Worship and Praise for God and the Lamb!
  - *With your **blood** you purchased men for God =  
Exclusive path of salvation*
  - ***Every tribe and language and people and nation** =  
All-inclusive offer of salvation*