

Pondering Prophecy... Week 4 - Signs of the Times

Our Book: "The 8 Great Debates of Bible Prophecy"
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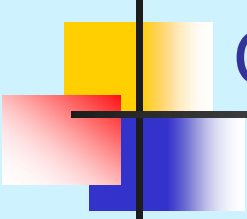
Previous Take Aways ... *Points to Ponder*

- We will move forward with literal interpretation
 - Using normal, everyday, plain understanding
 - We will use the Bible to interpret the Bible wherever possible
- We look at the unconditional covenants with Israel to yet be literally fulfilled
 - We will focus on a interpretation framework that does not replace Israel with the Church
- We propose following a dispensational framework
 - Rom 11:25.. Blindness in part happened to Israel until the full of the Gentiles come in. God is not done dealing with Israel as a nation.

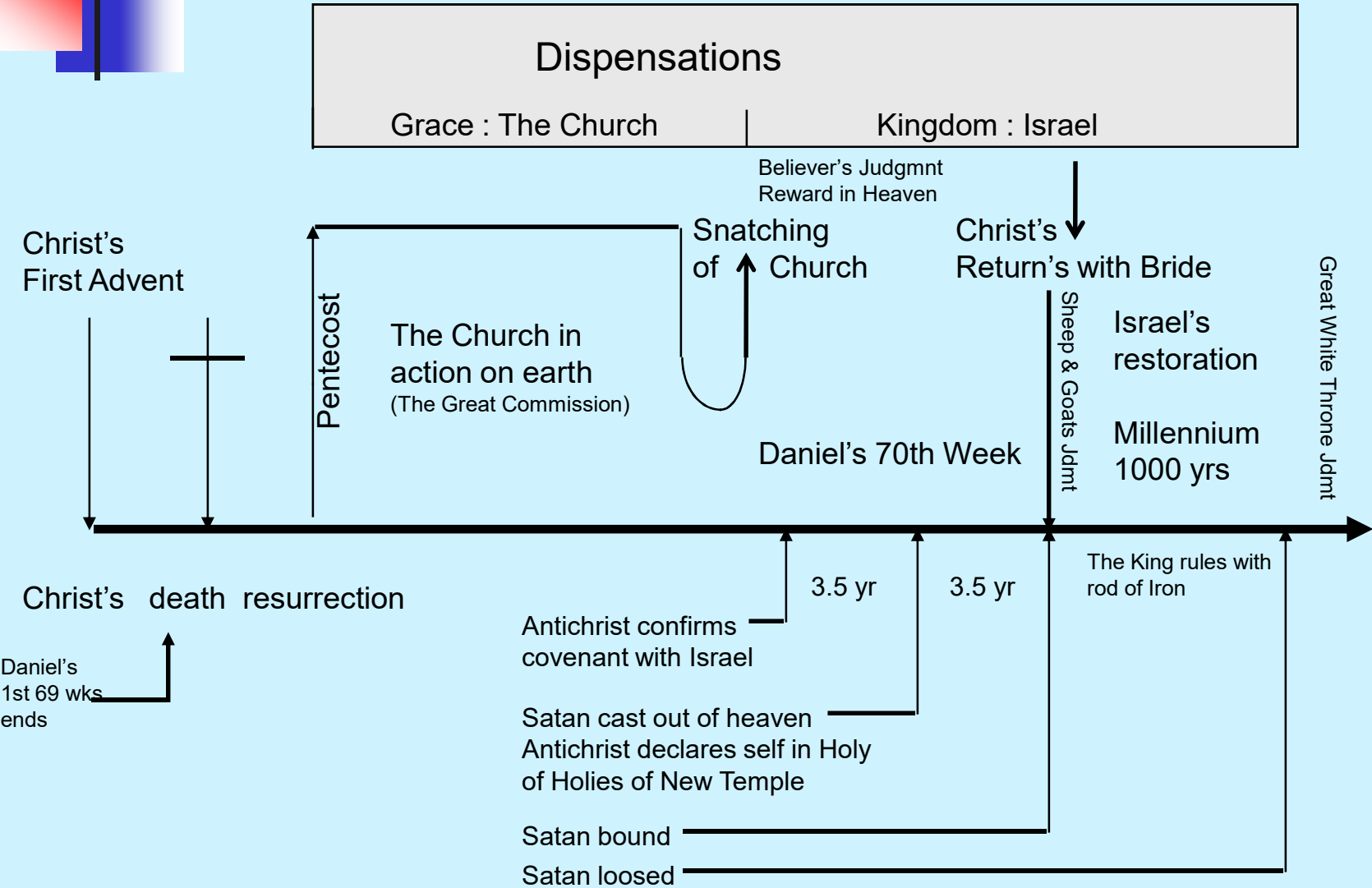
The Ways of the Wise...

- Acts 17:11, "Now the bereans were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily** to see if these things were so."
- In Essentials Unity, In Non-Essentials Liberty, In All Things Charity...Rupertus Meldenius 1627
- Lets keep building!





God's Prophetic Timeline



This is it! Praise Him!
We are in Sinless Eternity!!



Key Rapture Passages 1 Thess 4:13-18

- 1 Thess 4:13-18 lets read together...
- 1 Thess 4:16 ...Lord will descend from heaven with a cry...and with the sound of the trumpet of God...and the dead in Christ will Rise first
- 1 Thess 4:17 ...we who are alive...will be caught up together with them in the clouds...to be with the Lord...always...**encourage one another with these words.**
- **Trumpet of God** > Shofar?

Trumpet of God ... the Shofar?



Israel is
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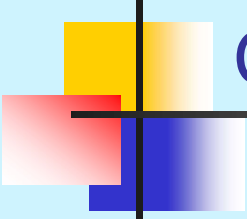
Key Rapture Passages

- Titus 2:11-**13**-14 ...waiting for our **blessed hope**, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ
- John 14:1-**3**-4 ...and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, you may be also

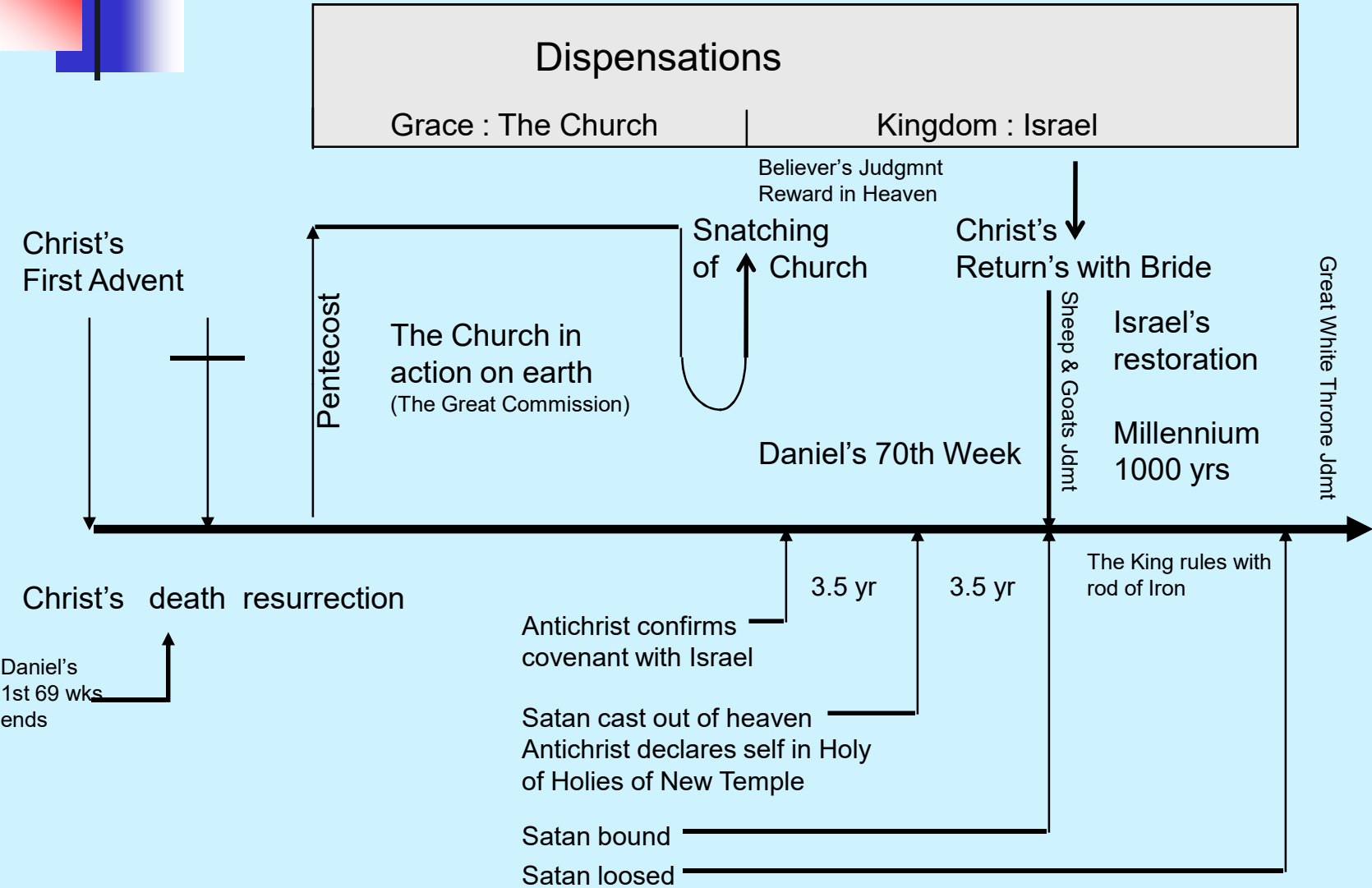


Key Rapture Passages

- 1 Cor 15:51-53 Behold! I tell you a mystery. **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.** For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable and we shall be changed
- Rev 3:10 ¹⁰ Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, **I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.**
- Thess 1:10 ...and wait for His Son from heaven... Jesus-who **rescues us from the coming wrath**



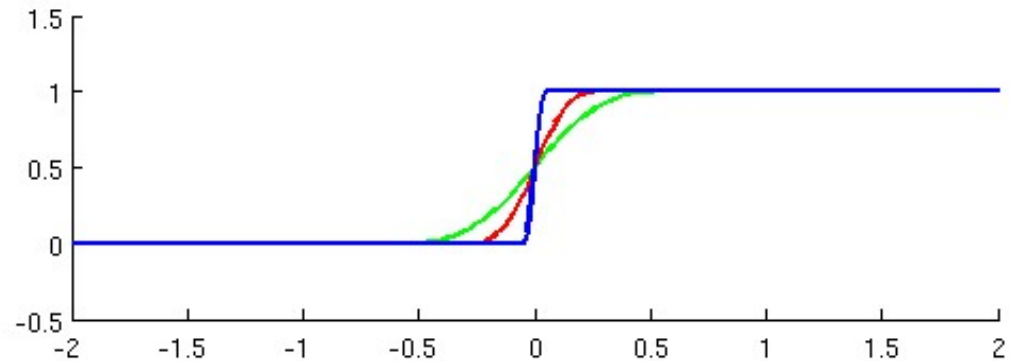
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Long Shadows of Prophecy

Step Function



$$g_N(t) = \sum_{n=1}^N f_n(t) \quad 1 < N \leq$$

$$f_1(t) = 1$$

$$f_2(t) = \sin(2\pi t)$$

$$f_3(t) = \frac{1}{3} \sin(6\pi t)$$

$$f_4(t) = \frac{1}{5} \sin(10\pi t)$$

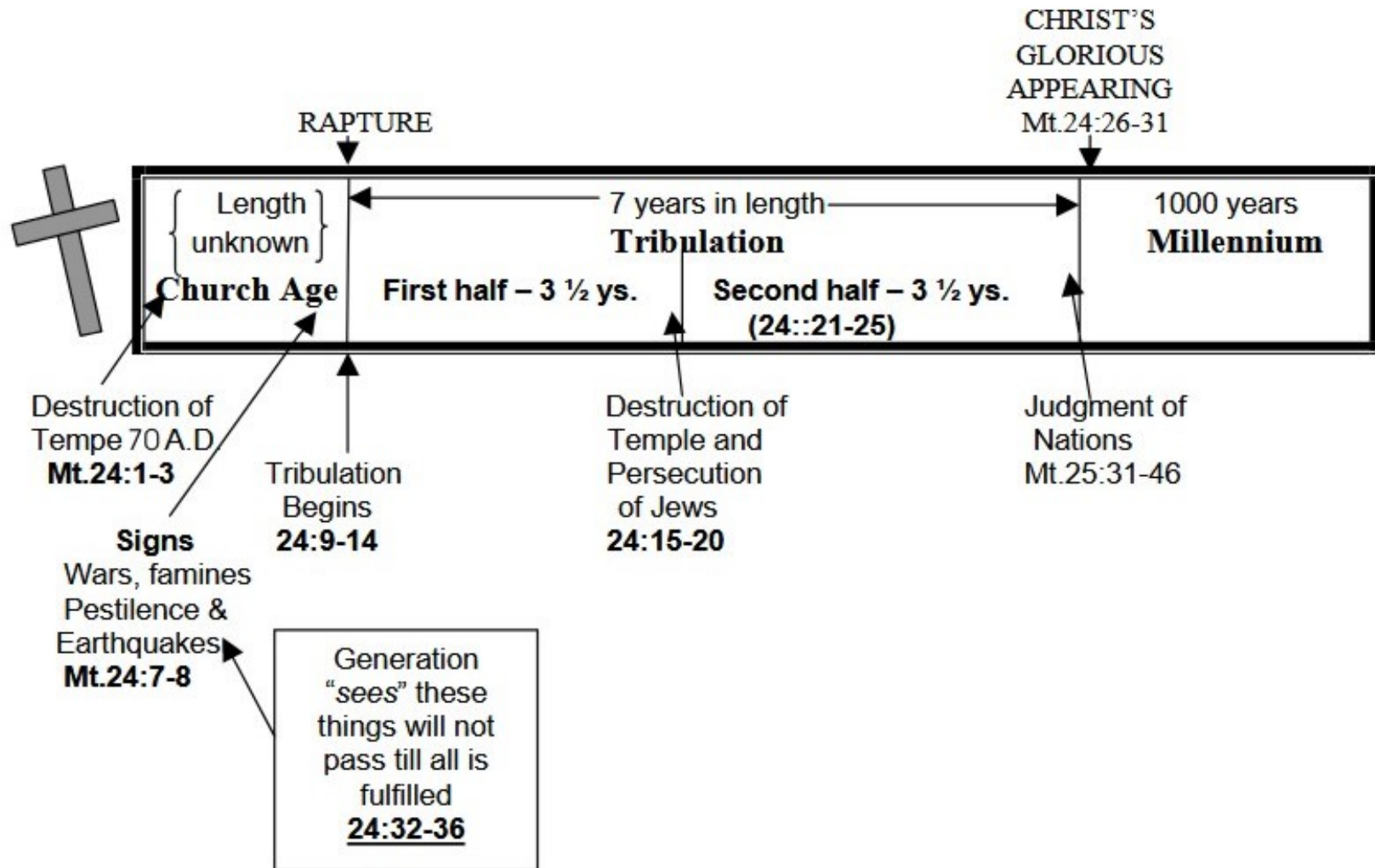
$$f_5(t) = \frac{1}{7} \sin(14\pi t).$$

Fourier Expansion... Mathematical Expression Of Step Function

The equation for photon energy^[1] is

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

The Signs of the Times... Matt 24 Timeline





Signs of the Times... Matt 24 What are we to look for?

Matt 24 Olivet Discourse

- “***When*** will this happen, and what will be the **sign of your coming and of the end of the age?**”
- Jesus: “Watch out that no one **deceives** you...”
- Jesus: “Hear of **wars and rumors of wars**, but see to it that you are **not alarmed**.”
- Jesus: “⁷ **Nation** will rise against nation, and **kingdom against kingdom**. (ἔθνος ethnos=race, βασιλεία basileia=royal power)
- Jesus: “There will be **famines** and **earthquakes** in various places.”
- Jesus: “⁸ All these are the **beginning of birth pains**.”
- Jesus: “⁹ “handed over to be **persecuted** and **put to death...** hated by all



Signs of the Times... Matt 24

Matt 24 Olivet Discourse

- Jesus: “many will **turn away from the faith** and will **betray** and **hate** each other
- Jesus: “many **false prophets** will appear and **deceive** many
- Jesus: “¹² ...the **love of most will grow cold**
- Jesus: “¹⁴ this **gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations
- Jesus: “... , and then the end will come.



Signs of the Times... Timothy What are we to look for?

1 Timothy 4:1-2

- The Spirit: V1 "some will **abandon** faith...follow **deceiving spirits and things taught by demons**
- The Spirit: V2 "**hypocritical liars** with **seared consciences**

■ 2 Timothy 4:3-4-5 ...in the presence of God and Christ

- V3 "people will **not put up with sound doctrine**
- V3 "will gather **teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear**
- V4 "will **turn their ears from truth, turn aside to myths**

- **Theme: Lies, lies and more lies. Deception rampant Demons on the loose!**

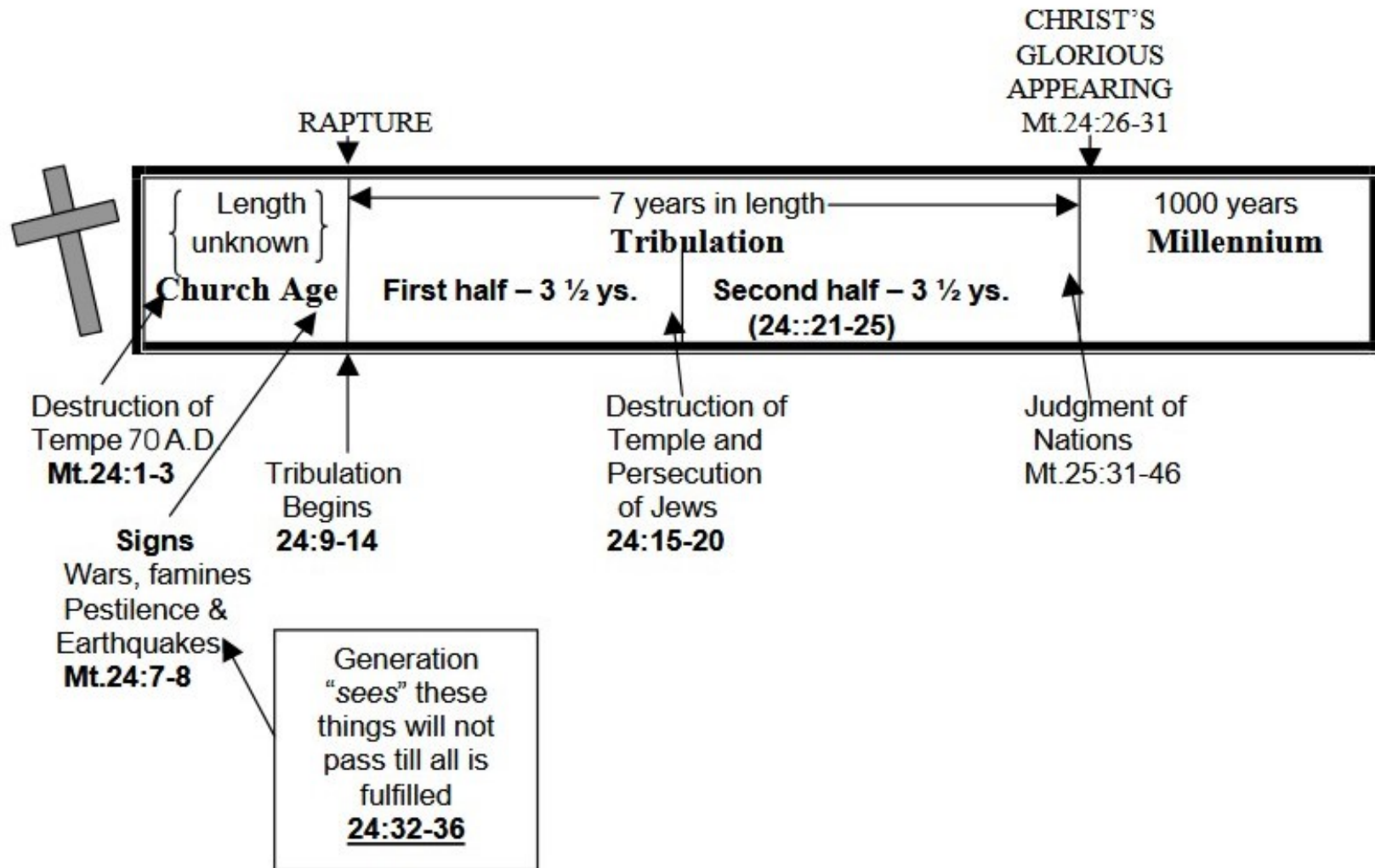


Lets Go Through Chapter 5

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“Do Current Signs Point to Prophetic Fulfillment?”

The Signs of the Times... Matt 24 Timeline





Discussion... Are Current Events Signs of the Times?

- Rebirth of Israel
 - Escalation of Apostasy
 - Craving for Mideast Peace
 - Revived Roman Empire
 - Globalism
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- Seek Balance neither signs everywhere or scoffing
 - Let Scripture interpret the times
 - Watch for legitimate correlations
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- Plan for tomorrow, live like today is the day!