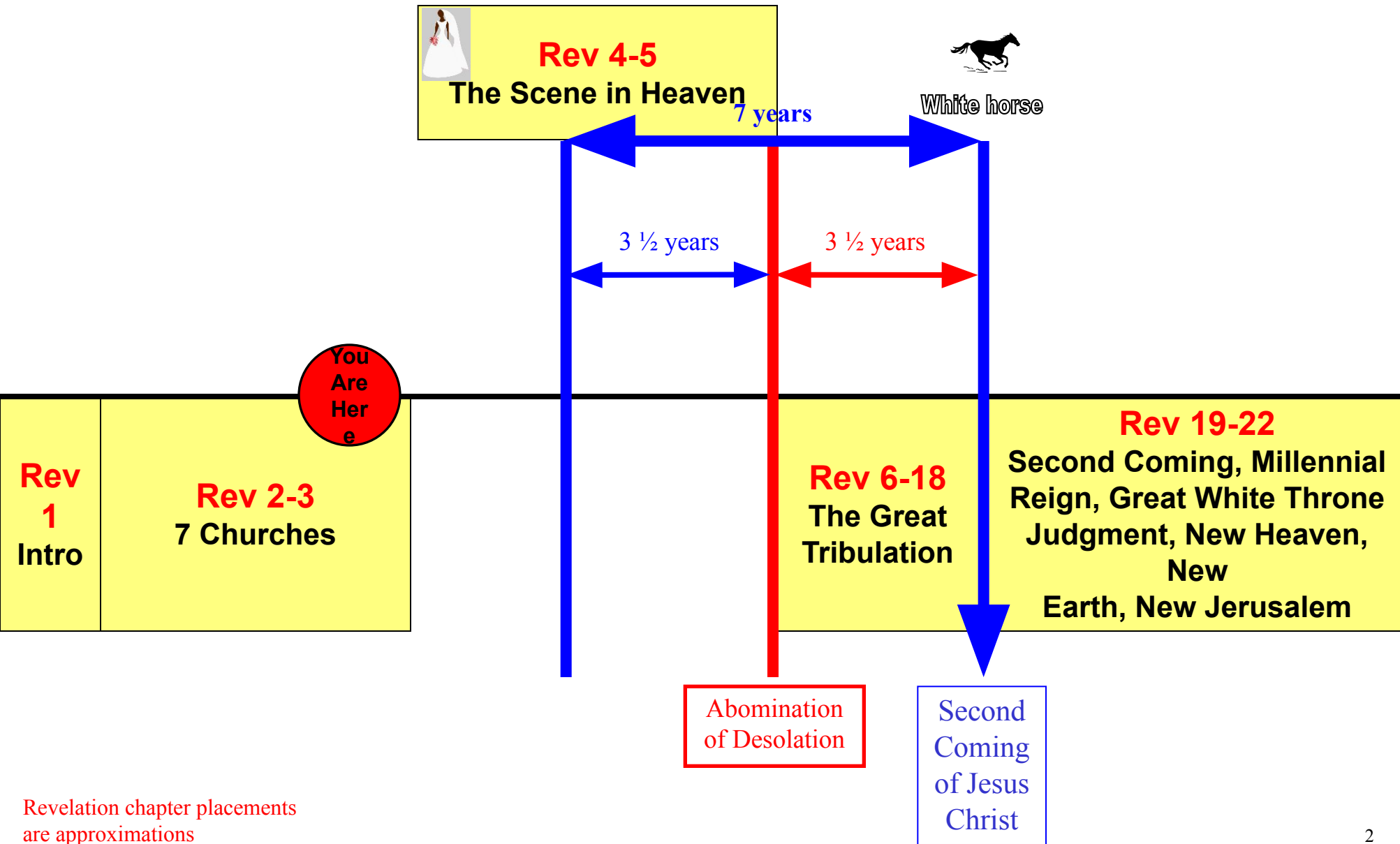


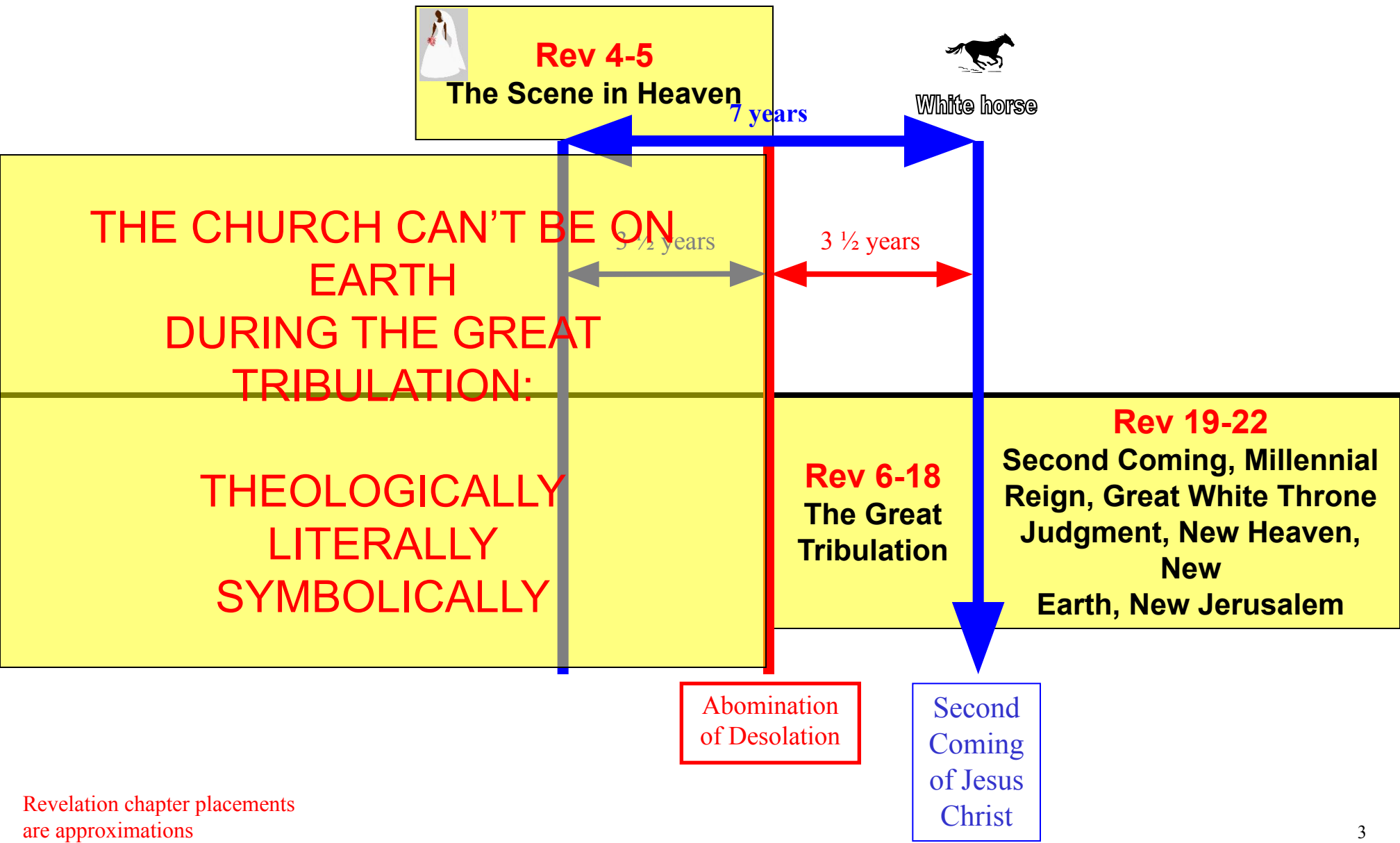
# **Biblical End Times Prophecy**

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# **Revelation 5**

## **The scene in heaven**

**(the song before  
The Great Tribulation)**

## Older English translations

### The Wycliffe Bible of 1382

translates the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10

“Lord our God, thou art worthy to take the book,  
and to open the seals of it;  
for thou were slain, and again-boughtest us to God  
in thy blood, of all lineage, and tongue, and people,  
and nation; and madest to our God a kingdom, and  
priests; and we shall reign on earth.”

John Wycliffe (1328-1384) was the first person to translate the Bible into English. The Wycliffe Bible was translated into English from Jerome's Latin Vulgate



## Older English translations

### The Purvey Bible of 1395

translates the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10

**“Lord our God, thou art worthy to take the book,  
and to open the seals of it;  
for thou were slain, and again-boughtest us to God  
in thy blood, of each lineage, and tongue, and  
people, and nation; and madest us a kingdom, and  
priests to our God; and we shall reign on earth.”**

John Purvey (1354-1421) was a close friend of John Wycliffe. Purvey worked to help translate the Wycliffe Bible, and after Wycliffe's death in 1384, Purvey made slight revisions to the Wycliffe Bible.

**Older English translations**  
**Tyndale's New Testament of 1526**  
**translates the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10**

**“thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou was killed, and hast redeemed us by thy blood, out of all kindreds, and tongues, and people, and nations, and hast made us unto our God, kings and priests and we shall reign on the earth.”**

William Tyndale (1494-1536) was the first person to translate the New Testament into English directly from Greek. Tyndale originated many words used today such as “Passover,” scapegoat” and “Jehovah.”



## William Tyndale (1494-1536)



**Be thankful for your  
English Bible!  
For his “crime” of  
translating the Bible  
into English, William  
Tyndale was strangled  
and then burned.**

No single person has had a more significant impact on the English Bible and no one has made a greater sacrifice than William Tyndale. He paid with his life - strangled while tied to a stake and then his body was burned.

(source: The Story of the Bible)

Tyndale was the first person to translate the New Testament into English directly from Greek. Tyndale originated many words used today such as “Passover,” “scapegoat” and “Jehovah.”



## Older English translations

### The Geneva Bible of 1560

translates the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10

**“Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, because thou wast killed, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, And hast made us unto our God Kings and Priests, and we shall reign on the earth.”**

The Geneva Bible was the Bible that the Pilgrims brought with them to the Colonies in 1620. Also called “Breeches Bible,” describing Adam and Eve as having “breeches” to cover their nakedness (Genesis 3:7).

**Older English translations**  
**The King James Version Bible of 1611**  
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***What do the “new”  
translations say?***

**Almost all newer English Bibles translate  
the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10 wrong!**

***In researching most of today's popular Bible  
translations – every translation (except 1)  
translated Revelation 5:9-10 wrong!***

***Following are the results of this research.***

***As there are too many errors, the  
results had to be consolidated.***

**Almost all newer English Bibles translate  
the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10 wrong!**

**The song lyrics say  
Jesus died for “people” or “men”  
who are referred to as “them”  
*(this is highly problematic because the  
singers are referring to other “people”)***

**THEY TRANSLATED THESE VERSES WRONG!**

Found in these 14 Bibles: New Living Translation, English Standard Version, Living Bible, New Century Version, International Standard Version, Good News Translation, Contemporary English Version, New International Reader's Version, Holman Christian Standard Bible, American Standard Version, Revised Standard Version, New American Standard Bible, New International Version, Amplified Bible.

## John's warning to us in Revelation 22:18-19

**“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.”**

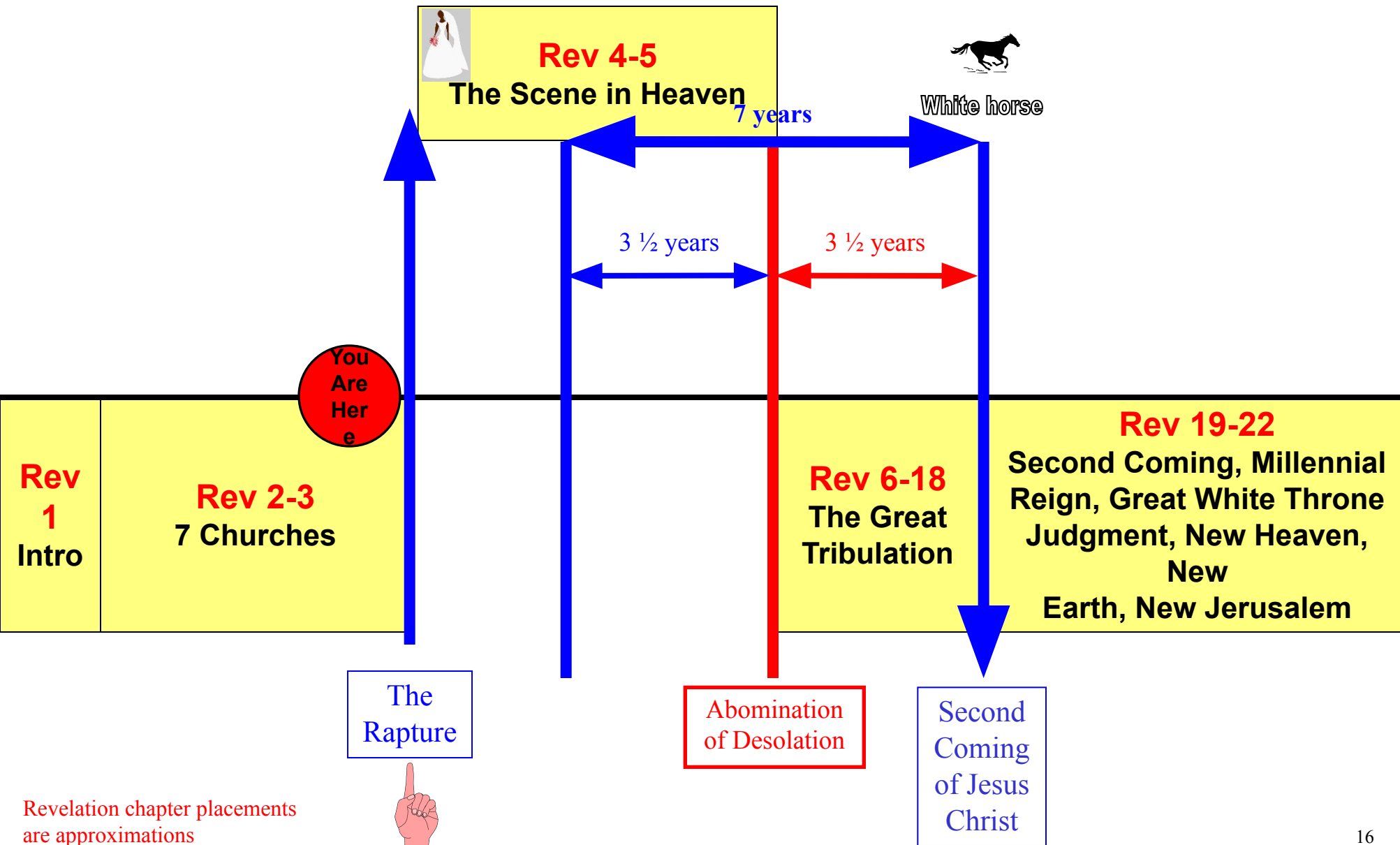
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translates the song lyrics of Revelation 5:9-10**

**“You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals;  
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Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and  
nation,  
And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we  
shall reign on the earth.”**

**FORTUNATELY, NEW KING JAMES VERSION  
TRANSLATED THESE VERSES CORRECTLY!**

Note: there may be other newer English Bible translations that translate Revelation 5:9-10 correctly. If found, please let Pastor Drew know.

**The Church is in heaven with Jesus in Rev 4-18.  
What does the Bible say about how the Church got there?**



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## Why should this matter?

1. It defines the elders as HUMAN
2. If you're a Christian, this is YOUR SONG!
3. Because the Church is in heaven, a serious Bible student must answer "HOW DID THEY GET TO HEAVEN?" ... by looking at *What does the Bible say?*
4. The Bible's only answer as to how the Church got to heaven in Revelation 4-5 is the RAPTURE.
5. Because the Church is in heaven prior to Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, the RAPTURE MUST BE PRE-TRIBULATIONAL

# The Rapture of the Church

# What is the Rapture of the Church?

*(a simple definition)*

The “Rapture” is an instantaneous, worldwide taking away of living Born Again Christians up & out of the world to meet Jesus in the air above the Earth.

# What is the Rapture of the Church?

*1 Thessalonians 4:16a, 17a - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, ...<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.*

Greek word that Paul wrote for “caught up” is **harpazo**

**harpazo** means **to seize, catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force)** (from Strong’s Concordance)

*The word “rapture” comes from the Latin word **rpto** meaning **to seize and carry off***

# What is the Rapture of the Church?

<sup>51</sup>Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

# The Rapture is not the Second Coming of Christ

In the Rapture, Jesus does not physically set foot on the earth

In the Second Coming, Jesus physically sets foot on the earth

# The Rapture is not the Second Coming of Christ



In the Rapture, Christians GO UP to meet Jesus in the air

In the Second Coming, Christians COME DOWN to the earth with Jesus



# Reasons why we should study the Rapture

**1 – Constant awareness of The Rapture and the Presence of the Lord will affect your walk & ministry greater than anything else!**

**2 - We're never told to look for the Antichrist, but always to look for Jesus Christ!**

**3 – It brings you Hope & Comfort (1 Thessalonians 4:13, 18)**

**4 – Most people want to know what will happen next in their lives**

**5 – The Rapture can happen before you go to sleep tonight!  
(But we're not going to set any dates)**



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# How does the Rapture happen?

**Right now, Jesus, is at the right hand  
of the Father in Heaven**

*Mark 16:19 – ‘So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.’*

# How does the Rapture happen?

**At the time of The Rapture, Jesus will leave Heaven and come to the air above the Earth**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16a – ‘For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven’*

# How does the Rapture happen?

**3 things are heard: loud command from Jesus,  
voice of Archangel Michael  
& sound of a trumpet**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16 – ‘For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.’*

*1 Corinthians 15:52b – ‘For the trumpet will sound,’*

# How does the Rapture happen?

**This command issued by Christ is for every Christian that has died to be resurrected & every living Christian to be instantly changed**

*1 Thessalonians 4:16c-17a – ‘And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.’*

*1 Corinthians 15:51b – ‘We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.’*

# When will the Rapture take place?

***It could happen today!!!***

The Rapture of The Church is presented in the Bible as an event that can happen at any moment (it is “Imminent”)

Every time the Rapture’s presented, it never has a preceding event

(there are no End Times events that must occur prior to the Rapture)

# When will the Rapture take place?

***It could happen today!!!***

While there are no events that must occur before the rapture, we need to know that there are events that definitely occur after the rapture.

*(stay tuned)*

**When will the Rapture take place?**

***It could happen today!!!***

There are dozens of events that must occur before the second coming of Jesus to the earth.

*(see Rev 6-18)*



# When will the Rapture take place?

The Rapture happens  
prior to The 7 Year Peace Treaty  
& the one many call “antichrist” is revealed

*2 Thessalonians 2:3, 6-8a* - <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,...<sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.  
<sup>8</sup>And then the lawless one will be revealed,

# When will the Rapture take place?

The Rapture happens prior to The Great Tribulation

*1 Thessalonians 5:9a –*

*For God did not appoint us to wrath,*

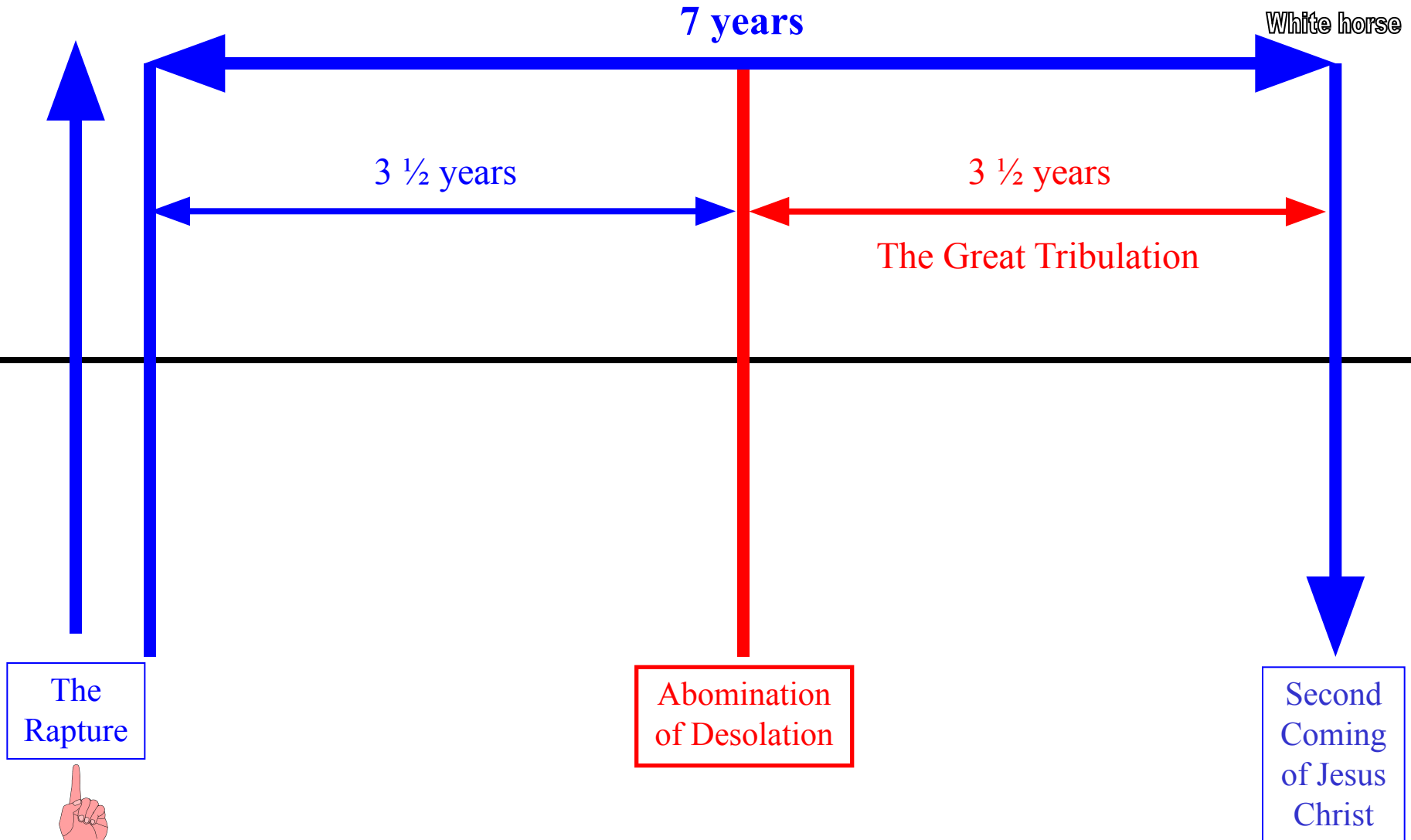
Note: this is what is commonly referred to as a “Pre-Tribulational Rapture” of The Church (AKA: “Pre-Trib”)

# When will the Rapture take place?

## Pre-Tribulation viewpoint



White horse



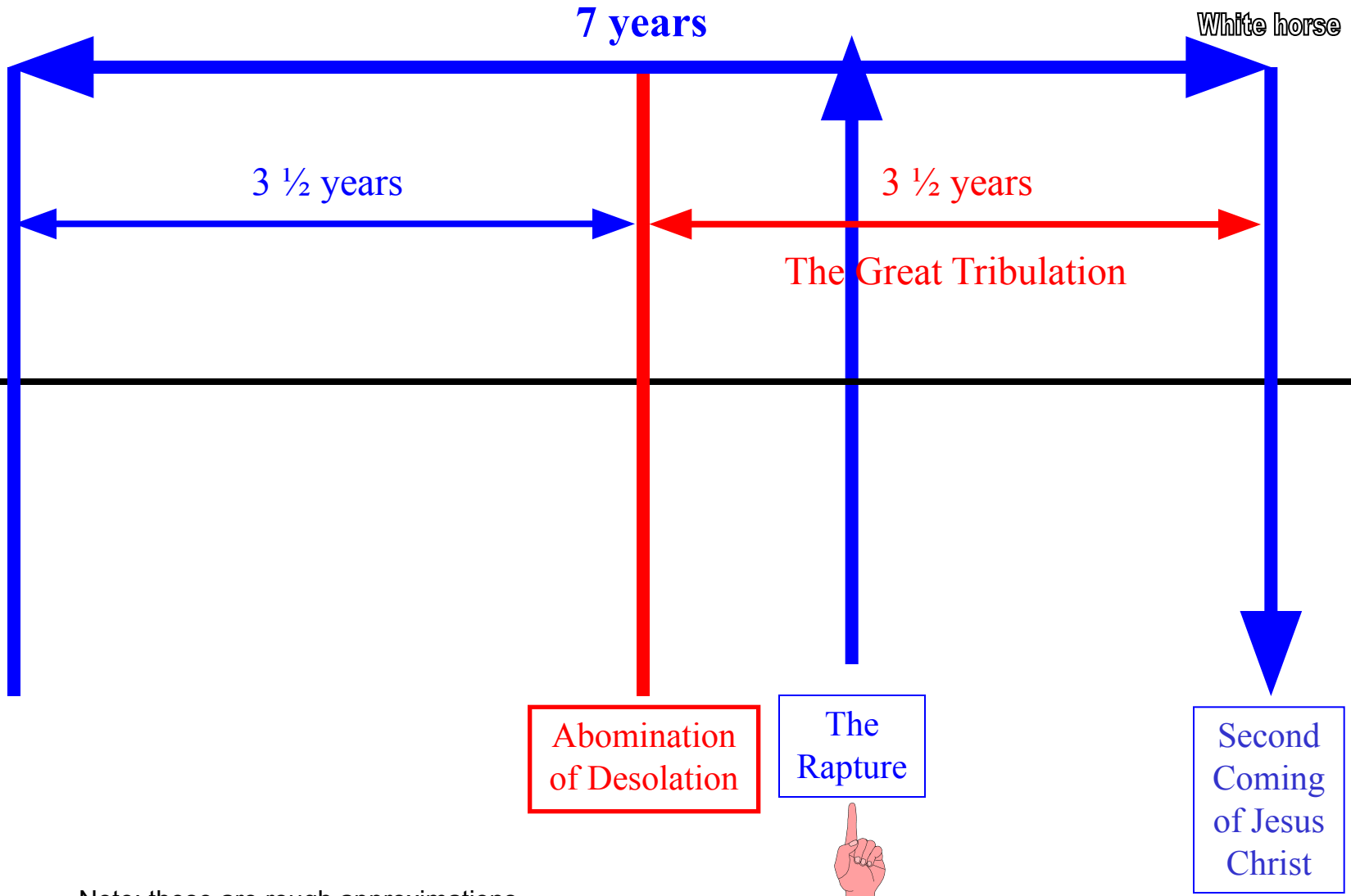
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# When will the Rapture take place?

## Mid-Tribulation viewpoint

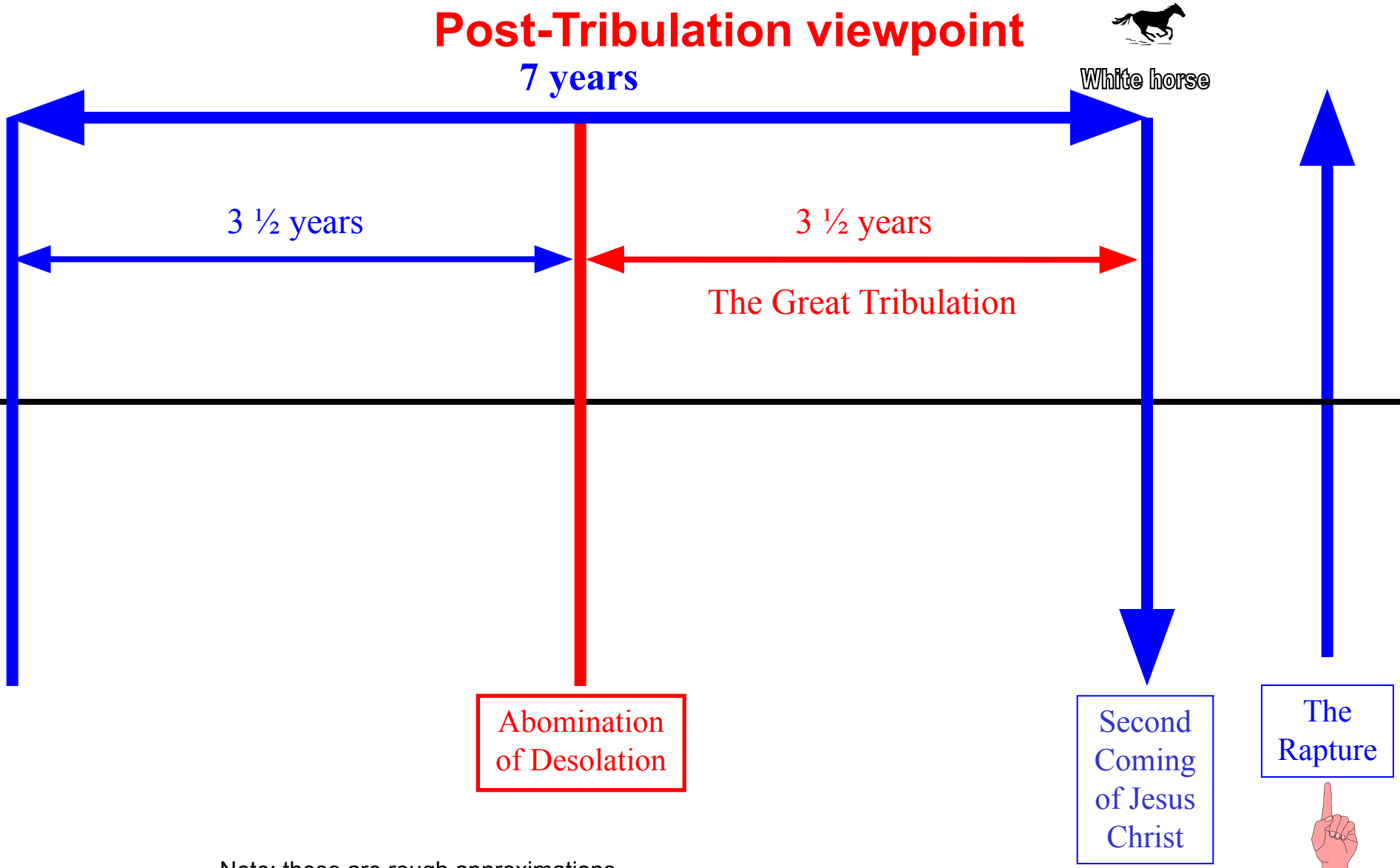


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# When will the Rapture take place?



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# When will the Rapture take place?

Paul wrote **2 Thessalonians** because after writing 1 Thessalonians, false teachers had come in, telling them that the period of “The Day of The Lord” had started already.

# When will the Rapture take place?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 - <sup>1</sup>Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, <sup>2</sup>not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

<sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

One of the first things that happens after The Rapture, in The Day of The Lord, is that the one many call “antichrist” is revealed

# When will the Rapture take place?

## 2 Thessalonians 2:4-5

<sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

*The son of perdition (AKA “antichrist”) will enter The Temple, proclaim himself as God and to be worshipped as God (this is the ‘Abomination of Desolation’ described in Dan. 9:27; Matt 24:15, 21 and elsewhere)*

<sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

*Paul is saying, “I already told you this”*



# When will the Rapture take place?

## 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

<sup>6</sup>And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. <sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

*The Holy Spirit is the only one now currently restraining the son of perdition (by indwelling Born Again Christians)*

# When will the Rapture take place?

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8

<sup>8</sup>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.

*The one many call “antichrist” cannot be revealed until the Holy Spirit (Who indwells Born Again Christians) is removed*

# ***Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Enoch***

<sup>24</sup>And Enoch walked with God;  
and he *was* not, for God took him.  
(Genesis 5:24)

## ***Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Elijah***

<sup>10</sup>So he said, “You have asked a hard thing. *Nevertheless*, if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup>Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

(2 Kings 2:10-11)

## ***Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Isaiah***

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts;  
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”  
(Isaiah 6:1-3)

## *Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Philip*

<sup>38</sup>So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip was found at Azotus. ...  
(Acts 8:38-40a)

## *Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Paul*

<sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup>And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter  
(2 Corinthians 12:2-4)

## *Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – John*

<sup>1</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

<sup>2</sup>Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.  
(Revelation 4:1-2)



# *Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – The 2 Witnesses*

<sup>11</sup>Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. <sup>12</sup>And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.  
(Revelation 11:11-12)

# *Pictures of Raptures in the Bible – Jesus Christ*

<sup>5</sup>She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.  
(Revelation 12:5)

# Important reasons to know about an any-moment possibility of the Rapture of the Church

## MOTIVATION FOR HOLY LIVING

- Christians will desire to live godly in an ungodly world

## MOTIVATION FOR EVANGELISM

- Christians will desire to save the lost

## So now how should we be?

Since the rapture can occur at any moment, then we should be prepared for the rapture to occur at any time, without sign or warning.

We should live our lives as if we will live & die a normal life...yet, at the same time, we should live our lives awaiting Christ's return since He could come today!

## In closing

“looking for the blessed hope  
and glorious appearing of our  
great God and Savior Jesus  
Christ”

(Titus 2:13)