

the Rapture

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Promised deliverance from the wrath of the tribulation

the Church Age

- “delivereth us from the wrath to come”

I Thess 1:10

- “delivereth” – snatching to ones self

the tribulation (Revelation 6-19)

- “the great day of His wrath is come”

Rev 6:17

God delivers the saved before judgment

- Noah delivered (II Pet 2:4-5)
- Lot delivered (II Pet 2:1-8)

“the Lord knoweth how to deliver the Godly out of temptations (**trial & tribulation**), and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” (II Peter 2:9)

“I will keep thee from (out of) the hour of temptation (**trial & tribulation**) which shall come upon all the world.”
(Rev 3:10)

The Church as the Bride of Christ

the Chronology

bride
purchased

Eph. 5:25
I Cor 6:20

a home
prepared

Jn 14:1-2

Christ's
return for
His bride

Jn 14:3

marriage
supper

Rev 19:9-10

Christ's
return
from

wedding

Lk 12:36

Rev 19:11-16

Note: Putting Christ's bride through the tribulation disagrees with the chronology of Scripture & does not answer to "let not your heart be troubled," "comfort one another with these words," and "looking for the blessed hope."

Two Aspects of the Second Coming

*“Receive you unto
Myself” Jn 14:3
Rapture*

*“to smite the
nations & rule
them” Rev 19:15*

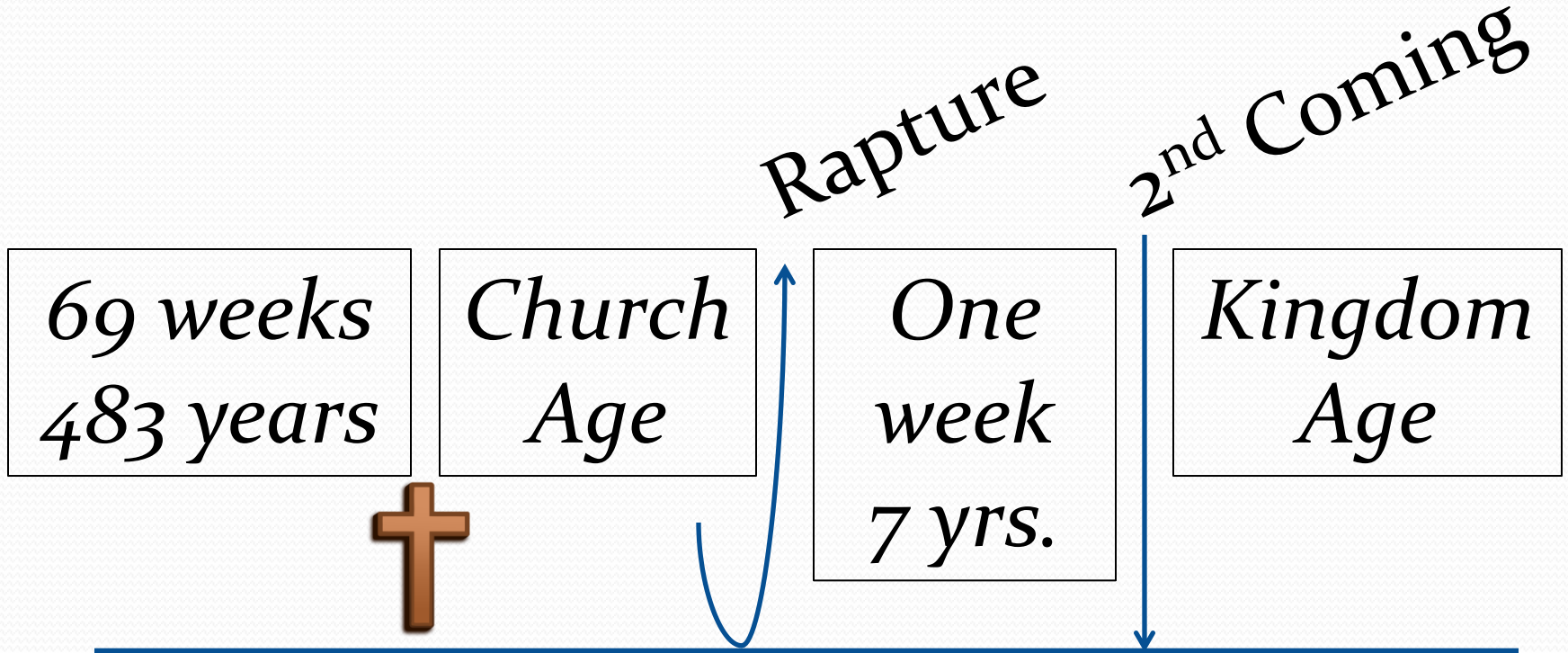
Church
Age

Tribulation

Contrast between the rapture & final coming of Christ

- Believers caught up
I Thess 4:17
- In the air
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- Unrighteousness continues to reign
- Satan is free
- Comforting
I Thess 4:18
- Saints coming back to earth *Jude 14*
- On the Mt. of Olives
Zech 14:4
- Christ judges unrighteousness
- Satan is bound
- Smiting *Rev 19:15*

Seventy Weeks (Daniel 9)



$483 + 7 = 490$ years

The tribulation week (7 yrs) belongs to Israel, not the Church! (Dan 9:24)

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