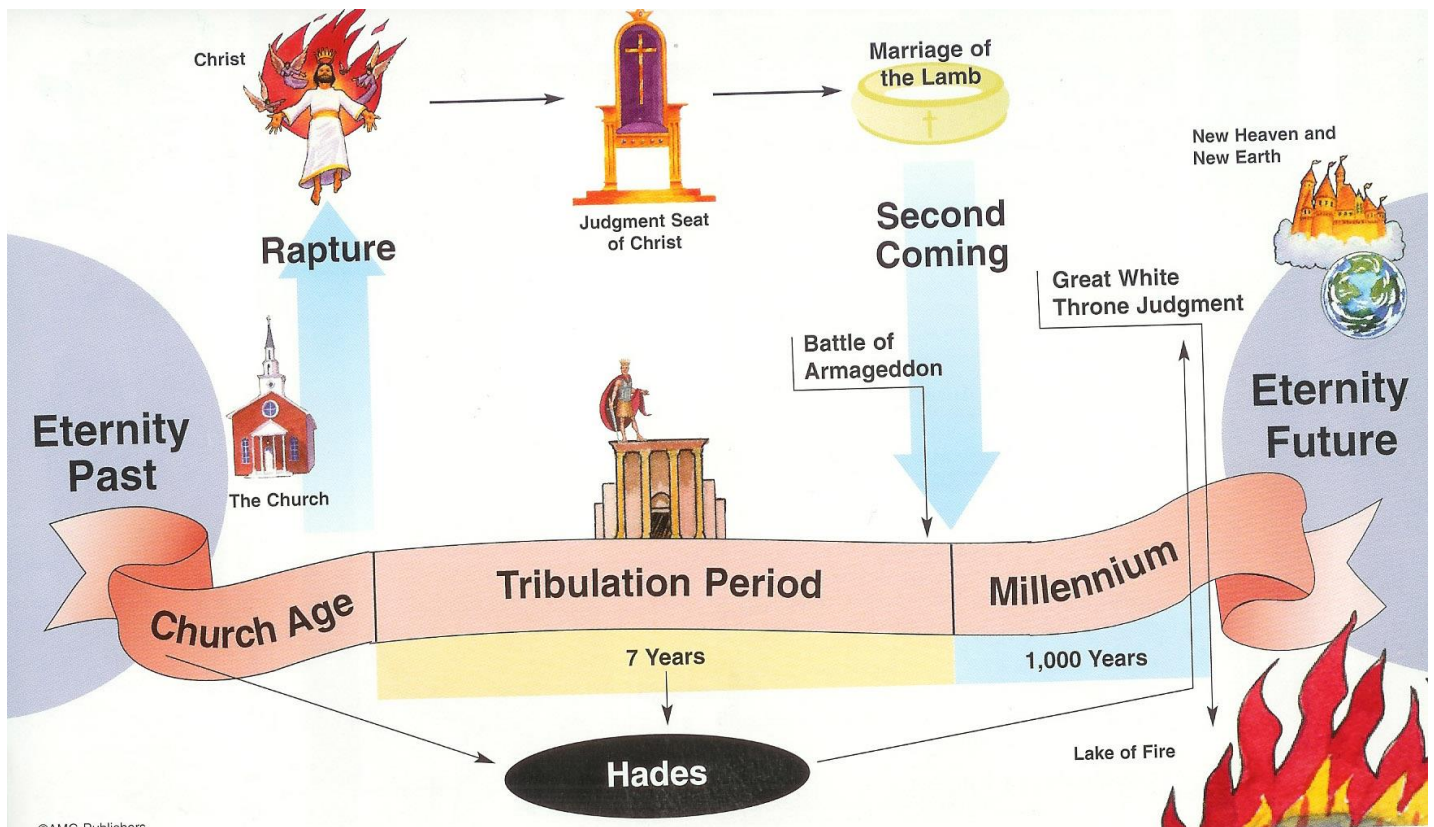


Ready to Rise

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18



I. Ready for the Shout

A. Silence is Graceful

1 Thessalonians 4:16

B. The Shout of Wrath

Romans 8:22 KJV 1900

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

II. Risen with the Saviour

A. The Dead Arise

John 11:43–44 KJV 1900

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Matthew 27:50–53 KJV 1900

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Revelation 12:7–9 KJV 1900

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

B. The Day Approaches

Romans 4:17 KJV 1900

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Hebrews 11:13–16 KJV 1900

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Conclusion

God doesn't want any to perish!

2 Peter 3:9 KJV 1900

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

He offers to you the hope of eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 2:2 KJV 1900

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.