"Are We in the End Times?" PEOPLE'S choice



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I don't know.





**Intermediate State –** 





Intermediate State – Time between physical death – Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

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#### 2 Corinthians 5:8

<sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.



## Philippians 1:21-23

<sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
<sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.



#### Luke 23:43

<sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."



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# Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming – What's Important – What's Clear



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#### John 14:3

<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.



#### 1 John 3:2

<sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.



#### **Acts 1:11**

<sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



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#### Matthew 24:44

<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



#### 2 Peter 3:10

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.



#### Mark 13:32-33

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.



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#### Mark 13:26

<sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.



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#### Acts 24:14-15

<sup>14</sup> But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, <sup>15</sup> having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.



#### John 5:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.



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#### Romans 14:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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#### 2 Corinthians 5:10

<sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



#### Luke 12:2-3

<sup>2</sup> Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.



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#### Matthew 25:34

<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.



#### **Revelation 21:1**

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.



#### Romans 8:19-21

<sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.



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#### 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.





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- We will live in the immediate beautiful, loving, joyful, glorious presence of God forever



### What is less important and less clear -



# What is less important and less clear - Timing of end time events





**Church Age** 



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Church Age



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**Resurrection of Believers and Unbelievers** 



Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming



Church Age



Resurrection of Believers and Unbelievers

Judgment



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Church Age **→ Tribulation** 



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Jesus' Rapture

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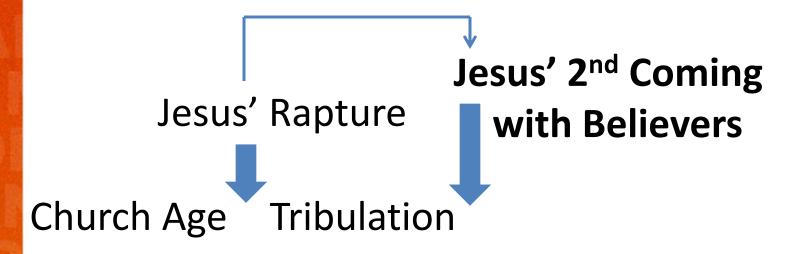


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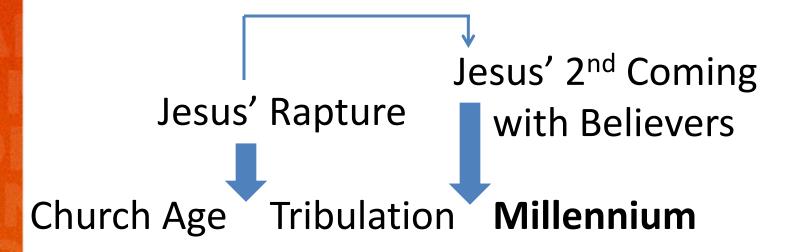
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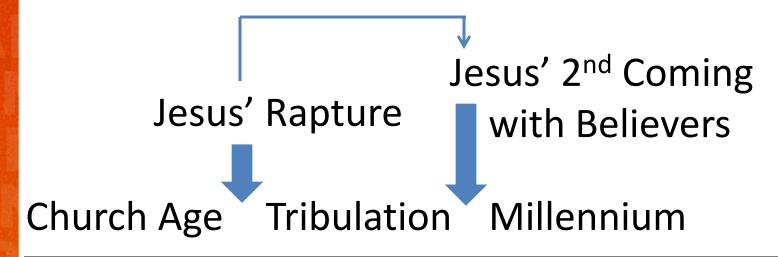








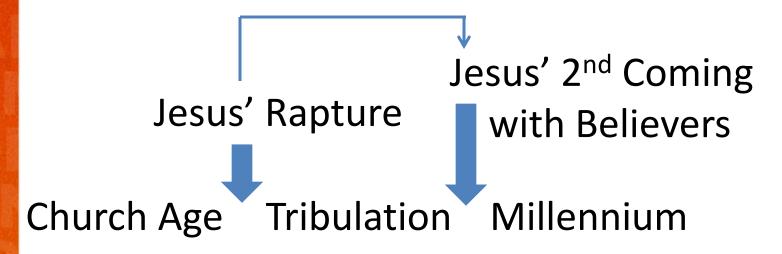












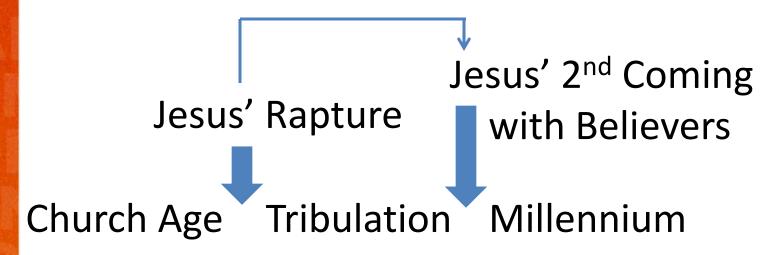
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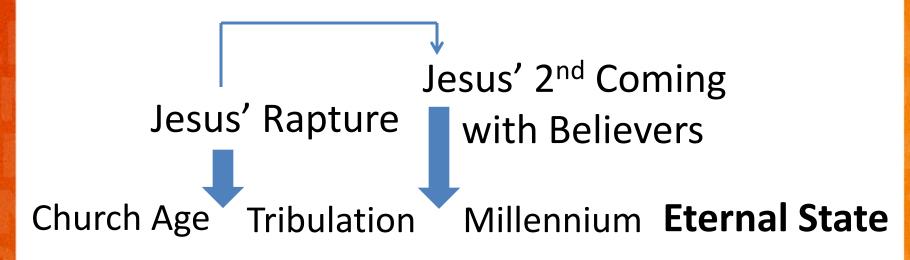
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#### **Romans 8:18**

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.



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