

The Present Prayer
5:1-6 The Day of The Lord

1Th. 1:10 ... to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who
delivers us from (*out of*) **the wrath to come.**

1Th. 5:9 For God **has not destined us for wrath,**
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, **10** who died for us, *so that* whether we are
awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

5:1 Now as to the **times and the epochs ...**

(information from the prophets) you have no need of anything to be written to you *(We taught you while we were there)*.

5:2 For you yourselves ***know full well*** that ***The Day of The Lord*** will come just like a thief in the night. *(It is a sudden unexpected surprise)*

The Day of the LORD!

A time of destruction and judgment

God will judge the world and punish the nations

A time of restoration and blessing

God will restore Israel and bless the kingdom of Jesus Christ

Also called—

“That Day”

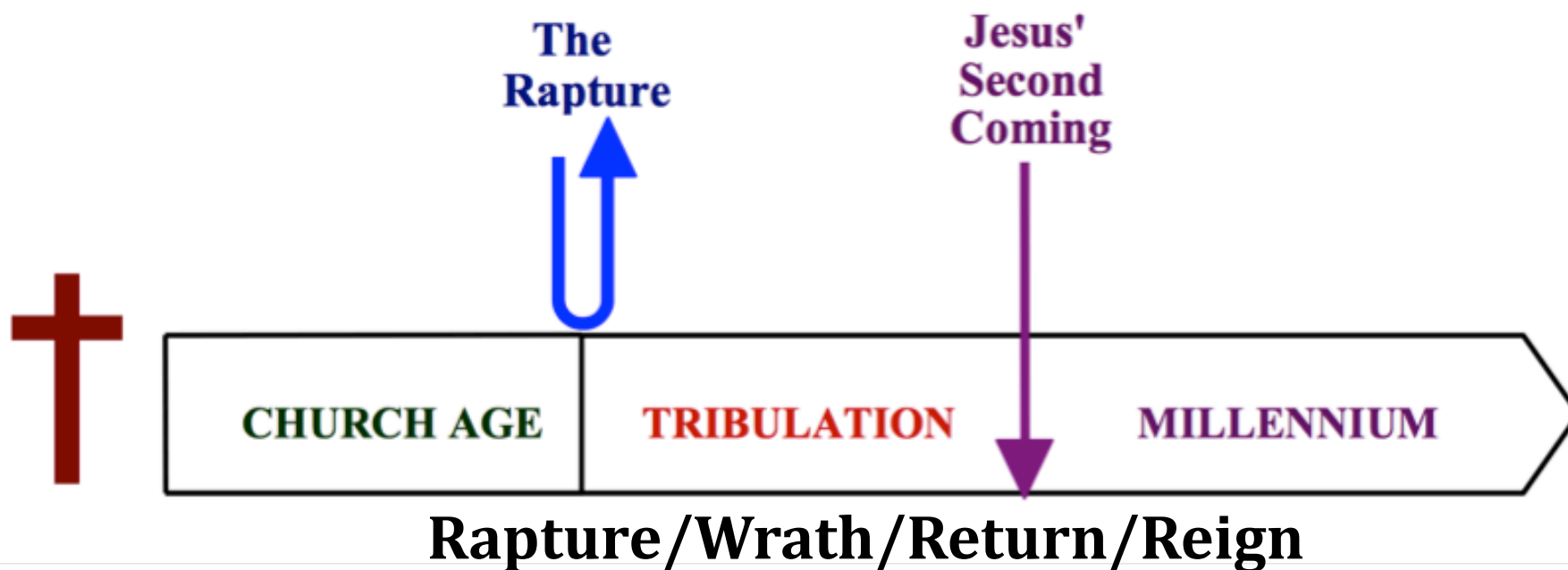
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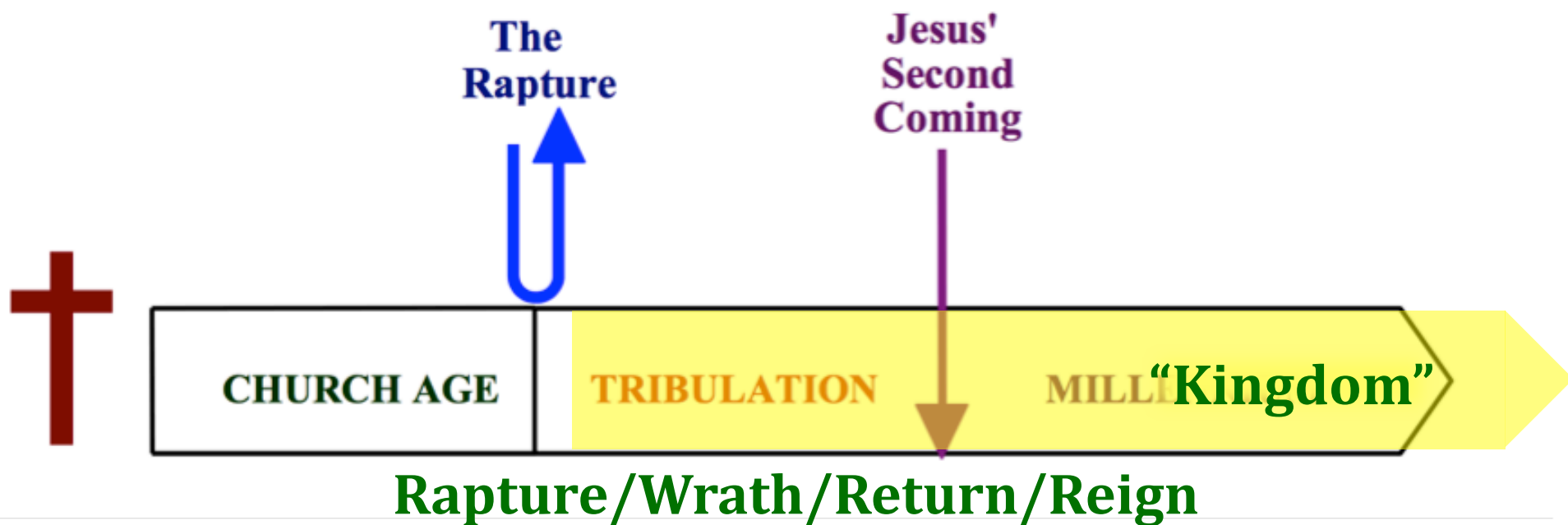
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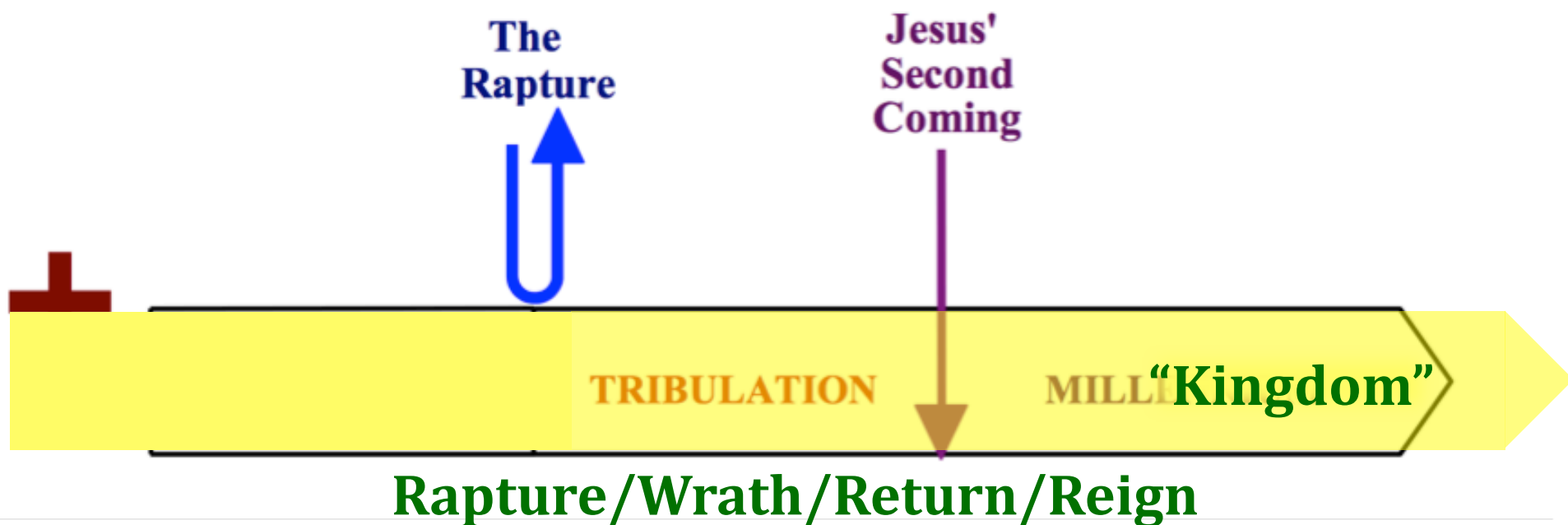
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Dan 2:21 “It is **He who changes** the **times and** the **epochs**; He removes kings **and** establishes kings, **He gives wisdom** to wise men (men who FEAR the Lord) **And** (*He gives*) **knowledge** to men of understanding (men who KNOW the Lord).

Acts 1:6-8 ... they were asking Him, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is *not for you to know* **times or epochs** which the Father has fixed by His own authority

(Dan 2:21 He is sovereign—

don't spend time analyzing the politics)

8 BUT you will **receive power** (*the power of knowledge and wisdom*) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses ...

(Dan 2:21 These will be the wisest men on earth!)

5:3 While *they* (*those who “don’t know” about the thief*) are saying, “Peace and safety!” (*Everything is GOOD!*) then destruction will come upon *them* (*not US*) suddenly (*very quickly*) **like labor pains upon a woman with child** (*You can **maybe** stop a thief, but you can’t stop labor pains—that baby is Comin’!*) and *they* will not escape (*but **we** will have already “escaped”*).

Is. 13:6-9 Wail, for *the day of the LORD is near!* It will come as destruction from the Almighty. **7** Therefore all hands will fall limp, And every man's heart will melt. **8** They will be terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of [them]; **They will writhe like a woman in labor,** They will look at one another in astonishment, Their faces aflame. **9 Behold,** *the day of the LORD is coming—*

Cruel with Fury and Hot Anger

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(We have been already transferred to a New Kingdom)

We are not of night nor of darkness

(The realm of the “earth dwellers”),

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Rom 6:13 ... present yourselves to God like one who is alive from the dead

MATTHEW 24-25

The Disciples are ***NOT*** in The Church –
There is no Church!

***The Rapture and The Millennium
Have NOT Been Revealed***

The Tribulation Has Been Revealed

BUT no one ***KNOWS*** ***When*** it will start –

BUT they do ***KNOW*** ***How*** it will start

MATTHEW 24-25

My Coming is Like

“The Days Of Noah”

Mt 25:13
Unknown

Mt 24:33
Known



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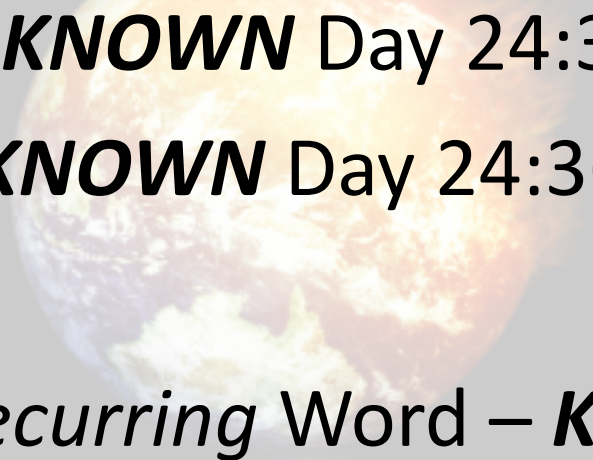
Tribulation

Dan 9 “Seventieth Week”

Dan 9:27 “3 1/2 years”

Rev 13:5 “42 months”

Rev 12:6 “1260 days”

A glowing Earth with a reflection on a grey background. The Earth is shown from a perspective that highlights its curvature and the fiery atmosphere at the top. The reflection below is a softer, more muted version of the same image.

A ***KNOWN*** Day 24:33
An ***UNKNOWN*** Day 24:36,42,44
The *Recurring* Word – ***KNOW!***

The Days Of Noah (Historical)

1. Noah and His Family—Believers who ***know***
2. The Flood Victims—Unbelievers who ***don't know***
4. Enoch—Believer who ***didn't know***
3. The Disciples ***?????***

Believers who ***know*** (like Noah)

AND

Don't know (like Enoch)

Matt. 24:37-39 For just like the days of Noah were, *so the coming of the Son of Man will be*. For in those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. And they knew nothing until the flood came and took them all away.

It will be the same at the coming of Jesus Christ!

Enoch Expects The Flood—*does not know when*

Noah Expects The Flood—knows *and builds the ark*

“They” Do Not know—*suffer wrath!*

The FLOOD is Like The COMING of Jesus

Jesus tells the Disciples “You Do Not KNOW ...”

NOAH knew, was not surprised ...

He went *Through* the FLOOD (judgment)

The Disciples are like ENOCH

They will be surprised *by the Rapture...*

BUT— They know about the Wrath that is coming

They will be removed *Out Of* the Wrath (judgment)

Those “Left Behind” will go *Through* the Wrath

Only Believers will survive to the end (*Like Noah*)

Those Believers will KNOW when the end is near—24:33

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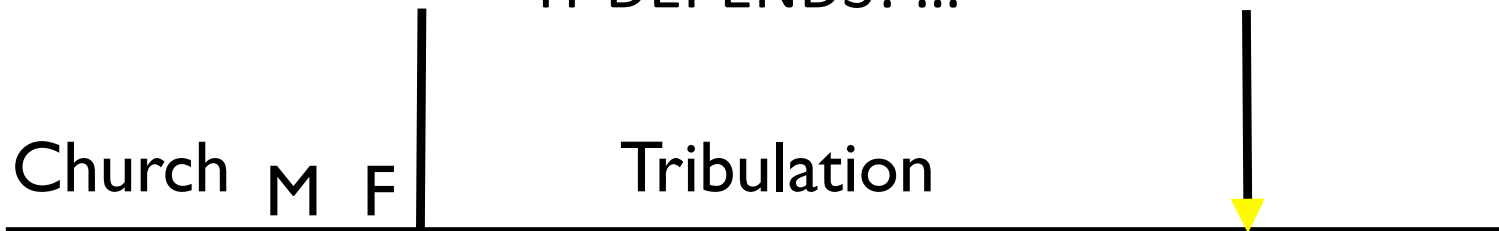


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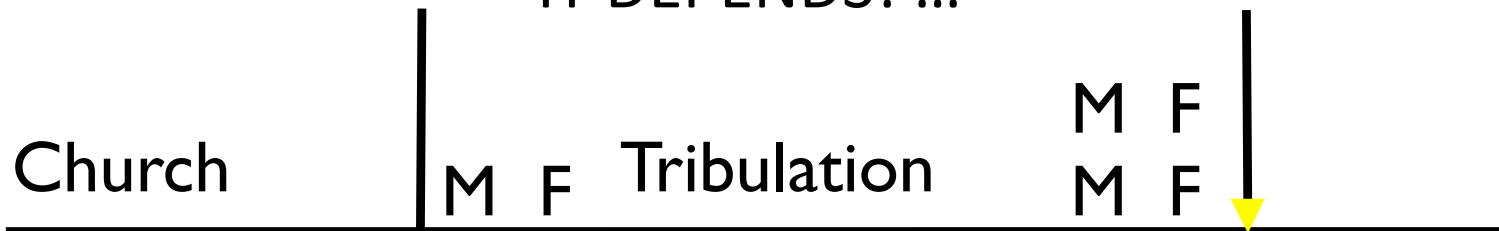


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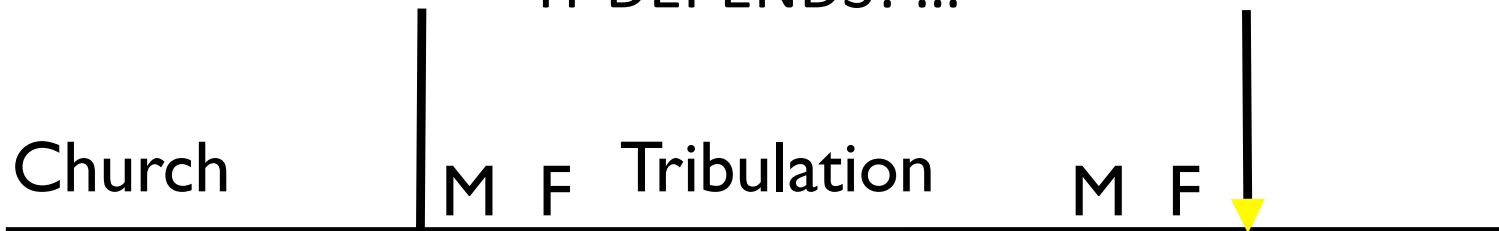


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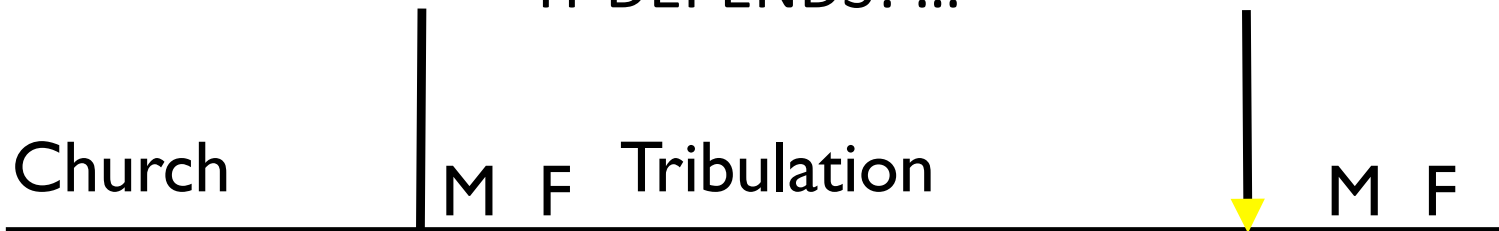


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THE HOMEOWNER EXAMPLE

Matt 24:42-44 Watch out! because *you (disciples) do not know* what day (*the Day*) your Lord will come.

If the owner of a house knew the time (*the Hour*) when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house.

So then, you (*disciples*) must always *be ready*, because the Son of Man will come (*like a thief*) at an hour (*a Time*) when *you are not expecting him*.

You do not KNOW the Hour or the DAY

**A “3-in-1”
Lesson**

**IF THE OWNER DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT THE THIEF
THEN HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE IS COMING**

**So ... He is NOT Ready (*Sleeps*)
The PEOPLE Before the FLOOD (*Wrath*)**

**THE OWNER KNOWS ABOUT THE THIEF
AND HE DOES KNOW WHEN HE IS COMING**

**And ... He IS Ready (*Stays Alert*)
NOAH Before the FLOOD (*Wrath*)**

**THE OWNER KNOWS ABOUT THE THIEF
BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE IS COMING**

**But ... He IS Ready (*Stays Alert*)
ENOCH AND The DISCIPLES *before* they are “Taken OUT”**

Unknown Day

Known Day

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THE WEDDING PARTY EXAMPLE

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**NEXT WEEK: “THE PRESENT PRAYER”
BE ENCOURAGED: OUR DESTINY IS DIFFERENT**