

# Chronologies of the Millennium and Christ's Return

## Theories of the Order of Events

**Great Tribulation** — The "7 year" period marking the rise of the Antichrist, increase of evil, persecution of Christians (Matthew 24:21, 29; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 7:14; ), just prior to Christ's return in glory (Matthew 24:30-31; Acts 1:11). One's theory of the time of the rapture is described as pre-trib, mid-trib, or post-trib.

**Rapture** — (from Latin *raptus*, "snatch away"), the catching up of Christians to meet Christ in the End Time (Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1).

**Millennium** — "1,000 year" period of Christ's earthly reign, during which time Satan is bound (Revelation 20:1-6). One's theory of the timing of Christ's return is described as pre-millennial or post-millennial (before or after the millennium). Amillennialists believe the millennium is not a literal period time, but coincides with the Church Age.

**Church Age** — The period of time the Church has to declare the Gospel before Christ's return (Matthew 24:14; Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25)

