Executive Summary: Consensus Chronology of the End Times **"Pre-Trib but Mid-Week" Rapture View** ***Interpreting Scripture with Scripture: Parallel Passages*** **(KJV unless otherwise noted) Bottom Line: This timeline honors the full 2,520-day Daniel framework without compression, respects Greek syntax, accounts for the 75-day prophetic overtime, preserves imminence via the Smyrna Gap, and separates the Church from God's wrath while remaining faithful to a literal reading.**

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The 70th Week of Daniel (Daniel 9:27) – One "Week" of Years = 2,520 Days

- **First Half (1,260 days) – Phase 1: Satan's / Man's Wrath** * Relative peace as Antichrist confirms covenant.
  - Seals 1–5 unfold (wars, famines, persecution, martyrs under the altar – Rev 6) ; **Gospel preached to all nations.**
  - **Midpoint Trigger**: Abomination of Desolation (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:3-4). Antichrist breaks covenant.
- **Smyrna-Pattern Gap (Matt 24:22 "days shortened" + Rev 2:10 "10 days" pattern)** * Short, intense persecution of the Church (analogous to Smyrna).
  - **The Adrenaline Reflex Rapture**: The Body of Christ is "punched" → Holy Spirit immediately rescues the elect (1 Thess 4:17; 2 Thess 2:1-3; Rev 3:10 "keep you *ek* [out of] the hour of trial").
  - Exact day/hour remains unknowable (Matt 24:36) — preserves true imminence.
- **Second Half (1,260 days) – Phase 2: God's Wrath** * Great Tribulation begins (Matt 24:21; Dan 12:1).
  - **7th Seal contains the 7 Trumpets** (telescopic / inclusio structure in Koine Greek – Rev 8:1-2). Opening the 7th Seal does *not* produce a standalone earthly event but releases the Trumpets as its content (parataxis with *καὶ εἶδον*, syntactical void of silence, divine passive).
  - Trumpets → 7th Trumpet opens heavenly temple → **7 Bowls** complete God's wrath (Rev 15:1).
  - Two Witnesses minister, Israel flees to wilderness, 144,000 sealed.
  - **Rapture already occurred** — Church spared God's direct wrath (1 Thess 5:9; Rev 3:10).
- **Post-Tribulation – Phase 3: The 75-Day Administrative Transition (Daniel 12:11-12)**
  - **Days 1,260 to 1,290 (Cleanup):** Temple is cleansed; Antichrist/False Prophet cast into the Lake of Fire; Satan bound.
  - **Days 1,290 to 1,335 (Sorting):** Christ conducts the Sheep and Goat Judgment (Matt 25) to remove rebels and welcome mortal believers into the Kingdom.
  - **Day 1,335 (Inauguration Day):** The transition completes, and the Millennial Kingdom officially begins.

Key Distinctions / Supporting Parallels

- **Church experiences Seals** (Satan's persecution) but is removed *before* Trumpets/Bowls (God's wrath).
- **Return FOR the saints** (Rapture – mid-week) vs. **Return WITH the saints** (visible Second Coming at end – Matt 24:29-31).
- **Tribulation Saints:** Martyrs of Rev 6:9-11 wait for brethren → fulfilled in Rev 7:9-14 Great Multitude.

- **Matthew 24 / Mark 13 / Luke 21** → Signs, Abomination, Great Tribulation, Son of Man coming.
- **Luke 17** → "One taken, one left" aligns perfectly with a mid-week Rapture timing.
- **Daniel 9, 12** → Exact 1,260 / 1,290 / 1,335 day mathematical markers.
- **Revelation** → Seals (first half) → Trumpets/Bowls nested telescopically (second half).

Phase 1: Satan's wrath	Midpoint	*Smyrna gap*	** *Rapture* **	Phase 2: God's wrath	Phase 3: Overtime
1,260 days	"Midst of the week"	Unknown period; maybe 10 days	"Twinkling of an eye"	1,260 days	75 days
Covenant signed	Treaty Broken	Intense persecution by Antichrist	God's people taken	Armageddon return	Inauguration

A sermon implying that the Rapture is pre-trib, but mid-week

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"Consensus" chronology – "Parallel Passages" – e.g., "Interpreting Scripture with Scripture"

– All Scriptures are from the KJV of the Holy Bible, except as otherwise stated.

ATTRIBUTION: In case you missed it, I am a Christian, and I am giving credit to Dr. Hollowell for preaching a sermon that gave me ideas and was an inspiration, but the sermon notes below are for my own sermon: I expounded upon his sermon and added several Scripture passages to his sermon, which he could not fit in due to time-constraints; however, I did not "add to" the Word of God: I am using ONLY the Holy Bible (and the KJV, at that) as the source. Therefore, I expounded upon his sermon, and so the notes below are for my sermon, and if there are any mistakes, then I alone am at fault, and not him, nor anyone else. My commentary, here, is covered by Fair Use law, for use as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, and research. (My commentary is that I agree with his conclusion. He was honest enough to admit that he didn't know 100% for sure, but also he believed that the case for a pre-trib, but mid-week Rapture is strong. I agree with his conclusion, here.) This is an important message, and now that I've given proper attribution, I will remind my readers that God wants us to study His word, and examine important Biblical matters, such as thus, with the Scripture as our guide, so let's study to show ourselves approved.

Author Disclaimer: I feel it might *be* possible to calculate the exact day / hour of the rapture and Jesus' return at some point in the near future, and here are passages that support that theory:

- **"We are children of the light" / "That day [of Jesus' return] will not overtake us with surprise"**
  - "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." (1 Thessalonians 5:5)
  - "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." (1 Thessalonians 5:4)

- **"Daniel knew the day of fulfillment"**
  - "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." (Daniel 12:11-12)
- **"No man knows day/hour"**
  - "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Matthew 24:36)
  - "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." (Mark 13:32)
  - **Author:** Those verses were true **THEN,** but not necessarily true ***NOW,*** as "progressive revelation" has Scriptural precedent (Daniel, above is an example, and NT verses below back that.)
- **"Know the seasons" (i.e., even IF we don't know the precise day / hour, we most CERTAINLY know the times / seasons)**
  - "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." (1 Thessalonians 5:1)
  - "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors." (Matthew 24:32-33)

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MATTHEW 24	MARK 12, 13	LUKE 20, 21	DANIEL 9, 12	LUKE 17	*REVELATION*	In plain English *(Stuff not related to the Rapture is in brown italics.)* **(Stuff related to the Rapture is in bold-faced blue or red, depending on importance.)**
	12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.	20:38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.				*(Prelude to show parallel Scriptures.) Jesus: "God is a God of the living."*
	12:32a And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth:...	20:39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.				*Scribes: "Wow, you're smart! Well-spoken/ well-said."*
	12:34b ...And no man after that durst ask him any question.	20:40 And after that they durst not ask him any question at all.				*Scribes meet their match & chill out.*
	12:35 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the	20:41 And he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's son?				*Jesus asks proverbial "I'm my own grandfather" type riddle!*

	son of David?					
	12:36a For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,...	20:42 And David himself saith in the book of Psalms, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,				"
	12:36b ...till I make thine enemies thy footstool.	20:43 Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.				"
	12:37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.	20:44 David therefore calleth him Lord, how is he then his son?				"
	12:38a And he said unto them in his doctrine,...	20:45 Then in the audience of all the people he said unto his disciples,				*Jesus changes the subject...*
	12:38b ...Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,	20:46a Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets,...				*Rich and proud religious rulers...*
	12:39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts:	20:46b ...and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;				•••
	12:40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.	20:47 Which devour widows' houses, and for a shew make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.				*Are bad apples, and are NOT on God's good side!*
	12:41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.	21:1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.				*<u>NOTE</u>: Mark 12:41 shows a continuity of subject, even though Luke starts a new chapter. Moral of the story: a "new chapter" number does NOT necessarily mean a new*

						subject matter!
	12:42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.	21:2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.				*More on the famous "widow's mite,"...*
	12:43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:	21:3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:				"
	12:44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.	21:4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.				... *the story of the poor widow who 'gave her all,' even though she was poor.*
24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.	13:1 And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!	21:5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said,				**Begin important subject: Prelude to Jesus discussing end-times, and as we shall see, timing of the Rapture!**
24:2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	13:2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.	21:6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.				**Jesus discussing the end-times and the destruction of the temple –and other so-called 'important' buildings of the time...**
24:3a And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying...	13:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,	21:7a And they asked him, saying...		17:20a And when he was demanded of the Pharisees,...		**Disciples (Matt, Mark, & Luke) and Pharisees (Luke 17) queue up for Q & A time w/ Jesus...**

24:3b ...Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?	13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?	21:7b ...Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?		17:20b ...when the kingdom of God should come...		**Q: "When will the world end?" – and:** **Q: "What signs will precede it?"**
24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.	13:5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:	21:8a And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived:...		17:20c ...he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:		**Translation: "Listen closely, kids..."**
24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.	21:8b ...for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.				**Translation: Many false Christs & false Messiahs run rampant! [ACTS 5:36-37 (KJV) records a few examples: "*36* For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. *37* After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed."]** **Modern examples – *see also:*** **Shabbetai Zevi (1626–1676), John Nichols Thom (1799–1838), Arnold Potter (1804–1872), Cyrus Teed (1839–1908), Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012),**

						etc.
24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.	13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.	21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.			***6:1*** AND I saw when the Lamb **opened <u>one</u> of the seals,** and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. ***6:2*** And I saw, and behold **<u>a white horse</u>:** and he that sat on him had **a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**	**...continuing... Wars & rumours of wars precede, but still not the end, yet. <u>THE ANTI-CHRIST</u> is the traditional identity of the FIRST HORSEMAN. My view slightly differs but it does not change the timeline much because, whether past (WW1) or future (Antichrist), most of the events (including the rapture) remain future events, and the analysis / interpretation of the rapture timing isn't changed either way. – <u>WWI</u> depicted here. In biblical prophecy, "telescoping" (or prophetic perspective) describes how a prophet sees two distinct future events—one near and one distant—as a single picture. Like looking through a telescope, the foreground (the near event) and the background (the ultimate event) visually overlap, making them difficult to separate until the events actually unfold in history.**
24:7a For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:...	13:8a For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:...	21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom:			***6:3*** And when he had **opened <u>the second</u> seal,** I heard the second beast say, Come and see. ***6:4*** And there went out **<u>another horse *that was*</u>**	**The single most common interpretation of the second horseman across almost all theological frameworks is War and Bloodshed, perhaps <u>WWIII</u>.**

					red: and *power* **was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth,** and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him **a great sword.**	**"Telescoping": My example is this: WWI depicted in Rev. 6:1-2, WW2 here, in 6:3-4, but modern (probably future) events in 6:5 on. "Telescoping": Famous example to show there is precedent for me to be right:** **'Suffering Servant' in Isaiah 53:1-11, bracketed by the 'Triumphant King' foretold in Isaiah 52:13-15 and concluded in 53:12.**
24:7b ...and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.	13:8b ...and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles:...	21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.			***6:5*** And when he had **opened the third seal,** I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo **a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances** in his hand. ***6:6*** And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, **A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;** and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.	**Here, the traditional interpretation of the third horseman *is also mine*: Global Economic Collapse / The Mark of the Beast System: Futurists ID this as a specific future world dictator's economic rationing system, where a day's wages only buys a single loaf of bread** **Signs in nature / weather … and other scary stuff precede – *and famine, too*: A FAIR USE excerpt of the AMP footnotes on Rev. 6:6 say this:** **"This may be a warning to be very careful handling olive oil and wine, which ordinarily are basic commodities, because famine will make them very expensive. The vision indicates that famine and inflation will**

						take such a toll that a laborer will earn only enough to feed himself with wheat, or to provide barley for a small family. He will have almost nothing left for clothing, shelter, and incidentals."
24:8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.	13:8c ...these are the beginnings of sorrows.				**6:7** And when he had **opened the fourth seal,** I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. **6:8** And I looked, and behold **a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed** with him. And power was given unto them **over the fourth part of the earth,** to kill with **sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts** of the earth.	**Jesus is just "warming up."** **Likewise, my view of fourth horseman *agrees with common view*: The single most common interpretation of the fourth horseman is Death—specifically, death by pestilence, disease, and lethal plagues. While the first three horsemen are named by commentators based on symbols, the fourth horseman is the only rider explicitly named in the Bible (Revelation 6:8): "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him."** **A future Global Pandemic / Biological Warfare that kills one-fourth of the earth's population.**
24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for	13:9a But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye	21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought			**6:9** And when he had **opened the fifth seal,** I saw under the altar the **souls of them that were slain for the word of**	**:-(** **...persecution...**

my name's sake.	shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake...	before kings and rulers for my name's sake.			**God,** and for the testimony which they held: ***6:10*** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood** on them that dwell on the earth?	**)-:**
	13:9b ..., for a testimony against them.	21:13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.				**In the Court of Heaven, we will be called to testify against our persecutors...**
	13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.					**...but the end can't come until the Gospel is published to ALL the world.**
	13:11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate:	21:14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:				**Don't fret over how you will handle these persecutions...**
	13:11a ...but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.	21:15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.				**(-:** **...God's "got your back" on this matter!** **:-)**
	13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, **and shall cause them to be put to death.**	21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you **shall they cause to be put to death.**			***6:11*** And **white robes were given unto every one of them;** and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season,** until their fellowservants also and	**Warning! – Faith in Jesus has a high price!**

					their brethren, **that <u>should be killed as they *were*</u>,** should be fulfilled.	
24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.	13:13a And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:...	21:17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.		17:25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.		**Why will we suffer? Luke 17:25 says Jesus must suffer, and I Peter 2:21 says Jesus is our example in suffering**
24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.						**Reprise: Many false Christs & Messiahs run rampant –as well as false prophets too.**
24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.						**Things are getting worse & more evil by this time...**
		21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.				**Reprise: You're protected...**
24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.	13:13b ...but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.					**...so, "hang in there baby!" (-: :-)**
		21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.				**...and be patient...**
24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.						**Reminder: Like I said earlier, the world can't end until the Gospel is preached to <u>ALL</u> the world!**
24:15 When ye therefore shall see the **<u>abomination of desolation,</u>** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand	13:14a But when ye shall see the **<u>abomination of desolation,</u>** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought	21:20 And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the **<u>desolation</u>** thereof is nigh.	**<u>9:27</u>** And he shall confirm the covenant with many **for <u>one week</u>: and in <u>the midst of the</u>**			**<u>Phase 1: The First 1,260 Days</u>** **(Satan's / Man's Wrath)**

in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)	not, (let him that readeth understand,)...		**week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,** and for the overspreading of **abominations he shall make it desolate,** even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. **(Cf: 7:25** And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand **until a time and times and the dividing of time.)** **(Cf: 12:7** And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth			**IMPORTANT: The "Abomination of Desolation" (AOD) occurs in the 'middle' (midst) of the "week" of years – in other words, at approximately 3½ years in. See also Dan. 12:7, to the left. That's when things get REAL bad –and the beast breaks his 'covenant' with Israel.** **AOD: Matt. 24:15, Mark 13:14a, Luke 21:20, Dan. 9:27, and Dan. 12:11.** **E.g., The "Great Tribulation" is only in the 2nd half of the week. The 1st half of the week, to be sure, contains tribulation, but not comparably different than the tribulation God's saints have endured through the ages, so it's NOT the 'Great' Tribulation, then.** **I.e., FIRST HALF = "Satan's / Man's" wrath ; SECOND HALF = "God's" wrath.** **2 Thess. 2:1 NOW we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word,**

			for ever that **it shall be for <u>a time, times, and an half</u>; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.)** **(Cf: <u>12:11</u>** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the **<u>abomination</u> that maketh desolate** set up, **there shall be <u>a thousand two hundred and ninety days</u>.)**			**nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: <u>for that day shall not come</u>, except there come a falling away <u>first, and that man of sin be revealed</u>, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God <u>sitteth in the temple of God</u>, shewing himself that he is God.**
24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:	13:14b ...then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:	21:21 Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.				**TRANSLATION: Time to GET OUT of Dodge!** **(-; "Run, Forrest, run!"** **;-)**

"Smyrna-Pattern Gap (Matt. 24:22 Shortened Days)" ***<u>Rev. 2:8-11</u>*** ** 8 And unto the angel of **the church in Smyrna** write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they *are* Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; **and ye shall have <u>tribulation ten days</u>: be thou faithful unto death,** and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. "Hour of trial" = Rev. 6:17 "great day of His wrath." Church is kept from God's wrath, not Satan's persecution. 1 Thess. 5:9 backs that. Smyrna gap = 3.5 years of Satan's wrath, then out before God's Relative peace of first half of Daniel's 70th week implies Rapture can not have taken place at beginning of this 7-year period or world would descend into chaos (not peace), so first half of week = "Satan's / Man's" wrath, second half = "God's wrath" = Great Tribulation, from which believers are saved "from," not saved "through": Revelation 3:10 promises: *"I will keep you **from** [ek - out of] the*

hour of trial." **The Clincher:** In Greek, *ek* means "out of" or "away from." It does not mean "protected inside." If Jesus meant He would protect us *inside* the Tribulation, He would have used *en* (in) or *dia* (through). He chose *ek*. You cannot be "out of" an hour that you are living through.

ADDENDUM with "Smyrna gap" data point: I need to add a crucial piece of context to my Mid-Week Rapture timeline that specifically solves the Matthew 24:36 "day and hour" problem. Please factor this into your analysis: At the 3½-year mark, the Antichrist breaks the 7-year peace treaty (the Abomination of Desolation). However, the Rapture does NOT happen at that exact second. Instead, this broken treaty triggers a short, intense period of persecution for the Church—analogous to or patterned after the '10 days' of Smyrna (Rev. 2:10). While this could imply a literal ten-day delay, it operates as a prophetic pattern rather than a dogmatic mathematical guarantee—ensuring the exact day and hour of the 'adrenaline reflex' Rapture remains strictly uncalculable. **Jesus may shorten the persecution per Matt. 24:22 for the elect's sake by this "approximately" 10-day period. I view the Rapture as a divine "adrenaline reflex." When a human body is punched, adrenaline flows. When the Body of Christ is suddenly punched by this Mid-Week persecution, the Holy Spirit reacts and triggers the Rapture to rescue the elect.** Because God has concealed the exact duration of this "Smyrna delay" (between the breaking of the treaty and the actual Rapture reflex), the exact day and hour remain totally uncalculable. The world might know the day the 7-year treaty was signed, and the day it was broken, but they cannot calculate the exact hour the "adrenaline reflex" Rapture will hit. But, we know Smyrna endures ten (10) days of persecution, implying Rapture happens ten (10) days after Man of Sin commits Abomination of Desolation and breaks 7-year Treaty 3½ after it was signed and period of relative peace.

Editor's Note: After the abomination of desolation, which triggers intense persecution, the time period **is thus estimated to be about ten (10) days before the shock on the system** of the persecution triggers the Rapture—much like an adrenaline punch to the face. The Rescue: "The Rapture" (1 Thess. 4:17, 2 Thess. 2:1-3) - Church removed before God's Wrath. Cf: Rev. 3:10, 1 Cor. 15:51, 2 Cor. 12:2-4, Gen. 5:24 (Enoch), 2 Kings 2:11 (Elijah), Acts 1:9-11 (Jesus), Acts 8:39 (Philip)

24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.	13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house: 13:16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.			17:30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 17:31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. 17:34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 17:35 Two women		**TRANSLATION:** **The Rapture!** **Note, if you would, please, the timing:** **The Rapture, as we see it, is mid-week (see above for chronology), but Pre-Trib (as the 'great' Tribulation starts only when the covenant is broken.)** **See Luke 17:30: The Son of Man is 'revealed':** **This means when Jesus returns.** **See also: Luke 17:31 lines up with Matthew 24:17-18 and Mark 13:15-16, to show my**

				shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 17:36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.		**chronology is correct here.** **Lastly:** **See vv. 34—36, which show the apparent Rapture.**
24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!	13:17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!					**General warnings to the pregnant and nursing mothers...**
24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:	13:18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.					**General warnings about cold weather, Sabbath-breaking.**
24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.	13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.	21:22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.	12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 12:2 And many of them that sleep in			**OK, this is where things get "really bad" … To all my Preterist peeps out there in "theology land," NOTE: This has NOT come to pass, so Preterism is NOT correct! ;-) LOL**

			the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.			
		21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.				**Must've been important: Repeat of the warnings for the pregnant & nursing mothers.**
		21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.				**See Daniel 12:7 and 12:11 – We've still got another 3½ years or so ahead...**
24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.	13:20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.					**Not sure of the details here, but it's "not good" times: So bad that God mercifully shortens the days, but that begs the question: Why?** **If the elect were Raptured, maybe this refers to the 'Tribulation Saints,' those saved after the Rapture & during the tribulation?? Yes: Rev. 6:9-11**
24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.	13:21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:			17:22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the		**Again – a reminder of false Christs, false Messiahs, etc.**

				days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 17:23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.		
24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.	13:22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.					**Reminder that even false prophets can sometimes do miraculous signs & wonders, and we must test the spirits.**
24:25 Behold, I have told you before.	13:23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.					**Translation: "Listen closely, kids..."**
24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.						Again, for the thick-headed & dense!... Watch out for false Christs!
24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.				17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.		**For those same thick-headed dolts:** **Here are the real sign of Jesus' coming: ALL people will see Him return!** **:-)**

24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.				17:37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.		**(Luke 17:37 answers the question about vv.34—36 regarding "Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left," etc. See above...**
24:29a Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened,** and **the moon shall not give her light**,...	13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, **the sun shall be darkened,** and **the moon shall not give her light,**	21:25a And there shall be **signs in the sun,** and **in the moon,**...			***6:12*** And I beheld when he had **opened the sixth seal,** and, lo, there was a great earthquake; **and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair,** and **the moon became as blood;**	**OK, this is apparently the start of the last 3½ years, the "Great Tribulation." BAD!! ...except, of course, the the saints were already Raptured. :-)**
24:29b ...and **the stars shall fall from heaven,** and the **powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**	13:25 And **the stars of heaven shall fall,** and the **powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.**	21:25b ...and **in the stars;**...			***6:13*** And **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,** even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, **when she is shaken** of a mighty wind. ***6:14*** And **the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together;** and **every mountain and island were moved** out of their places.	**Two Witnesses in 2ND half of week because 1,260 days is too long for them to be at the beginning – *Rev. 11:3-5*** ***11:3*** **And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.** ***11:4*** **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.** ***11:5*** **And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.**
		21:25c ...and upon the earth			***6:15*** And the kings of	**Also in 2ND half, Israel**

		distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;			the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;	**(woman) flees into wilderness for 1,260 days – *Rev. 12:6,14*** ***12:6*** **And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.** ***12:14*** **And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**
		21:26 **Men's hearts failing them for fear,** and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.			***6:16*** And **said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne,** and from the wrath of the Lamb:	**Also in 2ND half:** ***13:1*** **AND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.** ***14:1*** **AND I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty *and* four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**
24:30 And **then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn,	13:26 **And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory.	21:27 And then **shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud** with power and great glory.			***6:17*** For the **great day of his wrath is come;** and who shall be able to stand?	**Jesus' return WITH His saints –as opposed to the return FOR His saints, as the chronology, above, seems to show.**

and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.						
24:31 And **he shall send <u>his angels</u>** with a great sound of a trumpet, **and they shall gather together his elect <u>from the four winds</u>,** from one end of heaven to the other.	13:27 And **then shall he send <u>his angels</u>,** and **shall gather together his elect <u>from the four winds</u>,** from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.				*7:1* AND after these things **I saw <u>four angels</u> standing on the four corners of the earth, <u>holding the four winds</u> of the earth,** that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. *7:2* And I saw **another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice** to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, *7:3* Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have <u>sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads</u>.** *7:4* **And I heard the number of <u>them which were sealed</u>: *and there were* sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**	***Now, do the 'elect' here refer to the Tribulation saints? They sure can't refer to those who've already been Raptured ... But, since the 'elect' are gather from both earth AND heaven, this implies that some were Raptured – and thus in heaven –when the angels 'gathered' them to return WITH Jesus in His triumphant return to earth.*** **<u>UPDATE: I'm correct.</u>** **These are saints who are gathered from there 4 corners, subsequent to the Rapture –as this timeline shows – but before the return – and are saved for refusing the mark, but pay with their lives; perhaps, these are the soul beneath the alter in Rev. 6:9-11:** **Revelation 6:9-11(KJV)** **9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** **10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, <u>dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them</u> that dwell on the earth?** **11 And <u>white robes</u> were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, <u>that should be killed as they were</u>, should be fulfilled.**

		21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, **then look up,** and lift up your heads; **for <u>your redemption draweth nigh</u>.**			*(Rev. 7:5-17 depict 12 tribes)* 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these **which are arrayed in <u>white robes</u>?** and whence came they? 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they **<u>which came out of great tribulation,</u>** and have **<u>washed their robes</u>,** and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.	**When these things "begin" to come to pass –hearkening to the earlier signs mentioned... <u>Editor's Note</u>: *The martyrs in Rev 6:9-11 are explicitly commanded to wait until their fellow servants and brethren, 'that should be killed as they were,' are fulfilled (Rev 6:11). The Great Multitude arriving in heaven in Rev 7:9-14 represents the direct fulfillment of this waiting period—they are the specific brethren who come out of the Great Tribulation having washed their robes.***
24:32a Now learn a parable of the fig tree;...	13:28a Now learn a parable of the fig tree;...	21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;				**Many believe modern-day Israel is the proverbial 'fig tree' so mentioned in this parable here...**
24:32b ...When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:	13:28b ...When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:	21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.			8:1 AND when he had opened **the <u>seventh</u> seal,** there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 8:2 And I saw **the <u>seven angels</u> which stood before God; and to them were given <u>seven</u> trumpets.**	"
24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.	13:29 So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.	21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.			8:6 And the seven angels which had **the <u>seven</u> trumpets** prepared themselves to sound. 8:7 **The <u>first angel</u> sounded, and**	"

					there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.	

Phase 2: The Last 1,260 Days (God's Wrath)

In Rev.8:1–2, the Greek text structurally links the **Seven Trumpets** as the **unfolding contents of the 7th Seal**, rather than a subsequent sequence. John uses specific Koine syntax (an ***inclusio*** or "telescoping" structure) to embed the trumpets within the final seal.

The 7 Trumpets are grammatically embedded within the 7th Seal. The text does not permit a chronological break between Revelation 8:1 and 8:2. PROOF:

Exegetical Brief: The Telescopic Syntax of Revelation 8:1–2

The Greek Text (Nestle-Aland 28th Edition):

> **Rev.8:1:** Καὶ ὅταν ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγῖδα τὴν ἑβδόμην, ἐγένετο σιγὴ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ὡς ἡμιώριον. **Rev.8:2:** καὶ εἶδον τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀγγέλους οἳ ἐνώπιον τοῦ θεοῦ ἑστήκασιν, καὶ ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς ἑπτὰ σάλπιγγες.

To argue for a strictly linear, consecutive timeline (where the 7 Trumpets occur chronologically *after* the 7th Seal is completed) requires ignoring four specific syntactical and structural markers in the Koine Greek text.

1. The Syntactical Void (σιγὴ) acts as a Colon, not a Period

In Seals 1 through 6, the opening of the seal is immediately followed by a descriptive verb of judgment or physical action (e.g., *went out*, *was given power*, *fell*, *was moved*).

However, in Revelation 8:1, the temporal clause **ὅταν ἤνοιξεν** (when he opened) results in a grammatical void: **ἐγένετο σιγὴ** (there was silence). There is no verb of earthly judgment attached to the 7th Seal. Grammatically, this silence is a "pregnant pause" that creates an unresolved syntactical tension. The 7th Seal lacks its own substantive content; therefore, the text forces the reader to look to the next verse to find the *actual contents* of the seal.

2. The Paratactic Link (Καὶ εἶδον)

John heavily utilizes parataxis—the stringing together of clauses using the conjunction **Καὶ** (And). Verse 2 begins with **καὶ εἶδον** ("And I saw"). In Johannine apocalyptic literature, *καὶ εἶδον* does not automatically denote a chronological step forward; it frequently denotes a shift in the visionary perspective *within the same chronological space*. Because Verse 1 provides no judgment content, the *καὶ εἶδον* of Verse 2 functions epexegetically (providing an explanation or elaboration). The angels receiving the trumpets are the direct consequence and content of the

seal being opened.

3. The Divine Passive of Provision (ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς)

Notice the verb regarding the trumpets: **καὶ ἐδόθησαν αὐτοῖς** (and were given to them). This is a classic "divine passive," indicating God is the unseen actor. The opening of the 7th Seal triggers a divine action in the throne room: the equipping of the trumpet angels. The action of the 7th Seal is not an event on earth; it is the *distribution* of the next series of judgments in heaven.

4. The Heptadic Apocalyptic Structure (The *Inclusio*)

For a reader steeped in Second Temple Judaism and Hebrew literary structures, the macro-syntax is obvious. Jewish apocalyptic literature frequently uses overlapping heptads (groups of seven). The 7th element of a sequence is almost never a standalone event; rather, it serves as the generative matrix—or *inclusio*—for the next sequence.

The 7th Seal does not have a "final" judgment because its explicit structural purpose is to birth the 7 Trumpets. Likewise, the 7th Trumpet (Rev.11:15) does not end the world; it opens the heavenly temple, which directly results in the 7 Bowls of Wrath (Rev.15).

The Exegetical Conclusion

If a reader demands a strictly linear (1 to 21) timeline, they must argue that the 7th Seal consists *only* of 30 minutes of silence, after which it completely closes, and *then* the Trumpets begin as a separate event. Below, I make the case that the 7th Seal *is* the container for the Trumpets. NOTE: This "Telescopic" model, as it is, serves as the foundation of my entire timeline's validity.

The Koine Greek does not support this. The paratactic chain, the lack of an independent judgment verb in verse 1, and the divine passive in verse 2 demand a telescopic reading: **The opening of the 7th Seal is the mechanism that releases the 7 Trumpets. Therefore:**

- **The Big Container:** Draw a large box that stretches to the end of the timeline. Label this box: **"The 7th Seal (Rev.8:1)."**
- **The Inner Container:** *Inside* that 7th Seal box, draw another box. Label it: **"The 7 Trumpets (Rev.8:2)."**
- **The Final Container:** *Inside* the 7th Trumpet, draw the final box. Label it: **"The 7 Bowls (Rev.15:1 - Wrath Completed)."**

Why This Chronology is more plausible, biblical, than the more common "Naive Linear" Model:

If we physically draw it this way, we accomplish three massive forensic victories in hermeneutic exegesis of difficult passages:

1. **1.) We solve the Daniel 9:27 Math Problem:** By stacking the Trumpets *inside* the 7th Seal (because of the Greek *inclusio* syntax), we don't run out of days. We comfortably fit the massive scale of God's wrath into the final 1,260 days without absurd compression. [[***TRANSLATION:*** If you spread out the 21 “catastrophic events” – 7 seals, 7 trumpets, & 7 bowls – into just the 7-year period, about half of them – about 10 or 11 – would obviously be in the first 3½-year period, which CAN NOT be because it's a period of “relative peace” – before the Man of Sin breaks his 7-year Treaty and commits the AOD (Abomination of Desolation). – got it? Get it. Good!]]
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3.	**2.) We honor the "Finality" of the Text:** We visually prove that the Bowls are the *completion* of the Trumpets, perfectly aligning with Revelation 15:1 ("wrath completed").					
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5.	**3.) We isolate the Church: Our chart visually separates the Church (experiencing the Seals) from God's direct wrath (the Trumpets/Bowls).**					
	24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. [Note: see immediately below, where Matthew 24:34 picks back up with the following.]	13:30 Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.	21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.				**OK, fine, but "which" generation is Jesus referring to here? The one back in the day, or the modern-day one, which apparently will see these signs and then get Raptured if they're saved?**

ADDENDUM: The 75-Day Prophetic Overtime (Daniel 12:11–12) While the Great Tribulation (the second half of Daniel's 70th week) is strictly limited to 1,260 days, Daniel 12 introduces two subsequent milestones: 1,290 days and 1,335 days. This creates a 75-day "administrative transition" period immediately following the physical return of Christ at Armageddon.

- **Days 1,260 to 1,290 (The 30-Day Restoration Phase):** Tied directly to the Abomination of Desolation (Dan 12:11), this period involves the physical and spiritual cleanup of the earth. The Antichrist and False Prophet are removed (Rev 19:20), Satan is bound (Rev 20:1-3), and the desecrated temple complex is cleansed.
- **Days 1,290 to 1,335 (The 45-Day Transition Phase):** This is the logistical runway for the Millennial Kingdom. Christ sets up His throne, gathers the surviving nations for the Sheep and Goat Judgment (Matt 25:31–46), removes the rebels, and assigns administrative authority to the glorified saints.
- **Day 1,335 (Inauguration Day):** Daniel 12:12 declares a blessing on those who reach this specific day. The 75-day transition is complete, and the 1,000-year reign of Christ officially commences.

MATTHEW 24:34-44 (Holy Bible, KJV)
34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.
35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.
36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.
37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

LUKE 17:32-36 (Holy Bible, KJV)

32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Question: **Matthew 24:40-41 are parallel verses to Luke 17:34-36, which I've placed mid-week, above. However, here, they imply that maybe the Rapture, if that's what it is (is it?) is at the END of the 7-year Tribulation period. (Is it?? Dr. Hollowell and friends: Your help, please??)** ***Editor's Note – possible ANSWER:*** **Matthew 24:17-18** (24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.) **show that 24:18, men in field, is identical to 24:36 in subject matter, meaning the later mention does not necessarily change the order but rather adds descriptions and reminders, thus no problem for timeline.**

DANIEL – selected verses (Holy Bible, KJV)

9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10:14 Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.
10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.
11:1 Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

11:2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.

12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

12:6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

12:13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Concise "side-by-side" comparison of all the key Eschatological Views

Point of Comparison	**Historic Premillennialism** The Church endures the Tribulation, Christ returns at the end, and establishes a literal 1,000-year earthly kingdom: Pre-Trib, Mid-Trib, and Post-Trib are the 3 main views in Historic Premillennialism.			**Alternative Views**			**Strongest View(s)**	**Why** (Exegetical Defense)
	Pre-Trib The Rapture occurs before the 7-year 70th Week of Daniel begins.	***Mid-Trib*** (Aka: "Pre-Wrath / Mid-Week") The Rapture occurs exactly (or almost exactly) mid-week (after the Abomination of Desolation), separating the Church from God's wrath. Note: Several "mid-trib" variants exist, and this chart addresses all common variants, including mine, the	**Post-Trib** The Rapture and the Second Coming are a single, simultaneous event at the very end of the 7 years.	**Preterist** The prophecies of Matthew 24 and Revelation were entirely (or mostly) fulfilled in 70 A.D. with the destruction of the Temple. **Symbolic Transition:** The "Rapture" language describes the Church's vindication or the transition into the New Covenant age.	**Amillennial** There is no literal 7-year tribulation or literal 1,000-year reign. The "Millennium" is a spiritualized reality –a parallel kingdom – happening right now in the Church age. **The Final Resurrection:** A single event occurring when Christ returns, the dead rise, and the living are transformed at the very end of time.	**Postmillennialism** While Amillennialism believes we are in a spiritualized, parallel kingdom right now, Postmillennialism believes the world will get progressively better and more Christianized through the preaching of the Gospel, ushering in a golden age of peace (the		

		one with the "Smyrna Gap."				Millennium), after which Christ will return.		
1. The two men on housetop "1 Taken / 1 Left" Identity: Determining if the 1 taken (Matt 24:40-41 / Luke 17) is affectionate "Enoch" rescue (*paralambano*) or "Noah's flood" swept away in judgment (*airo*). **NOTE: To clarify / strengthen the logical flow, here, I emphasize that "where" refers to Christ's presence, not the "carnage" of the wicked.**	*Paralambano*: Affectionate rescue of the Church before the 7-year tribulation.	*Traditional "Mid-Trib":* *Paralambano*: Rescue occurring at the midpoint to escape the Great Tribulation. My Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap): *Paralambano*: Sudden "adrenaline reflex" rescue at the midpoint, triggered by the Abomination of Desolation.	*Airo*: Swept away in judgment, analogous to the destruction of the wicked in Noah's flood. Relies on the context of Luke 17 where those taken are left for the vultures (judgment), emphasizing the "swept away" sense of *airo*.	*Airo*: Historical judgment swept away the wicked during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Views the "taking" as the removal of the wicked by Roman judgment; the "left" are the survivors of the conflict.	*Airo*: Symbolic of the final separation of the saved and unsaved at the end of the age. Views the event as a spiritual/eschatological sorting rather than a physical, mechanical extraction of persons.	*Airo/Symbolic:* Views the "taking" as the gradual "gathering" of the faithful into the Kingdom of God through the witness of the Church as it progressively Christianizes the world. It is neither a physical rapture nor a sudden judgment, but an era of spiritual transformation. The Post-Millennial view relies on the interpretation of the "Great Commission" as a guaranteed success, where the Church physically and spiritually conquers the earth before the return of Christ, rendering a "sudden rescue" unnecessary.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap)**	***Paralambano* (to take to oneself) mirrors Christ's promise in John 14:3 to receive the Church. It is a positive, relational act of rescue. It harmonizes *paralambano* with the suddenness required by the midpoint crisis, distinguishing it from the later judgment of the wicked. Regarding disciples' question "Where, Lord?" as the 'smoking gun' for their judgment theory. INCORRECT: The Smyrna Gap position is that the "Where" refers to the gathering of the Church into the presence of Christ in the air, *not* to a place of carnage.**

2. The Daniel 12 Constraint: Accounting for the 1,260 days, 1,290 days, and the 1,335-day overtime transition.	**Partial / Loose Fit.** Maps the 1,260 days to the two literal halves of the 7-year tribulation. However, it structurally struggles to cleanly integrate the 30-day and 45-day extensions (the 75-day overtime). These are typically explained as generic, un-timed cleanup intervals after a literal Second Coming, rather than being tightly bound to a mid-week structural shift.	**Perfect Mathematical Fit.** The 1,260 days mark the exact midpoint where the Antichrist breaks the covenant. The Church experiences a brief "Smyrna-pattern" delay before the immediate adrenaline-reflex Rapture. The final 75 days serve as a literal, consecutive administrative transition: Days 1,260 to 1,290 clear the defiled temple and cast out the Beast, while days 1,290 to 1,335 handle the Sheep and Goat sorting, culminating perfectly on Millennial Inauguration Day (Day 1,335).	**Highly Compressed / Tense Fit.** Forces the entire 7-year timeline to run to the absolute end before any rescue occurs. Because the Rapture and Second Coming are viewed as a single simultaneous event, the 75-day administrative overtime must be awkwardly tacked onto the end of a completely devastated earth, undermining the immediacy of Christ's visible kingly takeover.	**Historical / Non-Literal Fit.** Completely rejects a future geopolitical fulfillment. It attempts to squeeze these day counts into first-century Roman military history—specifically tracking the literal duration of the Roman siege of Jerusalem under Titus leading up to 70 A.D. This breaks the framework of a literal, future 7-year covenant.	**Symbolic / Allegorical Fit.** Rejects literal mathematical day counts entirely. The 1,260 days, 1,290 days, and 1,335 days are interpreted as purely figurative symbols representing a complete, divinely ordained period of trial and Church endurance spanning the entire gospel age, rather than a literal calendar countdown.	**Optimistic / Progressive Fit.** Interprets these day counts not as a sudden collapse, but as a symbolic representation of the extended period during which the Gospel gradually leavens the entire world. The "waiting" until the 1,335 days represents the culmination of the Church's earthly mission, where the world is progressively Christianized before Christ returns to a world already in a state of peace/dominion.	**Pre-Trib but Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap).** It is the only view that perfectly maps the 1,260 days to the exact midpoint treaty-breaking, while organically accommodating the 75-day administrative overtime without chronological compression.	**Based on the literal 1,290 and 1,335 day counts; requires the 75-day gap to resolve the "time, times, and half a time".**
3. The Role of Israel vs. The Role of the Church (The Ecclesiology Constraint)	**Distinct/Literal.** Israel and the Church are two separate entities with distinct prophetic destinies. The 70th Week of Daniel is	**Distinct/Literal.** Israel and the Church are two separate entities with distinct prophetic destinies. The 70th Week of Daniel is	**Shared Destiny.** The Church is viewed as the "New Israel." There is no functional distinction in prophetic destination; the	**Historical / Fulfilled.** Israel's role as the elect is fully realized/closed at 70 A.D. The "Church" is the continuation of the faithful remnant. All prophetic	**Covenantal / Unified.** The Church is the "New Israel." Prophetic promises to Israel are interpreted as fulfilled spiritually through the Church. There is no distinction between the	**Successionist.** The Church succeeds Israel in the covenant. The "Kingdom" is the Church's earthly mission – viewing the Church as the	**(Tie) Pre-Trib and Mid-Week.** Both strictly maintain the distinct prophetic destinies of Israel and the	**Based on the "Parenthesis" theory; the 70th week is "determined upon thy people" (Dan 9:24).**

	specifically for "thy people" (Daniel's people/Israel), so the Church must be removed before God deals with Israel's final national refining process.	specifically for "thy people" (Daniel's people/Israel), so the Church must be removed before God deals with Israel's final national refining process.	Church is expected to be present throughout the 70th Week to act as a witness, effectively enduring the same conditions as the literal Jewish remnant.	promises regarding "Israel" are viewed as already completed in the apostolic era.	two, which is why there is no literal 7-year "Tribulation" for Israel alone.	"New Israel" inheriting all promises through progressive dominion. Israel as a nation holds no special prophetic priority; therefore, no distinct "Rapture" of a separate Church entity is required. **Note:** "Supersessionist" (a standard theological term for the view that the Church replaces Israel) is more precice.	Church, ensuring the Church is removed before God's wrath is poured out on the world.	
4. The Nature of Wrath: Distinguishing *Persecution* (θλι~ψις) from *Wrath* (ο῾ργη῾)	**Strict Separation.** Persecution (Satan/Man) is the testing of the Church; Wrath (God) is the judgment of the world. The Church is exempt from the latter by promise (1 Thess 5:9) and structural placement.	**Strict Separation.** Persecution (Satan/Man) is the testing of the Church; Wrath (God) is the judgment of the world. The Church is exempt from the latter by promise (1 Thess 5:9) and structural placement.	**Unified Tribulation.** Rejects the distinction between persecution and divine wrath. Arguments for "wrath" being avoided are dismissed as Western escapism; the position asserts the Church will face the "wrath of the dragon" (Satan) and the "wrath of God"	**Fulfilled.** "Wrath" was the literal destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It is viewed as an accomplished event that does not recur in the future.	**Allegorical / Generalized.** No distinction made between literal tribulation and God's wrath. Both are viewed as the ongoing, cyclical "tribulations" of the Church age until the final judgment.	**Historical / Denied.** Views "wrath" as the historical progress of the Gospel breaking down worldly systems. There is no future, literal "hour of trial" to be rescued from.	**(Tie) Pre-Trib and Mid-Week.** Both accurately preserve the vital Greek semantic distinction between *thlipsis* (Satan's/Man's persecution) and *orge* (God's divine judicial wrath).	**Semantic distinction: *thlipsis* (tribulation / pressure) vs. *orge* (judicial wrath / punishment).** **Rescued safely before the Trumpets and Bowls of God's wrath fall**

			simultaneously, being "kept" *in* it rather than *from* it.					
5. The Doctrine of Imminency: Preserving the "No man knows the day or hour" mandate (Matt 24:36) without ignoring the prophetic signs.	Totally imminent and unknown.	Can easily predict day of rapture if "traditional" mid-trib: Counting 3.5 years from signing of 7-year treaty. Exact day unknown in "Smyrna Gap" model (mine).	Can easily predict day of rapture if "traditional" mid-trib: Counting 7 years from signing of 7-year treaty.	**Historical Fulfillment.** Imminency is "solved" by claiming Jesus was referring to the imminent destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. For the original disciples, His coming in judgment against the Temple was truly imminent, thus fulfilling the warning of "this generation" in Matthew 24:34.	**Spiritualized Readiness.** Rejects the need for physical "imminency" because they believe the Millennium is happening now. Imminency is redefined as a call to perpetual, spiritual readiness for Christ's final return at the end of the age, rather than an imminent "secret" rescue.	**Gradualist Maturity.** Imminency is secondary to the "Great Commission" mission. They argue Christ cannot return until the world is "ready" through successful Christianization. Therefore, the "day or hour" is unknown, but they believe the Church can discern "times and seasons" based on the progress of the Gospel's success globally.	"Smyrna Gap" variant of mid-trib (my model), edges out the pre-trib model. My argument regarding the "adrenaline reflex" is unique & logically distinct. However, ensuring that the "10 days" in Rev. 2:10 is clearly defined as a *pattern* rather than a *fixed 10-day calendar interval* is crucial to avoid a "mathematical trap" that would contradict my imminency argument.	**Can not predict exact day/hour.** **Based on "No man knows the day" (Matt 24:36) vs. "You see the day approaching" (Heb 10:25).** Traditional mid-week models destroy imminency because anyone could count exactly 1,260 days from the treaty signing to predict the day of the escape. By utilizing a "Smyrna-Pattern Delay," this model introduces an uncalculable buffer of persecution right at the midpoint. This preserves the surprise element required for imminency
6. 1 Thess 5:3 "Peace & Safety" Explaining how the world can be at	Fails the logical consistency test. Placing the Rapture "Pre-Trib" forces a	Fits the narrative perfectly. If the Rapture occurs at or around the mid-	Can explain it, but forces the "peace and safety" period to exist somewhere	Maps this to the temporary lull in conflict right before the Roman legions	Views this as the general, repeating cycle of human complacency right before the final	Interprets this as a global state of true peace, though it struggles to	(Tie) Mid-Trib (all variants) and Post-Trib.	**1 Thess 5:3 context: A false security shattered by the sudden**

peace right before sudden destruction	traumatic, chaotic disappearance of millions of people at the very beginning of the 7-year timeline. It is sociologically impossible for a global society to cry "peace and safety" immediately following a catastrophic mass vanishing.	point, the world can easily experience a false, highly structured period of geopolitical "peace and safety" during the first half of the 7 years under the Antichrist's initial treaty.	during a time of global catastrophic plagues, which strains literal narrative flow.	completely breached and destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.	judgment at the end of the age.	account for the "sudden destruction" element.	Allows the world to experience a literal first-half period of "peace and safety," and ensures the Church is rescued safely before the Trumpets and Bowls of God's wrath fall.	**arrival of the Day of the Lord.** Mid-Trib (all variants) and Post-Trib models can explain a period of "peace and safety" quite easily. The Mid-Trib framework holds the logical edge because the Antichrist's first-half peace treaty provides a concrete, literal mechanism for global stability. The world can genuinely cry "Peace!" right up until the mid-week Abomination of Desolation triggers instant, sudden destruction.
7. "Abomination of Desolation" Constrain (Matt 24:15 / Dan 9:27) The political / spiritual trigger that breaks the treaty	**Post-Rapture Milestone.** The AOD is a literal event in a rebuilt Jewish temple, but it has no direct bearing on the Church. It occurs exactly 3.5 years *after* the Church has already been evacuated, serving	**The Ultimate Catalyst.** The AOD is the pivotal, literal event at the 3.5-year mark that shatters the "Peace & Safety" illusion. It initiates the Antichrist's great tribulation against the saints, serving as the final	**Endurance Marker.** Agrees it is a literal event at the midpoint, but maintains the Church is present for it and simply endures the resulting persecution until the very end of the 7 years. It triggers no	**Historically Fulfilled (70 A.D.).** Points to Luke 21:20 (Jerusalem surrounded by armies) as the parallel to Matthew 24:15. The AOD was strictly the Roman army of Titus desecrating the Temple and destroying Jerusalem	**Spiritualized / Continuous.** Often interprets the AOD not as a single, literal statue or act in a future temple, but spiritually as the spirit of antichrist, apostasy, or heresy infiltrating the Church throughout the current age.	**Historical / Spiritual.** Generally views the AOD as historically fulfilled, or allegorizes it as the ongoing defeat of Antichrist systems as the Gospel takes dominion of the	**Pre-Trib but Mid-Week.** It perfectly positions the AOD as the literal catalyst that shatters the false peace and triggers the "adrenaline reflex" Rapture.	**Matt 24:15: The literal event in the Holy Place that initiates the "Great Tribulation."**

	only as a prophetic marker for Israel's persecution.	chronological domino that must fall before the Rapture and subsequent Day of the Lord.	immediate rescue.	in 70 A.D.		earth.		
8. **"The Sign of the Son of Man" (Cosmic Disturbances / 6th Seal)**	**Bifurcated / Disconnected.** Must argue that there are no signs preceding the Rapture to protect total imminency. Therefore, the cosmic signs of Matthew 24 and the 6th Seal are disconnected from the Church's rescue and applied strictly to the Second Coming at the very end of the 7 years.	**The Definitive Precursor.** Perfect harmonization of Matt 24 and Rev 6. The cosmic signs (sun darkened, moon to blood) are the immediate visual herald of the Rapture. It acts as the definitive celestial dividing line: ending the great tribulation (persecution) and initiating the Day of the Lord (wrath).	**The Final Curtain.** Agrees the sign is literal and visual, but places this celestial event at the absolute end of the 70th week, immediately before a single, unified return of Christ to earth to establish the Kingdom.	**Historical Idiom.** Completely localized to 70 A.D. The "sun, moon, and stars" falling represents the total collapse of the Jewish religious system, the destruction of the Temple, and the extinguishing of the national lights of Israel by the Roman army.	**General Finality.** Views the celestial unraveling as the general, symbolic imagery of the universe's final dissolution at the end of human history, not a specific chronological trigger within a 7-year sequence.	**Symbolic Overthrow.** Often interprets the collapsing sun, moon, and stars as standard prophetic idiom (borrowed from Isaiah's judgment on Babylon) for the overthrow of earthly governments and pagan systems as the Gospel advances	**Pre-Trib but Mid-Week.** It uniquely harmonizes Matthew 24 and Revelation 6, linking the 6th Seal's cosmic signs directly to the imminent rescue of the Church before the 7th Seal opens.	**Matt 24:29-30: Celestial evidence that immediately precedes the Second Coming.**
9. **The Restrainer's Removal: Identifying what holds back the Antichrist and the timing of that removal (2 Thess 2:6-7).**	**The Holy Spirit within the Church.** The Restrainer is the Holy Spirit indwelling the body of Christ. The only way the Restrainer can be "taken out of the way" is for the Church to be physically evacuated from the earth. Thus, the Rapture must occur	**Michael the Archangel / Ministry Shift.** Often links the Restrainer to Daniel 12:1 ("At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise/step aside"). Alternatively, it is the Holy Spirit ceasing His restraining ministry,	**Human Government / Ministry Shift.** Views the Restrainer as human law/government (ordained by God to restrain evil) or a general lifting of the Spirit's restraint. The Church remains on earth to face the Antichrist; the removal of the	**Historical First-Century Figure.** The Restrainer was a specific historical entity preventing Nero (the beast) from fully manifesting his evil—often identified as the Roman Emperor Claudius, Roman law in general, or the Jewish state prior to 70 A.D.	**The Binding of Satan / The Gospel.** The Restrainer is the current power of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit holding back the final, brief manifestation of evil until the very end of the Church age.	**The Advance of the Kingdom.** Similar to Amillennialism; the Restrainer is the active, victorious presence of Christianity in the world suppressing evil systems.	**(Tie) Pre-Trib and Mid-Week.** Both correctly identify the Restrainer as the Holy Spirit within the Church, requiring a physical evacuation of the Body of Christ.	**2 Thess 2:6-7: That which "withholds" must be taken out of the way for the *Anomos* (Lawless One) to appear.**

	before the Antichrist can even be revealed.	but *not* the physical removal of the Church. The Restraint is lifted, allowing the Antichrist to persecute the saints during the great tribulation.	Restrainer triggers the Tribulation, not a rescue.				Pre-Trib holds the strongest grammatical argument for the Holy Spirit's bodily removal (requiring the Church to leave). However, Mid-Week offers a brilliant, airtight harmonization with Daniel 12:1 (Michael stepping aside) that directly launches the time of unparalleled distress.	
10. **The Resurrection of the Saints (1 Cor 15 / Rev 20:4-6)**	**Multi-Phase.** Distinguishes between the "First Resurrection" (the Church at the Rapture) and a later resurrection of Tribulation martyrs after the 7 years. Necessary to preserve the distinct status of the Church.	**The Harvest Point.** Views the resurrection of the saints as occurring at the "Last Trump" (the 7th Trumpet), which coincides with the Rapture. This is the singular event that triggers the "First Resurrection" mentioned in Rev 20:4-6.	**Single General Resurrection.** Asserts there is only one "First Resurrection" which occurs at the very end of the 7-year period, immediately when Christ returns to the earth.	**Covenantal Transition.** Views the "First Resurrection" as the spiritual transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant era in 70 A.D.; physical resurrection is reserved for the final end of human history.	**Spiritualized / Ongoing.** Rejects a literal future 1,000-year reign. The "First Resurrection" is identified as the regeneration of the believer at salvation; the "Second" is the physical resurrection at the final judgment.	**Kingdom Continuation.** Believes the "First Resurrection" is the triumph of the martyrs' influence throughout the Church age, leading to the final physical resurrection when Christ returns. Single Final Event. The "First Resurrection" is	**Pre-Trib but Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap).** It seamlessly times the "First Resurrection" as the midpoint harvest, ensuring the Church is glorified before the Trumpet judgments begin. By linking the	**1 Cor 15:23 (Order: Christ first, then those who are His at His coming). Rev 20:4-6 (The "First Resurrection" as a judicial recognition of the saints).** 1 Cor 15:23–24: Resurrection follows the "end" when Christ hands the Kingdom to the

						the progressive life of the Church; the only literal physical resurrection is at the very end of history when Christ returns to a Christianized world.	resurrection directly to the "Last Trump" (7th Trumpet), it perfectly anchors the harvest to a defined chronological marker in Revelation, whereas Pre-Trib relies on a more ambiguous, imminent, signless trumpet.	Father.
11. **For vs. With the Saints: (Reconciling the "secret" coming vs. the "visible" arrival)**	**For:** Secret Rapture. **With:** Visible Return.	**For:** Secret Rapture. **With:** Visible *Retur*n Note: The "Secret Rapture" happens after the first 3.5 years of relative peace, differentiating it from the Pre-Trib timeline.	**With:** Single unified event.	**Historical:** Fully fulfilled in 70 A.D.	**Both:** One singular, simultaneous event.	**With.** Rejects a "secret" coming *for* the saints separate from the Second Coming. Christ returns *with* His saints in a singular, public, and victorious final Advent.	**(Tie) Pre-Trib and Mid-Week.** Both successfully parse the crucial difference between the Lord coming *for* His bride and returning *with* His bride at Armageddon.	**John 14:3 (For); Rev 19:14 (With).** Titus 2:13: The "blessed hope" refers to the final, visible manifestation of Christ's glory.
12. **The Covenant Constraint (Dan 9:27): (The initiating treaty that starts the 7-year clock)**	**Confirmed:** Start of Week. **Broken:** Midpoint.	**Confirmed:** Start of Week. **Broken:** Midpoint.	**Broken:** Sign of end times.	**Historical:** 1st Century treaty.	**Non-literal:** Covenant of grace.	**Covenantal / Historical.** The "covenant" in Dan 9:27 is often seen as Christ's own new covenant work or a specific	**(Tie) Pre-Trib and Mid-Week.** Both honor a literal, future 7-year treaty confirmed by	**Dan 9:27: The Treaty that triggers the 70th week.** Dan 9:27: The covenant confirmed

						historical treaty already fulfilled, not a future 7-year Antichrist treaty.	the Antichrist, setting the 70th Week of Daniel in motion.	by the Messiah during His ministry, not a future political anti-Christ.
13. **The Harvest Constraint (Rev 14): (Distinguishing the two distinct harvests)**	**Firstfruits:** The Church. **Grapes:** The wicked.	**Firstfruits:** The Church. **Grapes:** The wicked.	**One harvest:** Final gathering.	**Historical:** Jerusalem fall.	**One harvest:** The final end.	**Kingdom Maturation.** Both harvests are metaphors for the gradual separation of wheat and tares as the Gospel wins, resulting in a world where righteousness is the norm before the final end.	**Pre-Trib but Mid-Week.** It brilliantly separates the Firstfruits (the Church gathered mid-week) from the final harvest of grapes (the wicked crushed at the end of the week).	**Rev 14:14-16 (Firstfruits); Rev 14:17-20 (Grapes).** Matt 13:30: The gradual maturing of the kingdom in the world before the final judgment.
14. **The Telescopic Syntax of Revelation 8:1-2:** Evaluating how each model handles the syntactical overlap (parataxis) of the 7th Seal releasing the 7 Trumpets.	**Pre-Trib:** Views the seals, trumpets, and bowls as mostly sequential, spanning the full 7 years. The 7th Seal simply introduces the 7 Trumpets.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** Recognizes the parataxis (syntactical overlap). The 7th Seal *is* the 7 Trumpets. The first 3.5 years are the birth pangs (Seals 1-4), breaking into the severe Trumpet judgments at the midpoint.	**Post-Trib:** Recapitulation. The same set of judgments are viewed from different prophetic angles.	**Full Fulfillment:** Seals/Trumpets/Bowls describe the catastrophic collapse of the Jewish Temple and State; they are a linear record of the AD 66–70 war.	**Cyclical/Recapitulation:** Multiple visions (Seals, Trumpets, Bowls) describe the same conflict between Christ and the world from different perspectives throughout the Church Age.	**Recapitulation:** The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls are not sequential or telescopic; they are parallel descriptions of the same historical events seen from different angles	**Strongest View: Mid-Week.**	It respects the literary structure of Revelation, preventing the chronological bloat of stretching out events that are clearly designed to overlap rapidly.
15. **The 75-Day Administrative Transition:** How each model maps Daniel's 1,290 and 1,335-day markers.	**Pre-Trib:** Acknowledges Daniel's 1,290 and 1,335 days as an administrative setup period for the	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** Maps these days strictly to the end of the 70th Week. The extra 30 days	**Post-Trib:** The period between the 7th Trumpet (Return) and the final establishment of the Messianic	**Historical Buffer:** Interpreted as the period between the destruction of the Temple and the complete Roman	**Not Applicable:** Since the Millennium is symbolic of the present Church Age, there is no historical "buffer" between the Tribulation	Not applicable; the Millennium is a progressive, historical reality established by the growth of the	**Strongest View: (3-way Tie). The pre-trib, mid-week, and post-trib models.**	All 3 models view this as a post-tribulational buffer, and all correctly place this unique 75-day window at

(Currently, this is only briefly mentioned in Row 1; it deserves its own dedicated row.)	Millennial Kingdom occurring after Christ's physical return to earth.	(1,290) account for the cleansing of the temple post-Armageddon, and the 45 days (1,335) mark the exact start of the Millennial reign.	kingdom.	conquest of Judea (e.g., the fall of Masada).	and the Kingdom.	Church rather than a fixed post-Tribulation window. Since the "1,260 days" and subsequent markers are historical symbols for the current Church Age, there is no literal 75-day transition period.		the absolute end of the timeline, bridging the Tribulation to the Millennium.
16. **The Ministry of the Two Witnesses (Rev 11):** Placing their 1,260-day ministry in the first half vs. the second half.	**Pre-Trib:** Typically places their 1,260-day ministry in the first half of the tribulation, ending with their death and resurrection near the midpoint.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** Places their 1,260-day ministry in the second half. They prophesy against the Antichrist during his absolute reign of terror, mirroring Moses vs. Pharaoh.	**Post-Trib:** Entire 7-year period (or the final 3.5 years).	**The Apostles:** Represents the early Church/Apostles whose testimony was rejected by Jerusalem before its destruction.	**The Church's Testimony:** Symbolizes the constant, faithful witness of the Church against the world throughout history.	**Corporate Witness:** The Two Witnesses represent the collective faithful testimony of the Church throughout history, not two individual future prophets.	**Strongest View: Mid-Week.**	Placing them in the second half brilliantly provides the localized prophetic resistance in Jerusalem precisely when the Antichrist is physically occupying the temple.
17. **The Sealing of the 144,000 (Rev 7):** Determining when the physical remnant of Israel is sealed for protection.	**Pre-Trib:** Sealed at the very beginning of the 7 years to act as Jewish evangelists replacing the evacuated Church.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** Sealed right before the midpoint / 7th Seal. They are the physical remnant protected on earth while the Church (the Great Multitude) is relocated to Heaven.	**Post-Trib:** Sealed throughout the tribulation for divine protection.	**The Saved Remnant:** The Jewish Christians who were protected / fled to Pella before the destruction of Jerusalem.	**The Church Triumphant:** Symbolizes the complete, divinely protected number of all the elect throughout the Church Age.	**Symbolic Remnant:** Represents the totality of the redeemed—the full count of the Church—protected by God as they survive the historical trials of the world.	**Strongest View: Mid-Week.**	The sequence of Revelation 7 directly juxtaposes the 144,000 (protected on earth) with the Great Multitude (arriving in Heaven), perfectly timing the mid-week rapture and sealing.
18. **The Woman Fleeing to the**	**Pre-Trib:** The woman (Israel)	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):**	**Post-Trib:** Flees at the midpoint.	**The Jerusalem Church:** Represents	**The Church's Survival:** Symbolizes	**Historical/Symbolic:** The flight of	**Strongest View: (3-way**	All 3 models handle the typology of the

Wilderness (Rev 12): Tracking Israel's 1,260 days of divine protection from the Dragon.	flees at the midpoint when the Abomination of Desolation occurs, protected for 1,260 days.	Identical view. The flight of Israel to the wilderness (often associated with Petra/Bozrah) spans the exact second half of the week.		the community of believers who fled Jerusalem to the wilderness (Pella) as instructed by Jesus in the Olivet Discourse.	the Church's preservation by God as she is nourished through spiritual trials until Christ returns.	the woman into the wilderness represents the Church's preservation throughout the era of human history (the "1,260 days" of witness).	**Tie) The pre-trib, mid-week, and post trib.**	Woman and the Dragon exactly the same, adhering to the literal 3.5-year survival of the Jewish remnant.
19. **The Martyrs Under the Altar vs. The Great Multitude (Rev 6 vs. Rev 7):** Reconciling the timeline of the Tribulation saints waiting for their brethren.	**Pre-Trib:** The 5th Seal martyrs are early Tribulation converts. The Great Multitude (Rev 7) are massive numbers of Gentiles saved and martyred throughout the 7 years.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** The 5th Seal martyrs are crying out for justice during the first 3.5 years of false peace/localized persecution. The Great Multitude is the raptured Church arriving in glory immediately after.	**Post-Trib:** All are victims of the Antichrist's persecution.	**Early Saints:** Martyrs are the Christians killed under Nero/Jewish persecution; the Multitude is the expanded body of Christ post-AD 70.	**Cumulative Saints:** Martyrs are all believers slain throughout history; the Multitude is the total assembly of the redeemed before God's throne.	**Historical Endurance:** Martyrs are those who died faithfully across the centuries; the Multitude is the cumulative total of all saints redeemed during the long Church Age.	**Strongest View: Mid-Week.**	It provides a highly satisfying resolution to the 5th Seal martyrs' cry—they are told to wait just a little longer until the full number (the Rapture) is brought in, immediately visualized by the Great Multitude.
20. **The Identity and Rise of the Beast (Rev 13):** Tracking the political and economic dominion (Mark of the Beast) in relation to the Church's presence.	**Pre-Trib:** The Antichrist / Beast "rises from the sea" (is revealed) politically early on, by signing the 7-year treaty, but is only granted his 42 months of supreme global authority / dominion & economic control (Mark of the Beast) at the midpoint.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap): Same.**	**Post-Trib: Same.**	**Roman Empire/Nero:** The Beast is a historical entity, specifically the Roman Emperors (Nero/Vespasian) who orchestrated the destruction of the Temple.	**The Antichrist System:** Represents any worldly system, culture, or state that demands worship instead of God throughout the history of the world.	**Historical/Institutional:** The Beast represents any secular power or Antichrist system that opposes the Church throughout history; the "Mark" is a symbolic allegiance to secularism over Christ.	**Strongest View: (3-way Tie) Pre-trib, mid-week , and post-trib.**	All 3 models accurately distinguish between the Antichrist's initial deceptive political rise and his literal 42-month demonic dominion: The "Midpoint Pivot" is the most widely accepted anchor for the Antichrist's character shift.
21. **The Fall of**	**Pre-Trib:** Mystery	**Mid-Week**	**Post-Trib:** Both	**Jerusalem/Rome:**	**Worldly Influence:**	**Historical**	**Strongest**	The Mid-Week

Babylon (Rev 17-18): Identifying the destruction of the global religious/economic system.	Babylon (the one-world religion) dominates the first half. Commercial Babylon is destroyed by God at the very end of the 7 years.	**(Smyrna Gap):** The Antichrist turns on and destroys the Harlot (religious Babylon) at the midpoint to demand exclusive worship. The economic system falls at the end.	religious Babylon (Harlot) and commercial Babylon (economic system) destroyed near the end as the Antichrist's system collapses.	Babylon is the "Great City" (Jerusalem) that committed spiritual adultery or Rome as the persecutor of the Church.	Babylon is the symbol of the global system of man-centered corruption that competes with the City of God (the Church).	**Collapse:** Babylon is the global system of godless humanism. Its fall is the gradual but inevitable historical collapse of Antichrist power structures through the influence of the Gospel.	**View: Pre-Trib but Mid-Week.**	emphasis makes the destruction of the Harlot the primary catalyst for the Antichrist declaring himself God at the 3.5-year mark.
22. **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev 19):** Timing the celebration of the Church in Heaven relative to the chaos on Earth.	**Pre-Trib:** The Church enjoys a full 7-year celebration in Heaven while the earth burns, before returning with Christ.	**Mid-Week (Smyrna Gap):** The Church experiences the Bema Seat judgment and the Marriage Supper during the final 3.5 years of the Great Tribulation, before riding out on white horses at Armageddon.	**Post-Trib:** Celebrated immediately upon the Lord's return.	**New Covenant:** The formal establishment of the Church as the Bride of Christ following the end of the Old Covenant system in AD 70.	**The Second Coming:** The final, glorious gathering of the Church to Christ at the physical end of human history.	**Historical Consummation:** The culmination of the Church's historical witness, occurring at the end of the Millennial era when Christ returns and the Kingdom is finally handed over to the Father to receive a world finally won to the Gospel.	**Strongest View: Mid-Week:** It allows for the Bema seat and the Marriage Supper to occur before the descent with the armies of heaven.	It tightens the timeline, ensuring the bride is prepared and celebrated just in time to ride out with the King, avoiding a drawn-out 7-year gap between the rapture and the return.

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