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What you should know about end-times prophecy

THE TRIBULATION

What it is not and what it is

Is the 70th Week of Daniel
The same as
The Tribulation?

Tribulation

θλιψις (thlipsis 2347)

afflicted (be) [KJV]

pressure, affliction, anguish

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Normal Christian Living

➤ 'These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.' John 16:33

Normal Christian Living

➤ 'And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.' Romans 5:3-5

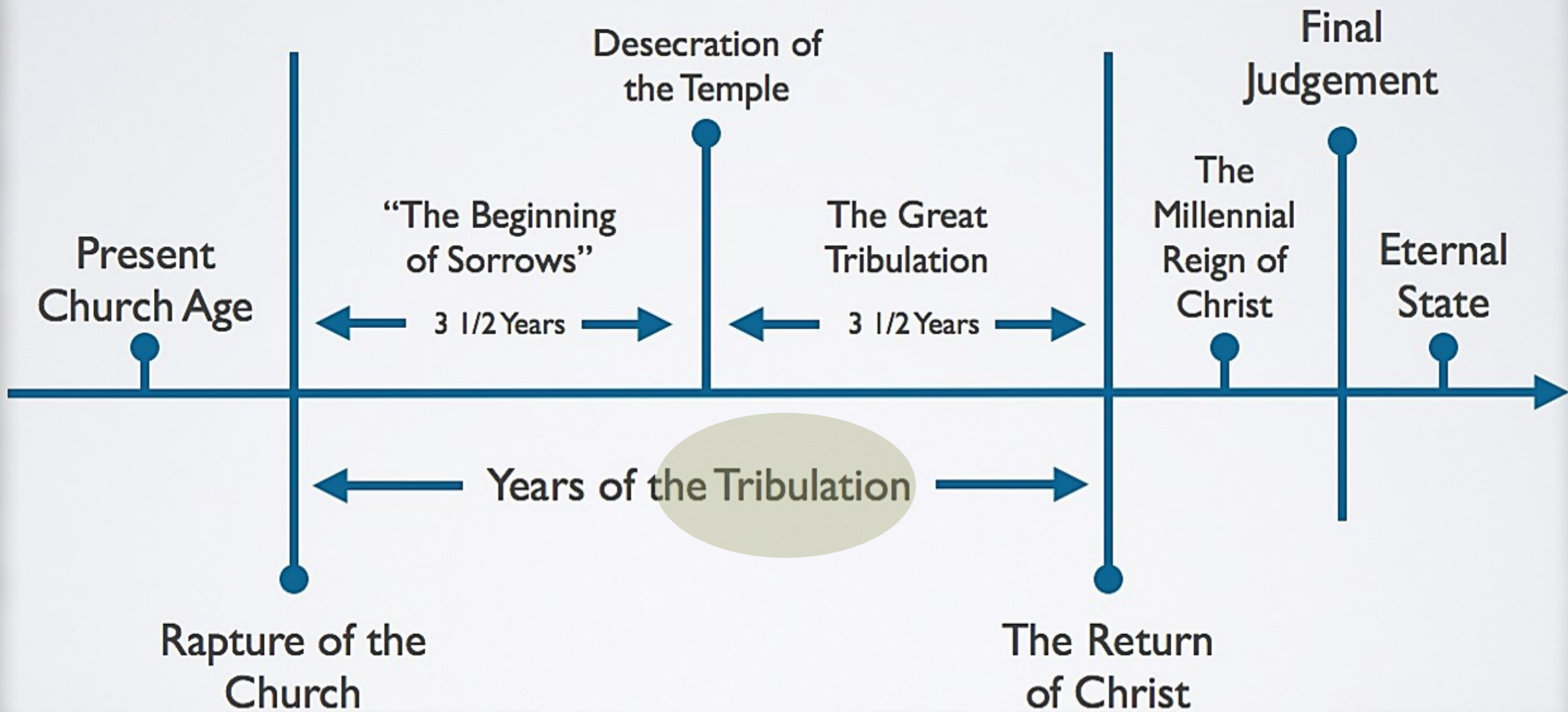
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➤ 'rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer; ' Romans 12:12

Timeline of the End Times



Wrong Usage of "Tribulation"

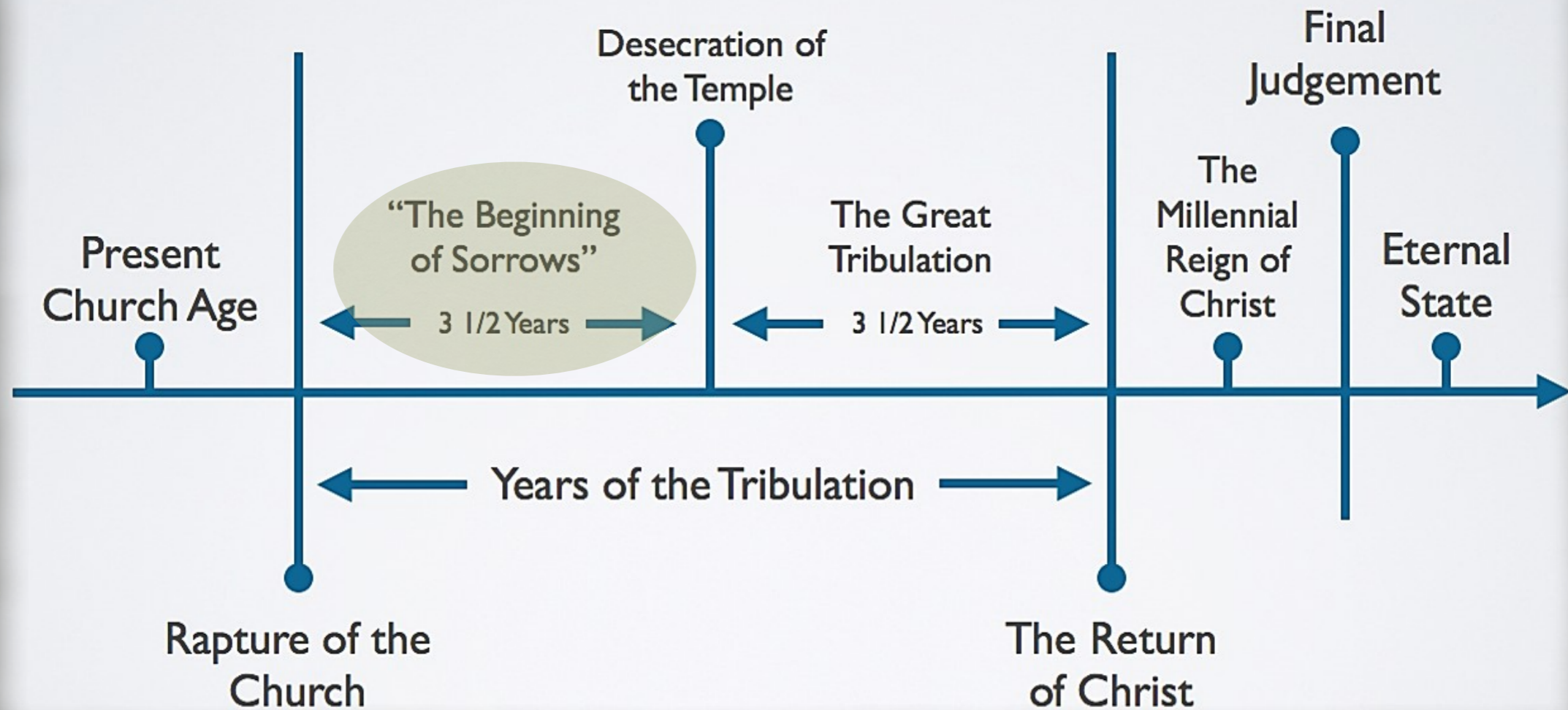
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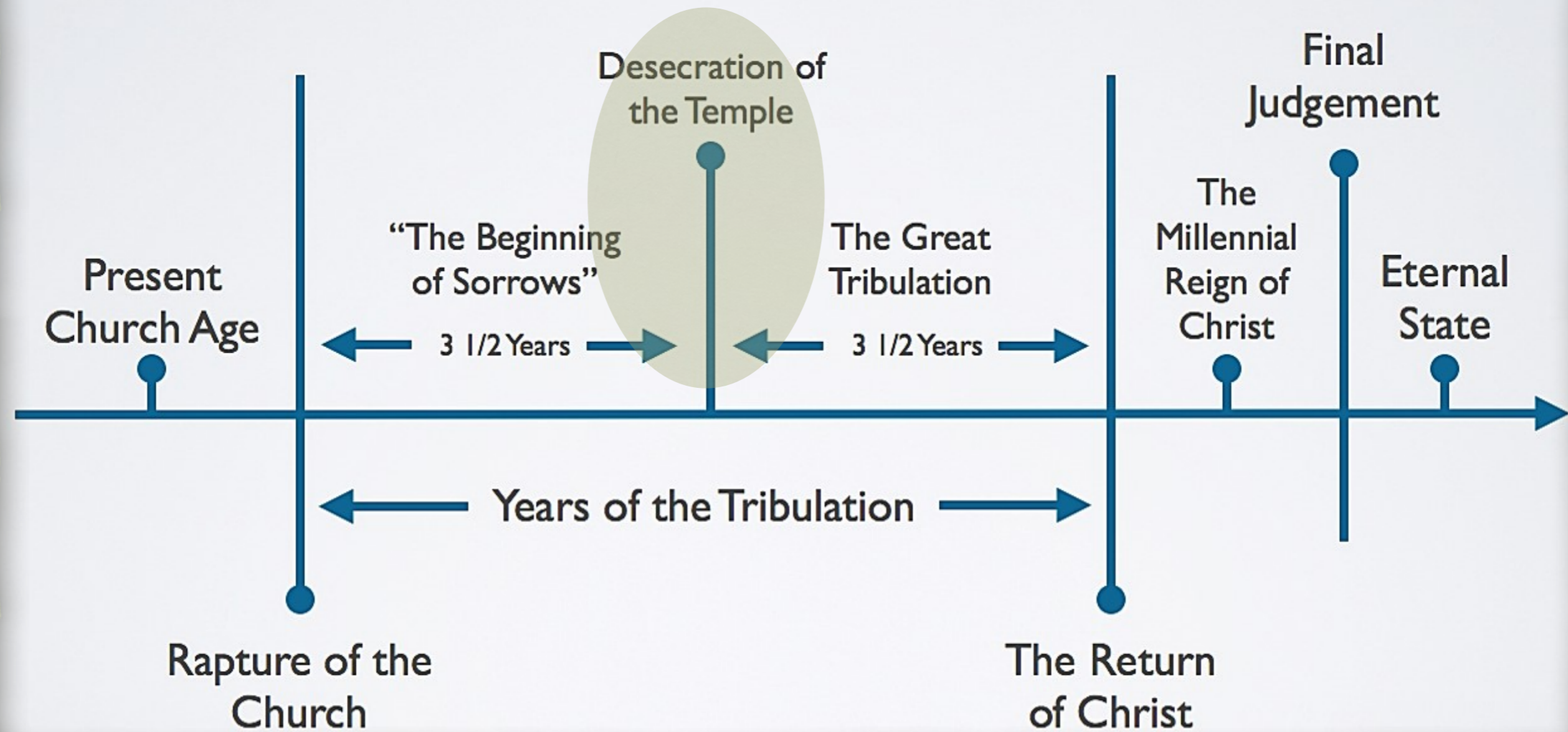
- 'And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the **beginning of sorrows [birth pains]**.'
- Matthew 24:6-8

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Beginning of sorrows [birth pains]
First half of 70th Week
Matt. 24:8; Mark 13:8

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Middle of 70th Week

'“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),’ Matt. 24:15

Great Tribulation Cut Short for the Elect

- 'For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And **unless those days were shortened**, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake **those days will be shortened.**' Matthew 24:21-22

Cosmic Disturbances

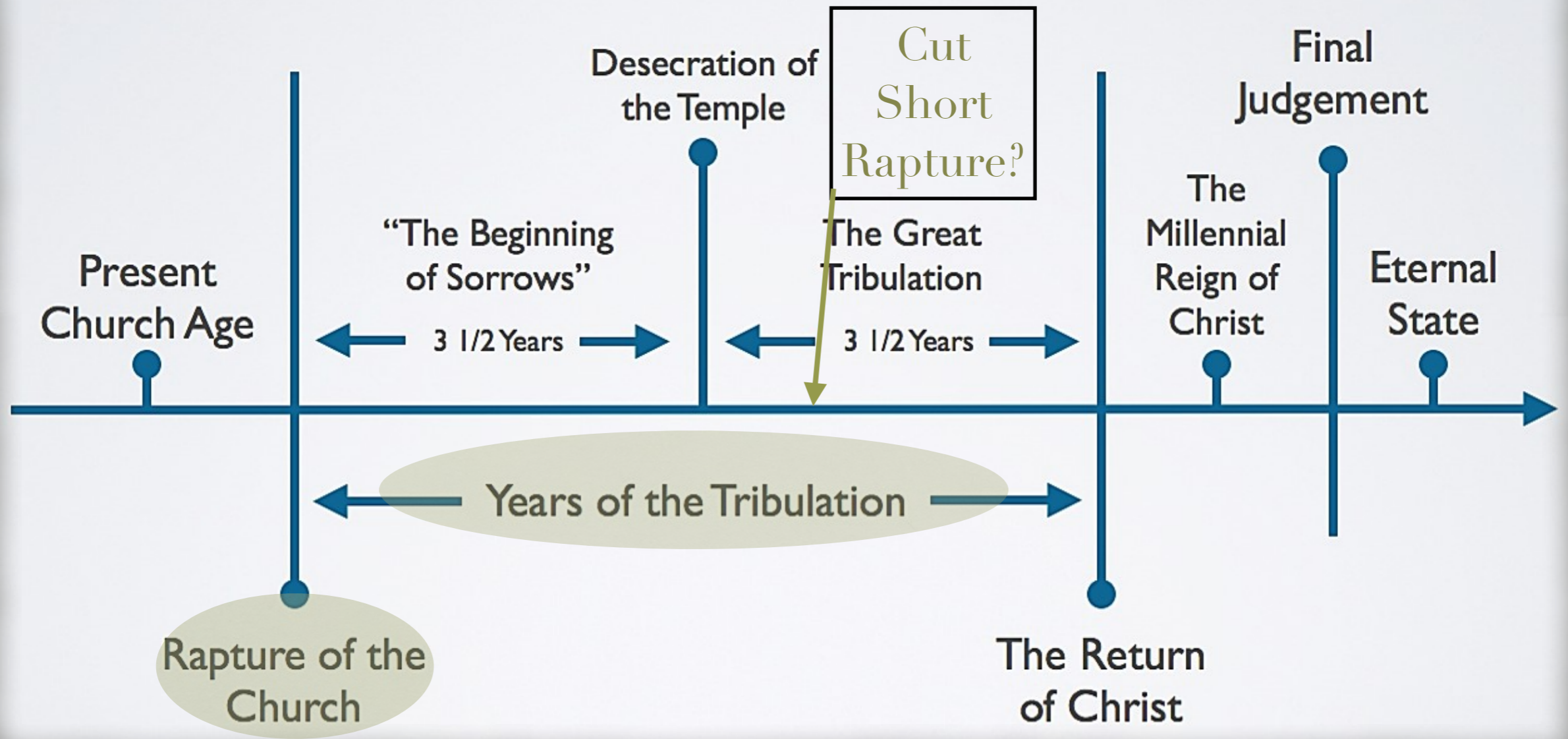
- 'For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.’ Matthew 24:27-29

Great Tribulation Cut Short for the Elect

➤ 'Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.'

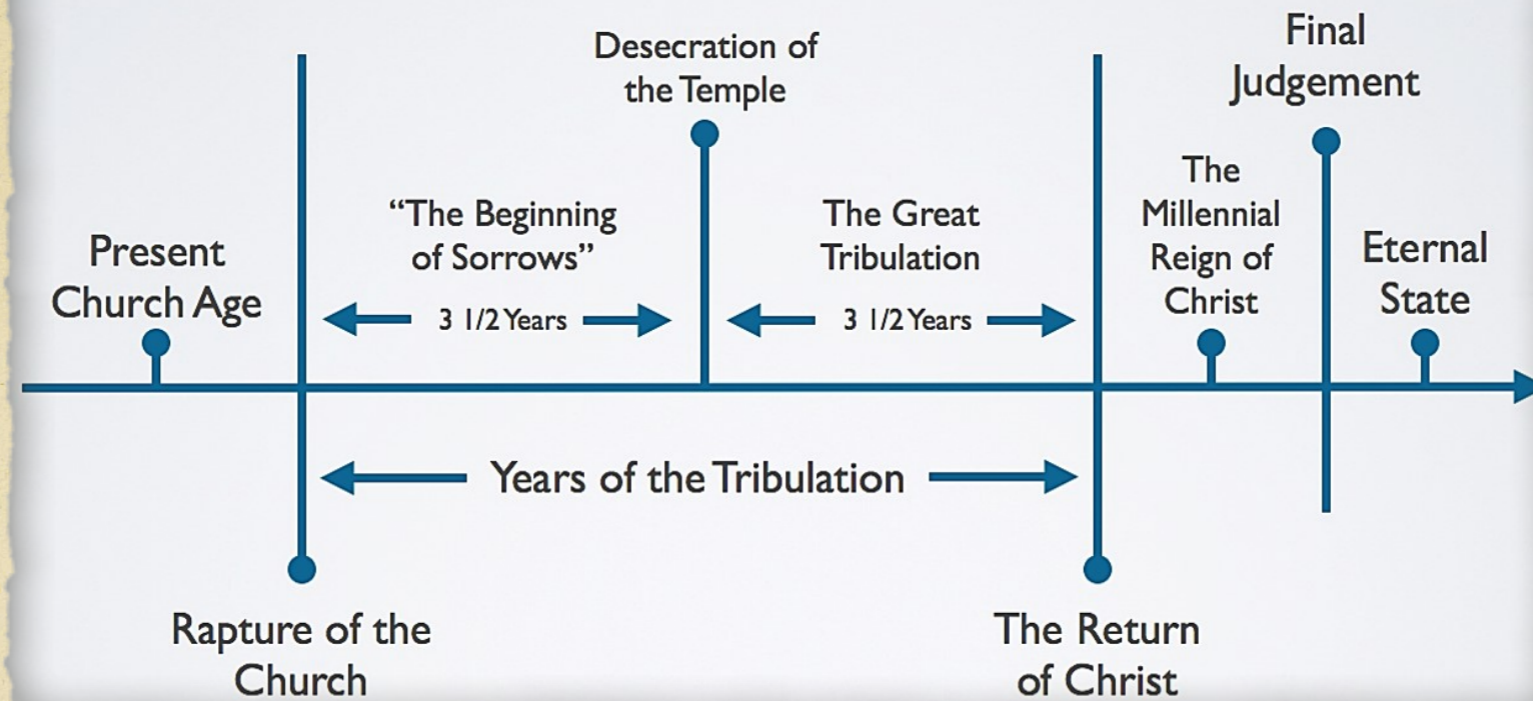
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➤ “**Immediately after the tribulation of those days**

Matthew 24:22, 29

Usage of “Tribulation”

- The entire 70th Week is never called “the Tribulation” in the Bible.
- The “great tribulation” begins after the abomination of desolation, the mid-point.
- This “great tribulation” is “cut short”. The 70th Week is not cut short.
- It is cut short when the son of man comes on the cloud to rescue the elect.

5th Seal Great Tribulation

➤ ‘When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.’ Revelation 6:9-11

6th Seal Cosmic Disturbances

➤ 'I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.'

Revelation 6:12-14

Martyrdom during Great Tribulation

➤ 'Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.'" "

Revelation 12:10-12

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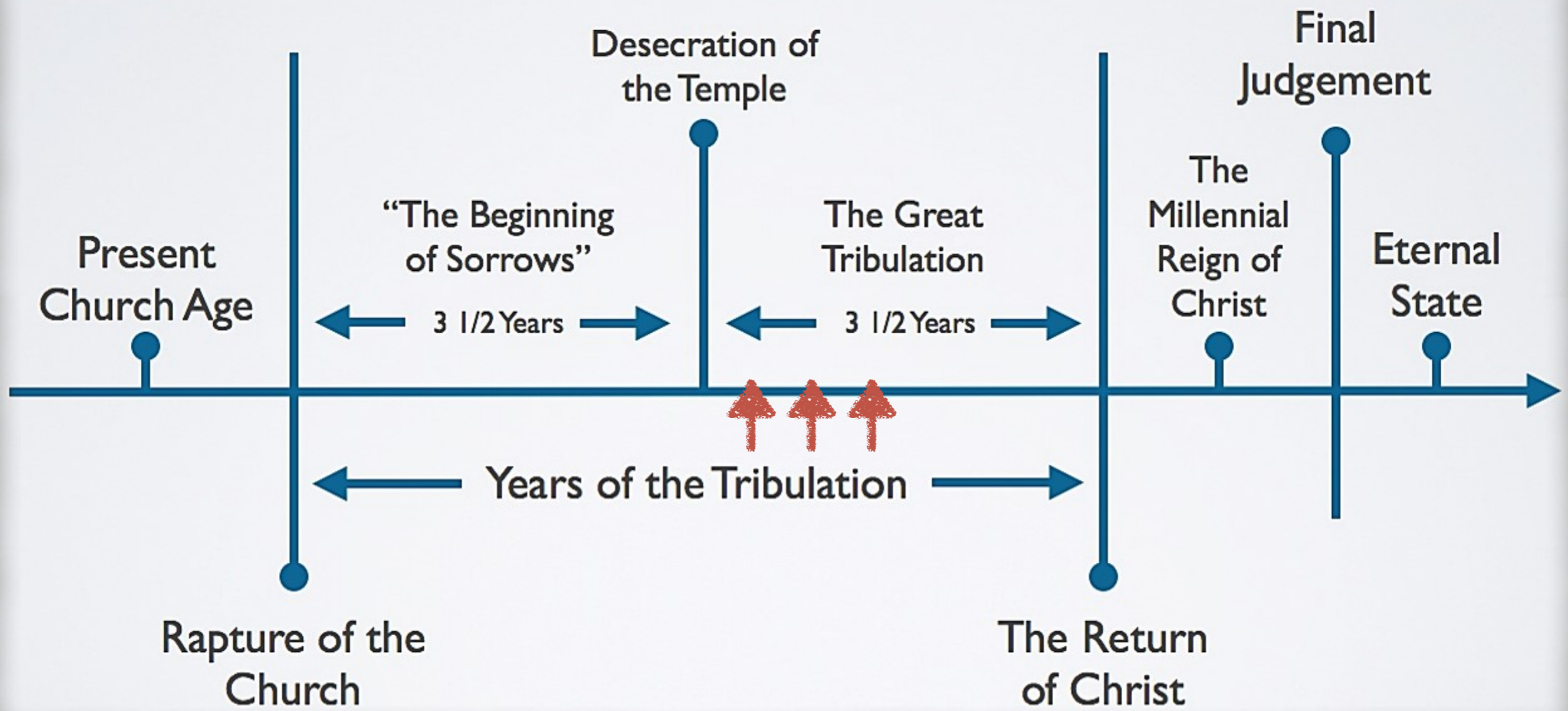
➤ 'Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. If anyone has an ear, let him hear: If anyone is to be taken captive, to captivity he goes; if anyone is to be slain with the sword, with the sword must he be slain. **Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.** ' Revelation 13:7-10 ESV

Martyrdom during Great Tribulation

➤ 'And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.' Revelation 20:4

Deny Christ?

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Great Tribulation Living

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➤ 'For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Romans 8:38-39