



Immediately below will explain much of the chart:

PURPOSES of the:

1. **Tribulation - Judgment upon the Jews for rejection of Messiah**
2. **Judgment Seat - Confession of Sin & Believers' Rewards**
3. **Marriage Supper - Celebration of Union of Christ & His Church**
4. **Judgment of Nations - Judgment for treatment of Israel during the Tribulation**
5. **Millennium - Proof that even under ideal conditions, man is helpless without Christ.**

We are now in the Church Age, and the next event to unfold is the Rapture (or catching away) of the Church (i.e., all truly born-again believers). Paul explains in Romans 8:1 that there will be no "judgment" (condemnation) upon believers. In First Thessalonians 4:13-18 that the LORD Jesus Christ will return and believers will be "caught up to meet Him in the air." Christ will not come entirely down to the

Earth, but believers will rise to meet Him, and go to the Judgment Seat. There we will give an account for unconfessed sins and will be united with other believers. We will also be given "rewards" for work we have done for Him while we were on the Earth. Only truly born-again believers will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Meanwhile, on Earth, there will be seven years of Tribulation. (The "A" immediately below the "7" on the chart refers to the Antichrist. He will NOT BE KNOWN until the Church is gone. The seven years of Tribulation are divided into two parts of 3.5 years each. In the first part, the Antichrist arises in pretense of friendship with Israel. Israel will believe he is the Messiah! In the second 3.5 years, the Antichrist will lash out on Israel with such fury that the worst person you know will look like a "conservative Sunday School teacher." The Tribulation ends in the Battle of Armageddon!

Following the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Christ will return to the Earth. This is the Second Coming (as different from the Rapture of the Church). After Armageddon, the Nations will be judged according to how they treated the Jews during the Tribulation era.

(Parenthetically, I need to mention that Satan's Group comprises Satan, the opposite of God the Father; Antichrist, opposite of God the Son; and the False Prophet opposite of the Holy Spirit.)

After the Judgment of Nations, the Antichrist and False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire (called "the Second Death") and are never heard of again. Satan will then be bound for a thousand years, and the Millennium will be ushered in. This is the 1,000 years of Peace on the Earth.

Following the 1,000 years of Peace, Satan is loosed and gathers ungodly humans, born during the millennial era, to join with him in his fight against God. *Imagine!* This war ends in the Battle of Gog and Magog and Christ is victorious. Satan is then cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity.

The Great White Throne Judgment is only for unbelievers, living and dead. Judgment is pronounced and they are cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity.

There is then a New Heaven and a New Earth, "wherein dwells righteousness."

All of this is covered with Scripture in the other documented attachment. I should only add that the Scriptures teach that we will go back and forth from Earth to the New Jerusalem, which itself comes down out of Heaven. The "ladder," I surmise is Jacob's, and in reality is Christ Himself, as noted in John 1:51.

I hope this is clear and as exciting to you to read and know as it is for me to have studied and produced. There are other views of how things take place, but none have the Scriptures connected as well as this concept. I do not mean to say that the entire concept is mine alone -goodness no! The late Drs. John Walvoord and Dwight Pentecost, of Dallas Theological Seminary held this view; and in my estimation, none are better. Thanks for allowing me this opportunity for sharing.

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