

**“PATIENCE OR PANIC?”**  
**CHRIST’S RETURN- PART I**

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**Biblical puzzle pieces to understanding the end times:**

**1. The Rapture**

(I Corinthians 15:51-58, I Thessalonians 4:13-18,  
Revelation 4 and 5)

Rapture defined: Christ coming to carry away the Church  
(all believers in Christ) from earth to heaven.

**2. The Tribulation**

(Daniel 9-12, Revelation 6-19, Ezekiel 38 and 39)

Tribulation defined: A seven-year period of global trial  
and terror unparalleled in human history. This time will  
include the rebirth of the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:40-45),  
rise of the Antichrist (Revelation 13) and the battles of  
Gog (Ezekiel 38-39) and Armageddon (Revelation 16 and  
19).

**3. Christ’s Second Coming**

(Matthew 24:30, Revelation 19:11-21)

Christ’s Second Coming defined: Christ’s return to  
earth in power to subdue the nations and set up His  
millennium reign.

## Christ's Death and Resurrection



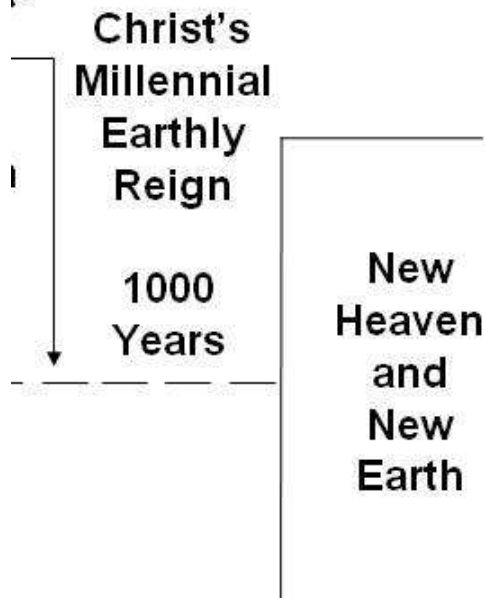
#### 4. **Millennium** (Revelation 20)

Millennium defined: The establishment of Christ's Kingdom on earth. During this time of peace, Christ will reign as King on the earth for a literal 1,000 years.

#### 5. **Eternal State (New Heavens and New Earth)** (Revelation 21 and 22)

Eternal State defined: Eternity with Christ in the New Heavens and New Earth!

Christ's  
Return



**Recommended Reading:**

Dr. David Jeremiah, *What in the World is Going On: 10 Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore*, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, TN, 2008.

Alan Kent Scholes, *What Christianity is All About: How You Can Know and Enjoy God*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1999 (last chapter).

Joel Rosenberg, *Epicenter: Why the Current Rumbblings in the Middle East will Change your Future*, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Carol Stream, IL, 2008.

### **CBC Statement of Faith (regarding End Time Events):**

We believe Jesus Christ will come again to earth in a bodily, personal, imminent, pretribulational and premillennial return. It is not for us to know the day or time, but at His coming He will remove His Church prior to the seven year tribulation foretold in Scripture. At the close of the tribulation, Christ will return along with His Church to judge the living nations and establish His Kingdom on earth where He will reign for one thousand years (Zechariah 14:1-21; Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 24:29-51; 25:31-36; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Jude 14-15; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6).

We do allow those who subscribe to a different eschatology to become members but we expect them to respect our doctrinal position and not to teach against it.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord, of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; Revelation 7:9-17; 19:7-10; Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:11-15).