

TITUS...

“Setting in order  
what is lacking!

The “Good Works” Book!

The “So That” Book!

TITUS STUDIES...

TWO-FOLD APPLICATION

**“Setting Straight What is Lacking”**

In Our Church

And In Our Personal Lives

# “Setting Straight” ...Our Personal Lives

We should live...

- ✓ Negatively: “Deny ungodliness and worldly desires”
- ✓ Positively: “Live sensibly, righteously, godly....”
- ✓ Expectantly...Watchfully: “Looking for the Blessed Hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Christ Jesus”

The Blessed Hope

The Appearing of the Glory  
of our Great God and Savior,  
Christ Jesus

⇔ The “Rapture”  
of the Church

The Rapture of the Church  
is that future event  
when Jesus will return to the “air,”  
and “catch up” His Church,  
both raising those who have died,  
and translating those who are still alive,  
to take them to heaven  
to be with Him forever.”

## DIFFICULTIES IN STUDYING THE RAPTURE:

1. The word, “rapture,” does not appear in the Bible.
2. There is no single passage that clearly teaches about it.
3. Some passages that sound like they are describing the rapture are not.

## DIFFICULTIES IN STUDYING THE RAPTURE:

4. The doctrine of the rapture requires a **BROAD UNDERSTANDING** of prophetic and eschatological Bible passages. The Rapture “fits” within a “framework” of eschatology.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE RAPTURE:

1 Thessalonians 4:16 says, “...**the dead in Christ will rise first,**”

The term, “**in Christ,**” refers to “the Church,” the “Body of Christ.”

To know who THAT refers to, we have to understand when “the Church” began.



## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH:

- The Church was a “mystery” in the Old Testament, Ephesians 3:1-10; Romans 16:25-27.
- Jesus predicted a “change” coming, John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4-5.
- Acts 2:1-4...the “change” came at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit began indwelling believers and the Church began, Acts 11:15.

# THE PROPHETIC CONTEXT OF THE RAPTURE...

## “THE Gap” of Daniel 9:24-27

# DANIEL 9:24-27 THE PROPHECY OF THE 70 "7" S

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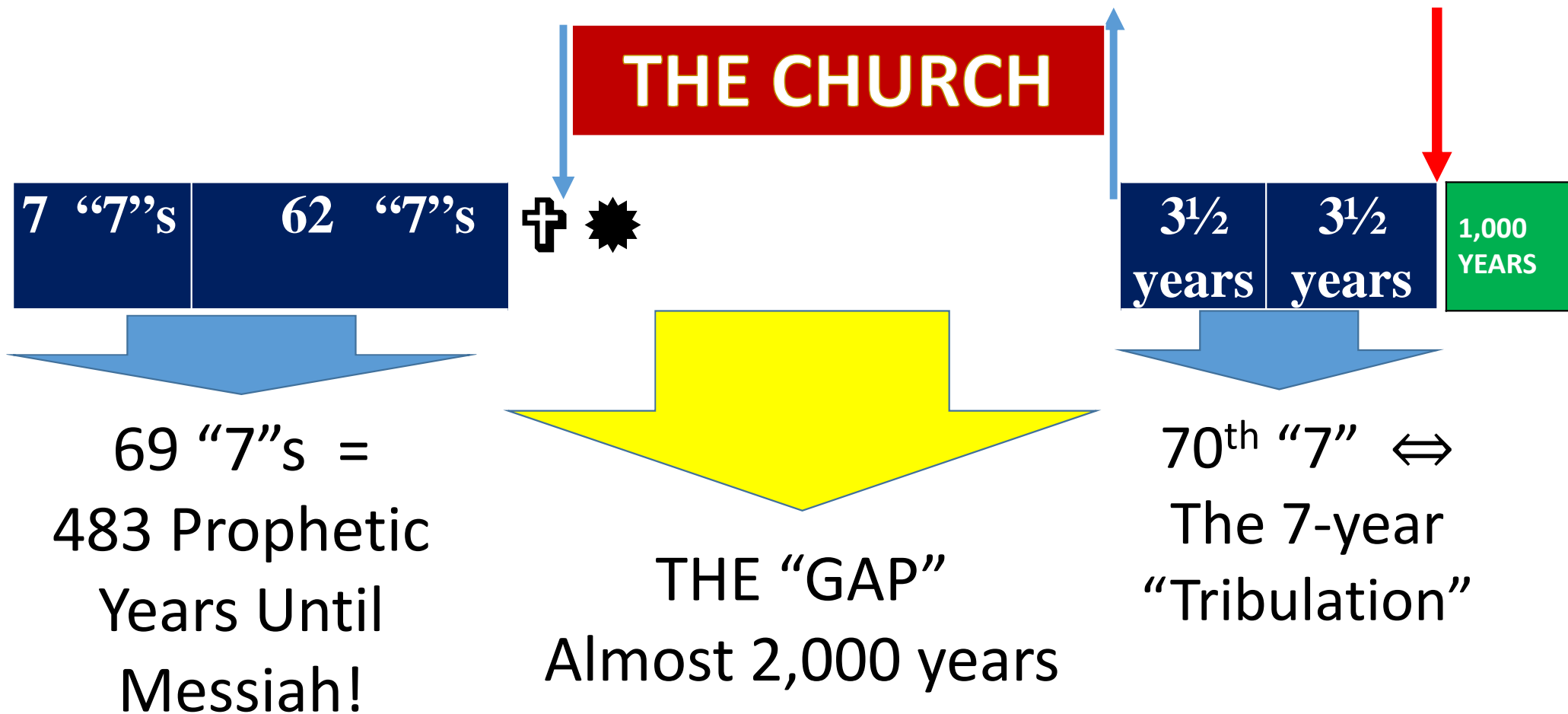
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# THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE

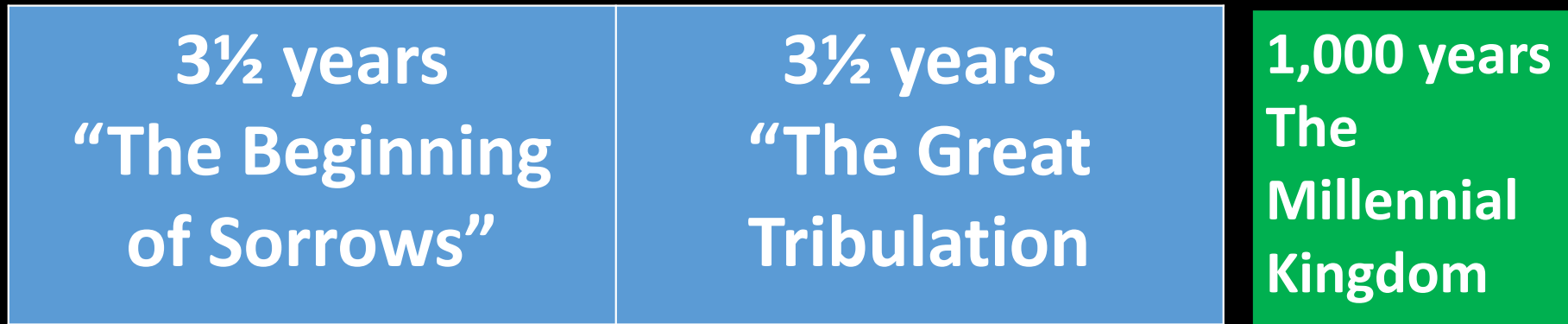
## The Major Views:

- Post-“Tribulation”
- Mid-“Tribulation” / “Pre-Wrath”
- Partial Rapture
- Pre-“Tribulation”

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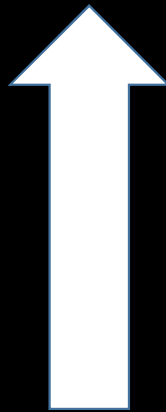
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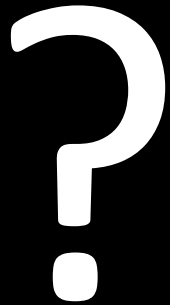
- Mid-“Tribulation”





# THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE

The Major Views: “Partial” Rapture



<p><b>3½ years</b> <b>“The Beginning of Sorrows”</b></p>	<p><b>3½ years</b> <b>“The Great Tribulation</b></p>
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**1,000 years**  
**The  
Millennial  
Kingdom**

# THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE

## The Major Views: Pre-“Tribulation”



**3½ years**  
**“The Beginning  
of Sorrows”**

**3½ years**  
**“The Great  
Tribulation**

**1,000 years**  
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# THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE



Post-Tribulation  
Rapture

3½ years “The Beginning of Sorrows”	3½ years “The Great Tribulation”
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Mid-Tribulation  
Rapture

3½ years “The Beginning of Sorrows”	3½ years “The Great Tribulation”
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Partial Rapture

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## ALL 3 “WRONG” VIEWS OF THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE...

- POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE
- MID-TRIBULATION/PRE-WRATH RAPTURE
- PARTIAL RAPTURE

HAVE THE CHURCH...OR PART OF IT...  
GOING THROUGH PART OR ALL  
OF THE TRIBULATION

Therefore, if we can demonstrate that no part of the Church goes through any part of the Tribulation, we will have demonstrated the validity of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture view.

## REASONS THE CHURCH IS NOT IN THE TRIBULATION:

- It is the 70<sup>th</sup> of the 70 “7”s of Daniel 9 and they are all for Israel.
- The Church is not mentioned in Revelation 4-19.
- In Revelation 7, there is a distinction between Jews and Gentiles, which does not exist in the Church.

## REASONS THE CHURCH IS NOT IN THE TRIBULATION:

- In Matthew 24:15-21, during the Tribulation, they will be observing the Sabbath, which was exclusively for Israel, not the Church.
- Christians are delivered from “the wrath to come,” Matthew 3:7; 1 Thess. 1:10.



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