

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.”

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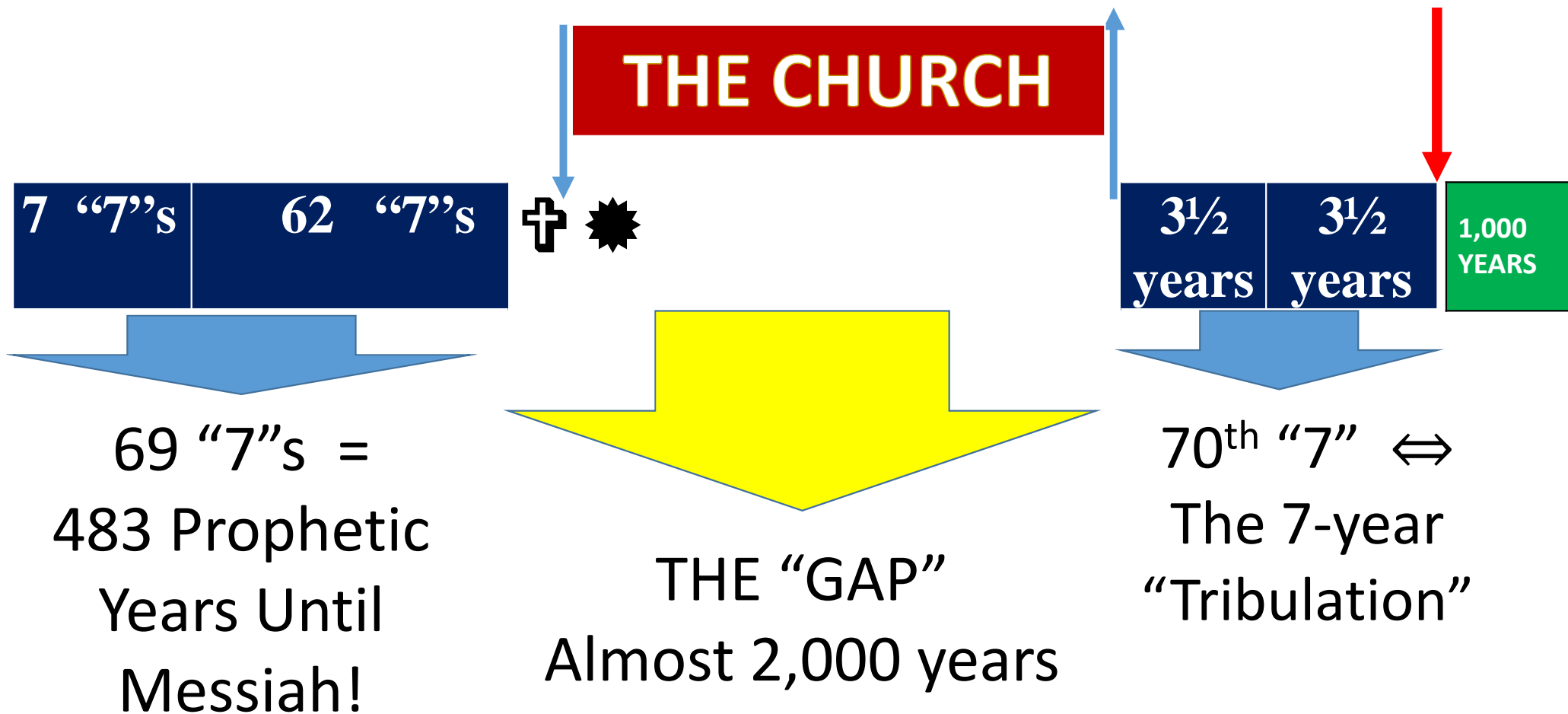
1. The word, “rapture,” does not appear in the Bible.
2. There is no single passage that clearly teaches about it.
3. Some passages that sound like they are describing the rapture are not.

## 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 Rapture will only involve  
The Church!

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





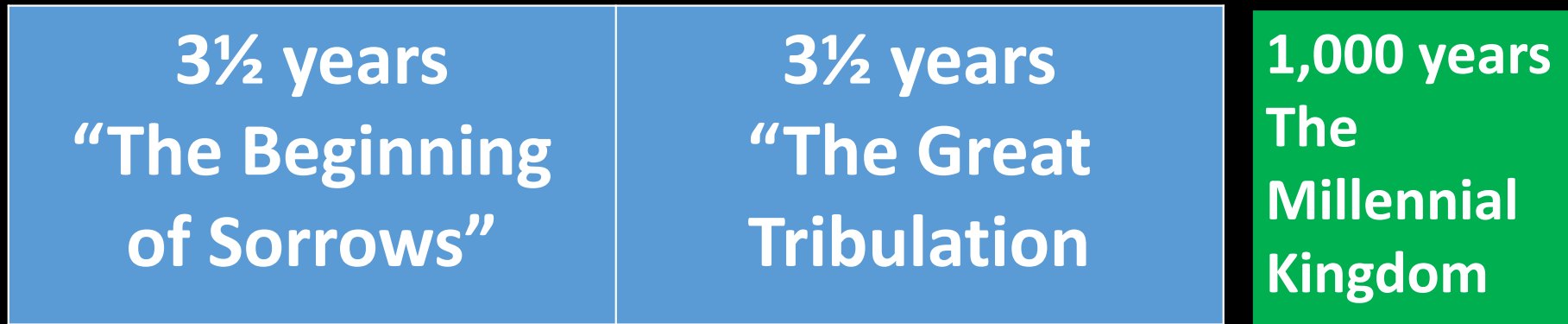
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## The Major Views: Pre-“Tribulation”



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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:

- The Tribulation 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, which covers the Tribulation.
- 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.

## REASONS THE CHURCH IS NOT IN THE TRIBULATION:

- In 1 Thess. 5, the Day of the Lord is coming like a thief in the night!
  - ✓ But we are sons of light and are not in the darkness, vv. 4-5.
  - ✓ God has destined us for “salvation,” not wrath, 9.



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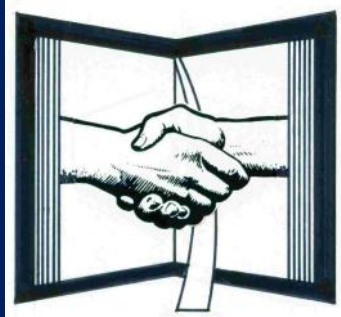
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1. An understanding of what is going on and what is coming.
2. Spiritual alertness!
3. Steadfastness and patient endurance of trials.
4. Hope!



The proper understanding of the rapture and  
prophecy should produce...

5. Comfort!



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