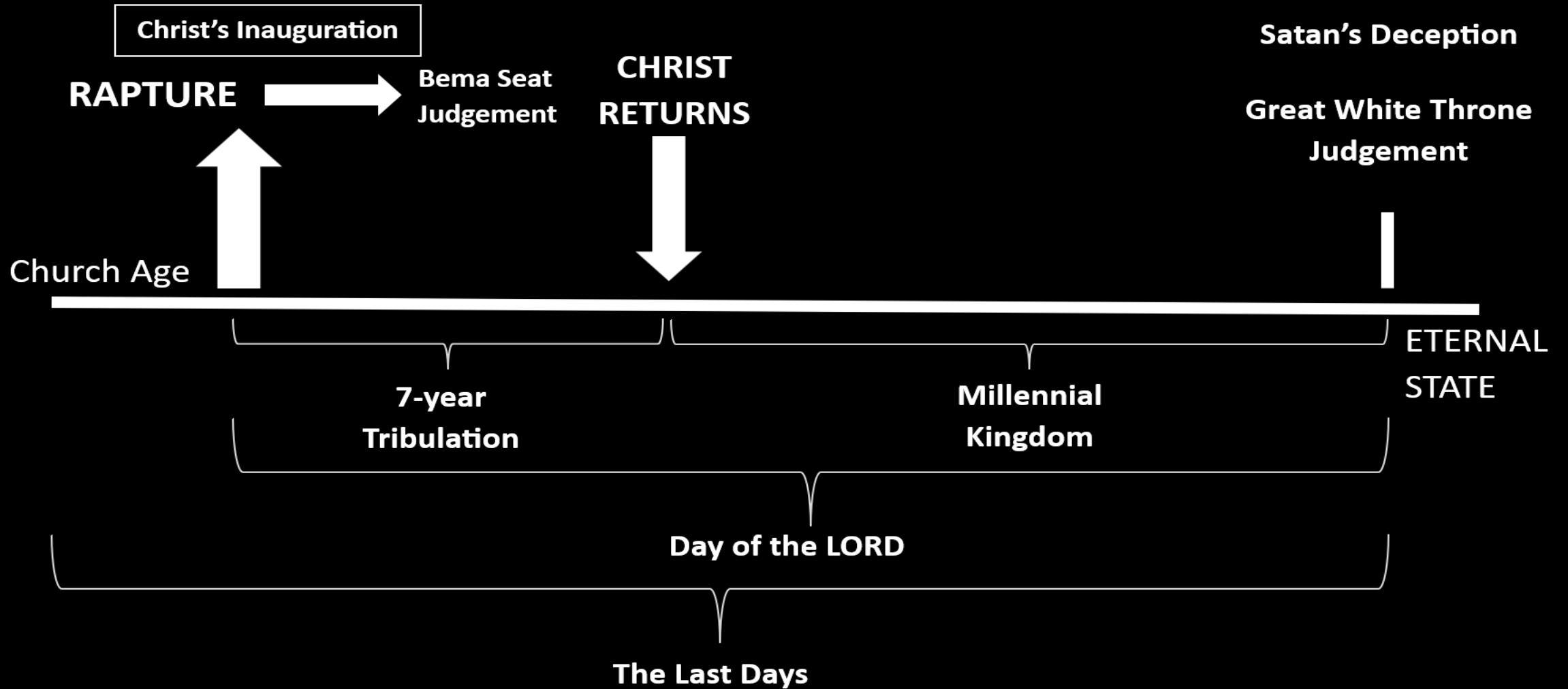


HOW DOES IT END?

UNDERSTANDING THE LAST DAYS



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The Rapture

Defined: **“The resurrection of
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1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

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Defined: **“The resurrection of
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1 Corinthians 15:12-17

Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.

1 Corinthians 15:12-17

Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God,
because we bore witness against God that He raised
Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not
raised.

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been
raised.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins.

The Rapture

When is it?

Zechariah 14:4

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

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be caught up together with them in
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and so we shall always be with the
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When is it?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

The Rapture

The Rapture parallels the
DAY OF THE LORD

2 Thessalonians 2:2

that you not be quickly shaken in your mind or be alarmed whether by a spirit or a word or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept the word of My
perseverance, I also will keep you from
the hour of testing, which is about to
come upon the whole world, to test
those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 19:1, 7

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;

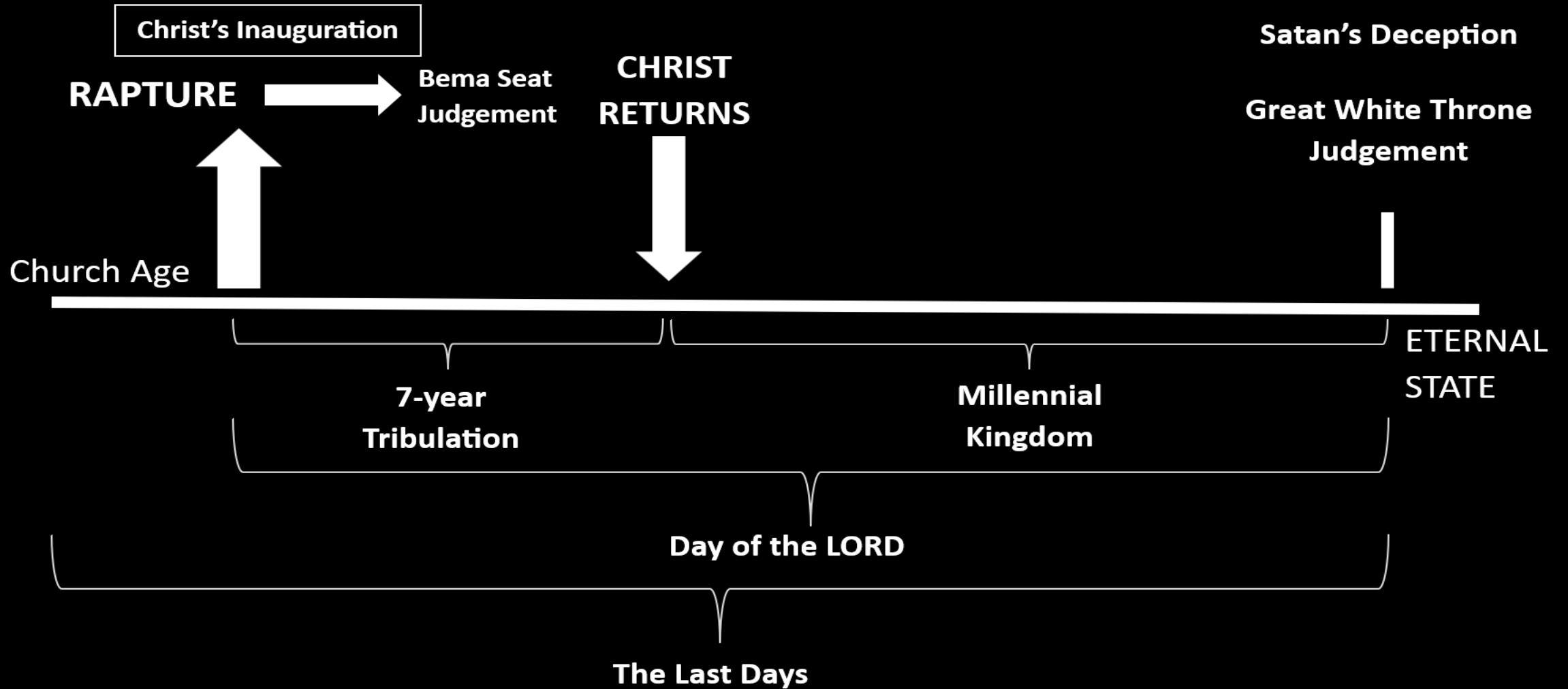
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Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.

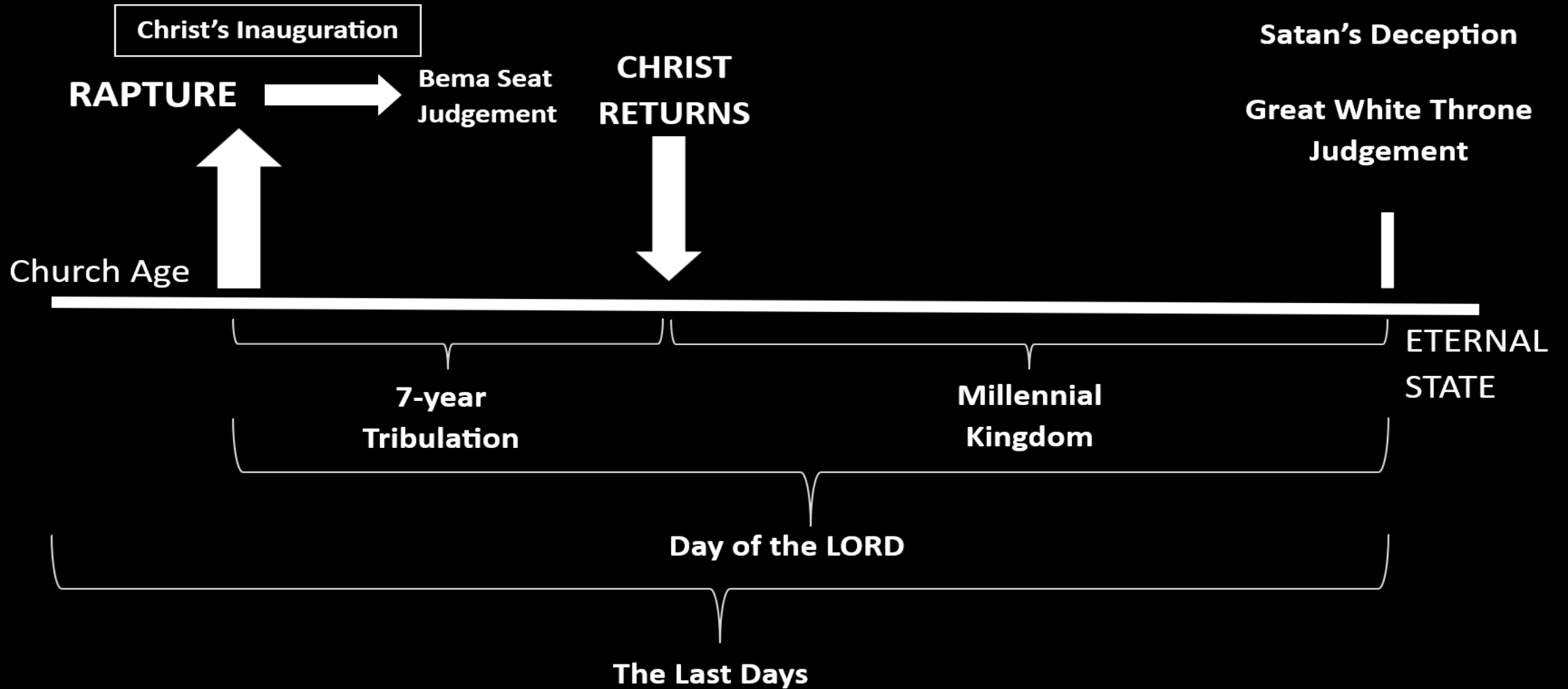
1 Thessalonians 3:13

...that He may strengthen your hearts
blameless in holiness, before our God
and Father, at the coming of our Lord
Jesus with all His saints.

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