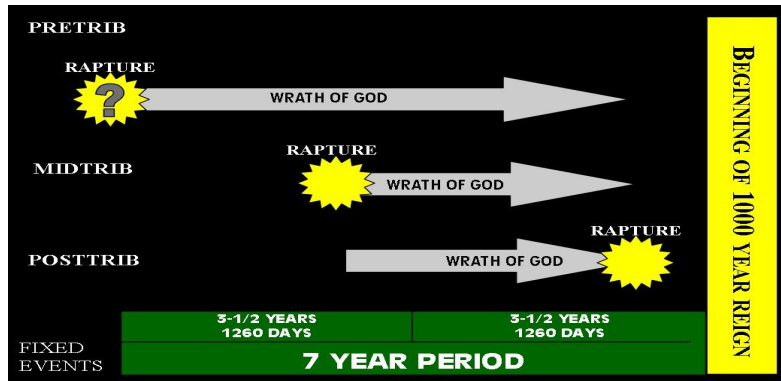




## Rapture Ready

1 Corinthians 15: 51-53



### Three views concerning the rapture:

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1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

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2 Corinthians 5:10

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2 Thessalonians 2:7

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1 Thessalonians 4:16a

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3. There will be a **RAPTURE**.

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1 Thessalonians 4:17

4. There will be a **REUNION**.

### How does God want me to respond to His return?

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2 Peter 3:11

➡ Result: I **LIVE** right!

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➡ Result: I **FEEL** right!

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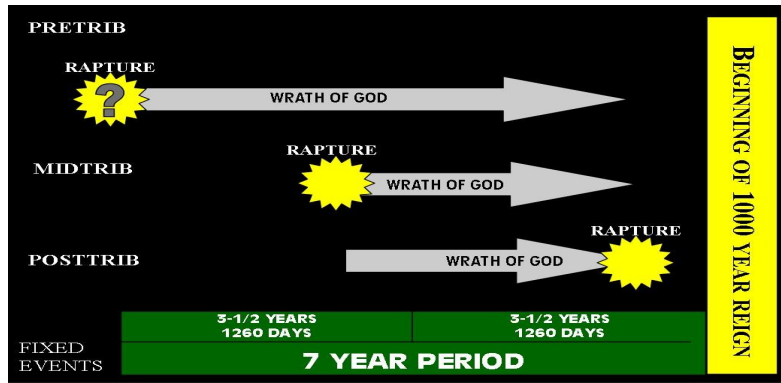
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