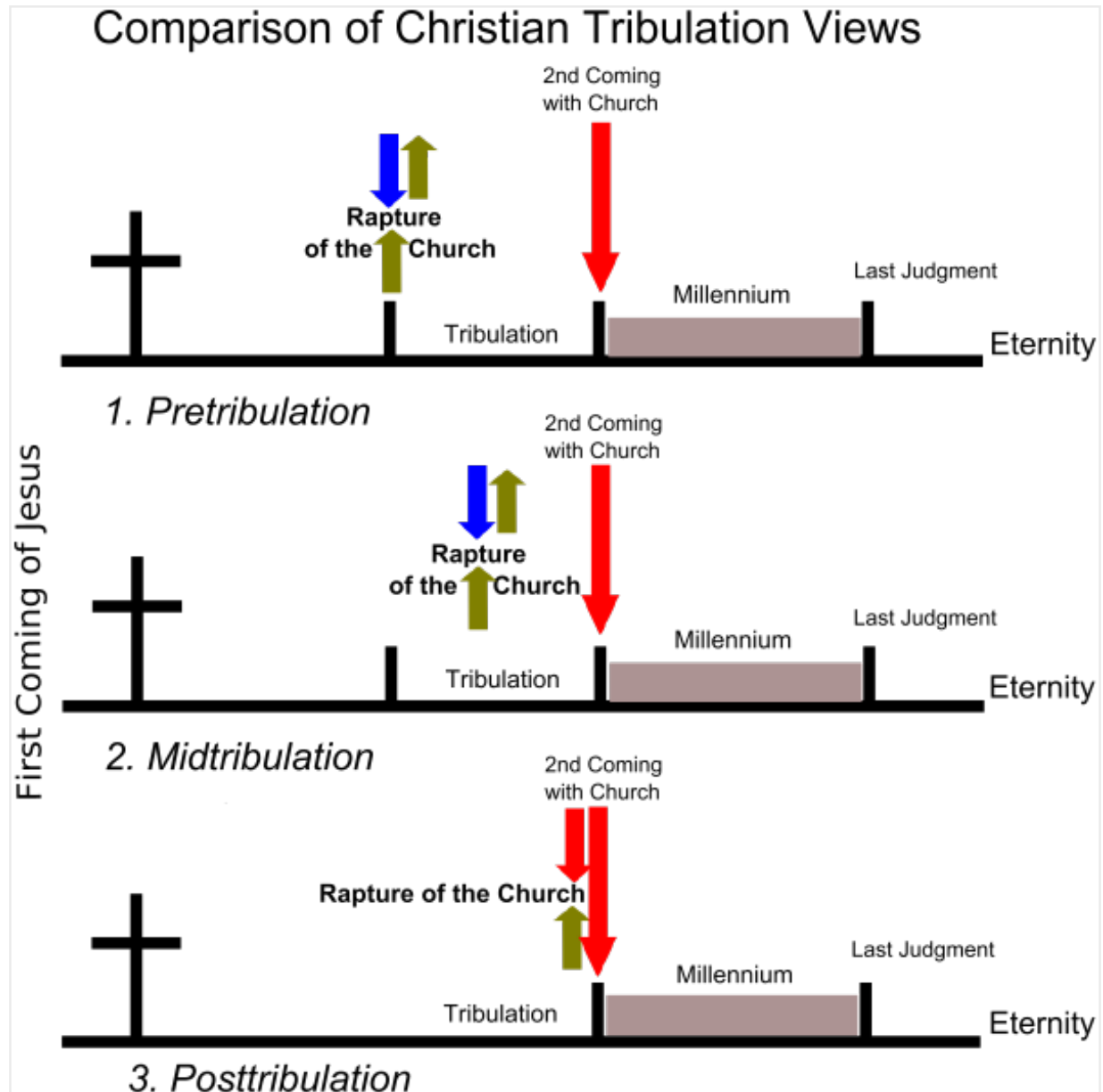


Comparison with other views



Comparison of tribulational Premillennialism.

The contrast with pretribulationism & posttribulationism:

- Pretribulationism views the *parousia*, or Christ's appearing, as a two-stage event; first in the rapture and second his return to earth in the Second Coming.
- Posttribulationism views a single event, both happen simultaneously.
- Disclaimer: by the 1920s, pretribulationism had become the most widely accepted eschatological doctrine in the United

States. It is usually associated with **dispensationalism**.

- **Dispensationalism** is a **theological** framework for **interpreting** the **Bible** which maintains that history is divided into multiple ages called "dispensations" in which **God** interacts with his **chosen people** in different ways.

Pretribulationism

Pretribulationism is a view within premillennialism that the return of Christ is a two-stage event beginning with the rapture. This occurs just prior to the tribulation, a seven-year period of God's wrath on earth, the end of which will culminate with Christ's Second Coming to set up an earthly kingdom.

- A key issue of disagreement: pretribulationism and posttribulationism, whether the church will experience persecution under Antichrist.
- Pretribulationism teaches, the church is raptured before the tribulation begins, and is thus protected from persecution.
- Posttribulationism believes, the rapture is an event at the end of the tribulation; the church will experience persecution during that time.

Midtribulationism

Midtribulationism is a view that the church will be present on earth during the first half of Daniel's seventieth week (three and one-half years) and will experience tribulation.

- The church will be raptured halfway through the seventieth week and avoid God's outpouring of wrath.
- Similar to posttribulationism, this view makes a distinction between tribulation and wrath.
- It is considered to be a minority and an unstable view, that may be in line with pretribulationism or posttribulationism, depending on the other arguments assumed.
- Recently, this view has been supplanted by the prewrath rapture view.

Protribulationism or Prewrath

The **prewrath rapture** position is based on two premises.

- First, that the church will enter the last half of Daniel's

- seventieth week (the last half of the Great Tribulation),
- Second, that between the rapture of the church and Christ's return there will be a period of divine wrath upon the earth.