

The messenger to prepare
the way

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Messenger of the Lord

Rebellious attitudes in Israel

- 1:2 “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?”
- 1:6 “A son honours his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honour? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’
- 2:17 You have wearied the LORD with your words. But you say, “How have we wearied him?” By saying, “Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them.” Or by asking, “Where is the God of justice?”
- 3:7 Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

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1. The state of Malachi's Israel

- *A failing priesthood*
- *An immoral people*
- *A godly remnant*

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1. The state of Malachi's Israel
2. John the Baptist

Jesus says of John the Baptist

Mt 11:10 This is he of whom it is written,

*“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.”*

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

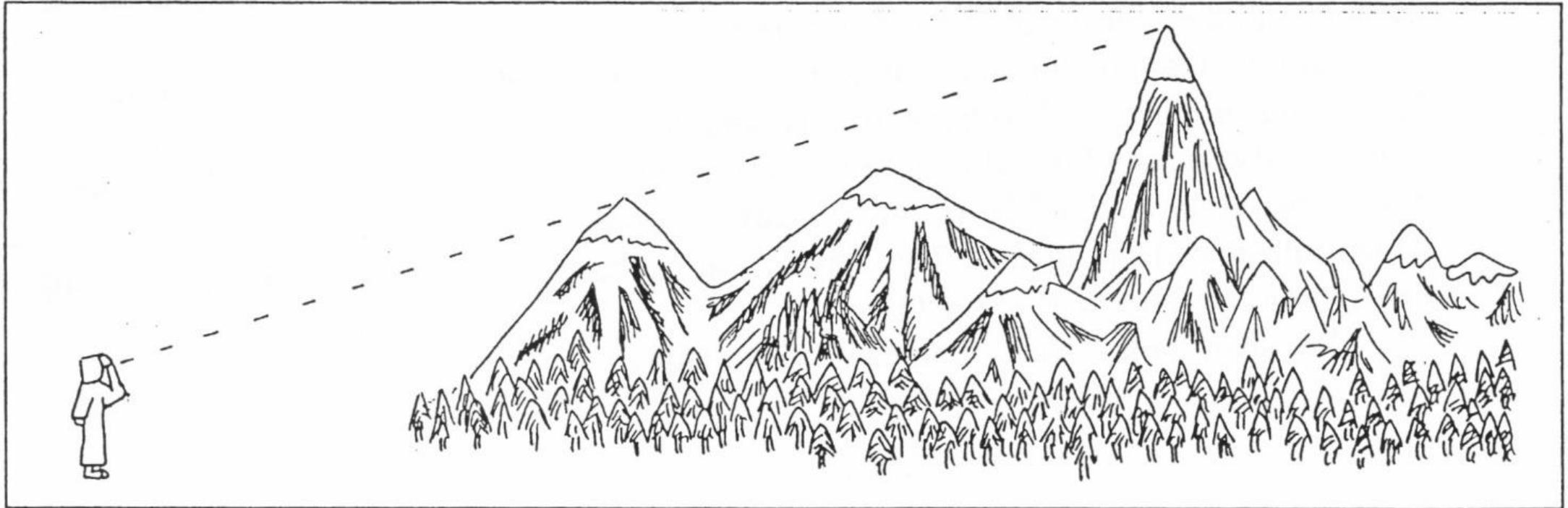
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1. The state of Malachi's Israel
2. John the Baptist
3. The Second Messenger – The messenger of the covenant

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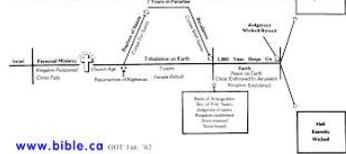
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Prophetic perspective – Prophecy can have more than one fulfilment in the Bible.

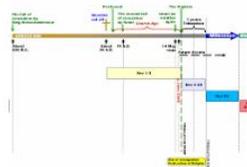


A small sample of the huge range of timelines and interpretations of end times prophecy

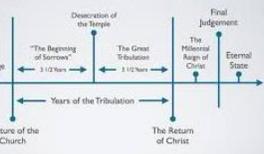
A Study of Premillennial Theory



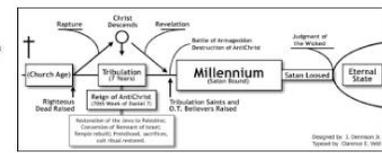
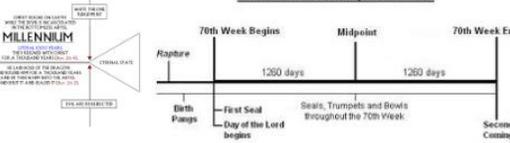
Prophetic Timeline with Critical Historical Events



Timeline of the End Times

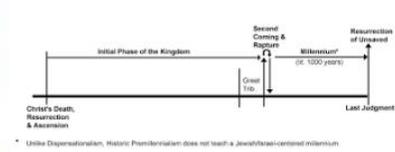
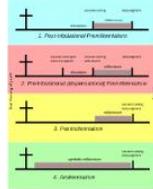


The Pre-Tribulation Rapture Timeline

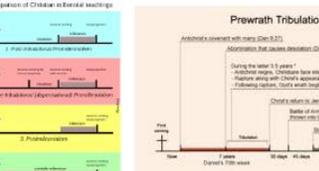
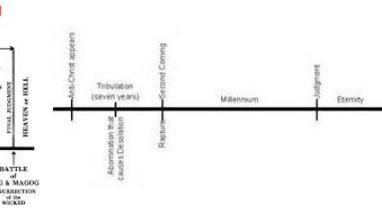
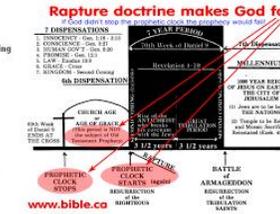
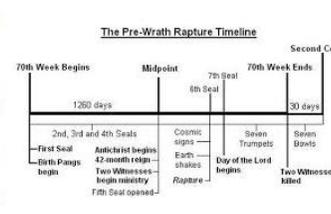
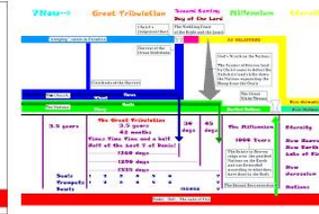
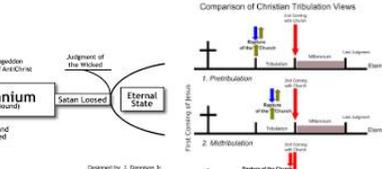
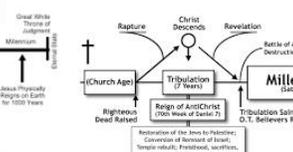
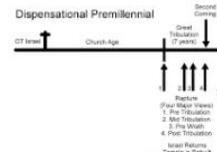
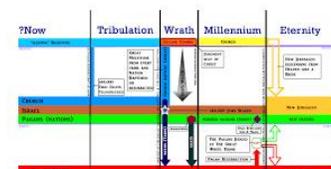
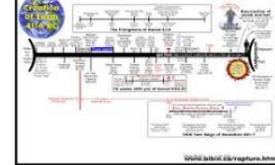


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Comparison of Christian Millennial Teachings



Timeline of Second Coming and End of World Chronology



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