

REVELATION

A large aircraft carrier is shown from a high-angle perspective, sailing on the ocean. The ship's deck is visible, with several aircraft parked. The word 'REVELATION' is written in large, 3D, blue and red gradient letters across the top right of the image.

**One of the most important
books of the entire
BIBLE**

7 CHURCHES

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KEY OF DAVID

- 1. Hezekiah on David's throne**
- 2. Access to king thru steward Eliakim**
- 3. Eliakim had key to king's treasury**
- 4. Isa 22:22**
- 5. Authority over Kingdom**

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View to South from Acropolis

**Faithful
With great
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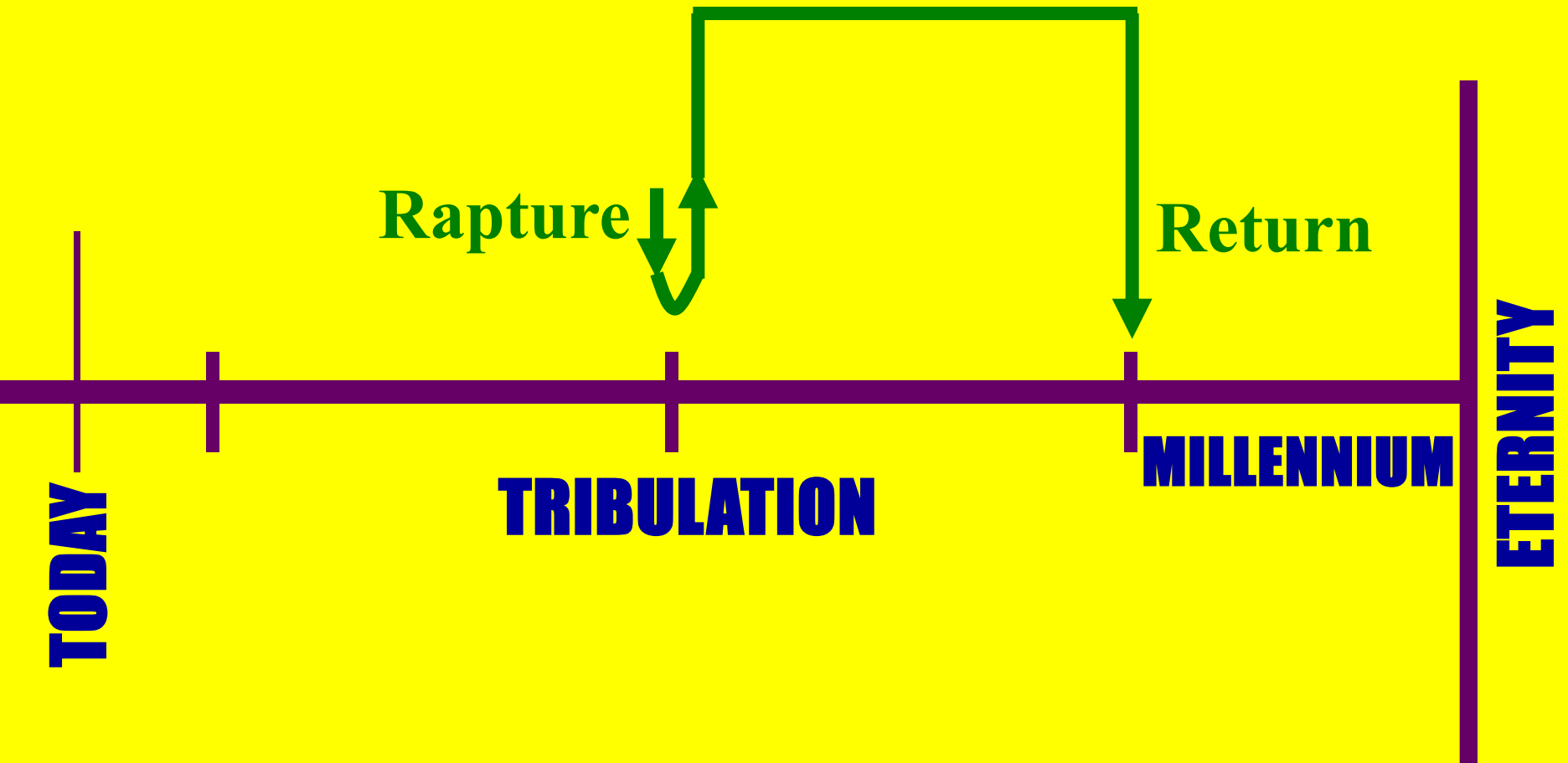
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3rd - kept by preservation



TRIBULATION

POSITIONS

MIDTRIBULATION



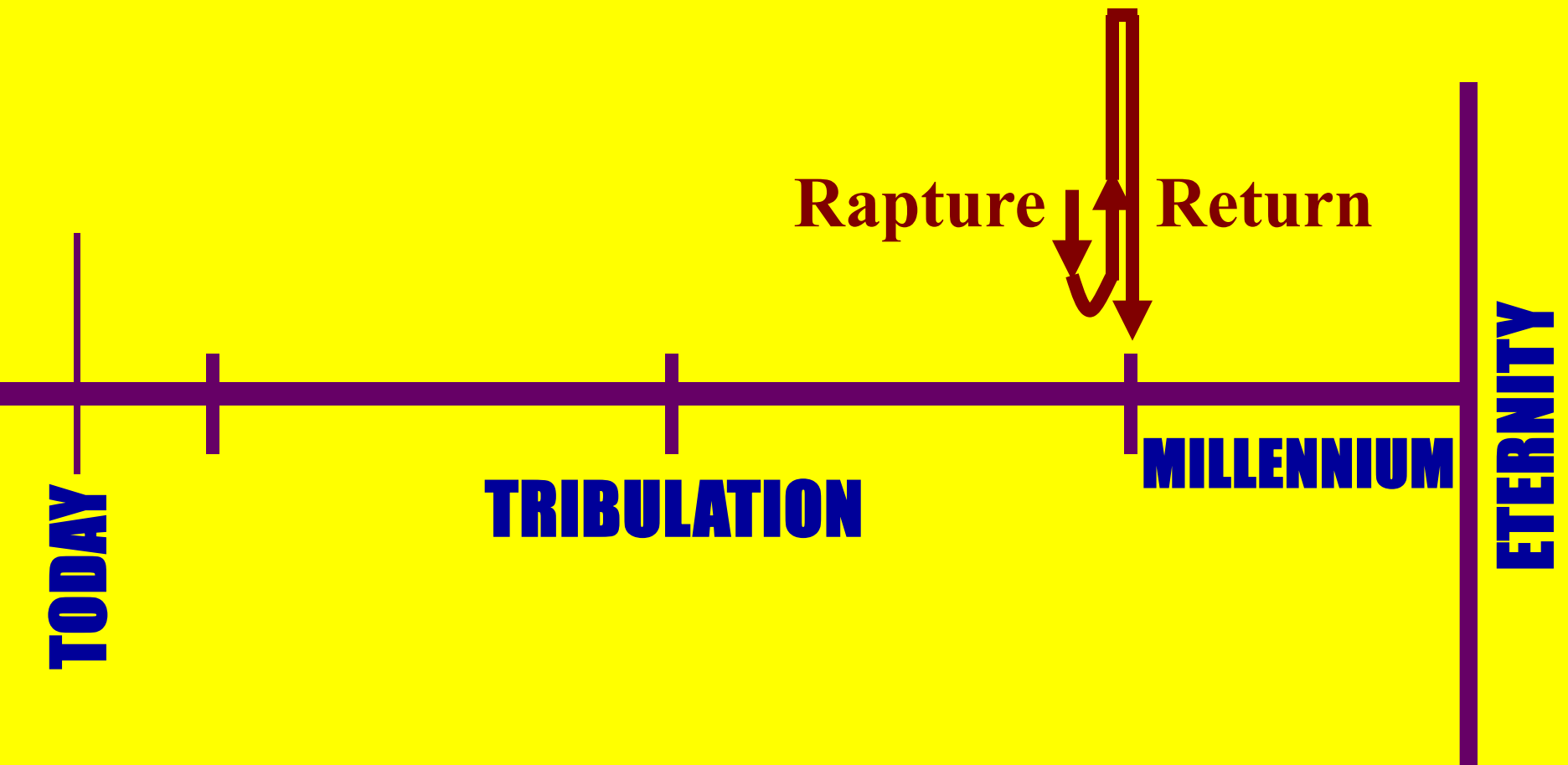
SUPPORT

- 1. Promise of Tribulation**
- 2. Duration of Tribulation**
- 3. Rev 11**
- 4. Last Trumpet**
- 5. Nature of Revelation Judgments**

PROPONENTS

- ❖ **Individuals - Norman B Harrison,
J Oliver Buswell,
Gleason Archer,
Harold Ockenga**

POSTTRIBULATION



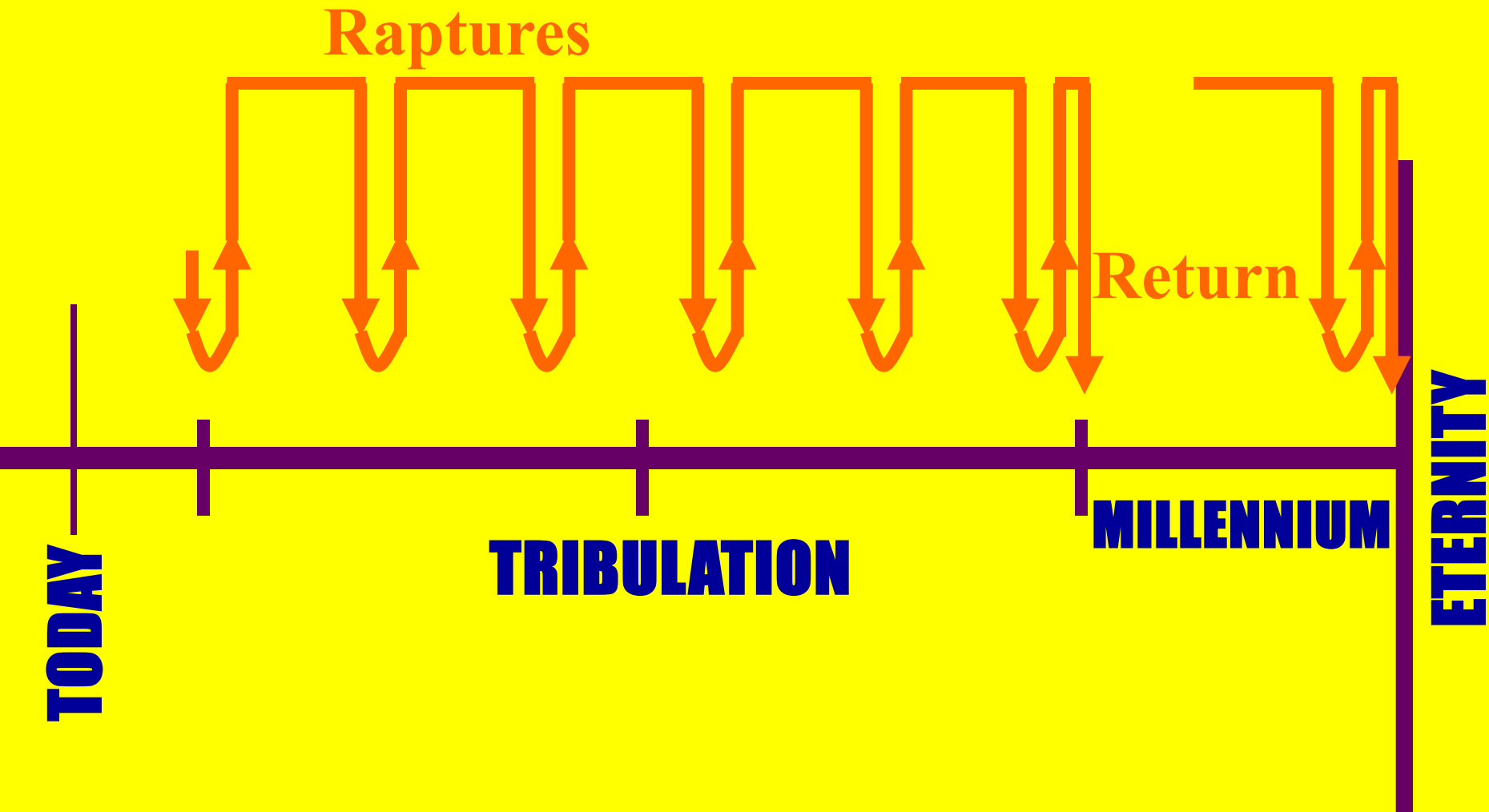
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- 1. Vocabulary of 2nd Coming**
- 2. Promise of Tribulation**
- 3. Church on Earth**
- 4. Fulfillment of Dan 9:24-27**
- 5. Supernatural Protection**

PROPONENTS

- ❖ **Generally - most Amillennialists,
Postmillennialists,
Catholics, Protestants**
- ❖ **Individuals - GE Ladd, R Gundry,
A Reese, DJ Moo**

PARTIAL RAPTURE



EMPHASIS

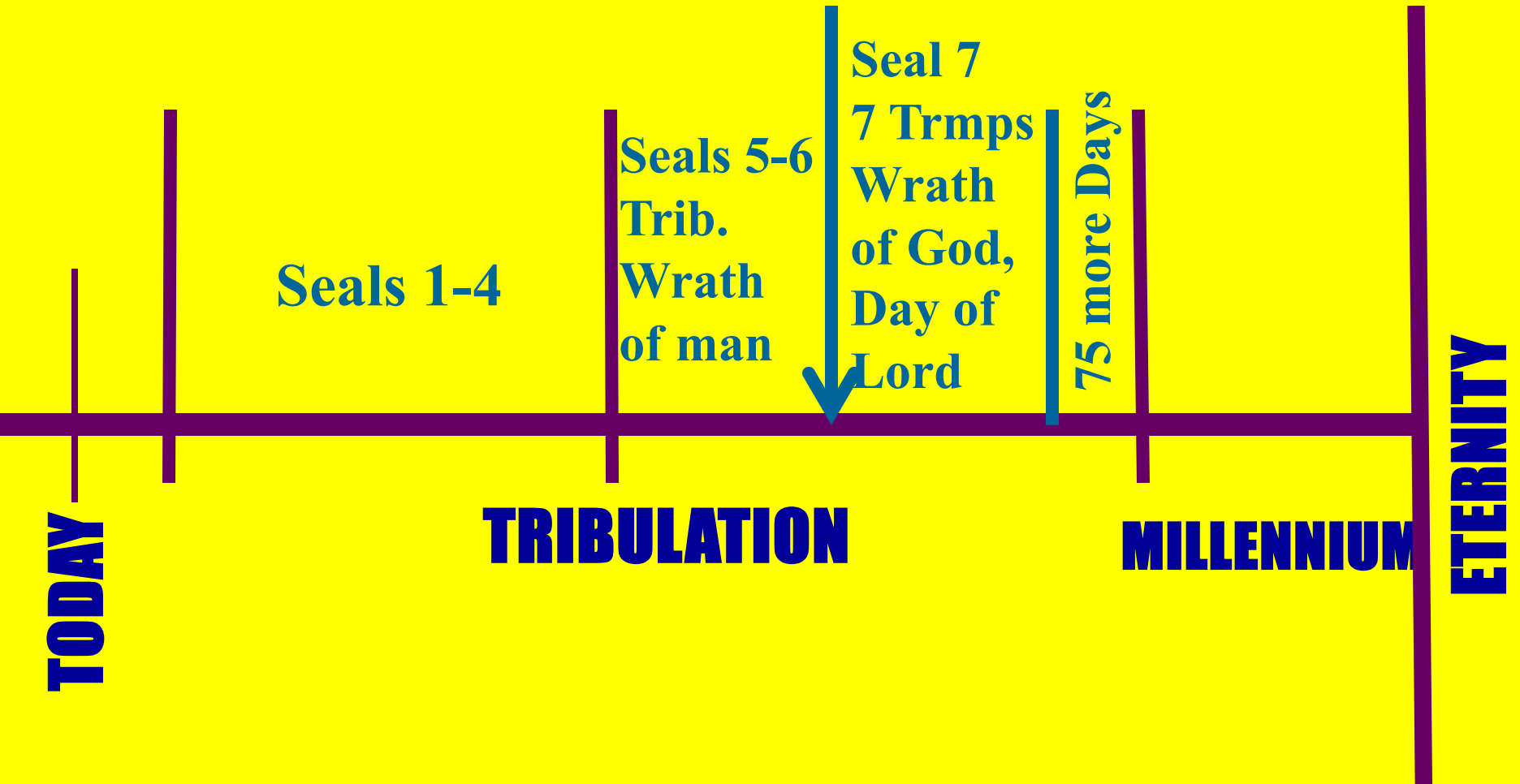
✧ **Nature of the Believer**

Basis - Spiritual Condition

✧ **Not Time Frame**

PRE-WRATH

Rapture



Seals 1-4

Seals 5-6
Trib.
Wrath
of man

Seal 7
7 Trmps
Wrath
of God,
Day of
Lord

75 more Days

TODAY

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MILLENNIUM

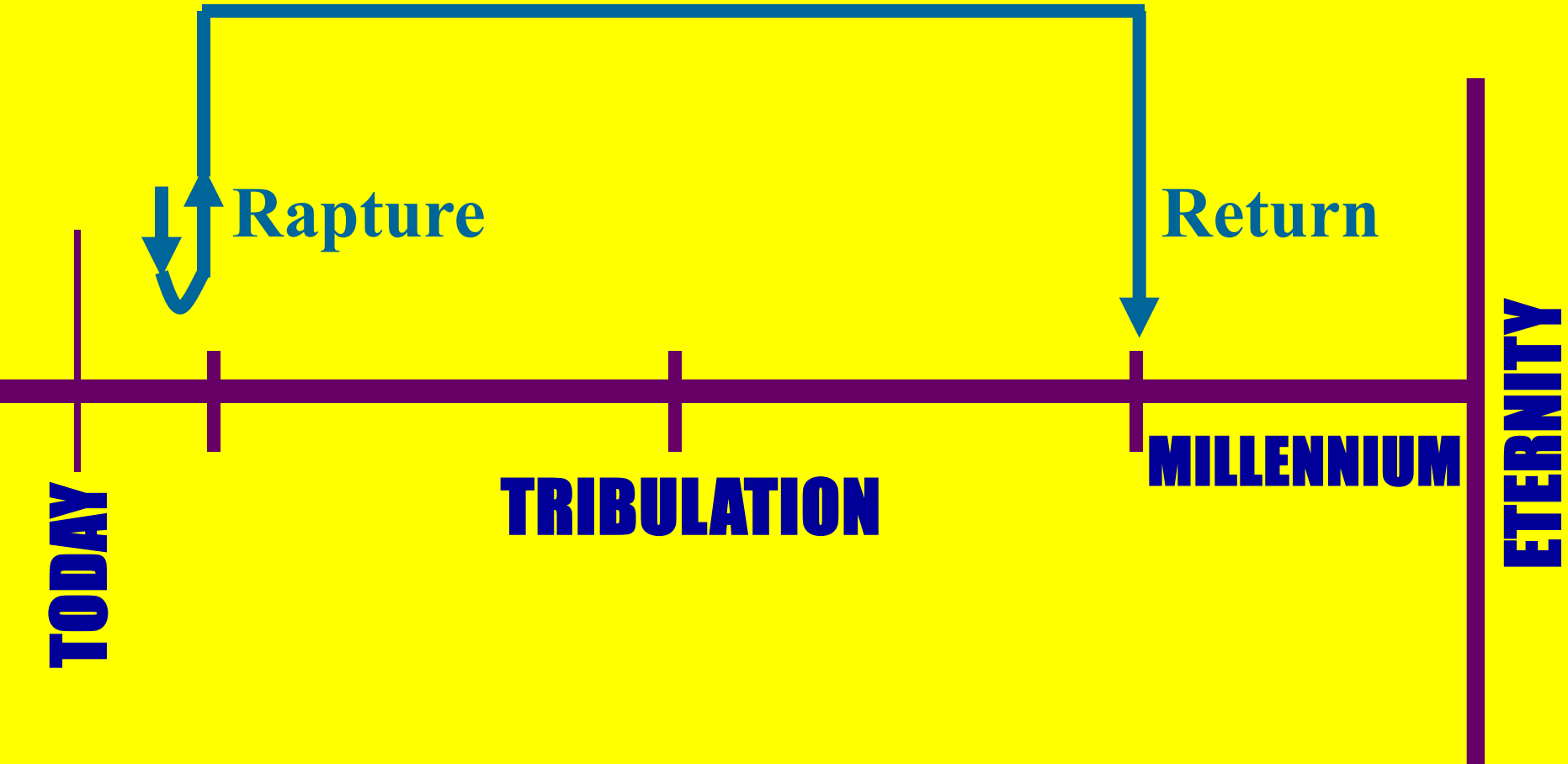
ETERNITY

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Hour of Testing Views

- **Preterist -** **from Individuals**
- **Post-trib & Partial Rapturist -** **Preservation**
- **Pre-tribulationist - Rapture**

PRETRIBULATION



SUPPORT

- 1. Literal Interpretation - only position**
- 2. Israel/Church Distinction**
- 3. Daniel's 70th Week**
- 4. Chronologies of Major Passages**
- 5. No OT or NT Tribulation passages**
- 6. Promise of Exemption**
- 7. Doctrine of imminence**
- 8. Symbolic parallels**

Faithfulness

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- ✓ **Future Rewards**

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A wooden cross stands in the foreground against a sunset sky over a sea of clouds. The cross is made of dark, weathered wood. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. Below the horizon, a vast expanse of white, fluffy clouds stretches across the frame. In the lower foreground, a grassy hillside is visible, partially enclosed by a wooden fence.

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6. Call 3:13

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A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the middle ground, a long pier structure with several truss-like bridges extends into the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, and the water is dark with ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Sea of Galilee

**Faithfulness to our Lord
results in future
rewards!!!**