Dispensational Premillennialism

The spiritual decay on earth continues until the end of the church age and the ushering in of the Great Tribulation period. The "Church" and Israel (the nation) are <u>distinct</u> entities.

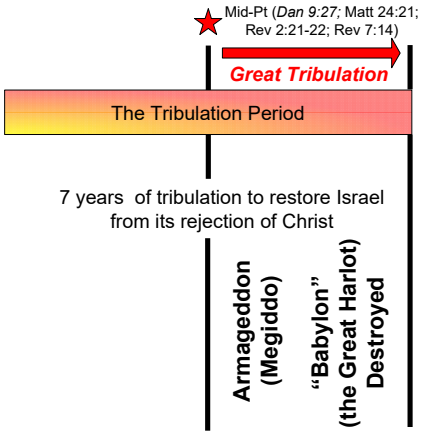
Bema Seat Judgment & Heaven to Rapture



"...and the dead *in Christ* will rise first...after that..." those alive *in Christ* are raptured

Selected Scriptures Supporting the Pre-Trib Rapture:

- 1 Cor 15:51-55 – "...We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye…"
- 1 Thess 1:10 -- "….Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath."
- *1 Thess 4:16-17 "...the dead in Christ will rise first...after that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord…"*
- 1 Thess 5:9 – "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Rev 3:10 – "...I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth."
- Rev 4-5 – (The 24 Elders include the 12 Patriarchs & 12 Apostles, representing the redemption (and rapture) of all of God's inheritance. If the judges are already there, then the redeemed must either be there already or on the way BEFORE the Tribulation Period begins.)



Revelation 14:1- 3 (ESV)

[1] Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 [ed. See Rev 7] who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. ...[3] and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

Revelation 16:17-19 (ESV)

[16] And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name *Armageddon*.
[17] The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Christ Returns



Satan bound for 1,000 yrs

Revelation 19:11 (ESV)
[11] Then I saw heaven opened...a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True...

Revelation 19:19-21 (ESV)
[120] And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet...thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

The 1st Resurrection

(Those who became believers and died during the Tribulation, the OT saints)

Revelation 20:4-6 (ESV)

[4] Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...[6] Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! ...they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

Daniel 12:1-2 (NASB)
[1] "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. [2] "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these (ed. the OT saints) to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

The Millennium

Christ establishes His earthly Kingdom

The ***Abrahamic Covenant*** regarding the land and the ***Davidic Covenant*** portion regarding a kingly Messiah from the lineage of David is fulfilled to the Nation of Israel (i.e. the Jewish people)

Satan Gone Forever

Final Conflict: Gog & Magog-Like Armies Surround Jerusalem



Revelation 20:7-10 (ESV)
[7] And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison...deceive the nations...to gather them for battle; surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them...the devil was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur...

Great White Throne Judgment

The 2nd Resurrection

(the dead unbelievers: those who are not in the "Book of Life")



Hell

Revelation 20:11-15 (ESV)
[15] And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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