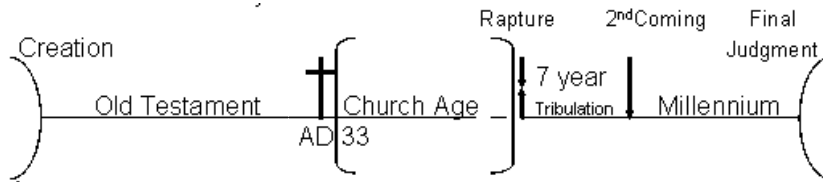


Everything is Going According to Plan

A survey of Bible prophecy [background study for Mark 13]

- I. **Dispensationalism: God does things differently in each age according to a plan glorifying Him.**
 - A. The last 3 dispensations of Law, Church Age and the Millennium are major subjects of scripture.
 - B. Each dispensation proves man is sinful and God is gracious.
 - **(See back of outline for chart of the 7 dispensations)**
 - C. We must interpret prophecy literally like we do the rest of scripture.
 - D. Israel and the Church are different and God has unique plans for each.
- II. **Big Picture Timeline: History and prophecy are all part of God's predetermined plan.**



- The Church Age is the “mystery” revealed to Paul that Jews and Gentiles are united in one body (**Ephesians 3:1-11**) through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13; 2:18, 22), beginning at Pentecost (Acts 1:5; 2:4; 11:15-16).
- The Rapture is the *imminent return* of Christ and resurrection taking all church age believers to heaven (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; **1 Thess. 4:13-18**; 1 Cor. 15:50-53).
- The Tribulation is a 7 year time of much war and supernatural disaster, the rise of the Antichrist and God's focus on Israel (**Daniel 9:24-27**; Mark 13; Rev. 4-18).
- The 2nd Coming is when Christ returns to the earth to end the Tribulation - judging the Antichrist and unbelievers while saving Jews who turn to Christ as Messiah (Zechariah. 12:10; 13:1, 14:2-4; Matthew 14:29-31; 2 Thess. 2:8; **Rev. 19:11-21**).
- The Millennium is a 1,000 year period of peace on earth in which Christ rules and God fulfills His promises to Israel. Satan is released at the end to rebel and be judged, as are all unbelievers (**Revelation 20:1-15**).