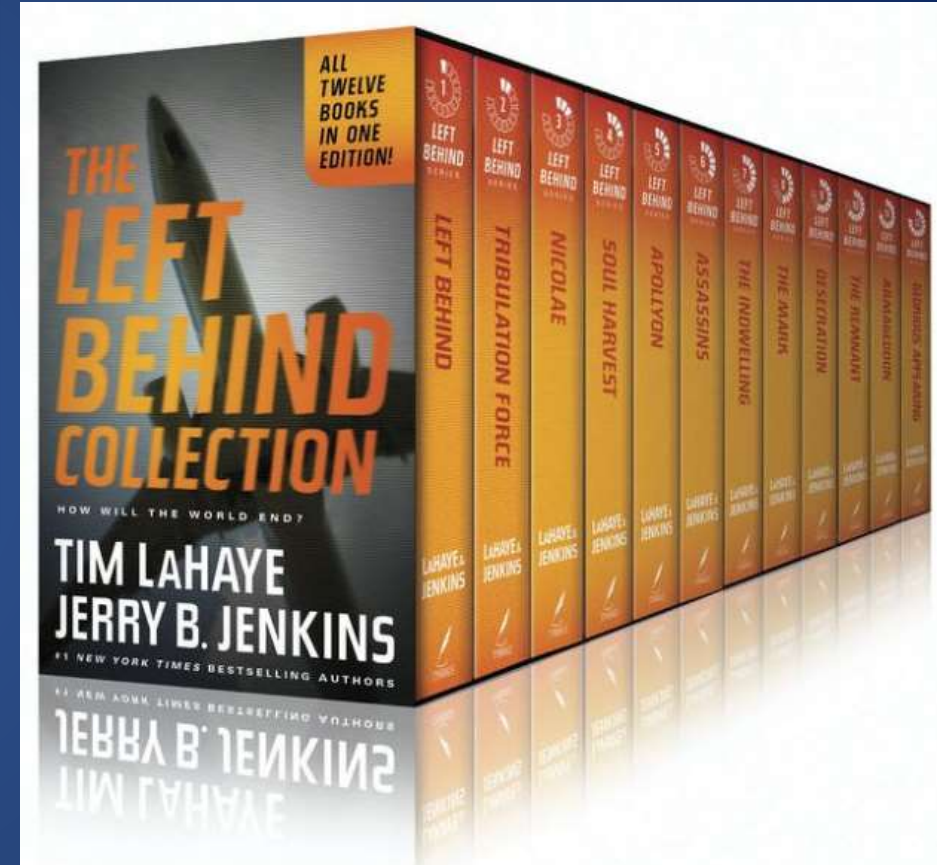
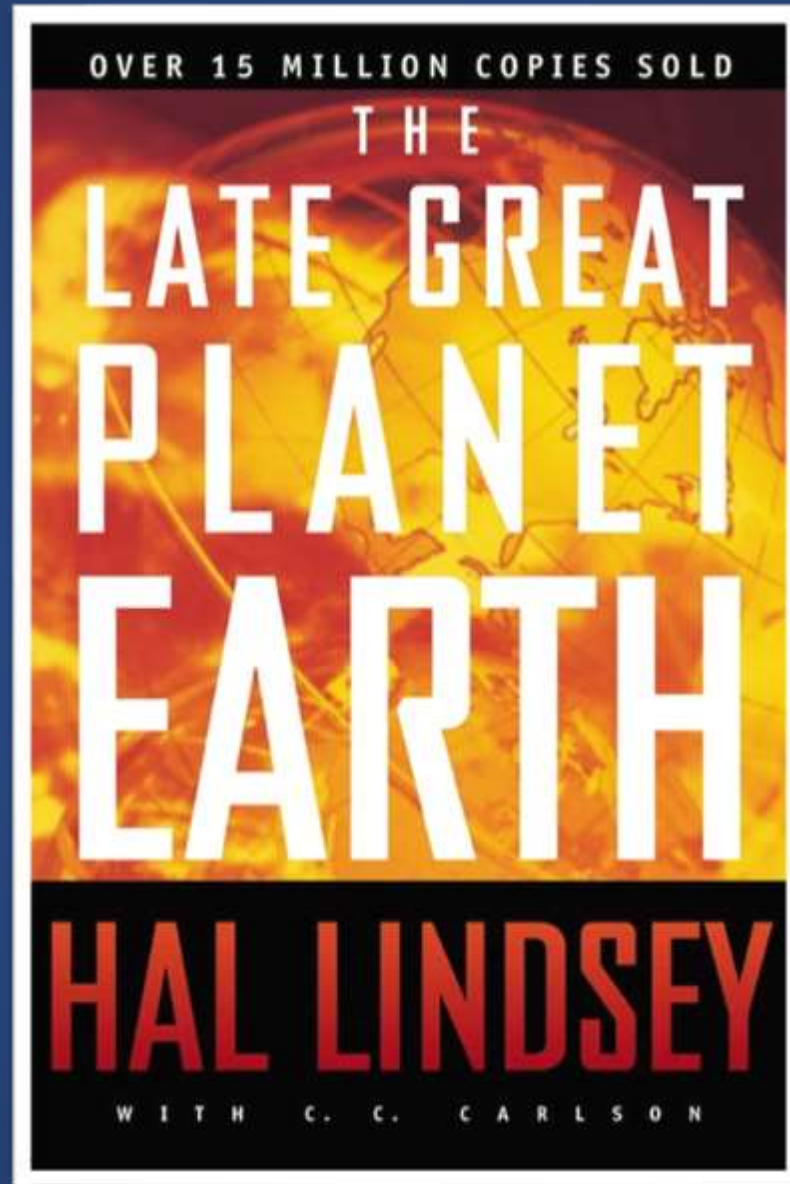


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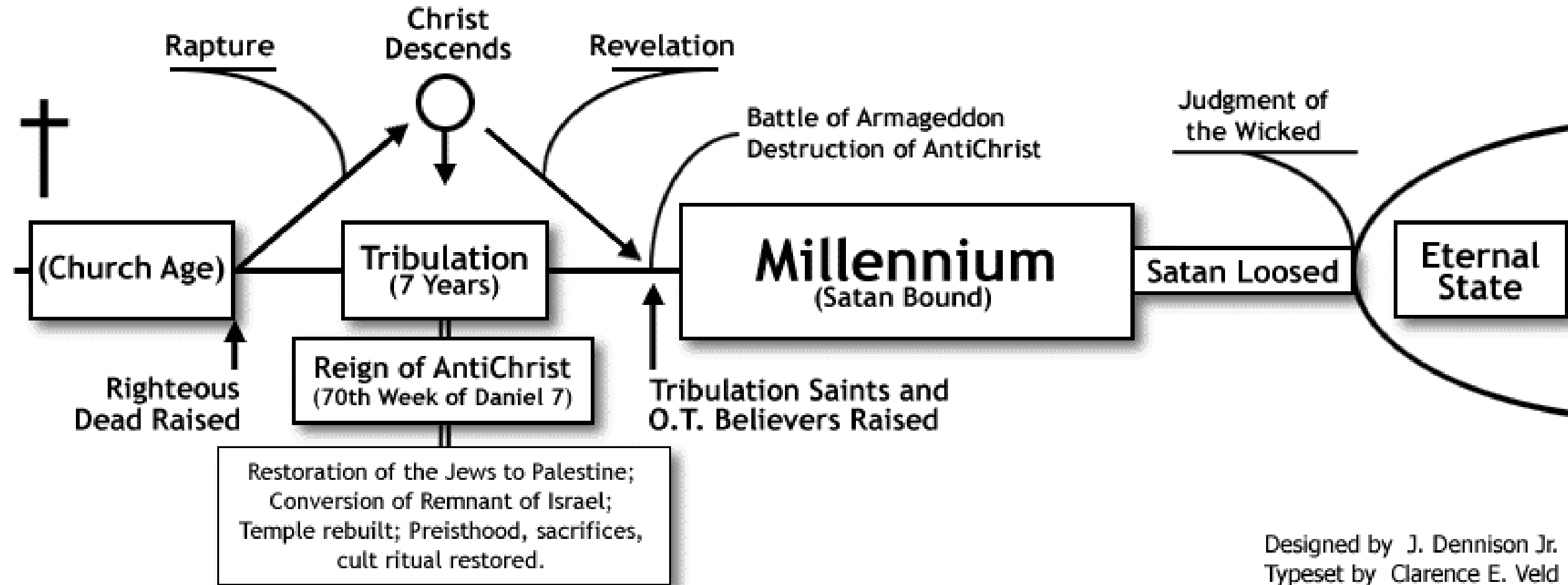
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survey by NEA in 2011



What is Rapture Theology?



Why Rapture Theology?

To be faithful to the text, the Bible must be interpreted literally (Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 30:8-11)

There is an eternal distinction between national Israel and the church (Jeremiah 31:31)

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Confuses the Nature of Jesus' Kingdom

“We believe the Second Coming will precede a ***literal earthly millennial reign of Jesus Christ***...We believe that since David's kingdom was an earthly kingdom and since David and his successors ruled on the earth, the coming fulfillment of Davidic kingdom promises will take place on the earth.”

Constable's Notes on Rev. 20:6

How does this explain Jesus' refusal? (John 6:15)

Jesus' kingdom is a spiritual, not political, reality (John 18:36)

Problem #2

Misunderstands Jesus' Unified Plan

“The present age is *a parenthesis or a time period not predicted by the Old Testament* and therefore not fulfilling or advancing the program of events revealed in the Old Testament foreview.”

John F. Walvoord, The Millennial Kingdom, p. 231.

The mystery of the church was foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures (Ephesians 3:4-11, 5:31-32)

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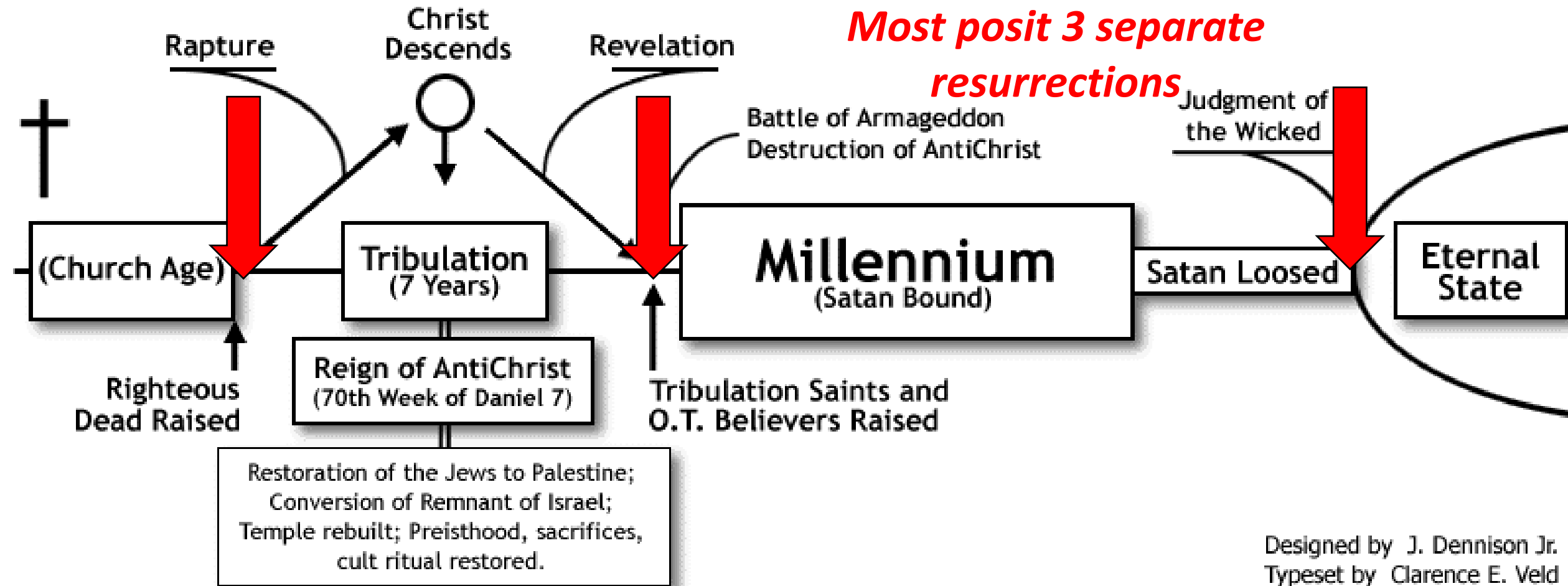
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Figurative for present reality (see John 5:25)

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