



Answering Challenging Questions:

“Does the church of Christ not believe in the Rapture and the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?” (Part 6)

The Challenging Accusations & Questions we are looking at in this study:

- What are the doctrines of Dispensationalism and the Rapture?
- Will there be signs of the coming of Jesus Christ?
- Can we know when the Second Coming of Jesus Christ?
- Will there be a Rapture?
- Will there be a “great tribulation” prior to the revelation of Jesus Christ’s Final Coming?
- Who is the “Son of Perdition (Anti-Christ)”?
- Will there be a 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?
- What will actually occur at the end of time?
- What do we know of Heaven and Hell?
- How do I get prepared for the Second Coming and Final Judgement?



THE END

Are we near the end of the world?

Who is the “Son of Perdition” (Anti-Christ)?

- Matthew 24:4 – 5
- Matthew 24:23 – 24
- 1 John 2:18
- 1 John 4:2 – 3
- 2 John 1:7 – 11
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1 – 12

The “Son of Destruction” in 2 Thessalonians:

- 2 Thessalonians was written by Paul in about 51 – 52 ad.
- Paul’s Description of the “Son of Destruction/Man of Lawlessness”:
 - He oppresses other idols and exalts himself above all other “so-called” gods.
 - He takes the seat of God in the Temple.
 - He proclaims himself as God.
 - He was at work when Paul wrote the letter to the Thessalonians.
 - His power comes from Satan.
 - The Lord will kill him with the breath of His Mouth!

Who was the “Son of Destruction/Man of Lawlessness”?

- Paul identifies this man as someone who is already at work at the time of his writing the letter to the Thessalonians.
- The reasonable evidence appears to be that this man was the Roman emperor Nero.
 - Nero would soon come to power by reigning over the Roman empire from 54 to 68.
 - He had elevated himself to place of God, calling himself a god.
 - He would later bring a terrible persecution on the church, by blaming Christians for the fire that burned down Rome in AD 64.
- Could this man be someone other than Nero? Absolutely.
- We can't be dogmatic about this interpretation.

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- Revelation 13:1 – 18

The Sea Beast (Revelation 13:1 – 10):

- He has great governmental power.
- He has a blasphemous name.
- His power, throne, and authority came from Satan (the Dragon).
- He has a mortal wound that has healed.
- He demands worship.
- He speaks blasphemous words.
- His reign will be short.
- He makes war against the saints of God.





The Earth Beast (Revelation 13:11 – 18):

- He has a little power but not as much as the sea beast.
- He speaks the words of Satan (the Dragon).
- His power/authority comes from the Sea Beast.
- He enforces worship of the Sea Beast upon the citizenry.
- He performs false signs.
- He charges smiths with the construct of idols/images of the Sea Beast.
- He marks those who refuse to worship the Sea Beast.

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- Revelation 19:19 – 21

Who is the Sea Beast and Earth Beast of Revelation 13?

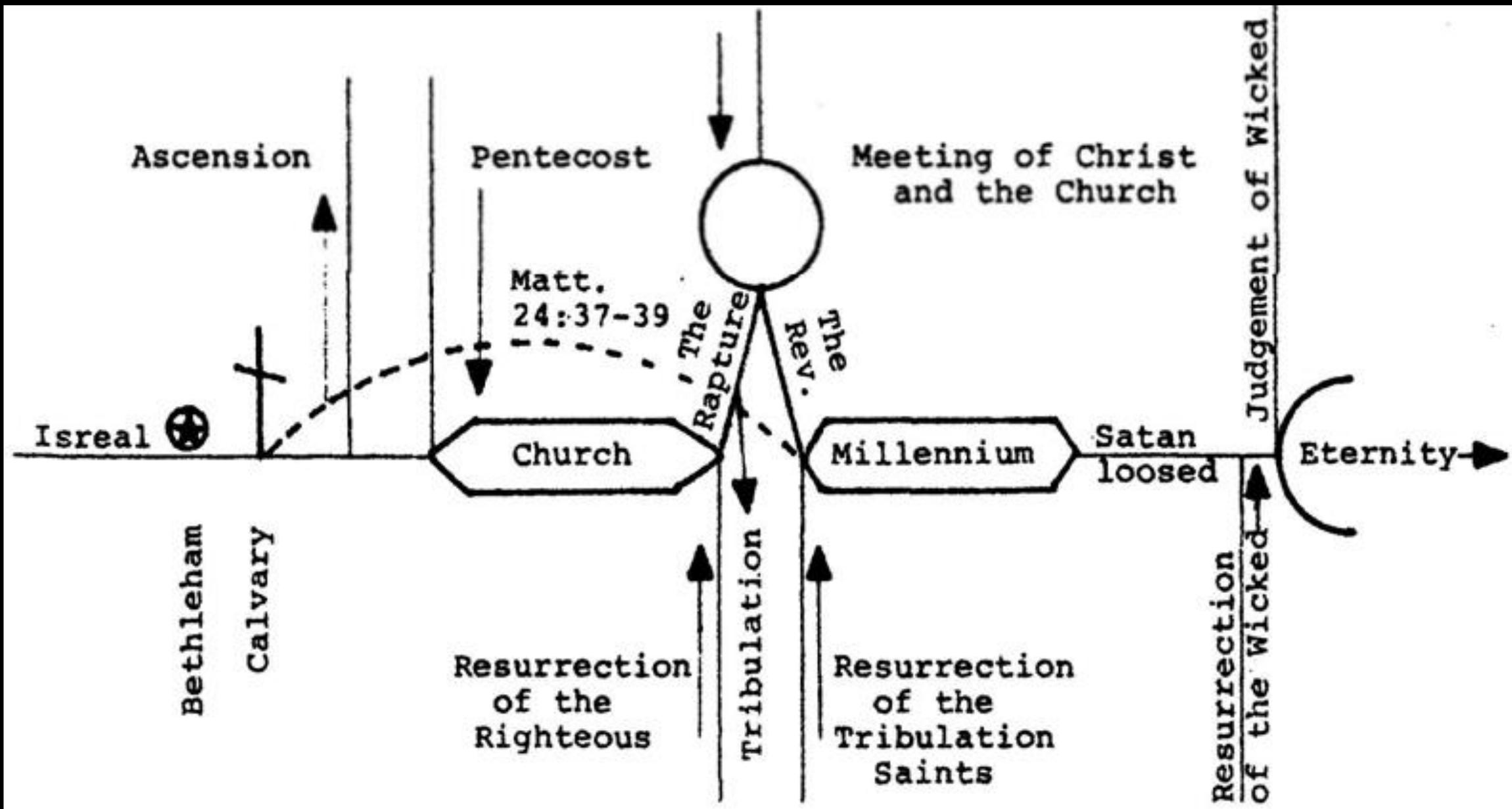
- It was individuals who were persecuting the church of the late first century.
- The reasonable evidence appears to be that Sea Beast was the Roman emperor Domitian.
- The reasonable evidence appears to be that Earth Beast was Roman Concilia.

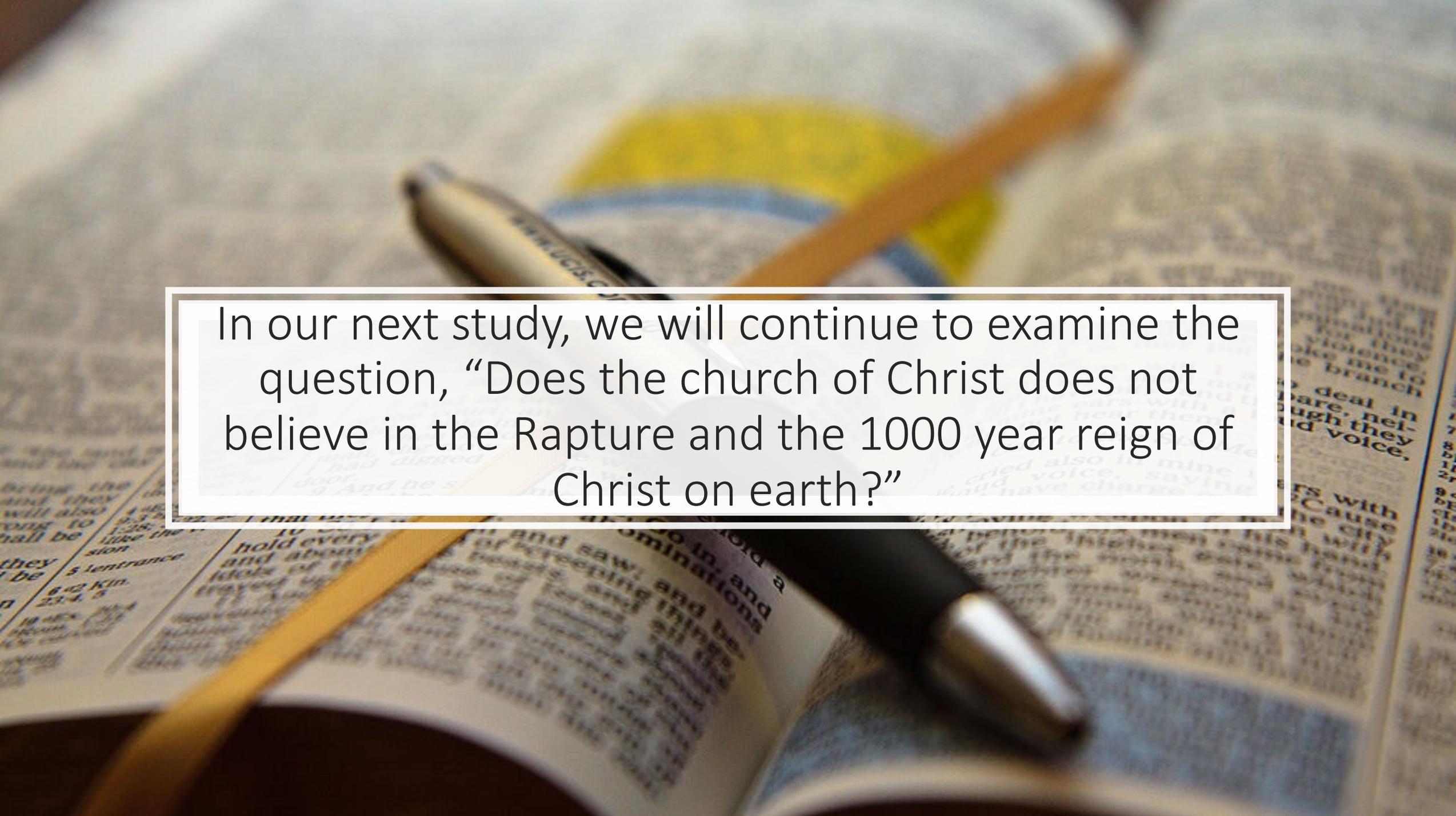


Will there be a 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?

- Revelation 20:1 – 3







In our next study, we will continue to examine the question, “Does the church of Christ does not believe in the Rapture and the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth?”