

Scenario 4



Comments: This scenario takes verse 5a as a parenthesis; thus verse 5b refers to the Tribulation believer. In verse 6 these Tribulation believers reign with Christ for a thousand years. Problems: When are all the other believers resurrected? This is important, since the Resurrection is connected with Christ's Second Coming (1 Cor. 15:22-23; 1 Thess. 4:16). In a posttrib framework, if all the other believers are resurrected at the end of the Tribulation, do they enter the Millennium with the Tribulation believers? In a pretrib framework, if all the other believers are resurrected at the Rapture, do they return with Christ and enter the Millennium with the Tribulation believers? Also, when is II Timothy 2:12 ("If we endure, we shall also reign with Him") fulfilled for other believers?

Scenario 5



Comments: This scenario takes verse 5a as a parenthesis; thus verse 5b refers to the completion of the first resurrection, which was begun by Christ at His resurrection ("the firstfruits"), continued by those who are Christ's at His Coming, and completed by the Tribulation believers prior to the Millennium. Thus all believers participate in the first resurrection, and all believers reign with Christ for a thousand years.