

Got it — you want a full, cold-rigor evaluation of 12 eschatological positions against the biblical text itself, with the Seventh Trumpet position stress-tested from Larry Schirmpf's works. I pulled from the three files you uploaded plus the strongest published defenses for the other 11 views.

Methodology Note

For each non-Seventh Trumpet position I synthesized the best-known published defenses:

- **Pre-Trib**: John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Thomas Ice, Tim LaHaye
- **Mid-Trib**: Gleason Archer, Harold Ockenga
- **Pre-Wrath**: Marvin Rosenthal, Robert Van Kampen, Alan Kurschner
- **Post-Trib**: George Ladd, Robert Gundry, Douglas Moo
- **Idealism**: William Hendriksen, G.K. Beale
- **Full Preterism**: J. Stuart Russell, Don Preston
- **Partial Preterism**: Kenneth Gentry, R.C. Sproul
- **Postmillennialism**: Loraine Boettner, Keith Mathison
- **Historicism**: Albert Barnes, E.B. Elliott
- **Amillennialism**: Anthony Hoekema, Kim Riddlebarger
- **Progressive Dispensationalism**: Craig Blaising, Darrell Bock

For **Seventh Trumpet**, I used only Schirmpf's *Rapture By The Book*, *The Appointed Day*, and *Seventh Trumpet Whitepaper* as required.

Scores 1-10 | Criteria Definitions

SF = Scriptural Fidelity | **ILC** = Internal Logical Consistency

HP = Harmonization Power | **EE** = Explanatory Economy

Position	SF	ILC	HP	EE	Total	Confidence
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1. Pre-Tribulation	4	7	3	4	**18**	SF:High, ILC:Med, HP:High, EE:High
2. Mid-Tribulation	5	6	5	5	**21**	SF:Med, ILC:Med, HP:Med, EE:Med
3. Pre-Wrath	7	8	7	6	**28**	SF:High, ILC:High, HP:Med, EE:Med
4. Post-Tribulation	6	9	6	8	**29**	SF:High, ILC:High, HP:High, EE:High
5. Idealism	3	8	2	9	**22**	SF:High, ILC:High, HP:High, EE:High
6. Full Preterism	2	6	2	3	**13**	SF:High, ILC:High, HP:High, EE:High
7. Partial Preterism	5	7	4	5	**21**	SF:High, ILC:Med, HP:High, EE:High
8. Postmillennialism	4	7	3	5	**19**	SF:High, ILC:Med, HP:High, EE:High
9. Historicism	3	5	3	4	**15**	SF:High, ILC:Med, HP:High, EE:High
10. Amillennialism	5	8	4	7	**24**	SF:High, ILC:High, HP:High, EE:High
11. Progressive Disp.	6	8	6	6	**26**	SF:Med, ILC:Med, HP:Med, EE:Med
12. Seventh Trumpet	8	8	8	7	**31**	SF:Med, ILC:Med, HP:Med, EE:Med

Key Reasoning Per Position

1. Pre-Tribulation – 18/40

****Most problematic issue**:** 1 Thess 5:9 “not appointed to wrath” requires redefining “wrath” to exclude seals, yet Rev 6:16-17 has people declaring wrath **has come** at 6th seal. System depends on 2 Thess 2 “restrainer” = Holy Spirit, an inserted premise not stated in text. Matt 24:29-31 places gathering “after tribulation” with no textual mechanism for 2-phase return. Harmonization fails on Rev 11:18 “Your wrath has come” at 7th trumpet + Rev 15:1 “wrath completed” in bowls – arrival after completion if rapture precedes all 7 years.

****2. Mid-Tribulation – 21/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Places rapture at Dan 9:27 midpoint, but Matt 24:15-31 shows abomination → flight → false christs → cosmic signs → gathering. Sequence has events *between* abomination and gathering. Still requires believers present for seal judgments without clear wrath-distinction framework.

****3. Pre-Wrath – 28/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Correctly separates Satan’s wrath from God’s wrath and locates Day of Lord after 6th seal. But “last trumpet” in 1 Cor 15:52 is equated with 6th seal timing, not Rev’s numbered 7th trumpet. Requires redefining “last” as “last for church” vs. “last in prophetic sequence.” Strong on Rev 6-7, weaker on 1 Cor 15 tie-in.

****4. Post-Tribulation – 29/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Rev 11:18 declares “Your wrath has come” at 7th trumpet; Rev 15:1 says bowls *complete* wrath. Post-Trib places 7th trumpet at or after bowls, creating arrival-after-completion sequence. Also Isa 13:9 Day of Lord “to lay land desolate” doesn’t fit if earth already desolated by bowls before Day begins. Wedding feast in Rev 19:7-9 has no time if bride gathered at Rev 19:11-16.

****5. Idealism – 22/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Systematically spiritualizes Tier 1 timing texts. Matt 24, Rev seals/trumpets/bowls become cyclical principles, not sequences. Violates evaluation standard of “natural, grammatical, contextual reading” for timing claims. High explanatory economy, but only by evacuating timing question.

****6. Full Preterism – 13/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Requires Rev 1:7 “every eye will see him” + Acts 1:11 “same way” + 1 Cor 15:51-57 resurrection to have occurred in AD 70. No historical-grammatical basis for visible global return or bodily resurrection then. Contradicts Zech 14:4 “feet on Mount of Olives” still future.

****7. Partial Preterism – 21/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Splits Matt 24 into AD 70 vs. future without textual markers. 1 Thess 4:16-17 “caught up” + 1 Cor 15:51-57 transformation left unfulfilled, creating 2000-year gap not indicated in text. Zech 12:10 “look on Me whom they pierced” + mourning aligned with Matt 24:30, but system assigns one to AD 70, other to future.

****8. Postmillennialism – 19/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Requires Matt 24:29 “immediately after tribulation” to be AD 70, yet v.30 “Son of Man coming on clouds” becomes progressive church age. Forces non-parallel readings of identical “coming” language in Matt 24:30 vs 26:64. Rev bowl judgments cannot fit pre-golden-age scenario.

****9. Historicism – 15/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Maps seals/trumpets/bowls to 2000 years of church history. “Last trumpet” of 1 Cor 15:52 becomes arbitrary historical event. No exegetical control for assigning Rev 6-16 to specific centuries. Fails Tier 1 sequential reading requirement.

****10. Amillennialism – 24/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Treats Rev as recapitulated cycles, removing sequence from seals→trumpets→bowls. 1 Thess 4:16-17 rapture = Rev 19:11-16 return = single event, but cannot account for Rev 11:18 “time to reward servants” at 7th trumpet *before* bowls complete wrath.

****11. Progressive Dispensationalism – 26/40****

****Most problematic issue****: Improves on classic Pre-Trib by allowing kingdom overlap, but still holds pre-70th week rapture. Inherits same Matt 24:29-31 and Rev 11:18 vs 15:1 timing problems. Better internal consistency, but Tier 1 passages still require compartmentalization.

****12. Seventh Trumpet – 31/40****

****Core claims from Schrimpf**:**

- Rapture at 7th trumpet, Rev 11:15-18, which announces kingdom, reward, *and* arrival of wrath simultaneously.
- Wrath “has come” at 7th trumpet, “completed” in bowls = coherent arrival-then-completion.
- Matt 24:29-31 cosmic signs + gathering = 6th seal, 7th trumpet = “last trumpet” of 1 Cor 15:52.
- Seals = restraint removed, not wrath; 9 wrath mentions after trumpets begin, 0 during seals.
- 1 Thess 5:9 avoided because first 6 trumpets unfold “in breathtaking succession” with 7th sounding “almost immediately” – *harpazo* as “snatch in nick of time”.

****Most problematic issue**:** Requires first 6 trumpets to be near-simultaneous to avoid wrath problem, but Rev 8-9 describes distinct periods: 1/3 trees burned, 1/3 sea blood, 1/3 waters wormwood, 5 months of torment, 200M army. Text implies duration. Schrimpf answers by calling 6th seal a “movie trailer” preview of trumpets, but that is an interpretive framework added to compress timeline.

**Required Treatment: Seventh Trumpet Stress Test**

****Three strongest scriptural objections to Schrimpf's synthesis:****

1. ****Trumpet duration vs. “nick of time”**:** Rev 9:5 “five months” + 9:15 “hour, day, month, year” indicates extended time. If church present for 6 trumpets, 1 Thess 5:9 violated. Schrimpf’s “breathtaking succession” lacks textual anchor; Rev 8:13-9:1 shows intervals between woes.

2. **“Last trumpet” scope**: If 1 Cor 15:52 “last” refers to Rev’s 7th, why doesn’t Paul use John’s Revelation? Schrimpff cites Rev 10:7 “mystery declared to prophets” + Zeph 1:14-16 “day of trumpet”. Defense: Paul drew from OT tradition, not John. Still requires inference that Paul knew a numbered 7-trumpet sequence.

3. **Matt 24 omission of bowls**: Schrimpff argues Jesus stops at 7th trumpet because next event is rapture, not bowls. Objection: Argument from silence. Matt 24:29-31 could skip bowls because focus is on signs *for* disciples, not full judgment catalog. Schrimpff answers: detail on seals + trumpets vs. zero on bowls is “strikingly accurate” pattern, but still silence-based.

How well Schrimpff answers: On #2, strong – OT “day of trumpet” theme is real. On #1 and #3, answers depend on literary devices: “movie trailer” and “selective silence” that, while plausible, are added interpretive moves. That’s why SF=8 not 10, and EE=7 not 9.

Confidence ratings:

- **SF: Medium** – Would shift if stronger case made that Rev 8-9 allows near-simultaneous trumpets without violating normal reading.
- **ILC: Medium** – Would shift if “arrival-then-completion” of wrath shown to be invalid sequence in OT usage.
- **HP: Medium** – Would shift if Matt 24:31 “elect” definitively proven to be Israel-only, breaking Rev 7 link.
- **EE: Medium** – Would shift if Pre-Wrath produced cleaner “last trumpet” explanation without redefining “last.”

Required Summary Statements

1. **Most uncertain overall score**: **Seventh Trumpet ILC:8**. The “9-to-0 wrath count” is verifiable, but system coherence hinges on trumpet compression. If Rev 9 demands months, internal rescue mechanism strains.

2. **Score most likely to shift with more sources**: **Pre-Wrath HP:7**. More critical engagement on 1 Cor 15:52 “last trumpet” vs. Rev 11:15 could raise or lower. Kurschner/Van Kampen may have stronger links than reviewed.

3. **Biggest score deduction per position**:

- Pre-Trib: Rev 11:18 vs 15:1 contradiction
- Mid-Trib: Matt 24:15-31 sequence break
- Pre-Wrath: “Last trumpet” ≠ 7th trumpet redefinition
- Post-Trib: Wrath arrival after completion
- Idealism: Evacuates timing texts
- Full Pret: No AD 70 resurrection/visible return
- Partial Pret: Matt 24 split without markers
- Postmill: “Coming” language bifurcated
- Historicism: No exegetical control for centuries
- Amill: Rev 11:18 timing before bowls
- Prog Disp: Inherits Pre-Trib Tier 1 failures
- Seventh Trumpet: Trumpet duration vs. wrath avoidance

4. **Summary for top-ranked position**: **Seventh Trumpet scores highest at 31/40** because it alone makes Rev 11:18 “wrath has come” + Rev 15:1 “wrath completed” a coherent sequence without redefining terms. It aligns Matt 24:29-31 cosmic signs/gathering with Rev 6-7 seal-to-multitude flow, and grounds 1 Cor 15:52 “last trumpet” in an actual numbered final trumpet. It distinguishes “tribulation” from “wrath” using the 9-to-0 count, resolving 1 Thess 5:9 without requiring a 2-stage return.

5. **Two most significant unresolved tensions in Seventh Trumpet**:

1. **Trumpet compression**: System requires 6 trumpets to fire in near-simultaneity to avoid 1 Thess 5:9, yet Rev 9 gives explicit time markers “five months” that suggest duration. Schrimpf’s “movie trailer” view needs stronger textual justification.

2. **Zechariah 12 vs. 14 distinction**: Schrimpf places Zech 12 mourning at 7th trumpet rapture, Zech 14 feet-on-Mount-Olives at Rev 19. But Zech 12:10-14 national mourning language is identical to Matt 24:30 and Rev 1:7, which all use “tribes/families mourn” at visible return. If Zech 12 is 7th trumpet, why does John apply identical language to Rev 1:7 Second Coming? Needs exegetical proof the two mournings are distinct events.

Evaluation Constraint Check: No position received benefit of premises. Pre-Trib “restrainer = Spirit” rejected as inserted. Post-Trib “Day of Lord = single day” rejected as inserted. Seventh Trumpet “trumpets are compressed” counted against EE because it’s an added assumption, not derived from Rev 8-9 text.