

# Preparing for the End Times

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# Approaching the End Times in the Bible

## *Interpreting End Times Passages*

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### I. The End Times in the News

A.) **Y2K**

B.) **Middle East Conflict**

### II. Why Study the End Times?

A.) **Revelation 1:3**

1.) Blessed:

2.) Read:

3.) Hear:

4.) Keep:

5.) The time is 'near':

### III. What is the Focus of End Times Study?

A.) **Luke 24:27; 44-45**

1.) Jesus used:

2.) Jesus taught:

3.) Our principle:

**B.) Revelation 1:1**

- 1.) 'Of' (from):
- 2.) 'Of' (about):

**IV. The Wrench in the Machine**

**A.) Revelation 20:4-6**

- 1.) 1,000 Years:
- 2.) Literal (Revelation 1:8 = the):
- 3.) Figurative (Revelation 1:4 = 7 Spirits):
  - a.) 1 = unity (Deuteronomy 6:4)
  - b.) 2 = witness (John 8:17)
  - c.) 3 = divine (Isaiah 6:3)
  - d.) 4 = earth (Ezekiel 7:2)
  - e.) 5/10 = completeness (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
  - f.) 6 = man (Revelation 13:18)
  - g.) 7 = perfection (Psalm 90:10)
  - h.) 8 = new beginnings (Genesis 17:9-14)
  - i.) 12 = government (Matthew 19:28)
- 4.) Both (Revelation 1:4 = 7 Churches):

**B.) Revelation 1:9-18; 20**

- 1.) Loud voice like a trumpet (v. 10):
- 2.) Seven gold lampstands (v. 12):
- 3.) One like a son of man (v. 13):
- 4.) Robe / girdle (v. 13):
- 5.) White hair (v. 14):

- 6.) Eyes of fire (v. 14):
- 7.) Feet of bronze (v. 15):
- 8.) Voice like many waters (v. 15):
- 9.) Seven stars in right hand (v. 16):
- 10.) Two-edged sword (v. 16):
- 11.) Face like the sun (v. 16):
- 12.) Fell as a dead man (v. 17):
- 13.) I am the first and last (v. 18):
- 14.) I am alive and hold keys of death (v. 18):
- 15.) God's encouragement (v. 20):

#### IV. Four Views of the Millennium

##### A.) **Postmillennialism**

- 1.) The 1,000 years is figurative, but the concept of the millennium is not
- 2.) The Kingdom is currently occurring in the hearts of man
- 3.) The world is progressing in advance of Christ's return
- 4.) The majority of the world will be Christianized
- 5.) Christ returns at the end of this unspecified period to immediately usher in the final state

##### B.) **Amillennialism (Realized Millennialism)**

- 1.) The 1,000 years is figurative as is the concept of the millennium
- 2.) The Kingdom is occurring in the hearts of man (spiritually)

- 3.) We are now in the millennium
- 4.) Christ returns at the end of this unspecified period to immediately usher in the final state
- 5.) The church has replaced Israel
- 6.) There will be no literal rapture

### **C.) Historic Premillennialism**

- 1.) The millennium is a literal, 1,000 year period
- 2.) The church has replaced Israel
- 3.) All OT prophecies have been fulfilled, only the NT speaks of the end times
- 4.) Most of the book of Revelation has already happened (the preterist view)

### **D.) Dispensational Premillennialism**

- 1.) The millennium is a literal, 1,000 year period
- 2.) Christ will reign in person during the millennium
- 3.) Israel and the church are separate and distinct
- 4.) The church will be raptured at some point during the seven-year tribulation

### **E.) The Common Thread Among All Four Views**

- 1.) Jesus is returning!!
- 2.) Just a question of when and how

### **F.) Remember One Thing**

- 1.) Revelation is not there to conceal but reveal (Adrian Rogers)
- 2.) 'Apocalypse' = unveiling, uncovering

## VI. Our Outline

### A.) **Dispensational Premillennialism**

- 1.) All incarnation prophecies were fulfilled literally (e.g. virgin birth; Bethlehem)
- 2.) We have already seen literal partial fulfillments of many of the end times prophecies (e.g. Israel in the land)
- 3.) The general rule of thumb applies: read a text literally unless there is a compelling reason not to (e.g. Jesus having a sword for a tongue)

### B.) **Revelation 1:19**

- 1.) The things which you have seen:
- 2.) The things which are:
- 3.) The things which shall take place after these things:

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# **“The Things which You have Seen”**

## ***The King and His Kingdom Foretold***

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### **I. God’s Binding Covenants with Israel**

#### **A.) The Abrahamic Covenant**

- 1.) Genesis 12:1-3
- 2.) Three Promises to Abram
  - a.) v. 1 =
  - b.) v. 2 =
  - c.) v. 3 =
- 3.) Was this covenant conditional or unconditional?
  - a.) Conditional:
  - b.) Unconditional:

#### **B.) The Palestinian Covenant**

- 1.) Deuteronomy 30:1-10
- 2.) Key Promise to Moses:
- 3.) The Extent of the Land
  - a.) Genesis 15:18-21
  - b.) Has Israel ever inhabited this region?

#### **C.) The Davidic Covenant**

- 1.) 2 Samuel 7:12-16
- 2.) Key Promise to David:

- 3.) Has this promise been fulfilled?
  - a.) v. 14 =
  - b.) v. 15 =

#### D.) **The New Covenant**

- 1.) Jeremiah 31:31-34
- 2.) Key Promise to Jeremiah:
- 3.) Has this promise been fulfilled?
  - a.) v. 33 =
  - b.) Jeremiah 32:37,40 = **land first**
  - c.) Romans 11:26-27 = **Messiah first**

#### E.) **Conclusion about this Covenant**

- 1.) Either God is:
- 2.) Or God is:

## II. Daniel's 70 Week Program

### A.) **Daniel 9:24-27**

### B.) **The Program**

- 1.) Beginning
  - a.) 444 B.C.
  - b.) Artaxerxes decree allowing rebuilding of Jerusalem
  - c.) Daniel 9:25
- 2.) The Prophetic Year
  - a.) 70 Weeks (Daniel 9:24)
  - b.) Prophetic Year = 360 Days  
(See J. Dwight Pentecost "Things to Come" p. 245-6)
  - c.) 69 Prophetic Weeks = 173,880 days = A.D. 33

- 3.) The Full Program
  - a.) 7 Weeks = 396 B.C. (Daniel 9:25):
  - b.) 69 Weeks = A.D. 33 (Daniel 9:26):
  - c.) 70th Week = A.D. ??? (Daniel 9:27):
    - i.) *Treaty for 7 years*
    - ii.) *Disruption after 3.5 years*

### III. Isaiah's Messianic Program

#### A.) **Isaiah 61:1-3**

- 1.) v. 1 =
- 2.) To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord:
- 3.) And the day of vengeance of our God:
- 4.) Giving those who mourn in Zion a garland instead of ashes:
- 5.) They will be called oaks of righteousness:
- 6.) That He may be glorified:

#### B.) **Luke 4:17-21**

- 1.) Jesus reads (vv. 18-19):
- 2.) Jesus says (vv. 20-21):
- 3.) The inference:

### IV. Key Point: The Church is not Israel

#### A.) **Natural Israel and the Gentiles are Contrasted in the New Testament**

- 1.) Acts 3:12
- 2.) Acts 4:8
- 3.) Acts 21:28

4.) Romans 9:30-10:1

**B.) Israel is still Addressed as a Nation and the Term 'Jew' is still Used after the Establishment of the Church.**

1.) Romans 11:1-25

2.) 1 Corinthians 10:32

**C.) Spiritual Israel and Natural Israel are Contrasted in the New Testament (Romans 9:3-7)**

**D.) Ephesians 2:14-17 Describes Unity in the Church Age**

**E.) Unity does not Require the Parties to be Identical**

1.) Illus: Marriage

a.) Husband and wife equal before God

b.) Husband and wife united

c.) Husband and wife have different roles within marriage

d.) Husband has headship (under Christ)

2.) Illus: Church

a.) All believers are equal before God

b.) All believers are united in Christ

c.) All believers have different roles and gifts to use

d.) Pastors have leadership authority (under Christ)

**F.) Israel was Given a Special Assignment in the Old Testament that Will be Fulfilled or God is Impotent**

**G. God may Choose to Make Special Promises to Individuals or Groups that are not Transferable**

1.) Luke 1:31 (Mary):

2.) Luke 2:25-32 (Simeon):

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# **“The Things which Are”**

## ***The King and His Kingdom Offered***

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### **I. The Kingdom Emphasis in the Gospels**

#### **A.) John the Baptist Anticipated the Kingdom**

- 1.) Malachi 3:1 =
- 2.) Matthew 3:2 =

#### **B.) Jesus Offered the Kingdom**

- 1.) Matthew 4:17 =

#### **C.) Ten Kingdom Parables**

- 1.) Matthew 13:3-9 = The Sower
- 2.) Matthew 13:24-30 = The Tares and Wheat
- 3.) Matthew 13:31-32 = The Mustard Seed
- 4.) Matthew 13:33 = Leaven
- 5.) Matthew 13:44 = Hidden Treasure
- 6.) Matthew 13:45 = A Costly Pearl
- 7.) Matthew 13:47-50 = The Dragnet
- 8.) Matthew 22:1-14 = The Marriage Feast
- 9.) Matthew 25:1-13 = The Ten Virgins

10.) Matthew 25:31-46 = Judgment

**D.) Jesus Anticipated a Future Kingdom**

1.) Matthew 19:27-30

- a.) Son of Man will sit on His throne
- b.) The disciples will sit on thrones

2.) Matthew 26:26-29

- a.) Celebrating Lord's Supper again

3.) Acts 1:6-8

- a.) Is this the time of the restored kingdom?
- b.) It's not to you to know the time

**E.) The Old Testament and New Testament are Completely Cohesive**

**II. The Kingdom Delayed: The Church Age**

**A.) The Kingdom Rejected**

1.) Matthew 12:22-37

- a.) Jesus accused of casting out demons in Satan's power
- b.) Jesus' tone changes toward Jewish leaders

2.) Matthew 14:1-12

- a.) John the Baptist beheaded
- b.) The forerunner is rejected

3.) Matthew 21:33-45

- a.) The parable of the landowner
- b.) The kingdom will be transferred (temporarily)
- c.) The parable is addressed to the Jewish leaders

**B.) The Church Age Begins**

1.) Gap between 69th and 70th week of Daniel's program

### III. Brief Background of Revelation

A.) **Author:**

B.) **Date:**

C.) **Location:**

D.) **Purpose:**

E.) **Title:**

### IV. The Revelation Churches

A.) **Introduction**

1.) Audience

a.) Churches in Asia Minor

b.) Symbolic of 7 Periods of Church History

*i.) Ephesus = Apostolic (A.D. 30-100)*

*ii.) Smyrna = Persecuted (A.D. 100-313)*

*iii.) Pergamos = State (A.D. 313-590)*

*iv.) Thyatira = Papal (A.D. 590-1517)*

*v.) Sardis = Reformed (A.D. 1517-1730)*

*vi.) Philadelphia = Missionary (A.D. 1730-1900)*

*vii.) Laodicea = Apostate (A.D. 1900 - ?)*

c.) All churches (Revelation 2:7)

2.) Outline of the Letters

a.) Greeting (identical)

b.) Reference to Son of Man

c.) Compliment

d.) Concern / Criticism / Complaint

e.) Warning / Admonishment (repent)

f.) Reward (one who conquers)

g.) Refrain (he who has an ear)

3.) Reference to Jesus

a.) Taken from chapter 1

b.) Applied to specific church / city

**B.) Ephesus: The City of Change**

1.) Revelation 2:1-7

2.) Background of Ephesus

a.) Paul's Asia Minor Headquarters

b.) Location

i.) *City moved several times*

ii.) *Harbor 'moved' (modern = gone)*

c.) Temple of Artemis

i.) *Artemis = goddess of fertility*

ii.) *Represented at one time by cyprus tree (tree of life)*

iii.) *Temple = one of seven wonders of world*

• *U-shaped cyprus altar*

• *Cyprus roof*

• *Called 'The Paradise of God'*

d.) Gate of the Province

i.) *Entryway into the province (many visitors)*

ii.) *Leading city in Asia Minor*

3.) Interpretation of the Letter

a.) Compliment:

i.) *Their work*

ii.) *Their perseverance*

iii.) *No endurance for evil men*

iv.) *Testing self-acclaimed apostles*

v.) *Rejection of the Nicolaitans*

• *Nothing known*

• *'nikao' = victory*

• *Gnostics denied the incarnation*

• *Enthusiasts believed they had victory over flesh and could not sin*

b.) Complaint:

i.) *Change - movement away from first love*

- c.) Admonishment:
  - i.) *Remember where you were*
  - ii.) *Repent*
  - iii.) *Repeat first deeds (love)*
- d.) Warning:
  - i.) *Remove your lampstand*
- e.) Reward:
  - i.) *(true) Tree of life = eternal life*
  - ii.) *(true) Paradise of God = heaven*
- f.) Application:

### C.) Smyrna: The City of Life

- 1.) Revelation 2:8-11
- 2.) Background of Smyrna
  - a.) Beautiful, Wealthy City
  - b.) Site of emperor worship (close association with Rome)
    - i.) *Acknowledge Caesar as lord*
    - ii.) *Burn small amount of incense*
    - iii.) *Required for voting, owning property, market?*
    - iv.) *Non-worshippers were persecuted*
  - c.) Huge synagogue
    - i.) *Partook in persecution of believers*
  - d.) Entire city was decimated for about 250 years
  - e.) 'Crown of Smyrna'
    - i.) *Appearance of hills around city*
    - ii.) *Layout of the city itself*
    - iii.) *Crown of garland used in worshipping gods*
- 3.) Interpretation of the Letter
  - a.) Compliment:
    - i.) *Enduring Tribulation & poverty*
    - ii.) *Enduring the 'Synagogue of Satan'*
  - b.) Complaint:
    - i.) *None*

- c.) Admonishment:
  - i.) *Do not fear what you will suffer*
  - ii.) *Be faithful through this testing / tribulation*
- d.) Warning:
  - i.) *None*
- e.) Reward:
  - i.) *The crown of life*
  - ii.) *Not hurt by the second death*
- f.) Application:

#### **D.) Pergamum: The Royal (Authority) City**

- 1.) Revelation 2:12-17
- 2.) Background of Pergamum
  - a.) Seat of Roman authority in the region
  - b.) Seat of emperor worship in region
  - c.) Called 'City of the Sword' = permission to execute
- 3.) Interpretation of the Letter
  - a.) Compliment:
    - i.) *Hold fast amidst Satan's throne*
      - *Emperor worship*
      - *Roman authority*
    - ii.) *Antipas' martyrdom (not only one)*
  - b.) Complaint:
    - i.) *Hold the teaching of Balaam / Balak*
      - *Eat food sacrificed to idols*
      - *Commit acts of immorality*
    - ii.) *Hold the teachings of the Nicolaitans*
  - c.) Admonishment:
    - i.) *Repent*
  - d.) Warning:
    - i.) *Christ is coming and will make war (sword)*
  - e.) Reward:
    - i.) *Hidden manna*
    - ii.) *White stone with new name*

f.) Application:

## E.) Thyatira: Weakness Made Strong

1.) Revelation 2:18-29

2.) Background of Thyatira

a.) The city was pretty much defenseless

i.) *Feeling of weakness, subjection and dependence*

ii.) *Purpose was to slow down invading army allowing time for forces to be concentrated beyond it*

b.) Working industrial town

i.) *Factories*

ii.) *Pottery; glass; crystal; iron; bronze; linen*

c.) City burned down

3.) Interpretation of the Letter

a.) Compliment:

i.) *Deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance increasing*

b.) Complaint:

i.) *Tolerate Jezebel*

• *False prophet*

• *Commit immorality / eat food sacrificed*

• *Non-repentant*

c.) Admonishment:

i.) *Implied repentance of those who tolerate*

ii.) *Others: no burden*

iii.) *Hold fast*

d.) Warning:

i.) *Jezebel*

• *Cast upon bed of sickness*

• *Great tribulation*

• *Kill children with pestilence*

ii.) *Give each one according to deeds*

e.) Reward:

i.) *Authority over the nations*

ii.) *Morning star*

f.) Application:

## F.) Sardis: The City of Death

- 1.) Revelation 3:1-6
- 2.) Background of Sardis
  - a.) Natural citadel
  - b.) Lack of vigilance led to two defeats
    - i.) *Small defect in rear wall (occurred over period of time and unobserved)—used to scale at night (or else they would have seen and dropped stones, etc).*
    - ii.) *Second time, unguarded rear*
  - c.) Destroyed by great earthquake in A.D. 17
- 3.) Interpretation of the Letter
  - a.) Compliment:
    - i.) *A few people have not soiled their garments*
  - b.) Complaint:
    - i.) *You have a name of being alive, but are dead*
  - c.) Admonishment:
    - i.) *Wake up*
    - ii.) *Strengthen what remains*
    - iii.) *Remember what you received*
    - iv.) *Repent*
  - d.) Warning:
    - i.) *I will come like a thief in the night*
  - e.) Reward:
    - i.) *Faithful will walk with Christ in white*
    - ii.) *Name remains in book of life*
    - iii.) *Name confessed before the Father*
  - f.) Application:

## G.) Philadelphia: The Missionary City

- 1.) Revelation 3:7-13
- 2.) Background of Philadelphia
  - a.) Frontier outpost
  - b.) Called 'City of the Door'
  - c.) Renamed several times

- d.) Destroyed by great earthquake in A.D. 17
  - i.) *People lived outside of the city for quite a while*
  - ii.) *People lived in dread of disaster*

3.) Interpretation of the Letter

- a.) Compliment:
  - i.) *Kept God's word and not denied His name*
- b.) Complaint:
  - i.) *None*
- c.) Admonishment:
  - i.) *Hold fast*
- d.) Warning:
  - i.) *None*
- e.) Reward:
  - i.) *An open door of opportunity*
  - ii.) *Synagogue of Satan will bow to them*
  - iii.) *Kept from hour of testing*
  - iv.) *Pillar in temple of God*
  - v.) *Remain in temple of God*
  - vi.) *New names written*
- f.) Application:

**H.) Laodicea: The City of Compromise**

- 1.) Revelation 3:14-22
- 2.) Background of Laodicea
  - a.) Three key industries
    - i.) *Banking*
    - ii.) *Clothing (black togas)*
    - iii.) *Eye & Ear medical school (salve)*
  - b.) Wealthy and vain city
    - i.) *Refused Roman funding (no need / no soldiers)*
  - c.) It was a 'moderate' city
    - i.) *Adapted to needs and wishes of others (banking)*
    - ii.) *Accommodating, willing to compromise*
    - iii.) *Toleration / allowance*
  - d.) Problem
    - i.) *Lycus River nearby (not good drinking water)*

ii.) *Water from 2 nearby cities*

- *Colossae = room temp with junk in it*
- *Hieropolis = room temp with sulfur (had to get used to it)*

3.) Interpretation of the Letter

a.) Compliment:

i.) *None*

b.) Complaint:

i.) *Lukewarm*

ii.) *Proud*

c.) Admonishment:

i.) *Buy gold from Christ*

ii.) *Buy white garments*

iii.) *Buy eye salve*

iv.) *Be zealous and repent*

d.) Warning:

i.) *None*

e.) Reward:

i.) *Reprove and discipline*

ii.) *Christ will come in and dine*

iii.) *Sit with Christ on His throne*

f.) Application:

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# “The Things which Shall Take Place”

## *The King and His Kingdom Actualized*

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### I. Key People of the End Times

#### A.) **The Antichrist (Beast)**

##### 1.) Primary passages

- a.) Ezekiel 28:1-10
- b.) Daniel 7:7-8, 20-26
- c.) Daniel 8:23-25
- d.) Daniel 9:26-27
- e.) Daniel 11:36-45
- f.) 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10
- g.) Revelation 3:1-10
- h.) Revelation 17:8-14

##### 2.) His identity

- a.) Gentile (rising out of the sea)
- b.) Presently restrained by the Holy Spirit
- c.) A political leader with world-wide influence (rule)
- d.) His rise comes through a program of peace
- e.) Intelligent, persuasive, subtle and crafty

##### 3.) His activities

- a.) Absolute authoritative rule
- b.) Makes a 7-year covenant with Israel (begins Tribulation)
- c.) He establishes himself as god to be worshipped

- d.) Receives authority from Satan
  - e.) Great adversary of Israel
  - f.) Gains control of Palestine (HQ in Jerusalem)
  - g.) Destroys the religious system he established
  - h.) Satanic power wielded in final half of Tribulation
- 4.) The term 'Antichrist'
- a.) Appears only in 1 John and 2 John
  - b.) John's use is general (not referring to the beast)

## **B.) The False Prophet**

- 1.) Primary passages
- a.) Revelation 13:11-17
  - a.) Revelation 19:20
  - b.) Revelation 20:10
- 2.) His identity
- a.) Also called the 'second beast'
  - b.) Jew (rising out of the land)
  - c.) Influential religious leader
  - d.) Motivated by Satan
  - e.) Receives delegated authority
- 3.) His activities
- a.) Promotes worship of Antichrist
  - b.) Performs signs and wonders
  - c.) Deceives the unbelieving world
  - d.) Has power of death in compelling people to worship
  - e.) Has authority over commerce
  - f.) Promotes marking followers of the Antichrist

## C.) The Alliance

### 1.) Primary passages

- a.) Ezekiel 38-39
- b.) Daniel 2
- c.) Daniel 7
- d.) Daniel 11
- e.) Joel 2:1-27
- f.) Isaiah 10:12
- g.) Isaiah 30:31-33
- h.) Isaiah 31:8-9
- i.) Revelation 13:1-3
- j.) Revelation 16:12
- k.) Revelation 17:8-14

### 2.) Their identity

- a.) Rome plays a role (Rome = figurative?)
- b.) 10 Powers / 10 Kings
- c.) The Northern Confederacy
  - i.) *Modern Russia?*
  - ii.) *Ethiopia?*
  - iii.) *Germany?*
  - iv.) *Iran?*
- d.) The Kings of the East
  - i.) *Asiatic alliance?*
- e.) The King of the South
  - i.) *Egypt?*

### 3.) Their activity

- a.) The powers defer to Antichrist
- b.) War with Israel
- c.) War with Christ

## D.) The Two Witnesses

- 1.) Primary passages
  - a.) Revelation 11:3-12
- 2.) Their identity
  - a.) They are two men who have lived before
    - i.) *Elijah*
    - ii.) *Moses?*
    - iii.) *Enoch?*
  - b.) They cannot be identified
- 3.) Their activity
  - a.) They will prophecy for 1/2 of the Tribulation
  - b.) They have supernatural power
    - i.) *Kill their enemies with fire*
    - ii.) *Keep it from raining*
    - iii.) *Turn water to blood*
    - iv.) *Bring plagues upon the earth*
  - c.) They will be killed by Antichrist
  - d.) They will be raised after 3 1/2 days

## E.) Babylon

- 1.) Primary passages
  - a.) Revelation 17-18
- 2.) It's identity
  - a.) Harlot
  - b.) Religious system
  - c.) Political system
  - d.) Worldwide
- 3.) It's activity
  - a.) Great persecutor of the saints
  - b.) Destroyed by Antichrist

## II. Key Events of the End Times

### A.) **The Tribulation / Rapture**

#### 1.) Definition

- a.) 'Thlipsis' = a pressing down, crushing; trampling grapes
- b.) This term can be used in two senses
  - i.) *General = An ordeal of life*
  - ii.) *Technical = The Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21)*
- c.) It's nature = an outpouring of God's wrath/judgment
- d.) It's scope = the entire globe
- e.) It's purpose = to judge unbelievers / prepare Israel
- f.) It's exemption = the church (Ephesians 5:25; Romans 5:9)
- g.) It's signs = Matthew 24

#### 2.) Primary Passages

##### a.) Old Testament

- i.) *Jeremiah 30:7*
- ii.) *Daniel 9:27; 11:36; 12:1*
- iii.) *Isaiah 26:20; 28:15,18,21; 34:8; 35:4; 61:2*
- iv.) *Obadiah 12-14*
- v.) *Zephaniah 1:15-16*
- vi.) *Amos 5:18,20*
- vii.) *Joel 2:2*

##### b.) New Testament

- i.) *Matthew 24*
- ii.) *1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:2,9*
- iii.) *Revelation 6; 8; 9; 16*
- iv.) *Revelation 2:22; 3:10; 7:14; 11:18; 14:7,10,19; 15:1,7*

#### 3.) The Signs of the Tribulation

##### a.) Matthew 24

- b.) The contextual audience = Matthew 24:1
- c.) The contextual question = Matthew 24:3
- d.) The 'Birthpang' Signs (v. 8)
  - i.) *False Messiahs (v. 5)*
  - ii.) *Wars and rumors of wars (v. 6)*
  - iii.) *Famines (v. 7)*
  - iv.) *Earthquakes (v. 7)*

- e.) The "Tribulation" Signs (v. 9)
  - i.) *Martyrdom (v. 9)*
  - ii.) *Apostasy / betrayal (v. 10)*
  - iii.) *False prophets (v. 11)*
  - iv.) *Increase in lawlessness (v. 12)*
  - v.) *Cold heartedness (v. 12)*
  - vi.) *Kingdom preached to world (v. 14)*
  - vii.) *Abomination of Desolation (v. 15)*
  - viii.) *Darkened sky (v. 29)*

4.) The Three Series of Judgments

a.) The Seven Seal Judgments

- i.) *Revelation 6:1-2 = Cold War (Political conquest)*
- ii.) *Revelation 6:3-4 = Open War*
- iii.) *Revelation 6:5-6 = Famine*
- iv.) *Revelation 6:7-8 = Death (famine / pestilence)*
- v.) *Revelation 6:9-11 = Martyrdom*
- vi.) *Revelation 6:12-17 = Earthquakes / disturbances*
- vii.) *Revelation 8:5 = Thunder / lightning / quake*

b.) The Seven Trumpet Judgments

- i.) *Revelation 8:7 = Hail / fire / 1/3 earth burned*
- ii.) *Revelation 8:8-9 = 1/3 sea to blood / death*
- iii.) *Revelation 8:10-11 = 1/3 waters to bitter*
- iv.) *Revelation 8:12 = 1/3 of sun and light dimmed*
- v.) *Revelation 9:1-6 = Demonic creatures*
- vi.) *Revelation 9:13-16 = 1/3 mankind dies*
- vii.) *Revelation 11:15 = Voice from heaven*

c.) The Seven Bowl Judgments

- i.) *Revelation 16:2 = Sores*
- ii.) *Revelation 16:3 = Sea to blood / death*
- iii.) *Revelation 16:4-7 = Rivers to blood*
- iv.) *Revelation 16:8-9 = Scorching fire*
- v.) *Revelation 16:10-11 = Darkness*
- vi.) *Revelation 16:12 = Euphrates dried up*
- vii.) *Revelation 16:17-21 = Massive destruction*

5.) The World's Response to the Tribulation Judgments

- a.) Revelation 9:20-21 =
- b.) Revelation 11:18 =
- c.) Revelation 16:9,11 =

## 6.) The Rapture

### a.) Definition

- i.) To be 'caught up' (1 Thessalonians 4:17)*
- ii.) The deliverance of the church to be with Christ*
- iii.) The rapture is distinct from the second coming*
- iv.) The church will be raptured*
  - *Dead in Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:17)*
  - *Those who remain (1 Thessalonians 4:18)*

### b.) Primary passages

- i.) John 14:1-3*
- ii.) 1 Corinthians 15:51-57*
- iii.) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

### c.) The Three Views

- i.) Pretribulation = At the start of the 7 years*
  - *Romans 5:9*
  - *1 Thessalonians 1:10*
  - *Revelation 3:10*
  - *'Church' absent after Revelation 3*
  - *It's Immanence (Mark 13:32)*
- ii.) Midtribulation = 3.5 years into the 7 years*
- iii.) Posttribulation = at the end of the 7 years*

### d.) Matthew 24:37-42

- i.) General context = Israel*
- ii.) Those 'taken' in Noah's day = death*
- iii.) Taken from field and mill =*

## B.) **The Church's Judgment and Marriage**

### 1.) The Bema Judgment

#### a.) Primary Passages

- i.) Romans 14:10*
- ii.) 1 Corinthians 3:9-15*
- iii.) 2 Corinthians 5:10*

#### b.) It's Purpose

- i.) 'Bema' = Grecian games rewarding of athletes*
- ii.) Reward and loss of reward*
- iii.) Motive of works evaluated*

#### c.) It's Location

- i.) In heaven with Christ*
- ii.) After rapture / during Tribulation*

## 2.) The Marriage of the Lamb

### a.) Primary Passages

- i.) *John 3:29*
- ii.) *Romans 7:4*
- iii.) *2 Corinthians 11:2*
- iv.) *Ephesians 5:25-33*
- v.) *Revelation 19:7-8*
- vi.) *Revelation 21:1-22:7*

### b.) It's Time and Location

- i.) *Before the second coming (Revelation 19:7)*
  - *The marriage has come (a completed act)*
- ii.) *After the Bema judgment (Revelation 19:8)*
  - *Accepted by Christ*
- iii.) *The marriage will occur in heaven*

### c.) It's Participant

- i.) *OT saints raised after (Daniel 12:1-3; Isaiah 26:19-21)*
- ii.) *Tribulation saints raised after (Revelation 20:4-6)*
- iii.) *The church is the bride*

## C.) **Israel Turns**

### 1.) Israel Turns to Christ

#### a.) Primary Passages

- i.) *Deuteronomy 4:29-31; 30:1-10*
- ii.) *Isaiah 27:12-13; 43:5-7*
- iii.) *Jeremiah 16:14-15; 31:7-10*
- iv.) *Ezekiel 11:14-18*
- v.) *Amos 9:14-15*
- vi.) *Zechariah 10:8-12*
- vii.) *Matthew 24:31*
- viii.) *Romans 11*

#### b.) The scope of the turning

- i.) *All Israel (Romans 11:26)*
- ii.) *Is 'all' literal or figurative?*
  - *100%*
  - *Most*

#### c.) The timing of the turning

- i.) *At the completion of the Tribulation*
- ii.) *Fulfilling the purpose of the Tribulation*

- 2.) The Identity of the Woman in Revelation 12
  - a.) The three persons of chapter 12
    - i.) *The Red Dragon = Satan*
    - ii.) *The child = Jesus*
    - iii.) *The woman*
      - *Mary (not persecuted/cared 1260 days)*
      - *Church (did not produce Christ)*
      - *Israel*
      - *Context = 11:19*
      - *Woman = Isaiah 47:7-9; Jeremiah 4:31, etc.*
      - *Wilderness = Israel's past*
  - b.) The timing of chapter 12
    - i.) *Past (vv. 1-5)*
    - ii.) *Future (v. 6)*
    - iii.) *Future or Past (vv. 7-12)*
    - iv.) *Future or Past (v. 13)*
    - v.) *Future (vv. 14-17)*
  - c.) The future events of chapter 12
    - i.) *Midpoint of the Tribulation (vv. 6; 14)*
    - ii.) *Two witnesses killed (11:7)*
    - iii.) *Babylon overthrown by Antichrist (17:6)*
    - iv.) *Antichrist breaks treaty with Israel (Dan 9:27)*
    - v.) *Antichrist demands worship (13:8)*
    - vi.) *Intense persecution and fleeing of the Jews*

#### D.) **Armageddon**

- 1.) Primary Passages
  - a.) Ezekiel 38-39
  - b.) Joel 3:2
  - c.) Zechariah 12:2-11
  - d.) Revelation 16:12-16
  - e.) Revelation 19:17-21
- 2.) Definition of Armageddon
  - a.) Military campaign during last half of Tribulation
  - b.) Location = Hill of Megiddo
    - i.) *West of Jordan River*
    - ii.) *10 miles south of Nazareth; 15 miles inland*

- c.) Participants (See pg. 26)
    - i.) Antichrist and the 10 kings*
    - ii.) The northern federation*
    - iii.) The King of the East*
    - iv.) The King of the South*
    - v.) Israel*
    - vi.) The Lord and His army (angels? church?)*
  - d.) Timing
    - i.) After Israel's restoration to the land (Ezek 38:11)*
    - ii.) As part of Israel's conversion (Ezekiel 39:22)*
    - iii.) The campaign begins at the midpoint of the Tribulation and runs during the second half*
- 3.) Purpose of Armageddon
- a.) Judgment of rebellion (Joel 3:2)
  - b.) Clear world before Millennium
  - c.) Binding of Satan (20:2)

## **E.) Christ's Second Coming**

- 1.) Primary Passages
  - a.) Daniel 7:9-14
  - b.) Daniel 12:1-3
  - c.) Zechariah 12:10-11
  - d.) Zechariah 14:1-15
  - e.) Matthew 25:31-34
  - f.) Acts 1:9-11
  - g.) 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10
  - h.) 2 Peter 3:8-13
  - i.) Revelation 1:3
  - j.) Revelation 19:11-20:6
  - k.) Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

- 2.) Timing
  - a.) At the conclusion of the Tribulation
  - b.) The Old Testament saints rise (Daniel 12:2; Isaiah 26:19)
  - c.) The Tribulation saints rise (Rev 20:4)
  - d.) Christ establishes His earthly kingdom
  - e.) Millennium begins
- 3.) Location
  - a.) The Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4)

## F.) **The Millennial Kingdom**

- 1.) Primary Passages
  - a.) Psalm 2:6-9
  - b.) Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:6-9; 65:18-23
  - c.) Jeremiah 31:12-14
  - d.) Ezekiel 34:25-29; 37:1-6; 40-48
  - e.) Daniel 7:13-14
  - f.) Joel 2:21-27
  - g.) Amos 9:13-14
  - h.) Micah 4:1-7
  - i.) Zephaniah 3:9-20
  - j.) Zechariah 14:9
  - k.) Matthew 19:27-30
  - l.) Revelation 20
- 2.) Satan, the Beast and the False Prophet Bound
  - a.) Revelation 20:2
  - b.) This is a temporary binding
- 3.) Description of the Millennium (Pentecost, *Things to Come*, 487-90)
  - a.) Peace (Isaiah 2:4)
  - b.) Joy (Isaiah 9:3-4)
  - c.) Holiness (Isaiah 1:26-27)

- d.) Comfort (Isaiah 12:1-2)
  - e.) Justice (Isaiah 9:7)
  - f.) Removal of curse (Isaiah 11:6-9)
  - g.) Sickness removed (Isaiah 33:24)
  - h.) Preservation of life? (Isaiah 41:8-14)
  - i.) Reproduction by living people (Ezekiel 47:22)
  - j.) Economic prosperity (Isaiah 4:1)
  - k.) Increase in light (Isaiah 4:5)
- 4.) Participants of the Kingdom
- a.) Christ and the church
  - b.) The Resurrected OT Saints (Daniel 12:2; Isaiah 26:19)
  - c.) The Resurrected Tribulation Saints (Revelation 20:4)
  - d.) The Surviving Tribulation Saints
  - e.) Converted Israel
  - f.) No unbelievers at start (Armageddon)
- 5.) The Millennial Temple
- a.) Primary Passages
    - i.) *Isaiah 56:7; 66:20-23*
    - ii.) *Jeremiah 33:18*
    - iii.) *Ezekiel 40-46*
    - iv.) *Zechariah 14:16-21*
    - v.) *Malachi 3:3-4*
  - b.) It's Description
    - i.) *Similarities of Aaronic/Millennial Temple worship*
      - *An altar (Ezekiel 43:13-17)*
      - *Sprinkling of blood (Ezekiel 43:18)*
      - *Burnt, sin, trespass offerings (Ezekiel 40:39)*
      - *Levites (Ezekiel 43:19)*
      - *Passover feast (Ezekiel 45:21-25)*
      - *Feast of Tabernacles (Ezekiel 45:25)*
      - *Year of jubilee (Ezekiel 46:17)*

ii.) *Differences of Aaronic/Millennial Temple worship*

- *Change in Temple layout*
- *No Ark of the Covenant*
- *No Mercy Seat*
- *No Showbread*
- *No Veil*
- *No Holy of Holies*

c.) *It's Purpose*

- i.) *Demonstrate God's holiness*
- ii.) *Offer memorial sacrifices*
- iii.) *Offer ceremonial purification*

**G.) The Eternal State**

1.) Satan's Release and Rebellion

- a.) Revelation 20:7-8
- b.) The army = unbelievers born during the Millennium

2.) Satan's Demise

- a.) Revelation 20:9-10
- b.) Thrown into lake of fire
- c.) Eternal punishment

3.) The Great White Throne Judgment

- a.) Revelation 20:11-15
- b.) The second resurrection = all unbelievers
- c.) Judgment based on evil works, rejection of Christ
- d.) Destination = the Lake of Fire
  - i.) *Eternal*
  - ii.) *Matthew 25:46*

4.) New Jerusalem and Eternal State

- a.) Revelation 21:1-22:5
- b.) Key Question of the New Jerusalem
  - i.) *Is this a city during the Millennium?*
  - ii.) *Is this a description of the eternal state?*
  - iii.) *Is this both?*

c.) Description

- i.) No longer any sea (Revelation 21:1)*
- ii.) All things made new (Revelation 21:1)*
- iii.) No longer any unclean (Revelation 21:1)*
- iv.) No longer death, crying or pain (Revelation 21:4)*
- v.) No longer any night (Revelation 21:25)*
- vi.) No longer a curse (Revelation 22:3)*
- vii.) See the Father face-to-face (Revelation 22:4)*
- viii.) No longer a sun (Revelation 22:5)*

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# Epilogue

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What should the result of your study of the end times be?

1. Worship
  - a.) Revelation 22:8-9
  - b.) Revelation 5
  
2. Evangelism
  - a.) Revelation 22:7, 10-11
  - b.) Matthew 25:14-30
  
3. Excitement
  - a.) Revelation 22:12-16
  - b.) Philippians 1:21
  
4. Expectancy
  - a.) Revelation 22:17-21
  - b.) James 5:8

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# Appendix

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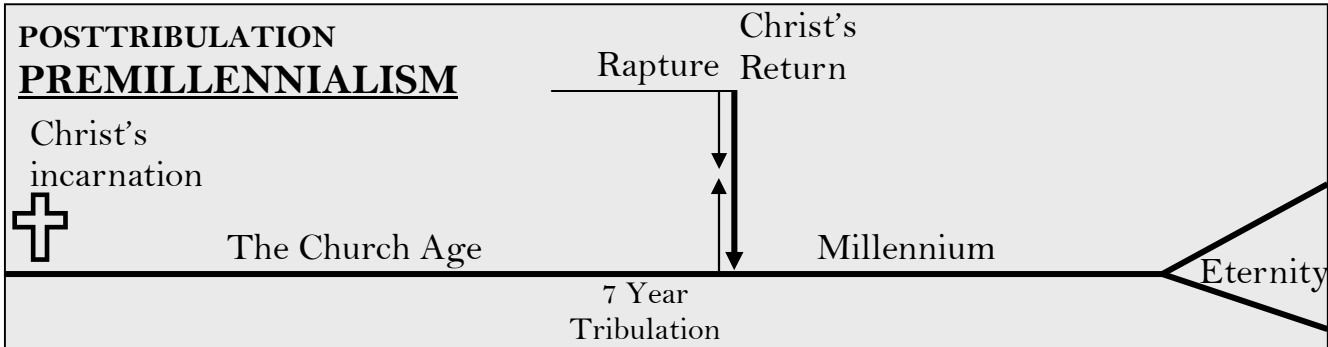
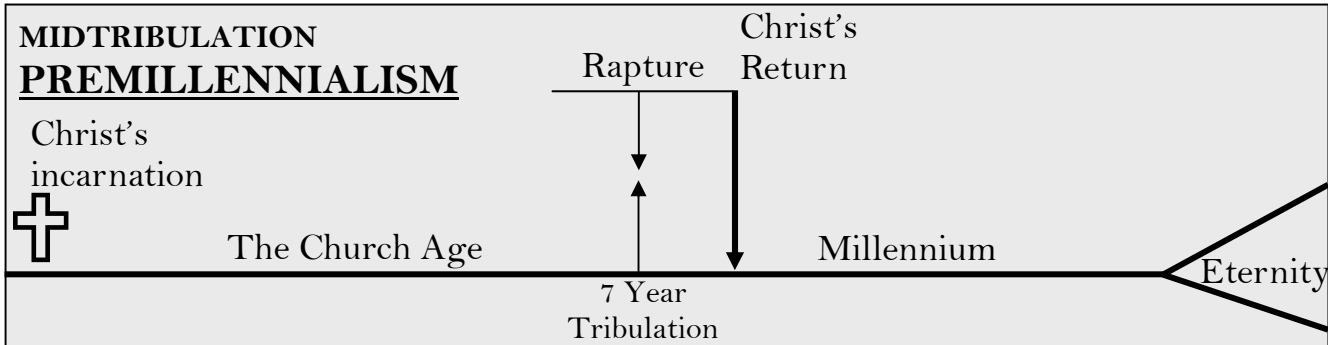
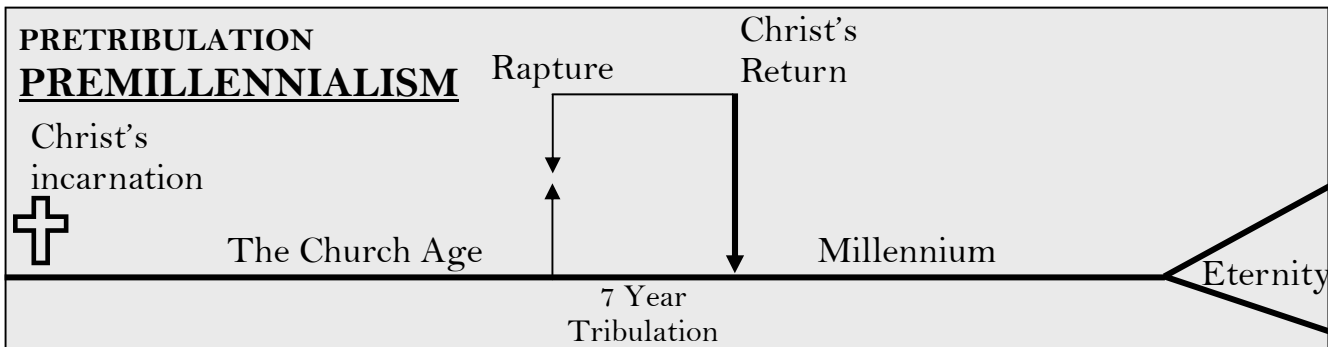
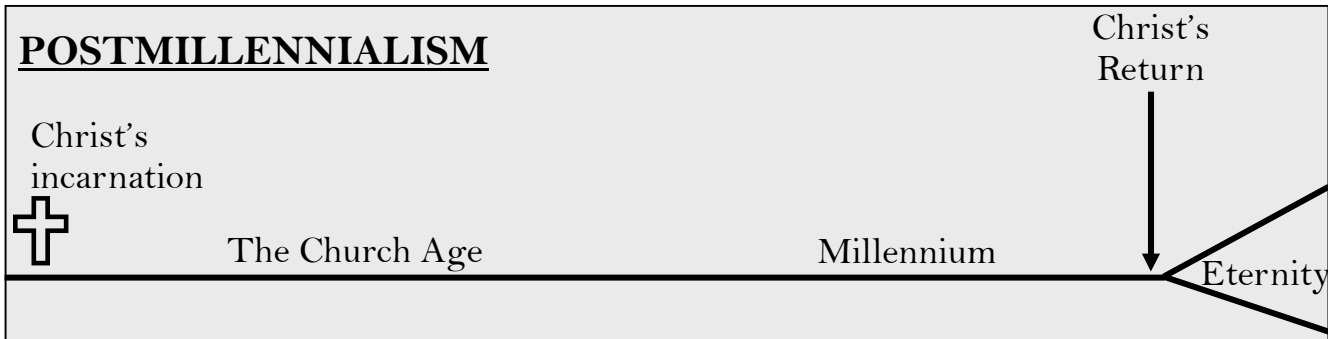
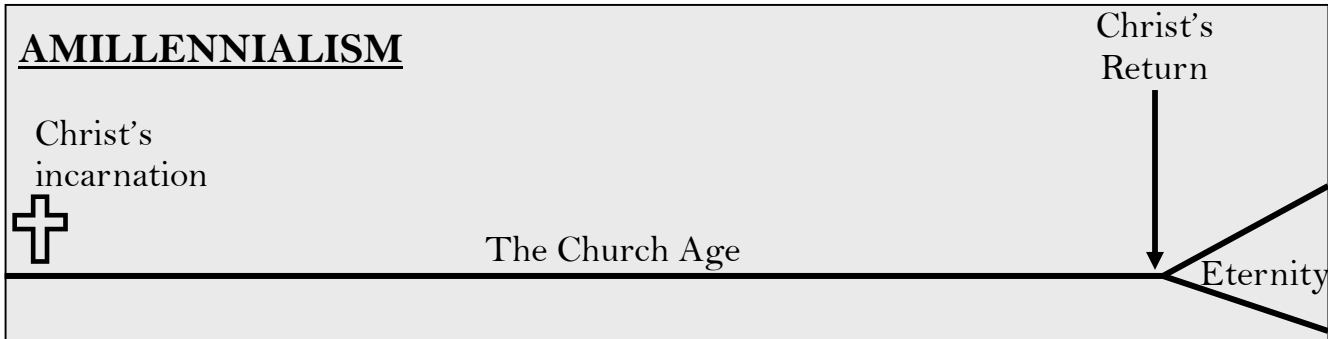
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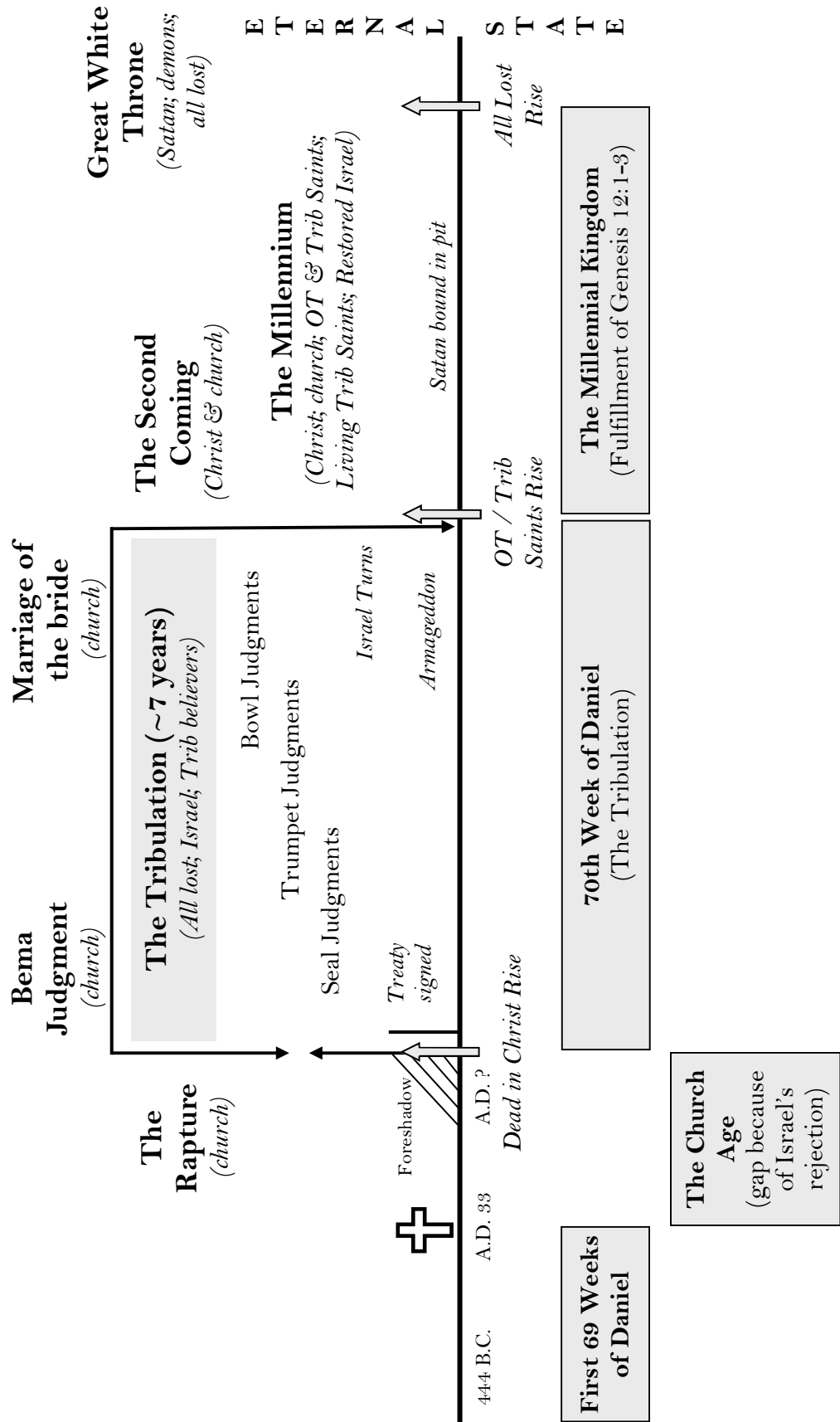
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