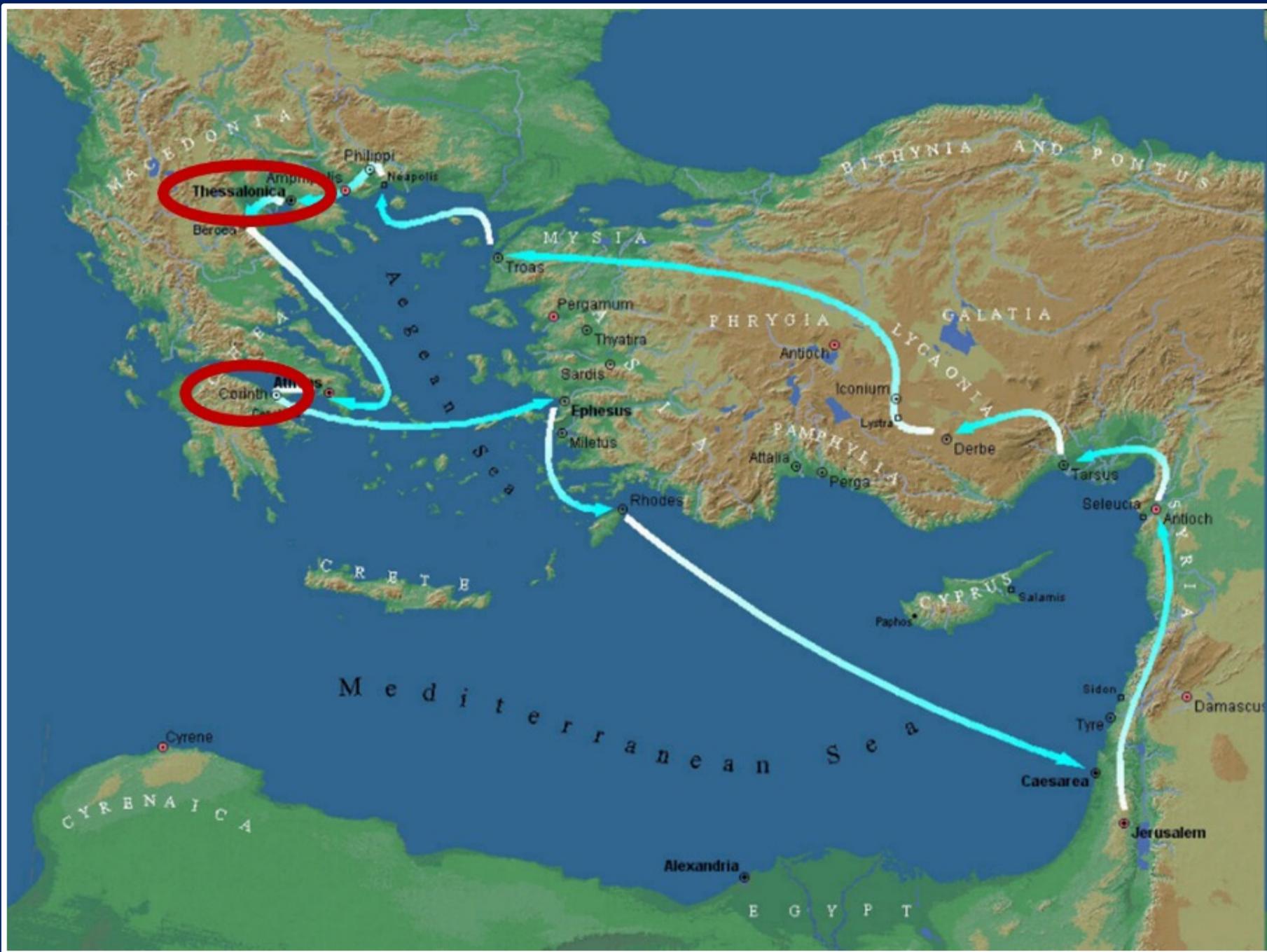


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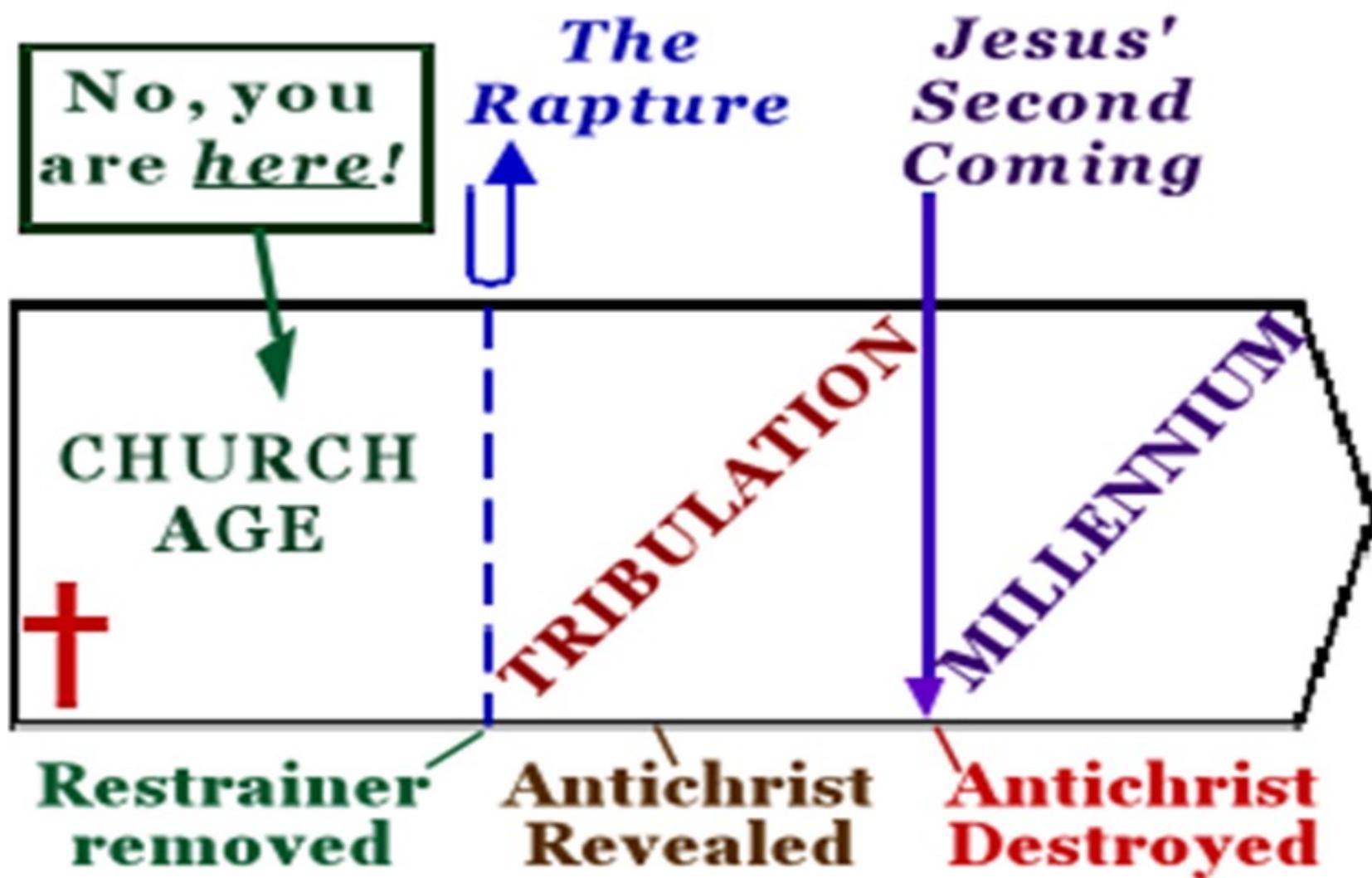


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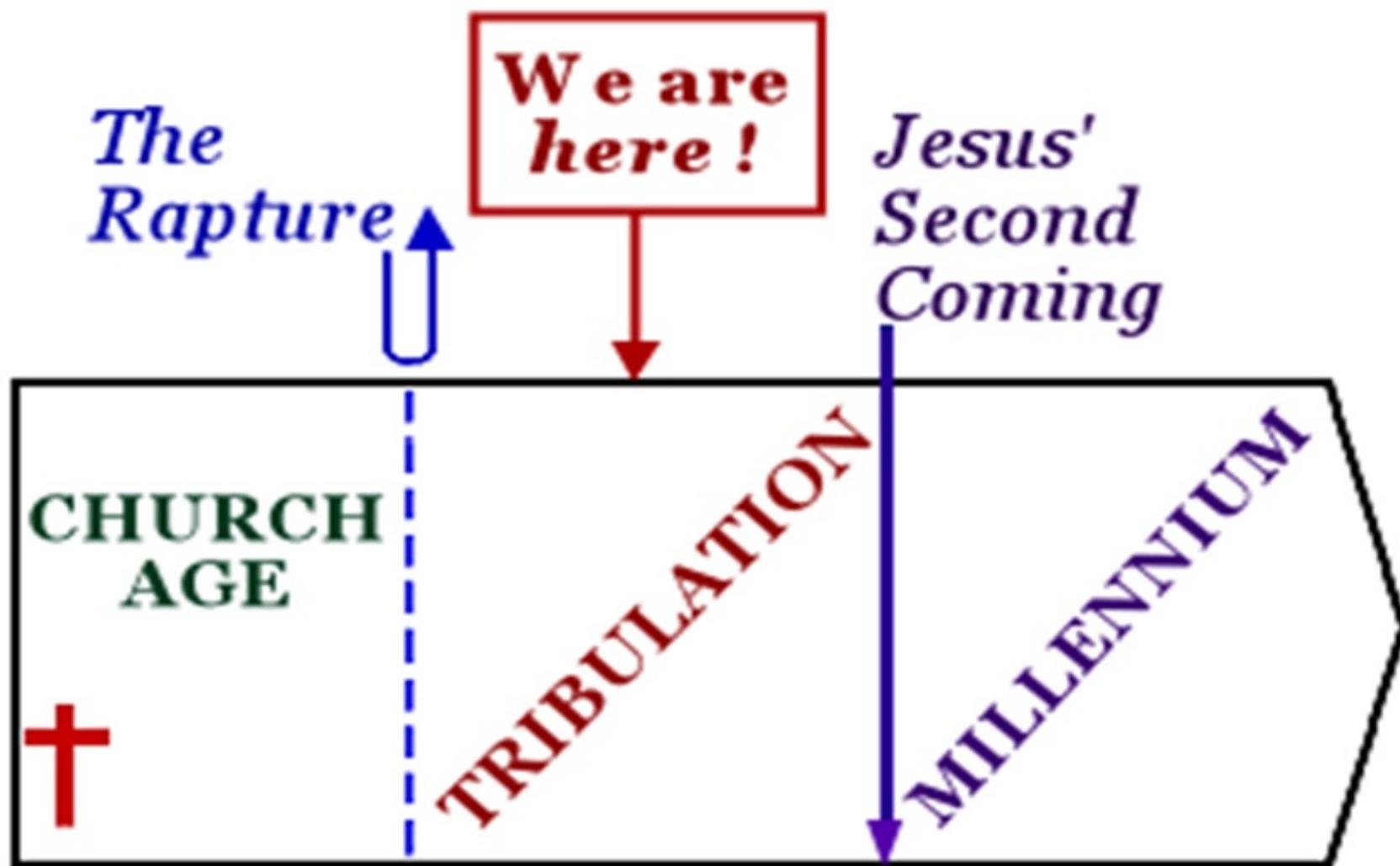
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4.	Heralded by a forerunner	<b>John 1:23</b>	Rev. 13:12
5.	Forerunner comes in the Spirit and power of Elijah	<b>Luke 1:17</b>	1 Kgs. 8:37-38; Rev. 13:13
6.	Empowered by a higher source	<b>1 Cor. 6:14</b>	Rev. 13:4
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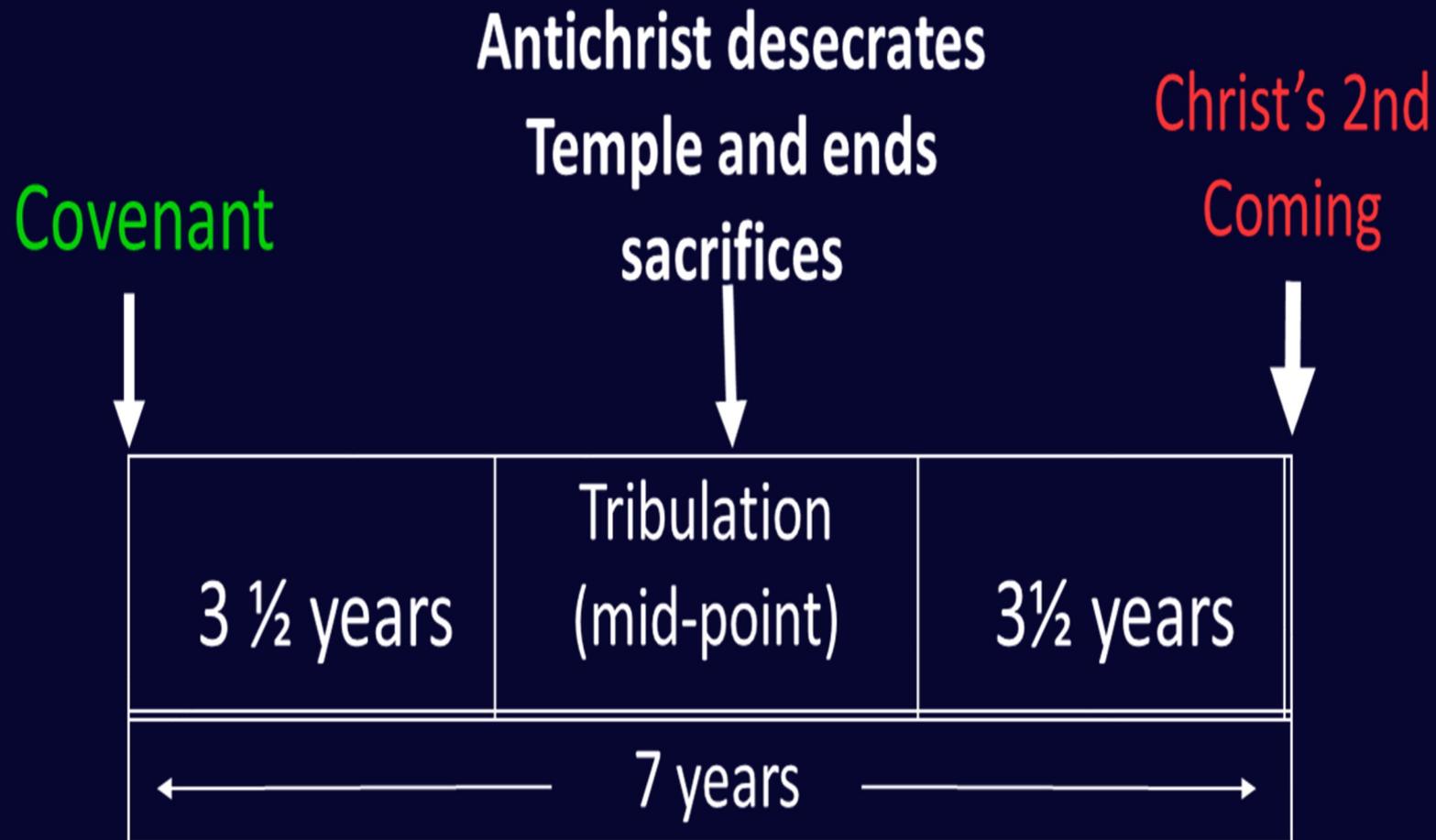
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3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)

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“There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.”

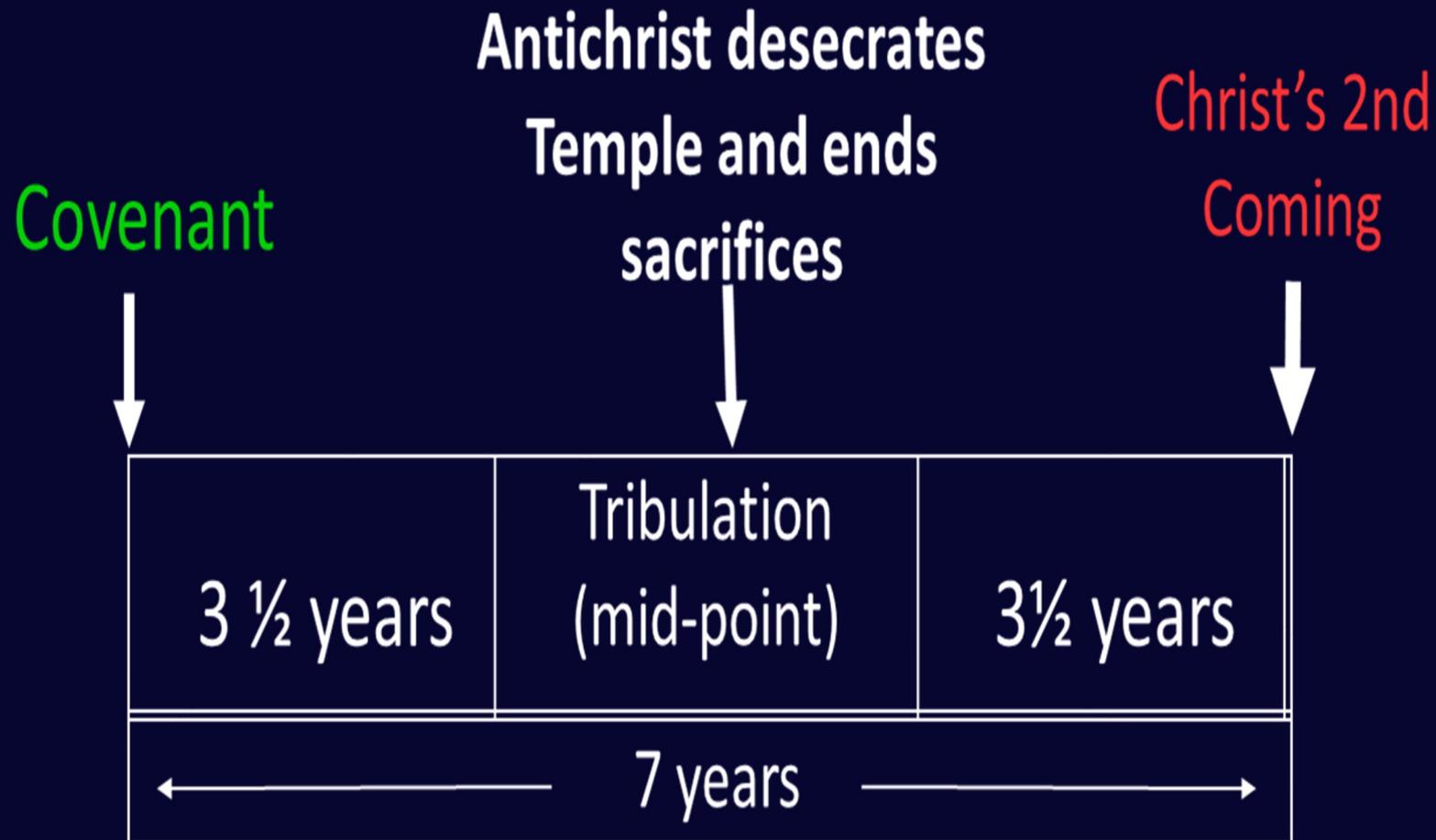


## Daniel 7:25

“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a **time, times, and half a time.**”



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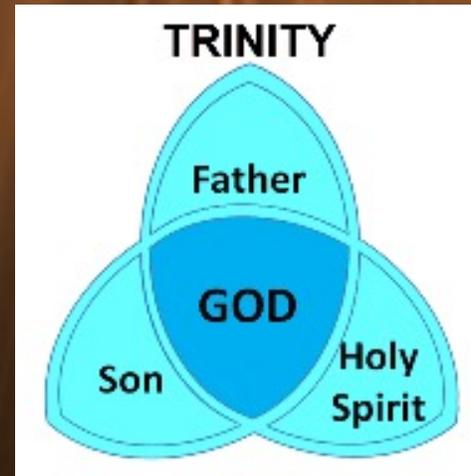


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# Ephesians 4:30

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”



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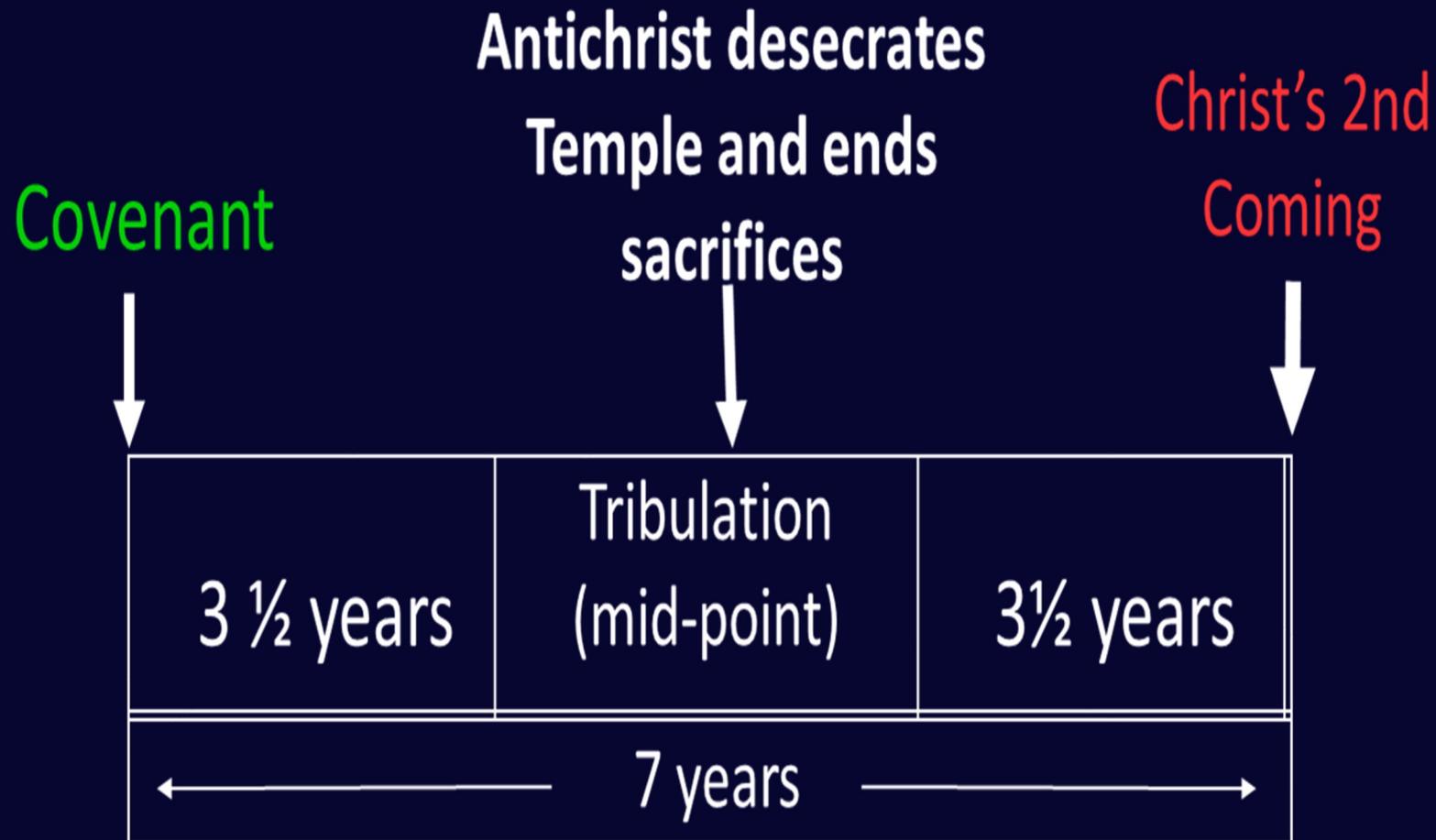
<sup>16</sup> **And he causes all**, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, **to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead**, <sup>17</sup> and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.



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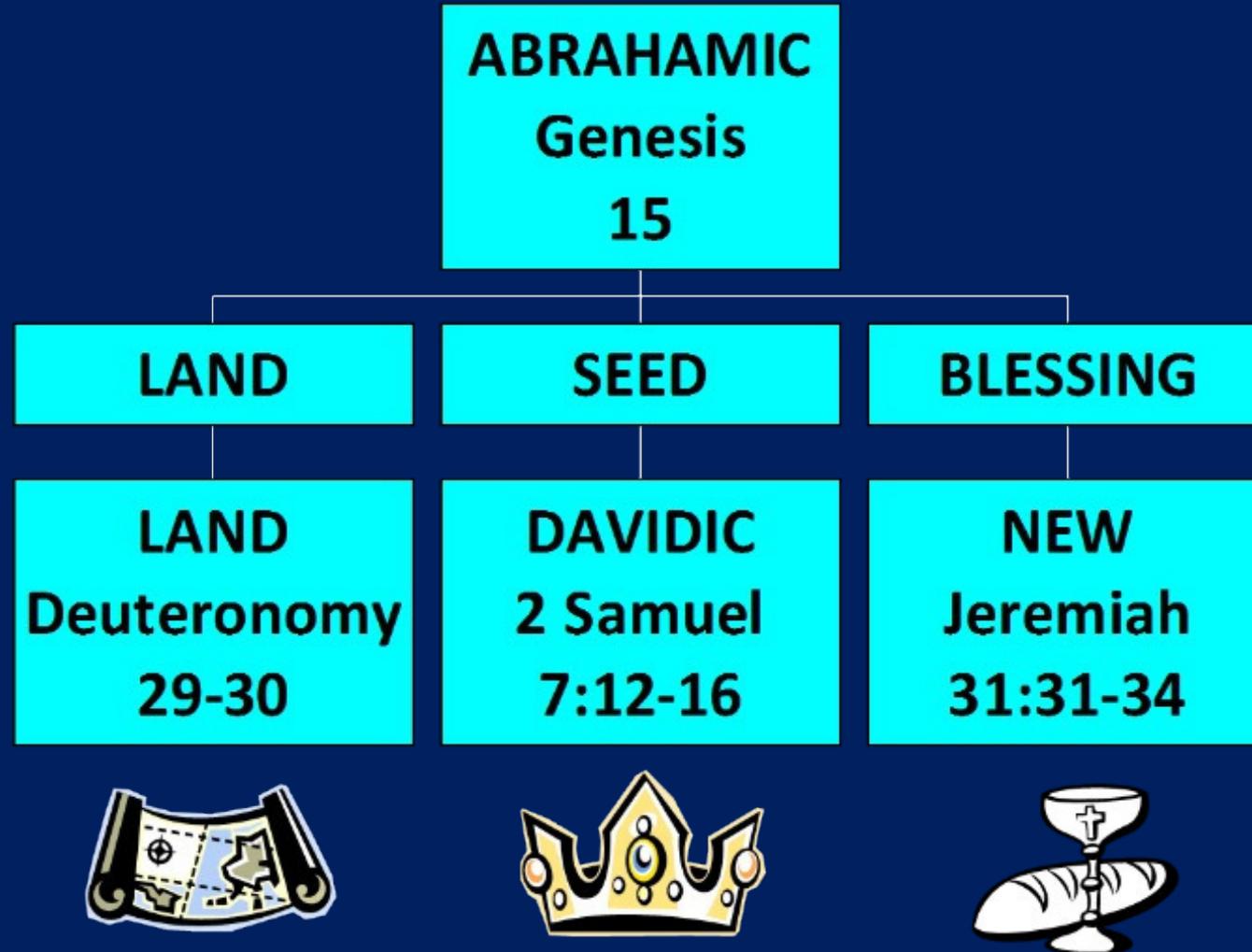
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## Genesis 15:18-21

<sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: <sup>19</sup> the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite <sup>20</sup> and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim <sup>21</sup> and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.”



# Abrahamic Covenant



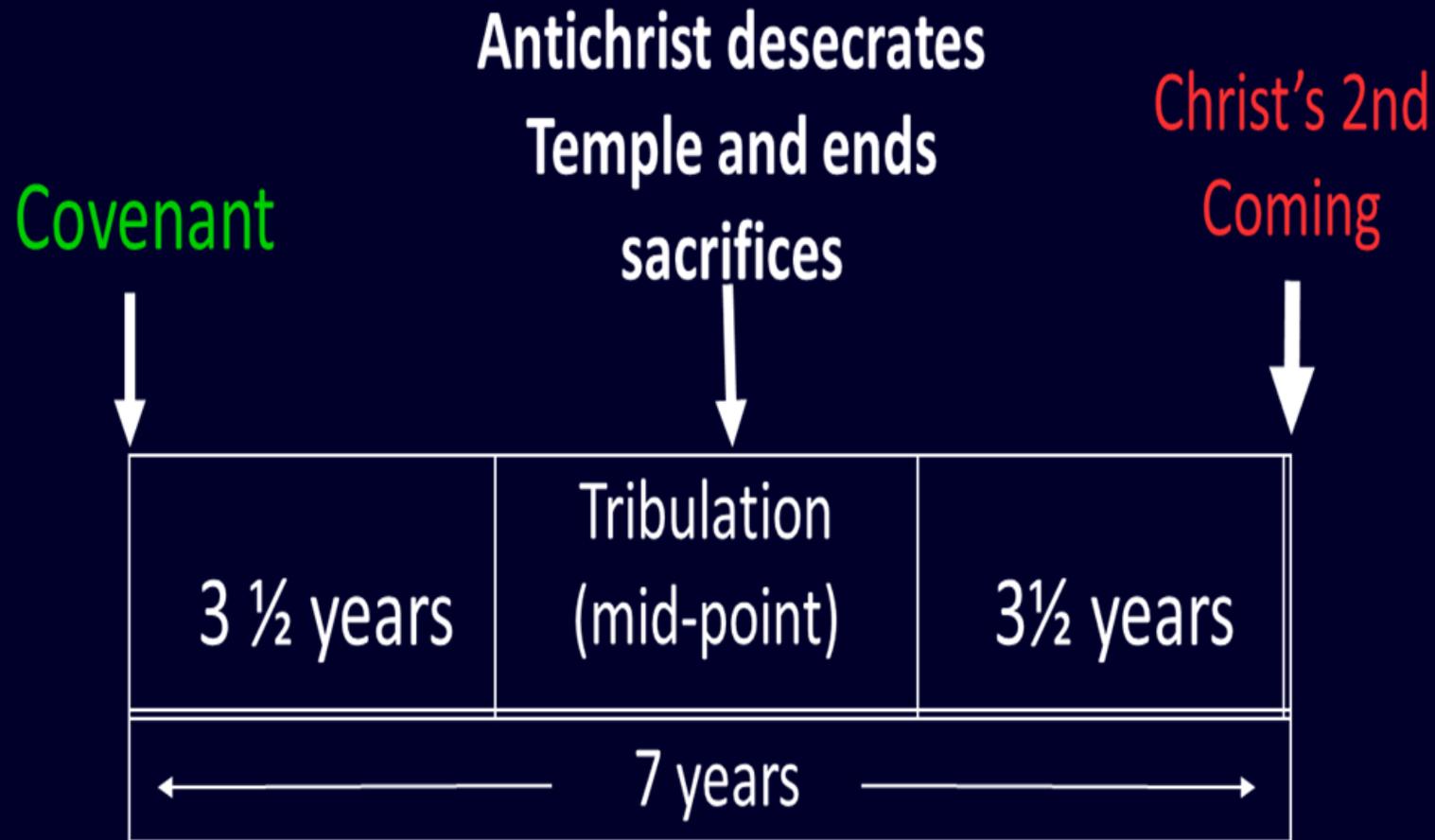
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## Isaiah 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup> “The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised **above** the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.<sup>3</sup> And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; . . .



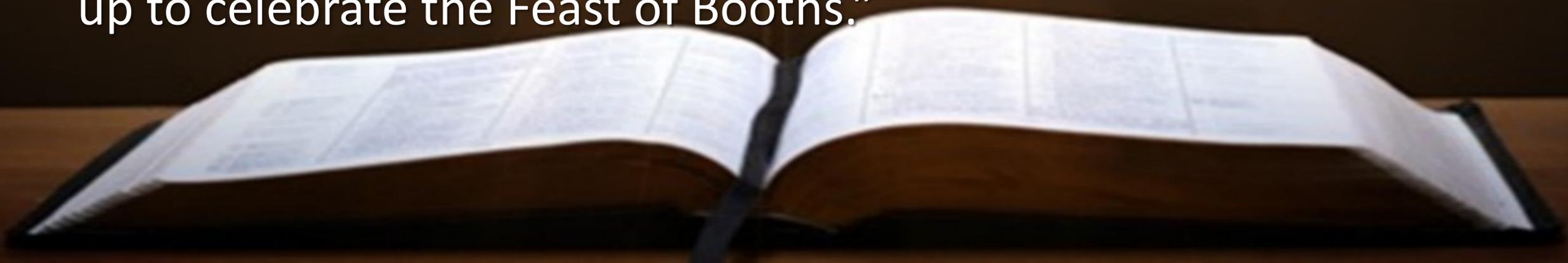
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## Revelation 20:7-9

“<sup>7</sup> When the thousand years are completed [*teleō*], Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. <sup>9</sup> And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”



# Robert Thomas

*Four Views on the Book of Revelation*, page 207.



“At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan’s prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations.”



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Rev. 1:11



## Revelation 2:2

‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the **test** [**peirázō**] those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;





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- Rev 2:2; 22:18-19

ORTHODOXY<sup>AND</sup>  
HETERODOXY

## Revelation 2:2

‘I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the **test** [**peirázō**] those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be* false;



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Rev. 1:11



## Revelation 22:17-19

“<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires, take the water of life without cost.<sup>18</sup> I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part [*meros*] from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.”



Conclusion

## 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- Problem (2:1-2)
- Prerequisites for the Day of the Lord (2:3-12)
  - ◆ The departure (2:3a)
  - ◆ Advent of the lawless one (2:3b-4)
  - ◆ Removal of the restrainer (2:5-7)
  - ◆ Destruction of the lawless one (2:8-9)
  - ◆ Destruction of lawless one's followers (2:10-12)

