

the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

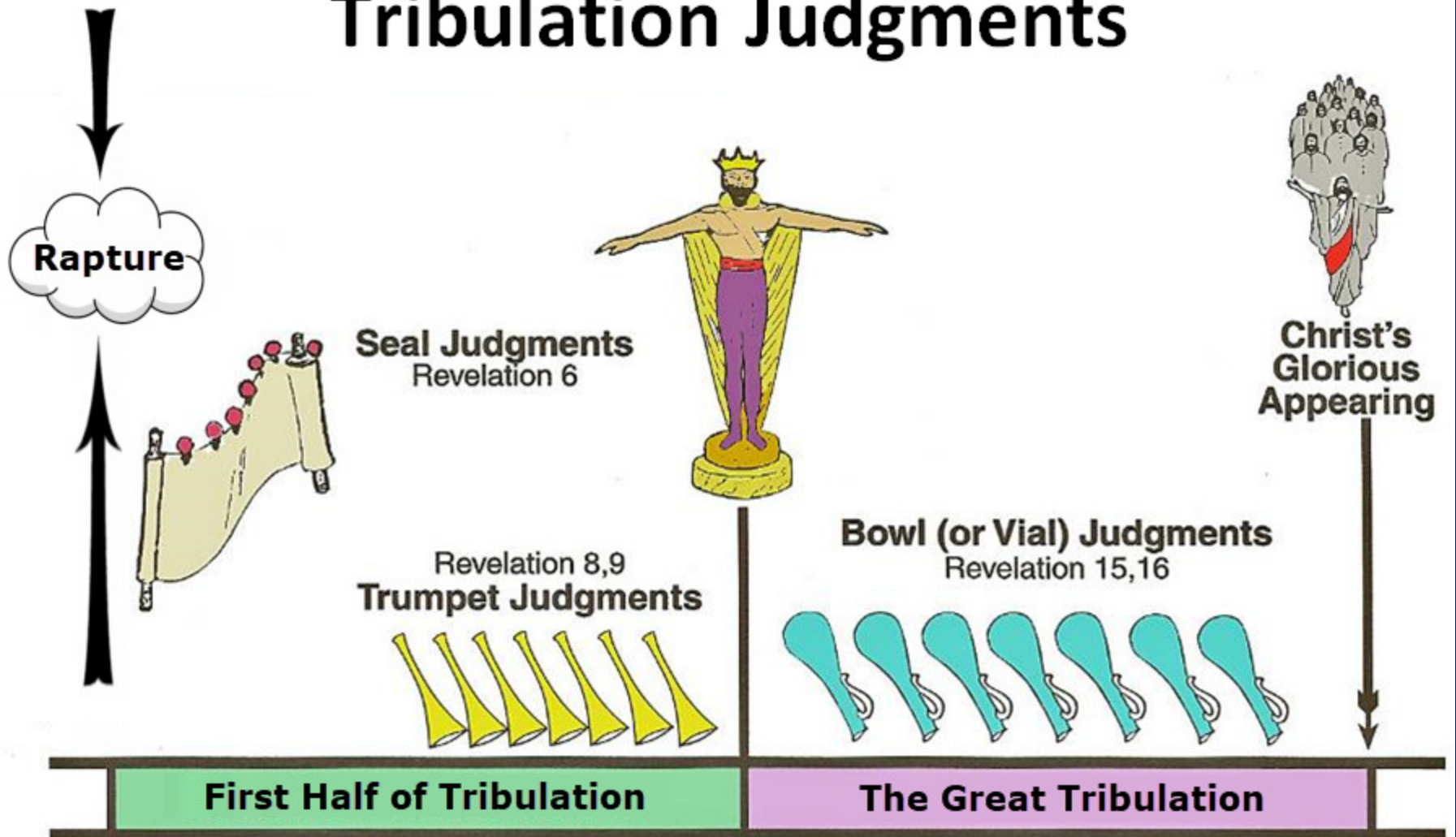


Dr. Andy Woods

Senior Pastor – Sugar Land Bible Church

President – Chafer Theological Seminary

Tribulation Judgments





Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



1. 1st Trumpet (8:7) – 1/3 vegetation destroyed
2. 2nd Trumpet (8:8-9) – 1/3 ocean destroyed
3. 3rd Trumpet (8:10-11) – 1/3 water destroyed
4. 4th Trumpet (8:12-13) – 1/3 luminaries darkened
5. 5th Trumpet (9:1-12) – Demons released
6. 6th Trumpet (9:13-21) – 1/3 humanity destroyed
7. 7th Trumpet (11:14-19) – Legal transfer announced



Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



1. 1st Trumpet (8:7) – 1/3 vegetation destroyed
2. 2nd Trumpet (8:8-9) – 1/3 ocean destroyed
3. 3rd Trumpet (8:10-11) – 1/3 water destroyed
4. 4th Trumpet (8:12-13) – 1/3 luminaries darkened
5. 5th Trumpet (9:1-12) – Demons released
6. 6th Trumpet (9:13-21) – 1/3 humanity destroyed
7. 7th Trumpet (11:14-19) – Legal transfer announced

Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)





The Seventh Trumpet

(Revelation 11:14-19)



- I. The Transference (11:14-15)
- II. The praise (11:16-18)
- III. The Anticipation (11:19)

5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–18) Babylon falls

5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

1. Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
2. Rev 10:1-11:13 – Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
3. Rev 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
4. Rev 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
5. Rev 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's fall

5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

1. Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
2. Rev 10:1-11:13 – Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
3. Rev 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
4. Rev 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
5. Rev 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's fall



Revelation 12–14



- A. Rev 12 – Israel's flight
- B. Rev 13 – Two beasts
- C. Rev 14 – Six scenes of hope



Revelation 12–14



- A. Rev 12 – Israel's flight**
- B. Rev 13 – Two beasts**
- C. Rev 14 – Six scenes of hope**

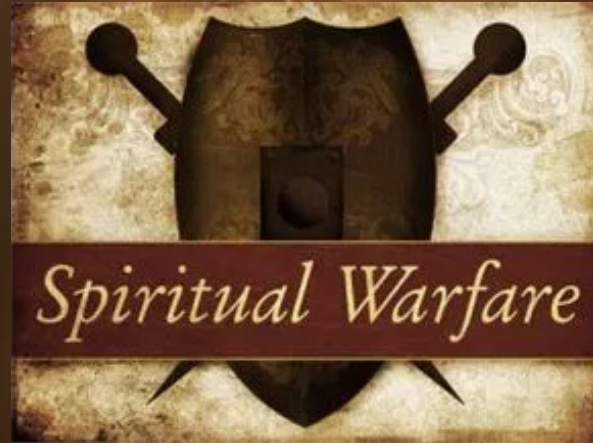
Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron 21:1
- Dan 10:12-13, 20
- Matt 16:21-23
- Luke 22:31-32
- Eph 6:12



2 Corinthians 2:11

“so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”



Ezekiel 28:17

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor.”



Satan's Two Strategies

- Rev 12:1-5 – Past failed strategy
- Rev 12:6-17 – Present & future strategy



Satan's Two Strategies

- Rev 12:1-5 – Past failed strategy
- Rev 12:6-17 – Present & future strategy



CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*



Artwork by Pat Marvada Smith ©1982, 1992
www.revelationillustrated.com

Revelation 12:4-5 (KJV)

⁴And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



Different Perspectives – Same Event

- Matt 2 – Physical World
- Rev 12:1-5 – Spiritual World



Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”



Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah

- Cain; Gen. 4, 1 Jn. 3:12
- Sons of God; Gen. 6:1-4
- Pharaoh; Ex. 1
- Athaliah; 2 Chron. 22
- Haman; Esther
- Matt 4:5-7; John 8:59
- Herod; Mt.2



Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)



Satan's Two Strategies

- Rev 12:1-5 – Past failed strategy
- Rev 12:6-17 – Present & future strategy



Satan as Ruler of this World

- Job 1:7; 2:2
- Luke 4:5-7
- John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
- 2 Corinthians 4:4
- Ephesians 2:2
- 1 John 4:4; 5:19





Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)

- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”



Israel's Three Blessings to the World

(Gen 12:3b)

1. Scripture (Rom 3:2)
2. Savior (John 4:22)
3. Kingdom (Isa 2:2-3)





Satan's Progressive Defeat

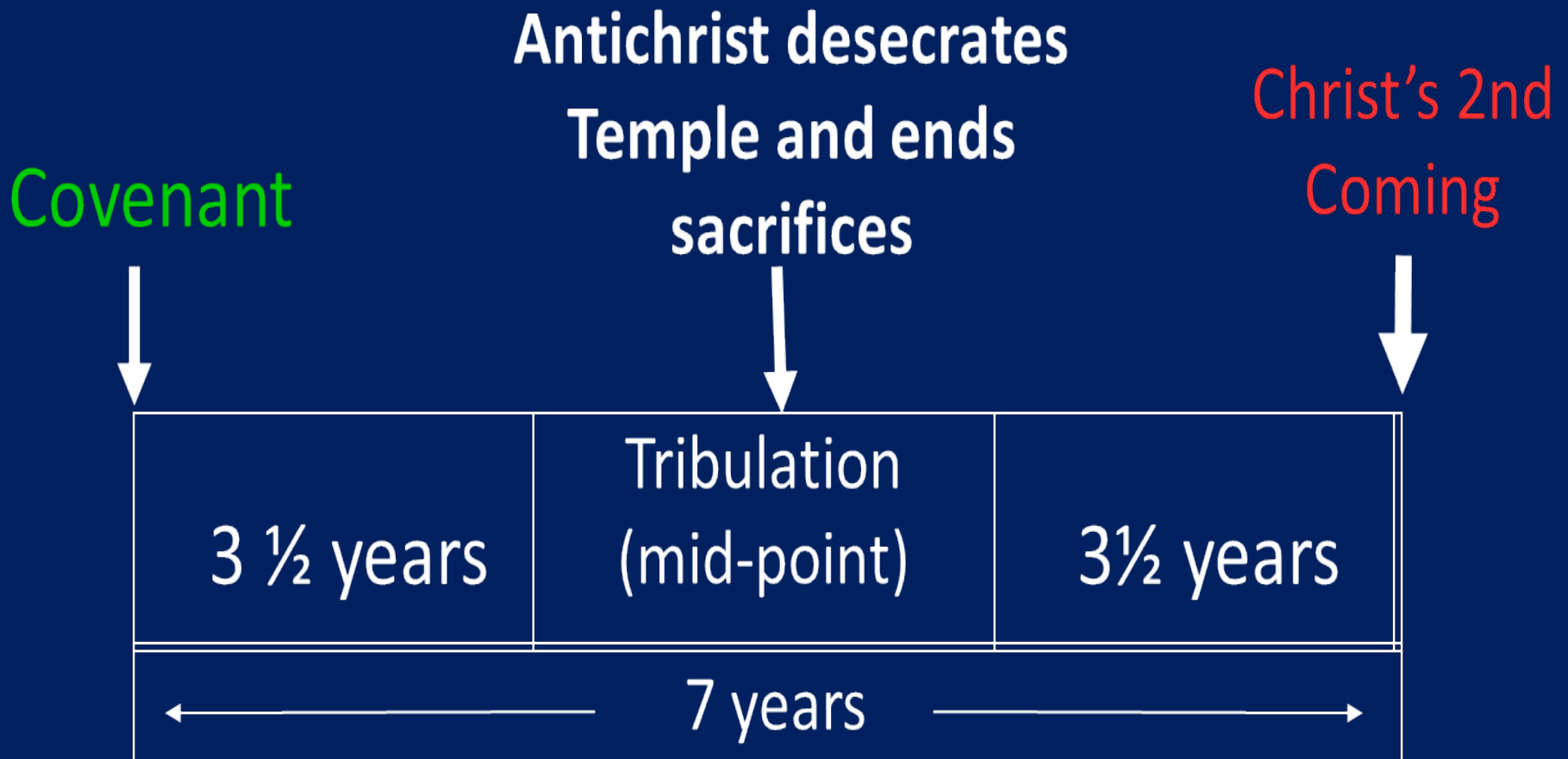
1. Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
4. Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
5. Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
6. **Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)**
7. **End of millennium (Rev 20:10)**

WHAT MOTIVATES ANTI-SEMITISM?

Fallen angelic world



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



CONNECTING REV 12 & ANTI-SEMITISM



CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

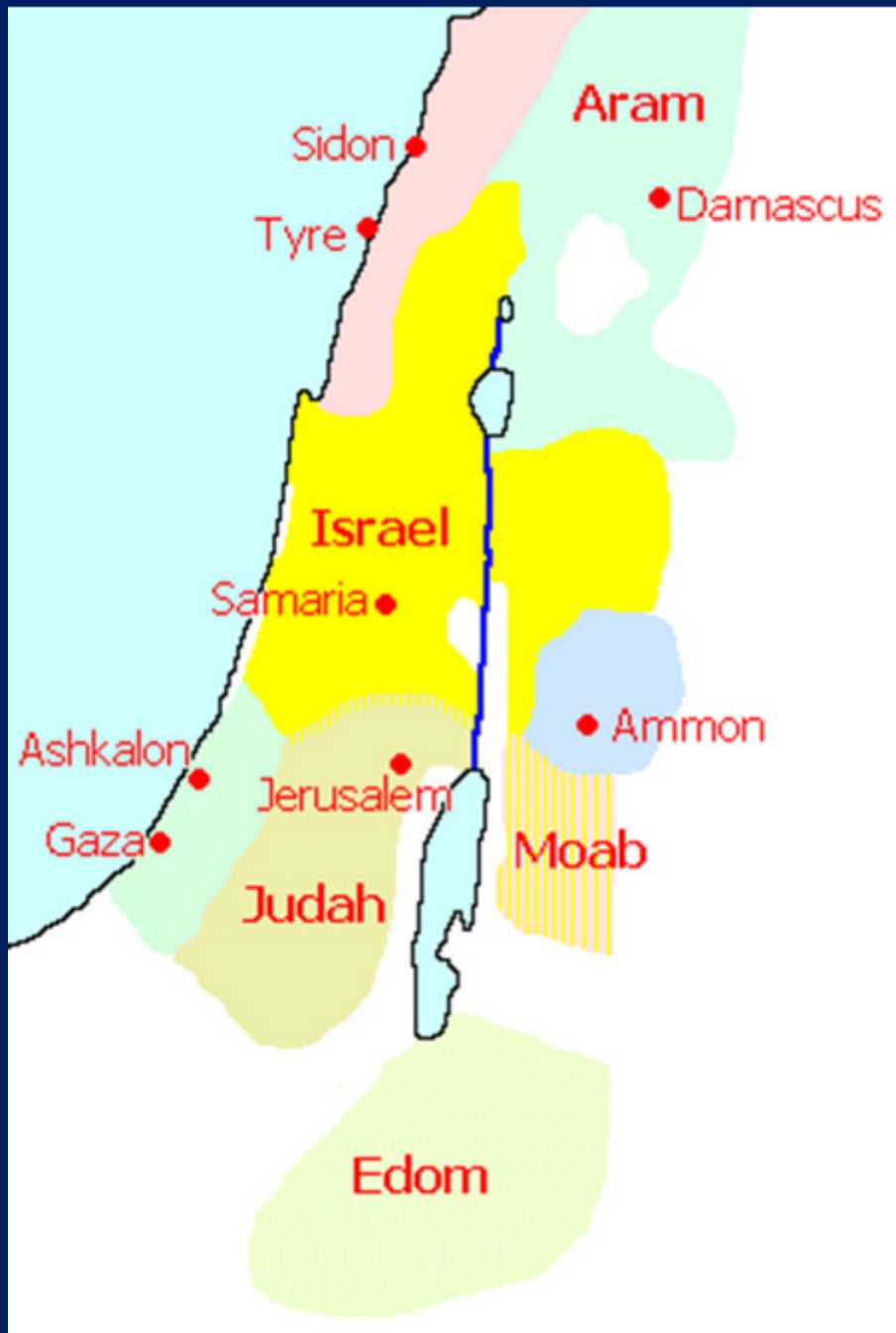
– *Gen. 37:9-10*



Place of Hebrew Refuge: Petra in Mt. Seir in S. Jordan

1. Prepared by God (Rev. 12:6)
2. Divine provision of food & water (Isa. 33:16; Rev. 12:6)
3. Wilderness (Rev. 12:6, 14)
4. Mountains (Isa. 33:16; Matt. 24:16)
5. Defensible (Isa. 33:16)
6. Jordan (Dan. 11:41)
7. Bozrah (Micah 2:12)









Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Footseps of the Messiah, Page 296-97

“Another suggestion is the city now known as *Petra*...this author prefers the identification with *Petra*. *Petra* is located in a basin within Mount Seir, and is totally surrounded by mountains and cliffs. The only way in and out of the city is through a narrow passageway that extends for about a mile and can only be negotiated by foot or by horseback. This makes the city easy to defend, and its surrounding high cliffs give added meaning and confirmation to Isaiah 33:16. Only a few abreast can enter through this passage at any one time, giving this city even greater defensibility.”



Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Footseps of the Messiah, Page 296-97

“The name *Bozrah* means ‘sheepfold.’ An ancient sheepfold had a narrow entrance so that the shepherd could count his sheep. Once inside the fold, the sheep had more room to move around. *Petra* is shaped like a giant sheepfold, with its narrow passage opening up to a spacious circle surrounded by cliffs. This is not true of the town of *Buseira*. Furthermore, by modern *Petra* is a site known as *Butzeira*, which retains the Hebrew *Botzrah*...It will be a very defensible city located in Mount Seir...Furthermore, as they flee and while they are living there, food and water will be miraculously provided.”

Different Perspectives – Same Event

- Matt 24:15-22 – Physical World
- Rev 12:6-17 – Spiritual World



Different Perspectives – Same Event

- Matt 2 – Physical World
- Rev 12:1-5 – Spiritual World

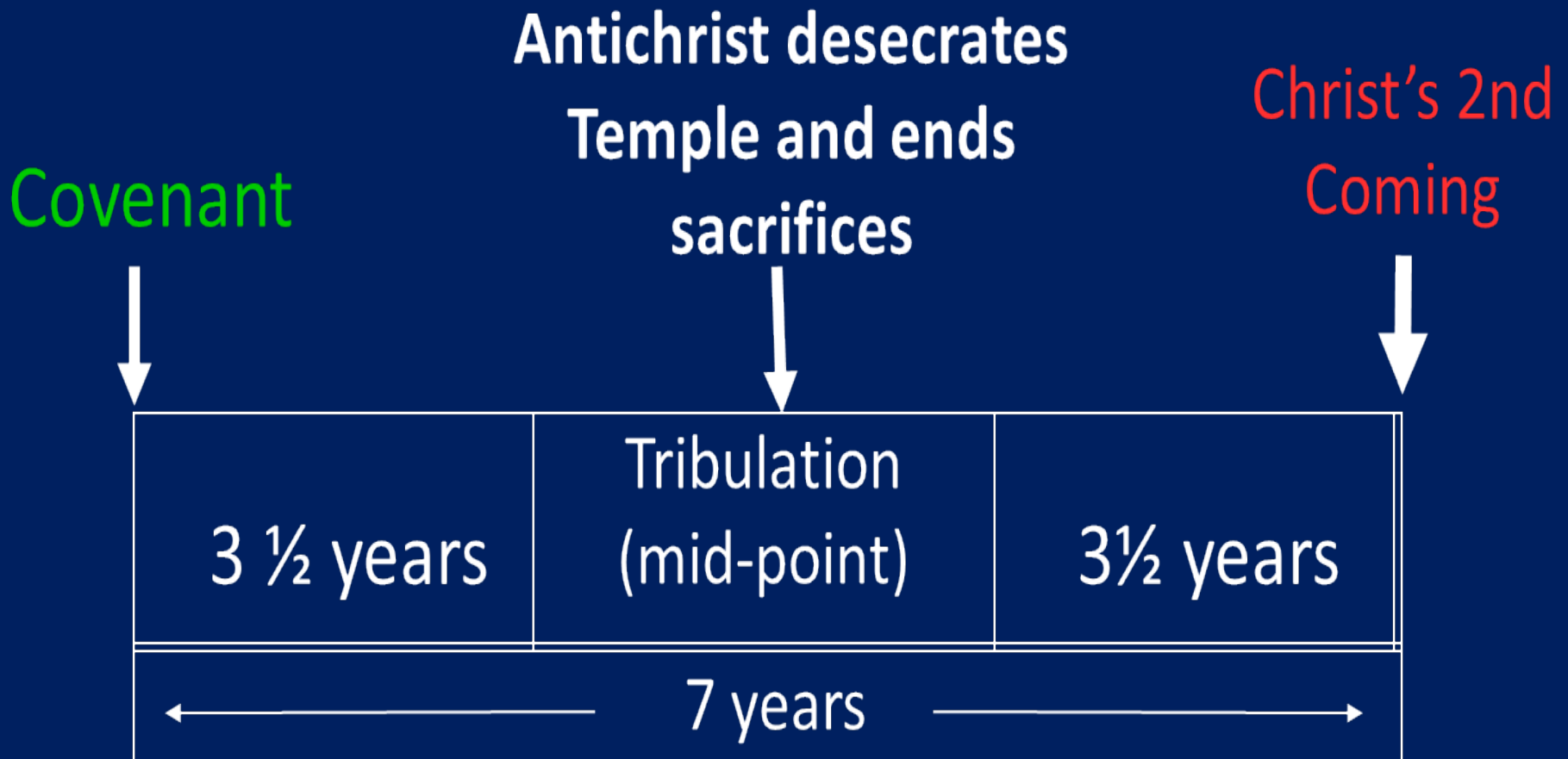


Satan Now Retains Heavenly Access

- Job 1:6
- Job 2:1
- Zech. 3:1
- Luke 22:31
- Rev. 12:10



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





Satan's Progressive Defeat

1. Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
4. Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
5. **Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)**
6. Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
7. End of millennium (Rev 20:10)

CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*



Artwork by Pat Marvada Smith ©1982, 1992
www.revelationillustrated.com

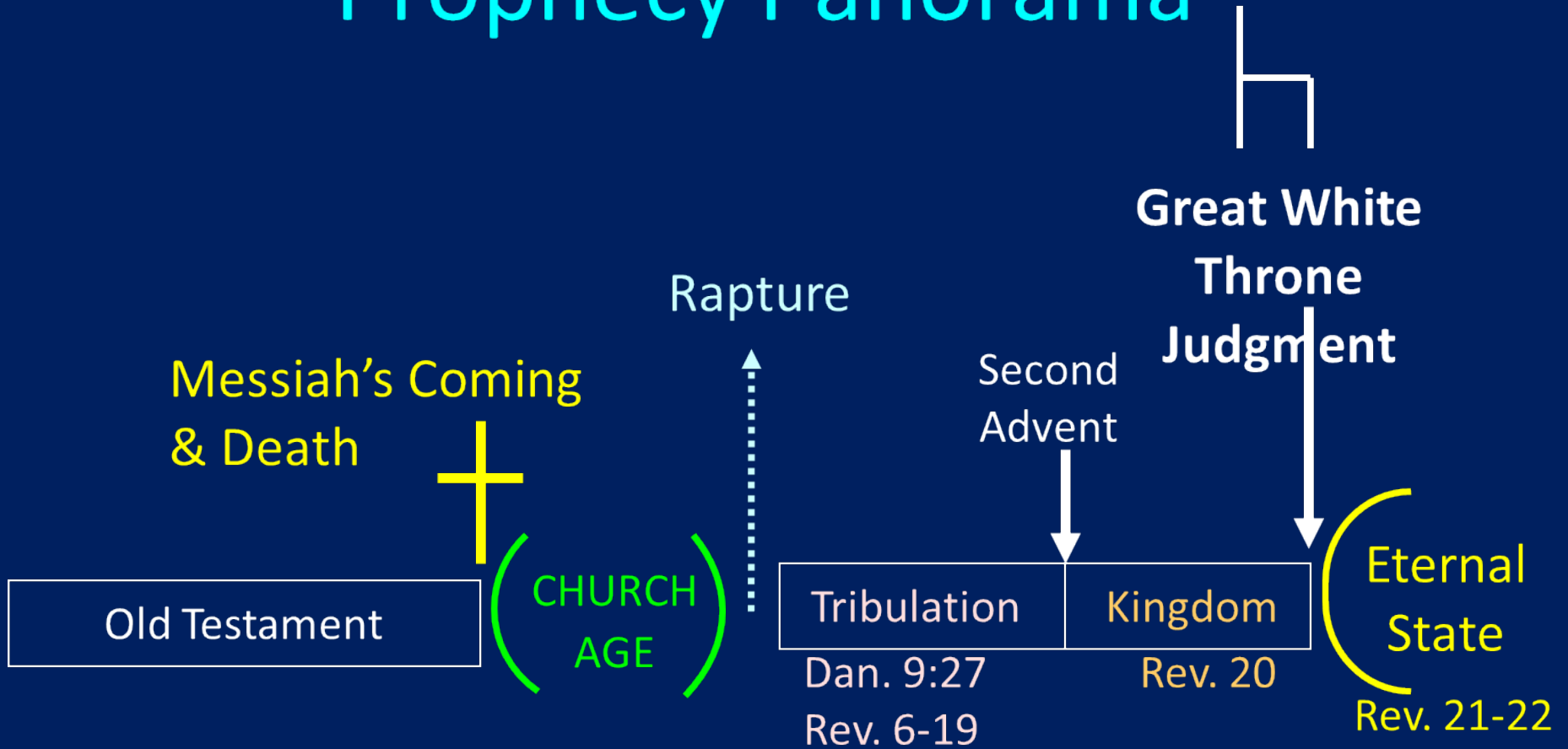


Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)

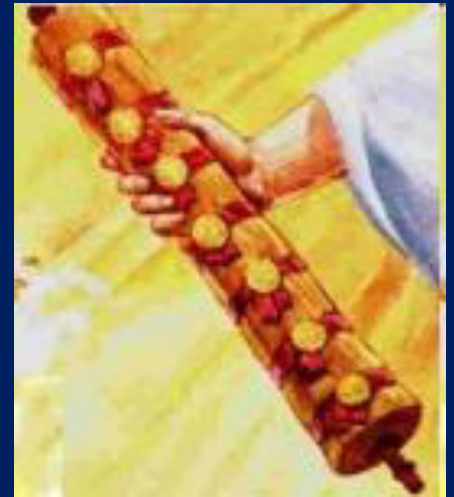


Prophecy Panorama

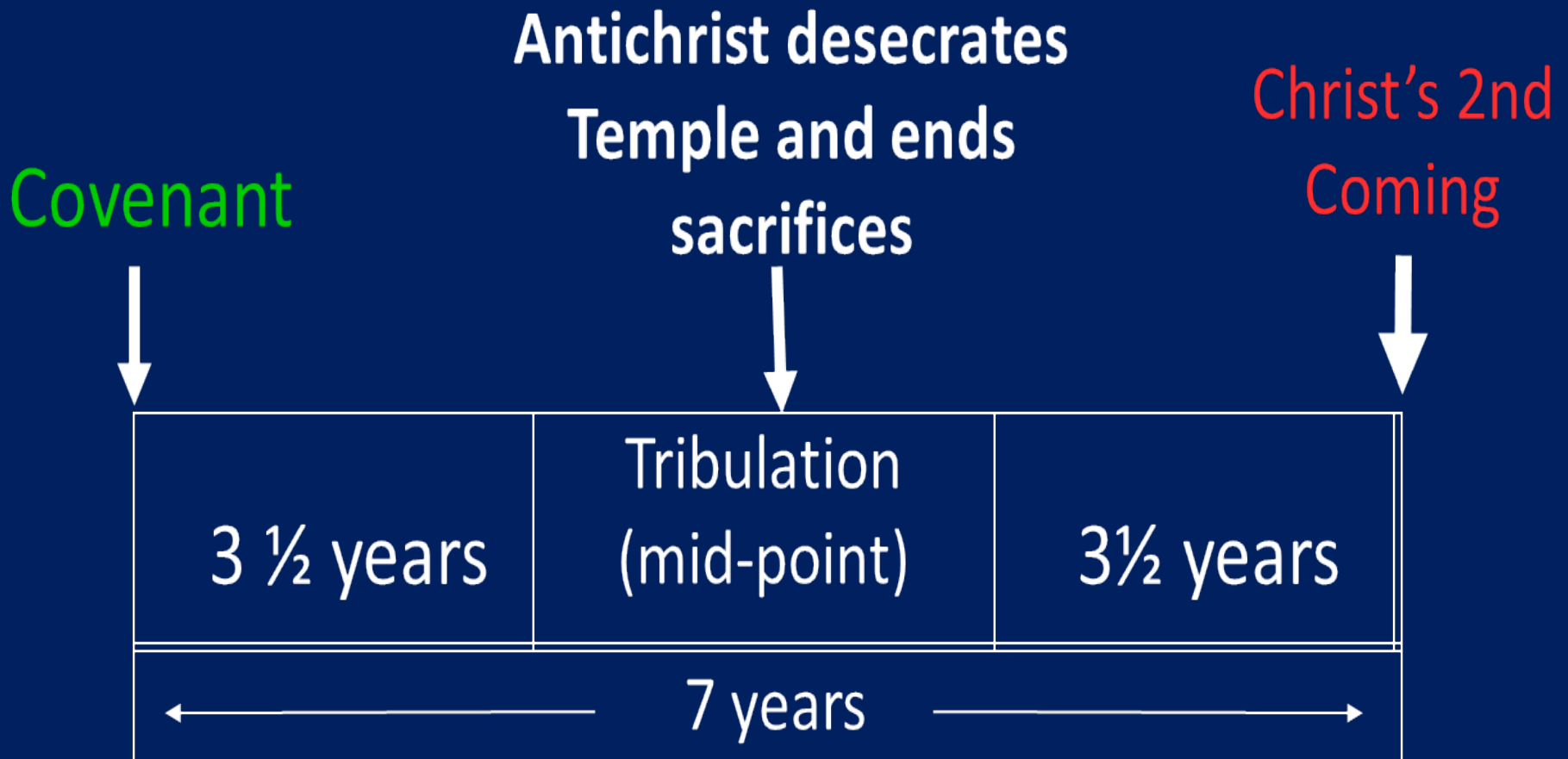


1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

1. 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist
2. 6:3-4 – War
3. 6:5-6 – Famine
4. 6:7-8 – Death
5. 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms
6. 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION



1. *“Pursues the woman”* = persecution of Israel 12:13-14
2. *“Flood from his mouth”* = tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16

2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION



1. *“Pursues the woman”* = *persecution of Israel 12:13-14*
2. *“Flood from his mouth”* = tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16

CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*



Two Rules of Interpretation



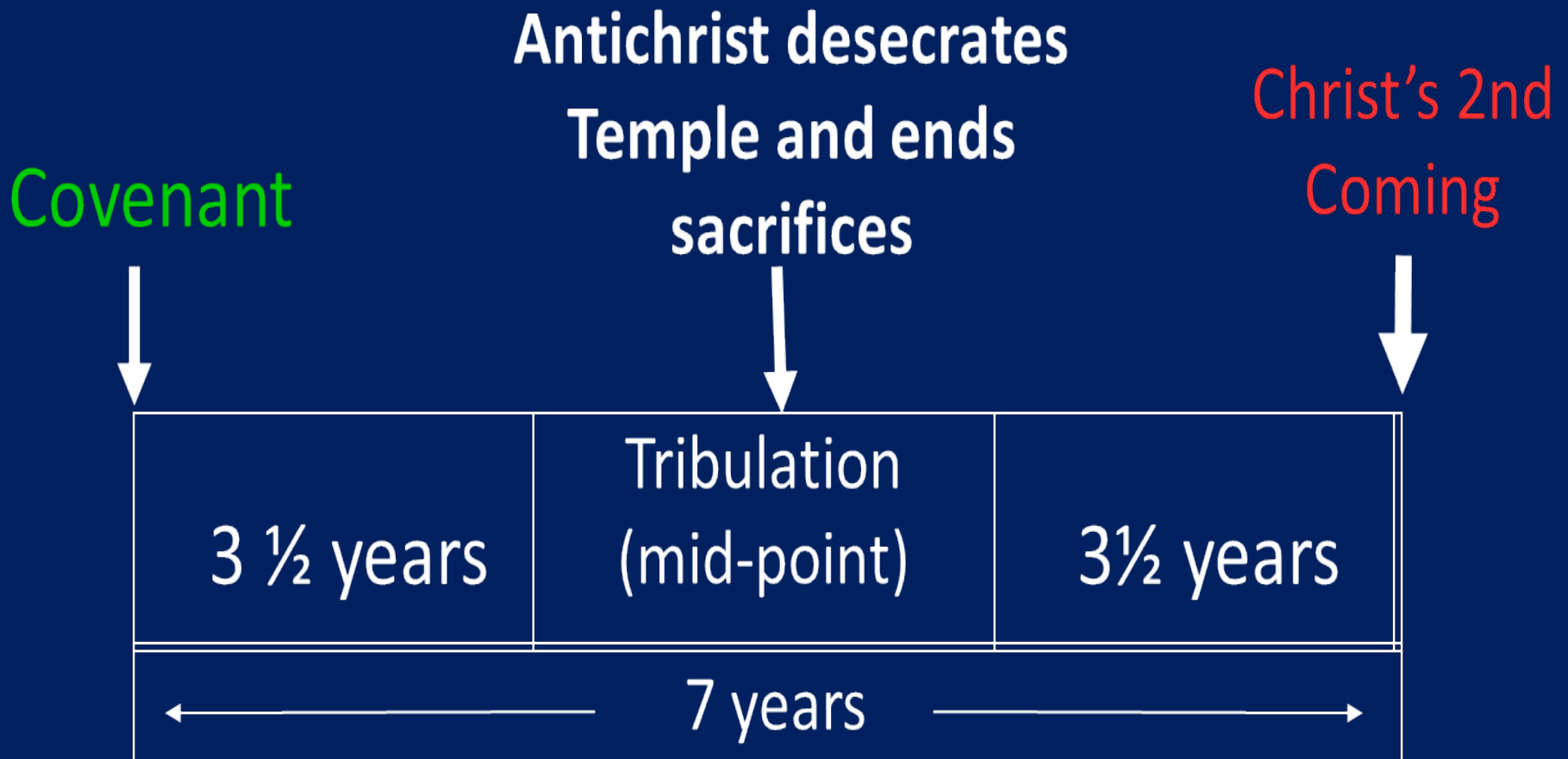
- Search the immediate context
 - ◆ Walvoord: 26X
- Search the remote context
 - ◆ Old Testament
 - ◆ Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

Place of Hebrew Refuge: Petra in Mt. Seir in S. Jordan

1. Prepared by God (Rev. 12:6)
2. Divine provision of food & water (Isa. 33:16; Rev. 12:6)
3. Wilderness (Rev. 12:6, 14)
4. Mountains (Isa. 33:16; Matt. 24:16)
5. Defensible (Isa. 33:16)
6. Jordan (Dan. 11:41)
7. Bozrah (Micah 2:12)



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



2 CYCLES OF SATANIC PERSECUTION



1. *“Pursues the woman” = persecution of Israel 12:13-14*
2. *“Flood from his mouth” = tries to destroy Israel 12:15-16*

Daniel 9:26

Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.



Descriptions of Satanic Hatred

- Wrath 12:12
- Persecution 12:13
- Sweep away 12:15
- Enraged 12:17
- War 12:17



How Israel Has Blessed the World

(Gen 12:3; Rom 9:4-5)

- Patriarchs
- Law
- Prophets
- Messiah (John 4:22; Rom 9:5)
- Apostles
- Biblical writers
- Early church
- Early Christian martyrs
- Paul
- Future kingdom



Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



MODERN TRENDS IN ANTISEMITISM

Revelation 12





Christian Anti-Semitism

“First, their synagogues should be set on fire...Secondly, their homes should likewise be broken down and destroyed...Thirdly, they should be deprived of their prayer books and Talmuds...”

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.



Christian Anti-Semitism

“...Fourthly, their rabbis must be forbidden under threat of death to teach any more...Fifthly, passport and traveling privileges should be absolutely forbidden to the Jews...Sixthly, they ought to be stopped from usury (charging interest on loans...)”

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.



Christian Anti-Semitism

“Seventhly, let the young and strong Jews and Jewesses be given the flail, the ax, the hoe, the spade, the distaff, and spindle, and let them earn their bread by the sweat of their noses...We ought to drive the rascally lazy bones out of our system...”

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.



Christian Anti-Semitism

“...Therefore away with them... To sum up, dear princes and nobles who have Jews in your domains, if this advice of mine does not suit you, then find a better one so that you and we may all be free of this insufferable devilish burden—the Jews.”

Martin Luther, *Concerning the Jews and Their Lies*, cited in Michael Brown's *Our Hands Are Stained with Blood*, pp. 14-15.



John Calvin

Commentary on the Prophet Daniel (Vol 1, p. 185). Bellingham, WA:
Logos Bible Software. *Commentary on Daniel 2:44-45*. (2010).

“But here he [the rabbi] not only betrays his ignorance, but his utter stupidity, since God so blinded the whole people that they were like restive dogs. I have had much conversation with many Jews: I have never seen either a drop of piety or a grain of truth or ingenuousness—nay, I have never found common sense in any Jew. But this fellow, who seems so sharp and ingenious, displays his own impudence to his great disgrace.”



"If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel. "

Benjamin Netanyahu



Conclusion

Application

- Recognize Anti-Semitism and its source
- Do not take part
- Expose it (Eph. 5:11)
- Do not be surprised by it





“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)