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REVELATION

sermon series

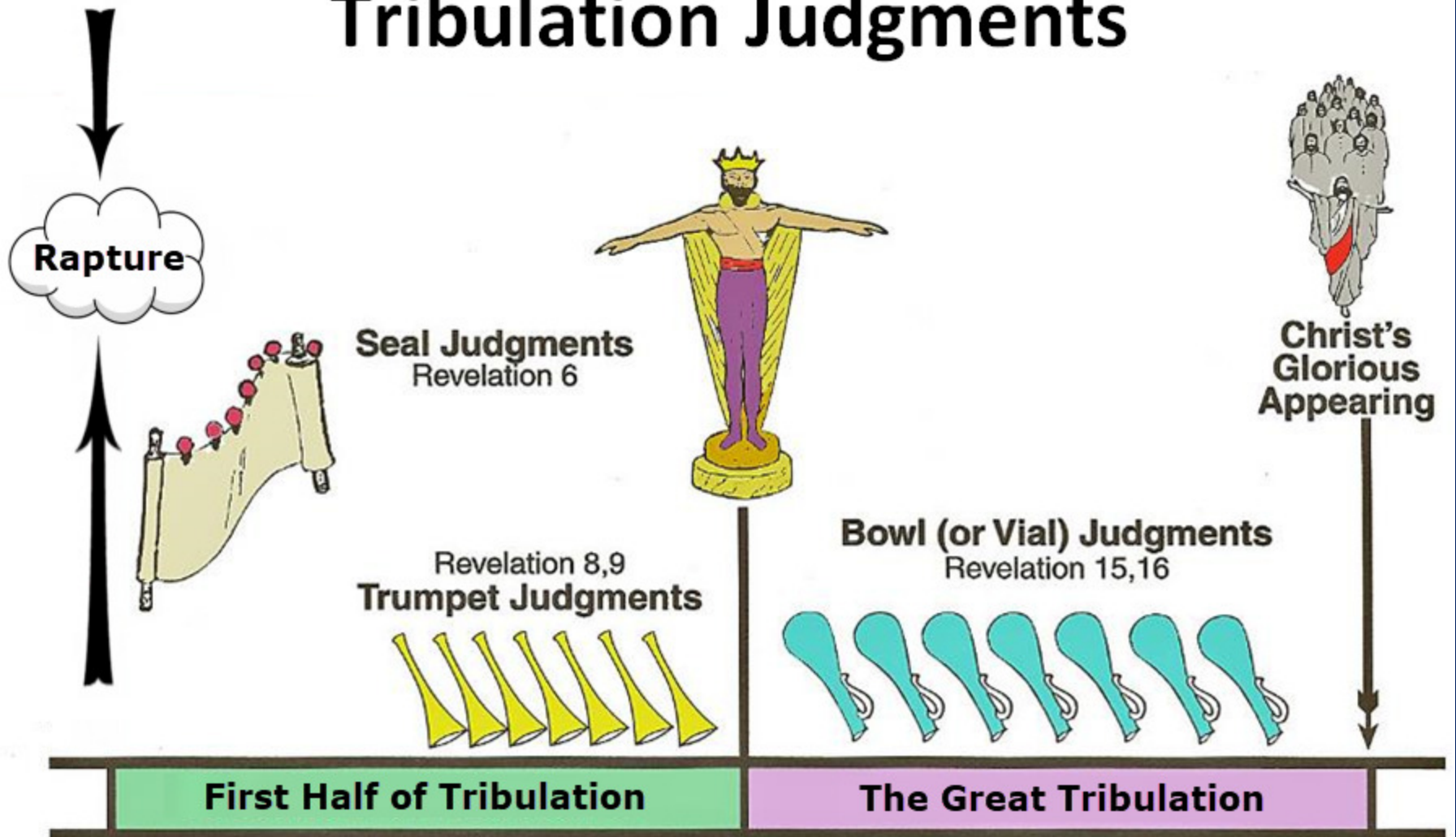


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Tribulation Judgments





Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



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1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

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

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Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

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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)





Revelation 12–14



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Two Beasts

(Revelation 13)

1. First beast (13:1-10)
2. Second beast (13:11-18)





Revelation 12–14



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Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000

MULTITUDE

Revelation 7:1-8

Revelation 7:9-17

Numbered

Innumerable

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All nations

Sealed

Slain

Sealed before the Tribulation

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Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77

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NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN REWARDS & AUTHORITY

Adapted from <http://www.gracelife.org/resources/gracenotes.asp?id=23>



David Hocking

David Hocking, *The Book of Revelation: Understanding the Future* (Tustin, CA: Hope For Today Publications, 2014), 437.

“They are willing to go anywhere the Lord wanted them to go and to do whatever He wanted them to do. What marvelous examples they are to all of us who seek to follow our Lord Jesus Christ!”



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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.”



Matthew 3:1-2

“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (engizō).’”

REPENT for the
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Matthew 10:5-7

“These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand (*engizō*).’”

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Messengers of the Kingdom In Matthew



- John the Baptist – 3:2
- Jesus Christ – 4:17
- 12 Apostles – 10:5-7
- Seventy – Luke 10:1, 9

Matthew Outline

Pedigree of the king (1–2)

◆ Preparation of the king (3–4)

◆ Pedagogy of the king (5–7)

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Matthew 24:14

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.”



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“The number one priority of every believer should be the worship and praise of Almighty God. We were created to worship the God who made us. The action of falling down on their faces demonstrates a clear understanding of God’s greatness and the believer’s humility before God.”





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Literal Geography in Revelation

Asia	1:4	Philadelphia	3:7
Ephesus	2:1	Laodicea	3:14
Smyrna	2:8	Euphrates	9:14;16:12
Pergamum	2:12	Jerusalem	11:8
Thyatira	2:18	Armageddon	16:16
Sardis	3:1	Jerusalem	20:9



John F. Walvoord

John F. Walvoord, *The Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary* (Chicago: Moody, 1966), 257, 263.

“The city here according to verse 5 is a mystery, **not a literal city**...The ultimate decision depends upon the judgment of the expositor, but in many respects it is simpler to postulate a rebuilt Babylon **as fulfilling literally** the Old Testament prophecies as well as that embodied in this chapter.”

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Daniel 12:2

“Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting (*olam*) life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting (*olam*) contempt.”



Psalm 90:2

“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Psalm 90:2



Matthew 25:46

“These will go away into eternal (*aiōnios*) punishment (*kolasis*), but the righteous into eternal life.





Dr. Alan W. Gomes

(Summer 1991). “Evangelicals and the Annihilation of Hell” (Part 2).

In the Christian Research Journal. Page 11.

“A punishment [such as torment] that is not felt is not a punishment. It is an odd use of language to speak of an insensate state (i.e., unfeeling), an inanimate object receiving punishment. To say, ‘I punished my car for not starting by slowly plucking out its spark plug wires, one by one,’ would invoke laughter, not serious consideration.”

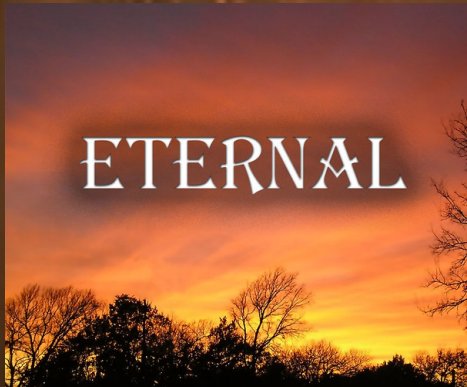
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Romans 16:26

“but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal (aiōnios) God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith



Revelation 20:10

“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever (aiōn) and ever (aiōn).”



Revelation 14:11

“And the smoke of their torment goes up forever (*aiōn*) and ever (*aiōn*); they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”



Dominoes in a Row



4. The Doom of the Beast's Worshipers

(Revelation 14:9-12)

A. The Plea (9)

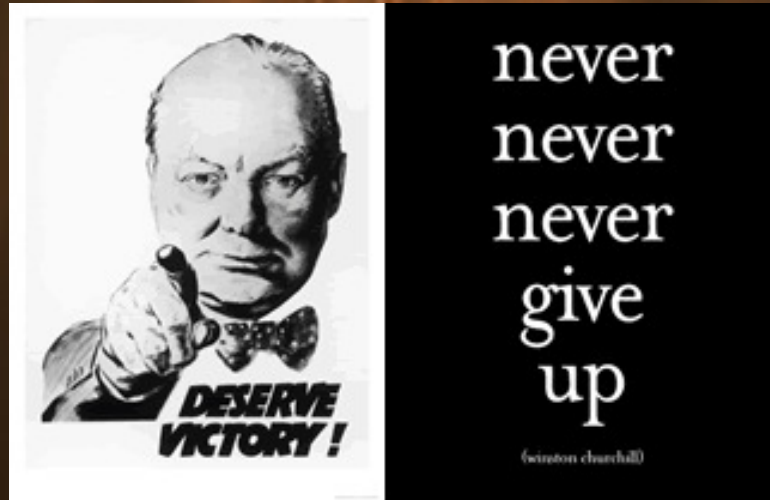
B. The Punishment (10-11)

C. The Perseverance (12)



Matthew 24:13

“But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”



Revelation 1:19

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [meta tauta].”



Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



Psalm 50:5 (NKJV)

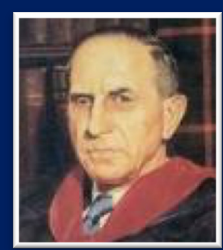
“Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”



Psalm 149:1 (NKJV)

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of saints.”





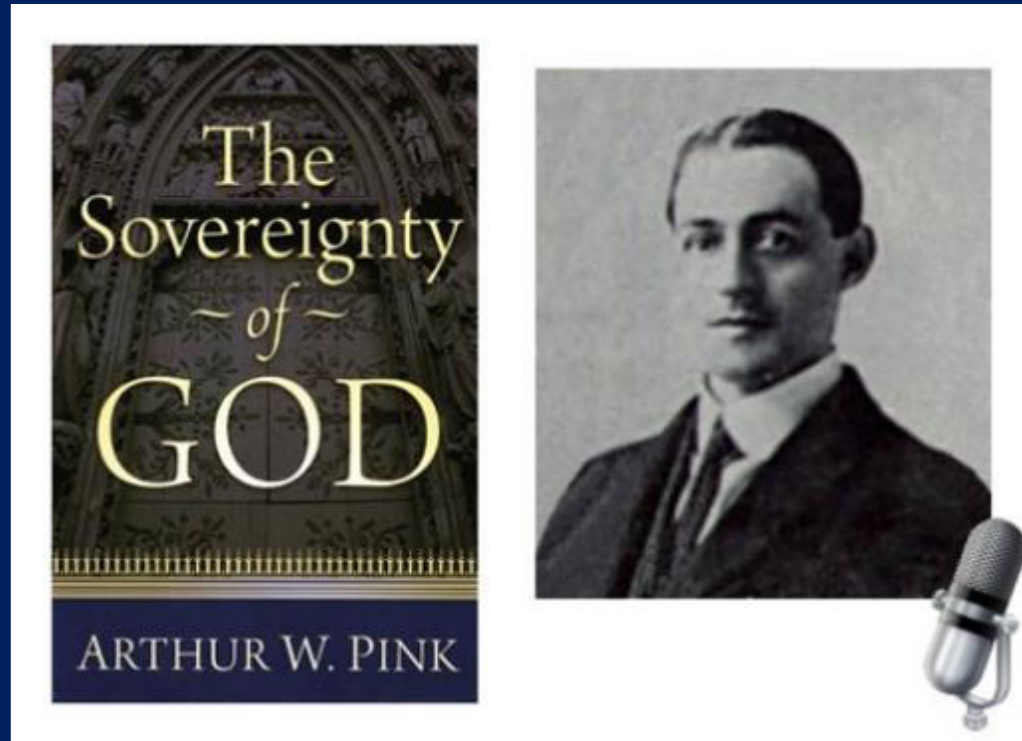
John Murray

Redemption Accomplished and Applied, pp. 152, 154-55.

“The crucial test of true faith is endurance to the end, abiding in Christ, and continuance in the Word...He cannot abandon himself to sin; he cannot come under the domination of sin; he cannot be guilty of certain kinds of unfaithfulness...Let us appreciate the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints and recognize that we may entertain the faith of our security in Christ only as we persevere in faith and holiness to the end.”

A. W. Pink

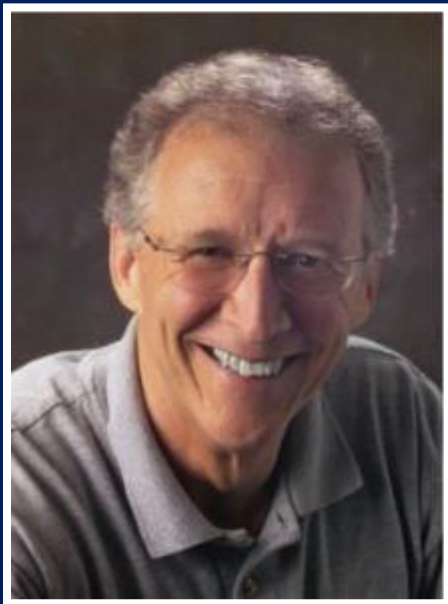
Practical Christianity, p. 16.



“Readers, if there is a reserve in your obedience, you are on your way to hell.”

John Piper

John Piper and Pastoral Staff, TULIP: What We Believe about the Five Points of Calvinism: Position Paper of the Pastoral Staff (Desiring God Ministries, 1997), 25, cited in Dave Hunt, What Love is This?, 379.



“No Christian can be sure that he is a true believer. Hence, there is an ongoing need to be dedicated to the Lord and to deny ourselves so that we might make it.”



John MacArthur

Saved Without A Doubt, p. 177

“If a person fails to love and obey the Lord through the trials of life, then there is no evidence that he possesses saving faith. How many people do you know who came to church for a while, had a little trouble in their lives, and left? Although they may have made a profession of faith in Christ, they cannot be identified as those who love Him because their lives are not characterized by enduring obedience.”



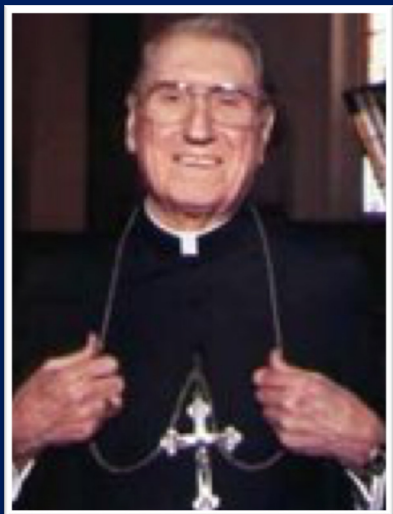
R.C. Sproul – Bob Wilkin as quoted in:

http://www.gracebiblestudies.org/Resources/Web/www.duluthbible.org/g_f_j/EternalSecurity12.htm

“During the first message presented at Ligonier’s Conference in Orlando last June, Dr. R. C. Sproul indicated that Dr. James Boice, a scheduled speaker at the conference, was dying in faith that very night. **Then at the end of the message he asked all 5,000 of us present to pray that Jim dies in faith.** This struck me as sad. Here was a great pastor, theologian, teacher, and author. Yet Sproul was not sure that he was regenerate. (In Reformed thought, if a person fails to die in faith, he proved he was never saved in the first place.) I was reminded of R.T. Kendall’s remark that nearly to a man the Puritan divines died doubting whether they were saved and fearing they were going to hell. Dr. Boice died that very night, June 15th.”

Cardinal John O'Connor of NY

quoted in Samuel Howe Verhovek, *Cardinal Defends a Jailed Bishop Who Warned Cuomo on Abortion*, New York Times, February 1, 1990.



“Church teaching is that I don't know, at any given moment, what my eternal future will be... I can hope, pray, do my very best – but I still don't know. Pope John II doesn't absolutely know that he will go to heaven, nor does mother Theresa of Calcutta, unless either has had a special divine revelation.”

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”



1 John 5:13

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”



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Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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6. The Armageddon Judgment Harvest (Revelation 14:14-20)

A. The Judge (14-18a)

B. The Judged (18b)

C. The Judgment (19-20)



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A. The Judge

(Revelation 14:14-18a)

1. The Son of Man (14)
2. The First Angel (15-16)
3. The Second Angel (17)
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Literal Interpretation

One Meaning

Plain Literal

The literal interpretation is the explicit assertion of the words—DENOTATIVE

Figurative Literal

The literal interpretation is the specific intention of the figure—CONNOTATIVE

Chart by Earl Radmacher

C. The Judgment (Revelation 14:19-20)

1. Figurative language (19)
2. Plain language (20)



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2. The Proclamation of the Eternal Gospel (6-7)
3. The Prediction of the Destruction of Babylon (8)
4. The Doom of the Beast's Worshipers (9-12)
5. The Blessing Upon the Tribulation's Martyrs (13)
6. The Judgement Harvest of Armageddon (14-16)



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