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REVELATION

sermon series



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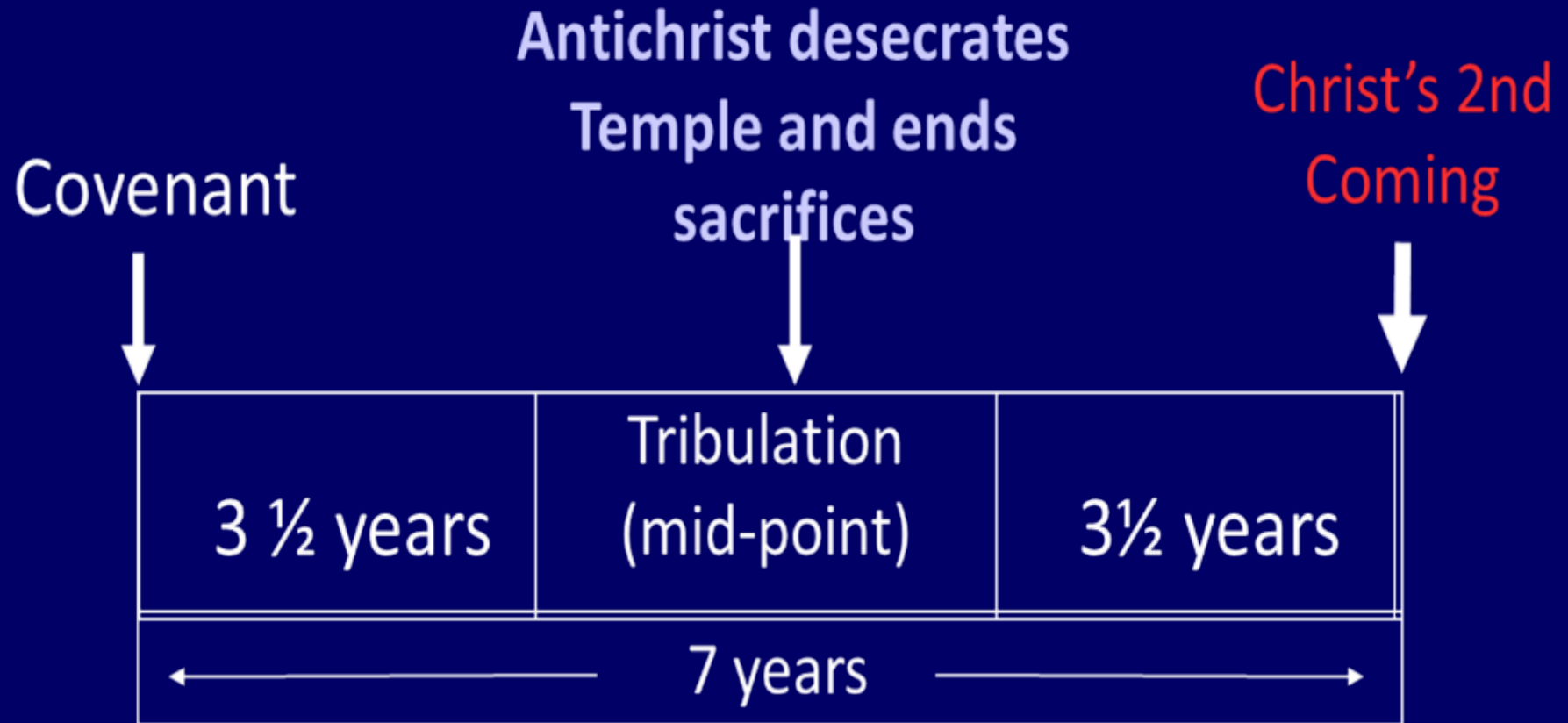
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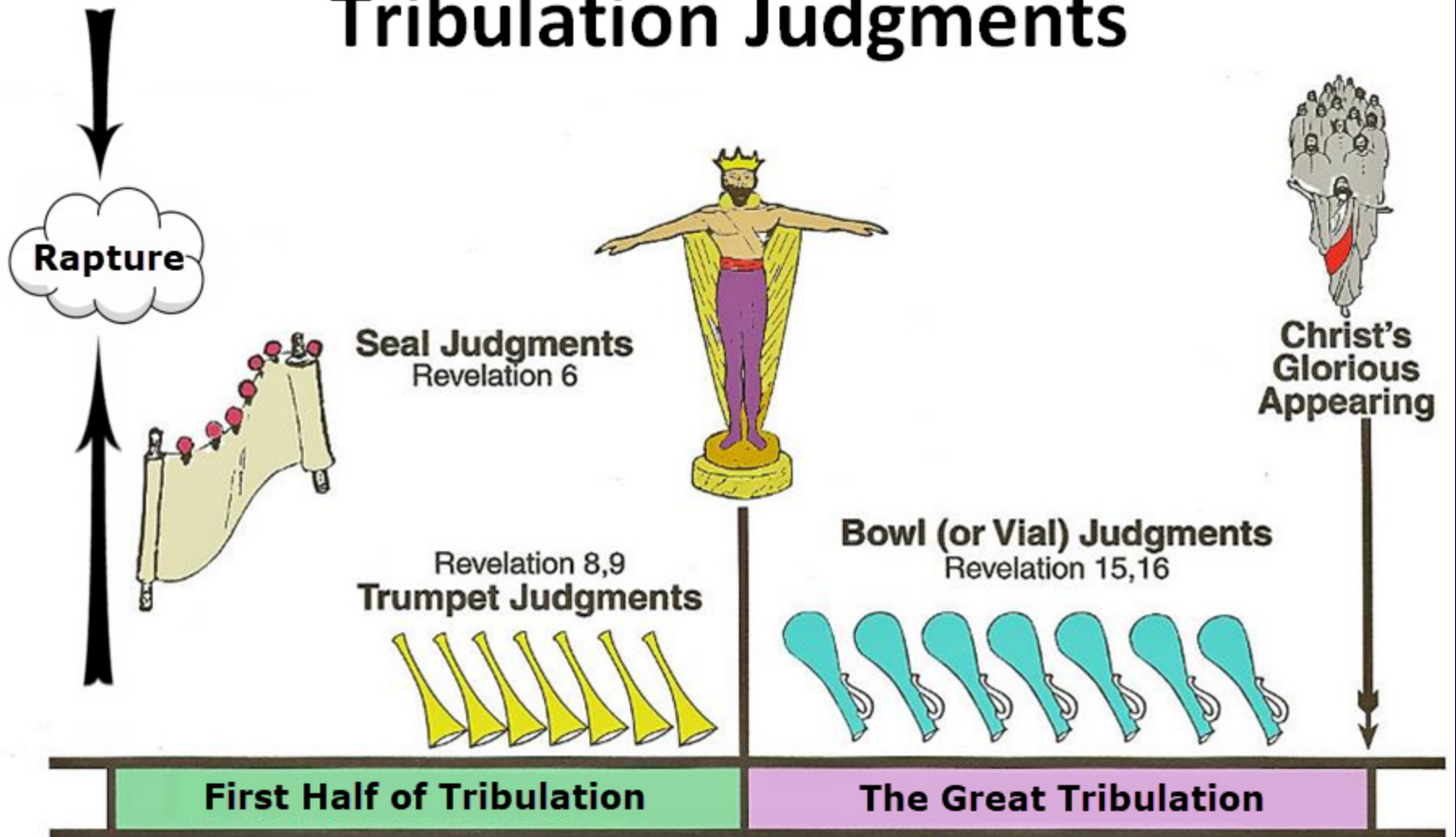
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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



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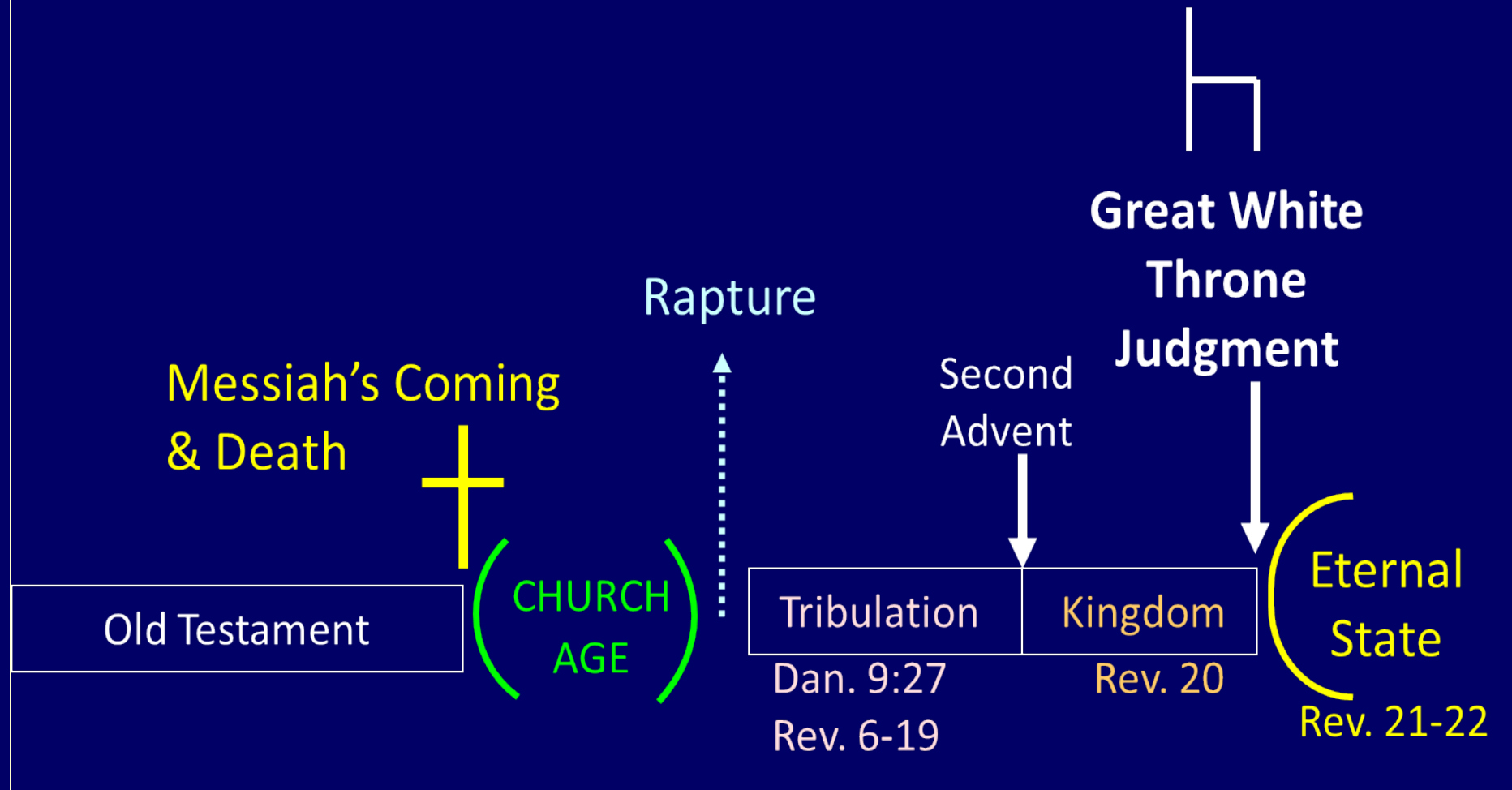
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The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

- I. The Judge (11)
- II. The Judged (12-13)
- III. The Judgment (14-15)



Willmington, *Outline Bible*, p. 773

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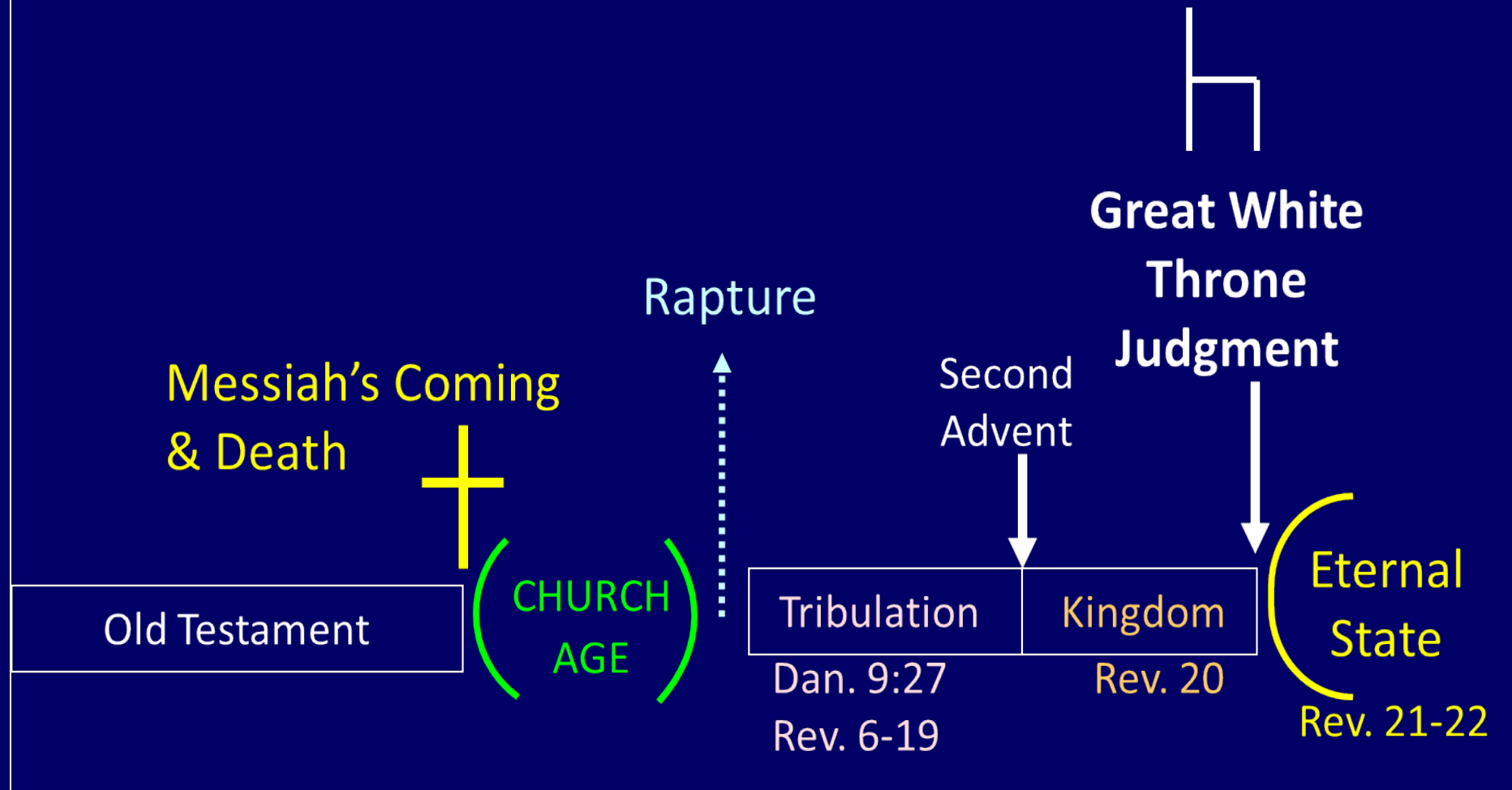
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Messiah's Coming
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Rapture

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Old Testament

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Dan. 9:27
Rev. 6-19

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Rev. 20

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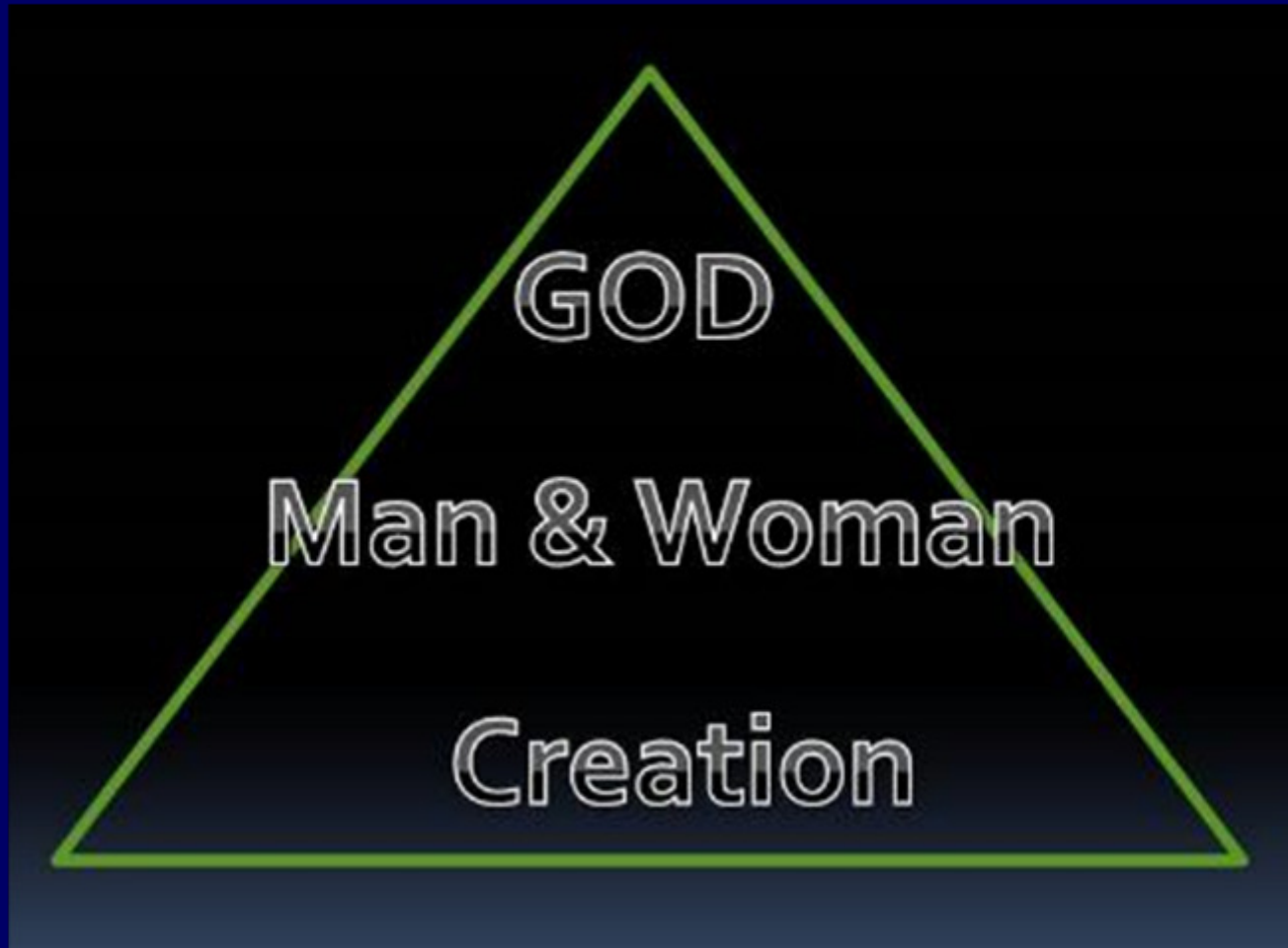
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Theocratic Administrator





Charles Ryrie

Basic Theology, Page 511

“Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.”



J. Dwight Pentecost

Thy kingdom Come, Page 316

“Apart from the reign of Christ...here on earth...And apart from this rule, God’s purpose for man would never be brought to conclusion. God’s purpose for the earth would be unrealized and the problem generated by Satan’s rebellion would never be resolved. Thus the physical, literal reign of Christ on the earth is *a theological and biblical necessity*—unless Satan is victorious over God.”

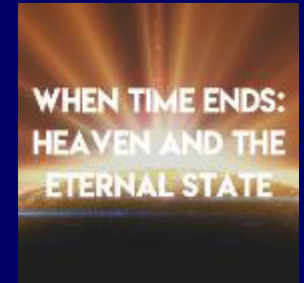
Genesis 8:20-22

“²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹ The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, ‘I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done. ²² **While the earth remains**, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease.’”



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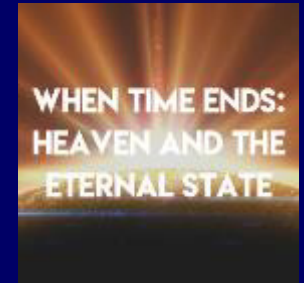
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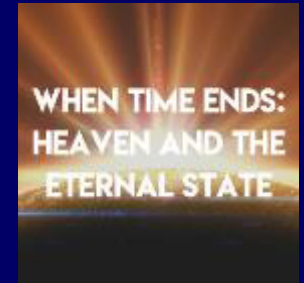
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Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

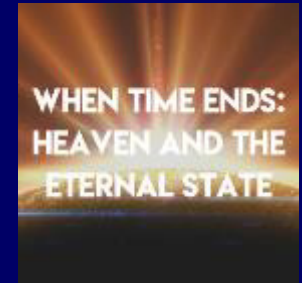


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Genesis 1:1-3

“¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. ³ Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.”



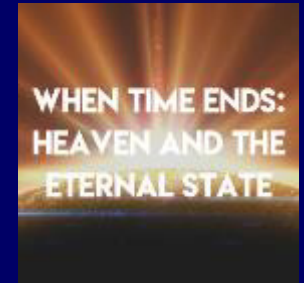
Deuteronomy 4:19

“¹⁹ And beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.”



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2 Peter 3:10-12 (NIV)

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be **destroyed by fire**, and the **earth and everything in it will be laid bare**. ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God.



TRUE GLOBAL WARMING IS COMING TO PLANET EARTH!

2 Peter 3:10

**But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
in which the heavens will pass away with a
roar and the elements will be destroyed with
intense heat, and the earth and its works will
be burned up. (NASB)**

2 Peter 3:6

through which the world [*kosmos*] at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.



John 3:16

For God so loved the world [*kosmos*], that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



**Millennium
Rev.20**

**Eternal State
Rev.21-22**

Sin restrained

Sin removed

Curse restrained

Curse removed

Death

No death

Mortals / resurrected

Resurrected only

Mortals Destinies undecided

All Destinies sealed

Renovation

Recreation

Temporary

Eternal

Transitional

Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	Rev. 20:1-10	Rev. 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa. 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek. 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa. 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27

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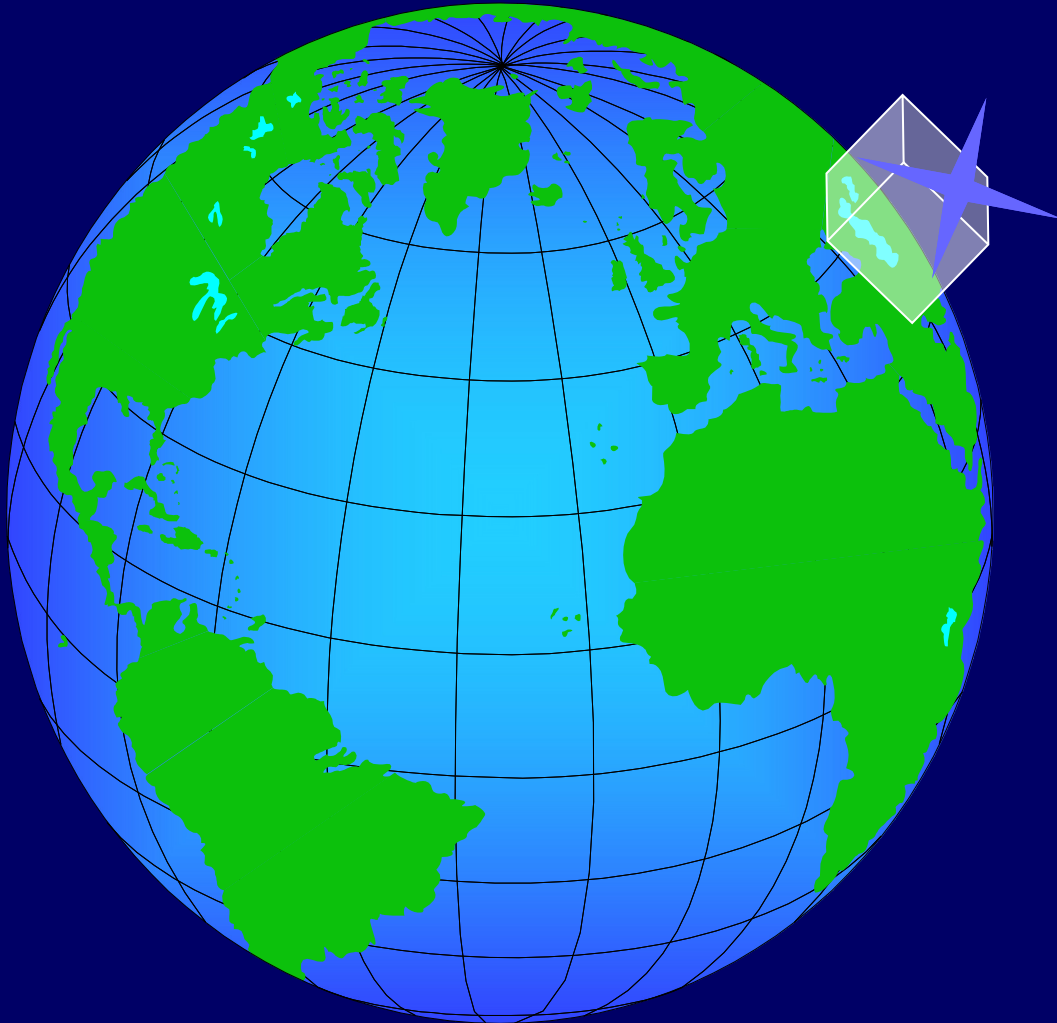
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Jerusalem Descending



Galatians 4:26

“But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.”

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Things to Come, Page 569

“It is generally agreed by interpreters...that the city seen in Revelation 21:10 is suspended over the earth...Christ will return to the earth at the second advent and He will reign on David’s throne. The center of that authority is recognized to be earthly Jerusalem. That does not necessitate the presence of Christ on that throne constantly. Christ may still reign on David’s throne over David’s Kingdom, but make the heavenly Jerusalem His place of residence with His Bride”

John 14:1-4

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. ³ If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going.”



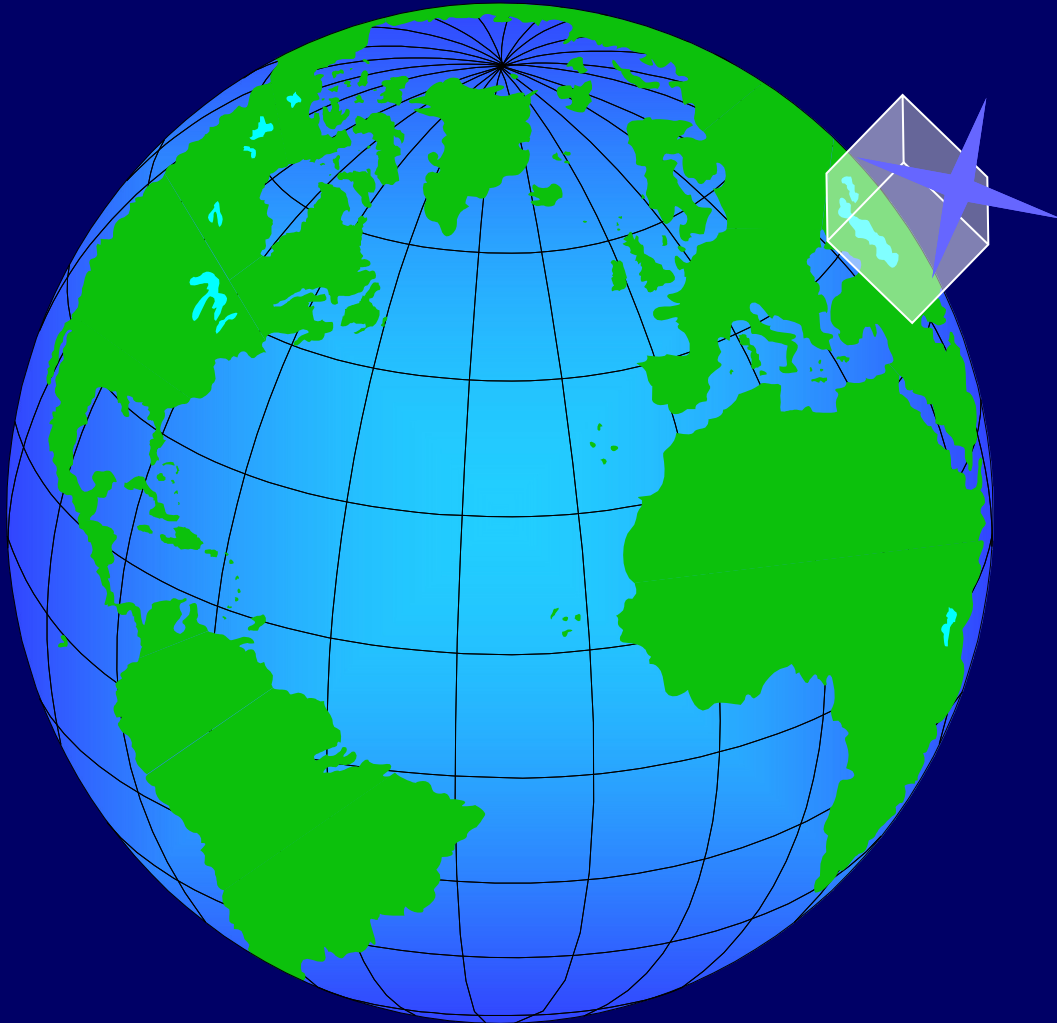


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The Ryrie Study Bible

“Revelation 21:2 (RSBEE:NASB1995U): 21:2 new Jerusalem. This heavenly city will be the abode of all the saints (Heb. 12:22–24), the bride of Christ (vv. 9–10), and the place Christ is preparing for His people (John 14:2). During the Millennium the New Jerusalem (described in detail in Rev. 21:9–22:5) apparently will be suspended over the earth, and it will be the dwelling place of all believers during eternity (as is emphasized in 21:1–8).”

Jerusalem Descending



Hebrews 12:22-23

²² “But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.”



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Revelation 21:4-5

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2 Peter 1:19-21

“¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



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Eden = Probationary Environment

Eden (Genesis 1-2)

Eternal State (Rev 21-22)

Division: light/darkness 1:4

No night 21:25

Division: land/sea 1:10

No sea 21:1

Sun & moon 1:16

No sun & moon 21:23

Garden 2:8-9

City (21:2)

River flowing out of Eden 2:10

River flowing from throne 22:1

Gold in the land 2:12

Gold in the city 21:21

Tree of life in the middle of garden 2:9

Tree of life throughout city 22:2

Bdellium and onyx stone 2:12

All manner of stones 21:19

God walking in the garden 3:8

God dwelling with His people 21:3

“Believe” Defined

W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, and William White, *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of the Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Nelson, 1996), 61.

“*pisteuō*...’to believe,’ also ‘to be persuaded of,’ and hence, ‘to place confidence in, to trust,’ signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John, especially the Gospel. He does not use the noun...Of the writers of the Gospels...uses of the verb...John ninety-nine.”

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1 John 5:4-5

“⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



1 Peter 1:3-5

“³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to *obtain* an inheritance [klēronomia] which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”



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Belief-God's One Condition for Justification



“...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31).

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

Romans 4:4-5

“Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”



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Jim Wallis

Mary Danielson, *The Dangerous Truth About the Social-Justice "Gospel,"* n. 21

“Abomination is a pretty strong word...there is a debate and questions over the meaning of the word ‘abomination.’” (Referring to Leviticus 18:22; as heard on Moody Christian Radio Network, in Chicago, Feb.19, 2008, when asked about government sanctions on civil unions for gays.)



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Revelation 9:20-21

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries (pharmakeia) nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”



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“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)