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REVELATION

sermon series



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“After These Things”

(Rev. 4–22)

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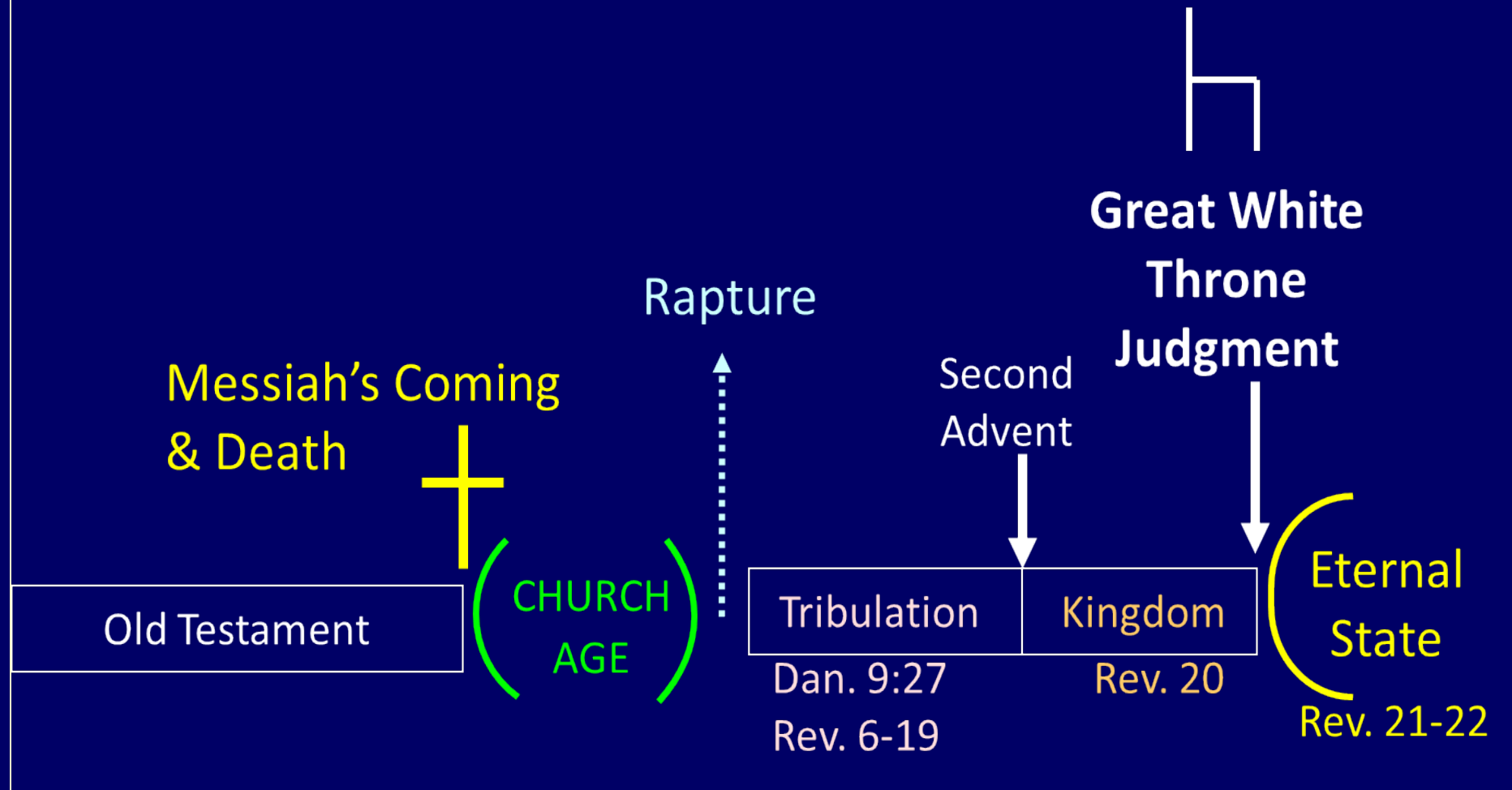
“He who overcomes, I will grant [future tense of *didōmi*] to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down [aorist tense of *kathizō*] with My Father on His throne.”



Progressive Dispensationalism and Revelation 3:21

“One may object that the throne at the right hand of God is not the Davidic throne, which is earthly. The objection might be raised by appealing to a text like **Revelation 3:21**, where Jesus distinguishes between ‘my throne,’ in which the overcomer will sit, and the Father’s throne, on which Jesus currently sits. The argument is made that the throne on which Jesus sits in Acts is the Father’s throne, not David’s...this throne of the lamb, set next to the Father, is alluded to again in **Revelation 22:1**. This is the same throne that Jesus occupies in the consummation! He exercises Davidic rule now even as he will exercises it then.”

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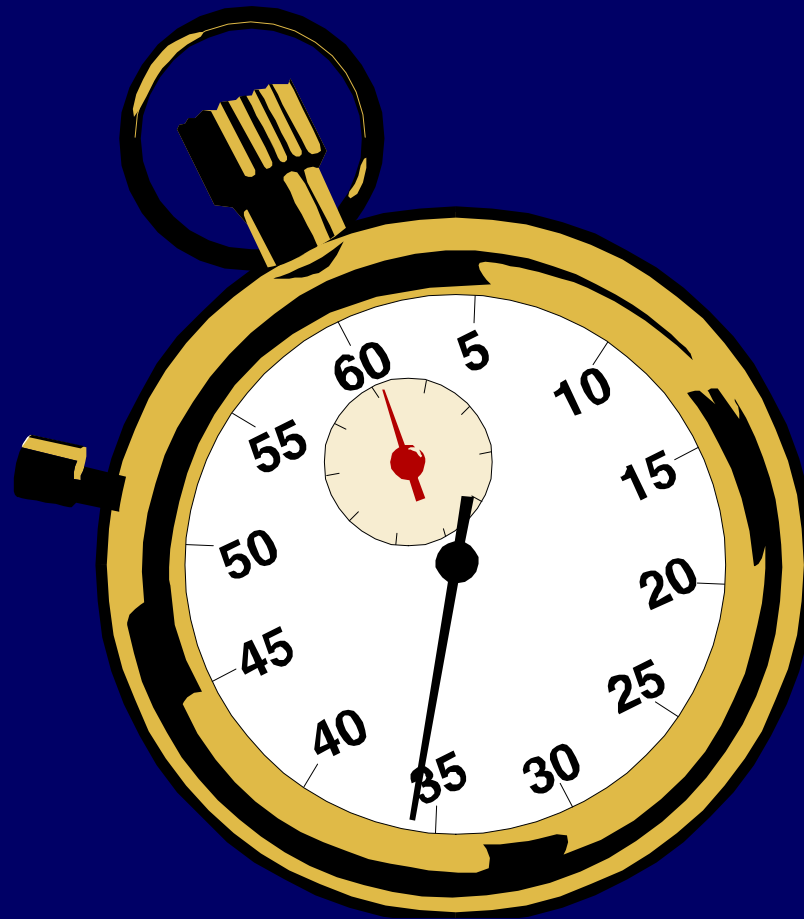
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Heaven

Q: Will there be time in Heaven?



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Genesis 1:14

Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years.”



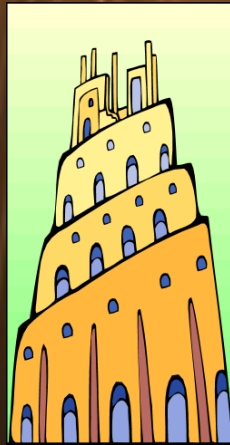
Genesis 11:1-4

¹ Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. ² It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. ⁴ They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”



Genesis 11:6

The Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.”



Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

Alexander Hislop, *Two Babylons*

Larkin, *The Book of Revelation*, 151.

“The river Euphrates, on which the city of Babylon was built, was one of the four branches into which the river that flowed through the Garden of Eden was divided, and Satan doubtless chose the site of Babylon as his headquarters from which to sally forth to tempt Adam and Eve. It was doubtless here that the Antediluvian apostasy had its source that ended in the flood. To this centre the ‘forces of Evil’ gravitated after the Flood, and ‘Babel’ was the result. This was the origin of the nations, but the nations were not scattered abroad over the earth until Satan had implanted in them the “Virus” of a doctrine that has been the source of every false religion the world has ever known.”

God's Doctrine of Nations

Since Babel

Deut. 32:8; Acts 17:26

Millennium

Isaiah 2:4; 66:18; Zech. 14:16-18
Rev.12:5; 20:3

Eternal State

Rev. 21:24, 26

Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



Revelation 12:5

“And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.”



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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.



The whole creation groans and suffers!



GENESIS 3: THE FALL OF MAN



“This chapter is the pivot on which the whole Bible turns”

W. H. Griffith Thomas

Genesis 3 Structure

- 3:1-5 Temptation by the serpent
- 3:6 Sin of Adam and Eve
- 3:7-13 Results of the sin
- 3:14-19 Imposition of divine judgments
- 3:20-24 God's provision in spite of the sin



Divine Judgments (3:14-19)

- Serpent (3:14-15)
- Woman (3:16)
- Man (3:17-19)



Serpent (3:14-15)

- Serpent's body (3:14)
- Protevangelium (3:15)



Woman (3:16)

- Painful child birth (3:16a)
- Relational conflict (3:16b)



Man (3:17-19)

- Painful labor (3:17-19a)
- Death (3:19b)



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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

“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.”



Eternal State is Future

- I. No Satan (Rev 20:10)
- II. No sea (Rev 21:1)
- III. No death, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
- IV. No Sun (Rev 22:5)
- V. No Moon (Rev 21:23)
- VI. No temple (Rev. 21:22)
- VII. No night (Rev 21:25)
- VIII. No evil (Rev 21:27)
- IX. No Tree of Knowledge (22:1)
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*101 Answers to the Most Asked Questions About
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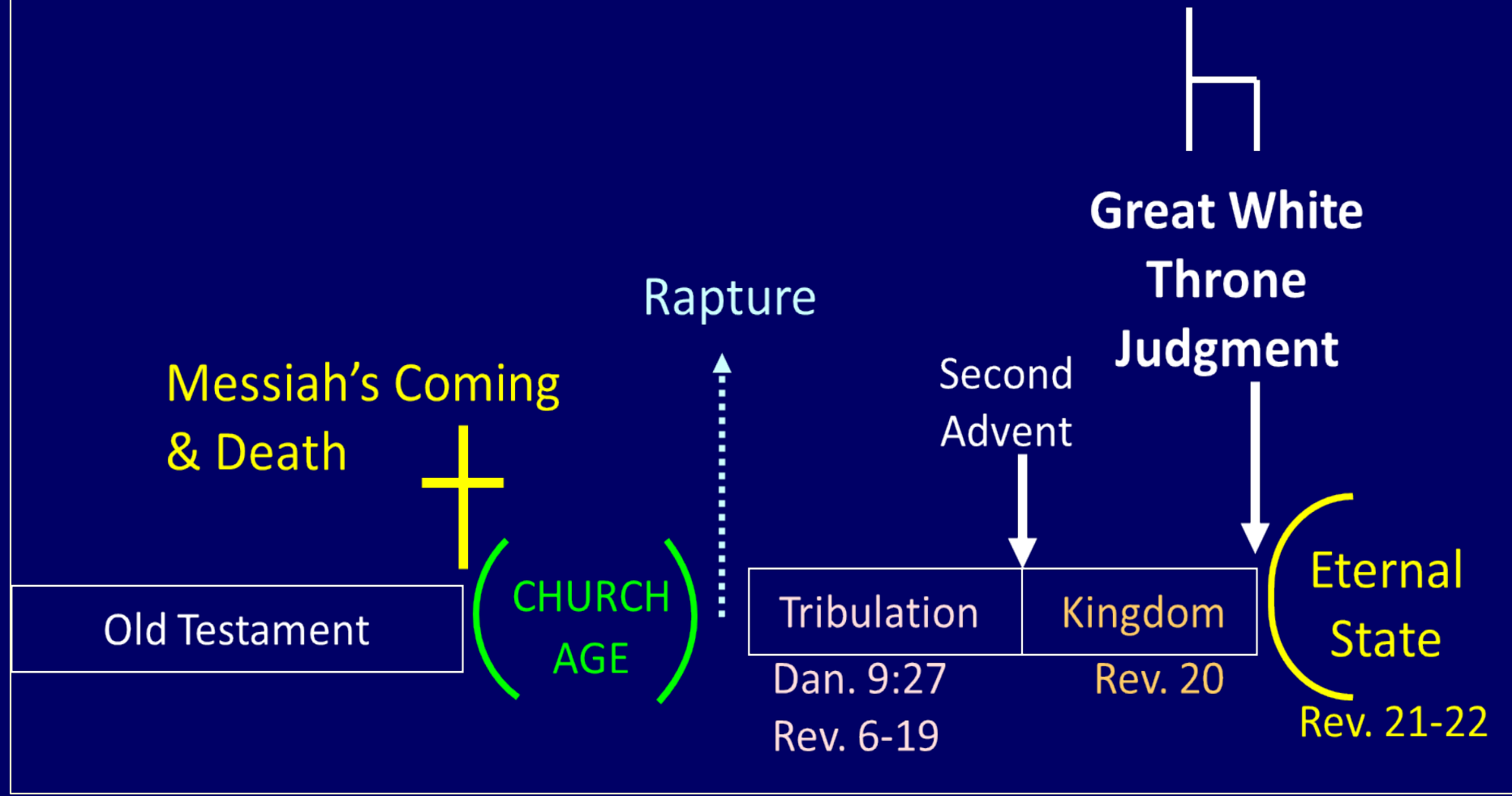
“Christ will rule over His kingdom on this present earth for one thousand years, and He will reign forever. The future kingdom of God has two parts or phases. Phase one is the millennial reign of Christ on this earth (Rev. 20:1–6), and phase two is the eternal state (Rev. 22:5). As I once heard it described, the Millennium is the front porch of eternity.”

Revelation 5:10

“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



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Messiah's Coming
& Death



CHURCH
AGE

Rapture

Second
Advent

Great White
Throne
Judgment

Old Testament

Tribulation

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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)