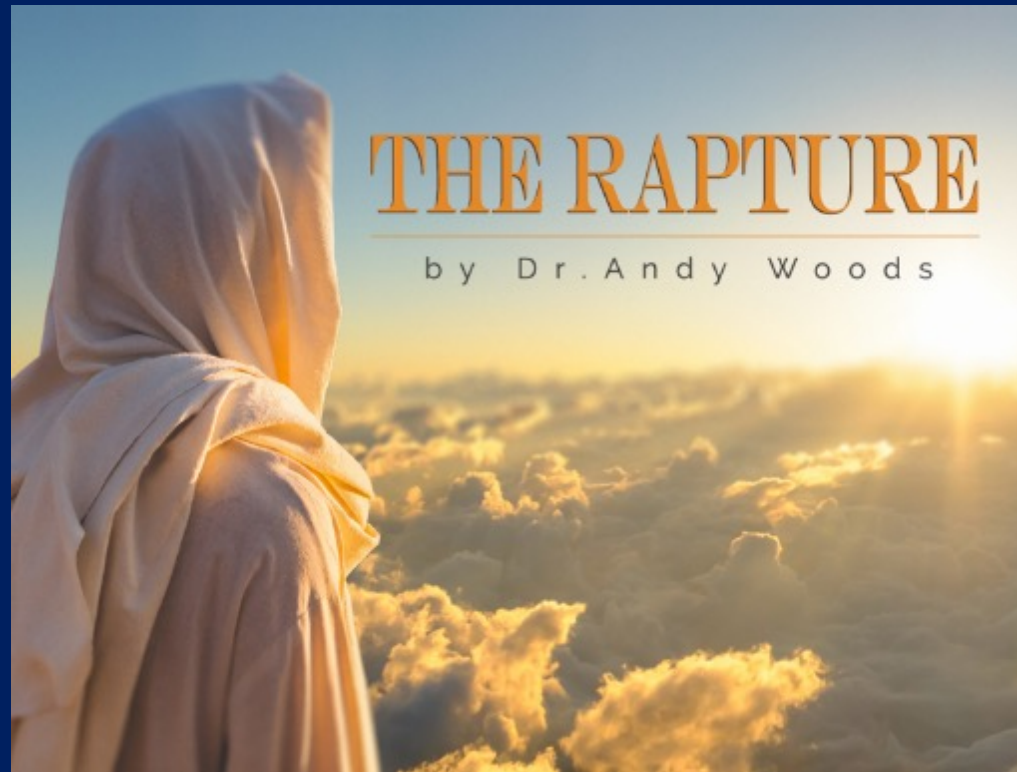


THE RAPTURE

What and When? – Part 65



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Course Overview



- I. What is the Rapture?
- II. When is the Rapture?
- III. Strengthening the Pre-Tribulational case
- IV. The opposing views
- V. One second after the Rapture
- VI. Questions & Answers



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"7 SIGNS" in Gospel of John



Changing Water into Wine

2:11



Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18



Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14

Walking on water

6:16-21



Healing a blind man

9:1-7

Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



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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.”



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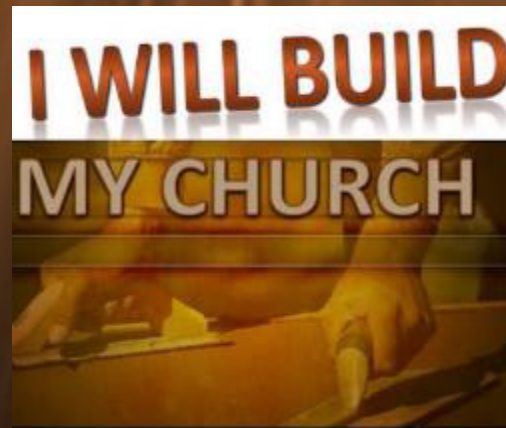
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Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build [oikodomeō] My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.



Ephesians 3:3-6

“³ that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. ⁴ By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; ⁶ to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel”.



Colossians 1:26

“that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints.”



“Mystery” Defined

“In the N.T, it [*mystērion*] denotes, not the mysterious (as with the Eng. word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation, and is made known in a manner and at a time appointed by God, and to those who are illumined by His Spirit.”



1 Corinthians 15:51

“Behold, I tell you a mystery [*mystērion*]; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”

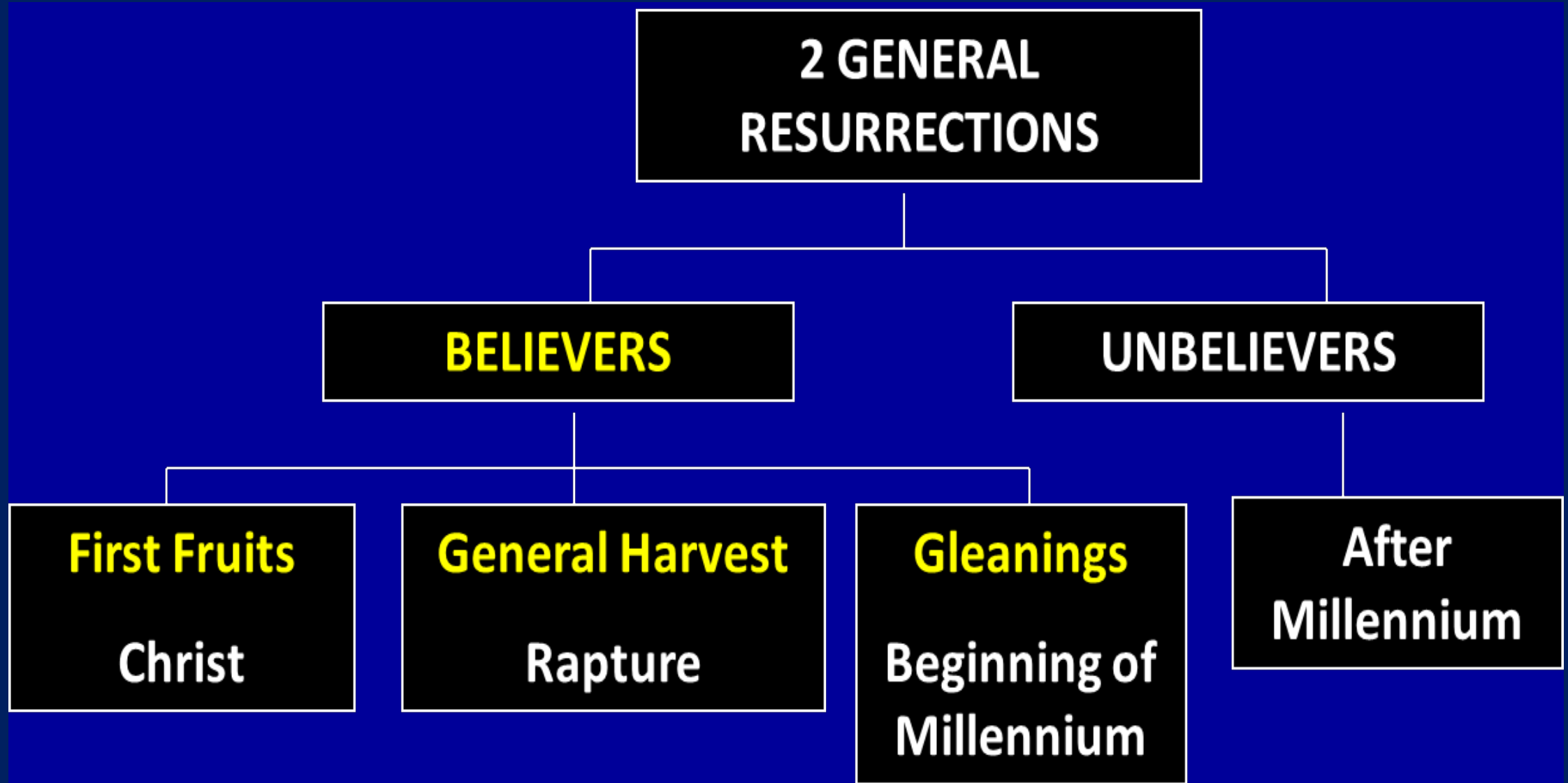


1 Corinthians 15:20-23

“²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. ²¹-For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order (*tagma*): Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”



God's Resurrection Program



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.”





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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“All Scripture is inspired by God [*theopneustos*] and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”





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Psalm 90:10

“As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.”

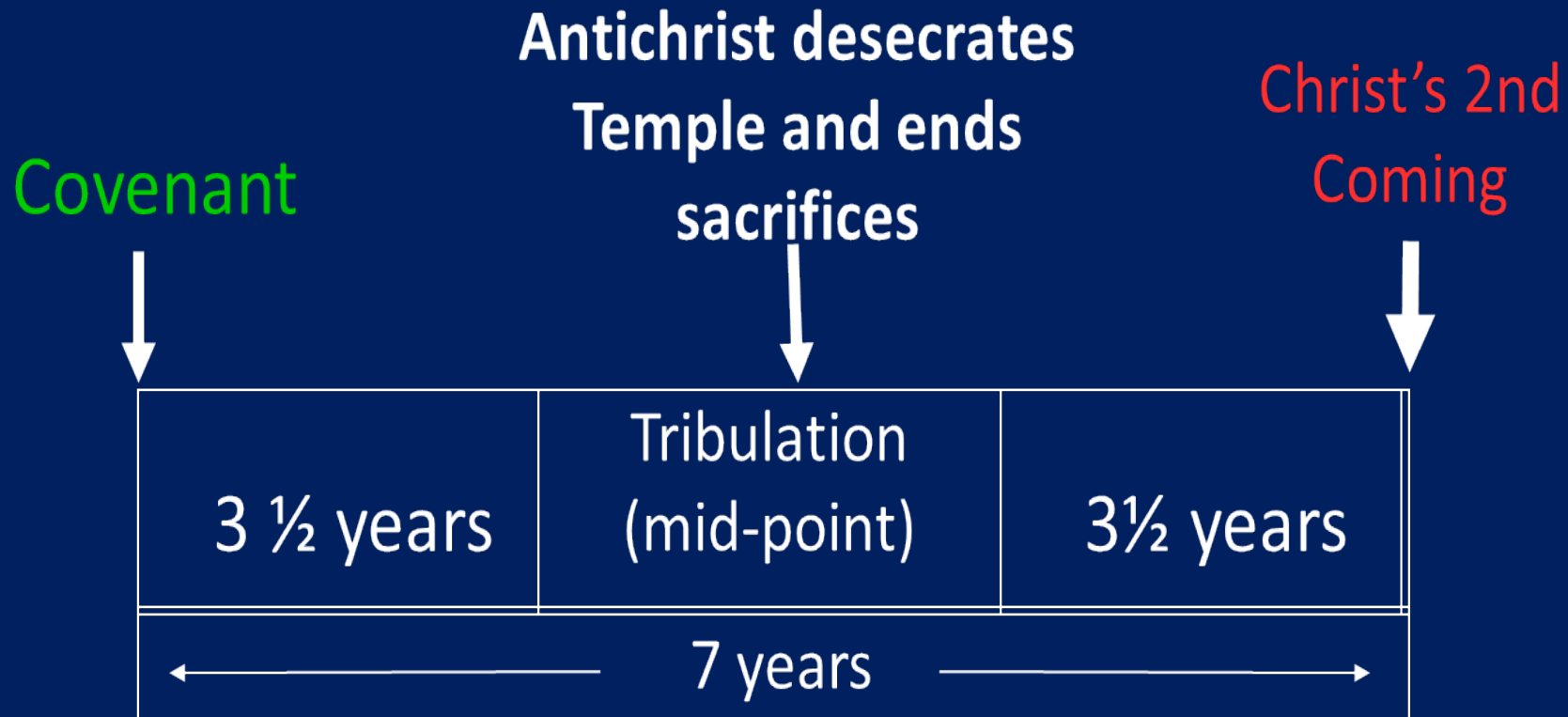


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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

... have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up [harpazō] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."



Rapture Distinct from Second Advent

RAPTURE

(1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-58)

Christ comes in the air

(1 Thess 4:16-17)

For His saints

(1 Thess 4:15-17)

Blessing

(1 Thess 4:18)

Effects only believers

(1 Thess 4:16)

SECOND COMING

(Rev 19:11-16)

Christ comes to the earth

(Zech 14:4)

With His saints

(Rev 19:14)

Judgment

(Rev 19:15)

**Effects both believers &
unbelievers**

(Rev 19:15)

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RAPTURE

(1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-58)

Invisible

(1 Thess 4:16)

Announced only by an archangel

(1 Thess 4:16)

Resurrection

(1 Cor 15: 51)

Rescue of the Church

(1 Thess 1:10)

SECOND COMING

(Rev 19:11-16)

Visible to all

(Rev 1:7)

Involves myriads of angels

(Jude 14)

No resurrection

Rescue of Israel

(Matt 23:37-39)

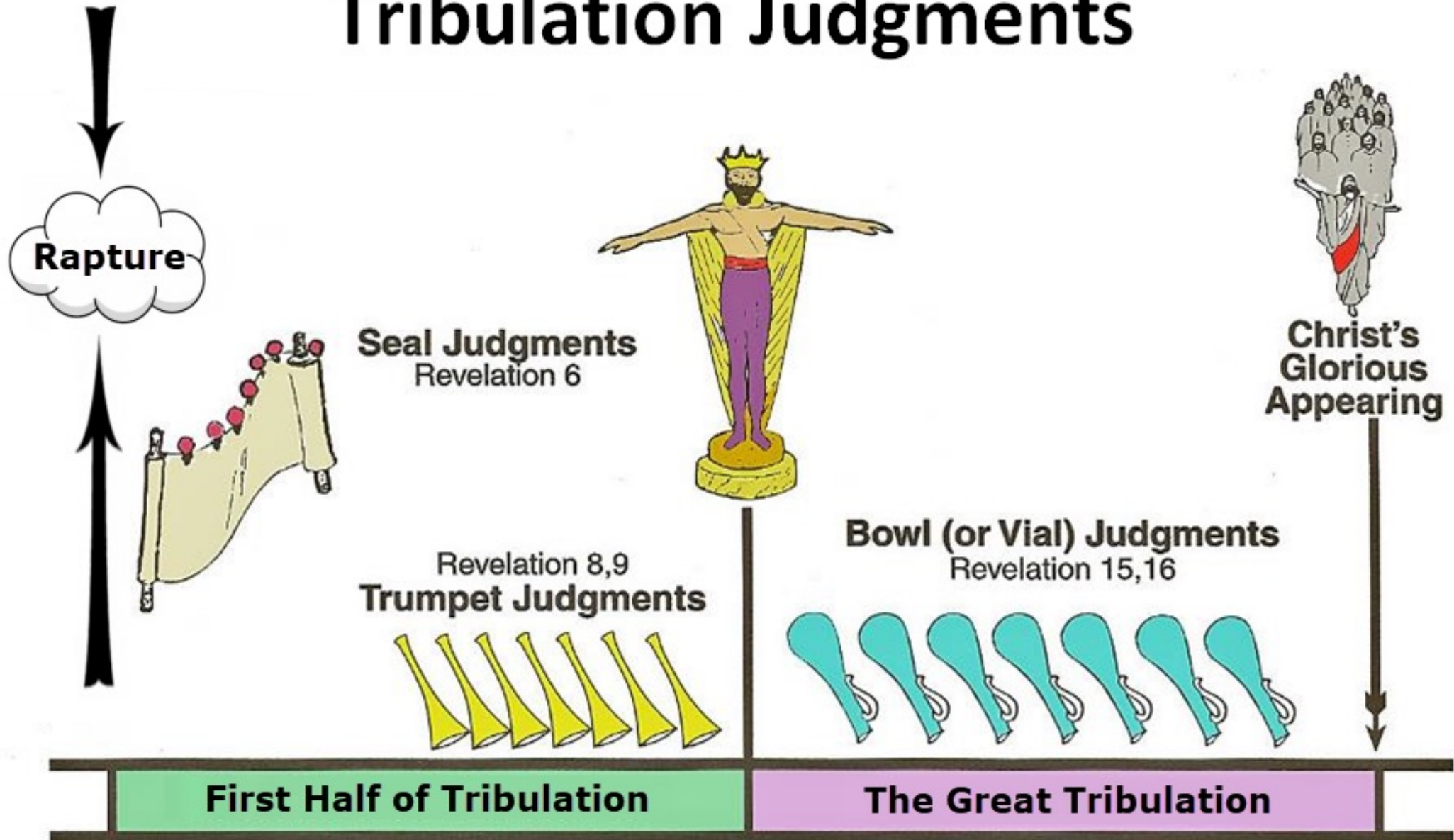


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Tribulation Judgments



Genesis 8:22

While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease.

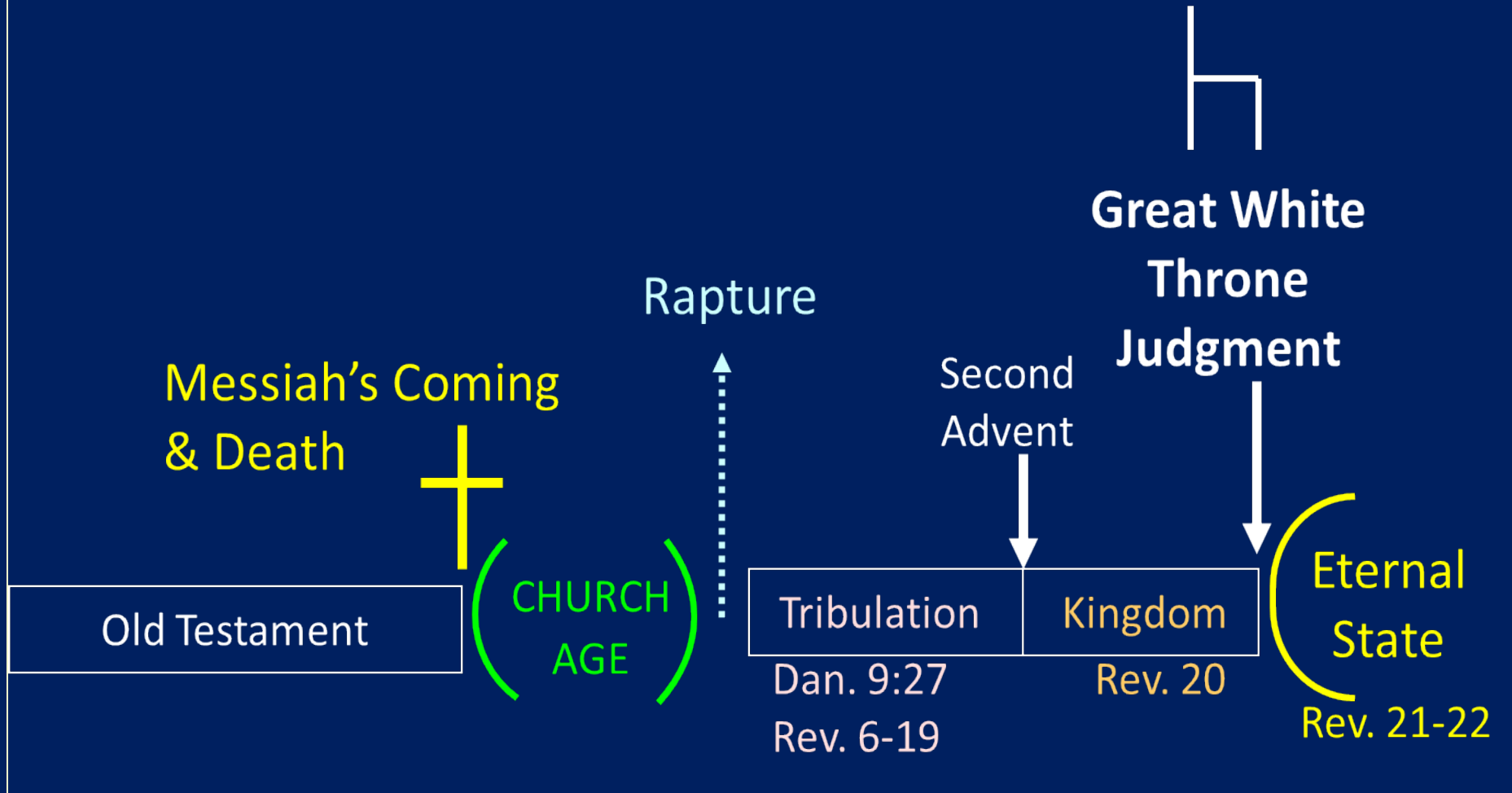


Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“^{1:6} and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...^{5:10} You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



Prophecy Panorama



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)**

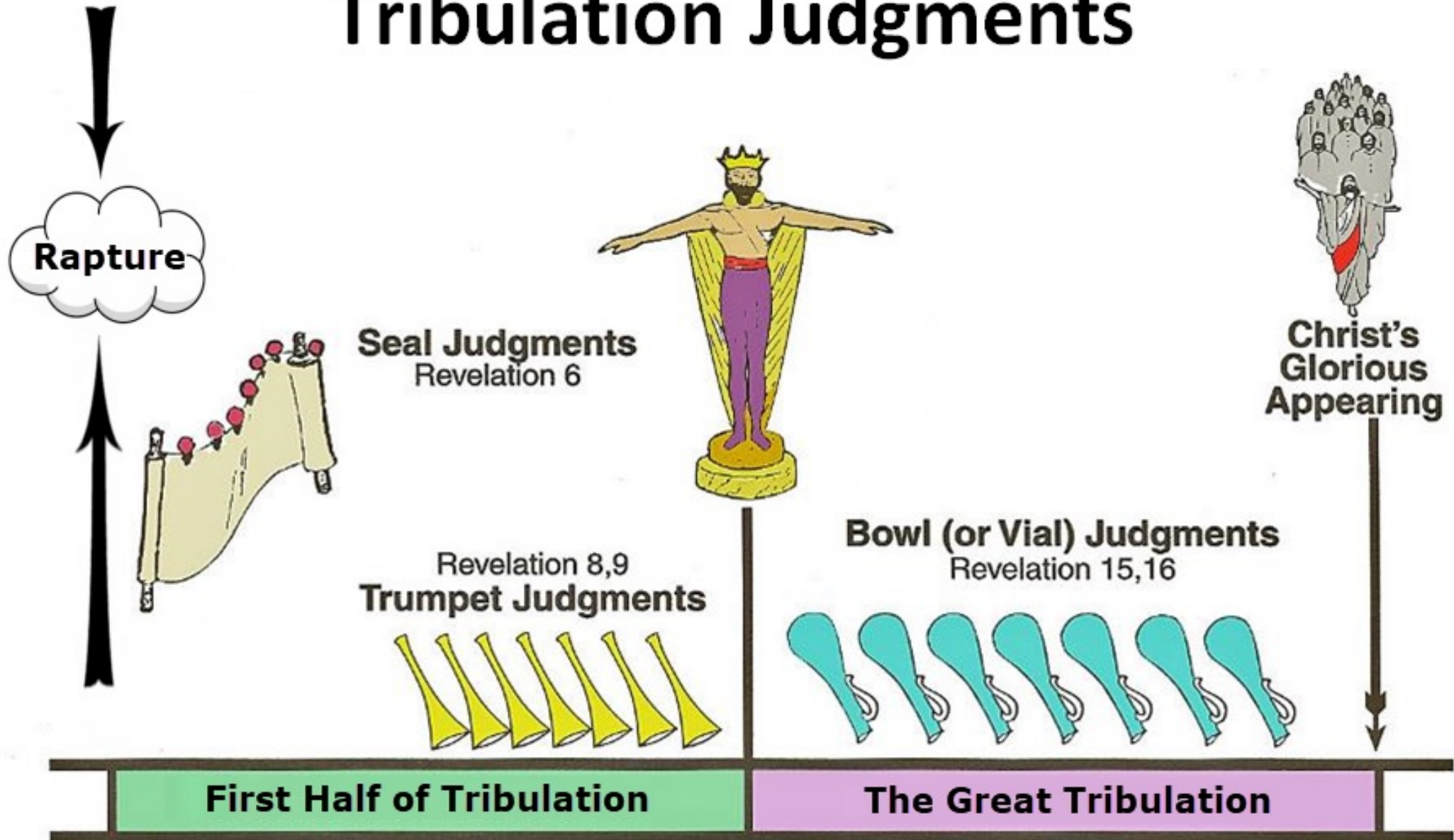


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2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

⁶And you know what restrains [*katechon; neuter*] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [*katechōn; masculine*] will do so until he is taken out of the way.



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



The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

REVELATION 2-3

CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

Twenty-Four Elders

(Rev. 4:4; 5:8-10)

CHURCH

1. Crowned (Rev. 2:10; 3:11)
2. Resurrected (Rev. 4:4)
3. Clothed in White (Rev. 3:5)
4. Redeemed (Rev. 5:8-10)
5. Global (Rev. 5:9; Matt. 28:19)
6. Enthroned (Rev. 3:21)
7. Elders (Rev. 1 Tim. 3:1-7)
8. Kingdom of Priests (Rev. 1:6)
9. Twenty-four (Rev. 1:6)





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Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000

MULTITUDE

Revelation 7:1-8

Revelation 7:9-17

Numbered

Innumerable

Jews

All nations

Sealed (First Fruits)

Slain (Martyrs)

Sealed before the Tribulation

Converted out of the Tribulation

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



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Revelation 13:16-18

¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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.

Daniel 7:23

“The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.”



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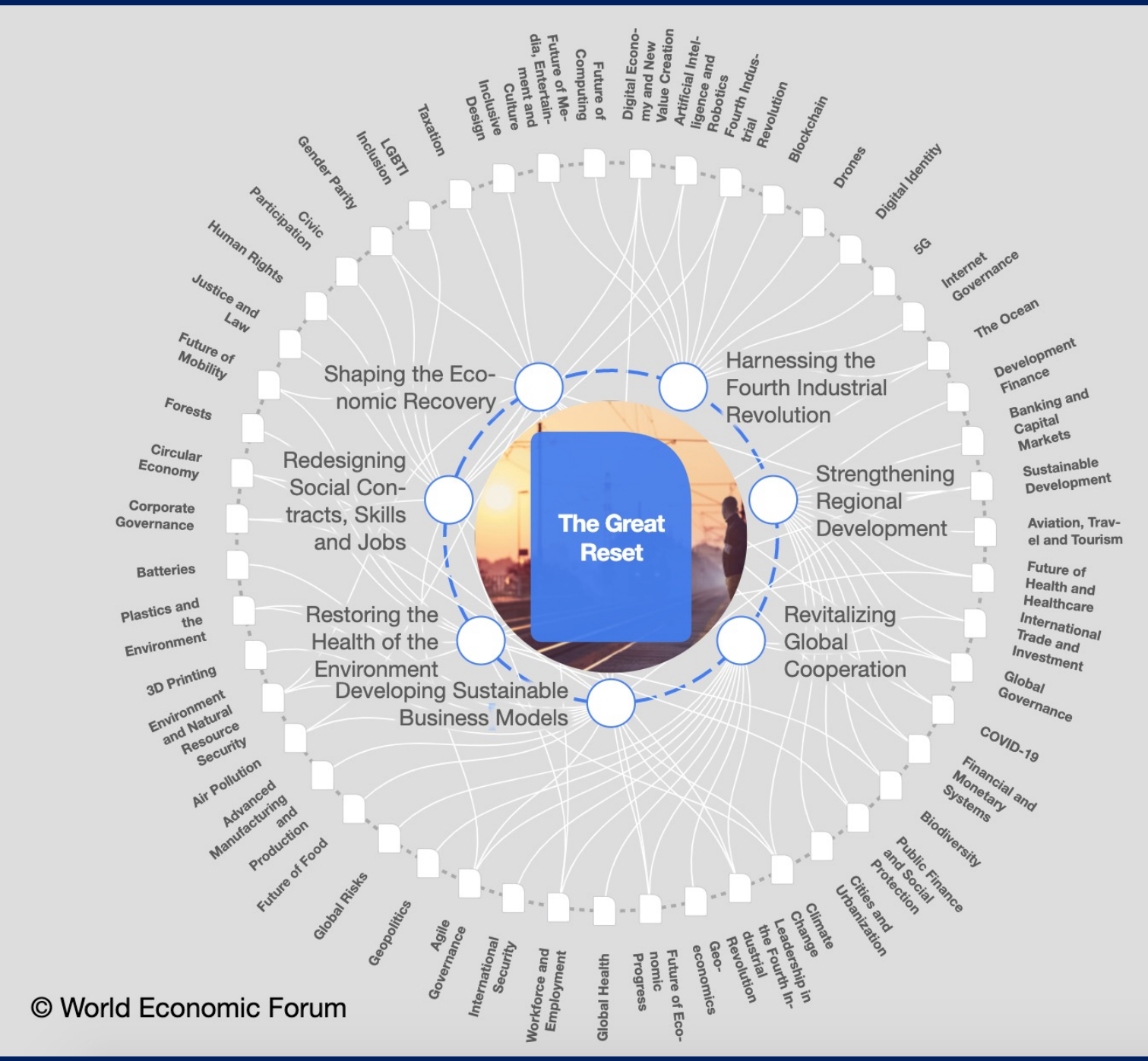
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