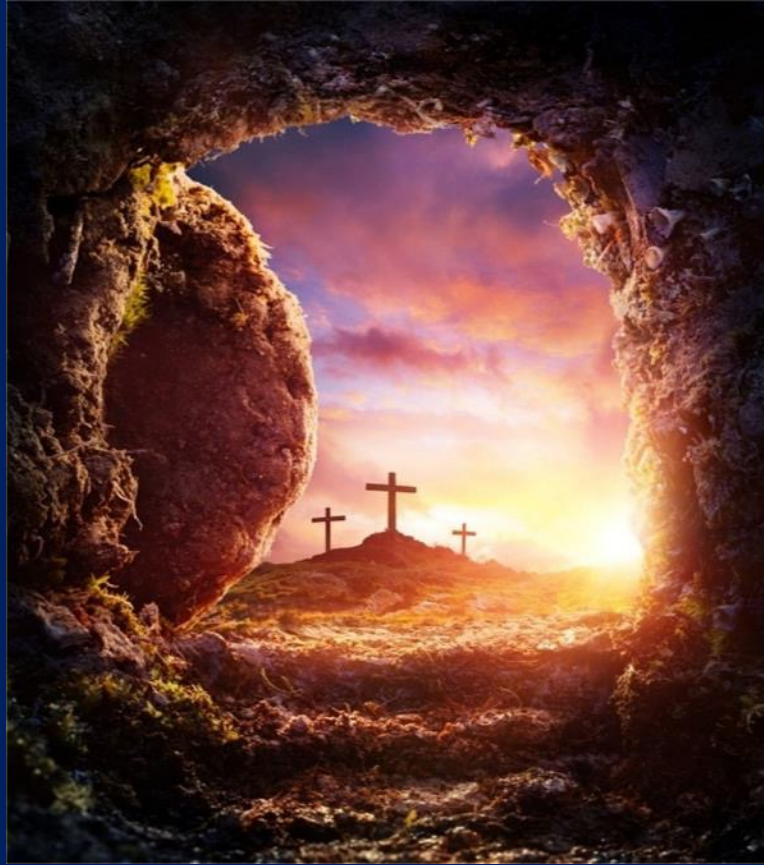


The Believer's Future Resurrection Body



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1 Corinthians 15:20-23

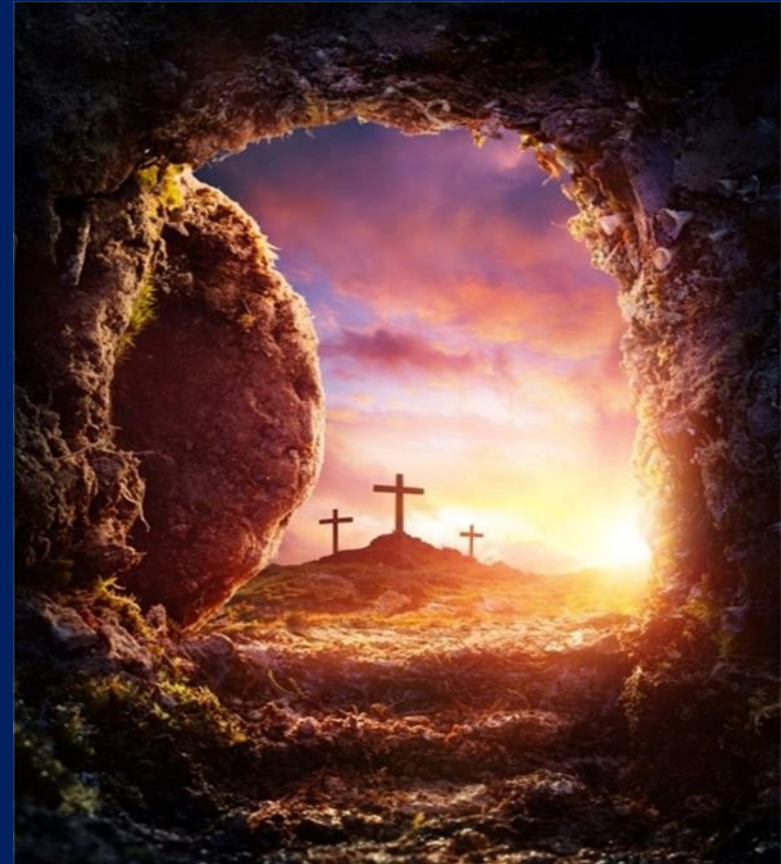
“²⁰ But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the **first fruits** of those who are asleep. ²¹ For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the **first fruits**,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





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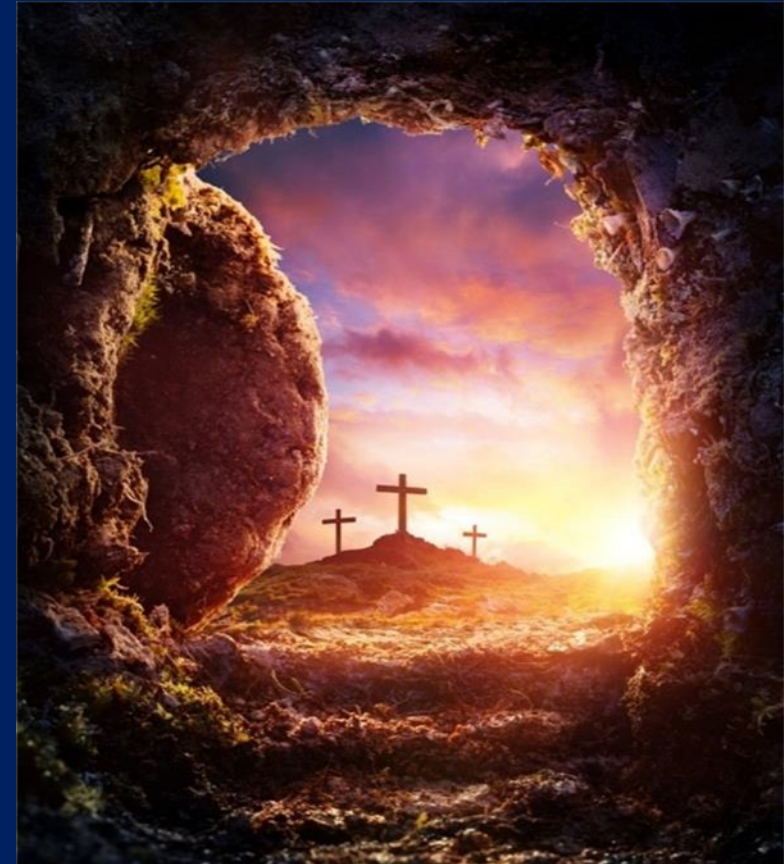
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Romans 8:19–23

¹⁸ “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 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. ²³ And not only this, but also, we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

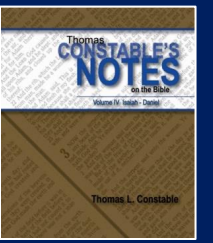






Thomas L. Constable

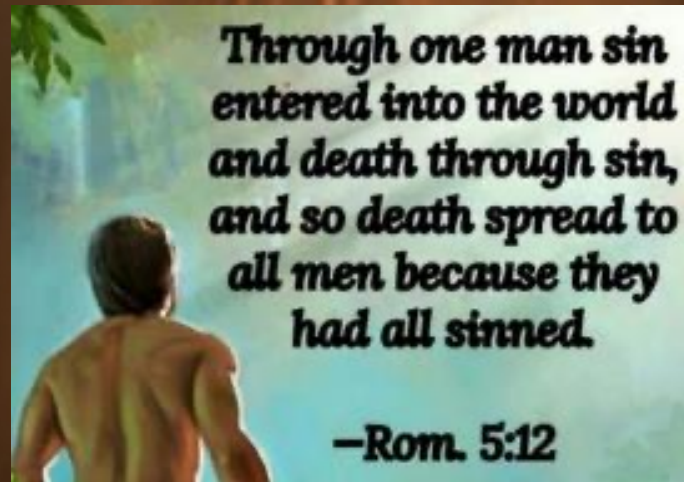
Constable's online notes on 2 Corinthians, p. 80-82.



“We groan because we feel the pains associated with mortality, namely, our physical limitations, sickness, and the increasing disability that accompanies advancing age...We groan because we long to enter into whatever God has for us in the future: an intermediate body, a resurrection body, or a heavenly home. We want ‘to be clothed.’ God's promises of something better make us dissatisfied with what we have now. We long for the time when immortal life will, in a sense, consume what is mortal and dies.”

Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return.”



2 Cor. 4:16

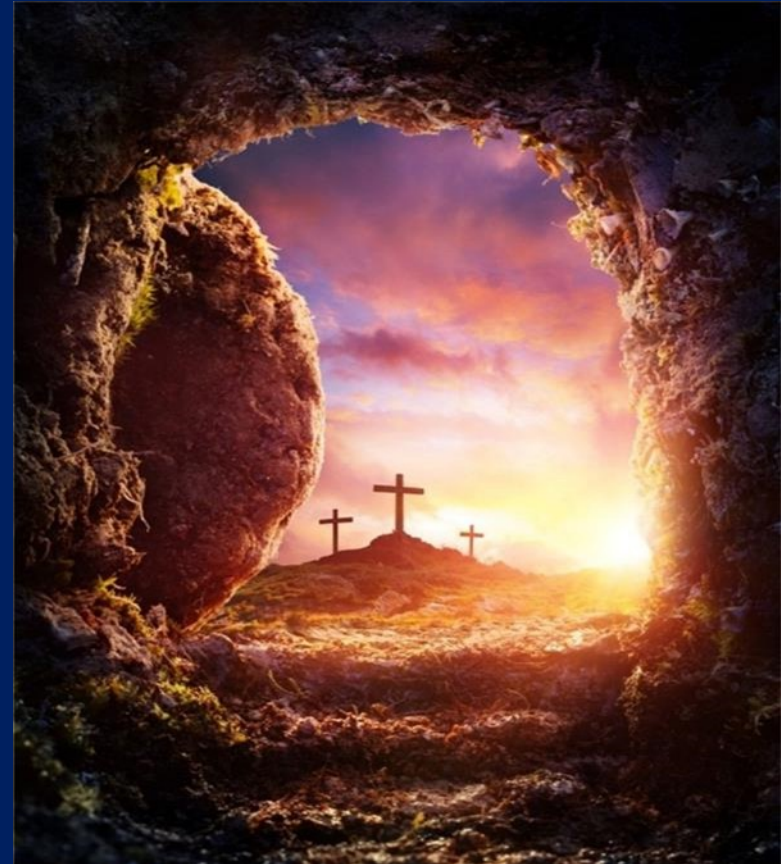
Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.





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Differences Between the Earthly and Heavenly Bodies

(1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

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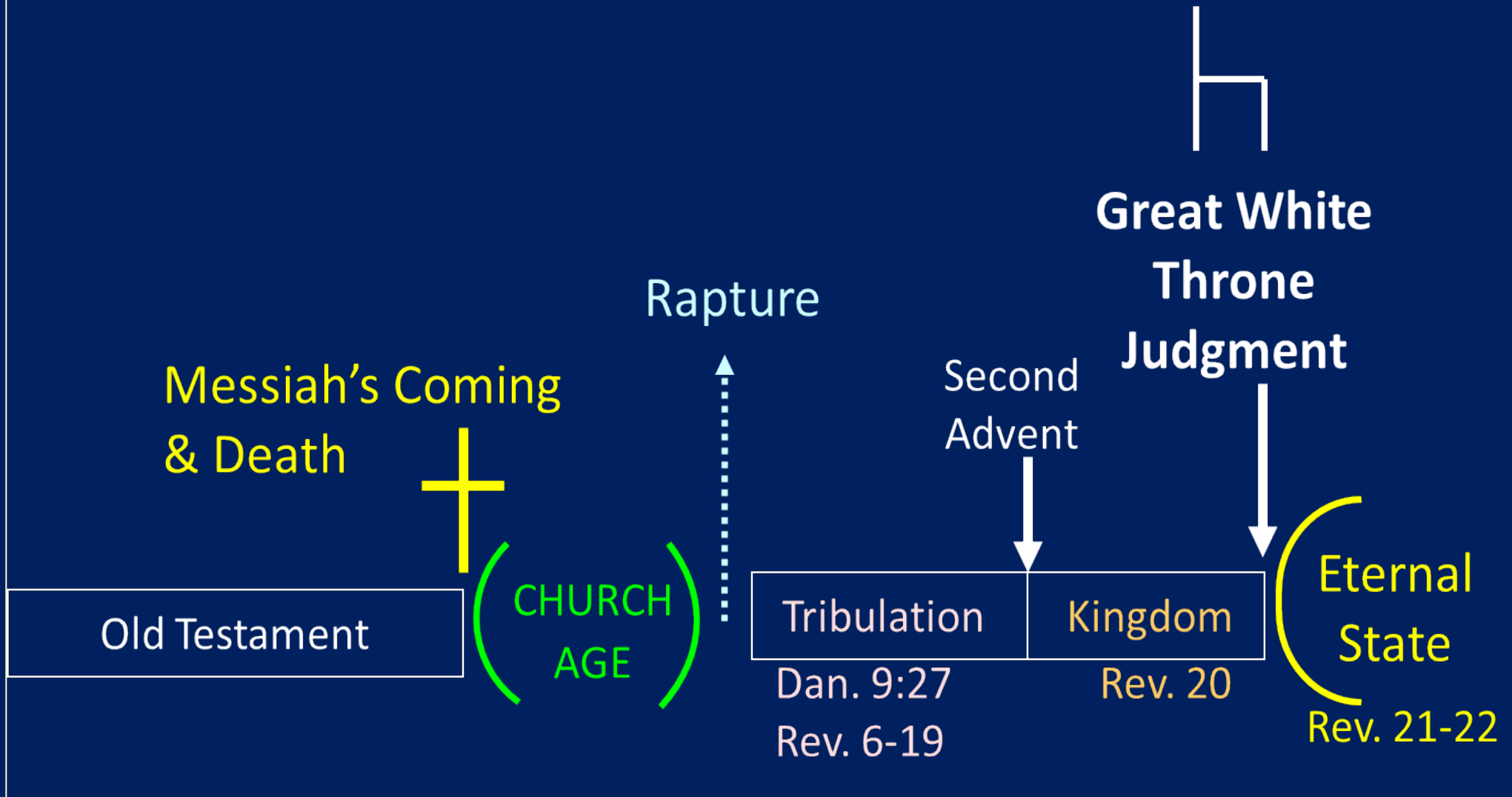
- Perishable
- Lowly
- Weak
- Natural

Heavenly Body

- Imperishable
- Honorable
- Powerful
- Spiritual

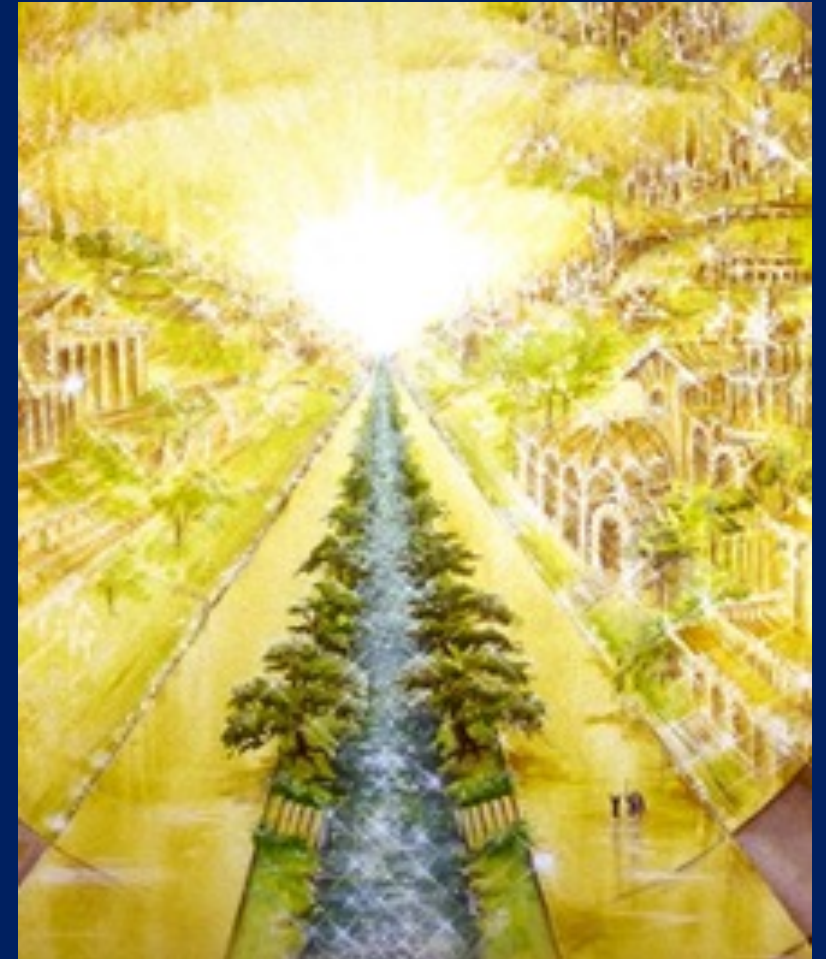


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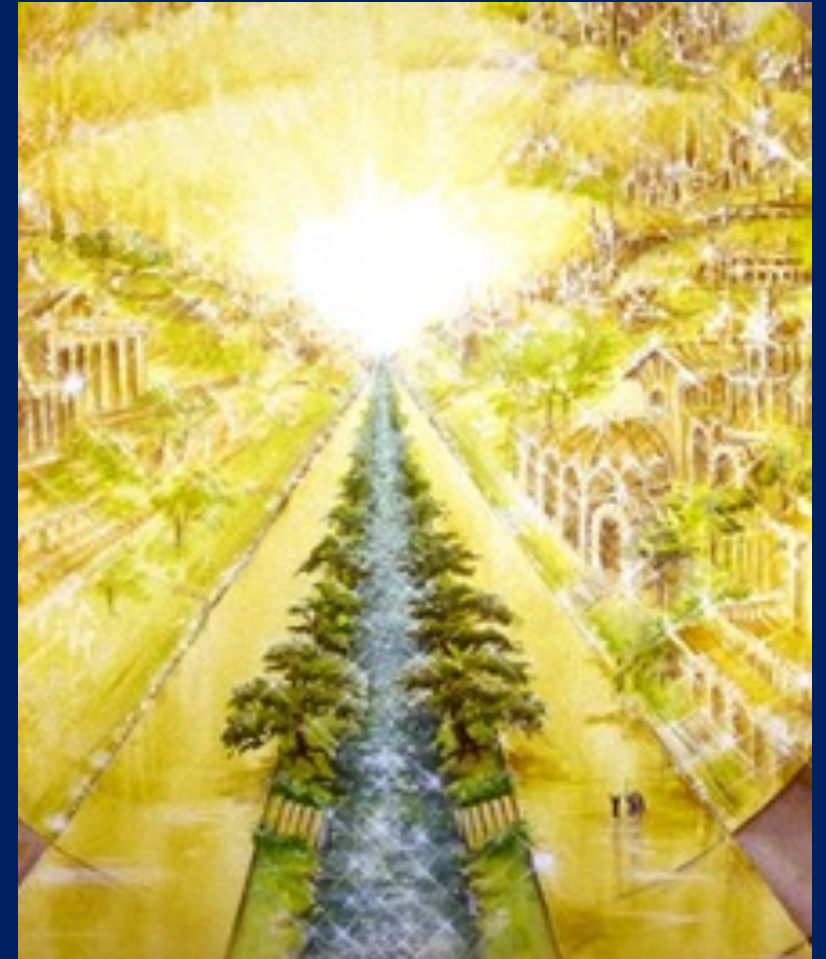
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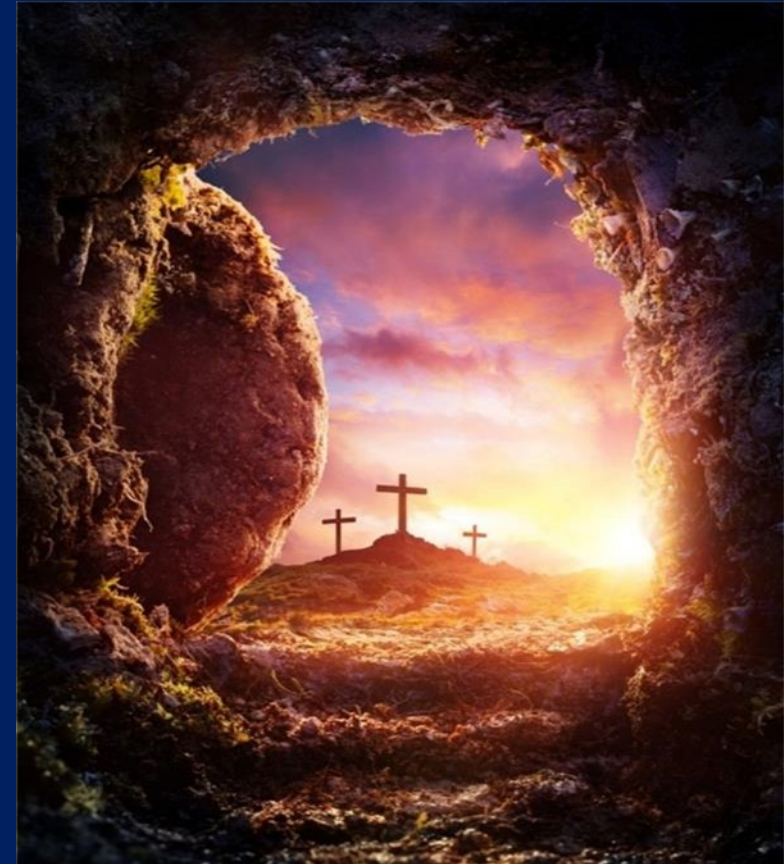
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ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
2. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)

William McDonald

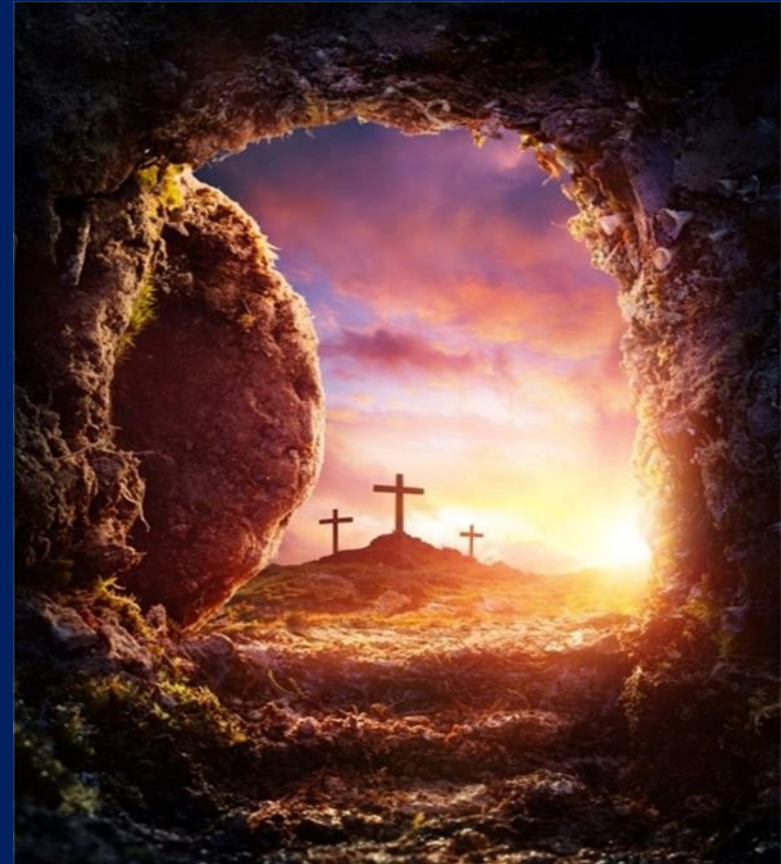
William MacDonal and Arthur L. Farstad, *Believer's Bible Commentary* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2016), in the Bible Study App, Olive Tree Bible Software, 2022.

“A tent is not a permanent dwelling, but a portable one for pilgrims and travelers...The temporary tent is taken down, but a new, permanent house awaits the believer in the land beyond the skies. This is a building from God, in the sense that God is the One who gives it to us...The believer's future body is also described as eternal in the heavens. It is a body that will no longer be subject to disease, decay, and death, but one that will endure forever in our heavenly home.”



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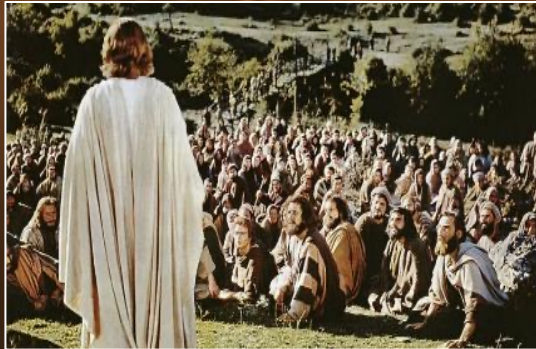
Christ's Resurrection Attested to by Eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:5-11)

- Cephas (5a)
- The twelve (5b)
- The five hundred (6)
- James (7a)
- The rest of the apostles (7b)
- Paul (8-11)



1 Corinthians 15:6-7

“⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles...”



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3. Hallucination theory
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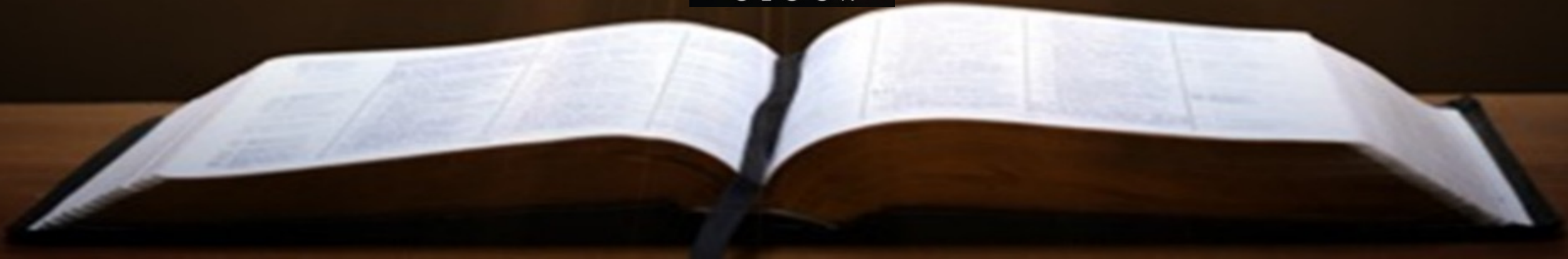
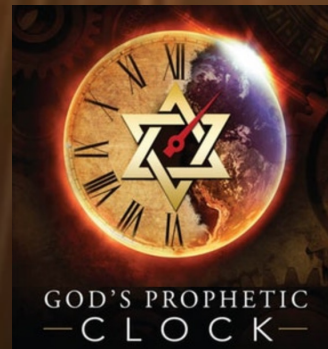
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Acts 1:6-7

“⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, ‘Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷ He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority.’”

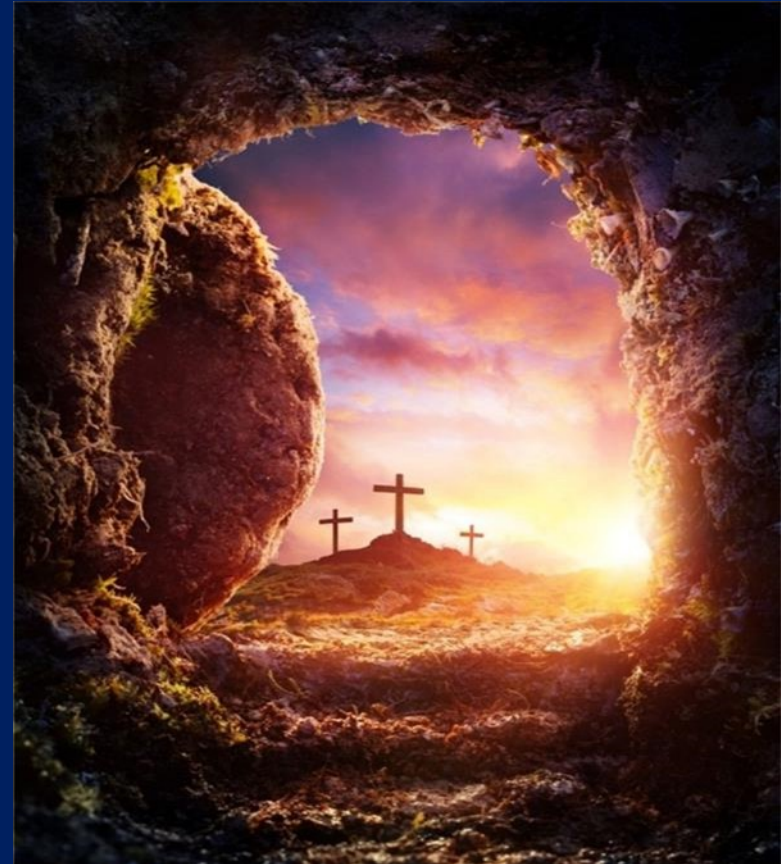




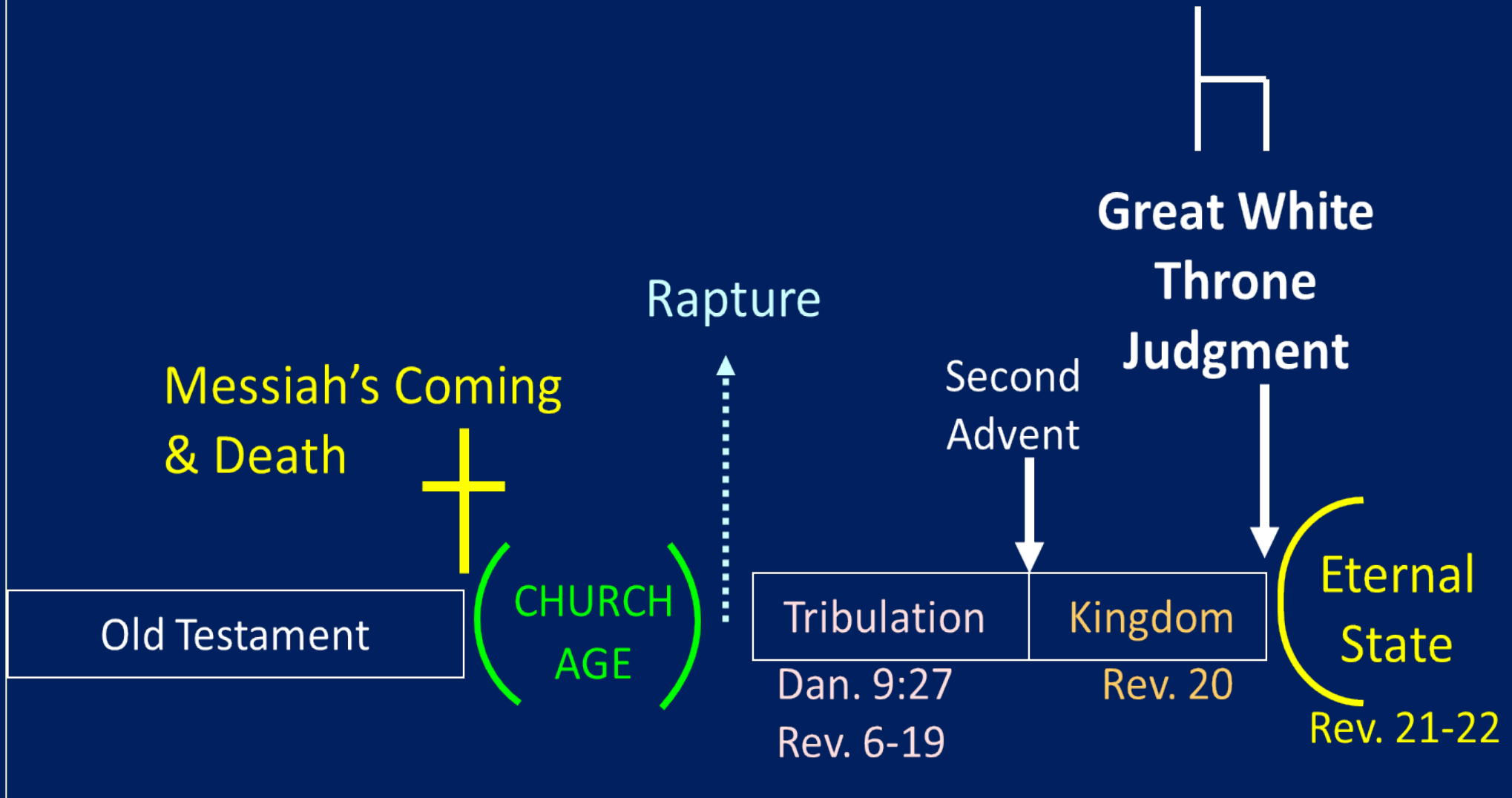


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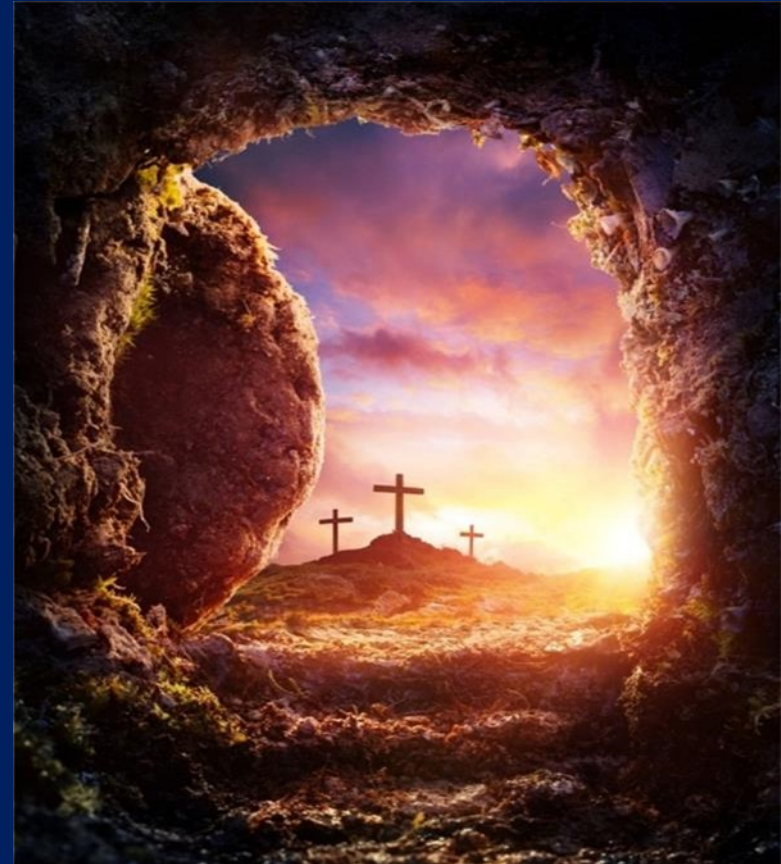
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Jerusalem Descending



Galatians 4:26

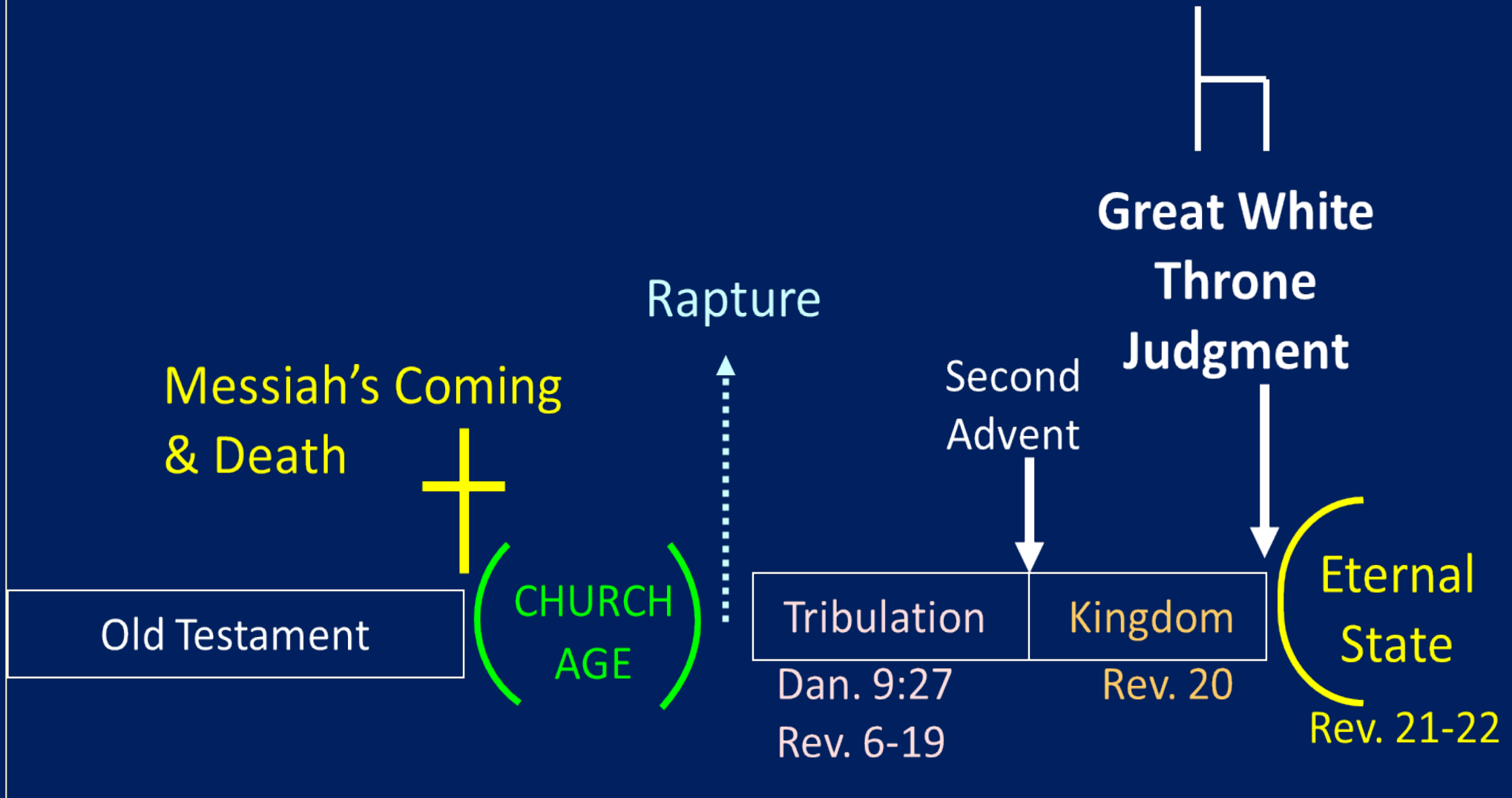
“But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother.”

Revelation 21

The Eternal State
The New Jerusalem



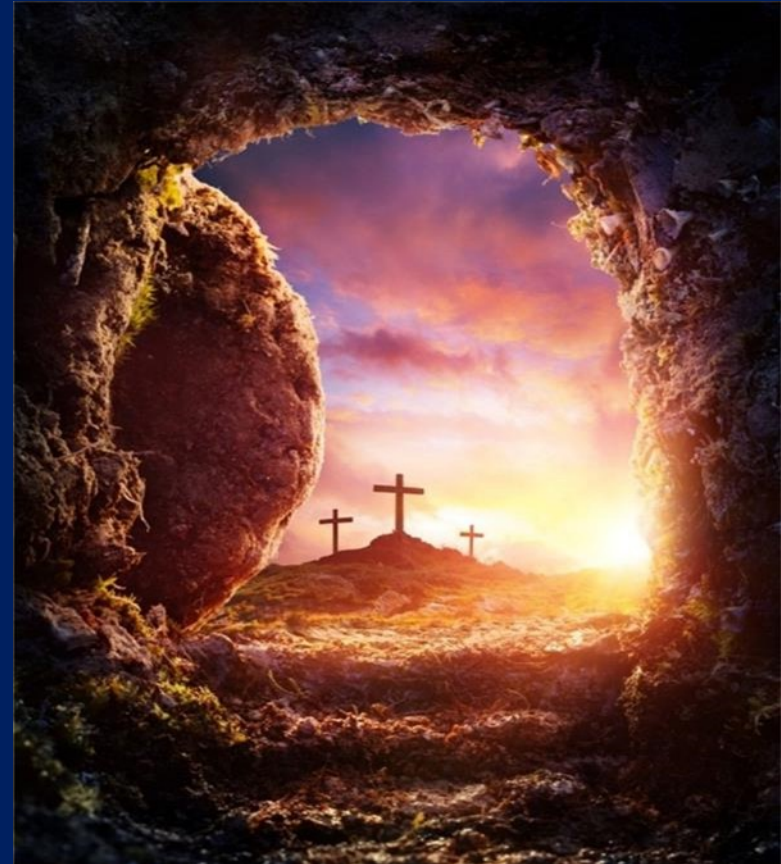
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Genesis 11:1-9

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 . . .



Genesis 11:1-9 (cont'd)

...heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”⁵ The LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.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.”⁷ “Come, let...



Genesis 11:1-9 (cont'd)

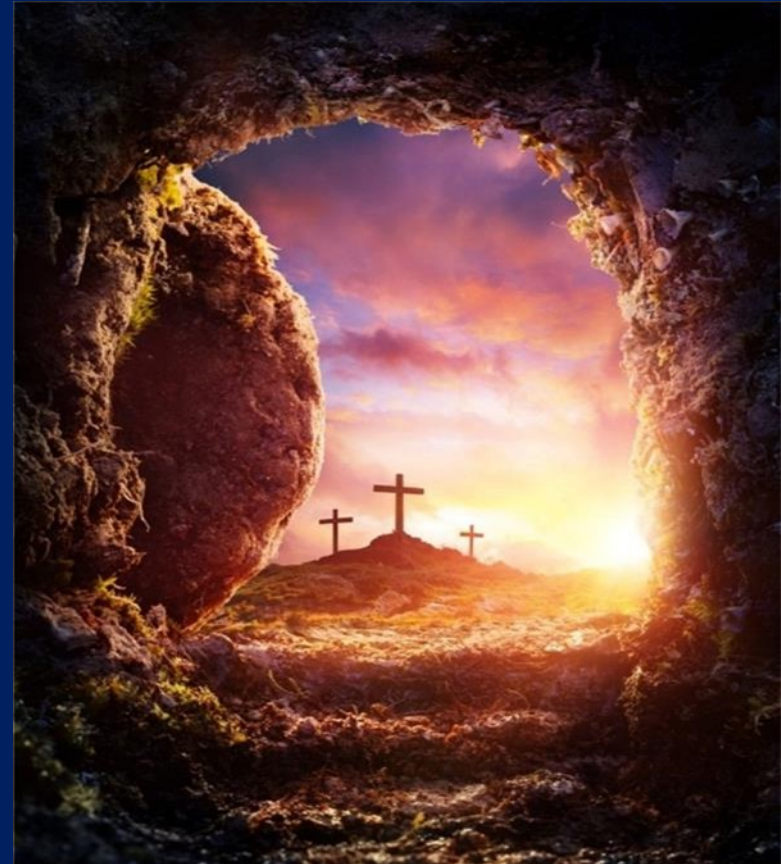
... Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech.”⁸ So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.⁹ Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.





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Conclusion

The Provision

“SEVEN SIGNS” in Gospel of John



1. Changing Water into Wine

2:11

2. Healing official's son

4:46-54

3. Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18

4. Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14

5. Walking on water

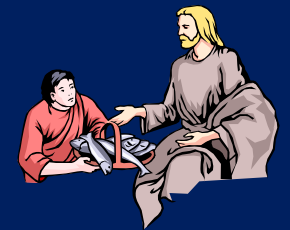
6:16-21

6. Healing a blind man

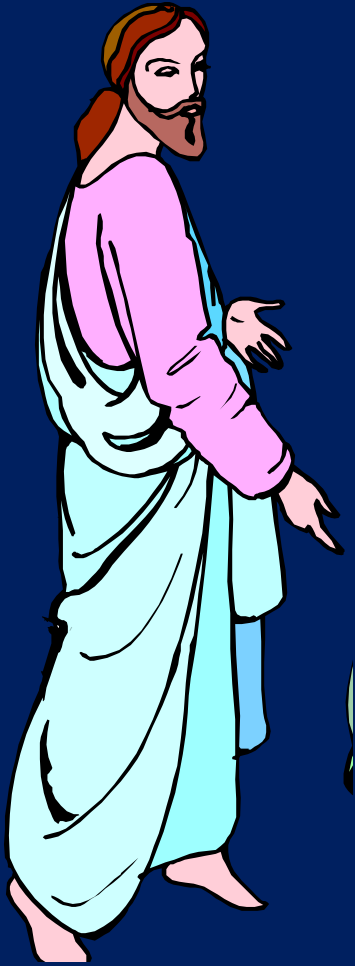
9:1-7

7. Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



Seven “I AM” statements in John



1. I am the Bread of Life	6:35
2. I am the Light of the world	8:12
3. I am the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
4. I am the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
5. I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
6. I am the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
7. I am the true Vine	15:1; cf. v.5

John 11:25-27

“²⁵ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ²⁷ She said to Him, ‘Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.’”





“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)