

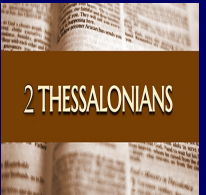
2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING



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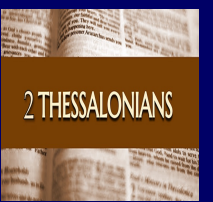
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Introductory Matters

- Authorship: Paul
- Audience: Thessalonians
- Place of writing: Corinth
- Date: AD 51
- Occasion: Forgery
- Structure: 3 Parts
- Message: working & waiting
- Purpose: Correction of orthodoxy
& orthopraxy

Structure

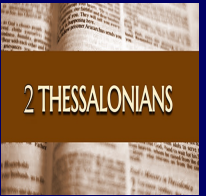


- 1 – Commendation
- 2 – Correction
- 3 – Consequences



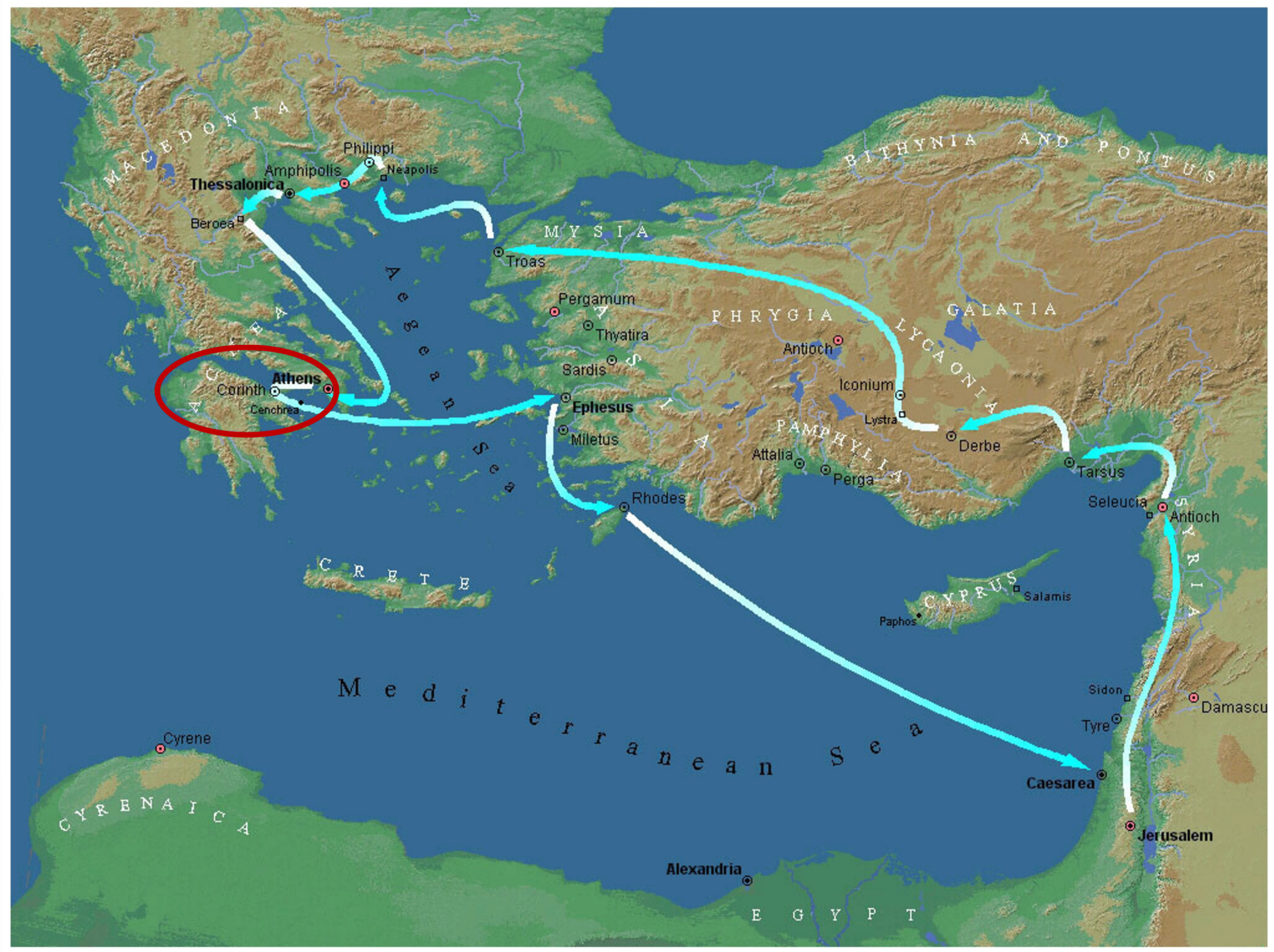
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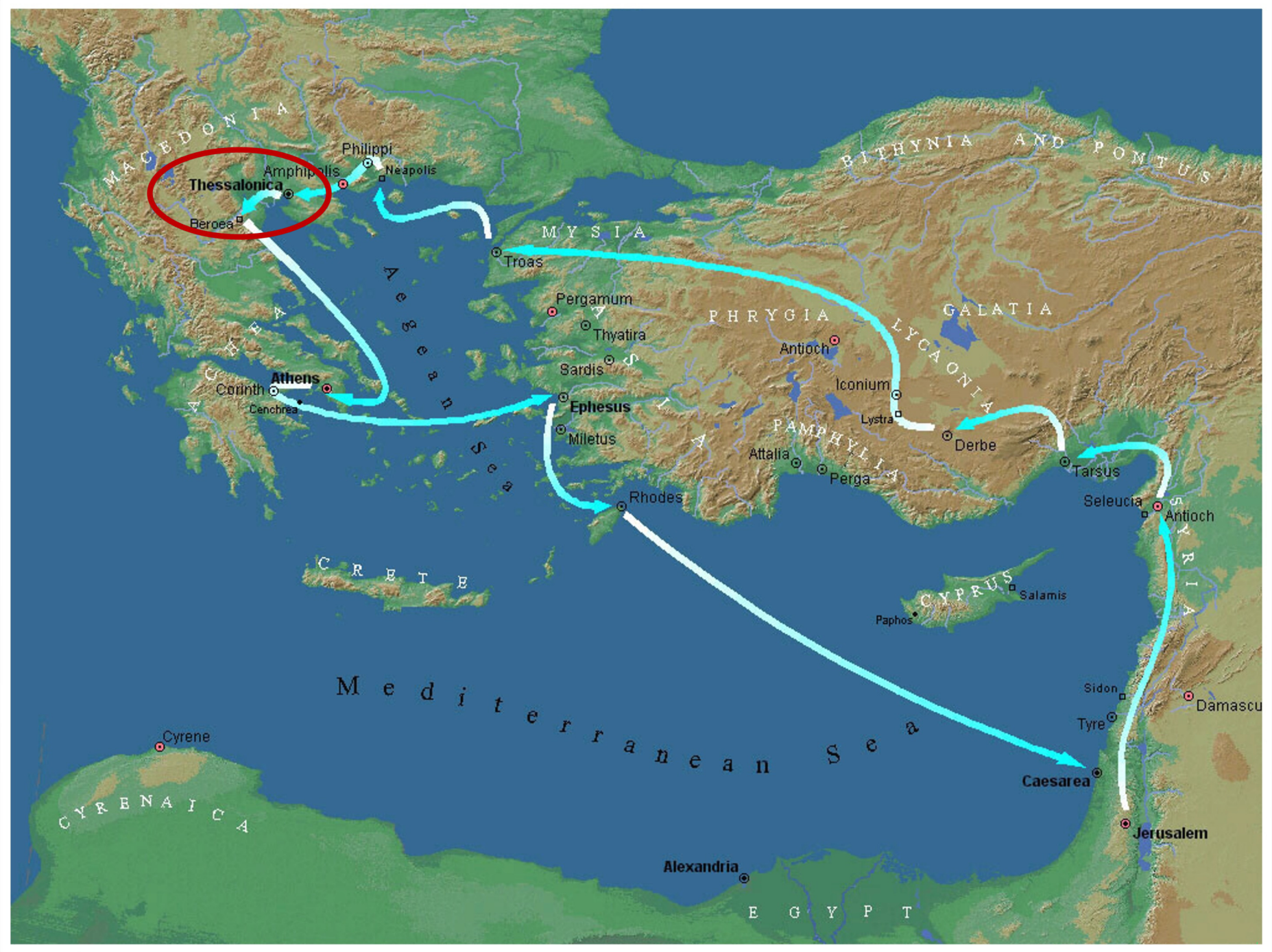
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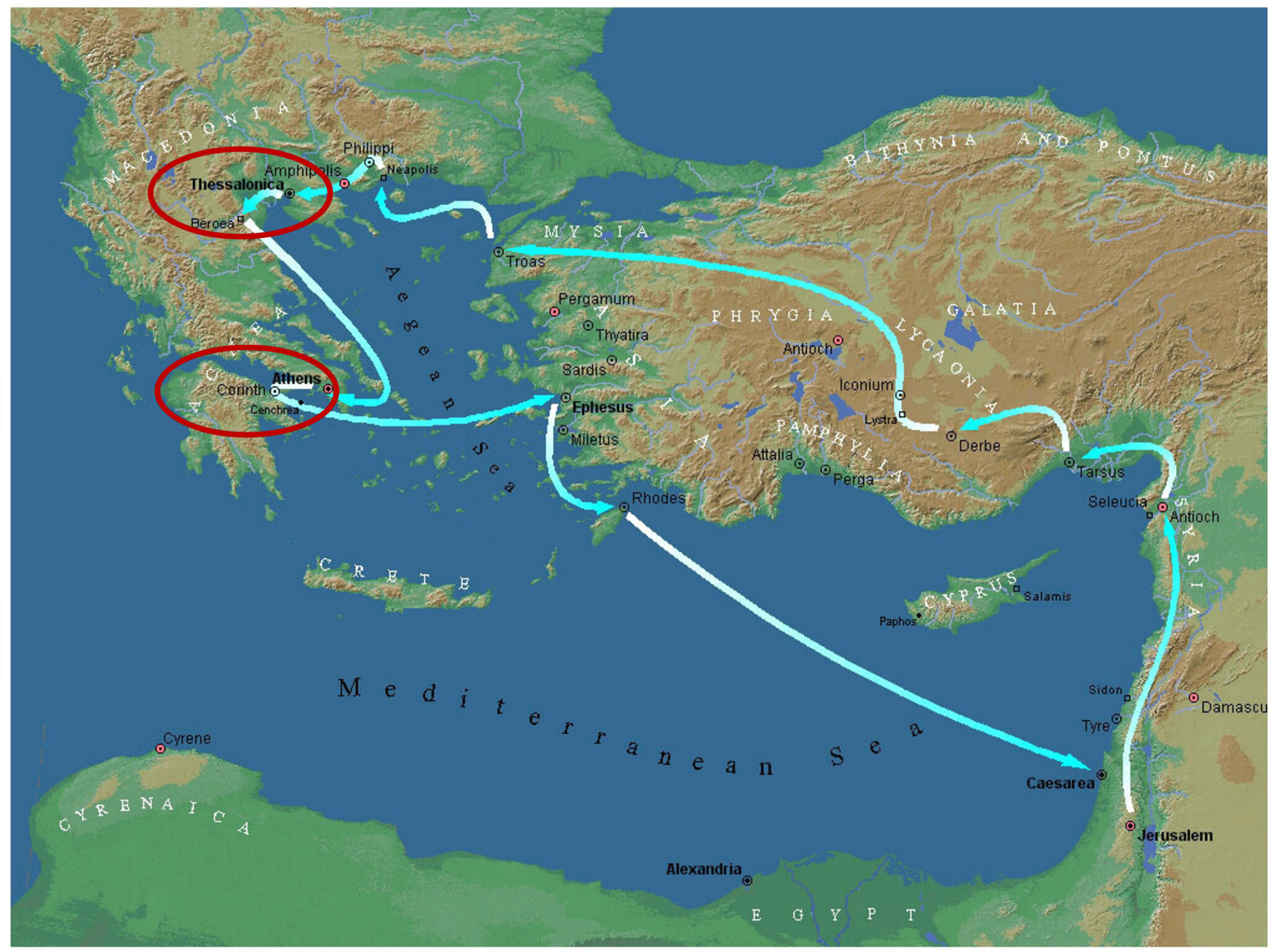


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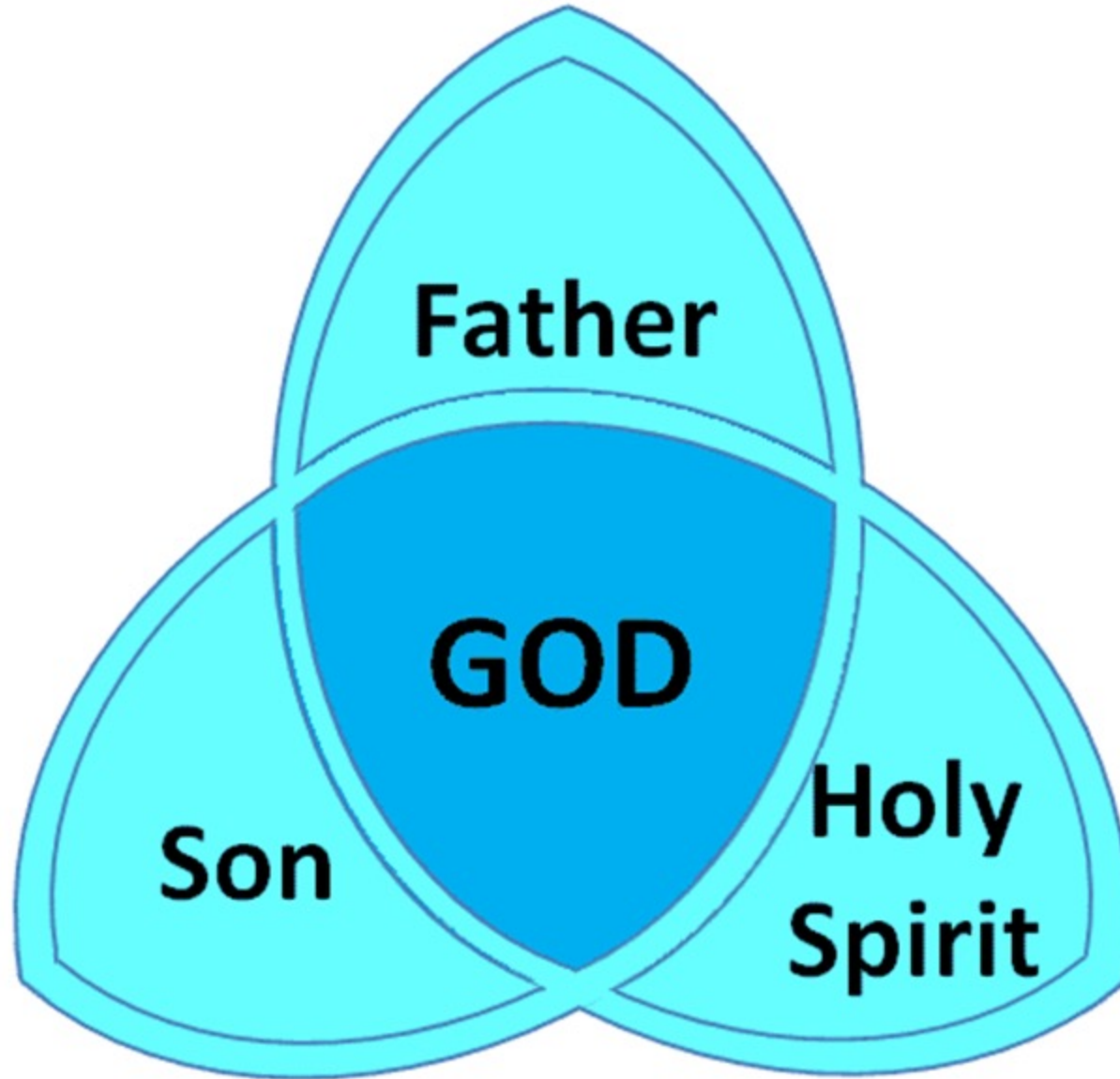




Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

TRINITY

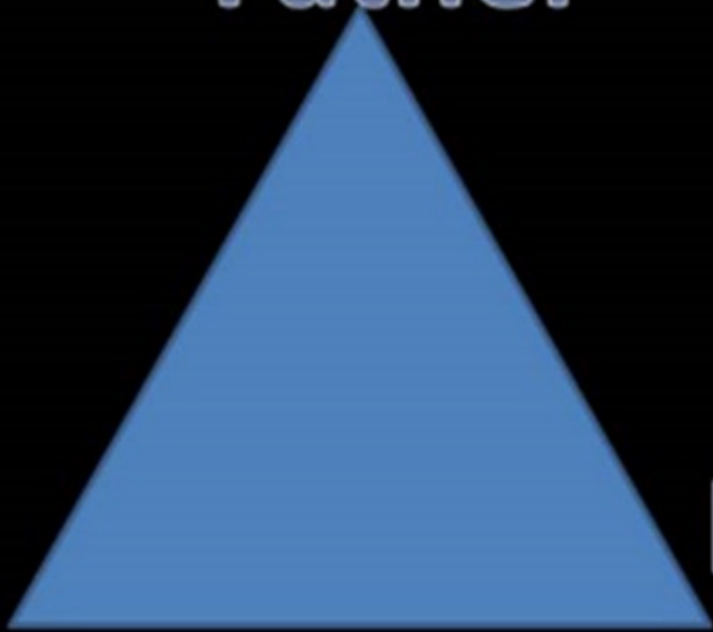


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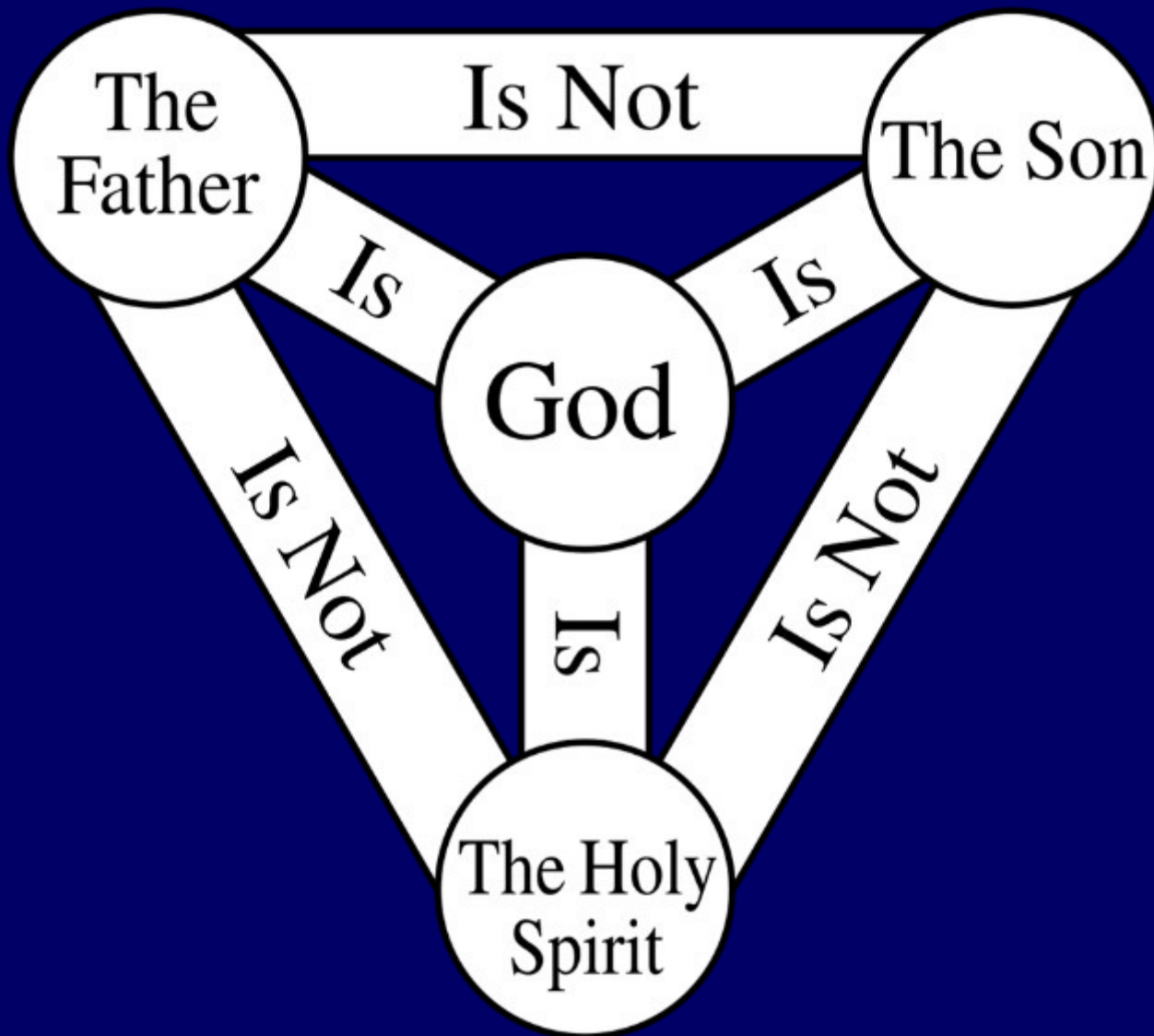
Father

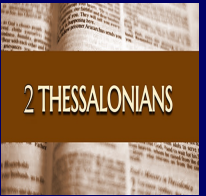
Son

Holy
Spirit



Trinity





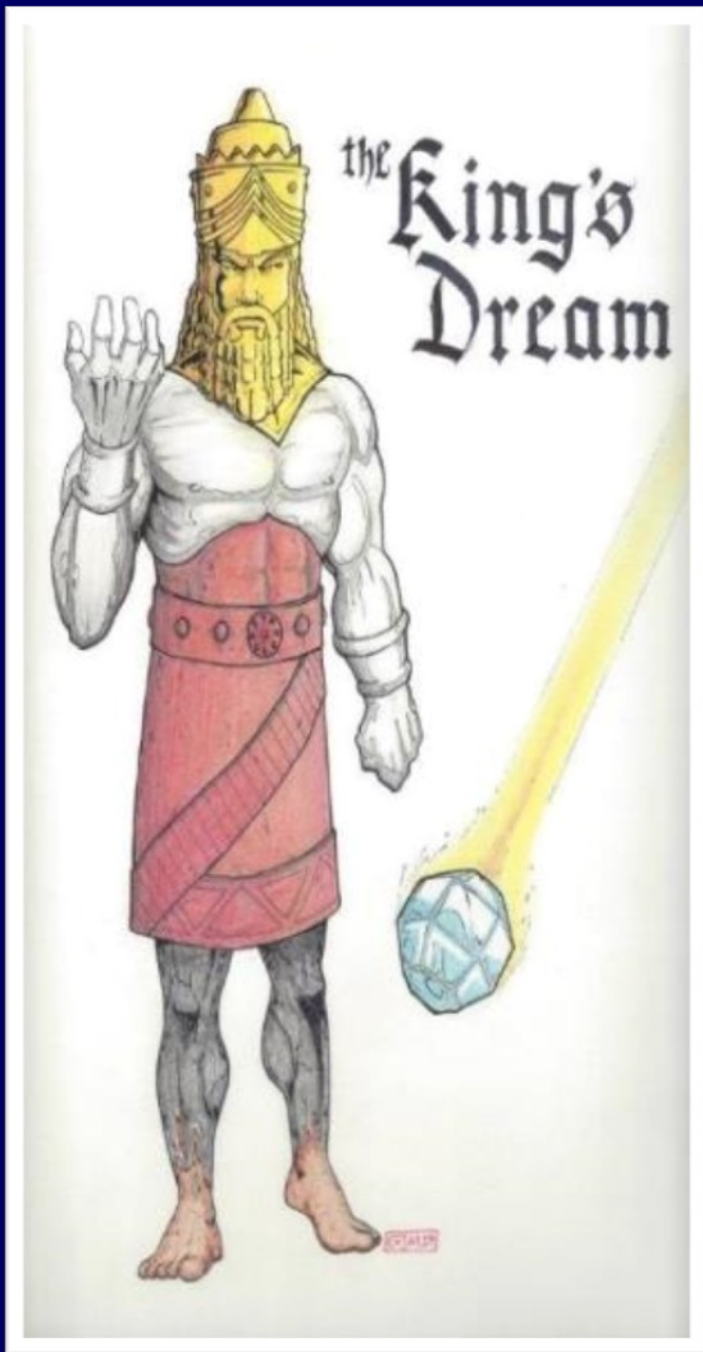
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Statue & Stone

2. A Statue and a Stone



Statue is destroyed by a great stone, which represents Jesus Christ



HEAD
GOLD

WORLD POWER
BABYLON
606-539

CHEST AND ARMS
SILVER

WORLD POWER
PERSIA
539-331

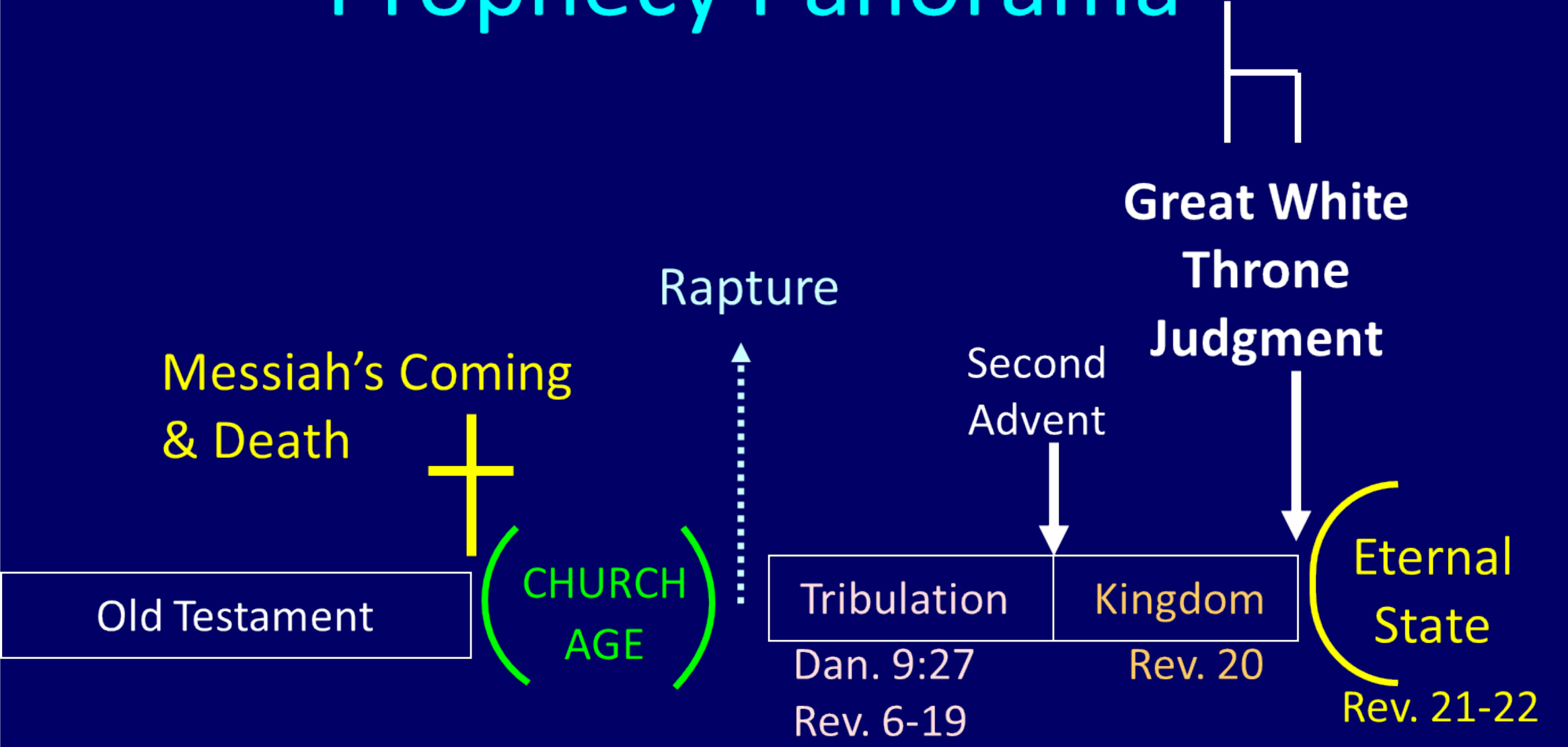
STOMACH AND THIGHS
BRASS

WORLD POWER
GREECE
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LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER
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FUTURE

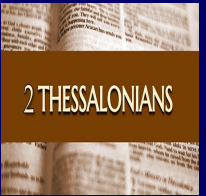
Prophecy Panorama



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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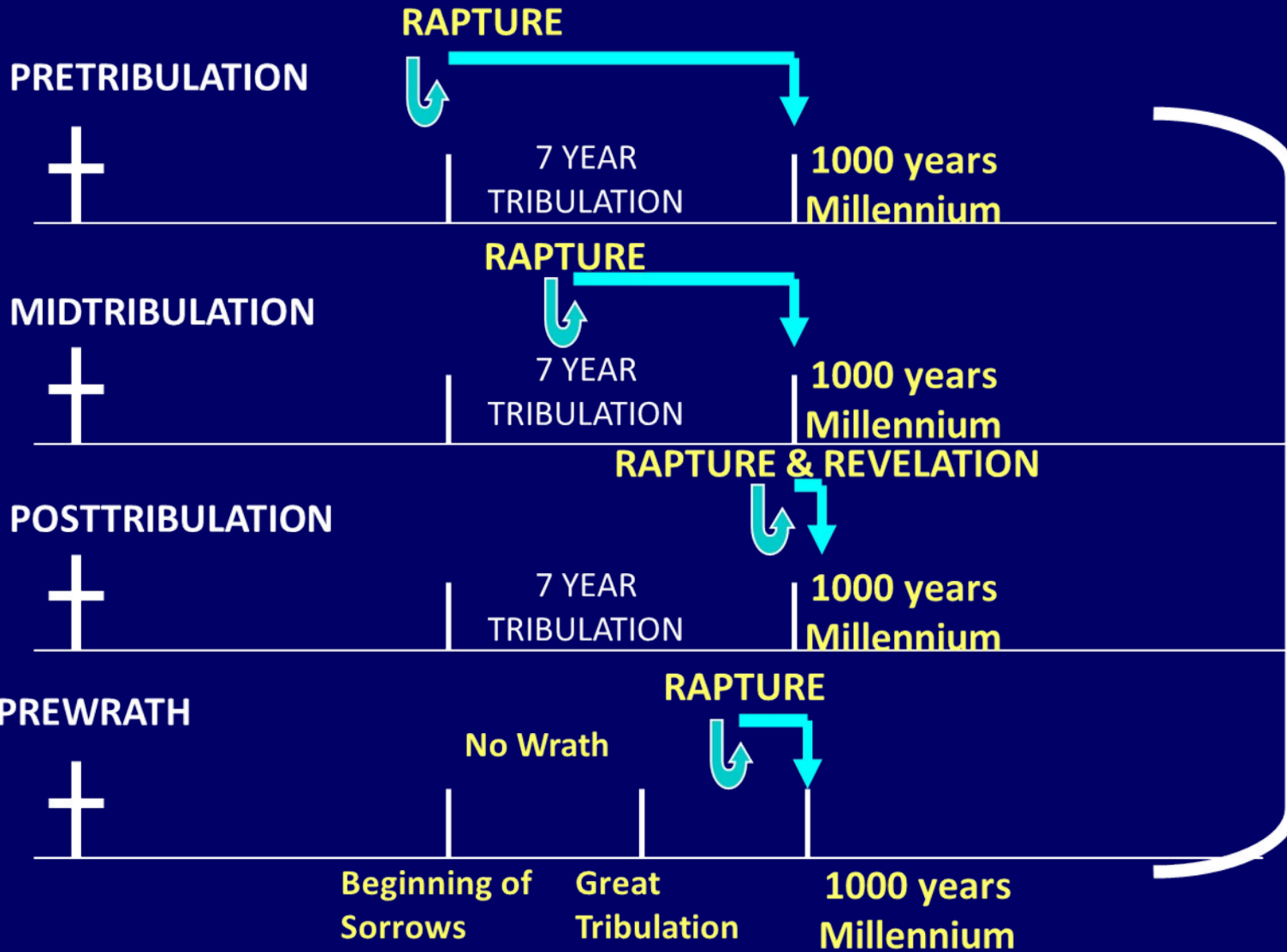
“Then in the fourth generation they will return here, for the wrongdoing of the Amorite is not yet complete.”



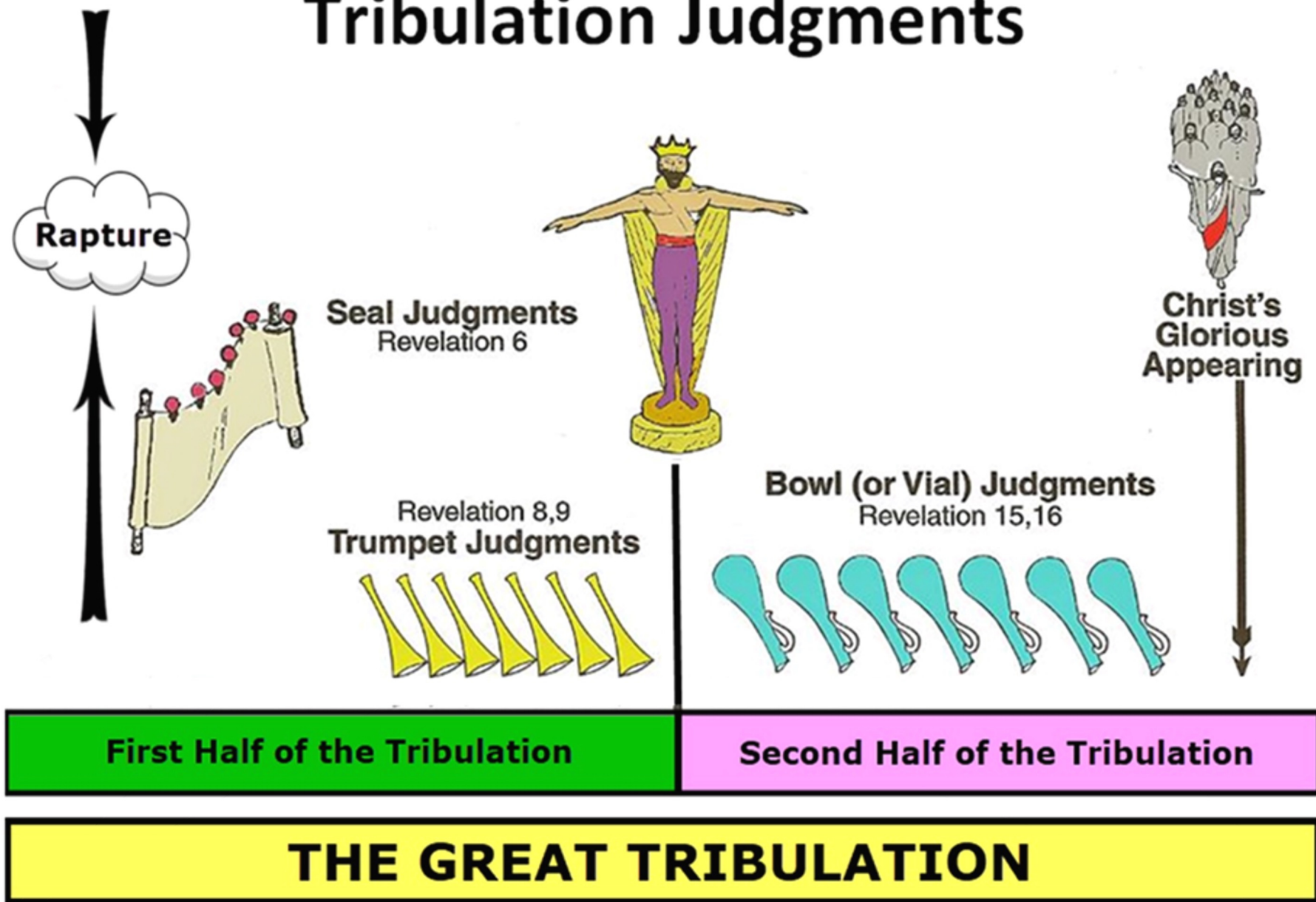
RAPTURE DISTINCT FROM SECOND ADVENT

RAPTURE (1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Cor 15:51-57)	SECOND COMING (Rev 19:11-16)
Christ comes in the air (1 Thess 4:16)	Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4)
For His saints (1 Thess 4:15-17)	With His saints (Rev 19:14)
Blessing (1 Thess 4:18)	Judgment (Rev 19:15)
Effects only believers (1 Thess 4:16)	Effects both believers and unbelievers (Rev 19:15)
Invisible (1 Thess 4:16)	Visible to all (Rev 1:7)
Announced only by an archangel (1 Thess 4:16)	Involves myriads of angels (Jude 14)
Resurrection (1 Cor 15: 51)	No resurrection
Rescue of the church (1 Thess 1:10)	Rescue of Israel (Matt 23:37-39)

RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISION



Tribulation Judgments



1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

SEAL 1 – 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist

SEAL 2 – 6:3-4 – War

SEAL 3 – 6:5-6 – Famine

SEAL 4 – 6:7-8 – Death

SEAL 5 – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

SEAL 6 – 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances

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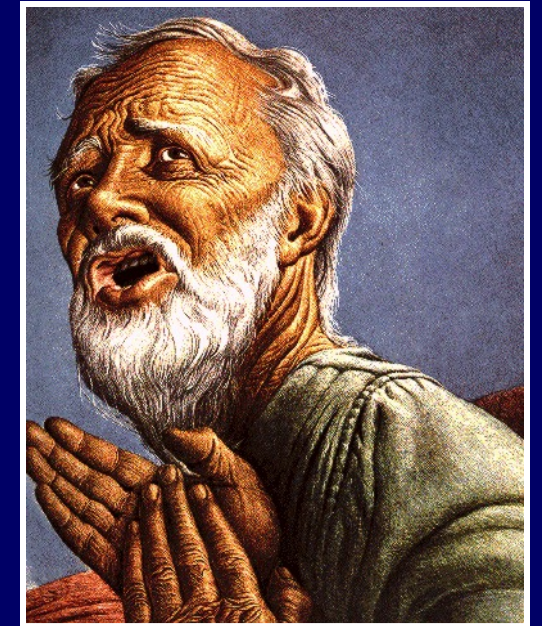
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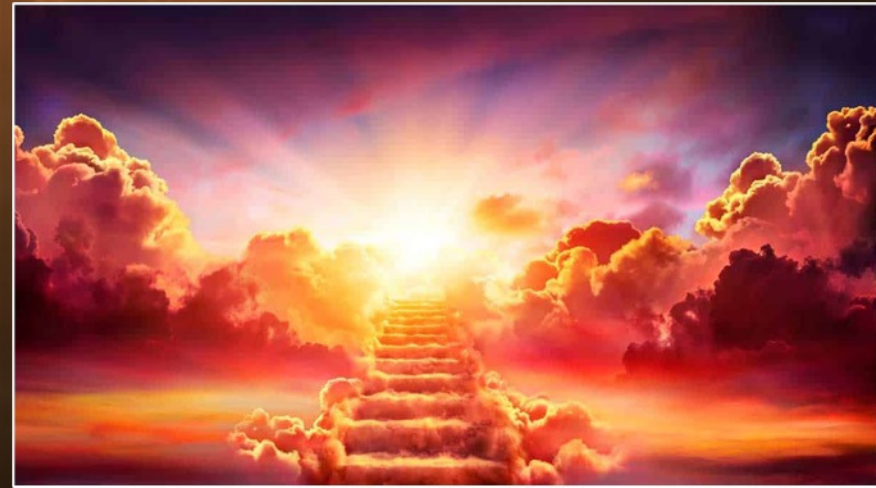
Acts 16:30-31

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Matthew 25:46

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



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.*”

αἰώνιος

aiōnios / eternal



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.”



Daniel 12:1-2

“¹ Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 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.”

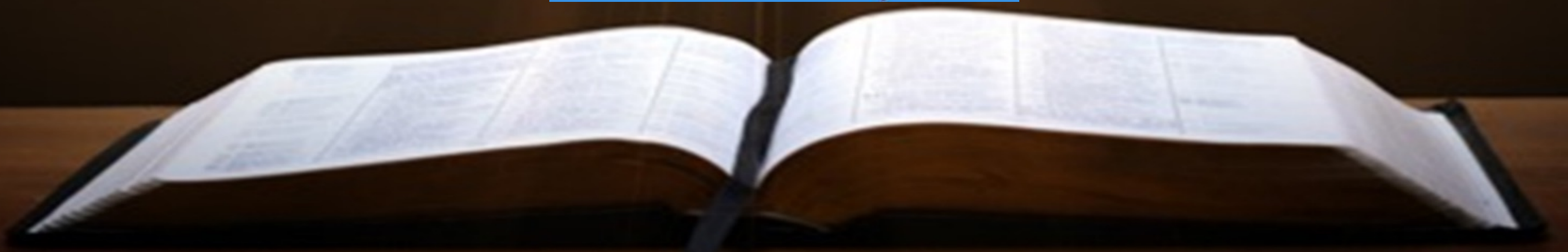


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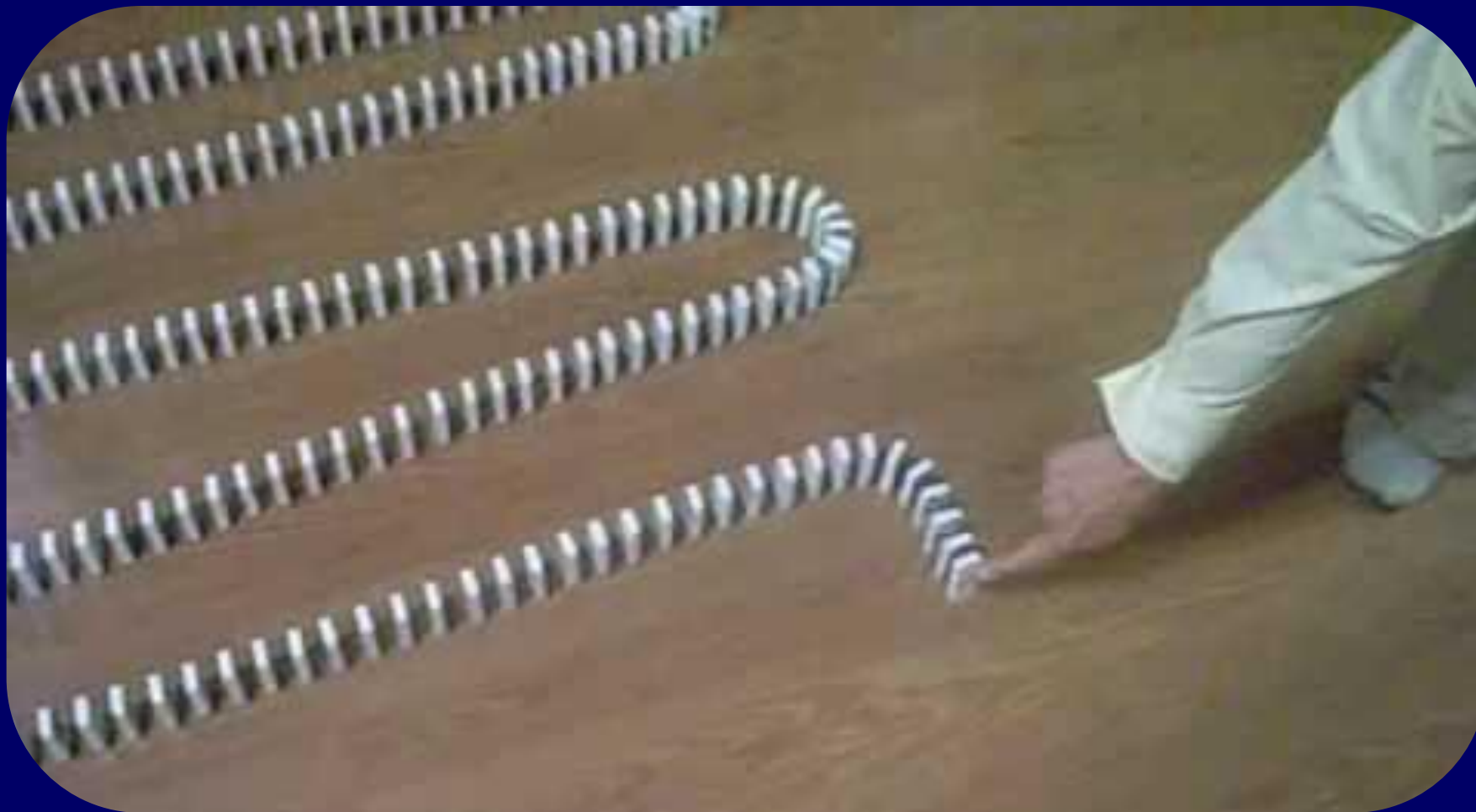
“Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from everlasting (*olam*) to everlasting (*olam*), You are God.”

עוֹלָם

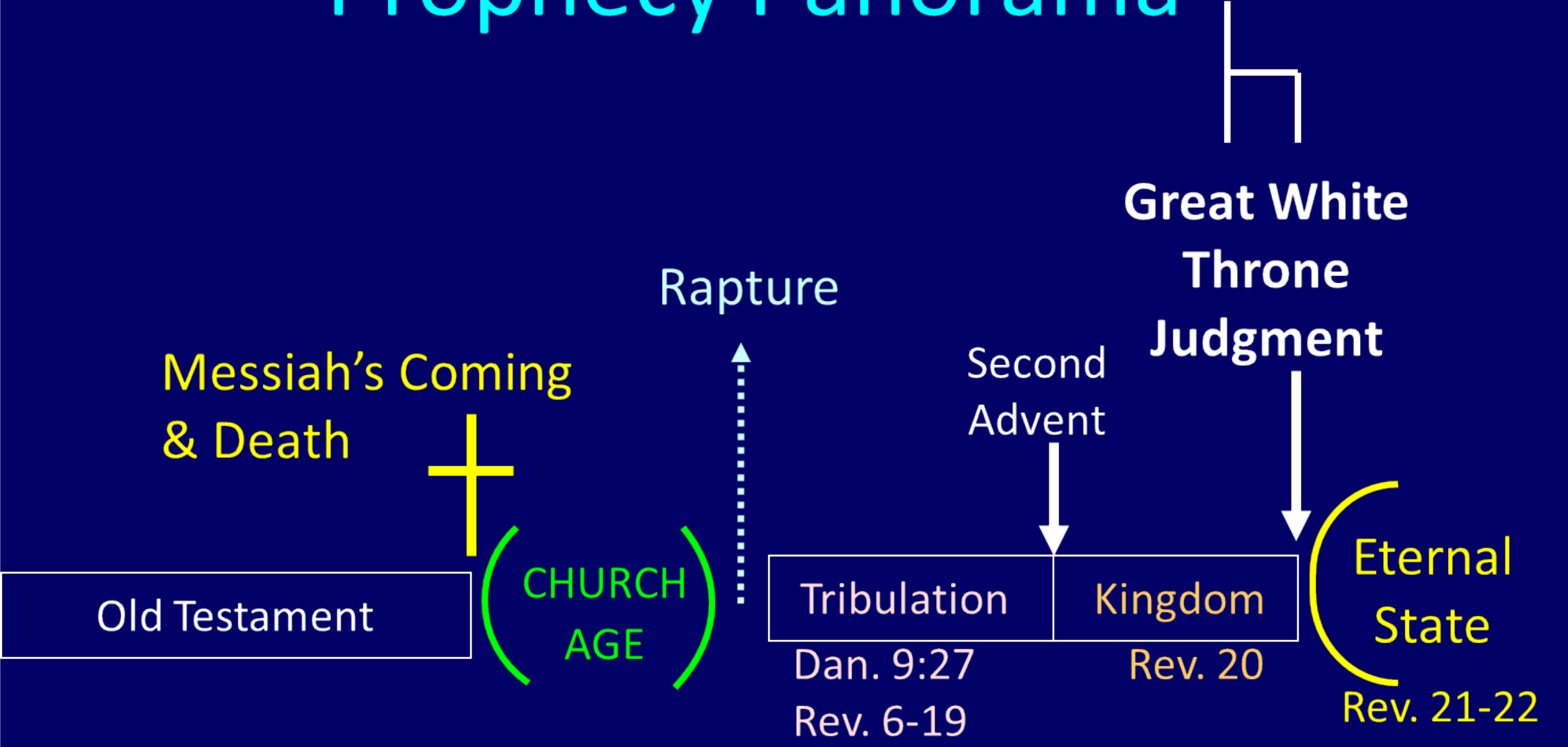
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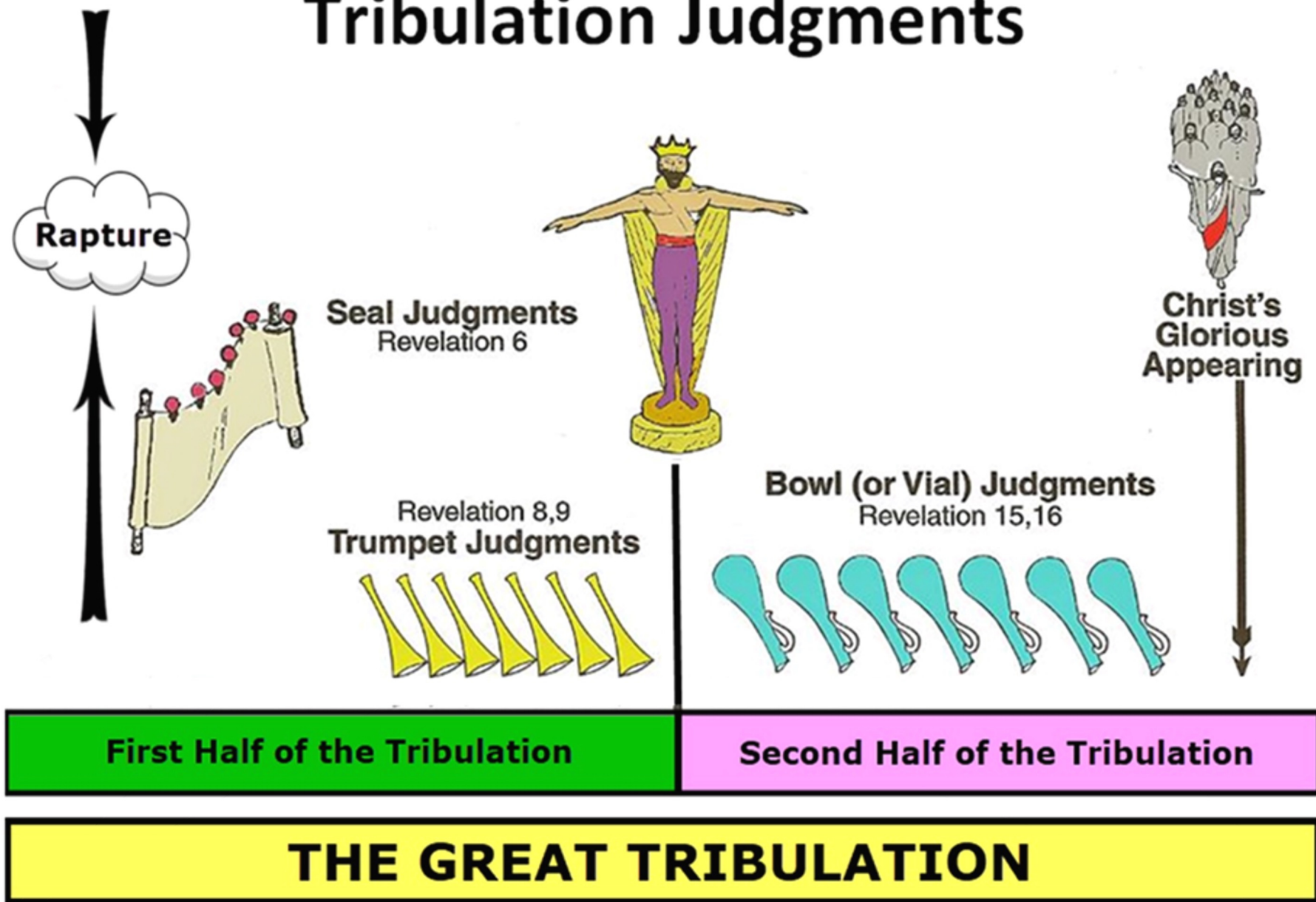
Dominoes in a Row



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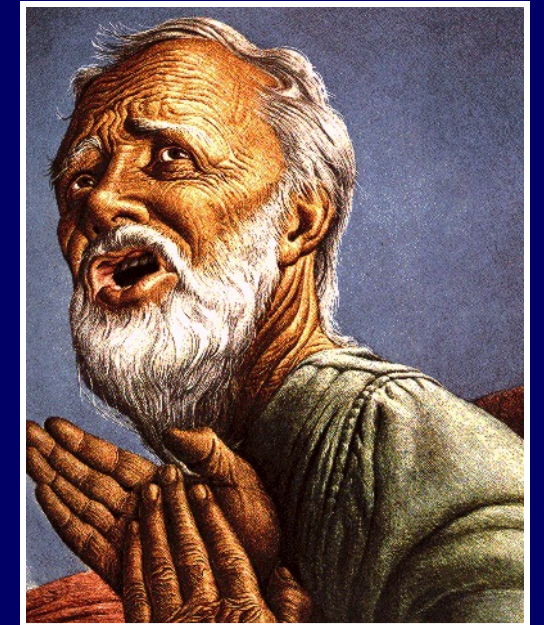
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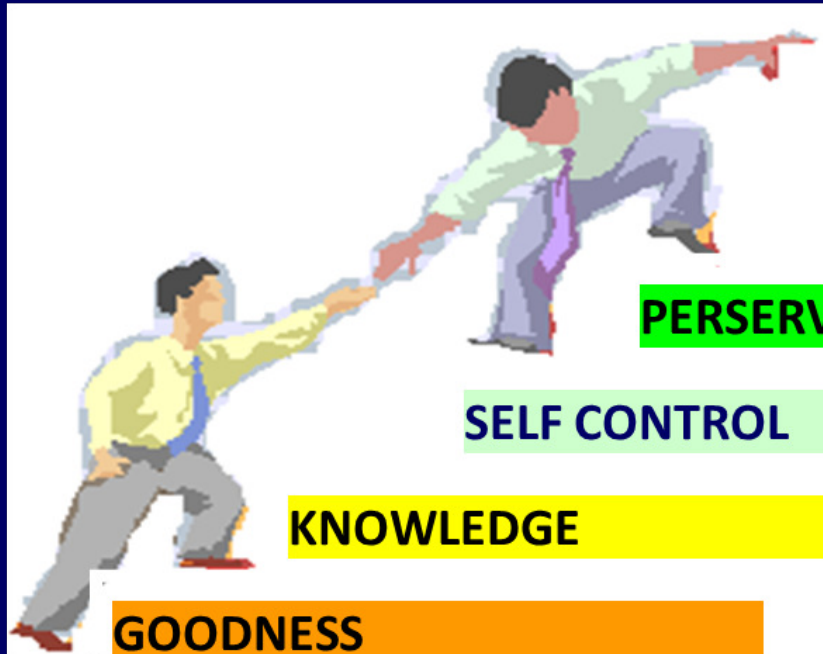
2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.



PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



LOVE

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

GODLINESS

PERSERVERENCE

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GOODNESS

FAITH

Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

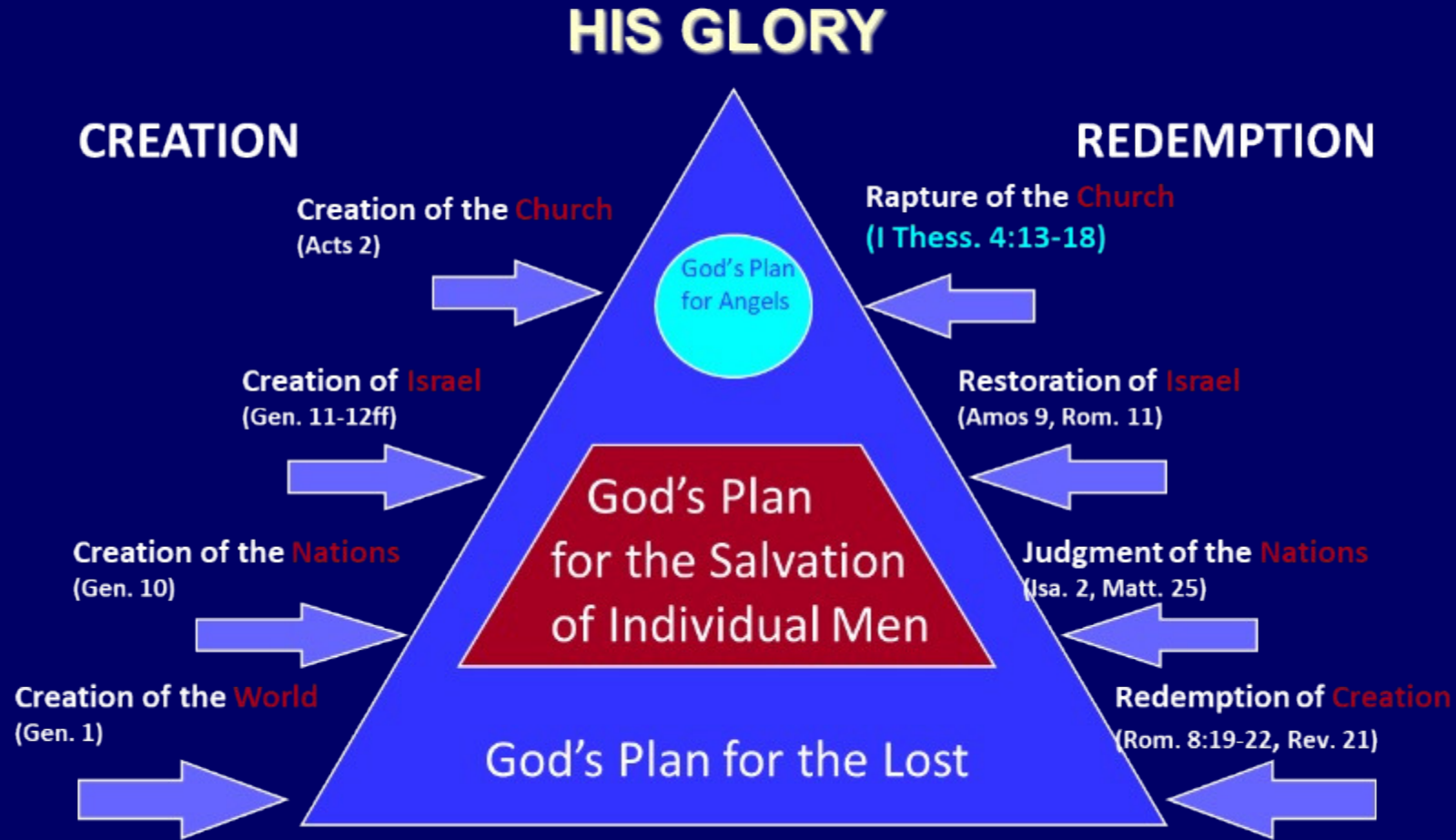
Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the *sine qua non* (lit. “without which is not”):

1. The consistent use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the Church is distinct from Israel;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring glory to Himself (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dispensational Theology: Doxological Purpose

- A. God's ultimate purpose for the ages is to glorify Himself. Scripture is not human-centered, as though salvation were the principle point, but God-centered, because His glory is at the center.
- B. The glory of God is the primary principle that unifies all dispensations, the program of salvation being just one of the means by which God glorifies Himself. Each successive revelation of God's plan for the ages, as well as His dealing with the elect, non-elect, angels, and nations all manifest His glory.

THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



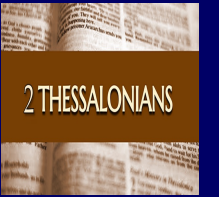
Galatians 3:3

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

**YOU
FOOLISH
GALATIANS!**



Conclusion



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