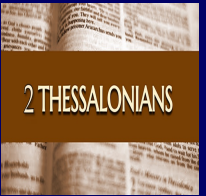




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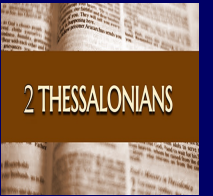
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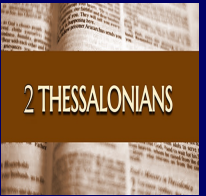
# Introductory Matters

- Authorship: Paul
- Audience: Thessalonians
- Place of writing: Corinth
- Date: AD 51
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- Structure: 3 Parts
- Message: working & waiting
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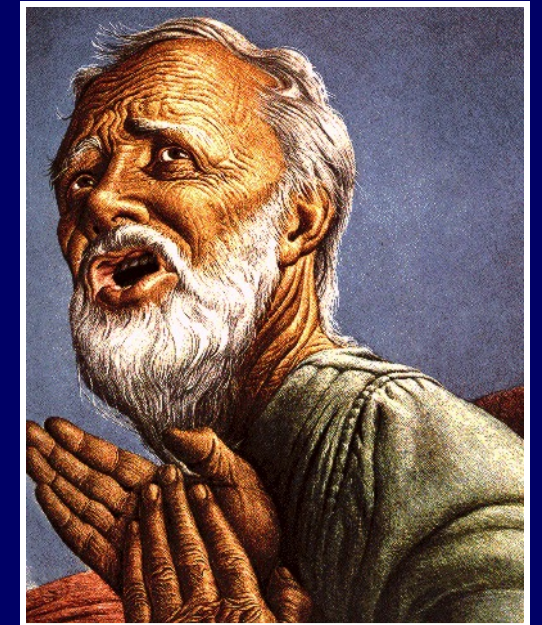
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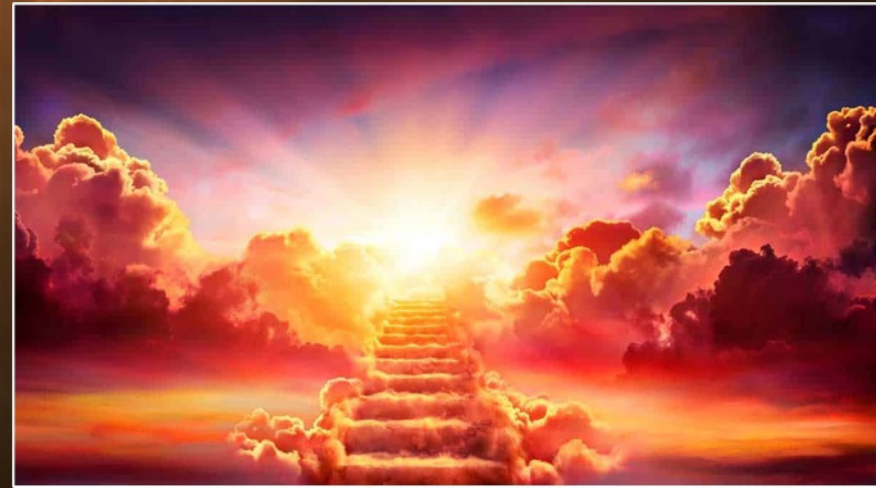
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## Romans 16:26

“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

“<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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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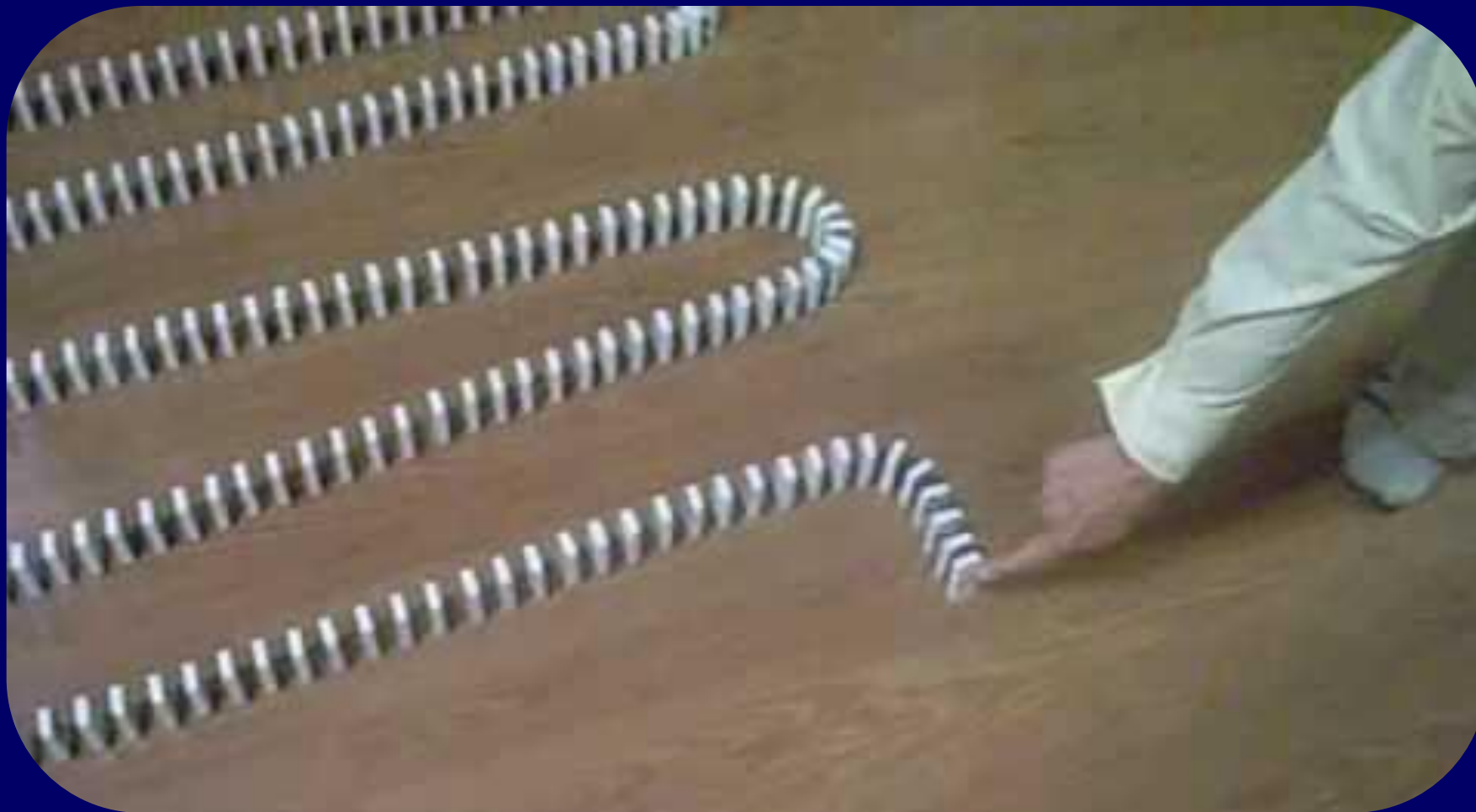
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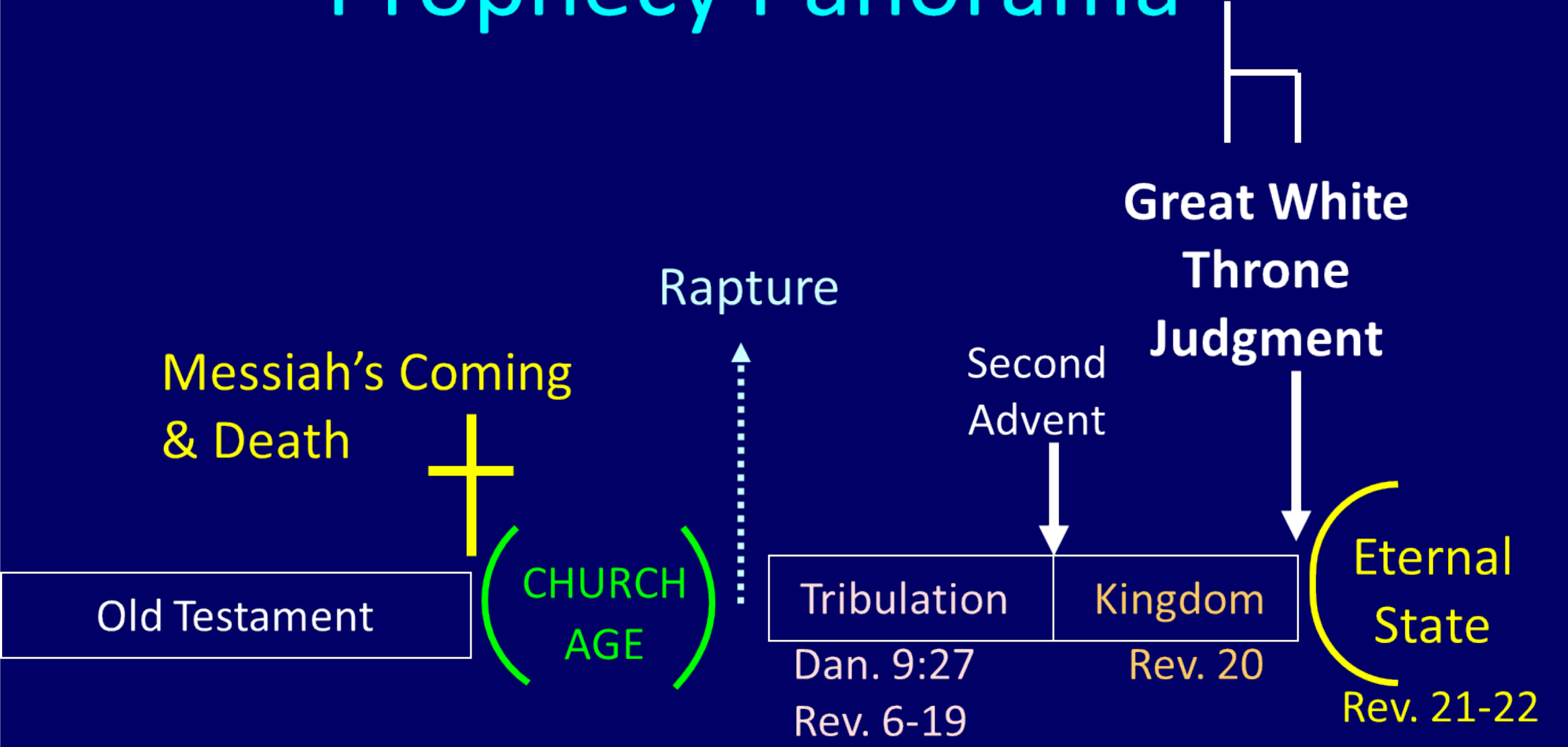
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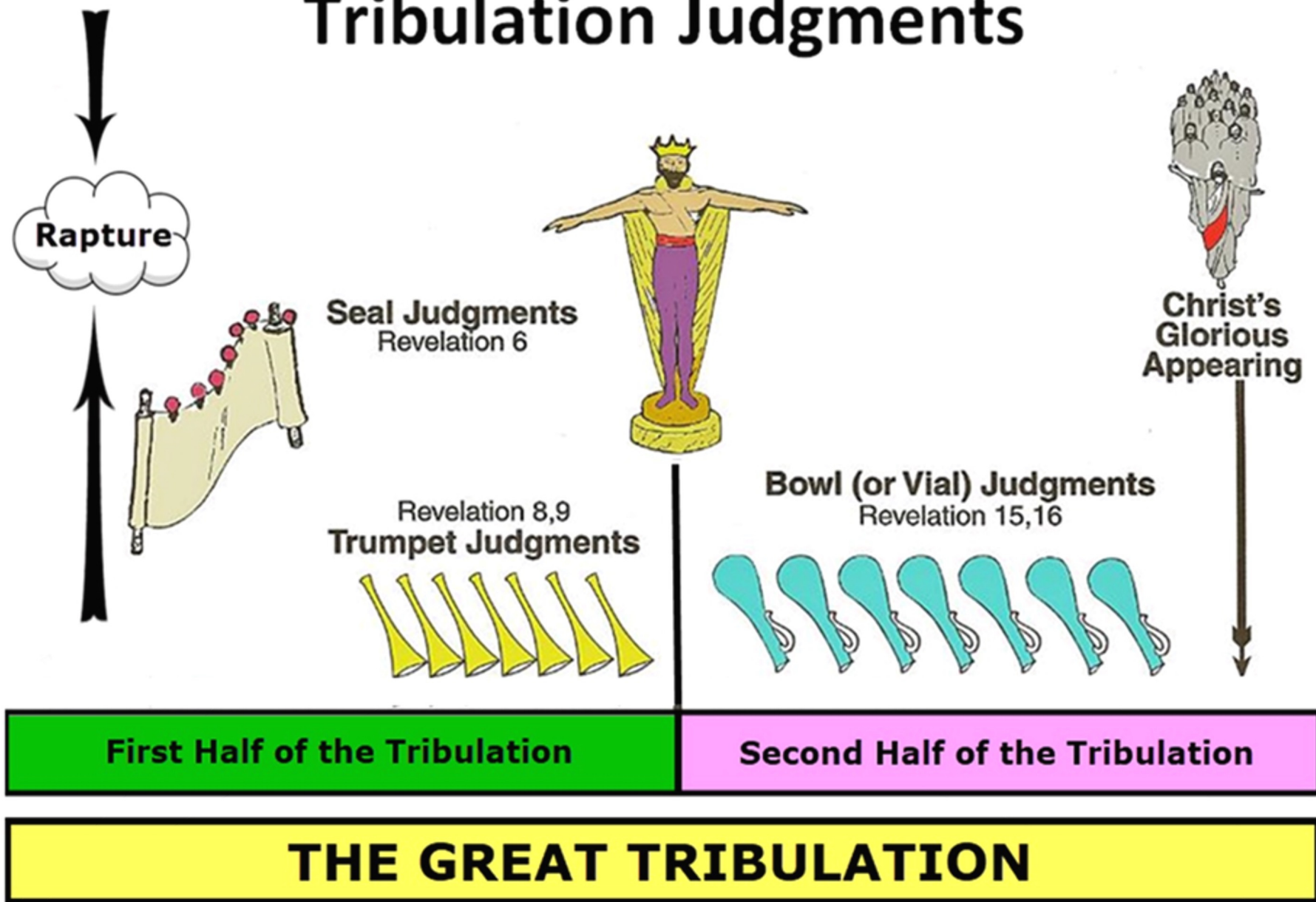


# Prophecy Panorama





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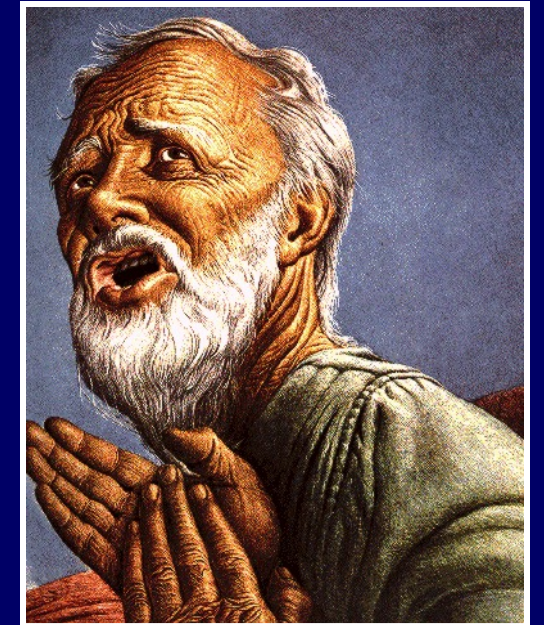
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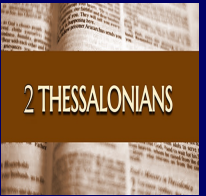
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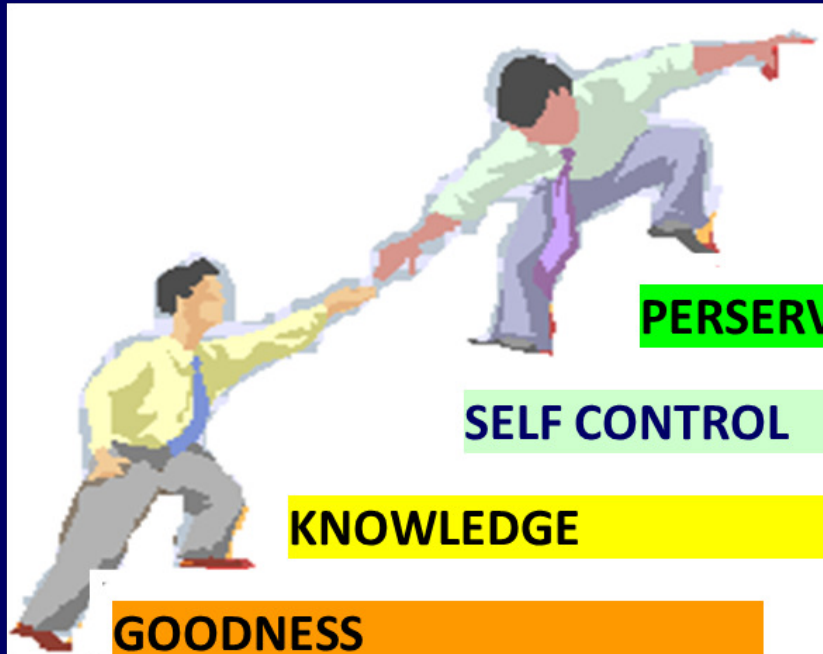
## 2 Peter 1:5-7

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



# PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



LOVE

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# Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

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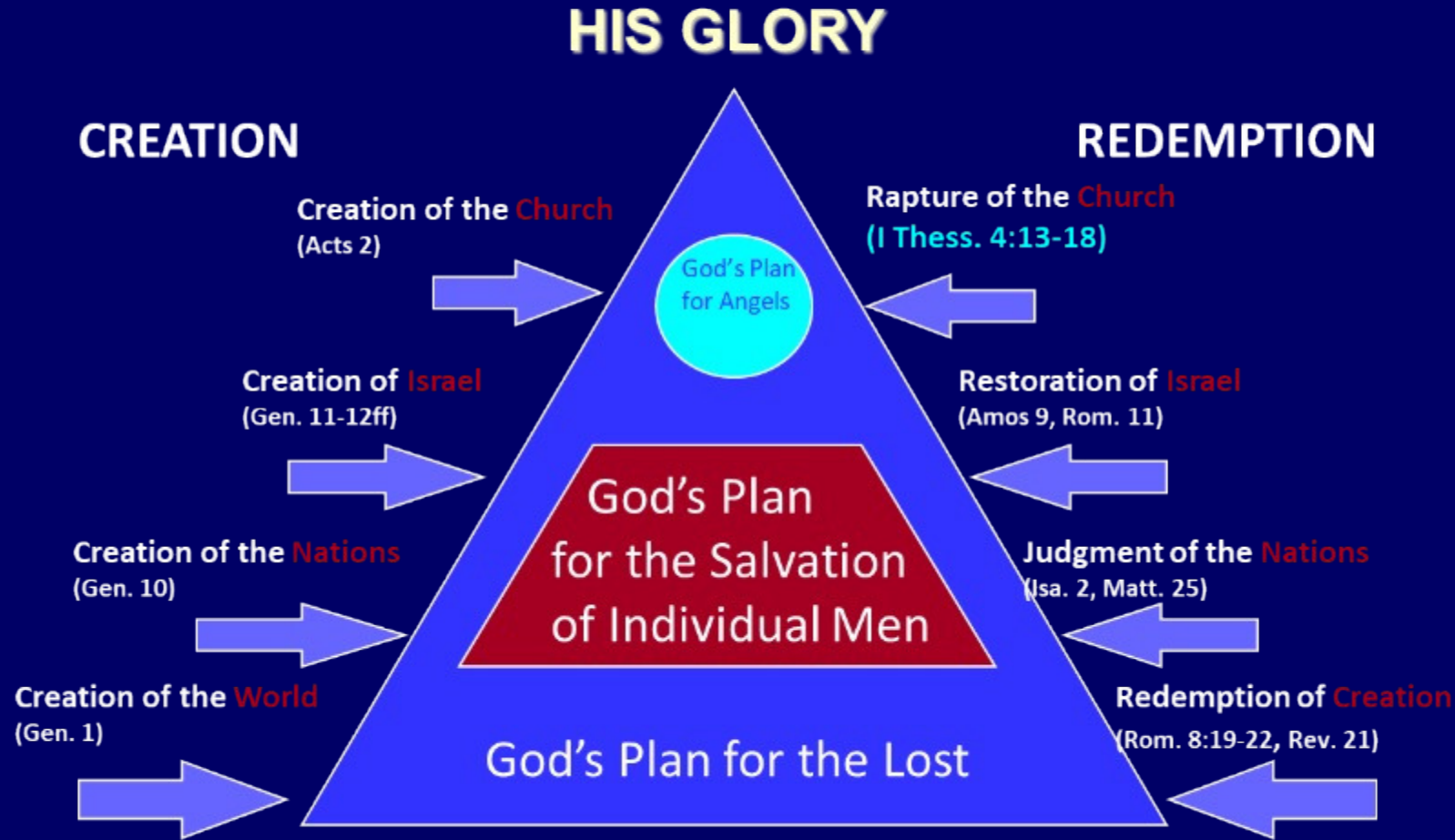
1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

# 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.
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# THE FOCUS ON THE GLORY OF GOD IN DISPENSATIONALISM



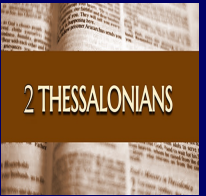
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**YOU  
FOOLISH  
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