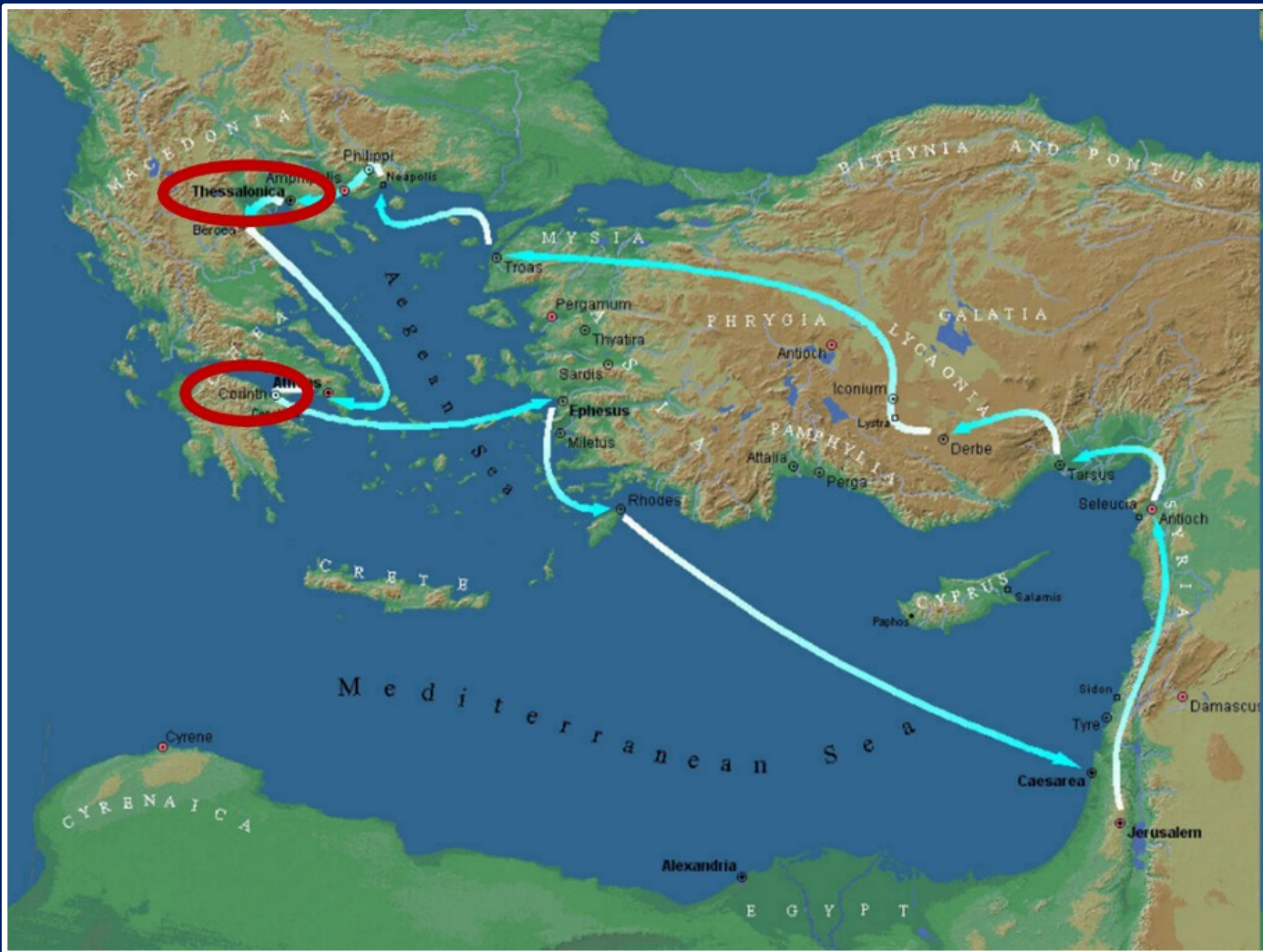


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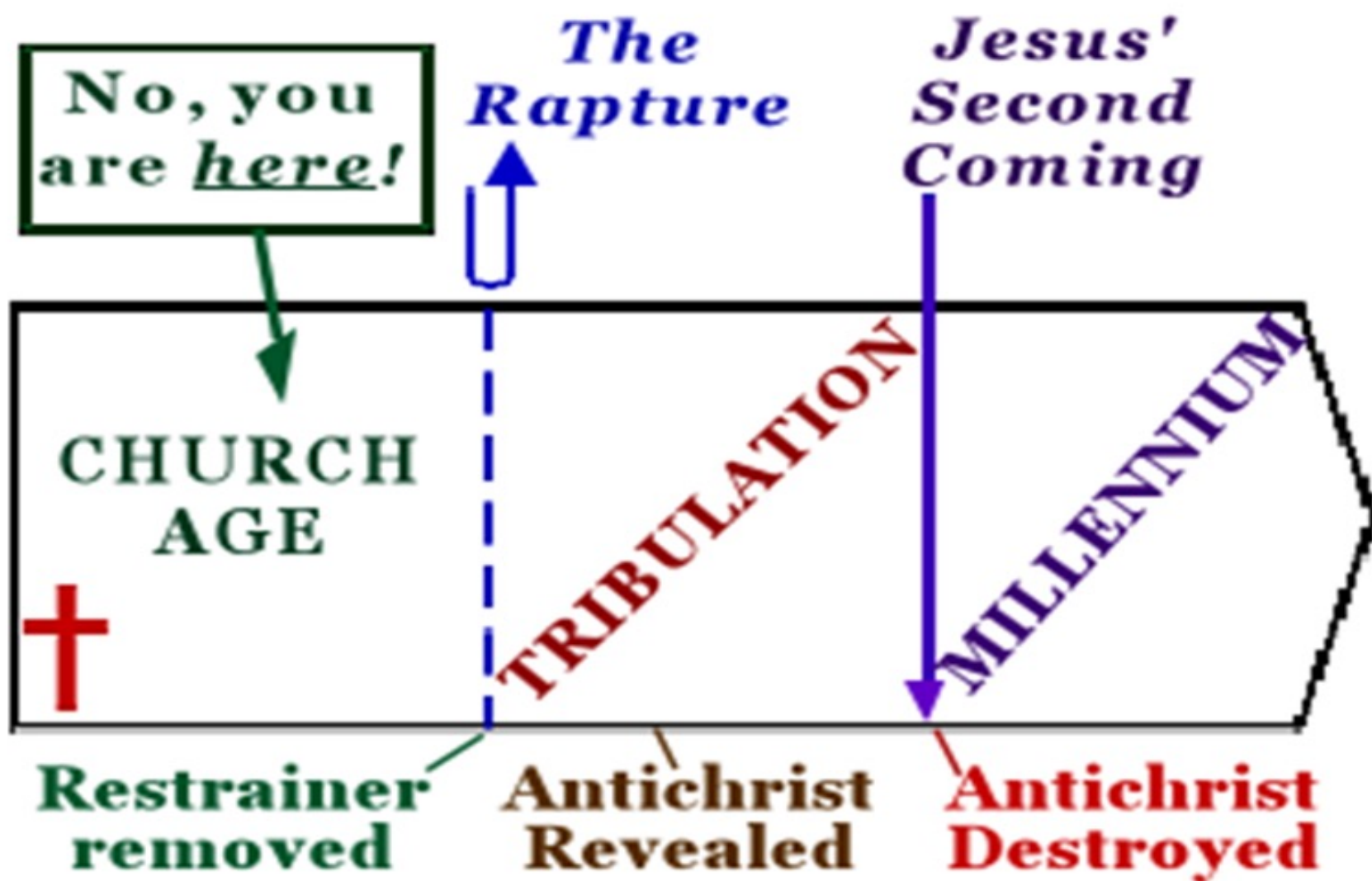


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“that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] has come.”



Paul's Correction of their Error



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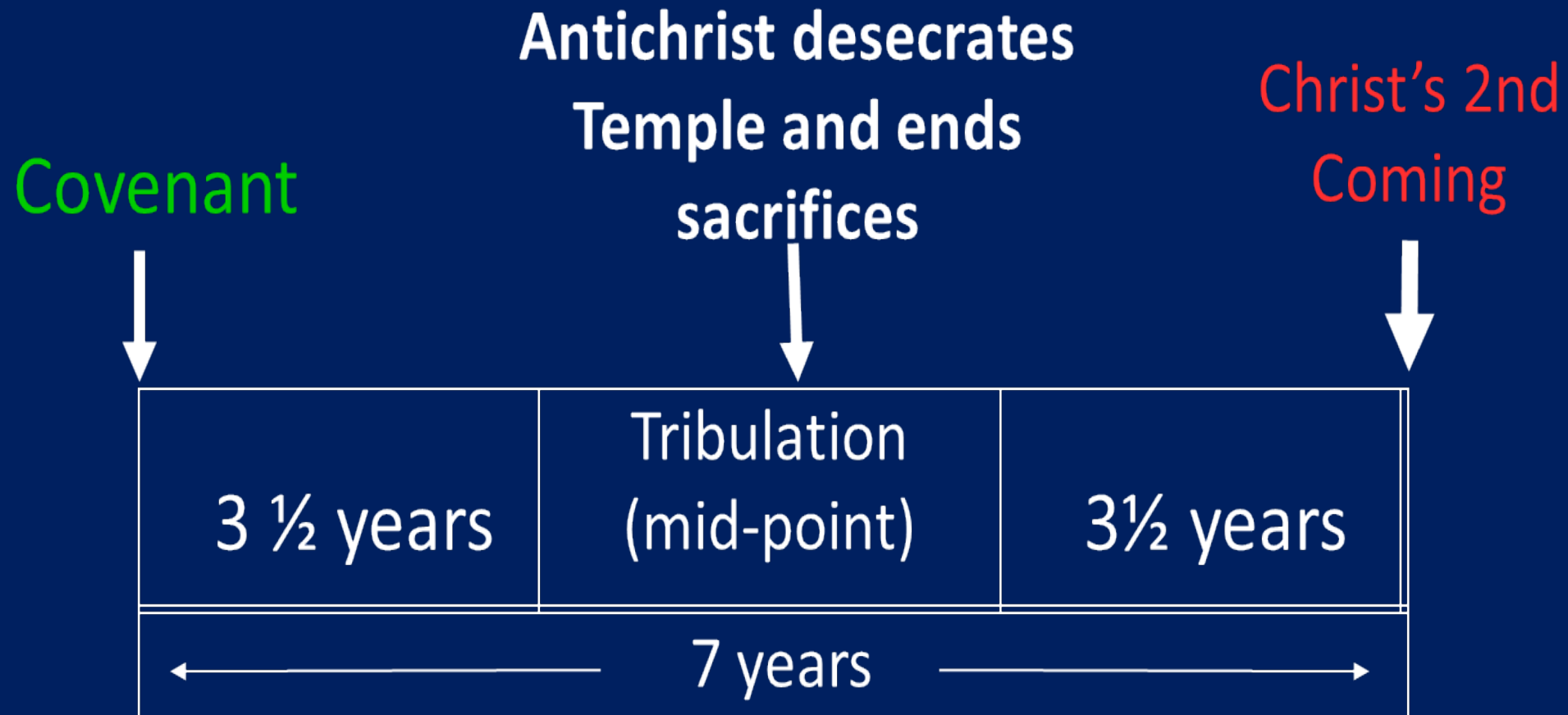


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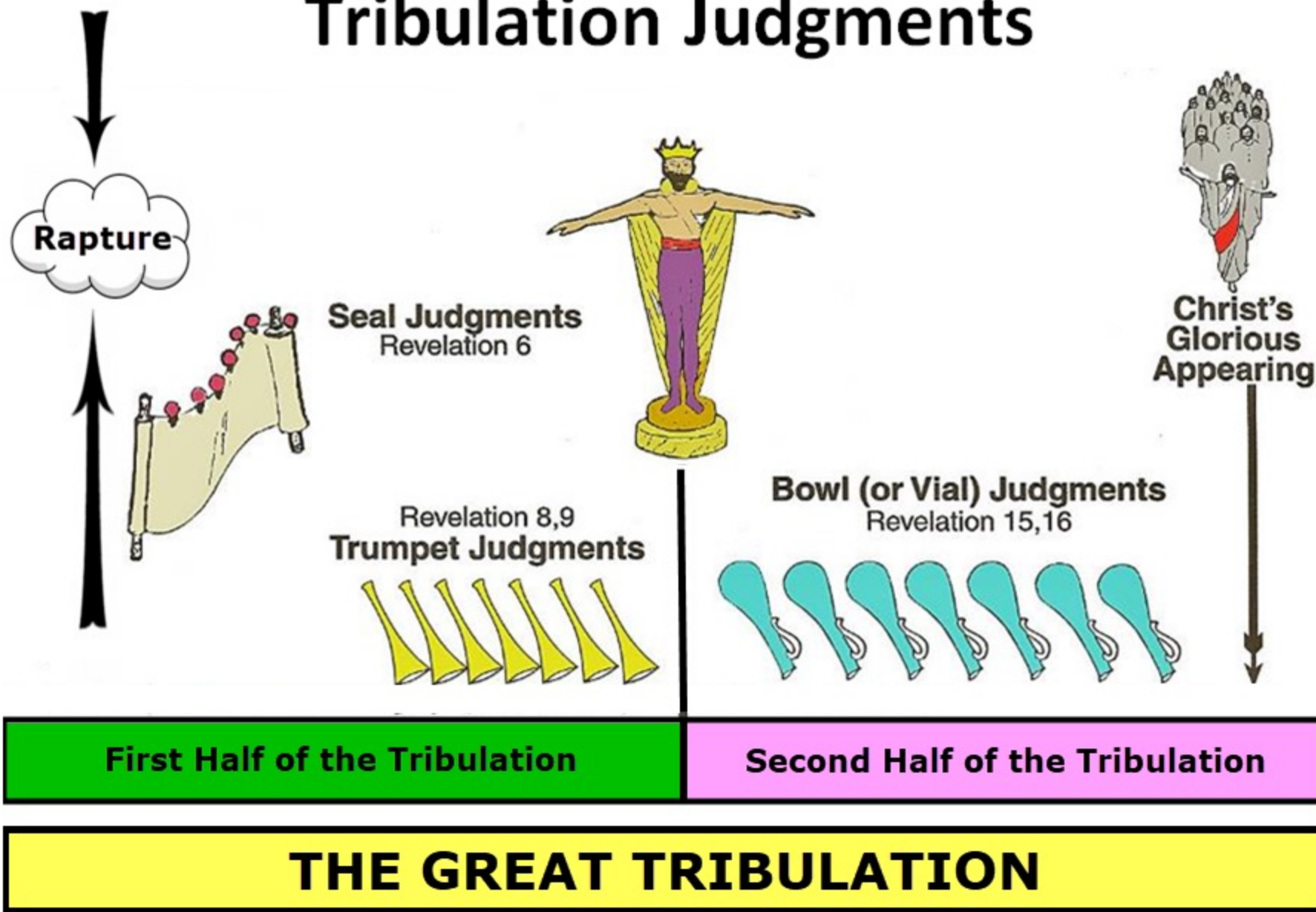
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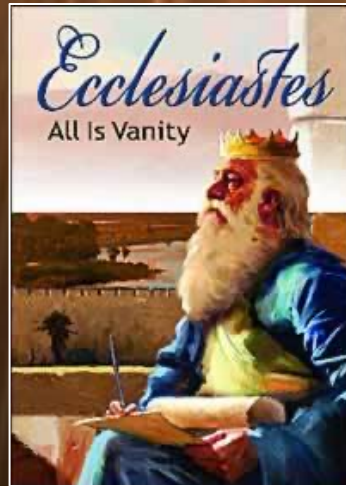


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Ecclesiastes 1:9

“That which has been is that which will be, And that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.”



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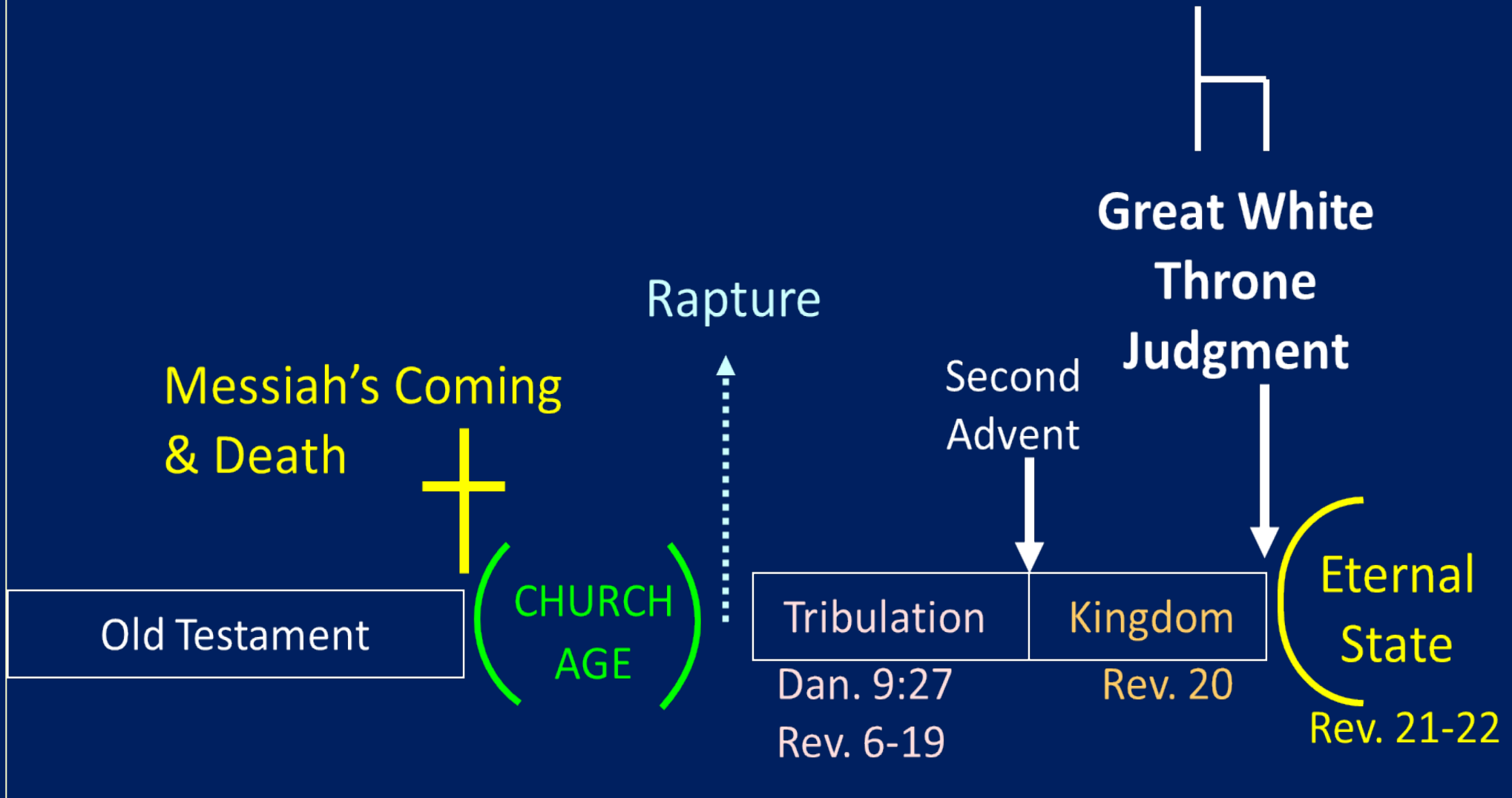


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Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



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Destinies undecided	Destinies sealed
Renovation	Recreation
Temporary	Eternal
Transitional	Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	REV 20:1-10	REV 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 22:5
Temple	Ezek 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
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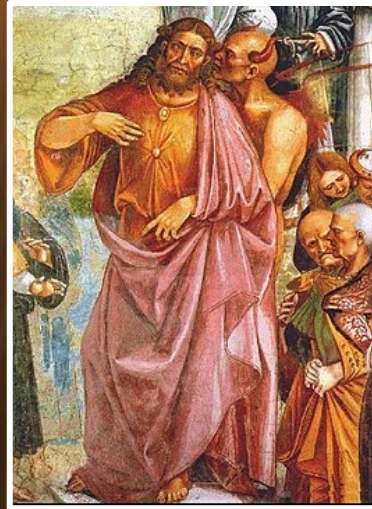
Matthew 24:15-16, 20

“¹⁵ Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand) ¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains...²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.”

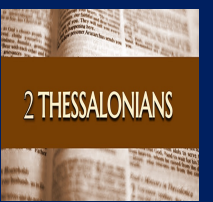


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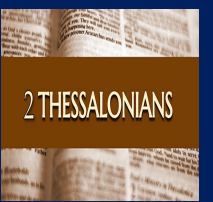


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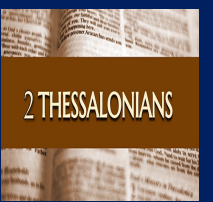
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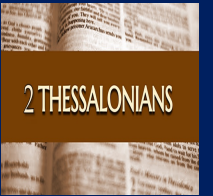
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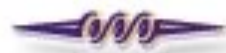
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This day shall be to you one of remembrance: you shall celebrate it as a festival to Hashem throughout the ages; you shall celebrate it as an institution for all time.



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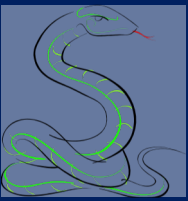
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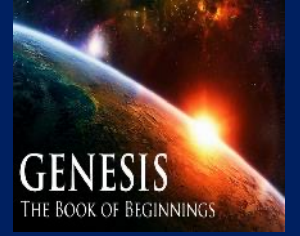
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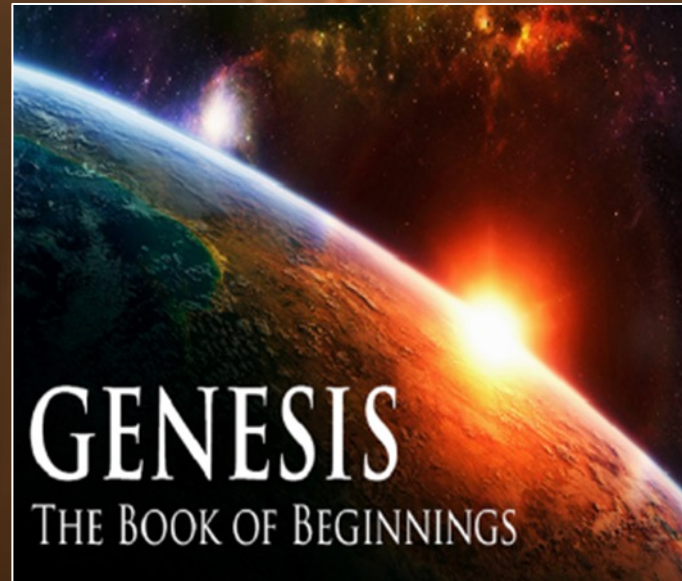
Satan's Tactics (2 Cor 2:11)



- Adds to God's Word (3:1; 2:16-17)
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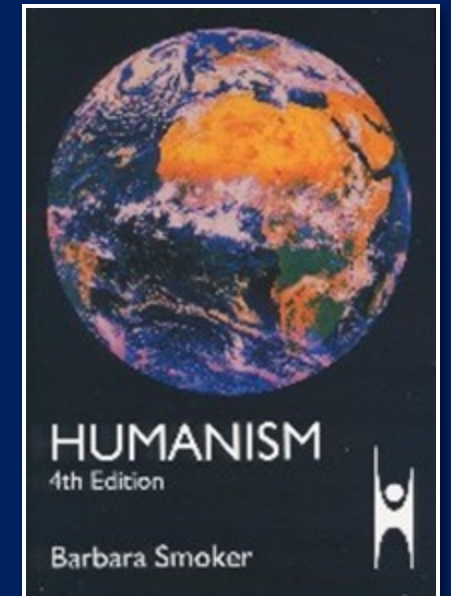
Genesis 3:5

“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



Humanist Beliefs

- The non-existence or irrelevancy of god
- Man as the center of all things
- The reality of evolution
- Man as an evolved animal rather than a special creature made in the image of his creator
- The absence of any absolute morals or values
- Confidence in the scientific method to solve the world's problems.



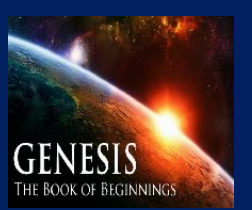
Genesis 1:1–3

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.



Refutation of Man's Philosophies

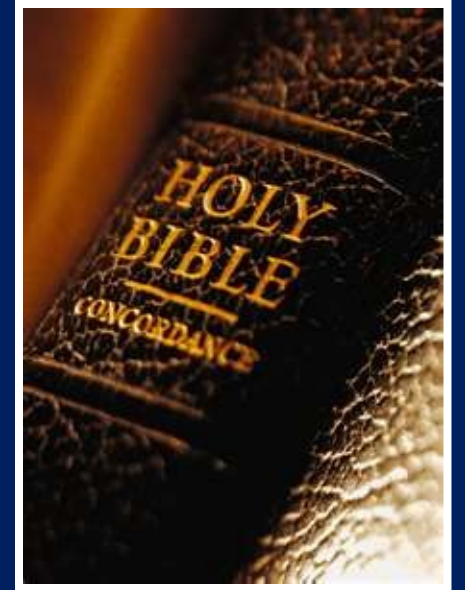
(Gen 1:1)



- Atheism – God created (Ps. 14:1)
- Pantheism – God is transcendent over creation
- Polytheism – One God created (Deut. 6:4; Isa 43:11; 44:6; 45:5)
- Materialism – Matter began
- Dualism – God alone created (Ezek. 28:13, 15)
- Humanism – God rather than man created
- Naturalism – God created

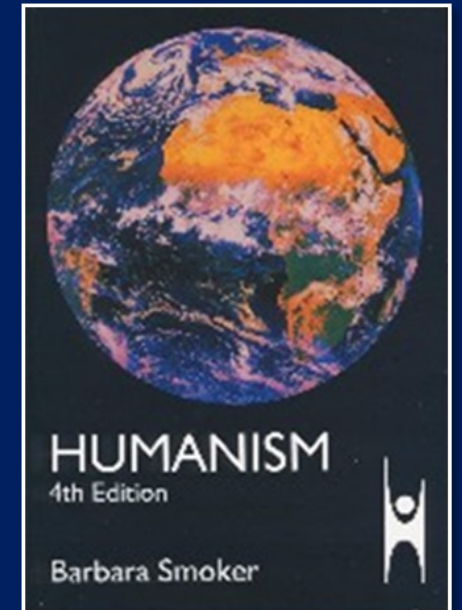
Fundamental Questions – Christian Answers

- “Who am I?” – *a special creation of God*
- “Where did I come from?” – *from God’s design*
- “Why am I here?” – *to know and glorify God*
- “Where am I going?” – *to heaven*
- “How can I get there?” – *only through Jesus Christ*



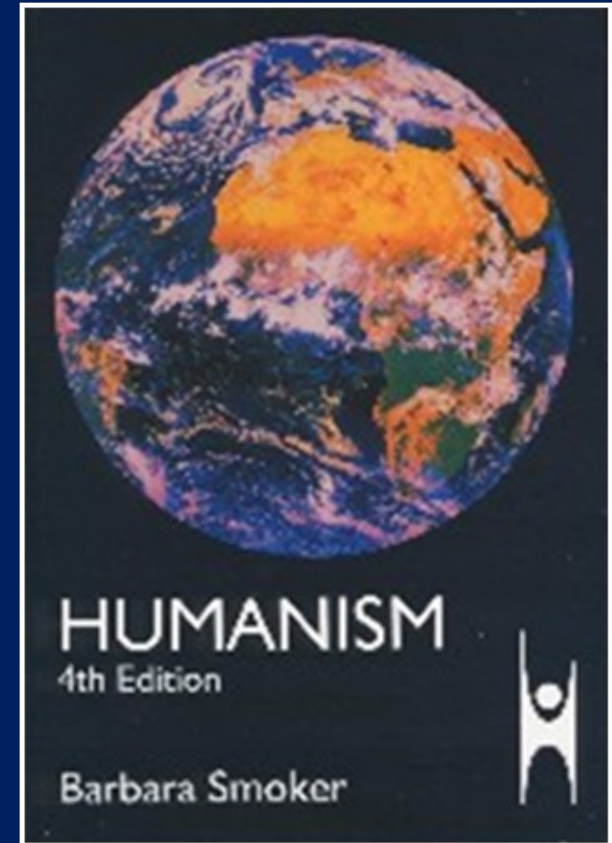
Fundamental Questions - Humanistic Answers

- “Who am I?” – *a biological accident*
- “Where did I come from?” – *from the primordial soup*
- “Why am I here?” – *to fulfill self*
- “Where am I going?” – *toward a planetary new world order*
- “How can I get there?” – *the scientific method*



Humanists Call Themselves Religious

- Advancement of a religion
- “Religious humanists”
- “Religious humanism.”



Torcaso v. Watkins (1961)

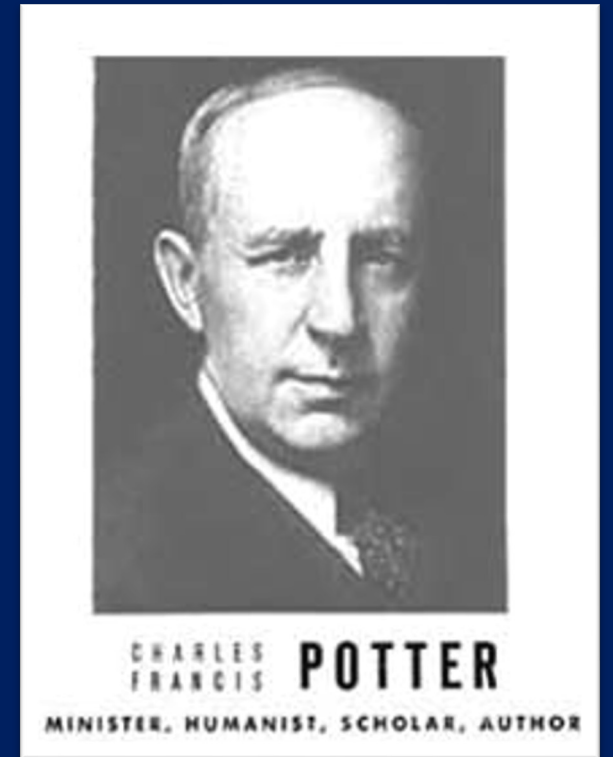
“Among the religions in this country which do not teach what would generally be considered a belief in the existence of God are Buddhism, Taoism, Ethical Culture, *Secular Humanism* and others” (italics added).



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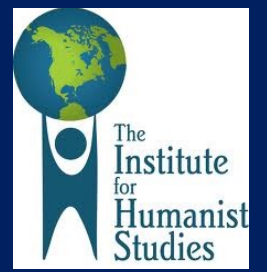
Humanist Proselytizing

“Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every public school is a school of Humanism. What can the theistic Sunday-schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”





New Age Proselytizing



“I am convinced that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classrooms by teachers who correctly perceive their role as proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes and respects the spark of what theologians call the Divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same selfless dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers.”

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Paul's Various Rapture Terms

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2 Thess. 2:1

episynagōgē

2 Thess. 2:1

apokalypsis

1 Cor. 1:7

epiphaneia

Titus 2:13

rhyomai

1 Thess. 1:10

harpazō

1 Thess. 4:17

apostasia

2 Thess. 2:3a



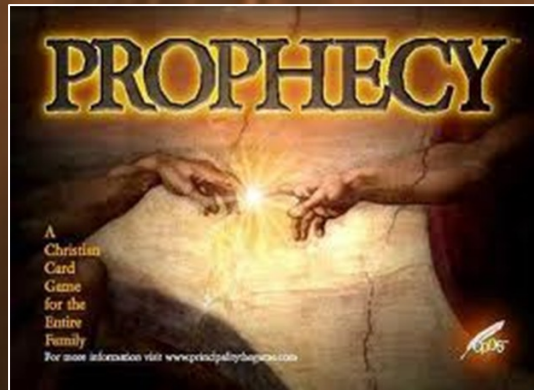
Biblical Prophecy: Importance

- 27% of Scripture was prophetic at the time it was written
- 2 Pet 1:19



2 Peter 1:19

“So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.”



AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE V. 19



- More sure than eyewitness testimony
- World is in the Dark, Scripture is the Light
- Morning Star = Jesus

Rev. 2:28; 22:16

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