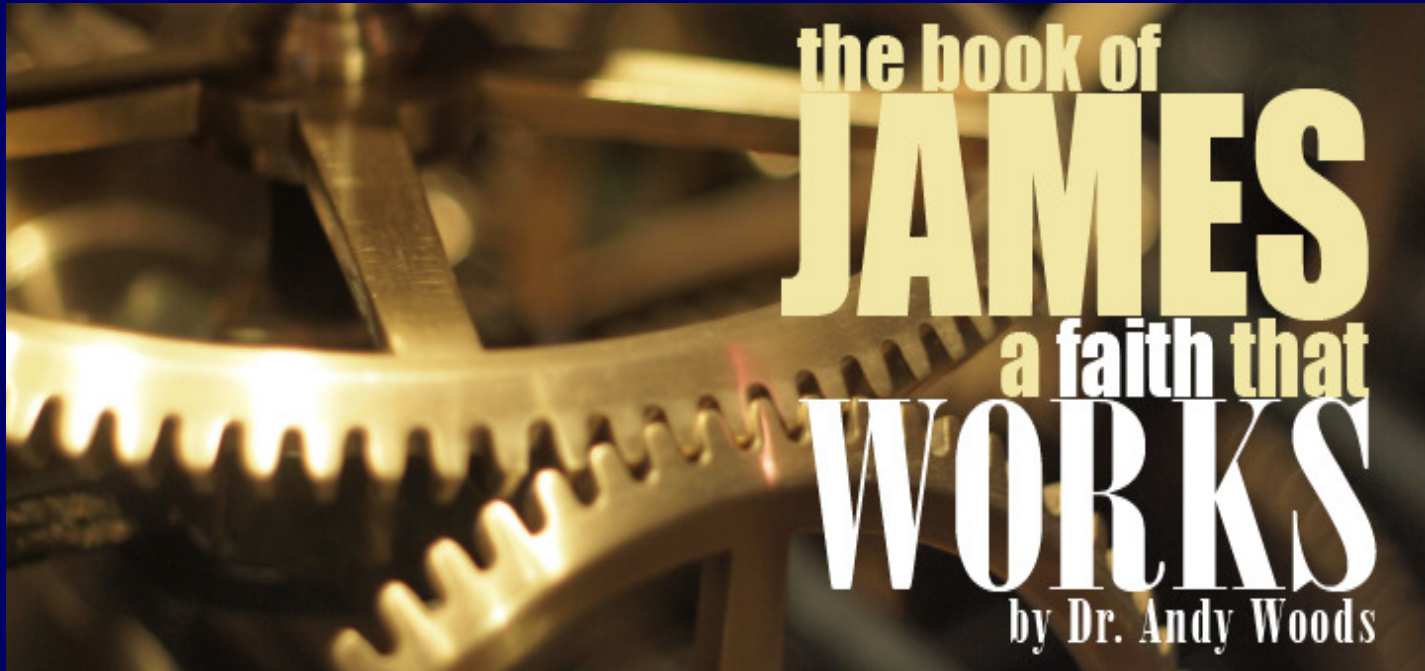


PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS



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Answering Eleven Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – James
- 2) What do we know about the author? – Christ's ½ Brother
- 3) Who was the audience? – Believing Jews in the Diaspora
- 4) Where was it written from? – Jerusalem
- 5) When was the book written? – A.D. 44–47
- 6) What was the book's occasion? – Practical righteousness
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – Achieving practical righteousness
- 8) What is the book about? – Practical righteousness
- 9) What is the book's theme? – Daily living
- 10) What makes the book different? – Practicality
- 11) How is the book organized? – Faith and Wisdom

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- Trials – Jas 1:2-18
 - ◆ Rejoicing during trials – Jas 1:2-12
 - ◆ Command not to charge God with temptation – Jas 1:13-18



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- I. Need for Slowness in Speaking & Anger (1:19-20)
- II. Need for Obedience to God's Word (1:21-25)
- III. Need for True Religion (1:26-27)



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James 2:2

“For if a man comes into your assembly [synagōgē] with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes.”



Date

(AD 44-47)

- AD 70
- AD 62-63
- AD 49
- AD 48-49
- Sermon on the Mt
- Primitive congregational worship
(Jas 2:2; 3:1; 5:14)
- Jas 1:1 = Acts 8:1-4; 11:19



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Galatians 3:28

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”



Ephesians 2:14

“For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.”



1 Corinthians 4:5

“Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men’s hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.”



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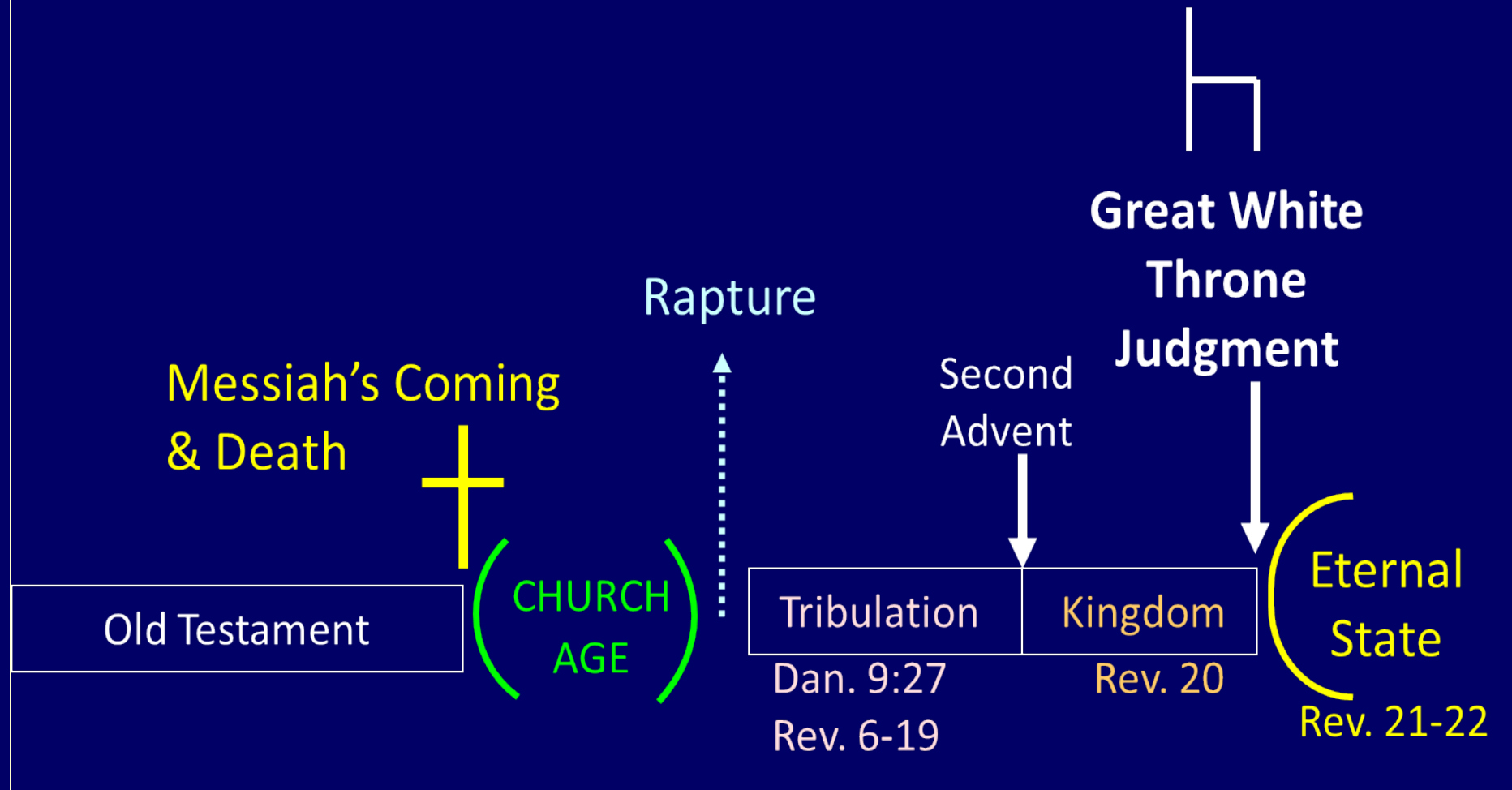
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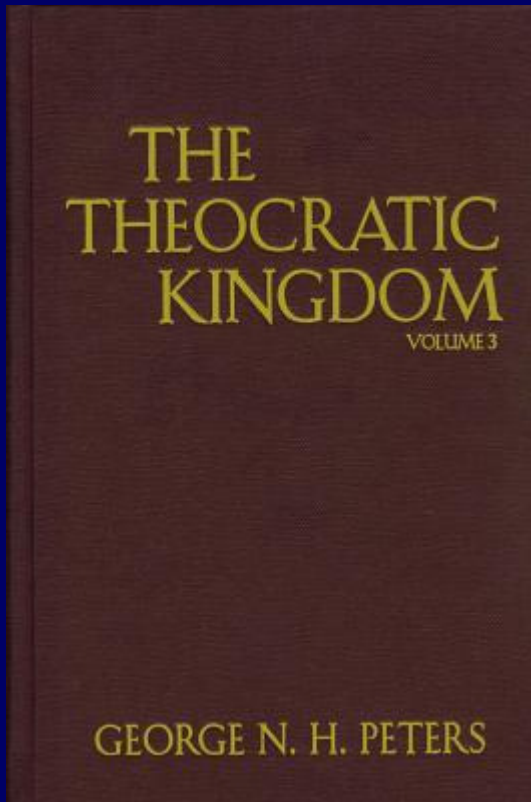


Prophecy Panorama



G.N.H. Peters

Theocratic Kingdom, 1:600



Premillennial scholar Peters asks, “If the church is the Kingdom, and believers are now in it, why designate them ‘heirs,’ etc., of a Kingdom.”

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