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The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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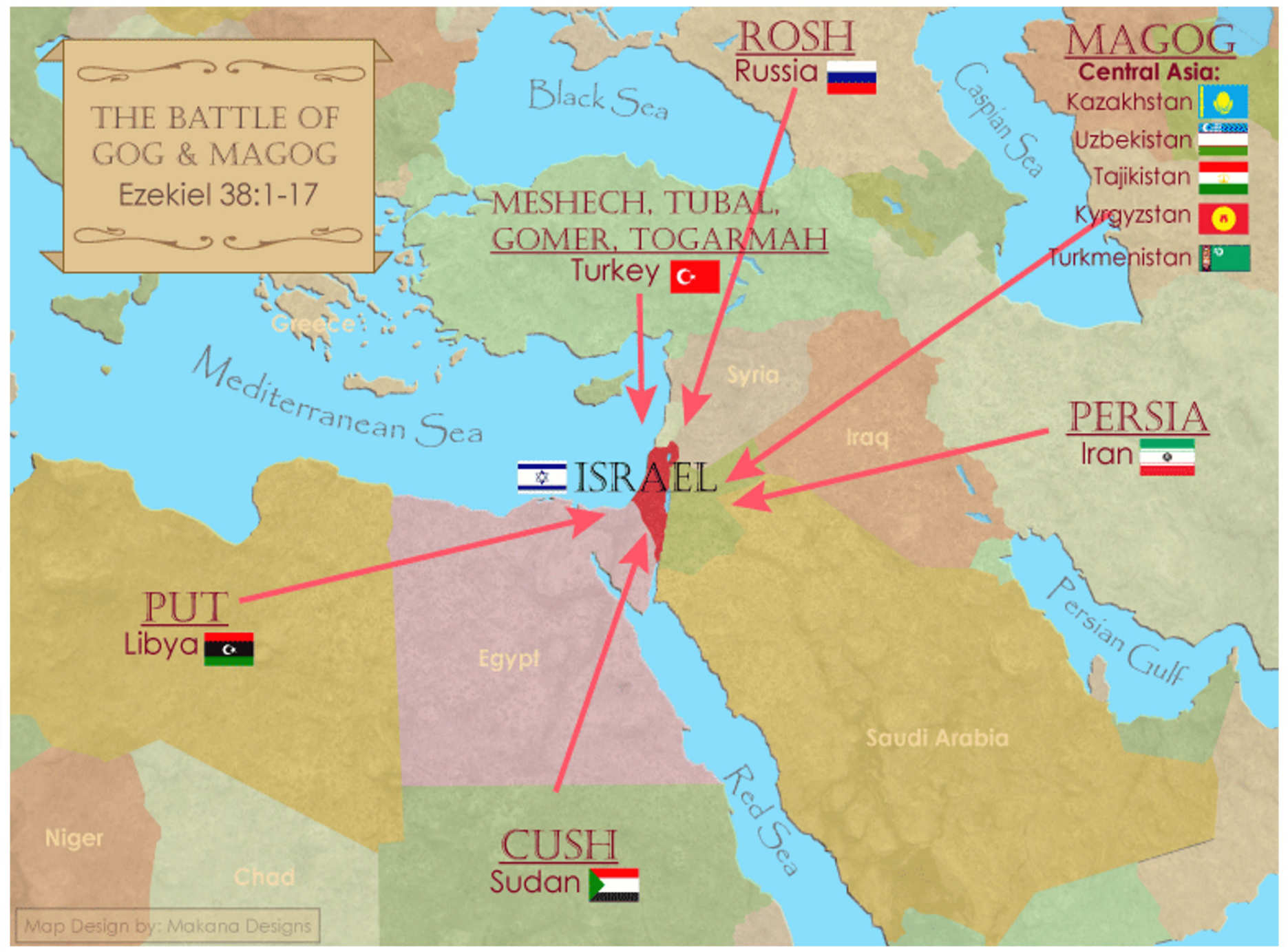
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Tarshish = Spain

Ryrie Study Bible, p. 1,421.



The Ryrie Study Bible indicates that Tarshish “is located in the S of Spain near Gibraltar, 2,500 mi. (4,000 km) W of Palestine [or Israel] and the opposite direction from Nineveh.”



Young Lions = Western Nations

Mark Hitchcock, *After the Empire: Bible Prophecy in Light of the Fall of the Soviet Union* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1994), p. 101.

“Young lions are often used in the Scripture to refer to energetic rulers. Therefore, the young lions who verbally oppose Gog’s invasion are strong military and political leaders who act with Tarshish...It was in the farthest west regions of the known world, in Spain. As we know, Spain is in modern Europe. Tarshish, or modern Spain, could be used by Ezekiel to represent all of the western nations whom Saudi Arabia will join with in denouncing this invasion.”

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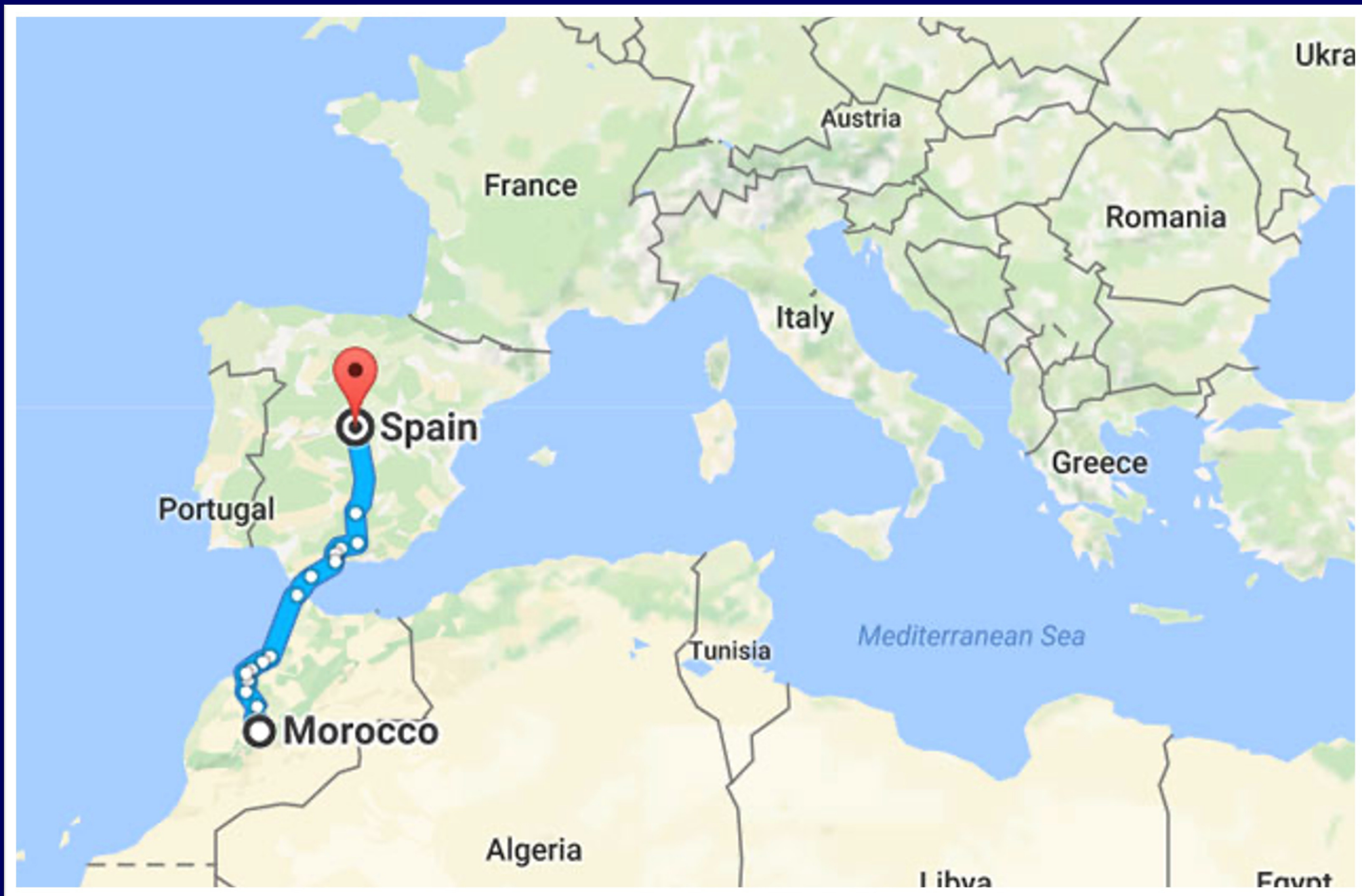
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“to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.”



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“⁸ After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are living securely [*batach*], all of them...¹¹ and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest [*shacat*], that live securely [*batach*], all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates.”



Isaiah 28:15, 18

“¹⁵ Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.”... ¹⁸ Your covenant with death will be canceled, And your pact with Sheol will not stand; When the overwhelming scourge passes through, Then you become its trampling place.”

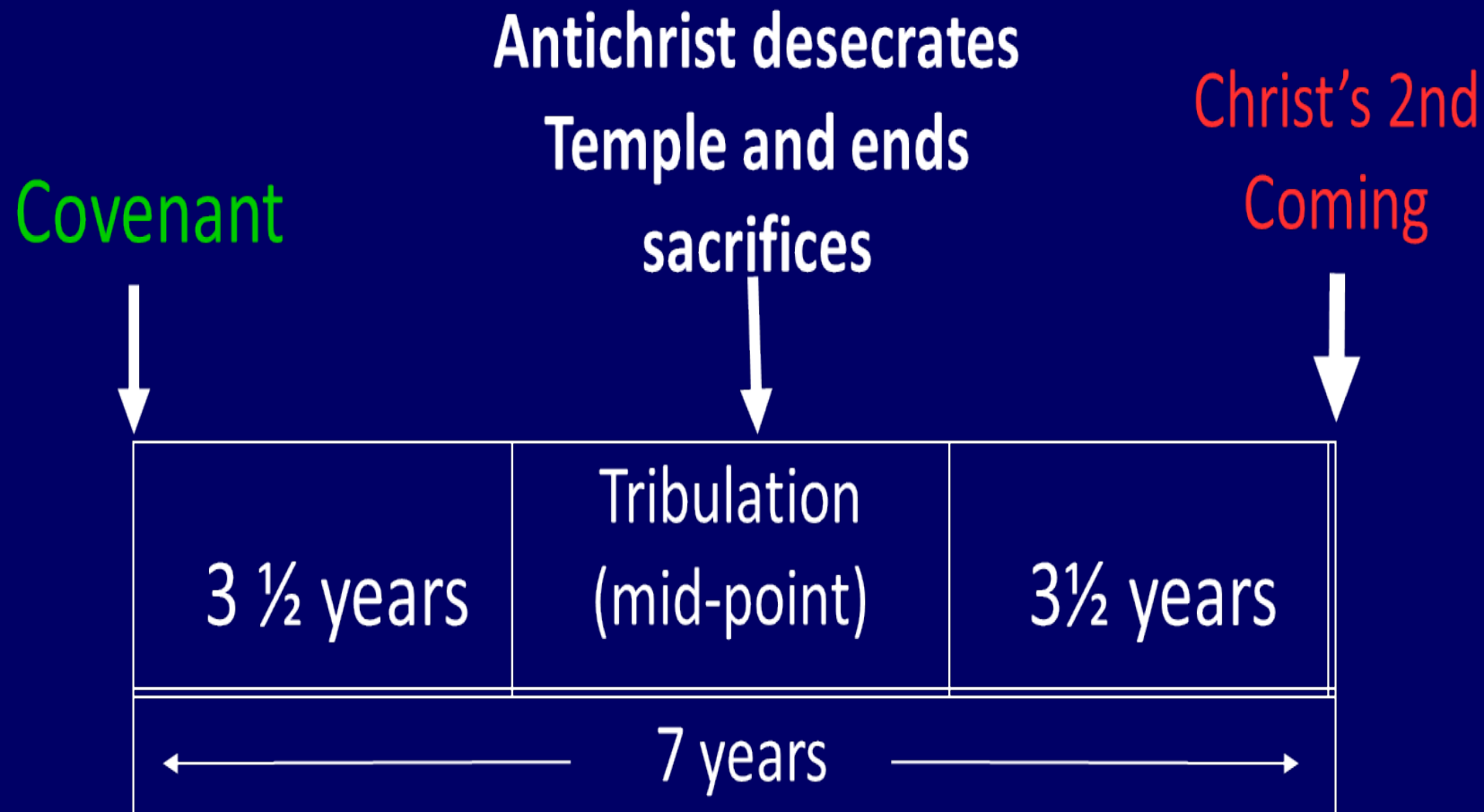


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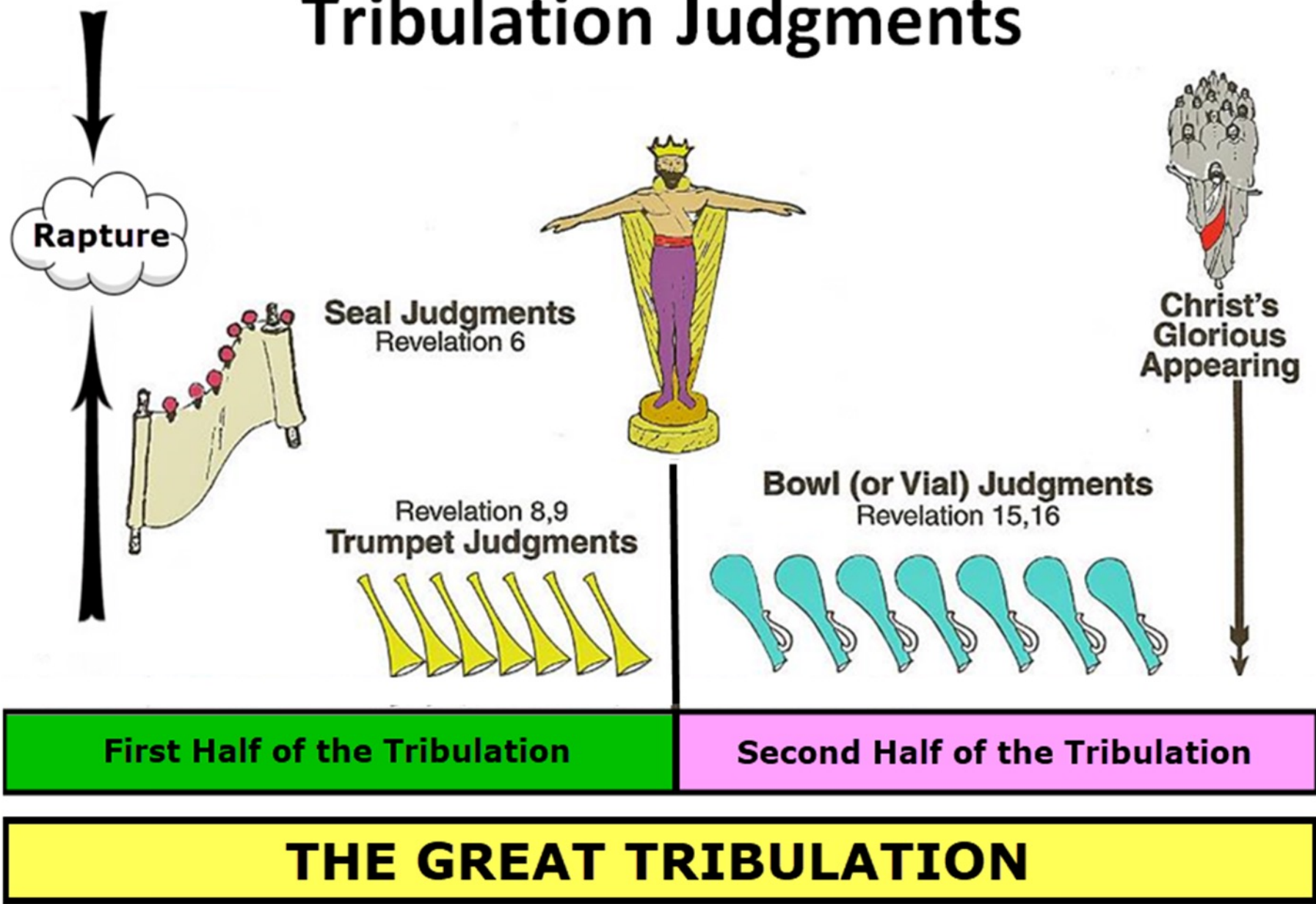
And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD

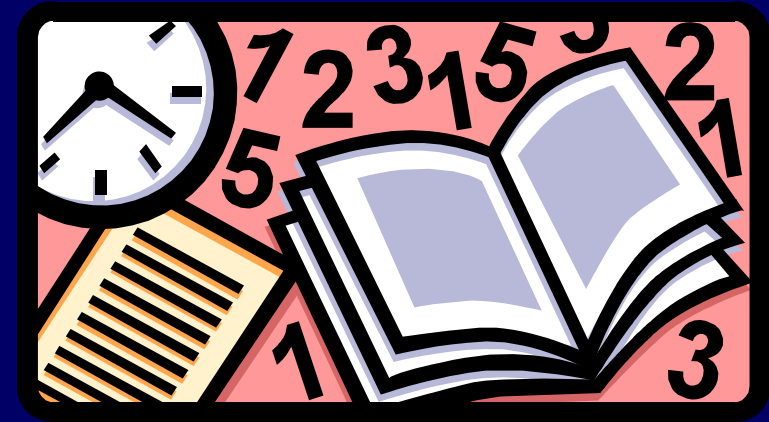


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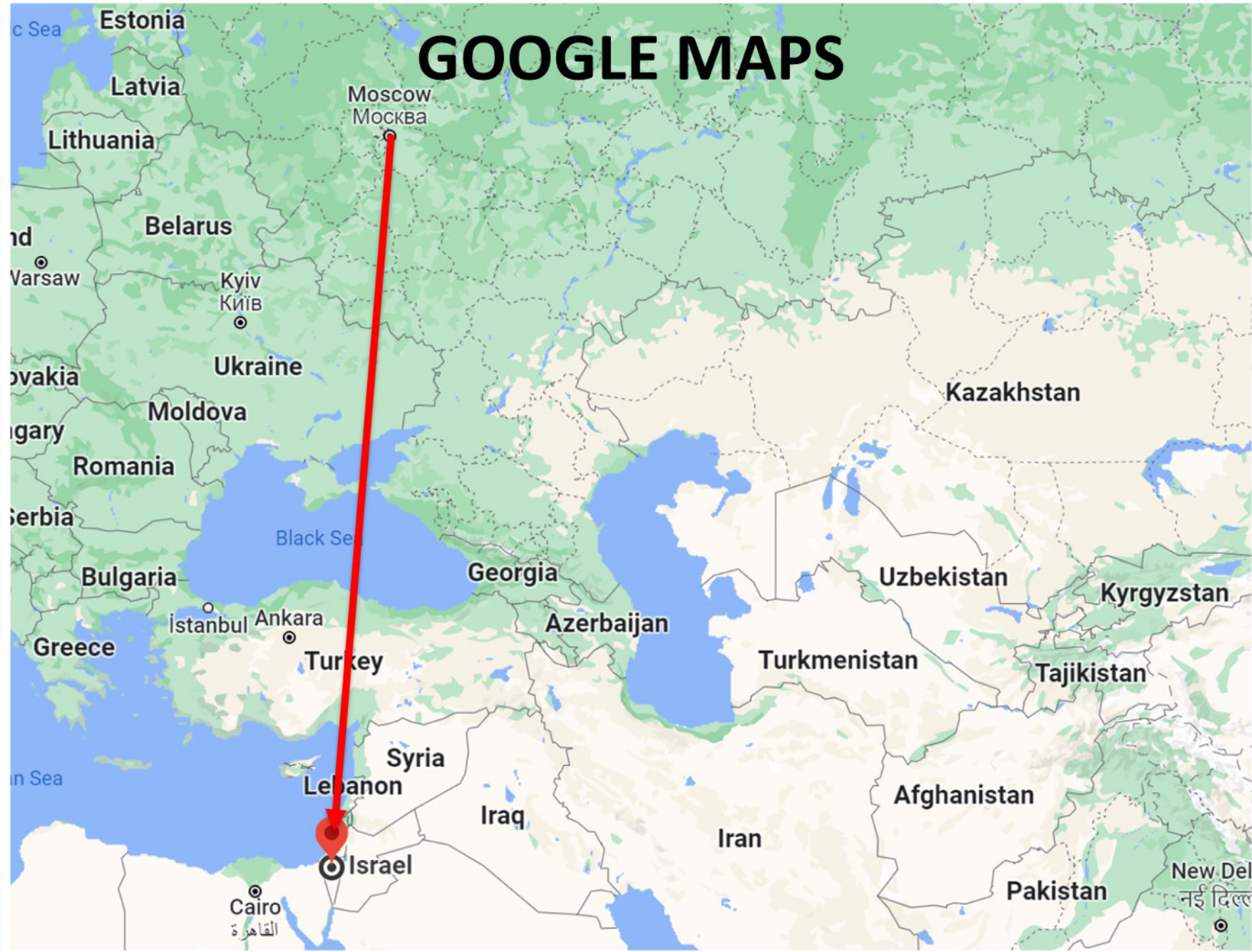
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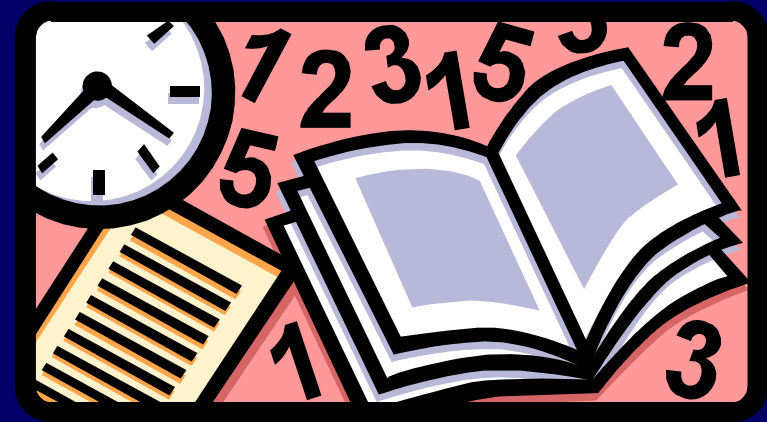
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“Do not fail to notice ‘my people’ in verses 14 and 16, and ‘my land’ in verse 16. The godless nations have had little idea how involved God is in all the concerns His people and His land. This has been true throughout their national existence but will be all the more evident when God finally decides to intervene decisively into the affairs of men in the consummation of the prophetic program for the earth.”

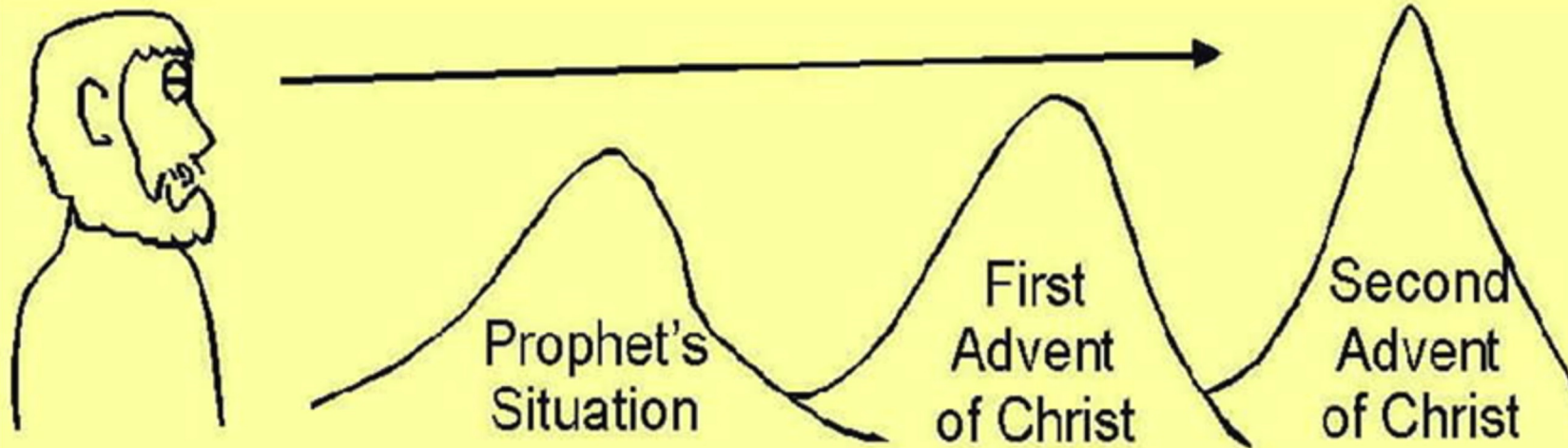
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Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



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Genesis 12:3

“And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”





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“Through the centuries Israel has time and again been the prey of one nation after another. Yet in every case the visitation of God in wrath has been unmistakable upon the ones involved. But the nations have not fully learned their lesson as far as hatred of Israel is concerned and will try yet once more. Satan will urge them on yet again to their doom so that all may see that God curses those who curse Abraham’s seed. Let us be among those seeking their good and their blessing...It will be seen that the serious and fatal weakness of the enemies of Israel will be their reliance on numbers, and their confidence that Israel’s weaknesses means their strength and ultimate victory. They fail, as always, to take God into account.”



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“Notice that twice it is stated (38:17; 39:8) that former prophets foretold this invasion (Ps. 2:1-3; Isaiah 29:1-8; Joel 2:20; 3:9-21; Zech. 12:1 ff; 14:2-3).”



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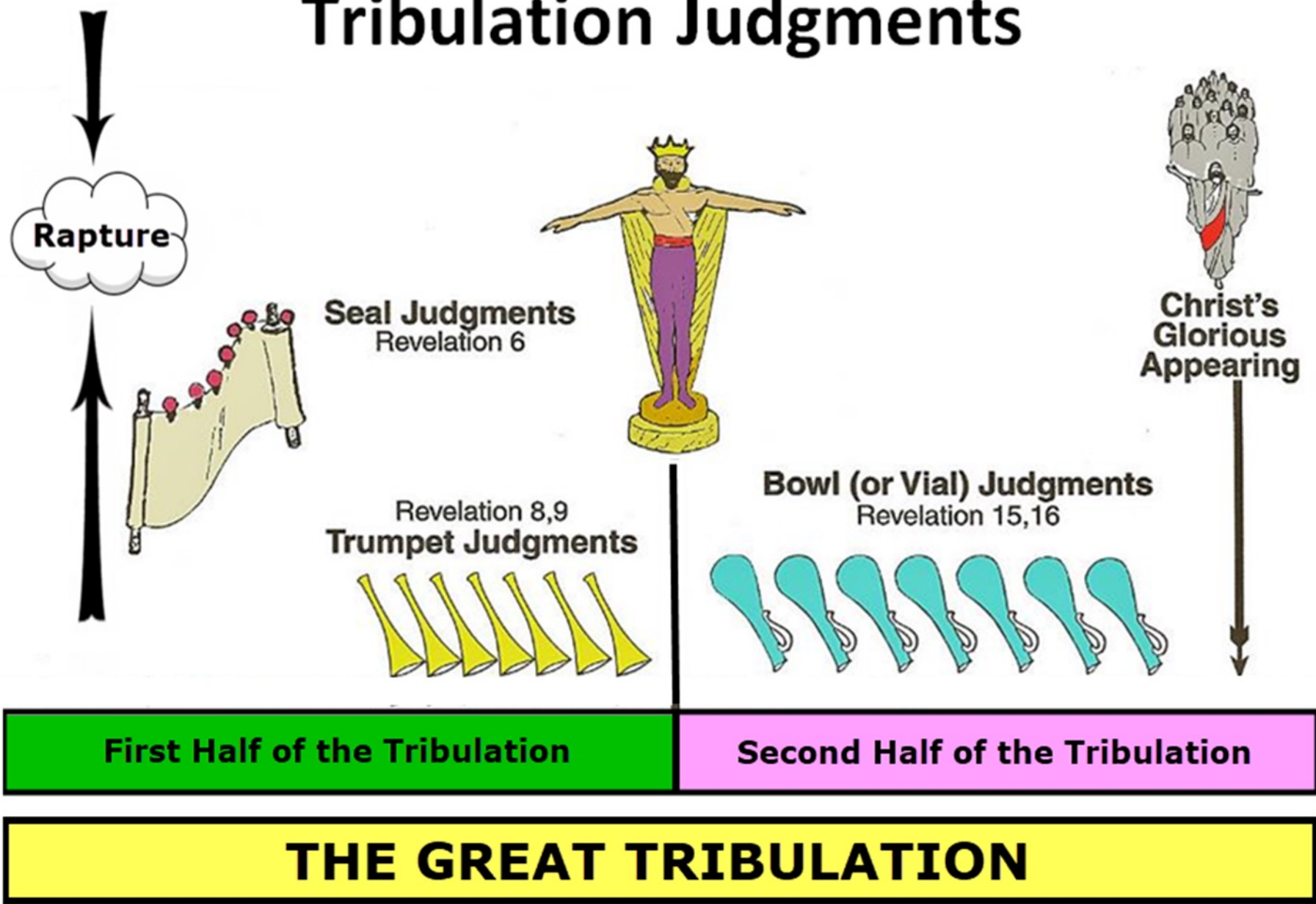


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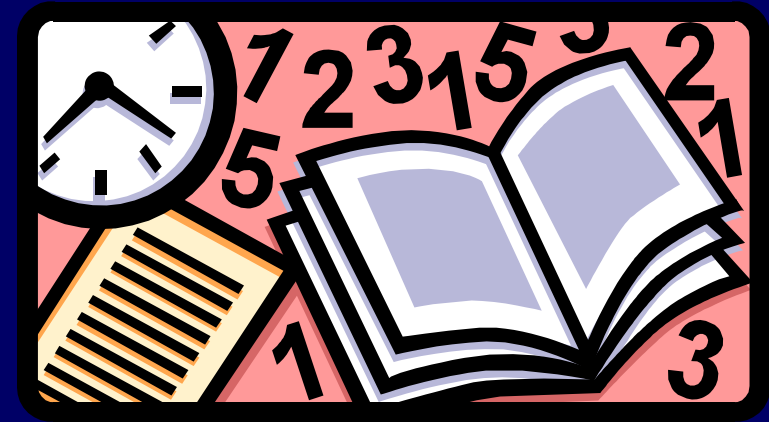
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Genesis 19:22

“Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.” Therefore, the name of the town was called Zoar.”

Work That Burns Is Not Rewarded

“If his work is burned up, he will suffer the **loss**.

However, he will be saved, though it will be like going through a fire.”

1 Corinthians 3:15 GWT



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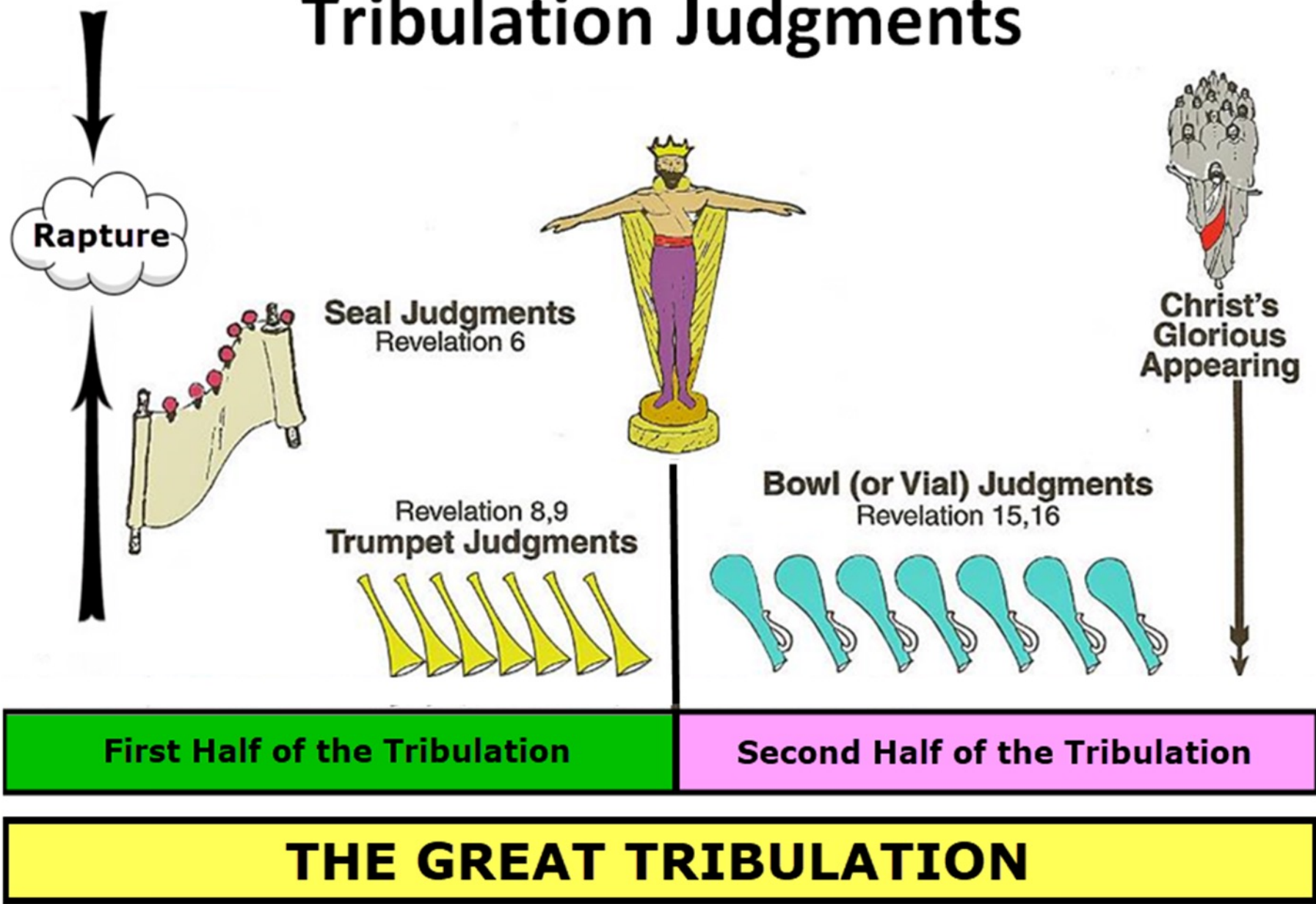
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“Scientists say thousands could die because Israel, which sits on a major fault line, has ignored warnings to strengthen homes and schools. After a series of minor tremors rattled northern Israel over the last two weeks, experts warned that the country is negligently unprepared for a major earthquake that would likely kill thousands of people, including many children. ‘The threat of an earthquake, is in my eyes, the greatest threat facing the state of Israel,’ geologist Ariel Heimann told Hadashot news on Friday. ‘It is definitely a greater threat than the Qassam [rockets] fired from Gaza, and it is a far greater danger than the Iranian threat.’ Israel sits on the Syrian-African rift, a tear in the earth’s crust . . .

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...running the length of the border separating Israel and Jordan, and is part of the Great Rift Valley, which extends from northern Syria to Mozambique. 'If, God forbid, we have an earthquake like this, it will leave thousands dead and hundreds of thousands of people will have to leave their homes. Houses will be destroyed, there will be massive economic damage that will set the country back dozens of years,' Heimann warned."

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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”):

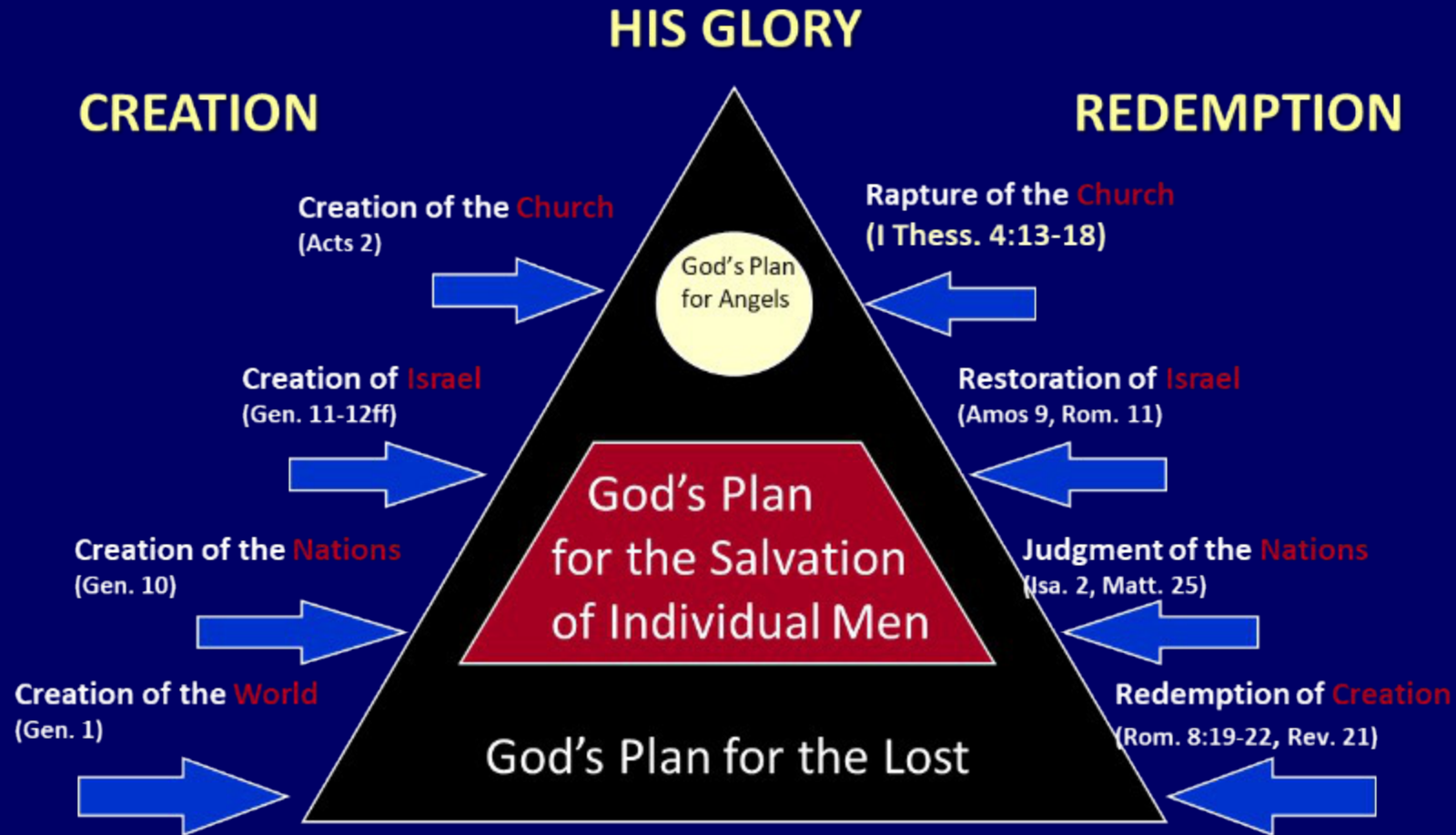
1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God’s overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

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



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