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REVELATION

sermon series



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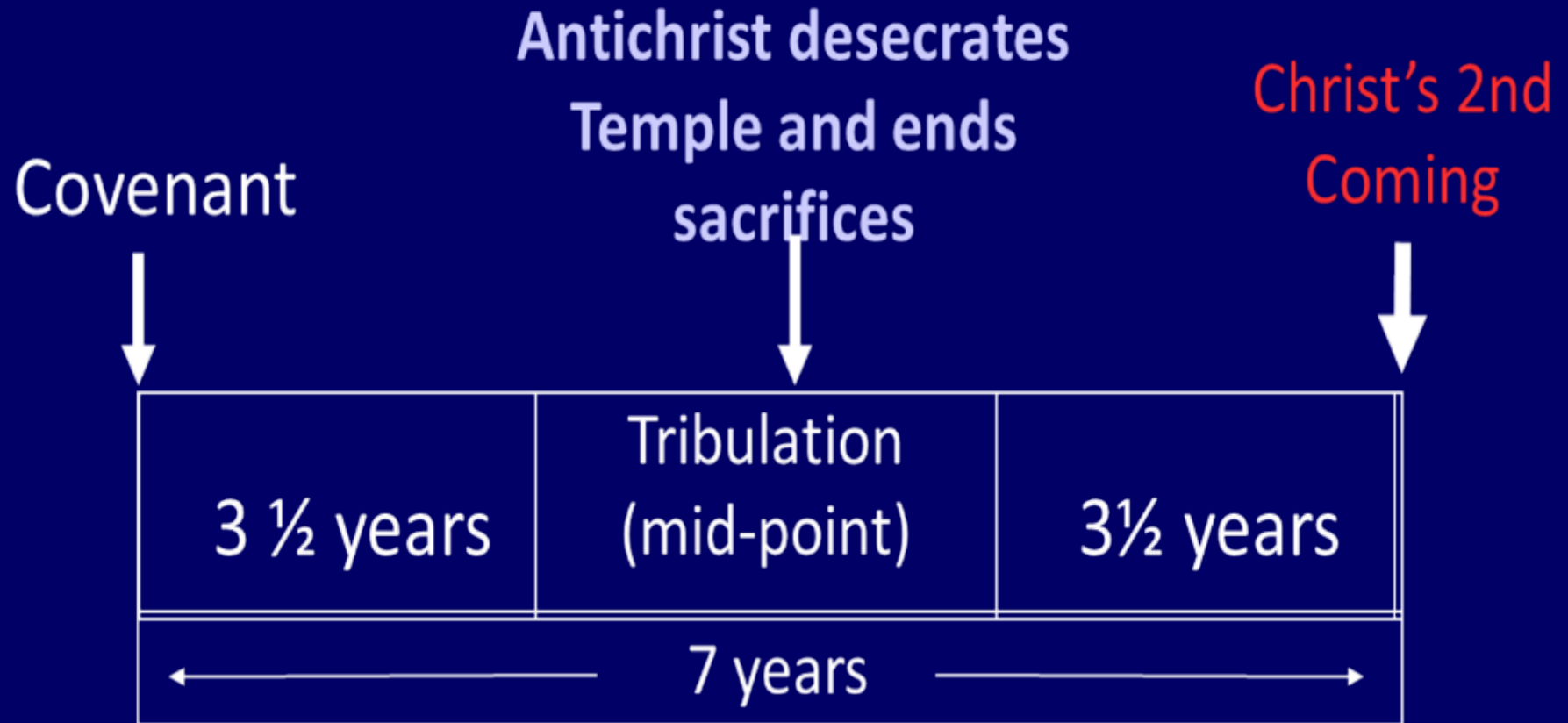
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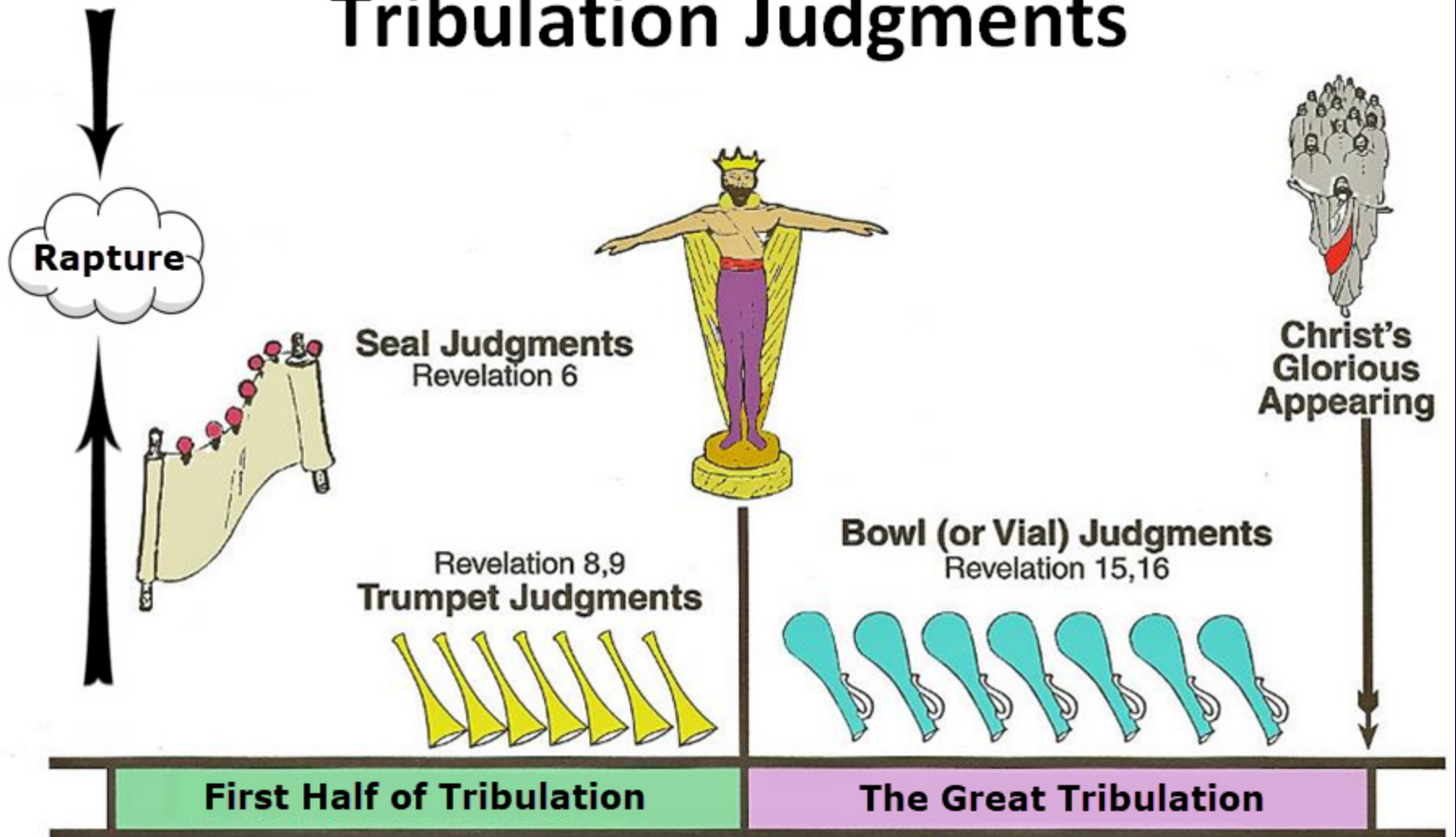
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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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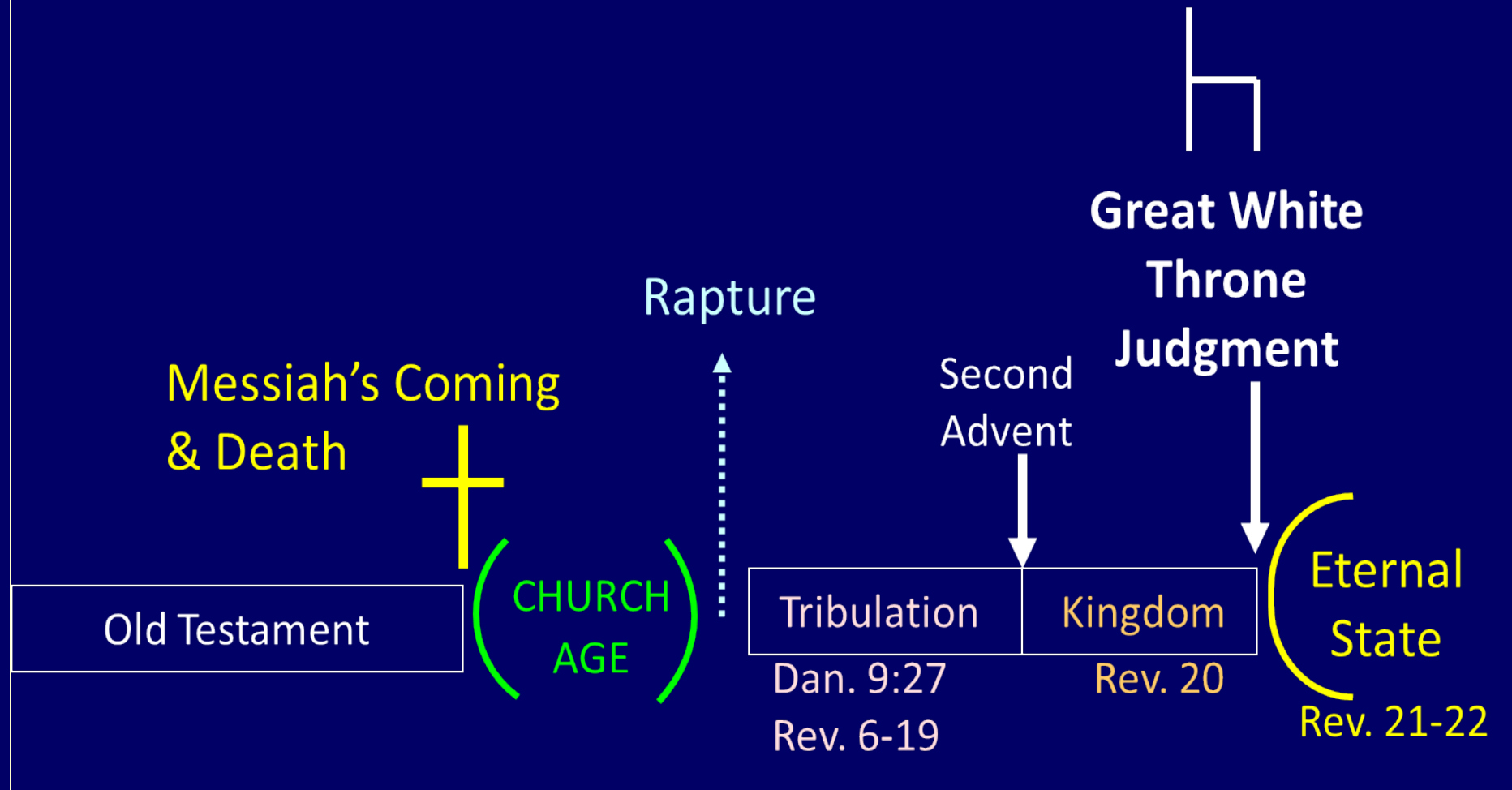
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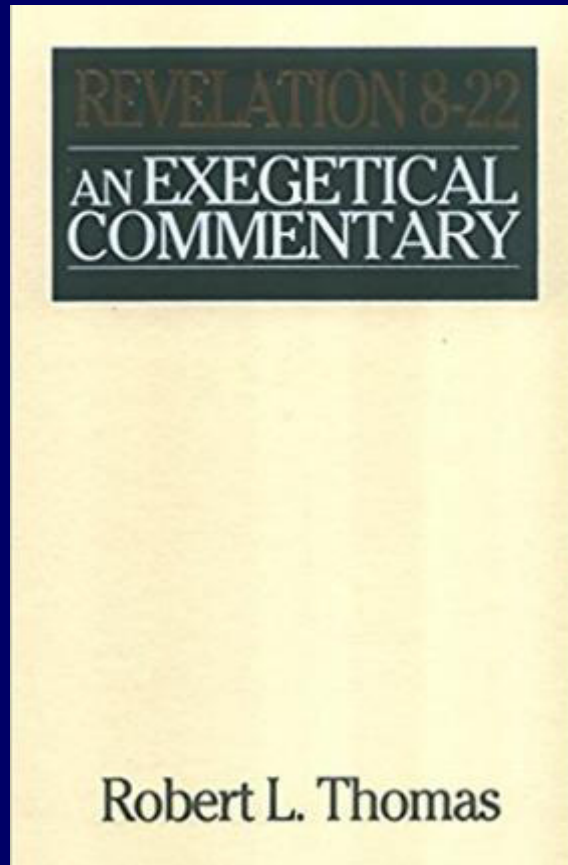
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Revelation 8 to 22: An Exegetical Commentary
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Revelation 3:21

PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMERS

“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”



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“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



OT PROPHETS DESCRIBE THE KINGDOM

1. Established by God (Dan. 2:44)
2. Eternal (Dan. 7:27)
3. Christ's direct rule (Zech. 9:9-10)
4. Earthly (Zech. 14:9)
5. Land promises realized (Gen. 15:18-21)
6. Israel's preeminence (Isa. 49:22-23)
7. Millennial Temple (Ezek. 40-46)



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8. Millennial David (Jer. 30:9)
9. Righteousness (Isa. 9:6-7)
10. Curse curtailed (Isa. 65:20, 22)
11. Peace (Isa. 2:4)
12. Prosperity (Amos 9:13-14; Isa 65:22)
13. Topographical changes (Ezek. 47:1-12)
14. Immediate answers to prayer (Isa. 65:24)





Justin Martyr

Dialogue with Trypho, 80.

“But I and every other completely orthodox Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and enlarged city of Jerusalem as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others.”

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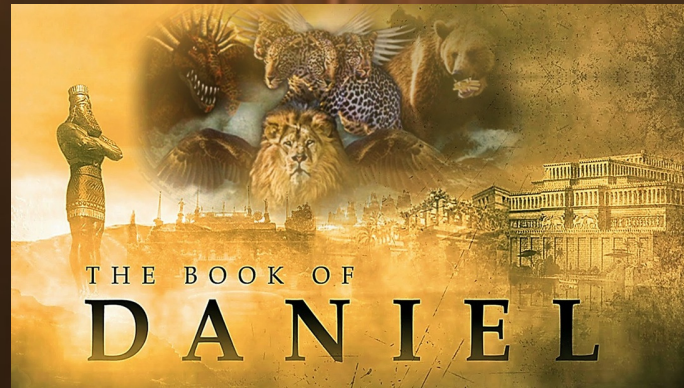
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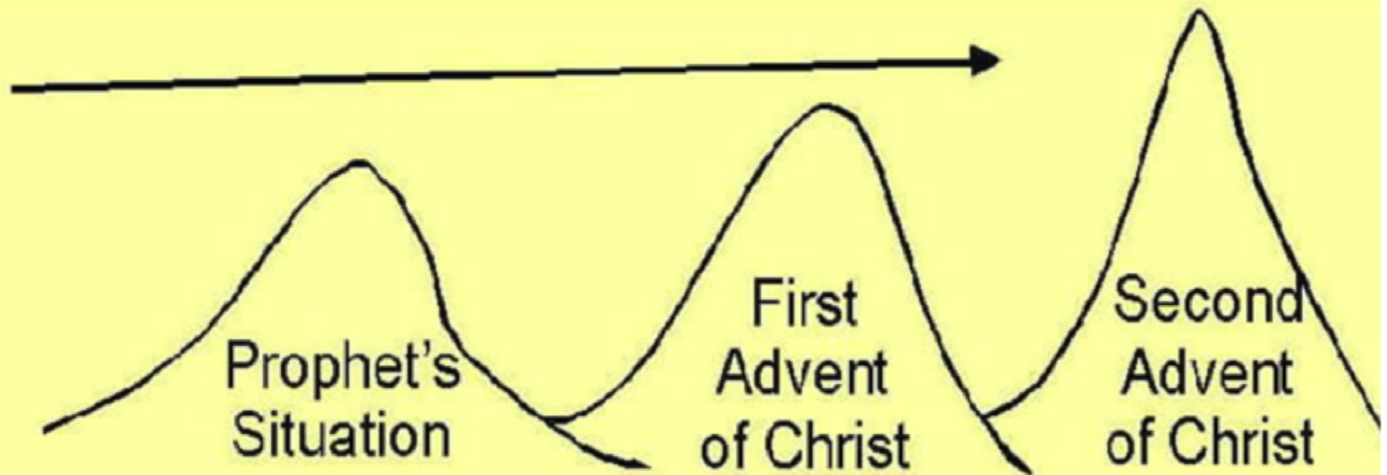
Daniel 12:2

“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.”



Mountain Peaks of Prophecy

Multiple fulfilments in one prophecy



Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.



Isaiah 61:1-2

¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; ² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn.



Luke 4:16-21

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,¹⁸ **“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE ...**



Luke 4:16-21

... CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



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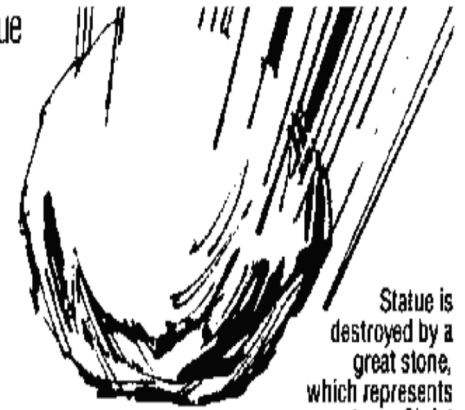
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Statue & Stone

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
331-323

LEGS AND FEET
IRON & CLAY

WORLD POWER
ROME
322 B.C. - A.D. 476
FUTURE

Identification of the Four Kingdoms



Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2
HEAD of GOLD
LION

Vision in Ch. 7
BEAR

Vision in Ch. 8
LEOPARD

TERRIFYING and FRIGHTENING BEAST

Vision in Ch. 8
RAM

GOAT

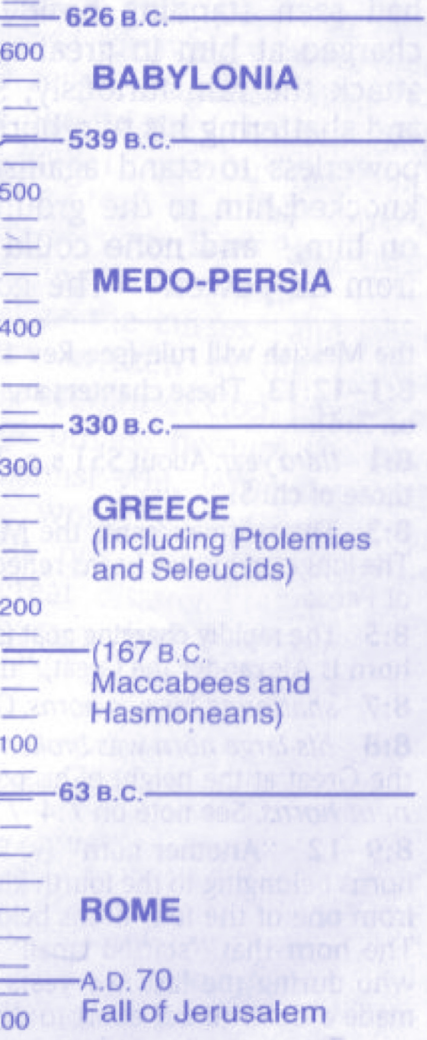
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BABYLON 2:48

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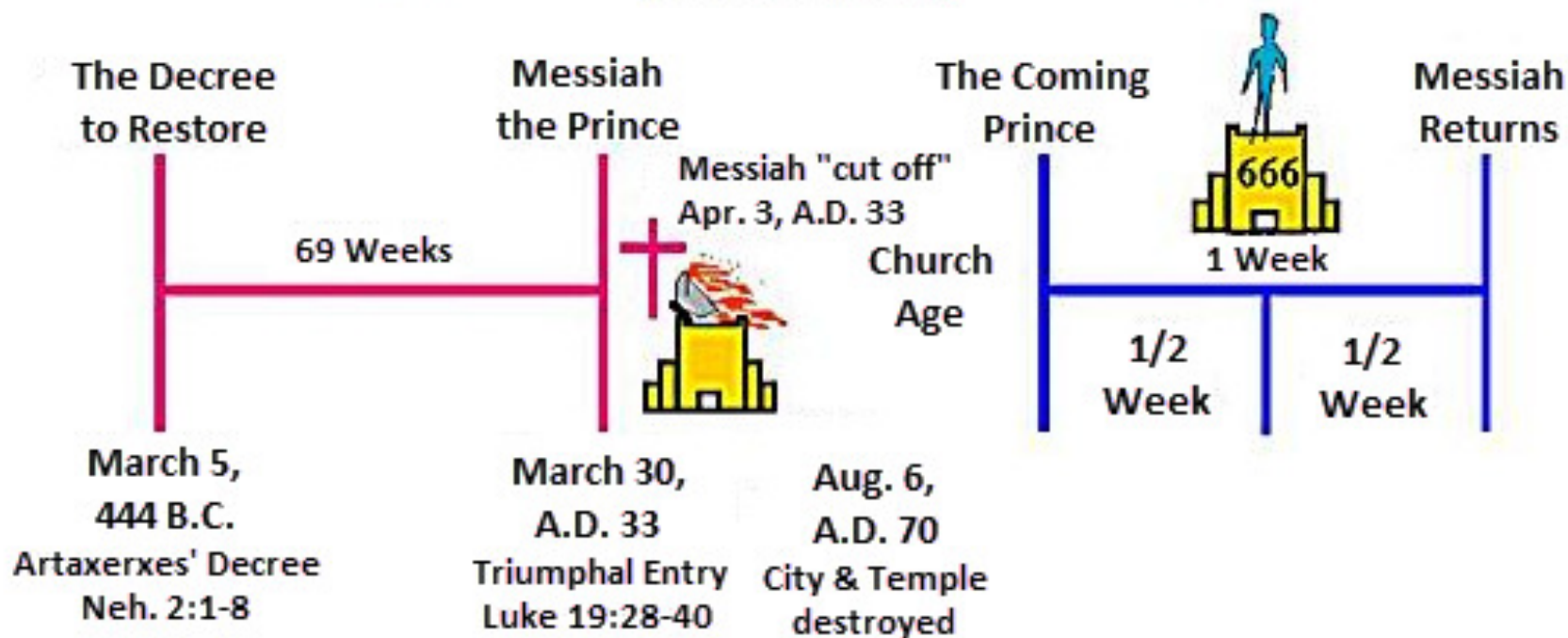
ROME

Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)



Understanding Daniel's Prophetic Perspective



Antichrist

(Daniel 11:36-45)

Antiochus IV

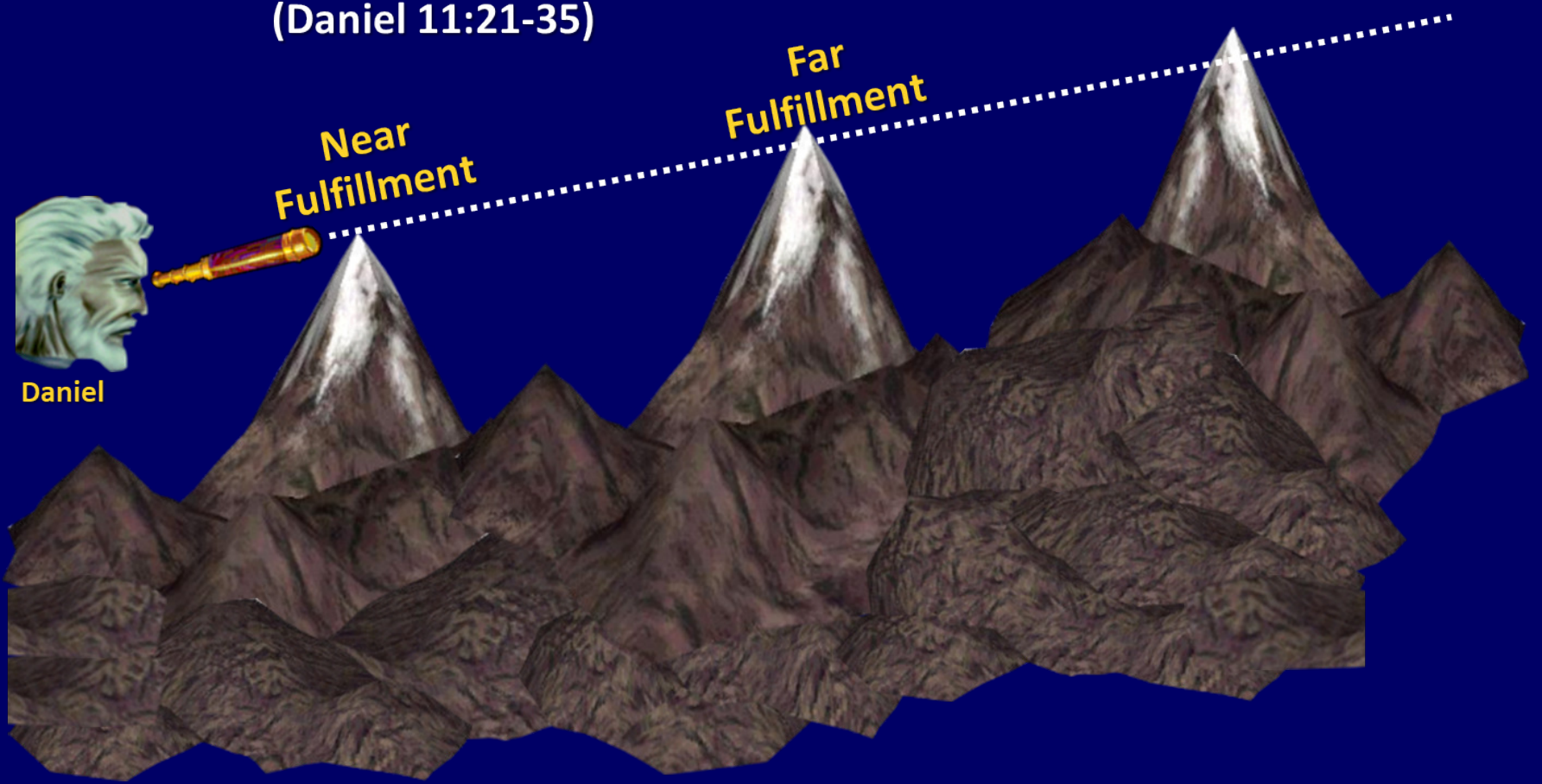
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Near
Fulfillment

Far
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Daniel



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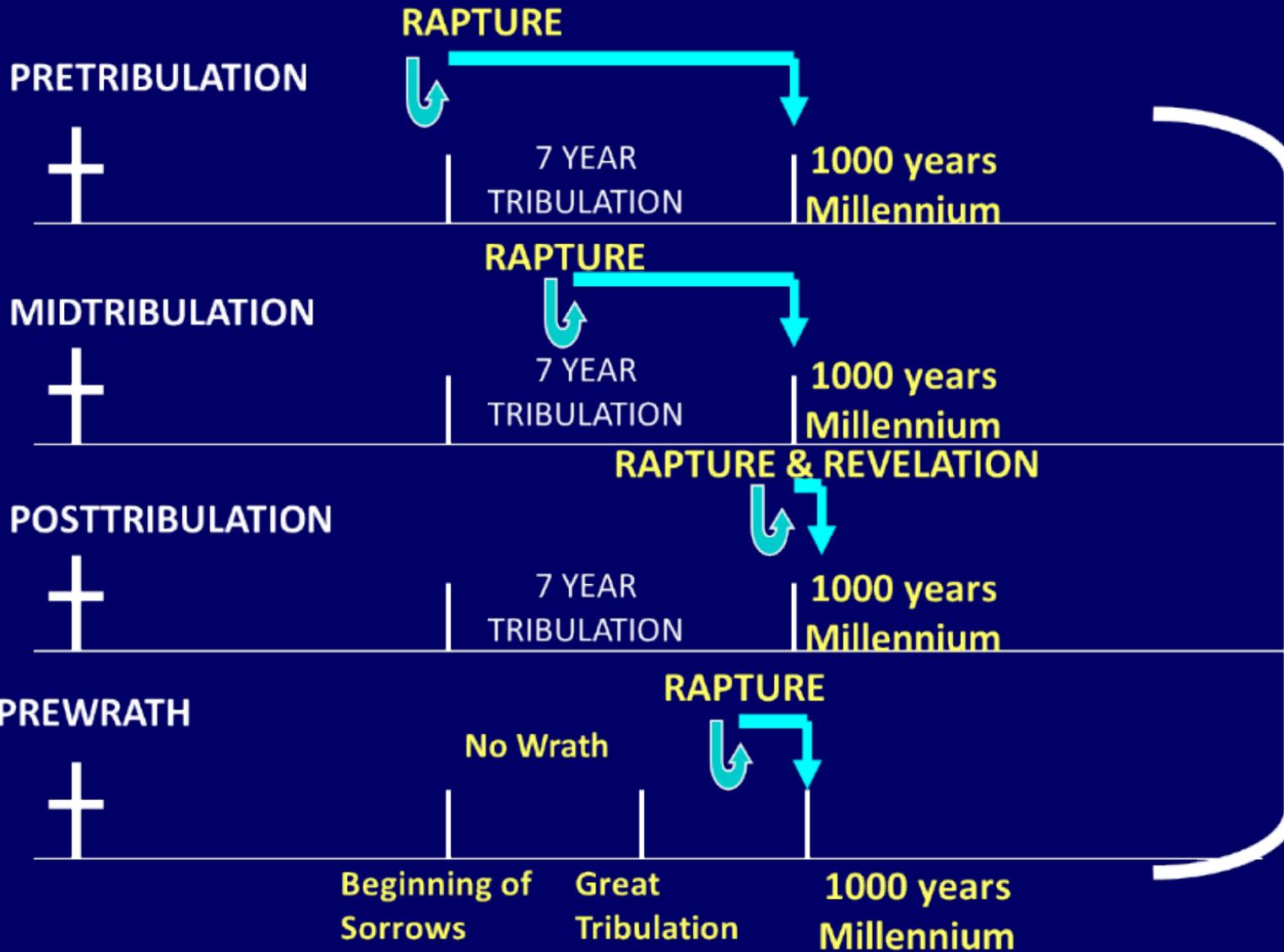


When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-E

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Revelation 20:1-3

“¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, **so that he would not deceive the nations any longer**, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.”



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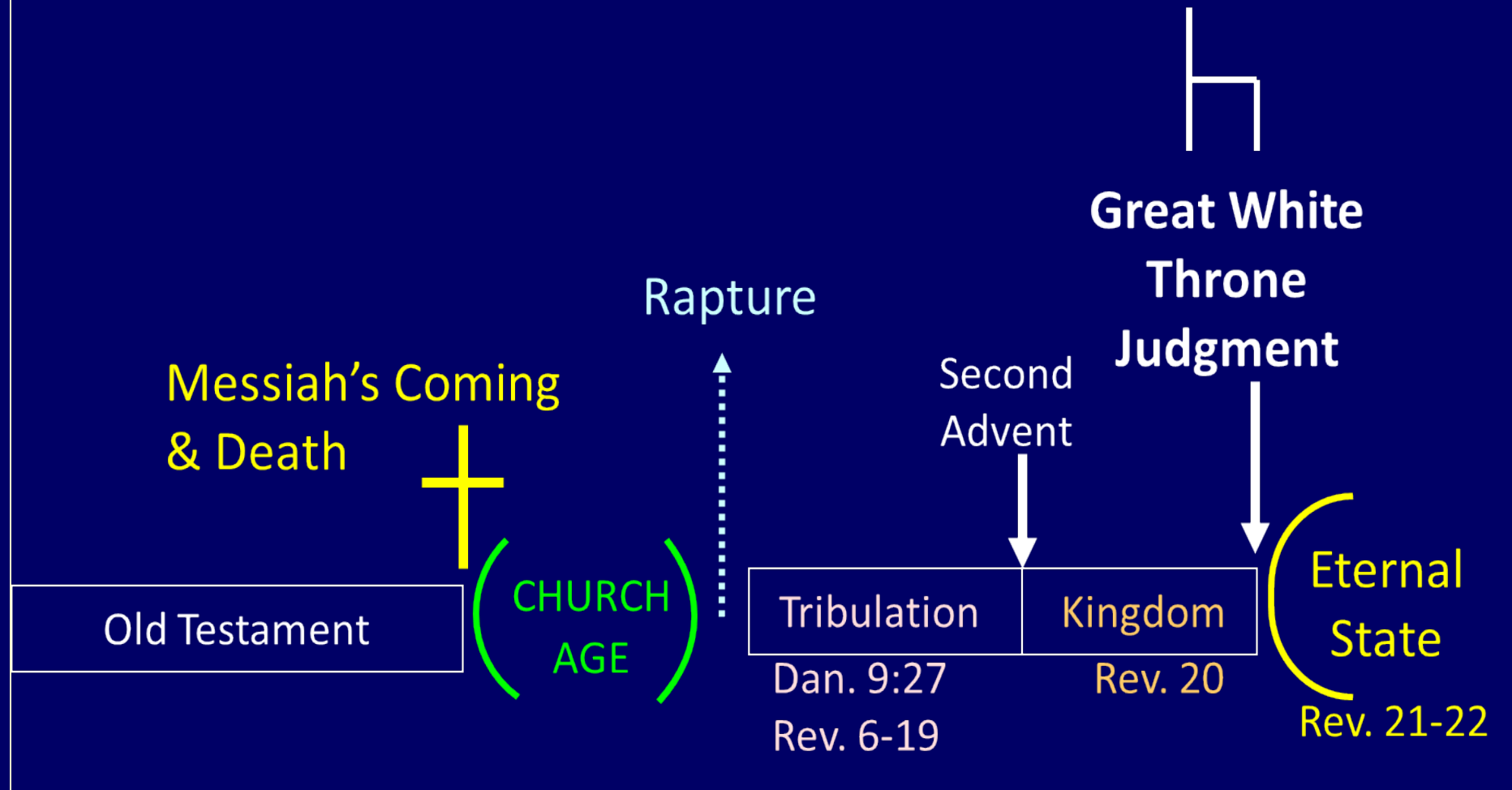


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Millennial Fulfillment?

EZEK. 38-39

REV. 20:7-9

Northern invasion

All nation invade

**Invasion leads to Millennium
(Ezek 40-48)**

**Invasion comes at end of
Millennium**

**Invasion leads to Millennium
(Ezek 40-48)**

**Invasion leads to Eternal State
(Rev 21-22)**

**7 months necessary to
dispose of the dead (39:12)**

**Dead disposed of
instantaneously (20:9)**

**Satan not bound prior to
invasion**

**Satan bound prior to invasion
(Rev 20:2)**

Pentecost, *Things To Come*, 349-50

David J. MacLeod

David J. MacLeod, "The Fifth 'Last Thing': The Release of Satan and Man's Final Rebellion (Rev. 20: 7–10)," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 157, no. 626 (April 2000): p. 209.

“How can Gog and Magog refer to a battle in Revelation 19 before the millennium and this battle at the end of the millennium? The most likely explanation is that Antichrist is Gog and will be defeated at the Second Coming. During the millennium his defeat will become a legend among the nations, something like Napoleon’s defeat at Waterloo. Then at the end of the millennial kingdom the Gog and Magog ‘legend’ is applied to a new historical situation (20: 8), with Satan leading the new ‘Gog and Magog.’ Satan will meet his ‘Waterloo’—his ‘Gog and Magog.’”

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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”



Mark 7:20-23

“²⁰ And He was saying, ‘That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, ²² deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.’”





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Isaiah 2:2-3

“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”



Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”





Robert Thomas

Four Views on the Book of Revelation, page 207.



“At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan’s prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations.”

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D. The Annihilation

Revelation 20:9b-10

1. Satan's henchmen are consumed by the fires of heaven (9b)
2. Satan himself is consumed by the fires of hell (10)



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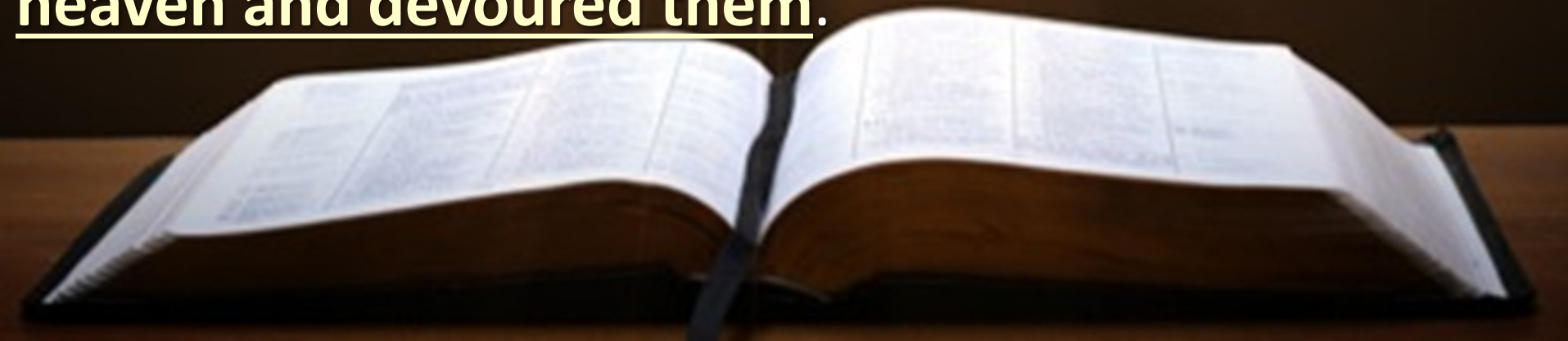
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Revelation 20:7-9

“⁷ When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸ and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”



NO DUALISM!



NO CONTEST!

Ezekiel 28:13, 15

“¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, Was in you. On the day that you were created They were prepared...
¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.”



Original State and First Sin

■ Ezek 28:12-17

◆ Attributes

- Creature (15)
- Angel (14, 16)
- Powerful (14)
- Without sin (15)
- Beautiful (12-13)
- Intelligent (12)

◆ Nature of 1st sin (17)



D. The Annihilation

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Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”

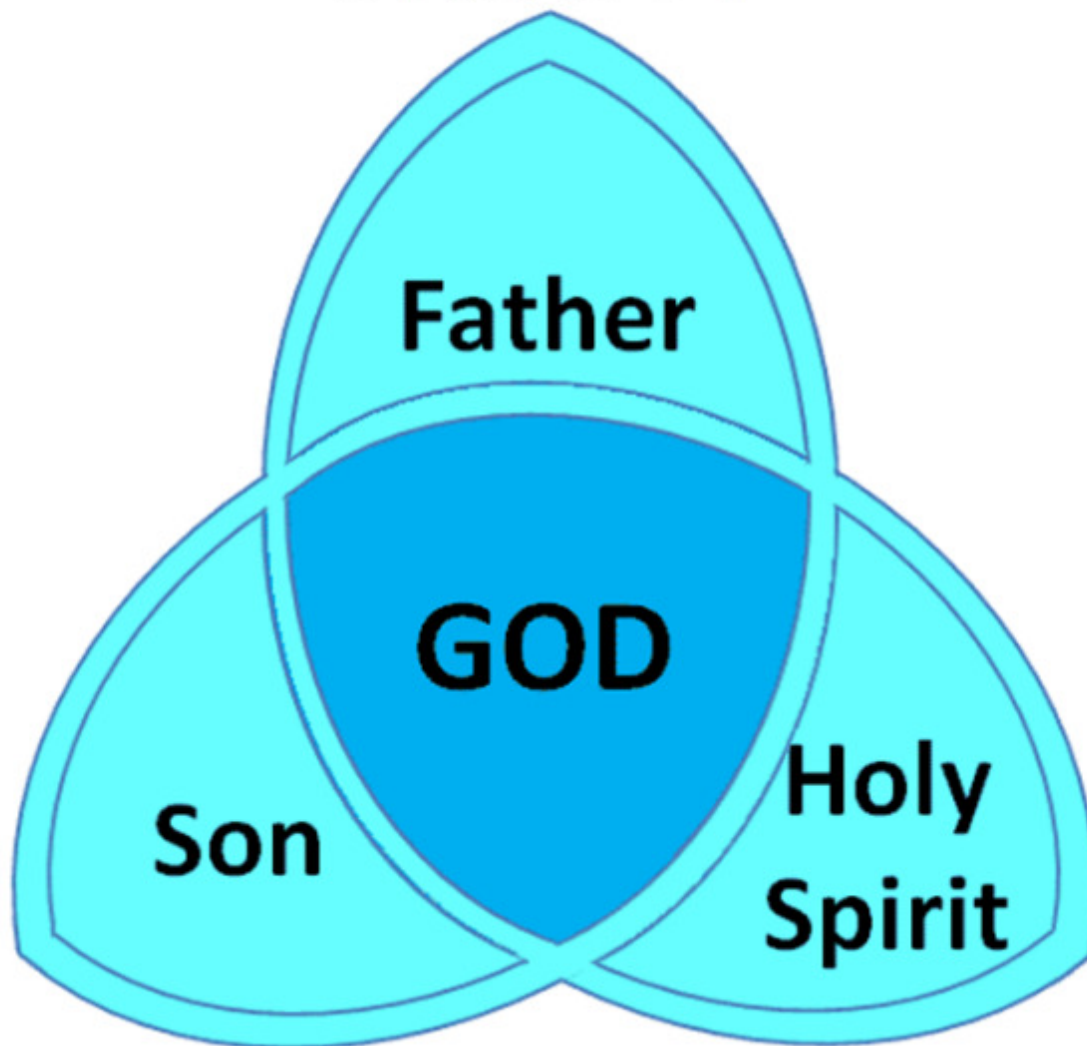


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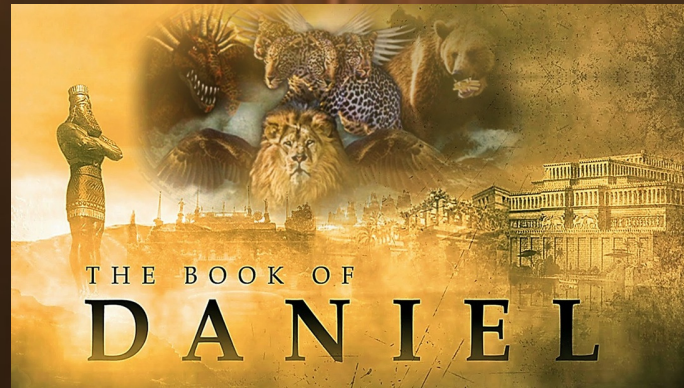
Dr. Alan W. Gomes

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“A punishment [such as torment] that is not felt is not a punishment. It is an odd use of language to speak of an insensate state (i.e., unfeeling), an inanimate object receiving punishment. To say, ‘I punished my car for not starting by slowly plucking out it’s spark plug wires, one by one,’ would invoke laughter, not serious consideration.”

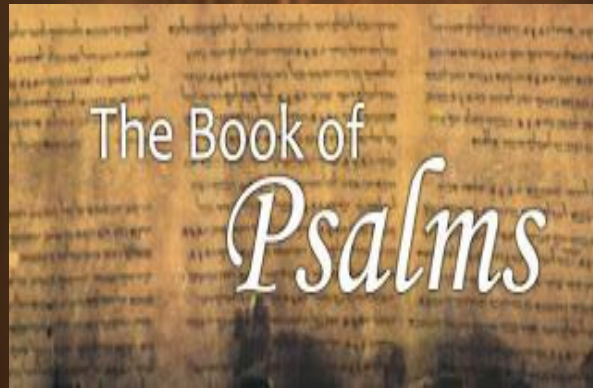
Daniel 12:2

“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.”



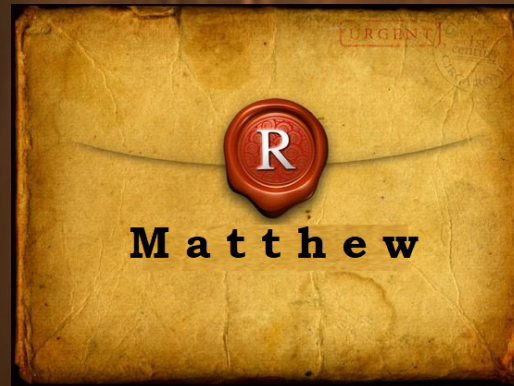
Psalm 90:2

“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.”



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.

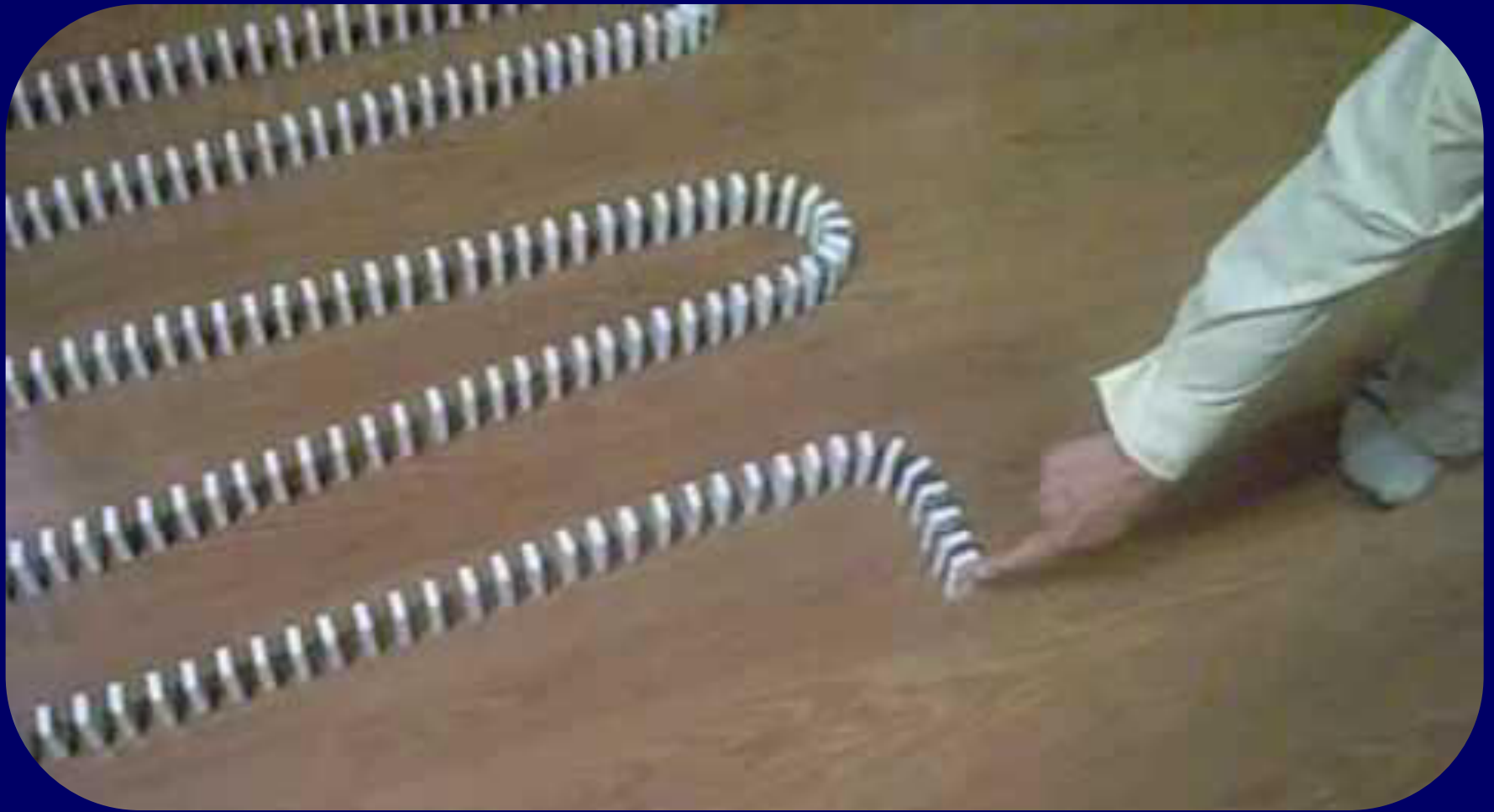


Revelation 14:11

“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.”



Dominoes in a Row



Conclusion

The Millennial Kingdom

Revelation 20:1-10

- I. Satan: The Great Chain (1-3)
- II. Saints: The Great Reign (4-6)
- III. Sinners: The Great Revolt (7-10)



Willmington, *Outline Bible*, p. 772-73



“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)