

Your Supreme Objective by God's Grace: the Glory of God

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I. Definition of God's Glory

A. Original language

1. OT Hebrew-*kavod*
2. NT Greek-*doxa*

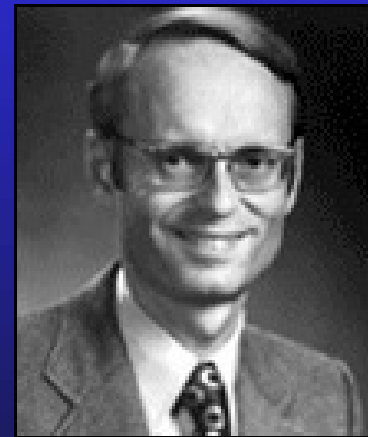


B. Definition

1. “Beauty, power, or honor; a quality of God’s character that emphasizes His greatness and authority.” (NNIBD)
2. God’s brightness, brilliance, splendor

Distinctives of Dispensationalism

- Importance of grace – In every age, believers are always saved by grace.
- Sine qua non - “without which there is not”
 - God’s primary purpose on earth is doxological.
 - Consistent, literal method of hermeneutics.
 - Separate programs for Israel and the Church.



Distinctives of Covenantism

- A system of interpreting the Scriptures on the basis of two covenants: the covenant of works and the covenant of grace. Some add the covenant of redemption.
- God's primary purpose on earth is redemptive.
- Partial allegorical system of hermeneutics



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By way of definition, the *Shechinah Glory* is the visible manifestation of the presence of God. It is the majestic presence or the manifestation of God in which He descends to dwell among men. Whenever the invisible becomes visible and whenever the omnipresence of God is localized, this is the *Shechinah* glory...Other titles give it the sense of "dwelling," which portrays what the *Shechinah* does. The Hebrew word *Shechinah*, from the root *shachan*, means "to dwell." The Greek *skeinei*, which is similar in sound as the Hebrew *Shechinah*...means "to tabernacle."

Scriptural Survey of God's Shekinah Glory

1. Creation (Gen 1:3-5)
2. Moses (Exod 33:20-22)
3. Law (Deut 5:22 ,24)
4. Tabernacle (Lev 9:23-24)
5. Ark (1 Sam. 4:21-22)
6. First temple (1 Kings 8:11)
7. Left the first temple (Ezek 11:22-23)
8. Not in second temple (Hag 2:3)





Mediterranean Sea

AMMON

CANAAN

MOAB

Nile Delta

Tanis

Wilderness of Shur

GOSHEN

Etham

EDOM

Kadesh bamea

SINAI Peninsula

Ezion-geber

EGYPT

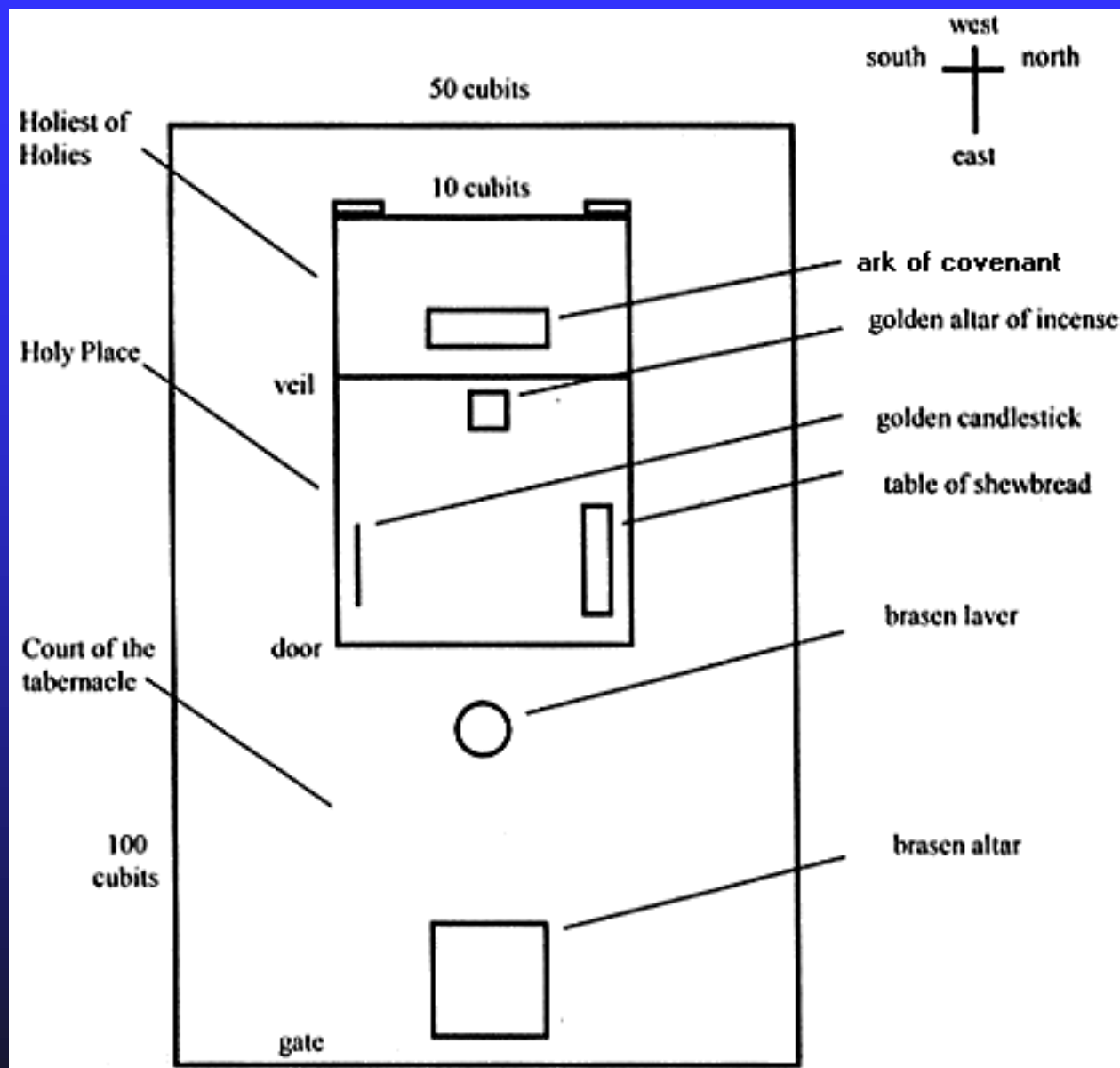
Land of Midian

Rephidim

SINAI

Arabia

Red Sea



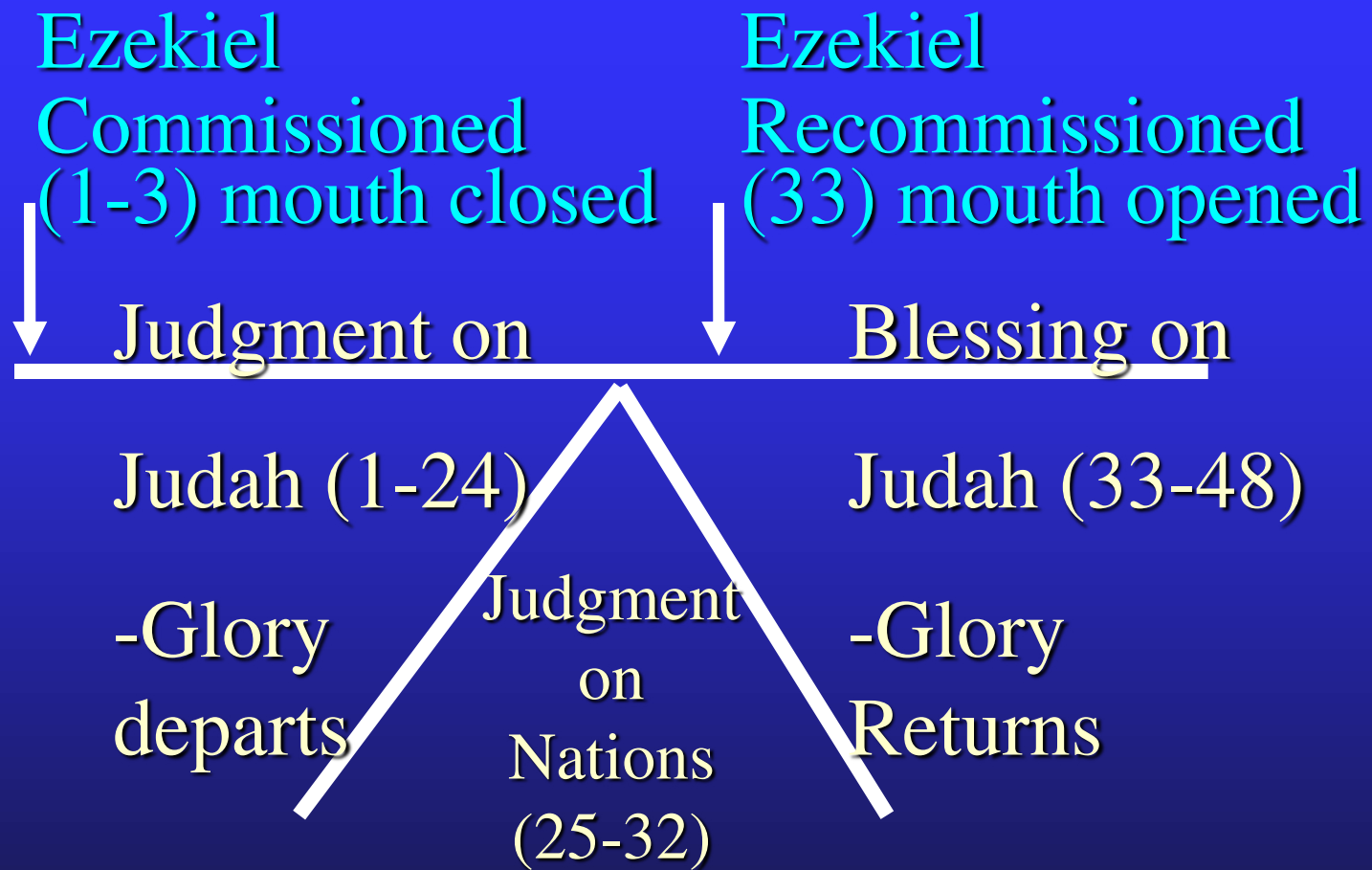
Ark of the Covenant



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2. Christ (John 1:14; 2:11))
3. Transfiguration (Luke 9:30-32)
4. Tribulation (Rev 15:8)
5. Second Coming (Matt 16:27; 24:30)
6. Millennial Kingdom (Ezek 43:5)
7. Eternal State (Rev 21:23)

“SEVEN SIGNS” in Gospel of John



Changing Water into Wine

2:11

Healing official's son

4:46-54

Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18

Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14

Walking on water

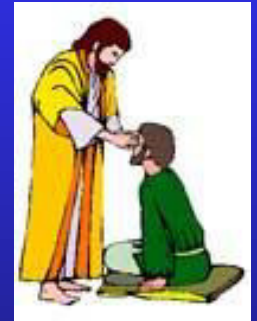
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Healing a blind man

9:1-7

Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



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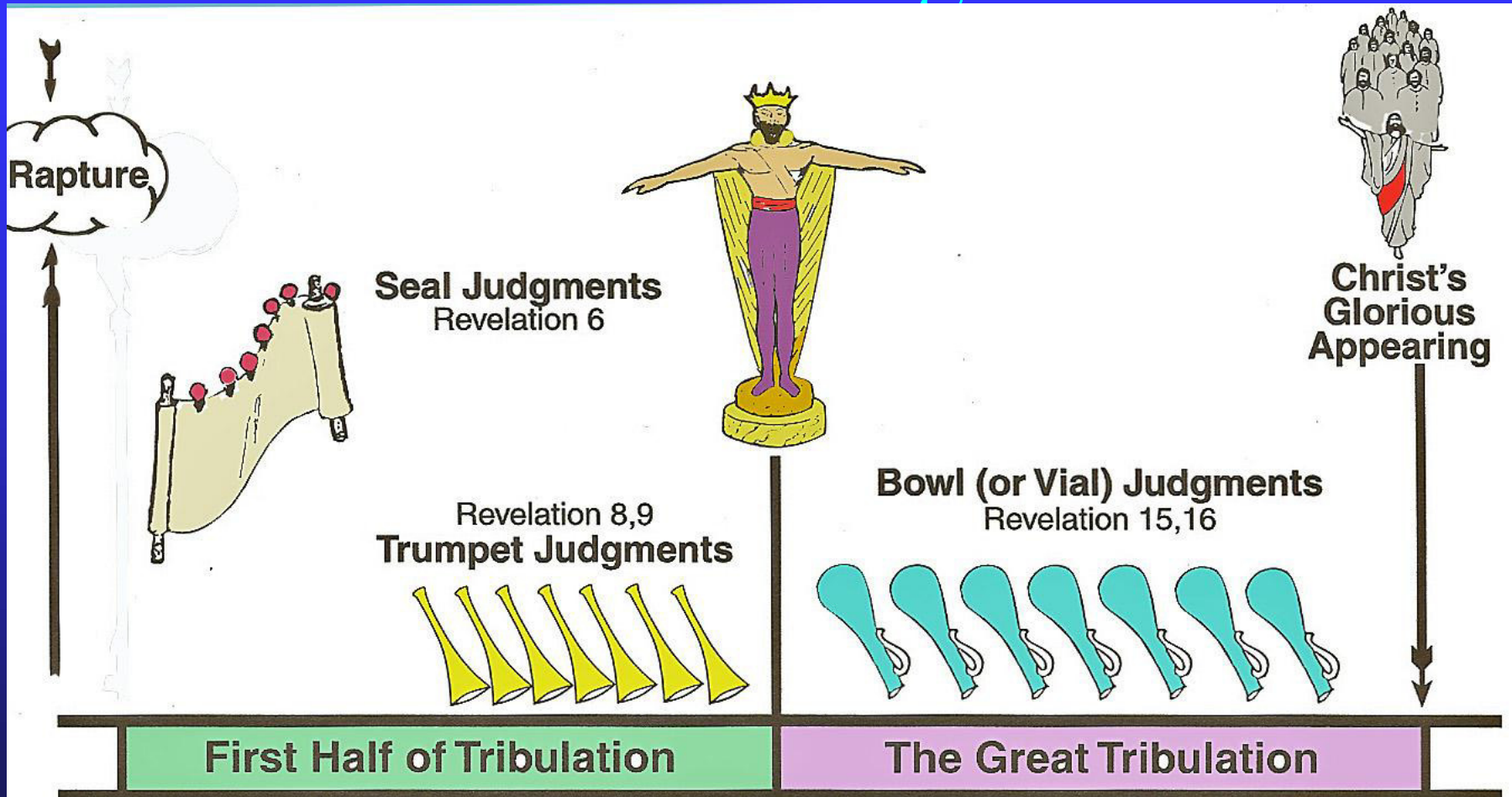


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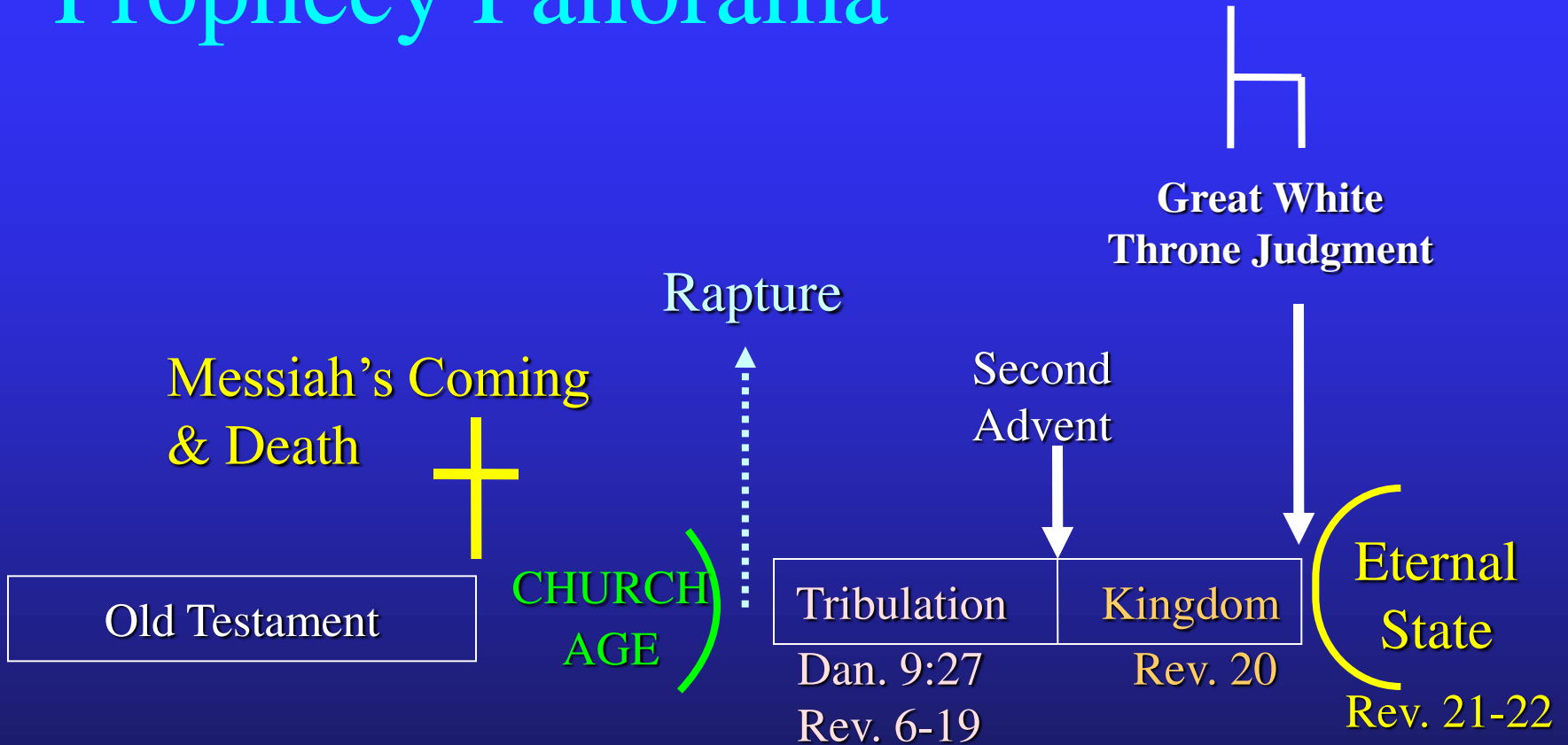
DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



Prophecy Panorama

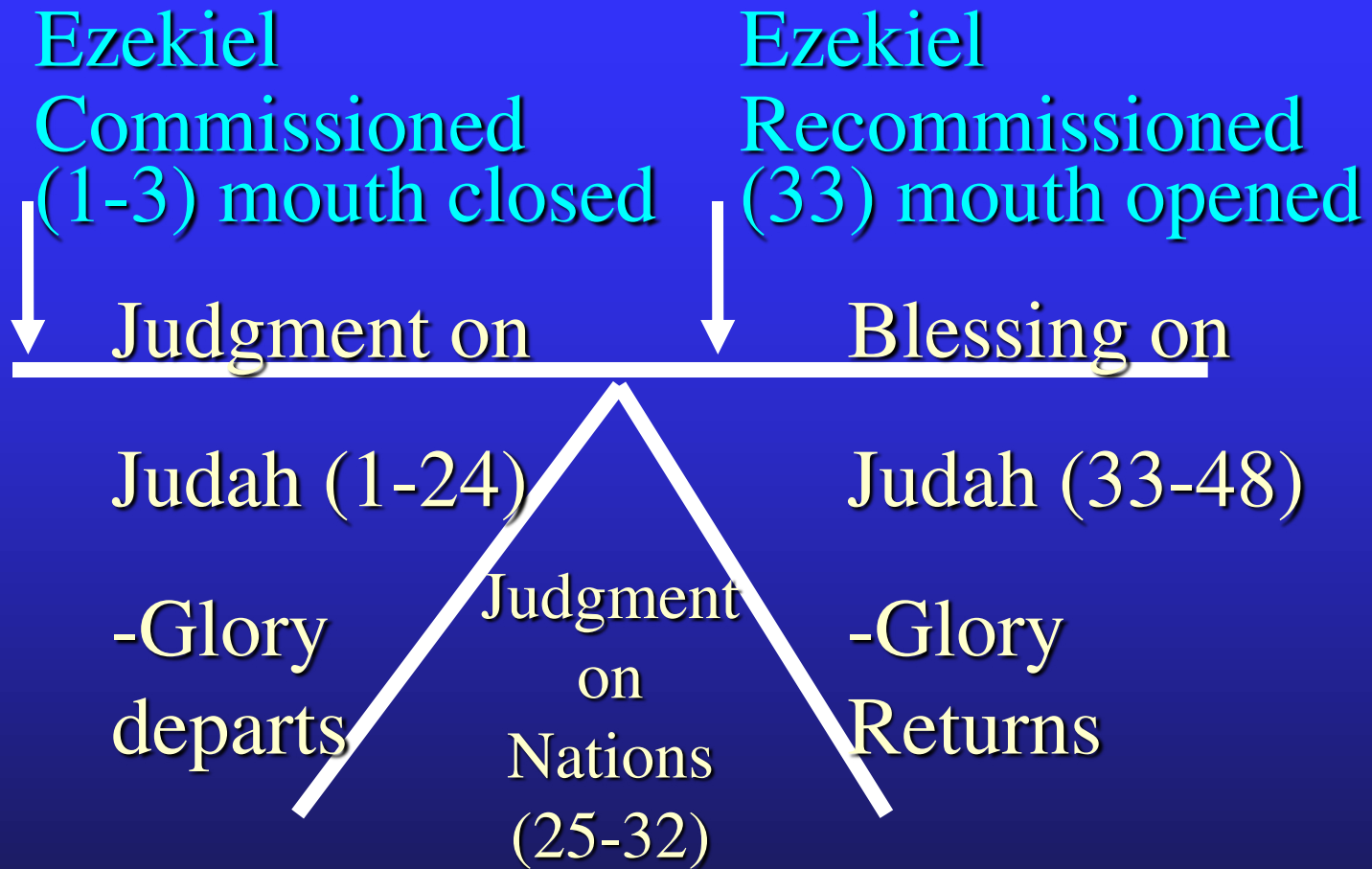


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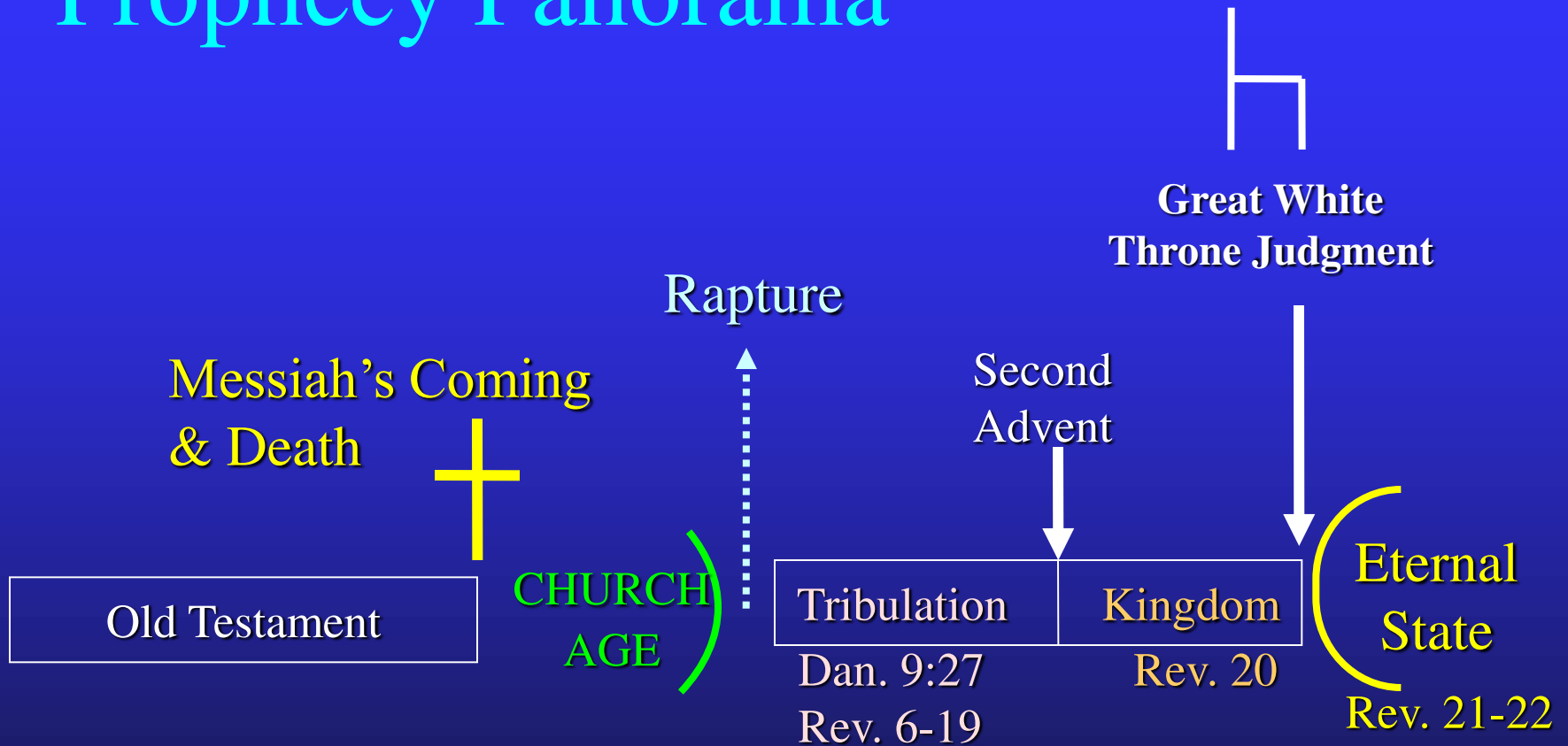
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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

God's Glory in Each Phase of Salvation

I. Salvation words

A. Justification (Ephes 1:12)

B. Sanctification (2 Cor 3:18)

C. Glorification (Col 3:4)

II. In the Church (Eph 3:21)



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Scripture and Pride

- 1 Pet 5:5-6
- Gen 3:5
- Dan 4
- Prov 16:18
- Isa 14:12-15;
Ezek 28:12-17
- 1 Tim 3:6
- Acts 12:20-23
- 2 Cor 12:7-10

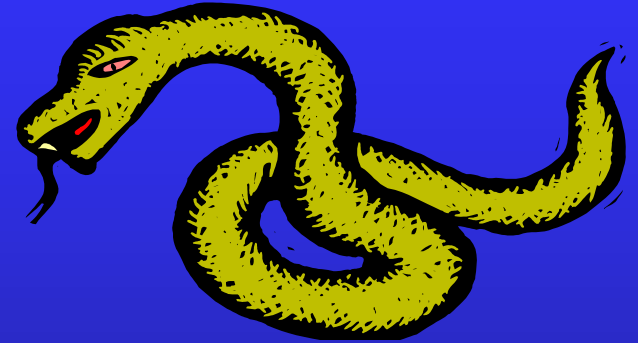


Satan's Original State and First Sin

- Isaiah 14:12-15

5 “I will” statements

1. Ascend to heaven (13)
2. Raise my throne above the stars of God (13)
3. Sit enthroned on the Mt. of the Assembly (14)
4. Ascend above the tops of the clouds (14)
5. Make myself like the Most High (14)



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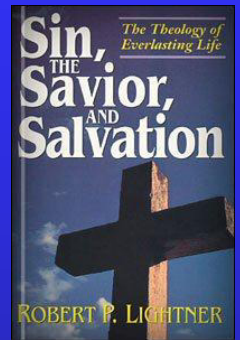
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Lordship Salvation Defined

- “Lordship Salvation refers to the belief which says the sinner who wants to be saved must not only trust Christ as his substitute for sin, but must also surrender every area of his life to the complete control of Christ.”



Lightner, *Sin, the Savior, and Salvation*, 202

Lordship Salvation:



- ◎ Changes the gospel
- ◎ Places an impossible burden upon the unsaved
- ◎ Ignores the reality of a carnal Christian
- ◎ Confuses justification with sanctification
- ◎ Destroys the assurance of salvation

Lewis Sperry Chafer, vol. 7, *Systematic Theology^b* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 265-66.

- “...because upwards of 150 passages of Scripture condition salvation upon believing only (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:31)”





- Gen 15:6-Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.
- John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Acts 16:30-31-"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

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College of Biblical Studies

Doctrinal Statement



- Every true believer is promised positional and ultimate sanctification with the *possibility* of progressive development in life spiritually, (*progressive sanctification*) (Heb. 10:10,14; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:26,27; 1 Thess. 4:3,4; 1 Jn. 3:2).

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Article XI—Assurance



e believe it is the privilege, not only of some, but of all by the Spirit through faith who are born again in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Savior and that this assurance is not founded upon any fancied discovery of their own worthiness or fitness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word, exciting within His children filial love.

SLBC Statement of Faith



Article 3.6-God has provided the remedy for our disobedience by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to be the sacrifice for our sins. God has determined that we do not receive forgiveness as a result of our religious deeds or other good works, no matter how well intended, but only by personal faith in Jesus Christ. Those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior are at that point born of the Spirit and are assured of an eternity in Heaven. (Romans 5:6-9; Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 3:5-18).

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- ◎ Appeals to human pride and detracts from God's glory



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