



2 Timothy

A beam of light from above illuminates a path on a dark, textured surface, possibly a road or a field. The light creates a bright, glowing area that tapers as it moves towards the horizon. The background is a gradient of yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of hope and guidance.

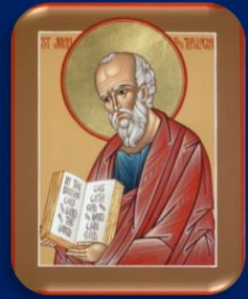
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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
- 4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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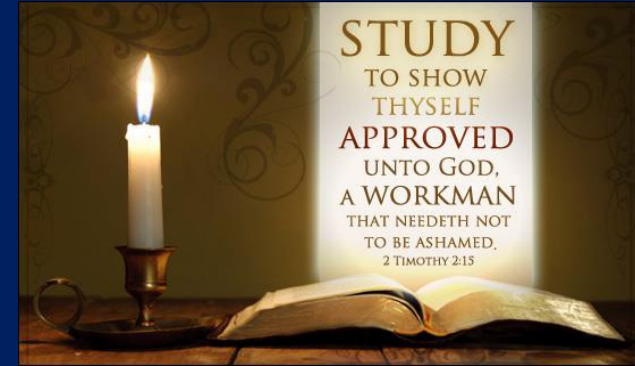
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<u>Statement</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
1. Father forgive them for they know not what they do	Luke 23:34	Isaiah 53:12	Prayer for enemies
2. Today you shall be with me in paradise	Luke 23:43	Isaiah 53:10-11	Promise to a believing sinner
3. Woman behold your son...Behold your mother	John 19:27	Exodus 20:12; Mark 7:10-13	Provision for followers
4. My God my God why have you forsaken me?	Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34	Psalms 22:1	Mental anguish
5. I Thirst	John 19:28	Psalms 69:21	Physical anguish
6. It is finished	John 19:30	Psalms 22:31	Past satisfaction
7. Father into your hand I commend my spirit	Luke 23:46	Psalms 31:5	Future satisfaction

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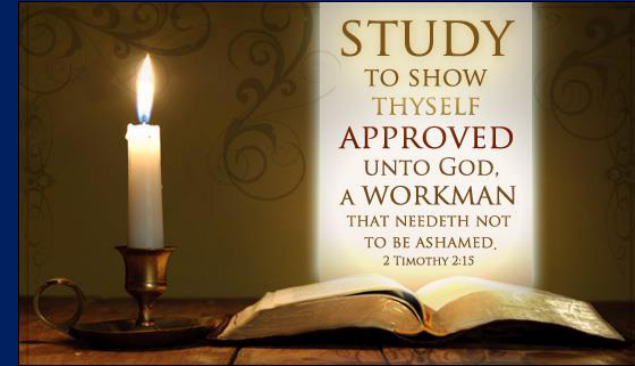
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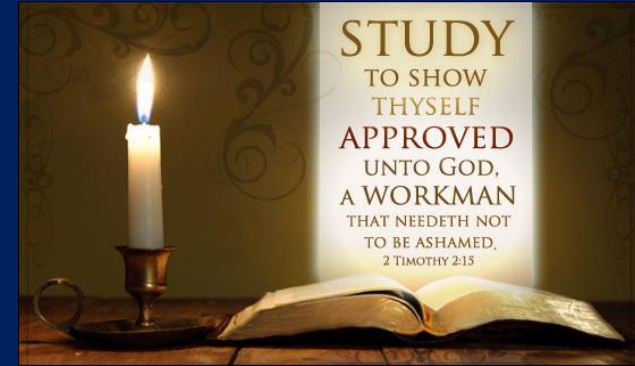
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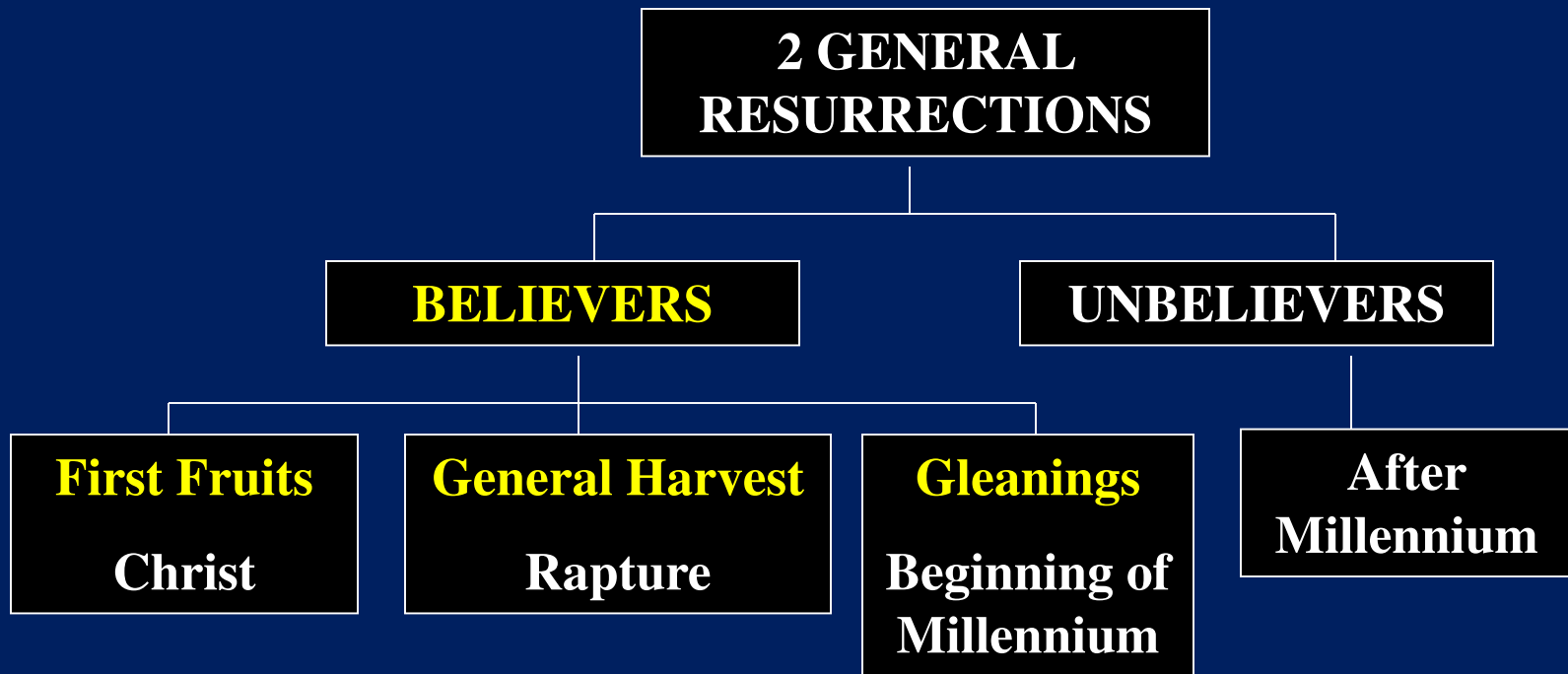
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God's Resurrection Program

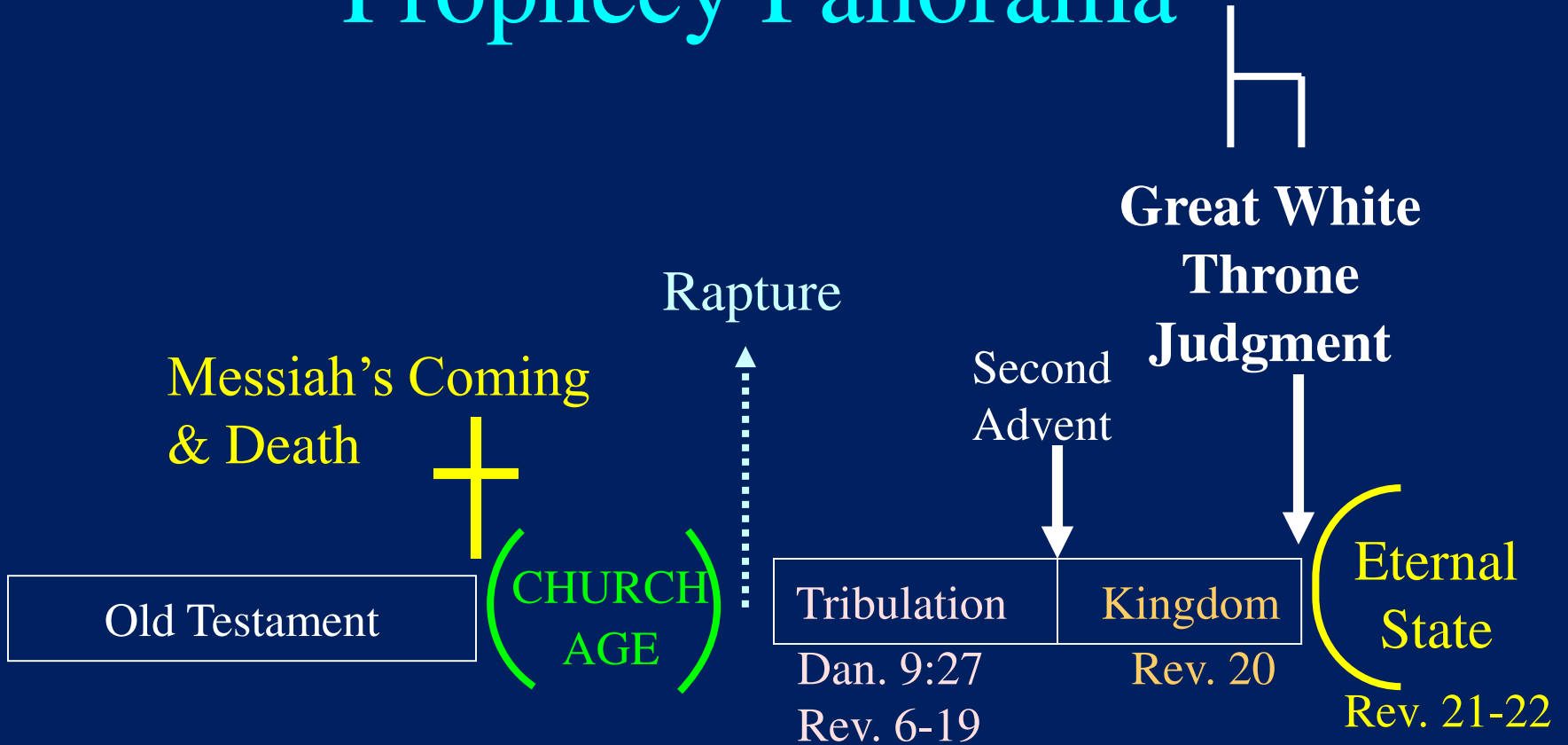


Order or *Tagma* (1 Cor. 15:23)

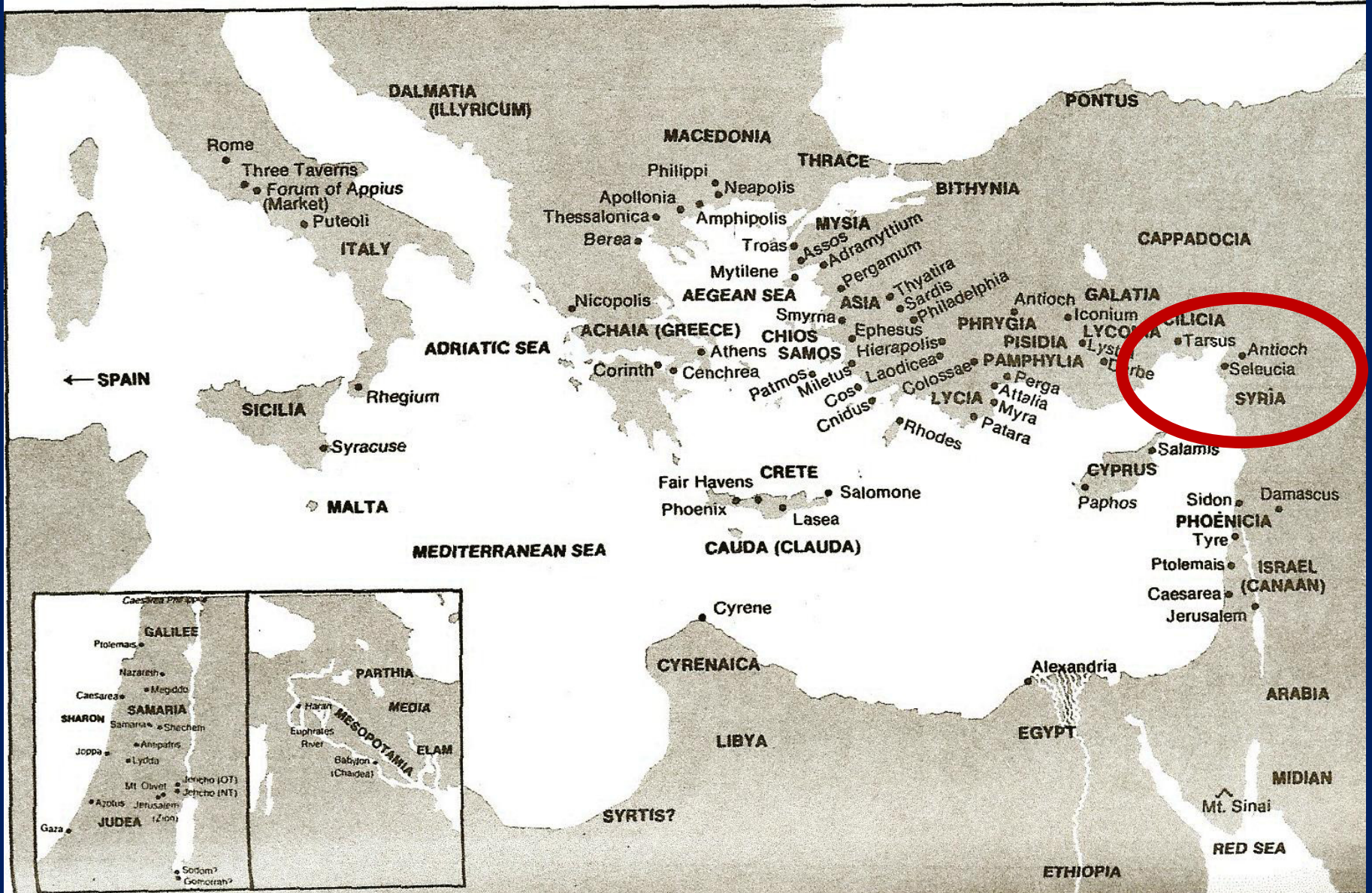
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Prophecy Panorama



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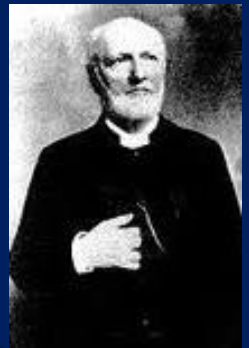




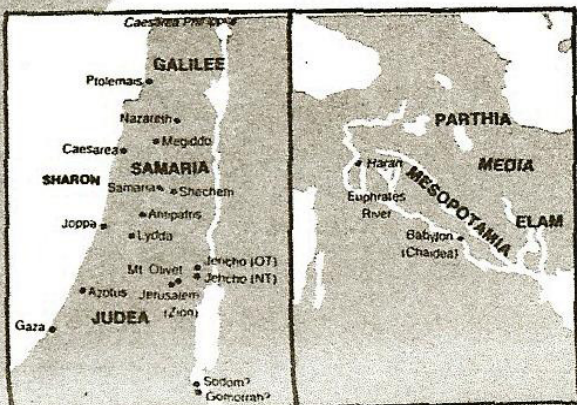
“But I and every other completely orthodox Christian feel certain that there will be a resurrection of the flesh, followed by a thousand years in the rebuilt, embellished, and enlarged city of Jerusalem as was announced by the prophets Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the others.”

Justin Martyr, *Dialogue with Trypho*, 80.

“The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age (A.D. 100–325) is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, that is the belief of a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment. It was indeed not the doctrine of the church embodied in any creed or form of devotion, but a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Methodius, and Lactantius.”

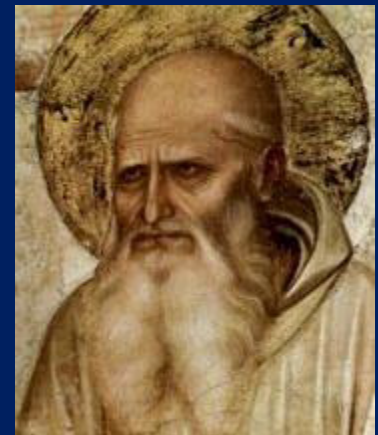


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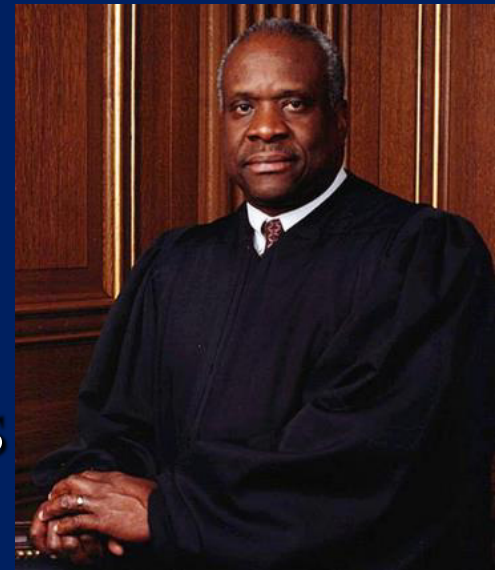


“Papias . . . says that there will be a millennium after the resurrections of the dead, when the kingdom of Christ will be set up in material form on this earth. I suppose that he got these notions by a perverse reading of the apostolic accounts, not realizing that they had spoken mystically and symbolically. For he was a man of very little intelligence, as is clear from his books. But he is responsible for the fact that so many Christian writers after him held the same opinion, relying on his antiquity, for instance Irenaeus and whoever else appears to have held the same views.”

Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*, 3.39.12-13

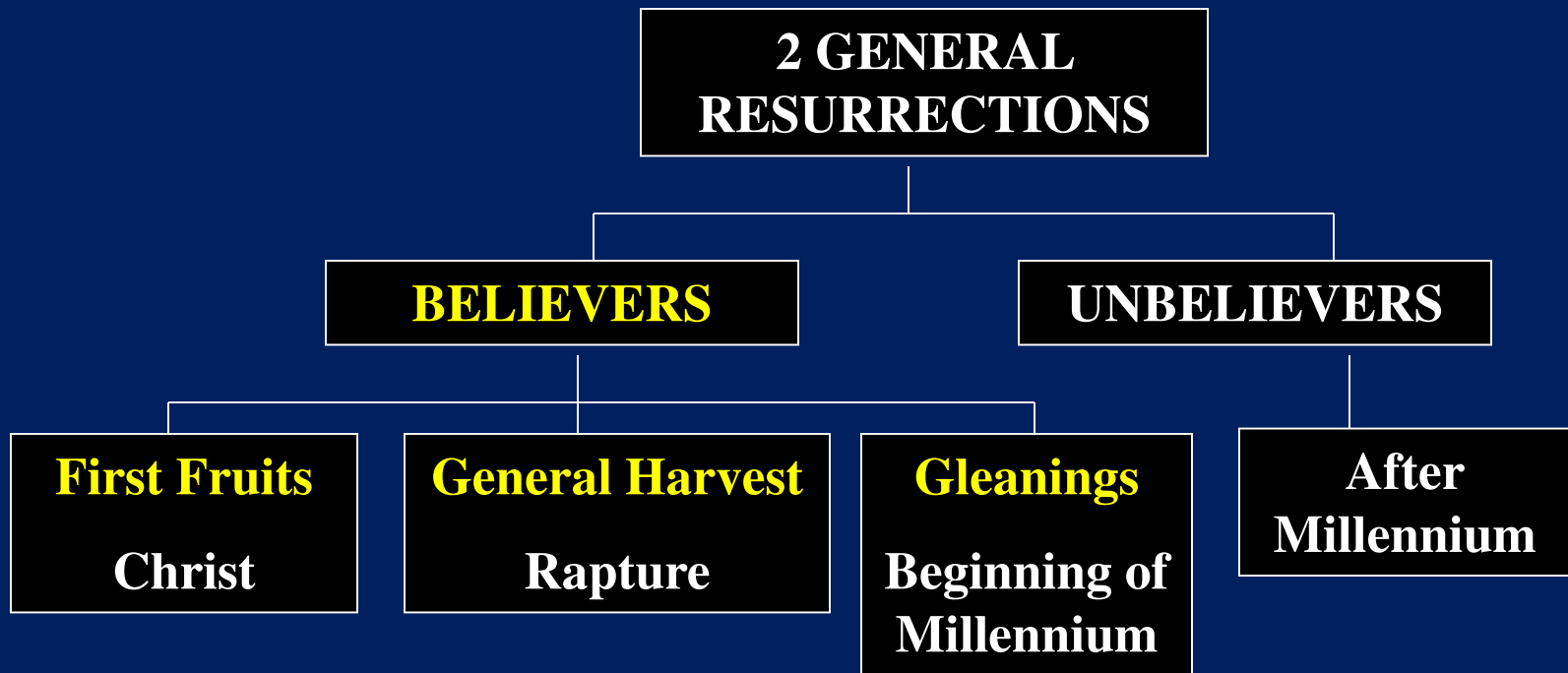


“He is the dumbest Justice to ever sit on the bench...He waits to see how Scalia votes, and he votes the same. He rarely issues comments or engages in questions during any Supreme Court hearing...He rarely grants media interviews (because he knows he will look stupid). He rarely writes opinions. He believes in a narrow interpretation of the Constitution. He is an idiot.”



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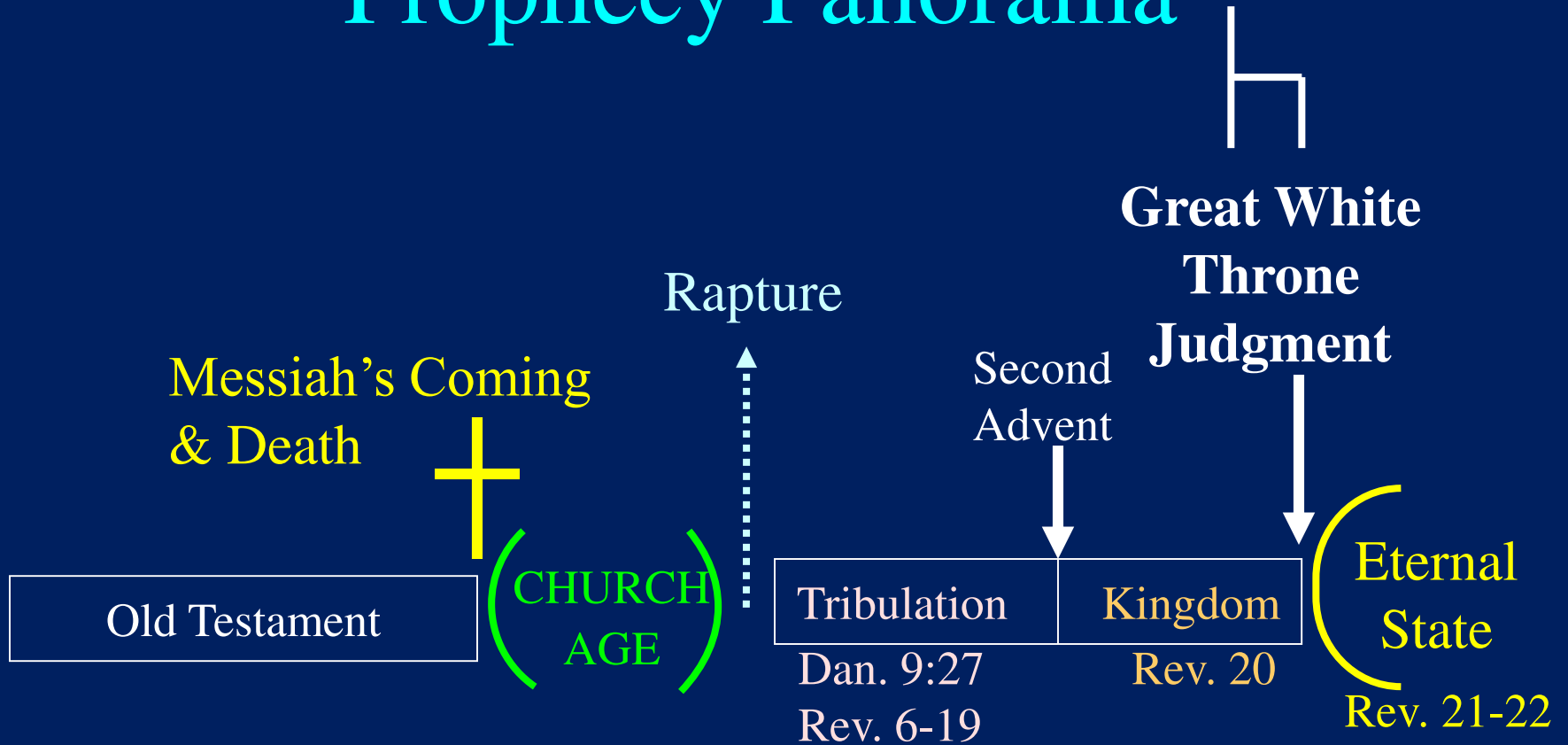


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Emergent: Kingdom



“The Kingdom of God is a central conversation in emerging communities...And let me tell you ‘Kingdom of God’ language is really big in the emerging church” (Italics added).

Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 163.

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“If Revelation were a blueprint of the distant future, it would have been unintelligible to its original readers...In light of this, Revelation becomes a powerful book about the *kingdom of God here and now*, available to all.”

Brian McLaren, cited in Oakland, 158.

Kingdom



“I stand before you confidently right now and say to you that God is going to use you to change the world...I'm looking at a stadium full of people right now who are telling God they will do whatever it takes to establish *God's Kingdom* "on earth as it is in heaven." What will happen if the followers of Jesus say to Him, "We are yours?" What kind of spiritual awakening will occur?"

Rick Warren, cited in Oakland, Kindle edition.

Russell Moore, President of the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention



“The locus of the kingdom of God in this age is within the church, where Jesus rules as king. As we live our lives together, we see the transforming power of the gospel and the in breaking of the future kingdom.”

Justin Taylor, “An Interview with Russell Moore,”
www.thegospelcoalition.org.

Partial Preterism's View of Revelation

- Written in mid A.D. 60's
- Mostly fulfilled in A.D. 70
- Predicts A.D. 70 sacking of Jerusalem as God's divorce and judgment of adulterous Israel
- Rev 20 describes a future bodily return of Christ



Preterists' 3 Comings of Christ

Incarnation

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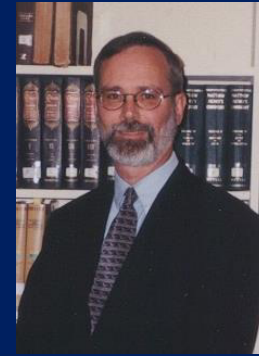
A.D. 70

Bodily Return

“If the book [of Revelation] was written after A.D. 70, then its contents manifestly do not refer to events surrounding the fall of Jerusalem- unless the book is a wholesale fraud, having been composed after the predicted events had already occurred.”

R.C. Sproul, *Last Days According to Jesus*, p.140.





“...the preterist view does understand Revelation’s prophecies as strongly reflecting actual historical events in John’s near future, though they are set in apocalyptic drama and clothed in poetic hyperbole.”

Kenneth Gentry, *Four Views of Revelation*, p. 38.



[the two witnesses] “probably represent a small body of Christians who remained in Jerusalem to testify against” the temple. “They are portrayed as two, in that they are legal witnesses to the covenant curses.”

Gentry, *He Shall Have Dominion*, 421-22

“In Revelation 12 John backs up chronologically in order to show the ‘mother’ *church* in Jerusalem, which was being protected from Satan inspired resistance. This would cover the time frame from Christ’s ministry through the Book of Acts up until the destruction of Jerusalem.”



Gentry, *He Shall Have Dominion*, 422 (emphasis mine)

The
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Dr. KENNETH L. GENTRY Jr.

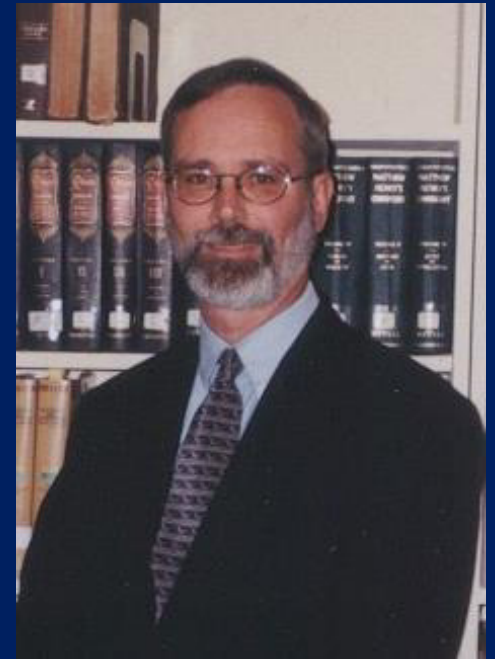


PRETERISM

- Revelation was fulfilled in AD 70
- Beast is Nero
- RC Sproul, Hank Hanegraaff, Gary DeMar

Confident Preterist Assertions

“I am convinced *beyond any doubt* that this Harlot is first-century Jerusalem.” (italics added).



Gentry, *He Shall Have Dominion*, 392.

Confident Preterist Assertions

“What has puzzled me over the years is not the identity of ‘the great prostitute,’ but how so many could mistake her historical identity. . . . In biblical history only one nation is inextricably linked to the moniker ‘harlot.’

And that nation is Israel!”

Hanegraaff, *The Apocalypse Code*, 118-19.

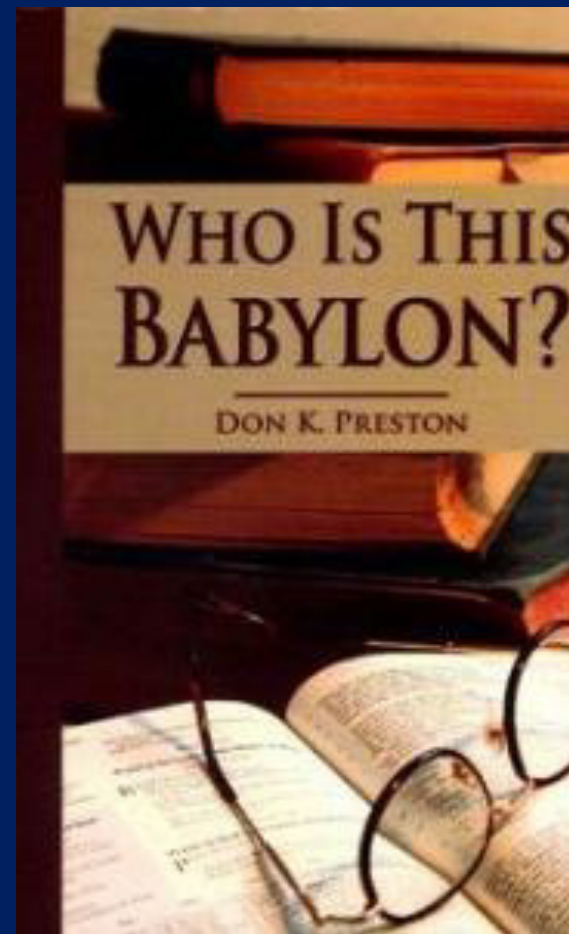
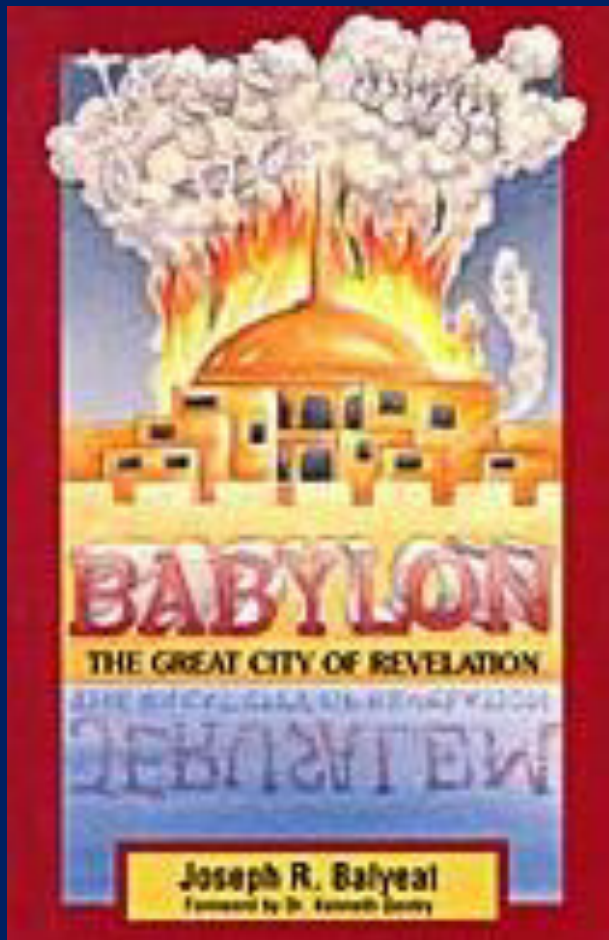


Jerusalem Advocates

■ II. Recent Commentators

- ◆ R.C. Sproul
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- ◆ Scott Hahn
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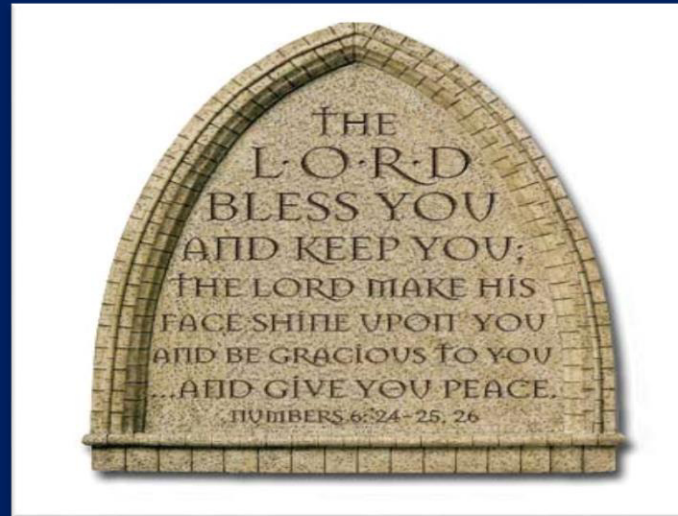
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 - ◆ Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18)
 - ◆ Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
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 - ◆ Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
 - ◆ Avoidance of “these things” (2:19, 22, 23)
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 - ◆ Reason for patience (2:26)

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“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)