

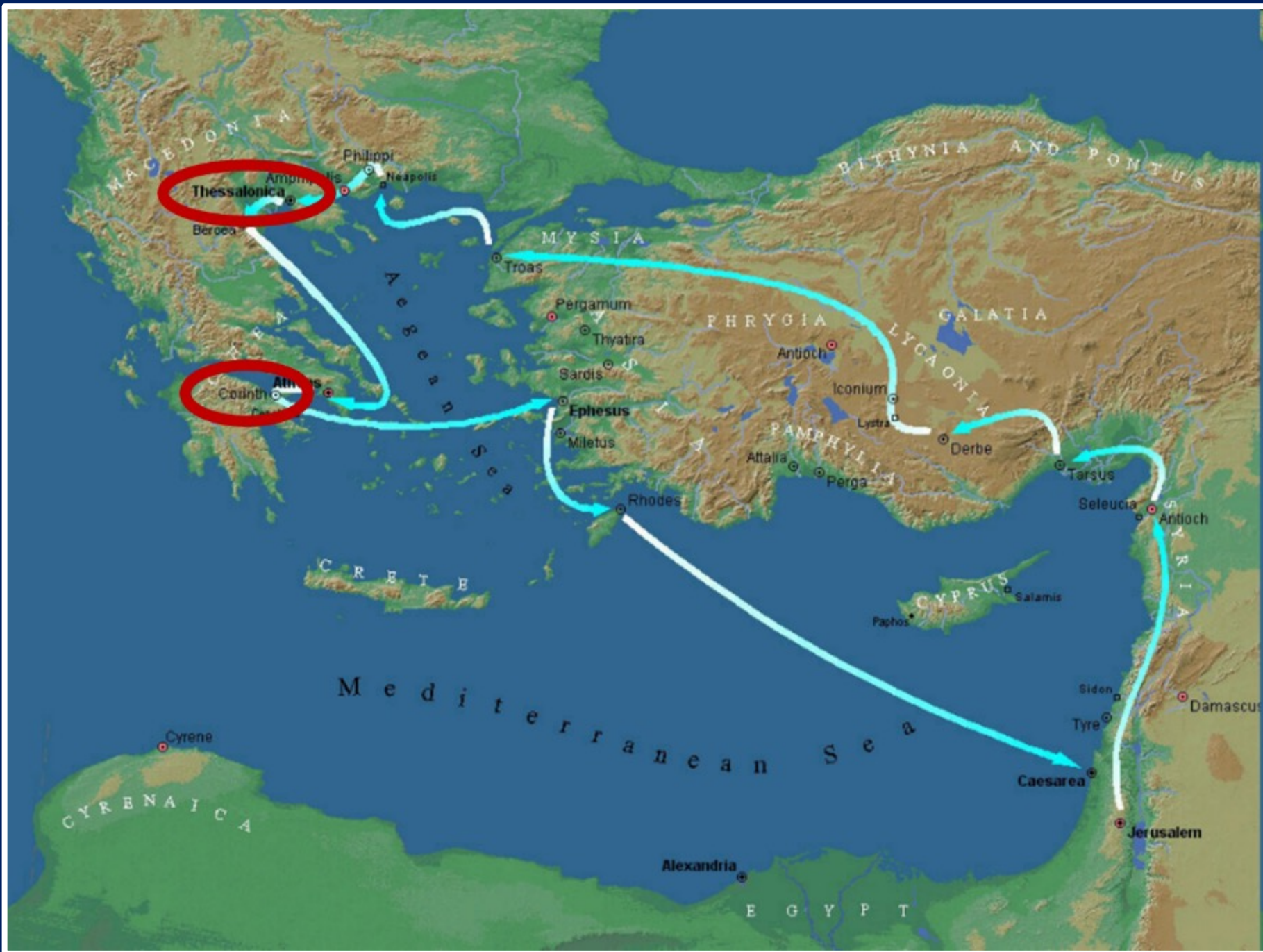
2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING



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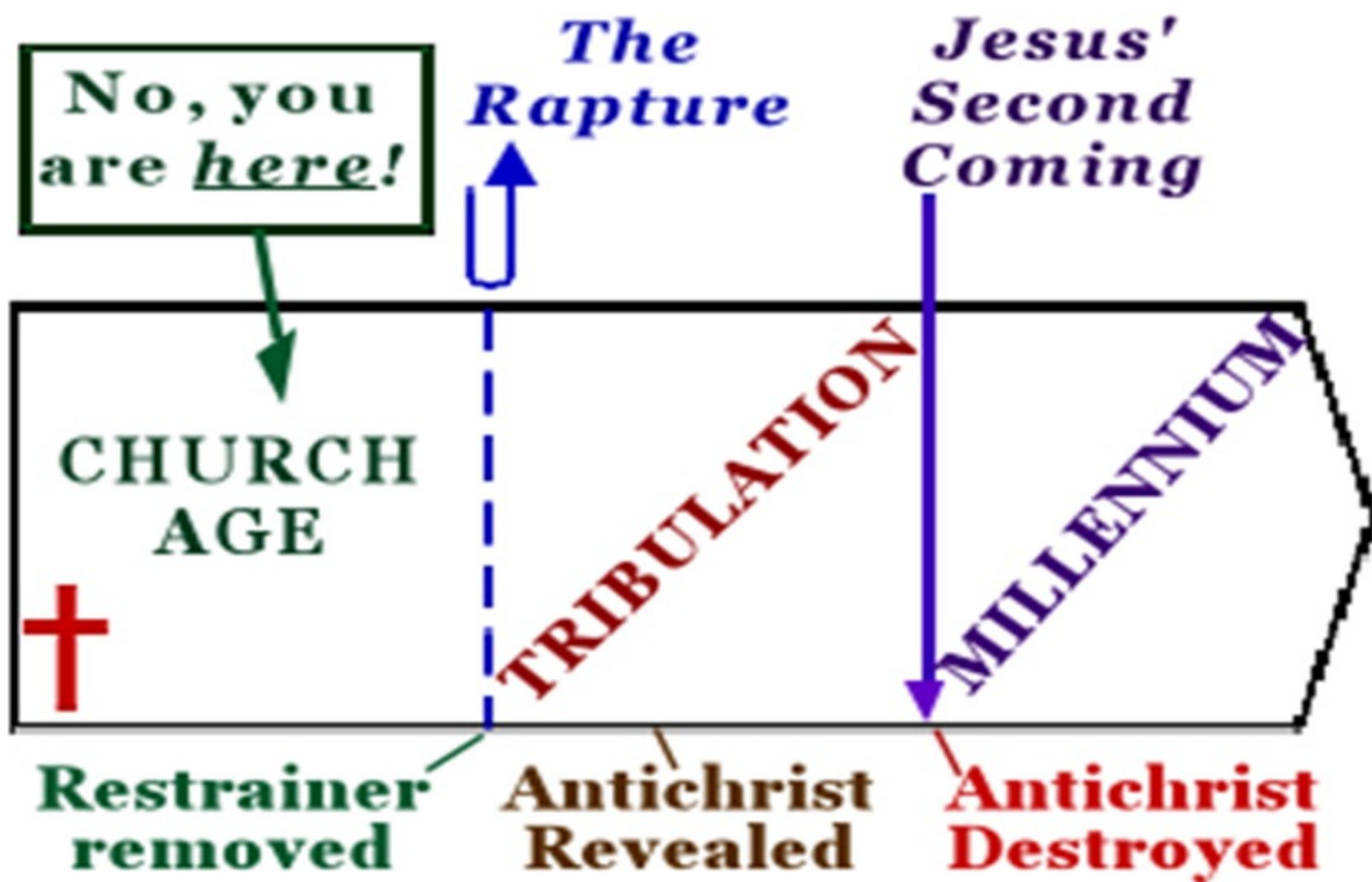


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“that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] has come.”



Paul's Correction of their Error



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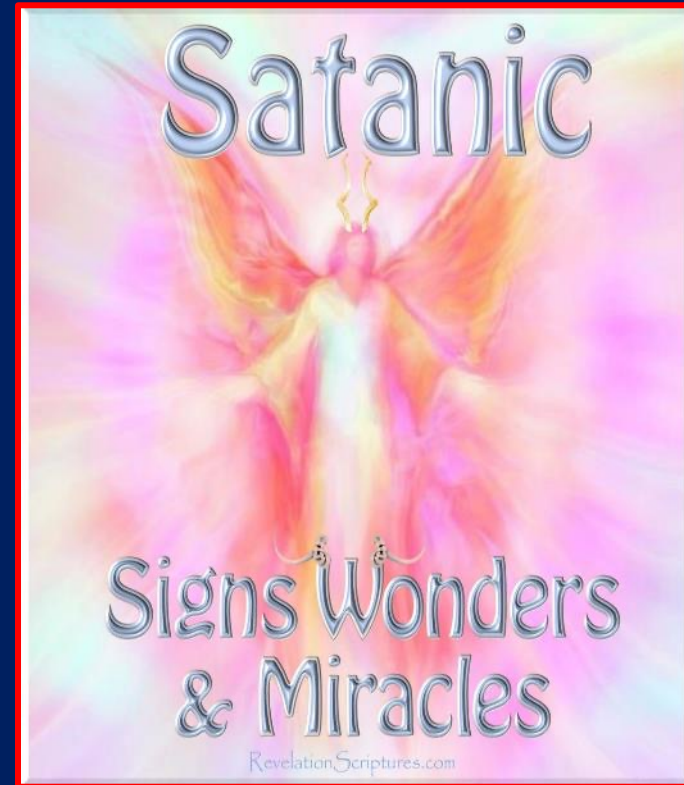
Antichrist's Satanic Miracles

(2 Thessalonians 2:9)

MIRACLE	GREEK	CHRIST'S MINISTRY
Powers	<i>Dynamis</i>	Matt. 11:20
Signs	<i>Sēmeion</i>	John 20:30
Wonders	<i>Teras</i>	Acts 2:22

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

1. Exod. 7–8
2. Deut. 13:1-3
3. Job 1:12-19; 2:7-8
4. 1 Sam. 28?
5. Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24
6. Luke 4:5
7. Acts 8:9; 16:16
8. Gal. 1:6-9
9. 2 Thess. 2:9
10. Rev. 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14



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⁶And you know what restrains [τὸ κατέχον; neuter] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [ὁ κατέχων; masculine] will do so until he is taken out of the way.



Messiah must present Himself to Israel on
March 30, A.D. 33 (Daniel 9:25)

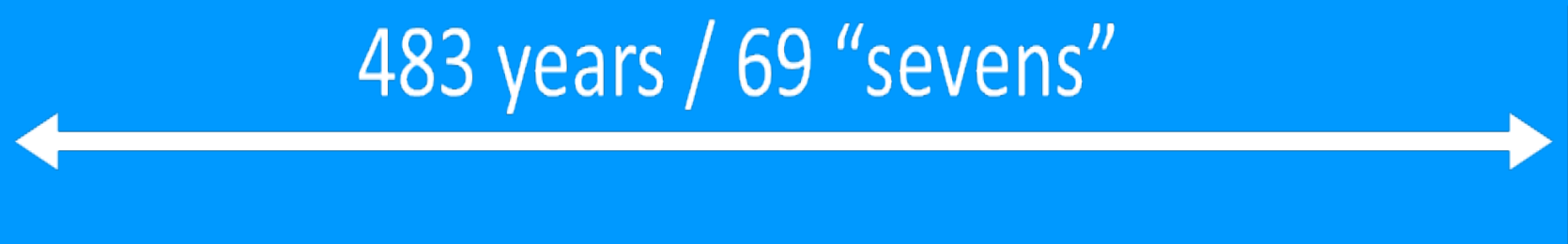
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Nehemiah 2
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483 years / 69 "sevens"

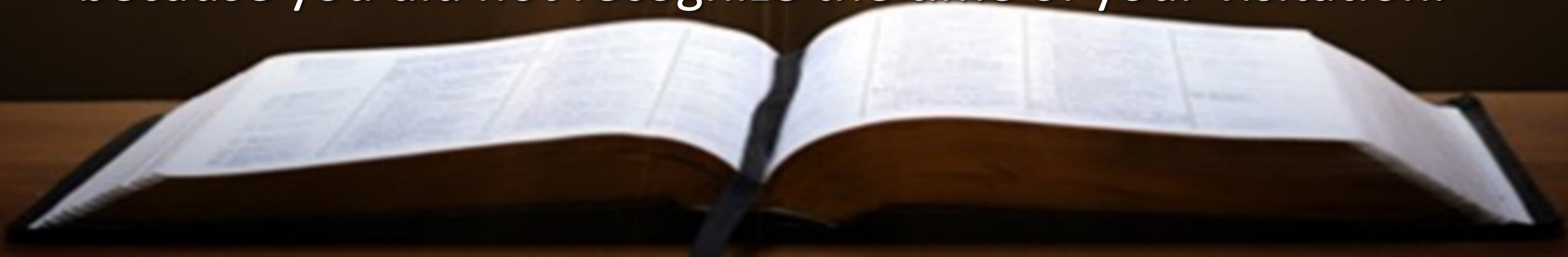
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Palm Sunday



Luke 19:42-44

“⁴² saying, ‘If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation.’”



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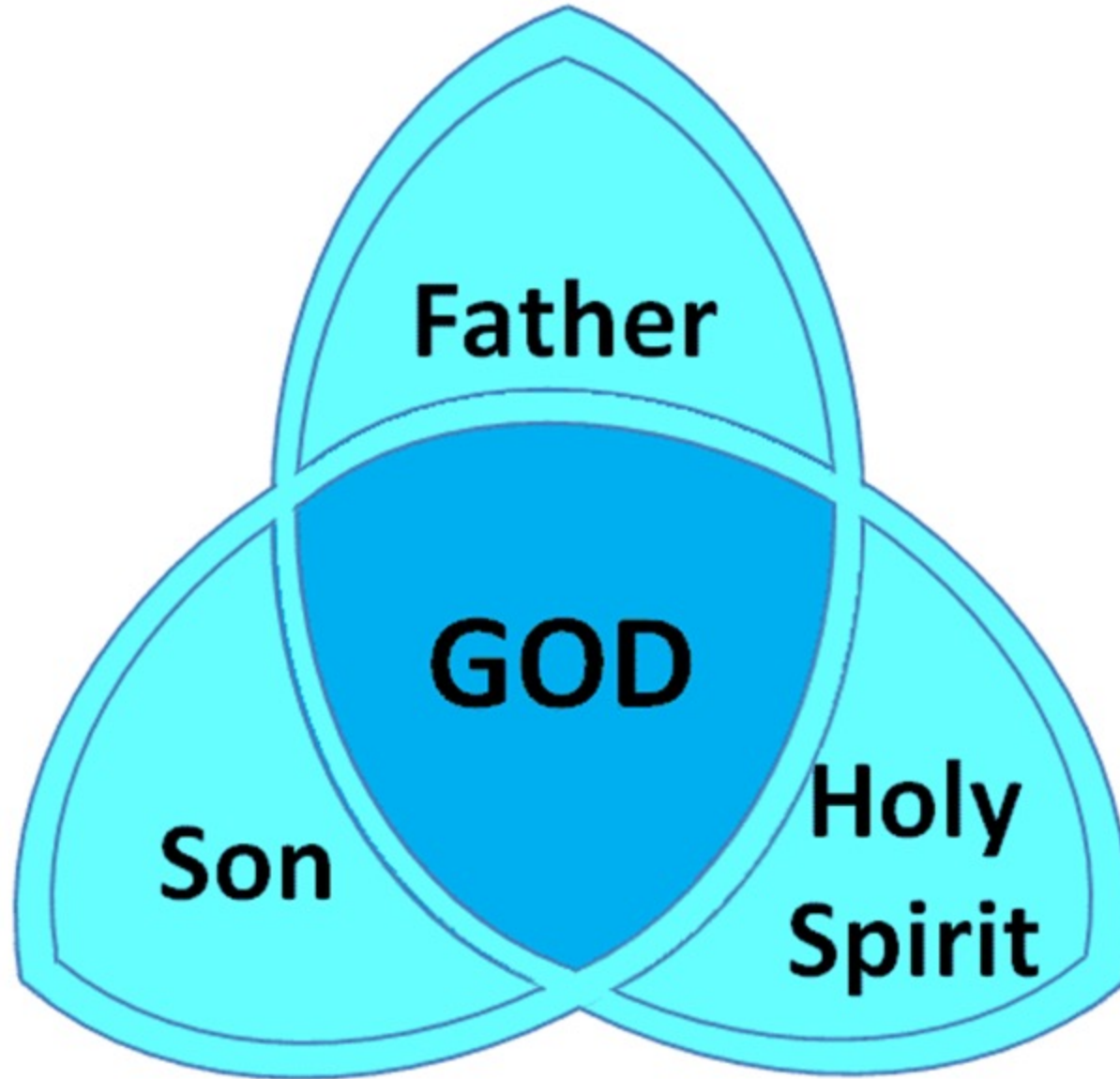
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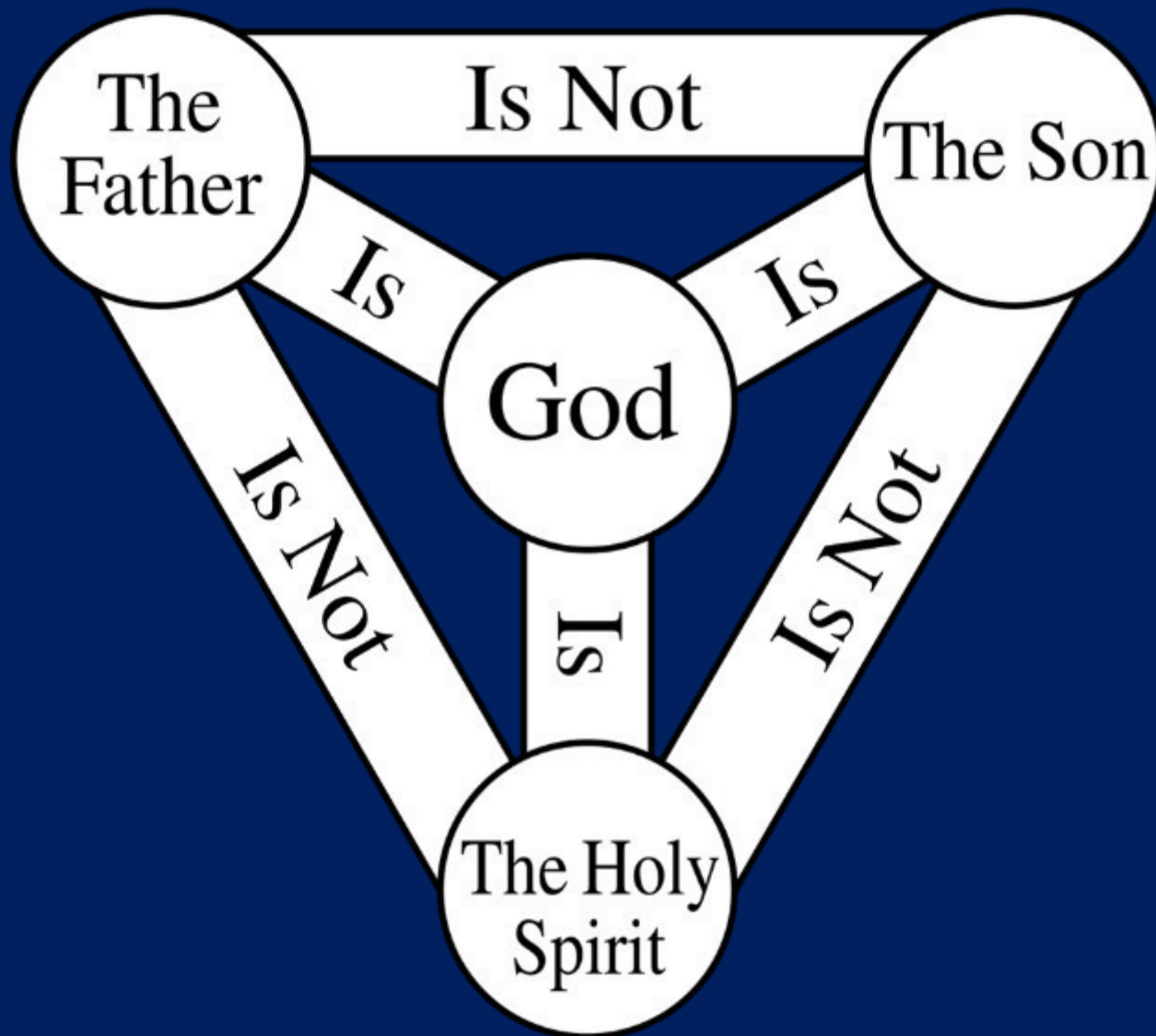
Holy
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Revelation 20:10

“And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever (*aiōn*) and ever (*aiōn*).”



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The 7 Churches in Revelation

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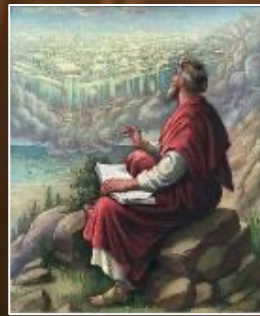
Acts 2:22

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles [*dynamis*] and wonders [*teras*] and signs [*sēmeion*] which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know.”



John 20:30-31

“³⁰ Therefore many other signs [sēmeion] Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe (*pisteuō eis*) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



“SEVEN SIGNS” in Gospel of John



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2:11



2. Healing official's son

4:46-54



3. Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

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


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John 3:2

“[Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs [*sēmeion*] that You do unless God is with him.”

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PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMERS

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Revelation 13:5

“There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.”



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1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

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SEAL 2 – 6:3-4 – War

SEAL 3 – 6:5-6 – Famine

SEAL 4 – 6:7-8 – Death

SEAL 5 – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

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Daniel 9:27

“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.”



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“He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a **time, times, and half a time.**”



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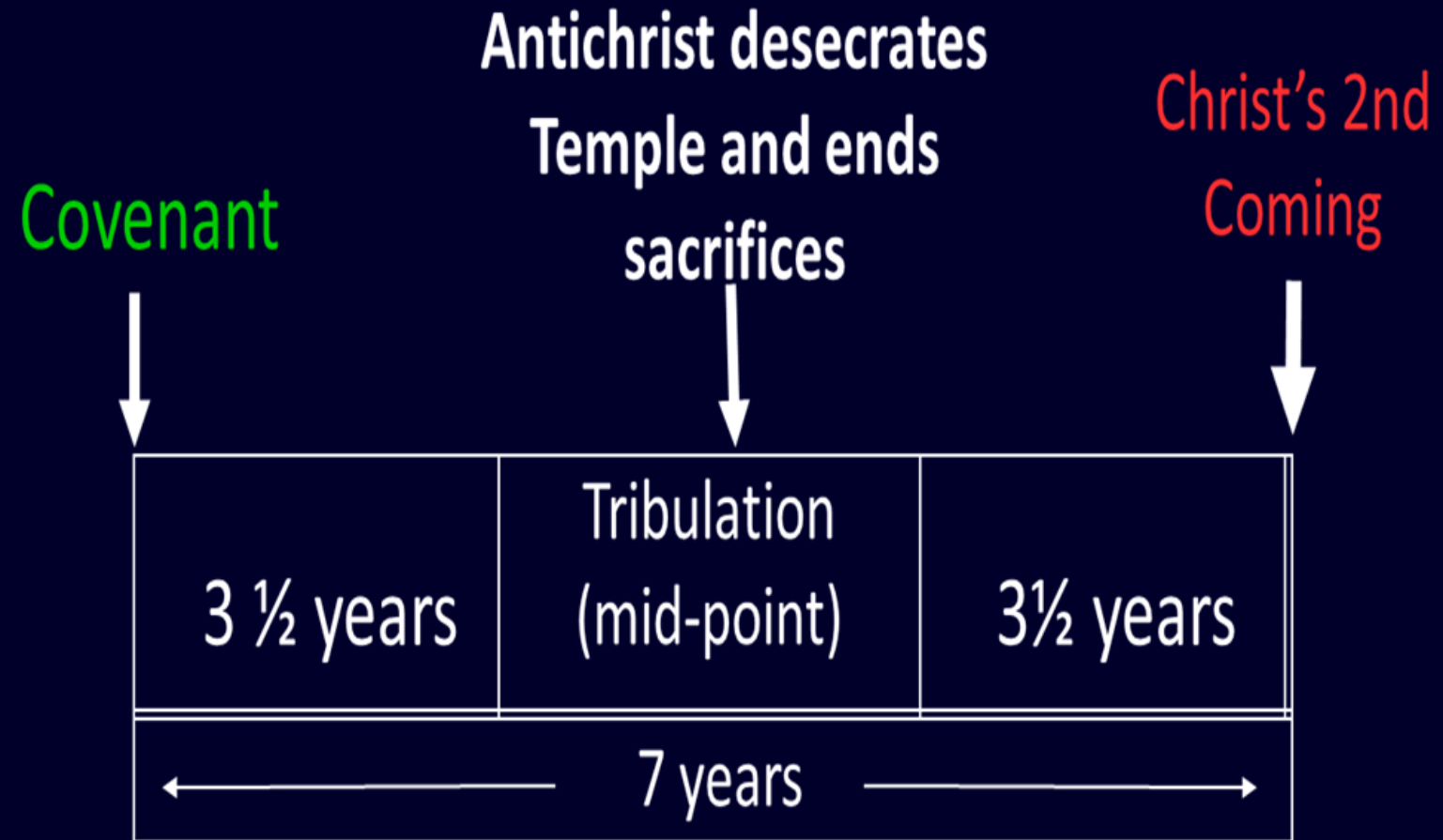
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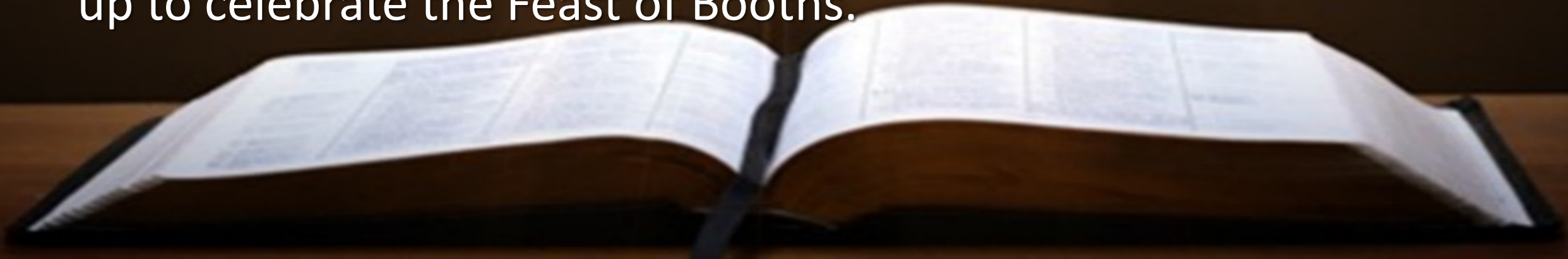
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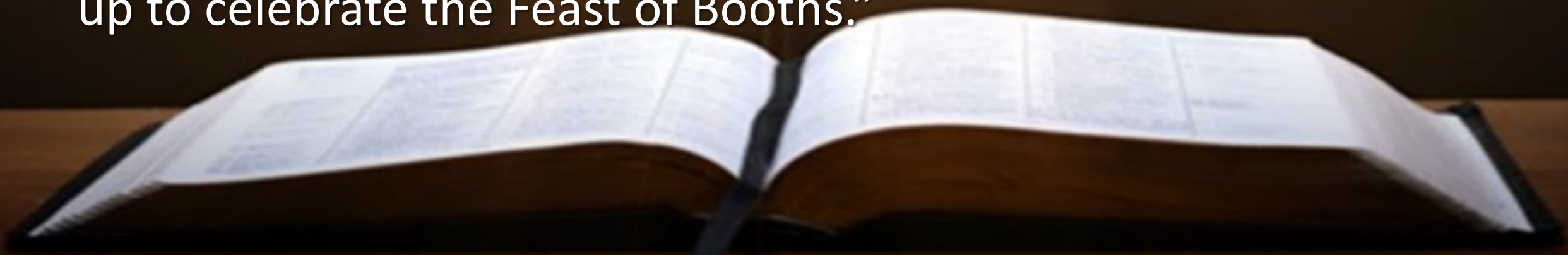
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