

Ezekiel 36–39

The Middle East Meltdown 2022



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Ezekiel 36:24-28

²⁴ “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. ²⁸ You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



ISRAEL'S TWO REGATHERINGS

THE PRESENT (FIRST) REGATHERING

THE PERMANENT (SECOND) REGATHERING

Return to part of the land

Return to all the land

Return in unbelief

Return in faith

Restored to the land only

Restored to the land and the Lord

Sets the stage for Tribulation
(discipline)

Sets the stage for Millennium
(blessing)

Adapted from: Price, *Jerusalem In Prophecy*, 219



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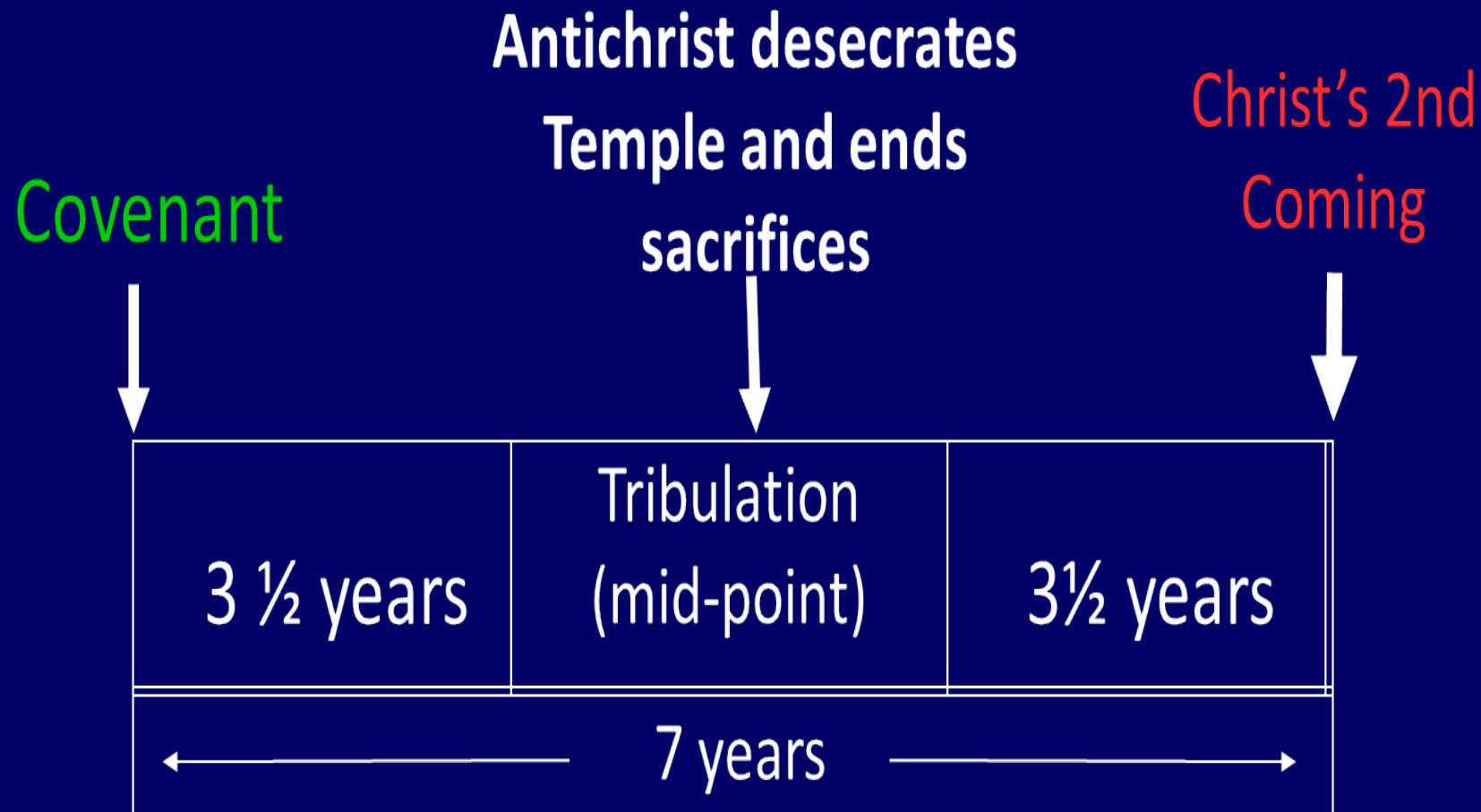
“Apparently the reference to the absence of breath in the bodies indicated that when Israel will be returned to the land in the latter days, they will be unconverted. Surely the general tenor of the prophetic Scriptures points in this direction (See Zech. 13:8-9). Otherwise, it is difficult to see how a covenant could be made nationally with such a godless one as the Roman prince of the end times (cf. Dan. 9:27).”

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.



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Revelation 11:8

“And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.”





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One Meaning

Plain Literal

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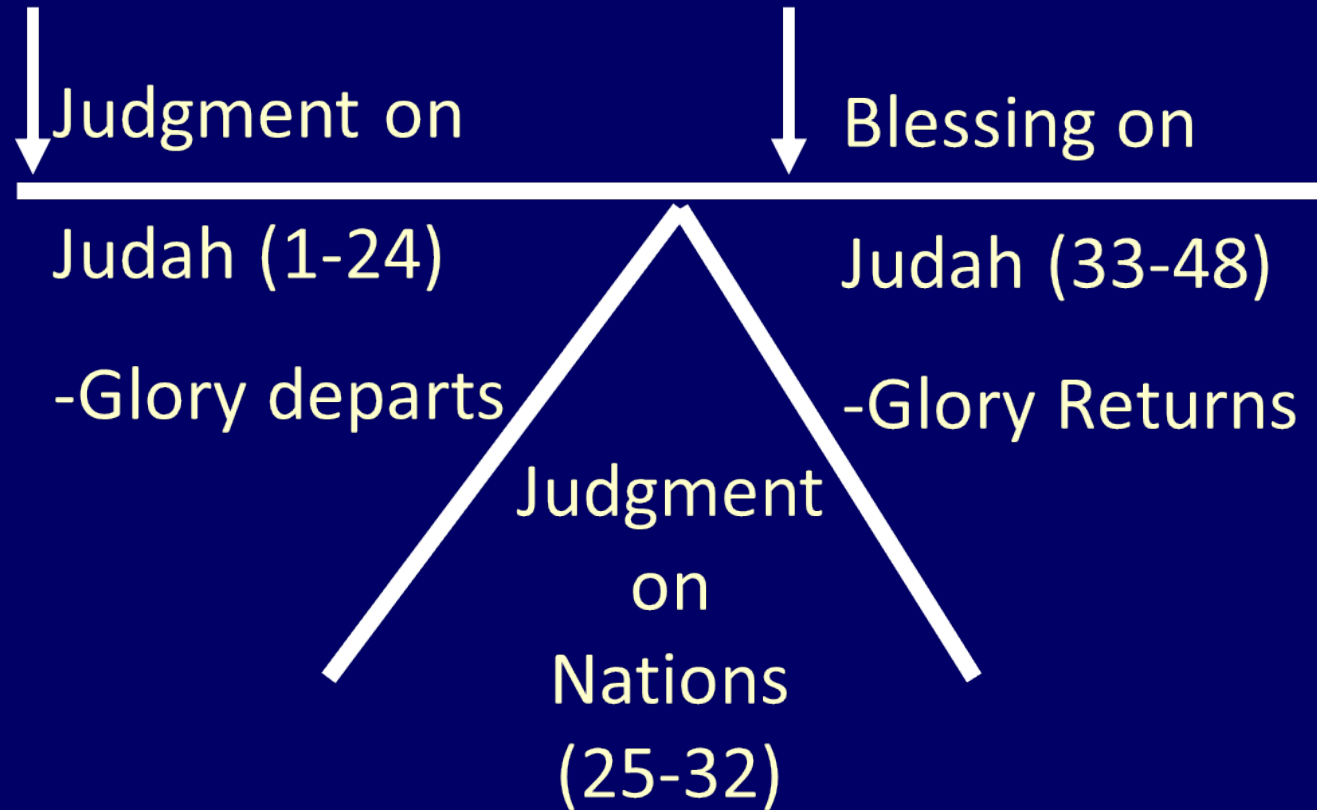
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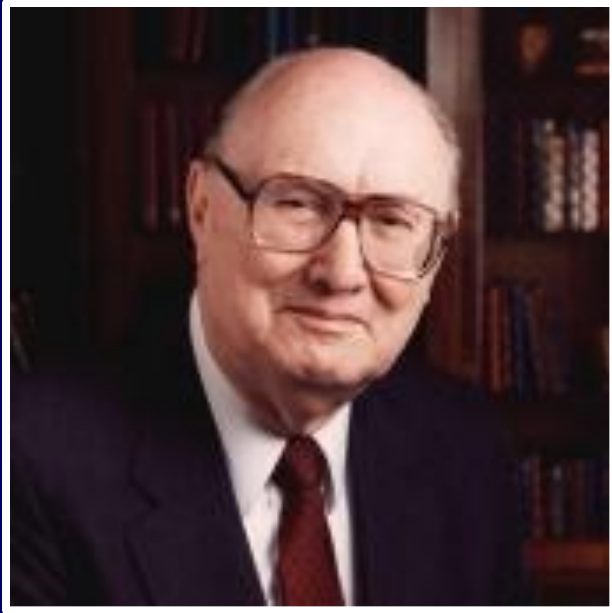
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Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

Two Rules of Interpretation



- Search the immediate context
 - ◆ Walvoord: 26X
- Search the remote context
 - ◆ Old Testament
 - ◆ Thomas: 278 / 404 verses

Ezekiel 37:7-11

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them.** ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.”’” ¹⁰ **So I prophesied as He . . .**



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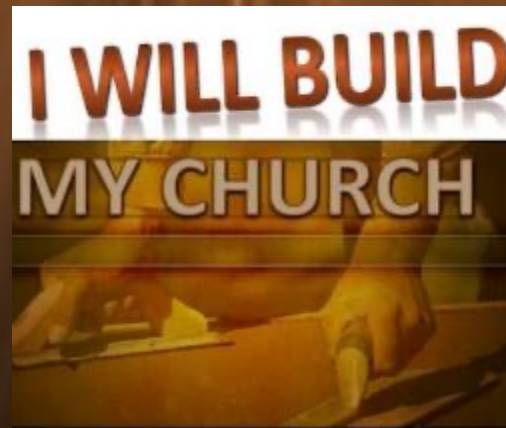
... commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”



Matthew 16:18

I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build [oikodomeō] My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.





Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, "Israel and the Church," in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

"In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct."



THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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“In addition to the gift of the responsive heart the Lord will grant the gift of his Holy Spirit to willing ones in Israel. This is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Israel in the future, not that at Pentecost.”



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FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL

**THE
ORIGINS OF THE
ARAB-JEWISH
CONFLICT OVER
PALESTINE**



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John 13:19; 14:29

“13:19 From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am *He*...
14:29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe.”



“The Bible is the only book that hangs its entire credibility on its ability to write history in advance, without error.”

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1934 – 2018



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Six Parts of a Suzerain-Vassal Treaty in Deuteronomy

- Preamble (1:1-5)
- Prologue (1:6–4:40)
- Covenant obligations (5–26)
- Storage and reading instructions (27:2-3; 31:9, 24, 26)
- Witnesses (32:1)
- *Blessings and curses (28)*



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Divided Kingdom

James 1:1

“James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.”



Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000	MULTITUDE
Revelation 7:1-8	Revelation 7:9-17
Numbered	Innumerable
Jews	All nations
Sealed	Slain
Sealed <u>before</u> the Tribulation	Converted <u>out of</u> the Tribulation

Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 77

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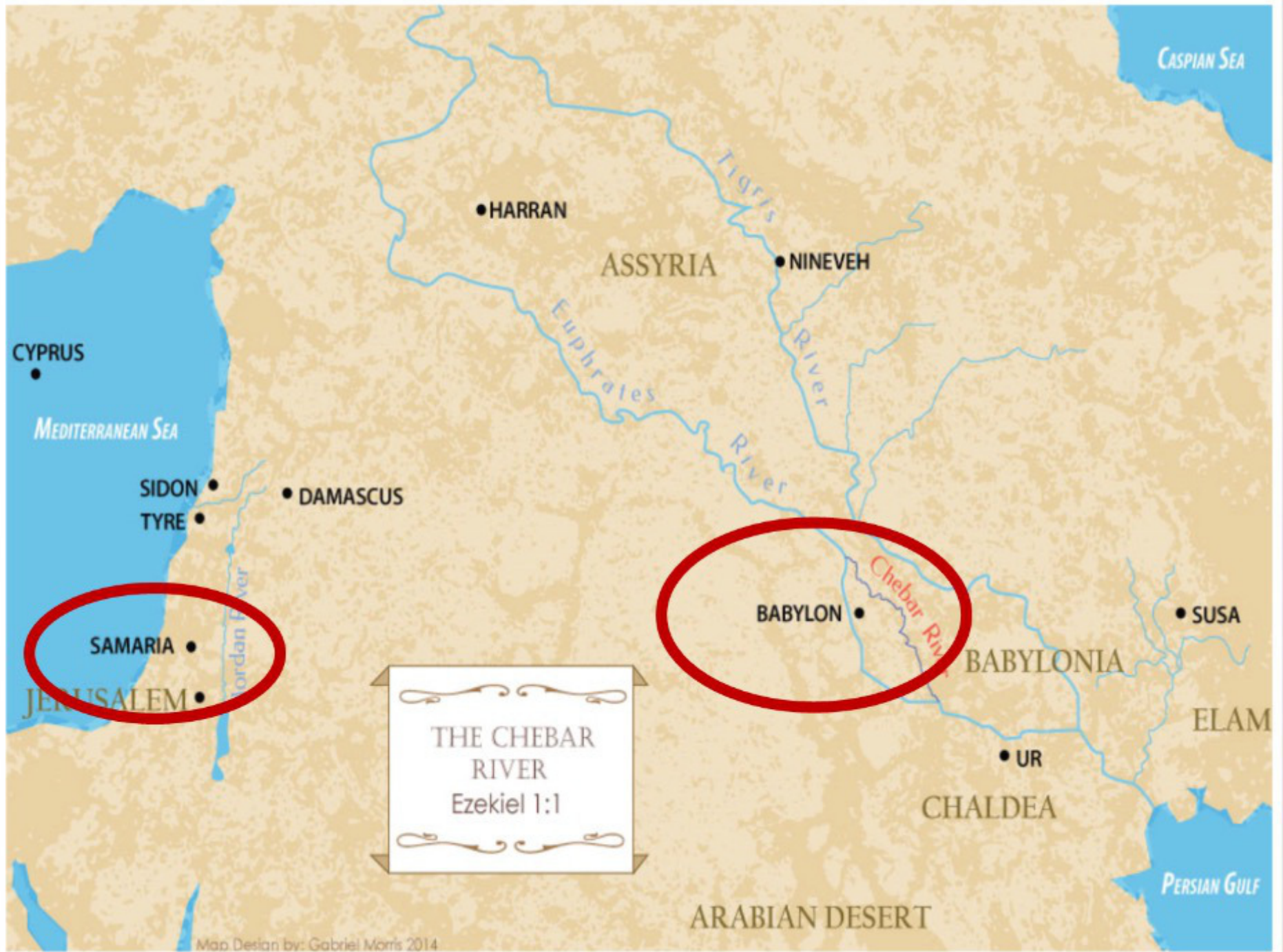
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THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1



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“These prophecies, especially those in verses 12-15, could not have been fulfilled in the return from Babylon...Thus many take the primary reference to the return from Babylon. But the predictions will not be completely fulfilled until the future restoration, of which the return from Babylon was a foreshadowing.”



The Millennial David

Hosea 3:5; Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23; 37:24

- Root of Jesse
- Branch of David
- Son of David
- Seed of David



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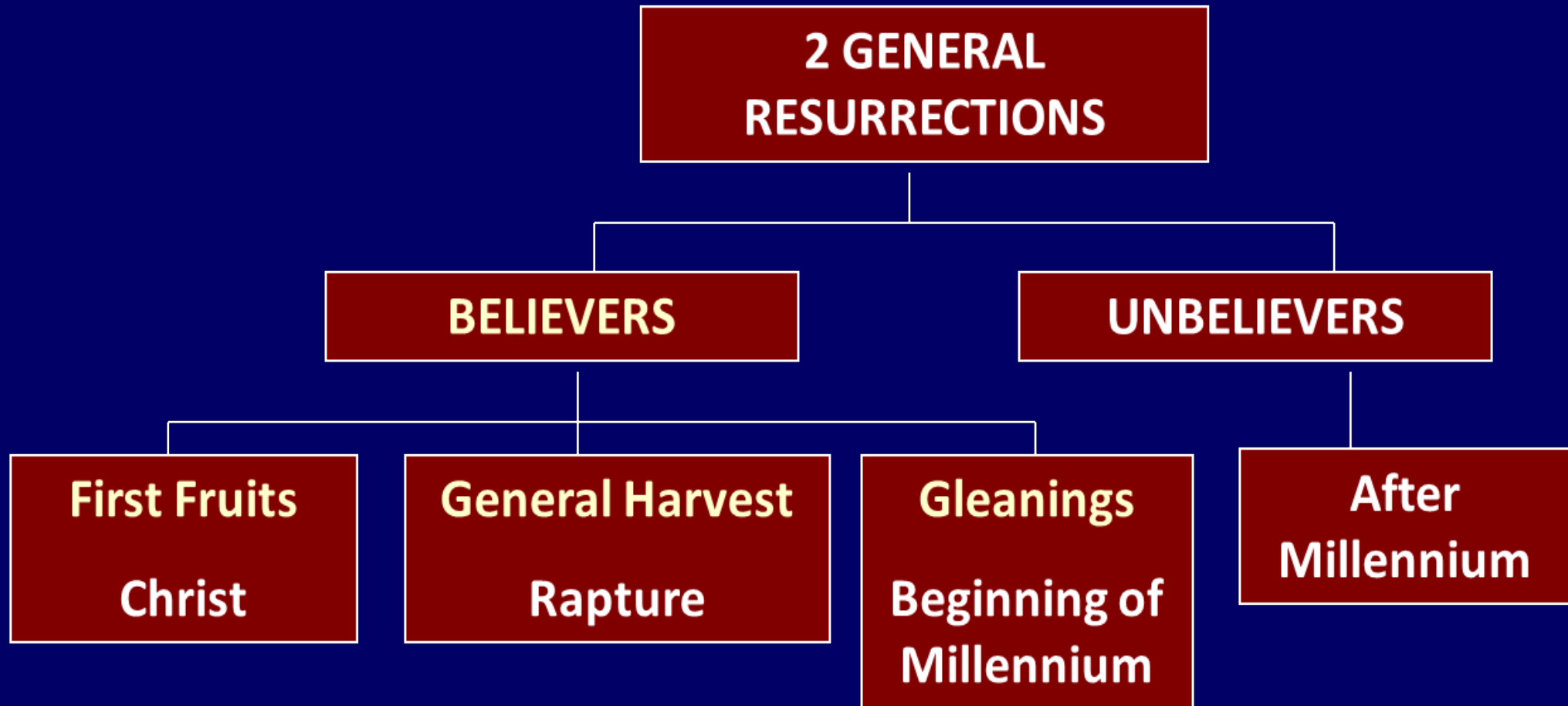
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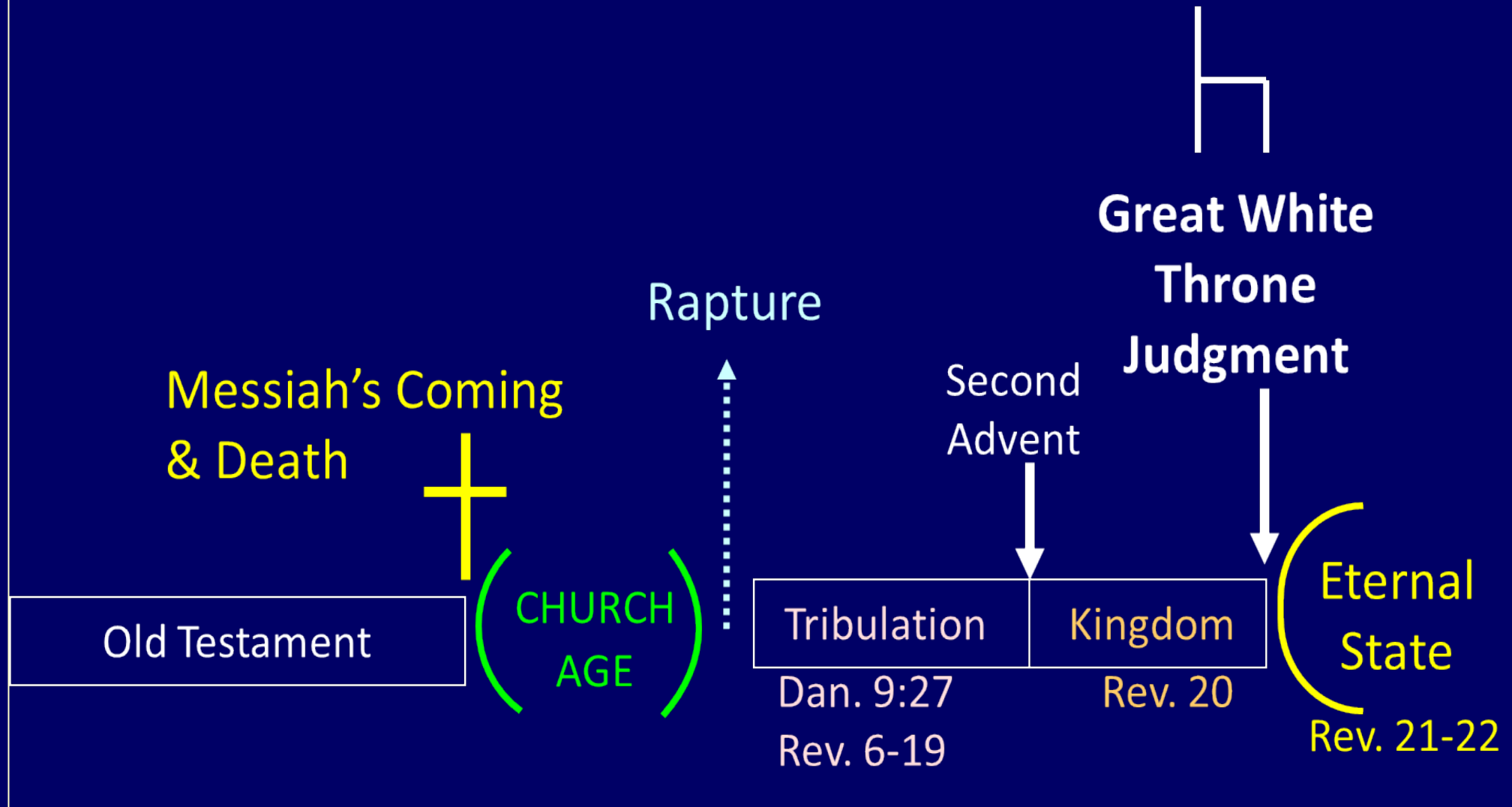


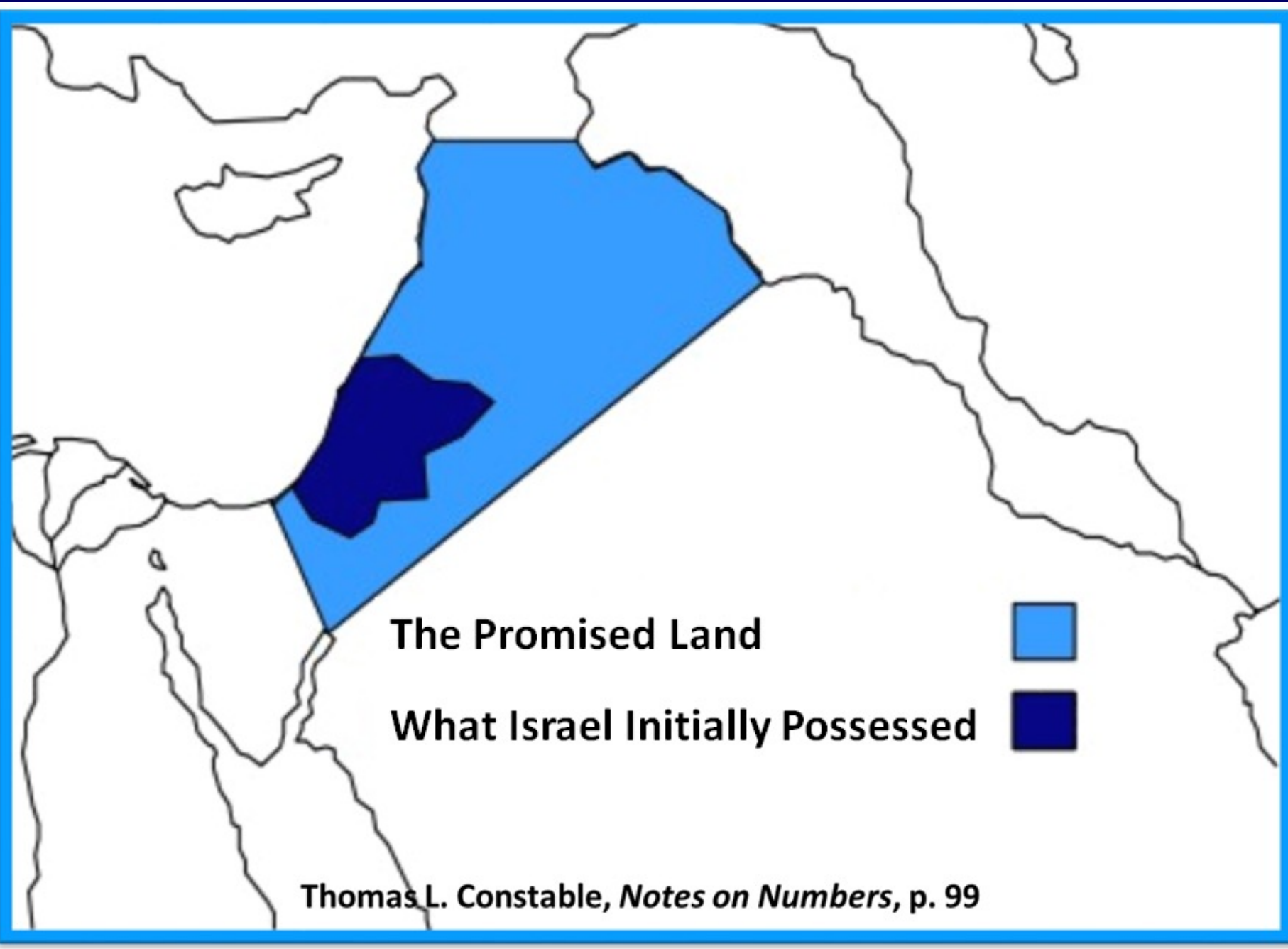
Order or Tagma (1 Cor. 15:23)

- I. General: Christ's resurrection (1 Cor 15:23)
- II. Officer: Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-18)
- III. Soldiers: OT saints & Tribulation martyrs (Rev 20:4)
- IV. Captives: Unsaved of all ages (Rev 20:5)

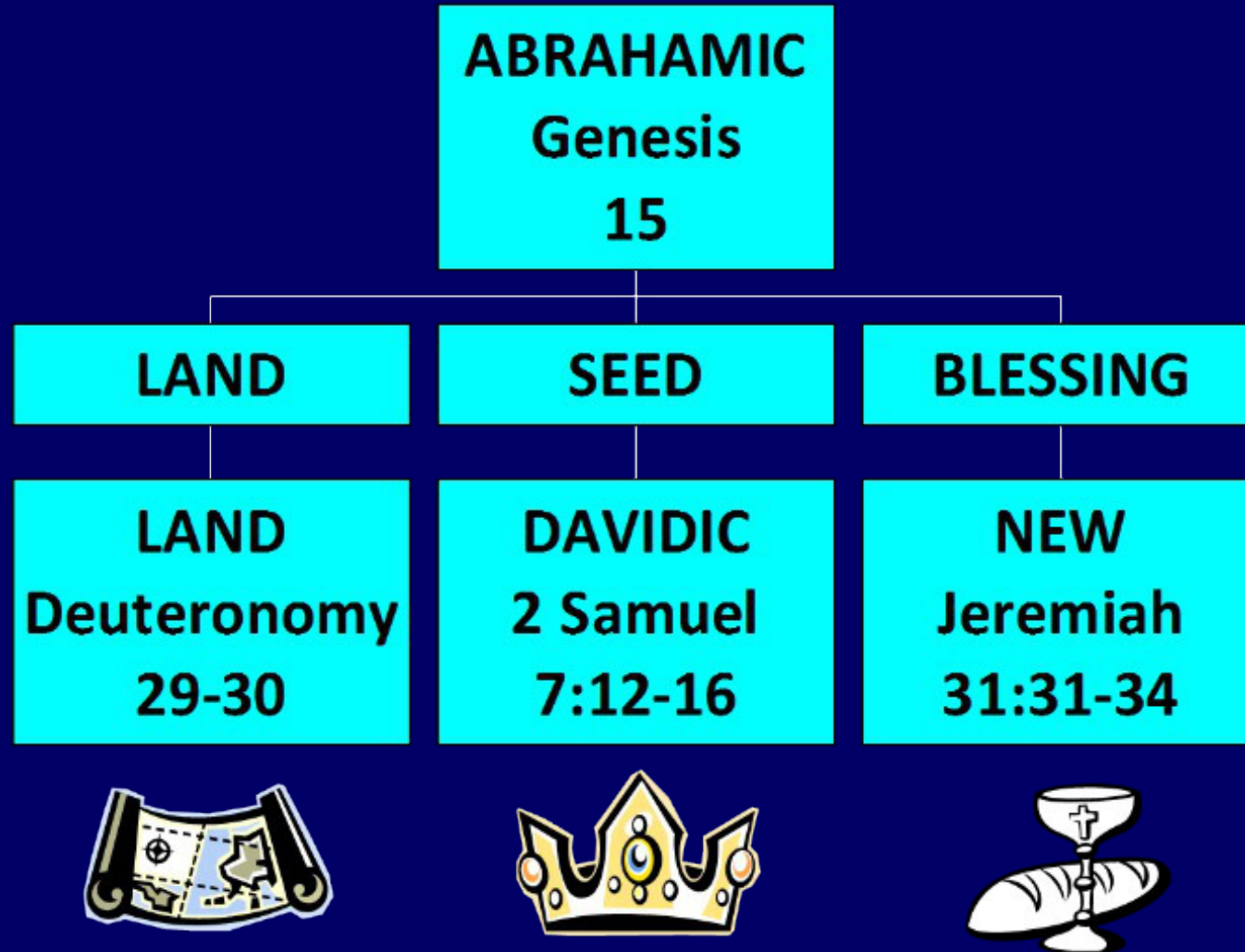


Prophecy Panorama





Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



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“Many have denied that this refers to a physical building in sanctuary, but this seems pointless in view of the last nine chapters of the book, which are treated at length. Just as it pleases God to dwell in a tabernacle when Israel departed from Egypt, so He will tabernacle among them in their converted condition (cf. Exodus 25:8).”



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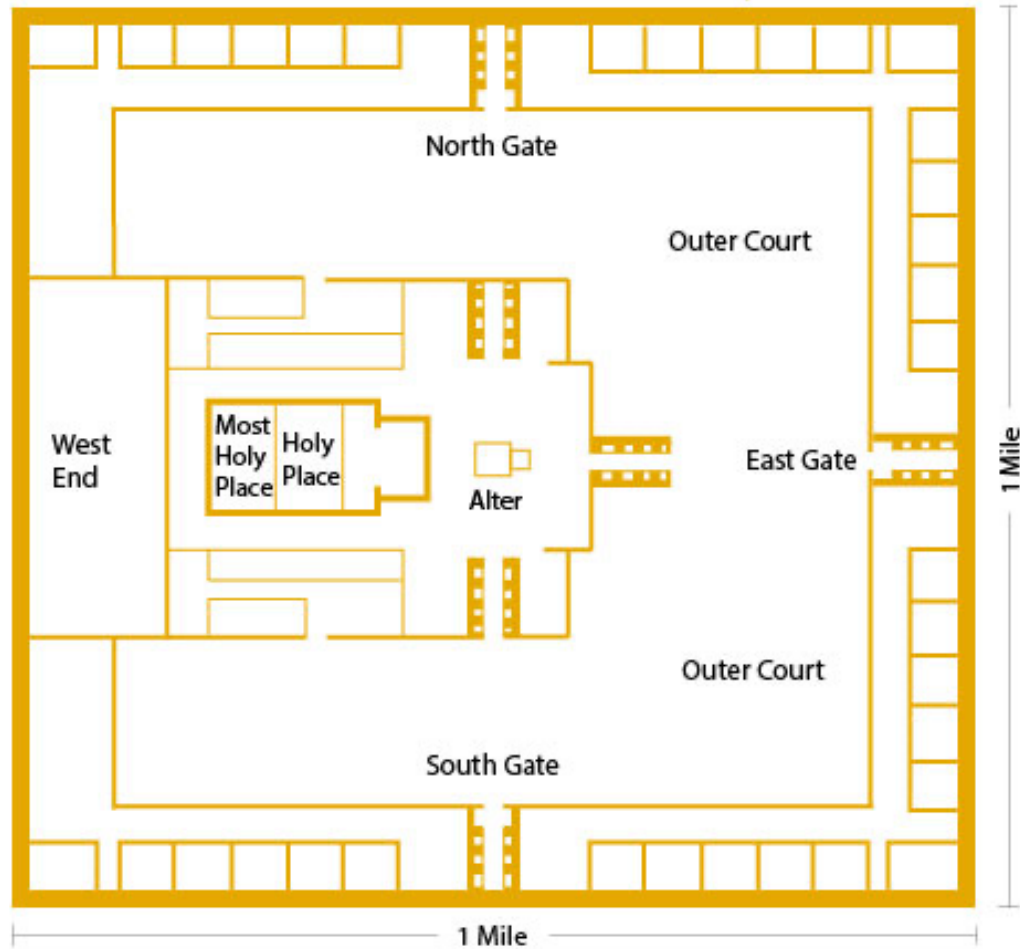
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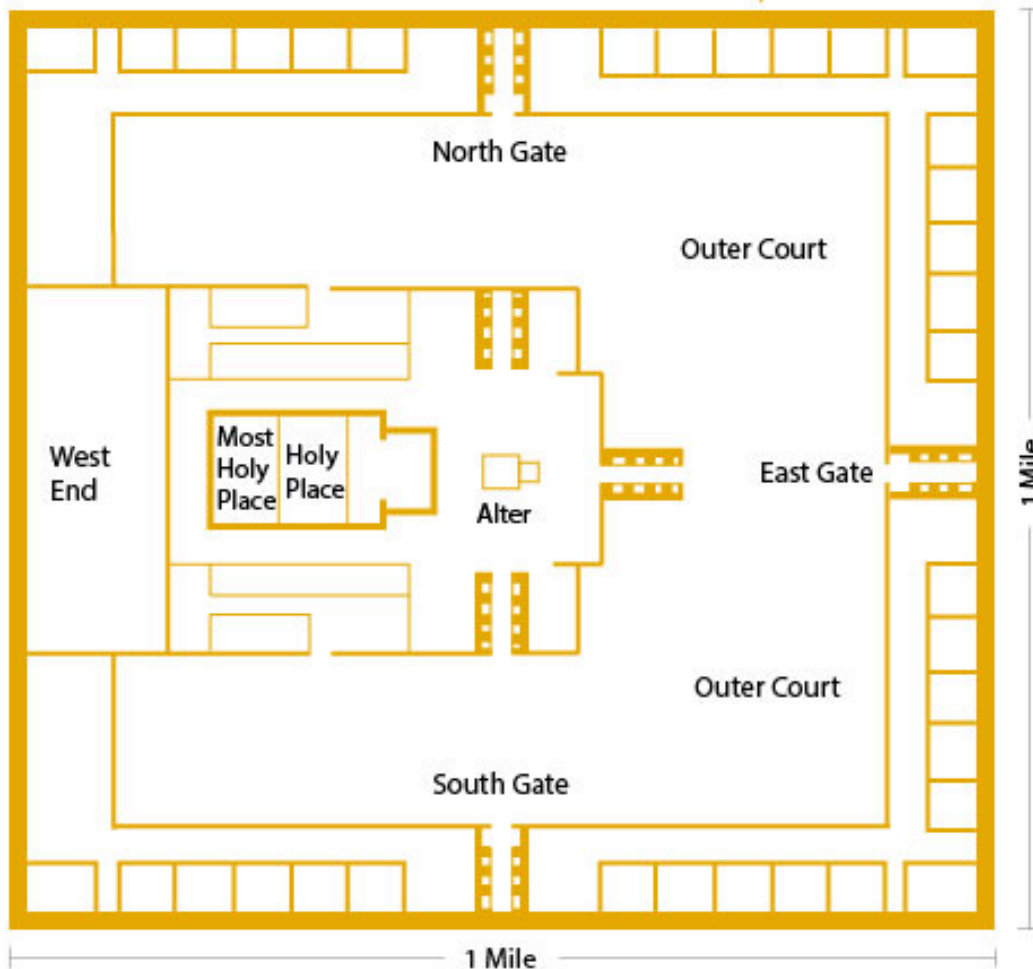
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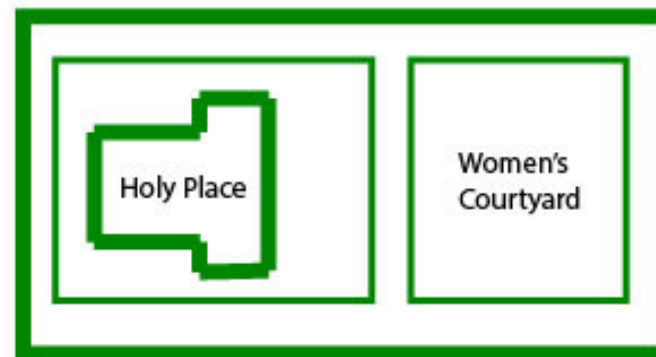


TEMPLE COMPARISONS

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HEROD'S TEMPLE

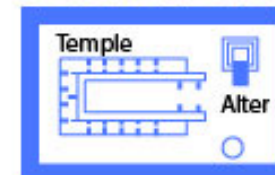


TABERNACLE

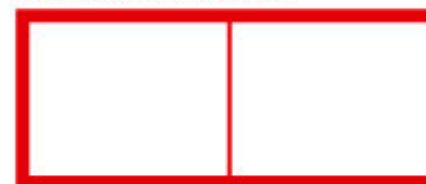


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SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



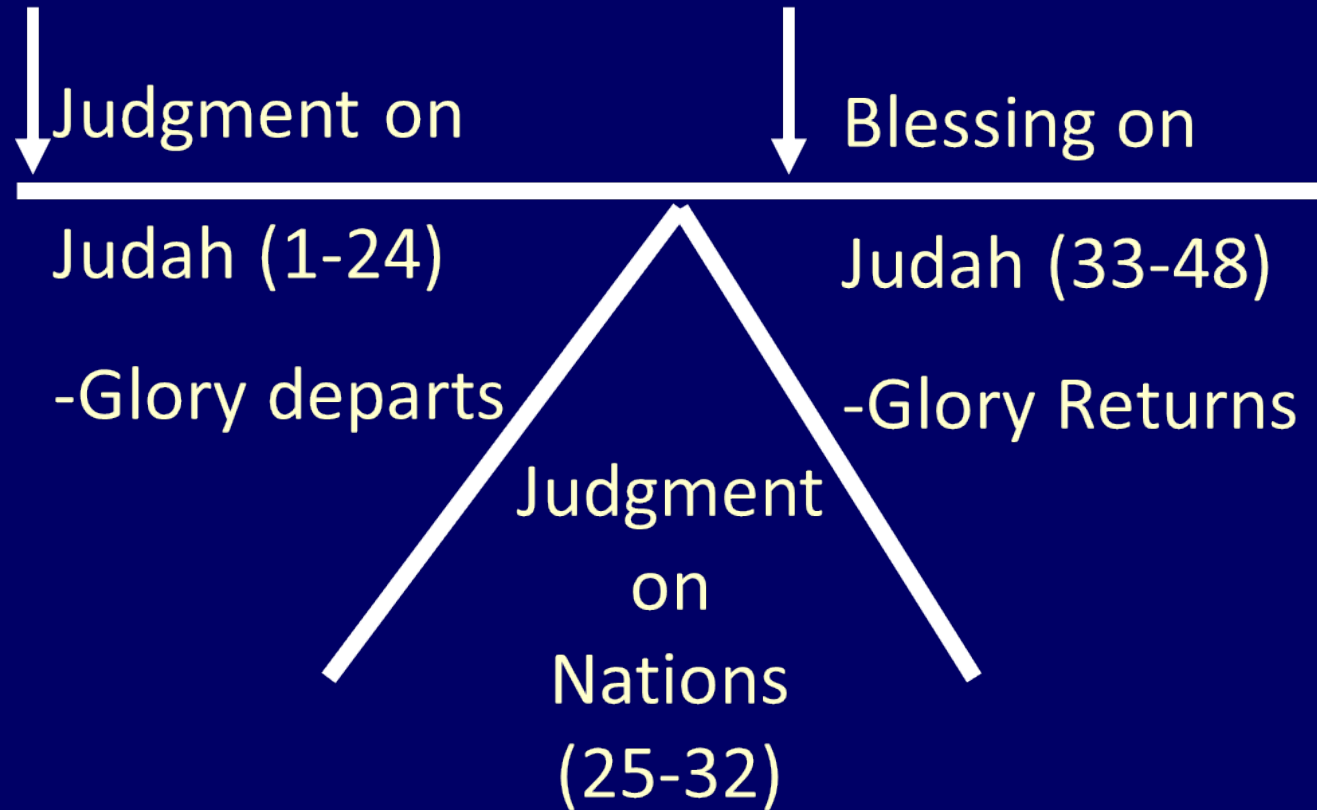
FOOTBALL FIELD



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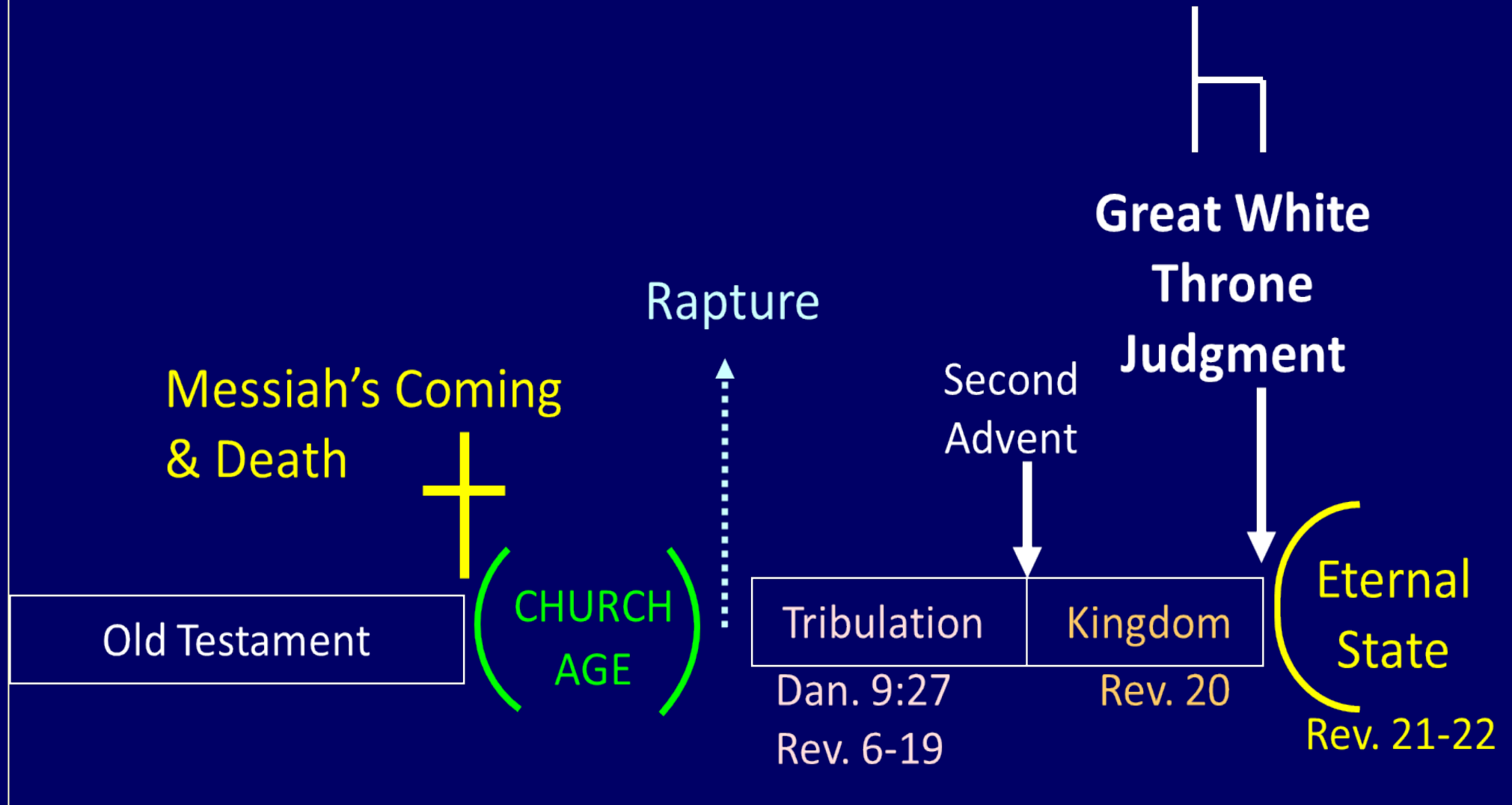
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Prophecy Panorama



Eternal State is Future

1. No Satan (Rev 20:10)
2. No sea (Rev 21:1)
3. No death, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
4. No Sun (Rev 22:5)
5. No Moon (Rev 21:23)
6. **No temple (Rev. 21:22)**
7. No night (Rev 21:25)
8. No evil (Rev 21:27)
9. No curse (Rev 22:3)



Revelation 21:4 (NASB)

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



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