

the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

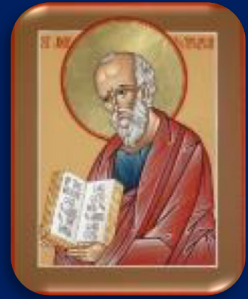


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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title – Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? – John
- 3) Where was it written from? – Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? – The Seven Churches
- 5) When was it written? – A.D. 95
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? – 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered – Seven steps
- 8) Why was it written? – Encouragement and holiness
- 9) What is it about? – Jesus' final victory
- 10) What makes the book different? – OT relationship

Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- I. Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



Revelation 1:19

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [meta tauta].”



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- Are (Chapters 2–3)
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Rev. 1:11



Pattern of the Letters in Revelation 2–3

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2. Description of Christ (Rev. 1)
3. Commendation
4. Rebuke
5. Exhortation to change
6. Consequence
7. Exhortation to listen
8. Promise to overcomers (Rev. 21–22)



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2. Description of Christ to Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7b)

- A. Holy
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- C. Holds the Key of David
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- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



Problems with Partial Rapturism?

1. Every divine blessing is given on the basis of His grace and not human effort (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 12:6)
2. Symbolic parallels mandate that carnal as well as sanctified Christians will be taken up in the rapture (Gen. 19:22)
3. The promise of the rapture is mentioned in Paul's letter to the carnal Corinthian church (1 Cor. 15:51)
4. A partial rapture would sever Christ's body (1 Cor 12:12-14)
5. The partial rapture view subjects believers to God's wrath (Thess 1:10)

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6. Partial rapturism makes the Bema Seat Judgment unnecessary (1 Cor. 3:10-15)
7. Partial rapturists never objectively quantify the exact degree of faithfulness or spiritual maturity that is necessary to participate in the rapture
8. Partial rapturists appear individually biased
9. Partial rapturists dispensationally misapply Bible passages (Matt. 25:1-13)
10. Partial rapturists misapply passages promising a reward to faithful believers (Rev. 3:11)

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Problems with Beginning the Sentence in Rev. 3:10 with “Because”

1. Not part of the original manuscripts: chapter & verse divisions & punctuation marks (periods, commas, or exclamation points).
2. These things were all added by later copyists.
3. Most English translations separate the two verses with a period.
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Problems with Beginning the Sentence in Rev. 3:10 with “Because” (cont’d)

7. Rev. 3:10b becomes an additional unconditional promise of Rapture participation beyond the promises of Rev. 2:9b.
8. It is rare to begin a sentence with “because” (*hoti*) in a causative sense.
9. Instead, *hoti* (“because”), when casual in function, usually follows a statement or promise in providing a reason for what preceded it in the sentence.
10. Thus, Greek sentences rarely begin a sentence with the phrase “Because you have” when explaining the cause or reason for something, as Greek and English texts of Revelation 3:10 unfortunately do today. Instead, the “because” phraseology consistently follows later in the sentence.

Revelation 3:9-10

MacDonald's Idiomatic Translation (MIT)

“⁹ I would put at your disposal those from the synagogue of Satan who call themselves Jews but are not; they are lying. See: I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will know that I loved you ¹⁰ because you kept my enduring word. I also will keep you from the time of trial that is about to come...”



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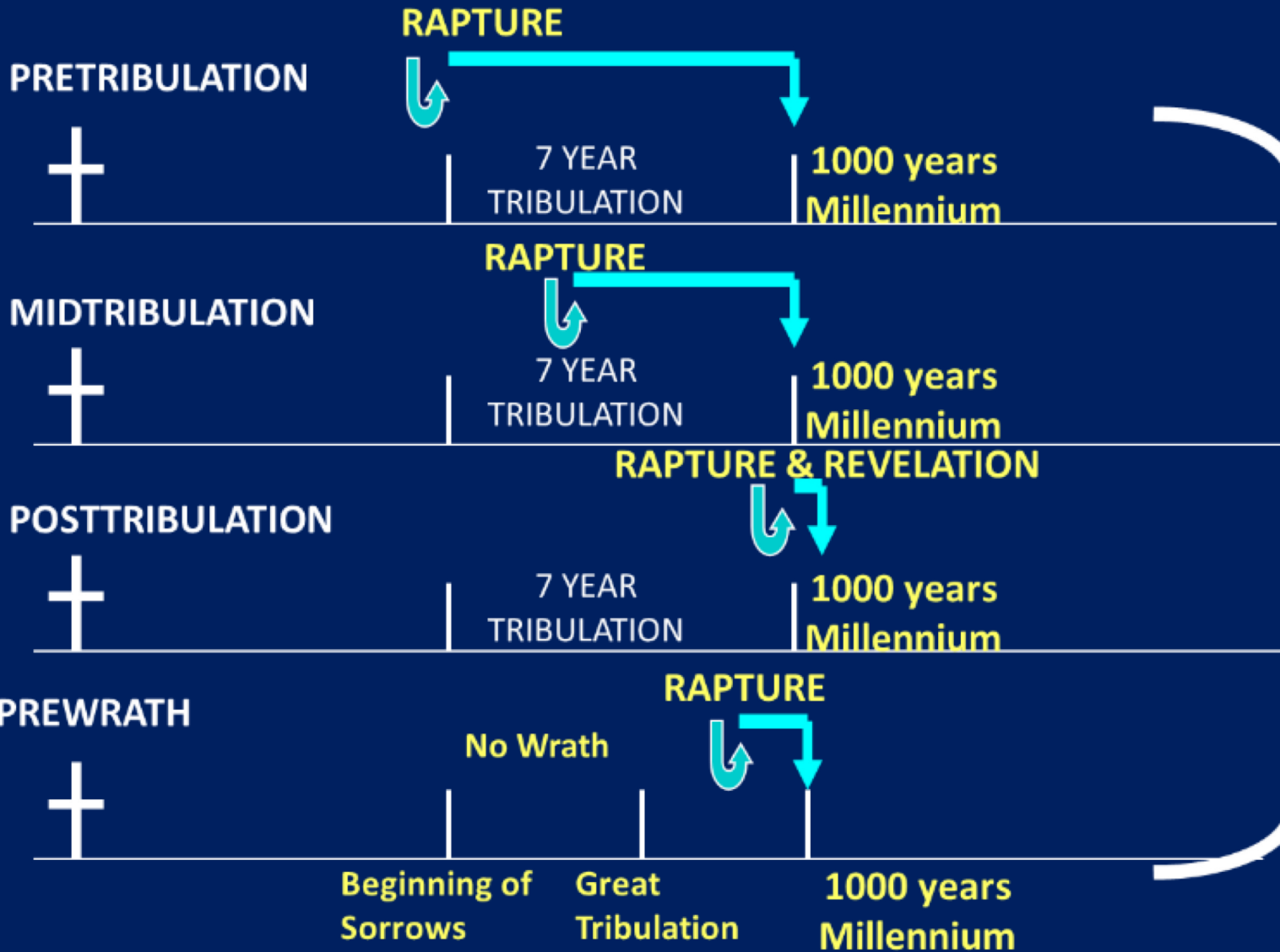


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RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-E

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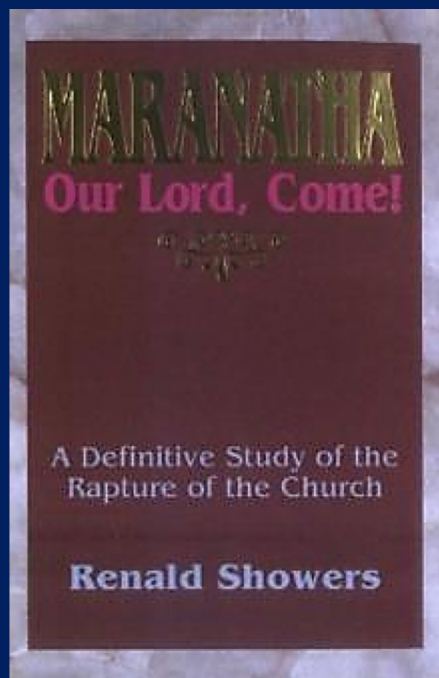
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“The idea of the saints being shielded from the testing while living within and through this time period also would have been expressed more clearly through the use of another preposition, either *en* (meaning "in") or *dia* (meaning "through") [thus, "I will keep you *in* or *through* the time period of testing] rather than *ek*.”

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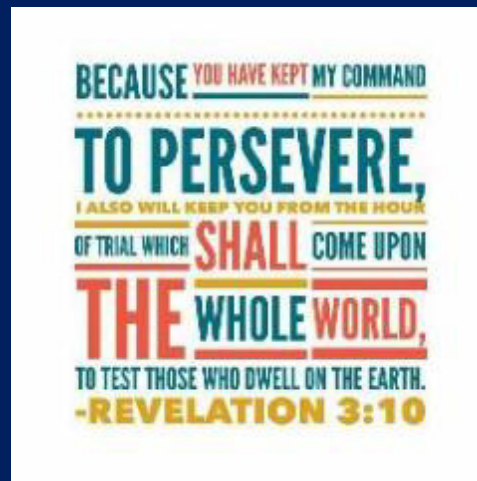
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2. Protection Through the Tribulation?

(Revelation 3:10)

- 1) Like the protection in Goshen (Exod. 8:22, 24; 9:4, 6; 11:4-7; Rev. 9:4; 16:2)
- 2) Effective ? Rev. 6:9-11; 7:13-14; 13:10, 15:20:4
- 3) Comfort? John 14:1; 1 Thess. 4:18; Titus 2:13



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“Posttribulationists say that ‘from’ (*ek*) refers to protection of the church within the Tribulation. Pretribulationists understand it to mean preservation by being absent from the time of tribulation. One is internal protection (while living through the Tribulation); the other is external protection (being in heaven during that time). Which meaning does ‘from’ (*ek*) support? The answer is either, if the preposition is considered alone. But for the record, let it be said that *ek* does denote a position outside something without. The pretribulationist understanding of *ek* is supported by a number of verses that have nothing to do with the rapture and therefore do not beg the question.”

Matthew 7:5

“You hypocrite, first take the log out of [ek] your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of [ek] your brother’s eye.”



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Acts 15:29

“that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from things strangled and from fornication; if you keep [*diatēreō*] yourselves free from [*ek*] such things, you will do well. Farewell.”



John 12:27

“Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save [sōzō] Me from [ek] this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”



Colossians 1:13

“For He rescued [*rhyomai*] us from [*ek*] the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”



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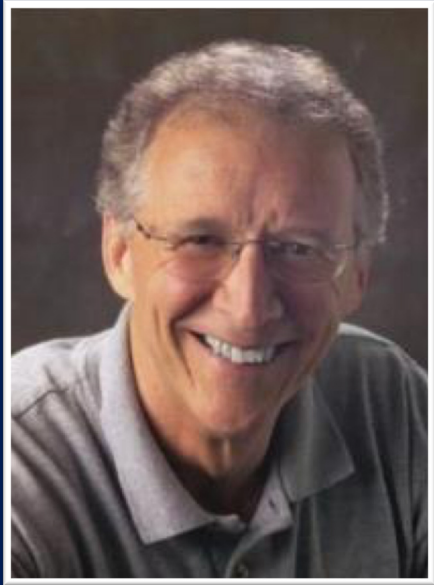
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John Piper

Lauren Leigh Noske, "Nine Reasons Why John Piper Disagrees with Nicolas' Cage's 'Left Behind' Movie's View of Rapture," *The Gospel Herald*, August 6, 2014; www.gospelherald.com. See also John Piper, "Definition and Observations Concerning the Second Coming of Christ," *Desiring God Ministry*, August 30, 1987; www.desiringgod.org.



“John Piper believes that the main Scripture which some believe supports the pre-tribulational rapture viewpoint (Revelation 3:10) does not necessarily mean that believers will be taken away from the earth, however; rather, it could mean that God will keep or protect His people from evil during the tribulation (see also John 17:15).”

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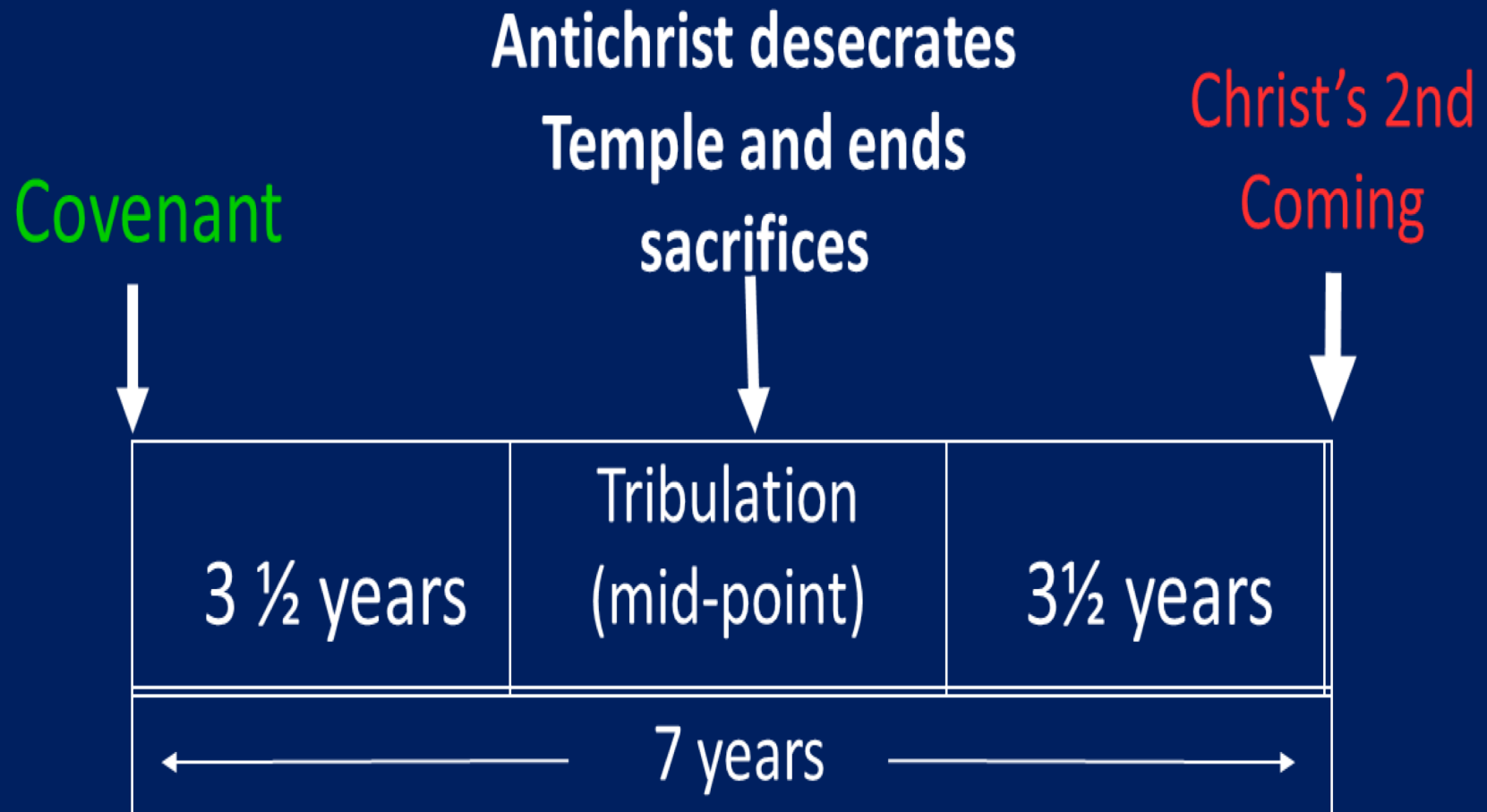


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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





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“However, the promise of Revelation 3:10 not only guarantees being kept from the trials of the Tribulation period but being kept from the time period of the Tribulation. The promise is not, I will keep you from the trials. It is I will keep you from the hour of the trials...But how clear and plain is the promise. "I...will keep you from the hour of testing." Not just from any persecution, but from the coming time that will affect the whole earth. (The only way to escape worldwide trouble is not to be on the earth.) And not just from the events, but from the time. And the only way to escape the time when the events take place is not to be in a place where time ticks on. The only place that meets those qualifications is heaven.”

Jeremiah 30:7 (LXX)

“Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it;
And it is the time of Jacob’s distress (Gen. 32:8;
35:10), But he will be saved [sōzō] from [apo] it.”



Zechariah 13:8-9

⁸“It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD,
“That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.”⁹“And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”



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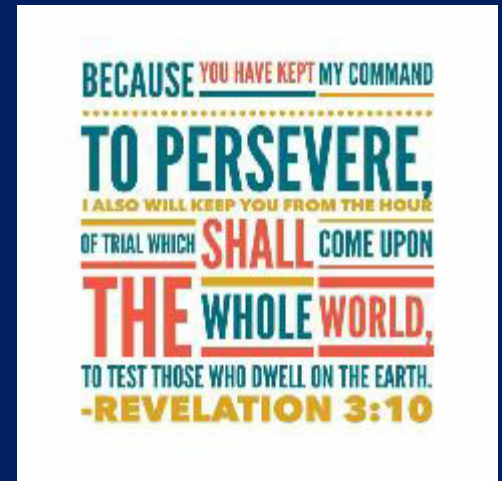
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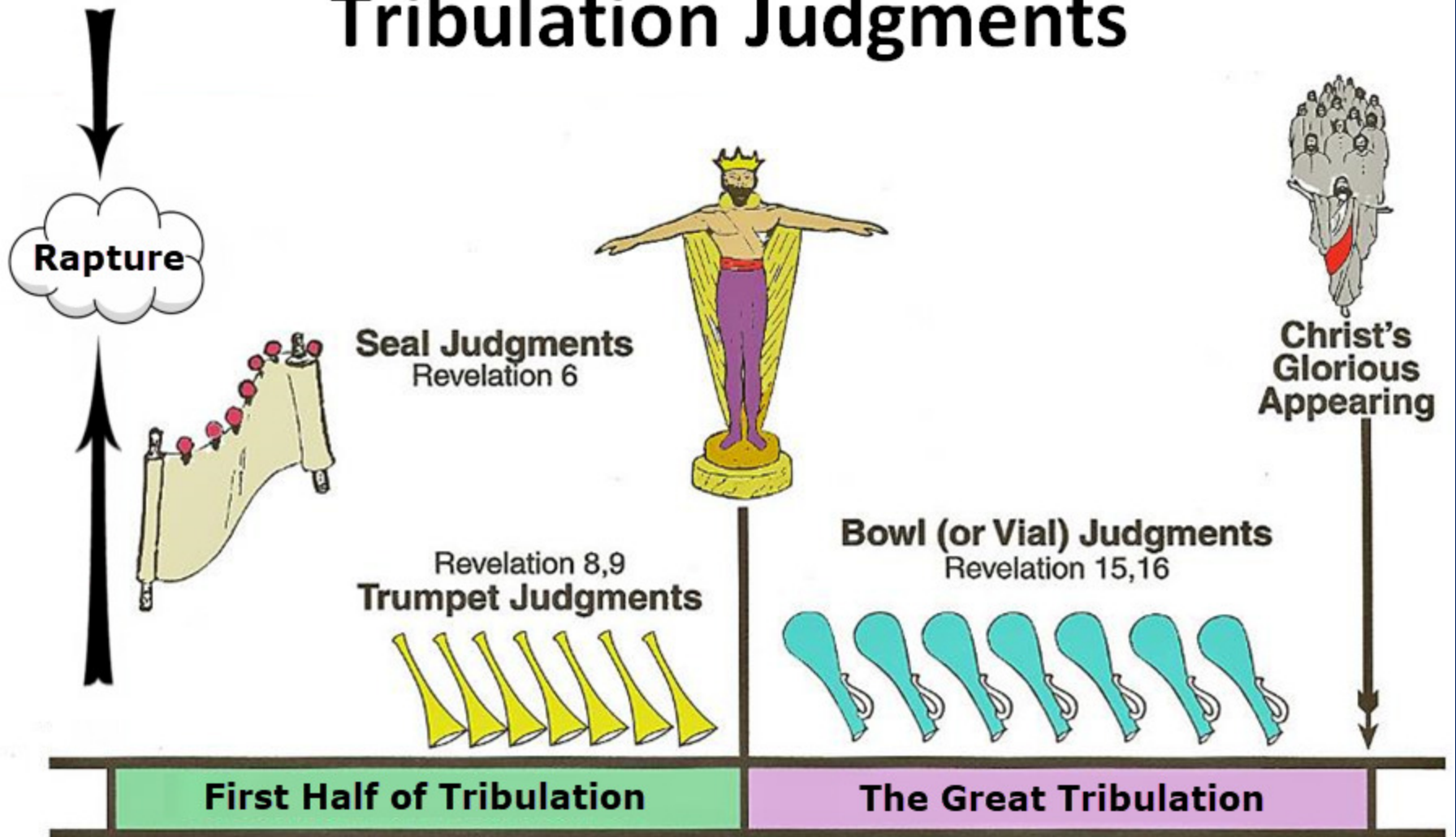
5. The Whole World?

(Revelation 3:10)

- 1) Oikouménē – known world? (Luke 2:1; Acts 11:28)
- 2) Oikouménē – entire world (Luke 4:5; Acts 17:31; Rev. 12:9)
- 3) Context favors the global definition
 - a. Adjective “whole” (*holos*)
 - b. Rev. 6–18

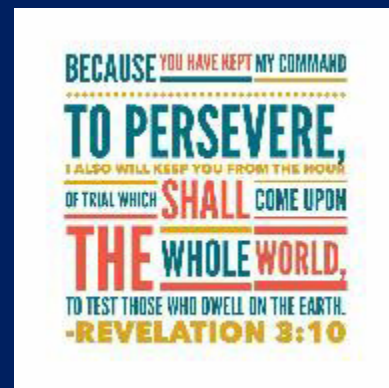


Tribulation Judgments



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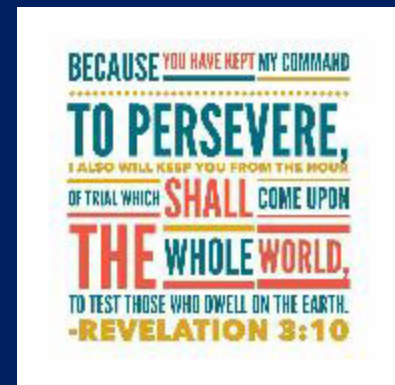
6. Test

(Revelation 3:10)

1) Peirasmós / peirázō

- a. To demonstrate the quality of something rather than to purify its contents
- b. A Test for the purpose of exposing someone's true character typically with the negative intent to demonstrate a failure

2) Examples (Jas. 1:13-14; Rev. 2:2)



Revelation 2:2

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the **test** [*peirázō*] those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false.”



James 1:13-14

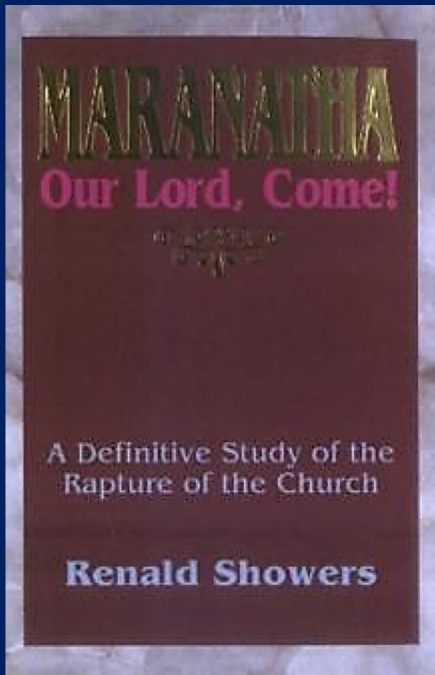
“¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted [peirázō], ‘I am being tempted [peirázō] by God’; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt [peirázō] anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted [peirázō] when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.”





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Revelation 13:8

“All who dwell on the earth [*katoikeō epi gē*] will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.”



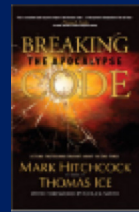
Revelation 17:8

“⁸The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth [*katoikeō epi gē*], whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come..”



Thomas Ice

Thomas Ice, “Kept From the Hour,” online:
www.pre-trib.org, accessed 4 September 2014, 2.



“This phrase ‘earth dwellers’ is used eleven times in nine verses in Revelation (3:10; 6:10; 8:13; 11:10 2xs; 13:8, 12, 14 2xs; 14:6; 17:8). As you examine each individual use, except 3:10, you will see that all refer to a special class of stubborn sinners who are set in their rebellion against the God of heaven. You will also find that the phrase is *only* used to refer to those during the tribulation period. Therefore, since the future hour spoken of in 3:10 is set in contrast with the present set of believers in the church age, and the future ‘earth dwellers’ will be active during the time period in which believers are said to be kept from, it is clear that John speaks of the time or hour of the tribulation. This is why 3:10 is a clear promise that Christ will keep believers from the time of the seven year tribulation.”

Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim. 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph. 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)

Revelation 3:10

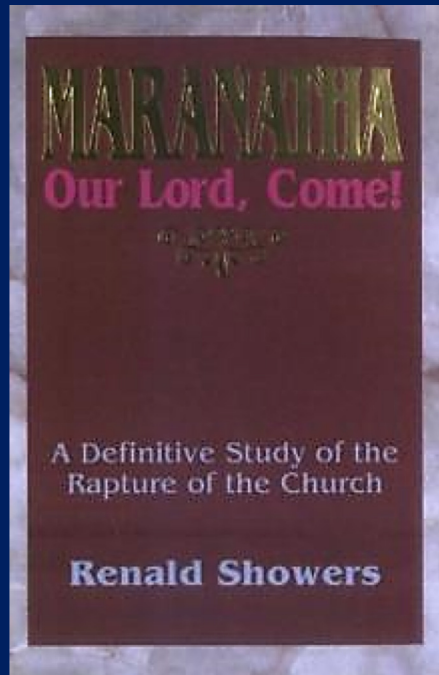
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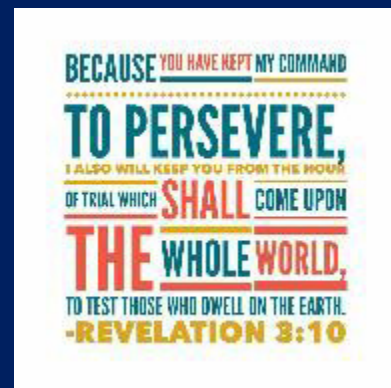
Renald Showers, *Maranatha Our Lord, Come!*
(Bellmawr, NJ: Friends of Israel, 1995), 212.



“Christ based His promise on the fact that the church saints had already passed their test. In light of that, it appears that because they had already passed their test, Christ promised that He would not put them into the period that...will have the purpose of testing a very different group of people.”

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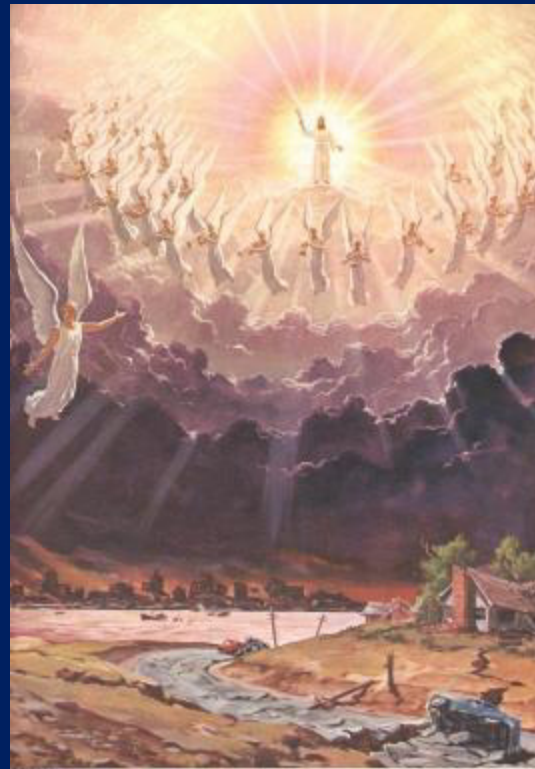
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Imminency

- Méllō: “and one who will share in the glory to be revealed” (1 Pet 5:1)



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1 Corinthians 4:5

“Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s* hearts; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God.”



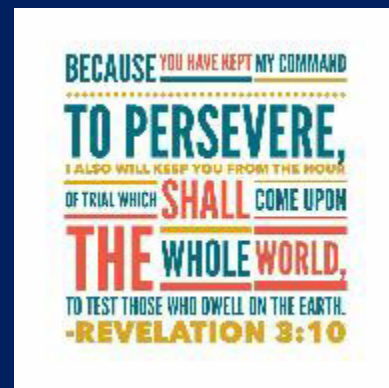
2 Timothy 4:8

“In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.”



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Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

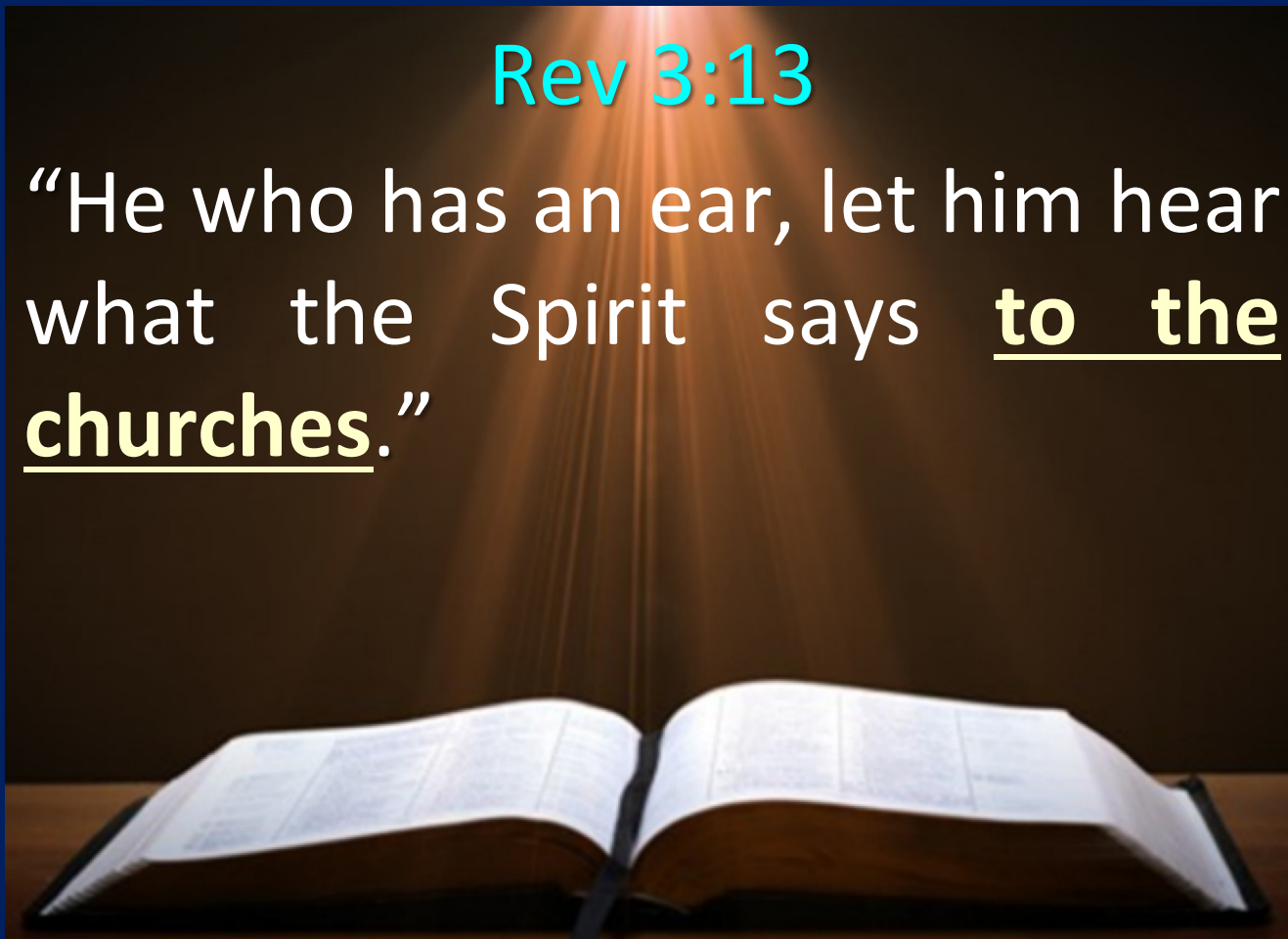
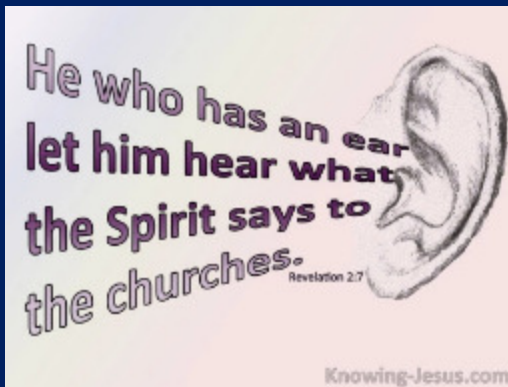
- The promise (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 15:1, 7; 16:19)



8. Exhortation to Listen

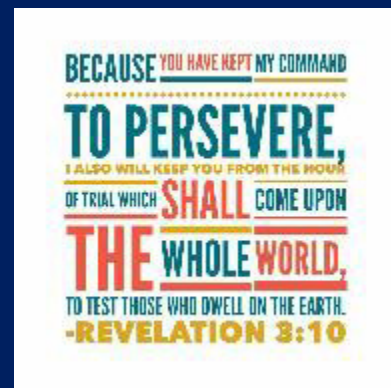
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Revelation 1:19

“Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things [*meta tauta*].”



Revelation 1:19

- Seen (Chapter 1)
- Are (Chapters 2–3)
- After these things (Chapters 4–22)



The Missing Church

- Rev 4-19
- Rev 13:9
- Revelation's Jewish nature



God's Work Through Israel

- Revelation 7 – 144,000 Jews
- Revelation 11 – Two Jewish witnesses
- Revelation 12 – Israel flees



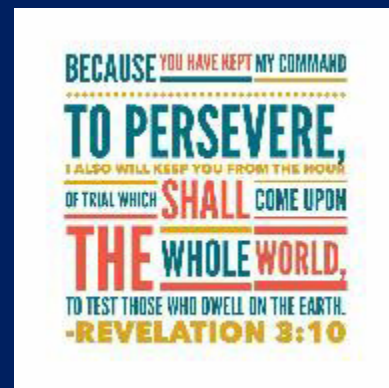
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2. Will God protect believers during the Tribulation?
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Chronological vs. Adverbial Use of *Tacos*

- “I hope to come to you *soon*” (1 Tim 3:14) vs. “Leave Jerusalem *quickly*” (Acts 22:18)
- LXX
 - ◆ Isaiah 13:22: “Her fateful time also will *soon* come”
 - ◆ Isaiah 51:5: “My righteous is *near*, My salvation has gone forth, And my arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon me, And on My arms they will trust.”



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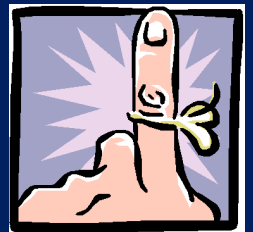
J. Dwight Pentecost

Prophecy for Today, Page 20

“A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck anew with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living.”

Remembrance in 2 Peter

- Has forgotten that he has been cleansed (1:9)
- I will always remind you of these things (1:12)
- It is right to refresh your memory (1:13)
- You will always be able to remember these things (1:15)
- I have written both of them as reminders (3:1)
- Do not forget (3:8)
- Bear in mind (3:15)



Jeremiah 6:16

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”



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Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	Life	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	Glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	Righteousness	Longing for His appearing



1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw...”



1 Corinthians 3:10-15

“¹⁴ If any man’s work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.”



1 Corinthians 9:24-27

“²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.”



2 John 8

“Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.”





Grant R. Jeffrey

Apocalypse: The Coming Judgment of the Nations, p. 85, 87.

“Someday every Christian will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive rewards for faithful service. Some believers will receive no rewards at all because they lived their lives of service to self rather than service to the Lord...Christians are promised a number of golden crowns for us faithful service to the Lord. Jesus warned that we are to “hold fast” lest we lose our crowns. This indicates that it is possible to lose eternal rewards and blessings that God prepared for those who love Him. While our salvation is assured today by our accepting Christ as our savior...our future reward will be determined at the Judgment Seat of Christ after the Rapture. We are encouraged to hold on to these rewards through continued faithful service.”

Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13

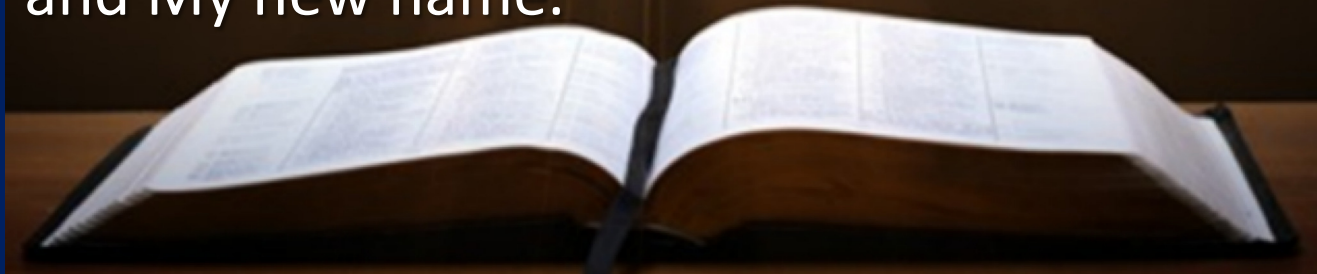
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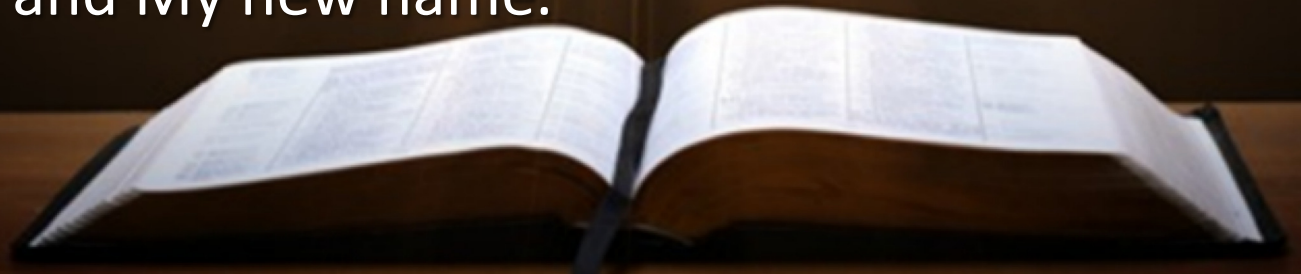
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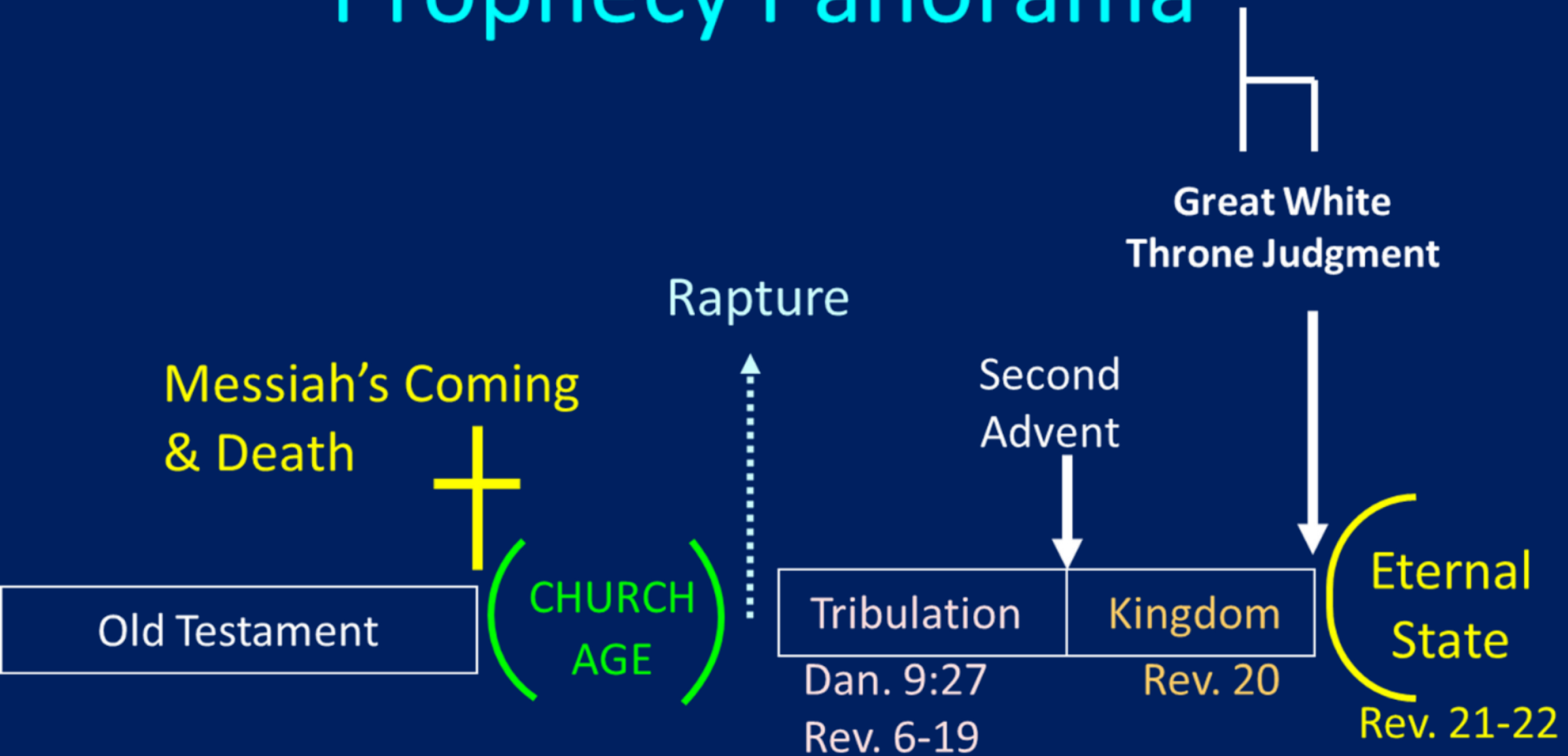


1 John 5:4-5

“⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



Prophecy Panorama



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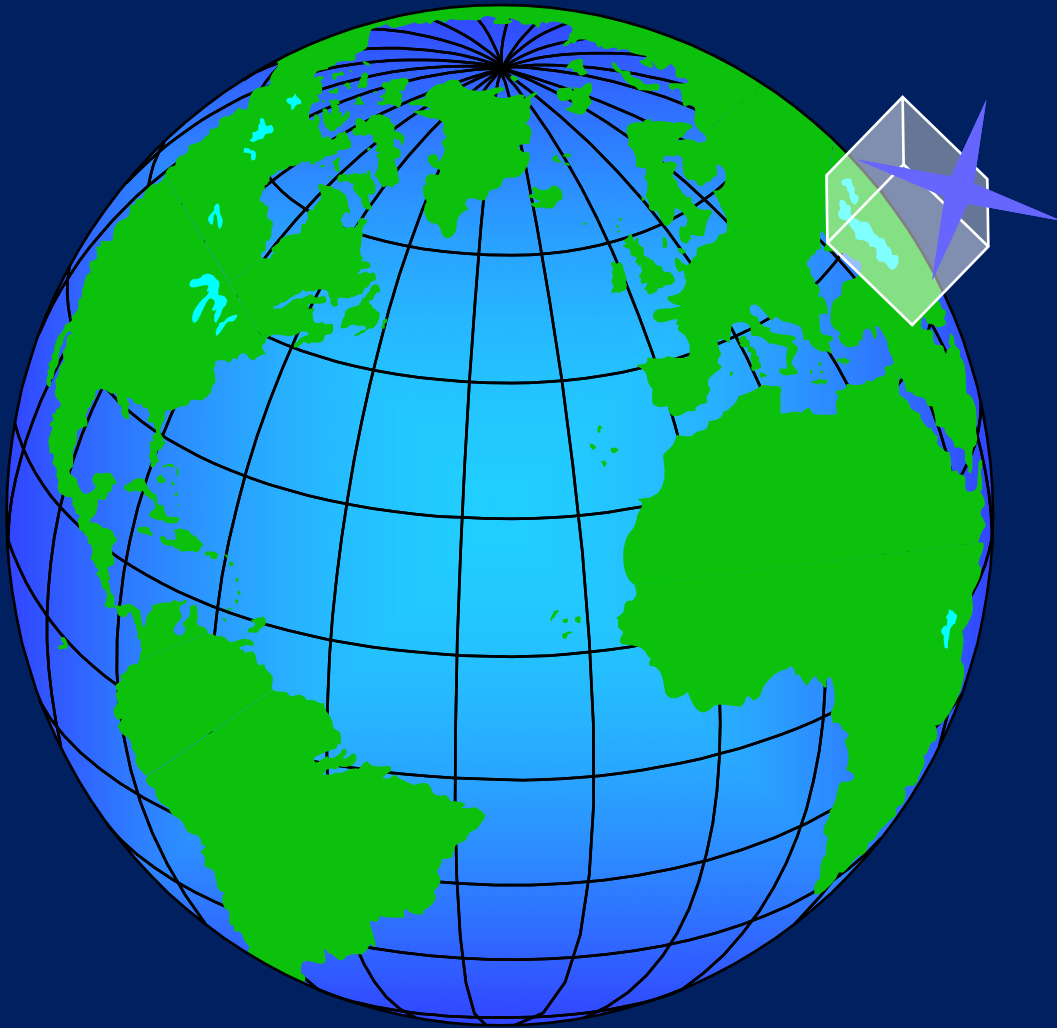
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1 Peter 1:2

“according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.”

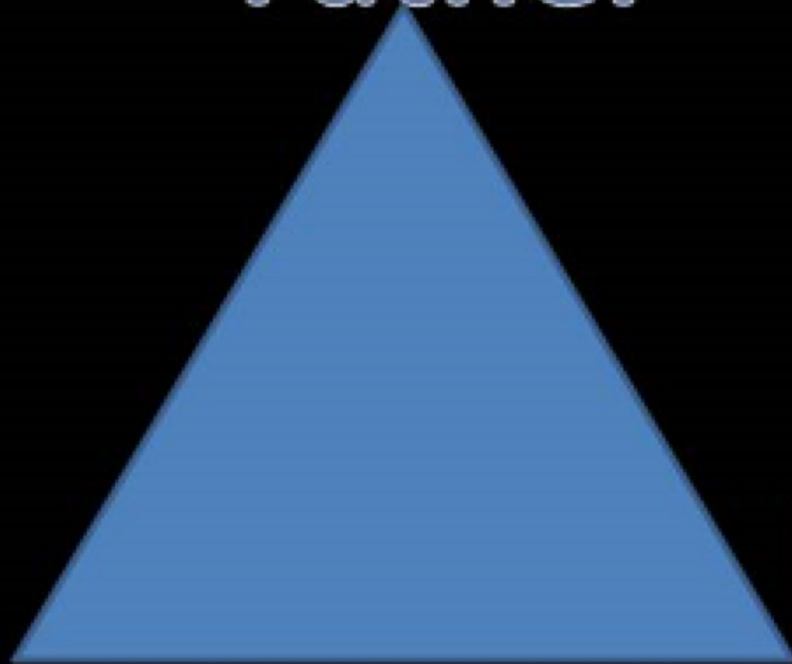


Trinity

Father

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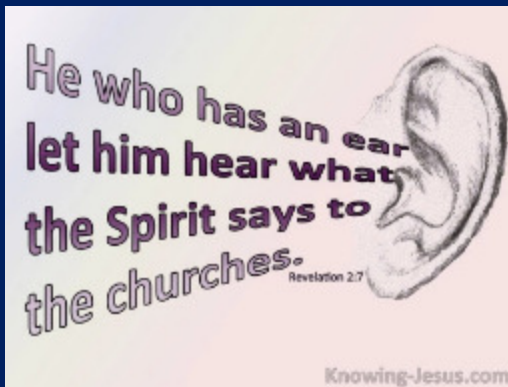
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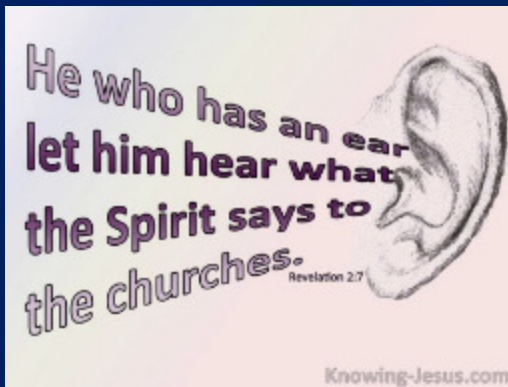
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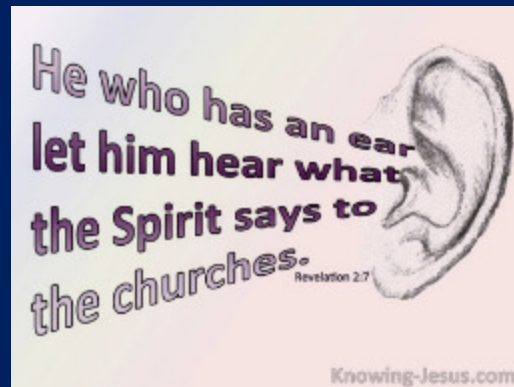
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)