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REVELATION

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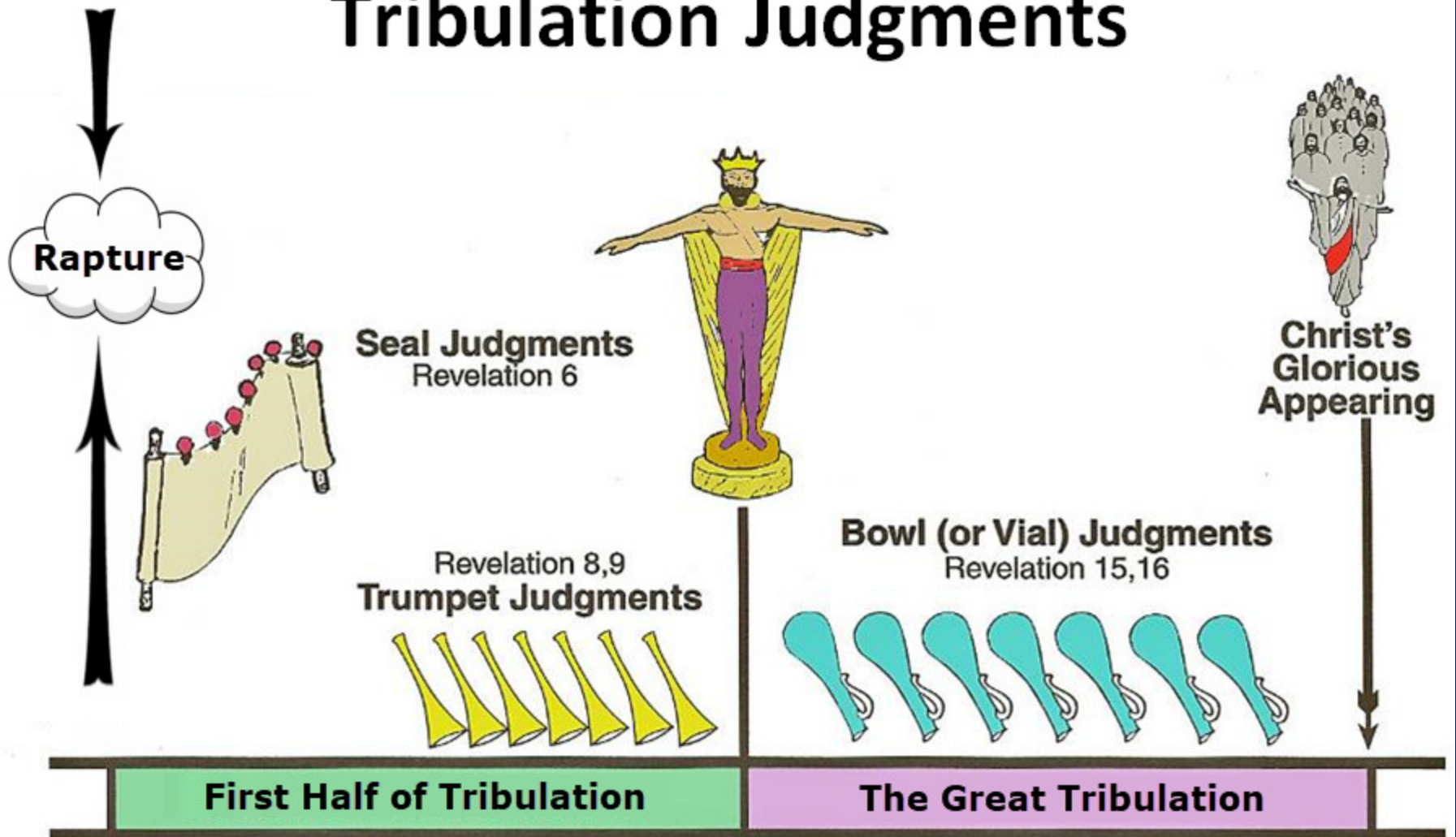


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Tribulation Judgments





Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



1. 1st Trumpet (8:7) – 1/3 vegetation destroyed
2. 2nd Trumpet (8:8-9) – 1/3 ocean destroyed
3. 3rd Trumpet (8:10-11) – 1/3 water destroyed
4. 4th Trumpet (8:12-13) – 1/3 luminaries darkened
5. 5th Trumpet (9:1-12) – Demons released
6. 6th Trumpet (9:13-21) – 1/3 humanity destroyed
7. 7th Trumpet (11:14-19) – Legal transfer announced

5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–18) Babylon falls

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1. Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
2. Rev 10:1-11:13 – Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
3. Rev 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
4. Rev 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
5. Rev 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's fall

Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)





Revelation 12–14



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3 WARS

Revelation 12

1. WAR = PAST

– *Rev. 12:1-5*

2. WAR = HEAVEN

– *Rev. 12:6-12*

3. WAR = EARTH

– *Rev. 12:13-17*





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Daniel 7:24

“As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.”



Daniel 2:44

“In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.”



Revelation 17:9-10

“⁹ Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, ¹⁰ and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.”



7 Kings or Kingdoms (Dan. 2:37-38)

(Revelation 17:9-10)

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2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persian
5. Greece
6. Rome I
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Identification of the Four Kingdoms



Vision in Daniel: Ch. 2

Vision in Ch. 7

Vision in Ch. 8

IDENTIFICATION

HEAD of GOLD

LION

BABYLON 2:48

CHEST and ARMS of SILVER

BEAR

RAM

MEDO-PERSIA 8:20

BELLY and THIGHS of BRONZE

LEOPARD

GOAT

GREECE 8:21

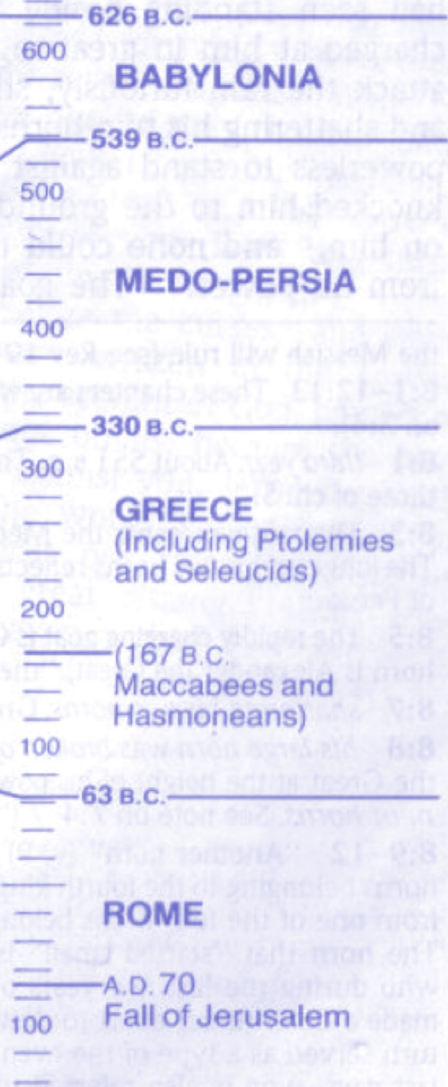
LEGS of IRON

TERRIFYING and FRIGHTENING BEAST

ROME

FEET of CLAY

Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



Daniel 7:12

“As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but an extension of life was granted to them for an appointed period of time.”





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The Plagues of Egypt

NO.	DESCRIPTION	SCRIPTURE	IMITATION?
1.	Water to Blood	Exod. 7:14-25	Yes
2.	Frogs	Exod. 8:1-15	Yes
3.	Gnats	Exod. 8:16-19	No
4.	Flies	Exod. 8:20-32	No
5.	Disease on Cattle	Exod. 9:1-7	No
6.	Boils	Exod. 9:8-12	No
7.	Hail	Exod. 9:13-35	No
8.	Locusts	Exod. 10:1-20	No
9.	Darkness	Exod. 10:21-29	No
10.	Death of the First Born	Exod. 12:29-36	No



John F. Walvoord

John F. Walvoord, "Revelation," in Bible Knowledge Commentary, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (Colorado Springs, CO: Victor, 1983), 961

“Another plausible explanation is that the final world ruler receives a wound which normally would be fatal but is miraculously healed by Satan. While the resurrection of a dead person seems to be beyond Satan’s power, the healing of a wound would be possible for Satan, and this may be the explanation. The important point is that the final world ruler comes into power obviously supported by a supernatural and miraculous deliverance by Satan himself.”

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Revelation 2:8

“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:
The first and the last, who was dead, and has
come to life [zaō], says this.”



Revelation 20:4-5

“⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they **came to life [zaō]** and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵ The rest of the dead did not **come to life [zaō]** until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.”



2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

“⁶ And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”



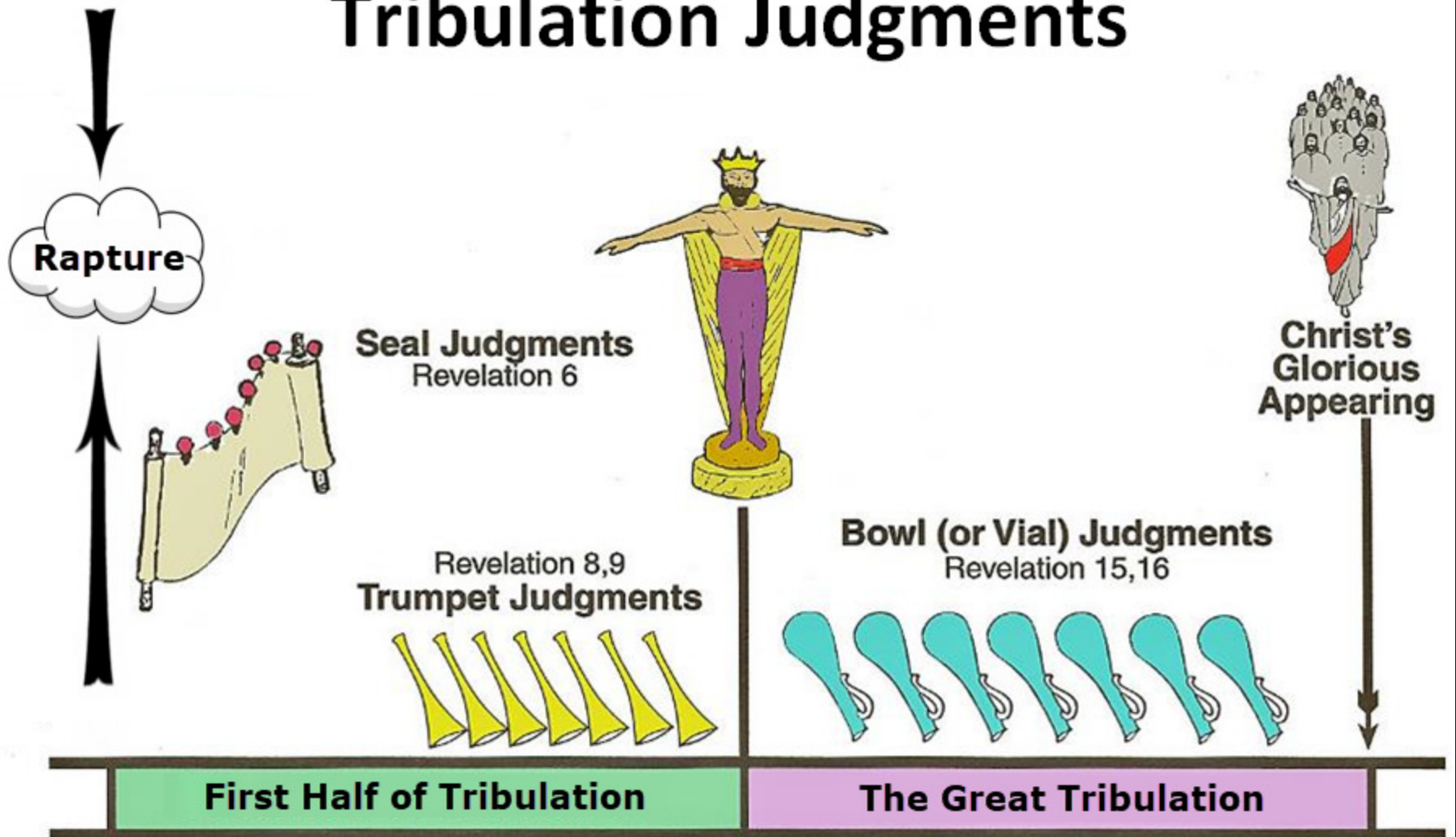


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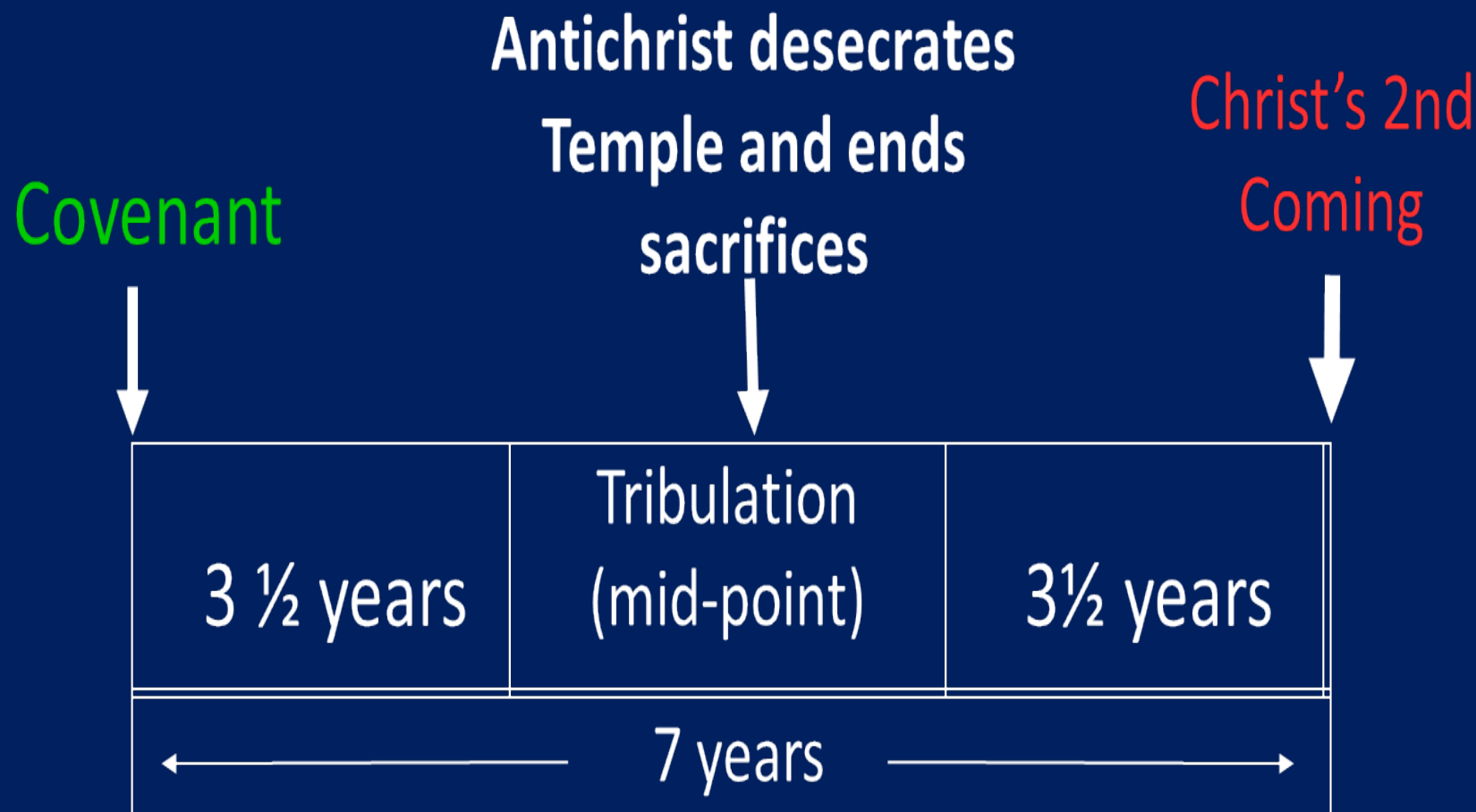


1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

1. 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist
2. 6:3-4 – War
3. 6:5-6 – Famine
4. 6:7-8 – Death
5. 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms
6. 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*





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Erwin Lutzer

Erwin W. Lutzer, *Hitler's Cross: How the Cross Was Used to Promote the Nazi Agenda* (Chicago: Moody, 2016), 83.

“Earnest Pretzsche...introduced him [Hitler] to a psychedelic drug that produced clairvoyant visions and heightened spiritual perceptions. In this way he was empowered to perform the deeds that he believed fate had decreed. Even those who knew Hitler from his early days were well aware of his occult powers. August Kubizek, a friend, said, ‘It was as if another being spoke out of his body.... It was not a case of a speaker carried away by his own words...I felt as though he himself listened with astonishment and emotion to what broke forth from him.’”

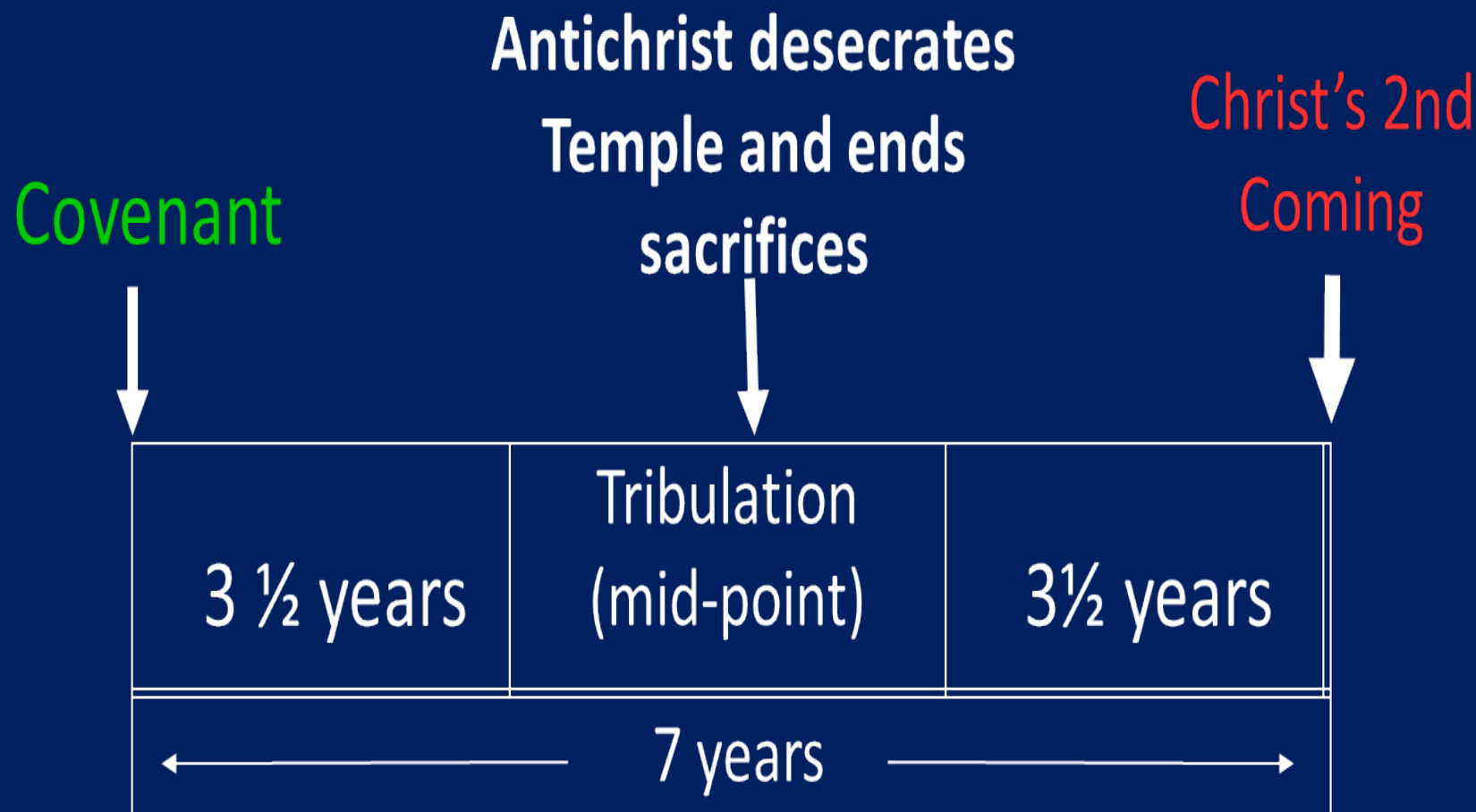


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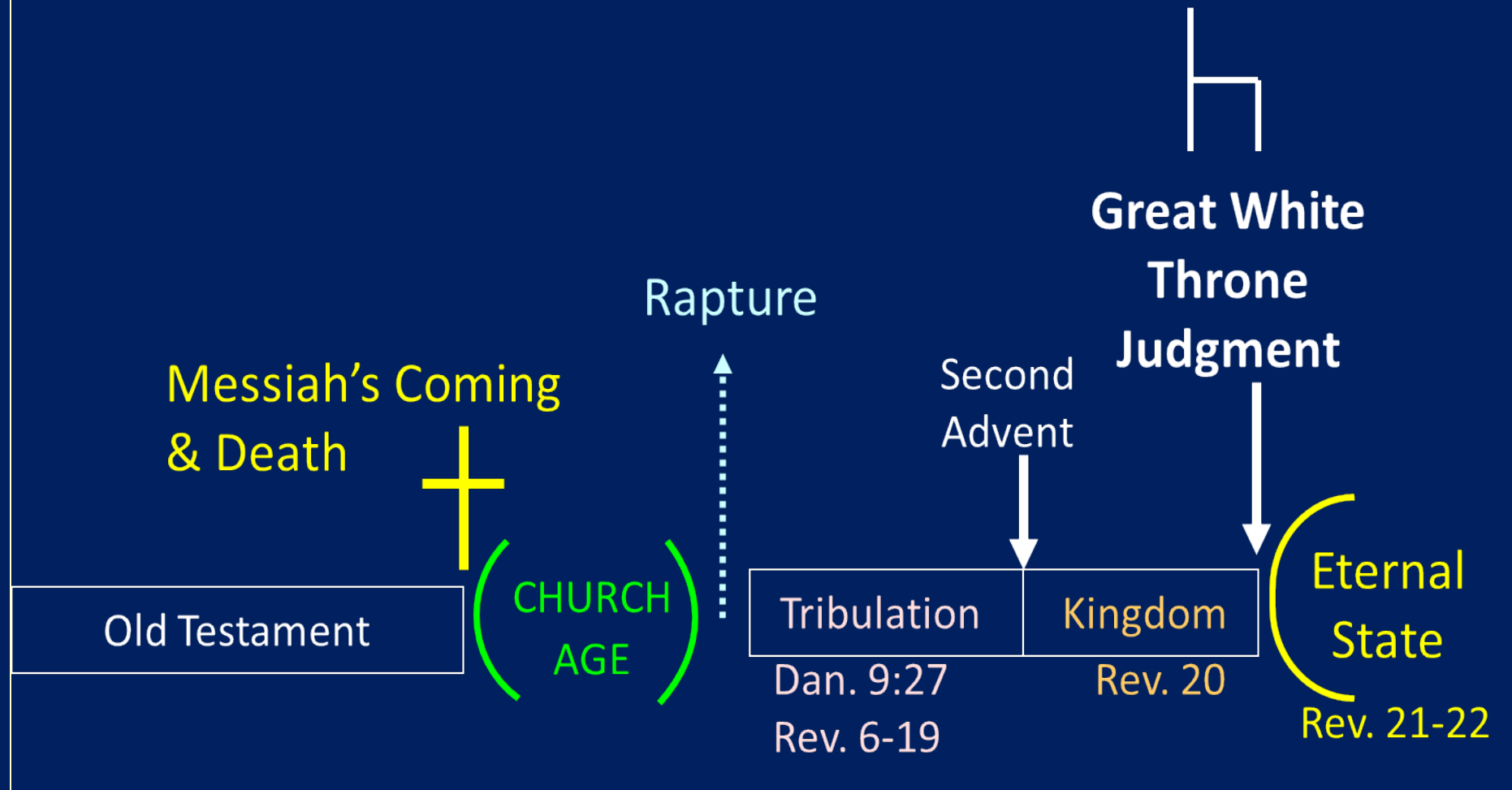


Isaiah 9:6-7

“⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.”



Prophecy Panorama





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Twenty-Four Elders (Church)

(Rev. 4:4; 5:8-10)

DESCRIPTION	SCRIPTURE
1. Crowned	(2:10)
2. Resurrected	(4:4)
3. Clothed in White	(3:5)
4. Redeemed	(5:8-10)
5. Global	(5:9; Matt. 28:19)
6. Enthroned	(3:21)
7. Elders	(1 Tim. 3:1-7)
8. Kingdom of Priests	(Rev. 1:6)
9. Twenty-four	(Rev. 1:6)

The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



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Revelation 2–3

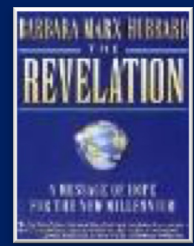
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered



The Coming Synthesis

Alice A. Bailey and Dijwhal Khul, *The Seventh Ray: Revealer of the New Age* (NY: Lucius Press, 1995), 198-99.

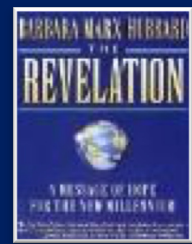
“The coming of the Aquarian age also stimulates in man a spirit of universality and a tendency towards fusion. This can be seen working out in the present trend towards **synthesis in business, in religion and in politics**. It produces an urge towards union, and among other unions, towards religious understanding and tolerance...False and true standards will emerge in man’s consciousness, and those choices will be made which will lay the foundation of the new order, which will inaugurate the new race, with its **new laws** and novel approaches, and so usher in the new religion of love and brotherhood, and that period wherein the group and the **group-good will be the dominant** note. Then **separateness and hatreds will fade out** and men will be merged in a true unity.”



Explanation of the missing

Barbara Marx Hubbard, *The Revelation: A Message of Hope for the New Millennium*, 2nd ed. (Novato, CA: Nataraj, 1995), 65, 66, 195, 233, 240, 255.

“Your unfinished species is ready to evolve. The time has come on Earth for this quantum change to occur in many of you.” Her “Christ” further informed her “I cannot ‘return’ until enough of you are attracted and linked.” Hubbard’s “Christ” explained, “I did not intend for you to deify me, but to deify yourselves as being at the same stage of evolution as I am.” “Suffice it to say, that if you do not choose to evolve into a wholesome, co-creative human, then you shall not.” “...the fundamental regression is self-centeredness, or the illusion that you are separate from God. I ‘make war’ on self-centeredness.”Furthermore, “At the co-creative stage of..”



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...evolution, one self-centered soul is like a lethal cancer cell in a body; deadly to itself and to the whole. Thus, "The surgeon dare leave no cancer in the body when he closes up the wound after a delicate operation. We dare leave no self-centered person on Earth after the selection process."



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Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000

MULTITUDE

Revelation 7:1-8

Revelation 7:9-17

Numbered

Innumerable

Jews

All nations

Sealed

Slain

Sealed before the Tribulation

Converted out of the Tribulation

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

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)



Psalm 50:5 (NKJV)

“Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”



Psalm 149:1 (NKJV)

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of saints.”



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.”





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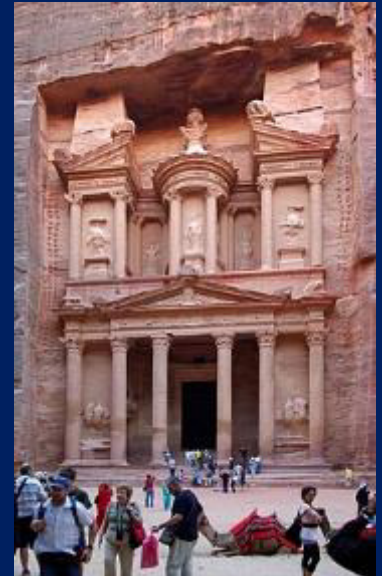
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“Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.’”



Place of Hebrew Refuge: Petra in Mt. Seir in S. Jordan

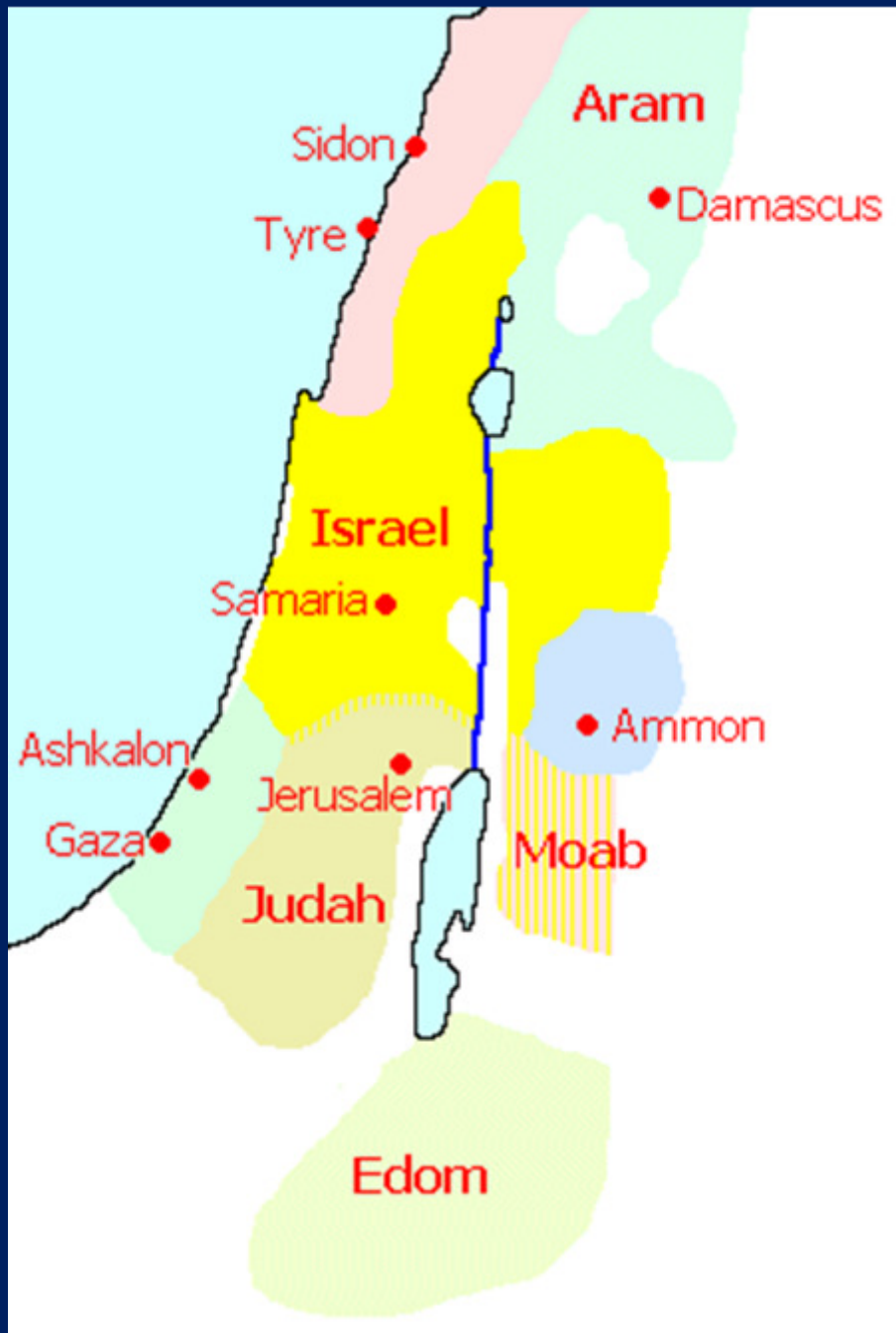
1. Prepared by God (Rev. 12:6)
2. Divine provision of food & water (Isa. 33:16; Rev. 12:6)
3. Wilderness (Rev. 12:6, 14)
4. Mountains (Isa. 33:16; Matt. 24:16)
5. Defensible (Isa. 33:16)
6. Jordan (Dan. 11:41)
7. Bozrah (Micah 2:12)



Daniel 11:41

“He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.”









Arnold Fruchtenbaum

Footseps of the Messiah, Page 296-97

“Another suggestion is the city now known as Petra...this author prefers the identification with Petra. Petra is located in a basin within Mount Seir, and is totally surrounded by mountains and cliffs. The only way in and out of the city is through a narrow passageway that extends for about a mile and can only be negotiated by foot or by horseback. This makes the city easy to defend, and its surrounding high cliffs give added meaning and confirmation to Isaiah 33:16. Only a few abreast can enter through this passage at any one time, giving this city even greater defensibility.”



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“The name *Bozrah* means ‘sheepfold.’ An ancient sheepfold had a narrow entrance so that the shepherd could count his sheep. Once inside the fold, the sheep had more room to move around. *Petra* is shaped like a giant sheepfold, with its narrow passage opening up to a spacious circle surrounded by cliffs. This is not true of the town of *Buseira*. Furthermore, by modern *Petra* is a site known as *Butzeira*, which retains the Hebrew *Botzrah*...It will be a very defensible city located in Mount Seir...Furthermore, as they flee and while they are living there, food and water will be miraculously provided.”



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“...one of the mistakes that human beings make is believing that there is only one way...We don’t accept that there are diverse ways of being in the world; that there are millions of ways to be a human being. And many ways...many paths to what you call God. That her path might be something else and when she gets there she might call it the light. But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity brings her to the...same point that it brings you...”



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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Revelation 2–3

CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

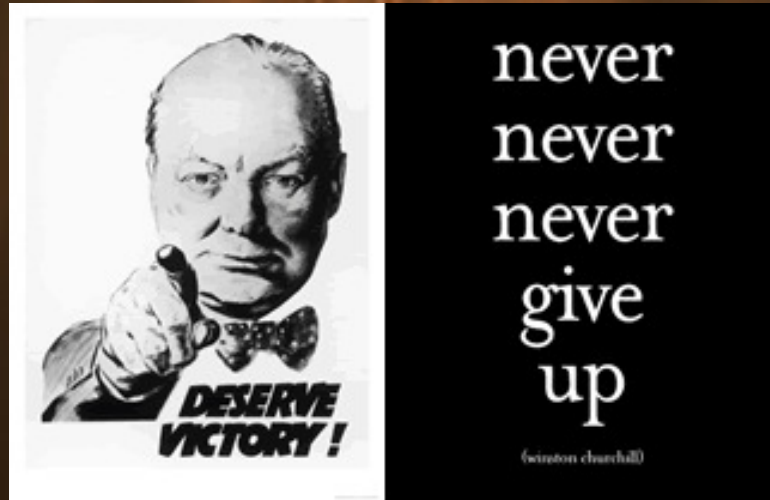
Matthew 13:9

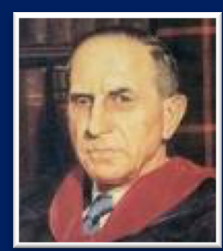
“He who has ears, let him hear.”



Matthew 24:13

“But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”





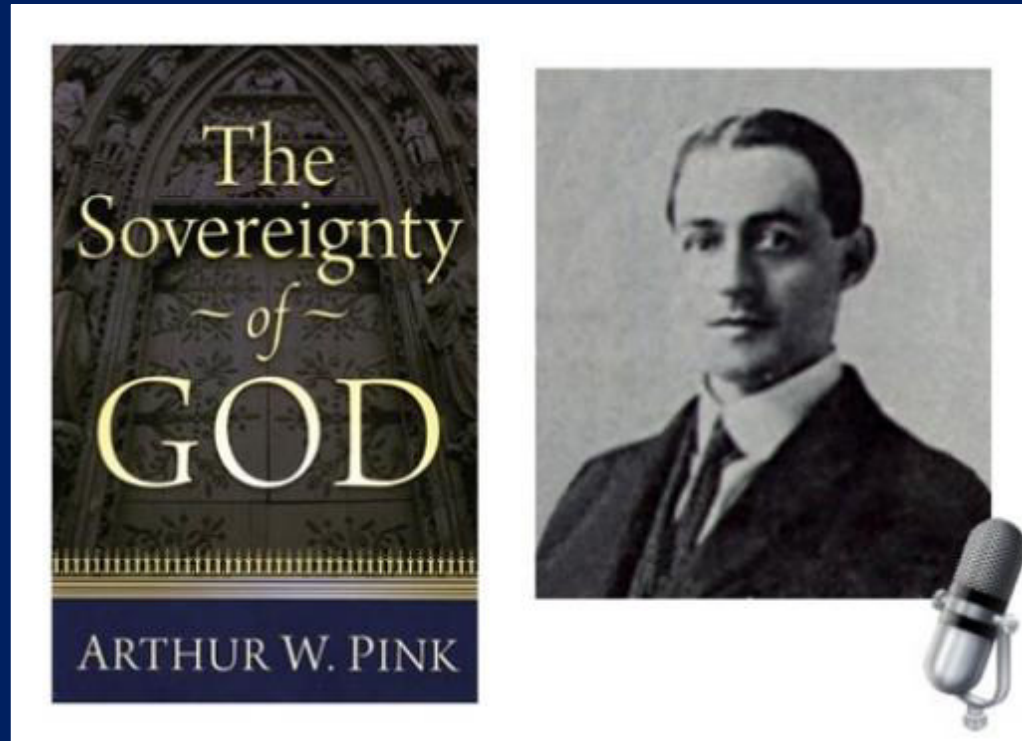
John Murray

Redemption Accomplished and Applied, pp. 152, 154-55.

“The crucial test of true faith is endurance to the end, abiding in Christ, and continuance in the Word...He cannot abandon himself to sin; he cannot come under the domination of sin; he cannot be guilty of certain kinds of unfaithfulness...Let us appreciate the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints and recognize that we may entertain the faith of our security in Christ only as we persevere in faith and holiness to the end.”

A. W. Pink

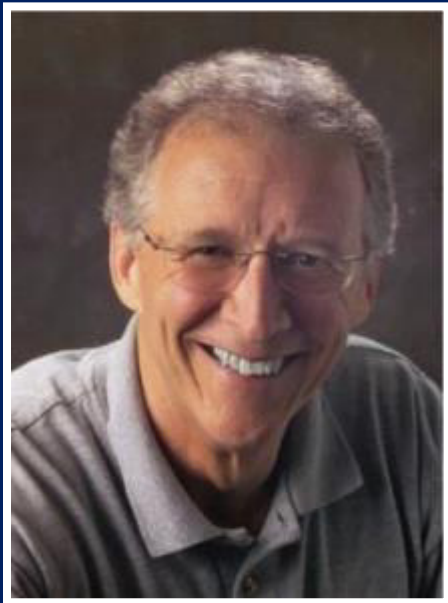
Practical Christianity, p. 16.



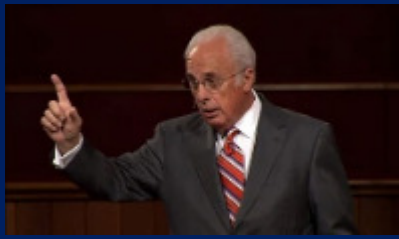
“Readers, if there is a reserve in your obedience, you are on your way to hell.”

John Piper

John Piper and Pastoral Staff, TULIP: What We Believe about the Five Points of Calvinism: Position Paper of the Pastoral Staff (Desiring God Ministries, 1997), 25, cited in Dave Hunt, What Love is This?, 379.



“No Christian can be sure that he is a true believer. Hence, there is an ongoing need to be dedicated to the Lord and to deny ourselves so that we might make it.”



John MacArthur

Saved Without A Doubt, p. 177

“If a person fails to love and obey the Lord through the trials of life, then there is no evidence that he possesses saving faith. How many people do you know who came to church for a while, had a little trouble in their lives, and left? Although they may have made a profession of faith in Christ, they cannot be identified as those who love Him because their lives are not characterized by enduring obedience.”



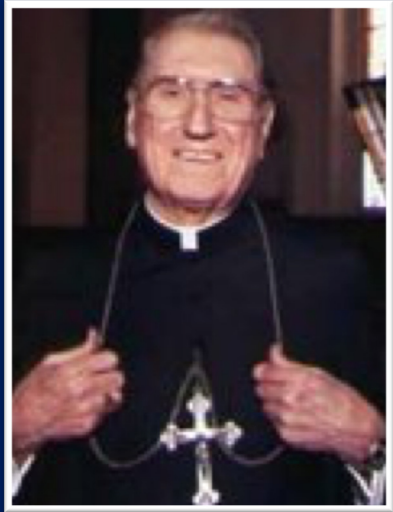
R.C. Sproul – Bob Wilkin as quoted in:

http://www.gracebiblestudies.org/Resources/Web/www.duluthbible.org/g_f_j/EternalSecurity12.htm

“During the first message presented at Ligonier’s Conference in Orlando last June, Dr. R. C. Sproul indicated that Dr. James Boice, a scheduled speaker at the conference, was dying in faith that very night. Then at the end of the message he asked all 5,000 of us present to pray that Jim dies in faith. This struck me as sad. Here was a great pastor, theologian, teacher, and author. Yet Sproul was not sure that he was regenerate. (In Reformed thought, if a person fails to die in faith, he proved he was never saved in the first place.) I was reminded of R.T. Kendall’s remark that nearly to a man the Puritan divines died doubting whether they were saved and fearing they were going to hell. Dr. Boice died that very night, June 15th.”

Cardinal John O'Connor of NY

quoted in Samuel Howe Verhovek, *Cardinal Defends a Jailed Bishop Who Warned Cuomo on Abortion*, New York Times, February 1, 1990.



“Church teaching is that I don't know, at any given moment, what my eternal future will be... I can hope, pray, do my very best – but I still don't know. Pope John II doesn't absolutely know that he will go to heaven, nor does mother Theresa of Calcutta, unless either has had a special divine revelation.”

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”



1 John 5:13

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”



Psalm 50:5 (NKJV)

“Gather My saints together to Me,
Those who have made a covenant with Me by
sacrifice.”



Psalm 149:1 (NKJV)

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of saints.”



Revelation 1:19

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



Conclusion



The First Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

1. His sudden appearance in John's vision (1a)
2. His Gentile ethnicity (1b)
3. His fulfillment of Daniel's prophecies (1c-2a)
4. His Satanic empowerment (2b)
5. His resurrection (3)
6. His power-based adoration (4)
7. His oratory (5a)



The First Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

8. His time of authority (5b)
9. His blasphemies (6)
10. His persecution of God's people (7a)
11. His global jurisdiction (7b)
12. His unregenerate audience (8)
13. His oppressive influence (9-10)



“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)