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REVELATION

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Tribulation Judgments



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Revelation 15:1-8

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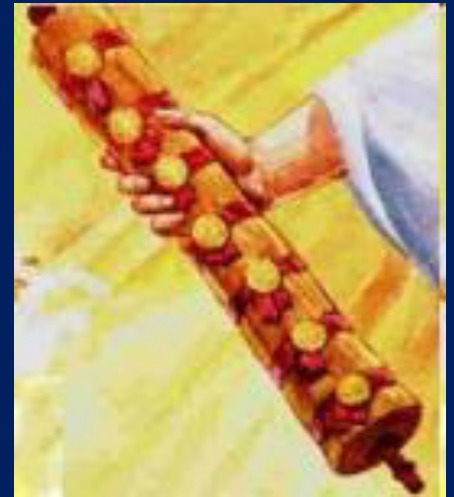
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1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

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





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(Revelation 8–11)



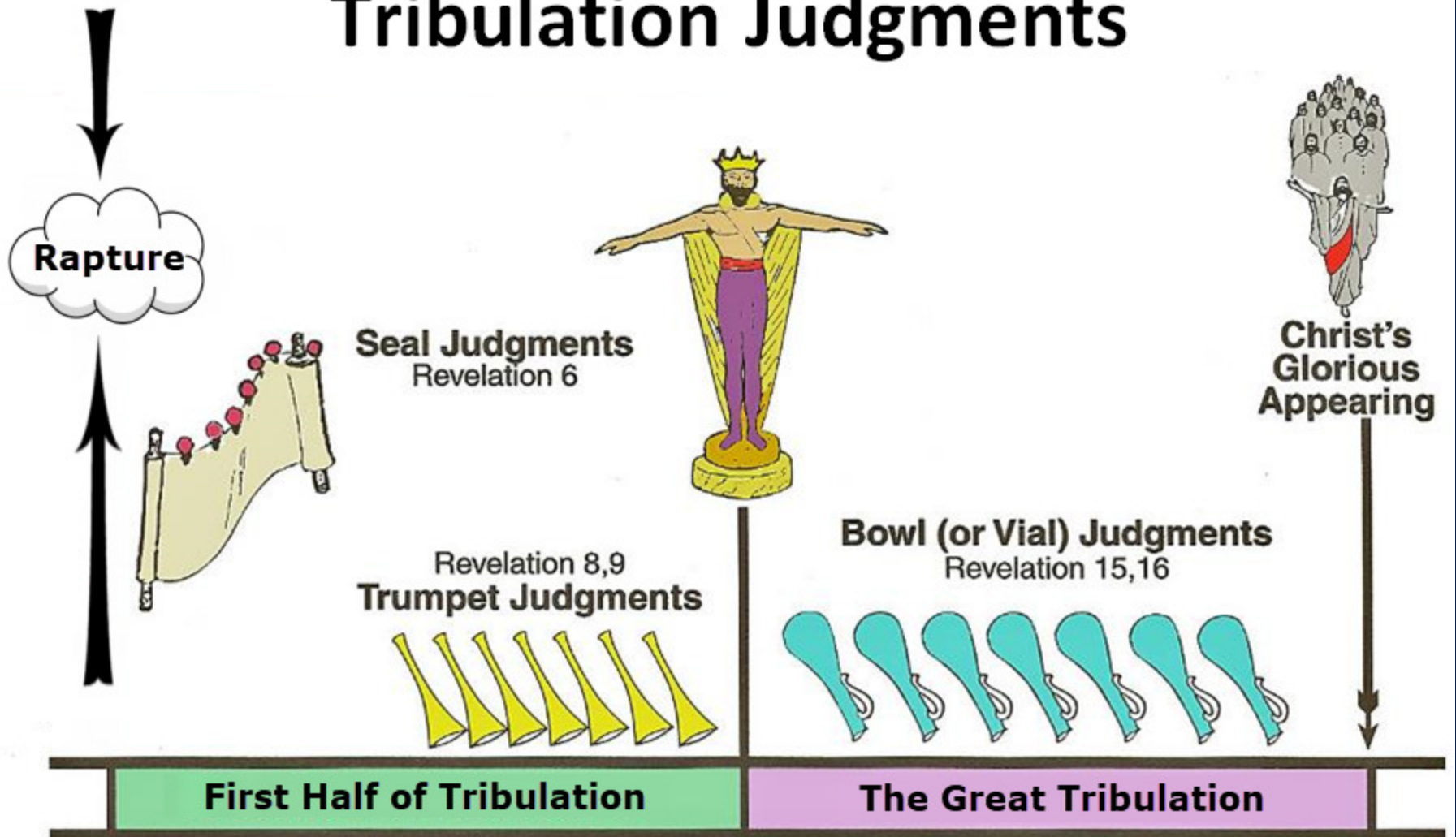
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Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



Tribulation Judgments



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; 16:1, 19)





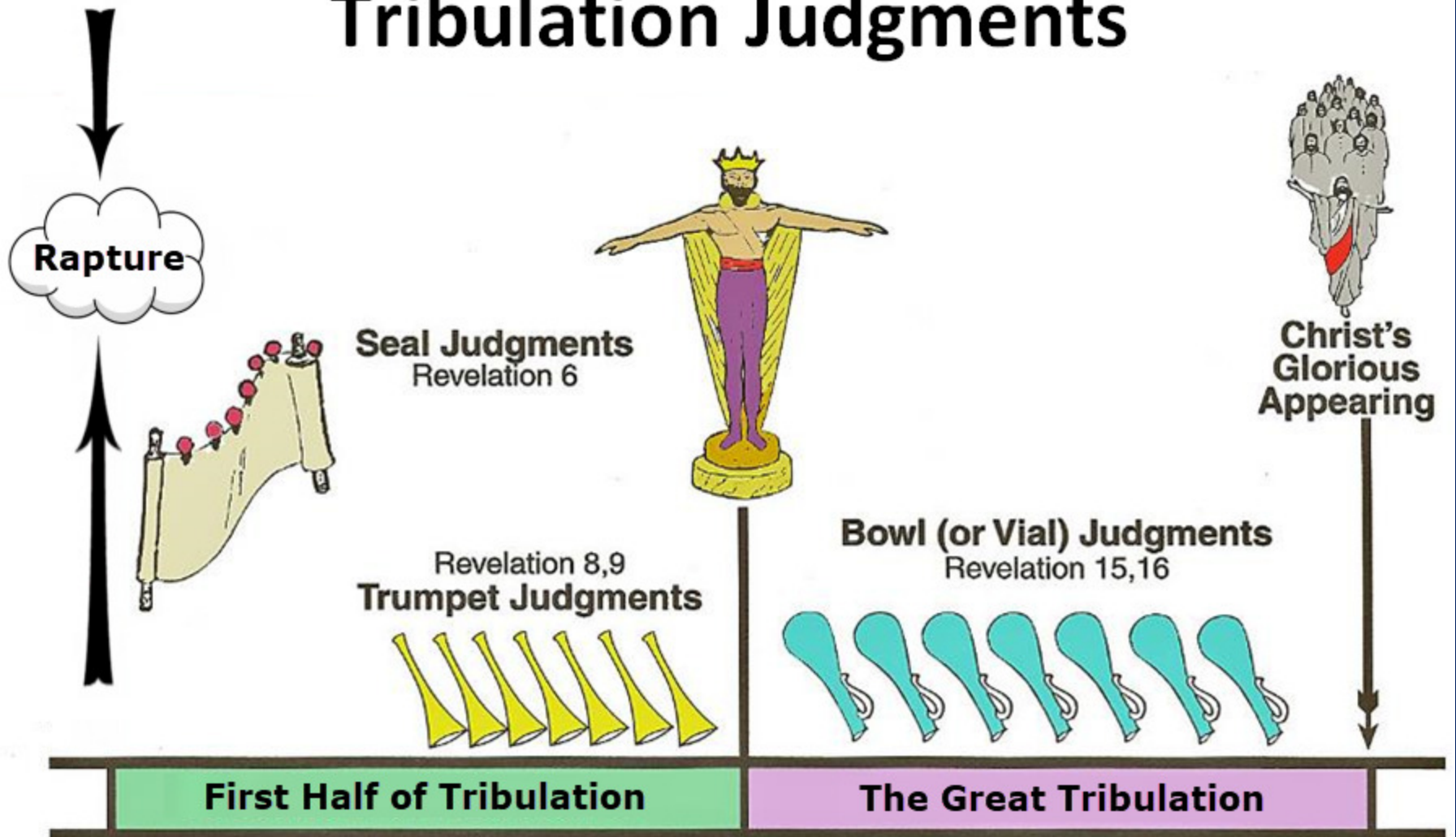
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Revelation 1:11

“saying, ‘Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.’”





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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*].”



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- 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.”

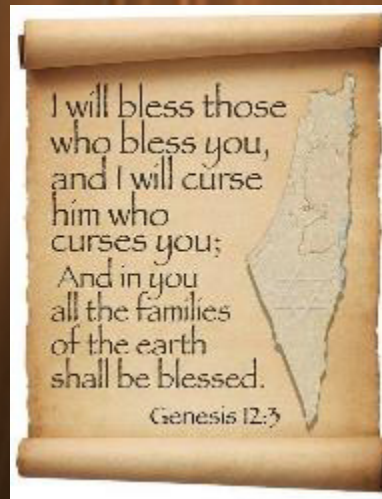


The Plagues of Egypt

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1.	Water to Blood	Exod. 7:14-25	Hapi, Khnum
2.	Frogs	Exod. 8:1-15	Heqt
3.	Gnats	Exod. 8:16-19	Set
4.	Flies	Exod. 8:20-32	Uatchit
5.	Disease on Cattle	Exod. 9:1-7	Hathor, Apis
6.	Boils	Exod. 9:8-12	Sekhmet, Serapis
7.	Hail	Exod. 9:13-35	Seth, Nut
8.	Locusts	Exod. 10:1-20	Seth, Nut, Osiris
9.	Darkness	Exod. 10:21-29	Re, Horus, Atum
10.	Death of the First Born	Exod. 12:29-36	Min, Osiris, Heqt, Isis

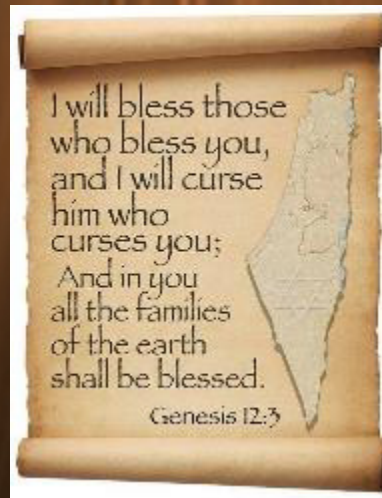
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EGYPT

CANAAN

GOSHEN

SINAI

MIDIAN

Mediterranean Sea

Dead Sea

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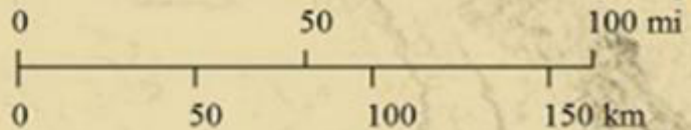
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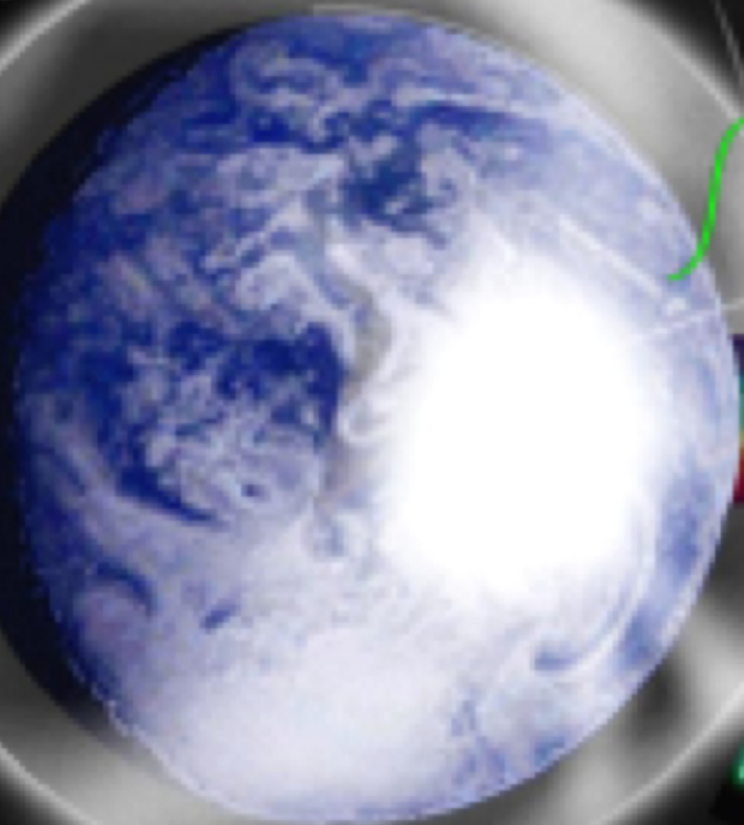
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Vapor Canopy

Radio Waves



Visible Light

**Harmful UV
Radiation Blocked**



Genesis 8:22

While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest,
And cold and heat, And summer and winter,
And day and night Shall not cease.





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East = Babylon

- Genesis 2:8 (Eden)
- Genesis 11:2 (Shinar)
- Matthew 2:2 (Magi)



Literal Geography in Revelation

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1.	World prepared in advance	Gal. 4:4	2 Thess. 2:7
2.	Revealed at the proper time	Gal. 4:4	2 Thess. 2:6
3.	Claim of deity	John 14:9	2 Thess. 2:4
4.	Heralded by a forerunner	John 1:23	Rev. 13:12
5.	Forerunner comes in the Spirit and power of Elijah	Luke 1:17	1 Kgs. 8:37-38; Rev. 13:13
6.	Empowered by a higher source	1 Cor. 6:14	Rev. 13:14
7.	Member of a Trinity	Phil. 1:2; Acts 5:3-4; John 14:9	Rev. 16:13; 20:10
8.	Head of a Church	Eph. 5:23	Rev. 2:9; 3:9
9.	Miracle worker	Acts 2:22	2 Thess. 2:9
10.	Resurrection from the dead	1 Cor. 15:3-6	Rev. 13:3, 12, 14
11.	Given a throne	Rev. 3:21	Rev. 13:2

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12.	Ruling a political kingdom	Isa. 9:6-7	Rev. 13:5
13.	Ushering in world peace	Isa. 9:6-7	Rev. 6:1-4
14.	Activity in the Temple	Luke 2:41-50	2 Thess. 2:4
15.	Putting an end to animal sacrifices	Heb. 9:26-29	Dan. 9:27
16.	Length of ministry	Over 3 years	Rev. 13:5
17.	Sealing ministry	Eph. 4:30	Rev. 13:16-17
18.	Presentation to Israel as her Messiah	John 1:11	John 5:43
19.	Covenant with Israel	Gen. 15:18	Dan. 9:27
20.	Reception of worship	Zech. 14:16	2 Thess. 2:4
21.	Establishing Jerusalem as the center of worldwide worship	Zech. 14:17	2 Thess. 2:4

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- Exod 7–8
- Deut 13:1-3
- Matt 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal 1:6-9
- 2 Thess 2:9
- Rev 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14



1 John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”





Charles L. Feinberg

God Remembers: A Study of Zechariah
(Wheaton: Van Kampen, 1950, p. 218, 222.)

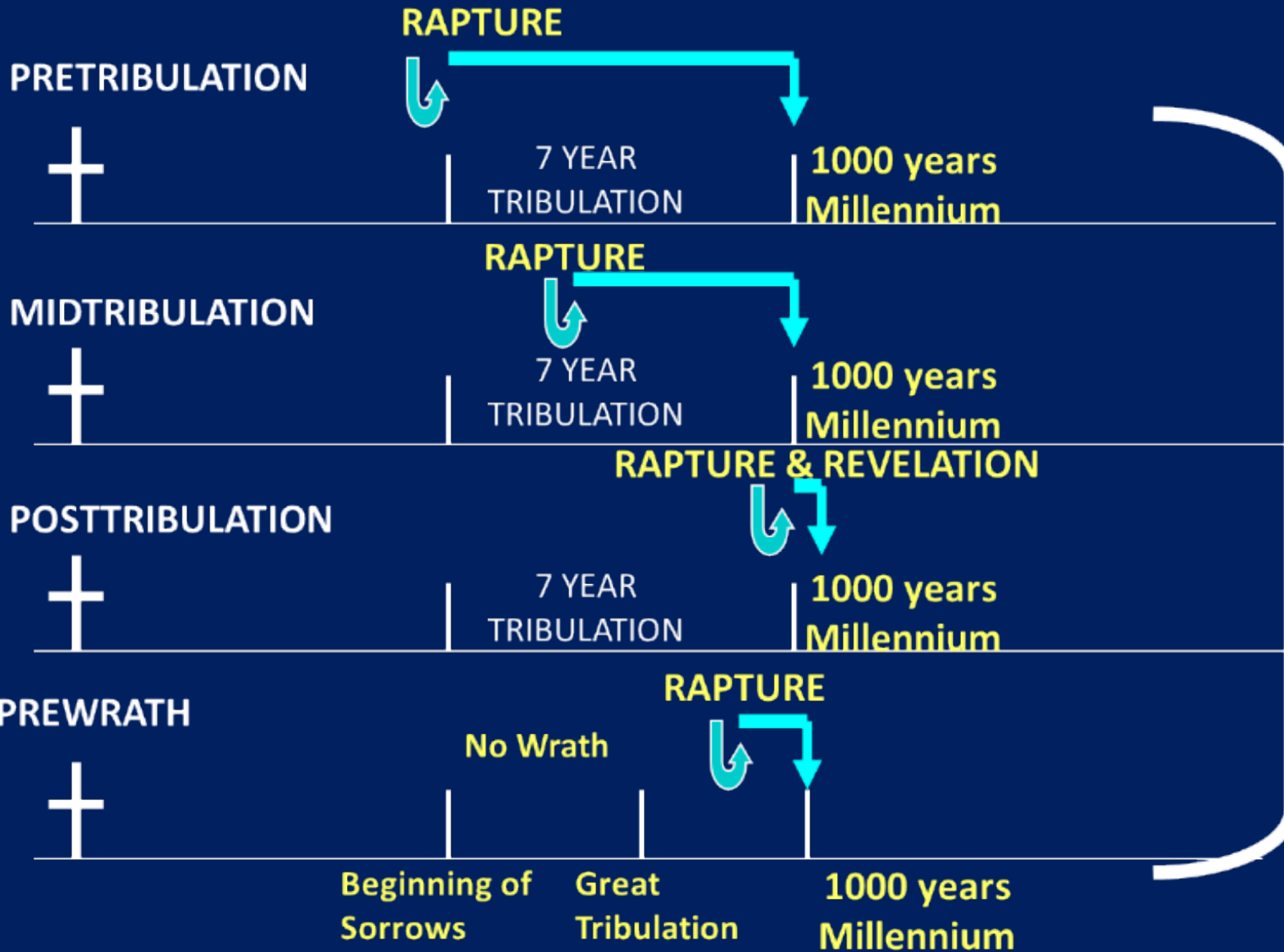
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When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-E

Thomas Ice

"A Thief in the Night," Pre-Trib.
Perspectives, August 2013, 1, 4-5.



Some become confused how the rapture can possibly comfort since they incorrectly associate the "thief in the night" imagery with the rapture. Since a thief breaking into one's house in the middle of the night is a harmful and negative occurrence, people mis-associate such negativity with the rapture. However, the New Testament never analogizes the rapture with the coming of a thief. While the New Testament uses "thief" imagery seven times (Matt. 24:43; Luke 12:39; 1 Thess. 5:2,4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15), none of these references contextually allude to the rapture.



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Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



Isaiah 2:2-3

“Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.’ For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”



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Four Views on the Book of Revelation, page 207.



“At the end of the Millennium that city will be Satan’s prime objective with his rebel army, because Israel will be a leader among the nations.”



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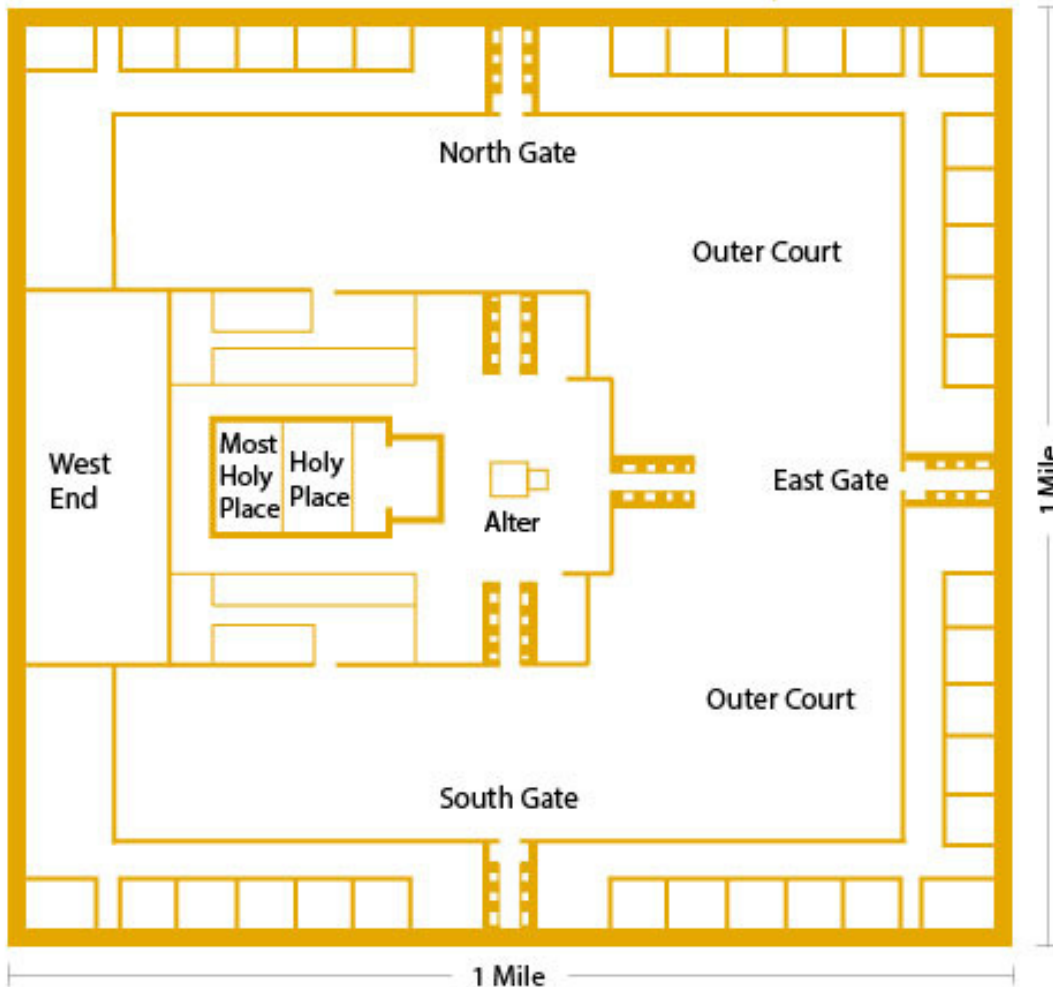
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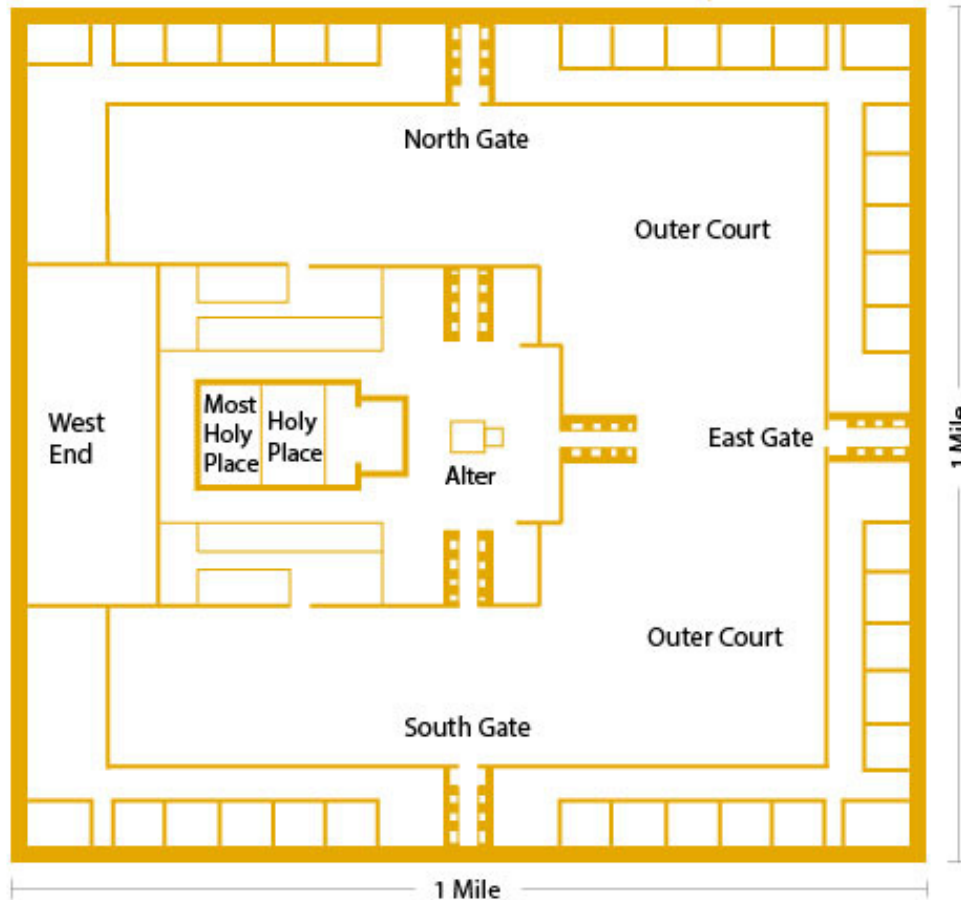
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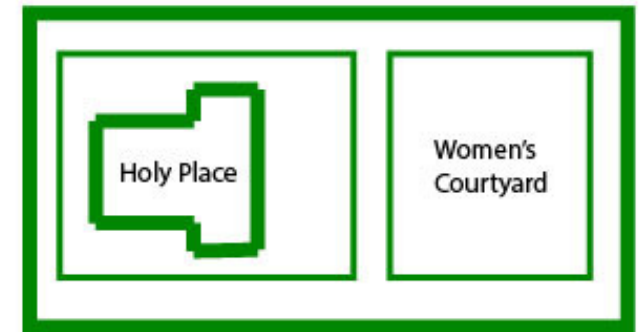


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HEROD'S TEMPLE

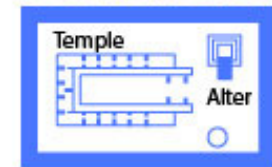


TABERNACLE



100x50 CUBITS | 150x75 FT

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



FOOTBALL FIELD



100x50 YARDS | 300x150 FT

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Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

- **Sores**: 6th plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1st bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood**: 1st plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3rd bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness**: 9th plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5th bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Frogs**: 2nd plague (Ex 7:25–8:15), 6th bowl (Rev 16:13)
- **Hail**: 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)



EGYPT

CANAAN

GOSHEN

SINAI

MIDIAN

Mediterranean Sea

Dead Sea

WILDERNESS OF SHUR

WILDERNESS OF ZIN

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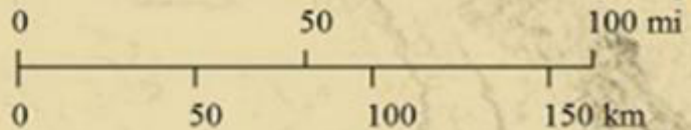
WILDERNESS OF SIN

Way to the Land of the Philistines

Nile River

Red Sea

Red Sea



Rameses

Pithon?

Tahpanhes

Succoth?

Migdol

Memphis

On

Marah?

Elim?

Dophkah?

Hazereth?

Rephidim?

Mount Sinai? (Jebel Musa)

Gaza

Beersheba

Arad

Kadesh-barnea

Punon

Timna

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Jotbathah?

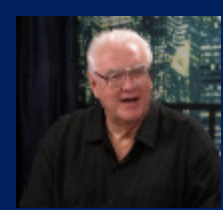
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7. The Seventh Bowl

Revelation 16:17-21

- a) 7th angel pours out the bowl (17)
- b) Lightning & thunder (18a)
- c) Greatest earthquake (18b)
- d) Jerusalem destroyed (19a)
- e) Babylon destroyed (19b)
- f) Every mountain & island moved (20)
- g) 100-pound hailstones (21a)
- h) Man's sinful reaction (21b)**





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“It is quite astonishing to read the response of the people of Earth to this remarkable disaster. All hope of survival will be gone, and nothing but ruins and evidences of total destruction will be evident. And still, men do not repent, but instead blaspheme God for doing it!”



Conclusion



Seven Bowls

(Revelation 16)



1. 1st Bowl (16:1-2) – Boils
2. 2nd Bowl (16:3) – Sea becomes blood
3. 3rd Bowl (16:4-7) – Freshwater destroyed
4. 4th Bowl (16:8-9) – Sun scorches man
5. 5th Bowl (16:10-11) – Darkness
6. 6th Bowl (16:13-16) – Euphrates dried
7. 7th Bowl (16:17-21) – Greatest earthquake



“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)