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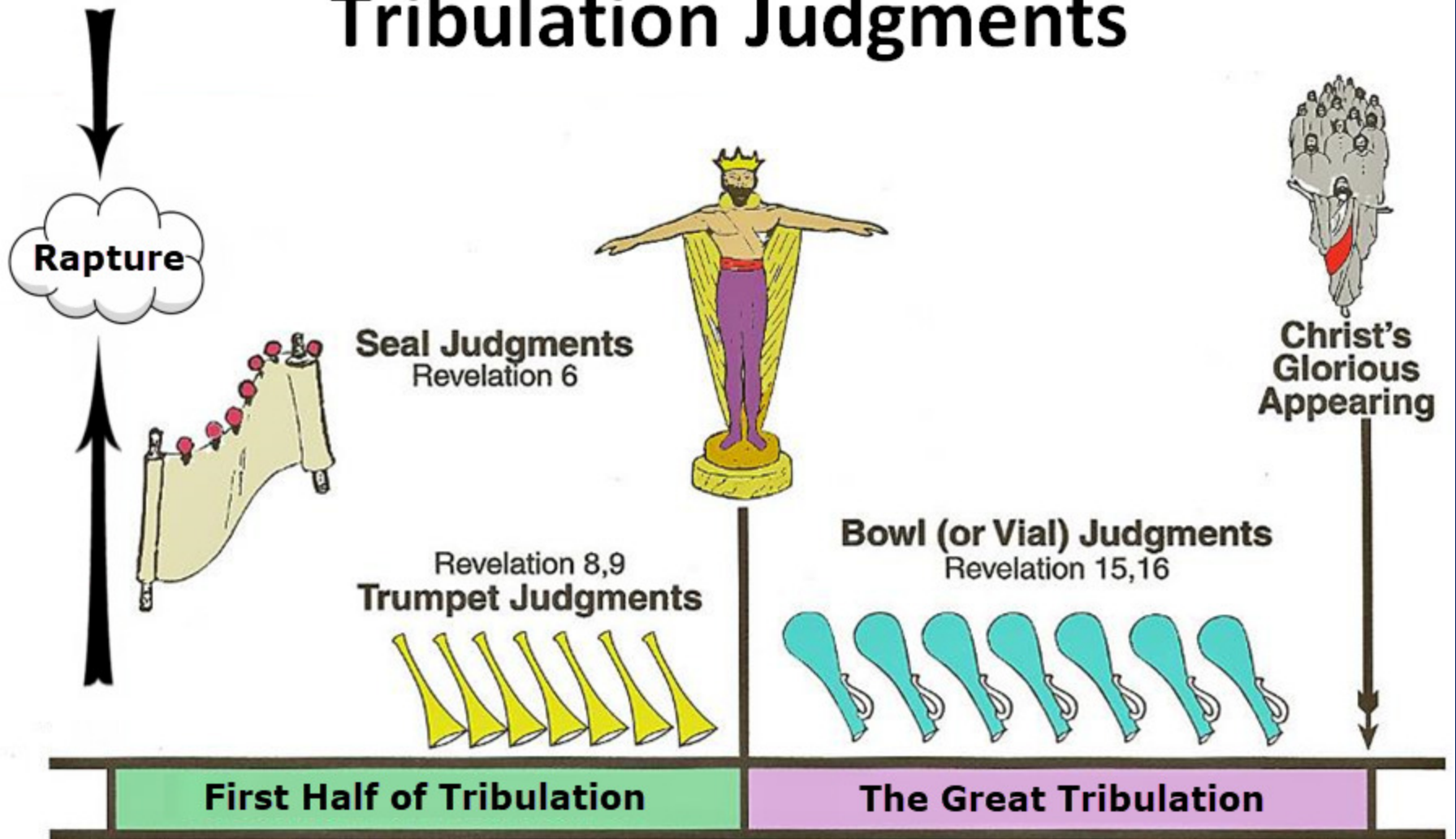
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# Tribulation Judgments





# Seven Bowls

(Revelation 16)



1<sup>st</sup> Bowl (16:1-2) – Boils

2<sup>nd</sup> Bowl (16:3) – Sea becomes blood

3<sup>rd</sup> Bowl (16:4-7) – Freshwater destroyed

4th Bowl (16:8-9) – Sun scorches man

5th Bowl (16:10-11) – Darkness

6th Bowl (16:13-16) – Euphrates dried

**7th Bowl (16:17-21) – Greatest earthquake**

# 7. The Seventh Bowl

Revelation 16:17-21

- a) 7<sup>th</sup> 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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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**



# The Woman Rides the Beast

Revelation 17

- I. The Vision Concerning Babylon (1-6a)
- II. The Interpretation Concerning Babylon (6b-18)



# The Great City of Babylon

## Revelation 18

- I. The Prediction of Babylon's Fall (18:1-3)
- II. The Appeal to Separate From Babylon (18:4-8)
- III. The Reactions to Babylon's Fall (18:9-20)
- IV. The Description of Babylon's Fall (18:21-24)



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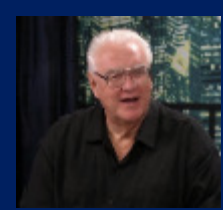
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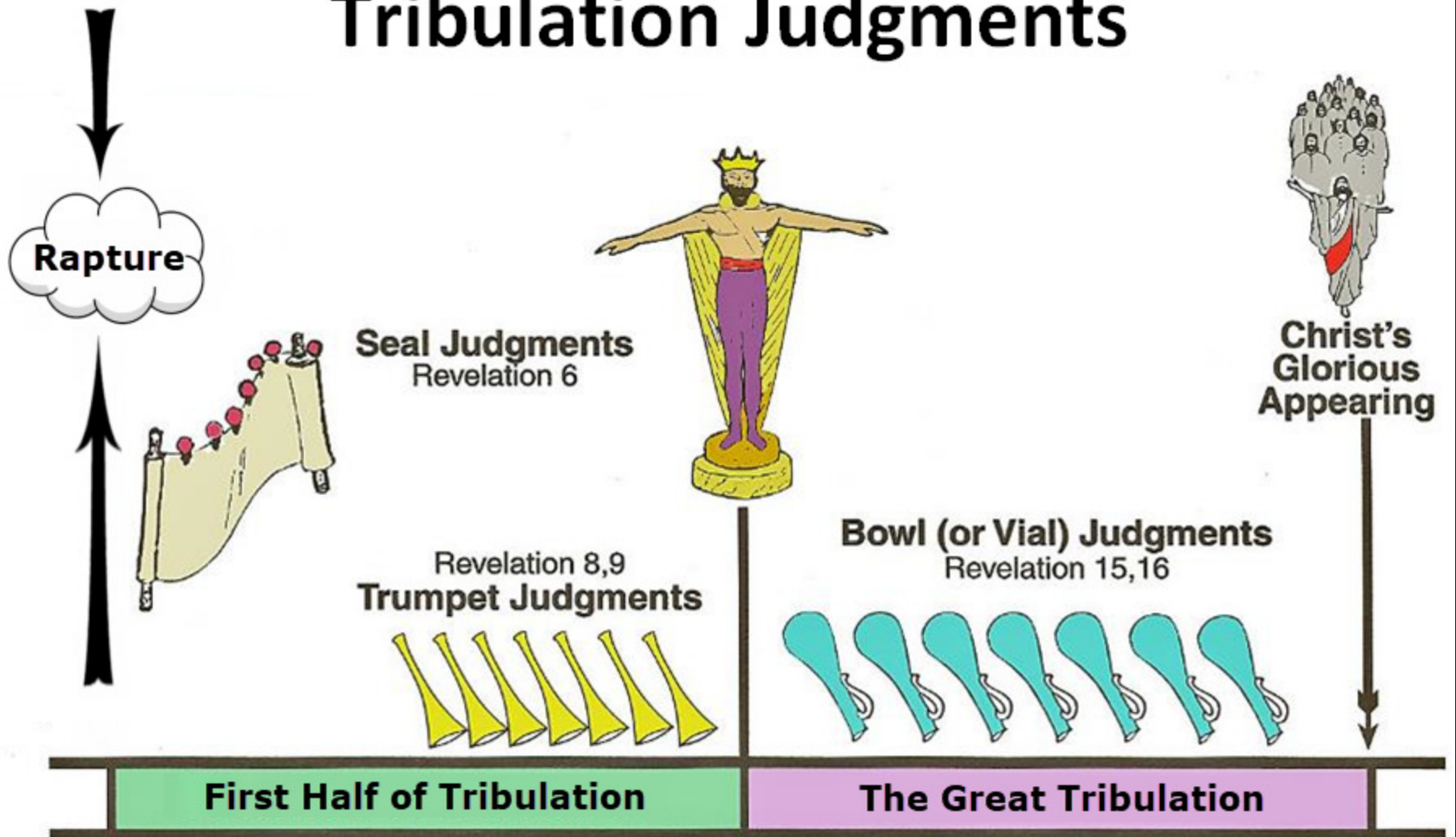
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“The word ‘hallelujah’ is the same in all languages of the world, and simply means ‘praise the Lord’ and not a quiet expression of prayer but rather the sound of a ‘great voice of much people in heaven.’ This outburst of praise sounded like ‘many waters’ and the voice of ‘mighty thundering.’ Apparently, God is going to change the ability of ears to hear that which is loud – because heaven is filled with the word ‘loud’!”





# Tribulation Judgments



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Associated with a Golden cup	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
<u>Intoxicating the nations</u>	<u>51:7b</u>	<u>17:2</u>
Same name	50:1	17:5
Persecution of the saints	51:49	17:6; 18:24
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
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Deserved	50:29	18:6
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# Genesis 11:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> They said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly.” And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar. <sup>4</sup> They said, “Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”



# Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	<b>Mother</b>	<b>Child</b>
<b>Assyria</b>	Ishtar	Tammuz
<b>Phoenicia</b>	Astarte	Baal
<b>Egypt</b>	Isis	Osirus/Horus
<b>Greece</b>	Aphrodite	Eros
<b>Rome</b>	Venus	Cupid
<b>Asia</b>	Cybele	Desius
<b>India</b>	Isi	Aswara
<b>Roman Catholicism</b>	Mary	Jesus
<b>Israel</b>	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

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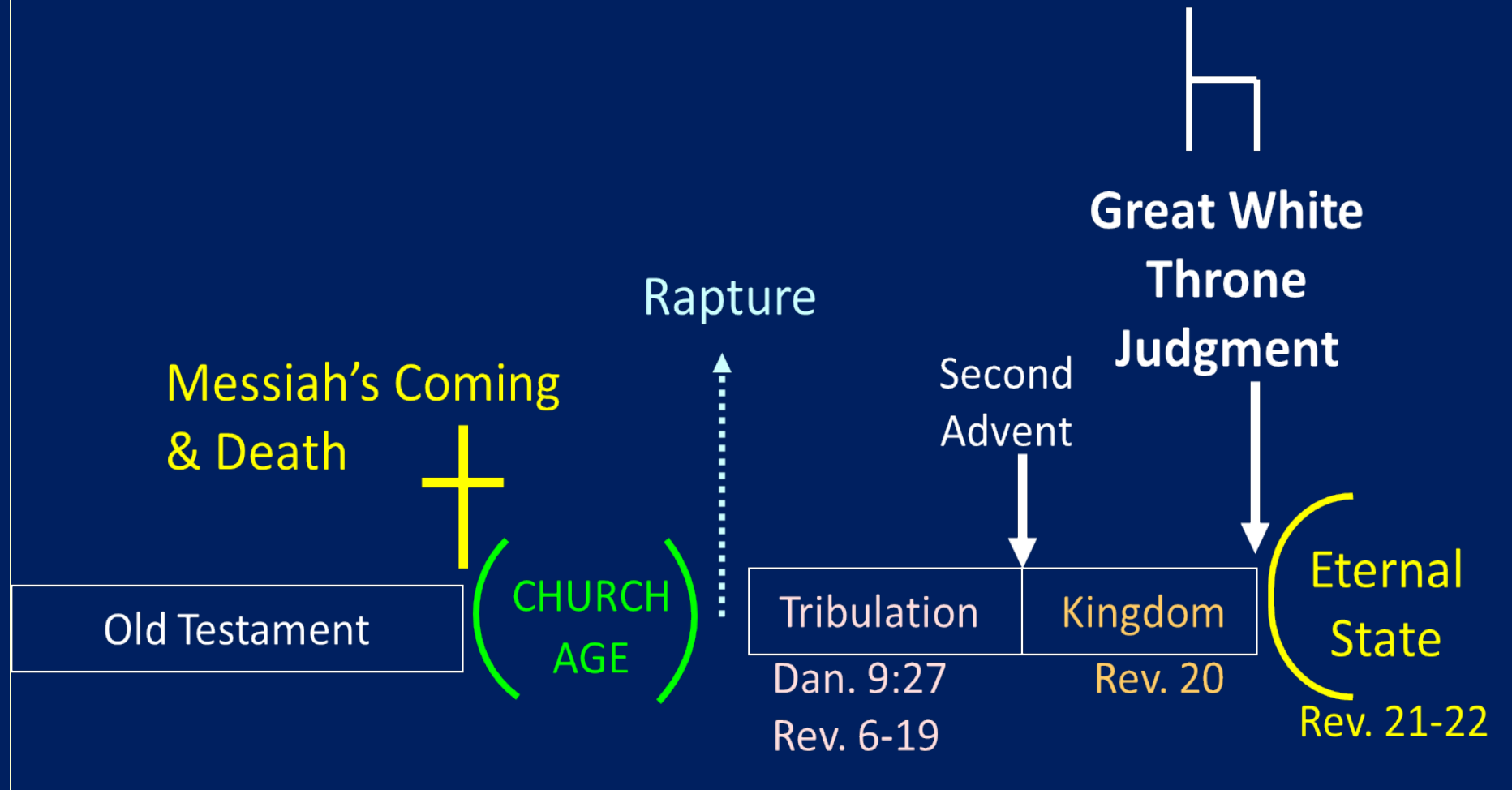
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## **Millennium**

**Rev. 20**

## **Eternal State**

**Rev. 21-22**

**Sin restrained**

**Sin removed**

**Curse restrained**

**Curse removed**

**Death**

**No death**

**Mortals / resurrected**

**Resurrected only**

**Mortals Destinies undecided**

**All Destinies sealed**

**Renovation**

**Recreation**

**Temporary**

**Eternal**

**Transitional**

**Non-transitional**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Millennium Rev 20:1-10</b>	<b>Eternal State Rev 21–22</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Rev. 20:4</b>	<b>Rev. 22:5</b>
<b>Luminaries</b>	<b>Isa. 30:26</b>	<b>Rev. 21:23; 22:5</b>
<b>Temple</b>	<b>Ezek. 40–48</b>	<b>Rev. 21:22</b>
<b>Death</b>	<b>Isa. 65:20</b>	<b>Rev. 21:4</b>
<b>Satanic activity</b>	<b>Rev. 20:7</b>	<b>Rev. 20:10</b>
<b>Rebellion</b>	<b>Rev. 20:8-9</b>	<b>Rev. 21:27</b>



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“**Babylon, ecclesiastically symbolized** by the woman in Revelation 17, proposes a common worship and a common religion through uniting in a world church. This is destroyed by the beast in Revelation 17:16 who thus fulfills the will of God (Rev. 17:17). **Babylon, politically symbolized** by the great city of Revelation 18, attempts to achieve its domination of the world by a world common market and a world government. These are destroyed by Christ at His second coming (Rev. 19:11–21).”



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# Two Babylons View

**BABYLON**

**Ecclesiastical**

**Commercial**

**Chapter**

**Revelation 17**

**Revelation 18**

**Literalness**

**Not literal**

**Literal**

**Time of  
Destruction**

**1<sup>st</sup> half of  
Tribulation**

**Second Advent**

**Emphasis**

**Religion**

**Commercial &  
Political**

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<b>1. Chapter division</b>	<b>Different prophetic subject</b>	<b>Non-inspired chapter divisions</b>
<b>2. “After these things” (18:1)</b>	<b>Takes place later chronologically (1:19; 4:1b; 9:12; 20:3)</b>	<b>Sequence in which visions were shown to John (4:1a; 7:1, 9; 15:5; 19:1)</b>
<b>3. “Another angel” (18:1)</b>	<b>A new vision (10:1; 14:6, 8, 9)</b>	<b>Same vision (7:2; 8:3; 14:15, 17, 18)</b>

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<b>4. Different Destructions</b>	<b>Destroyed by the kings (Rev. 17:16) vs. destroyed by God (18:9)</b>	<b>Destroyed by God (17:17; 18:9) and by fire (17:16; 18:8-9, 18)</b>
<b>5. Different reactions</b>	<b>Kings hate Babylon (17:16) vs. kings weep over Babylon (18:9)</b>	<b>Kings united with the Beast (17:16) vs. kings united with Babylon (Rev. 18:9)</b>
<b>6. Different symbols</b>	<b>Woman (17:3) vs. a city (18:10)</b>	<b>Woman called a city (17:18; 18:10)</b>



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# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



# DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Revelation 2–3

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

# Twenty-Four Elders

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

## Church

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)



# Revelation 3:21

## PROMISE TO THE OVERCOMERS

“He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”



## 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.”

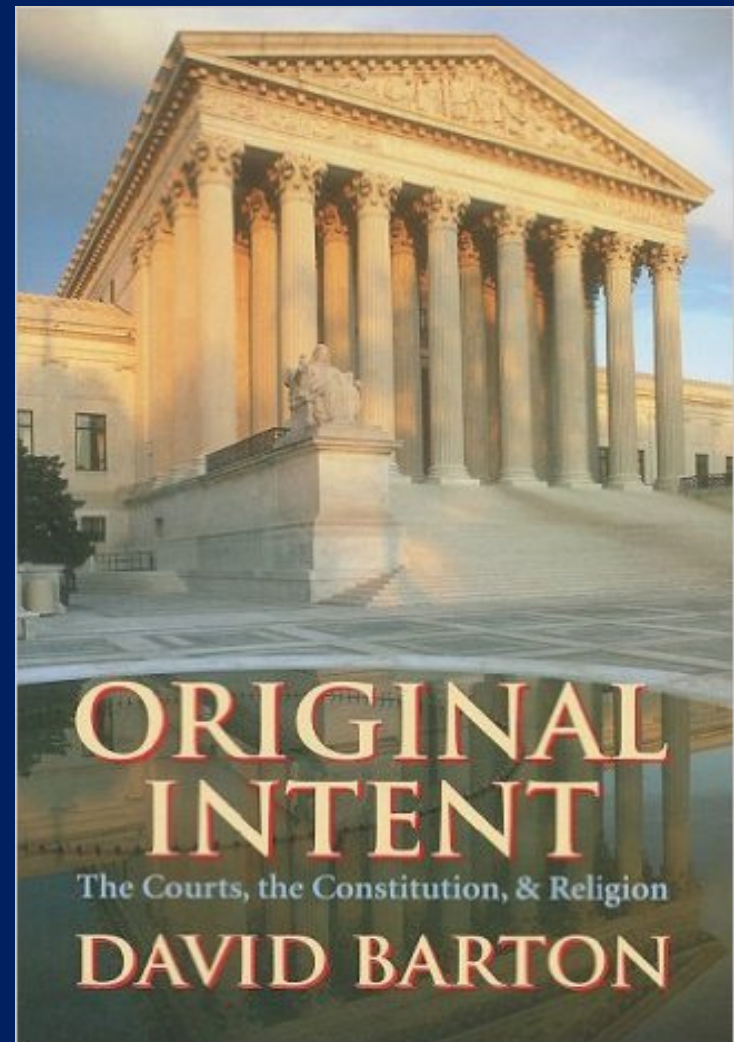
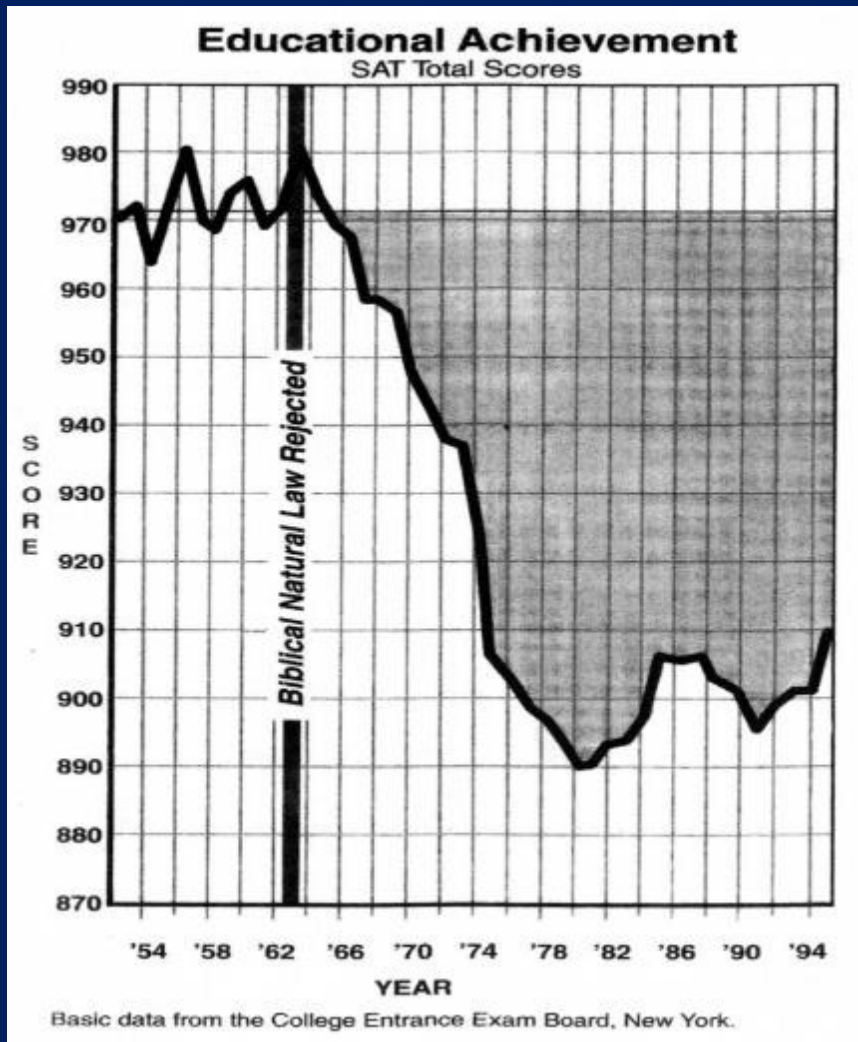


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David Barton, *Original Intent*, p. 245



## Revelation 14:7

“and he said with a loud voice, ‘Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.’”



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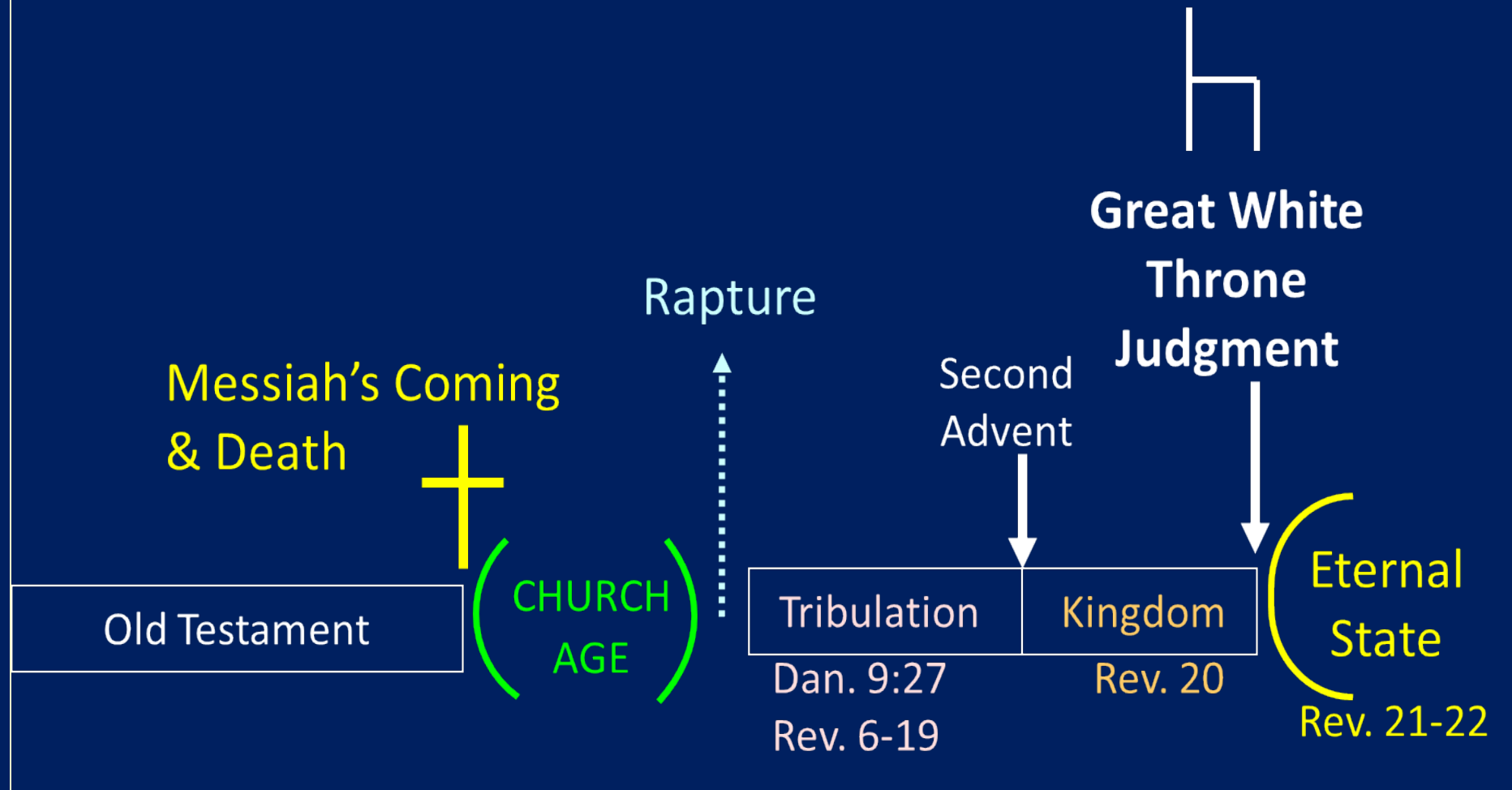


# Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

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

# Prophecy Panorama



## 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 forever and ever.’”



# Revelation 1:6

“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.”



## Revelation 5:10

“You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



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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)