

THE COMING KINGDOM



What Is the Kingdom and
How Is Kingdom Now Theology
Changing the Focus of the Church?

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Foreword by Thomas Ice

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Chapter 6



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2 Peter 1:19

“So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.”



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Isaiah 2:1-4

“The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.² 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.⁴ And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.”



Isaiah 11:6-9

“And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den.⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea..”



Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.¹⁸ “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem for rejoicing And her people *for gladness*.¹⁹ “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.²⁰ “No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days*, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be *thought* accursed.²¹ “They will build houses and inhabit *them*; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.²² “They will not build and another inhabit, They will not plant and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.²³ “They will not labor in vain, Or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them.²⁴ It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.



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Romans 11:12, 15

“Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!...For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will *their* acceptance be but life from the dead?”



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Theocratic Administrator



GOD

Man & Woman

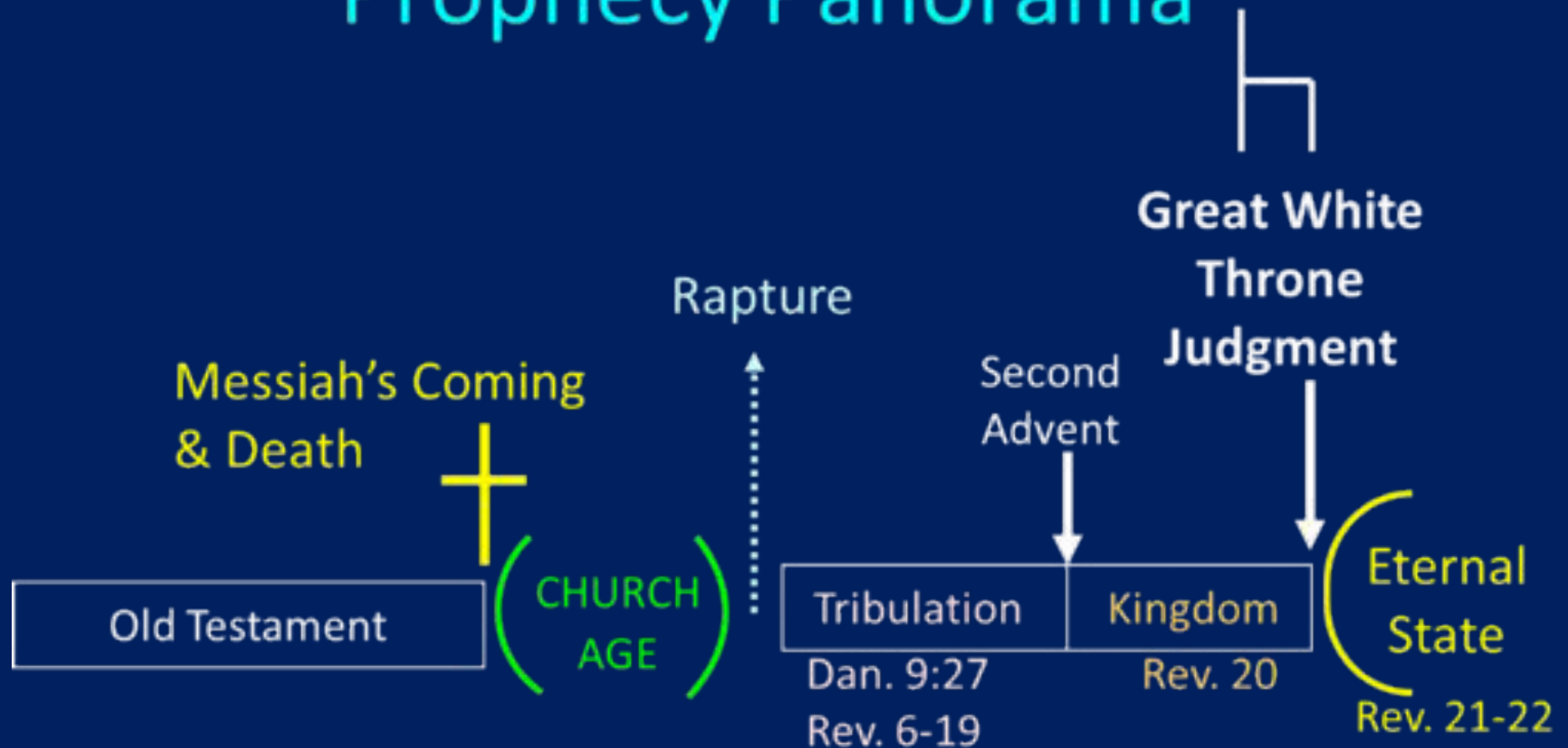
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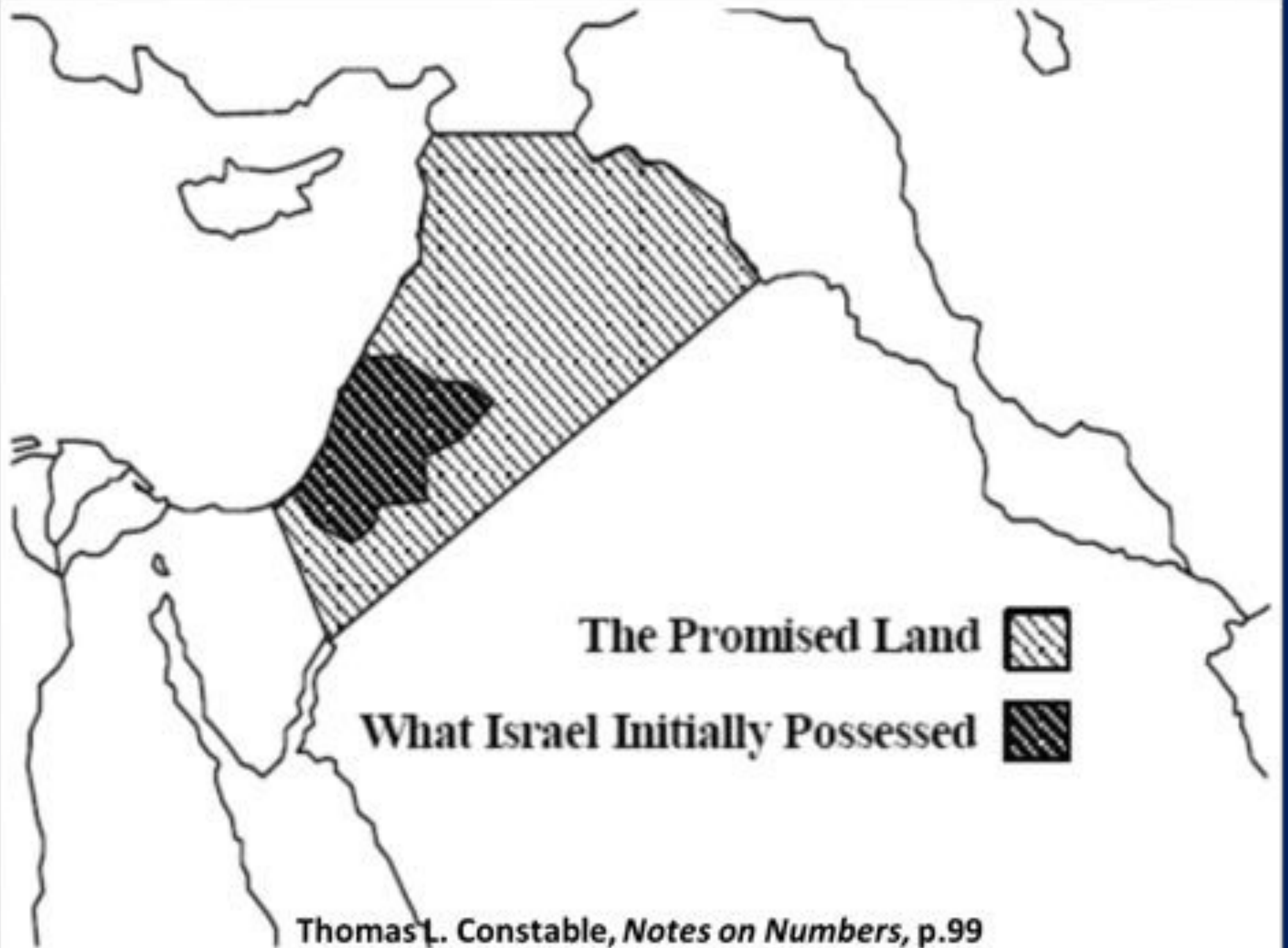
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DAN

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CHRIST'S PORTION

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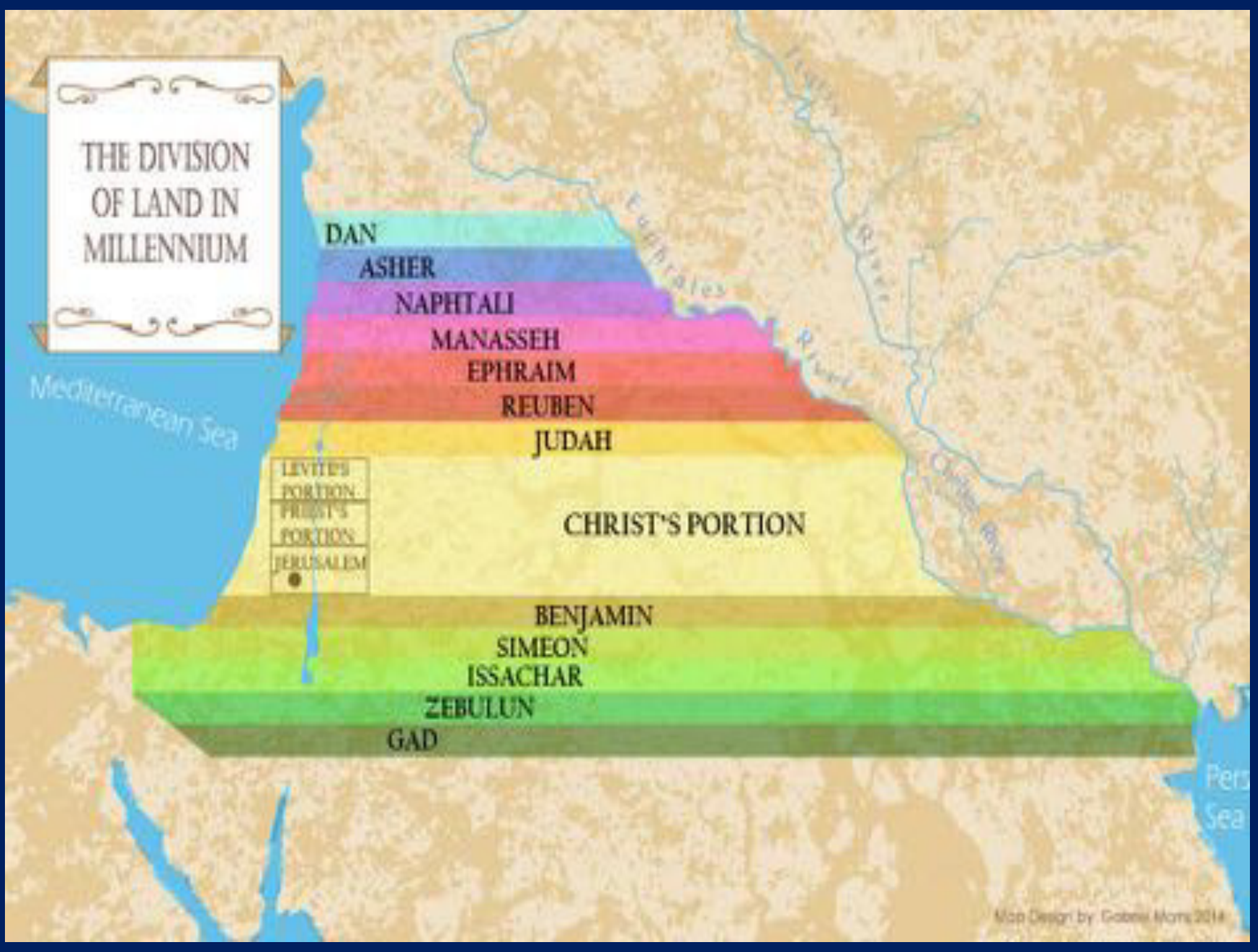
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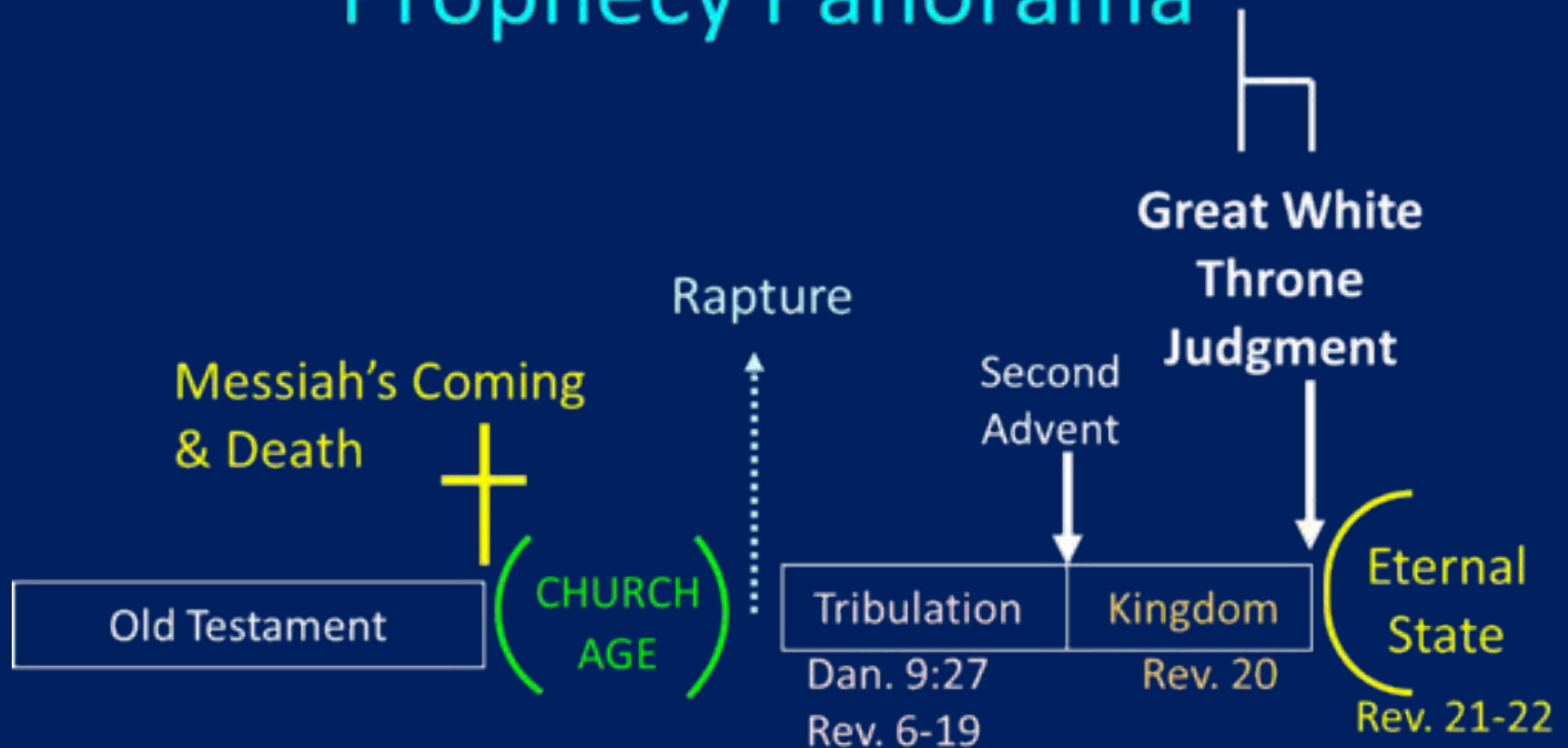
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Mediterranean Sea

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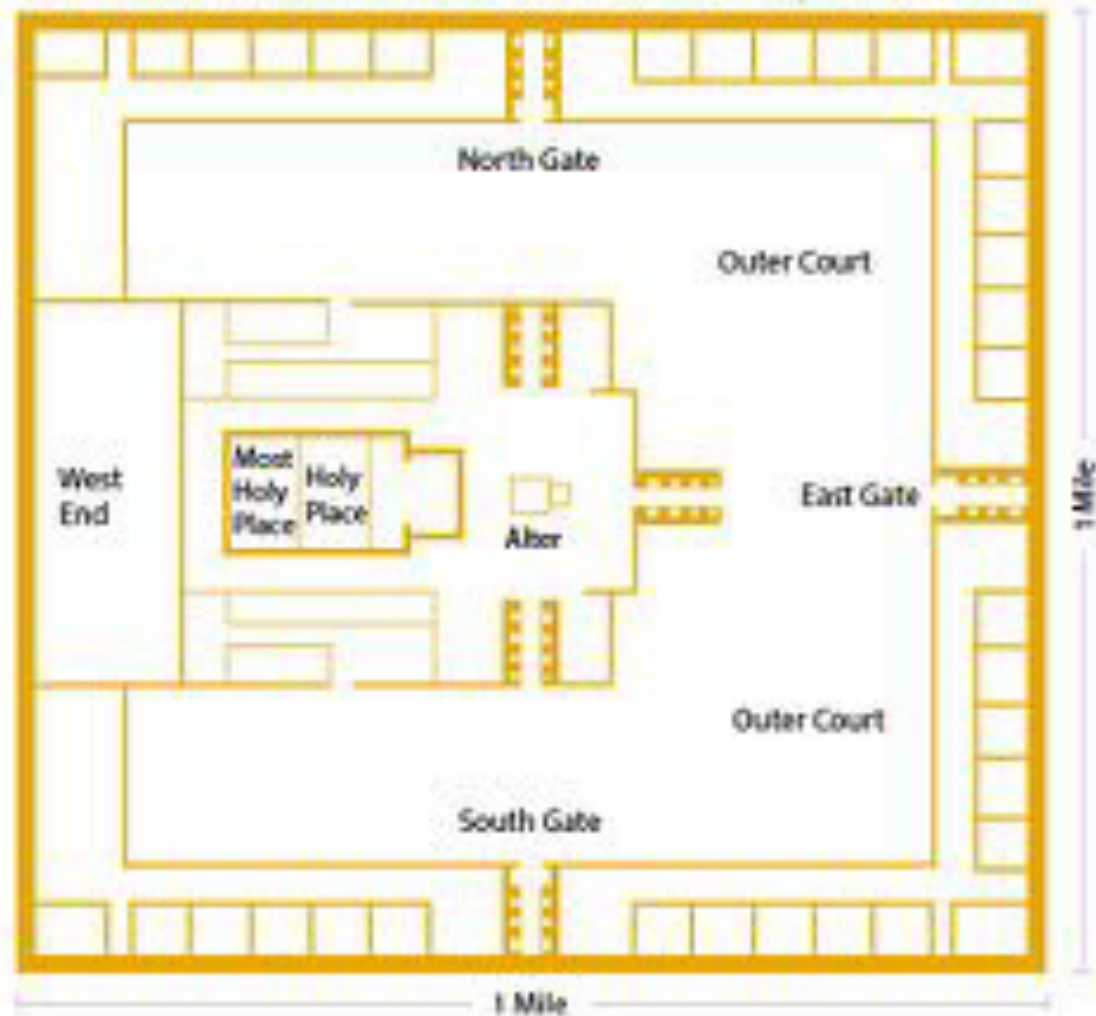
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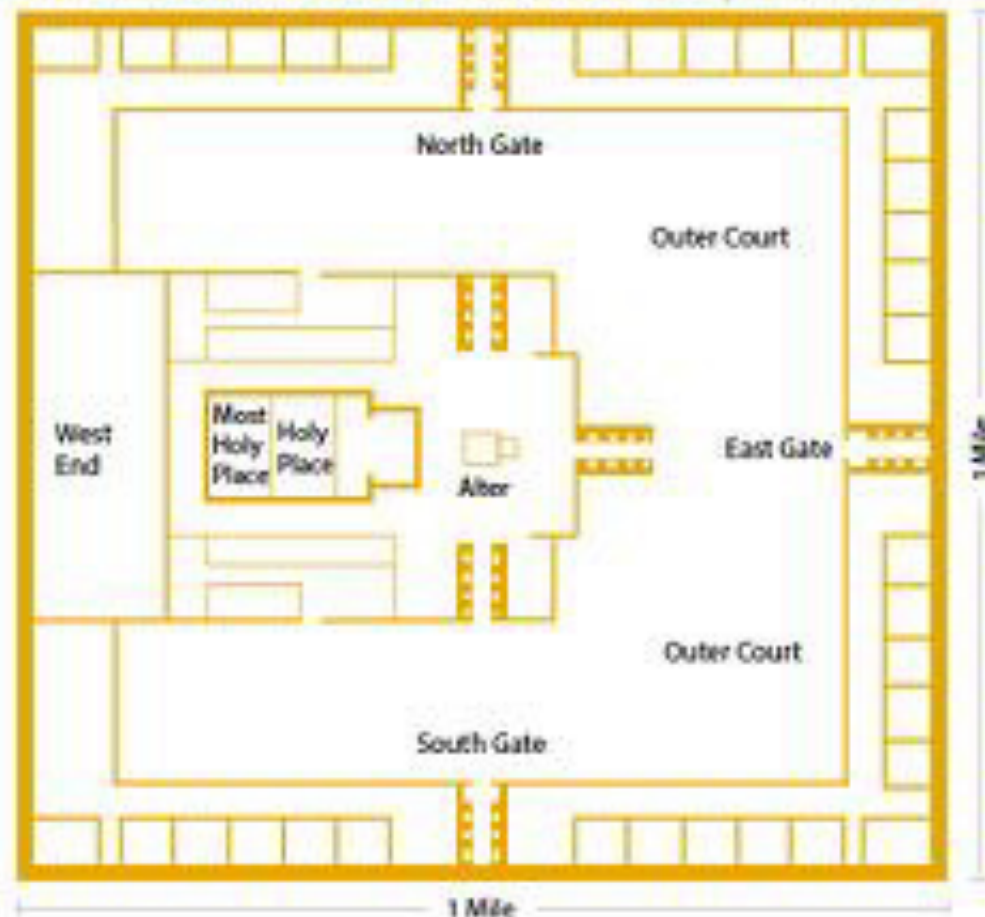
The Millennium Temple

THE MILLENNIUM TEMPLE 500 x 500 CUBITS | 750 x 750 FT



TEMPLE COMPARISONS

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HEROD'S TEMPLE



TABERNACLE



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



FOOTBALL FIELD



Ezekiel
Commissioned
(1-3) mouth closed

Ezekiel
Recommissioned
(33) mouth opened

Judgment on

Blessing on

Judah (1-24)

Judah (33-48)

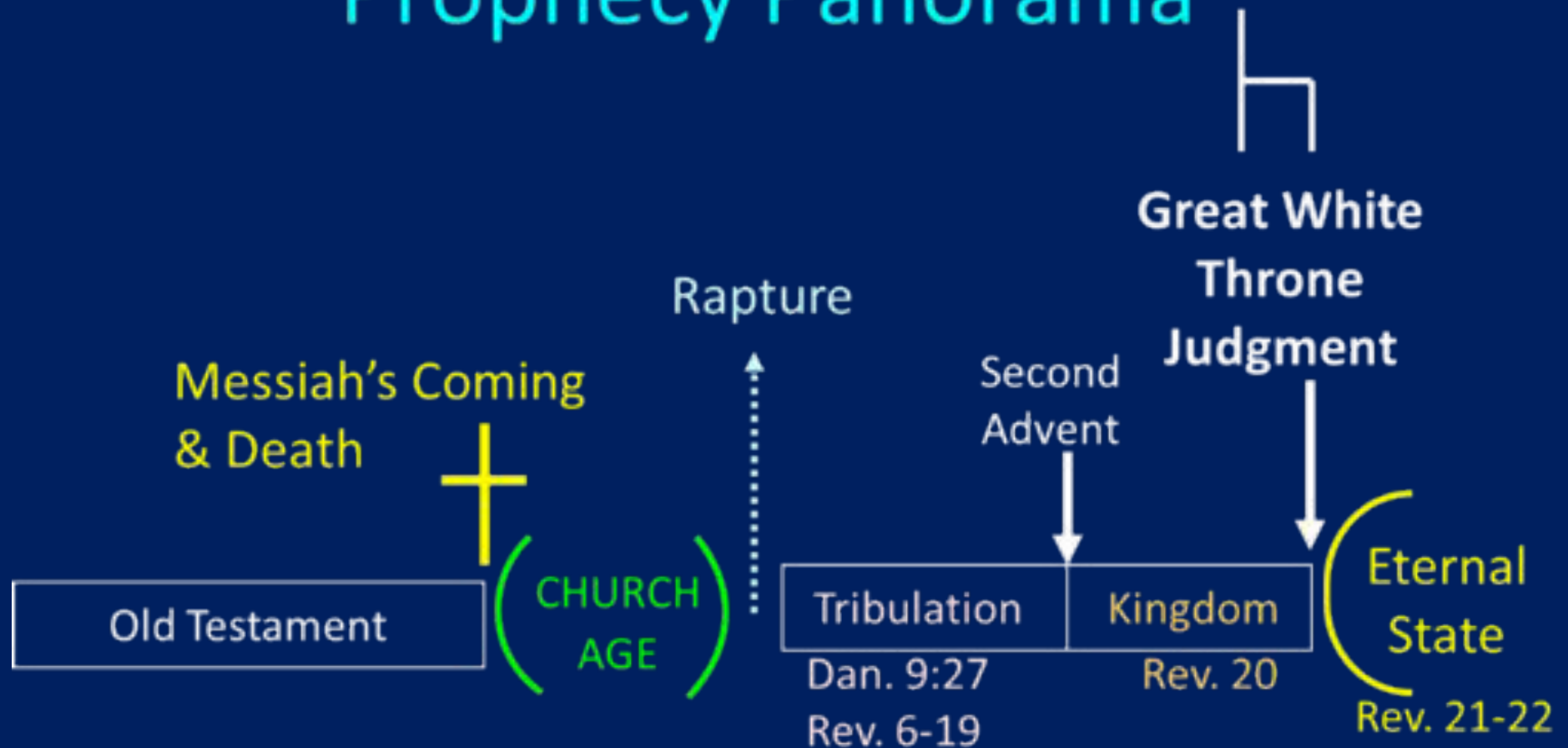
- Glory departs

- Glory Returns

Judgment
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Nations
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Source: Charles Dyer, *Notes on Ezekiel*

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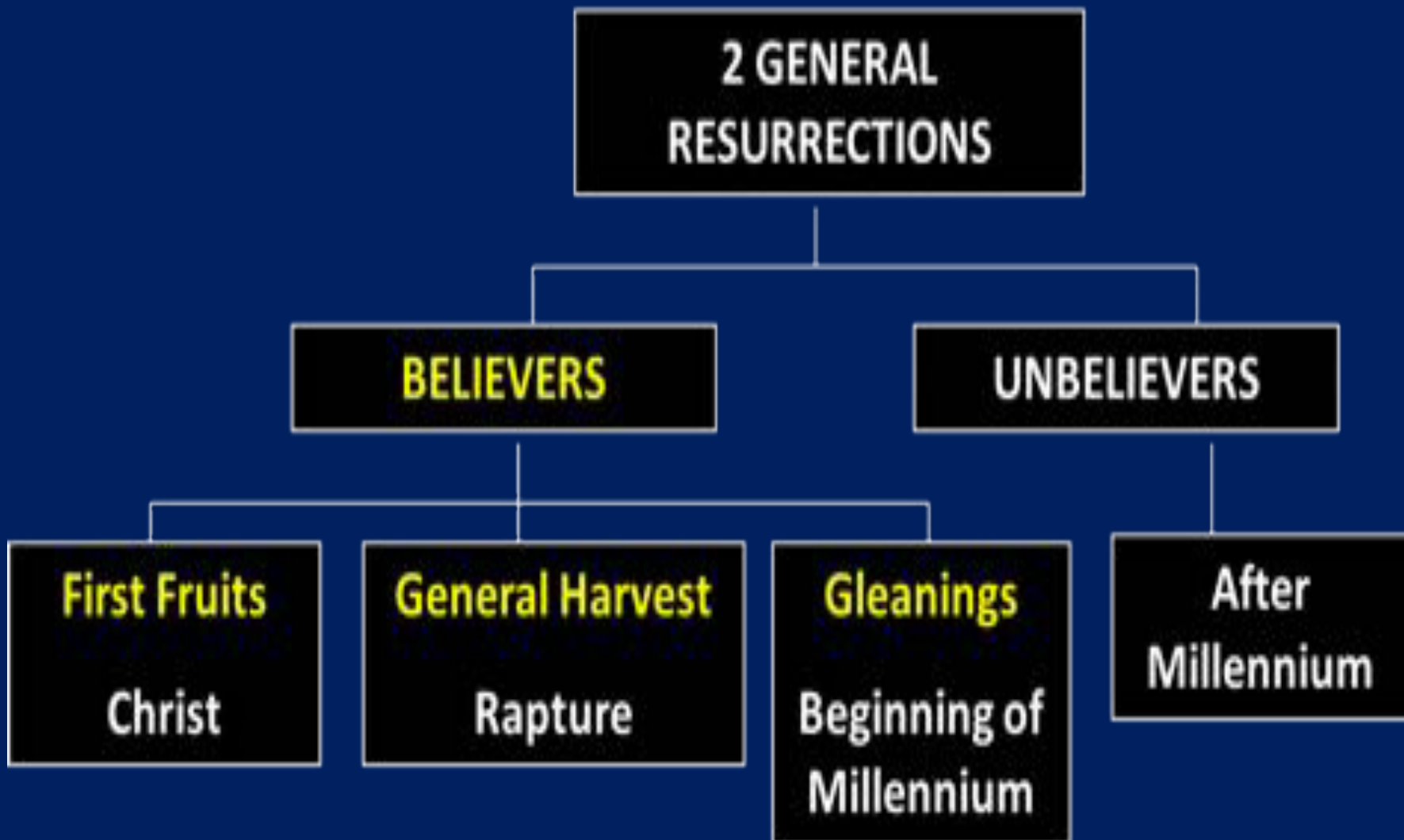


The Millennial David

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



God's Resurrection Program

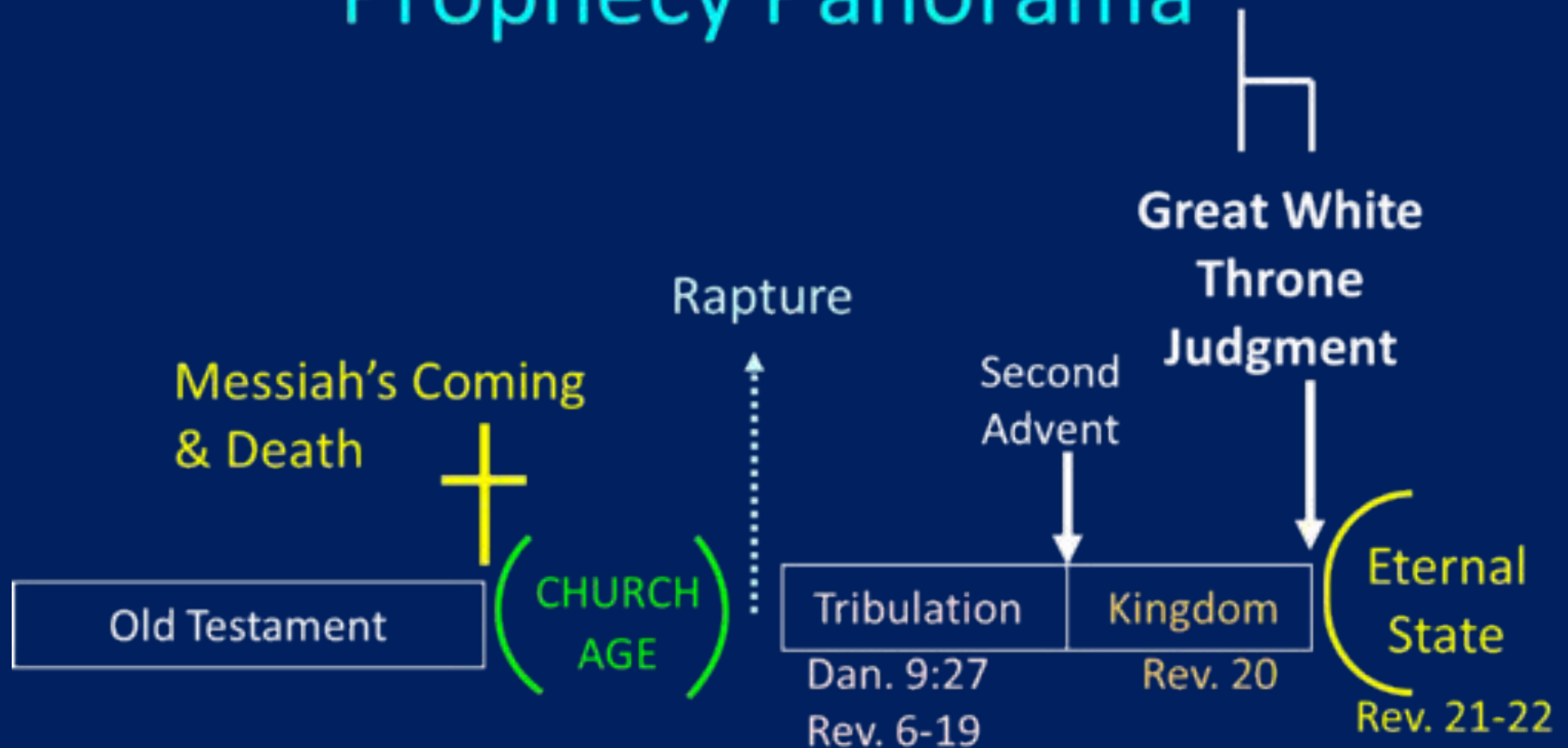


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Abrahamic Covenant



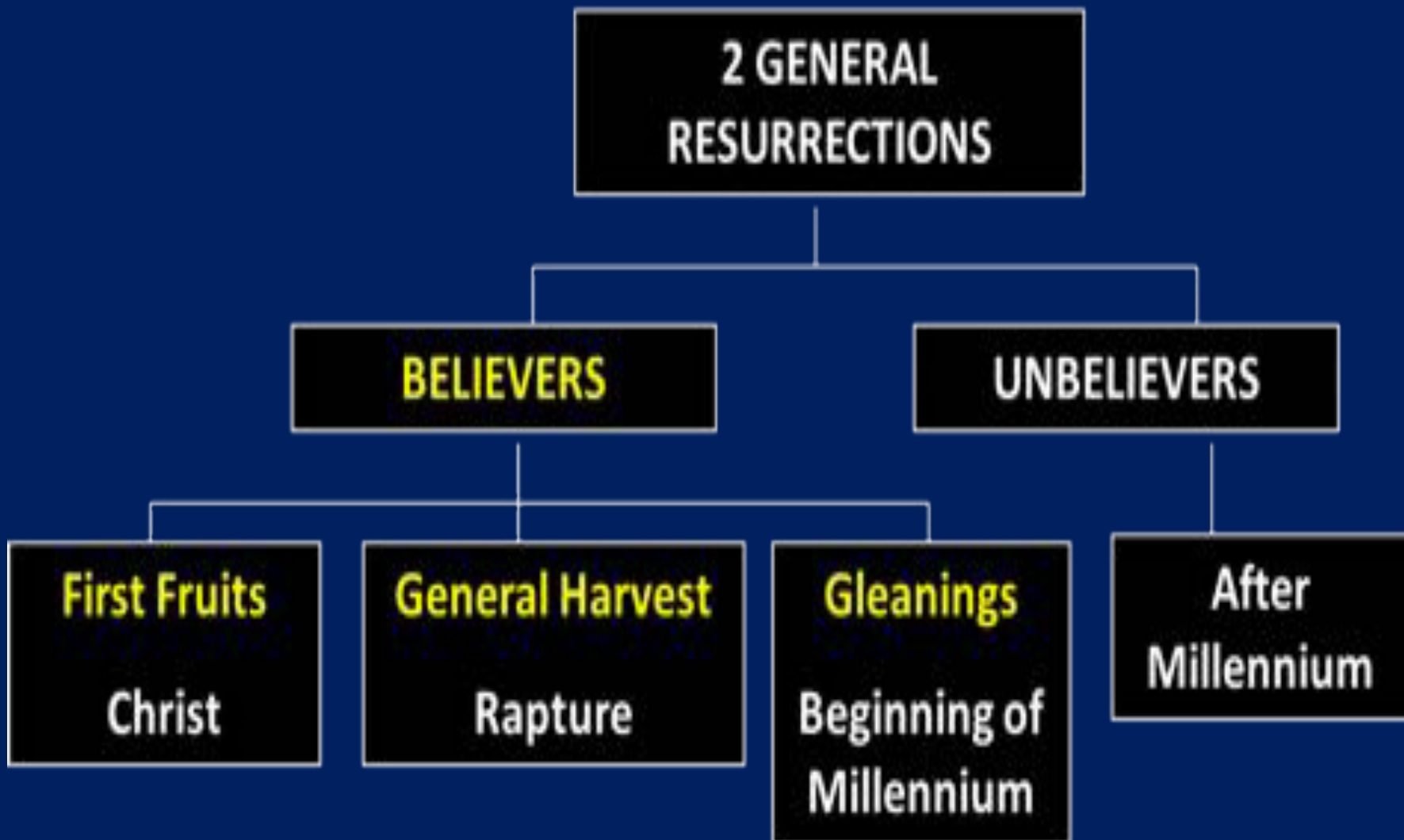
Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)



Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.³³ “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.³⁴ They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

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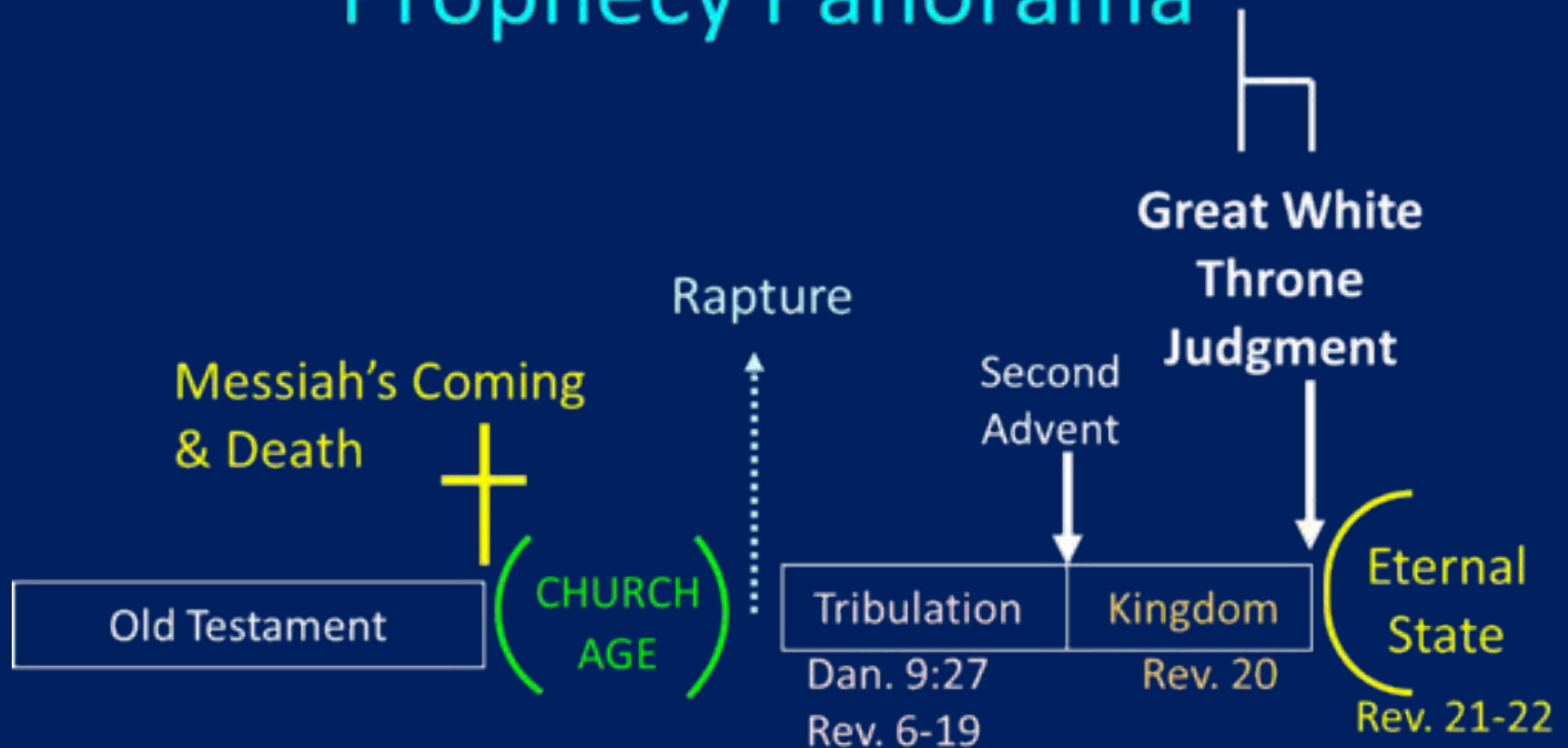


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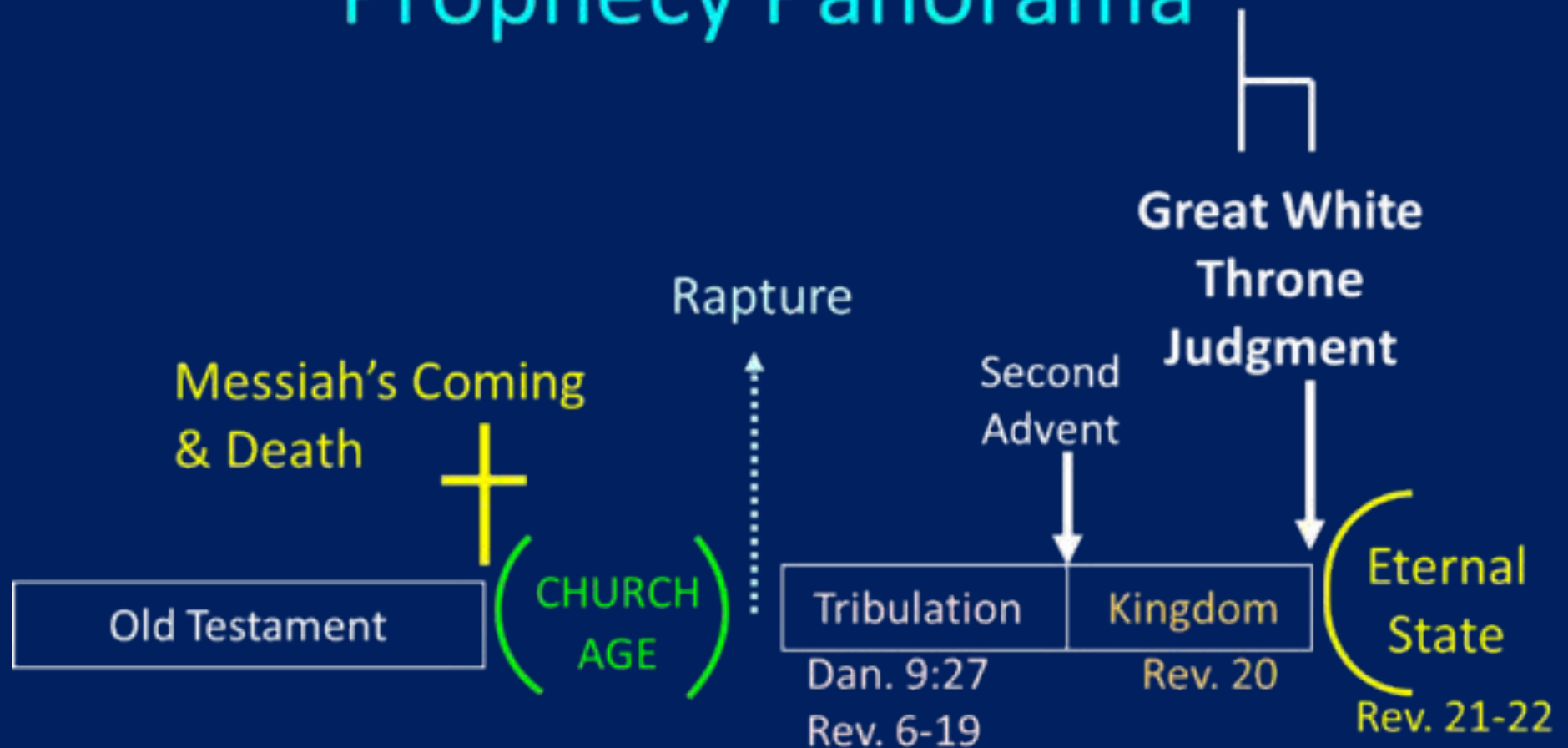
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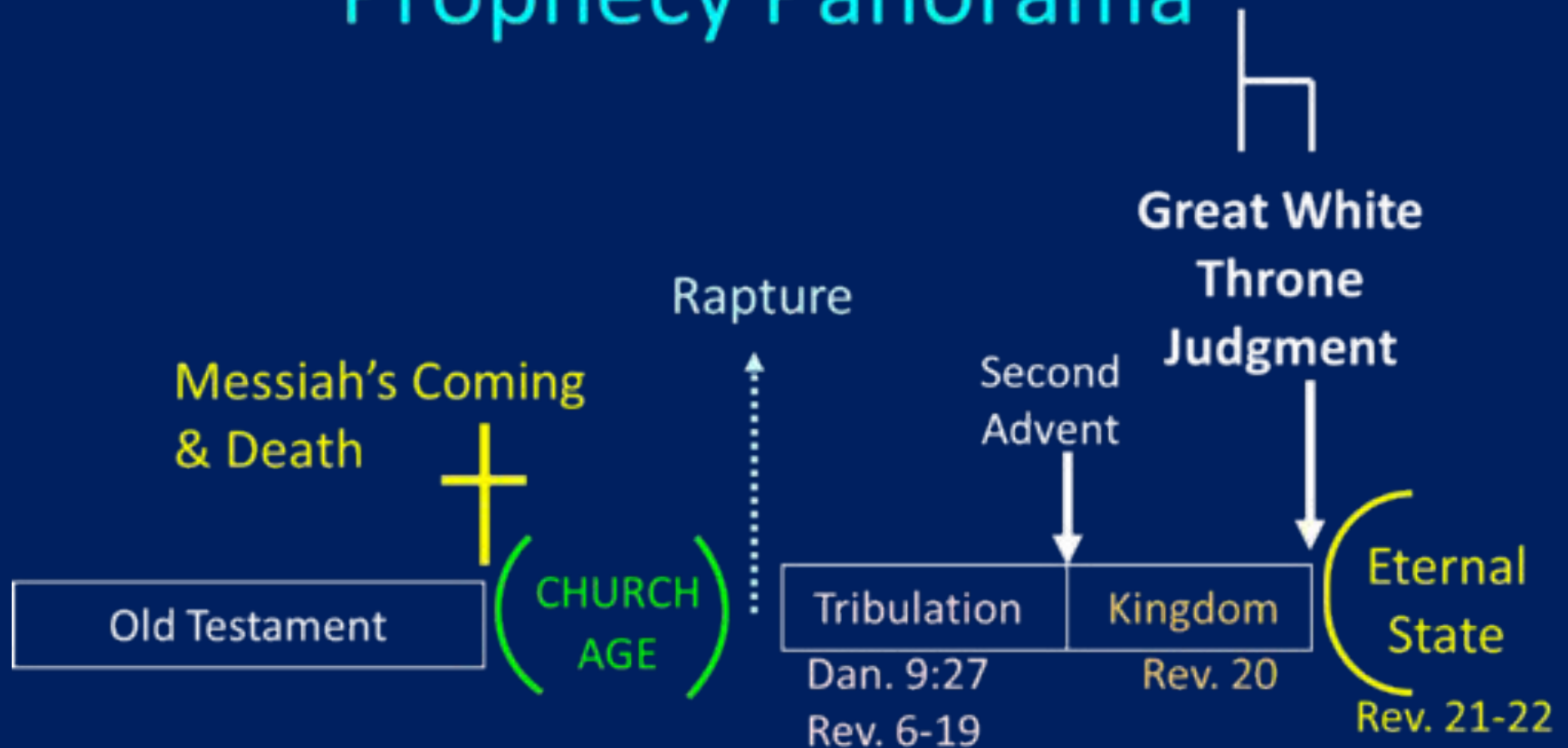








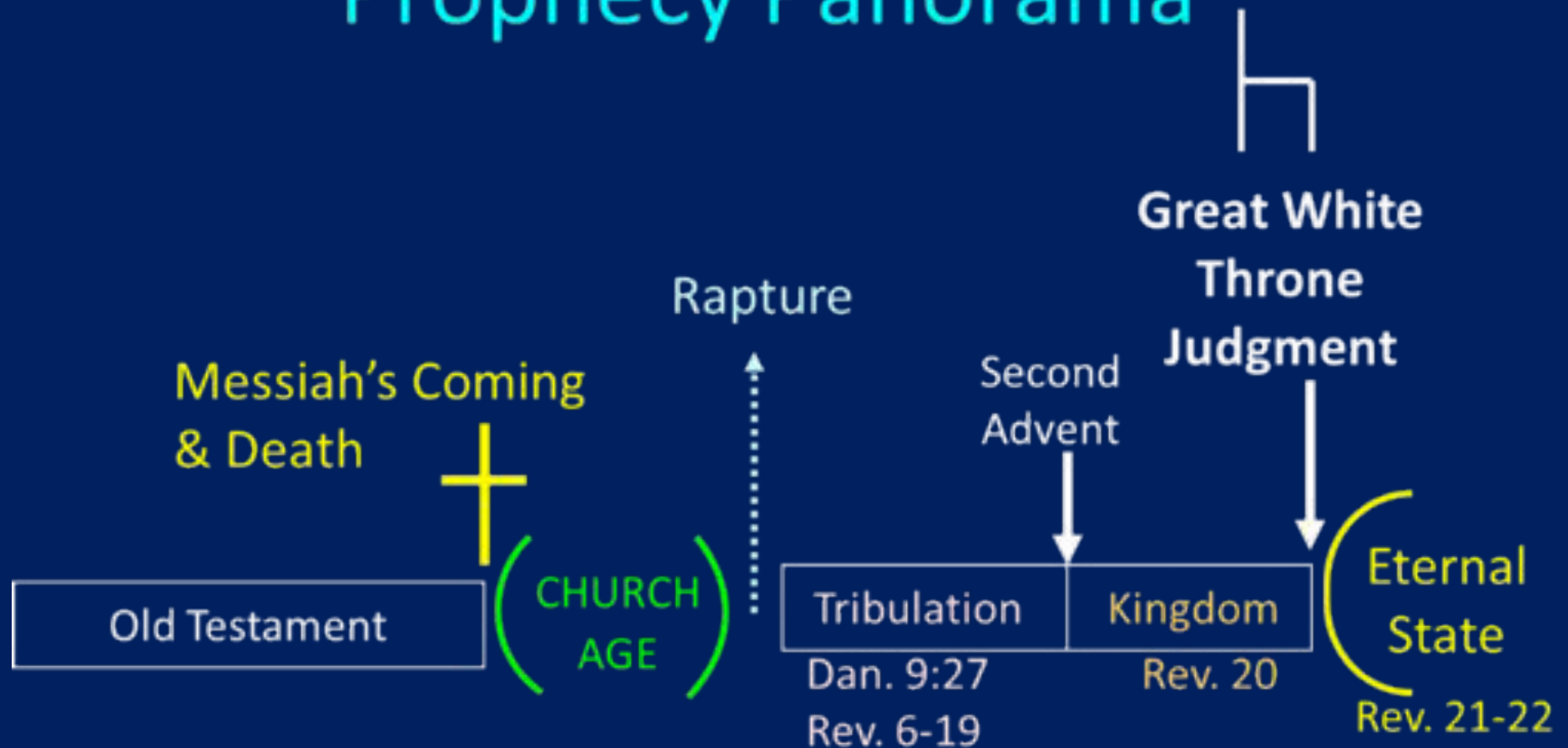
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14. Immediate answers to prayer (Isa. 65:24)



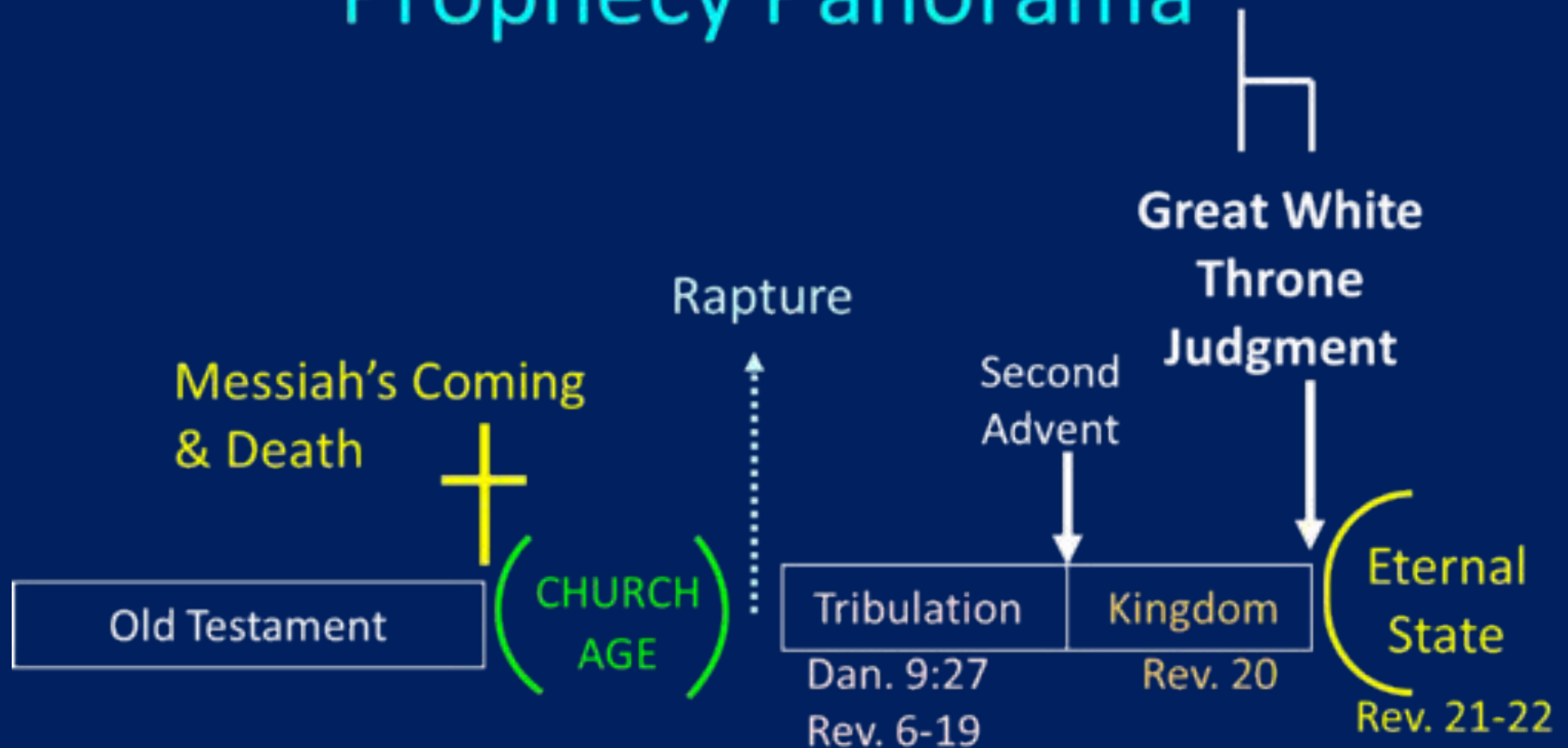
Conclusion

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.”



Prophecy Panorama



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE MILLENNIUM & ETERNAL STATE

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Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology: With a Complete Textual Index*, 4th and rev. ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1932; reprint, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1996), 715.

2 Peter 1:19

“So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.”



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