

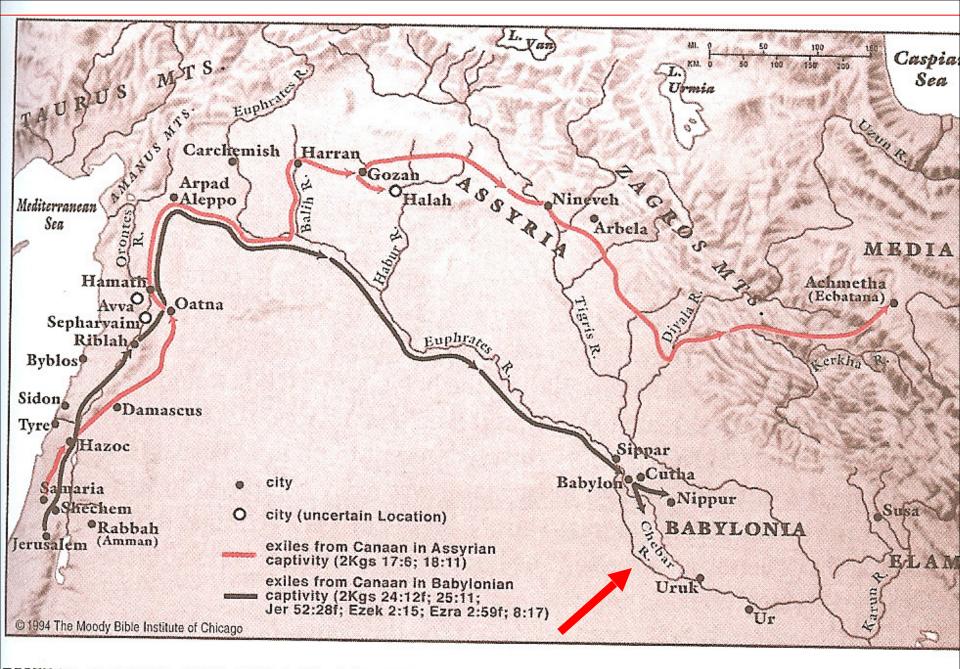
Middle East Melt Down Dr. Andrew M. Woods

Outline adapted from Mark Hitchcock, The Battle of Gog and Magog, PTSG 2005

Chinese proverb



"May he live in interesting times."



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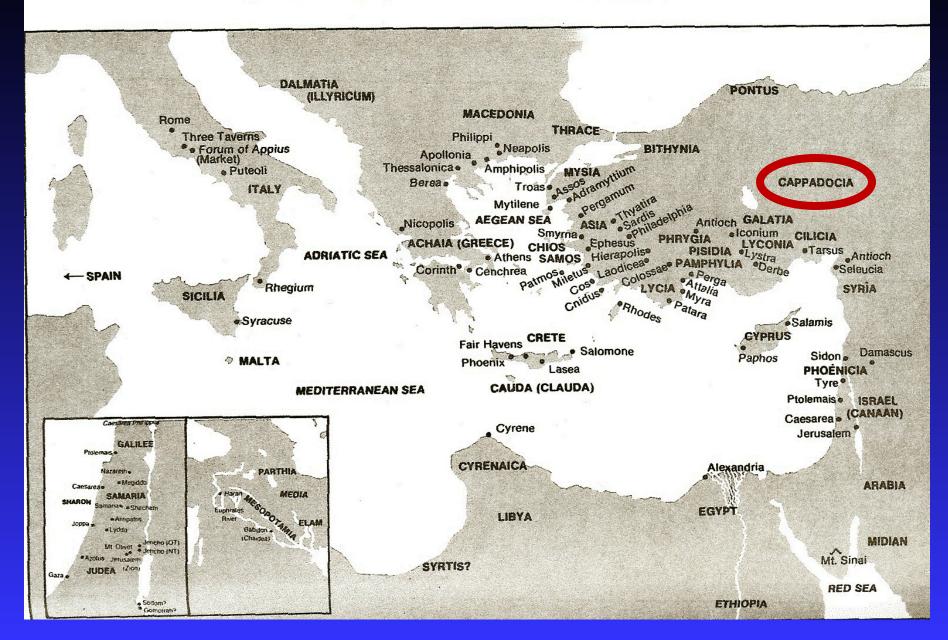
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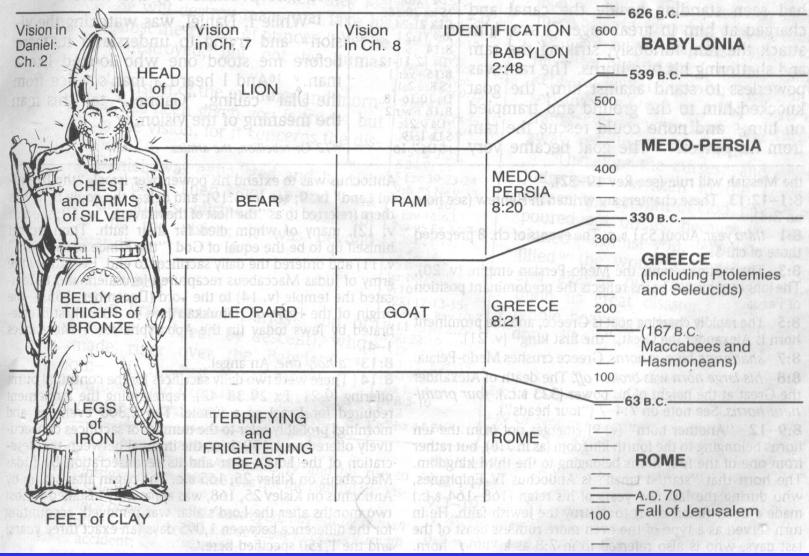


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Identification of the Four Kingdoms

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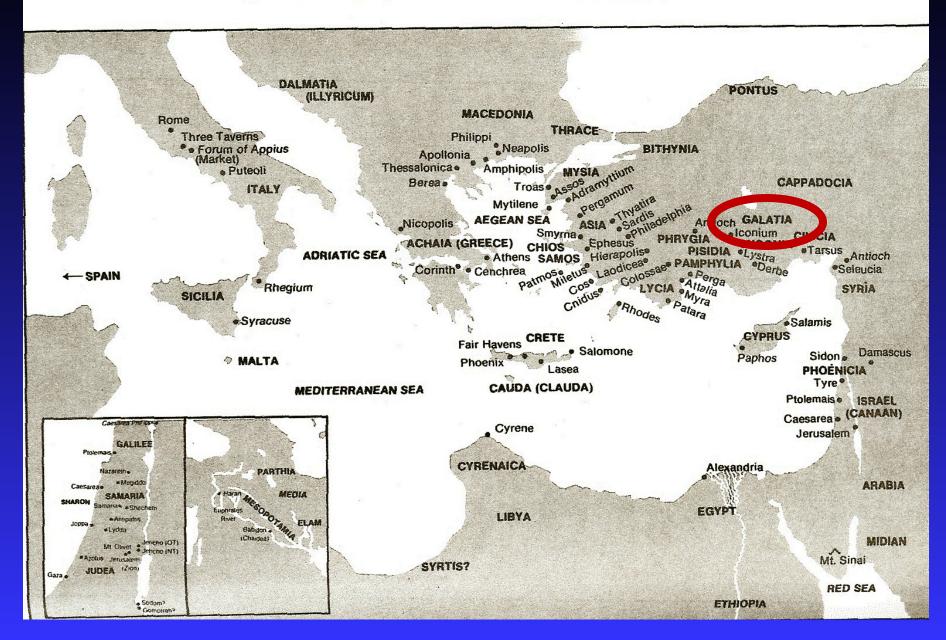


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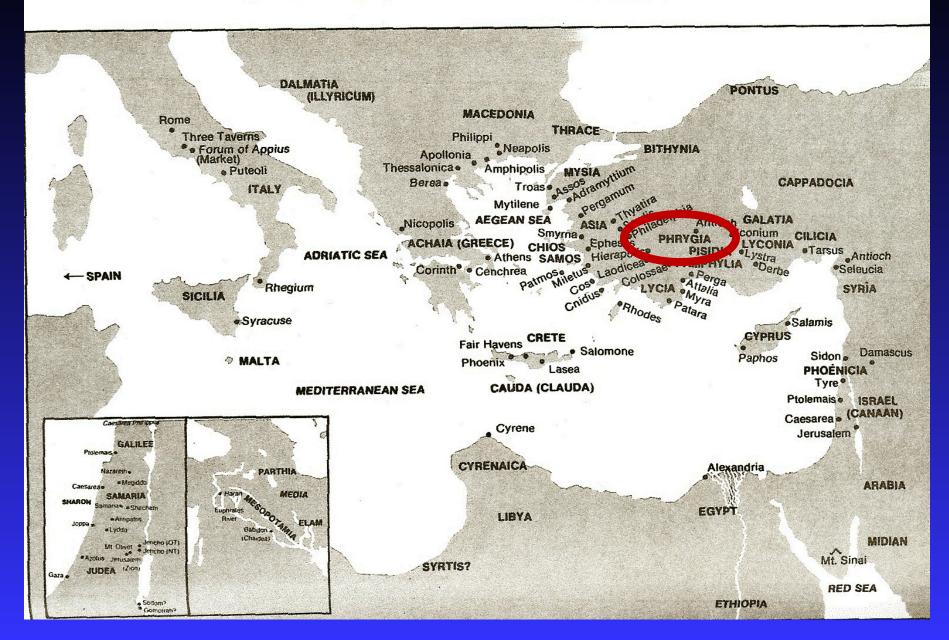
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|------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 st return | 538–515 B.C. | 23 years | Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1) | Zerubbabel | Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28 | Rebuilding the temple | 50,000 |
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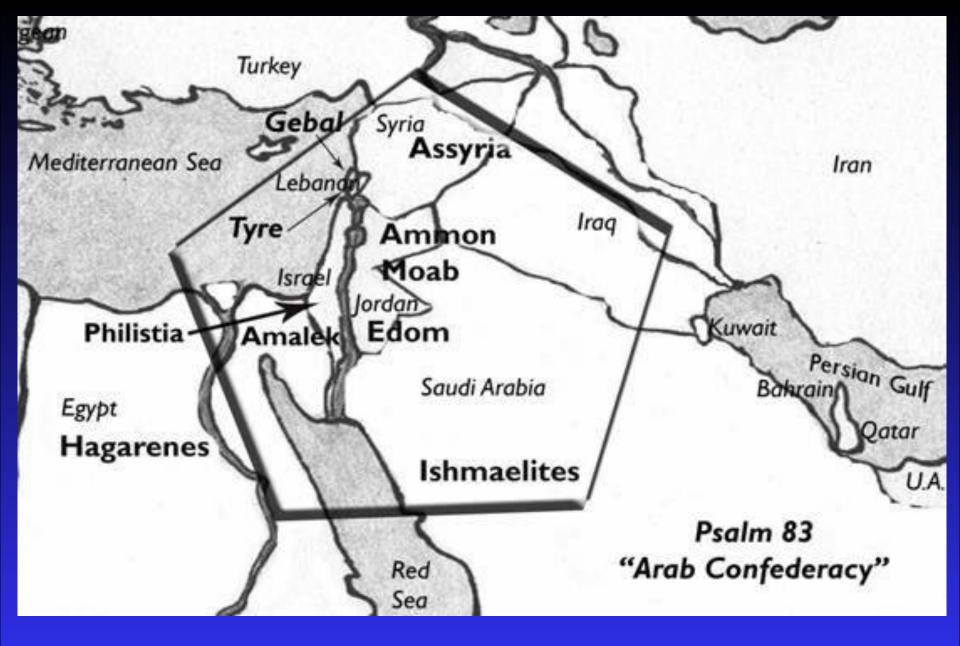




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THE ANCIENT BLUEPRINTS OF THE FUTURE MIDDLE EAST

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Past Fulfillment?

| Ezek 38-39 | Esther 9 | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Israel invaded (38:16; 39:4, 11) | Persia invaded (9:2) | | |
| Israel converted (39:22, 29) | Israel not converted | | |
| Dead bodies buried to cleanse Israel's land (39:12) | Dead bodies are not in the land of Israel | | |
| Invaders destroyed supernaturally (38:19-22) | Invaders destroyed naturally (9:3-5) | | |
| Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5) | Invaders come from the near west and north (8:9) | | |
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Hitchcock/Ice, The Truth Behind Left Behind, 45

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Millennial Fulfillment?

| Ezek 38-39 | Rev 20:7-9 |
|---|---|
| Northern invasion | All nation invade |
| Invasion leads to Millennium (Ezek 40-48) | Invasion comes at end of Millennium |
| Invasion leads to Millennium (Ezek 40-48) | Invasion leads to Eternal State (Rev 21-22) |
| 7 months necessary to dispose of the dead (39:12) | Dead disposed of instantaneously (20:9) |
| Satan not bound prior to invasion | Satan bound prior to invasion (Rev 20:2) |

Pentecost, Things To Come, 349-50

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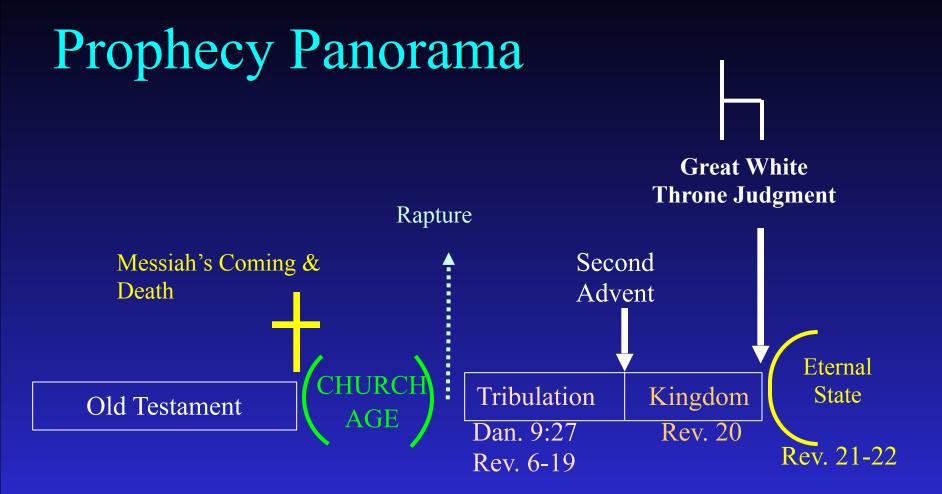
| Ezek 38-39 | Armageddon |
|--|---|
| No battle (38:20-23) | Battle between armies and Lord (Rev. 19:19) |
| Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5) | All nations invade (Rev. 16:14; Zech. 12:3) |
| Enemies destroyed on Israel's mountains (39:2-4) | Events take place in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2; 14:2; and the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:12) |
| Israel dwelling in safety (38:11) | Israel not dwelling in safety (Rev. 12:14-17) |
| No massive blood flow recorded | Massive flow of blood (Rev. 14:20) |
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Pentecost, Things to Come, 347-48

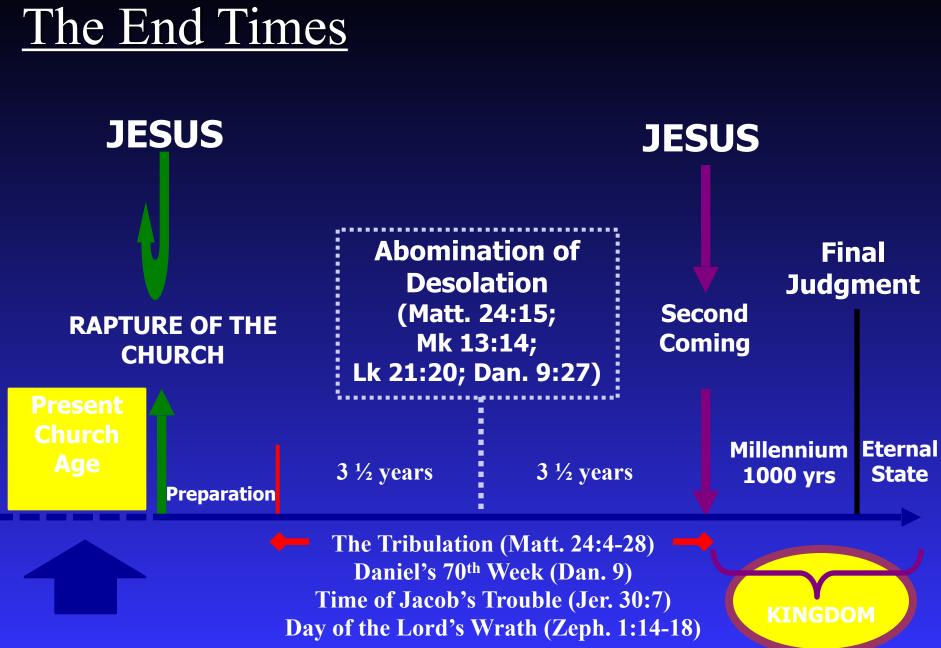
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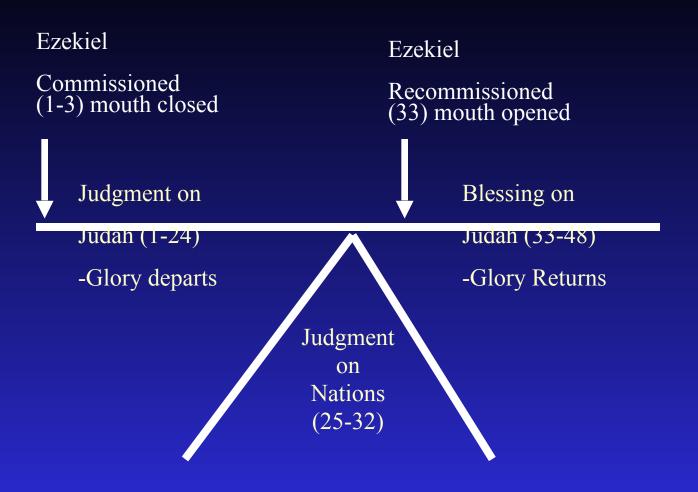
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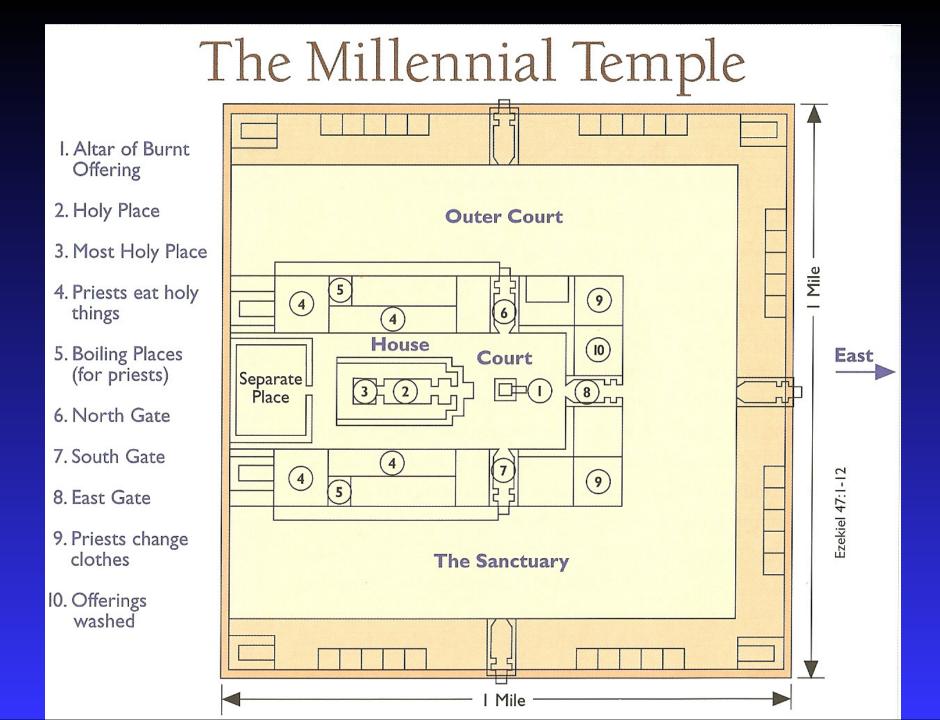
Judgment upon Judah (1-24)

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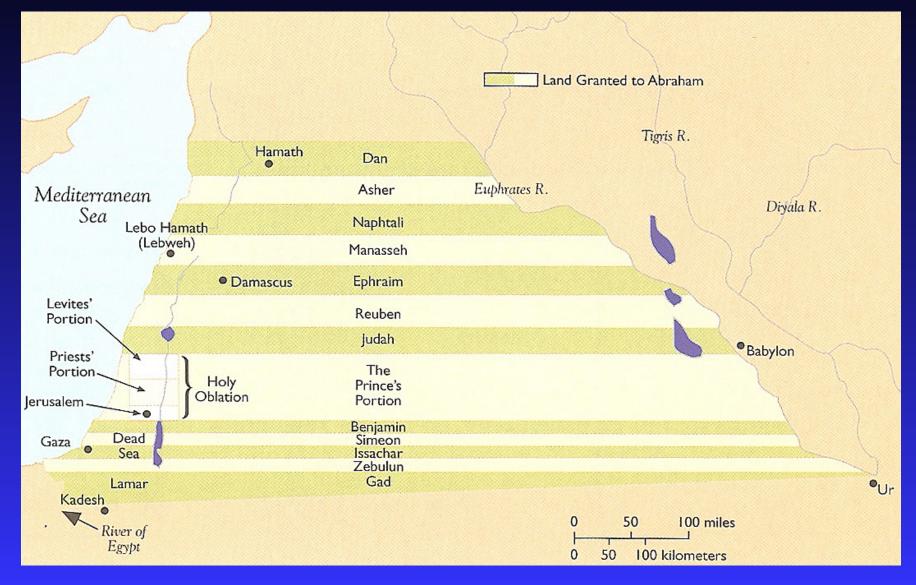
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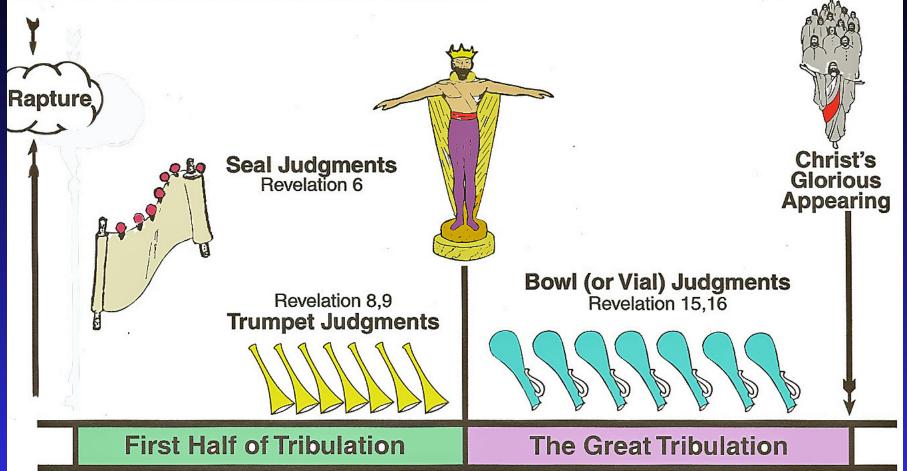
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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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Why?

| COUNTRY | GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT |
|---------|------------------------|
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| Jordan | \$12 billion |

Source: CIA World Fact Book, 2005

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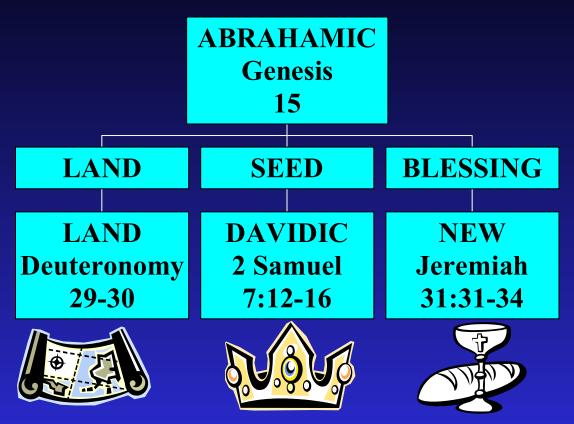
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- Israel's salvation and restoration (39:22)

Abrahamic Covenant



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