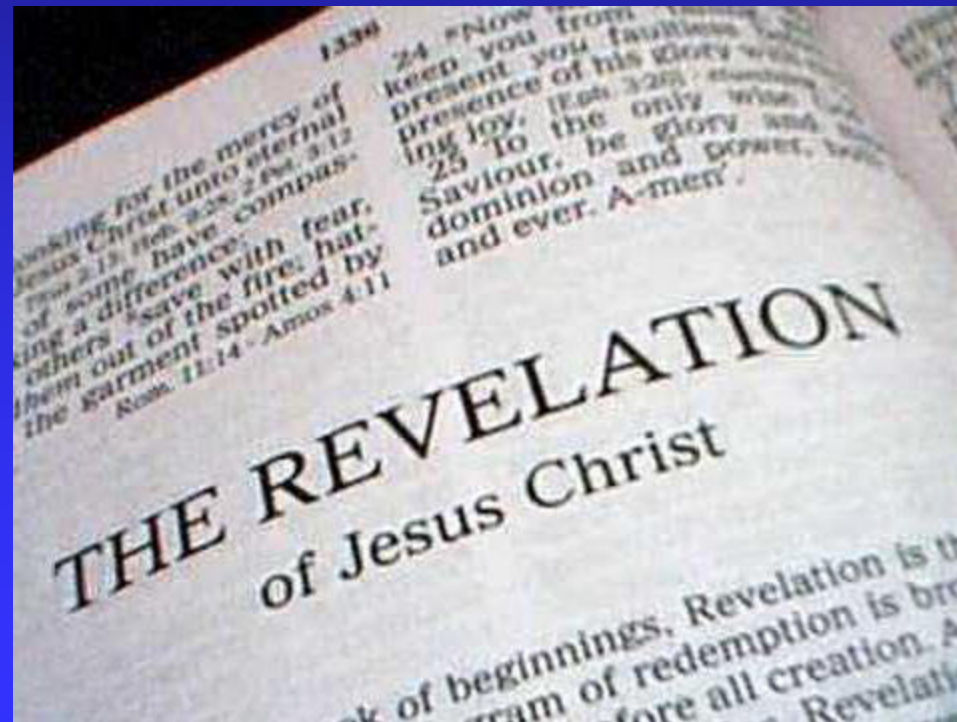


Revelation

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Johannine Authorship

- Named 5x
- Rev 1:1, 4, 9; 21:2; 22:8

The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Title

- The Revelation of Jesus Christ
- Not John's Revelation
- Unveils the final phase of Christ's redemptive program
- Single vision

Late Date (A.D. 95)

- “But if it had been necessary to announce his name plainly at the present time, it would have been spoken by him who saw the apocalypse. For it was not seen long ago, but almost in our own time, at the end of the reign of Domitian.”

Irenaeus Against Heresies 5.30.3

Rev 1:19

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

Concurrent

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Chronological Progression

- Rev 6:8; 9:15
- Rev 8:8; 16:3
- Rev 6:1-2, 3-4

Telescoping

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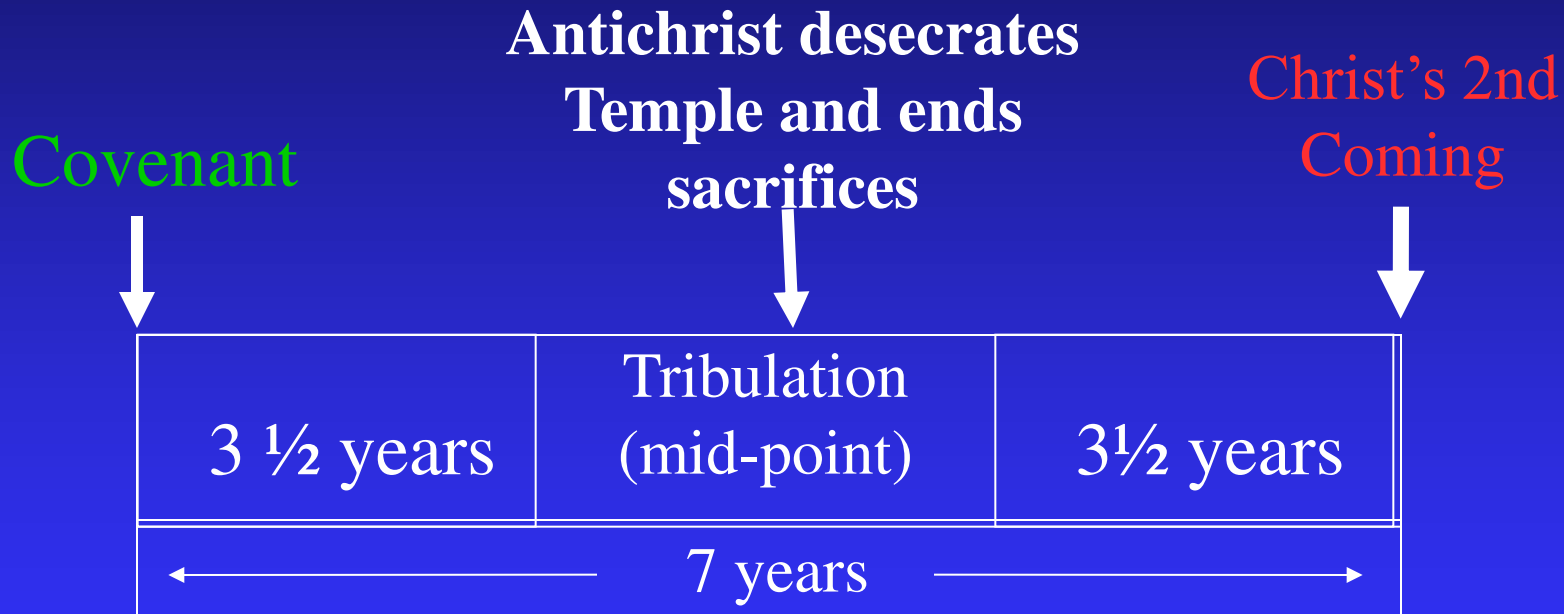
5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

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

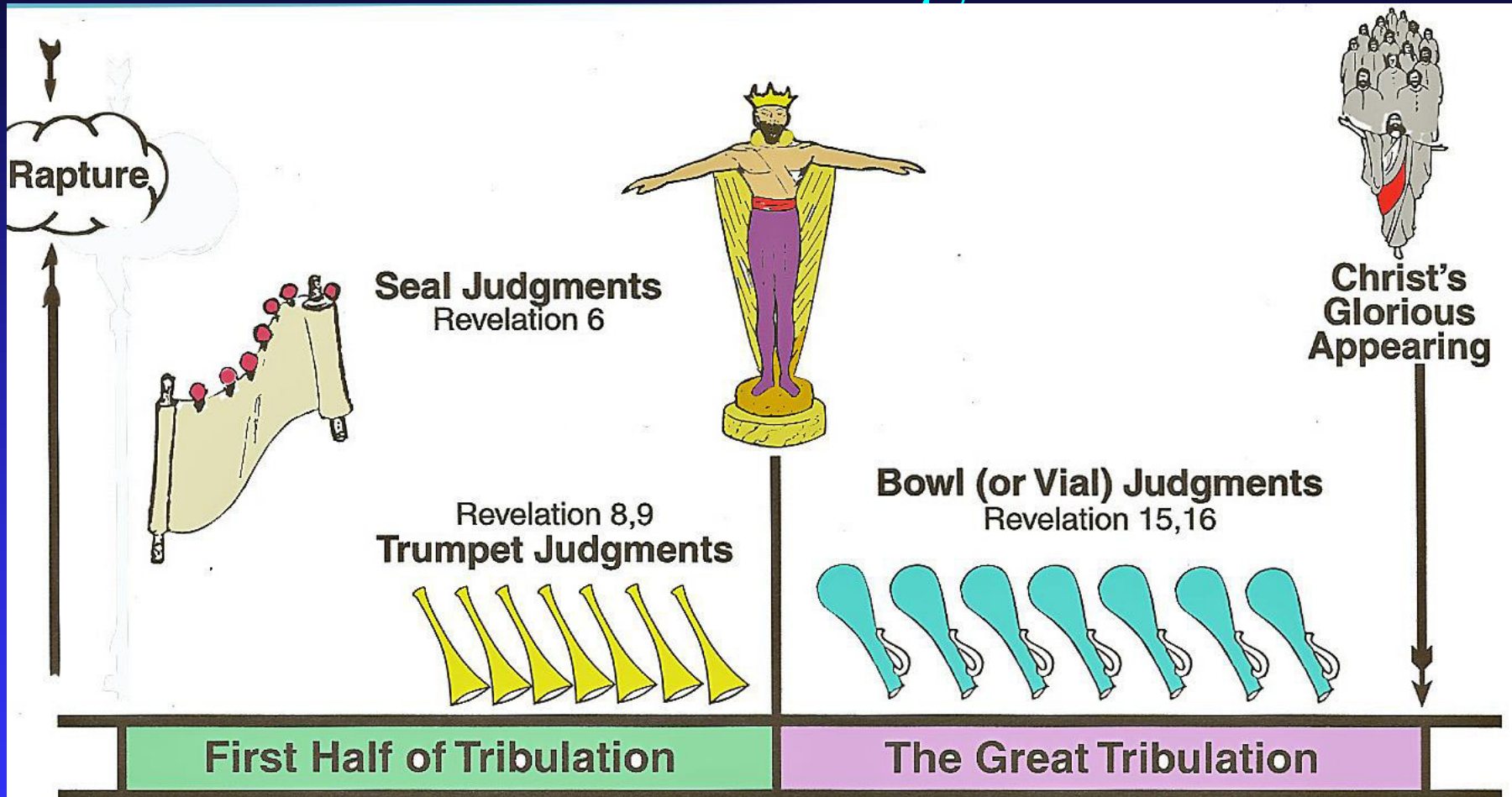
Method of Communication (Rev 1:1-4)

- From the Father
- to Christ
- to an angel
- to John
- to a book
- to a reader
- to a listener

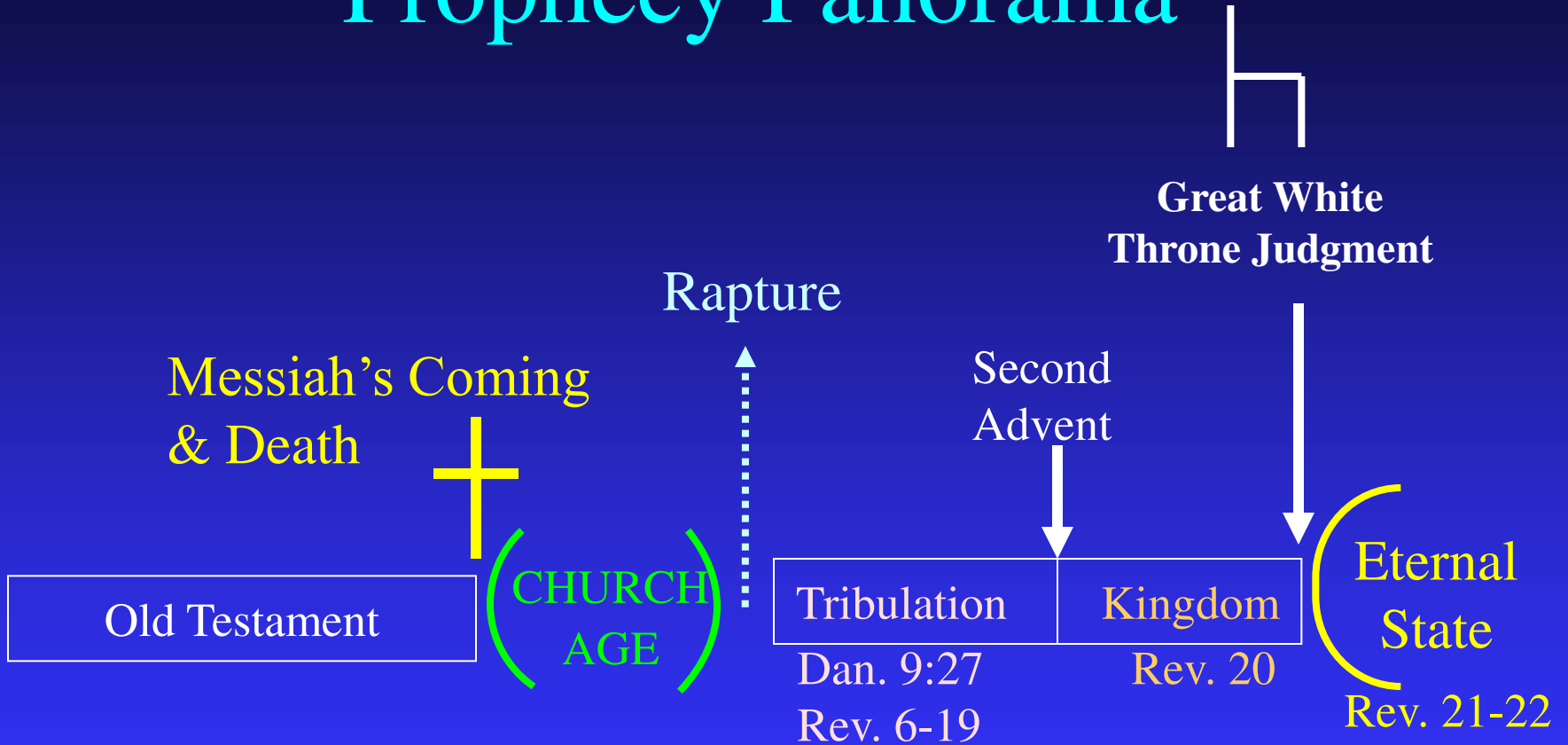
DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



Prophecy Panorama



Purpose

- To comfort the oppressed churches of Asia Minor and stimulate them to practical holiness through a future reminder of God's conquest and punishment of evil

Message

- Christ's ultimate victory over evil provides comfort to Christians of all ages as well as a stimulus for holy living because when God fulfills His covenants with Israel He will gain victory over evil as well as punish it

Abrahamic Covenant



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

God's Work Through Israel

- Rev 7-144,000 Jews
- Rev 11-Two Jewish witnesses
- Rev 12-Israel flees
- Rev 20:9-Jerusalem in the kingdom
- Rev 21:12-13-Gates of the eternal city

Prologue (1:1-8)

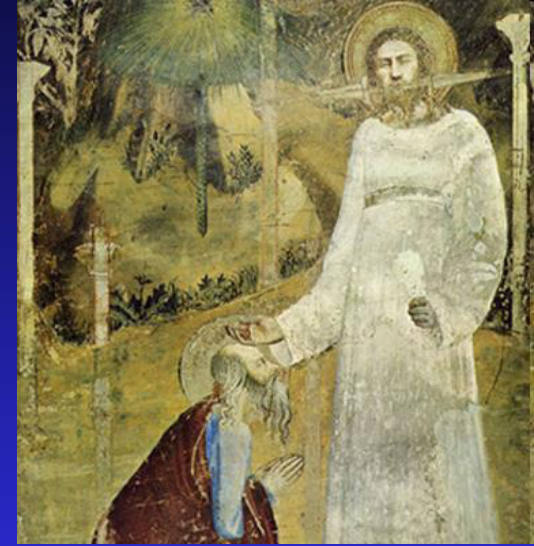
- Introduction (1:1-3)
- Greeting (1:4-8)

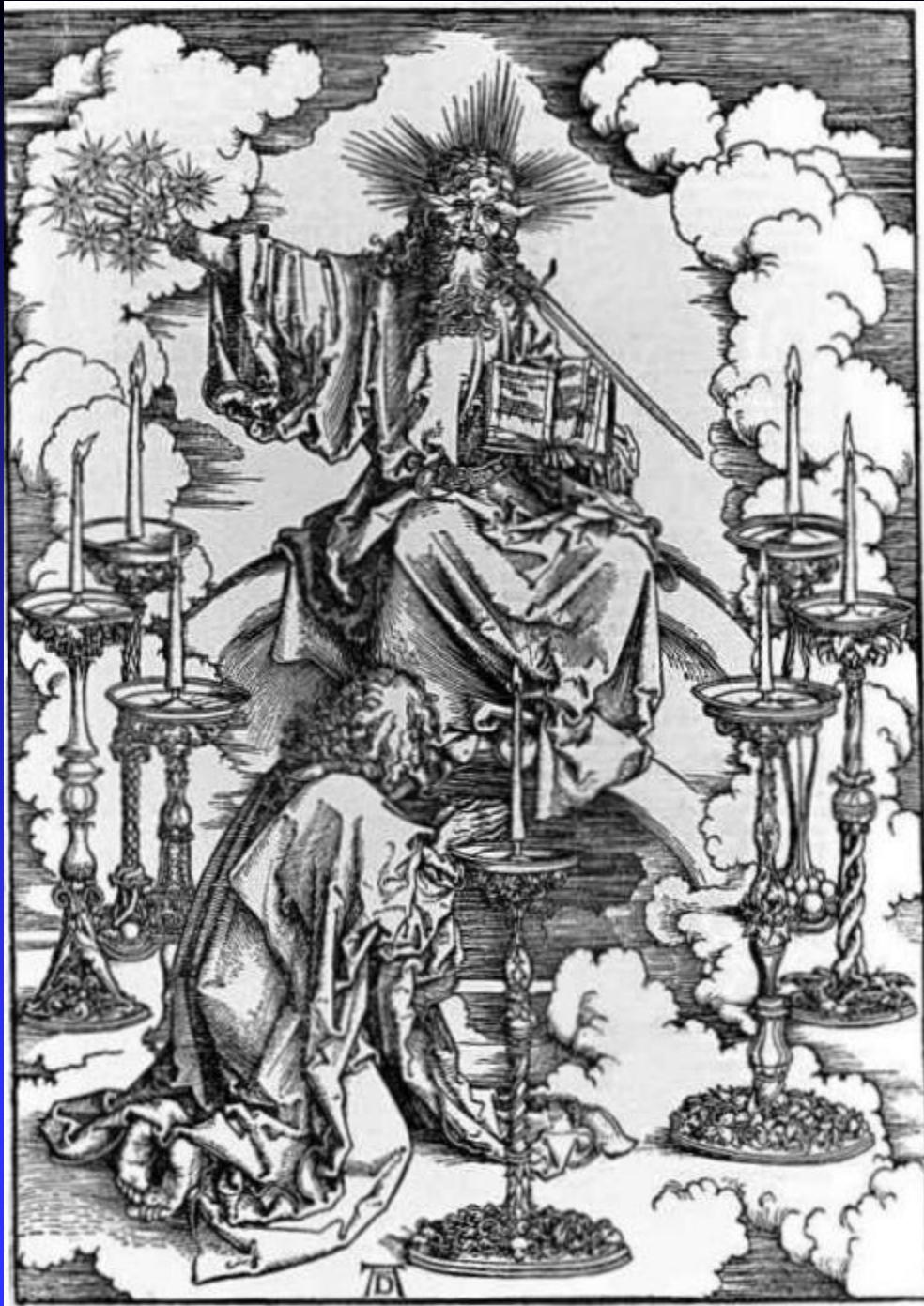
Rev 1:19

- Seen (1)
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The Things That You Have Seen (1:9-20)

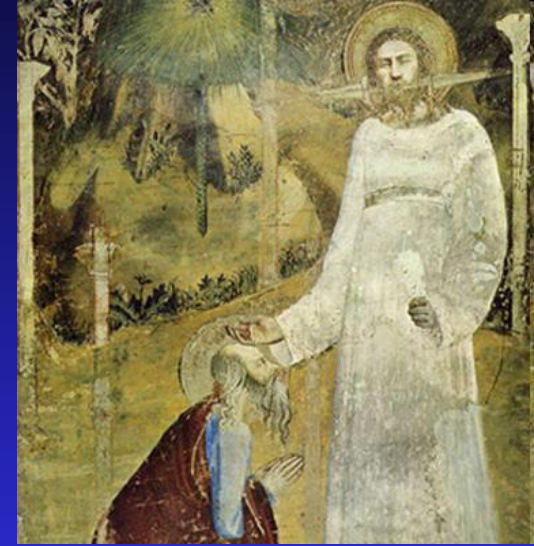
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The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Pattern of Rev 2–3

- Destination
- Description of Christ from Rev 1
- Commendation
- Rebuke
- Exhortation to change
- Promise to over comers from Rev 21–22

Rev 2–3

Church	Christ	Praise	Rebuke	Change	Promise
Ephesus	Holds, walks among churches	Deeds, toil, endurance, discern	Left 1 st love	Recall., repent, repeat	Tree of life
Smyrna	1 st /last, dead/alive	Poverty, trib., persecut.		No fear persec, faithful	2 nd death
Perg.	Sword	Kept the faith	Balaam, Nicolaitan	Attack from sword	Stone, manna, name
Thyatira	Eyes, feet	Deeds more than at 1st	Jezebel	Hold fast	Authority, morning star

Rev 2–3

Church	Christ	Praise	Rebuke	Change	Promise
Sardis	Seven spirits	Some unsoiled	Dead	Wake up	Clothed, confessed, book of life
Philad.	David's key	Endured, little power		Hold fast	Pillar, Names, kept from Trib.
Laod.	Amen, Faithful, true, creator		Lukewarm self-sufficient	Open door to Christ	Christ's throne



A Bible Study on REVELATION



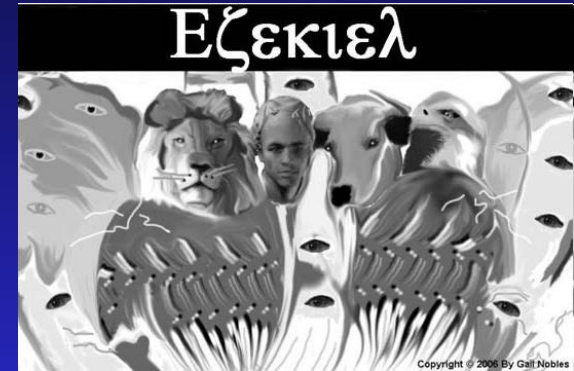
*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock...."
—Revelation 3:20*

Rev 1:19

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

God's Role in Creation (Rev 4)

- John transported to heaven (4:1)
- Father's throne (4:2-3a)
- Entities associated with the throne (4:3b-8a)
- Praise to God on account of creation (4:8b-11)



24 Elders?

- Israel?
- Redeemed of all ages?
- Angels?
- Church?



God's Role in Redemption (Rev 5)

- Seven sealed scroll (5:1)
- John weeps (5:2-4)
- Christ is qualified to open the scroll (5:5-6)
- Christ takes the scroll (5:7)
- Christ praised by various entities (5:8-14)



1st Six Seals (Rev 6)

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



1st Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 7)

- 7:1-8-144,000 Jews



- 7:9-17-Gentiles reached by the 144,000

Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

- **Revelation 7:1-8**
 - Numbered
 - Jews
 - Sealed
 - Sealed before the Tribulation
- **Revelation 7:9-17**
 - Innumerable
 - All nations
 - Slain
 - Converted out of the Tribulation

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

Matt 24/Rev 6 Parallel

Prediction	Birth pangs (Matt 24)	Seal judgments (Rev 6)
False Christ	24:5	6:2
War	24:6	6:3-4
Famine	24:7	6:5-6
Death	24:6-7	6:7-8
Martyrs	24:9-13	6:9-11
Earthquakes	24:7	6:12-17
Evangelism	24:14	7:1-9

7th Seal; 1st Six Trumpets (Rev 8–9)



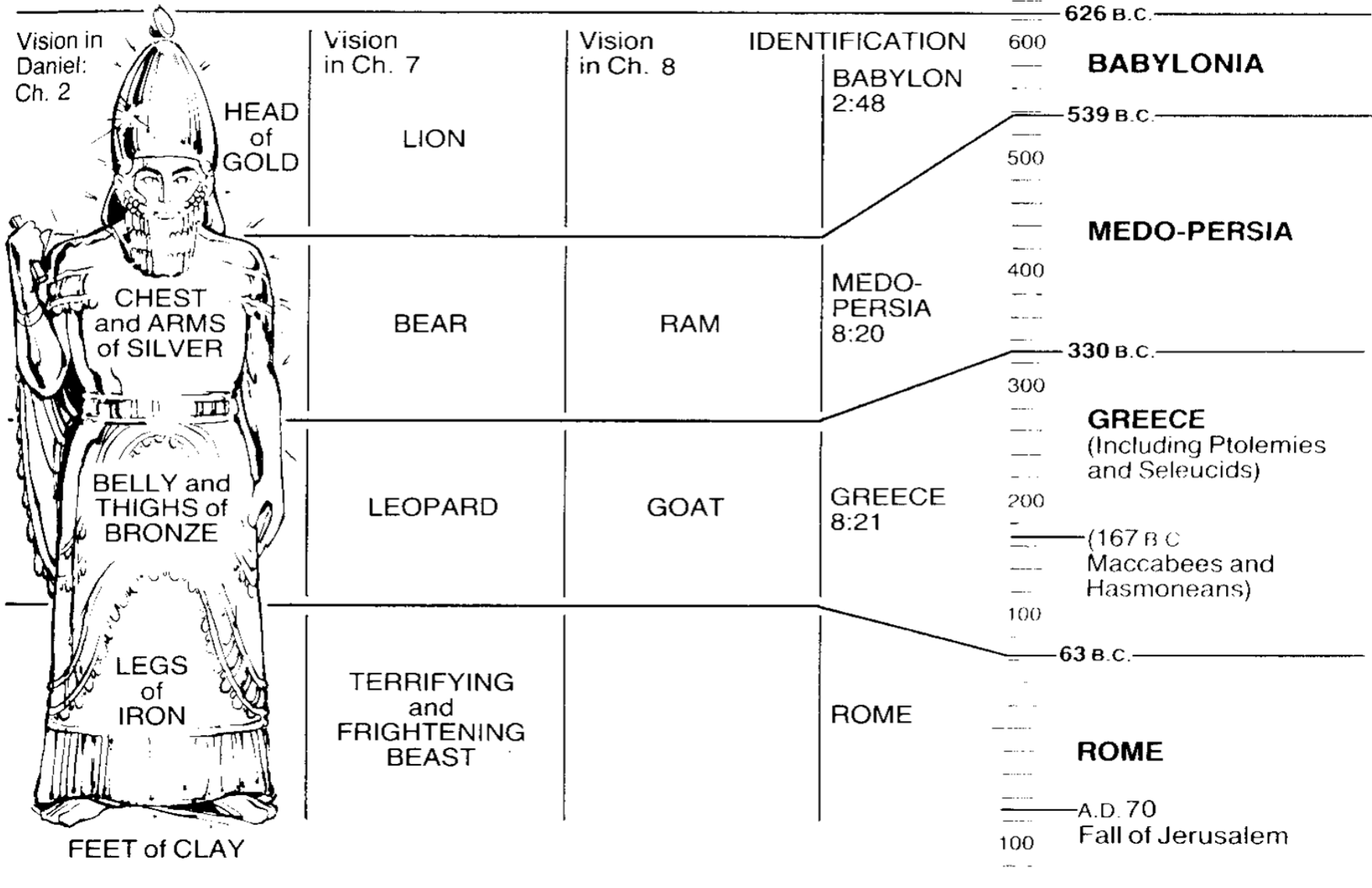
- 8:1-6 (7th seal)-releasing of the trumpets
- 8:7 (1st trumpet)-1/3 vegetation destroyed
- 8:8-9 (2nd trumpet)-1/3 sea life destroyed
- 8:10-11 (3rd trumpet)-1/3 of fresh water destroyed
- 8:12-13 (4th trumpet)-1/3 of luminaries darkened
- 9:1-12 (5th trumpet)-Tormenting demons released from the abyss for 5 months
- 9:13-21 (6th trumpet)-Army released from E. of the Euphrates

2nd Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 10:1–11:14)

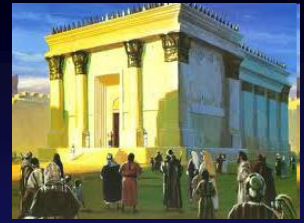
- 10-Angelic announcement of no further delay
- 11:1-2-Times of the Gentiles to only last a remaining 42 months
- 11:3-14-Two witnesses

Identification of the Four Kingdoms

Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel



Israel's Four Temples



- Solomon's pre exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
- Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
- Antichrist's temple (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)
- Millennial temple (Ezek 40-48)

Identity of the 2 Witnesses: Moses and Elijah



- Description of ministries (11:3, 6, 12)
- Transfiguration (Matt 17:3)
- Ministries cut short in the OT (2 Kgs 2:11-12; Num 20:12)
- Future appearance predicted in the OT (Deut 18:15; Mal 4:5-6; Jude 9)
- Never fulfilled in the NT (Luke 1:17; John 1:21)
- Enoch (Gen 5:18-24; Heb 11:5) does not fit the picture (Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24)

7th Trumpet (Rev 11:15-19)

- Kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God
- Bowl judgments will create this result
- Exodus connection
- 7th trumpet triggers the bowl judgments
- Why 7th trumpet is called a third woe (Rev 11:14)

3rd Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 12–14)

- Israel's flight (12)
- Two beasts (13)
- 6 scenes of hope (14)

Cast of Characters: Rev 12

SON = MESSIAH

Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9

DRAGON = SATAN

Rev. 12:9

WOMAN = ISRAEL

Gen. 37:9-10



Rev 12

- Satan's past strategy (12:1-5)
- Satan's future strategy (12:6-13)
- God's protection of Israel (12:14-17)

Satanic Attempts to Stop Messiah

- Cain; Gen. 4, 1 Jn. 3:12
- Pharaoh; Ex. 1
- Athaliah; 2 Chron. 22
- Haman; Esther
- Herod; Mt. 2; Rev 12:4
- Matt 4:5-7



Rev 13

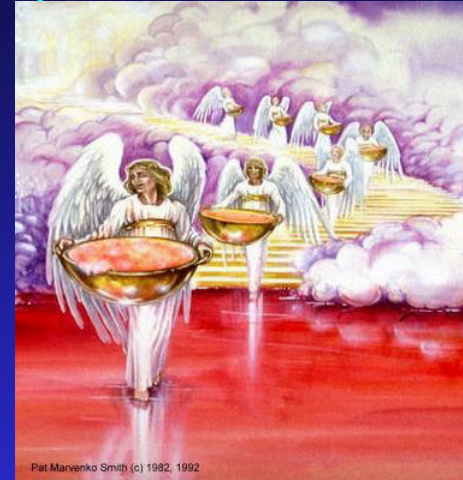
- First beast (Rev 13:1-10)
- Second beast (Rev 13:11-18)

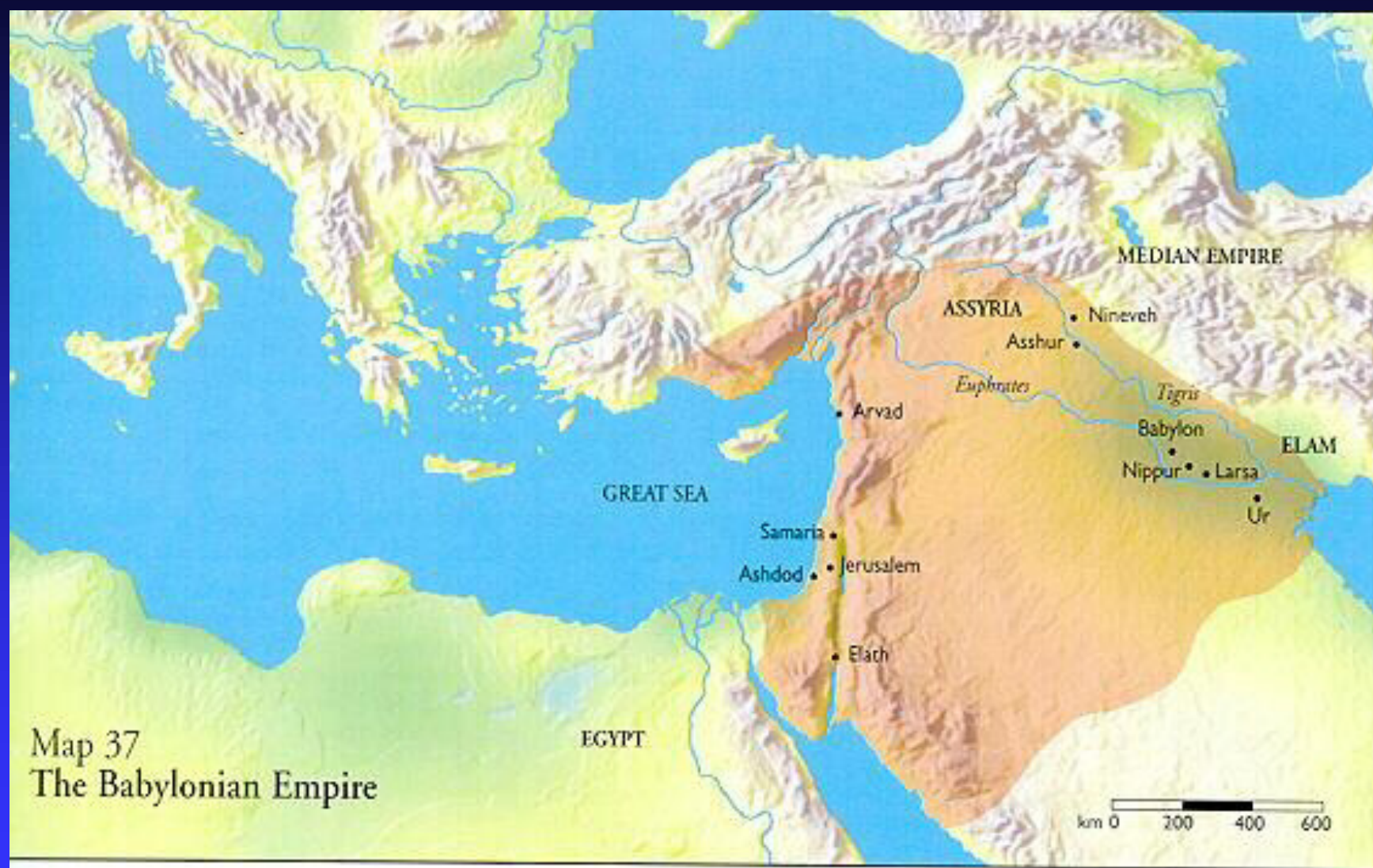
Six Scenes of Hope (Rev 14)

- Preservation of the 144,000 (14:1-5)
- Proclamation of the eternal gospel (14:6-7)
- Prediction of Babylon's ultimate doom (14:8)
- Ultimate doom of beast worshippers (14:9-12)
- Ultimate victory of the tribulation martyrs (14:13)
- Destruction of Christ rejecting nations at Armageddon (14:14-20)

Bowls (Rev 15–16)

- Prelude (15)
- Command (16:1)
- 16:2 (1st bowl)-boils
- 16:3 (2nd bowl)-sea becomes blood
- 16:4-7 (3rd bowl)-fresh water becomes blood
- 16:8-9 (4th bowl)-sun scorches man
- 16:10-11 (5th bowl)-darkness
- 16:12 (6th bowl)-Euphrates dried





East = Babylon

- Genesis 2:8
- Genesis 11:2
- Matthew 2:2



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)
- Hail: 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

4th Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 16:13-16) and 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

- Supernatural gathering of the nations to Armageddon for the final battle (Rev 16:13-16)
- 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)-Topographical and cosmological disturbances and the destruction of Jerusalem and Babylon

5th Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 17:1–19:6)

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Literal Geography in Revelation

- Asia 1:4 • Sardis 3:1
- Ephesus 2:1 • Philadelphia 3:7
- Smyrna 2:8 • Laodicea 3:14
- Pergamum 2:12 • Euphrates 9:14;16:12
- Thyatira 2:18 • Armageddon 16:16

Thomas, *Revelation 8 to 22: An Exegetical Commentary*, 206-207.

Isaiah 13-14

- **Day of the Lord (13:6-9)**
- **Cosmic disturbances (13:10-13)**
- **Global judgment (13:11-12)**
- **Sodom and Gomorrah (13:19)**
- **Complete and final desolation (13:20-22)**
- **Universal peace and rest (14:5-8)**
- **Israel's regeneration (14:1-4)**

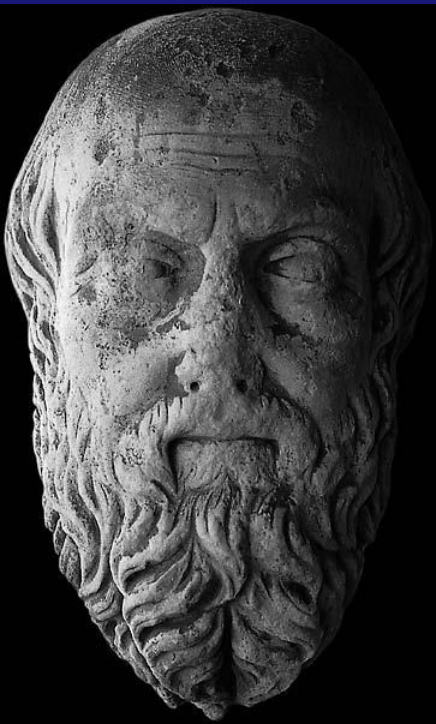
Morris, *Revelation Record*, 348.

Jeremiah 50-51

- **Sudden destruction (51:8)**
- **Complete destruction (50:3, 13, 26, 39-40; 51:29, 43, 62)**
- **No reuse of building materials (51:26)**
- **Believers flee (50:8; 51:6, 45)**
- **Israel's regeneration (50:2, 4-5, 20; 51:50)**

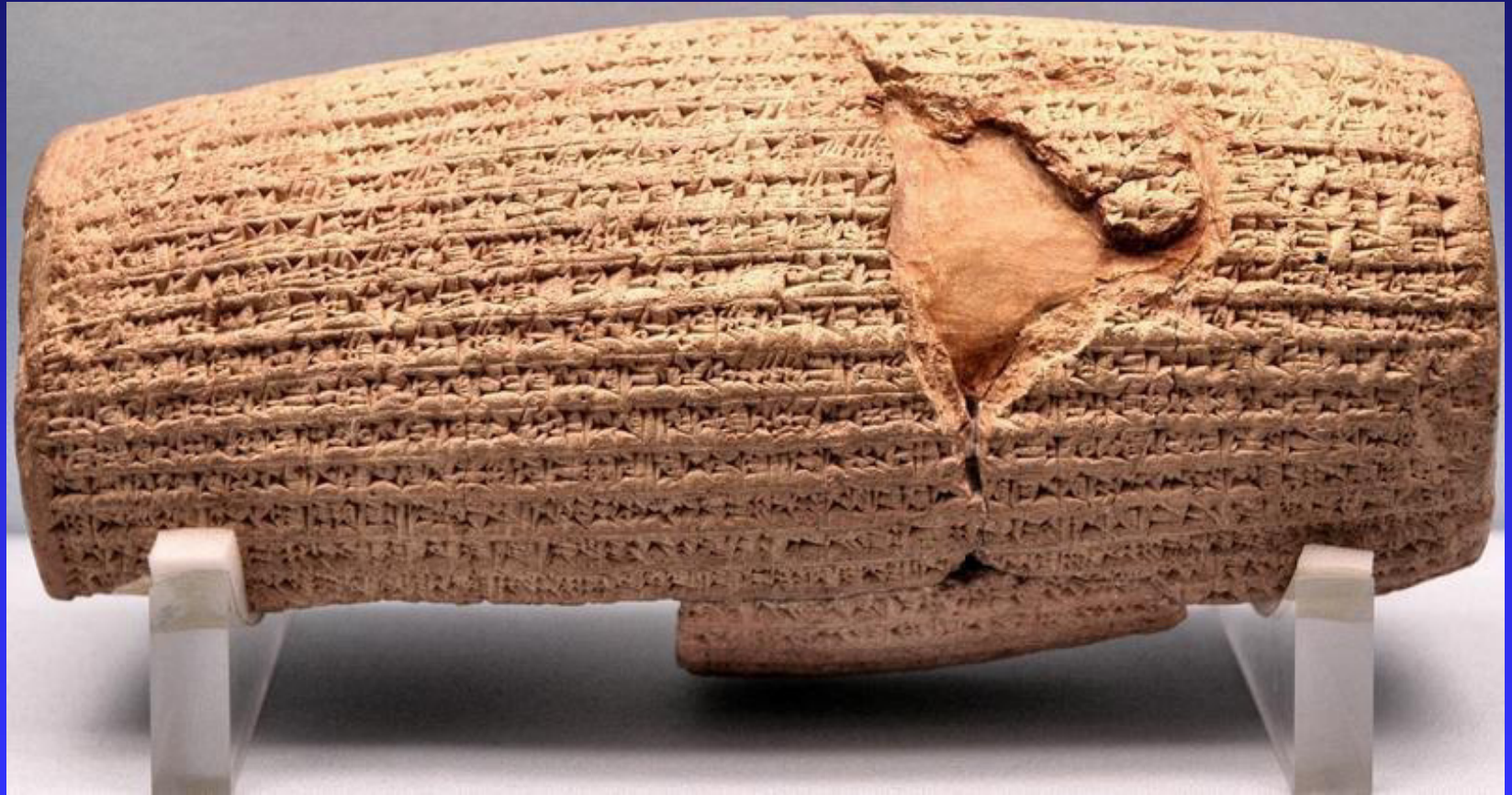
Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 2)," 443-49.

Herodotus, *Histories*, 1:191 (450 B.C.)



- “...he conducted the river by a channel into the lake...and so he made the former course of the river passable by the sinking of the stream. When this had been done, the Persians who had been posted for this very purpose entered by the bed of the river Euphrates into Babylon, the stream having sunk so far that it reached about to the middle of a man’s thigh...those Babylonians who dwelt in the middle did not know that they had been captured...”

Cyrus Cylinder



Pritchard, *The Ancient Near East Texts Relating to the Old Testament*, 315-16.

- **Without any battle. . . sparing** Babylon . . . any calamity. . . . I am Cyrus . . . king of Babylon. . . . When I entered Babylon . . . under jubilation and rejoicing. . . troops walked around Babylon . . . in peace, I did not allow anybody to terrorize (any place) of the [country of Sumer] and Akkad. I strove for peace in Babylon . . . and in all his (other) sacred cities. . . . I returned to (these) sacred cities on the other side of the Tigris, the sanctuaries of which have been in ruins for a long time, the images which (used) to live therein and established for them permanent sanctuaries.

Babylon's History After 539 B.C.

- Herodotus gives Babylon's measurements (450 B.C.)
- Alexander the Great visits and dies in Babylon (323 B.C.)
- Seleucus seizes Babylon (312 B.C.)
- Strabo pronounces Babylon's hanging gardens as one of "seven wonders of the world" (25 B.C.)
- Babylonians present on Pentecost (Acts 2:9)
- Talmud promulgated from Babylon (A.D. 500)
- Haukal mentions Babylonian village (A.D. 917)
- Babylon known as "Two Mosques" and "Hilah" (A.D. 1100)

Hitchcock and Ice, *The Truth Behind Left Behind*, 109

Parallels Between Jeremiah 50-51 & Revelation 17-18

Associated with a Golden cup	51:7a	17:3-4; 18:6
Dwelling on many waters	51:13	17:1
Intoxicating the nations	51:7b	17:2
Same name	50:1	17:5
Stone sinking into Euphrates	51:63-64	18:21
Sudden destruction	51:8	18:8
Destroyed by fire	51:30	17:16
Final, uninhabitable	50:39	18:21
Deserved	50:29	18:6
God's people flee	51:6, 45	18:4
Heaven rejoices	51:48	18:20

Zechariah 5:5-11

Woman sitting in a basket

**Emphasis on commerce
(a basket for measuring
grain)**

**Woman's name is
wickedness**

**Focus on False worship
(a temple is built for the
woman)**

Woman is taken to Babylon

Revelation 17–18

**Woman sitting on beast, seven
mountains, many waters
(17: 3, 9, 15)**

**Emphasis on commerce
(merchant of grain, 18:13)**

**Woman's name is Babylon the
Great, Mother of Harlots and
Abominations of the Earth**

Focus on False worship (17:5)

Woman is called Babylon

Hitchcock, The Second Coming of Babylon, 109.

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ONE BABYLON

	Rev. 17	Rev. 18
Same name	17:5	18:2
City	17:18	18:10
Same clothing	17:4	18:16
Holding a cup	17:4	18:6
Fornicating with Kings	17:2	18:3
Drunk with wine of immorality	17:2	18:3
Persecuting believers	17:6	18:20, 24
Destroyed by fire	17:16	18:8, 18
Destroyed by God	17:17	18:5, 8

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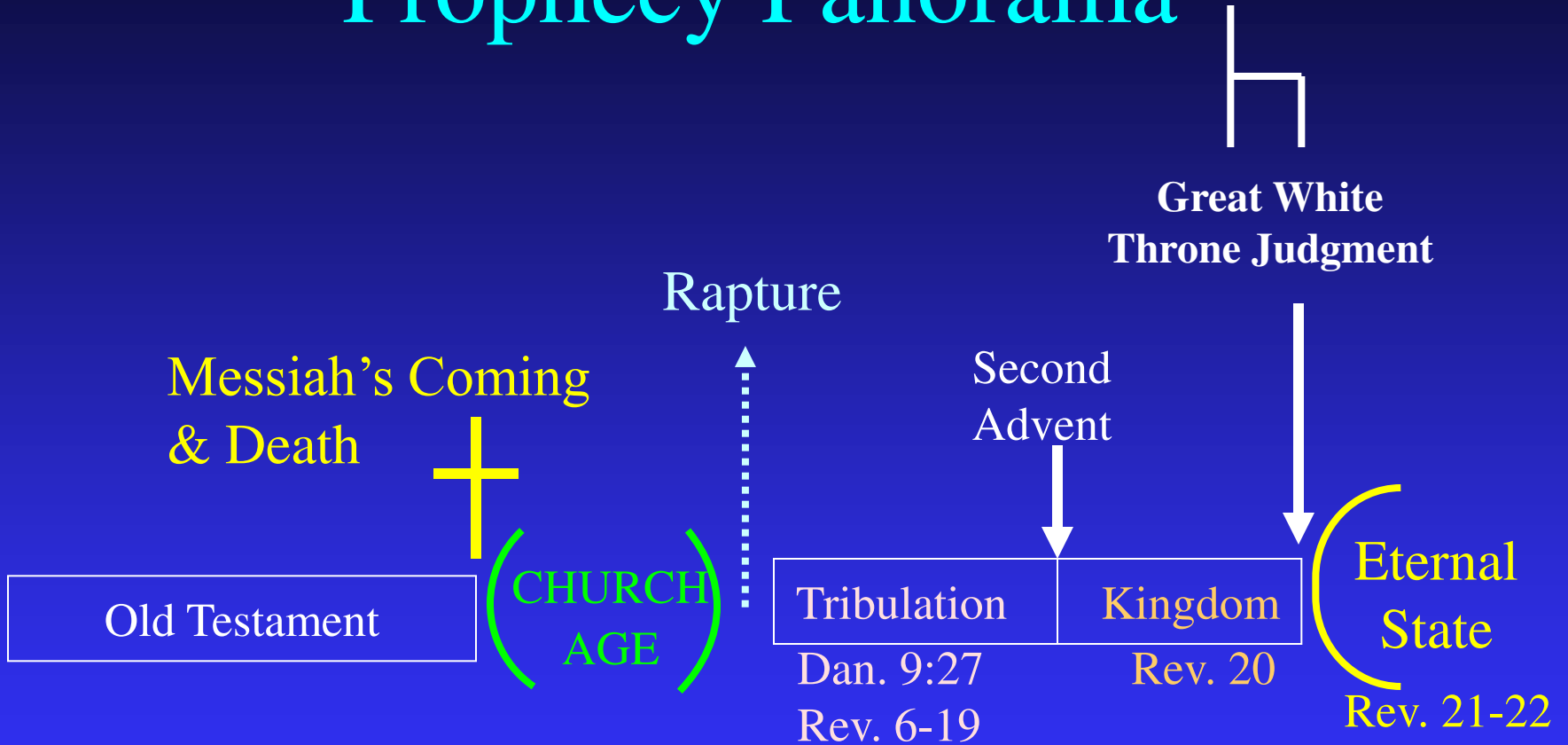
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Prophecy Panorama



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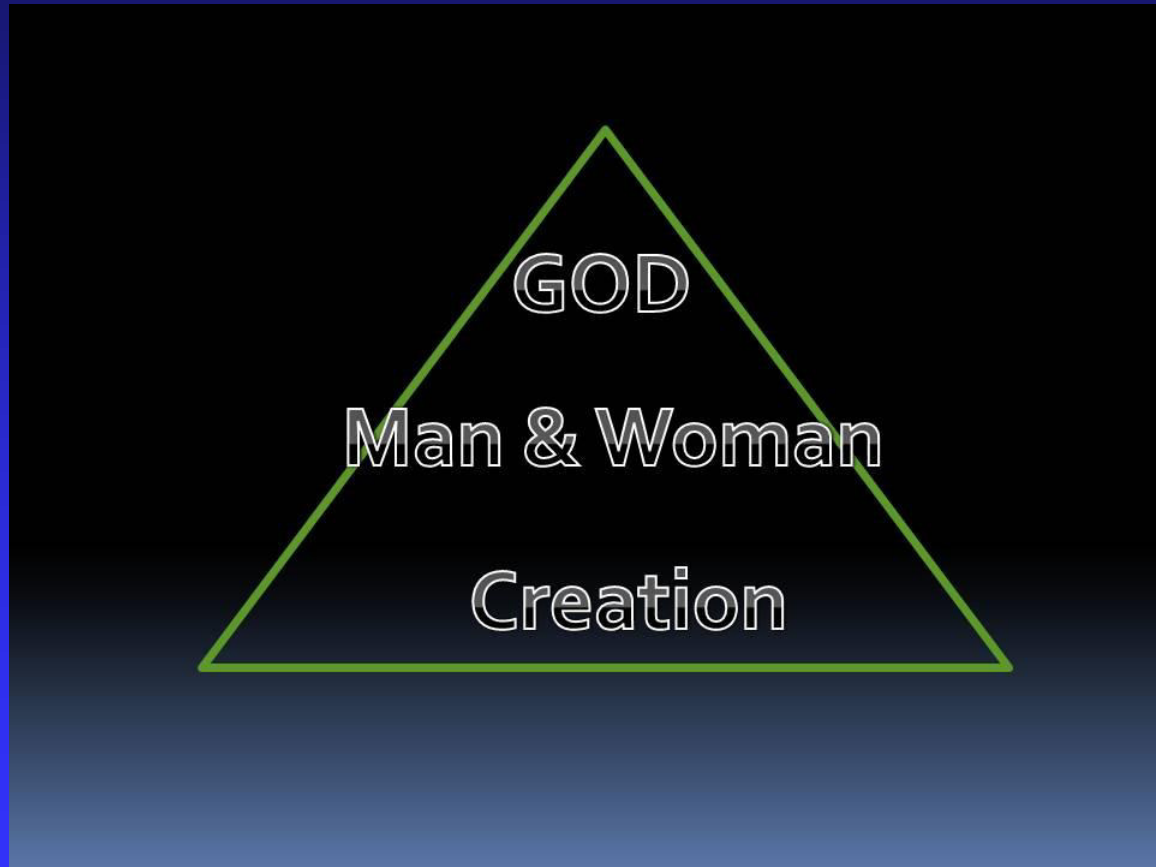
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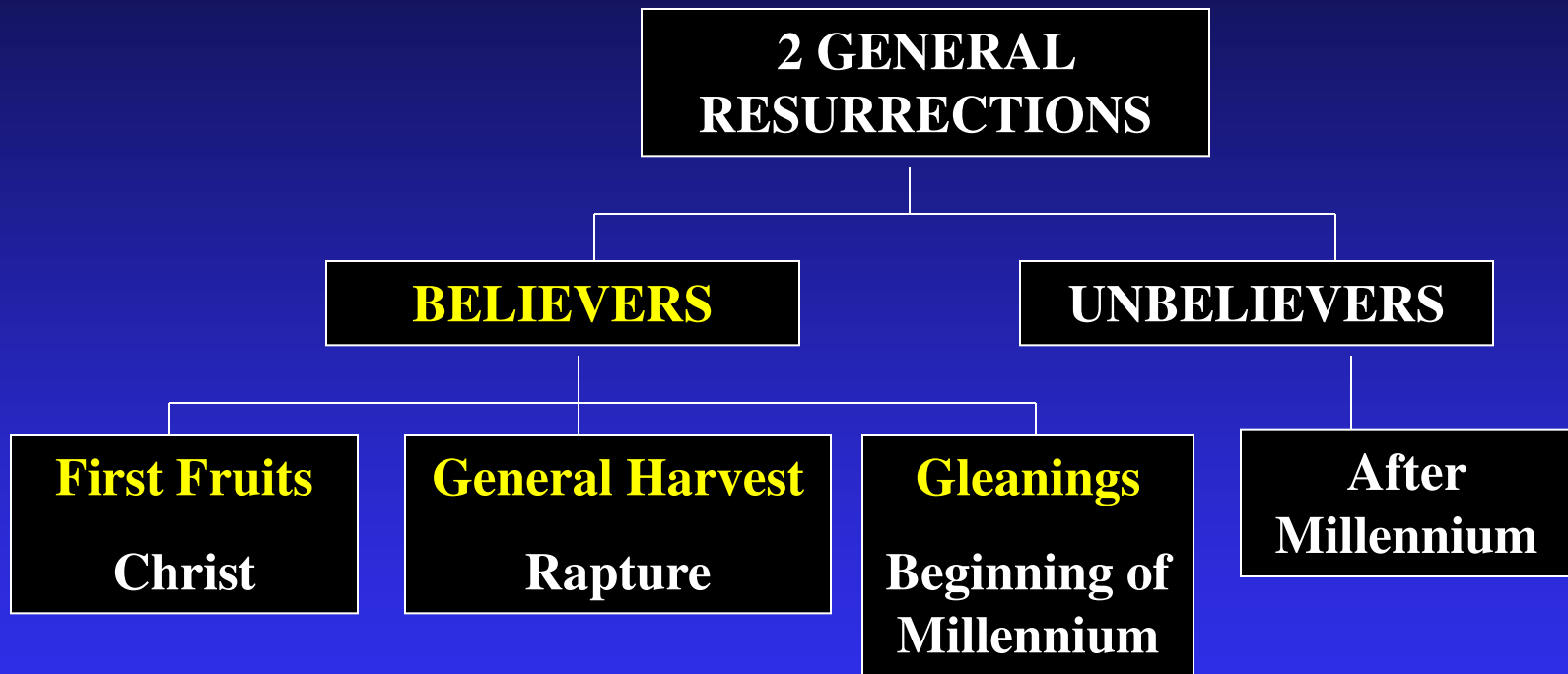
Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*. Page 511

Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.

Theocratic Administrator



God's Resurrection Program



Satan's Progressive Defeat

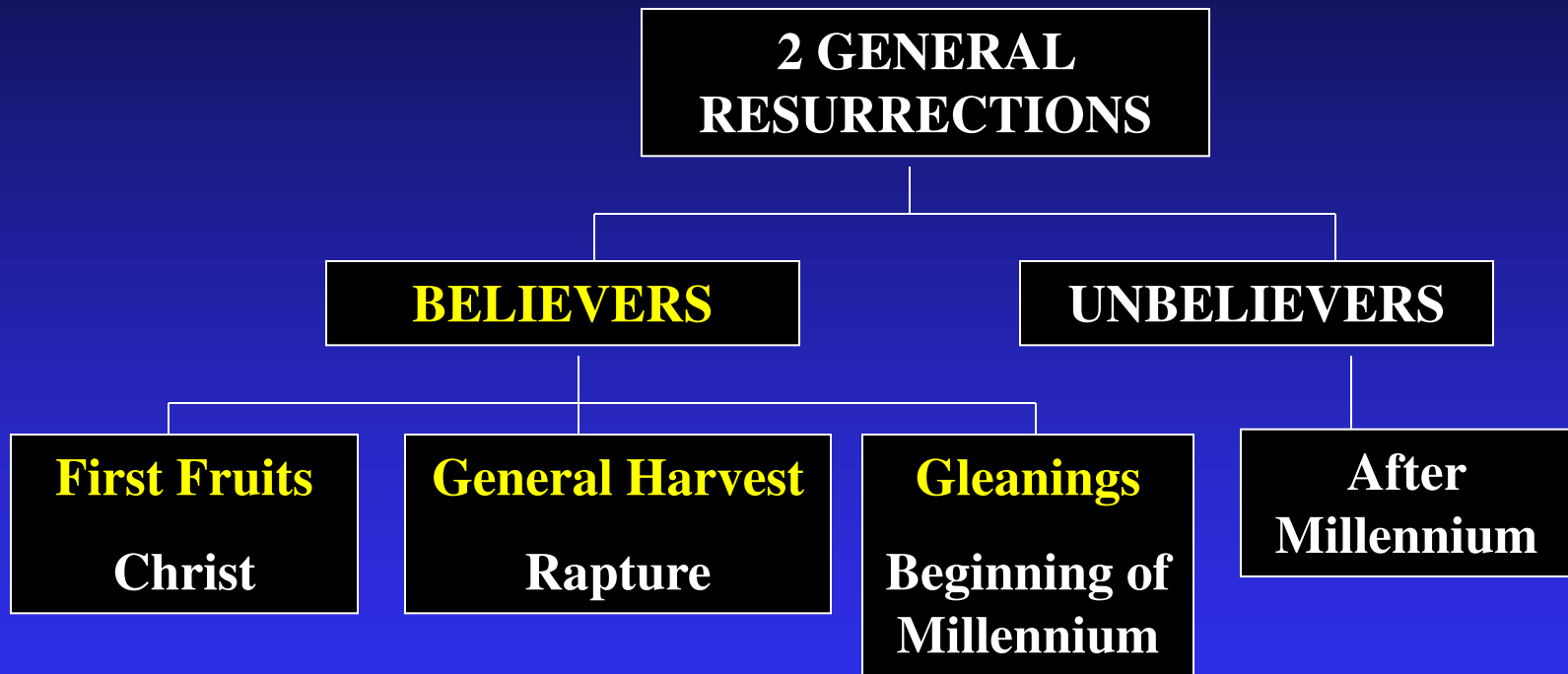
- Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
- Eden (Gen 3:15)
- Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
- Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
- Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
- Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
- End of millennium (Rev 20:10)



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God's Resurrection Program



Scripture's Four Judgments

Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	Bema Seat	<u>Great White Throne</u>
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	1 Cor 3:10-15	<u>Rev 20:11-15</u>
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	Heaven	<u>Earth</u>
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	Church Age believers	<u>All unsaved</u>
When	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	After rapture	<u>After Millennium</u>
Purpose	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	Reward believers	<u>Degree of punishment in hell</u>
Evaluation	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	Works taken through fire	<u>Not in the book; judged by books</u>

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Millennium Rev.20

Sin restrained

Curse restrained

Death

Mortals / resurrected

Destinies undecided

Renovation

Temporary

Transitional

Eternal State

Rev.21-22

Sin removed

Curse removed

No death

Resurrected only

Destinies sealed

Recreation

Eternal

Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Temple	Ezek 40–48	21:22
Death	Isa 65:20	21:4
Satanic activity	20:7	20:10
Rebellion	20:8-9	21:27

Epilogue (Rev 22:6-21)

- Words of comfort (Rev 22:6-17)
- Warning against adding and subtracting (Rev 22:18-19)
- Benediction (Rev 22:20-21)

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