

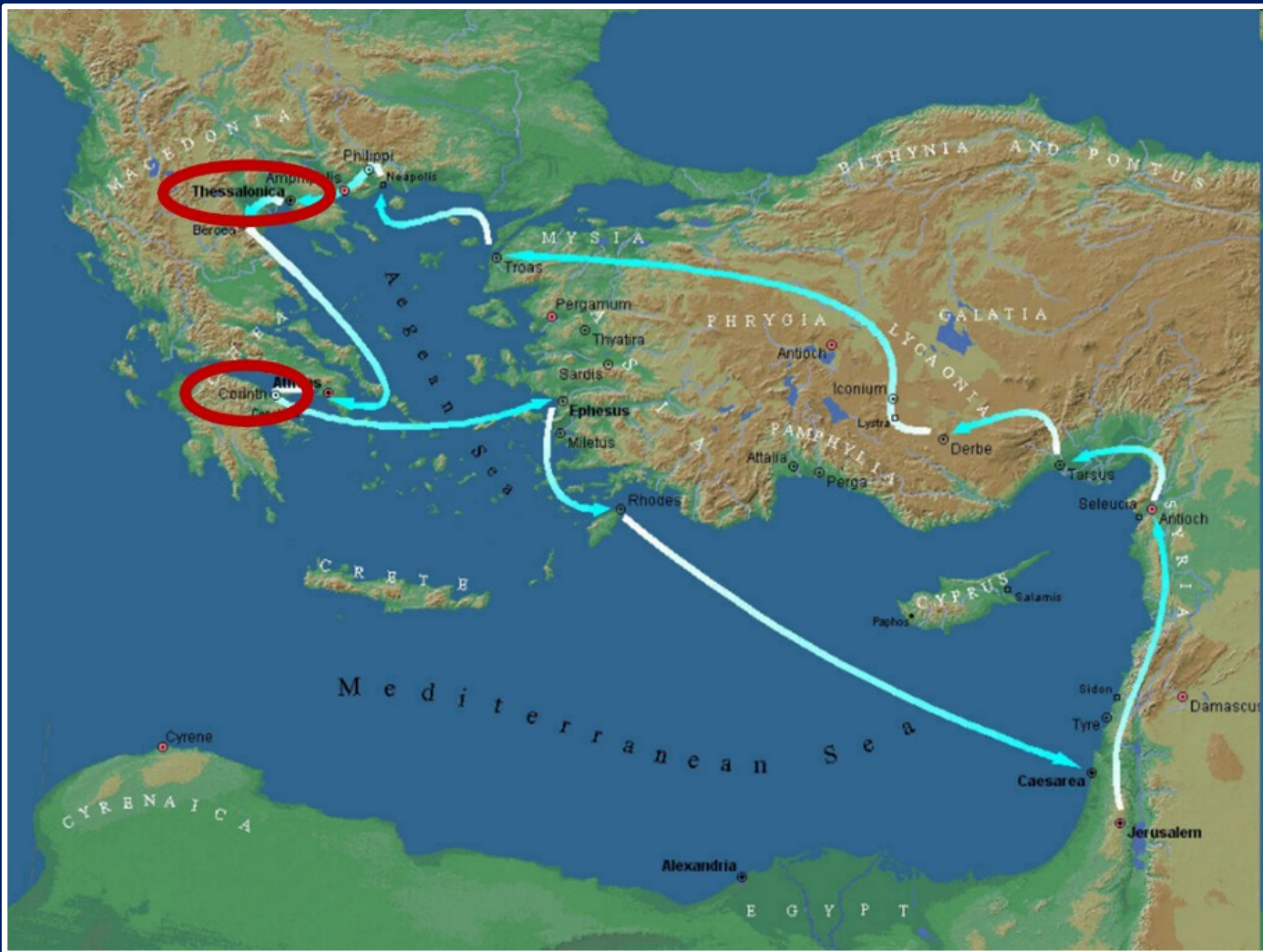
2 Thessalonians

BALANCE: WORKING & WAITING



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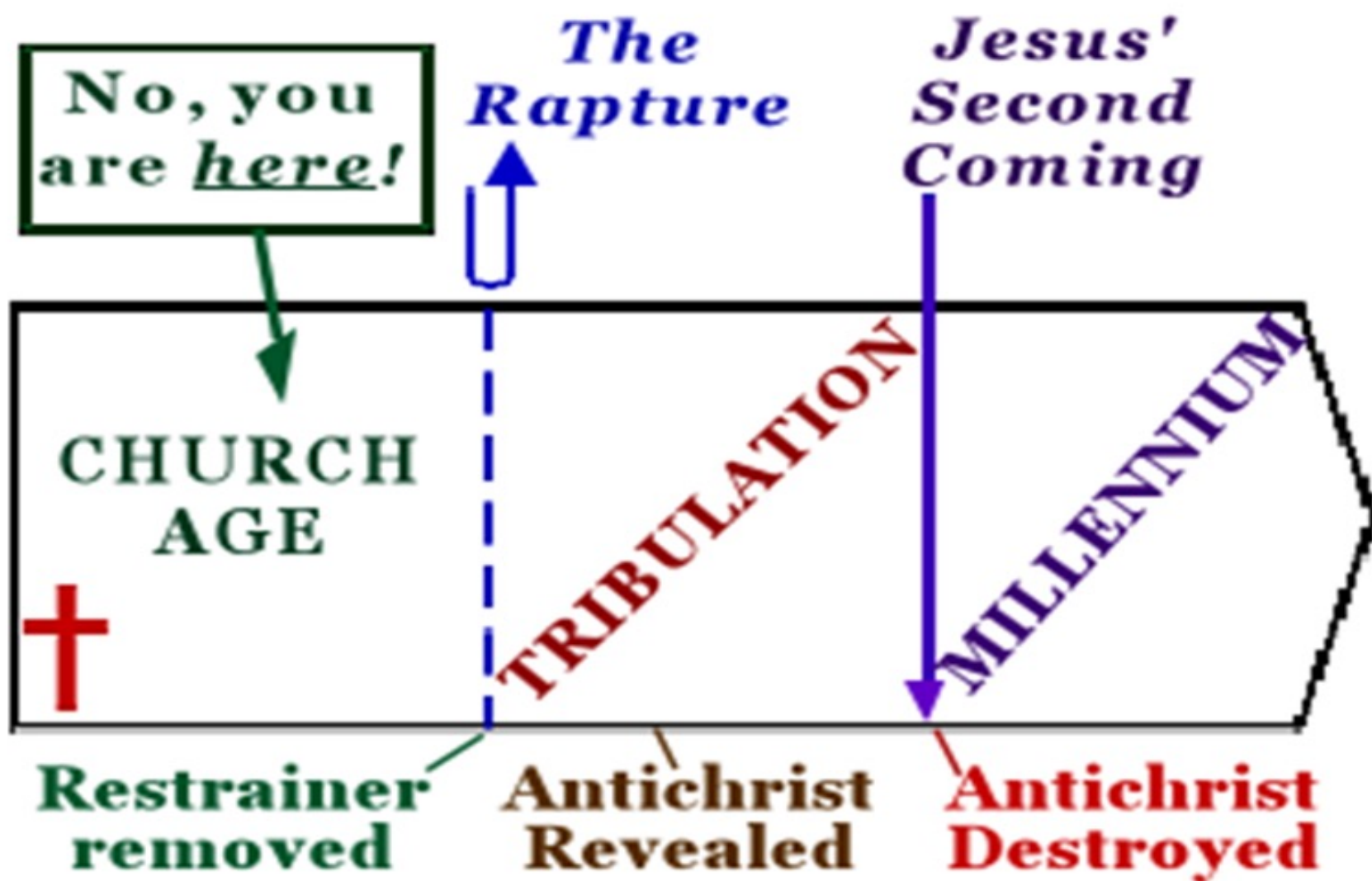


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Romans 1:18–20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



Revelation 9:20-21

²⁰ “The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they **did not repent** of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”



Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	<u>Sanctification</u>	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	<u>Power</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10
Nature	Single	<u>Dual</u>	Single

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Charles Ryrie

The Ryrie Study Bible, page 1489

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (RSBEE:NASB1995U): 2:11-12 *The deluding influence* comes from God; it is both a punishment and a moral result of their rejection of the truth (vv. 10, 12). These verses reflect the OT concept that God is sovereign even in the activities of the powers of evil (cf. Ex. 4:21; Josh. 11:20; 1 Kings 22:19–23; 1 Chron. 21:1; cf. 2 Sam. 24:1). The result will be that men will *believe what is false*, as Satan works through Antichrist.”

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“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.”

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1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

SEAL 1 – 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist

SEAL 2 – 6:3-4 – War

SEAL 3 – 6:5-6 – Famine

SEAL 4 – 6:7-8 – Death

SEAL 5 – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

SEAL 6 – 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances

Matt 24 / Rev 6 Parallels

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

2 Thessalonians 2:9

“that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false [pseudos] wonders.”



2 Timothy 4:3-4

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths [*mythos*].



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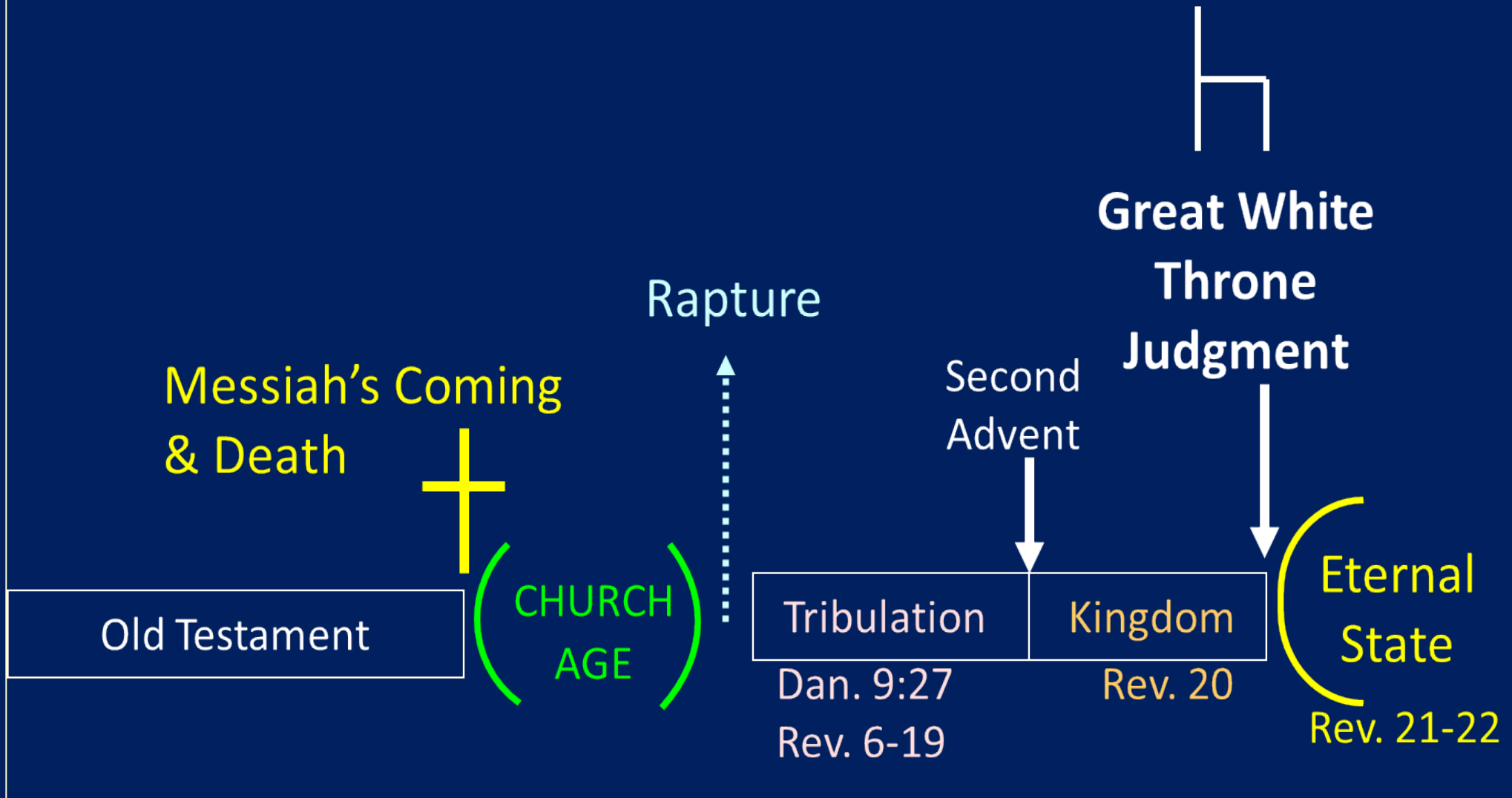
“³⁰ Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent [metanoēō], ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”



Scripture's Four Judgments

NAME	SHEEP AND GOAT	JUDGMENT OF THE JEWS	BEMA SEAT	GREAT WHITE THRONE
SCRIPTURE	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	1 Cor 3:10-15	Rev 20:11-15
PLACE	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	Heaven	Earth
AUDIENCE	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	Church Age believers	All unsaved
WHEN	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	After rapture	After Millennium
PURPOSE	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	Reward believers	Degree of punishment in hell
EVALUATION	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	Works taken through fire	Not in the book; judged by books

Prophecy Panorama



John 3:36

“The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”



Thomas L. Constable

“Notes on 2 Peter,” online: www.soniclight.com,
accessed 21 January 2020, 12.

“Unlike other New Testament ethical lists (except Rom. 5:3-5), Peter used a literary device called ‘sorites’ (also called ‘climax’ or *gradatio*). Sorites (from the Gr. *soros*, ‘a heap’) is a set of statements that proceed, step by step, to a climactic conclusion through the force of logic or reliance upon a series of indisputable facts. Each new statement picks up the last key word or phrase of the preceding one.”

PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



FAITH

GOODNESS

KNOWLEDGE

SELF CONTROL

PERSERVERENCE

GODLINESS

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

LOVE

2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your **faith** supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.



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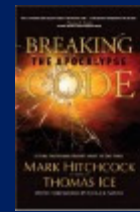
Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

144,000	MULTITUDE
Revelation 7:1-8	Revelation 7:9-17
Numbered	Innumerable
Jews	All nations
Sealed	Slain
Sealed <u>before</u> the Tribulation	Converted <u>out of</u> the Tribulation

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

Thomas Ice

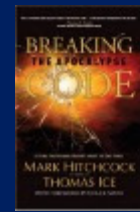
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“Second, the context of the entire passage relates to what will happen in the forthcoming Tribulation period. The context for when “they did not receive the love of the truth” in verse 10 clearly will be taking place during the Tribulation. The 2nd Thessalonians 2 passage is talking about the response of unbelievers during the Tribulation. If the passage were referring to an unbelieving response prior to the Tribulation, with a result that such a decision would impact one’s destiny during the Tribulation, then the passage would have probably been worded differently in order to convey such a message. Since it is not so configured, then there is no support for the belief that a person’s rejection of the Gospel necessarily seals his fate if he . . .

Thomas Ice

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...enters the Tribulation. Specific support that verses 8–12 encompass events that will transpire in the Tribulation begins in verse 8, which says, ‘And then that lawless one will be revealed . . .’ In other words, ‘then’ denotes a shift from the current Church Age into a future era: the Tribulation. Nothing in verses 8—12 takes any part of that passage out of the context of the Tribulation. All, in my opinion, would agree that verses 8–9 refer to things the Antichrist will do during the Tribulation. Verse 10 is clearly related to its preceding context and speaks of something that will take place during the Tribulation.”

Conclusion

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