

Ecclesiology

Session 25



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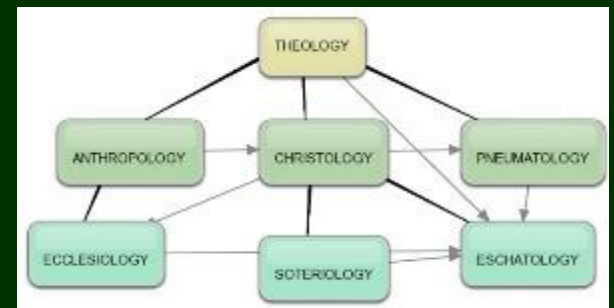
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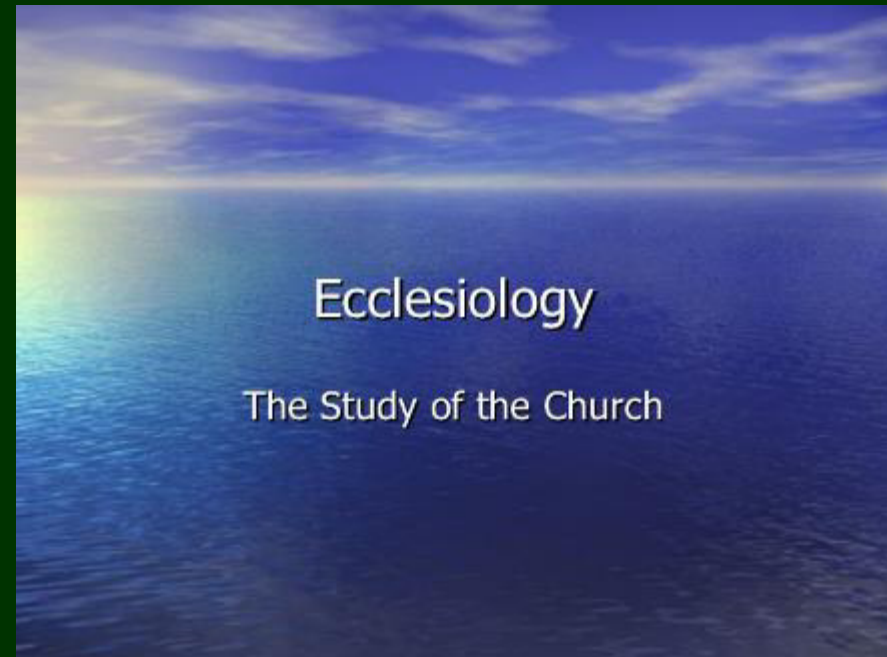
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2 Timothy 3:16-17

“¹⁶ **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be **adequate, equipped for every good work.**”

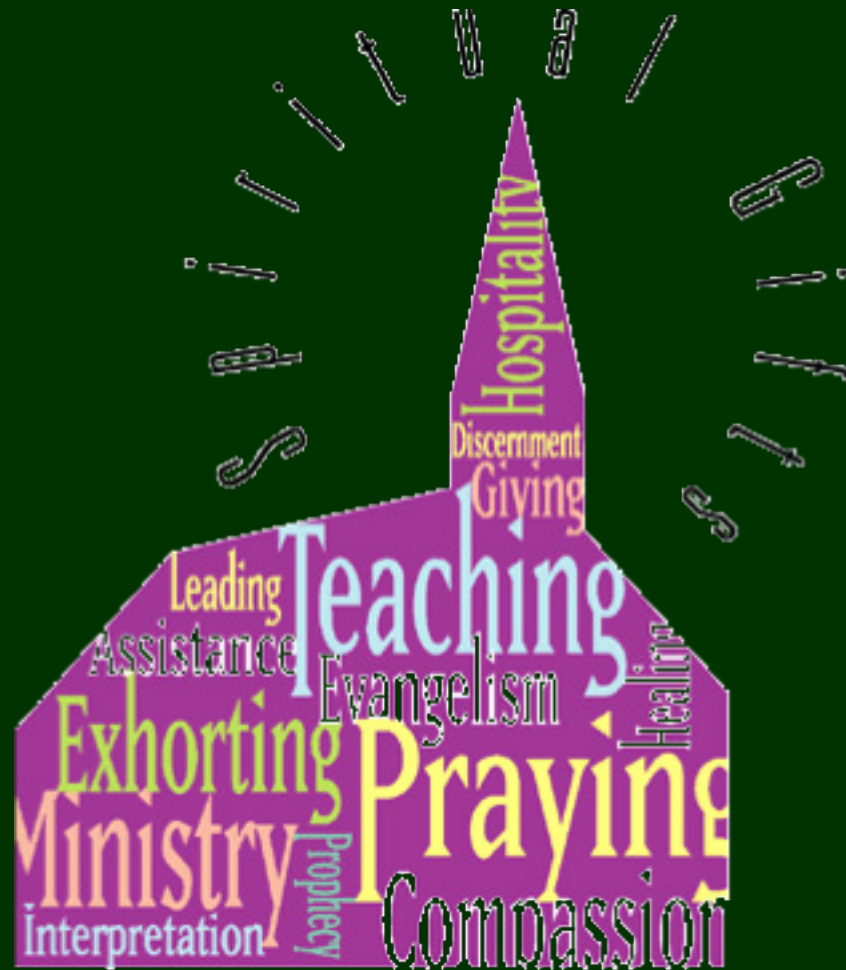


Ephesians 4:11-16

“¹¹ And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;”



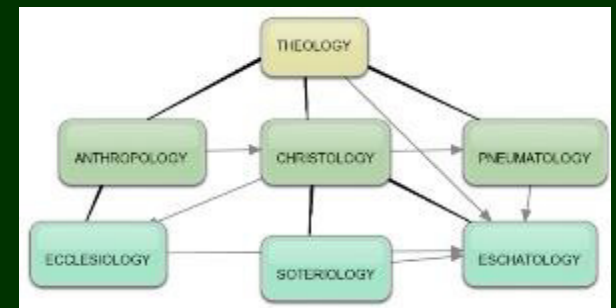
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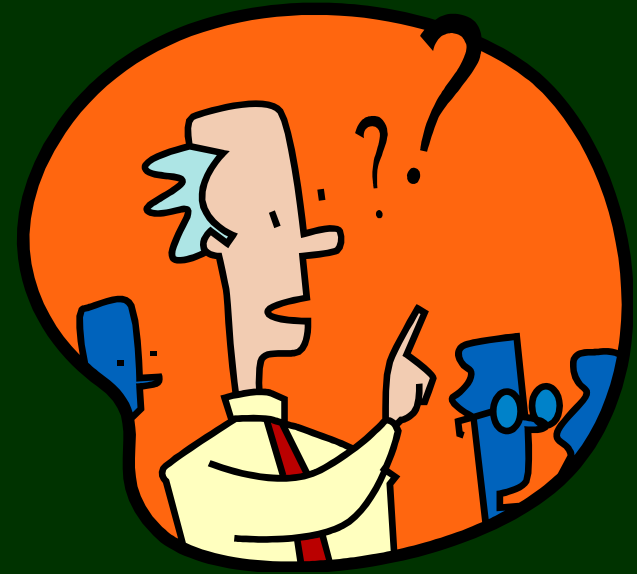
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- Romans 12
- 1 Corinthians 12
- 1 Peter 4
- Ephesians 4



The 6 Disputed Gifts

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5. Interpretation of tongues
6. Healing



Two Camps

1. Charismatics – All the spiritual gifts are in operation today
2. Cessationists (selective)– Most of the spiritual gifts are in operation today



Preamble to Position Statements of SLBC Constitution

“Although agreement with the **POSITION STATEMENTS** is not required for membership, they are taught in this church. The **POSITION STATEMENTS** are not meant to **prohibit** honest and healthy discussions concerning what the Bible teaches about these issues; however, we believe that such discussions must be conducted under the guiding principle that believers are to strive to maintain unity.”

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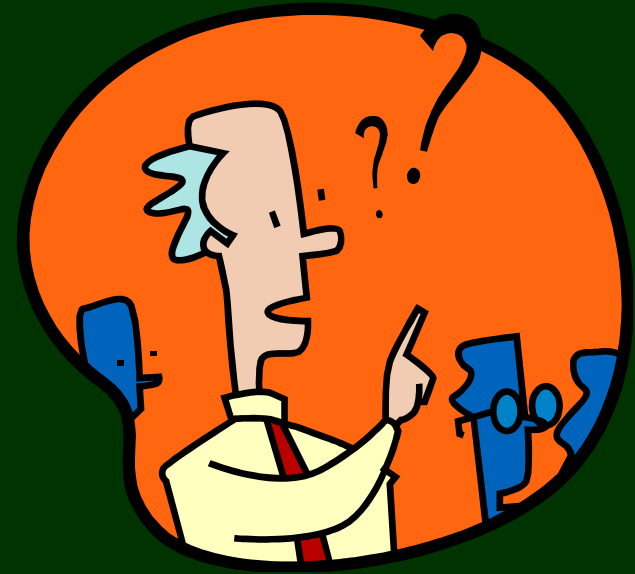
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Miracle Clusters In Scripture

NUM.	ERA	AUTHENTICATION
1.	Moses	Law
2.	Joshua	Conquest
3.	Elijah-Elisha	Prophet
4.	Christ	Kingdom offer
5.	Apostles	Church
6.	Tribulation & Millennium	Kingdom establishment

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Hebrews 2:3-4

“³ how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.”



2 Corinthians 12:12

“The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.”



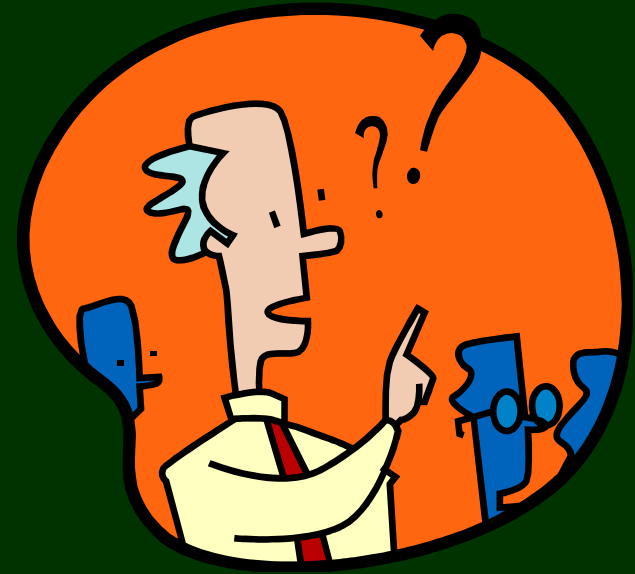
Acts 2:43

“Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.”



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Revelation 9:11

“And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.” (KJV)



1 Corinthians 12:10

“To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues [glōssa]; to another the interpretation of tongues [glōssa].”



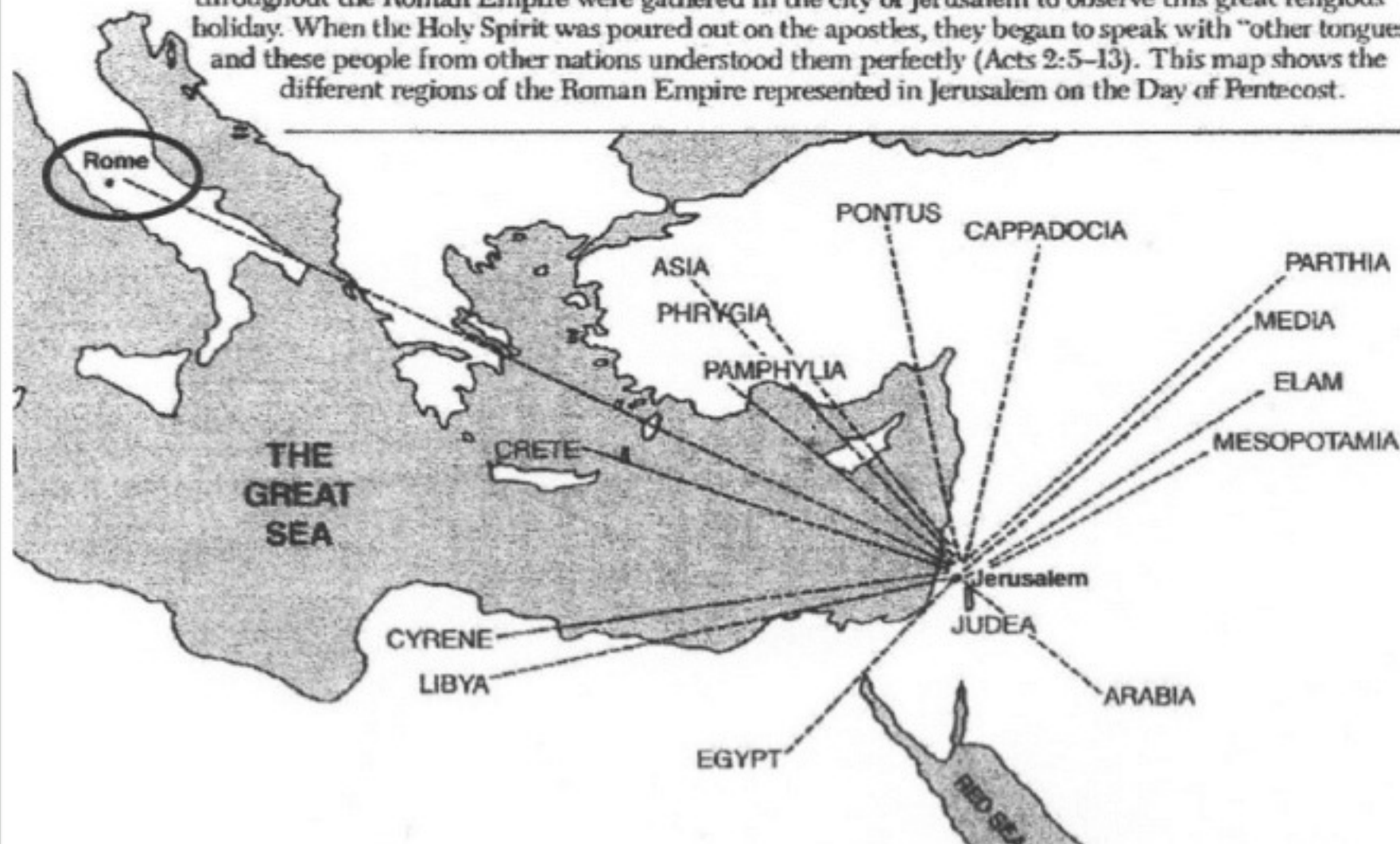
Acts 2:6

“Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language [*dialektos*].”



The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with "other tongues," and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



1 Corinthians 14:21-22

“²¹ In the Law it is written, ‘BY MEN OF STRANGE TONGUES AND BY THE LIPS OF STRANGERS I WILL SPEAK TO THIS PEOPLE, AND EVEN SO THEY WILL NOT LISTEN TO ME,’ says the Lord. ²² So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophecy *is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.*”



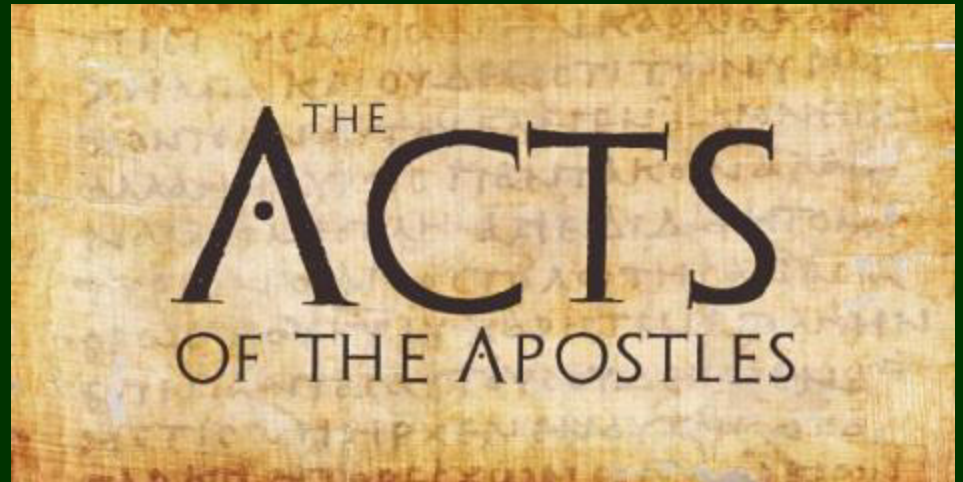
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Acts 3:1-10

1. No prayer
2. No faith
3. Indirect
4. By an apostle
5. Instantaneous
6. Automatic
7. Undeniable
8. No geographical barriers
9. Spontaneous
10. Common
11. Universal



Acts 20:7-10

⁷ On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul *began* talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight. ⁸ There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together. ⁹ And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead. ¹⁰ But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."



Acts 5:12, 15-16

“¹² At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s portico...¹⁵ to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.¹⁶ Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.”



Acts 4:30

“while You extend Your hand to heal,
and signs and wonders take place through
the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”



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Order of Paul's Letters



	LETTER (S)	DATE WRITTEN
1.	Galatians	A.D. 49
2.	1–2 Thessalonians	A.D. 51
3.	1–2 Corinthians	A.D. 56
4.	Romans	A.D. 57
5.	Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians	A.D. 60–62
6.	1 Timothy, Titus	A.D. 62–66
7.	2 Timothy	A.D. 67

1 Timothy 5:23

“No longer drink water *exclusively*, but use a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments.”



2 Timothy 4:20

“Erastus remained at Corinth,
but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.”



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James 5:14-15

“¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; ¹⁵ and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.”



APOSTOLIC GIFT OF HEALING

HEALING TODAY

No prayer

Prayer

Indirect

Direct

Apostles

Physicians

Instantaneous

Gradual

Common

Less common

Automatic

Non-automatic

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Theology of Suffering

1. Sympathy – 2 Cor. 1:3-4
2. Christ-like character – Jas. 1:2-4
3. Testimony to unbelievers – John 11:4; 12:10-11
4. Dependence upon God – Deut. 6:10-12; 8:3; 2 Cor. 12:6-9
5. Prayer – Acts 12:5

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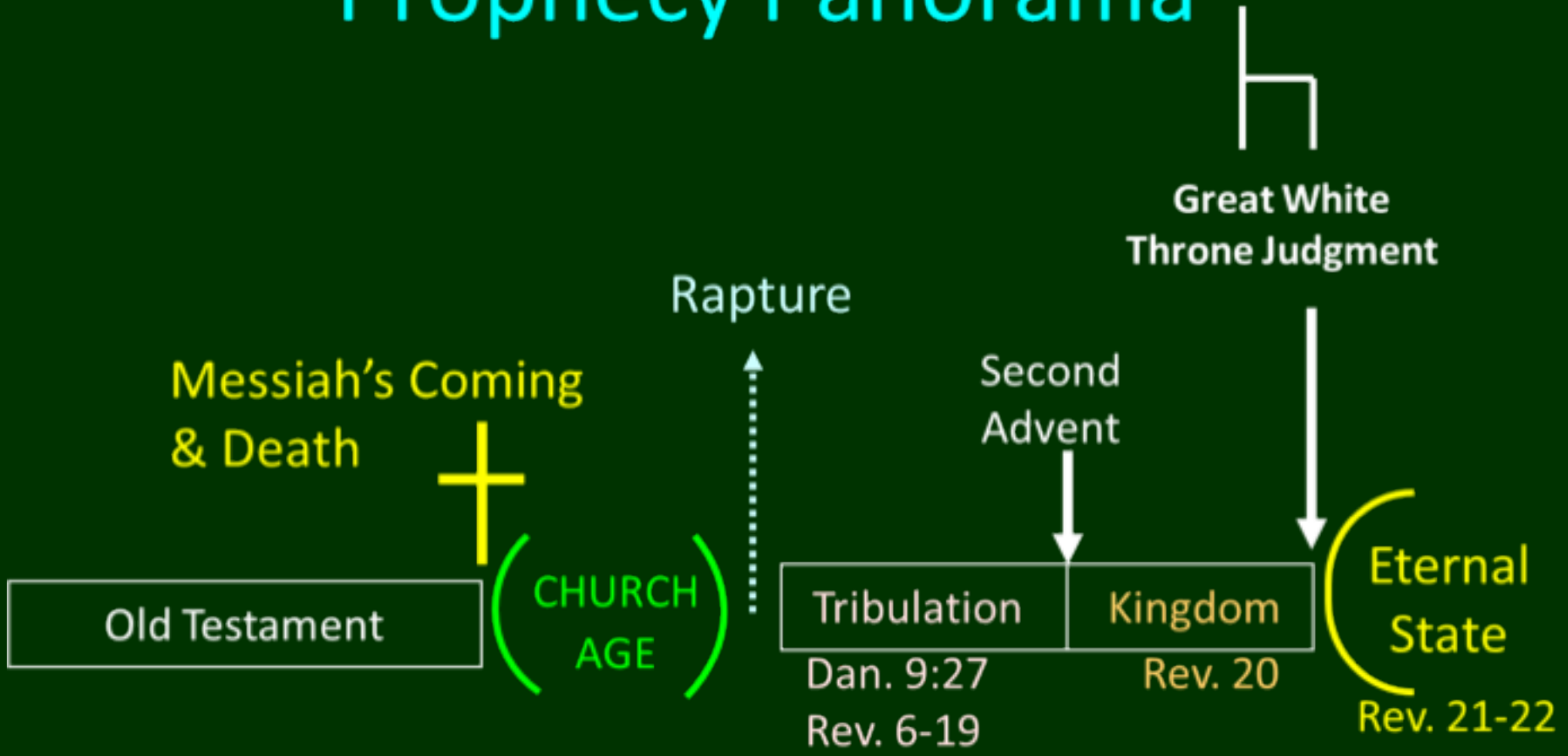


Romans 8:19-23

¹⁹ “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”



Prophecy Panorama



Millennium and Eternal State

Millennium Rev.20

Eternal State Rev.21-22

Sin restrained

Sin removed

Curse restrained

Curse removed

Death

No death

Mortals / resurrected

Resurrected only

Destinies undecided

Destinies sealed

Renovation

Recreation

Temporary

Eternal

Transitional

Non-transitional

Millennium and Eternal State

	Millennium	Eternal State
Passage	Rev 20:1-10	Rev 21–22
Time	20:4	22:5
Luminaries	Isa 30:26	21:23; 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

Revelation 21:4

“and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”



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