

the book of

REVELATION

sermon series

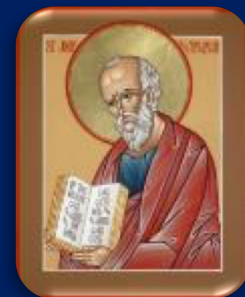


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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) What is the title – Revelation of Jesus Christ
- 2) Who wrote it? – John
- 3) Where was it written from? – Patmos
- 4) To Whom was it written? – The Seven Churches
- 5) When was it written? – A.D. 95
- 6) How is it organized (outline)? – 3 part outline
- 7) How was it delivered – Seven steps
- 8) Why was it written? – Encouragement and holiness
- 9) What is it about? – Jesus' final victory
- 10) What makes the book different? – OT relationship

Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)

- I. Title (1a)
- II. Chain of Communication (1b-2)
- III. Blessing (3)
- IV. Author (4a)
- V. Audience (4b)
- VI. Greeting (4c)
- VII. Source (4d-5a)
- VIII. Subject (5b-8)



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The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11



DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Revelation 2–3

CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered

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Revelation 4:1

“After these things [meta tauta] I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things [meta tauta].’”



“After These Things” (Rev. 4–22)

- A. Before the Tribulation (4–5)
- B. During the Tribulation (6–19)
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Comparing Revelation 4 & 5

Chapter	Revelation 4	Revelation 5
God-head Member	Father	Son
Role	Creator	Redeemer
Reason for Worship	Role in Creation (4:11)	Role in Redemption (5:9, 12)

Preview

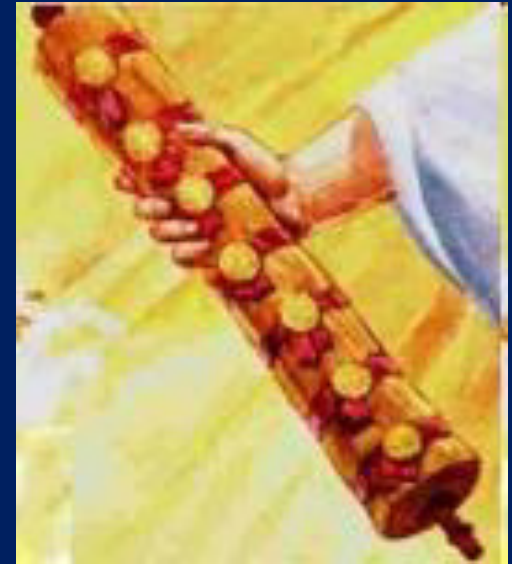
(Rev. 4:1-11)

- I. Summons to Heaven (4:1)
- II. Sights in Heaven (4:2-8)
- III. Song of Heaven (4:9-11)



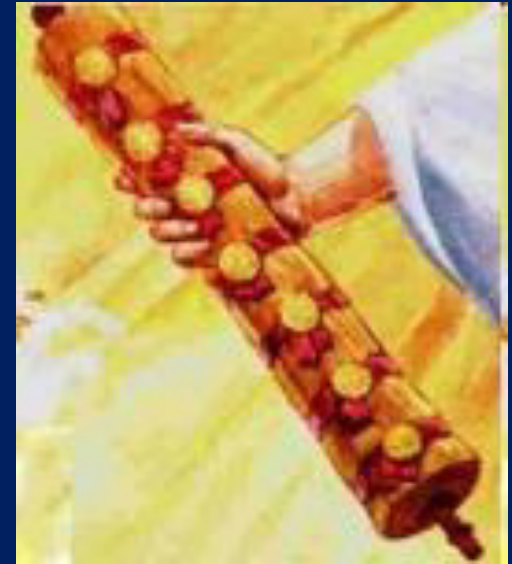
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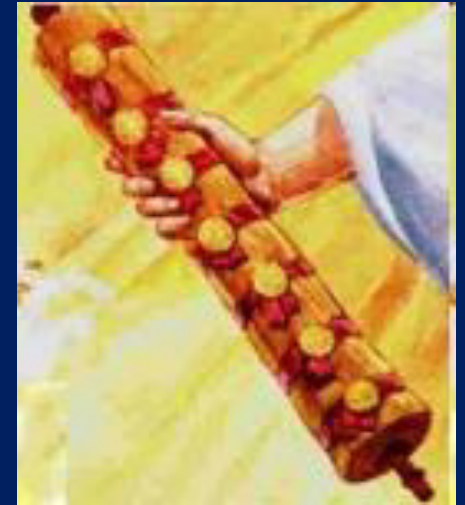
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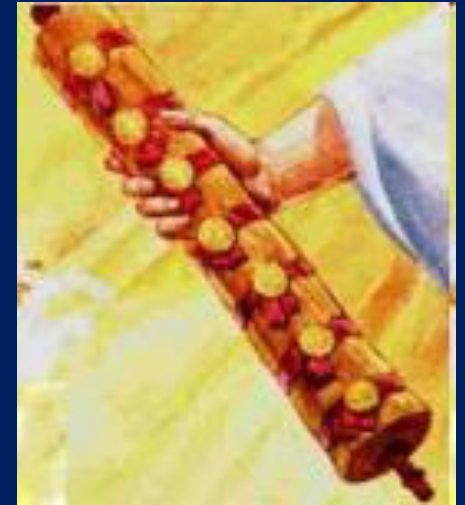
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Revelation 4:4

“Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.”



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Twenty-Four Elders

(Rev. 4:4; 5:8-10)

Church

1. Crowned (2:10)
2. Resurrected (4:4)
3. Clothed in White (3:5)
4. Redeemed (5:8-10)
5. Global (5:9; Matt. 28:19)
6. Enthroned (3:21)
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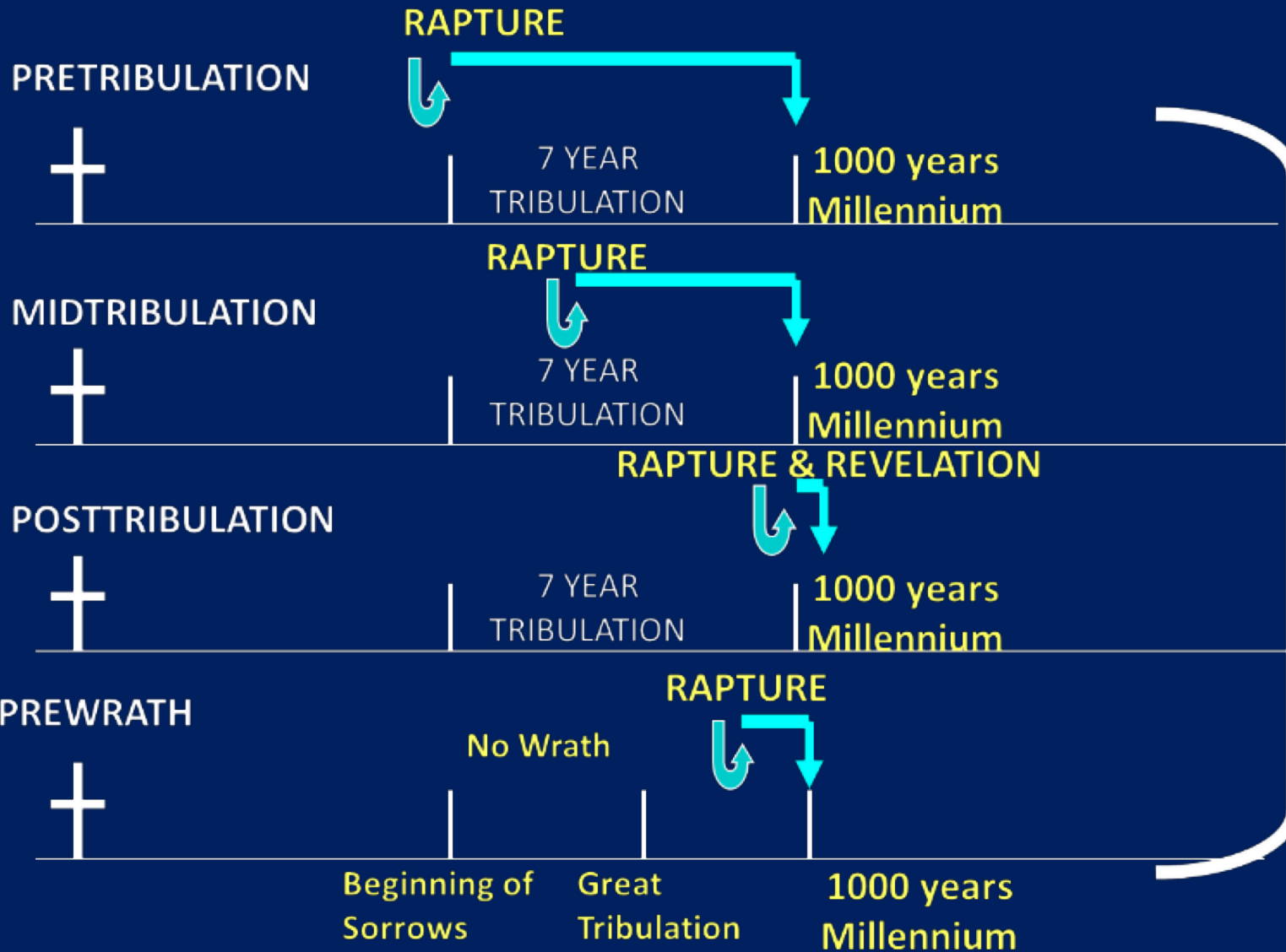


When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-E

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Exodus 15:13, 17

¹³ “In Your lovingkindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; In Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation...¹⁷ You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, The place, O Lord, which You have made for Your dwelling, The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.”

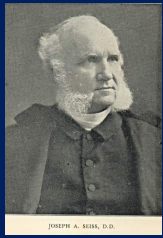


Revelation 5:9-10 (NKJV)

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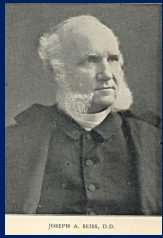
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Caesar	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460-400 BC	AD 900	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	AD 75-160	AD 950	800 yrs	8
Homer (<i>Iliad</i>)	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
<i>New Testament</i>	AD 40-100	AD 125	25-50 yrs	>24,000!



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“Ἠγὼρασας ἡμᾶς. Some critics and expositors have rejected this ἡμᾶς (us), for the reason that it is omitted in the Codex Alexandrinus, and in the Ethiopic version; though the latter is not much more than a loose paraphrase. The Codex Sinaiticus, however, which was discovered in 1860, and which is of equal antiquity and authority with the Codex Alexandrinus, contains it. The Codex Basilianus, in the Vatican, contains it. The Latin, Coptic or Memphitic, and Arminian, which are of great value, contain it.”



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“The Greek manuscripts (that we have today) of the passage in Revelation 5:9 are 24 in number, and 23 of them read “US” – only Codex Alexandrinus differs in this regard.”



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“You maybe asking – ‘what difference does it make, and why go to all the trouble that is listed above?’ The answer is quite important: The King James reading of the text clearly teaches that church-age believers (represented by the 24 elders in heaven) are singing a song about their own redemption, and since the 24 elders are in heaven all during the tribulation – the correct view of Bible prophecy as to the rapture of the church-age believers (Jew and Gentile) is that they are removed BEFORE the tribulation begins! Our response is simple – PRAISE THE LORD!”

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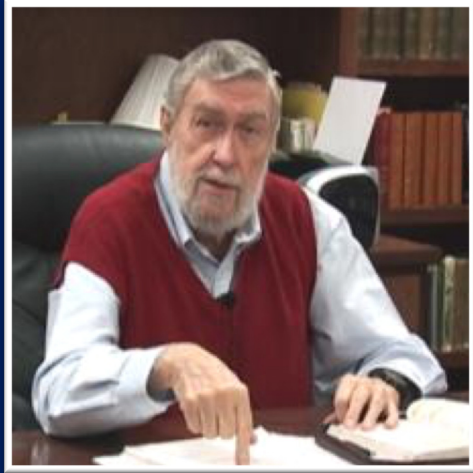
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Competent to Counsel, 70.



“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died

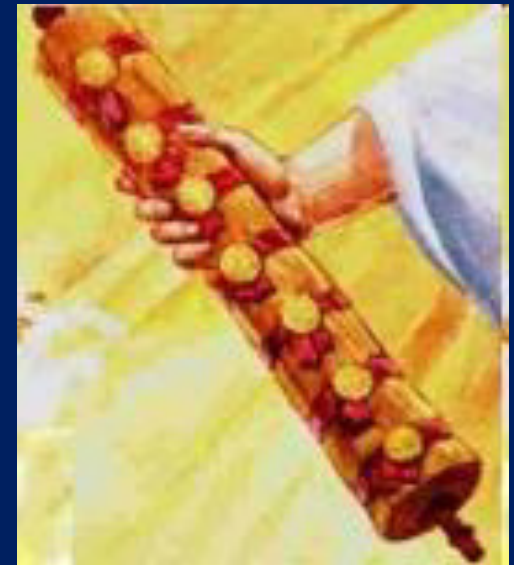
that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died." [emphasis mine]

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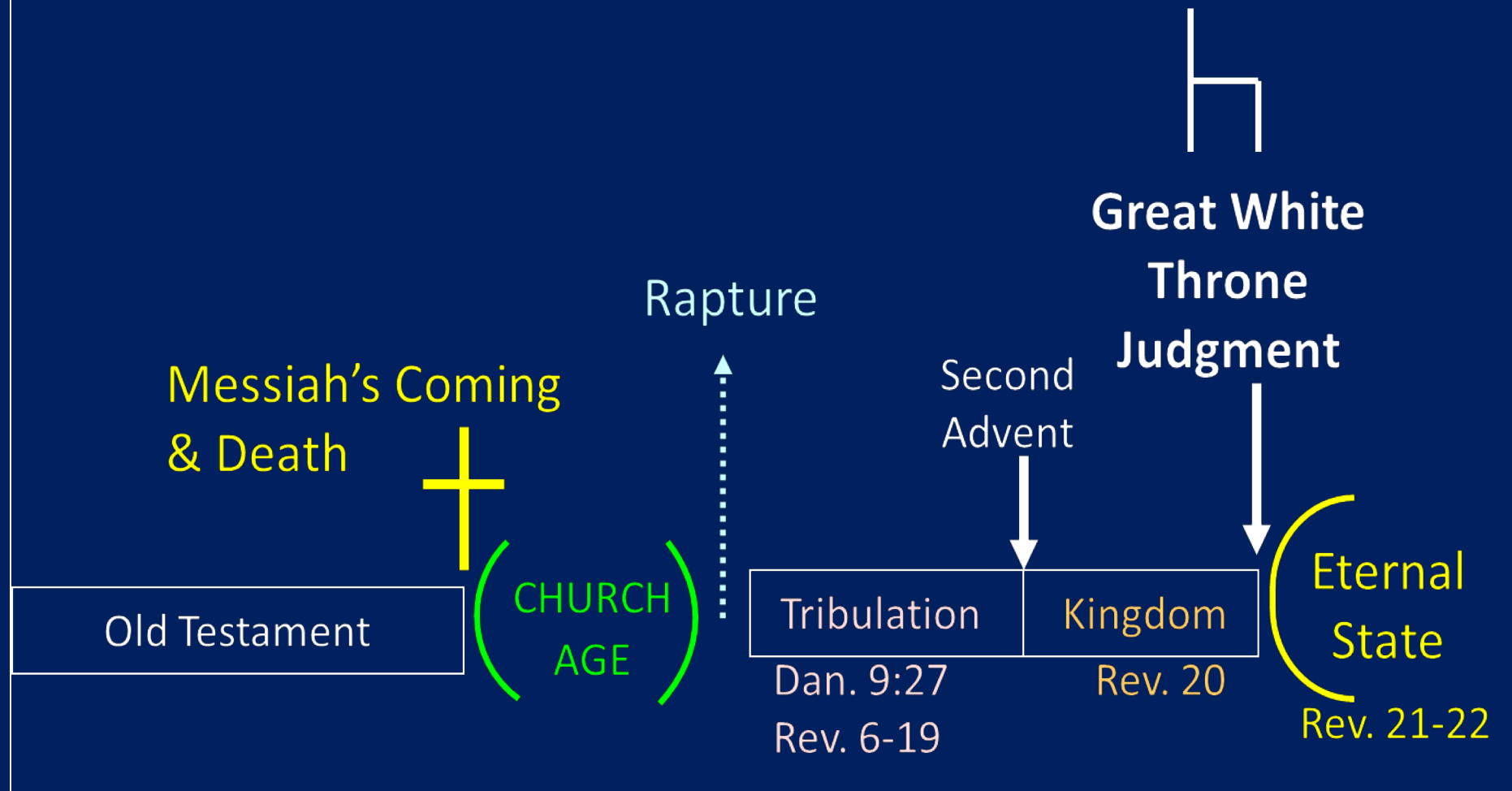


Revelation 1:6; 5:10

“and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen...You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign [*basileuō*] upon the earth [*gē*].”



Prophecy Panorama



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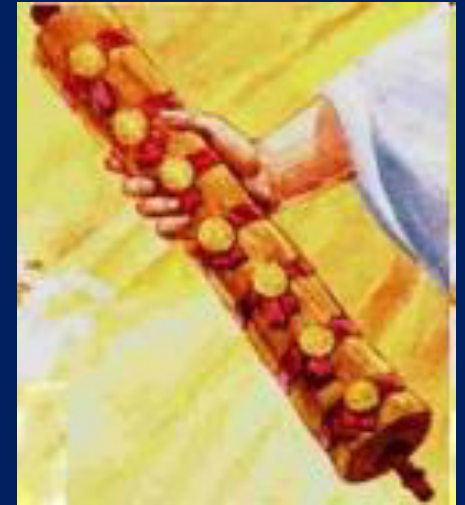
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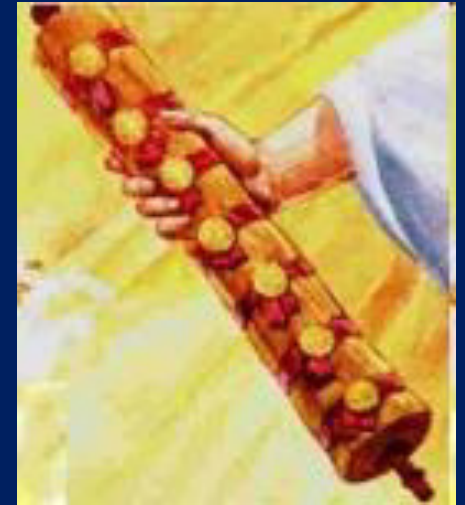
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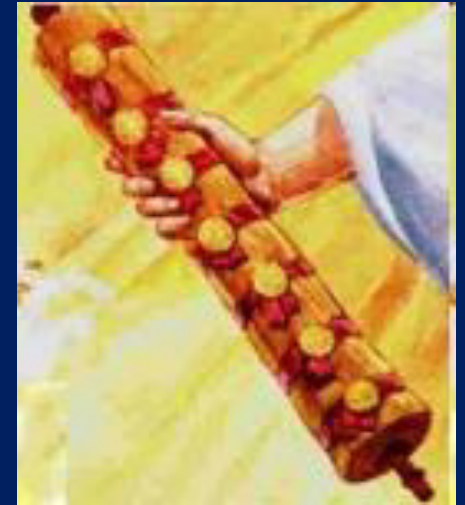
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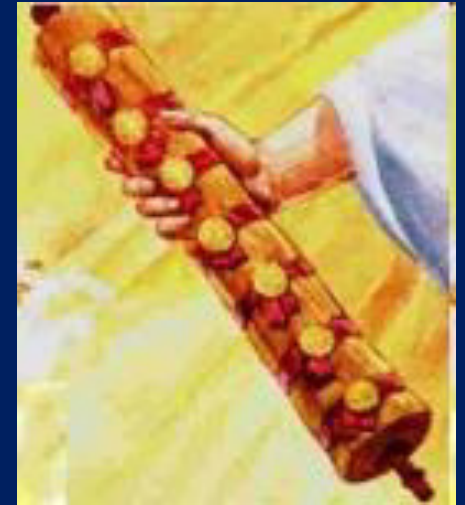
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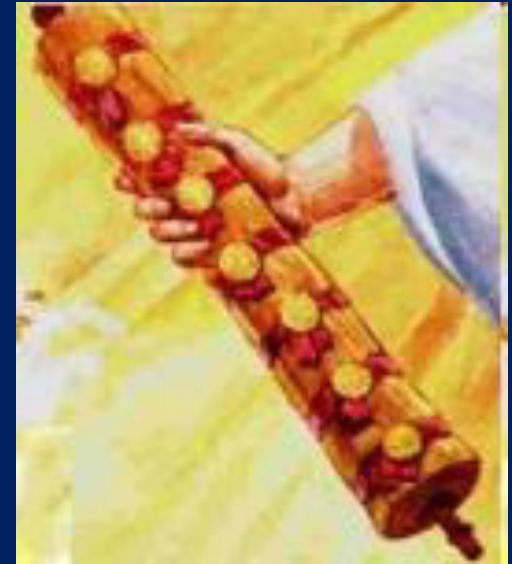
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)