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# REVELATION

sermon series



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# “After These Things”

(Rev. 4–22)

A. Before the Tribulation (4–5)

B. During the Tribulation (6–19)

**C. After the Tribulation (20–22)**

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2. Great White Throne Judgment (20:11-15)

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4. New Heaven and New Earth (21–22)



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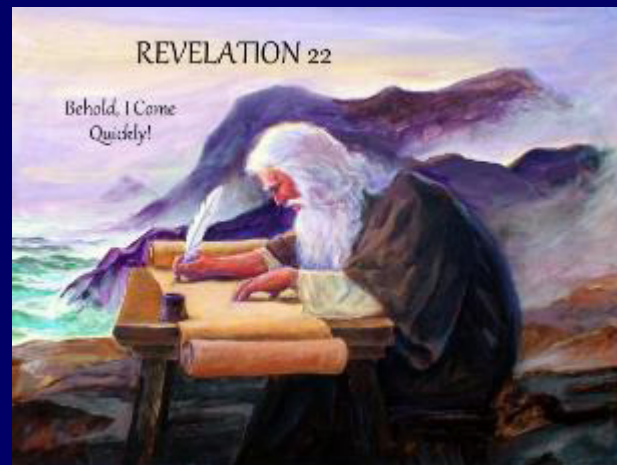
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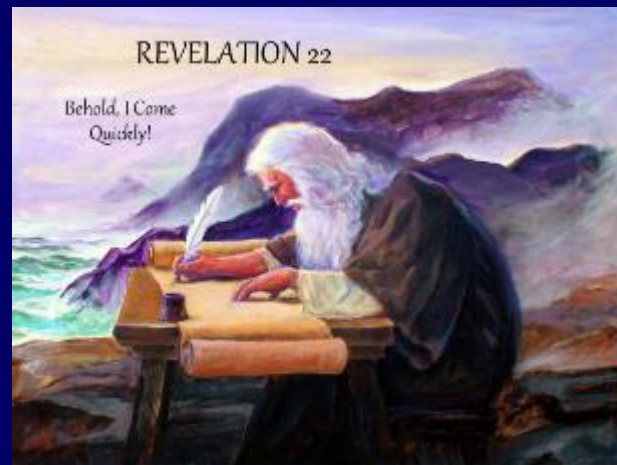
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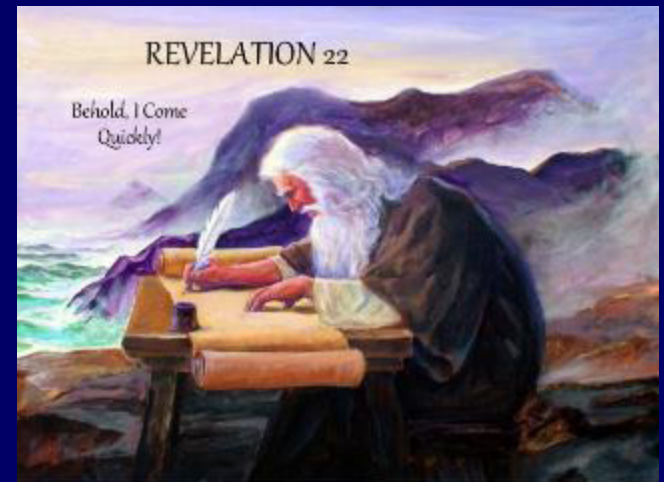
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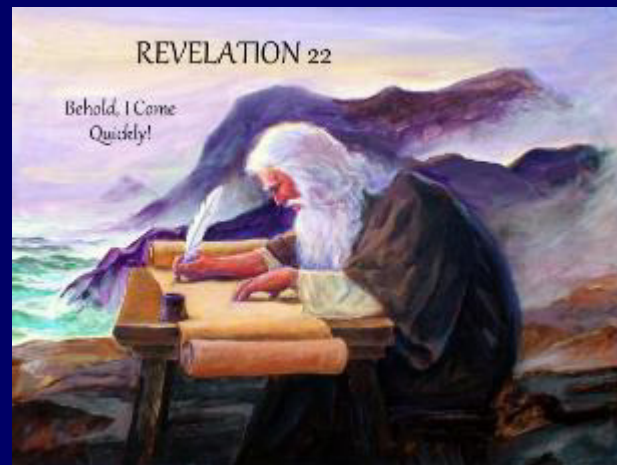
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## Genesis 3:2-3

“<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, ‘From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; <sup>3</sup> but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”



## Genesis 3:1, 4

“<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” ...<sup>4</sup> The serpent said to the woman, ‘You surely will not die!’”



## Revelation 22:17

“The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.”



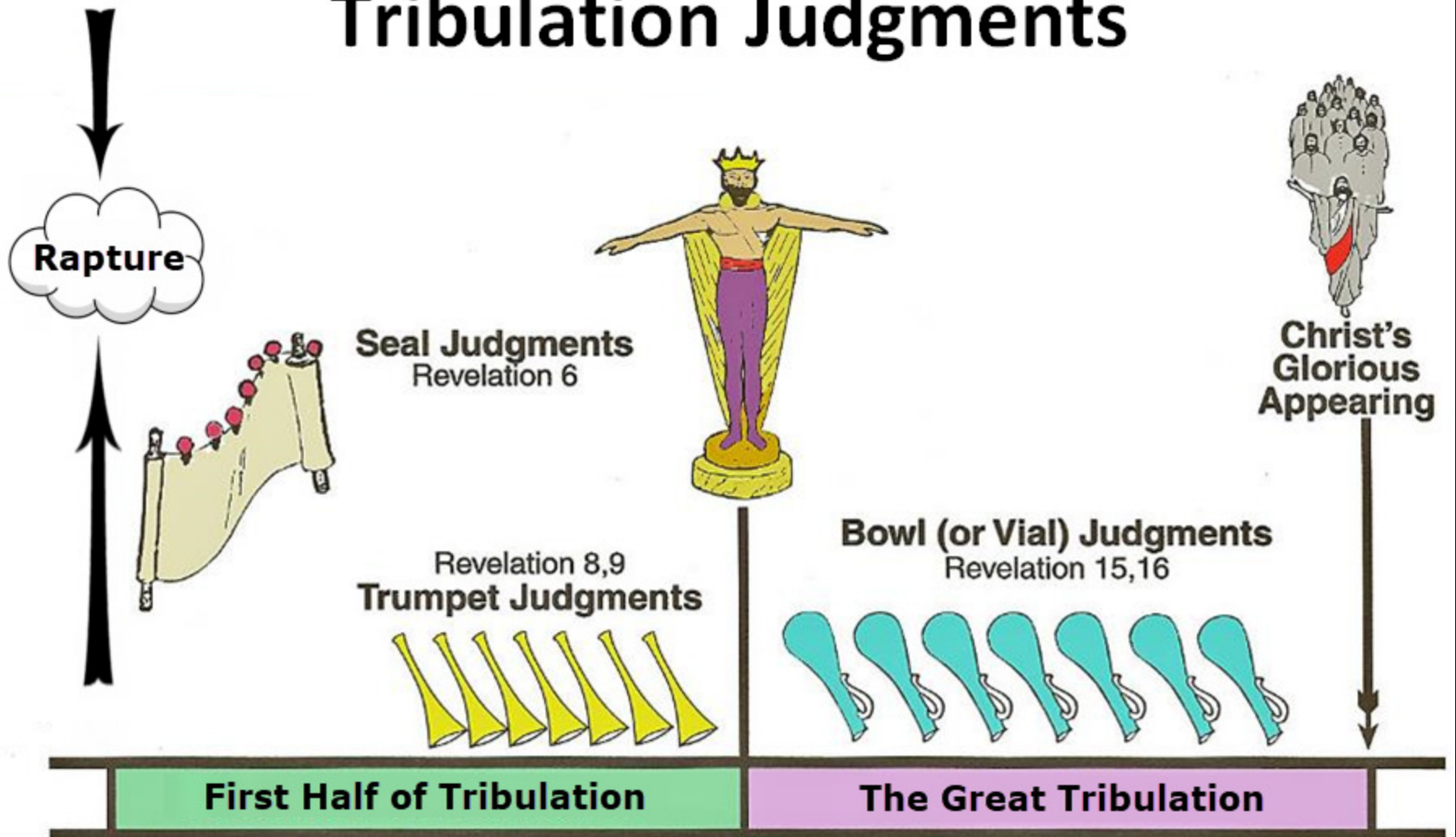


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# Tribulation Judgments



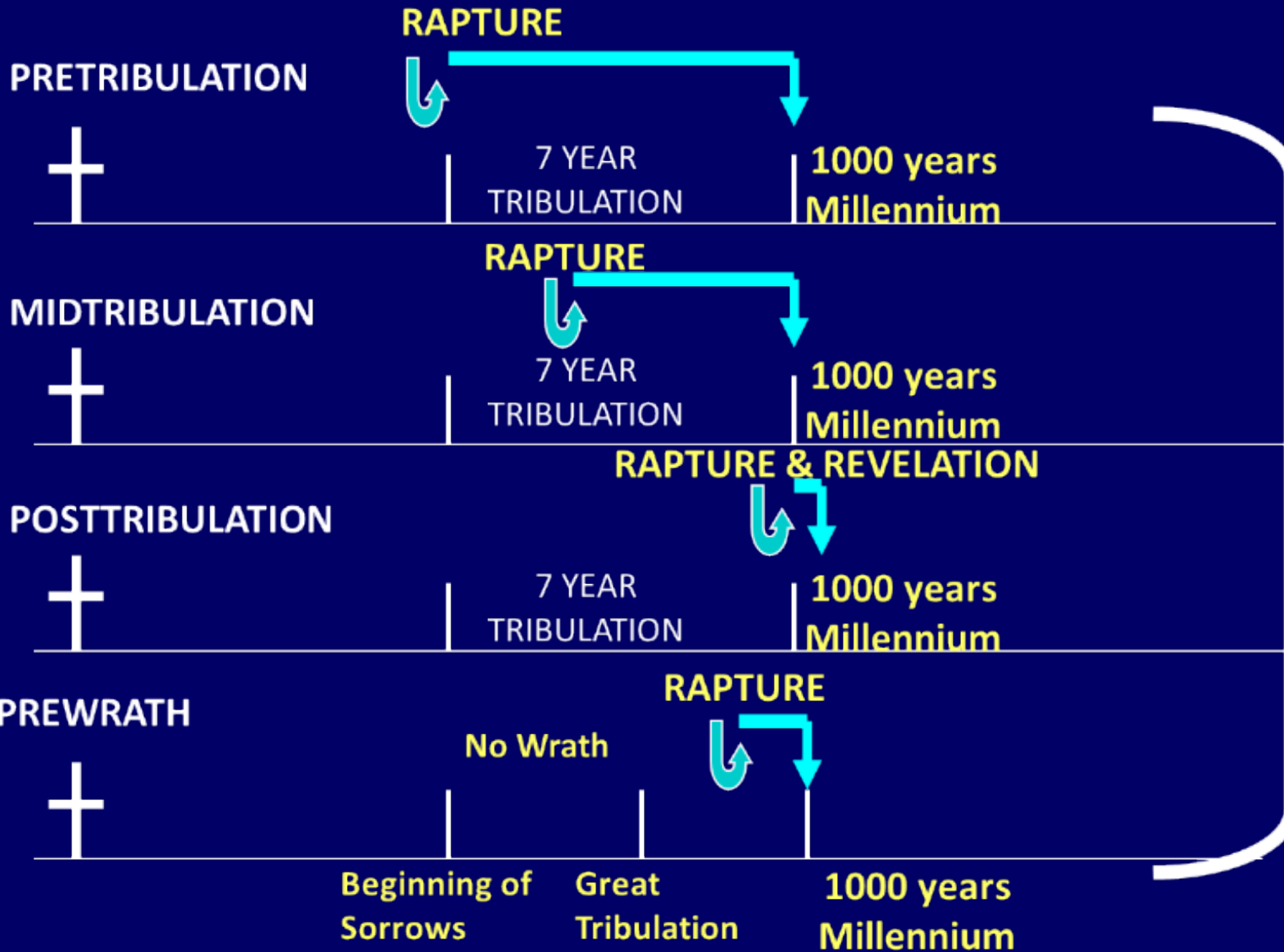


# When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- 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-H-E



## Dennis Rokser

“To unbelievers who would add to God’s Word in this fashion, the Lord promises to ‘add to him the plagues that are written in this book.’ The plagues spoken of in the book of Revelation occur during that future period of God’s judgment on the earth known as the Tribulation. If anyone reading Revelation accepts the invitation of verse 17 and becomes a believer in Christ prior to the Tribulation, that person will experience the pretribulational Rapture of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-18) rather than the plagues of the Tribulation (1 Thess. 5:1-3). Therefore, the warning of Revelation 22:18 applies only to unbelievers. This is not a warning to believers to stay saved or to be rewarded for their perseverance.”



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“Verses 18-19 follow with a grave warning to unbelievers who would add to or subtract from the words of this book. Either adding to or taking away from the Word of God is characteristic of unbelievers who cannot simply accept by faith what God says in His Word. When God speaks, the response of the believing heart is simply ‘Amen.’ But the unbeliever does not accept what God says at face value, and so he must change the Word to suit himself.”

## 2 Peter 3:16-17

“as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.<sup>17</sup> You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness.”





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## Revelation 20:6

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part [*meros*] in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”



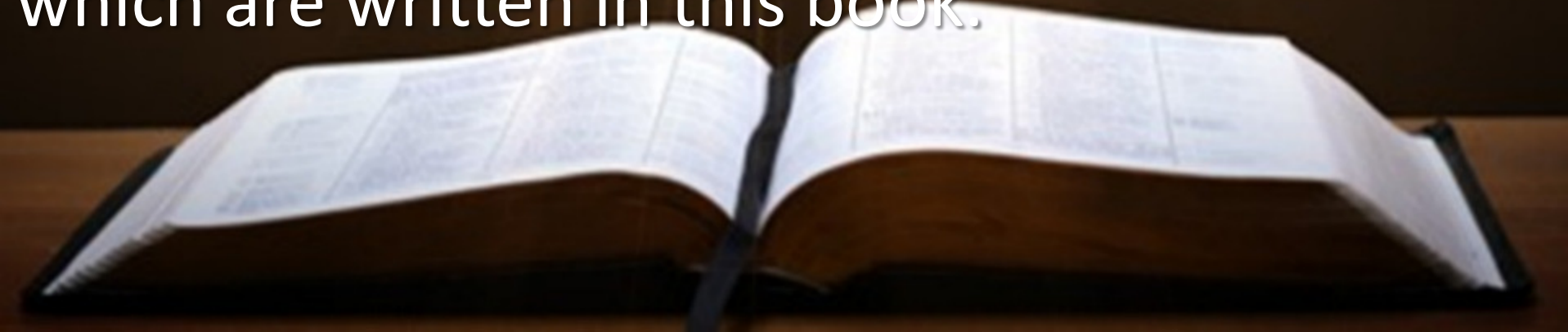
## Revelation 21:8

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part [*meros*] *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

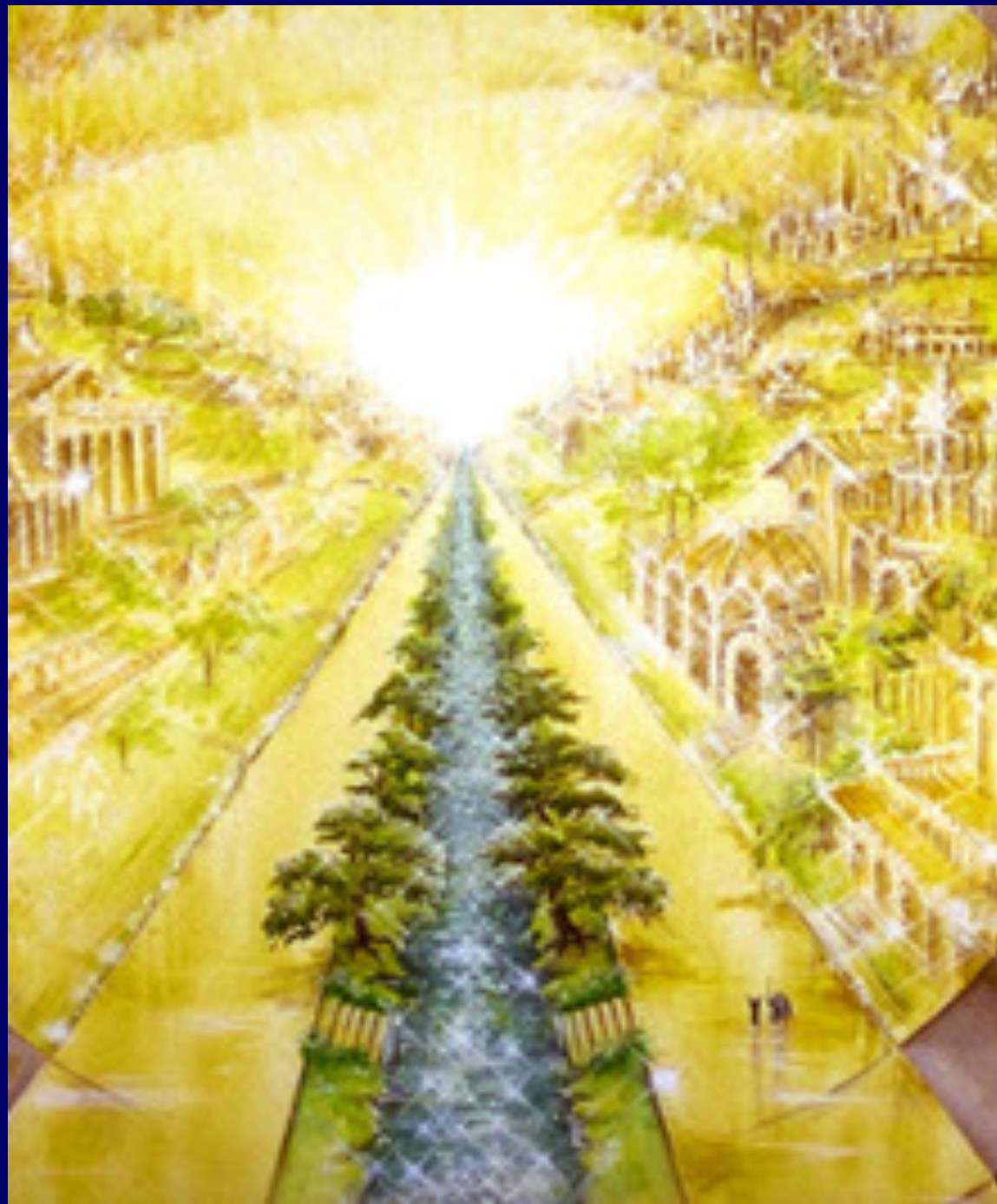


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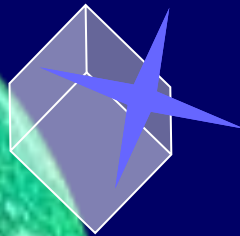
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# Jerusalem Descending





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“A common characteristic of cults and religions that profess to be ‘Christian’ is that they invariably add other books, creeds, council decisions, or ‘inspired’ writings of their founder or leaders to the Bible, and they put these on a par with God’s Word.”



# Test the Spirits

1. Deut. 13:1-5
2. Isa. 8:19-20
3. Acts 17:11
4. Gal. 1:8-9
5. 1 Thess. 5:20-21
6. 1 John 4:1
7. Rev. 2:2



## Acts 17:11

“<sup>10</sup>The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup>Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.”



# 1 Thessalonians 5:21

“But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good.”





## 1 John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”





## Revelation 2:2

“I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false.”



# The Five *Solas* (Alone or By Itself)

- *Solus Christus* – Christ alone
- *Sola Fide* – faith alone
- *Sola Gratia* – grace alone
- *Sola Scriptura* – Scripture alone
- *Soli Deo Gloria* – To the glory of God alone



# Complication of the Simple

2 Cor. 11:3

“But I fear, lest somehow, as the *serpent* deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted by from the *simplicity* that is in Christ.” (Italics mine)



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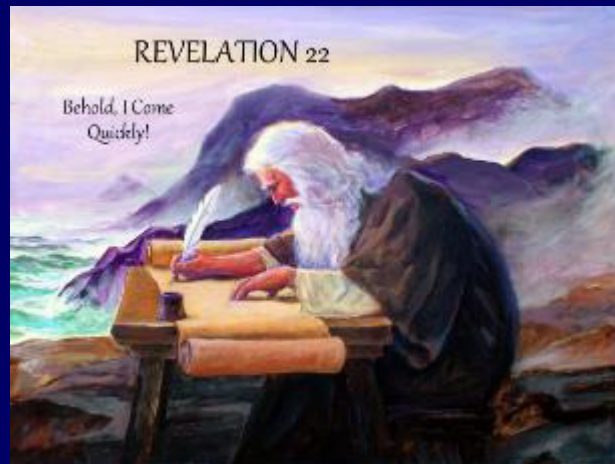




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# "TIME-TEXTS" IN REVELATION

R.C. Sproul, The Last Days According to Jesus, p.139

## SHORTLY, QUICKLY "TACOS"

1:1	...Things which must shortly take place
2:16	Repent, or else I will come to you quickly.
3:11	Behold, I come quickly!
22:6	...Which must shortly take place.
22:7	Behold, I come quickly!
22:12	Behold, I am coming quickly!
22:20	Surely, I am coming quickly!

## NEAR, AT HAND "ENGYS"

1:3	The time is near.
22:10	The time is at hand.

## ABOUT TO, ON THE POINT OF "MELLŌ"

1:19	Write...the things that are about to take place.
3:10	...the hour of trial...is about to come upon the whole world.



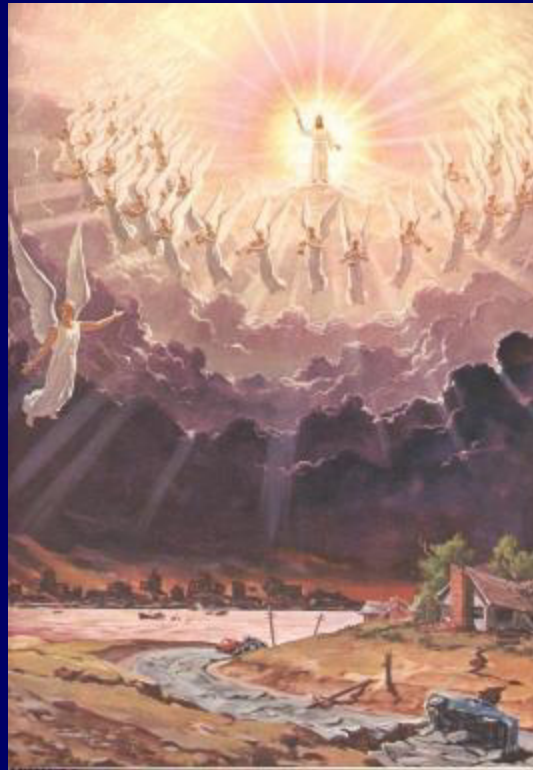
# Chronological vs. Adverbial Use of *Tacos*

- “I hope to come to you *soon*” (1 Tim 3:14) vs. “Leave Jerusalem *quickly*” (Acts 22:18)
- LXX
  - ◆ Isaiah 13:22: “Her fateful time also will *soon* come”
  - ◆ Isaiah 51:5: “My righteous is *near*, My salvation has gone forth, And my arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon me, And on My arms they will trust.”



# Imminency

- Engys: “The Lord is *near*” (Phil 4:5)
- Mellō: “and one who will share in the glory to be revealed” (1 Pet 5:1)



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## John 5:24

“Truly, truly [*amēn, amēn*], I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”



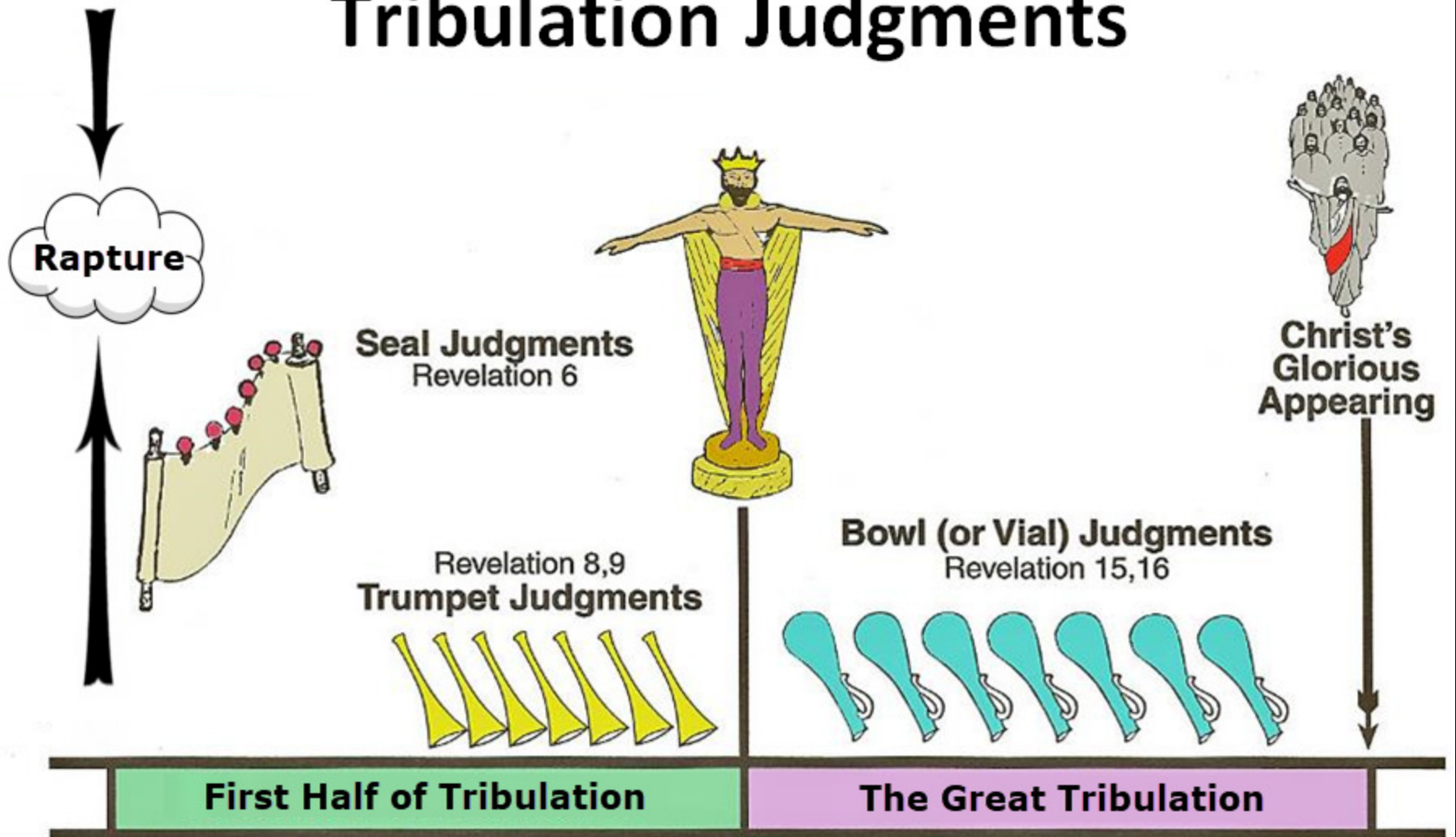


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Rev. 20

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Rev. 21-22

# Scripture's Five Crowns

(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

**SCRIPTURE**

**CROWN**

**PURPOSE**

**1 Cor. 9:24-27**

**Incorruptible**

**Gaining mastery over the flesh**

**1 Thess. 2:19-20**

**Rejoicing**

**Soul winning**

**Jas. 1:12;  
Rev. 2:10**

**Life**

**Enduring trials**

**1 Pet. 5:2-4**

**Glory**

**Shepherding God's people**

**2 Tim. 4:8**

**Righteousness**

**Longing for His appearing**



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# Extent of the Atonement

## Unlimited

### ◆ Biblical support

- John 1:29; 3:16-17; 4:42; 6:51; 12:32, 47
- Acts 17:30
- 2 Cor 5:19
- 1 Tim. 2:4, 6; **4:10**
- Titus 2:11
- Heb. 2:9
- 2 Pet. 2:1
- **1 John 2:2**; 4:14
- Rev. 5:9

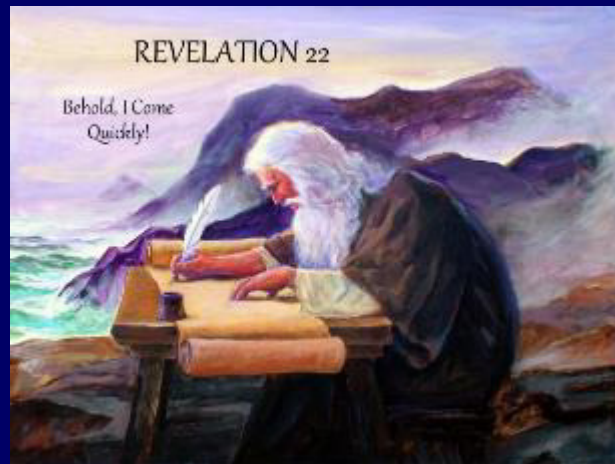


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