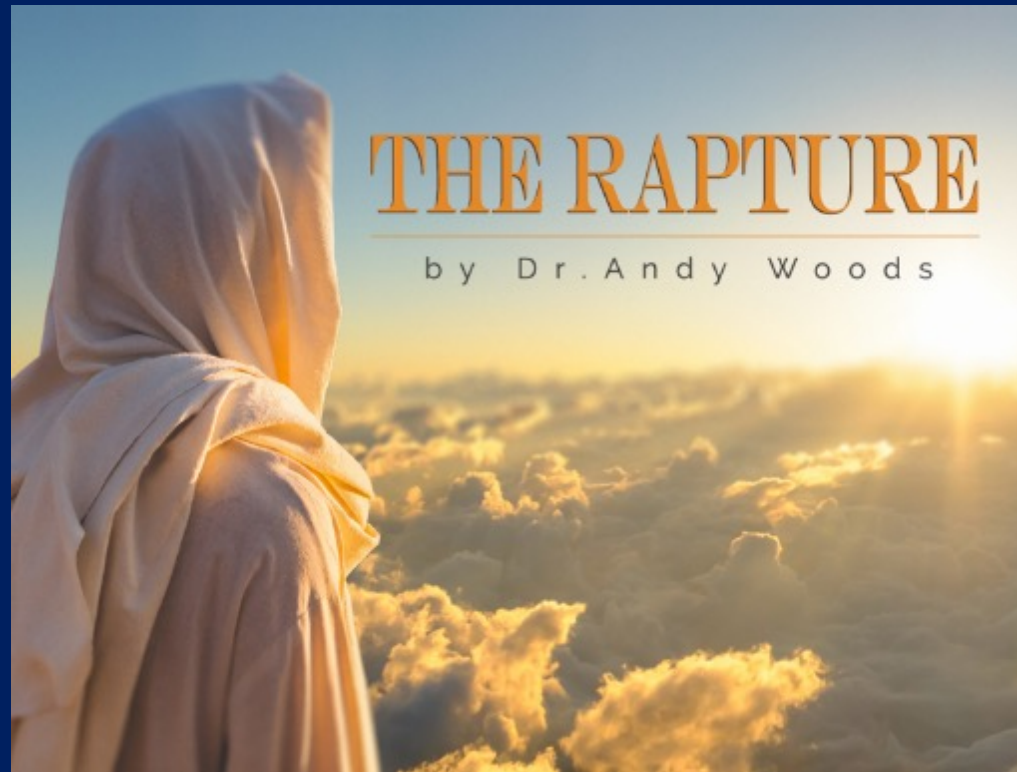


THE RAPTURE

What and When? – Part 66



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Course Overview



- I. What is the Rapture?
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- III. Strengthening the Pre-Tribulational case
- IV. The opposing views
- V. One second after the Rapture
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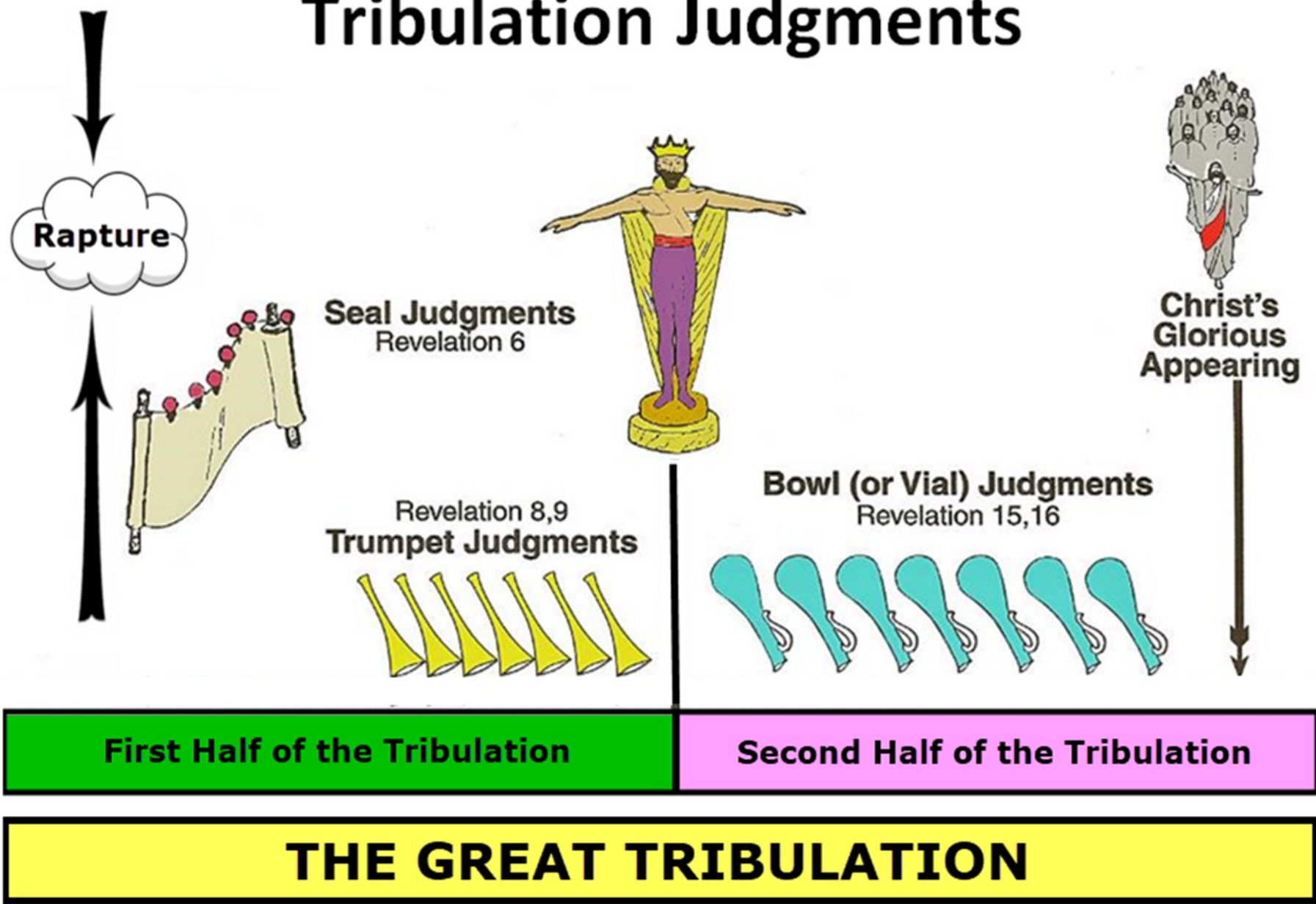


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Tribulation Judgments



2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

⁶And you know what restrains [*katechon; neuter*] him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [*katechōn; masculine*] will do so until he is taken out of the way.



1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

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



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

Twenty-Four Elders

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

CHURCH

1. Crowned (Rev. 2:10; 3:11)
2. Resurrected (Rev. 4:4)
3. Clothed in White (Rev. 3:5)
4. Redeemed (Rev. 5:8-10)
5. Global (Rev. 5:9; Matt. 28:19)
6. Enthroned (Rev. 3:21)
7. Elders (Rev. 1 Tim. 3:1-7)
8. Kingdom of Priests (Rev. 1:6)
9. Twenty-four (Rev. 1:6)





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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 (First Fruits)

Slain (Martyrs)

Sealed before the Tribulation

Converted out of the Tribulation

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



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Revelation 13:16-18

¹⁶ And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, ¹⁷ and *he provides* that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, *either* the name of the beast or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

Daniel 7:23

“The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the *other* kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.”



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THE GREAT RESET

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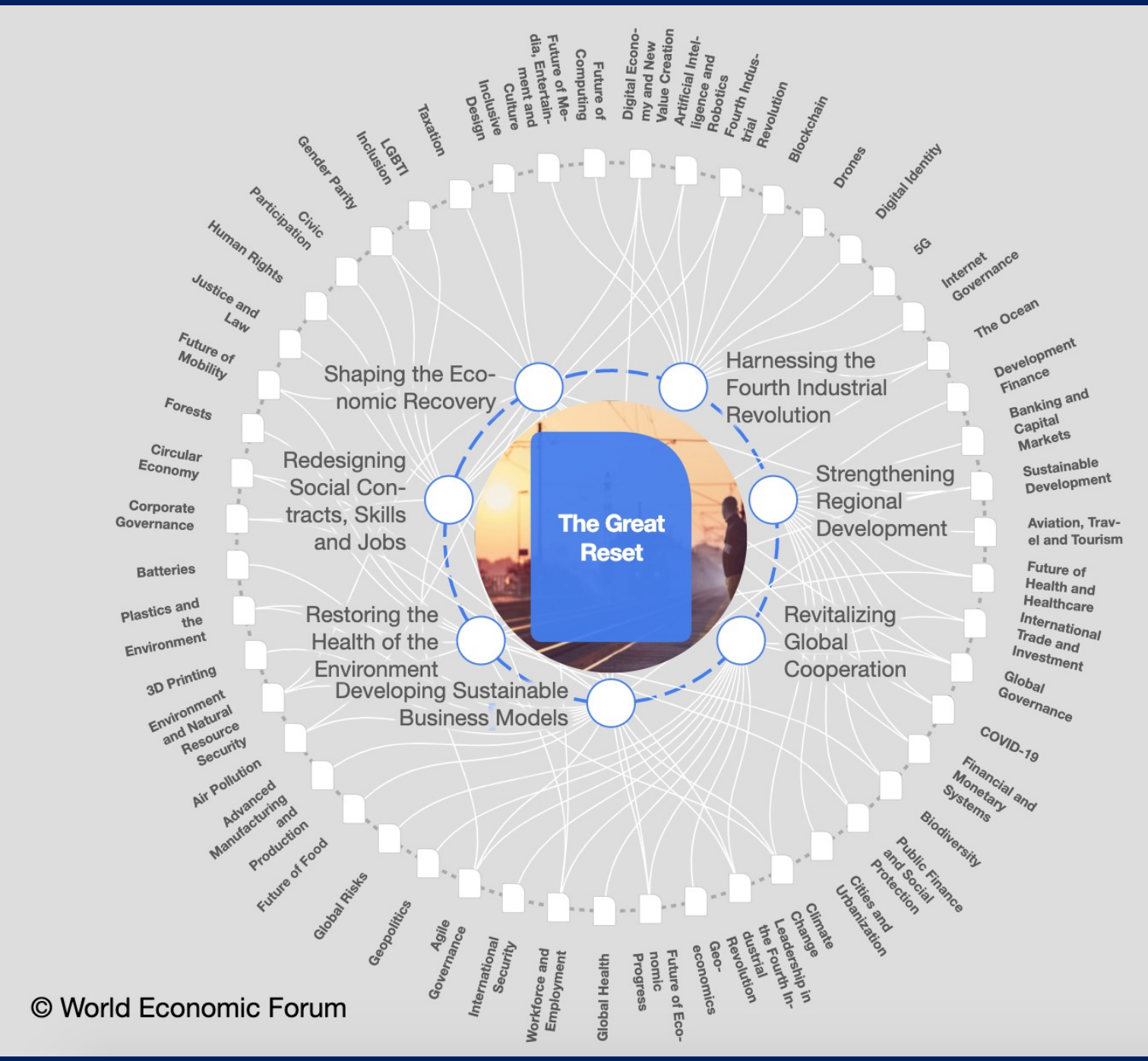
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A GLOBAL PANDEMIC EXERCISE



Scenario Narratives

“During the pandemic, national leaders around the world flexed their authority and imposed airtight rules and restrictions, from the mandatory wearing of face masks to body-temperature checks at the entries to communal spaces like train stations and supermarkets. Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their activities stuck and even intensified.”

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Scenario Narratives

LOCK STEP

A world of tighter top-down government control and more authoritarian leadership, with limited innovation and growing citizen pushback

In 2002, the pandemic that the world had been anticipating for years finally hit. Unlike 2009's H1N1, this new influenza strain—originating from wild geese—was extremely virulent and deadly. Even the most pandemic-prepared nations were quickly overwhelmed when the virus struck around the world, infecting nearly 20 percent of the global population and killing 8 million in just seven months, the majority of them healthy young adults. The pandemic also had a deeply effect on economies: international mobility of both people and goods screeched to a halt, debilitating industries like tourism and breaking global supply chains. Even locally, normally bustling shops and office buildings sat empty for months, devoid of both employees and customers.

The pandemic blanketed the planet—though disproportionate numbers died in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America, where the virus spread like wildfire in the absence of official containment protocols. But even in developed countries, containment was a challenge. The United States's initial policy of “strongly discouraging” citizens from flying proved deadly in its leniency, accelerating the spread of the virus not just within the U.S. but across borders. However, a few countries did fare better—China in particular. The Chinese government's quick imposition and enforcement of mandatory quarantine for all citizens, as well as its instant and near-hermetic sealing off of all borders, saved millions of lives, stopping the spread of the virus far earlier than in other countries and enabling a swifter post-pandemic recovery.

Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development

THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GBN Global Business Network

“The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world.”

Klaus Schwab

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“To achieve a better outcome, the world must act jointly and swiftly to revamp all aspects of our societies and economies, from education to social contracts and working conditions.”

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*"You'll own nothing"
— And "you'll be
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Canadian Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau

“This pandemic has provided an opportunity for a reset. This is our chance to accelerate our pre-pandemic efforts to reimagine economic systems that actually address global challenges like extreme poverty, inequality and climate change.”







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(1 Thess 4:16-17)

For His saints

(1 Thess 4:15-17)

Blessing

(1 Thess 4:18)

Effects only believers

(1 Thess 4:16)

SECOND COMING

(Rev 19:11-16)

Christ comes to the earth

(Zech 14:4)

With His saints

(Rev 19:14)

Judgment

(Rev 19:15)

**Effects both believers &
unbelievers**

(Rev 19:15)

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(1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-58)

Invisible

(1 Thess 4:16)

Announced only by an archangel

(1 Thess 4:16)

Resurrection

(1 Cor 15: 51)

Rescue of the Church

(1 Thess 1:10)

SECOND COMING

(Rev 19:11-16)

Visible to all

(Rev 1:7)

Involves myriads of angels

(Jude 14)

No resurrection

Rescue of Israel

(Matt 23:37-39)

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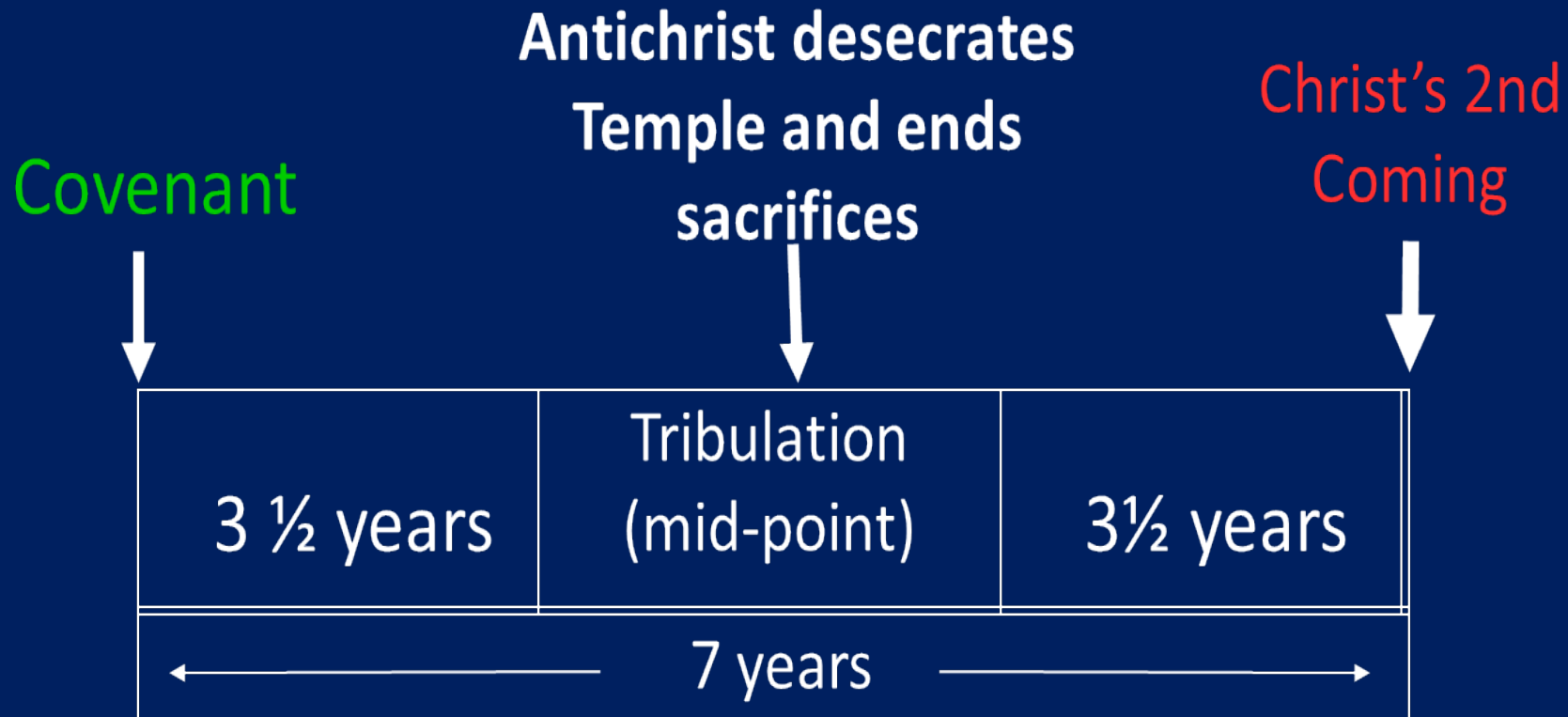


Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷ “JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather [*episynagō*] your children together, the way a hen gathers [*episynagō*] her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’”



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD





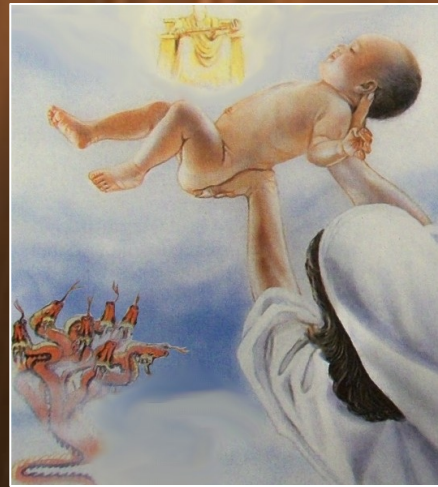
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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

... have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up [harpazō] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."



Revelation 12:1-5

¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. ³And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems ⁴And his tail swept a third part...



Revelation 12:1-5 (cont'd)

...of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman that is about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he may devour her child. ⁵And she gave birth to a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.



CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON (v.5)
2. DRAGON (v. 3)
3. WOMAN (v.1)



CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*



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Genesis 37:9


Now he had still another dream, and related it to his brothers, and said, “Lo, I have had still another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.



Genesis 37:10

He related it to his father and to his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have had? Shall I and your mother and your brothers actually come to bow ourselves down before you to the ground?”





Sun = Jacob

Moon = Leah

11 Stars = Joseph's brothers

12th Star = Joseph

12 Stars = Israel's twelve tribes

Satan's Two Strategies

- Rev 12:1-5 – Past failed strategy
- Rev 12:6-17 – Present & future strategy





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1 Corinthians 15:51

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”

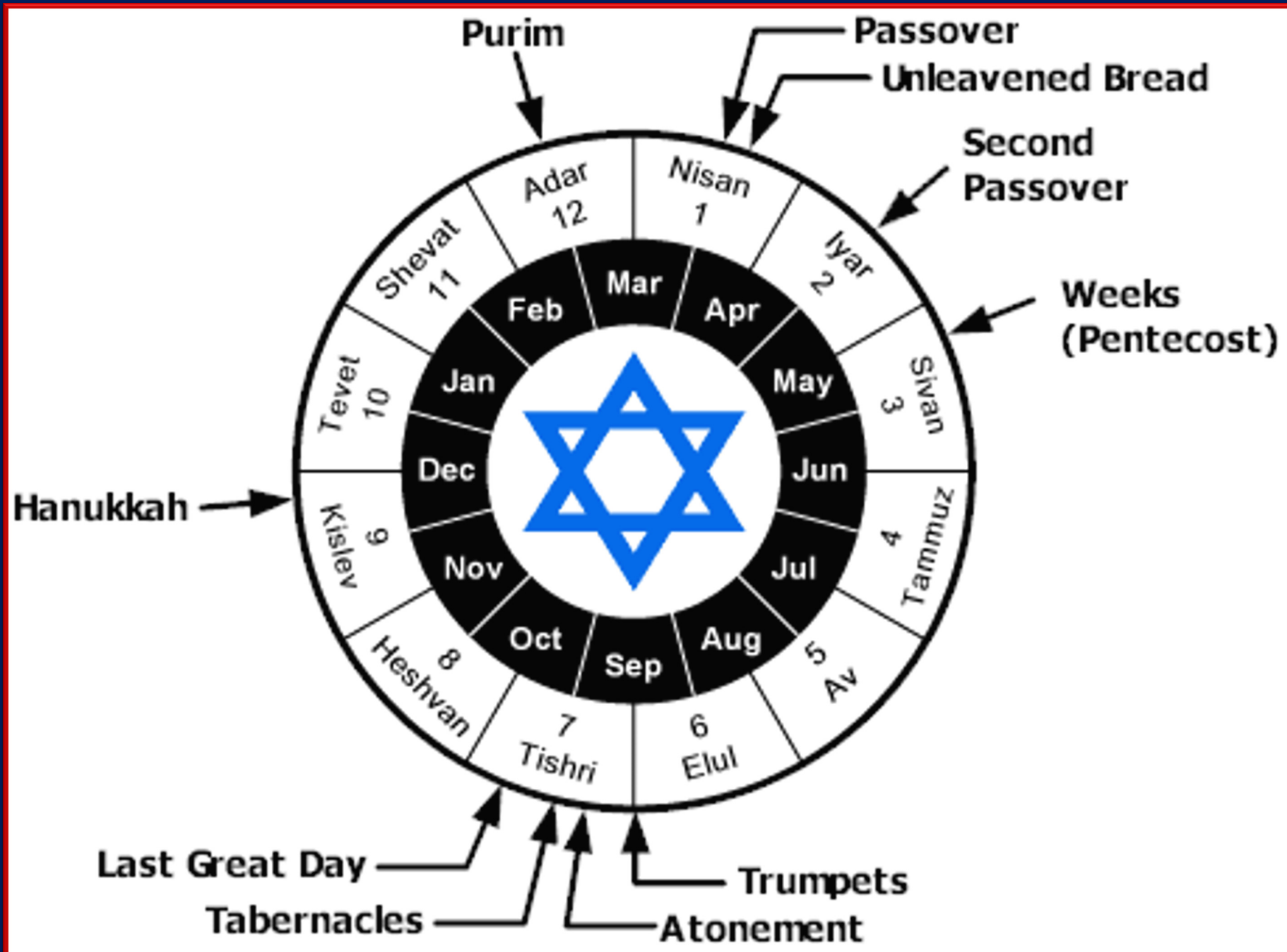


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Psalm 147:19-20

“He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!”



Ephesians 2:14-16

¹⁴ “For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”



1 Corinthians 10:32

“Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God.”





Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum

“Israel and the Church,” in *Issues in Dispensationalism*, ed. Wesley R. Willis and John R. Master (Chicago: Moody, 1994), 118.

“In the book of Acts, both Israel and the church exist simultaneously. The term *Israel* is used twenty times and *ekklēsia* (church) nineteen times, yet the two groups are always kept distinct.”

ISRAEL ≠ CHURCH

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When Did the Church Begin?



- a. Christ referred to the Church in the future tense (Matt. 16:18)
- b. Paul referred to the Church as a “mystery” (Eph. 3:4-5, 9)
- c. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since Christ became the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23) after His Ascension (Eph. 1:20-22)
- d. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26) only came into existence after His Ascension (Eph. 4:7-11)

When Did the Church Begin?



- e. The Church existed before Paul's conversion in Acts 9 (Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; Rom. 16:7)
- f. The Baptizing (*joining, uniting, identifying*) ministry of the Holy Spirit began in Acts 2
 - 1) 1 Cor. 12:13
 - 2) Acts 1:5
 - 3) Acts 11:15-16
 - 4) Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

THE NATIONS OF PENTECOST ACTS 2:9-11

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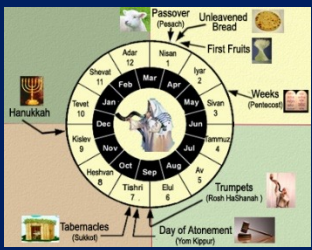
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Act 3:19-21

“¹⁹ Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.”

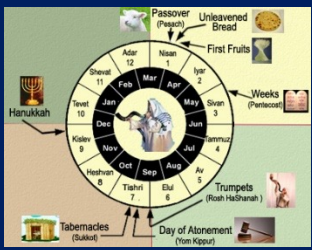




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Terry C. Hulbert, *The Eschatological Significance of Israel's Annual Feasts*.
Doctoral Dissertation. Dallas Theological Seminary. 1965. Pages 2, 115-116.

“When God fulfilled the first four feasts, He had provided everything necessary for Israel to enter into literal kingdom blessing—redemption, separation, resurrection, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Israel’s rejection of these, however, made a necessary national change of heart before the kingdom could be established...The paschal lamb of God pointed out by John the Baptist was rejected as an imposter. The resurrection of Christ, as it answered to the Feast of First Fruits, was suppressed in its proclamation by the bribe money paid to the sentries...Finally, the coming of the Spirit was rejected at Pentecost as the Jews...



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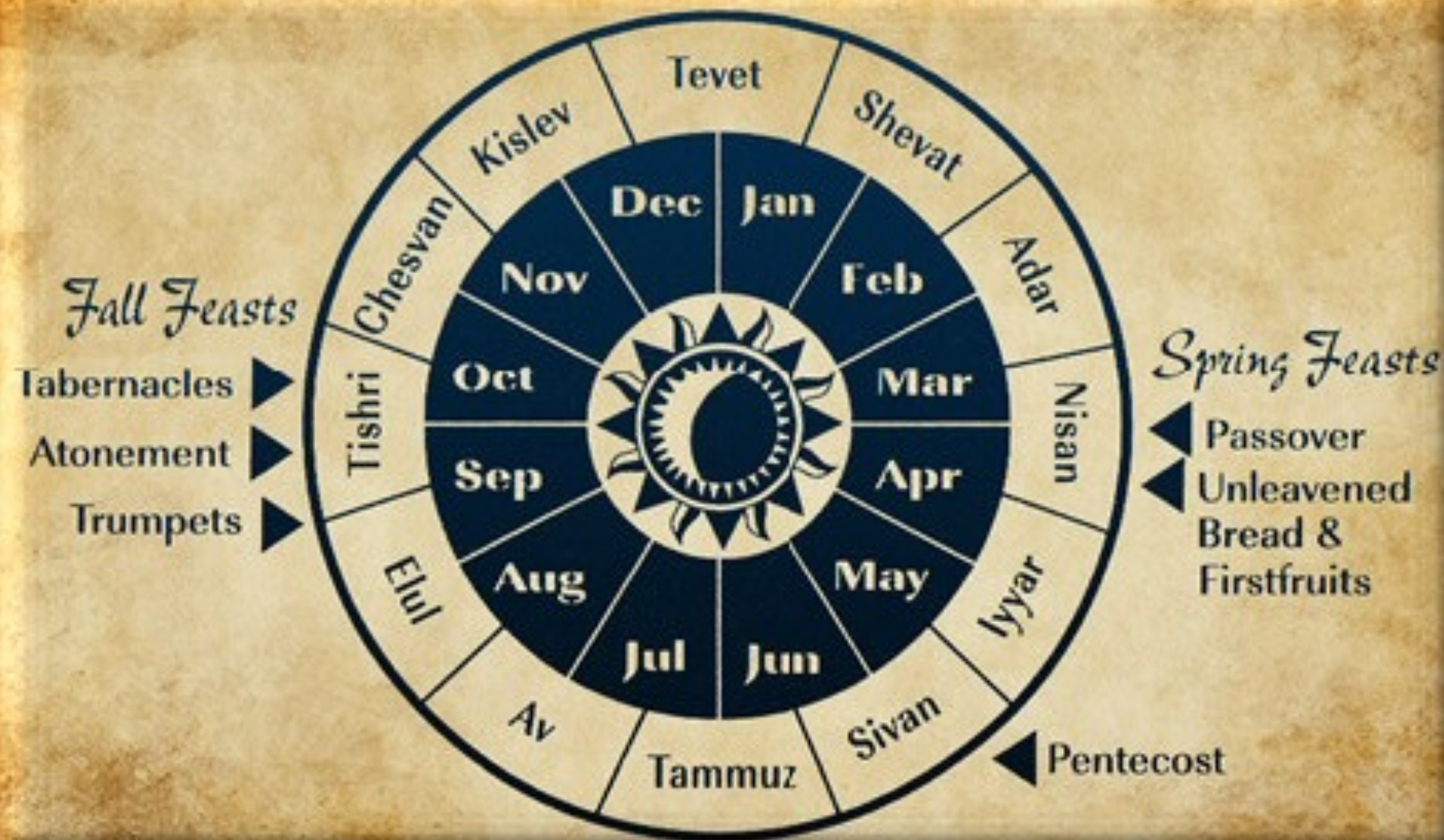
...taunted the apostles with charges of drunkenness. By the time of the close of Acts chapter 2, God had done all He could do for Israel until they repented as a nation. Thus, the significance of Peter's second sermon in Acts 3 was that it re-emphasized the condition of millennial blessing already laid down in the Old Testament, but as yet unfulfilled..Of the utmost importance here is the fact that the shedding of the blood of Christ to take away sin, and with the coming of the Spirit to empower the life of the redeemed, all of the spiritual requirements for the millennial kingdom had been met as far as God was concerned....



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...But, God's provision could not be operative until man appropriated it. This point cannot be over emphasized, for it is not only the reason for the delay in the fulfillment of the final three feasts, it is the basis for understanding the relationship of the church to the feasts."



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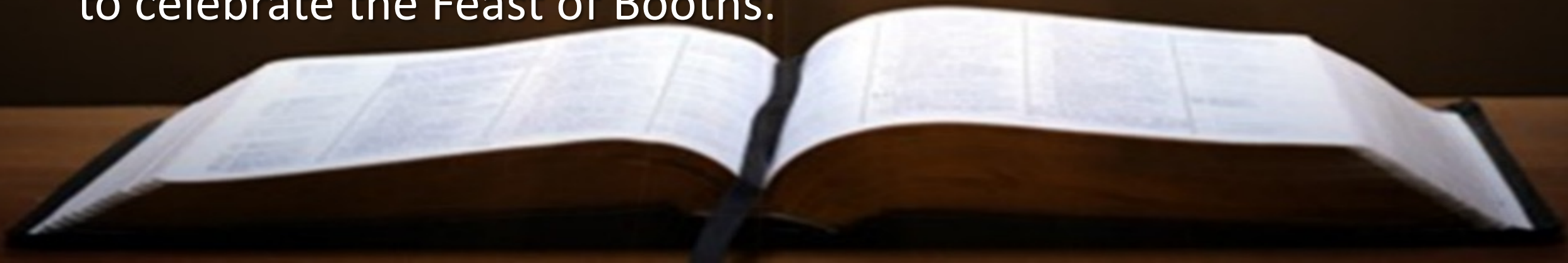
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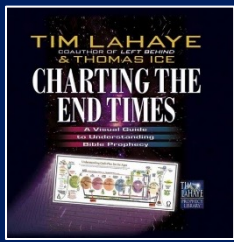
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“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”





Thomas D. Ice

Thomas D. Ice, "The Feasts of Israel in Prophecy," in *Charting the End Times: A Visual Guide to Understanding Bible Prophecy*, ed. Time LaHaye and Thomas Ice (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2001), 103-104.

“The three fall feasts await fulfillment in the events that will take place at the Second Coming of Christ and in the Millennium. The Feast of Trumpets will take place at the Second Coming, as Matthew 24:31 indicates: ‘He will send forth his angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.’ The Day of Atonement will be applied to the nation of Israel when the people realize that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah all along (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:25–27). And the Feast of Tabernacle’s will be fulfilled by the Millennial kingdom when the Jewish nation will dwell with their God in the land of Israel for 1000 years.”

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