

# Zechariah

## God Remembers!



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# Scope

| <b><u>SCRIPTURE</u></b> | <b><u>SCRIPTURAL DATE</u></b>  | <b><u>DATE</u></b>       |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>1:1</b>              | <b>8<sup>th</sup> month, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius</b>                       | <b>10 or 11/520 B.C.</b> |
| <b>1:7</b>              | <b>24<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> month, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Darius</b> | <b>2/15/519 B.C.</b>     |
| <b>7:1</b>              | <b>4<sup>th</sup> day, 9th month, 4th year of Darius</b>                         | <b>12/17/518 B.C.</b>    |





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Ezekiel 1:1

# ISRAEL'S FOUR TEMPLES

1. Solomon's pre-exilic temple (Kings and Chronicles)
2. Zerubbabel's post exilic temple (Ezra 1-6; John 2:20)
3. Antichrist's temple (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2)
4. Millennial temple (Ezek. 40-48)



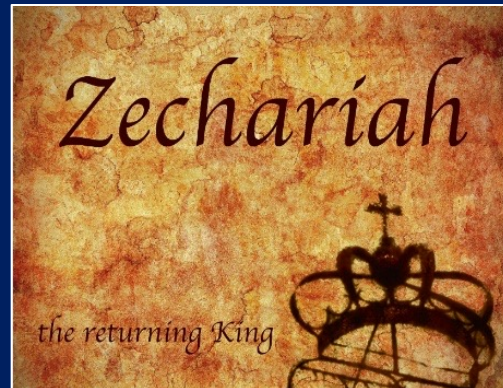
## Occasion

- 538 B.C. – Cyrus' decree
- 536 B.C. – Temple foundation laid
- 534 B.C. – Temple building interrupted
- Temple project stalled for 15 years
- **520–518 B.C. – Ministries of Zechariah & Haggai**
- 519 B.C. – Darius confirmation of Cyrus' decree
- Resumption of Temple building
- 516 B.C. – Temple completed



# Purposes

- A. To encourage the returnees to rebuild the Temple
- B. To provide eschatological hope in the challenging post-exilic world
- C. To prepare the returnees for Temple worship
- D. To exhort the returnees toward covenant obedience



# Message

The Messiah's future restoration of Israel and millennial reign is depicted through various divine visions, responses, and burdens, and these are given to induce hope and obedience among the beleaguered remnant.





# Unique Characteristics

- Interpreting angel
- Longest minor prophet
- Messianic prophecies
- Multiplicity of literary styles
- Times of the Gentiles
- Israel's Eschatology
- Two burdens focused upon in the passion narratives
- Third most alluded to book in the Apocalypse
- Imputation (3:1-5)
- Summation of prophetic themes



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## ZECHARIAH'S EIGHT NIGHT VISIONS

| Vision   | Reference        | Meaning  |
|--|------------------|--|
| The Red-horse Rider among the Myrtles                | <b>1:7-17</b>    | God's anger against the nations & blessing on restored Israel.           |
| The Four Horns & the Four Craftsmen                  | <b>1:18-21</b>   | God's judgment on the nations that afflict Israel.                       |
| The Surveyor with a Measuring Line                   | <b>Chapter 2</b> | God's future blessing on restored Israel.                                |
| The Cleansing & Crowning of Joshua the Hight Priest. | <b>Chapter 3</b> | Israel's future cleansing from sin & reinstatement as a priestly nation. |
| The Golden Lampstand & the Two Olive Trees           | <b>Chapter 4</b> | Israel as the light to the nations under Messiah, the King-Priest.       |
| The Flying Scroll                                    | <b>5:1-4</b>     | The severity & totality of divine judgment on individual Israelites.     |
| The Woman in the Ephah                               | <b>5:5-11</b>    | The removal of national Israel's sin of rebellion against God.           |
| The Four Chariots                                    | <b>6:1-8</b>     | Divine judgment on Gentile nations.                                      |

## II. Eight Night Visions

(1:7–6:15)

1. Riders & horses among the myrtle trees (1:7-17)
  2. Four horns & four craftsmen (1:18-21)
  3. Man with the measuring line (2)
  4. Cleansing of the High Priest Joshua (3)
  5. Lampstand & olive tree (4)
  6. Flying scroll (5:1-4)
  7. Woman in the basket (5:5-11)
  8. Four chariots (6:1-8)
- Conclusion: crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)





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# III. Questions & Answers Concerning Fasting

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A. Question (7:1-3)

B. Four divine answers (7:4–8:23)

1. Condemnation of empty ritualism (7:4-7)
2. Condemnation of past covenant failure (7:8-14)
3. Prediction of Jerusalem's restoration (8:1-17)
4. Prediction of future blessing (8:18-23)



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1. Divine warrior hymn (9)
2. True shepherd (10)
3. False shepherd (11)



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- I. Israel's physical deliverance (12:1-9)
  - A. The nations that will attack Israel (1-3)
  - B. The God who will protect Israel (4-9)
- II. Israel's spiritual deliverance (12:10-14)
  - A. God's Spirit: the cause of revival (10a)
  - B. Israel's remorse: the result of revival (11-14)



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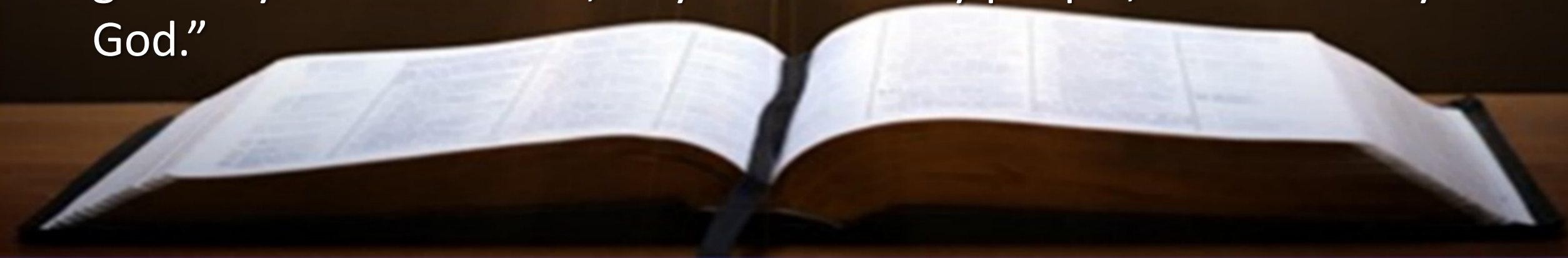
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## Ezekiel 36:24-28

“<sup>24</sup>For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. <sup>28</sup> You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”



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## Deuteronomy 28:49-50

<sup>49</sup> “The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down; a nation whose language you will not understand, <sup>50</sup> a nation with a defiant attitude, who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young.”



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## Deuteronomy 17:15

“you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.”



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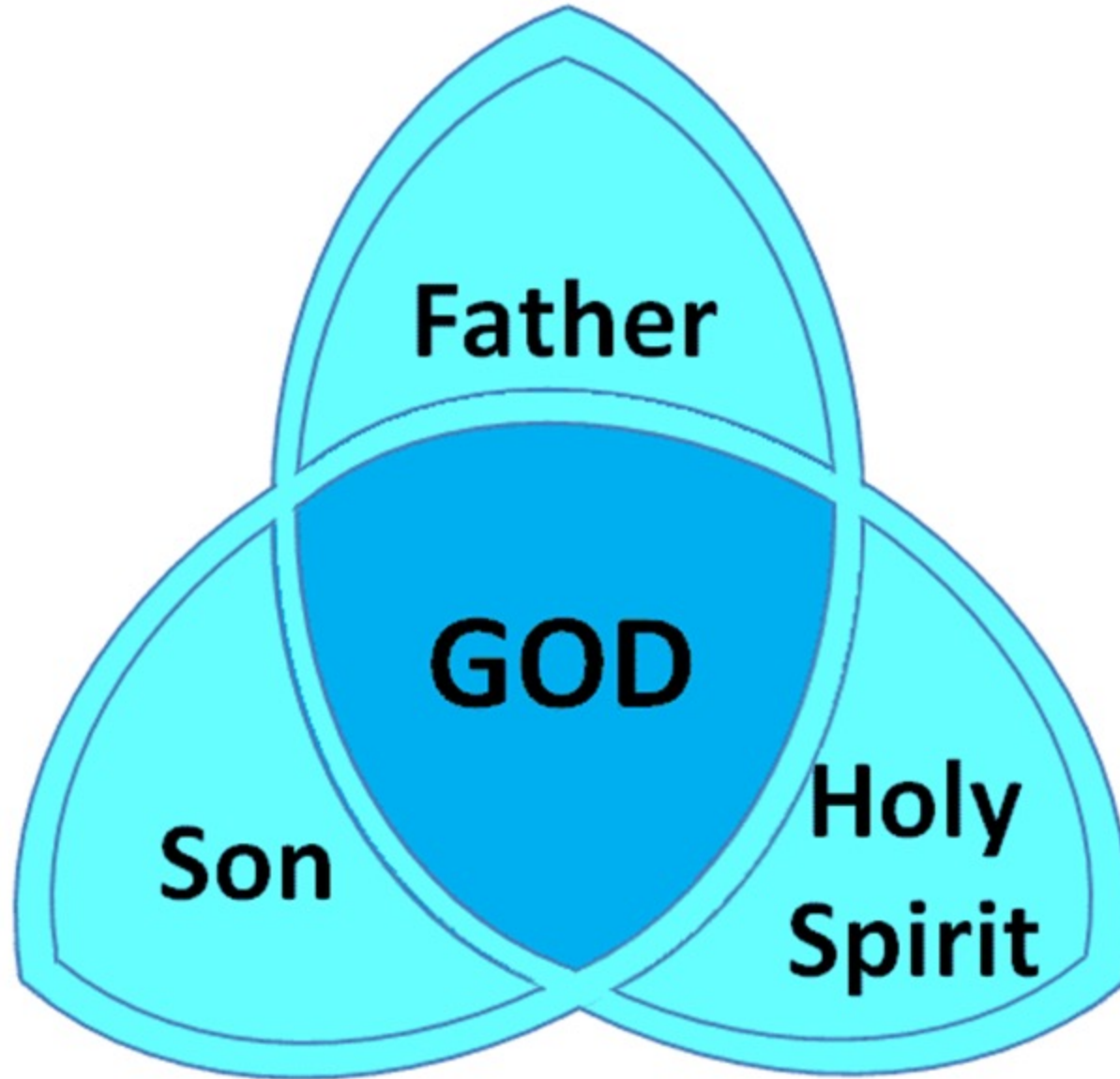
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# Israel's Judgments

- Division of the kingdom in 931 B.C. (1 Kgs. 12)
- Assyrian judgment in 722 B.C. (2 Kgs. 17)
- Babylonian captivity in 586 B.C. (2 Kgs. 25)
- Rome *Diaspora* in A.D. 70 (Luke 19:41-44)





## Deuteronomy 28:63-65

“<sup>63</sup> It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it. <sup>64</sup> Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood . . .



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. . . and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.  
<sup>65</sup> Among those nations . . . you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.”



## Deuteronomy 4:27

“The LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD drives you.”







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<sup>8</sup>“It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD,  
“That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.”  
<sup>9</sup>“And I will bring the third part  
through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test  
them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I  
will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And  
they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”



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<sup>33</sup> “As I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. <sup>34</sup> I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; <sup>35</sup> and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. <sup>36</sup> As I entered into . . .





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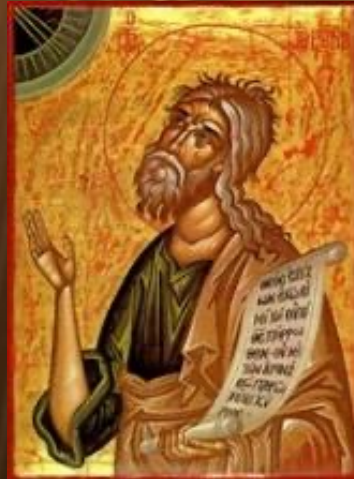
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“Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress (Gen. 32:8; 35:10), But he will be saved from it.”



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## Matthew 23:37-39

<sup>37</sup> “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. <sup>38</sup> Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! <sup>39</sup> 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!’”



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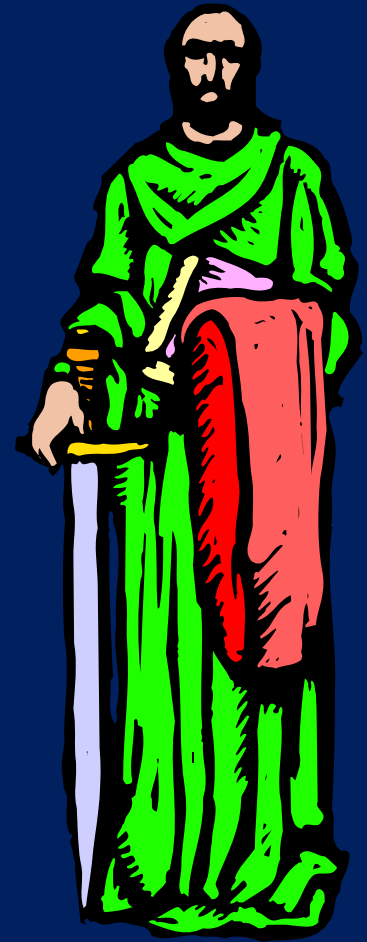
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## Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put . . .





## Jeremiah 31:31-34

. . . My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup> They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

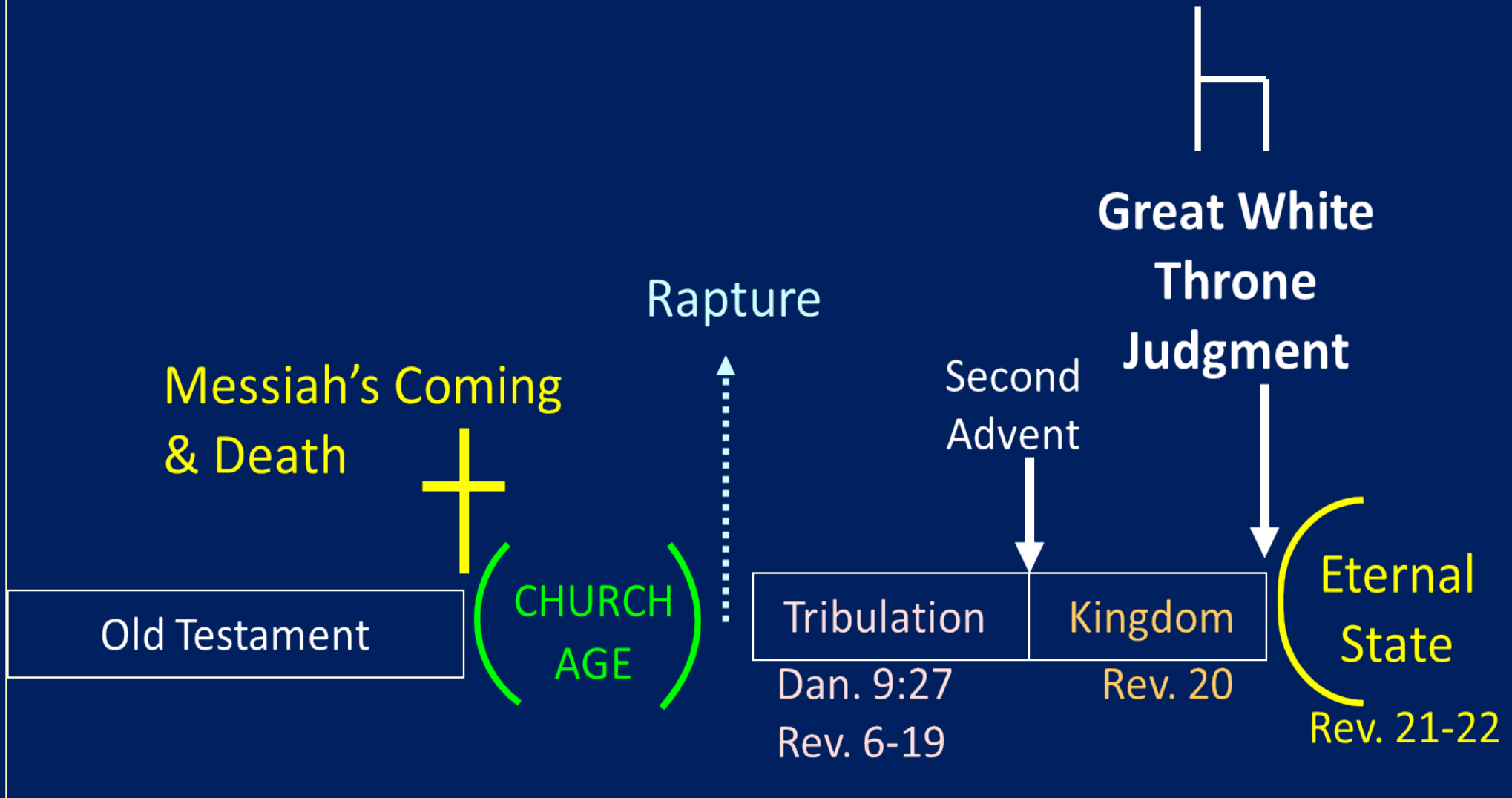


## Romans 11:25-26

“<sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;<sup>26</sup> and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.’”



# Prophecy Panorama



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## Matthew 3:9

“and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.”



## Romans 2:28-29

“<sup>28</sup> For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. <sup>29</sup> But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.”



## Romans 9:6

“But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are *descended* from Israel.”

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# The 7 Churches in Revelation

Rev. 1:11





## Revelation 2:9

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”



## Revelation 3:9

“Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them know that I have loved you.”





## J. Vernon McGee

McGee, J. Vernon. Thru the Bible with J. Vernon McGee. 5 vols. Pasadena, Calif.: Thru The Bible Radio; and Nashville: Thomas Nelson, Inc., 1983. P. 3:983.

“'The third shall be left therein' refers to the same remnant that shall ask, 'What are these wounds in thine hands?' [v. 6]. They will have come through the horrors of the Great Tribulation Period in which two-thirds of their people have perished.”



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