

Revelation

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- Named 5x
- Rev 1:1, 4, 9; 21:2; 22:8

The Seven Churches of Asia

Rev. 2 & 3



Title

- The Revelation of Jesus Christ
- Not John's Revelation
- Unveils the final phase of Christ's redemptive program
- Single vision

Date (A.D. 95)

- “But if it had been necessary to announce his name plainly at the present time, it would have been spoken by him who saw the apocalypse. For it was not seen long ago, but almost in our own time, at the end of the reign of Domitian.”

Irenaeus Against Heresies 5.30.3

Rev 1:19

- Seen (1)
- Are (2–3)
- After these things (4–22)

Concurrent

Seals: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Trumpets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Chronological Progression

Rev 6:8; 9:15

Rev 8:8; 16:3

Rev 6:1-2, 3-4

Telescoping

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Trumpets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Bowls: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

- Rev 7-144,000 Jews
- Rev 10:1–11:14-Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
- Rev 12–14-Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
- Rev 16:13-16-Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
- Rev 17:1–19:6-Babylon's fall

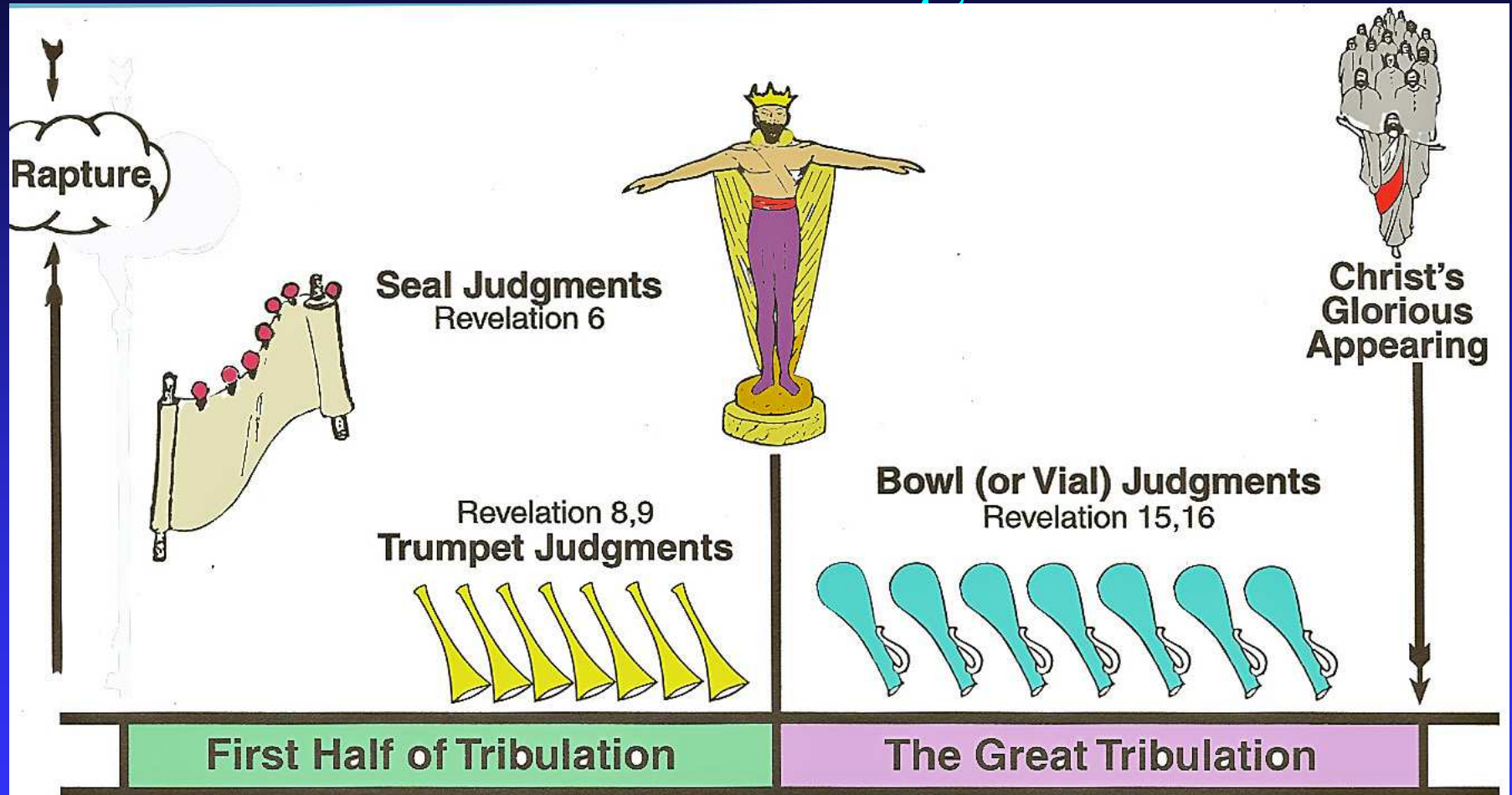
Method of Communication (Rev 1:1-4)

- From the Father
- to Christ
- to an angel
- to John
- to a book
- to a reader
- to a listener

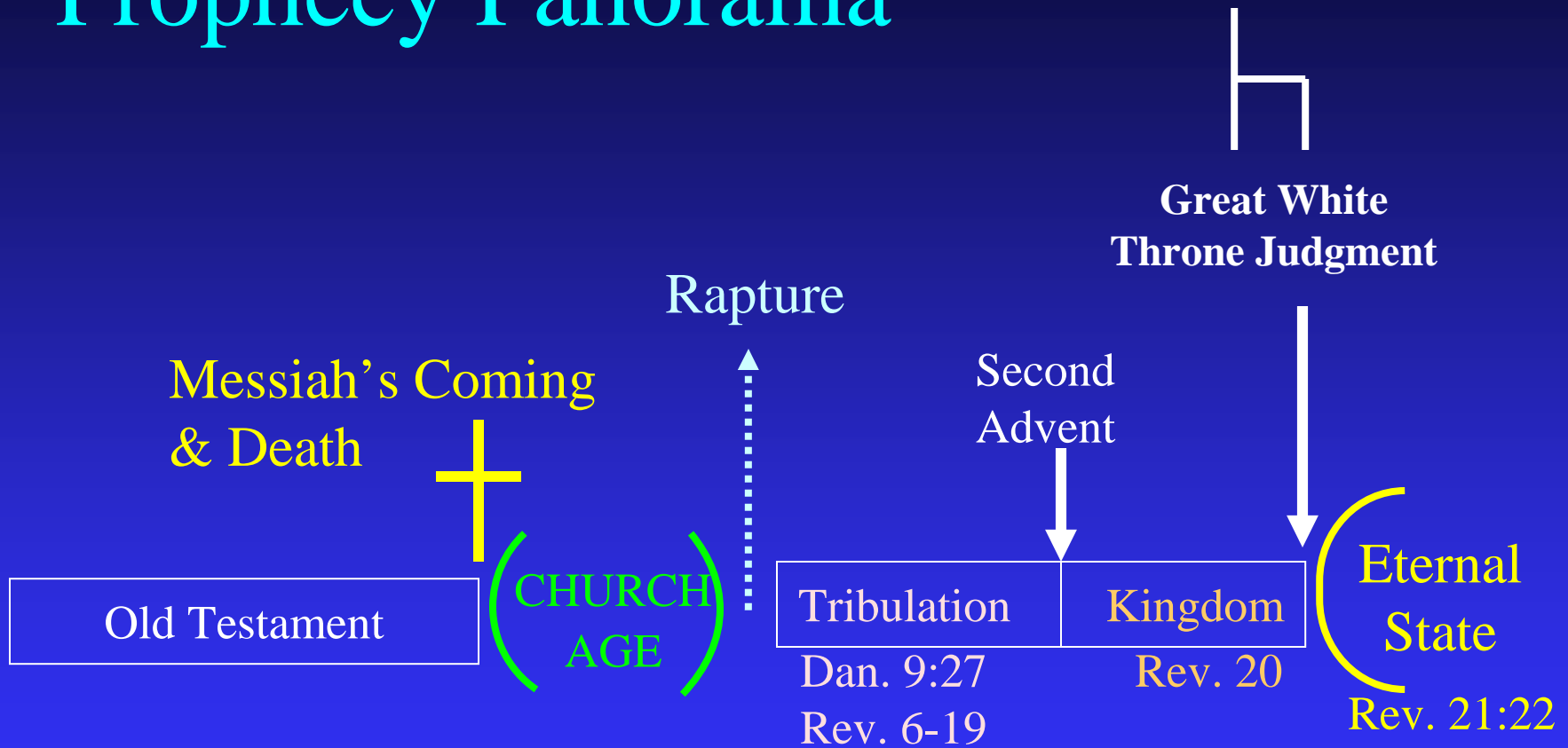
DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



Prophecy Panorama



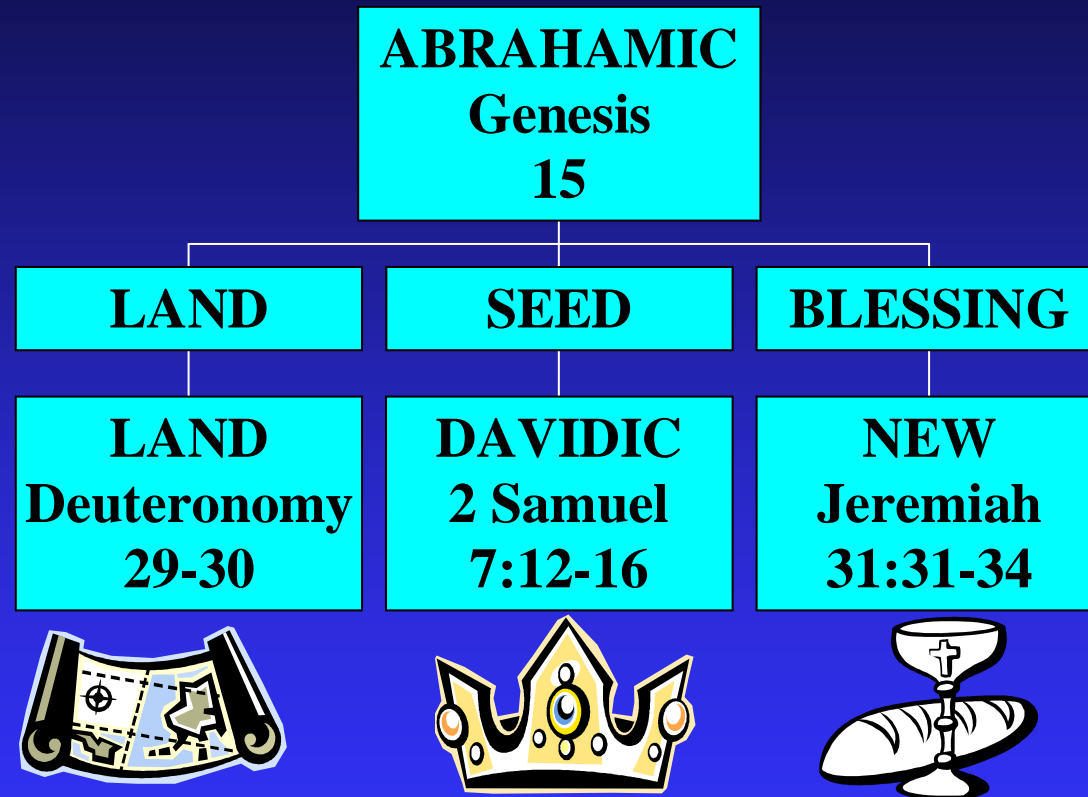
Purpose

- To comfort the oppressed churches of Asia Minor and stimulate them to practical holiness through a future reminder of God's conquest and punishment of evil

Message

- Christ's ultimate victory over evil provides comfort to Christians of all ages as well as a stimulus for holy living because when God fulfills His covenants with Israel He will gain victory over evil as well as punish it

Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

God's Work Through Israel

- Rev 7-144,000 Jews
- Rev 11-Two Jewish witnesses
- Rev 12-Israel flees
- Rev 20:9-Jerusalem in the kingdom
- Rev 21:12-13-Gates of the eternal city

Prologue (1:1-8)

- Introduction (1:1-3)
- Greeting (1:4-8)

The Things That You Have Seen (1:9-20)

- Circumstances (1:9-11)
- Christ's appearance (1:12-16)
- Christ's interaction with John (1:17-20)

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Rev. 2 & 3



Pattern of Rev 2–3

- Destination
- Description of Christ from Rev 1
- Commendation
- Rebuke
- Exhortation to change
- Promise to over comers from Rev 21–22

Rev 2–3

Church	Christ	Praise	Rebuke	Change	Promise
Ephesus	Holds, walks among churches	Deeds, toil, endurance, discern	Left 1 st love	Recall., repent, repeat	Tree of life
Smyrna	1 st /last, dead/alive	Poverty, trib., persecut.		No fear persec, faithful	2 nd death
Perg.	Sword	Kept the faith	Balaam, Nicolaitan	Attack from sword	Stone, manna, name
Thyatira	Eyes, feet	Deeds more than at 1st	Jezebel	Hold fast	Authority, morning star

Rev 2–3

Church	Christ	Praise	Rebuke	Change	Promise
Sardis	Seven spirits	Some unsoiled	Dead	Wake up	Clothed, confessed, book of life
Philad.	David's key	Endured, little power		Hold fast	Pillar, names
Laod.	Amen, Faithful, true, creator		Lukewarm self-sufficient	Open door to Christ	Christ's throne

God's Role in Creation (Rev 4)

- John transported to heaven (4:1)
- Father's throne (4:2-3a)
- Entities associated with the throne (4:3b-8a)
- Praise to God on account of creation (4:8b-11)

24 Elders?

- Israel?
- Redeemed of all ages?
- Angels?
- Church?

God's Role in Redemption (Rev 5)

- Seven sealed scroll (5:1)
- John weeps (5:2-4)
- Christ is qualified to open the scroll (5:5-6)
- Christ takes the scroll (5:7)
- Christ praised by various entities (5:8-14)

1st Six Seals (Rev 6)

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

1st Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 7)

- 7:1-8-144,000 Jews
- 7:9-17-Gentiles reached by the 144, 000

Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude

- Revelation 7:1-8
 - Numbered
 - Jews
 - Sealed
 - Sealed before the Tribulation
- Revelation 7:9-17
 - Innumerable
 - All nations
 - Slain
 - Converted out of the Tribulation

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

7th Seal and 1st Six Trumpets (Rev 8–9)

- 8:1-6 (7th seal)-releasing of the trumpets
- 8:7 (1st trumpet)-1/3 vegetation destroyed
- 8:8-9 (2nd trumpet)-1/3 sea life destroyed
- 8:10-11 (3rd trumpet)-1/3 of fresh water destroyed
- 8:12-13 (4th trumpet)-1/3 of luminaries darkened
- 9:1-12 (5th trumpet)-Tormenting demons released from the abyss for 5 months
- 9:13-21 (6th trumpet)-Army released from E. of the Euphrates

2nd Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 10:1– 11:14)

- 10-Angelic announcement of no further delay
- 11:1-2-Times of the Gentiles to only last a remaining 42 months
- 11:3-14-Two witnesses

Israel's Four Temples

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

Identity of the 2 Witnesses: Moses and Elijah

- Description of ministries (11:3, 6, 12)
- Transfiguration (Matt 17:3)
- Ministries cut short in the OT (2 Kgs 2:11-12; Num 20:12)
- Future appearance predicted in the OT (Deut 18:15; Mal 4:5-6; Jude 9)
- Never fulfilled in the NT (Luke 1:17; John 1:21)
- Enoch (Gen 5:18-24; Heb 11:5) does not fit the picture (Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24)

7th Trumpet (Rev 11:15-19)

- Kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our God
- Bowl judgments will create this result
- 7th trumpet triggers the bowl judgments

3rd Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 12–14)

- Israel's flight (12)
- Two beasts (13)
- 6 scenes of hope (14)

Cast of Characters: Rev 12

SON = MESSIAH

Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9

DRAGON = SATAN

Rev. 12:9

WOMAN = ISRAEL

Gen. 37:9-10



Rev 12

- Satan's past strategy (12:1-5)
- Satan's future strategy (12:6-13)
- God's protection of Israel (12:14-17)

Rev 13

- First beast (Rev 13:1-10)
- Second beast (Rev 13:11-18)

Six Scenes of Hope (Rev 14)

- Preservation of the 144,000 (14:1-5)
- Proclamation of the eternal gospel (14:6-7)
- Prediction of Babylon's ultimate doom (14:8)
- Ultimate doom of beast worshippers (14:9-12)
- Ultimate victory of the tribulation martyrs (14:13)
- Destruction of Christ rejecting nations at Armageddon (14:14-20)

Bowls (Rev 15–16)

- Prelude (15)
- Command (16:1)
- 16:2 (1st bowl)-boils
- 16:3 (2nd bowl)-sea becomes blood
- 16:4-7 (3rd bowl)-fresh water becomes blood
- 16:8-9 (4th bowl)-sun scorches man
- 16:10-11 (5th bowl)-darkness
- 16:12 (6th bowl)-Euphrates dried

Ultimate Exodus (Rev 11:15)

- Sores: 6th plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1st bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- Rivers to blood: 1st plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3rd bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- Darkness: 9th plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5th bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- Hail: 7th plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)



East = Babylon

- Genesis 2:8
- Genesis 11:2
- Matthew 2:2



4th Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 16:13-16) and 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)

- Supernatural gathering of the nations to Armageddon for the final battle (Rev 16:13-16)
- 7th bowl (Rev 16:17-21)-Topographical and cosmological disturbances and the destruction of Jerusalem and Babylon

5th Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertion (Rev 17:1–19:6)

- Destruction of Babylon
- Expansion of Rev 16:19
- Literal Babylon
- One hour (Rev 18:10, 17, 19, 21)
- God uses the beast (Rev 17:17) to destroy Babylon (Rev 18)
- Heavenly rejoicing (Rev 19:1-6)

ONE BABYLON

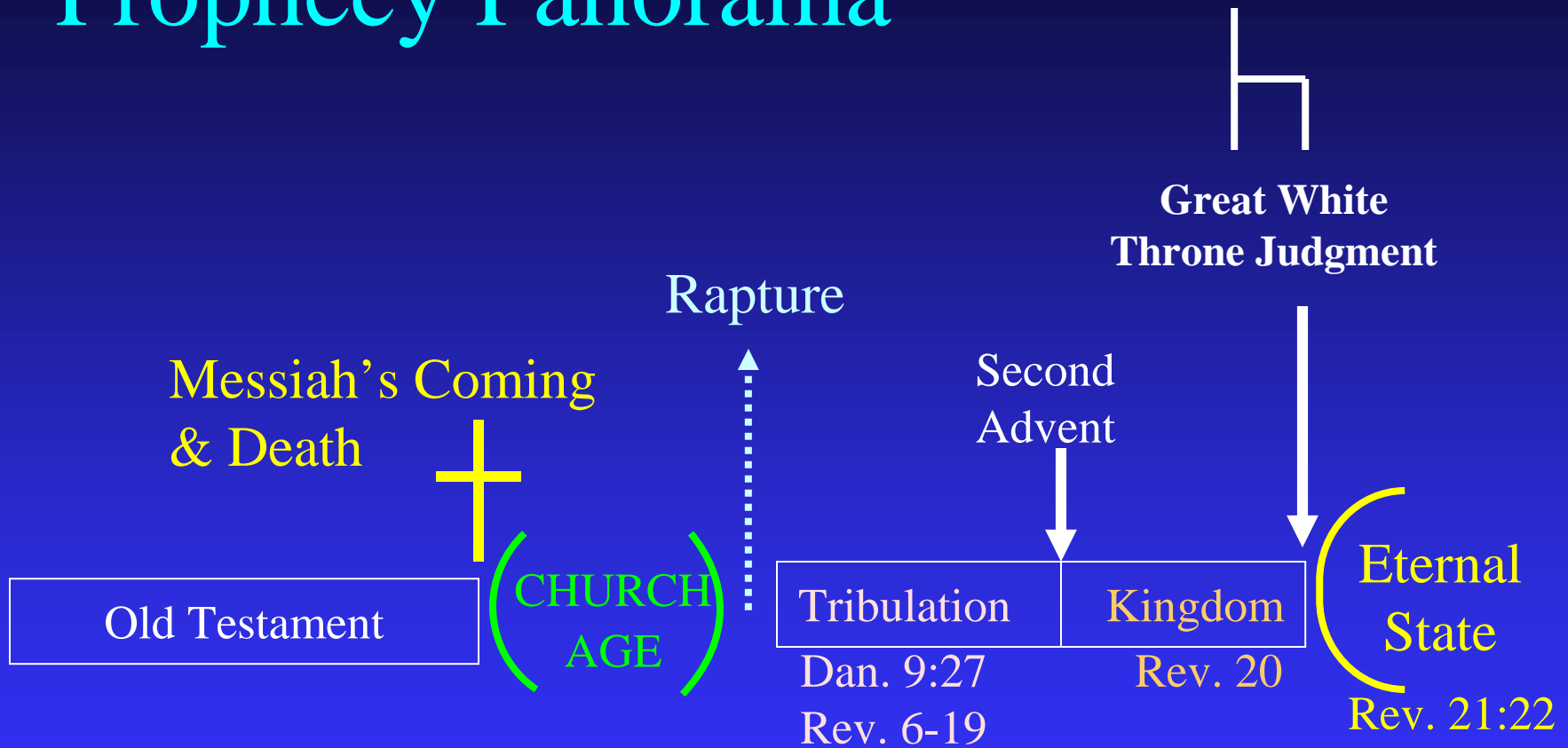
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Same name	17:5	18:2
City	17:18	18:10
Same clothing	17:4	18:16
Holding a cup	17:4	18:6
Fornicating with Kings	17:2	18:3
Drunk with wine of immorality	17:2	18:3
Persecuting believers	17:6	18:20, 24
Destroyed by fire	17:16	18:8, 18
Destroyed by God	17:17	18:5, 8

Dyer, "The Identity of Babylon in Revelation 17–18 (Part 1)," 311-13.

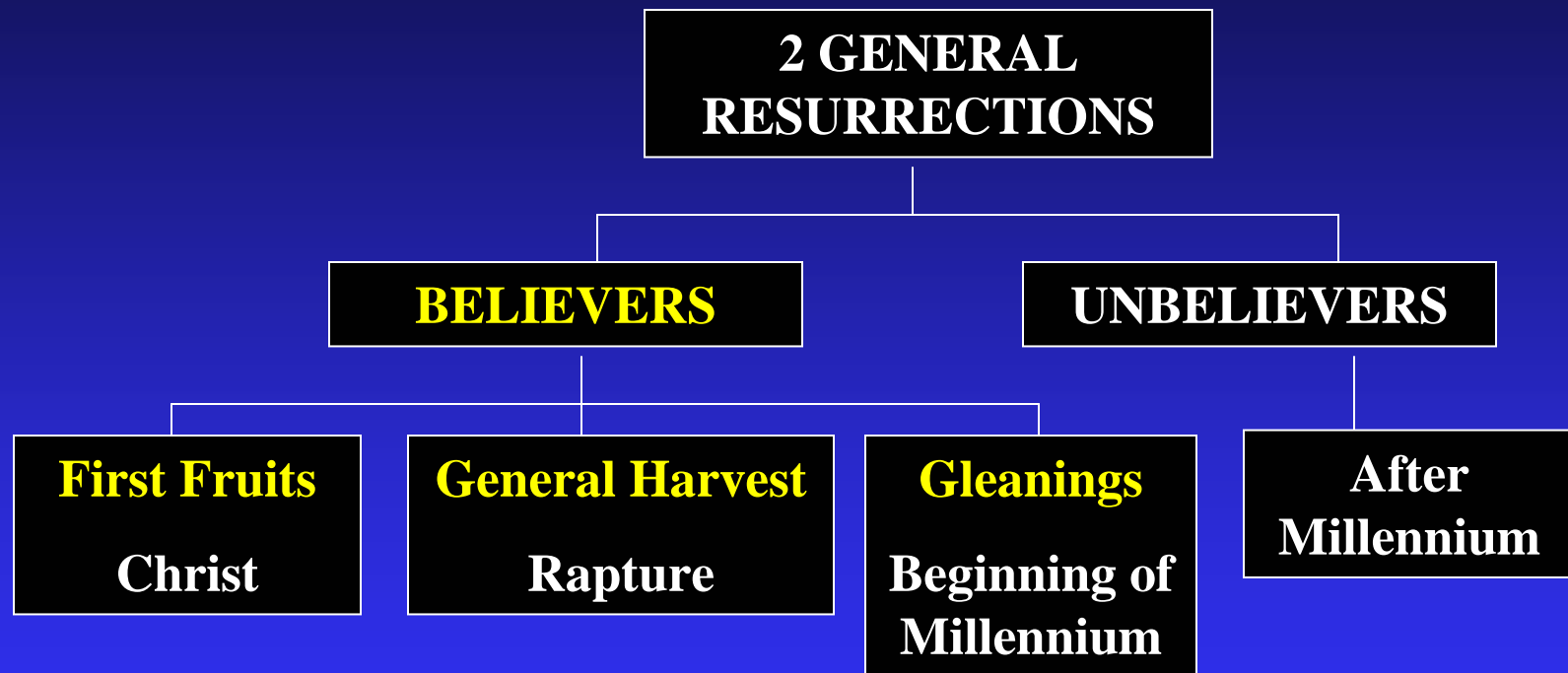
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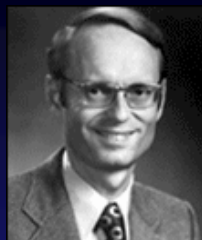
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God's Resurrection Program





Charles Ryrie, *Basic Theology*. Page 511

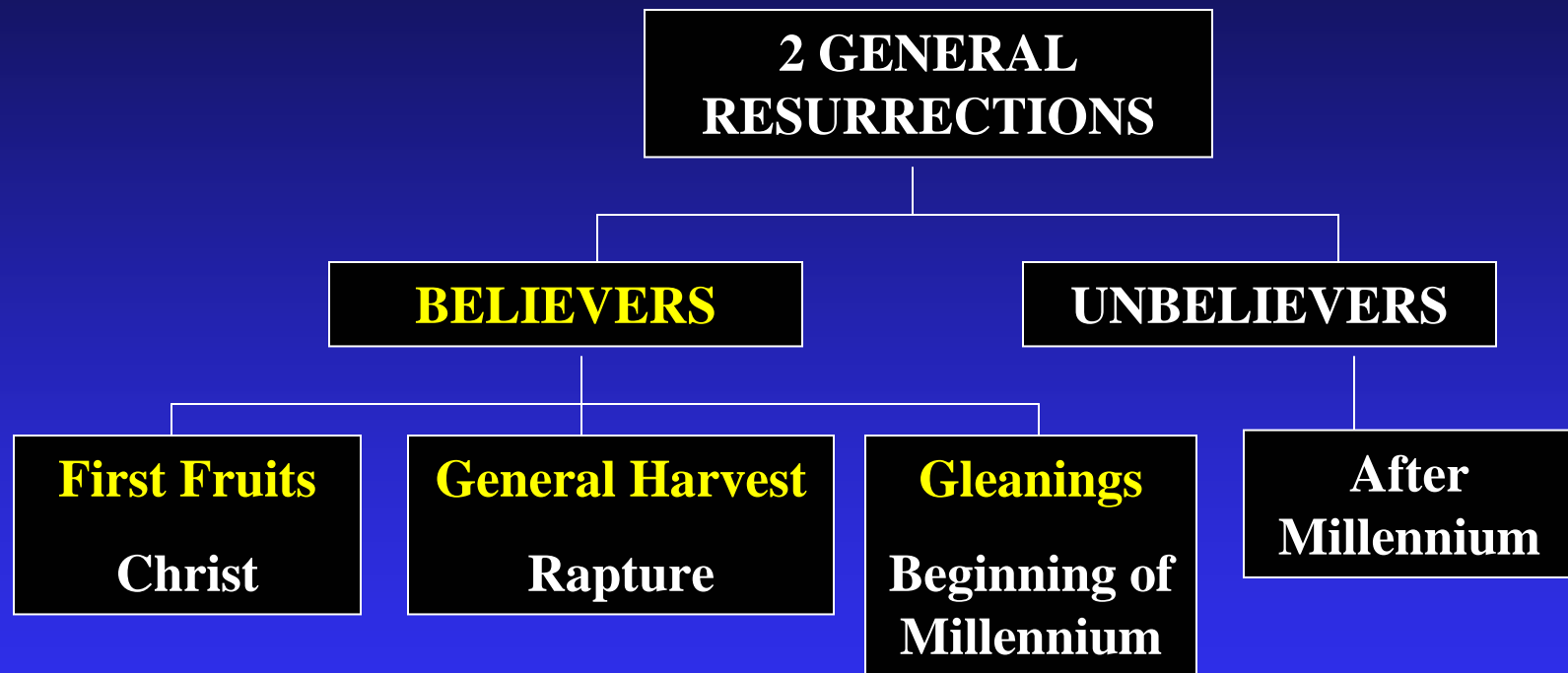
Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? Did He not receive His inheritance when He was raised and exalted in heaven? Is not His present rule His inheritance? Why does there need to be an earthly kingdom? Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated. His rejection by the rulers of this world was on this earth (1 Cor. 2:8). His exaltation must also be on this earth. And so it shall be when He comes again to rule this world in righteousness. He has waited long for His inheritance; soon He shall receive it.

Satan's Progressive Defeat

- Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
- Eden (Gen 3:15)
- Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
- Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
- Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
- Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)
- End of millennium (Rev 20:10)



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Epilogue (Rev 22:6-21)

- Words of comfort (Rev 22:6-17)
- Warning against adding and subtracting (Rev 22:18-19)
- Benediction (Rev 22:20-21)