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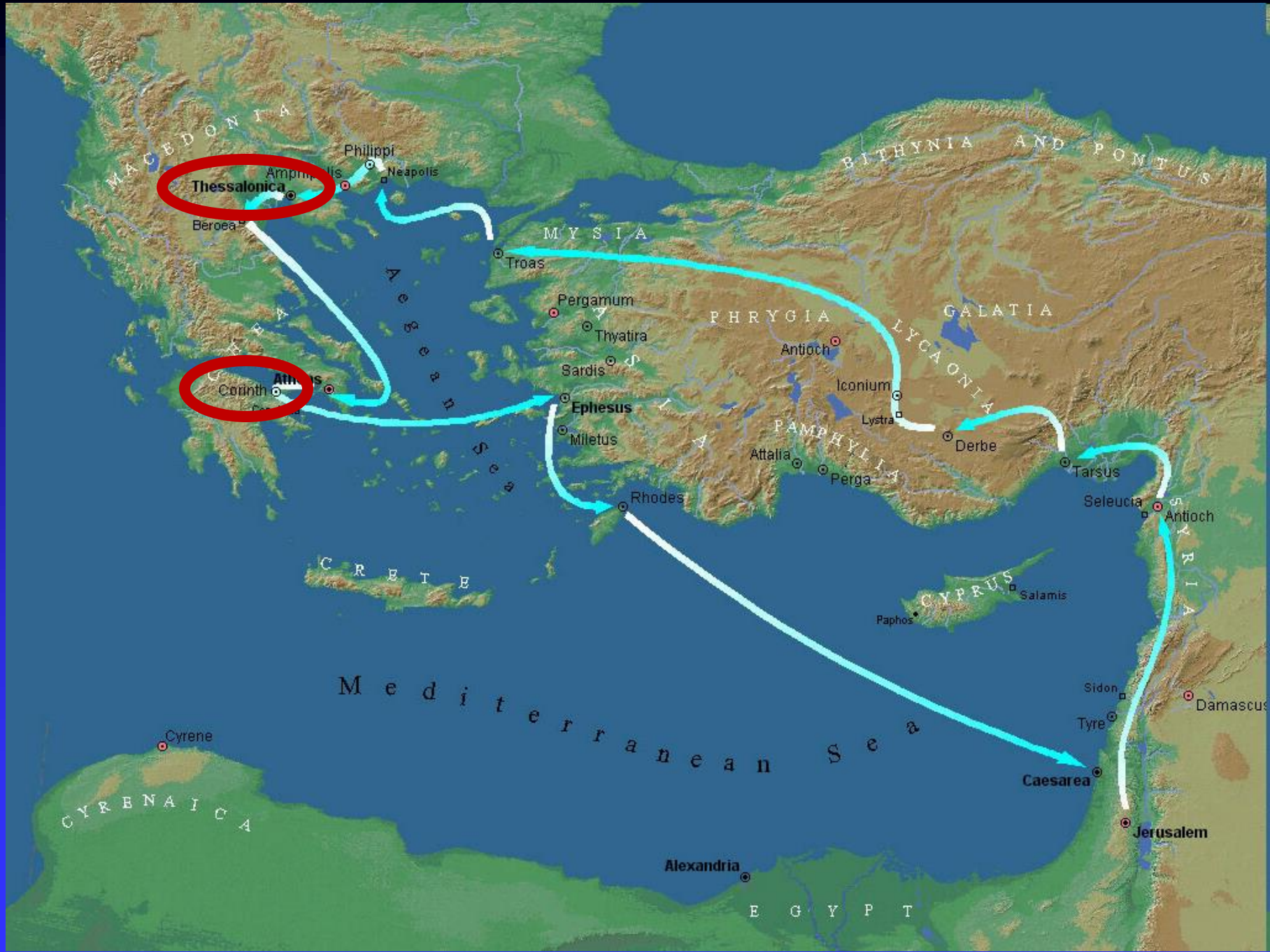
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Thessalonica

Athens

MYSIA

PHRYGIA

GALATIA

LYCAONIA

PAMPHYLIA

SYRIA

CYPRUS

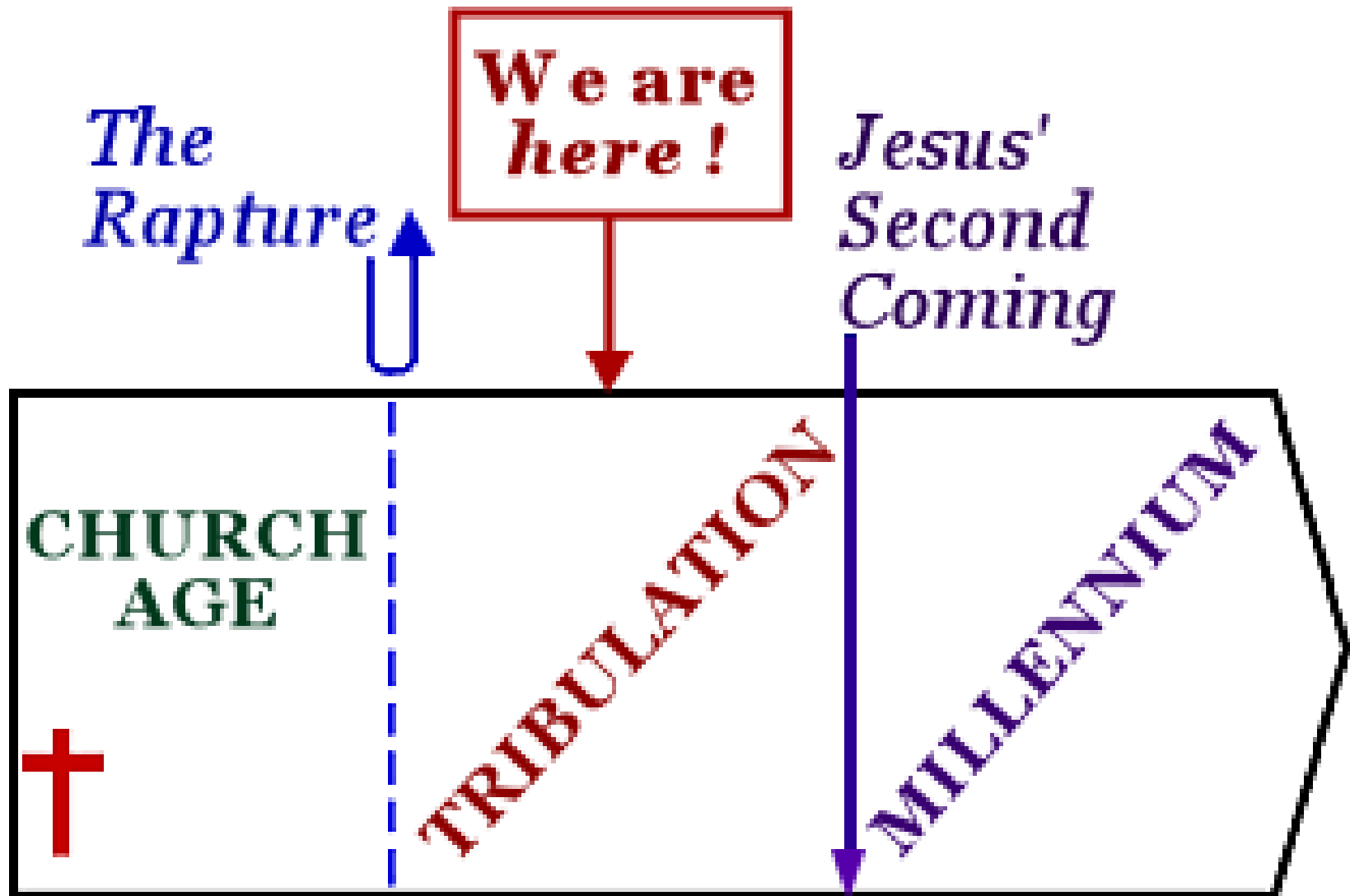
Mediterranean Sea

CYRENAICA

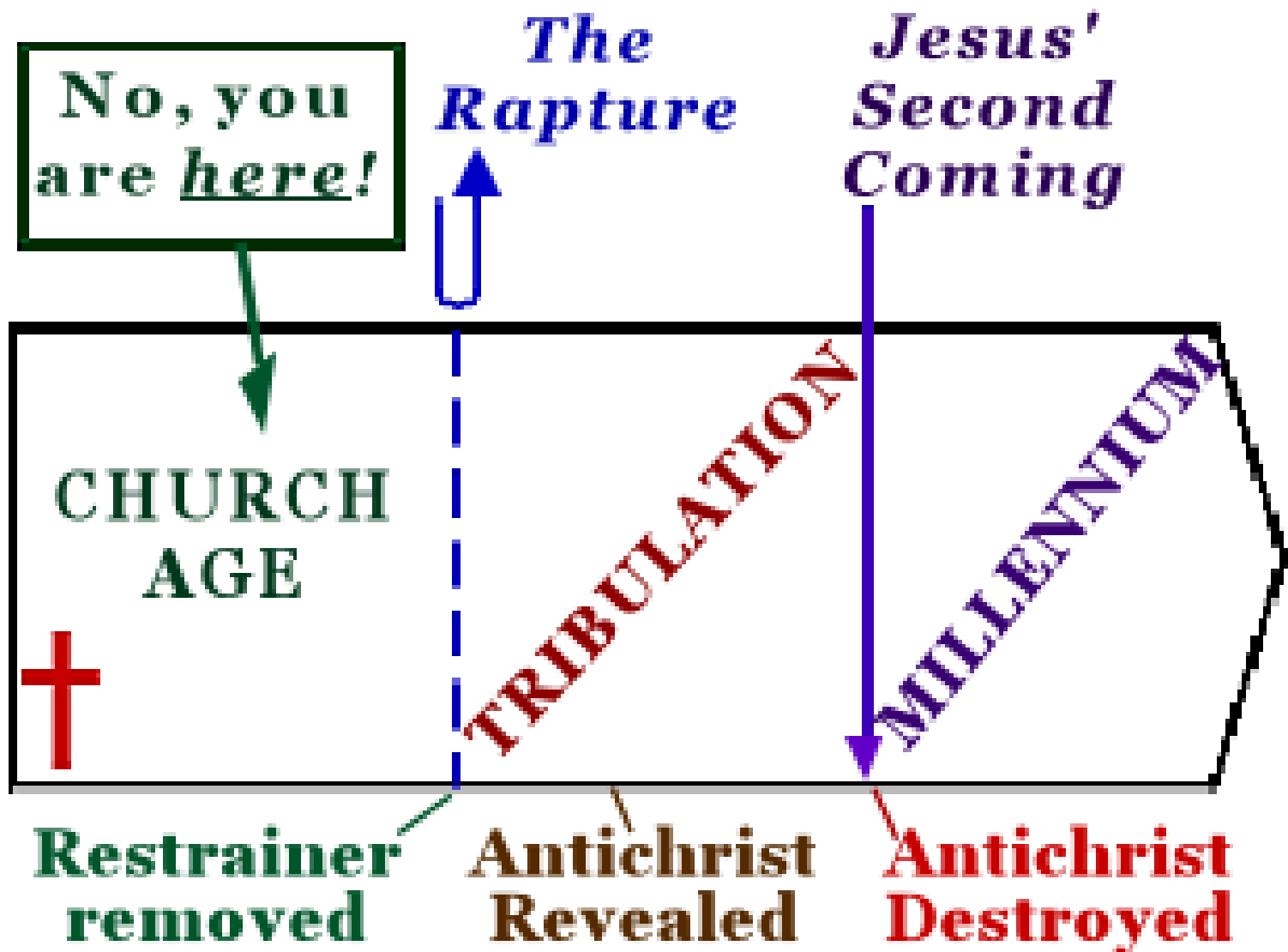
Alexandria

EGYPT

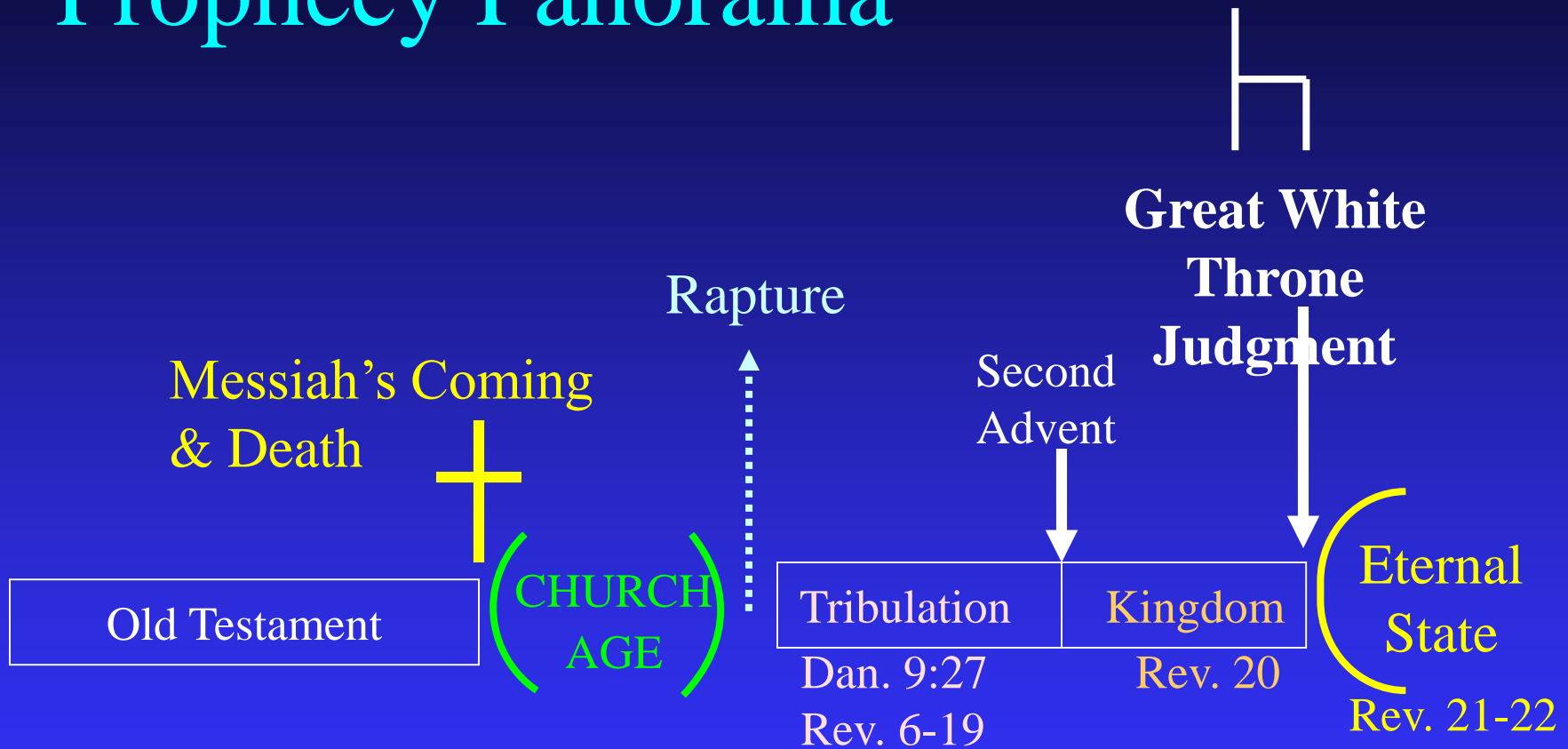
The Thessalonians' False Idea



Paul's Correction of their Error



Prophecy Panorama



Paul's Ministry Chronology

# of books	Journey	Acts	Date	Books
1	1	13–14	48–49	Gal
2	2	15:36–18:22	50–52	1–2 Thess
3	3	18:23–21:17	53–57	1–2 Cor, Rom
4	4	28:16–31	60–62	Eph, Col, Phlm, Phlp
2	Between imprisonments	Post Acts	62–66	1 Tim, Titus
1	2 nd imprisonment	Post Acts	67	2 Tim

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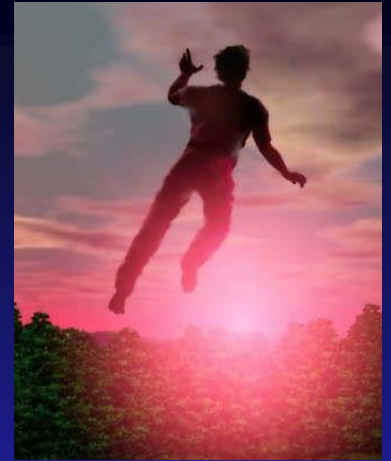
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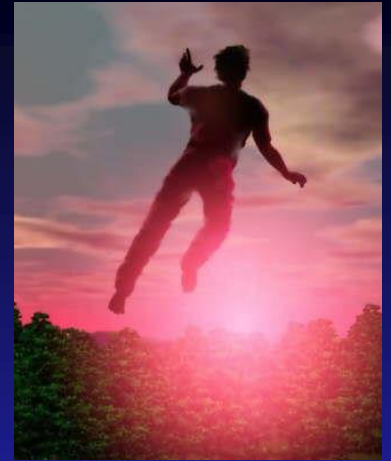
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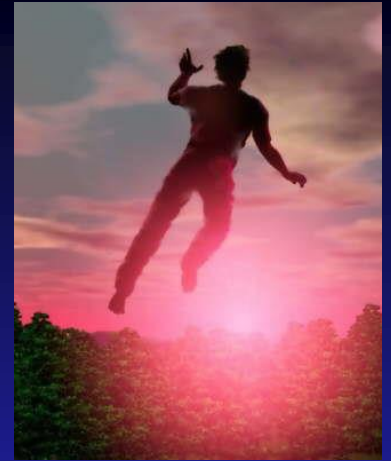
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“Departing First” or “Falling Away”

Year	Bible	Translation
1384	Wycliffe Bible	Departynge First
1526	Tyndale Bible	Departynge First
1535	Coverdale Bible	Departynge First
1539	Crammer Bible	Departing First
1576	Breeches Bible	Departing First
1583	Beeza Bible	Departing First
1608	Geneva Bible	Departing First
1611	King James V.	Falling Away

House, *When the Trumpet Sounds*, p. 270.

Physical Departure Adherents

- Kenneth Wuest
- E. Schuyler English
- J. Dwight Pentecost
- H. Wayne House
- Stanley Ellison
- Allen McRae
- Tim LaHaye
- Thomas Ice

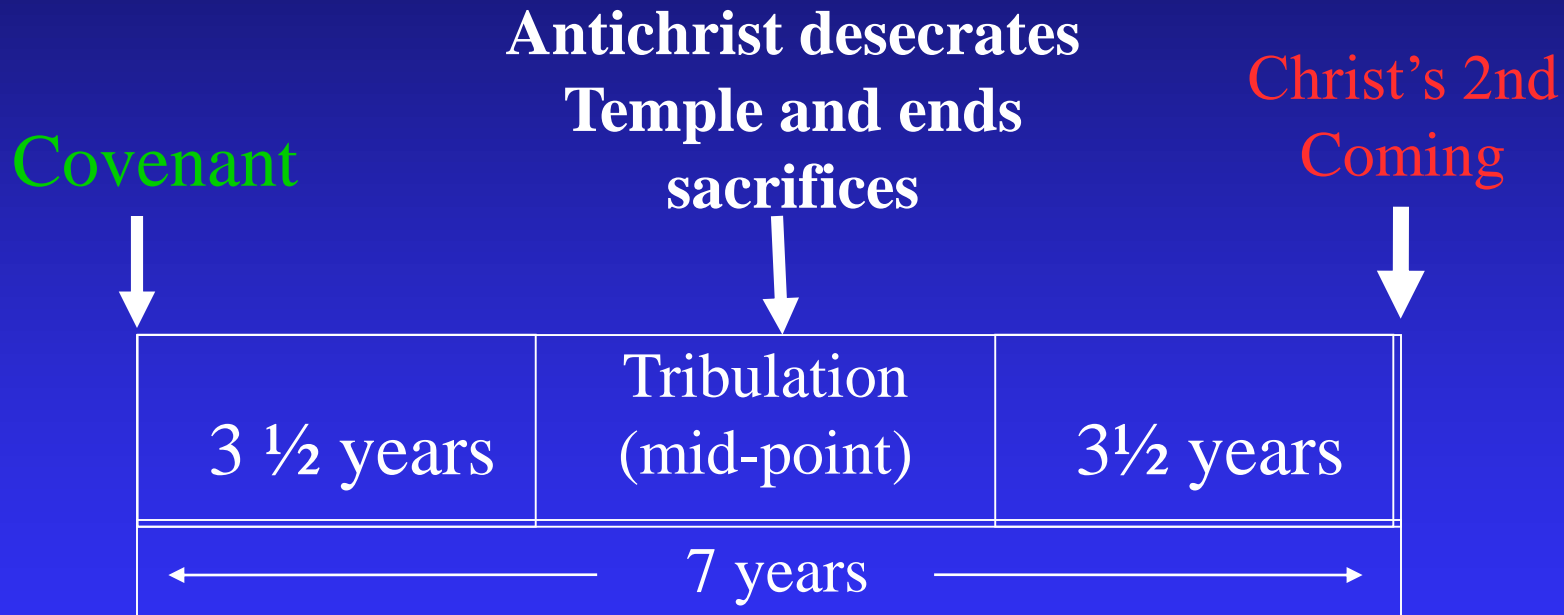


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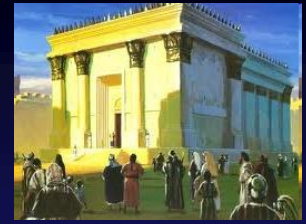
Typology of Antichrist

PROPHECY
550 BC

ANTIOCHUS
EPIPHANES
165 BC

TITUS
70 AD

ANTICHRIST
? AD



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)

The Stage Is Being Set

- Rebirth of Israel in 1948
- Israel's desire for peace
- Desire among some Jews to Rebuild 3rd Jewish temple & Restore the sacrificial system

Source: Randall Price "Ready to Rebuild"



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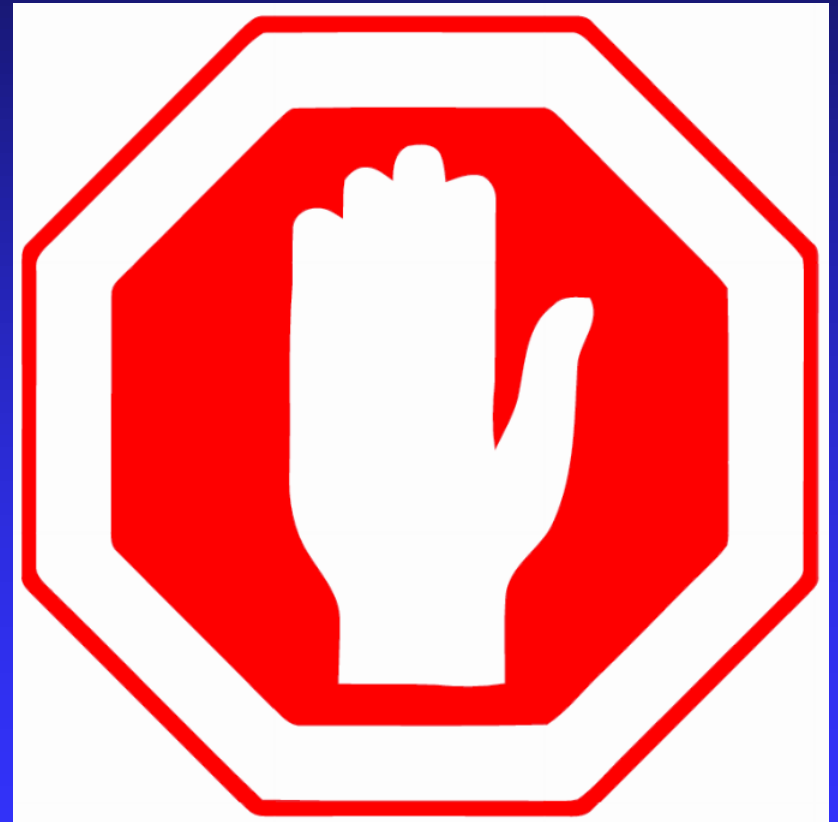
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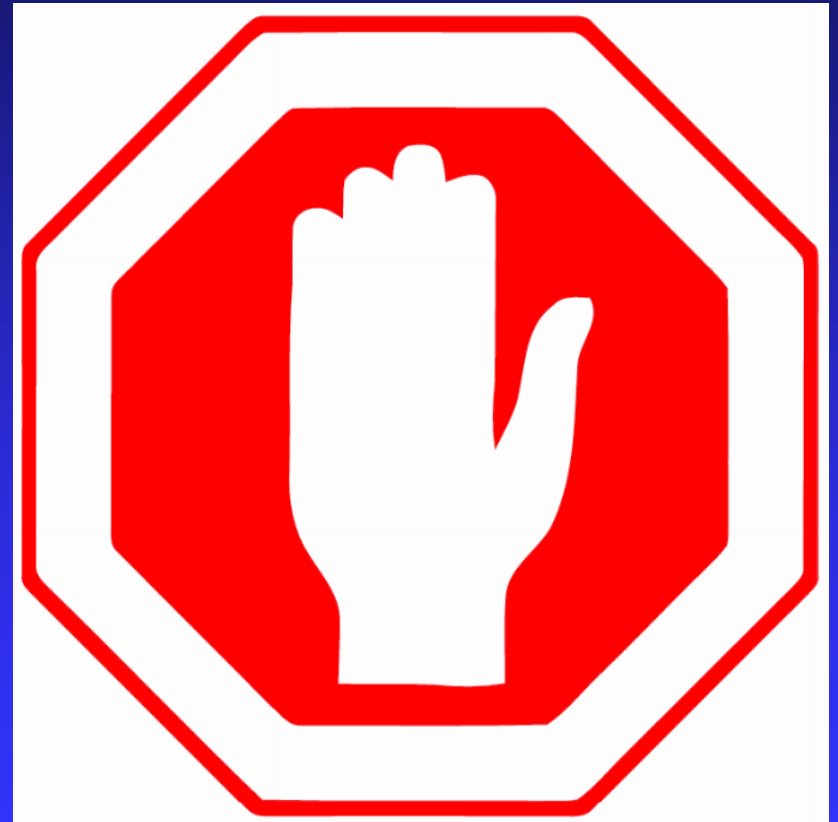
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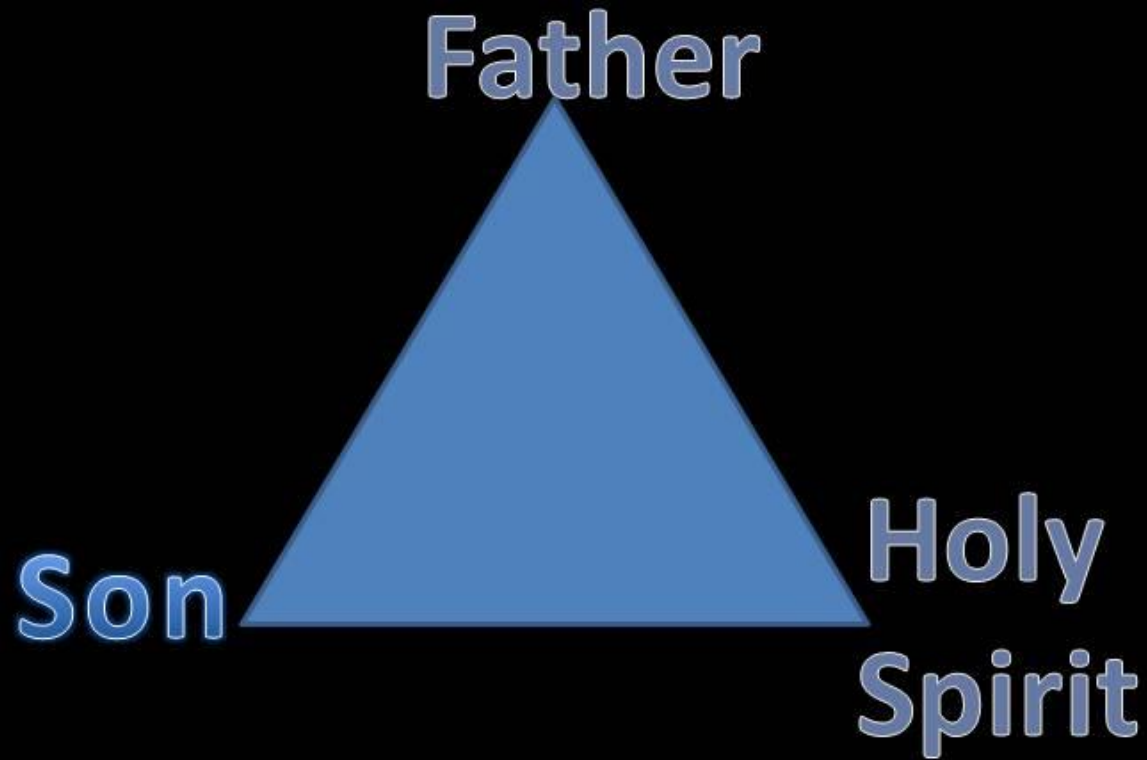
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Three Reasons Why the Restrainer is the Holy Spirit (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

- The Holy Spirit is omnipotent



- The Holy Spirit handles well the switch in gender from the neuter (vs. 6) to the masculine (vs. 7)
- The Holy Spirit is active in the world (Gen. 6:3; John 16:7-11)

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Who is the Antichrist?

- “We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of Antichrist; 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

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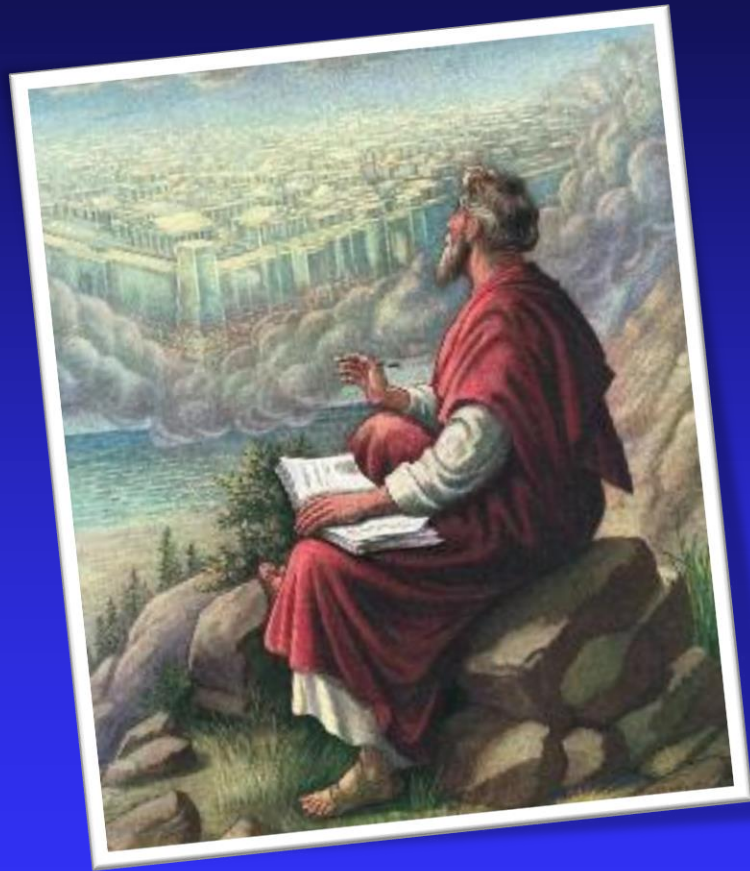
Rapture Distinct from Second Advent

Rapture (1 Thess 4:13-17; 1 Cor 15:51-57)	Second Coming (Rev 19:11-16)
Christ comes in the air (1 Thess 4:16-17)	Christ comes to the earth (Zech 14:4)
For His saints (1 Thess 4:15-17)	With His saints (Rev 19:14)
Blessing (1 Thess 4:18)	Judgment (Rev 19:15)
Effects only believers (1 Thess 4:16)	Effects both believers and unbelievers (Rev 19:15)
Invisible (1 Thess 4:16)	Visible to all (Rev 1:7)
Announced only by an archangel (1 Thess 4:16)	Involves myriads of angels (Jude 14)
Resurrection (1 Cor 15: 51)	No resurrection
Rescue of the church (1 Thess 1:10)	Rescue of Israel (Matt 23:37-39)

Antichrist's Satanic Miracles (2 Thessalonians 2:9)

<u>Miracle</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Christ's Ministry</u>
Powers	<i>Dynamis</i>	Matt. 11:20
Signs	<i>Semēion</i>	John 20:30
Wonders	<i>Teras</i>	Acts 2:22

John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- Exod. 7–8
- Deut. 13:1-3
- Matt. 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal. 1:6-9
- 2 Thess. 2:9
- Rev. 13:3, 13; 16:13-14



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