



*Christmas is
only the
beginning*

James 5:7

The Second Advent
The End Is Near

James 5:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until **the coming of the Lord**. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the **early** and **latter** rain.

- The first rain of the season is called the Yoreh, or early rain. This rain softens the soil and signals the time for farmers to plough their land
- The last rains are in spring, and are called the Malkosh. These latter rains of the rainy season ripen the crops

early rain (October–November or December–January) and latter rain (March–April, Jewish month of **Nissan**)

Davids, P.H., 1982. [*The Epistle of James: a commentary on the Greek text*](#), Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

Advent season



The First Advent - Christmas



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Advent

First Advent

Birth of Jesus Christ

*Joy to the world
Joy to the world
Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing*

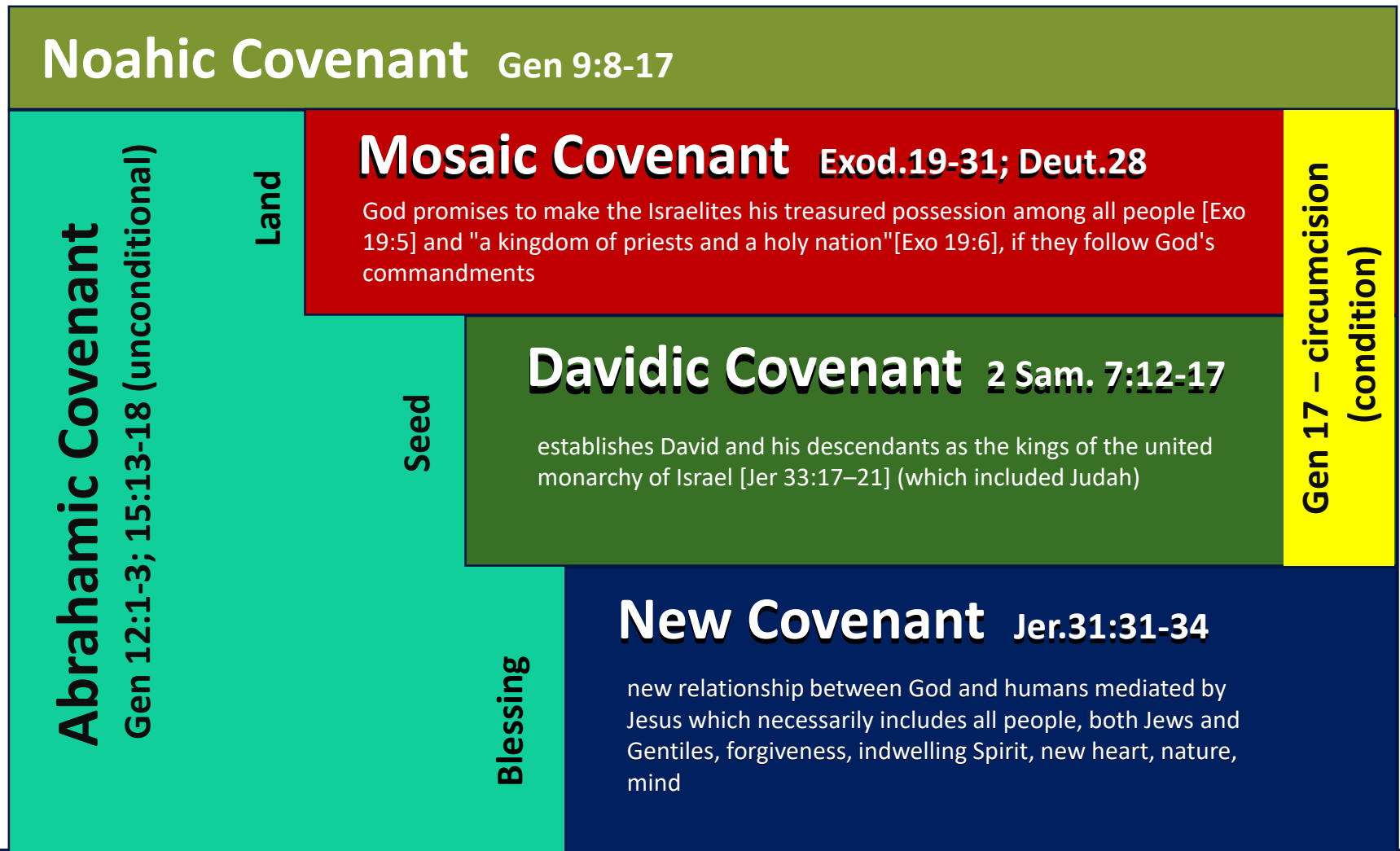
Second Advent

Second Coming [Parousia]

*Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

Days of Elijah

Major Covenants in the Bible



The Kingdom of God

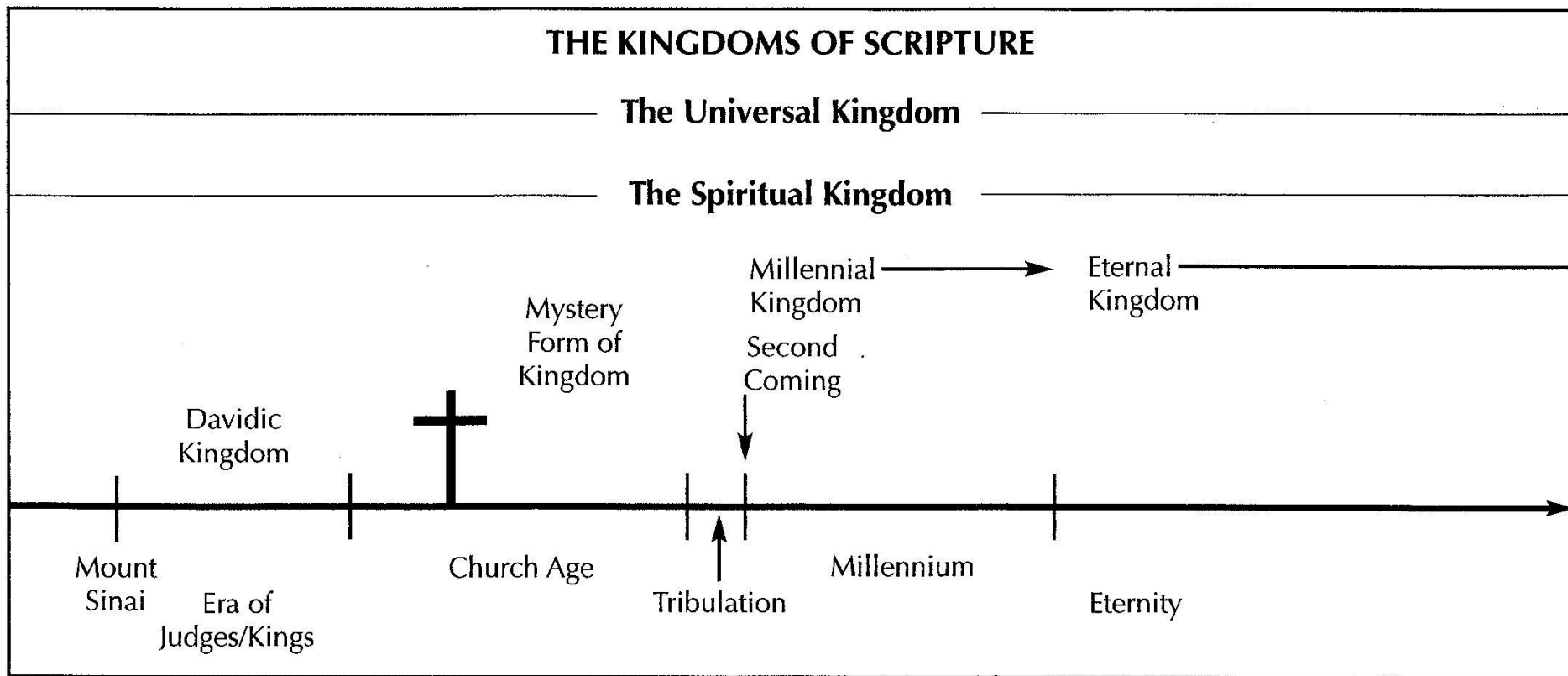


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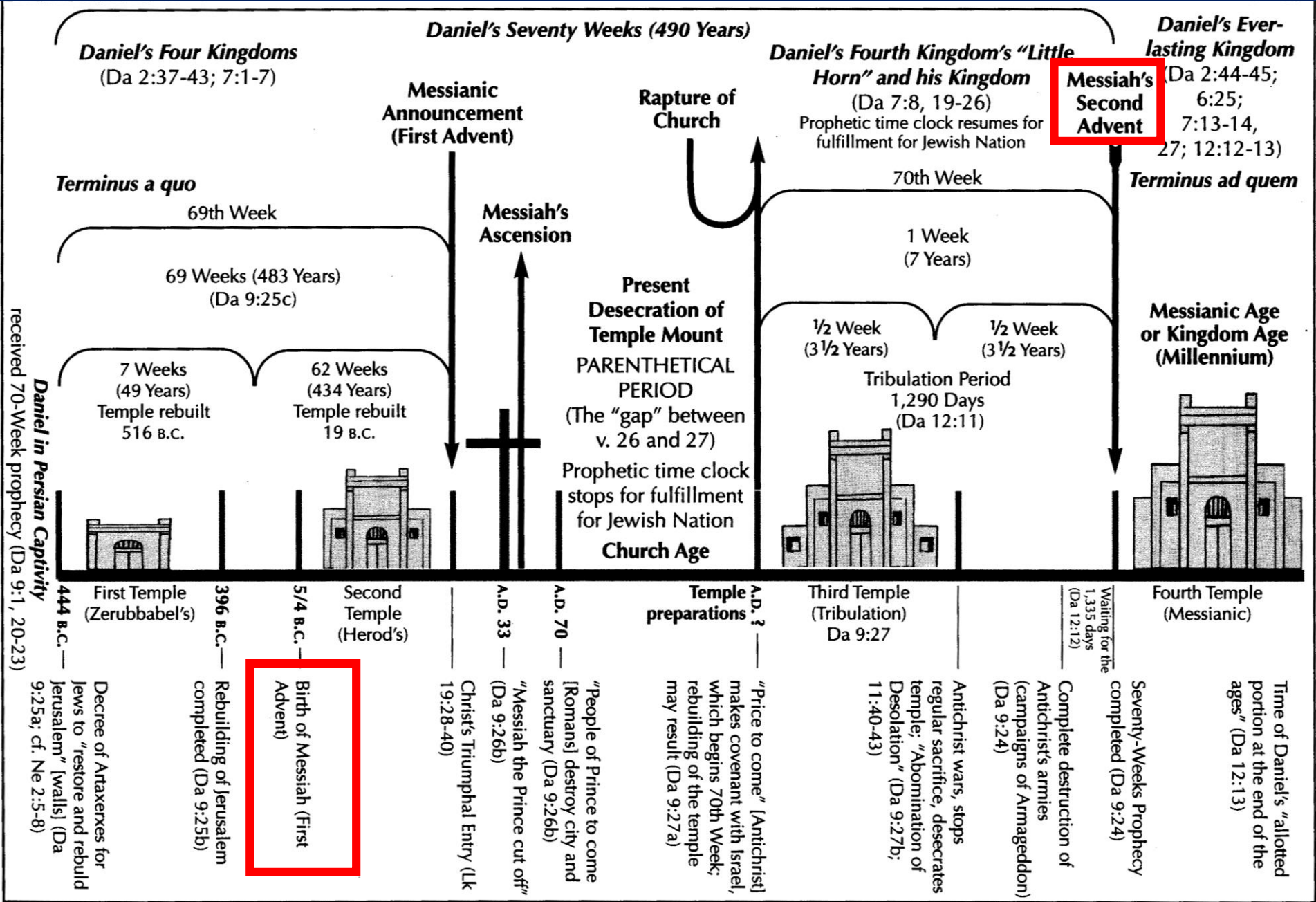


Michelangelo, Sistine Chapel

Daniel 9:24 (NIV)

²⁴ **“Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.**

70 X 7



Daniel's Four Kingdoms (Da 2:37-43; 7:1-7)

Daniel's Sev

Messianic
Announcement
(First Advent)

Terminus a quo

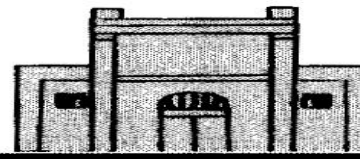
69th Week

69 Weeks (483 Years)
(Da 9:25c)

Messi
Ascen

7 Weeks
(49 Years)
Temple rebuilt
516 B.C.

62 Weeks
(434 Years)
Temple rebuilt
19 B.C.



First Temple
(Zerubbabel's)

Second
Temple
(Herod's)

received 70-Week prophecy (Da 9:1, 20-23)

Daniel in Persian Captivity

444 B.C. —

396 B.C. —

5/4 B.C. —

A.D. 33 —

Decree of Artaxerxes for
Jews to "restore and rebuild
Jerusalem" [walls] (Da
9:25a; cf. Ne 2:5-8)

05 March,
444BC
Nissan 1 of
Artaxerxes' 20
years rule

Rebuilding of Jerusalem
completed (Da 9:25b)

Birth of Messiah (First
Advent)

Christ's Triumphant Entry (Lk
19:28-40)

"Messiah the Prince cut off"

30 March, 33 AD
Nissan 10 AD 333

Scripture quotations are from NASB

Daniel's Seventy Weeks 490 years

Jewish Calendar (360 days per year*)

$(7 \times 7) + (62 \times 7)$ years = 483 years

$$\begin{array}{r} 483 \text{ years} \\ \times 360 \text{ days} \\ \hline 173,880 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

Gregorian Calendar (365 days a year)

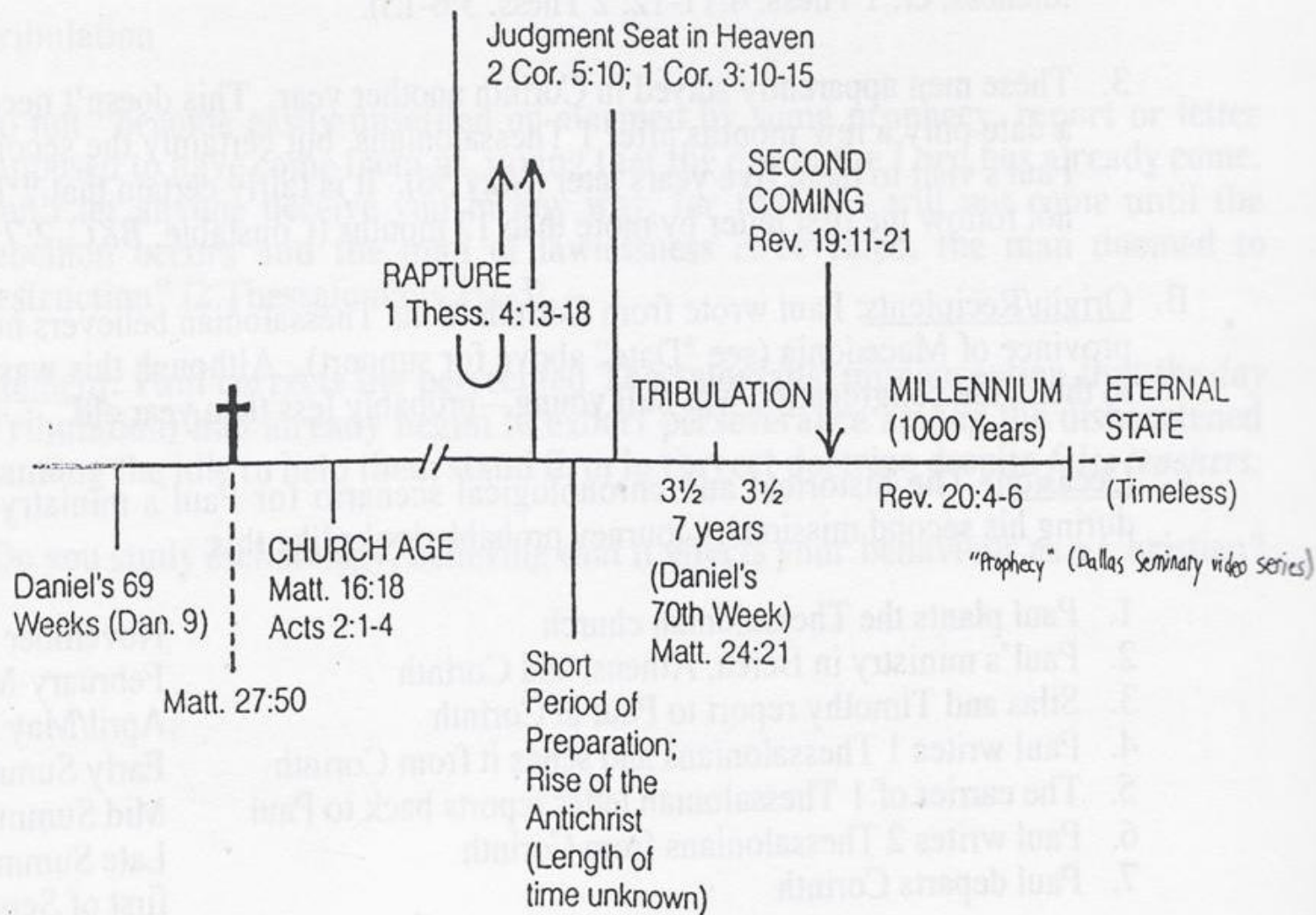
444 B.C. to A.D. 33 = 476 years†

$$\begin{array}{r} 476 \text{ years} \\ \times 365 \text{ days} \\ \hline 173,740 \text{ days} \\ + 116 \text{ days in leap years‡} \\ + 24 \text{ days (March 5-March 30)} \\ \hline 173,880 \text{ days} \end{array}$$

*See comments on Da 9:27b for confirmation of this 360-day year.

†Since only one year expired between 1 B.C. and A.D. 1, the total is 476, not 477.

‡A total of 476 years divided by four (a leap year every four years) gives 119 additional days. But three days must be subtracted from 119 because centennial years are not leap years, though every 400th year is a leap year.

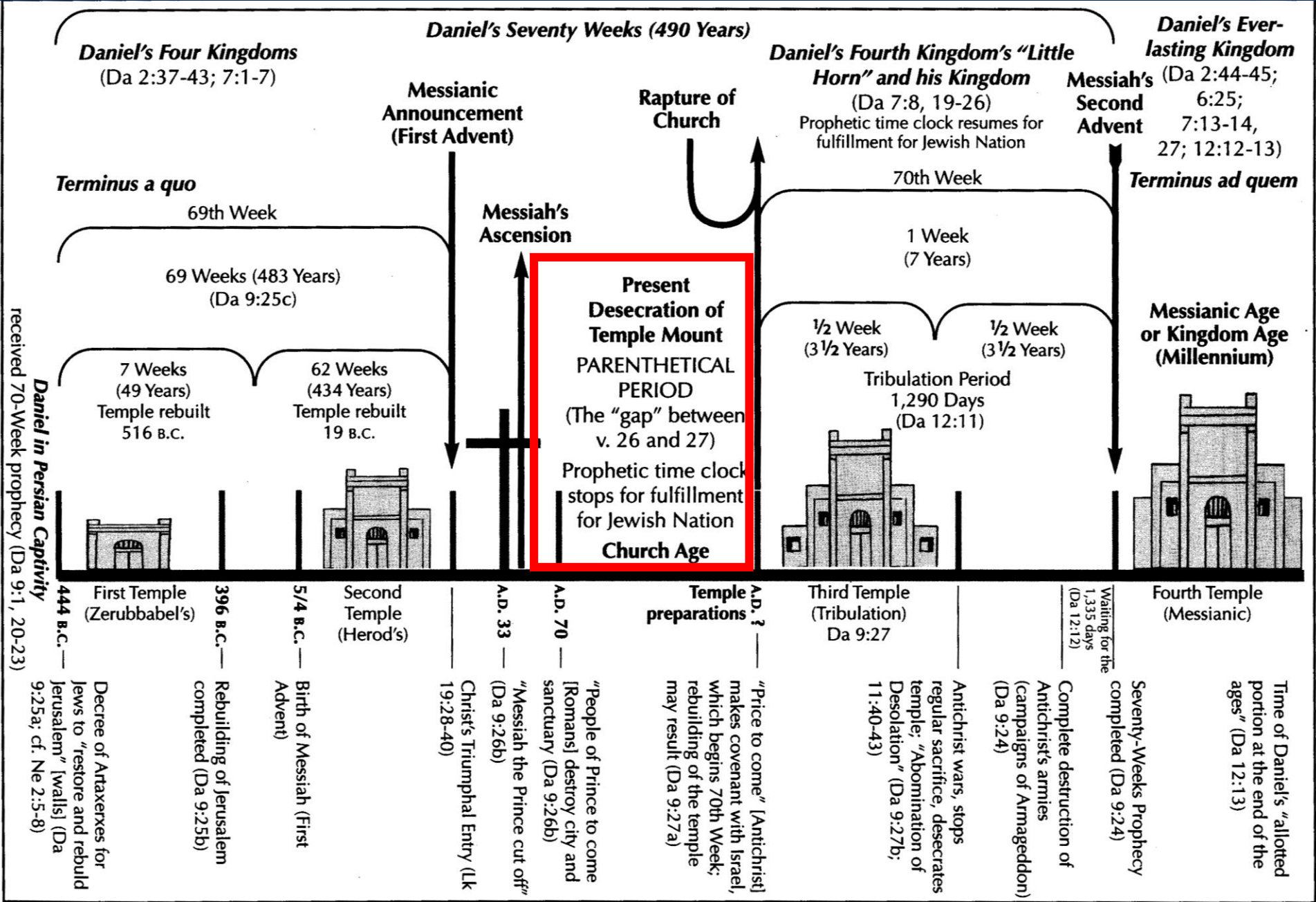


Daniel 9:26–27 (NIV)

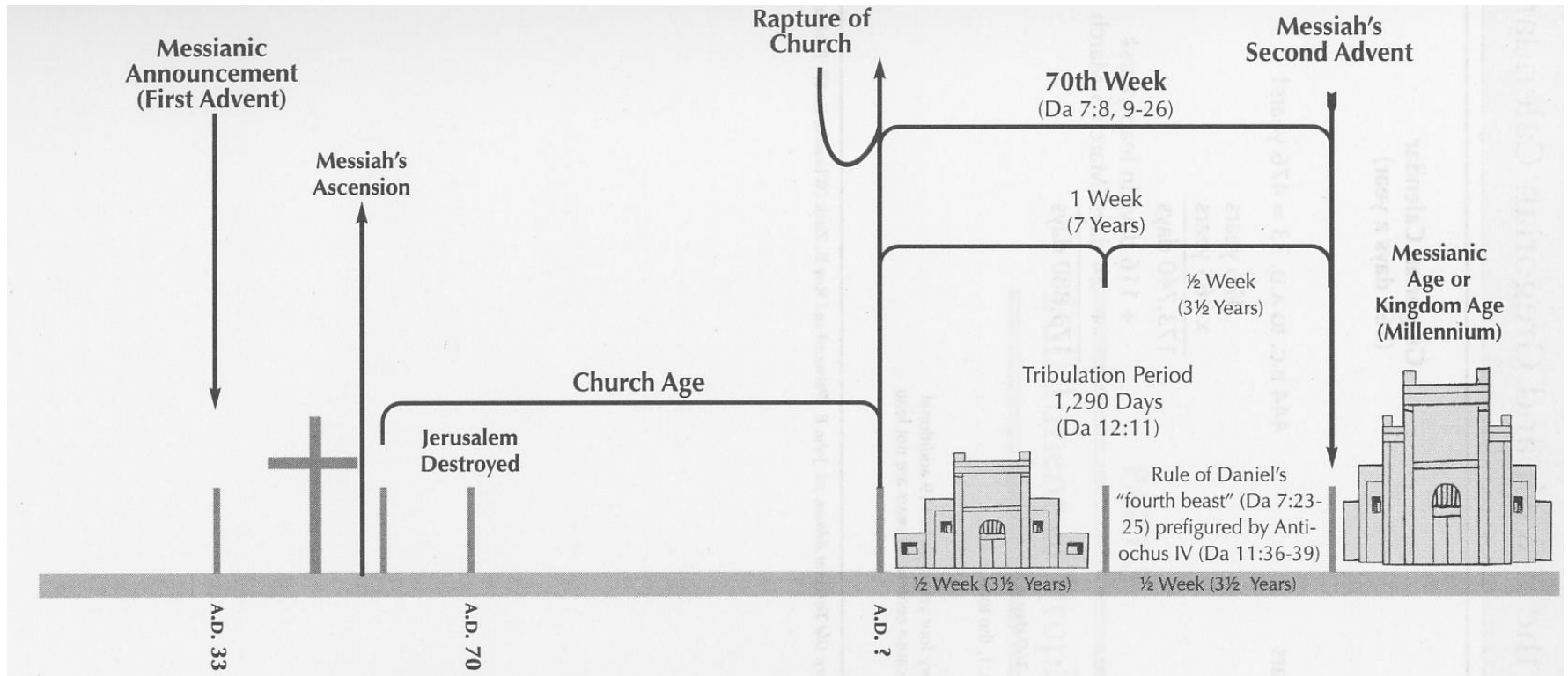
²⁶ After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

~~The Church Age~~

²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”



Rapture of the Church



Christ's Second Coming (Rapture)

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 (NIV)

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

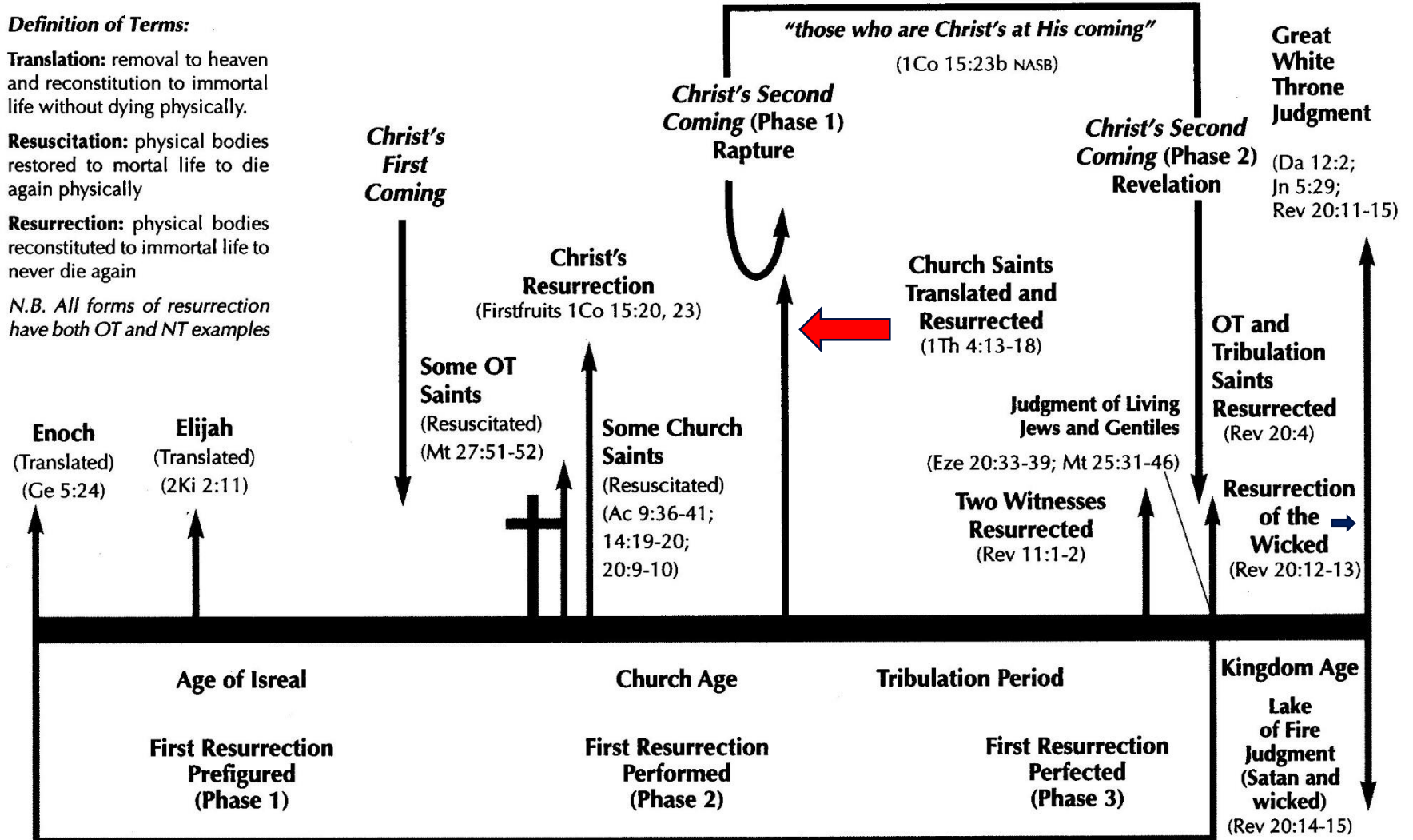
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Resuscitation: physical bodies restored to mortal life to die again physically

Resurrection: physical bodies reconstituted to immortal life to never die again

N.B. All forms of resurrection have both OT and NT examples



Neither resuscitation nor resurrection implies spiritual life. Many who were resuscitated had not believed and may have perished in unbelief. Those who die in faith will only experience "the first death" (the punishment for Adam's sin—physical death). All who die in unbelief will be resurrected to experience "the second death" (the punishment of spiritual death—the lake of fire). In immortal bodies, they will suffer torment throughout eternity.

FIRST RESURRECTION
(Resurrection of Life)
(Jn 5:29)

SECOND RESURRECTION
(Resurrection of Damnation)
(Jn 5:29)

Christ's Second Coming (Revelation)

Matthew 24:29–31 (NIV)

²⁹ “Immediately after the distress of those days “ ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Translation, Resuscitation, Resurrection

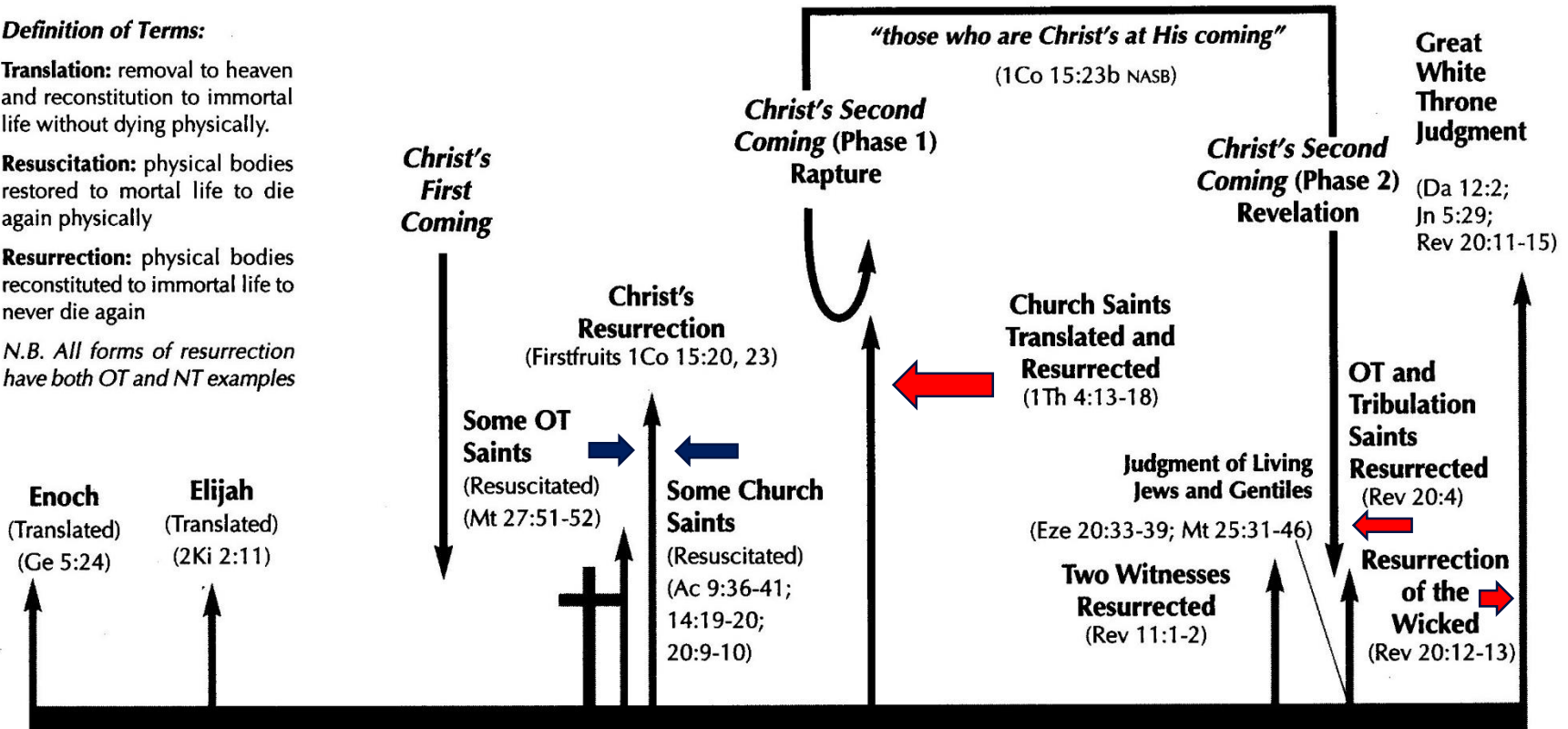
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- The Church at Rapture
- Old Testament/Tribulation saints at Revelation
- Unbelievers at end of Millennium

Distinction of Three Judgments

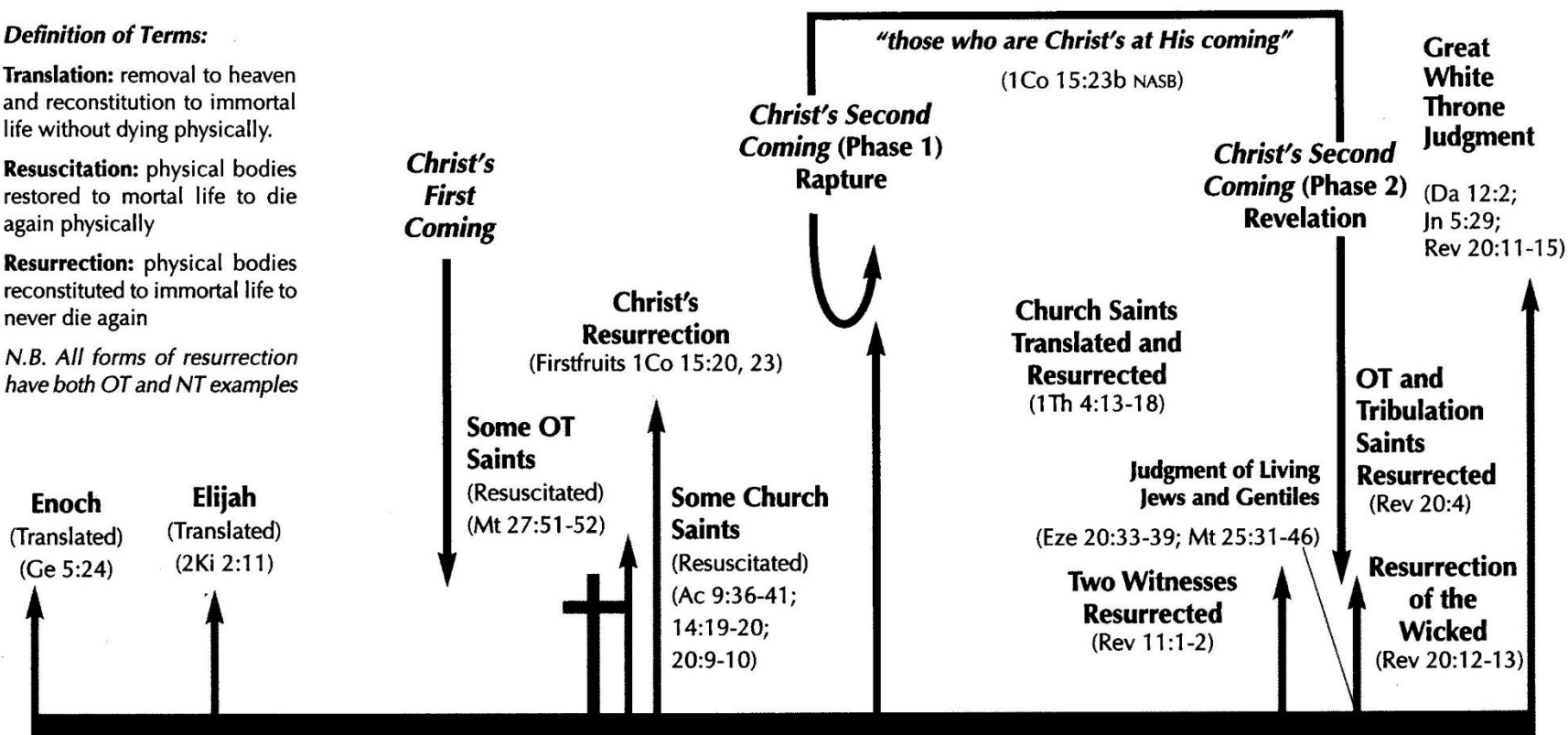
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- Rapture/Judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10, 1 Thess 4:17)
- Jews/Gentles at end of Tribulation (Matt 16:27)
- Unbelievers at end of Millennium (Rev 20:11-15)

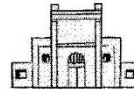
Rewards

- Crowns (*stephanos*)
 - *Incorruptible crown* for those who master their flesh (1 Cor 9:25)
 - *Crown of hope or joy* (soul-winner's) who bore fruit in others' lives for Christ (1 Thess 2:19)
 - *Crown of life* for believers who patiently endures trials (James 1:12)
 - *Crown of righteousness* for those who long for Christ's return (2 Tim 4:8)
 - *Crown of glory* for spiritual shepherds who willingly feed the flock of God (1 Peter 5:4)
- Responsible positions in the millennial kingdom (Matt 25:21,23; 1 Cor 6:2, Rev 20:4)
- Place in New Jerusalem, new heaven and earth

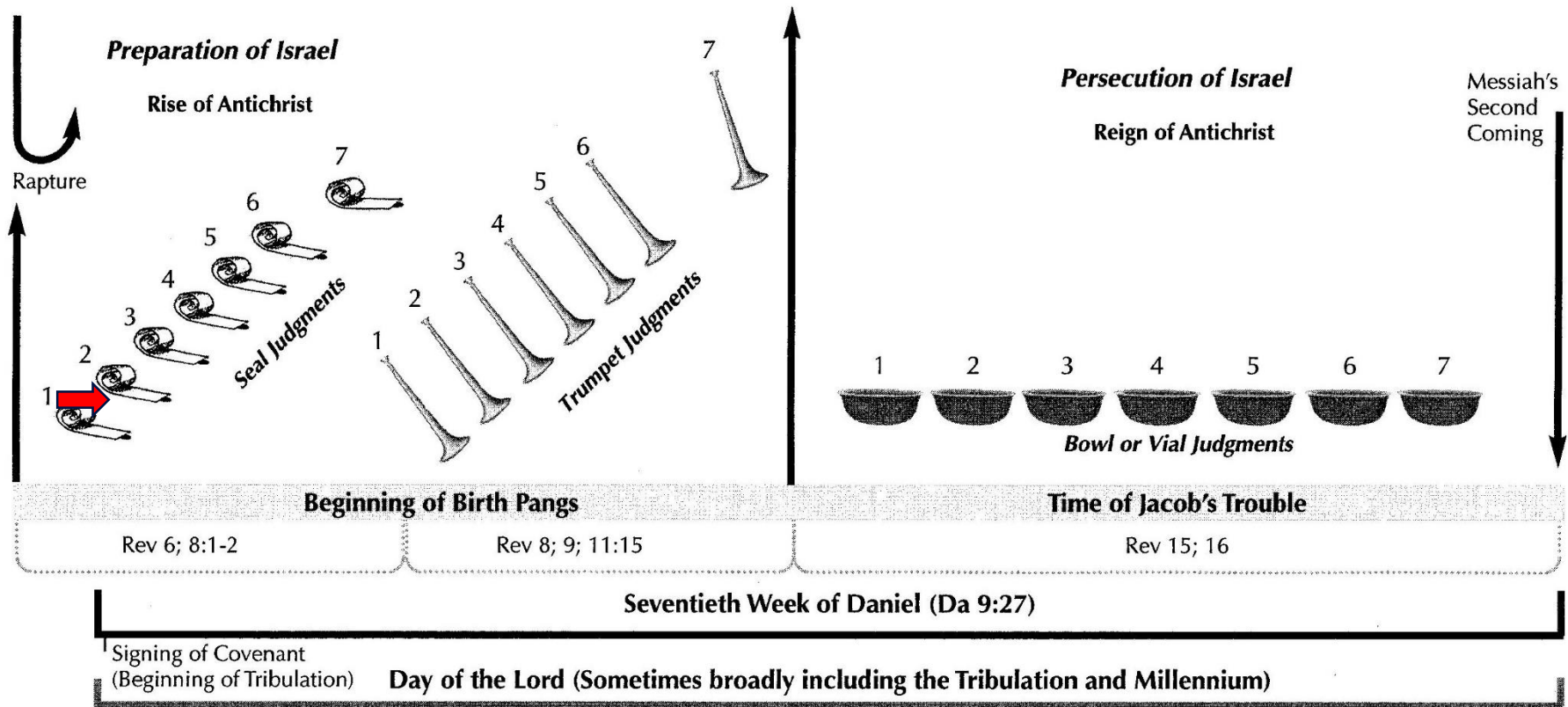
Tribulation

FIRST HALF OF TRIBULATION

Antichrist defiles
the temple
Abomination of
Desolation



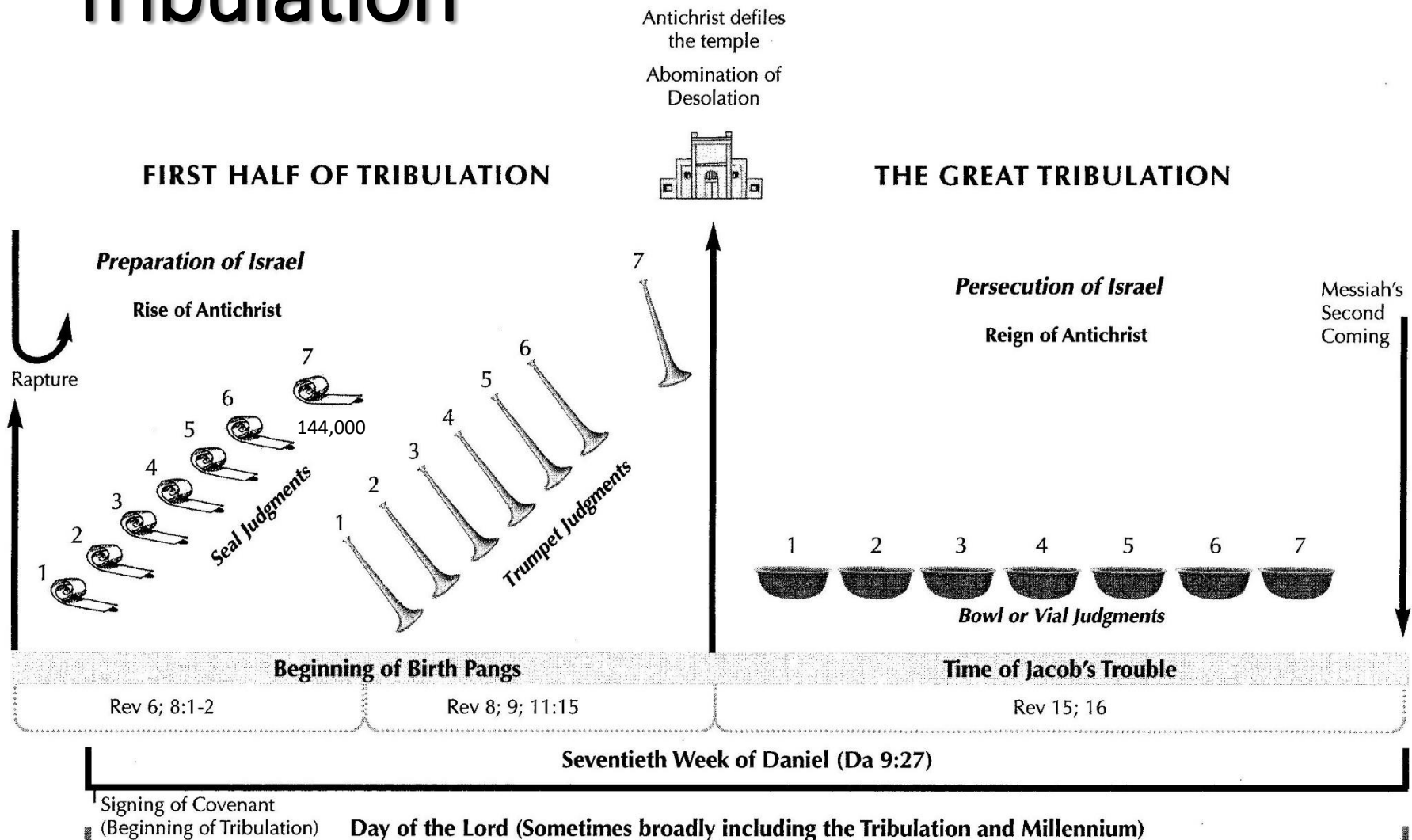
THE GREAT TRIBULATION



Olivet Discourse and Revelation

Olivet Discourse	Revelation
False Christs & Prophets (Matt 24:4-5)	First seal judgment (Rev 6:2) White horse and rider
Wars and rumours of war (Matt 24:6)	Second seal judgment (Rev 6:3-4) Red horse and rider
Famines (Matt 24:7)	Third seal judgment (Rev 6:5-6) Black horse and rider
Pestilence (Matt 24:7)	Fourth seal judgment (Rev 6:7-8) Pale horse and rider, Death; Hades
Tribulation (Matt 24:15)	Fifth seal judgment (Rev 6:9-11)
Signs in the heavens (Matt 24:29)	Sixth seal judgment (Rev 6:12-14)
Christ's Second Coming (Matt 24:30)	Seventh seal judgment (Rev 19:11-16)

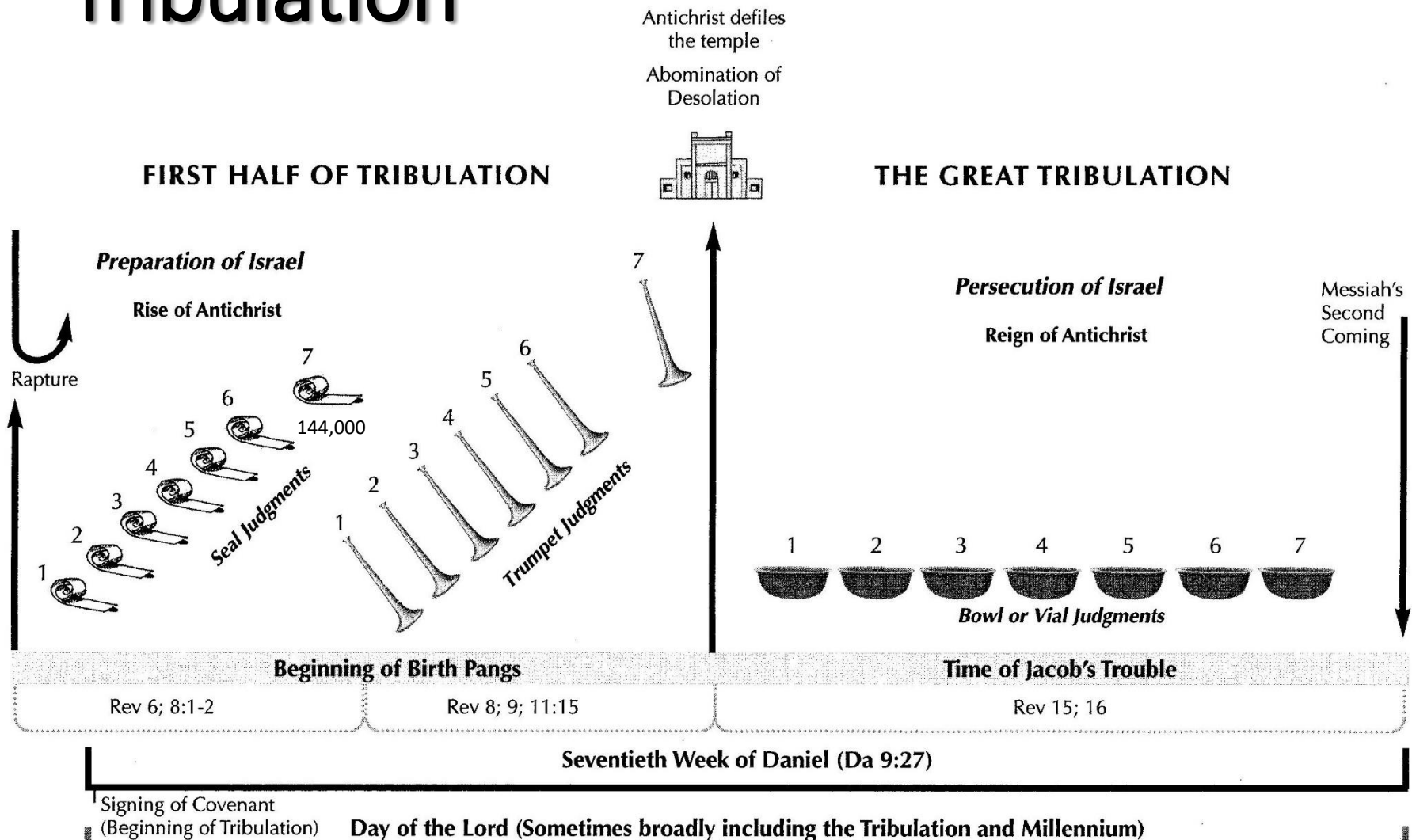
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Trumpet Judgments

Trumpets	Rev.	Events
First	8:6-7	Burns up one third of earth's vegetation by hail and fire
Second	8:8-9	Destroys one third of sea creatures and ships by a huge fiery object which turns one third of the seas into blood
Third	8:10-11	Kills through pollution of one third of fresh water by Wormwood, a falling star
Fourth	8:12	Partial darkness from striking out a third of the sun, moon, and stars
Fifth	9:1-12	<i>woe#1</i> : terrible supernatural locust-like creatures to torment only non-Christians for five months
Sixth	9:13-21	<i>woe#2</i> : terrible supernatural horse-and-riders creatures from the Euphrates which slays one third of earth
Seventh	11:15-19	Introduces the seven bowl judgments.

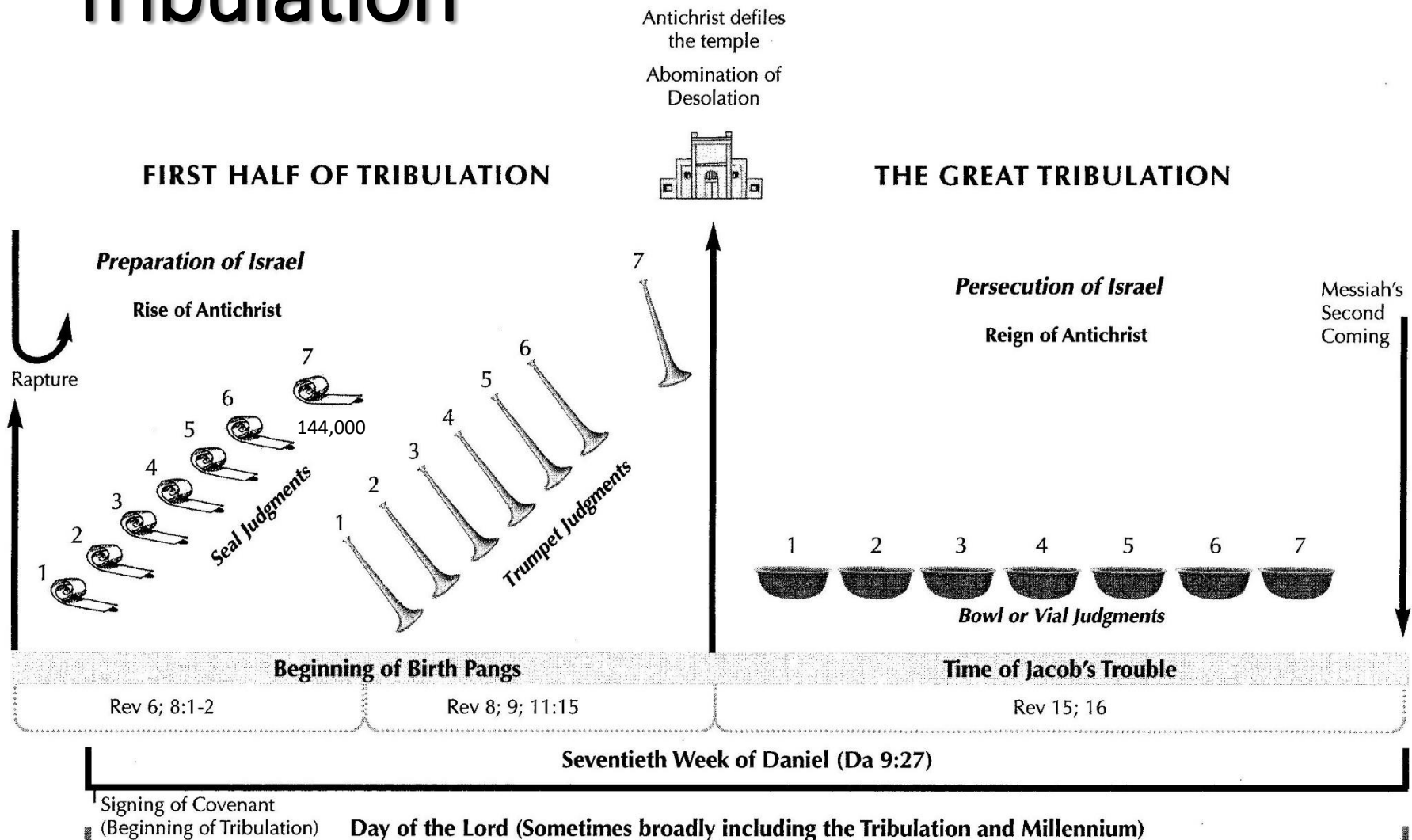
Tribulation



Antichrist and The False Prophet

- **Antichrist** (Rev 13:1-10)
 - represented by the beast out of the sea
 - gains a worldwide following by unbelievers through Satanic power and persecutes Christians
- **The False Prophet** (Rev 13:11-18)
 - represented by the beast out of the earth
 - glorifies the Antichrist
 - persecute Christians who lack the mark of the Antichrist

Tribulation



Bowl Judgments

Bowl	Rev.	Events
First	16:1-2	Ugly, painful sores upon Antichrist's followers
Second	16:3	Kills all salt water marine life by turning seas to blood
Third	16:4-7	Kills all fresh water marine life by turning all rivers and streams to blood
Fourth	16:8-9	Burn unrepentant people with the sun's intense fire
Fifth	16:10-11	Earth into darkness while sores and burns continues
Sixth	16:12-16	Dries up the Euphrates so that the armies can cross to fight at Armageddon
Seventh	16:17-21	Earthquake which levels mountains and islands, and 100-pounds hailstones

Antichrist and The False Prophet Systems

- **Fall of the religious world system**
 - Worship of the Antichrist
 - Apostate world church
 - Symbolized by the Great Harlot, Babylon the Great
 - Symbolized by a prostitute on a beast with seven heads and ten horns
 - Adulterated doctrines
- **Fall of the commercial world system**
 - Corrupt practices
 - Injustice

Armageddon

Reasons for Eschatological Interpretation

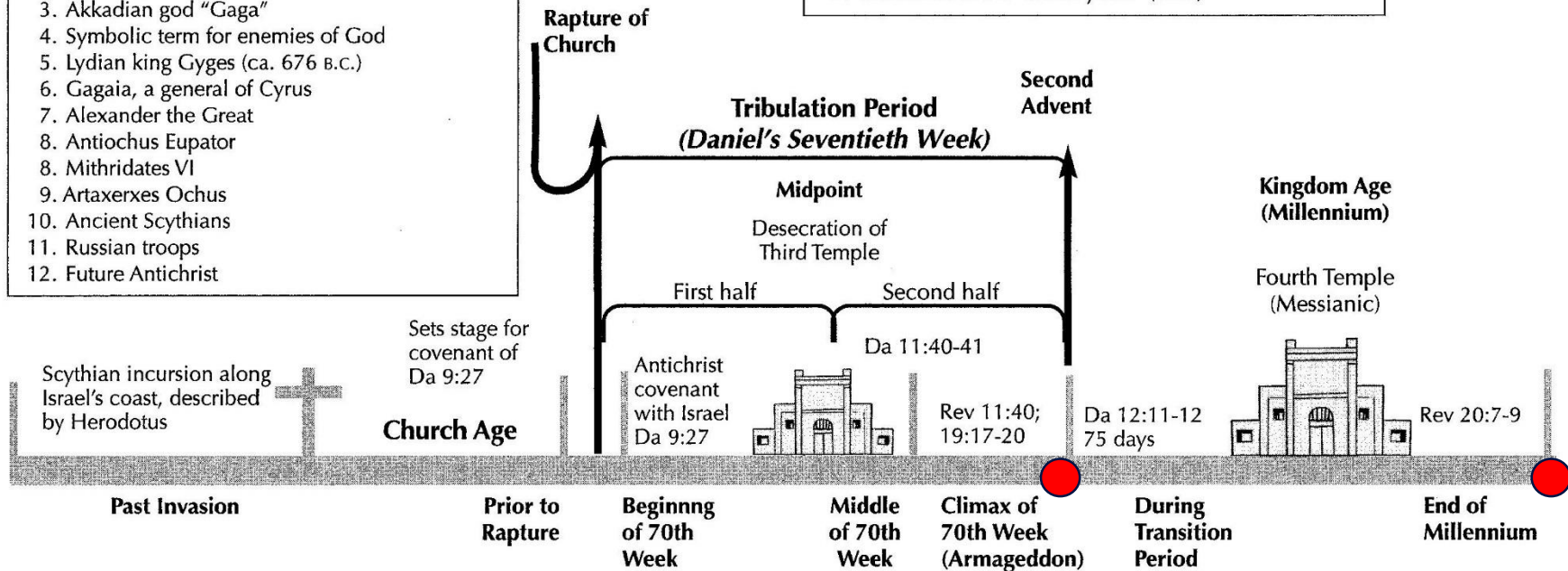
1. Eschatological section of Ezekiel (33-48)
2. Eschatological time reference ("Latter Days," 38:16)
3. Eschatological theme (restoration of Israel)
4. Eschatological condition ("security in Land," 39:26)
5. Eschatological setting (no further exile, 39:28)
6. Eschatological experience (spiritual revival, 39:29)
7. Eschatological precise past historical fulfillment
8. Eschatological usage in New Testament (Rev 20:8)
9. Eschatological rabbinic interpretation

Suggested Identifications of "Gog"

1. Mythological figure of evil (Sumerian "gug")
2. Apocalyptic pseudonym for Babylon
3. Akkadian god "Gaga"
4. Symbolic term for enemies of God
5. Lydian king Gyges (ca. 676 B.C.)
6. Gagaia, a general of Cyrus
7. Alexander the Great
8. Antiochus Eupator
8. Mithridates VI
9. Artaxerxes Ochus
10. Ancient Scythians
11. Russian troops
12. Future Antichrist

Factors Involved in Timing

1. Interpretation of Ezekiel 33-48 (historicist or futurist)
2. Interpretation of "Last Days" or "Latter Days," (38:16)
2. Identification of northern enemies (38:2-6)
3. Identification of leader (Gog of Magog, 38:2)
4. Meaning of Hebrew term *betach* (38:8, 11, 14; 39:26)
5. Interpretation of Israel's "security" in the Land
6. Identification of the "hooks into jaws" (38:4)
7. Reference to the "seven years" (39:9)



Symbolic and Historical

Eschatological

Millennium

New Jerusalem



Holy of Holies infinite temple unnecessary (Rev 21:22; 22:4)

Divine command to build sanctuary according to heavenly temple pattern (Ex 25:8)

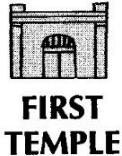


TABERNACLE

Ark is constructed by Moses and Bezalel
Ark is installed in the tabernacle
The Shekinah Glory fills the Holy of Holies

485 Years

Idol defiles sanctuary (2 Ki 21:7; Eze 8:5-17)



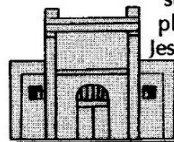
FIRST TEMPLE

Ark is transferred to the Temple
Shekinah Glory fills the Holy of Holies

374 Years

Departure of the Shekinah (Eze 11)

Roman eagle insignia defiles sanctuary

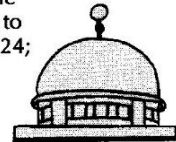


SECOND TEMPLE

According to one Jewish tradition, ark lies hidden in secret chamber

586 Years

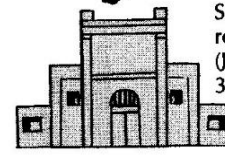
Romans destroy all structures on temple platform according to Jesus' prophecy (Mt 24; Mk 13; Lk 21)



DOME OF THE ROCK

Orthodox Jews claim ark still beneath this site
Temple site is preserved through history

Antichrist defiles Holy of Holies



TRIBULATION TEMPLE

(2 Th 2:4; Rev 11:1-2)



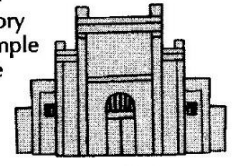
Ark placed in third temple

70th Week (Da 9:27)
7 Years

Heavenly temple seen (Rev 11:19)



Shekinah Glory returns to temple (Jer 3:17; Eze 37:2-7)



MILLENNIAL TEMPLE

(Eze 40-48; Hag 2:6-9)



Ark reinstalled (footstool in Eze 43:7?)

1,000 Years

CONQUEST AND SETTLEMENT

1446 B.C.
Exodus from Egypt
Tabernacle constructed

MONARCHY

960 B.C.
First temple built (Solomon's)

587 B.C.
First temple destroyed

EXILE

515 B.C.
Second temple built by Zerubbabel (Ezr 6:13-15)

GENTILE DOMINATION

20 B.C.
Second temple enlarged by Herod (Jn 2:20)

70 A.D.

Second temple destroyed

CHURCH AGE

Israel reestablished as a Jewish state (1948); temple mount returns to Jewish control (1967); Jews begin preparations to rebuild temple (1987)

Israel enters into a covenant with Antichrist and rebuilds the temple

TRIBULATION

First Half

Midpoint

Second Half

Third temple is desecrated by Antichrist and sacrifices cease (Da 9:27; Mt 24:15; Mk 13:14; 2 Th 2:4)

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Resumption of animal sacrifices and festival worship schedule

Restoration of National Israel
Reign of Christ on earth

New heaven and new earth (eternal state)

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The Great White Throne

Revelation 20:11–15 (NIV)

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

The Great White Throne

Revelation 20:11–15 (NIV)

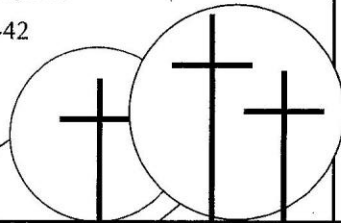
¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

**Place of Departed
before Ascension
of Christ**

Illustrated by different
destinies of two thieves
crucified with Jesus

Lk 23:39-42



Lk 23:43
Ac 2:31;
[1Pe 3:18-19]

PARADISE (Abraham's Bosom)
Lk 16:22; 23:43

GREAT GULF Lk 16:26

Sheol (OT)
Hades (NT)

TORMENTS 1Pe 3:19; 2Pe 2:9

TARTARUS 2Pe 2:4; Jude 6

world
beyond death
(underworld,
netherworld)

**"New Paradise
Third Heaven
(Throne of God)"**
2Co 12:2-4

Eph
4:8-9

body to grave
spirit to heaven

Righteous Wicked



body to grave
spirit to torments

kever (Heb/ *mneema* (Gk) = "grave"
as distinct from *sheol* (Heb/ *hades* (Gk)

Place of rest and reward for the righteous; apparently a part of
Hades before Christ's resurrection and ascension; afterward trans-
ferred to third heaven. Some see "taking captivity captive" (Eph
4:8-9) as a possible reference to this celestial transfer of Paradise.

Fixed separation between place of righteous and wicked

Temporary intermediate state where wicked are kept in
continual conscious punishment until final judgment

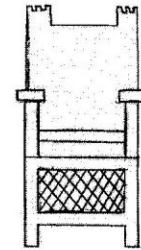
Pit of darkness where group of fallen angels await final judgment

**Place of Departed
after Ascension
of Christ**

In NT, spirits of departed
saints go directly into the
presence of God in the
third heaven

Ph 1:23;
2Co 5:6-8;
Heb 12:22-23;
Rev 6:9-11

**New
Heaven
and
New
Earth**



**Great White Throne
Judgment**

Hades emptied
of its inhabitants
for the Great
White Throne
Judgment and
cast into lake of
fire, the eternal
habitation of the
wicked.

Rev 20:13-15

**Gehenna
"Hell"
Lake of Fire**

Compartmental concept is based on the OT concept of afterlife. Samuel's postmortem prophecy in 1Sa 28:13, 19, theological development of afterlife in intertestamental Jewish and Rabbinic literature, and from a literal interpretation of Jesus' account of the "Rich Man & Lazarus" in Lk 16:19-31.

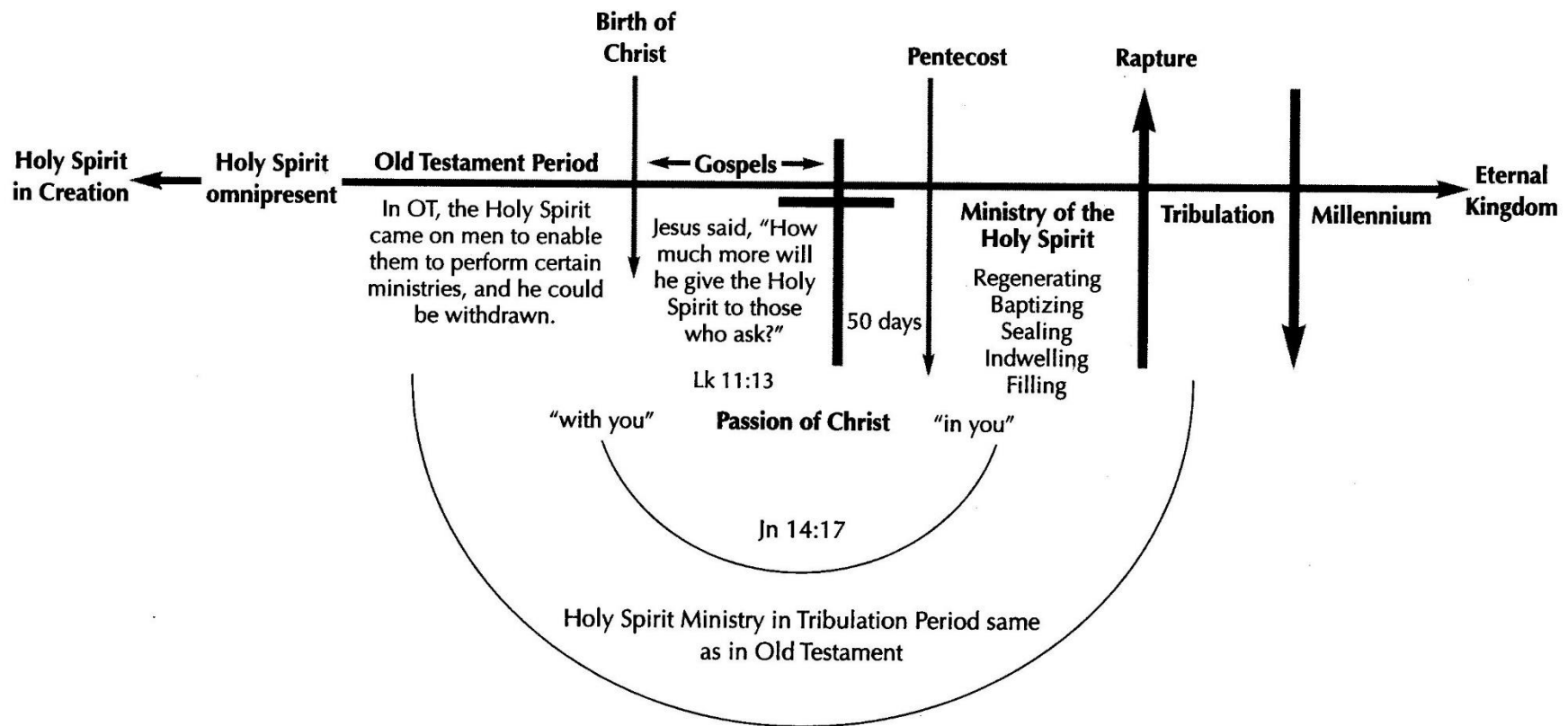
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Prophecies of the Eternal State

Revelation	Descriptions
Rev 21:1	The New Heaven and Earth without seas separating people created as the old one passed away
Rev 21:2-8	No more tears and suffering as we have total fellowship with God
Rev 21:9-22:5	The New Jerusalem is described as a city, lit by the presence of God, with the tree of life on the banks of the river of life



The Holy Spirit



Second Coming of Christ

Mark 13:32 (NIV)

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

James 5:7 (NKJV)

⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

James 5:7 (NIV)

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

Second Coming of Christ

Matthew 9:37–38 (NIV)

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”