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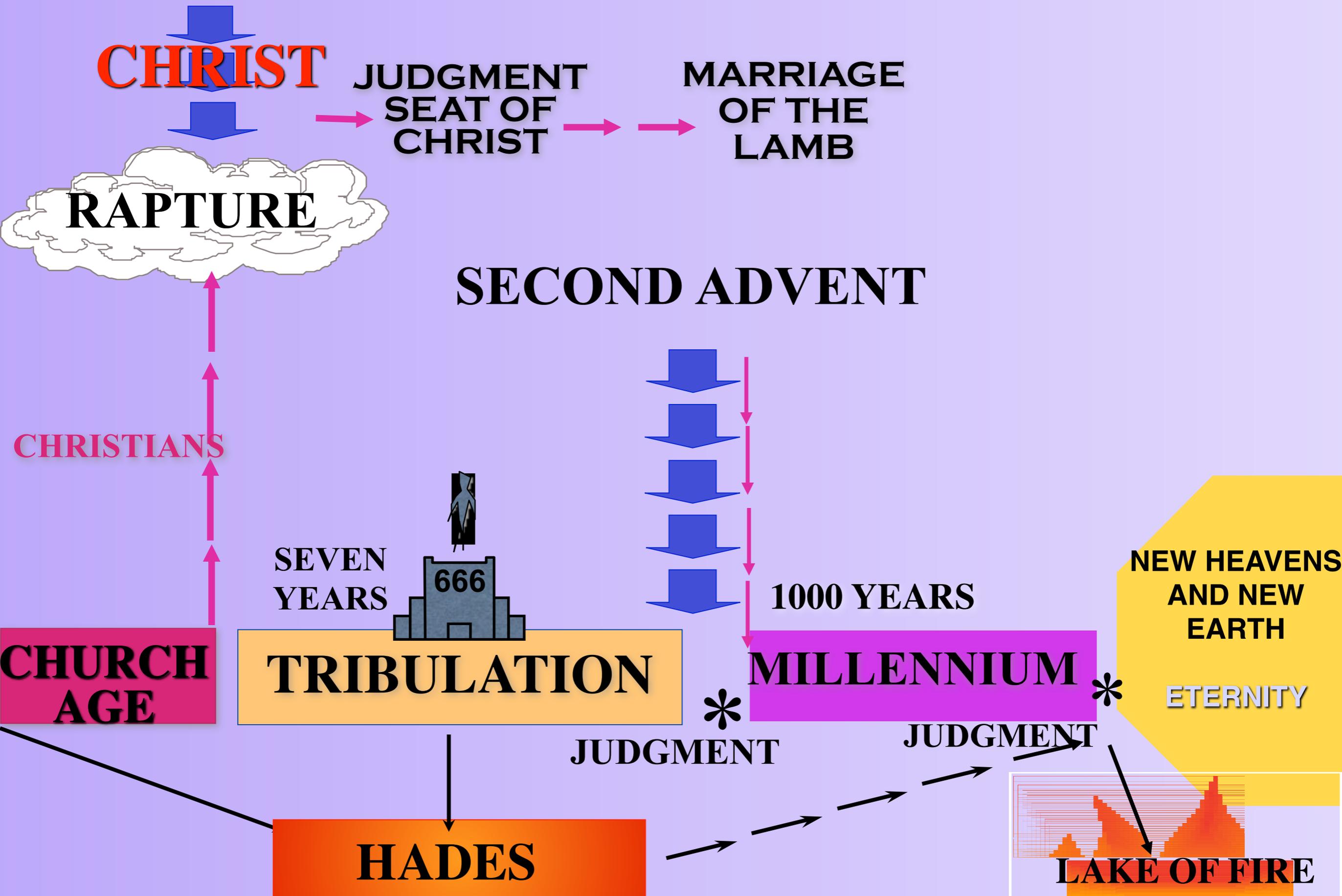
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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

THE MILLENNIUM – PART 2

PROPHETIC PANORAMA



“Millennium” is taken from the Latin word **mille** meaning “thousand.” Theologically, it is used to refer to the thousand-year reign of Christ based on the text in Revelation 20:1–6 (where the Greek word for thousand is used five times).

mille: Latin for 1,000

chilioi: Greek for 1,000

The early church called them ***chiliasts***.
We call them ***premillennial***.

Rev. 20:2, “He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a **thousand years;**

Rev. 20:3, “and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the **thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”**



Rev. 20:4, “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Rev. 20:5, “But the rest of the dead did not live again until the **thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

Rev. 20:6, “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him **a thousand years”**

Amillennialism

**No Literal, Earthly Kingdom
1,000 is merely a
symbolic number**

**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion



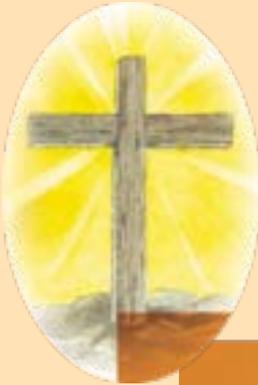
**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection
All Judgment

Church Age

**Spiritual Kingdom
Christ Reigning from His Throne in Heaven**

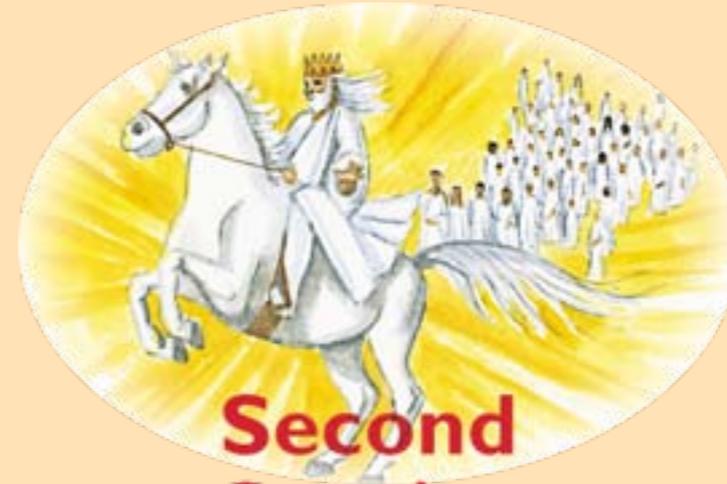
Eternity



Postmillennialism

Christ returns *after* the
Millennial Kingdom

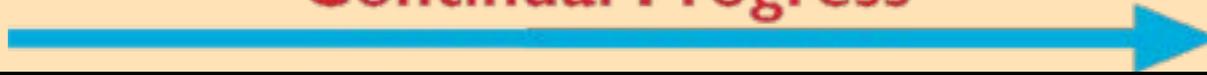
**First
Resurrection**
is spiritual at
conversion



**Second
Coming**

Second
Resurrection
All Judgment

Continual Progress



Church Age

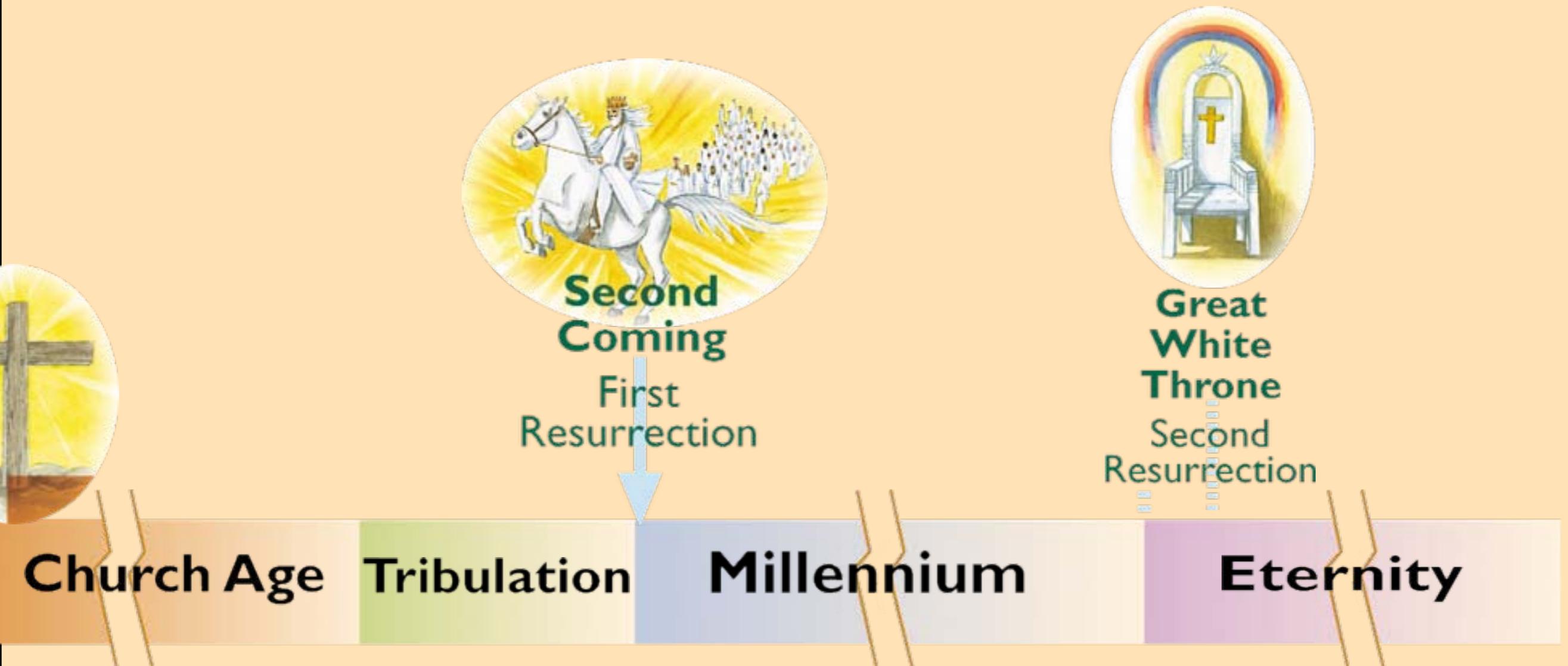
Kingdom

Eternity



Premillennialism

Jesus returns *before* the beginning of the kingdom



“The most striking point in the eschatology of the ante-Nicene age is the prominent chiliasm, or millenarianism, that is the belief of a visible reign of Christ in glory on earth with the risen saints for a thousand years, before the general resurrection and judgment. It was indeed not the doctrine of the church embodied in any creed or form of devotion, but a widely current opinion of distinguished teachers, such as Barnabas, Papias, Justin martyr, Irenaeus, Tertulian, Methodius, and Lactanius;”

~Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church*

“Origen opposed chiliasm as a Jewish dream, and spiritualized the symbolical language of the prophets. . . . The apocalyptic millennium he understood to be the present reign of Christ in the Catholic church, and the first resurrection, the translation of the martyrs and saints to heaven, where they participate in Christ’s reign. . . . From the time of Constantine (c. AD 425) and Augustine chiliasm took its place among the heresies. . . .”

~Philip Schaff

Three Biblical Reasons for a Future Jewish Kingdom

- 1. Unfulfilled, eternal covenants with Israel**
- 2. Specific promises about the Messiah**
- 3. Character of the Jewish Kingdom**

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Promises Made

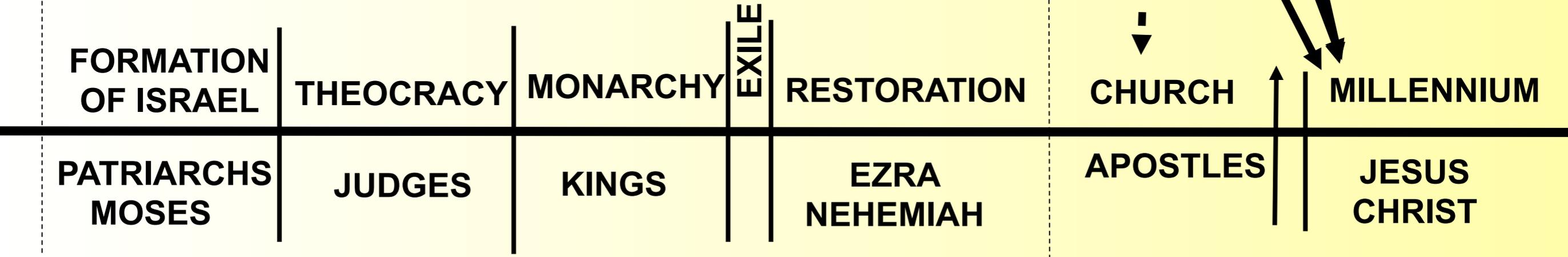
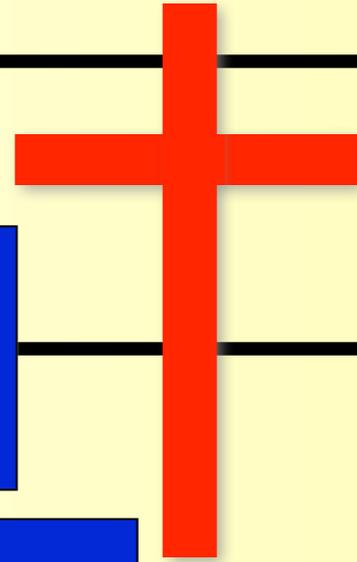
Promises Fulfilled

REAL ESTATE COVENANT

DAVIDIC COVENANT

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

NEW COVENANT



ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

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Genesis 12:1–13

“land”

“seed”

“blessing”

ISRAEL LAND COVENANT

Deuteronomy 29

“land”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Samuel 7

“seed”

NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah 31

“blessing”

DAVIDIC COVENANT

DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Sam. 7:12–16

Psa. 89

1 Chron. 17:11–14

ETERNAL HOUSE

2 Sam. 7:11, 13a, 16

1 Chron. 17:10

ETERNAL KINGDOM

2 Sam. 7:12c

1 Chron. 17:14

ETERNAL THRONE

2 Sam. 7:13b

1 Chron. 17:12b, 14

Gen. 13:14, “And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, ‘Now lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

Gen. 13:15, “ ‘for all the land which you see, I will give it to you and to your descendants forever.”

Gen. 13:16, “And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if anyone can number the dust of the earth, then your descendants can also be numbered.

Gen. 13:17, “Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth; for I will give it to you.”

Gen. 15:18, “On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:”

נָהָר *nahar*

**comm masc
sing constr**

river

נַחַל-1 *nachal-1*

**Noun comm masc
sing abs torrent,
brook (of Egypt)**

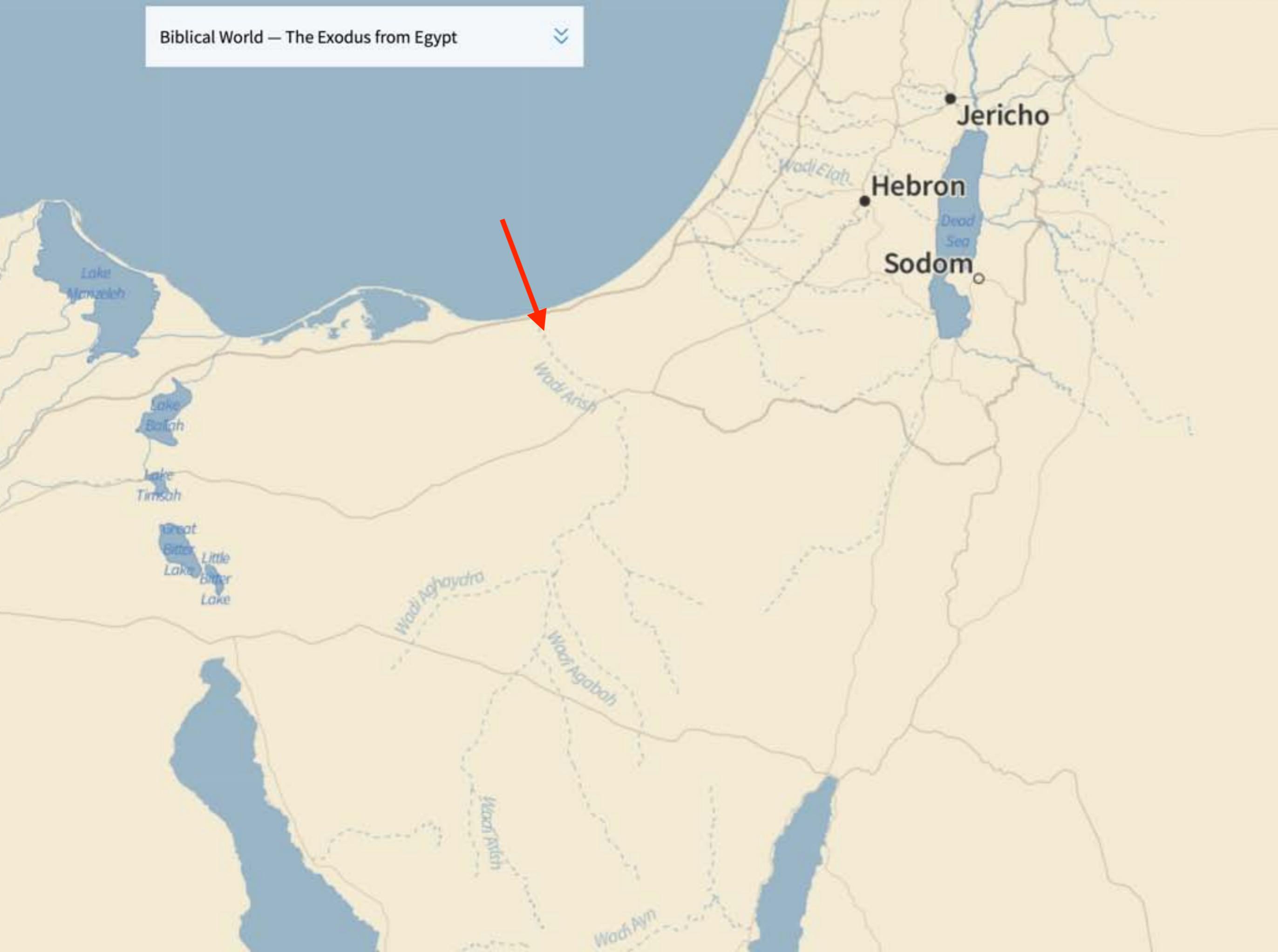
Num. 34:5; Josh.

15:4

יַאֲרֹךְ *ye'or* proper river, Nile

Gen. 41:1ff; Exodus 1, 2, 7;

Isa. 19:7, 8, etc.



Jericho

Hebron

Sodom

Dead Sea

Wadi Arish

Wadi Eilat

Wadi Aghaydra

Wadi Agabah

Wadi Fiksh

Wadi Ayn

Lake Manzeliq

Lake Balfah

Lake Timsah

Great Bitter Lake
Little Bitter Lake

Lev. 26:43, “ ‘For the land shall be abandoned by them, and shall make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them. They, meanwhile, shall be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.

Lev. 26:44, “ ‘Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.

Lev. 26:45, “ ‘But I will remember for them the covenant with their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am the LORD.’ ”

Isa. 27:12, “And it will come about in that day, that the LORD will start His threshing from the flowing stream of the Euphrates to the brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered up one by one, O sons of Israel.

Isa. 27:13, “It will come about also in that day that a great trumpet will be blown; and those who were perishing in the land of Assyria and who were scattered in the land of Egypt will come and worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.”

Ezek. 48:28, “by the border of Gad, on the south side, toward the South, the border shall be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to the Great Sea.”

Isa. 30:23, “Then He will give you rain for the seed which you will sow in the ground, and bread from the yield of the ground, and it will be rich and plenteous; on that day your livestock will graze in a roomy pasture.

Isa. 30:24, “Also the oxen and the donkeys which work the ground will eat salted fodder, which has been winnowed with shovel and fork.”

Isa. 30:25, “And on every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be streams running with water on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.

Isa. 30:26, “And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the LORD binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted.”

Isa. 65:21, “And they shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isa. 65:22, “They shall not build, and another inhabit, They shall not plant, and another eat; For as the lifetime of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My chosen ones shall wear out the work of their hands.

Isa. 65:23, “They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD, and their descendants with them.

Isa. 65:24, “It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.”

Jer. 31:1, “ ‘At that time,’ declares the LORD, ‘I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.’”

Jer. 31:2, “Thus says the LORD, ‘The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness — Israel, when it went to find its rest.’”

Jer. 31:3, “The LORD appeared to him from afar, saying, ‘I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.’ ”

Jer. 31:4, “Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! Again you shall take up your tambourines, and go forth to the dances of the merry-makers.

Jer. 31:5, “Again you shall plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; The planters shall plant and shall enjoy them.

Jer. 31:6, “For there shall be a day when watchmen on the hills of Ephraim shall call out, ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’ ”

Ezek. 20:42, “ ‘And you will know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the land which I swore to give to your forefathers.

Ezek. 20:43, “ ‘And there you will remember your ways and all your deeds, with which you have defiled yourselves; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for all the evil things that you have done.

Ezek. 20:44, “ ‘Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name’s sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel,’ declares the Lord GOD.”

**2. The Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 29)
promises a regathering of Israel to the Land.**

- a. This covenant is an unconditional, unilateral covenant distinct from the Mosaic Covenant (Deut. 29:1).**

Deut. 29:1, “These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which He had made with them at Horeb.”

2. The Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 29) promises a regathering of Israel to the Land.

a. This covenant prophesies that they will turn away from the Lord (29:24–28) and that they will be dispersed out of the land (29:2–29), but that they will be regathered to the land (30:1–10).

- c. This is a second regathering which is confirmed numerous times by the Prophets (Isaiah 11:11–12:6). The first is a gathering in unbelief prior to the Tribulation (Ezekiel 37:8).**
- d. The regathering will be from all over the world. There will be a united Jewish nation, miracles, praise (Isaiah 27:12–13; 43:5–7; Jeremiah 16:14–15; 23:3–4, 7–8; 31:7–10; Ezekiel 11:14–18; 36:24; Amos 9:14–15; Zephaniah 3:18–20; 10:8–12; Matthew 24:31, Mark 13:27).**

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Isa. 43:5, “Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west.

Isa. 43:6, “I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth,

Isa. 43:7, “Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

Jer. 16:14, “ ‘Therefore behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when it will no longer be said, “As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,””

Jer. 16:15, “but, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.”

Jer. 23:3, “ ‘Then I Myself shall gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and shall bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.

Jer. 23:4, “ ‘I shall also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing,’ declares the LORD.”

Jer. 23:5, “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to **David a Branch of righteousness**; A King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jer. 23:6, “ ‘In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**’ ”

Jer. 23:7, “ ‘Therefore behold, the days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when they will no longer say, “As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,””

Jer. 23:8, “ ‘but, “As the LORD lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.” Then they will live on their own soil.’ ”

Ezek. 11:14, “Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

Ezek. 11:15, “Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your fellow exiles, and the whole house of Israel, all of them, are those to whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, ‘Go far from the LORD; this land has been given us as a possession.’

Ezek. 11:16, “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Though I had removed them far away among the nations, and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.” ’ ”

Ezek. 11:17, “Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “I shall gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries among which you have been scattered, and I shall give you the land of Israel.””

Ezek. 11:18, “ ‘When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it.’ ”

Ezek. 36:24, “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land.”

Amos 9:14, “ ‘Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them, They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit.

Amos 9:15, “ ‘I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them,’ says the LORD your God.”

- 3. Reestablish the Throne of David;
2 Sam. 7:11–16; 1 Chronicles 17:10–14**
 - a. Reestablishment of the Throne of David
(2 Sam. 7:11–16; 1 Chronicles 17:10–14)**
 - b. Reconfirmation (Psalms 89; Isaiah
9:6–7; Isaiah 16:5; Jeremiah 23:5–6;
33:14–26; Amos 9:11–12)**