

2 Peter Series

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WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

PART 5

**ANGELIC CONFLICT,
INTERPRETATION,
DISPENSATIONS**

2 PETER 1:1B

2 Peter 1:1b, “To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:”

λαγχάνω

***langchano* aor act
part masc plur dat
to receive by
appointment or by
lot; cast lots**

ἰσότιμος *isotomos*

fem sing acc

**equally precious; of
equal value**

πίστις *pistis* fem sing

**acc faith, belief, trust;
value; what is believed**

Jude 3, “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

πίστις πίστις;

with article: here it refers to a specific body of doctrine; the content of what a person believes.

What is the “body of truth which we believe?”

- 1. Foundation must be God. The foundation of every faith rests on some authority.**
- 2. The Authority of Scripture. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:20, 21**

- 3. Who IS Jesus? The undiminished deity and true humanity of Jesus.
John 1:1; Col. 1:18; Heb. 1:3; Phil. 2:5–12**
- 4. Who is the Holy Spirit?**
- 5. The invisible realm: Angels, Satan, demons.**
- 6. How we should interpret the Bible.**
- 7. God's plan for the ages.**
- 8. God's plan for the future.**

What the Bible Teaches About

How to Interpret the Bible (Hermeneutics)



We Believe in....

**A historical, grammatical, literal, contextual
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***Historical* means ...**

We believe the Bible must be interpreted in light of the times in which it was written.

We believe that the Bible records actual historical people, places, and events.

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***Historical* includes culture ...**

The historical/cultural context of the writer ...

The historical/cultural context of the original readers ...

The historical/cultural context of the present readers ...

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***Literal* means that language is taken at its ordinary sense, this means that idioms and figures of speech must be understood in their every day sense as they were used at the time.**

In interpretation we seek to determine

- 1. What does the text say.**
- 2. What did the original author intend to communicate to his intended audience.**
- 3. This tells us the original meaning of the text.**

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***Contextual* means that we first relate the passage to its immediate paragraph context, then to the specific book, then to the work of that author, then to the New Testament or Old Testament, then to the entirety of both testaments of the Bible.**

In contrast we reject allegorical interpretation (interpretation that is based on a non-literal meaning)

**Israel = the church in the OT
Church = spiritual Israel in the NT**

Literal Interpretation

**Israel = ethnic, historic, national Israel
Church = a new organism originating in AD 33 on the Day of Pentecost, ending at the Rapture of the Church.**

Revelation is progressive. Later revelation is built on earlier revelation. God progressively revealed Himself and His plan through a period of ages and dispensations.

What the Bible Teaches About

God's Plan for the Ages



Distinctions in Scripture

At one time believers are commanded to bring literal, animal sacrifices to one particular temple, but no longer do believers bring animal sacrifices.

Since Jesus was crucified as the perfect sacrifice, no other sacrifices are needed.

Distinctions in Scripture

Jesus told His disciples in one place to only take the gospel to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel,” but not to the Samaritans or Gentiles (Matt. 10:5–6).

Distinctions in Scripture

Later, Jesus commanded His disciples to preach the gospel to all creatures (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:18–20).

Distinctions in Scripture

At one time adulterers were to be punished with death (Lev. 20:10), but this is no longer commanded in the present Church Age (1 Cor. 6:9–11).

Distinctions in Scripture

Murderers were *not* to be punished with death at the beginning (Gen. 4:1–15), yet later were to be put to death (Gen. 9:5–6; Rom. 13:1–7).

Distinctions in Scripture

In Leviticus the observance of dietary laws is mandated, but in Acts 10 dietary restrictions are removed.

A brief working definition of a dispensation:

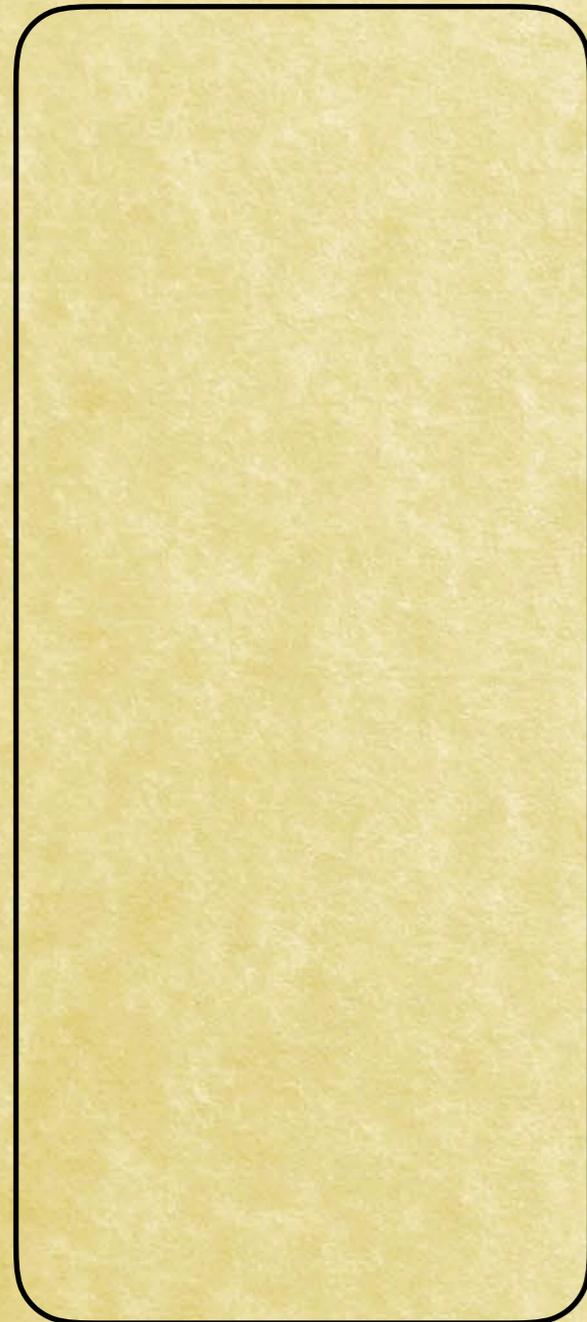
A dispensation is a block of human history—an Age—during which God manages the affairs of the world according to His eternal plan. The biblical emphasis is not on the time, by and of itself, but on the Lord's management (stewardship) during each period.

~Dr. G. Meisinger, Founder and first President of Chafer Theological Seminary

The Divine Ages of History

I
AGE OF GENTILES

GEN. 1–11



II
AGE OF ISRAEL

GEN. 12-GOSPELS



Golgotha

Isa 53:1–12



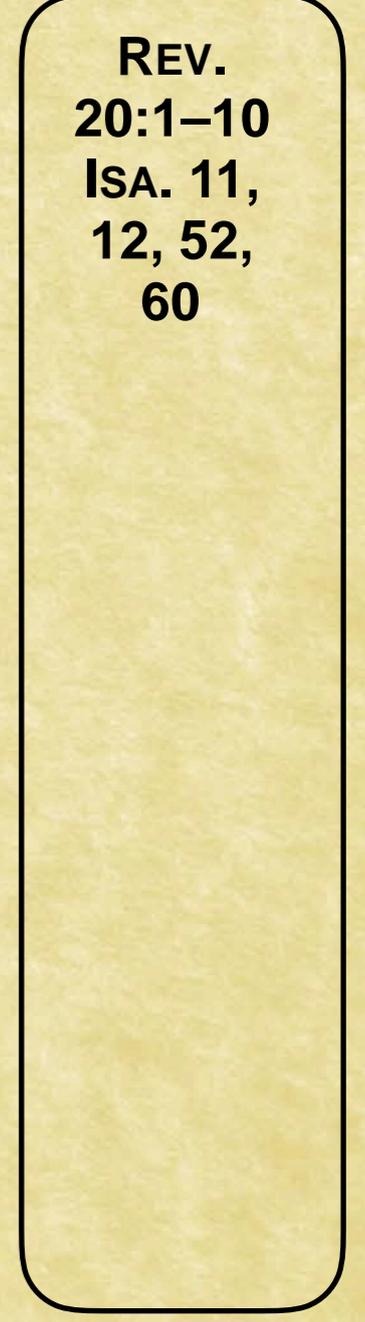
III
CHURCH AGE

ACTS 2–
REV. 4



IV
MESSIANIC AGE

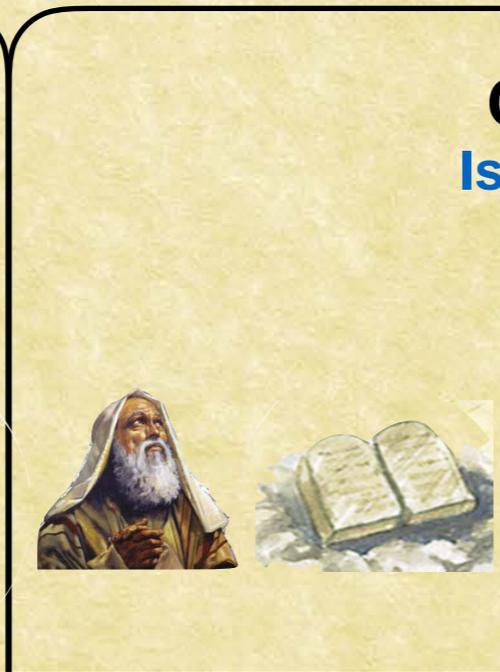
REV.
20:1–10
ISA. 11,
12, 52,
60



I Age of Gentiles Gen 1–11
 II Age of Israel Gen 12–Gospels
 III Church Age Acts 2–Rev 4
 IV Messianic Age Rev 20:1–10
 Isa 11, 12, 52, 60



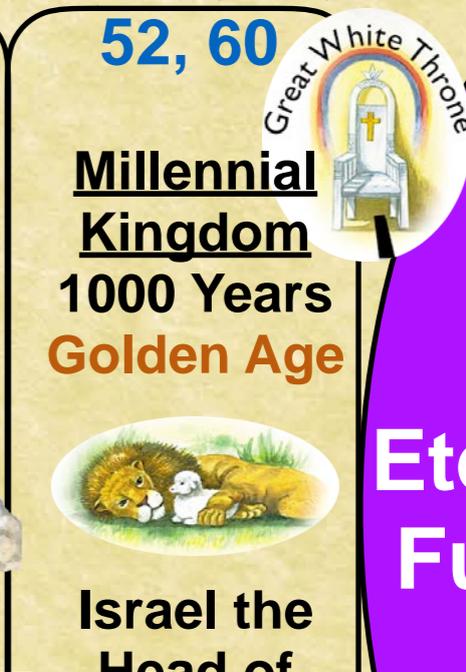
Eden Gen 2–3
 Flood Gen 6–8
 Babel Gen 11:1-9



Patriarchs Gen 12–50
 MESSIAH The Law Ex 19:1–Acts 1:26



Calvary Isa 53:1–12
 Tribulation Matt 24–25 Rev 6–19
 CHURCH AGE Israel Diaspora Ezek 36:16–19



Millennial Kingdom 1000 Years Golden Age
 Israel the Head of the Nations

Eternity Past

Eternity Future

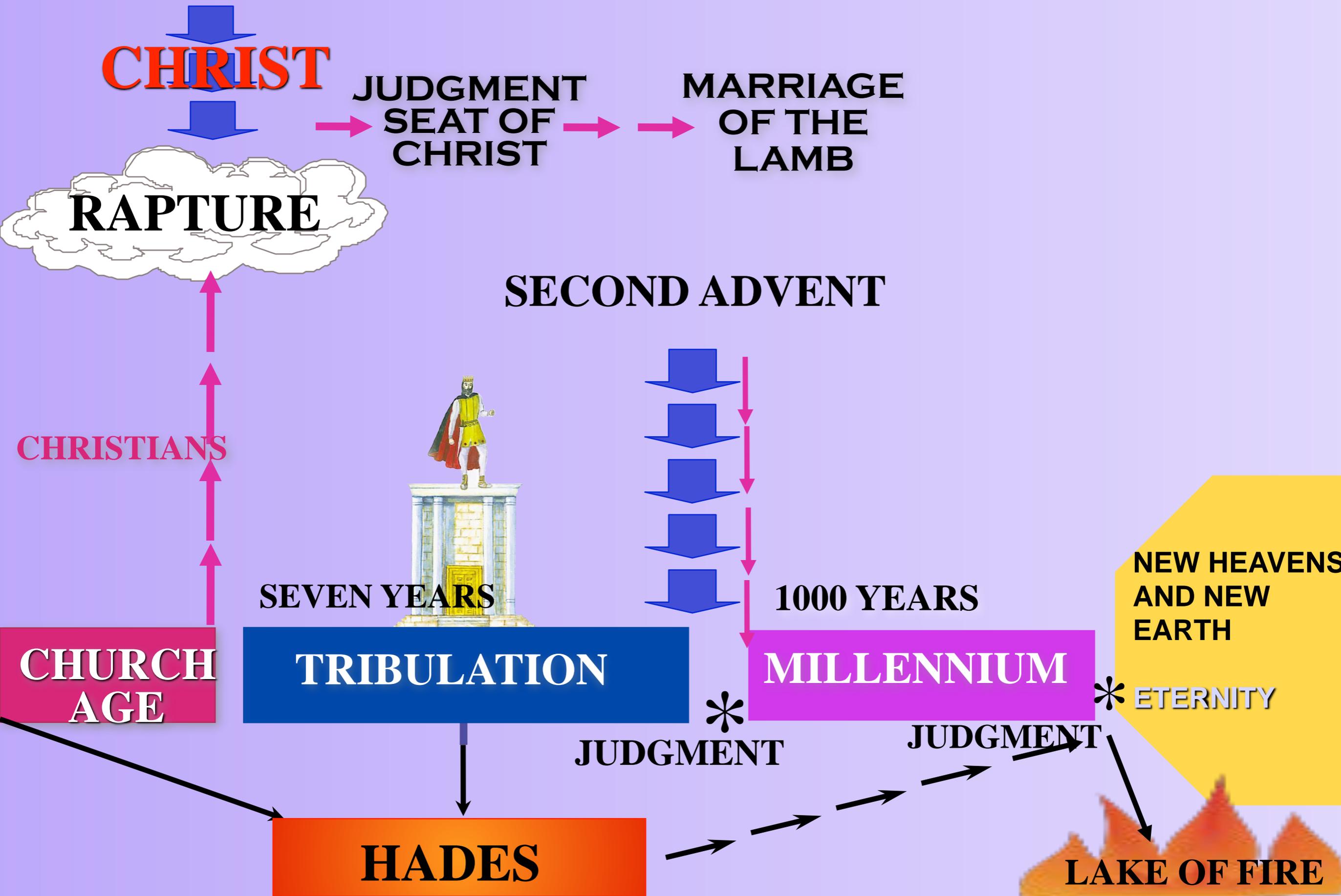
PERFECT ENVIRONMENT
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What the Bible Teaches About

God's Plan for the Future

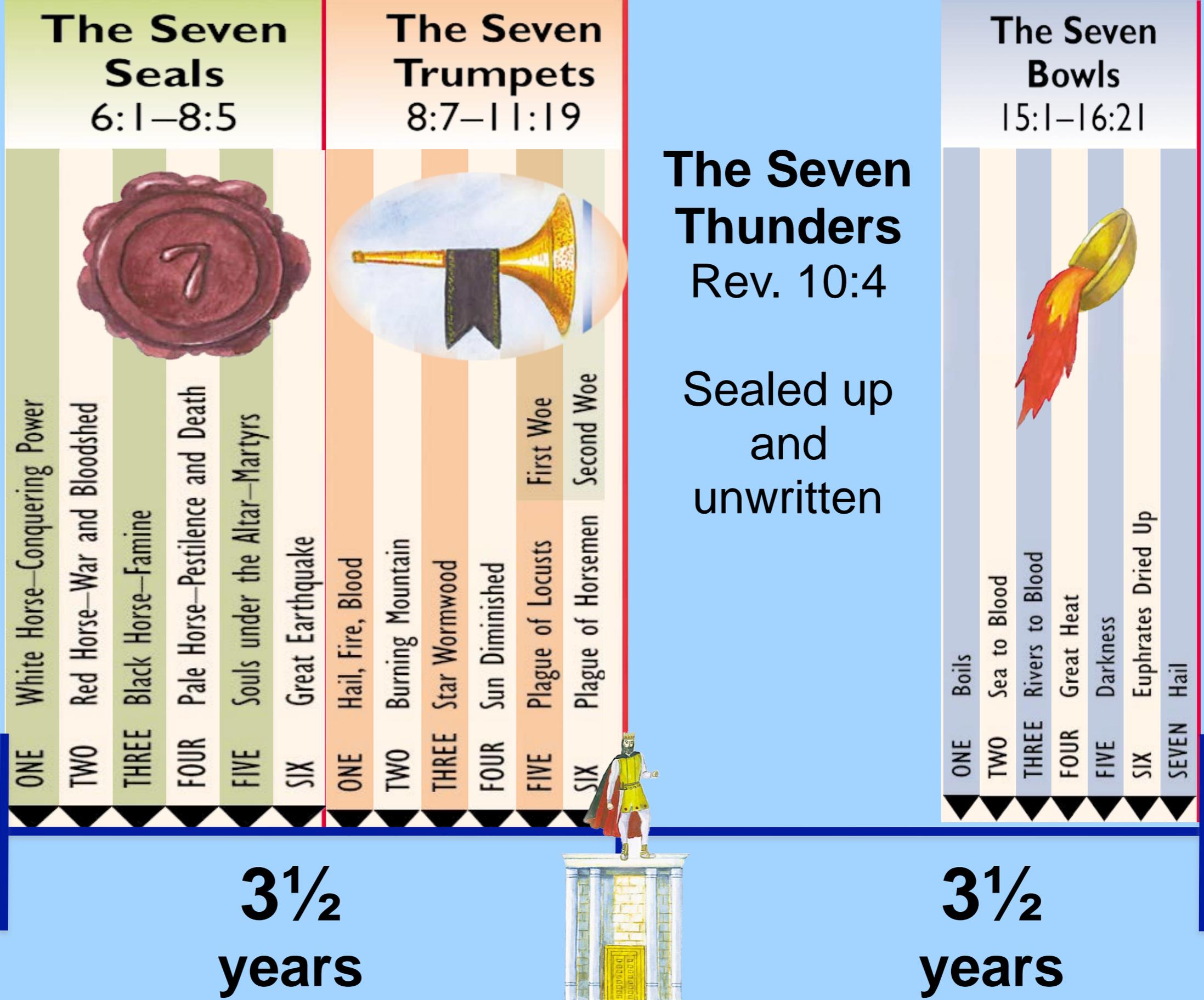


PROPHETIC PANORAMA



RAPTURE
I Ths 4:16-17

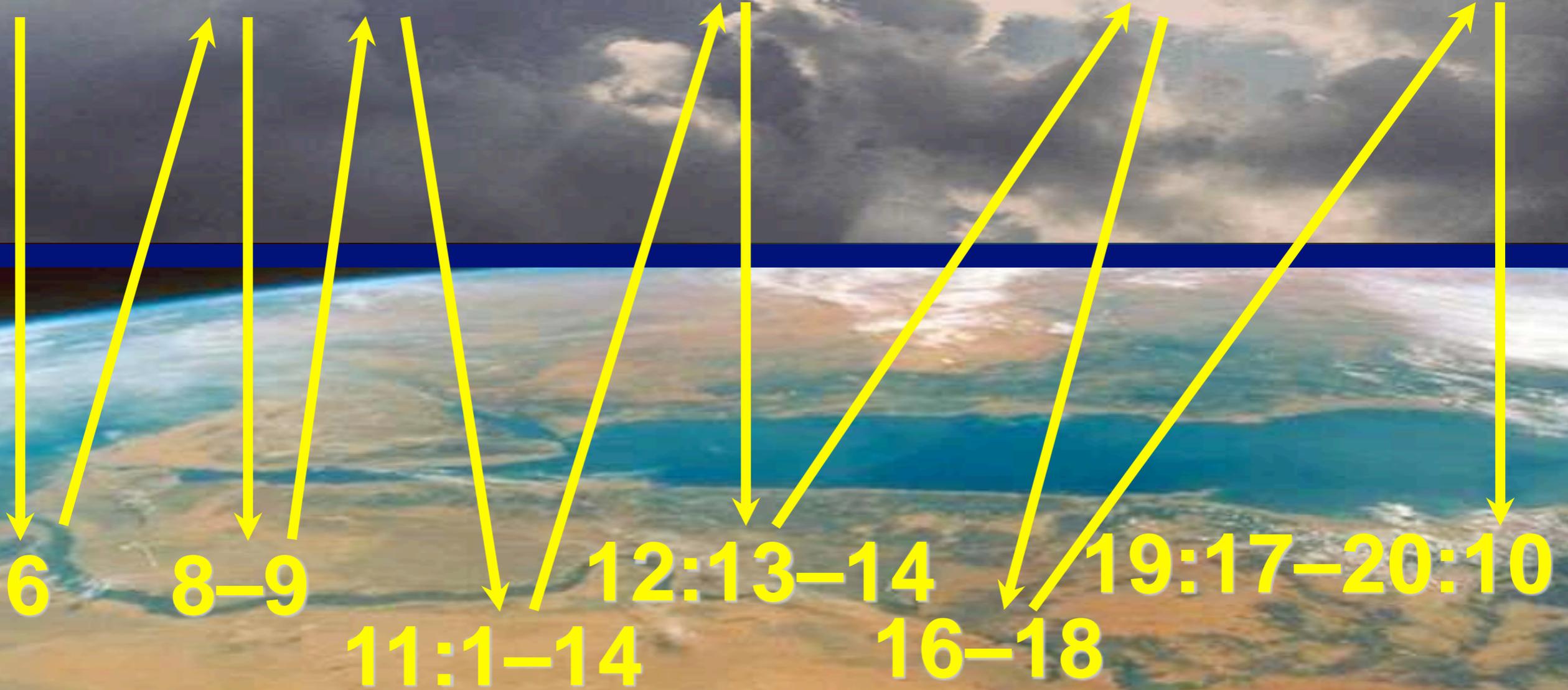
The Heavenly Vision
4:1-5:14



HEAVENLY / EARTHLY CYCLE IN REVELATION 4-20

HEAVEN

4-5 7 10 11:15-12:12 15 19:1-16



EARTH





**Rapture
of the
Church**



Heaven

Seal Judgments

Cold War

Famine

Martyrdom

7 Trumpets



White Horse

Black Horse

Slain Souls

Open War

Death

**Physical
Disturbances**

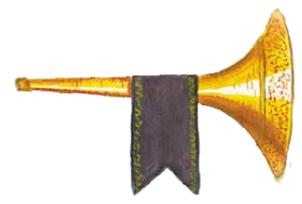
Trumpets



Red Horse

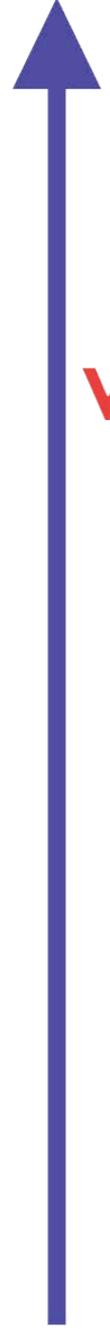
Ashen Horse

Lamb's Wrath



First 21 Months of Tribulation

Midpoint



Heaven

Trumpet Judgments

Rapture of the Church

Hail, Fire



upon earth

Sun, Moon, Stars



upon heavens

Announces Seven Bowls



Bowls

Burning Mountain

Demonic Locusts



upon sea



upon people

Wormwood

Horsemen



upon waters



upon people



Second 21 Months

First Half of the Tribulation

Midpoint

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

DAN. 9:24-27

**The Coming
Prince**

**Messiah
Returns**



**3½
years**

Third Temple
(Tribulation)
Dan 9:27

**3½
years**

ISRAEL

Dan. 9:27,

“Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [7 years]; But in the middle of the week [3-1/2 year point]

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

**Return of Christ
19:1-21**



Midpoint

Tribulation (Daniel’s Seventieth Week)

First Half of Tribulation (3 1/2 Years)

Second Half of Tribulation (3 1/2 Years)

Overview of Luke 21:20–28



A.D. 30



A.D.
70



Midpoint

Tribulation



2nd Advent



21:20–24

*Days of
Vengeance*

**ISRAEL
JUDGED**

21:24

*Times of the
Gentiles*

**ISRAEL
SCATTERED**

21:25–28

*Look up, your
redemption
draws near*

**ISRAEL
REDEEMED**



2 Thess. 2:4, “who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple [*naos*] of God, showing himself that he is God.”



Rev. 12:3, “Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.”



Rev. 12:4a, “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.”



REV. 12:4B,

“And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.”



Rev. 12:7, “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,”



Rev. 12:8, “and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.”

Rev. 12:9, “And the **great dragon** was thrown down, the **serpent** of old who is called the **devil** and **Satan**, who **deceives** the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”



**Rapture
of the
Church**



Bowl Judgments

**Second
Coming**



Trumpets



**1
Boils**



upon earth

**3
Blood**



into rivers

**5
Darkness**



upon throne
of the Beast

**7
Earthquake,
hail**



upon air

**2
Blood**



into sea

**4
Scorching**



upon sun

**6
Dry up the**



Euphrates

Midpoint

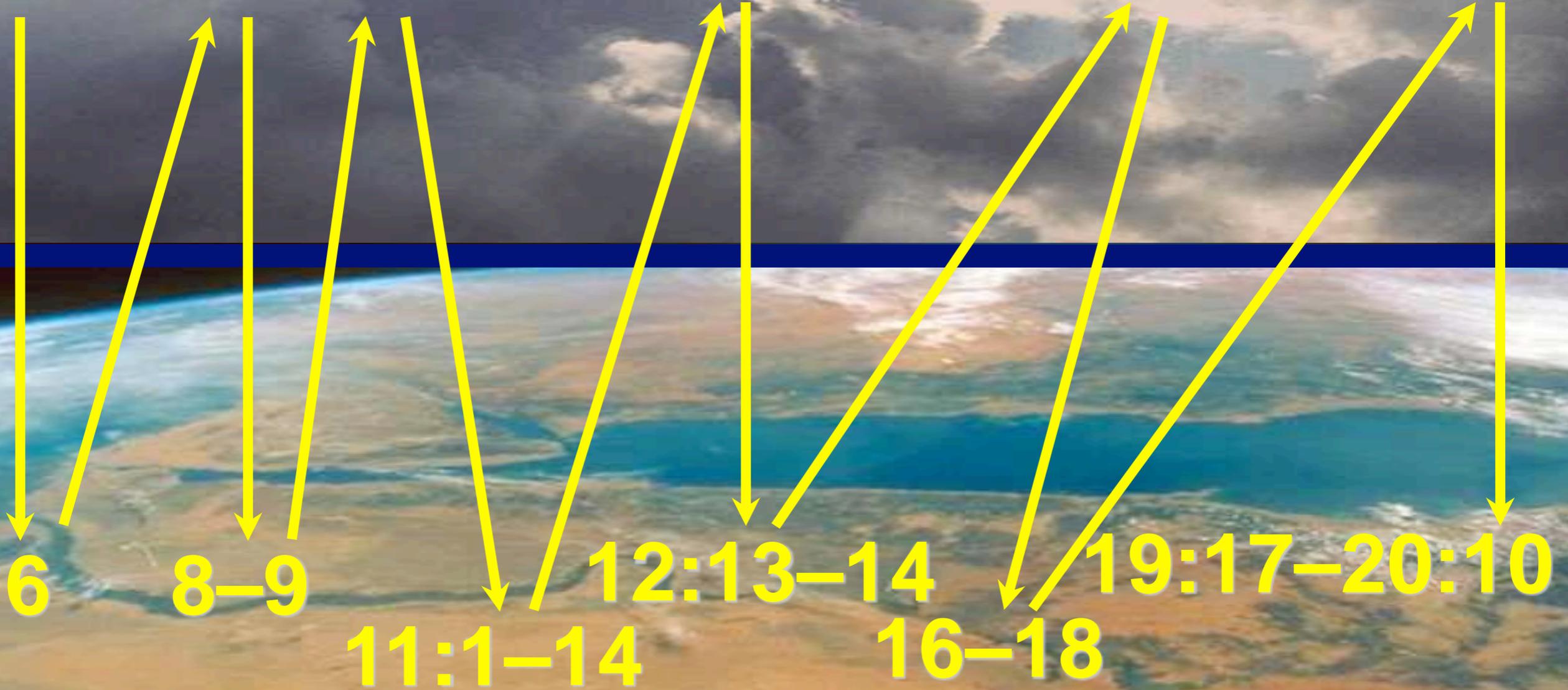
The Great Tribulation



HEAVENLY / EARTHLY CYCLE IN REVELATION 4-20

HEAVEN

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EARTH



“And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God.” (Rev. 19:11–13)

9 Judgments 5 Resurrections



Church Age

Tribulation

Millennial Kingdom

Eternal State

The "First" Resurrection (saved):
Christ, Rapture, 2 Witnesses, OT,
and Trib Saints

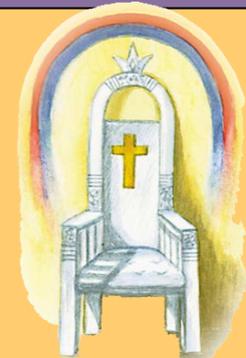
Second Resurrection
(unsaved)



**Bema
Judgment
Seat of
Christ**



- Surviving Gentiles
- Surviving Jews
- Old Testament Saints
- Tribulation Saints



**Great White
Throne
Unsaved Dead**

Antichrist

False Prophet



Lake of Fire

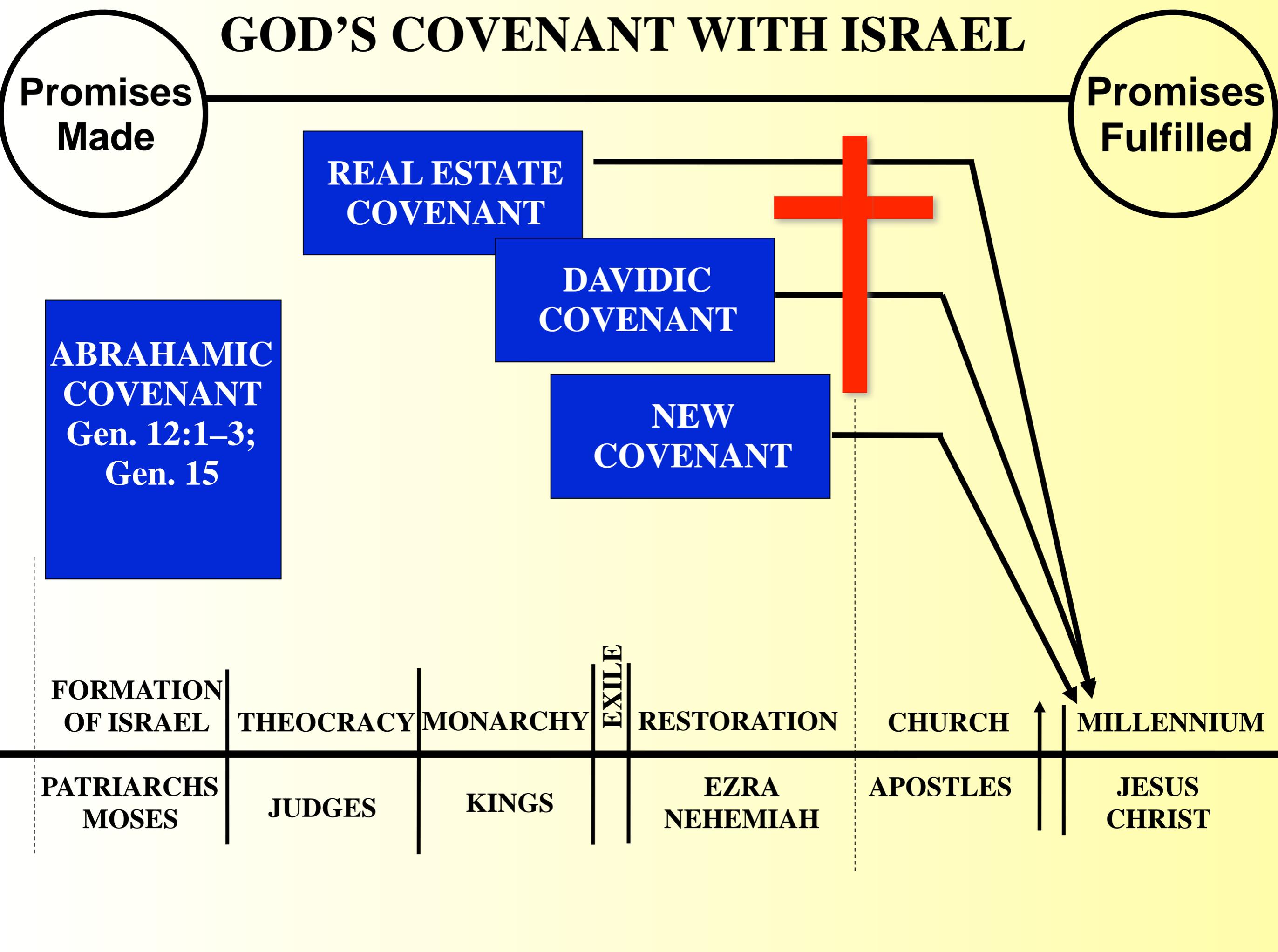
Satan

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.”



GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL



Promises Made

Promises Fulfilled

REAL ESTATE COVENANT

DAVIDIC COVENANT

NEW COVENANT

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT
Gen. 12:1-3;
Gen. 15

FORMATION OF ISRAEL

THEOCRACY

MONARCHY

EXILE

RESTORATION

CHURCH

MILLENNIUM

PATRIARCHS
MOSES

JUDGES

KINGS

EZRA
NEHEMIAH

APOSTLES

JESUS
CHRIST

A dramatic, golden-hued illustration of Jerusalem on a mountain. The city is depicted with various buildings, including domes and a central tower, all rendered in a glowing, golden light. The sky is filled with swirling, golden clouds, and a bright, radiant light shines down from the top center, creating a powerful, divine atmosphere. The overall scene is one of glory and divine presence.

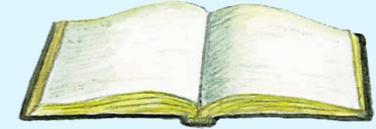
“Thus says the LORD, ‘I will return to Zion and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of Truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.’ ” **Zech. 8:3**

Great White Throne



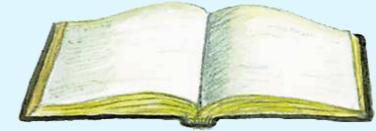
Books of Man's Works

Rev 20:12-13



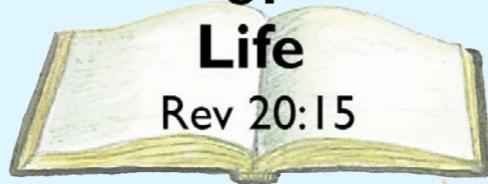
Lamb's Book of Life

Rev 21:27



The Book of Life

Rev 20:15



Jn 5:22



Sheol—Hades

Former Paradise

Great Gulf

Torment—Lk 16:18-31

Prison of Fallen Angels—2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6

Lake of Fire



Rev. 21:1, “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.”



“And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the Tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them ...”

Revelation 21:2–3