



WHEN HE RETURNS

NEW HEAVEN
NEW EARTH

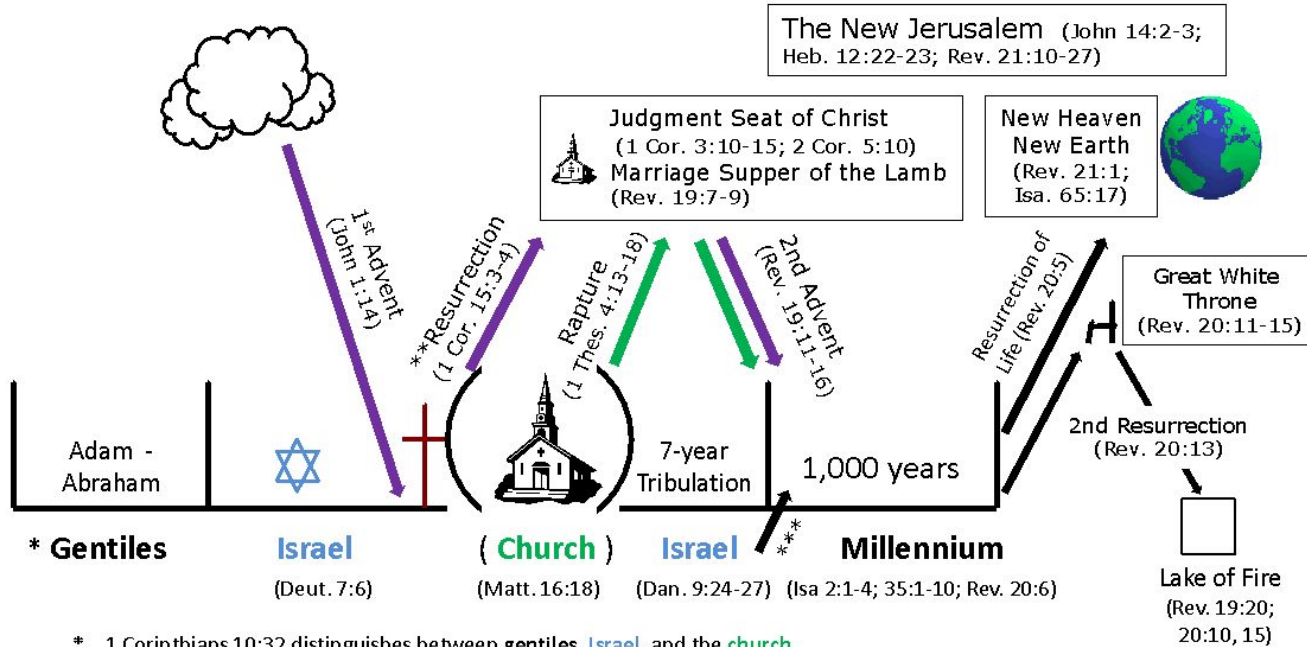
OUR GOALS

- Be encouraged from God's Prophetic Word
- Fight eschatological agnosticism & indifference
- Sharpen our Bible study skills
 - Observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application

OUR GOALS

- Timeline of the Bible
- Our Glorious Future

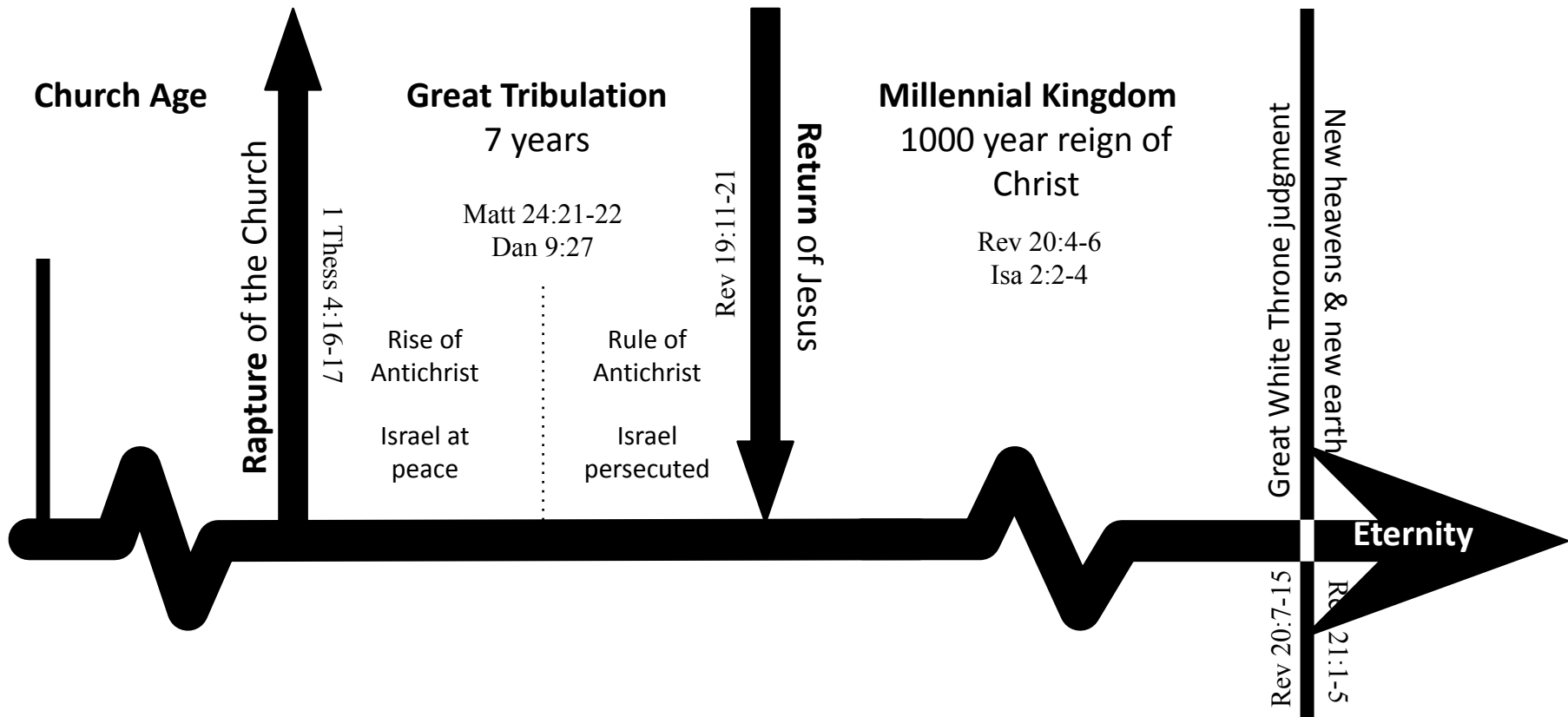
TIME LINE OF THE BIBLE



* 1 Corinthians 10:32 distinguishes between **gentiles**, **Israel**, and the **church**

** 1 Corinthians 15:23 refers to order of the First Resurrection, beginning with Christ, the first fruits

*** Resurrection of Old Testament Saints (Eze. 37:13-14) and martyred Tribulation saints (Rev. 20:4)



“Is this Heaven?”



NEW HEAVEN-NEW EARTH REVELATION 21-22

- The Millennial Kingdom? ...or...
- After the Millennial Kingdom?
 - Outline of Revelation (Based on 1:19)
 - The things you have seen (Ch. 1)
 - The things which are (Chs. 2-3)
 - The things which shall take place after these things (Chs. 4-22)
 - The Tribulation (4-19)
 - The MK/Rebellion/Great White Throne (20)
 - New Heaven and New Earth (21-22)

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- After the Millennial Kingdom
 - Chronological presentation kept intact
 - Revelation 21-22 FOLLOWS the preceding events
 - Changes: too many & drastic to still be MK
 - See chart following

New Heaven-New Earth

Satan removed from further influence in history (20:10)

First heaven & first earth “passed away” (21:1)

No longer any sea (21:1)

No longer any death, crying, or pain (21:4)

All things made new (21:5)

No longer any night (21:25)

No longer any unclean, abomination, lying (21:27)

No longer any curse (22:3)

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- The Declaration of the NH & NE
(21:1)
 - New act of creation
 - What about “the first heaven & the first earth”?
 - “Passed away”
 - How? 2 Peter 3:3-13

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3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, **4** and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” **5** For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, **6** through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. **7** But by His word **the present heavens and earth** are being **reserved for fire**, kept for the day of **judgment and destruction** of ungodly men. **8** But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. **9** The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

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10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. **11** Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, **12** looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! **13** But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

2 Peter 3:3-13

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REVELATION 21-22

- The Descent of the New Jerusalem (21:2)
 - He sees a CITY descending out of heaven that..
 - Settles on the surface of the earth?
 - Suspends over the surface of the earth?
 - Strong contrast to the Jerusalem previously seen in Rev 11:8 – “Sodom and Egypt”.
 - Now: “holy and new”

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- The Descent of the New Jerusalem (21:2)
 - The city is “made ready as a bride”
 - “made ready” = “prepare” in John 14:3 (“I go and prepare a place for you”)
 - THOUGHT: The New Jerusalem is being prepared now and will be the home of the redeemed after the Rapture!!??

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- The Heavenly City
 - Hebrews 11:10 – Abraham was looking for the city whose architect and builder was God.
 - Hebrews 11:16 – God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
 - Hebrews 12:22 – you have come to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
 - Galatians 4:26 – the Jerusalem above...
 - Revelation 3:12 – the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven...

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- The Conditions of the New Jerusalem (21:3-7)
 - A personal dwelling of God among men (21:3)
 - Introduced by a “loud voice” (19x in Rev.)
 - “The Tabernacle of God”
 - See Revelation 13:6; John 1:14 (same word)
 - Old experiences will be excluded (21:4)
 - Passed away: every tear; death; mourning, crying, pain

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- The Conditions of the New Jerusalem (21:3-8)
 - New things will be experienced (21:5-7)
 - God speaks here:
 - “I am making all things new”
 - “Write this down”
 - “It is done” – the new creation (in the future)
 - 21:6b-7: Life in Him – (now for the reader)

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- Excluded from the New Jerusalem (21:8)
 - Strong contrast used here
 - Believers – no longer in the presence of sin
 - Unbelievers – permanently excluded and sealed in their state of sin (John

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- Description of the New Jerusalem (21:9-21)
 - After a brief introduction of the glories of eternity, John now gives more details about the glorious city, the home of the redeemed.
 - General Description of the City (21:9-11)
 - (21:9) Angel shows John “the bride, the wife of the Lamb”
 - (21:10) Angel shows John “the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven”.
 - BRIDE = THE CHURCH= NEW JERUSALEM

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**BRIDE = THE CHURCH= NEW
JERUSALEM**

Although the New Jerusalem will be the home of all the redeemed, the focus here is upon Jesus, the subject and hero of the Book of Revelation, and His Bride, the Church

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- General Description of the City (21:9-11)
 - Having the **glory** of God (21:11); Also 21:23
 - Reflects His **importance**
 - Brilliance like a very costly stone
 - Crystal-clear jasper
 - POINT: our eternal abode will emit a dazzling display of the glory of God

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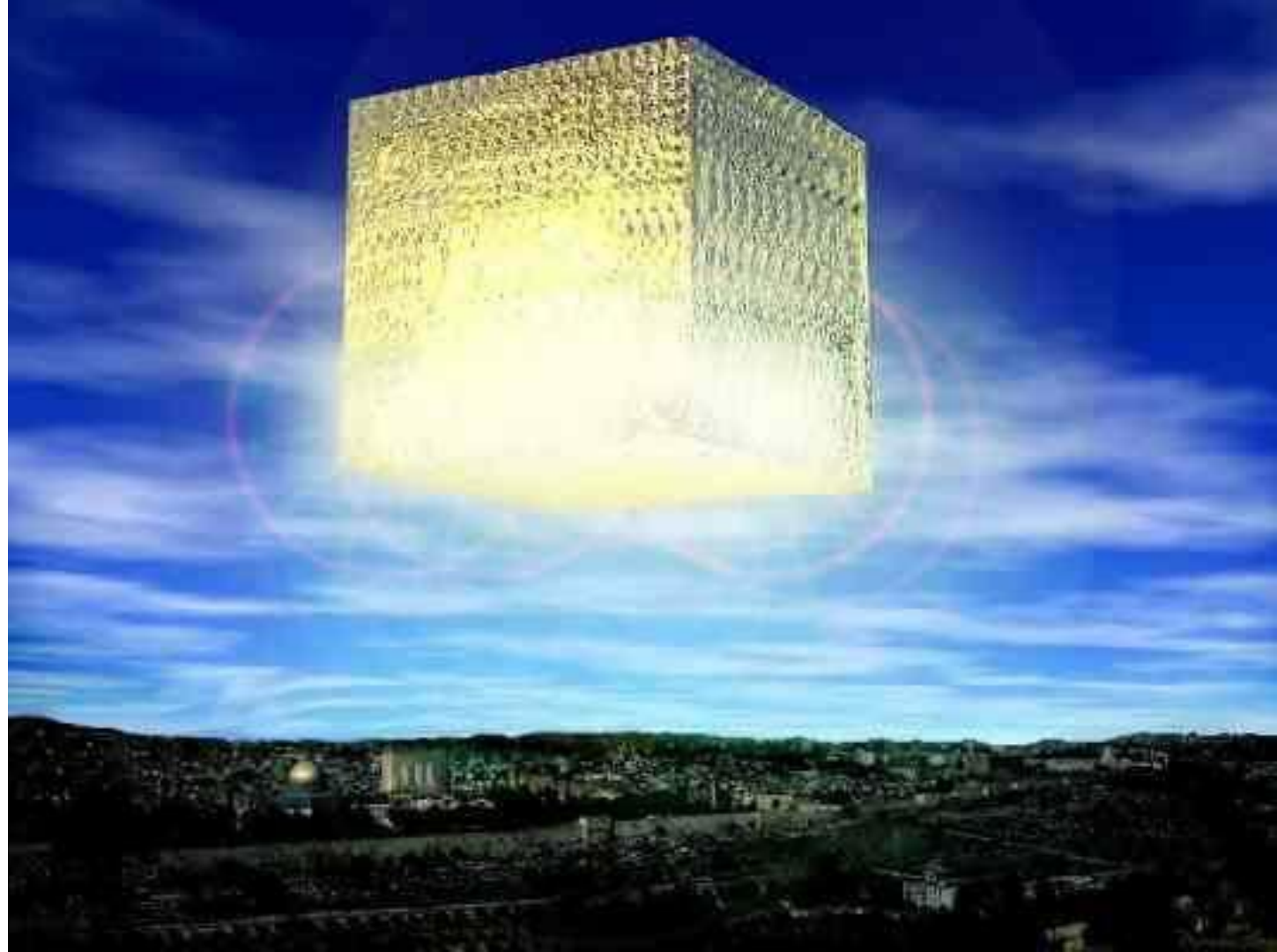
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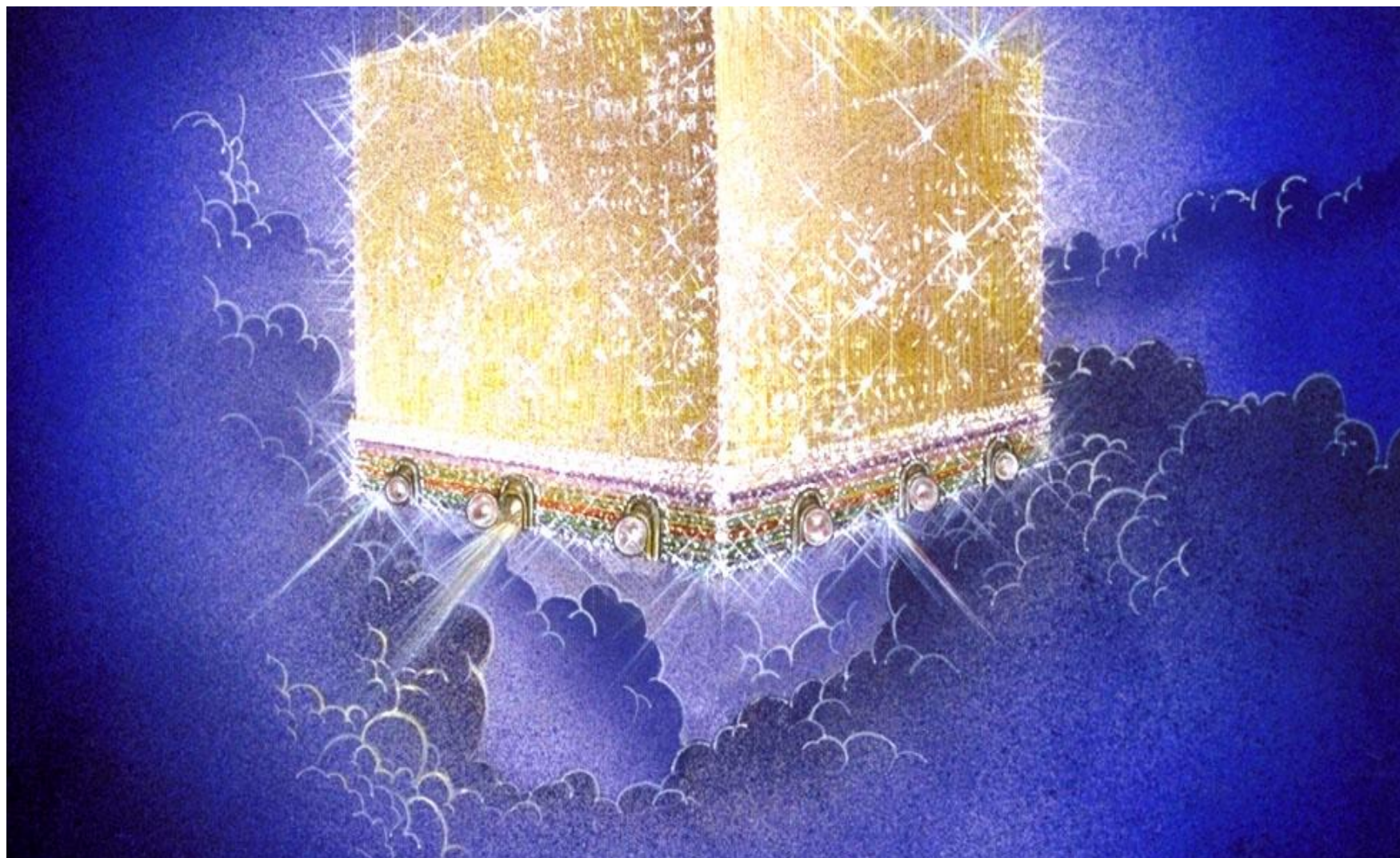
- Detailed Description of the City (21:12-21)
 - The wall and the gates of the city (21:12-14)
 - 12 gates with names of the 12 tribes of Israel
 - 12 foundation stones with names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb
 - NOTE: both Israel and the Church will be a part of the city, yet seen as distinct groups within the people of God

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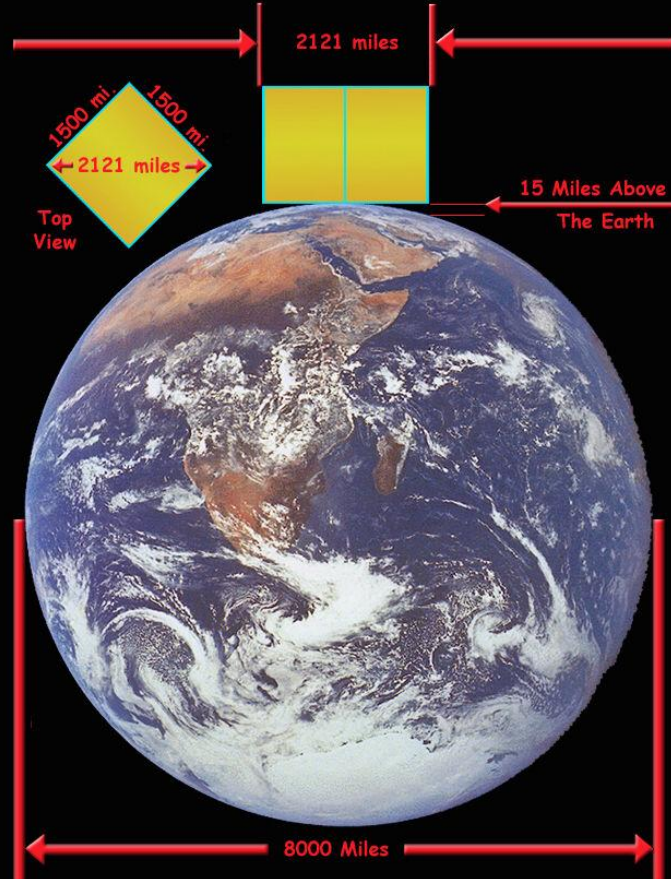
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- Detailed Description of the City (21:12-21)
 - The dimensions of the city (21:15-17)
 - Gold measuring rod used (10')
 - Cube or Pyramid: "its length and width and height are equal" (1500 miles each)
 - $1500 \times 1500 = 2,250,000$ sq. miles (8.3x Texas)
 - $1500 \times 1500 \times 6 = 13,500,000$ cubic-sq. miles
 - Cube's hypotenuse = 2121 miles
 - Same distance as from Maine to Florida
 - The overall size would approximate the Moon
 - Great and high wall (72 yards = 216 feet)





New Jerusalem On Spherical Earth







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- Detailed Description of the City (21:12-21)
 - The materials of the city (21:18-21)
 - Wall = jasper
 - City = pure gold, like clear glass
 - 12 foundation stones: adorned w/ 12 precious stones
 - 12 gates: each gate was a separate pearl
 - Street = pure gold, like transparent glass

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- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - The temple of the city (21:22)
 - NO TEMPLE
 - The Lord God (5x in Rev.) & the Lamb are its temple
 - The redeemed will be living in the midst of the unveiled glory of God

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REVELATION 21-22

- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - The light of the city (21:23-24)
 - No “need” for the light of the sun or moon
 - God’s glory illumines the city for all
 - This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5)

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- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - The nations and the city (21:24)
 - “Nations” elsewhere in Revelation often refers to Gentiles who could be seen here as redeemed and in the city as well.
 - “Kings” could be a reference to former pagans rulers now redeemed and in the city.
 - “Kings” could be a reference to certain redeemed with special places of honor (rewards) in the city.

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- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - Access to the city (21:25-27)
 - Always open; gates never closed
 - Always light
 - The nations (Gentiles?) move in and out of the city
 - City reserved only for those written in the Lamb's book of life (3:5)

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REVELATION 21-22

- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - Physical provisions of the city (22:1-3)
 - Return to Genesis
 - River flowed out of Eden (Gen. 2:10)
 - River flows out of the throne of God (Rev. 22:1)
 - Tree of life in the midst of Eden (Gen. 2:9)
 - Tree of life in the middle of the street (Rev. 22:2)

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 - Physical provisions of the city (22:1-3)
 - Return to Genesis
 - NO MENTION of Tree of Knowledge of Good/Evil (no more ability to sin)
 - Ground cursed (Gen. 3:17)
 - No longer any curse (Rev. 22:3)
 - Fully enabled for our purpose: “serve Him”

Genesis	Revelation
Heavens and earth created (1:1)	New heavens and earth (21:1)
Sun created (1:16)	No need of the sun (21:23)
The night established (1:5)	No night there (21:25; 22:5)
The seas created (1:10)	No more seas (21:1)
The curse announced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death enters history (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man driven from the tree (3:24)	Man restored to paradise (22:14)
Sorrow and pain begin (3:17)	No more mourn/grow/pain (21:4)

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- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - Perfect fellowship of the city (22:4-5)
 - “They shall see His face” (21:4a)
 - Perfect fellowship; In His very presence
 - The Father or the Lamb (Son)?
 - » Near antecedents: The Lamb/Him (21:3)
 - » Father? – able now b/c of purity?
 - Matthew 5:8 – ...pure in heart, for they shall see God.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:12 – now we see dimly, then face to face
 - Hebrews 12:14 – w/o which no one will see the Lord

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- Special Delights of the New City (21:22-22:5)
 - Perfect fellowship of the city (22:4-5)
 - “His name shall be on their foreheads”
 - Several mentions in Revelation (7:3; 14:1)
 - Proof of ownership & belonging
 - Contrast to those that took the mark of the Beast on their foreheads (13:16; 14:9; 20:4)

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Summary of the **Perfect City** (21:22-22:5)

Perfect restoration (no more curse, paradise regained)

Perfect administration (the very throne of God and
the Lamb shall be on it)

Perfect subordination (His servants shall serve Him)

Perfect transformation (the saints shall see His face
and we shall be like Him)

Perfect identification (His Name on our foreheads)

Perfect illumination (He Himself shall illumine us)

Perfect exaltation (we shall reign forever and ever)

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 - The Promise of His Return (22:7a)
 - The Promise of Blessing to Those Who Heed (22:7b)
 - The Promise of True Worship (22:8-9)
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 - The Promise to the Churches (22:16)
 - The Promise of Life Without Cost (22:17)
 - The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)
 - The Benediction (22:20-21)

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- The Epilogue: Promises, Promises, Promises
(22:6-21)

- The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)

- Note the emphasis repeated:

- 22:7 - The words of the prophecy of this book
- 22:9 - The words of this book
- 22:10 - The words of the prophecy of this book
- 22:18 - The words of the prophecy of this book
- 22:19 - The words of the book of this prophecy
- 22:19 - Which are written in this book

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- The Epilogue: Promises, Promises, Promises
(22:6-21)
 - The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)

I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **if anyone adds** to them, **God will add** to him the plagues which are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God will take away** his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

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- The Epilogue: Promises, Promises, Promises (22:6-21)
 - The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)
 - The warnings are “talionic” (corresponding)
 - Jesus gives the warnings (“I” in 20:16, 18, 20)
 - Other solemn warnings regarding tampering with God’s Word (Dt. 4:2, 12:32, Prov. 30:5-6; Jer. 26:2)
 - These warnings refer to willful alteration of the finale, the Book of Revelation, and thus the Bible, by extension.

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- The Epilogue: Promises, Promises, Promises (22:6-21)
 - The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)
 - WARNING #1 – Added Plagues
 - POINT: God will visit the offender with the plagues written in the Book of Revelation
 - Views of Interpretation:
 - » Loss of Salvation for a believer: inconsistent with John/Jesus; warning = plagues, not loss of salvation
 - » Hyperbolic language to emphasize the seriousness of this sin
 - » Perverters or unbelievers of the teaching of Revelation will experience judgment from God similar to those found in the book

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- The Epilogue: Promises, Promises, Promises (22:6-21)
 - The Warning of the Prophecy (22:18-19)
 - WARNING #2 – Take Away
 - POINT: God will “take away” the unbeliever or “take away” reward(s) from a believer
 - Views of Interpretation:
 - » Loss of Salvation for a believer: inconsistent with John/Jesus elsewhere
 - » Hyperbolic language to emphasize the seriousness of this sin
 - » Unbelieving perverters of the teaching of Revelation will not experience the new city

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- The Benediction (22:20-21)

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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REVELATION 21-22

- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 4:10-11

The twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 5:10-11

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

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REVELATION 21-22

- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 7:9-17

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”

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 - Revelation 7:9-17

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 7:9-17

For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 11:16-19

And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.” And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 19:1-6

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.” And a second time they said, “Hallelujah! Her smoke rises up forever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!”

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 19:1-6

And a voice came from the throne, saying, “Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great.” Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns...”

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- What do we do in “Heaven” per Revelation?
 - Revelation 22:3-4

There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.

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REVELATION 21-22

- What is “Heaven” like in Revelation 21-22?
 - We don’t “go to heaven”, it comes to us
 - Heaven is a place where the Person of God is the focus of service and worship
 - Perfected soul/spirit
 - Perfected body

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- What is “Heaven” like in Revelation 21-22?
 - Heaven is adorned with:
 - Glory
 - Holiness
 - Beauty
 - Immortality
 - Light
 - Perfection
 - Love
 - Joy

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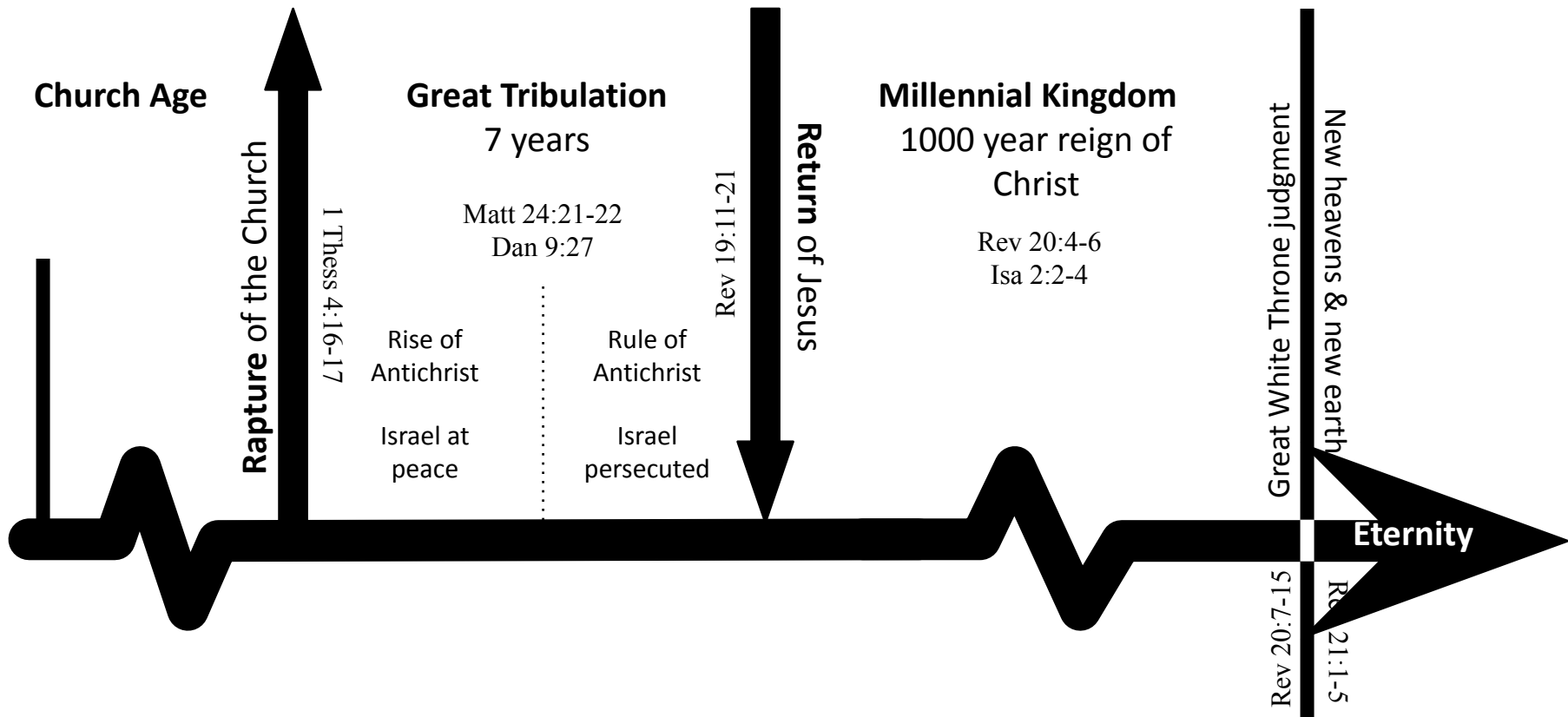
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THE RAPTURE/TRIBULATION MILLENNIAL
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THE PRIMARY STRUCTURE & MANY OF THE DETAILS OF THIS
PRESENTATION CAME FROM:

- <http://bible.org/seriespage/eternal-state-rev-211-225>
- <http://bible.org/seriespage/epilogue-rev-226-21>