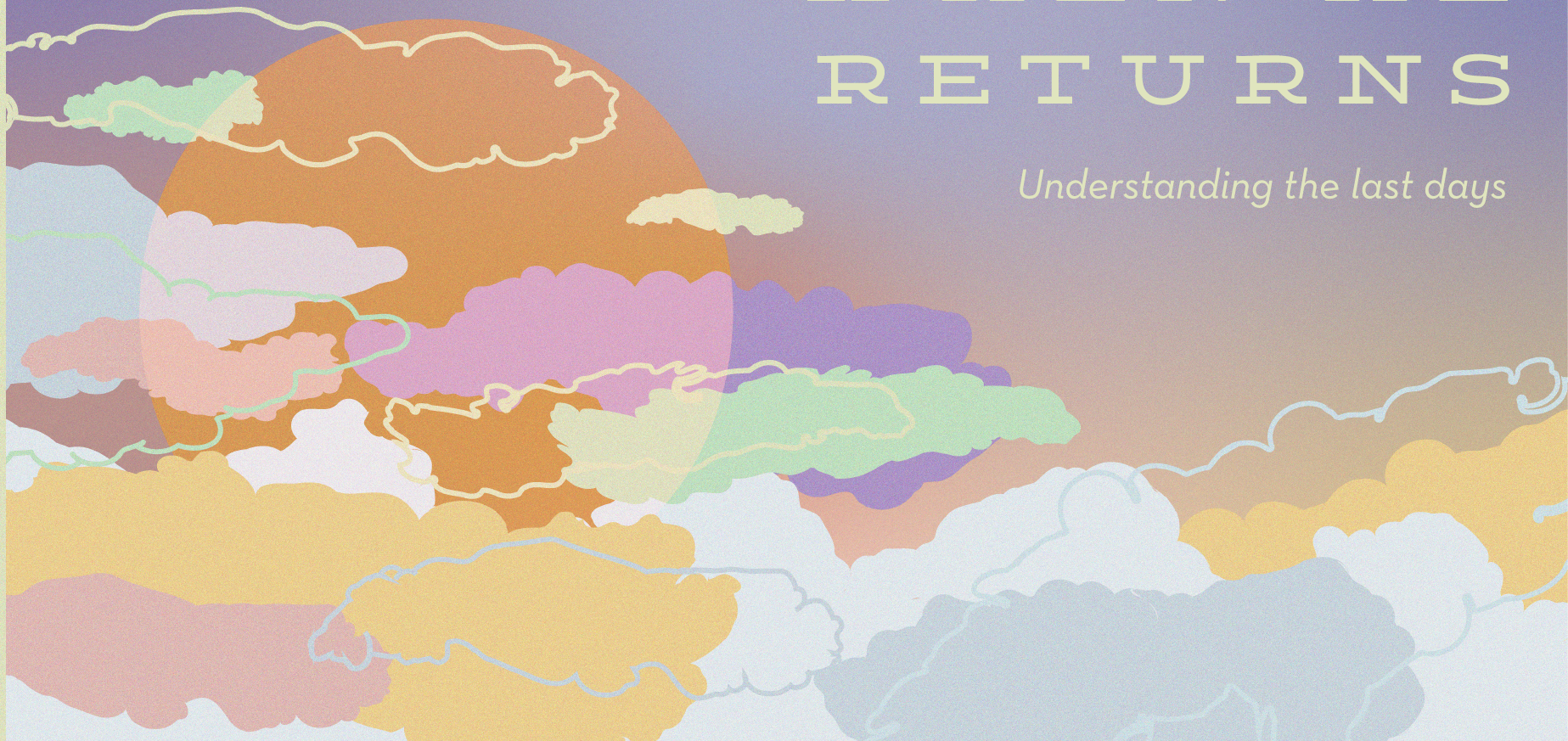


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THE RAPTURE/TRIBULATION  
MILLENNIAL KINGDOM  
NEW HEAVENS-NEW EARTH



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# OUR GOALS

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

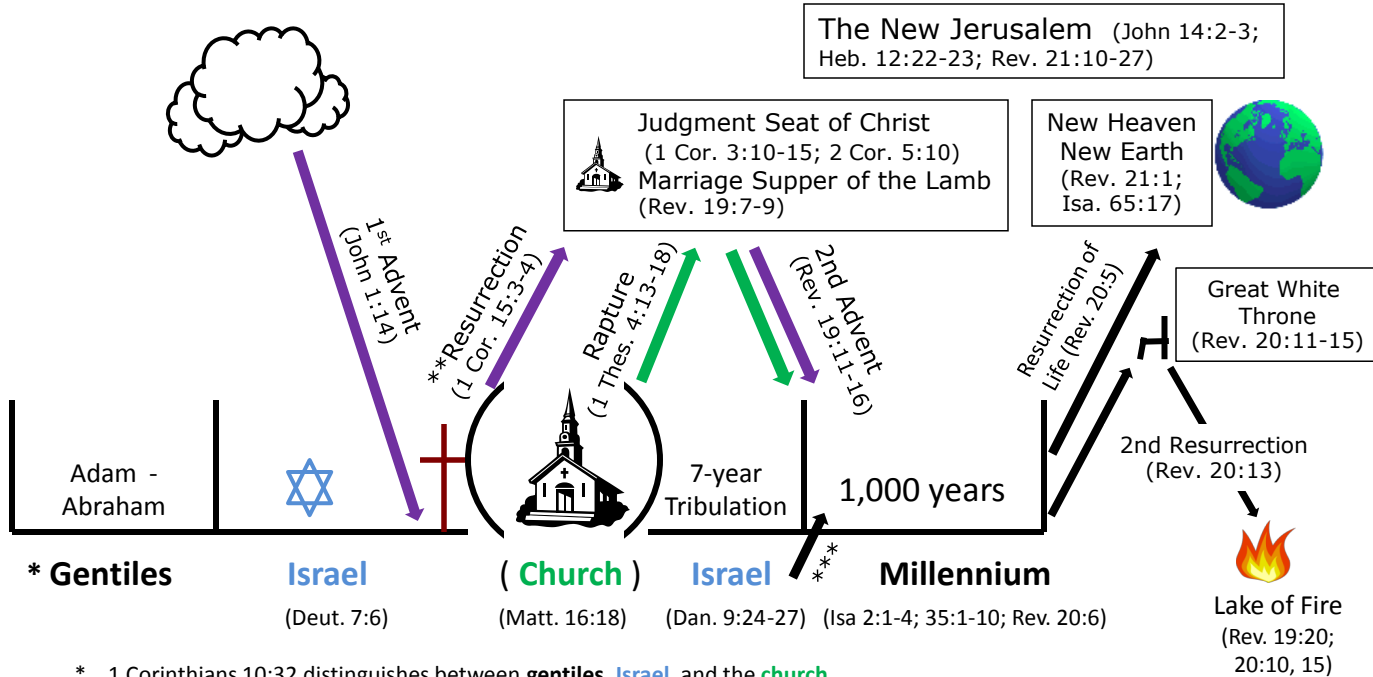


# BACKGROUND

- Timeline of the Bible
- Overview of OT History
- Our Glorious Future



# TIME LINE OF THE BIBLE



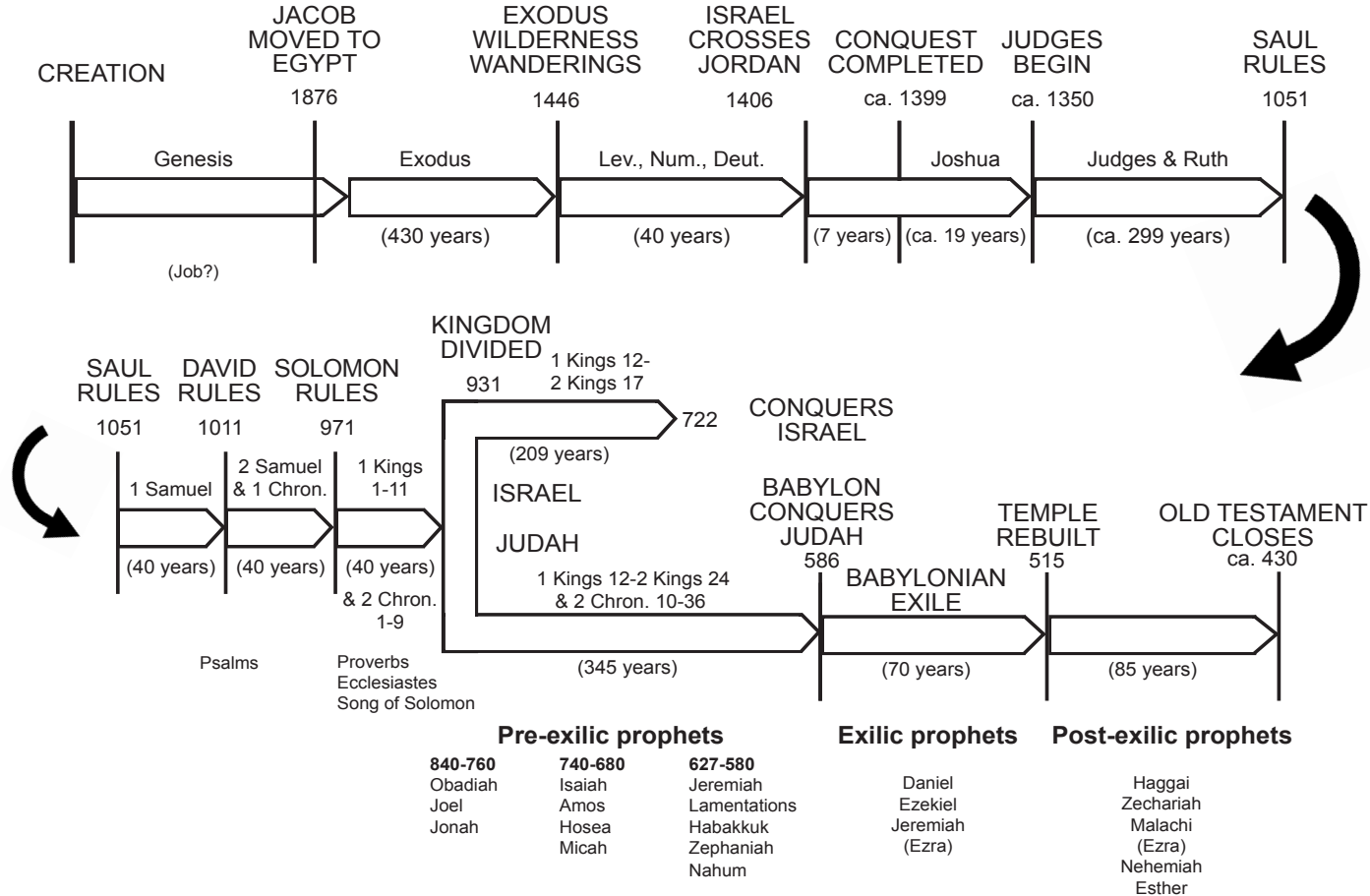
\* 1 Corinthians 10:32 distinguishes between **gentiles**, **Israel**, and the **church**

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

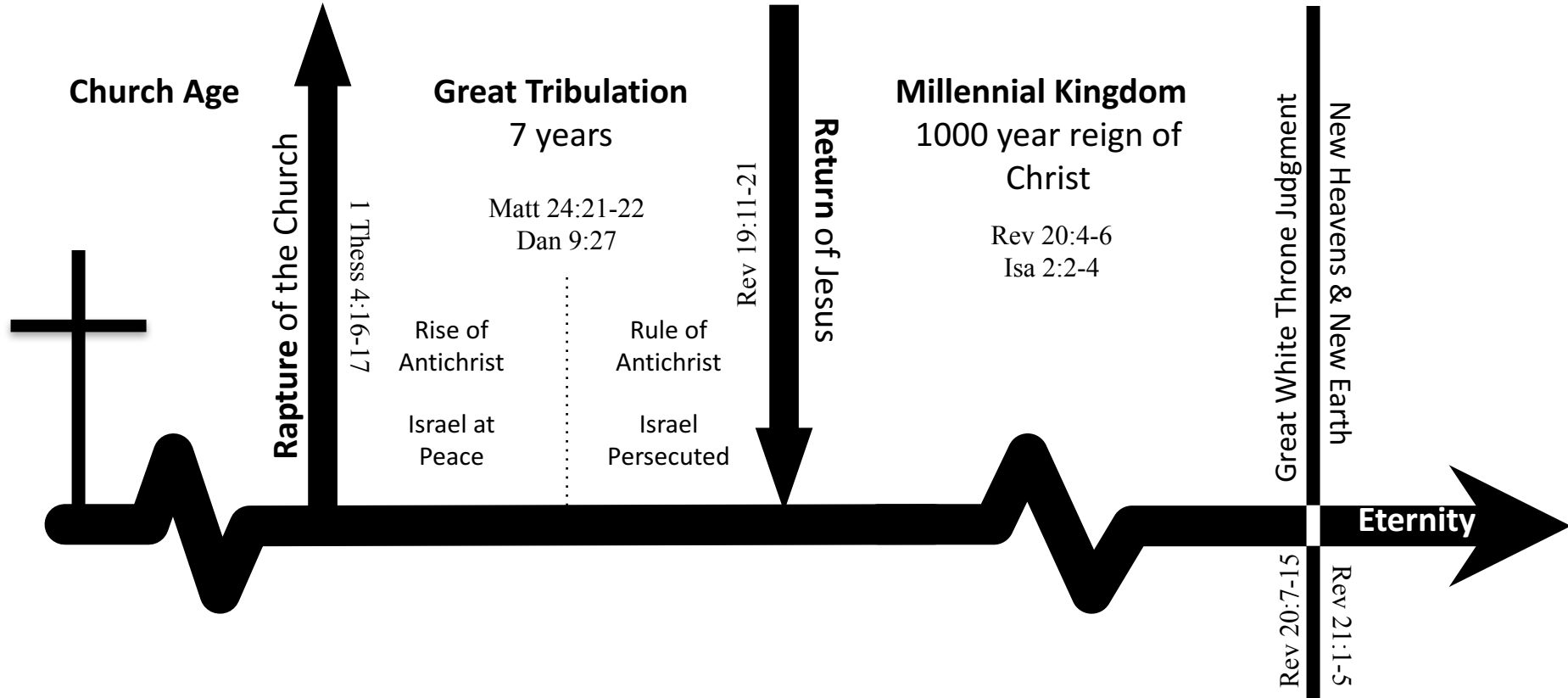
\*\*\* Resurrection of Old Testament Saints (Eze. 37:13-14) and martyred Tribulation saints (Rev. 20:4)



# An Overview of Old Testament History









# EVENTS OF REVELATION

- Tribulation (6-18)
- Christ's Return (19:11-21)
- Millennial Kingdom (20:1-10)
- Great White Throne (20:11-15)
- New Heavens & Earth (21-22)



# PURPOSE OF TRIBULATION

## **Purification/Conversion of Israel**

- Daniel 9:24
- Jeremiah 30:7
- Romans 11:25-27



# PURIFICATION OF ISRAEL

Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

Romans 11:25-27



# REVELATION 19-20

**19:11-21 → The Second Coming of Christ**

**20:1-3 → The Binding of Satan**

**20:4-6 → The Resurrection and Reward of the Martyrs**

**20:7-10 → The Defeat of Satan**



# GOD'S GOAL IN HISTORY

- **God desires to glorify Himself**
  - **by establishing His kingdom on earth**
- **through human representation**

What the Bible is About



# THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS

Gen. 12; 15; 17

**Abrahamic**

*Land, Descendants, Blessing (Physical & Spiritual)*

~2000 BC

Exod. 19-24

**Mosaic**

~1500 BC

2 Sam. 7

**Davidic**

*House, Throne, Kingdom*

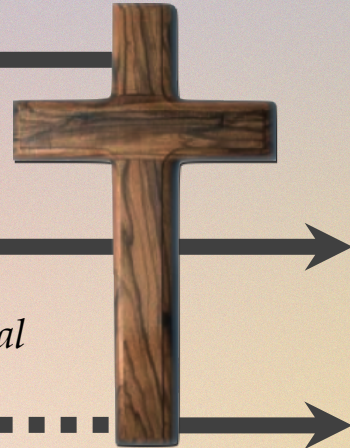
~1000 BC

Jer. 31:31-34;  
Ezek. 36:22-32

**New**

*Spiritual & Physical  
Restoration*

~500 BC





# WHAT'S LEFT TO FULFILL?

- **Abrahamic Covenant**

- \* Land

- ✓ Descendants

- \* Spiritual & Physical Blessings

- **Davidic Covenant**

- ✓ House (A King to Rule)

- ✓ Throne (Authority to Rule)

- \* Kingdom

- **New Covenant**

- ✓ Forgiveness

- Holy Spirit

- \* New Heart

- \* Restored Israel

- \* Prosperity



# MILLENNIAL KINGDOM CHARACTERISTICS

- **Theocracy** - Jesus rules in righteousness (Dan 7:13-14; Isa 11:1-5)



# THEOCRACY

I kept looking in the night visions and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming. And He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him (Son of Man) was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.

(Daniel 7:13-14)



# The Son of Man

- Who is The Son of Man in Daniel 7?
  - Jesus referred to Himself as “The Son of Man” over 80 times in the Gospels.
  - It is a widely used Messianic title, in keeping with the grandeur of Daniel’s vision in Daniel 7:1-14.



# THEOCRACY

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.



# THEOCRACY

He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist, and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

(Isaiah 11:1-5)



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# POPULATION

Only hold fast what you have until I come. The one who conquers and who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I Myself have received authority from My Father.

(Revelation 2:26-27)



# POPULATION

But the *saints* of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, forever and ever... until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the *saints* of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom... And the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the *saints* of the Most High;

(Daniel 7:18, 22, 27a)



# POPULATION

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

(Revelation 5:10)



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# POPULATION

I will magnify my great name that has been profaned among the nations, that you have profaned among them. The nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the sovereign LORD, when I magnify myself among you in their sight. “ ‘I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries; then I will bring you to your land. I will sprinkle you with pure water and you will be clean from all your impurities. I will purify you from all your idols.



# POPULATION

I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you; I will take the initiative and you will obey my statutes and carefully observe my regulations. Then you will live in the land I gave to your fathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

(Ezekiel 36:23-28)



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# WORLD PEACE

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”



# WORLD PEACE

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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# RESTORATION & PROSPERITY FOR ISRAEL

I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and multiply it; I will not bring a famine on you. I will multiply the fruit of the trees and the produce of the fields, so that you will never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations... This is what the sovereign LORD says: In the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will populate the cities and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be plowed, instead of being desolate in the sight of everyone who passes by. They will say, “This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; the ruined, desolate, and destroyed cities are now fortified and inhabited.” (Ezekiel 36:29-30, 33-35)



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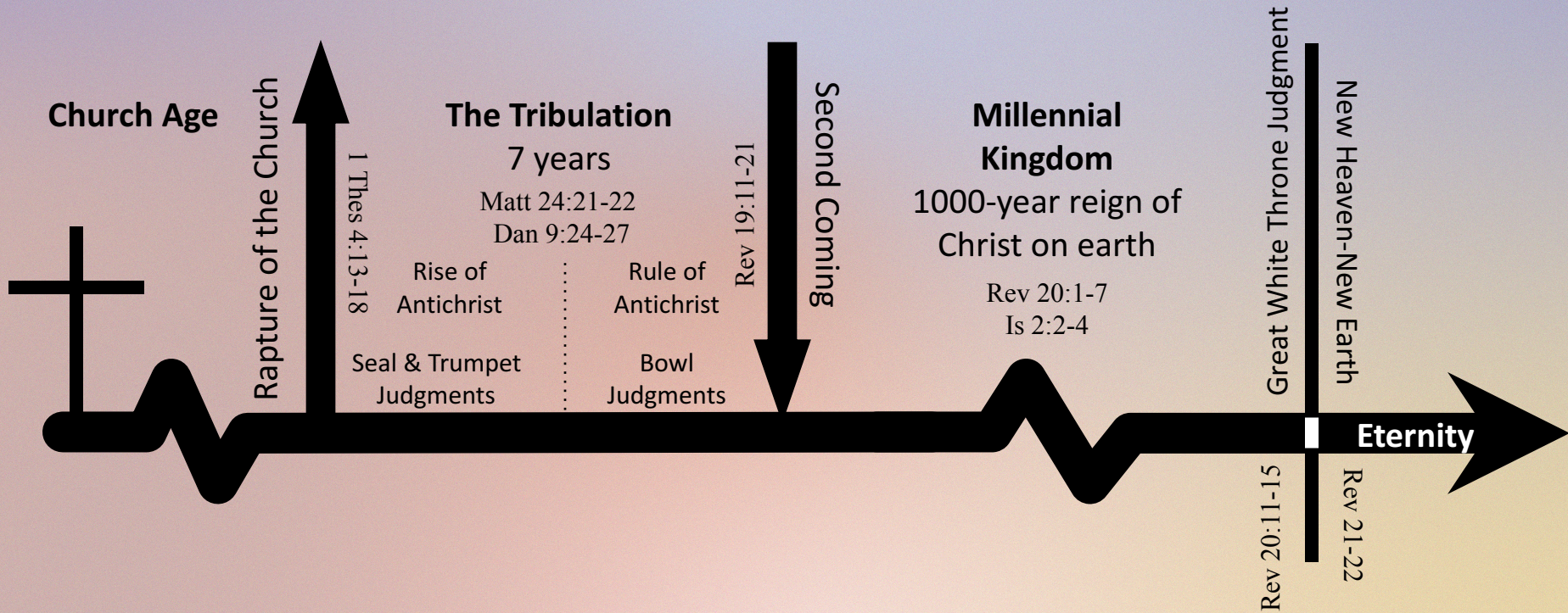
The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.



# RESTORATION & PROSPERITY FOR ISRAEL

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; but you shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy. (Isaiah 61:1-7)







# SO WHAT?

- What difference, if any, does knowledge of the Millennial Kingdom make in your daily life?
  - Does it affect your behavior?
  - Your priorities, hopes, and goals?
  - Your spending?
  - Your politics?
- How would your life be different if God revealed nothing about the future except that believers will spend eternity with Him?



# SO WHAT?

- Proves we can **TRUST** God
  - *He will be faithful to His promises, to Israel, and to me.*
- Proves our **CULPABILITY**
  - *We would still choose sin apart from grace, even if our lives were perfect!*
- Motivates my obedience through healthy **FEAR**
  - *Look at the Millennial Kingdom Bookends.*
- Gives me **HOPE**
  - *FINALLY, this is what I've been looking for!*



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