

# *Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship*

*Every word inspired.*



*Every word proclaimed.*

***“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28***



***“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”***

***Rev. 1:1-3***

***Part 1***

Sept. 11, 2016

## **Rev 1:1-3**

- 1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,
- 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.
- 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

## **Author:**

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# Island of Patmos

- 7.5 miles long X 6 miles wide.
- Rough terrain, rocky, hills.
- Moderate climate: Summer 85/74 Winter 58/49  
Rainy season: Nov. – February
- Now has population of approx. 3,000.
- *2 sites dedicated to John:*
  1. Monastery of St. John
  2. Cave of the Apocalypse





**ATHÈNES**

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Cyclades

Dodécanèse (Sporades méridionales)

CRÈTE

La Canée (Chaniá)

Héraclion (Candie)

Agios

Dikté

Sitia

Cnossos

Kato Zakros

Phaestos

Hrissi

Koufonissi

Gavdos

Pachnas 2453 Δ

Psiloritis 2456 Δ

Δ 2148

Corinthe  
Mycènes  
Argos  
Épidaure

Mistra  
Sparte  
Gythion

Néapolis  
Cythère

Le Pirée  
Égine  
Poros

Hydra  
Kythnos  
Sérifos

Siphnos  
Kimolos  
Antiparos  
Sikinos

Milo  
Folégandros  
Santorin (Théra)

Kea  
Tinos  
Mykonos

Syros  
Délos  
Naxos

Paros  
Keros

Amorgos  
Astypaléa  
Anafi

Icarie  
Fourni  
Lipsos

Patmos  
Léros

Kalymnos  
Kos

Nisyros  
Symi

Samos  
Kusadasi  
Aydin  
Söke

Bodrum

Rhodes

Rhodes  
Halki  
Tilos

Karpathos  
Kassos

Golfe de Laconie

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# ASIA-MINOR







# PATMOS































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# Revelation 1:19

Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.



# Purpose of the Book

To give believers, in advance, a view of how Jesus Christ judges the church, how He will judge the world, and how He becomes King, resulting in believers being called to holiness, godliness, and faithfulness.

## **2 Peter 3:10-11**

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,

## **1 John 3:2-3**

2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.



# Dates Set for the Return of Christ

51	1911
156	1928
650	1933
1000	1934
1044	1968
1065	1988
1774	1990
1843	2000
	2011

# 1 Thess 1:10

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven,



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**Overview:**

# **Content of the Book of Revelation**

- There are 278 allusions to the OT.
- There are no direct quotes from the OT.
- John assumes therefore that the reader understands and is familiar with the rest of the Bible.
- Revelation is the only prophetic book in the NT.
- Revelation gives God's view of history.

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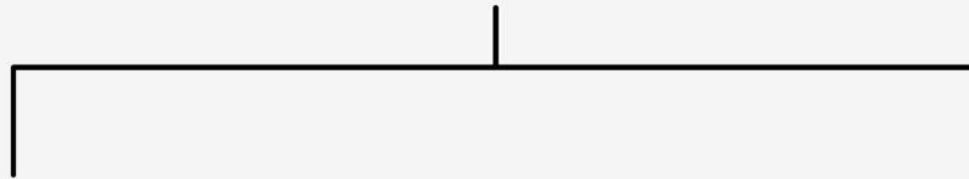


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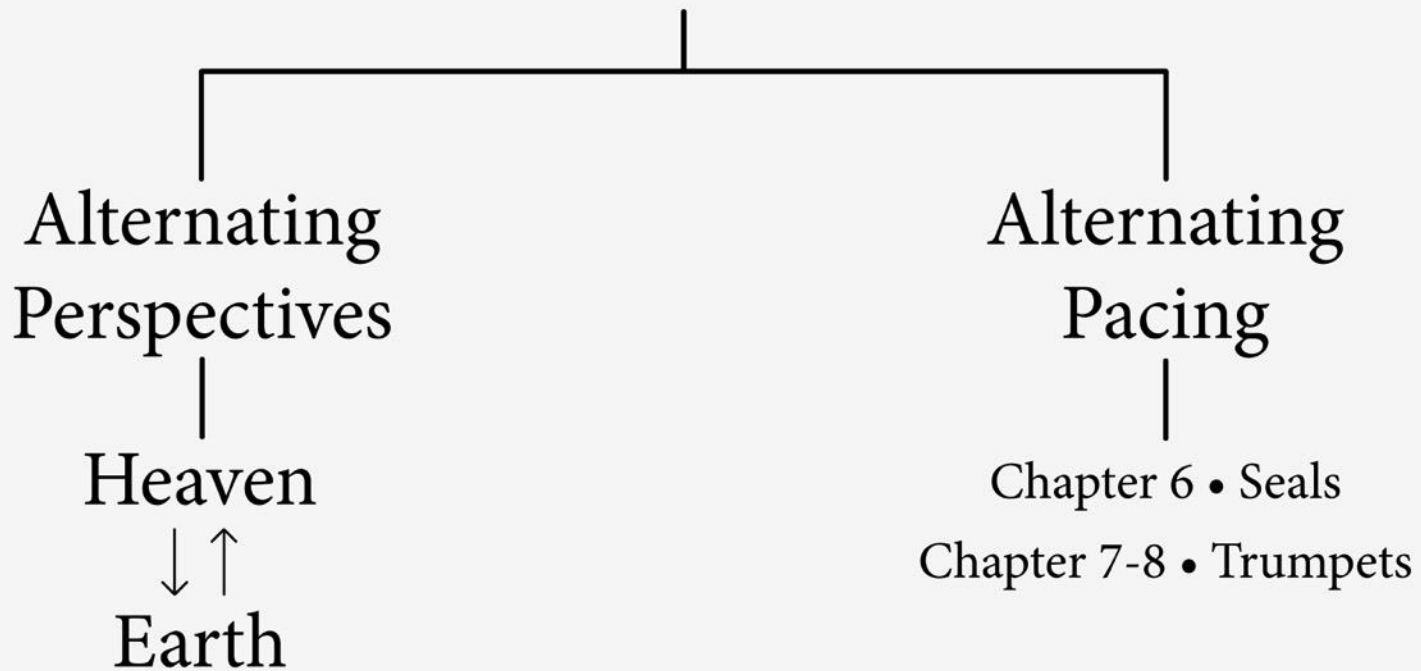


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Chapter 7-8 • Trumpets

Chapter 16 • Bowls

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Action



Interlude



# ***Prophecy can be either:***

## **IGNORED**

### **Why is the book of revelation ignored?**

1. Because it is too difficult to understand.
2. Because it is not taken literally.
3. Because pastors come from seminaries where they are taught to ignore it.
4. Because it takes time, study and hard work.
5. Because of sign-chasers and date setters/teasers.

## **ABUSED**

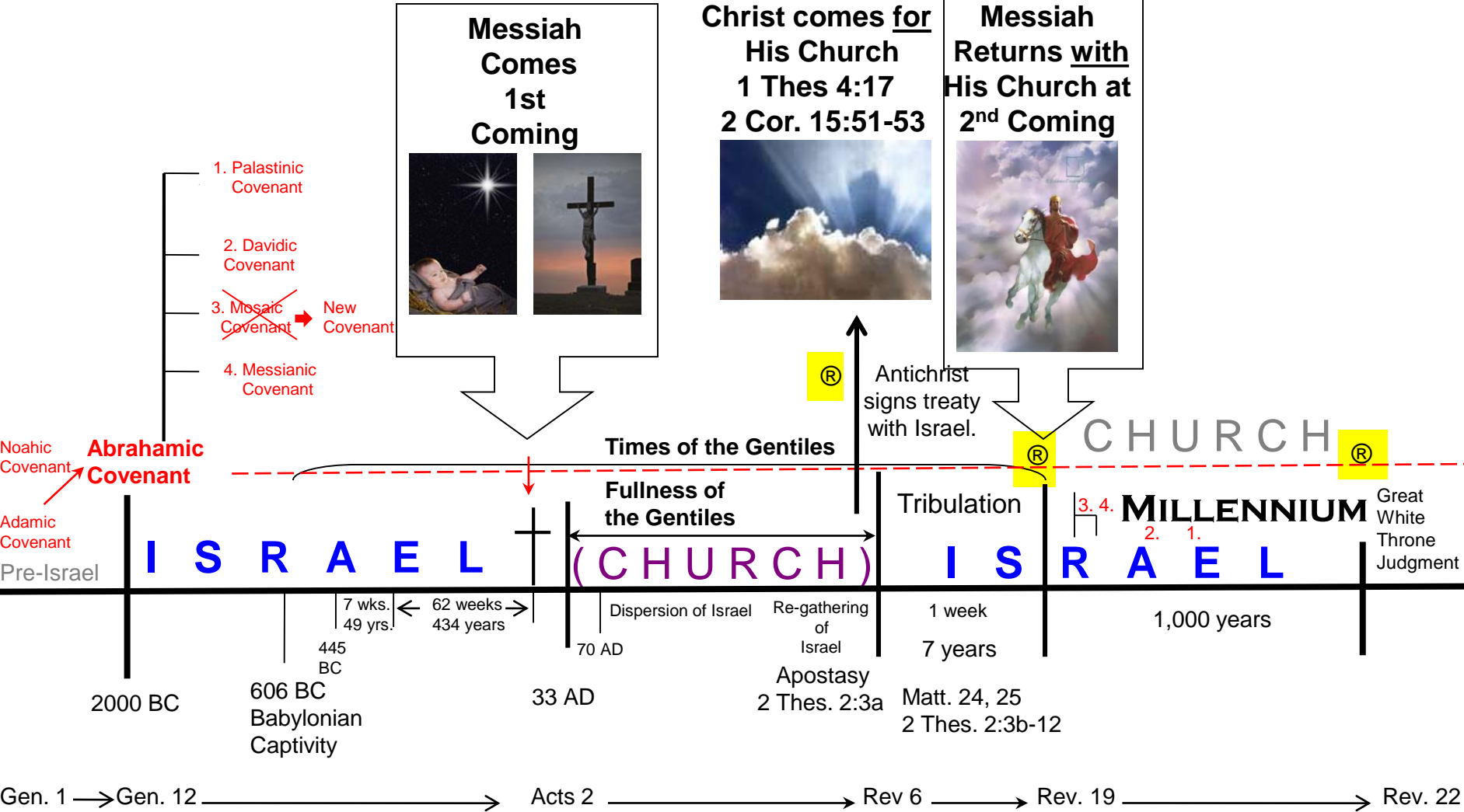
1. Prophecy has been used to sell books, tapes, CDs, DVDs, magazines, movies, conferences, etc.
2. Making it sensational – have people hanging on the latest sign or newspaper headline.
3. Set dates that prove false and do damage to the truth of God's Word.

Why are there so many interpretations and why so much confusion about the Book of Revelation and prophecy in general?

***5 reasons:***

1. Lack of Biblical understanding .

# Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



® = Resurrection

# Dr. Thomas Ice

First of all, I believe that the Book of Revelation is a "Grand Central Station" into which all future Bible prophecy flows.



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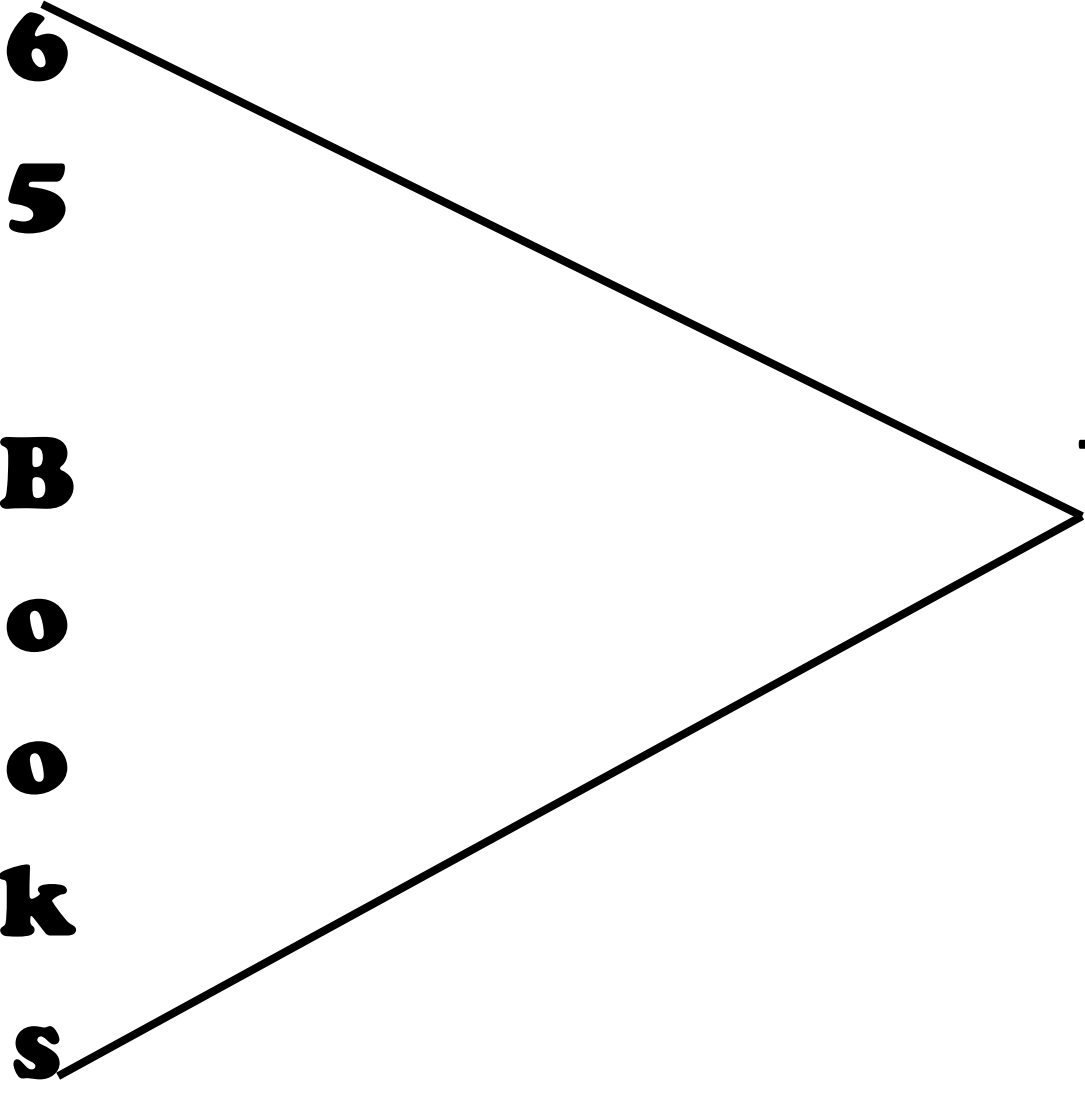
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**The Book of  
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# **WHAT HAPPENS TO:**

Sin

Judgment

Unbelievers

Abrahamic Covenant

Mosaic Covenant

Palastinic Covenant

Davidic Covenant

Noahic Covenant

Adamic Covenant

New Covenant

Israel

Church

Jesus Christ

Holy Spirit

OT Believers who have died

NT believers who have died

Nations

Satan  
Demons  
Angels  
Death  
Christ's enemies  
Evangelism  
Bible  
Heaven  
Hell  
False teachers  
God's wrath  
Salvation  
Sanctification  
Glorification  
Earth  
Stars  
Universe  
Animals

***If you are consistent and faithful in literally interpreting the Bible, then you will get Israel's covenants and promises right . . .***

***If you get Israel's covenants and promises right, you get Israel right . . .***

***If you get Israel right, then you get the Church right . . .***

***If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get prophecy right.***



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2. Lack of consistent literal interpretation.
3. Indifference.
4. Laziness.
5. Low view of the inspiration of the Bible.

# 3 Timing Questions

1. Overall Timing of Revelation
2. Timing of the Millennium
3. Timing of the Rapture

# 3 Timing Issues of Revelation

## Fulfillment of Revelation

- Preterism
- Historicism
- Idealism
- Futurism
- Eclecticism

## The Millennium

- Amillennialism
- Postmillennialism
- Premillennialism

## The Rapture

- Pre-Tribulation
- Mid-Tribulation
- Post-Tribulation
- Pre-Wrath

# Preterism

*Past*

Partial

Believe that **most...**

Full

Believe that **all...**

of the events described in Revelation were fulfilled in the first century with the fall of the city of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.



# Full Preterism

*Hyper • Extreme • Orthodox • Consistent*

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- The second coming has already happened.
- The resurrection of dead believers has already taken place.
- We're currently living in the New Heaven and New Earth.
- If there is an end to history, it isn't revealed in the Bible.

# Partial Preterism

The tribulation period and the majority of Biblical prophecies were fulfilled in the events surrounding 70 A.D.

# The Historicist View

The events of Revelation are being fulfilled in the present and are a panorama of church history from the time of the apostles to the second coming of Jesus.

# The Idealist View

The book of Revelation is timeless. Idealists believe that Revelation depicts a battle between the church and the world at all times in church history.

# The Futurist View

Revelation 4-22 describes real people and events who are yet to appear on the world scene at the end of history.



# Three Views of the Millennium

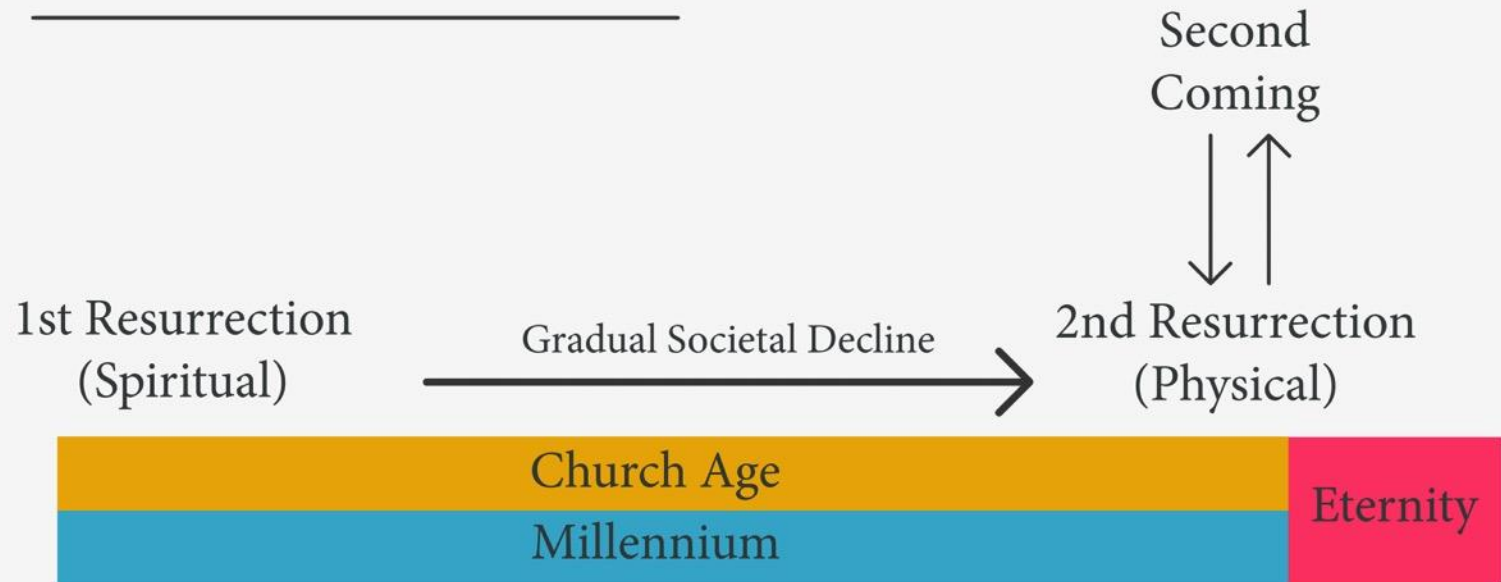
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**Amillennialism** - There will be no literal, visible millennium.

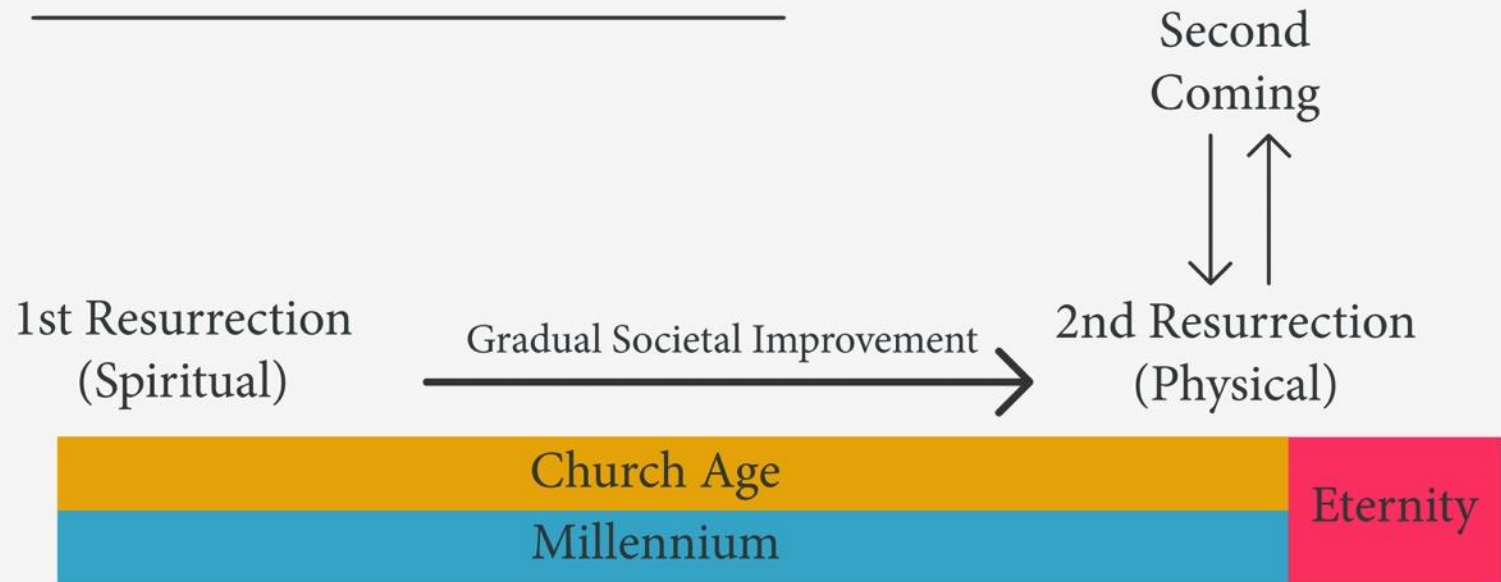
**Postmillennialism** - Jesus will return at the end of the millennium which will be established by the preaching of the gospel.

**Premillennialism** - Christ will return and setup His millennial kingdom on Earth and reign over it for 1,000 years.

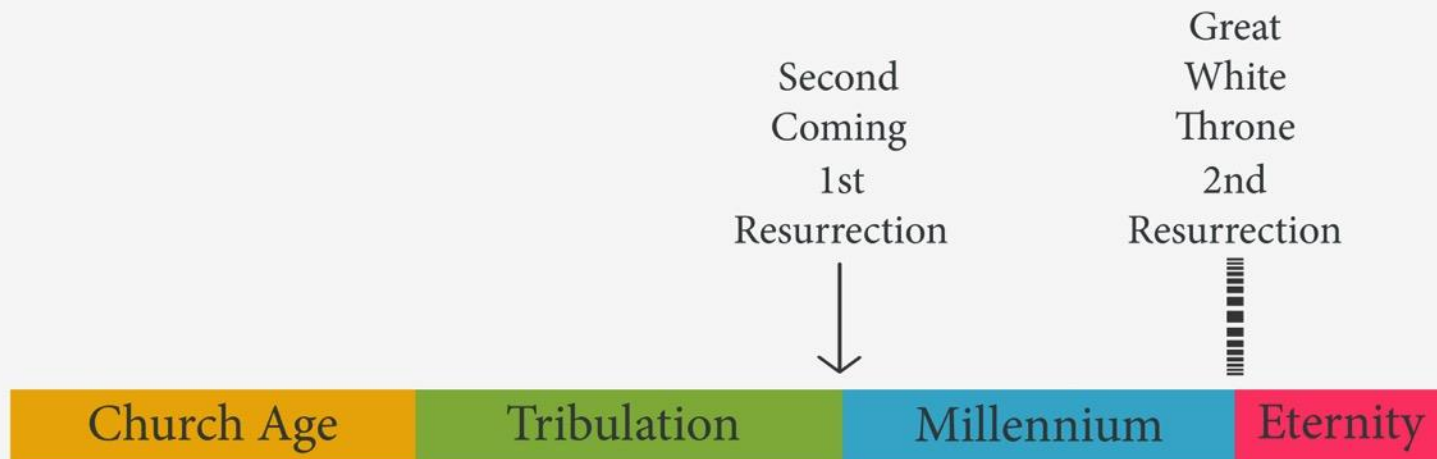
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# 4 Pillars of an Orthodox Eschatology

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Return  
of  
Jesus



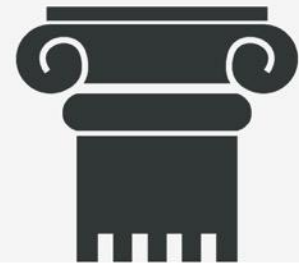
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Resurrection



Final  
Judgment



Literal  
Heaven  
& Hell

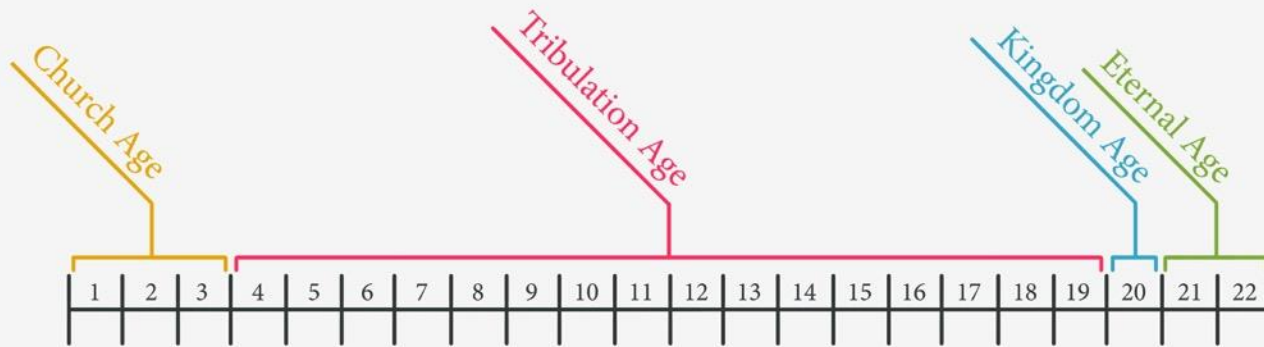


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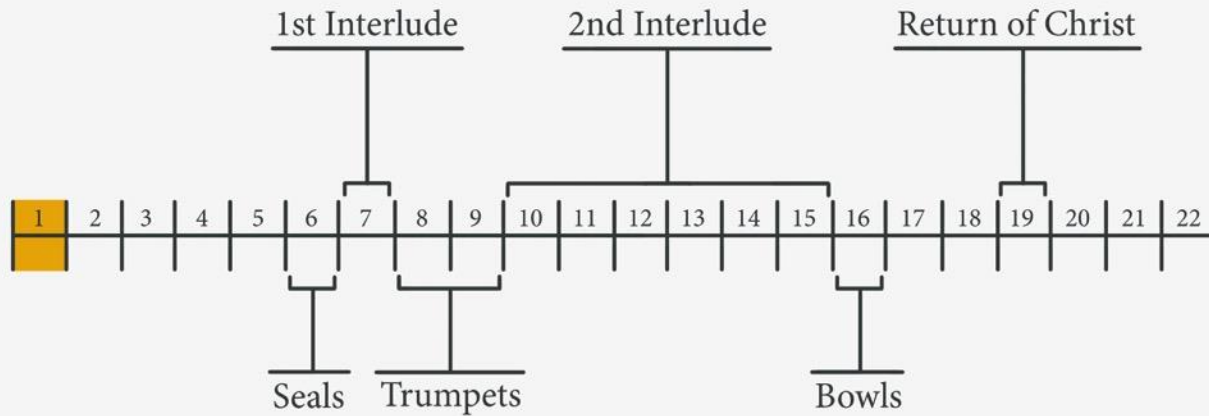
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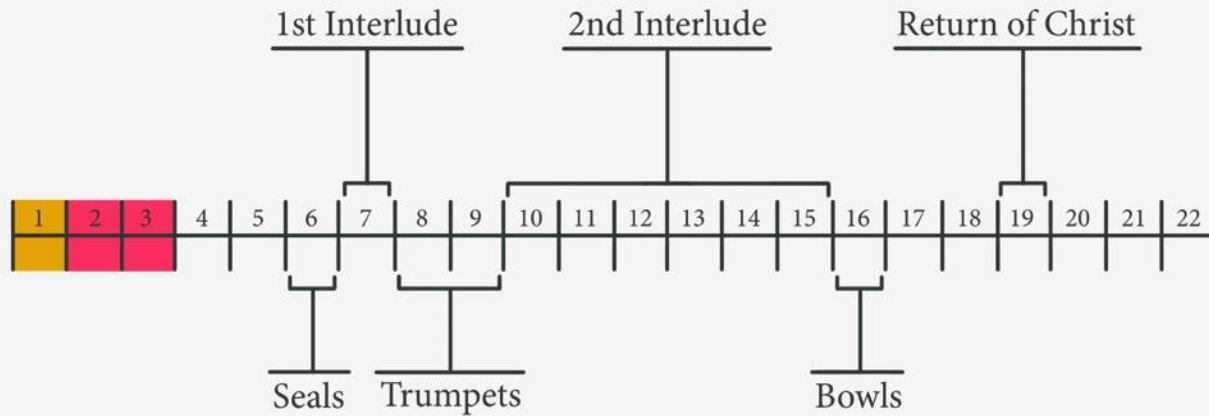
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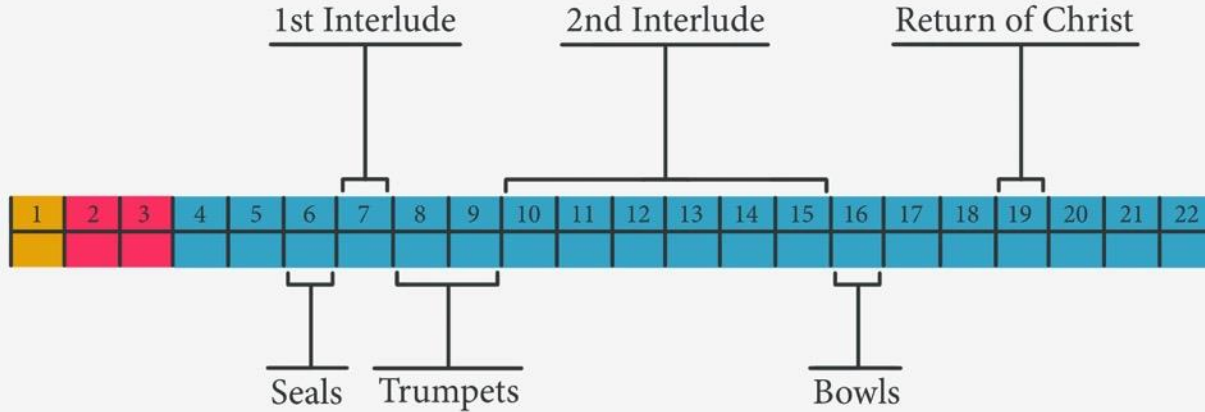
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