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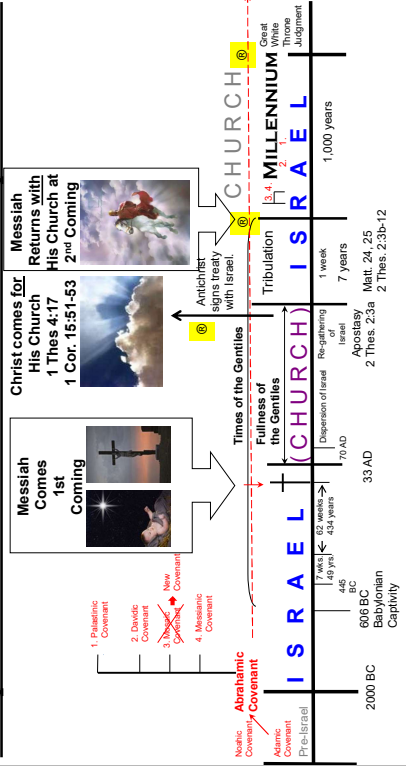
We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"The Glorified Appearance of Jesus Christ"

Rev. 1:9-16

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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Gen. 1 → Gen. 12 → Acts 2 → Rev. 6 → Rev. 19 → Rev. 22

☉ = Resurrection

"παρουσία"

parousia

"coming (22 X) or presence (2X)"

Mat 24:3

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your *parousia*, and of the end of the age?"

Mat 24:27

"For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the *parousia* of the Son of Man be.

Mat 24:37

"For the *parousia* of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

Mat 24:39

and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the *parousia* of the Son of Man be.

1 Co 15:23

But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His *parousia*,

1 Co 16:17

I rejoice over the *parousia* of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part.

2 Cor 7:6

But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the *parousia* of Titus;

2 Cor 7:7

and not only by his *parousia*, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in you, as he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your zeal for me; so that I rejoiced even more.

2 Cor 10:10

For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his personal *parousia* (*presence*) is unimpressive and his speech contemptible."

Phil 1:26

so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my *parousia* to you again.

Phil 2:12

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my *parousia* (*presence*) only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;

1 Th 2:19

For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His *parousia*?

1 Th 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the *parousia* of our Lord Jesus with all His [fn]saints.

1 Th 4:15

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the *parousia* of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1 Th 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the *parousia* of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Th 2:1

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the *parousia* of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

2 Th 2:8

Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His *parousia*;

2 Th 2:9

that is, the one whose *parousia* is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and [fn]signs and false wonders,

Jas 5:7

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the *parousia* of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

Jas 5:8

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the **parousia** of the Lord is near.

2 Pet 1:16

For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and **parousia** of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

2 Pet 3:4

and saying, “Where is the promise of His **parousia**? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.”

2 Pet 3:12

looking for and hastening the **parousia** of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

1 John 2:28

Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His **parousia**.

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“the coming of Christ”

2 Part Coming

Part 1

“Christ comes FOR His saints IN the clouds”



Part 2

Christ comes WITH His saints WITH the clouds”



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John was:

1. A family member – “brother”.

2. A co-partner in the fellowship of believers.

a. In the tribulation.

b. In the Kingdom.

c. In perseverance.

3. On Patmos because:

a. He declared the Word of God.

b. He gave testimony concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

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“in the Spirit” meant –

“Carried beyond normal sense into a state where God could reveal supernaturally the contents of this book.”

- Dr. John Walvoord

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 - There are four references to John being “in the Spirit” in the Book of Revelation:
 1. At Patmos (Revelation 1:10)
 2. In heaven (Revelation 4:2)
 3. In the wilderness (Revelation 17:3)
 4. On the mountain of God (Revelation 21:10)

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“the Lord's Day”

- Among the pagans of the Roman Empire, the first day of each month was called “Emperors Day” in honor of the Roman Emperor.
- First day of the week:

1 Cor 16:2

2 On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.

1 Cor 11:20

20 Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper,

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- **Trumpets were used at events of great importance:**

- A trumpet announced the manifestation of God's presence upon Mount Sinai (Ex. 19:16; 20:18).
- The year of jubilee when all debts were forgiven was heralded by the blast of a trumpet (Lev. 25:9).
- The sounding of trumpets were used for the downfall of Jericho (Jos. 6:4-20).
- A trumpet will attend God's overthrow of the kingdoms of the earth (Ps. 45:7)
- A trumpet warns that the Day of the Lord is at hand (Joel 2:1).
- A trumpet signals the gathering of the Church at the Rapture (1Cor. 15:42; 1Th. 4:6)
- A trumpet gathers the elect prior to the Millennial Kingdom(Mat. 24:31).
- Trumpets attend significant events in the book of Revelation (Rev. 8:2+, 6+, 13+; 9:14+).

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This is the first of twelve times that John wrote that he received instruction to write what he saw -

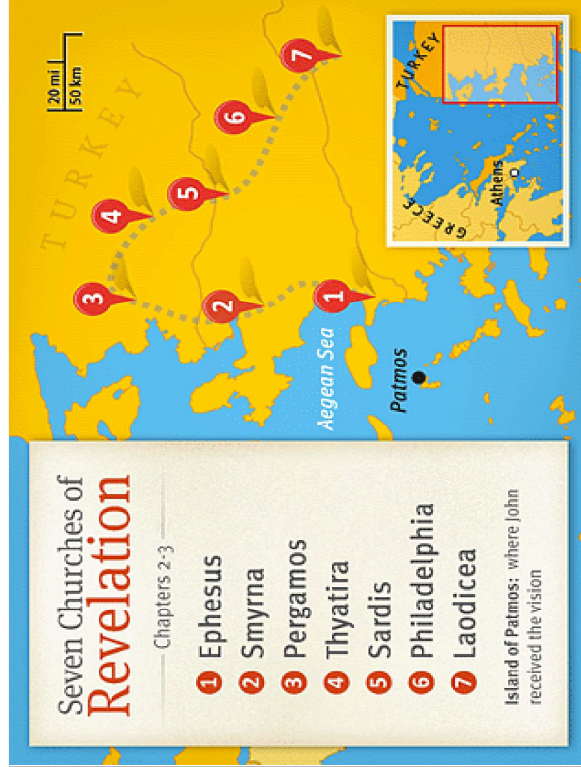
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- Revelation 19:9
- Revelation 21:5

Writing under stress -

- Moses wrote the Pentateuch in the wilderness.
- David wrote many psalms while being pursued by Saul.
- Isaiah wrote during difficult days and died a martyr's death.
- Ezekiel wrote in exile.
- Jeremiah wrote life during much trial and persecution.
- Paul wrote letters to the churches from jail.
- Peter wrote his two letters shortly before martyrdom.
- John's conditions were harsh, brutal, and bleak on a barren island - 1. Hard labor in the marble mines, under a Roman guard. 2. Insufficient food and clothing.
- 3. Sleeping on bare ground. 4. 80 - 90 years old.

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Christ at the center –

Luke 2:46

46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, **sitting in the midst of the teachers**, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Matt 18:20

20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, **I am there in their midst.**"

John 20:19

19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and **stood in their midst** and said to them, "Peace be with you."

Acts 2:22

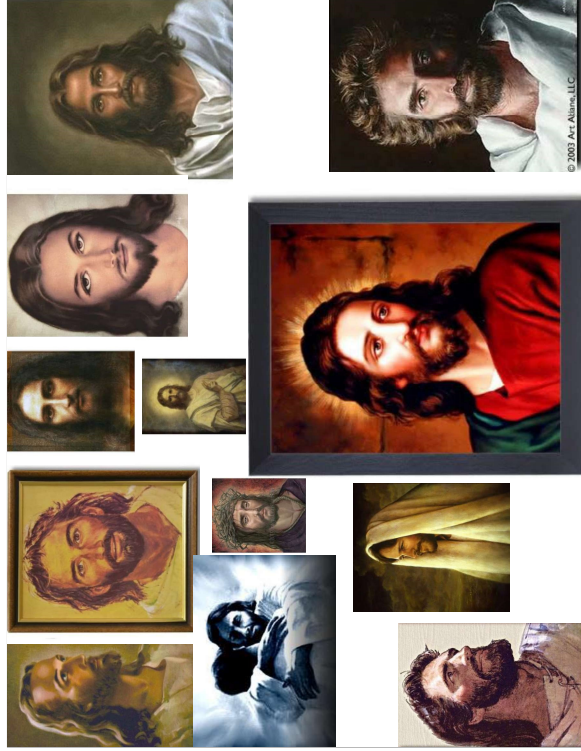
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Isa 53:2

2 For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
And like a root out of parched ground;
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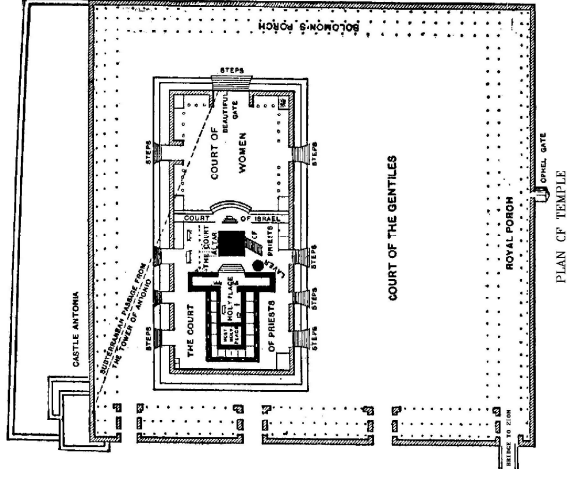


2 Cor 5:16

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

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• Dan 7:9

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- Eyes:** "were like a flame of fire"
- Fire is often associated with judgment in the Scriptures (Matthew 5:22, 2 Peter 3:7).
 - Christ's eyes displayed a searching, discerning, penetrating judgment.
 - Jesus Christ will move through these churches searching every heart, every doctrinal belief, every action, every sin, He will not miss a detail. He will discern all motives, "everything will be laid bare to Him", and He will judge as a penetrating laser beam.

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Voice: "was like the sound of many waters"

- The roar and rush of a large volume of water (i.e. waterfall)
- Christ will speak with great authority, majesty, and power to the churches.

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Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Eph 6:17

17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

- The standard against which everything will be judged, is the Word of God.

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Face: "was like the sun shining in its strength."

- This is the holiness and righteousness shining forth from the person of Christ as He moves among the churches.
- Christ is pure light and causes everything to be dim in comparison.

"I pray you, dear friends, when you go to a place of worship, always try to see the Lord's face rather than the stars in his hand; look at the sun, and you will forget the stars."

- Spurgeon

Heb 1:1-2

- 1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
- 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son,

Christ is qualified to judge -

1. He judges the churches (ch. 2-3).
2. He judges the whole earth (ch.4-16).
3. He judges Babylonianism (ch. 17-18).
4. He judges the world rulers at Armageddon (Revelation 19:19-21).
5. He judges Satan (Revelation 20:1-3; Revelation 20:10).
6. He judges the earth during the Millennium (Revelation 20:4-6).
7. He judges the rebellious earth at the end of the Millennium (Revelation 20:7-9).
8. He judges all the unsaved dead (Revelation 20:11-15).



**Edward Perronet
(1726-1792)**

Born in Sundridge, Kent, England, Perronet was the son of Vincet Perronet,¹ and a descendant of a French Huguenot family which fled first to Switzerland and then to England to escape religious persecution. Perronet's legacy lives on as Christian communities continue to sing what has come to be known as the "National Anthem of Christianity" in churches around the world... "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name".

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! 3. Let every kindred, every tribe,
Let angels prostrate fall; On this terrestrial ball,
Bring forth the royal diadem, To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all. And crown Him Lord of all!
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And crown Him Lord of all. And crown Him Lord of all!
2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, 4. Oh, that with yonder sacred
Ye ransomed from the fall, throng
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, We at His feet may fall!
And crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song,
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The missionary, Rev. E. P. Scott, while laboring in India, saw on the street one of the strangest looking heathen his eyes had ever lit upon. On inquiry he found that he was a representative of one of the inland tribes that lived away in the mountain districts and that came down once a year to trade. Upon further investigation he found that the Gospel had never been preached to them and that it was dangerous to venture among them because of their murderous tendencies. He was stirred with much desire to break unto them the Bread of Life. He went to his lodging-place, fell upon his knees and pleaded for Divine direction. Arising, he packed his suitcase, took his violin with which he was accustomed to sing and his pilgrim staff, and started in the direction of the Macedonian cry. As he bade his fellow missionaries farewell, they said, "We shall never see you again. It is madness for you to go." For two days he travelled, scarcely meeting a human being, until at last he found himself in the mountains surrounded by a crowd of savages. Every spear was pointed at his heart. Not knowing of any other resource he tried the power of singing the name of Jesus to them. Drawing forth his violin he began with closed eyes: "**All hail the power of Jesus name!**" Afraid to open his eyes he sang on till the third verse, and while singing this verse—

"**Let every kindred, every tribe,**" —he opened his eyes to see what they were going to do, when, lo! the spears had dropped from their hands and the big tears were falling from their eyes. They afterwards invited him to their homes, an invitation gladly accepted. He spent two years and a half amongst them. His labors were greatly blessed, and he had so won upon their affections that when he was compelled to leave on account of impaired health for this country, they followed him for thirty miles. O missionary, they said, come back to us again. He has gone back and there is laboring still.

