



**“Seal #6: Shaking the Universe”**

**Part 2**

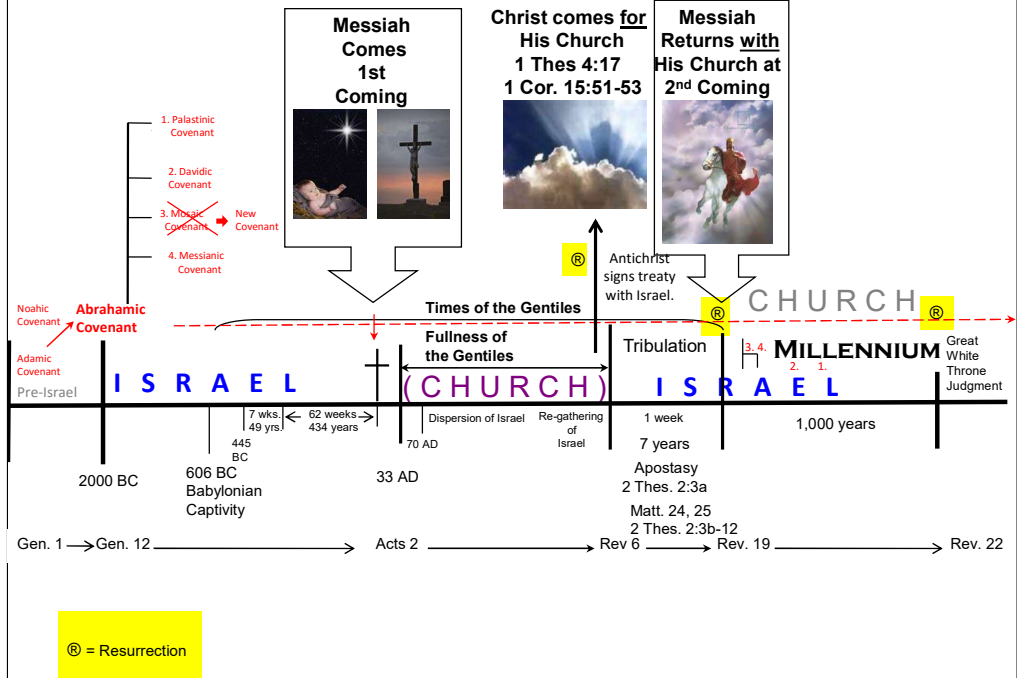
**Rev. 6:15-18**

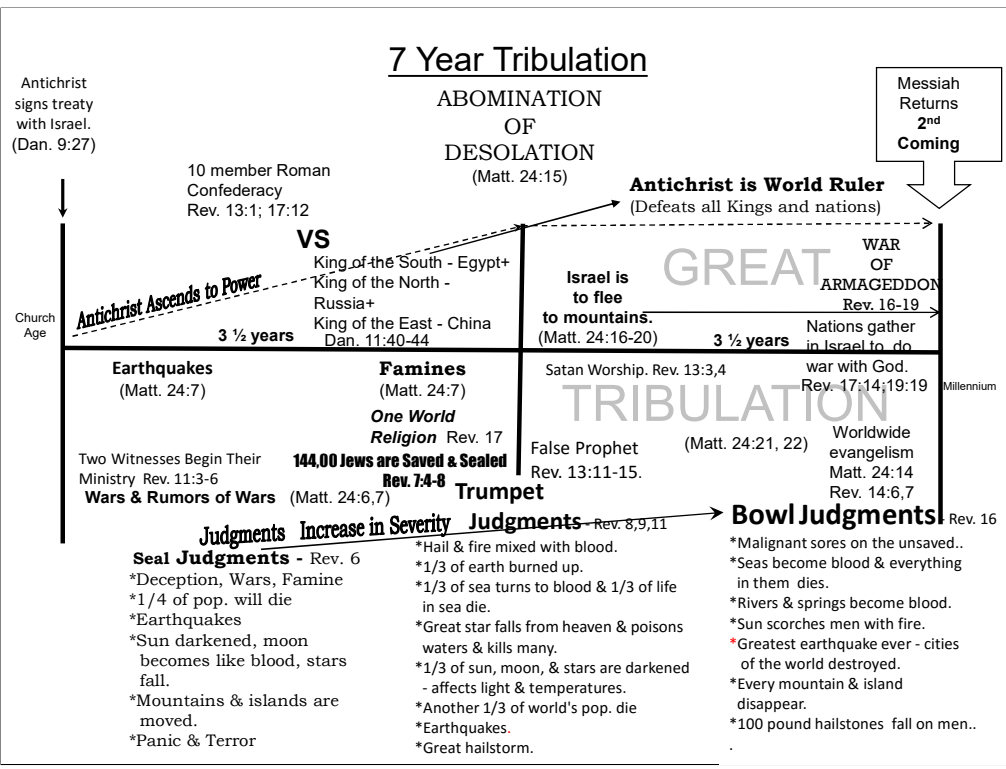
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**Rom 11:22**

“Behold then the kindness and severity of God”

**Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events**



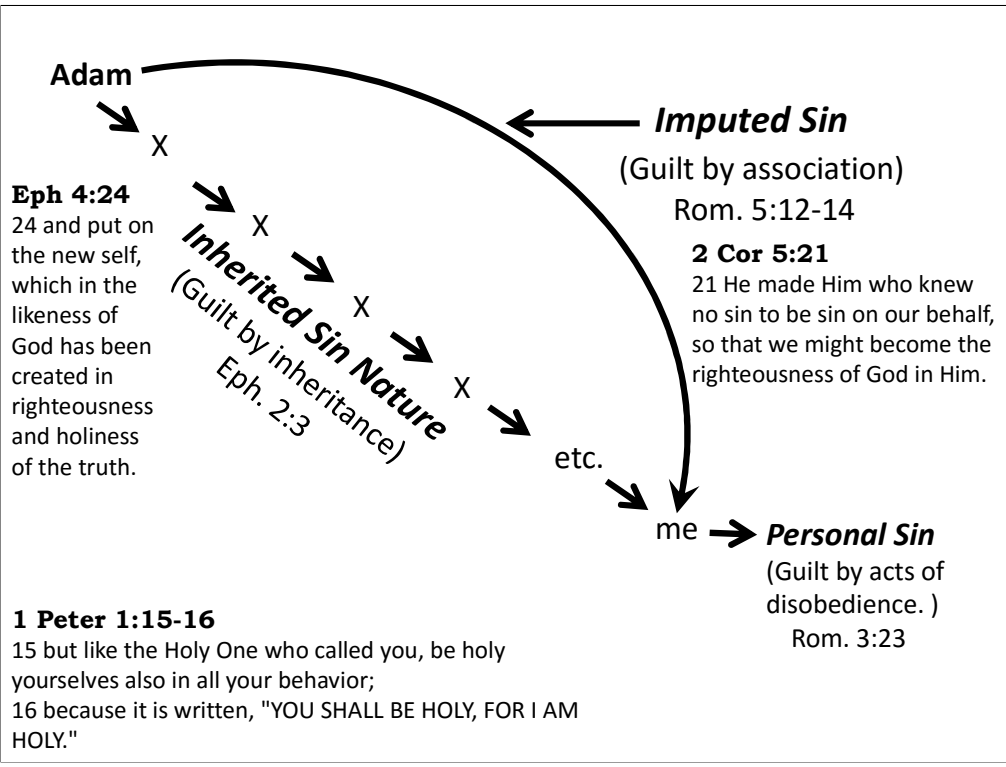


## Rev 6:12-14

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.



### 2 Views - The Cause of "Natural Disasters"

<u>Condition of Man</u>	<u>Motive</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Result</u>
Man is basically good	A loving God would never bring "natural disasters."	Mother Nature	Bad luck Bad timing
Man is sinful and deserving of judgment.	"Natural disasters" are God's judgment on sinful man.	God	God determines who gets what, where, and when.

“Against the overwhelming weight and seriousness of the Bible, much of the church is choosing, at this very moment, to become more light and shallow and entertainment-oriented, and therefore successful in its irrelevance to massive suffering and evil. The popular God of fun-church is simply too small and too affable to hold a hurricane in his hand. The biblical categories of God’s sovereignty lie like landmines in the pages of the Bible waiting for someone to seriously open the book. They don’t kill, but they do explode trivial notions of the Almighty.”

- John Piper

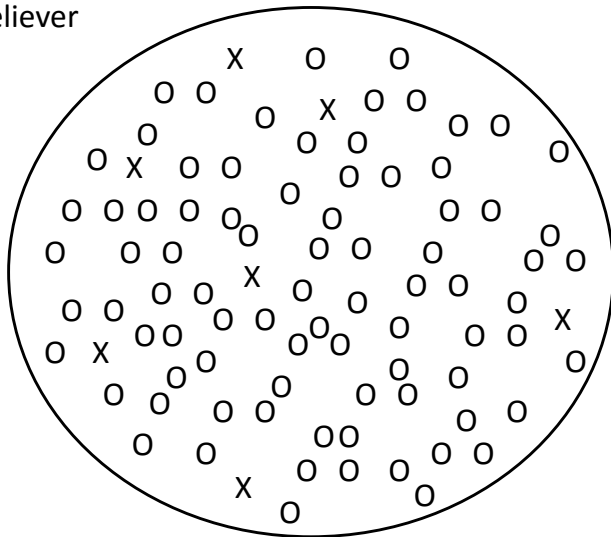
- 50,000,000 people die every year in this world.
- Over 6,000 every hour.
- Over one hundred every minute.
- 15,000 during the 2 ½ hrs. we meet.

***\*Calamities draw attention to that which is happening every day.***

X = believer

### A Calamity

O = unbeliever



### Why Does God Cause Calamities?

Amos 3:6

If a calamity occurs in a city has not the Lord done it?

#### Unbelievers

1. To display His justice against sin.
2. To serve as a warning to them of the judgment to come.
3. That many may be the recipients of mercy, compassion, and efforts of relief.
4. To expose them to the gospel.
5. To possibly save some.

#### Believers

1. To be purified. Weans us off the poisonous pleasures of this world.
2. To declare God’s purposes in tragedies.
3. That they may be the recipients of mercy, compassion, and efforts of relief.
4. To share the gospel.
5. To take some home.

## **Hab 3:17-18**

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom  
And there be no fruit on the vines,  
Though the yield of the olive should fail  
And the fields produce no food,  
Though the flock should be cut off from the fold  
And there be no cattle in the stalls,  
18 Yet I will exult in the Lord,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

## **Calamities in the Bible –**

### **1. The Flood.**

#### **Gen 6:5,7**

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.  
7 The Lord said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky;

### **2. Job.**

#### **Job 1:16**

16 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

#### **Job 1:18-19**

18 While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house,  
19 and behold, a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people and they died, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

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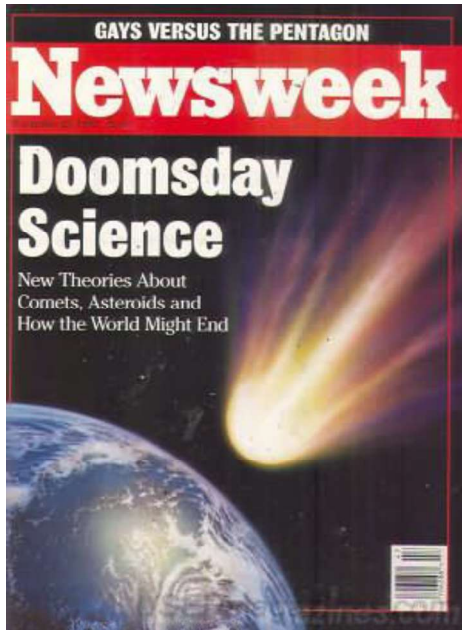
**EVERY ISLAND AND EVERY MOUNTAIN MOVES BECAUSE OF  
THE INSTABILITY OF THE EARTH'S CRUST**

**Hundreds of millions are dead**

**There is no escape**

**There is no one to come to the rescue**

**Panic and terror are everywhere**



November 23, 1992

"Doomsday science, how will the world end? On March 23, 1989 an asteroid a half mile across missed the earth by just seven hundred thousand miles. No one saw it coming. If it had arrived a mere six hours later, it might have wiped out civilization. Astronomers are scurrying to start a census of just what threats lurk in the solar system and as the pace of discovery picks up, so should the pace of any earthling's heart. Earth runs its course about the sun in a swarm of asteroids...says astronomer Donald Yeomans of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena...sooner or later our planet will be struck by one of them."

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## Who Will Escape His Wrath?

"kings of the earth" – positions in government/rulership

"the great men" – positions in industry/business

"the commanders" – positions in the military

"the rich" – positions of wealth

"the strong" – positions of influence

"every slave" - no position

"every free man" – no position

**\*\*God is no respecter of persons or positions. His wrath and judgment will fall on all who are not covered by the blood of the Lamb.**

**Isa 26:10**

10 Though the wicked is shown favor,  
He does not learn righteousness;  
He deals unjustly in the land of uprightness,  
And does not perceive the majesty of the Lord.

**Matt 24:38-39**

38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,  
39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**2 Thess 2:10-12**

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

**Heb 10:26-27,31**

26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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**Isa 2:10,11,19-21**

10 Enter the rock and hide in the dust

From the terror of the Lord and from the splendor of His majesty.

11 The proud look of man will be abased

And the loftiness of man will be humbled,

And the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

19 Men will go into caves of the rocks

And into holes of the ground

Before the terror of the Lord

And the splendor of His majesty,

When He arises to make the earth tremble.

20 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats

Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,

Which they made for themselves to worship,

21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs

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***Five things about their reaction:***

1. They want to die. They start praying . . . to Mother Nature. Their prayer is really a death wish.
2. They are struck with terror. Hide us. They know who is causing this - God and the "Lamb".
3. They are unrepentant even though they know they are facing the day of God's wrath poured out against sin.
4. Their reaction will shut everything down – no buying, no selling, no travel, no planning for the future – the whole world comes to a standstill while it is shaking.
5. They seek to flee from God -
  - Suicide (we have no hope)
  - Annihilationism (we want no future existence)
  - Hard hearts (we do not want to repentant)

“What sinners dread most is not death, but the revealed presence of God.”

- Henry Swete



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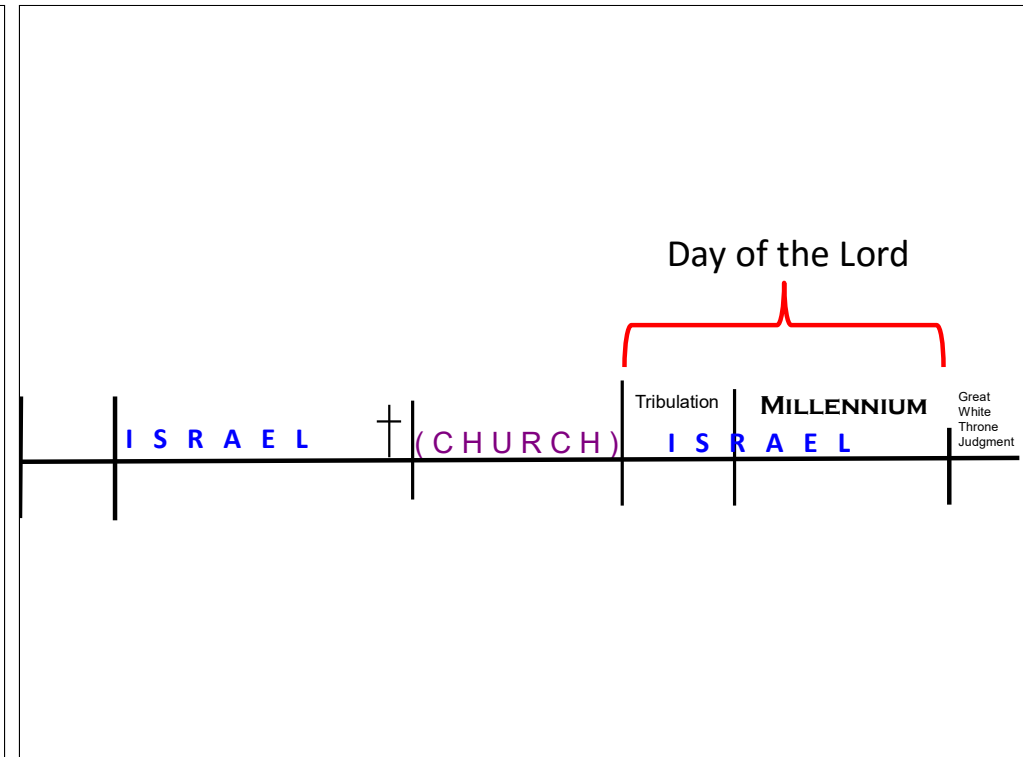
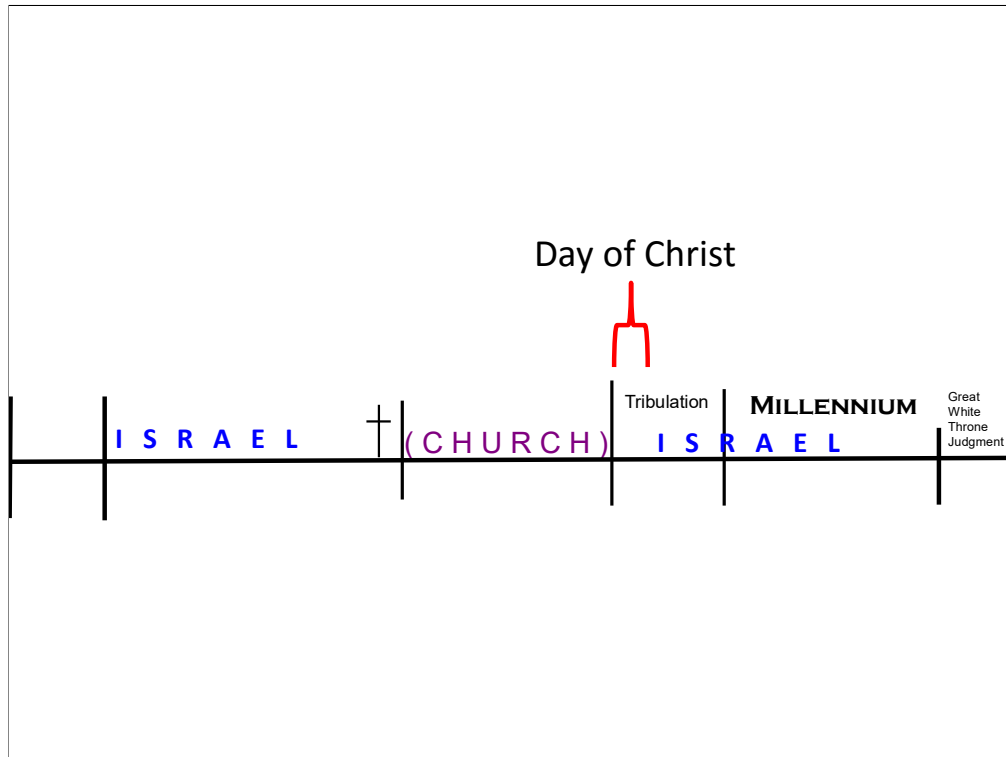
The Day of Christ is that period of time which begins with the rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:14-18) and includes the events which follow in heaven at the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage of the Lamb (1 Cor. 1:8; 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16). The Day of Christ is a time of reward and blessing for the Church following the Rapture.

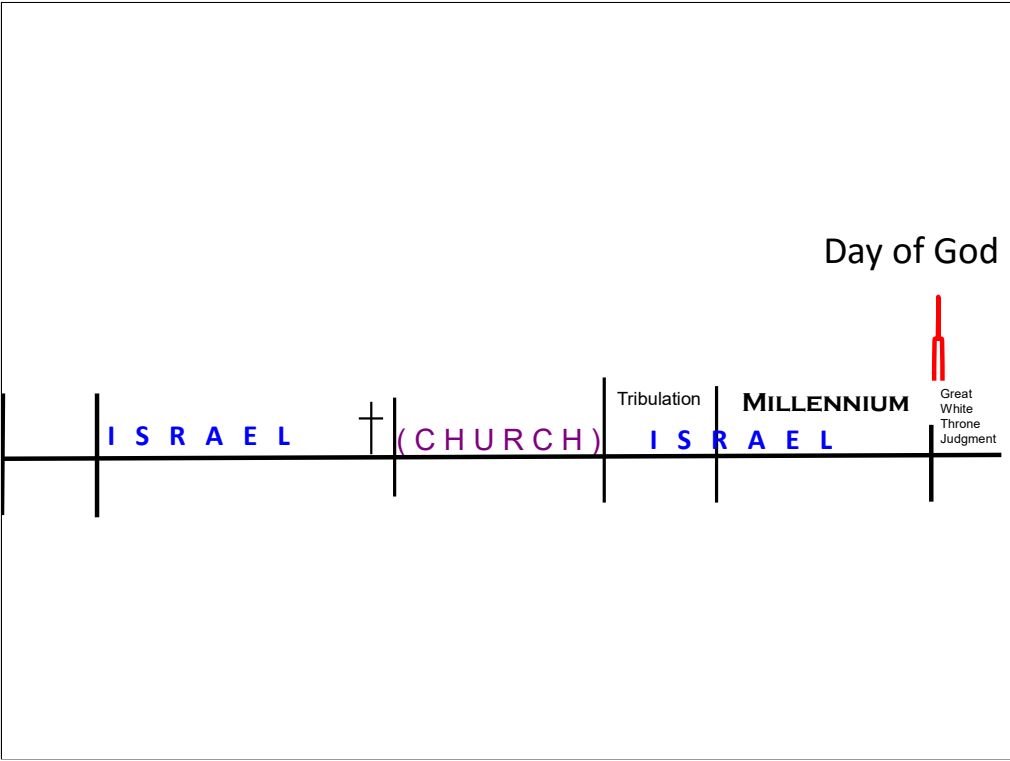
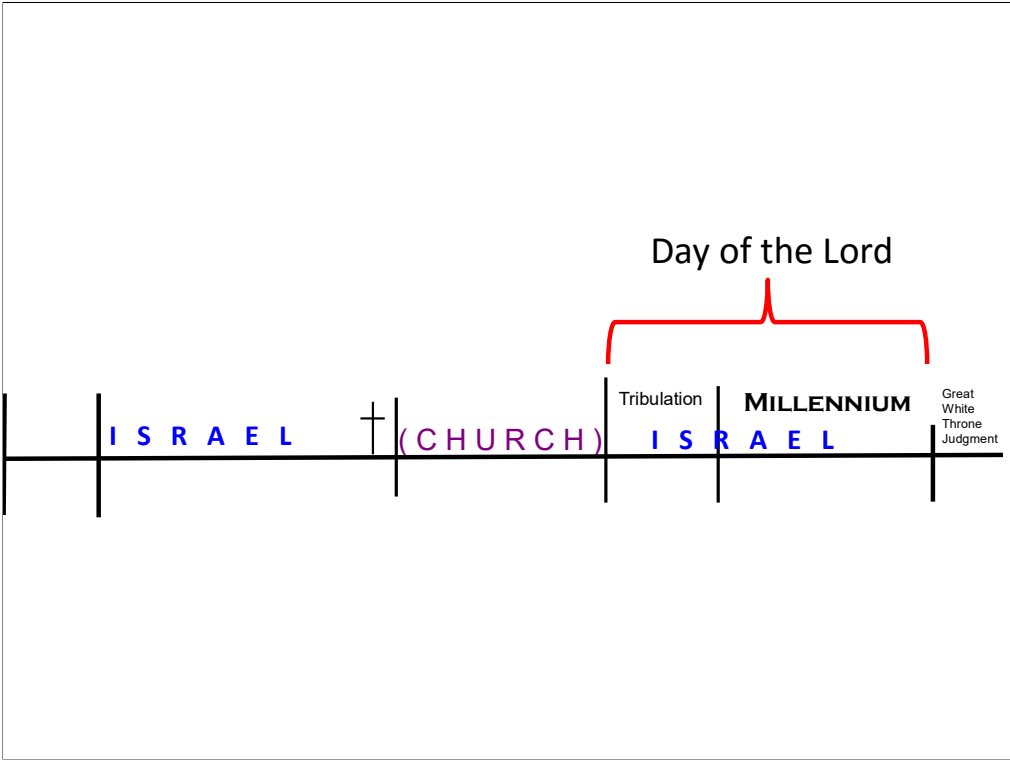
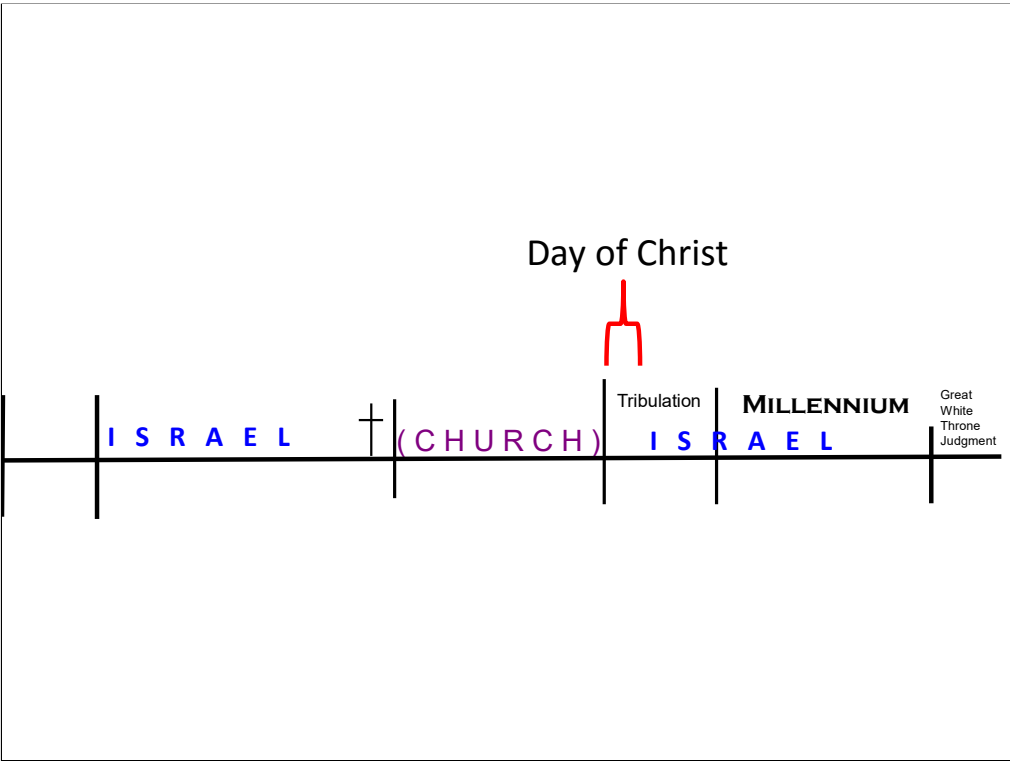
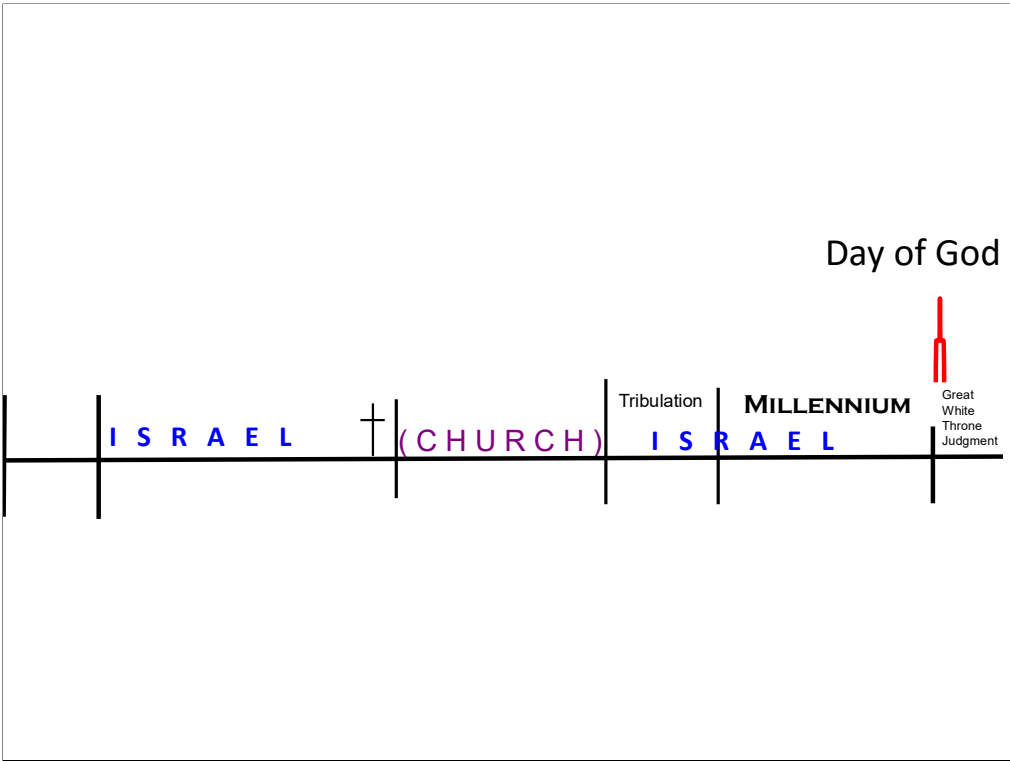
- **Day of the Lord**

This is the period of time which begins with the Tribulation judgments and extends through the millennial reign of Christ on earth through the destruction of the heavens and the earth and into the ushering in of the new heavens and earth and the eternal state. 2 Peter includes everything from the Tribulation through the Millennium. This day begins as a thief (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10) being instituted by the signing of the peace treaty of Daniel 9:27 with mankind believing a new time of peace and safety has been ushered in.

- **Day of God**

The events of the Day of God include the dissolving of the old heavens and the old earth (2 Pet. 3:10-14).





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## Isa 13:6-9

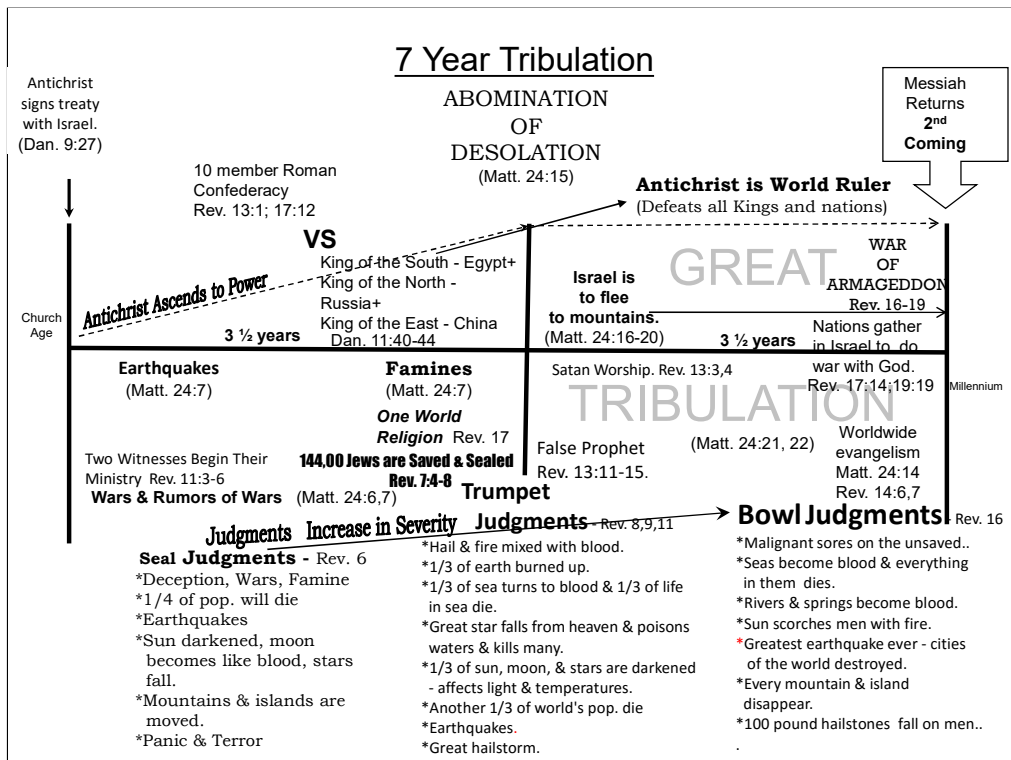
6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is near!  
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will fall limp,  
And every man's heart will melt.

8 They will be terrified,  
Pains and anguish will take hold of them;

They will writhe like a woman in labor,  
They will look at one another in astonishment,  
Their faces aflame.

9 Behold, the day of the Lord is coming,  
Cruel, with fury and burning anger,  
To make the land a desolation;  
And He will exterminate its sinners from it.



## Zeph 1:14-17

14 Near is the great day of the Lord,  
Near and coming very quickly;  
Listen, the day of the Lord!

In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

15 A day of wrath is that day,  
A day of trouble and distress,  
A day of destruction and desolation,  
A day of darkness and gloom,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness,  
16 A day of trumpet and battle cry  
Against the fortified cities  
And the high corner towers.

17 I will bring distress on men  
So that they will walk like the blind,  
Because they have sinned against the Lord;  
And their blood will be poured out like dust  
And their flesh like dung.

**Mal 4:1-2**

- 1 "For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze," says the Lord of hosts, "so that it will leave them neither root nor branch."
- 2 "But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

**Jer 30:4-7**

- 4 Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:
- 5 "For thus says the Lord,  
'I have heard a sound of terror,  
Of dread, and there is no peace.  
6 'Ask now, and see  
If a male can give birth.  
Why do I see every man  
With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth?  
And why have all faces turned pale?  
7 'Alas! for that day is great,  
There is none like it;  
And it is the time of Jacob's distress,  
But he will be saved from it.

**Joel 2:30-32**

- 0 "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth,  
Blood, fire and columns of smoke.  
31 "The sun will be turned into darkness  
And the moon into blood  
Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.  
32 "And it will come about that whoever calls on the  
name of the Lord  
Will be delivered;  
For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
There will be those who escape,  
As the Lord has said,  
Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls.

**Luke 21:25-26**

- 25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,  
26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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## Rom 5:9

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him

## 1 Thess 5:9-10

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

***\*\*If the rocks and mountains cannot save, there is one rock that can, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.***

## Nah 1:6

6 Who can stand before His indignation?

Who can endure the burning of His anger?

His wrath is poured out like fire

And the rocks are broken up by Him.

## 1 Thess 5:3

3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.



**Isaac Watts  
(1674-1748)**

Credited as the father of English hymnody for his vast outpouring of hymns, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) wrote some 600 hymns that were widely sung in England and America, some of which are included in many of today's mainline hymnals. However he was the center of controversy as his hymns became so popular that they were being used alongside the singing of the Psalms. The controversy split churches in England, who only sang the Psalms, and then skipped over the Atlantic and became a controversy here in America. Isaac Watts also produced the first collection of hymns intended for children, entitled *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language for the Use of Children* (1715). It sold 80,000 copies in one year. Although not intended for worship, Watts' verses aimed to teach children right behaviors. Watts' collections of hymns for children were widely used for many generations. Among the hymns he wrote for children is this hymn that speaks of creation and the providence of God. The wonderful hymn that he wrote was . . .

## I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

1. I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,  
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then  
pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories  
known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.