

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us . . ."

John 1:14

All are welcome at the manger.

SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Looking Ahead –

- *This is our last Sunday to meet in December*
- *We are off the next 3 Sundays.*
- *Our next class will be Jan. 7, 2018*

Have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

We would like to acknowledge tonight:

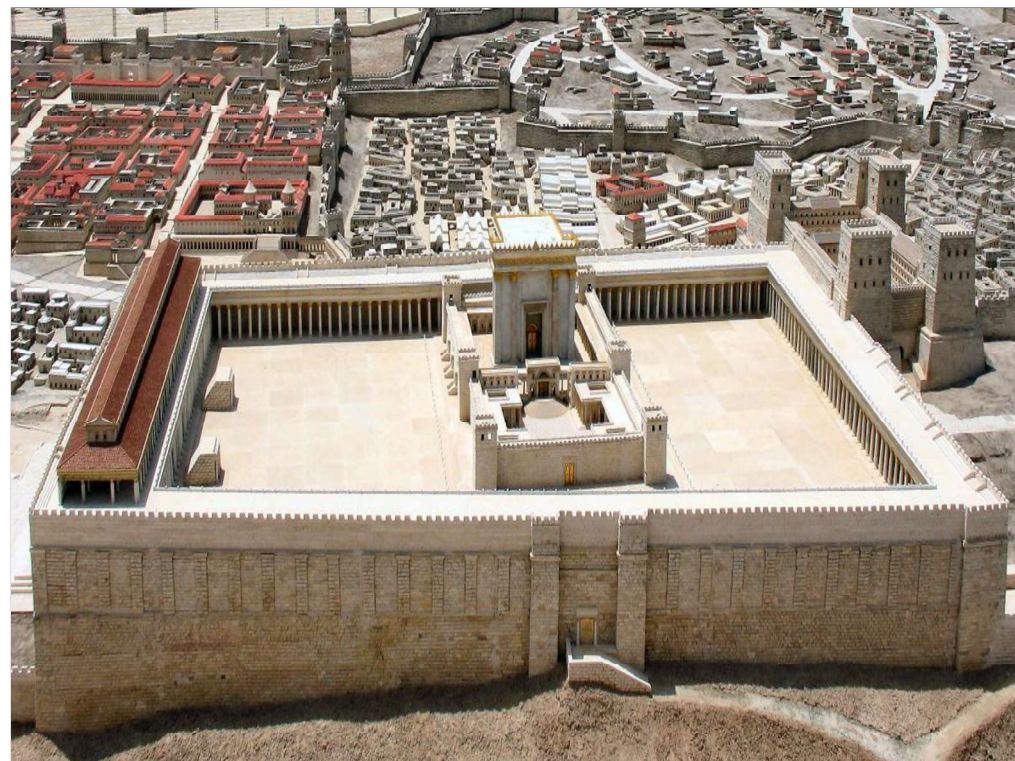
- Myron McCarty – audio, recording, internet, class list
- Our prayer team:
 - ❖ Glen Sappington
 - ❖ Frank Reiter
 - ❖ Al DeWitt
 - ❖ Chett Carter
 - ❖ Lyle Drangstveit
 - ❖ Dave Jellison
- Kim Donahue - missionaries
- Connie Smith – care coordinator
- Glen Sappington - microphone
- Bev Johnson – food and room coordinator
- Nancy Huber, Sue Jellison, Lyle Drangstveit - singing
- All those that greet, help set-up, and help pack-up.
- Everyone for bringing snacks and desserts.
- Everyone for your attendance and financial support.

“Matthew 24”

Dec. 10, 2017

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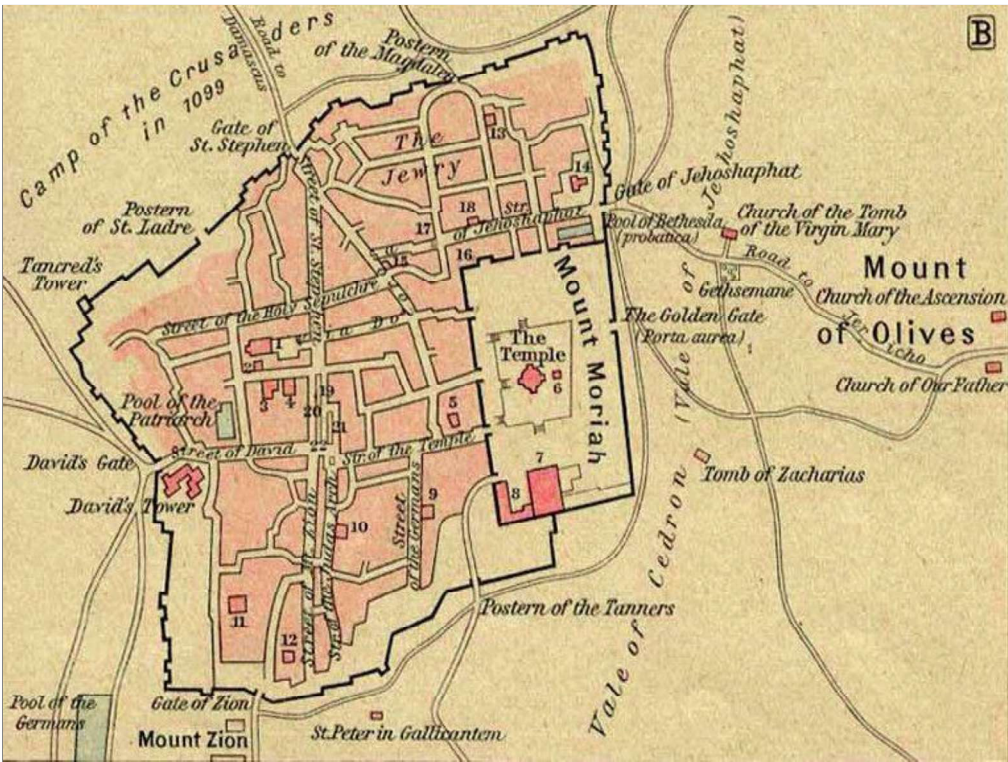
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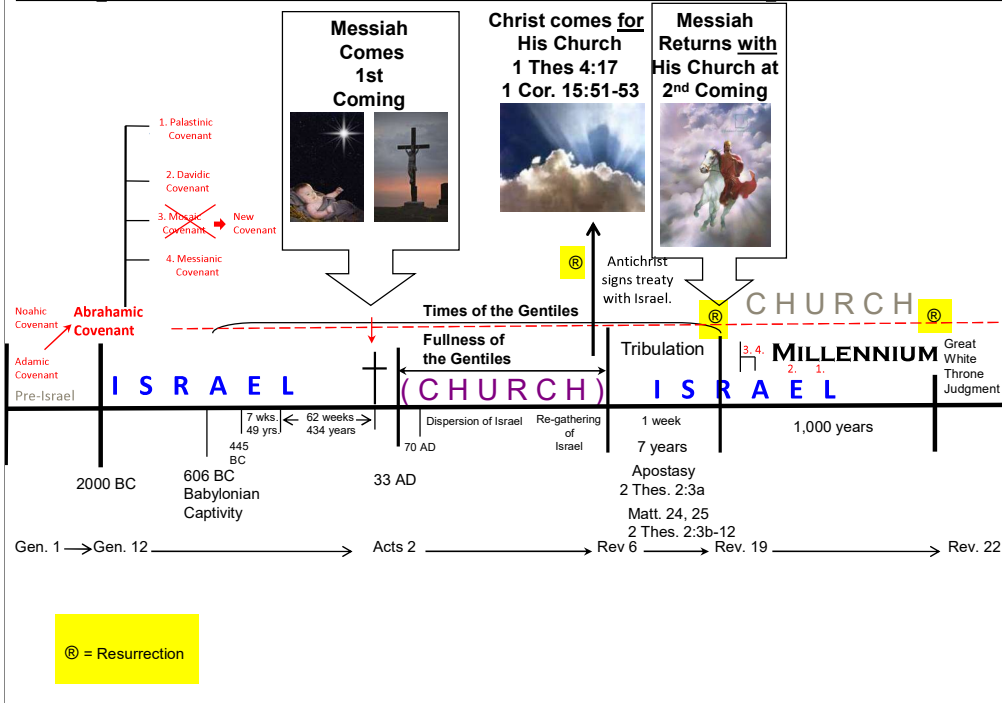
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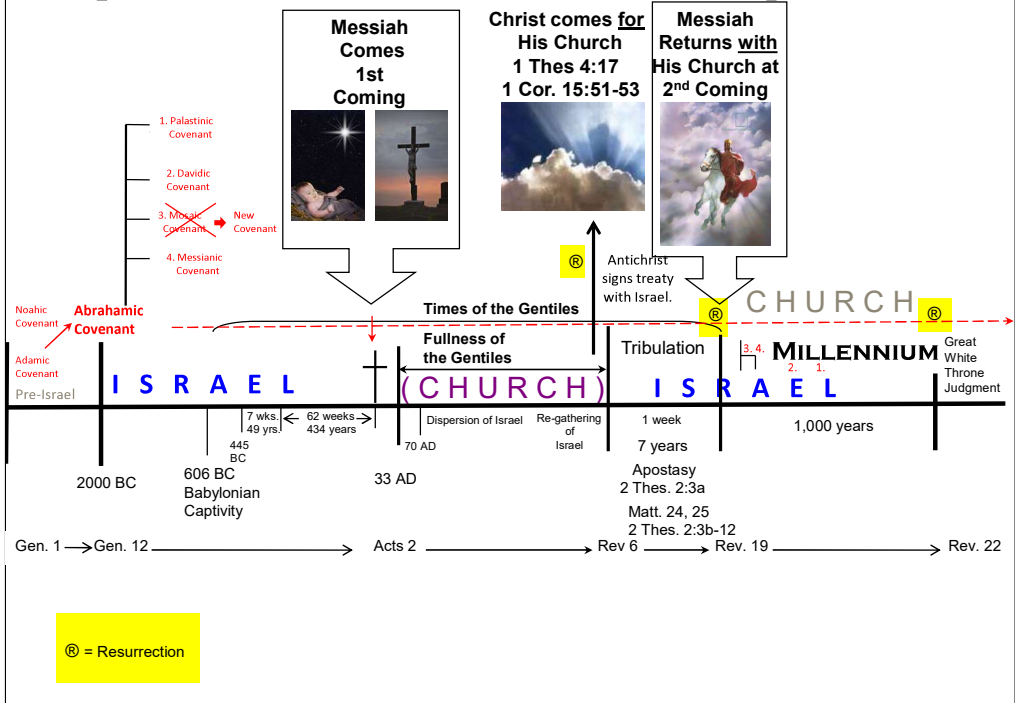
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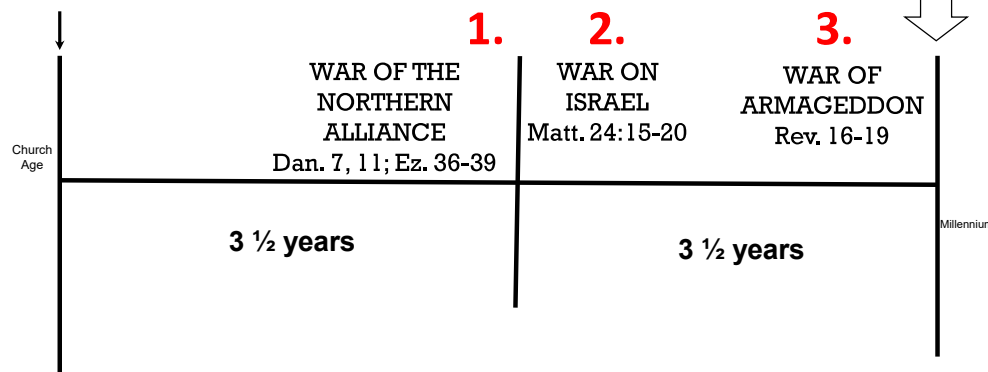
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6th Seal

LARGEST AND ONLY WORLDWIDE EARTHQUAKE EVER

VOLCANOS ERUPT ALL OVER THE WORLD

SUN BECOMES DARK

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**ASTROIDS IN RECORD NUMBERS EXPLODE
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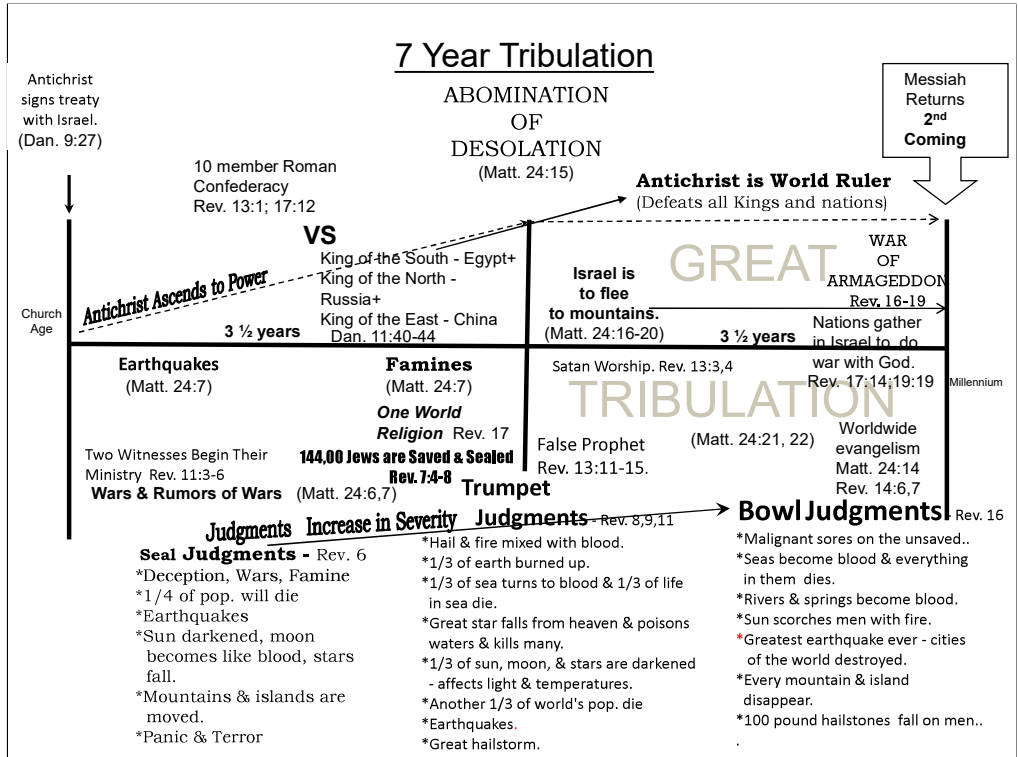
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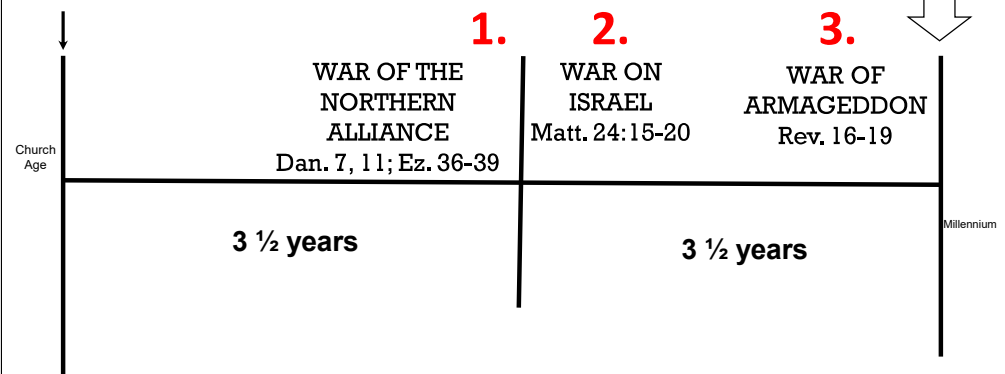
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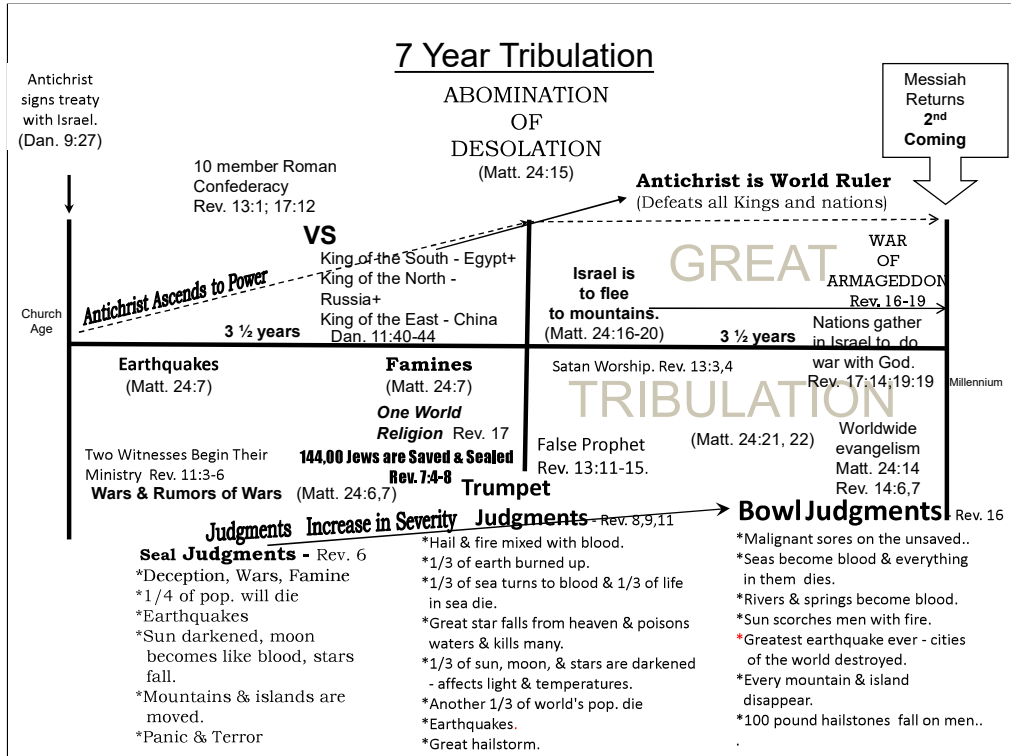
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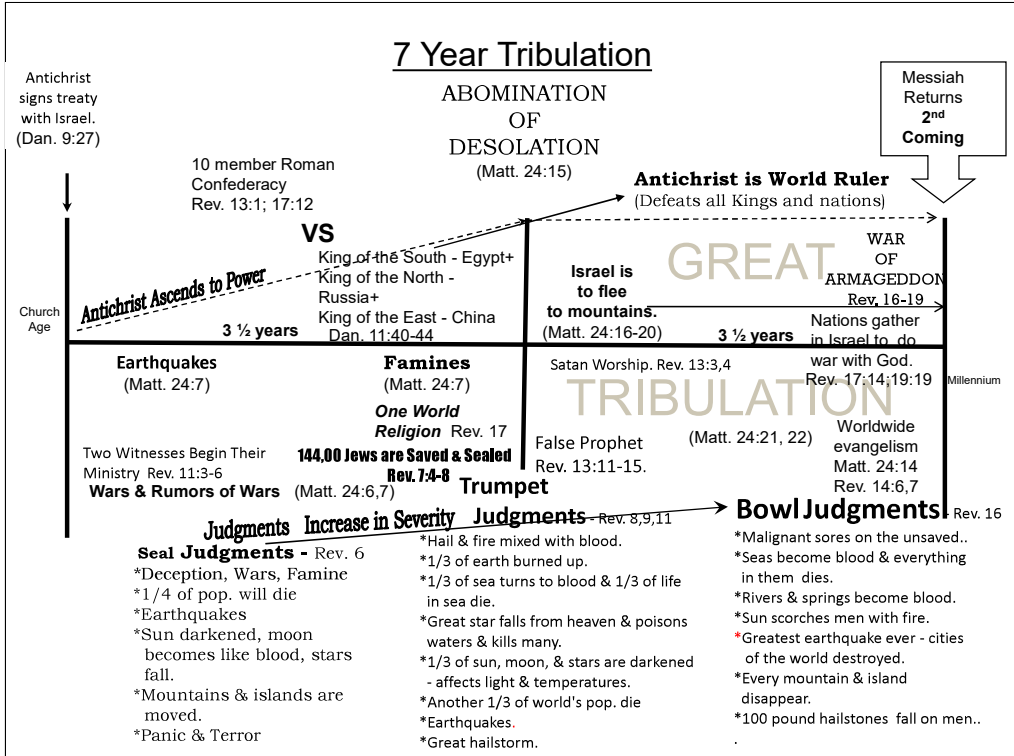
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Isaac Watts was arguably the most prolific hymn writer of his day. He is known for writing such timeless hymns as "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

However, Watts is best known for writing this hymn, a song played worldwide during Christmas every year. Watts grew up in a world where the music in every worship service consisted only of psalms or sections of Scripture put to music.

Watts found the practice monotonous. To him, there was a lack of joy and emotion among the congregants as they sang. He once famously said, "To see the dull indifference, the negligent and thoughtless air that sits upon the faces of a whole assembly, while the psalm is upon their lips, might even tempt a charitable observer to suspect the fervency of their inward religion."



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Watts's father issued a challenge. He told Watts that if he struggled with the songs they sang, then he ought to do something about it. Perhaps he should attempt to write something different. This moment set Watts on a lifelong pursuit to write lyrics that exalted Christ and reminded Christians of their hope in his saving work on the cross. This desire is evident in the way he wrote this hymn. Watts was inspired to write the timeless tune while meditating on Psalm 98. Verse 4 gripped him: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" And this is exactly what Watts set out to do. Little did he know that this song would spark a joyful noise that would ring through the ages. In fact it is the most published of all of the Christmas carols.



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Curiously, though this hymn is almost universally sung during Christmas, it makes no direct reference to the Christmas story in the New Testament. Rather, the theme deals more with the ultimate reign of Christ that will begin at the *second* coming. Watts gave it the heading, "The Messiah's Coming and Kingdom."

The hymn that Isaac Watts wrote was . . .

JOY TO THE WORLD

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| <p>1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
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And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.</p> | <p>3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
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| <p>2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
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And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
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And wonders, wonders, of His love.</p> |