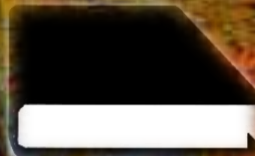


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Every word proclaimed.

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The Eternal State

Part 2

“Heaven”

Rev. 21:1-4

Sept. 15, 2019

Quiz

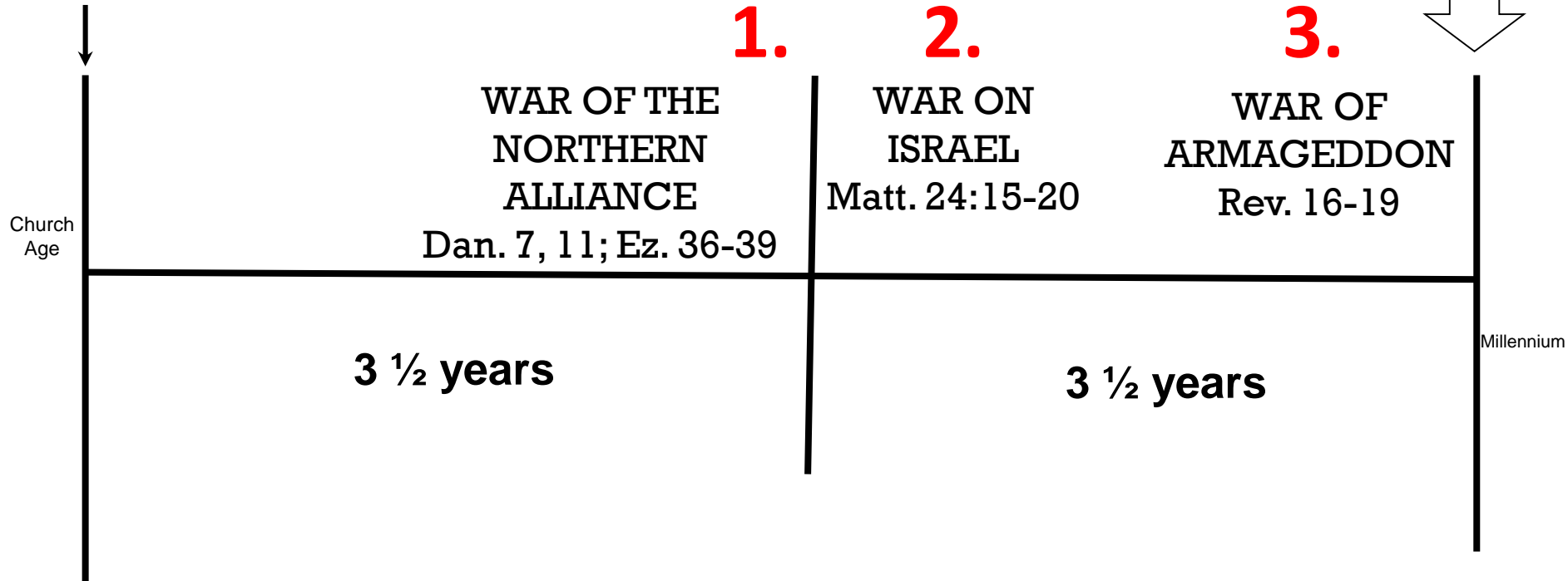
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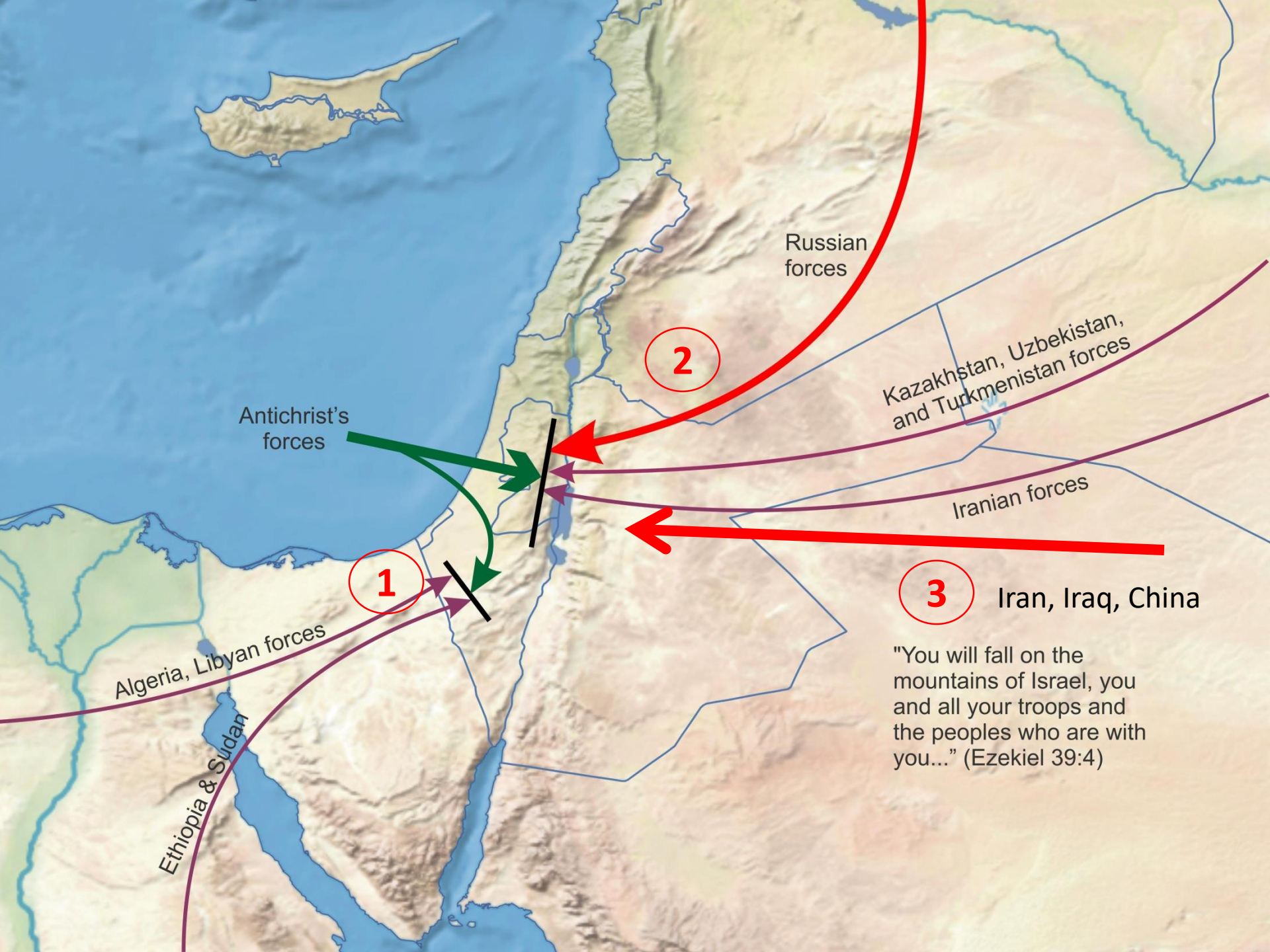


The Wars of the Tribulation

Messiah
Returns
2nd
Coming

Antichrist
signs treaty
with Israel.
(Dan. 9:27)





Quiz

2. Identify who this image is of -



Rev 13:1-2

1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.

10 Horns – 10 future nations that will form the Roman Confederacy controlled by the Antichrist.

7 Heads – 7 nations. 6 are in the past. 1 is yet future.

10 Crowns – 10 kings ruling the 10 future nations.

The 7 Kingdoms



Egypt



Assyria



Babylon



Medo-Persia



Greece



Rome



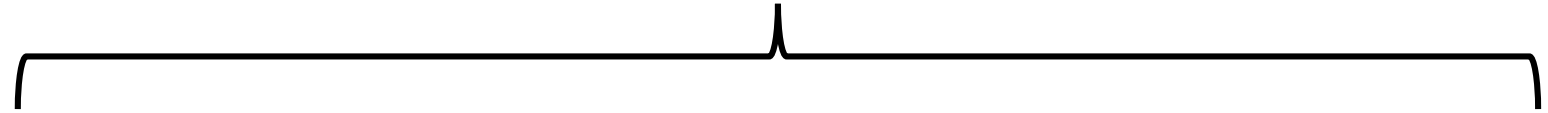
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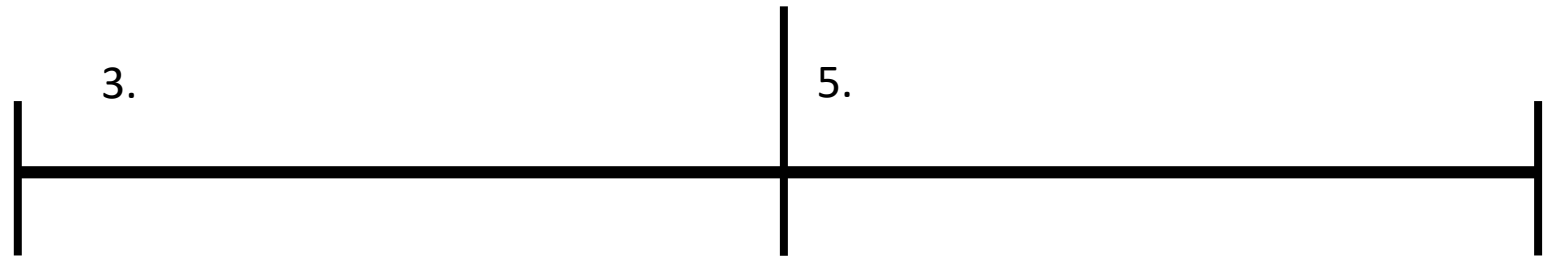
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History of the Antichrist

7 Year Tribulation



2. Middle of Tribulation



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3.

5.



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Middle of Tribulation

At war with other nations (Kings
of the North, South and East.
(Dan. 11:40-44)

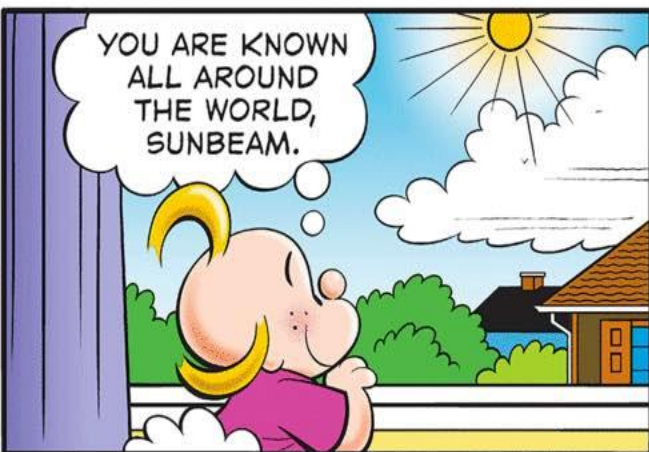
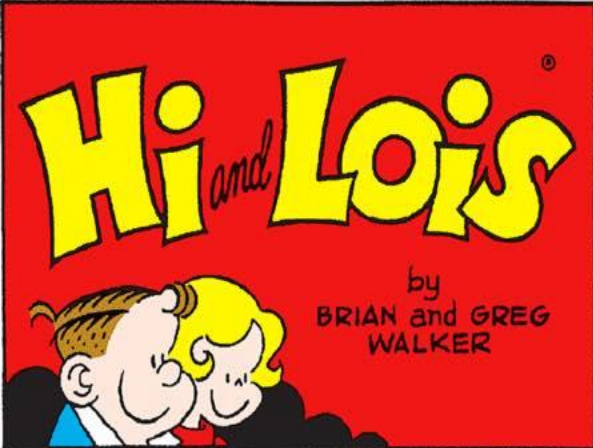
He goes after the woman (Israel)
to destroy her. (Matt. 24:16-20)

Ascends to
power with
control of 10
member
Roman
Confederacy.

1. Double-crosses Israel. (Dan. 9:27)
2. Stops worship in Temple by Jews. (Dan. 9:27)
3. Sets himself up to be worshipped
as God. (Matt. 24:15)
4. Suffers fatal wound. (Rev. 13:3,14)
5. Goes to Abyss. (Rev. 11:7)
6. Brought to life out of the Abyss. (Rev. 11:7)
7. Kills the 2 witnesses. (Rev. 11:7)
8. Worshipped by the world. (Rev. 13:4)

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“Then I saw . . .”

John uses this phrase to introduce sequential events in the book of Revelation:

- the Second Coming.
- the defeat of Antichrist.
- the incarceration of Satan at the beginning of the Millennium.
- the Millennial kingdom.
- the release of Satan after the thousand years.
- the casting of Satan into the Lake of Fire.
- the great white throne.
- the new heaven and the new earth.

“ . . . a new heaven and a new earth ; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, . . . ”

Rev 20:11

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Ps 102:25-26

25 "Of old You founded the earth,
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.
26 "Even they will perish, but You endure;
And all of them will wear out like a garment;
Like clothing You will change them and they will be changed.



New Heaven
and
New Earth



Hell
Outer
Darkness

“Heaven”

- Used over 500 times in the Bible.
- Used 54 times in the book of Revelation.
- m'mv - Shamayim “the heights”
- οὐρανός – ouranos – “that which is elevated, that which is lifted up.”

The 3 Heavens

3rd Heaven

(God's abode) - eq: Psa 2:4

2nd Heaven

(Sun, Moon, and stars)

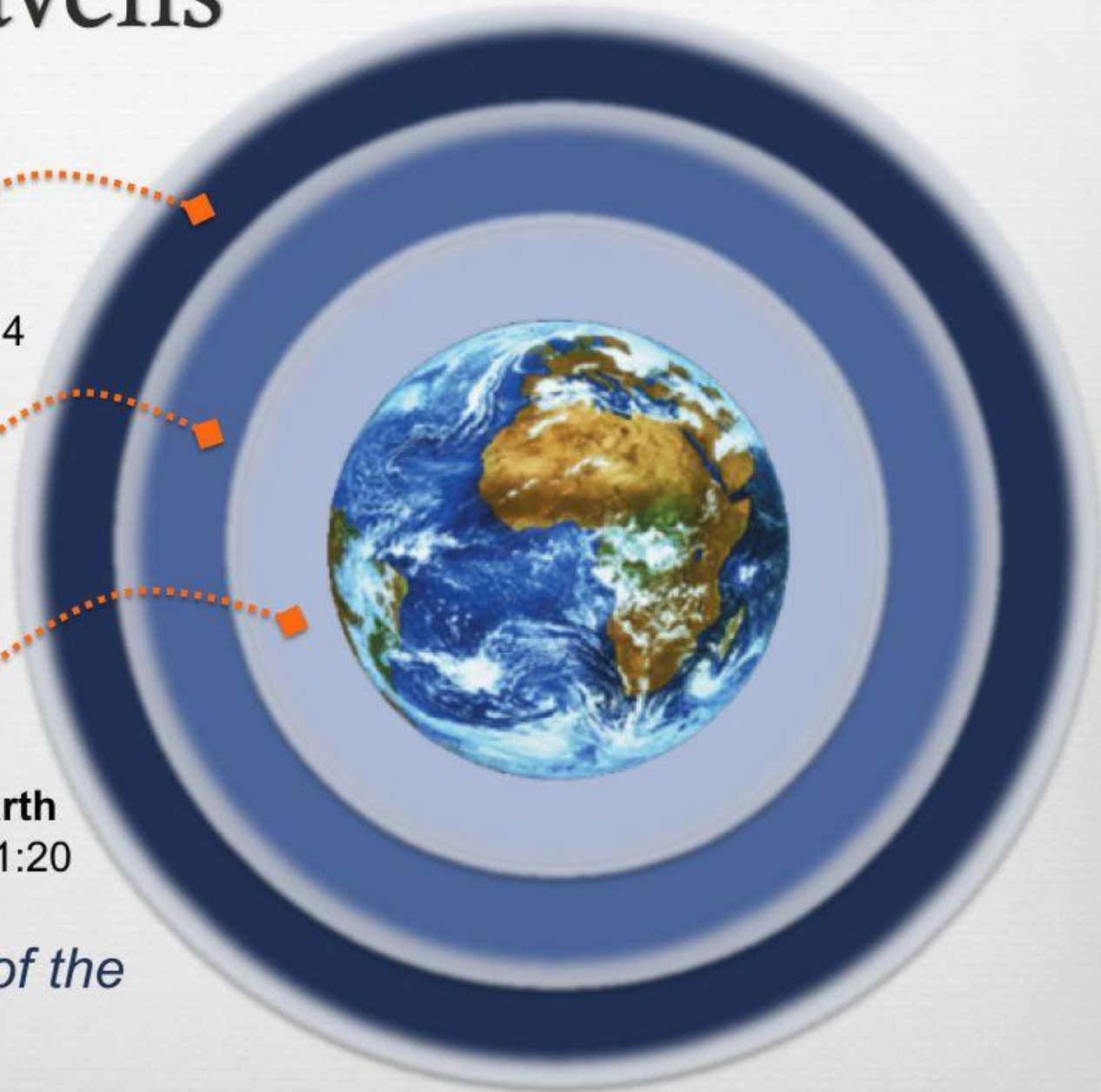
- eq: Gen 1:16-17

1st Heaven

(atmosphere above the earth)

- Satan's rule) - eq: Gen 1:20

Eph 2:2 "prince of the power of the air"



After destroying the heavens and the earth, God creates a new heavens and earth -

Isa 65:17

7 "For behold, I create (arb)) new heavens and a new earth;
And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

Isa 66:22

2 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth
Which I make will endure before Me," declares the Lord,
"So your offspring and your name will endure.

2 Peter 3:10-13

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,

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

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a
new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

“new”

καινός - fresh, new in quality and character. Not new in time (νέος). Not something recent. Not new as opposed to old, or the last one.

- The quality of the new heavens and earth is completely different from the one we know now.

Matt 19:28

28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

“and there is no longer any sea.”

“sea” -

- The sea is necessary to divide nations, In eternity no divisions of people will be necessary. All people will live in complete geographical harmony.
- The sea, now essential to animal and vegetable life on earth, is not needed in eternity.
- The seas cover 70% of the earth's surface. Average depth is 2.3 miles deep. The salty brine of the ocean purges, cleanses, & preserves our fallen, cursed planet, making it fit to live on. All of the pollution and filth that man pours into the oceans is absorbed, cleansed and changed. That will no longer be needed in eternity. There will be no more need for cleansing in the new universe.
- Our blood is ninety percent water, and our flesh is sixty-five percent water. In our glorified bodies, no water will be needed.
- To the Jewish mind, the sea was a place of separation and evil.
- **Gen 7:17**

17 Then the flood came upon the earth for forty days, and the water increased and lifted up the ark, so that it rose above the earth.

• **Rev 13:1**

13 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.

Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea,

Genesis

Revelation

Heavens and earth created ([Genesis 1:1](#))

New heavens and earth ([Revelation 21:1](#))

Sun created ([Genesis 1:16](#))

No need of the sun ([Revelation 21:23](#))

The night established ([Genesis 1:5](#))

No night there ([Revelation 21:25](#); [Revelation 22:5](#))

The seas created ([Genesis 1:10](#))

No more seas ([Revelation 21:1](#))

The curse announced ([Genesis 3:14-17](#))

No more curse ([Revelation 22:3](#))

Death enters history ([Genesis 3:19](#))

No more death ([Revelation 21:4](#))

Man driven from the tree ([Genesis 3:24](#))

Man restored to paradise ([Revelation 22:14](#))

Sorrow and pain begin ([Genesis 3:17](#))

No more mourning, crying or pain ([Revelation 21:4](#))

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“And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem . . .”

• In the New Testament there are three Jerusalem's:

1. The historic, earthly Jerusalem.

Ps 122:3-7

3 Jerusalem, that is built

As a city that is compact together;

4 To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord —

An ordinance for Israel —

To give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there thrones were set for judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

7 "May peace be within your walls,

And prosperity within your palaces."

2. The Millennial Jerusalem.

Jer 3:17

17 "At that time they will call Jerusalem 'The Throne of the Lord,' and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord;

3. The New Jerusalem, “the holy city”.

Heb 12:22-24

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,

23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

Rev 21:2

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

The New Jerusalem will be:

1. “New” – καινός – brand new in quality.
2. Built by God in Heaven.
3. As beautiful as a bride on her wedding day.

"... coming down out of heaven from God, ..."

John 14:1-3

- 1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
- 2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

****During the time between the ascension of Christ and the creation of the new heavens and new earth, the new Jerusalem will be created.***

Heb 11:16

- 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
- Here is the grand entrance of the New Jerusalem. She comes as a bride coming down the aisle.

“ . . . made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.”

- She is beautiful. She is adorned with the finest apparel. She is spell-binding.
- It will cause us to gasp. It will take our breath away.
- The final form of the bride will incorporate:
 - all the Old Testament saints
 - all the Tribulation saints
 - all of those who were converted during the time of the Kingdom
 - all of the Church
 - and they're all in the bridal city. They are all encompassed in the bride that God has chosen for His Son.

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- 21 times a great or loud voice is mentioned in Revelation.
- This is an angel making a proclamation from the throne about God.

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,"

Lev 26:11-12

11 'Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you.

12 'I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

Is 7:14

14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

2 Cor 6:16

"I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM;
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

John 1:14

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us,

- In Solomon's Temple the holy of holies was a perfect cube.

1 Kings 6:20

20 The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits in length, twenty cubits in width, and twenty cubits in height, and he overlaid it with pure gold.

- The new Jerusalem is also a perfect cube (Rev 21:16).
- Therefore, the new Jerusalem will be the holy of holies in the new heavens and new earth.
- The garden of Eden was the original holy of holies. Now it's the New Jerusalem.

Rev 21:22

22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

The tabernacle was:

- 1) The place of worship to God.
 - 2) The place of communication with God.
 - 3) The place of reflection of the glory of God.
 - 4) The place to serve God.
- That was why God told Moses to build a tent. Wherever God's people went in the desert, they took God's tabernacle with them (Numbers 9:17-23). God's holy place still had to be separate from them, but it stood in the middle of their camp. That was where the presence of God was.
 - When God gave His people the Land of Israel, the house of God continued to be a tent.
 - David wanted to build a permanent building, called the temple, for God; and God allowed Solomon, his son, to do so.

1 John 3:2

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.

- God is now veiled, for it is impossible for mortal men to view God.
- No human person has ever seen God in the fullness of His glory.
- Exposure to Him would mean instant death.

Ex 33:20-23

20 But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

21 Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock;

22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23 "Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."

For us to see God, we would need to be:

1. *Perfectly holy.*

Matt 5:8

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

2. *Changed from mortality to immortality.*

1 Cor 15:53

53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Eden ➡ Tent ➡ Temple ➡ Body ➡ Throne ➡ New Jerusalem
(Holy of Holies) (Holy of Holies)

*The greatest thing about Heaven is the presence of God. To see Him face to face, to talk with Him, to walk with Him, to experience Him in all of His glory.

“I do not think the glory of Eden lay in its grassy walks, or in the boughs bending with luscious fruit-but its glory lay in this, that the ‘Lord God walked in the garden in the cool of the day.’ Here was Adam’s highest privilege, that he had companionship with the Most High.”

- Charles Spurgeon

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4 “and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes;”

- All the things that drive us to tears and sorrow here in this world will not be found over there in Heaven!

“Every tear,” for they be many; – tears of bereaved affection, such as Mary, and Martha, and the widow of Nain wept; – tears of sympathy and mercy, such as Jeremiah and Jesus wept over the sins and the calamities of Jerusalem; – tears of persecuted innocence, tears of contrition and penitence for faults and crimes against the goodness and majesty of heaven; – tears of disappointment and neglect; – tears of yearning for what cannot now be ours; – these, and whatever others ever course the cheeks of mortals, shall then be dried forever.”

- Seiss

“and there will no longer be any death;”

- No one “passes away.” We all remain alive.
- No one “goes to be with the Lord.” We are all with the Lord.
- No more funerals.
- No undertakers.
- No graves to be dug.
- No more cemeteries.
- No more memories of a loss of someone.
- No more separation.

“there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain;”

- **“mourning”** is sorrow that often results from the effects of sin, and it often accompanies death. It is sorrow from disappointments, from trials, from heartaches, from failures.
- **“crying”** – an outcry or outburst. It is being overwhelmed by the brokenness of this life. It is cries of injustice. It is cries of dissatisfaction. It is to come to the end of your rope and not knowing what to do.
- **“pain”** is from suffering.
 - Disease
 - Persecution
 - Hard, difficult labor from living under the curse.

Heaven will be uninterrupted joy, blessing, happiness, and peace. God will visibly and personally be present with us and therefore there will be absolutely no possibility of unhappiness.

There's no disappointment in Heaven

Fredrick Lehman

1 There's no disappointment in Heaven,
No weariness, sorrow or pain;
No hearts that are bleeding and broken,
No song with a minor refrain.
The clouds of our earthly horizon
Will never appear in the sky,
For all will be sunshine and gladness,
With never a sob or a sigh.

Refrain:

***I'm bound for that beautiful city,
My Lord has prepared for His own;
Where all the redeemed of all ages
Sing Glory! around the white throne;
Sometimes I grow homesick for Heaven,
And the glories I there shall behold;
What a joy that will be when my Savior I
see,
In that beautiful city of gold.***

2 We'll never pay rent for our mansion,
The taxes will never come due,
Our garments will never grow threadbare,
But always be fadeless and new,
We'll never be hungry or thirsty,
Nor languish in poverty there,
For all the rich bounties of Heaven
His sanctified children will share. [Refrain]

3 There'll never be crepe on the doorknob,
No funeral train in the sky;
No graves on the hillsides of glory,
For there we shall nevermore die.
The old will be young there forever,
Transformed in a moment of time;
Immortal we'll stand in His likeness,
The stars and the sun to outshine. [Refrain]

“the first things have passed away.”

- Everything associated with the fall of man and this present world—Satan, sin, having a sin nature, and death will be removed, put away.
- What will be remembered will be the goodness and work of God in your life, the Church, and the world, and the believers who were used by God to accomplish His will.

Next week we will see what it means to be
the Alpha and the Omega.