

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 Eternal State

Part 3

"Heaven"

Rev. 21:5-8

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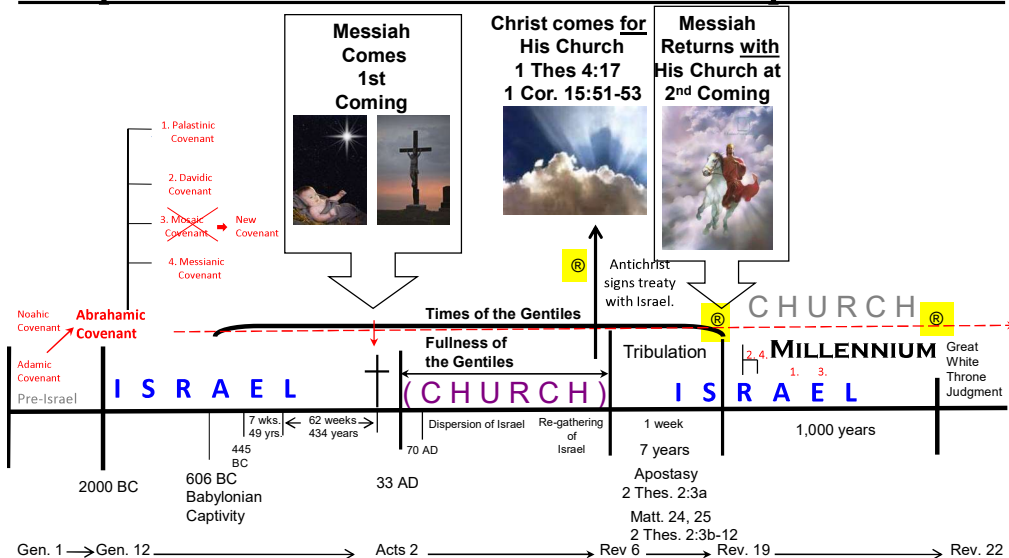
Quiz

- Name the 3 "thrones" mentioned in Scripture.
 - God's sovereign throne in Heaven.
 - God's temporary throne of judgment on earth to judge the nations.
 - God's temporary Great White Throne of judgment, in space, for the judgment of the unbelieving dead.
- Name the 6 categories of unbelievers that will be at the Great White Throne Judgment.
 - The religious.
 - The moral self-righteous.
 - The active rebellious.
 - The passive indifferent.
 - The big achievers.
 - The atheists.
- T or F Because the Great White Throne Judgment in Heaven occurs after the 2nd Coming, Jesus Christ will have complete control of the throne alone.

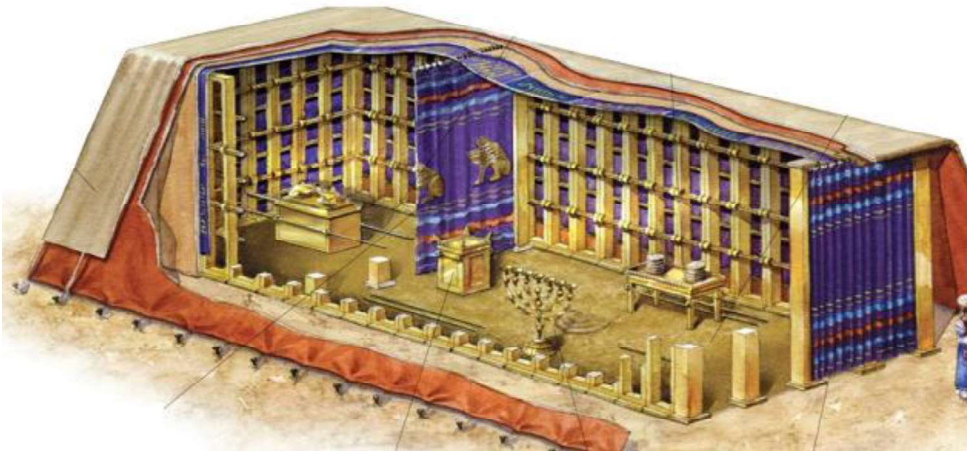
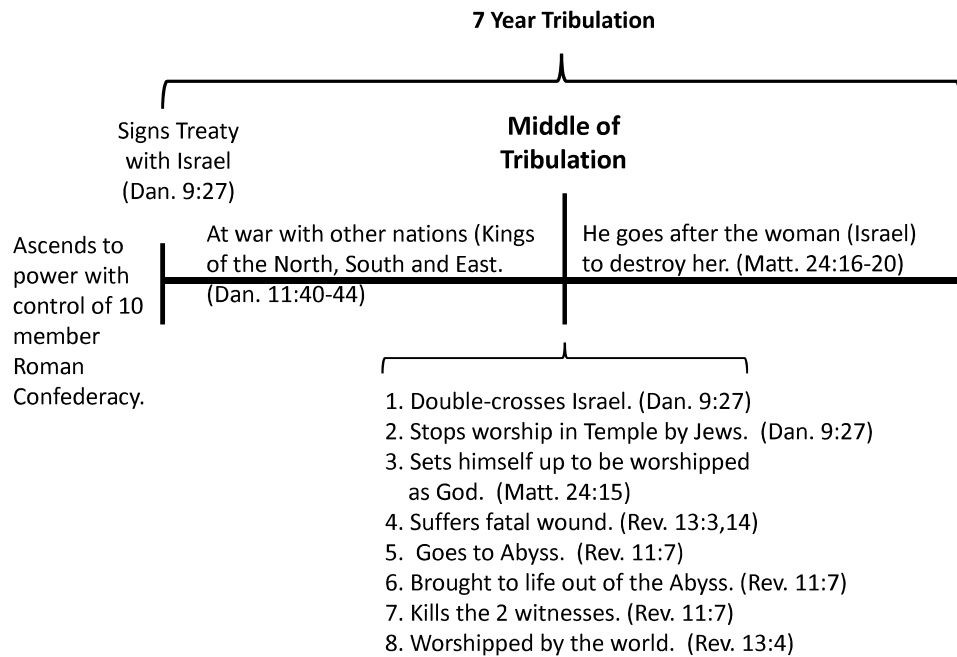
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 - Not in Heaven
 - He has control regardless of the 2nd Coming.
 - He shares the throne with God the Father.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



History of the Antichrist



Rev 21:1-4

- 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.
- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "**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,**
- 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

Rev 21:5-8

- 5 And He who sits on the throne said, "**Behold, I am making all things new.**" And He said, "**Write, for these words are faithful and true.**"
- 6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.
- 7 "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.
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- Your new place is being prepared for you, therefore you can begin making plans now. How?

Matt 6:20

20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

The book of Revelation tells us that on us there is a *new name* in us, a *new song* around us, a *new Jerusalem* under us, a *new earth* over us, a *new heaven* before us, and always *new revelations* of God being given to us.

Your salvation is a microcosm of what God will do on a grander scale with the new heavens and the new earth.

2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

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- Notice God tells John to "Write . . ."
- "faithful and true" – puts extra emphasis on what is about to be said.

"Then He said to me, "It is done."

"It is done" - γινομαι – ginomai – perfect tense – "the task is complete and there are ongoing results." The new heavens and earth have been created with the result that a new home for the redeemed is now ready.

There is another major "completion" in Scripture -

John 19:30

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

"It is finished" - τελεω – teleo – perfect tense – "it is accomplished with ongoing results." The final sacrifice for sin has been accomplished and salvation has been made available to all.

What was finished?

Forgiveness of sin.

1 Cor 15:3

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ **died for our sins** according to the Scriptures,

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Imputed righteousness

Matt 3:13-15

13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.

14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to **fulfill all righteousness**. Then he permitted Him.

16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,

17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

2 Cor 5:21

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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Gen 1:1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Mark 10:6

6 "But from the beginning of creation, God MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

John 1:1-3,14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father,

Eccl 3:11

11 He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out (predict) the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

αβγδεζηθικλμνξοπρστυφχψω

Rom 16:25-26

25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,

26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God,

1 Chron 16:36

6 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting. (*"vanishing point"*)

Ps 90:2

2 Before the mountains were born
Or You gave birth to the earth and the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

Is 41:4

I, the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.”

Is 44:6

6 "Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

'I am the first and I am the last,
And there is no God besides Me.

Isa 46:9-10

9 "Remember the former things long past,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been done,
Saying, 'My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure’;

Is 48:12

12 "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called;
I am He, I am the first, I am also the last.

Col 1:16-17

16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Heb 1:3

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

1 Tim 1:17

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Rom 11:36

36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

Heb 12:2

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,

Ex 3:14

14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM" – i.e. “no matter when or where, God is there.” “who is, and who was, and who is to come,” Rev 1:8

Rev 1:8

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Rev 2:8

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

Rev 3:7

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this:

Rev 22:13

13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

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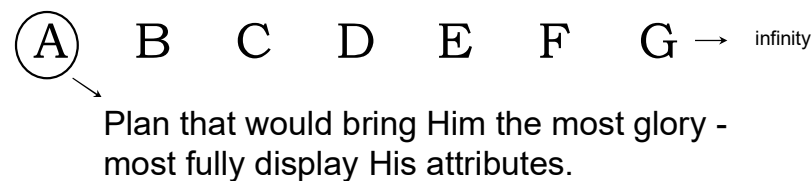
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- God is the A to Z and everything in between.
- This title expresses His eternity and infinity.
- God is without beginning or end.
- There is none before Him and there is no one after Him.
- He is not bound by time, but is the cause of time.
- God is infinite. He is without measure. He is not bound by or limited to space.
- Among the Jewish rabbis, it was common to use the first and the last letters of the Hebrew alphabet to denote the whole of anything, from beginning to end.
- Everything comes from God and nothing will outlast God.
- God has the first word and the last word in history.
- All other attempts to have the last word will fail.
- The pottery has no beginning apart from the Potter, and in the end it will all serve the purposes of the Potter.

- Everything that exists, originates ultimately in Him. And everything ends with Him.
- At the end of every road is God. You will meet Him as light and life or as fire and torment.
- In reality all roads do lead to God. And when every man gets to God, the never-ending Ω for every man, God will either be a loving Savior ushering you into the New Heavens and the New Earth or a wrathful judge ushering you into the Lake of Fire, but everyone will find their way to God.
- God never chose to be this way, nor did anyone else choose to make him this way. This is just Who He is from eternity.
- As Alpha, God did not emerge out of many possibilities. Everything emerged out of him.
- He determines all possibilities.

- Before him there was nothing.
- There was no "before him."
- For trillions upon trillions of unending years, God existed and never had a beginning. He *is* the beginning. There never was a time when he was not.

In eternity past God knew all possible plans -



αβγεδζηθικλμνξοπρστυφχψω

- Between the α and the ω God has dealt with man on the basis of His:
- **Sovereignty** - His ultimate, self-determining rule of the universe.
- **Providence** – Providence is the outworking and demonstration of God's sovereignty. God, from eternity past, has appointed and directed all events and actions to accomplish the predetermined goal of the manifestation of His glory. These events and actions are brought to pass precisely at the exact time, by the exact means, and under the exact conditions, which God has determined.
 - God works through the streams of "confluence" and "concurrence" in the working of His providence.
 - **Confluence** - a flowing together (2 or more streams or rivers).
 - **Concurrence** - happening at the same time, cooperating, agreeing, meeting at the same point.
- Therefore all events take place in which the work of providence has been acted out through human agencies i.e. at the same time human agents are acting, God is acting in and through them.

Contingencies - events that could conceivably occur, or not occur.

- Something that can occur only when something else happens first. When an event or situation is **contingent**, it **means** that it depends on some other event or fact.
 1. Nothing happens contingently in God's plan. God doesn't say, "If man would possibly do this, then I'll react and do this."
 2. God knows all possible contingencies, but knows nothing contingently. He doesn't operate on the basis of contingents.
 3. God's knowledge and actions are not dependent on what we will do.
 4. God knows the end from the beginning. He knows us inside and out. He knows what we are going to say before we say it and He knows everything we possibly could say.

Next week we will look at
3 incredible benefits of being connected
to the Alpha and Omega
for all eternity