

Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace
and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as
we pursue an in-depth study of
2 Thessalonians.*

*If you have a prayer request, for
which you would like us to pray,
please fill out a prayer sheet at
the back table and give to Lyle.*

“How To Live in Light of the Second Coming”

“Consider How It All Ends”

February 8, 2015

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A Comfortable Life for Christians:

1. Christianity is the dominate religion.
2. If you are a Christian you have been accepted even honored and respected.
3. Christian churches abound, our money, our history, our founding fathers, our documents, our gov't buildings, many of our leaders, all proclaim our Christian beliefs.
4. Our Christian nation has brought us prosperity.



If we are not careful, what kind of a Christian does that produce?

1. A Christian that finds it hard to relate to those in the first century who were undergoing great persecution for the cause of Christ and the gospel.
2. A Christian who feels quite at home and comfortable in the world.
3. A Christian who finds “hope” and prophecy not that exciting or relevant to their life.

Heb 10:32-35

32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.

2 Cor 11:23-27

23 in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

Ps 119:67

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.

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Matt 25:31

31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

Matt 24:29-31

29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

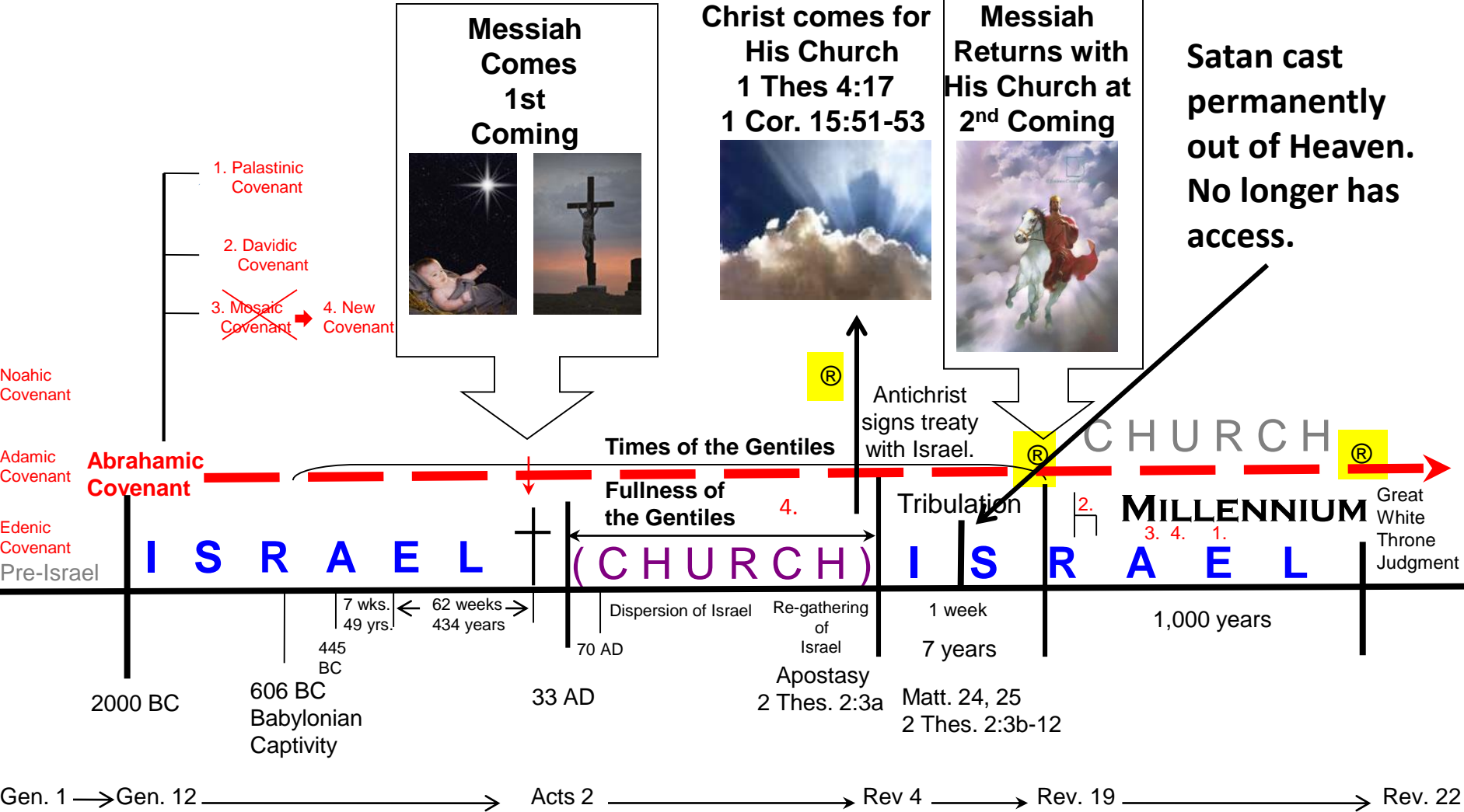
31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Isa 66:15-16

15 For behold, the Lord will come in fire
And His chariots like the whirlwind,
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.

16 For the Lord will execute judgment by fire
And by His sword on all flesh,
And those slain by the Lord will be many.

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Rev. 16-19

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Rev. 11:3-6

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Rev. 17

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Rev. 13:11-15.

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Rev. 7:4-8

Trumpet

Bowl Judgments

Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6,7)

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Seal Judgments - Rev. 6

- *Famine
- *1/4 of pop. will die
- ***Earthquakes**
- ***Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.**
- ***Mountains & islands are moved.**
- *Panic & Terror

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
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- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
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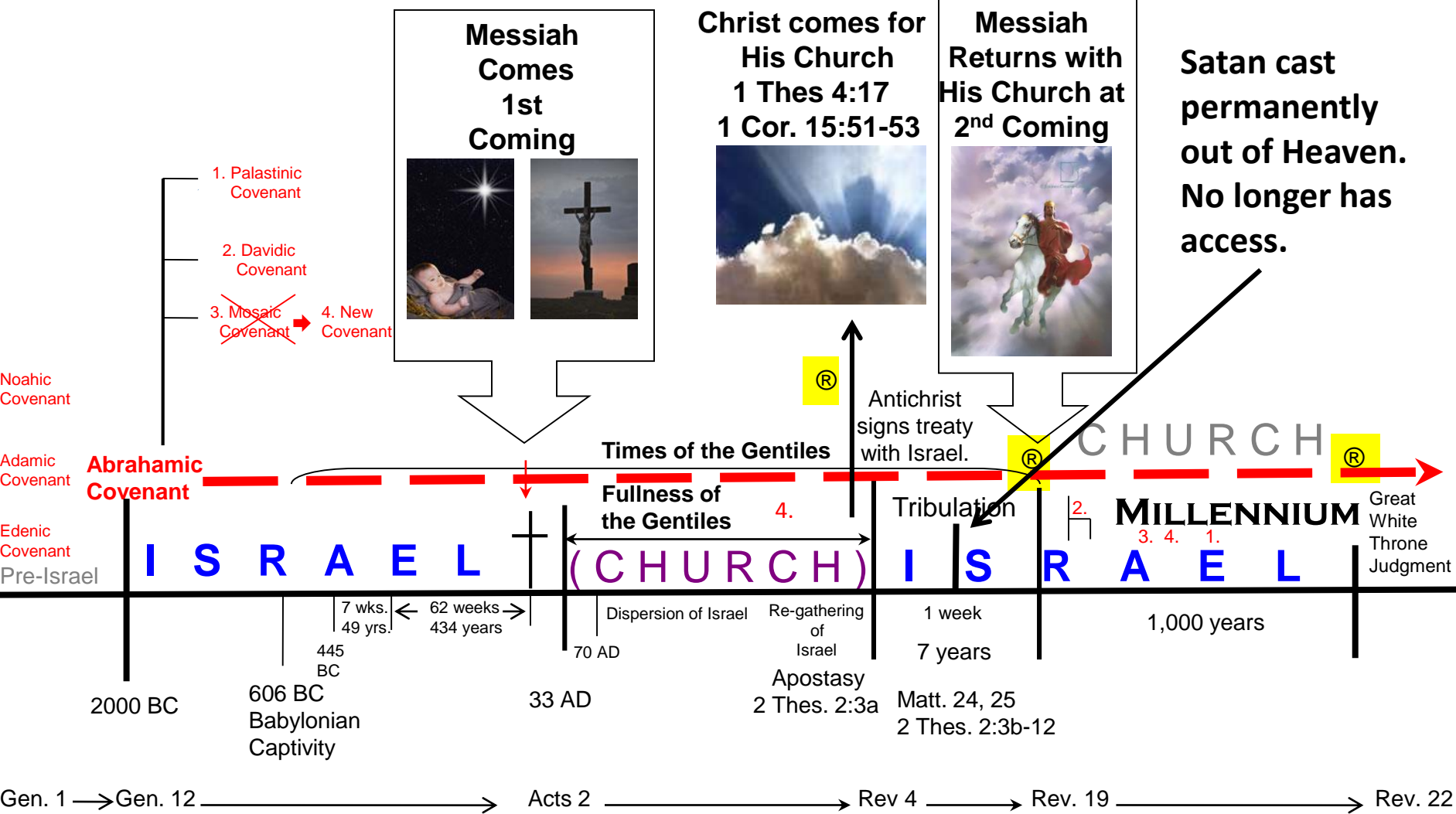
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- as judge.
- to punish.
- to bring full vengeance.
- to pour out His wrath.
- to curse.
- to condemn.

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Christ comes for His Church
1 Thes 4:17
1 Cor. 15:51-53

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“those who afflict others”

- Suffer in eternity from the hand of God who repays.
- Do not know God and have refused the gospel.
- Pay the penalty with eternal destruction away from the presence of the Lord.

“those afflicted”

- Suffer now from the hand of God who rewards.
- Should consider it joy when they suffer in light of their future in heaven.
- Receive relief when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven.

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3 Phases of Salvation

Justification

"I have been saved"

**Saved from the
penalty of sin.**

Sanctification

"I am being saved"

**Saved from the
power of sin.**

Glorification

"I shall be saved"

**Saved from the
presence of sin.**

Phil 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:30

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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1. To walk worthy of your calling.

Rom 8:30

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

1 Thess 2:12

12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

Eph 4:1

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Phil 1:27

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Col 1:10

10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

To walk worthy is to walk –

- in humility
- in purity
- in contentment
- in faith
- in righteousness
- in unity
- in gentleness
- in strength
- in patience
- in love
- in joy
- in thankfulness
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2. God will fulfill every desire for goodness.

Ps 21:1-2

1 O Lord, in Your strength the king will be glad,
And in Your salvation how greatly he will rejoice!

2 You have given him his heart's desire,
And You have not withheld the request of his lips.

Ps 37:4

4 Delight yourself in the Lord;
And He will give you the desires of your heart.

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3. God will produce the work of faith with power.

1 Thess 1:3

3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith

Eph 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Eph 3:14-16

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

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