

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”

“Shaken Because You’re Mistaken”

Get your eschatology right!

February 15, 2015

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1 Thess 1:9-10

9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,
10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thess 5:1-3,9

- 1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
- 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.
- 9 For God has not destined us for wrath,

Rev 3:10

- 10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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10 Reasons To Study Prophecy:

1. Prophecy occupies one-fifth (20%) of Scripture; and the Second Coming occupies one-third of that one-fifth.
2. Of the 333 prophecies concerning Christ, only 109 of them were fulfilled in His First Coming, leaving 224 yet to be fulfilled in His Second Coming.
3. Of the forty-six OT prophets, less than ten of them speak of events in Christ's First Coming, while 36 of them speak of events connected with His Second Coming.
4. There are a total of 1,527 OT passages referring to the Second Coming.
5. There are 7,959 verses in the NT, 330 of which refer directly to the Second Coming (1 out of 25).
6. Next to the subject of faith, the subject of the Second Coming is the most dominant subject in the NT.
7. For every time the First Coming is mentioned in the Bible, the Second Coming is mentioned 8 times.
8. For every time the Atonement is mentioned once, the Second Coming is mentioned twice.
9. The Lord refers to His return 21 times.
10. Believers are exhorted over 50 times to be ready for the return of Jesus Christ.

If you are consistent and faithful in literally interpreting the Bible, you will get Israel's covenants and promises right . . .

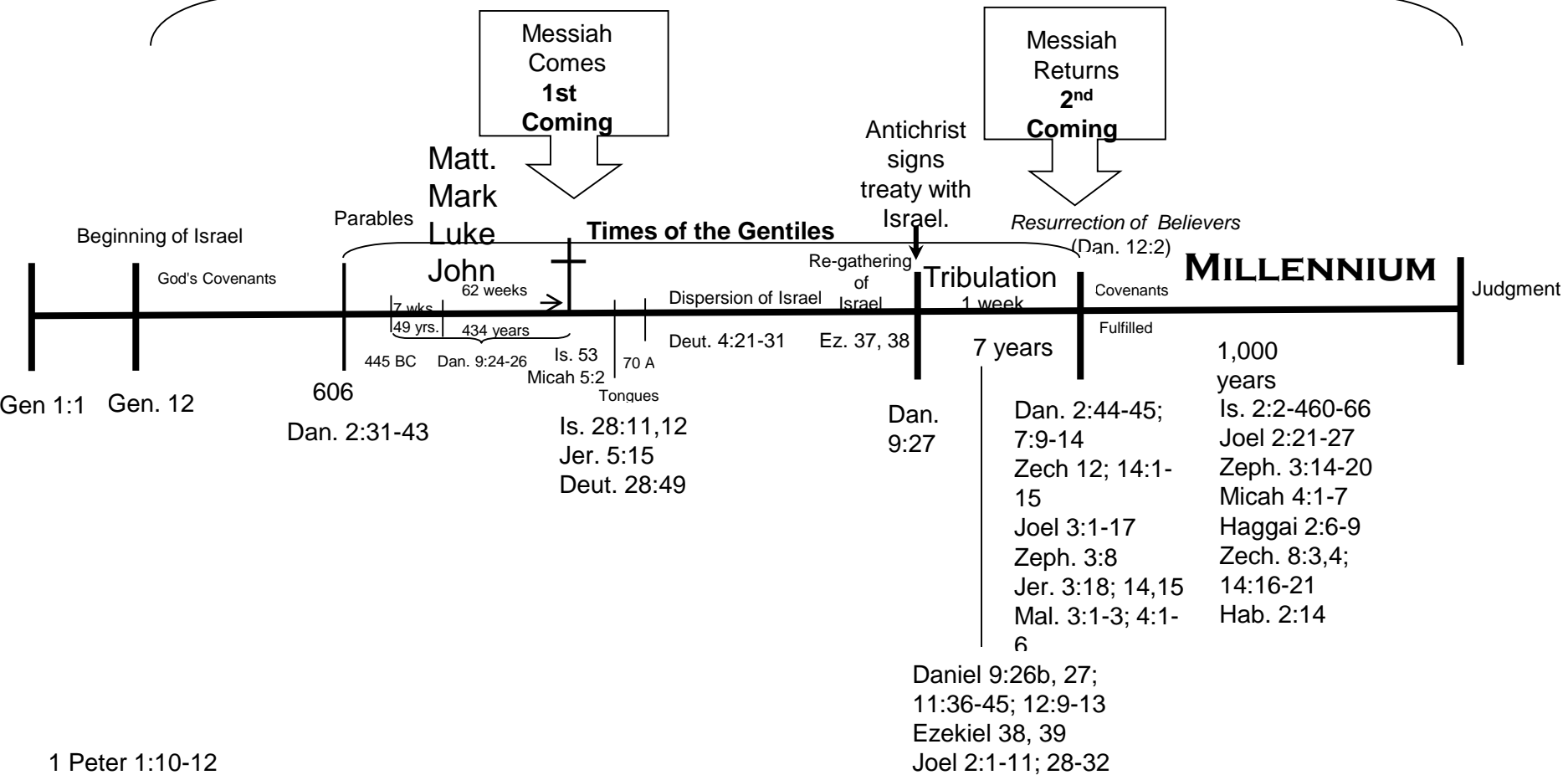
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If you get Israel right, then you get the Church right . . .

If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get prophecy right.

Old Testament View of Future Prophetic Events

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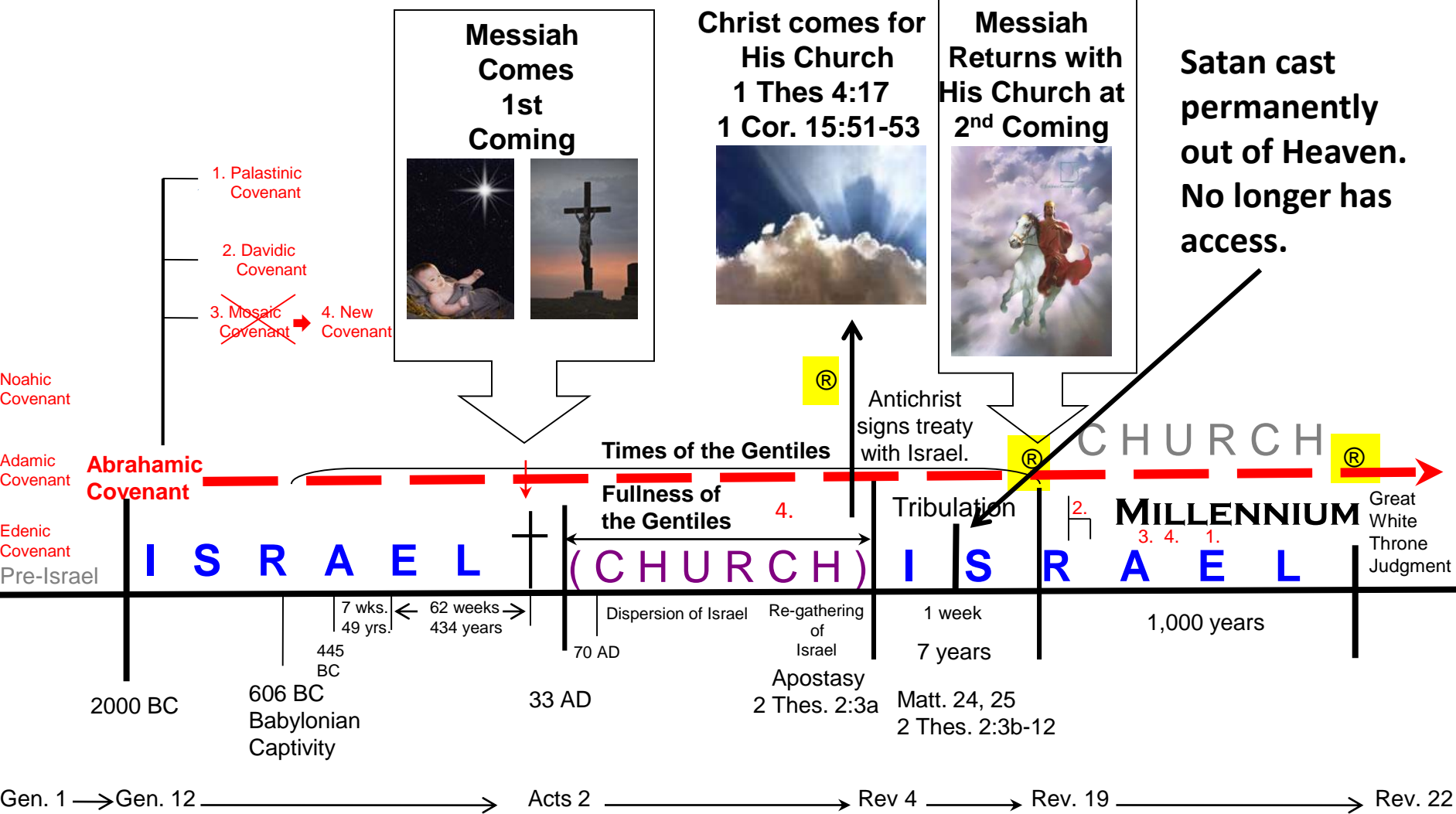


1 Peter 1:10-12

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven -- things into which angels long to look.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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1 John 4:1-3

- 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;
- 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

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Eph 4:14

14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

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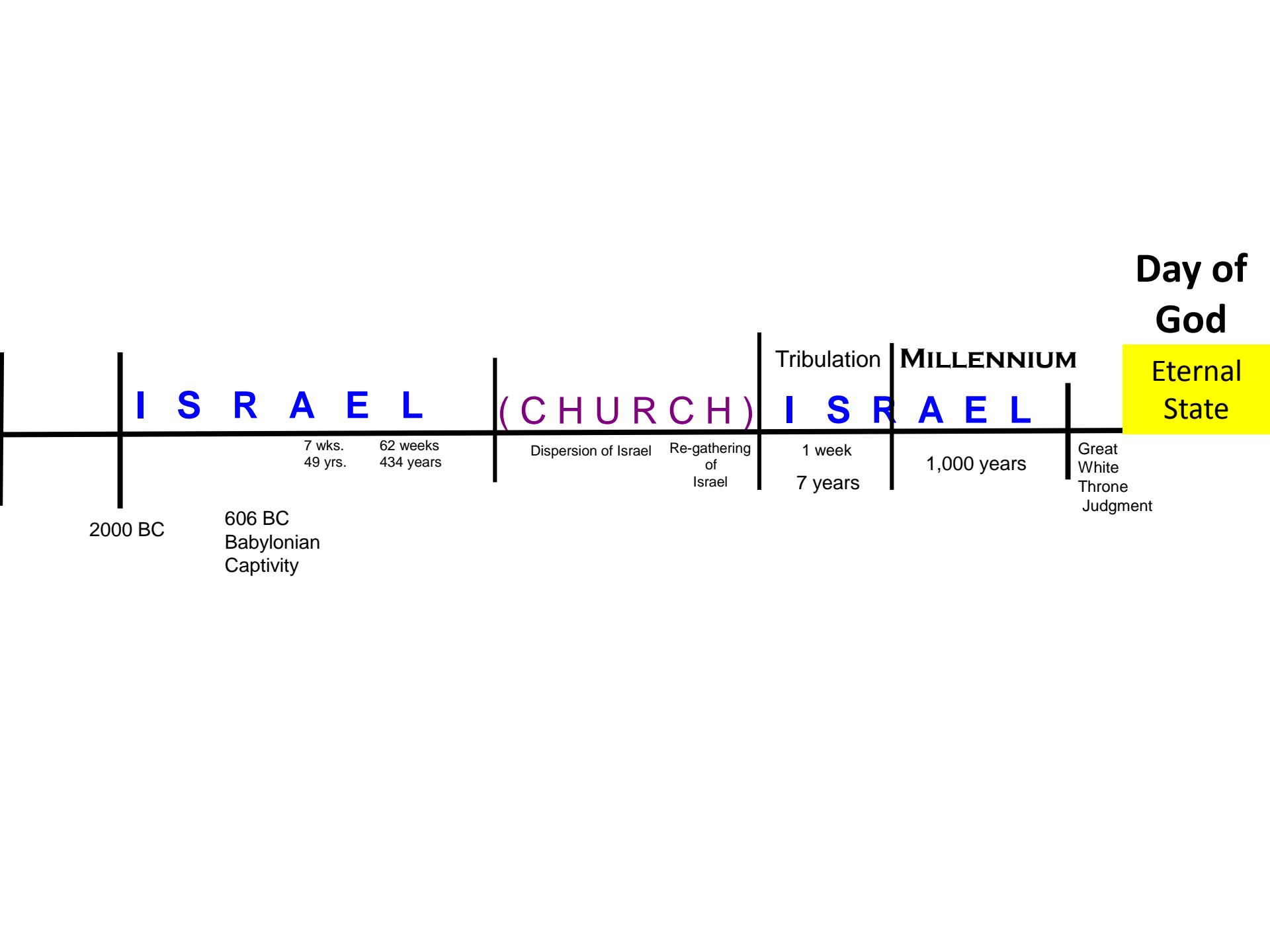
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Day of God

The rule of God in the eternal state after the creation of the new heavens and the new earth.

2 Peter 3:12

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!



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Tribulation MILLENNIUM

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Day of God

Eternal State

2000 BC

606 BC
Babylonian
Captivity

7 wks.
49 yrs.

62 weeks
434 years

Dispersion of Israel

Re-gathering
of
Israel

1 week
7 years

1,000 years

Great
White
Throne
Judgment

Day of Christ

The Day of Christ is that day at the rapture of the Church when Christ comes to receive His glorious bride. It is all positive.

1 Cor 1:7,8

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 5:5

5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Cor 1:14

14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to be proud as you also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

Phil 1:6,10

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.

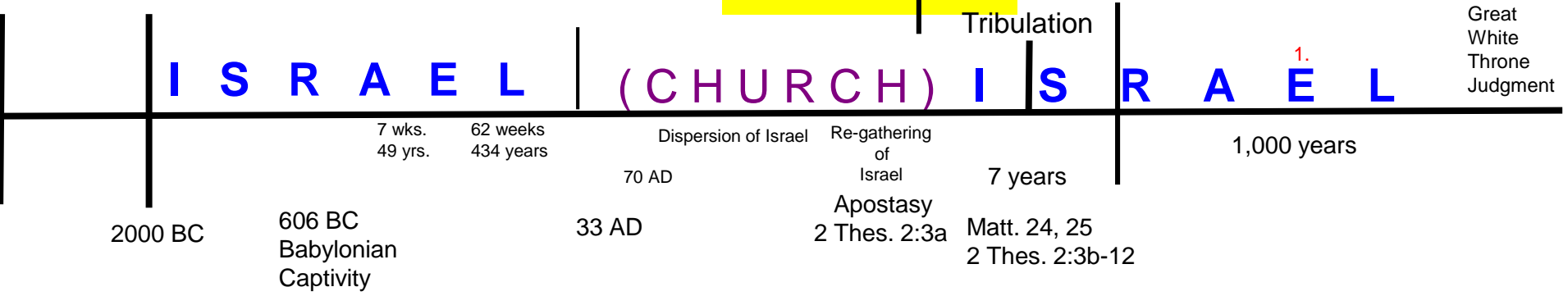
10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

Phil 2:16

16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

Day of Christ

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



Day of the Lord

The day of the Lord is that unexpected day when God pours out His wrath on all sinful mankind during the last 3 ½ years of the 7 year Tribulation period. God will use any and all physical means to bring destruction, pain and suffering upon the earth. It begins with the Seal Judgments, progresses to the Trumpet Judgments and climaxes with the Bowl Judgments. It is all negative.

Zeph 1:14-15

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,

It's Beginning

Mal 4:5

5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.

Joel 2:31

31 "The sun will be turned into darkness

And the moon into blood

Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

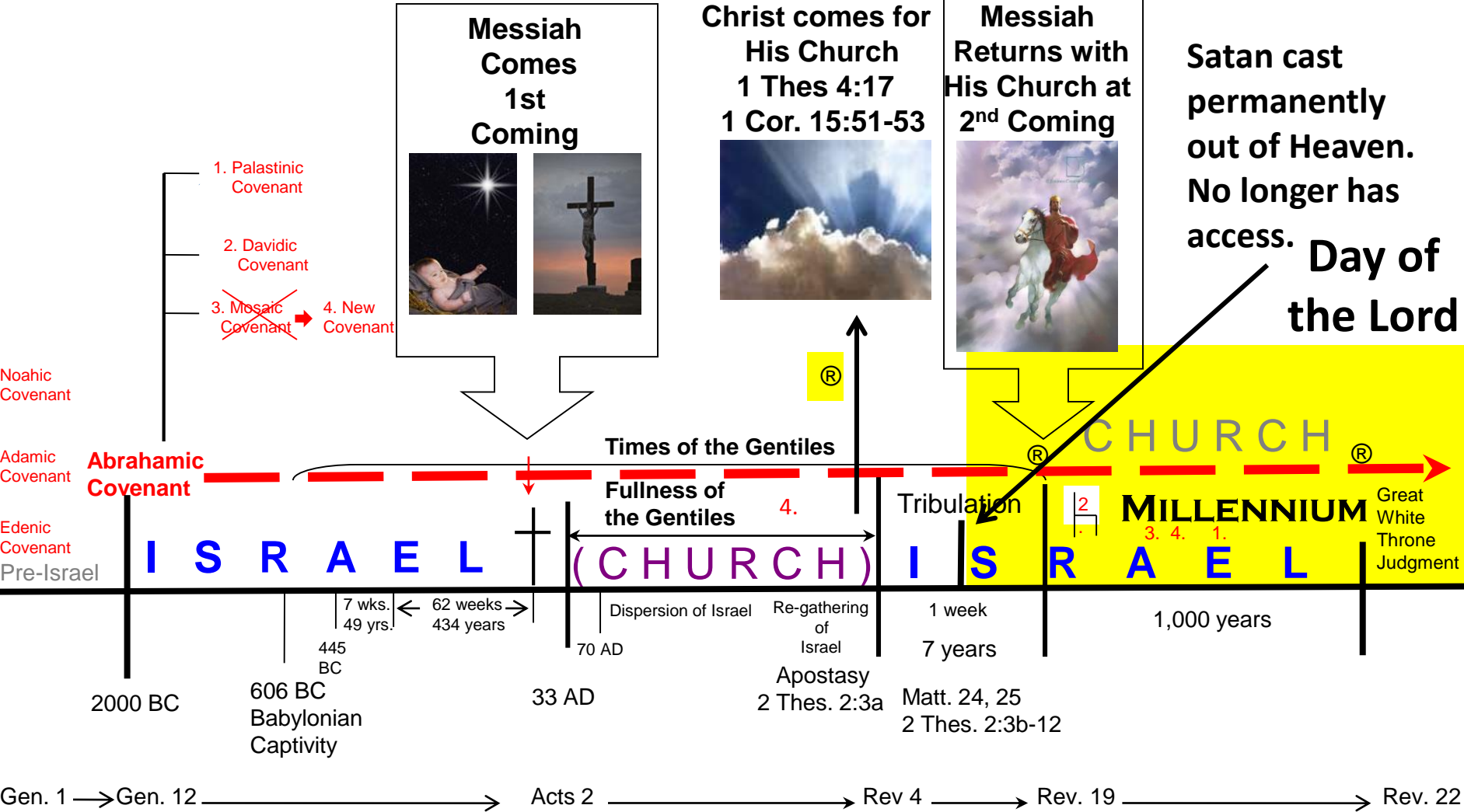
It's End

2 Peter 3:11-12

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,

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7 Year Tribulation

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

(Matt. 24:15)

Messiah Returns
2nd
Coming

Antichrist is World Ruler
(Defeats all Kings and nations)

GREAT TRIBULATION
WAR OF ARMAGEDDON

Israel is to flee to mountains.
(Matt. 24:16-20)

Nations gather in Israel to do war with God.
Rev. 16-19

Satan Worship. Rev. 13:3,4
False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22)
Rev. 13:11-15.

Worldwide evangelism
Matt. 24:14
Rev. 14:6,7

Trumpet

Bowl Judgments -

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

10 member Roman Confederacy
Rev. 13:1; 17:12

VS

King of the South - Egypt+
King of the North - Russia+
King of the East - China
Dan. 11:40-44

Antichrist Ascends to Power

3 1/2 years

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Church Age

Earthquakes
(Matt. 24:7)

Famines
(Matt. 24:7)

Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry
Rev. 11:3-6

One World Religion
Rev. 17

144,000 Jews are Saved & Sealed
Rev. 7:4-8

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

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

Judgments Increase in Severity - Rev. 8,9,11

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
- *1/3 of earth burned up.
- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
- *Great star falls from heaven & poisons waters & kills many.
- *1/3 of sun, moon, & stars are darkened - affects light & temperatures.
- *Another 1/3 of world's pop. die
- ***Earthquakes.**
- *Great hailstorm.

Rev. 16

- *Malignant sores on the unsaved..
- *Seas become blood & everything in them dies.
- *Rivers & springs become blood.
- *Sun scorches men with fire.
- ***Greatest earthquake ever - cities of the world destroyed.**
- ***Every mountain & island disappear.**
- *100 pound hailstones fall on men..

Millennium

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Apostasy at the End of the Church Age

1 Tim 4:1-5

- 1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,
- 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.
- 4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;
- 5 for it is sanctified by means of the word of God and prayer.

2 Tim 3:1-5

- 1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
- 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,
- 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,
- 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

2 Tim 4:1-4

- 1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:
- 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.
- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2 Peter 3:3-7

3 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water,

6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

Jude 18-19

18 that they were saying to you, "In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts."

19 These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.