

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!

Part 2

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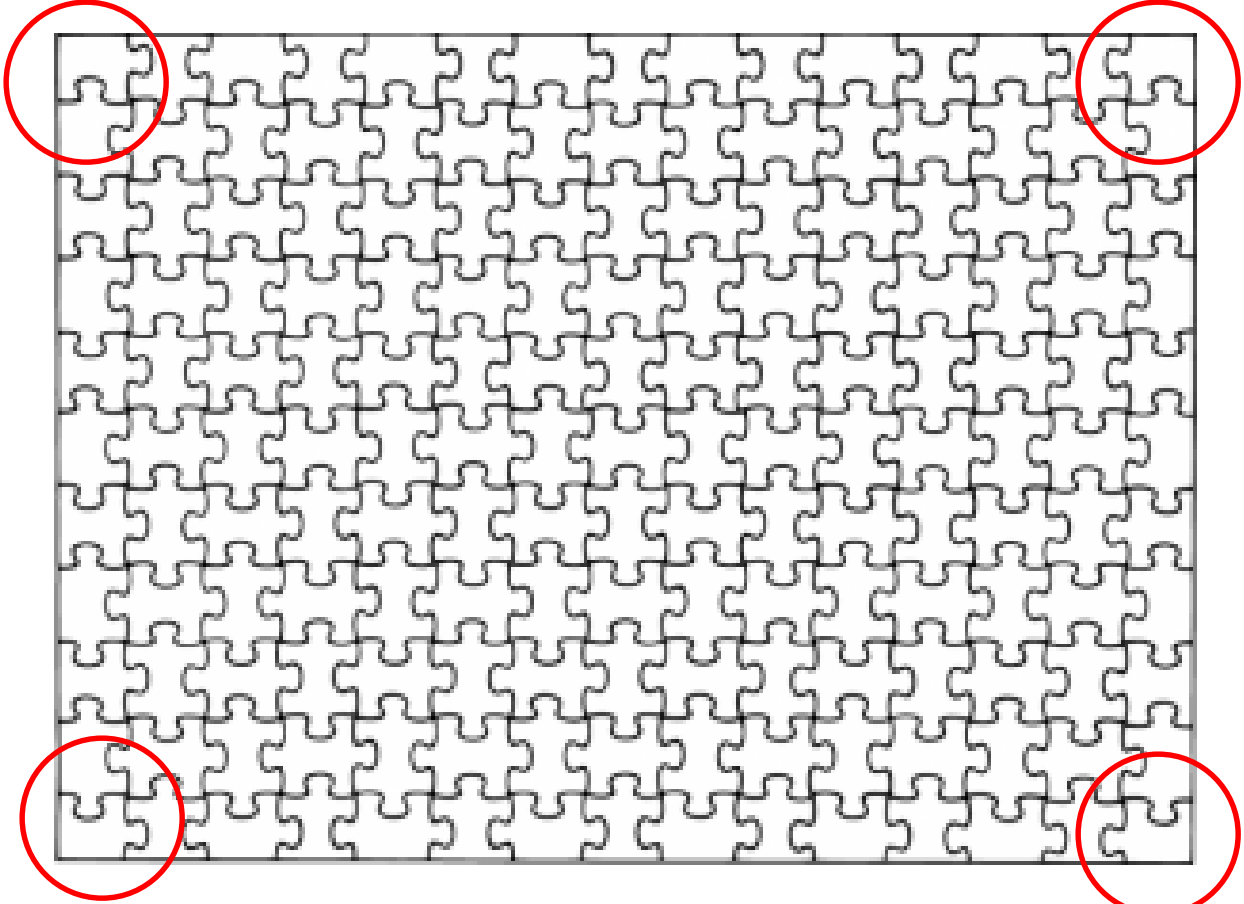
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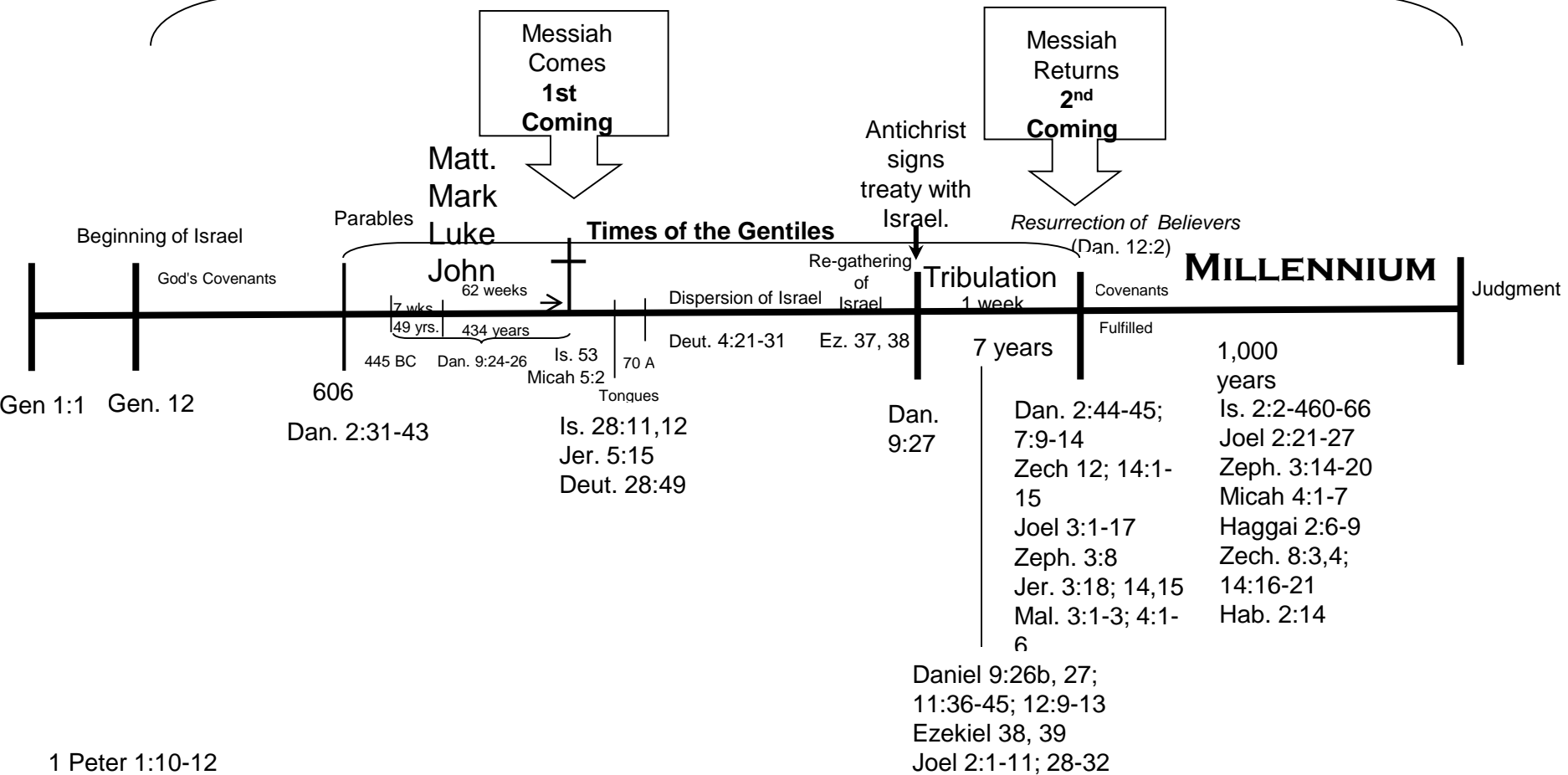


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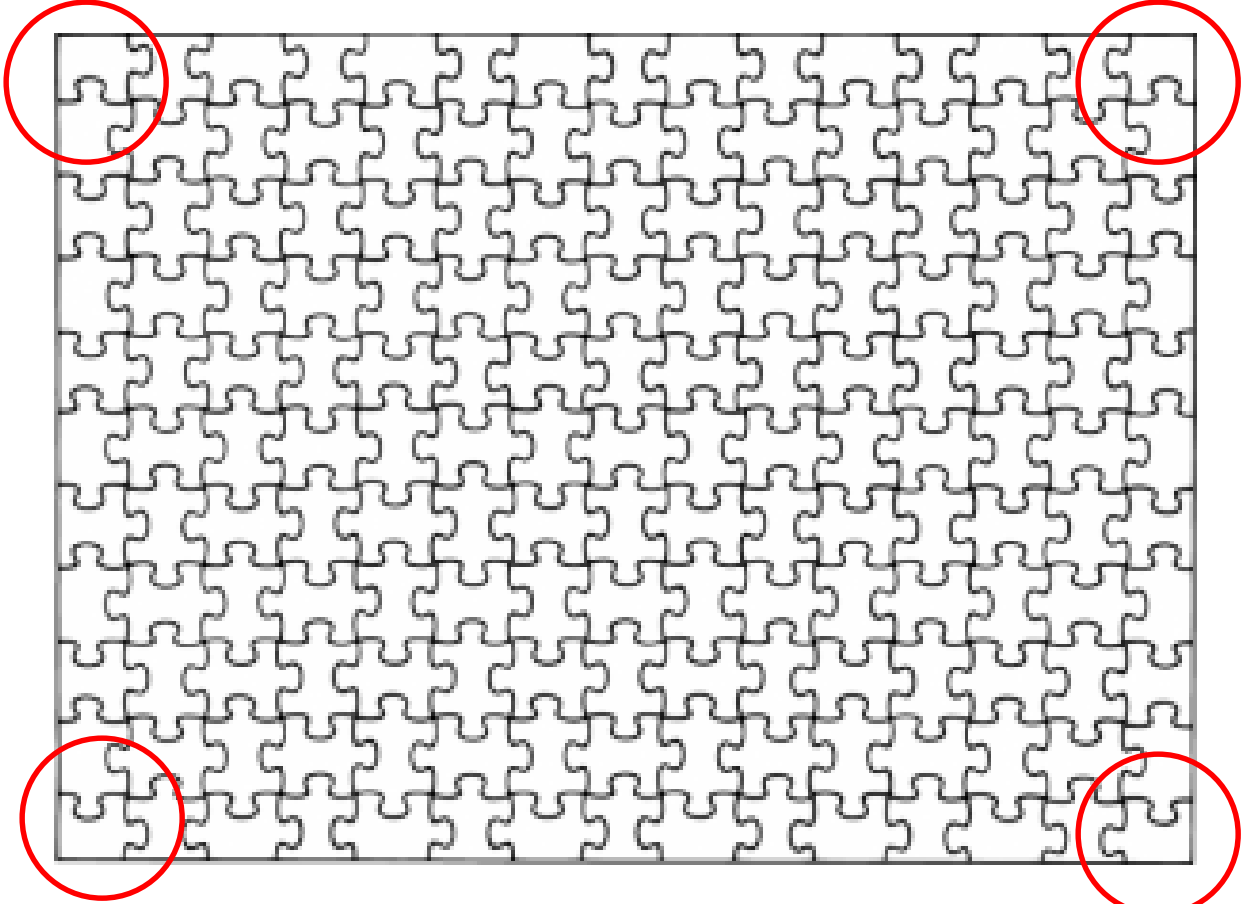
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10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ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

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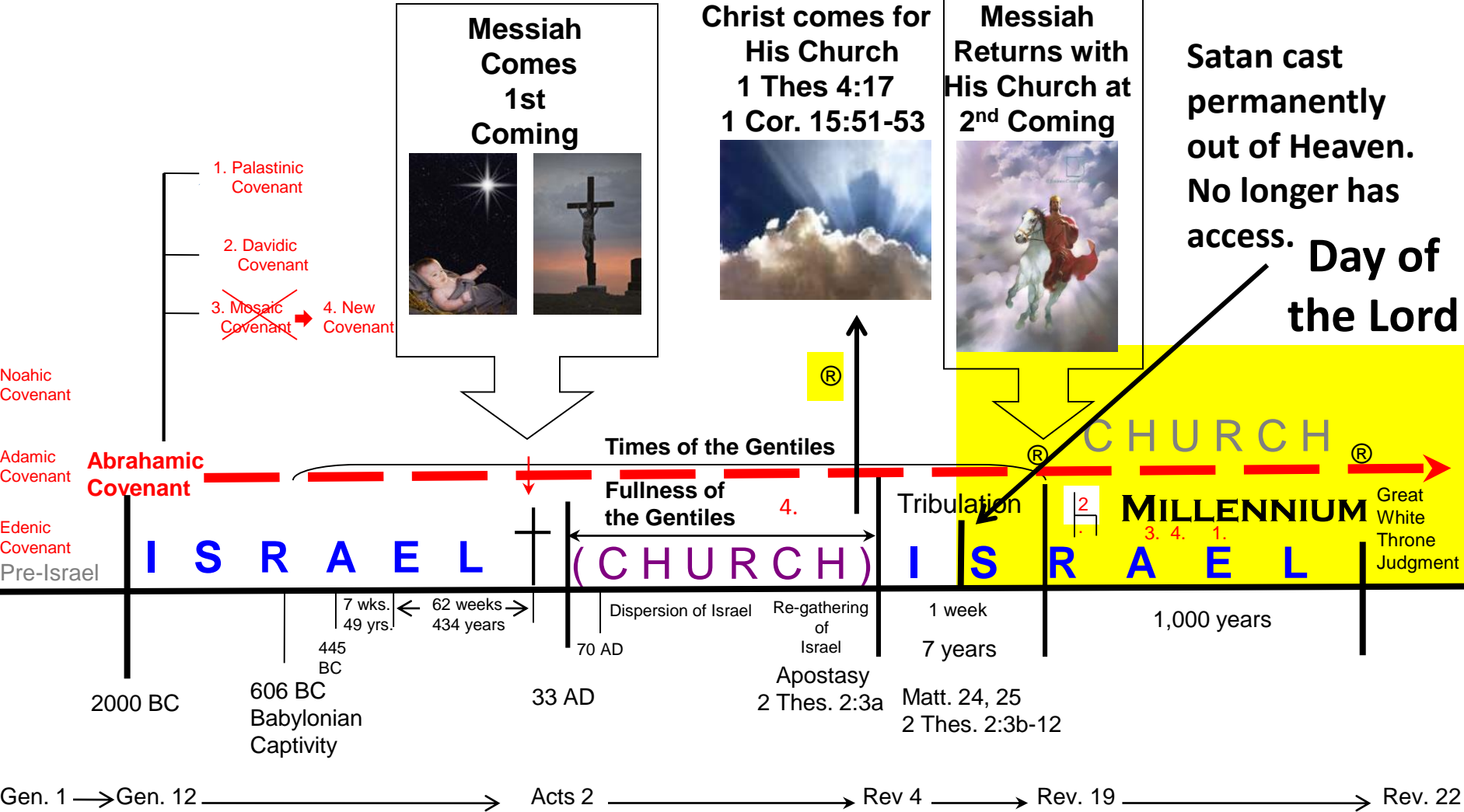
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12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

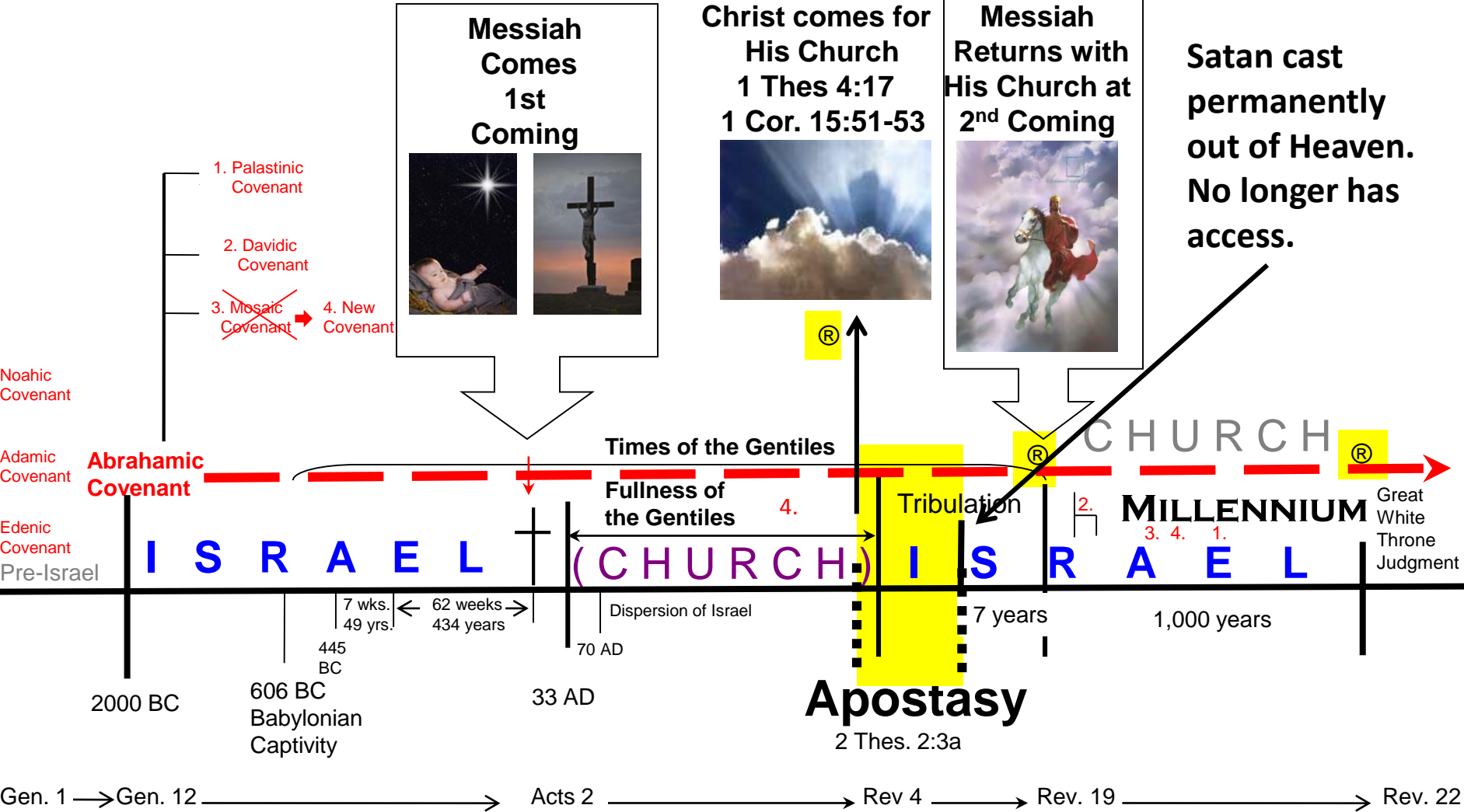
13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

14 And it was not Adam who was **deceived**, but the woman being **(greatly, thoroughly, completely) deceived**, fell into transgression.

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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.

5 Step Progression to Apostasy

1. The Passion is Gone

Rev 2:1-4

1 "To the angel of the church in **Ephesus** write:

The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

2 "I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false;

3 and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

4 "But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

2. Compromise

Rev 2:12

12 "And to the angel of the church in **Pergamum** write:

14 "But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality.

15 "So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

3. Tolerance

Rev 2:18

18 "And to the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write:

20 "But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

4. Apathy

Rev 3:1-4

- 1 "To the angel of the church in **Sardis** write:
He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars, says this: "I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.
- 2 "Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.
- 3 "So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.
- 4 "But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5. Dead and Worthless

Rev 3:14-20

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:

15 "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.

16 "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17 "Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

19 "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Apostasy in the Tribulation

Matt 24:4,5,9,10,11,15

4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

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“the Prince that shall come” (Dan. 9:26,27)

“the Willful King” (Dan. 11:16, 36-38)

“the Man of Sin” (2 Thess. 2:3)

“the Son of Destruction” (2 Thess. 2:3)

“the Beast” (Rev. 13:1-10)

Dan 9:27

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

“Lawlessness” – rebellion against God and His Word.

2 Cor 6:14-15

14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

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Acts 17:1,2,10

- 1 Now when they had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.
- 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,
- 10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea,

Acts 20:7-12

- 7 On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.
- 8 There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered together.
- 9 And there was a young man named Eutychus sitting on the window sill, sinking into a deep sleep; and as Paul kept on talking, he was overcome by sleep and fell down from the third floor and was picked up dead.
- 10 But Paul went down and fell upon him, and after embracing him, he said, "Do not be troubled, for his life is in him."
- 11 When he had gone back up and had broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak, and then left.
- 12 They took away the boy alive, and were greatly comforted.

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- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

“Restrainer”

Some have suggested that the “restrainer” is:

- Government
- Preaching the Gospel
- Binding Satan by believers
- Principle of morality
- Michael the archangel
- The Church

However none of these is able to restrain evil on a world wide basis. It would have to be a supernatural Person. It would have to be the Holy Spirit.

Ministries of the Holy Spirit

His Ministry to the Unbeliever.

Convicting

John 16:8-11

- 8 "And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;
- 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me;
- 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me;
- 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

His Ministry to the Believer at Salvation.

A. Regenerating

John 3:5-8

- 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born** of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born** of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

B. Baptizing

1 Cor 12:13

13 For by one Spirit we were all **baptized** into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

C. Indwelling

Rom 8:9

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

John 14:17

17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and **will be in you**.

D. Distributing

1 Cor 12:4-11

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing** to each one individually just as He wills.

E. Sealing

Eph 1:13

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation — having also believed, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 4:30

30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were **sealed** for the day of redemption.

His Ministry to the Believer during Sanctification.

A. Controlling

Eph 5:18

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be **filled** with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Col 3:16-17

16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

By controlling the believer the Holy Spirit:

A. Teaches us.

John 16:13

13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will **guide** you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

1 Cor 2:10-13

10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those **taught** by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Psalm 119:18

18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law.

B. Leads us.

Rom 8:14

14 For all who are being **led** by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

C. Assures us.

Rom 8:16

16 The Spirit Himself **testifies with our spirit** that we are children of God,

D. Prays on behalf of us.

Rom 8:26

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself **intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words;

E. Produces fruit in us.

Gal 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

6. Empowers us to witness.

Acts 1:8

8 but **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 4:31

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak the word of God with boldness.**

His Ministry Through the Church.

Restraining

2 Thess 2:7

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **he** who now **restrains** will do so until he is taken out of the way.