

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 the gospel of Matthew.

Please move to the center of the rows so that those who come after you can find seating at the end of the rows.

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.

"As we grow in holiness, we grow in hatred of sin; and God, being infinitely holy, has an infinite hatred of sin"

Jerry Bridges

FAMINES, EARTHQUAKES, AND THE SEAL JUDGMENTS

Text: Matt. 24:4-8

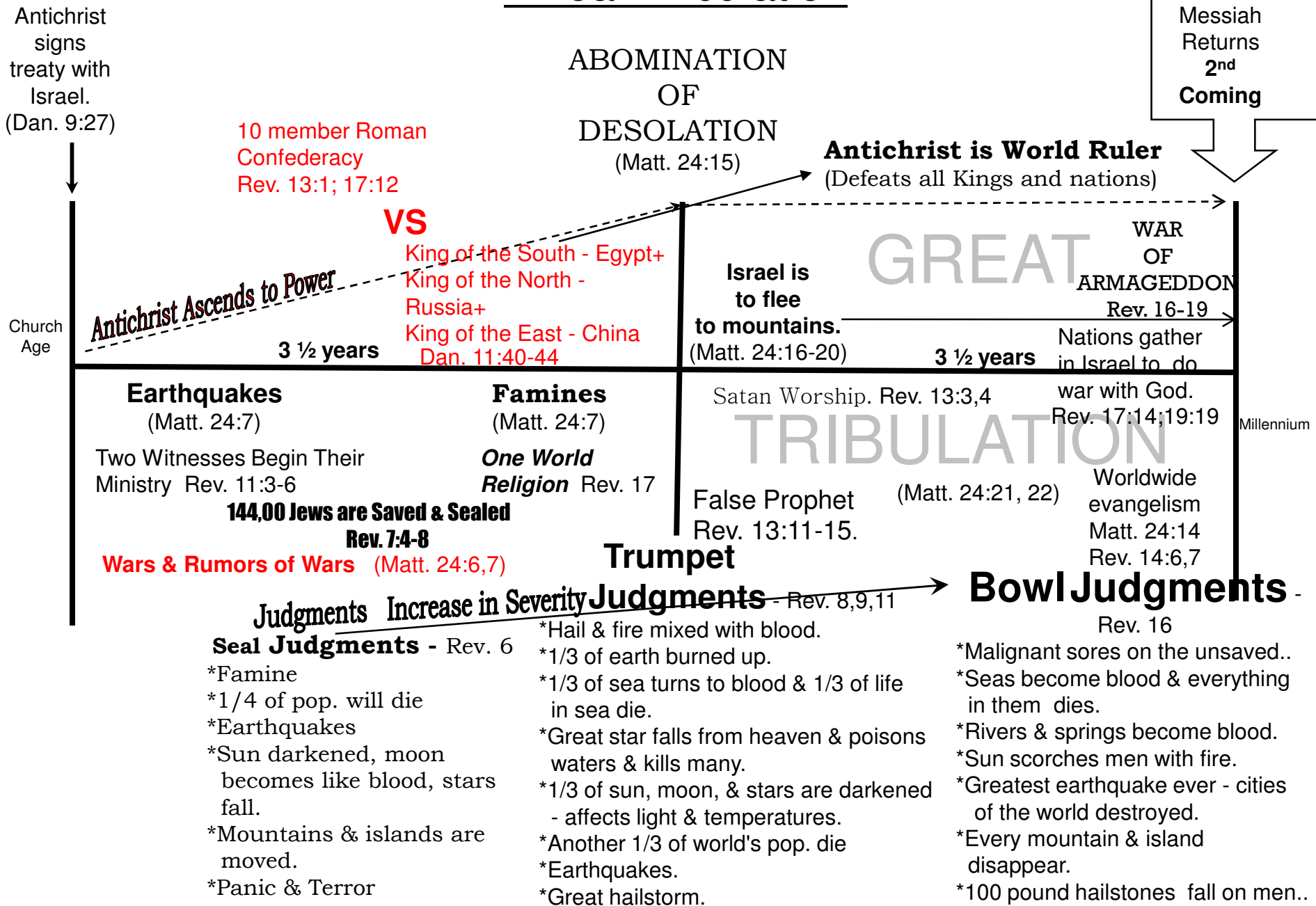
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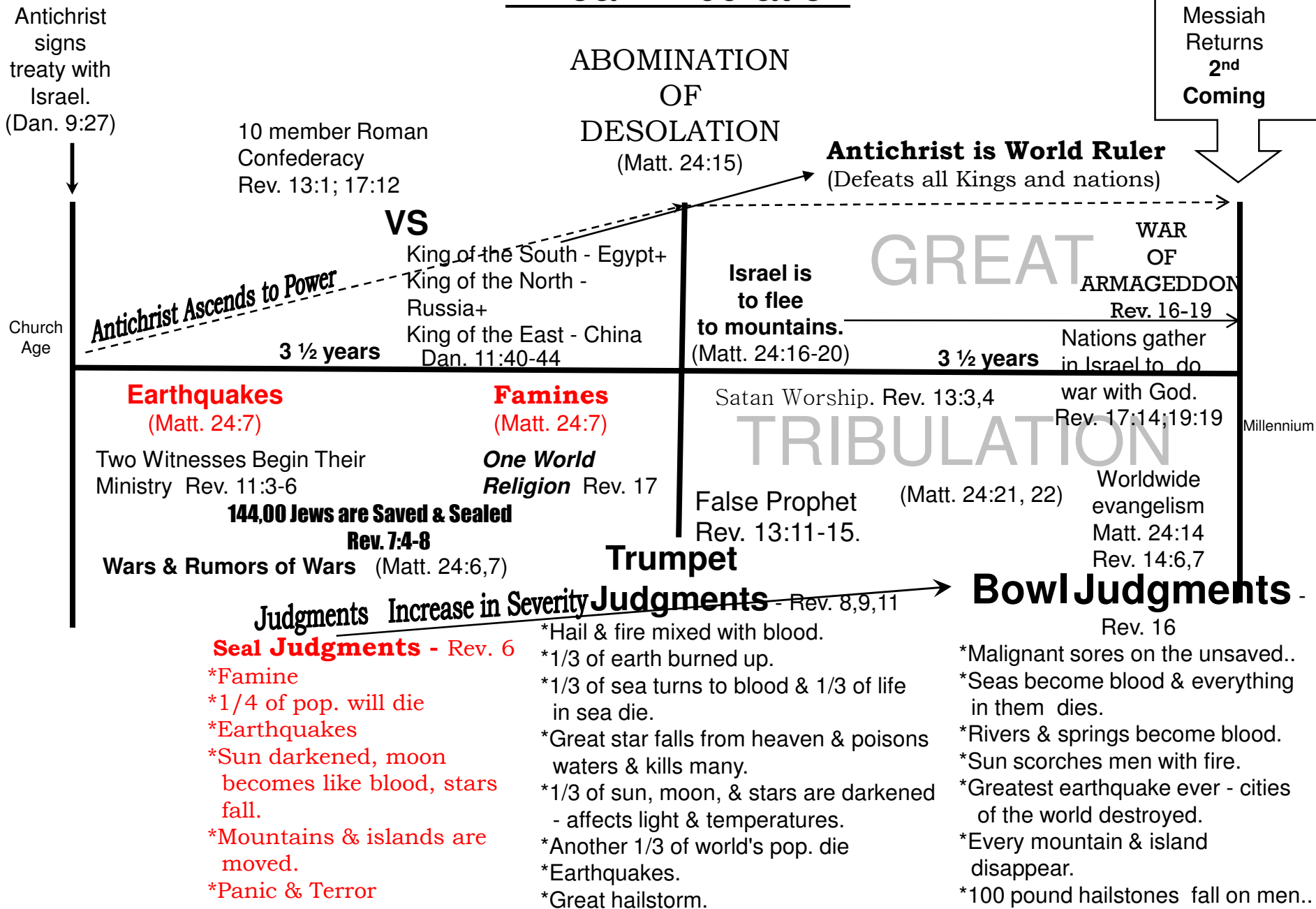
7 Year Tribulation



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

Church Age

7 Year Tribulation



Rev 6

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Kings of the North

Revived Roman Empire (Antichrist)

Kings of the South

King of the East

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Israel

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Joel 2:30-31

30 "I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth,

Blood, fire and columns of smoke.

31 "The sun will be turned into darkness

And the moon into blood

Before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

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Application:

1. Though there is incredible chaos on the earth during the Tribulation, God is still on His throne (Rev. 4,5) and totally in control of the events that are happening (vs. 6 – “for these things must take place”). Not one dust particle moves during the Tribulation unless He commands it.
2. As with Pharaoh (Rom. 9:17), so God will raise up and sustain the Antichrist to accomplish His purposes and glorify His name.
3. God uses natural means (wars, famines, disease, wild animals), and supernatural means (earthquakes, asteroids, comets, meteors, volcanoes, floods) to pour out His wrath upon the earth.
4. In judgment, God is no respecter of persons.
5. Death by tragedy is better than death by wrath.

