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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Chapter 1

FOR THE RECORD

FUTURIST: MOST OF THE EVENTS ARE YET TO HAPPEN,

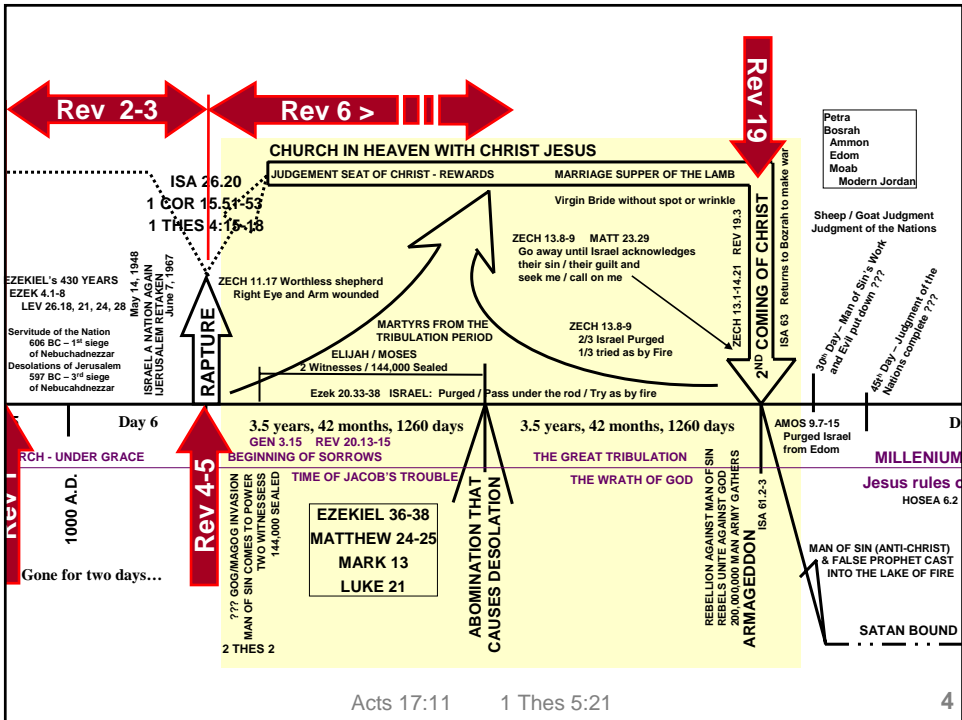
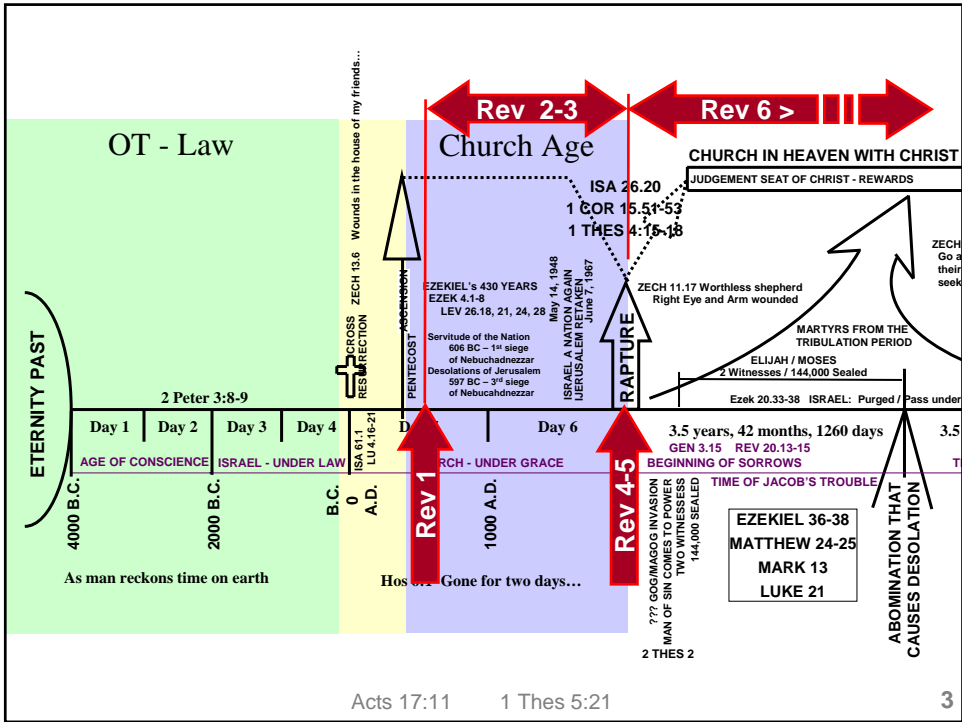
SEQUENTIAL: REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN HISTORICAL TIME ORDER

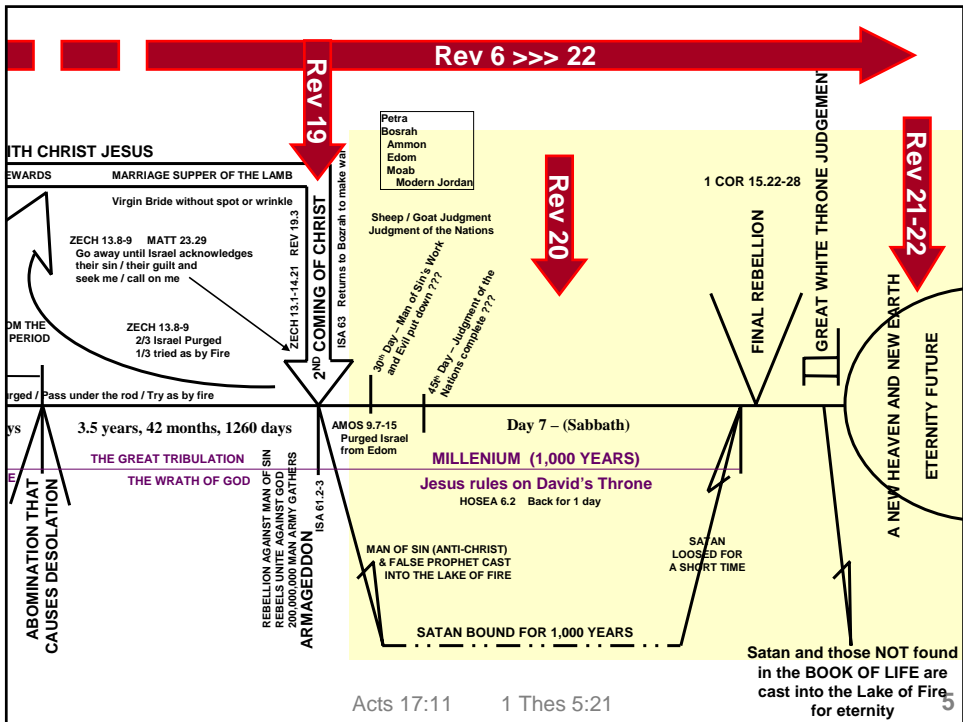
PREMILLENNIAL: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST HAPPENS BEFORE THE LITERAL MILLENNIUM BEGINS

PRETRIBULATIONAL: THE RAPTURE OCCURS PRIOR TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION

DISPENSATIONAL: GOD USES DIFFERENT GROUPS AND PEOPLE TO REPRESENT AND REVEAL HIMSELF TO MANKIND AT DIFFERENT TIMES

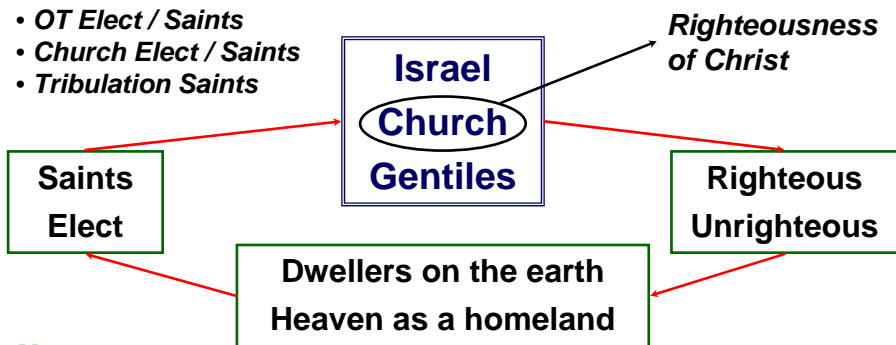
~~LITERAL:~~ WHAT GOD SAYS, HE MEANS,
WHAT HE PROMISED, HE WILL DO
SERIOUSLY





Not all Saints are in the Church...

- OT Elect / Saints
- Church Elect / Saints
- Tribulation Saints



Matt 11:11

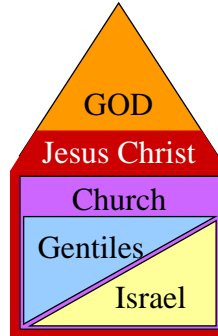
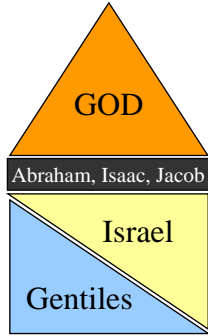
Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

REMNANT: Israel Rom 9:6-8

REMNANT: Church Matt 7:15 Act 20:29

Paul's World View

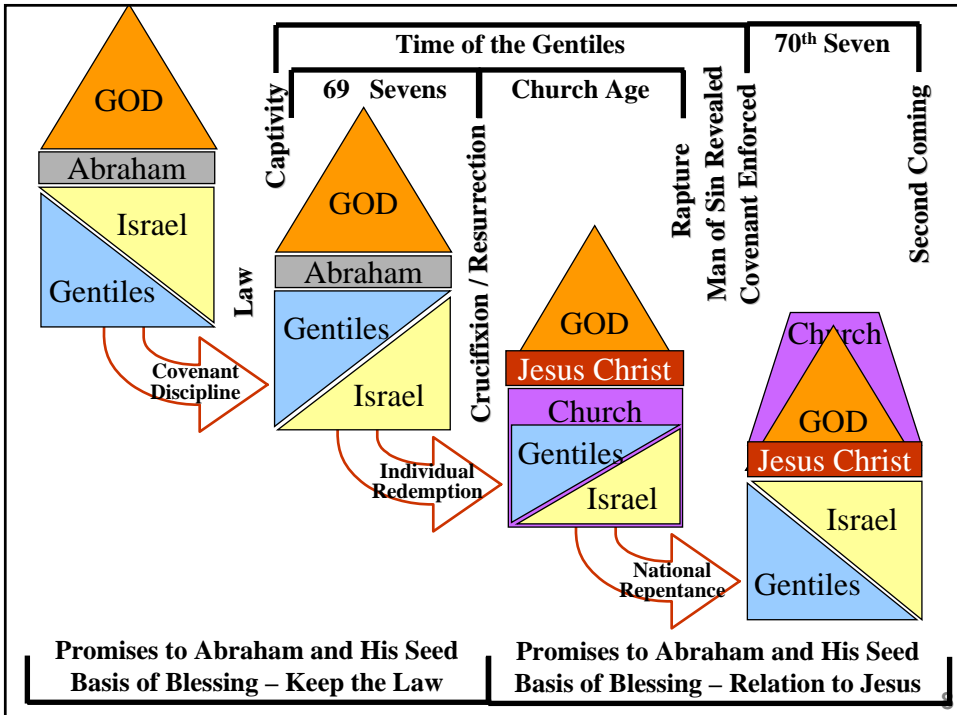
- Social dichotomy: Jews + Gentiles
- Paul's trichotomy: Jews + Gentiles + Church



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Divisions of ‘Systematic’ Theology

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Bibliology | The Bible |
| • Theology Proper | Attributes of God |
| • Christology | Lord Jesus Christ |
| • Pneumatology | Holy Spirit |
| • Angelology | Angels, fallen and unfallen |
| • Anthropology | Man |
| • Soteriology | Salvation |
| • Ecclesiology | The Church |
| • Eschatology | End-Times; Last Things |
| • Israelology | Israel as God’s instrument |

The reason we have so many denominations today...

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Israel and the Church

- Distinctions
 - Different Origins, Missions, Destinies
- “Replacement” views deny Israel its place in God’s program – “Reconstructionism”
 - Makes God a Liar
 - Laid the basis for Christian Anti-Semitism
- The “70 Weeks” of Dan 9 deals specifically with *Israel*
 - *Only 69 have passed...*
- Paul’s trichotomy: Jews + Gentiles = Church
 - Jew and Gentile distinctives reappear after Revelation 4...

Rev 1:1-3 KJV

[1:1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave unto him,
to shew unto his servants
things which must shortly come to pass;
and he sent and signified it
by his angel
unto his servant John:
[1:2] Who bare record of the word of God,
and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,
and of all things that he saw.

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[1:1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ,

Greek: **apokalupsis** = apocalypse

αποκάλυψις
transliteration

means the taking off of a covering - an unveiling,
laying bare, a disclosure, exposing or revealing.

In New Testament: 18 times

1st use: Simeon, the godly old man who waited for the consolation of Israel,
took the baby, Jesus, in his arms and blessed Him.

*"Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, `Lord, now
lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine
eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of
all people; **A light to lighten** the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people
Israel' " (Luke 2:28-32).*

Thus: a shining forth of a person;
an unveiling of God.

Elsewhere it is translated:

"appearing," I Peter 1:7;
"coming," I Corinthians 1:7;
"manifestation," Romans 8:19.

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[1:1] The apokalupsis; unveiling, revealing of Jesus Christ,

- not a puzzle or an enigma.
 - not called the hiding or the mystery of Jesus Christ,
 - but the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2Ti 3:16

All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The Revelation we find a light that illuminates the rest of the Bible

- *Mat 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*
- *Luk 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*
- *Luk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*
- *Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*

Eph 6:10-14 Grid about with truth Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
Eph 5:25-27 ... That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;
but that it should be holy and without blemish.

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[1:1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him,

Could God the Father reveal something to the Lord Jesus Christ about Himself?

Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father

**[1:1] The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
which God gave unto him,
to shew unto his servants
things which must shortly come to pass;**

Gk: en taxei; "what must speedily happen."

Not soonness, but rapidity of execution once they begin the events of this book are to take place within a brief space of time.

When I begin, I will also make an end" (1 Sam. 3:12).
God shall avenge His own speedily (Luke 18:8).

GK: doulos :used to translate the Hebrew word for a "bondslave."

Those who of their own choice have abandoned their old life and committed themselves to the Lord and serving Him

(Ex 21:6; Deut 15:17);

This book is the revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to the Lord Himself so He could show His yielded servants what things were about to take place...

And once these things begin they will happen and conclude rapidly...

All things continue as always 2 Ptr 3:4
A day as a 1,000 years 2 Ptr 3:8 Ps 90:4
In a day that you think not Mt 24:44 Lk 12:40

**[1:1] ...he sent and signified it by his angel
unto his servant John:**

"sign-i-fied": rendered into signs and symbols **HOSEA 12:10**

no prophecy is of private interpretation 2 Pet 1:20
preaching of the cross to them that perish foolishness I Co 1: 18

Gk: angelos: angel = messenger

Used of different orders of beings in the Bible.

In Revelation:

- Sometimes actual, real angels are the messengers;
- Sometimes, men are the messengers; and
- 3 times the messenger is Christ Himself.

Get used to translating and thinking of the word "angel" as a "messenger" before you try to figure out what person or being is being used to deliver the message.

Translation / Transliteration

ἄγγελος

TRANSLITERATION

aggelos

angel

TRANSLATION

Thayer/Strong's Definition: G32
a messenger, envoy, one who is sent,
a messenger from God;
by implication, a pastor:
Part of Speech: noun masculine
A Related Word: from aggello
[probably derived from G71, compare
G34] (to bring tidings)
KJV - angel, messenger.

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**[1:2] Who bare record of the word of God,
and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,
and of all things that he saw.**

- *the things thou sawest,*
- *those that are,*
- *those that are about to happen after these;*

*Who bore witness = 90x in John's writing
JOHN 21:24 JOHN 19:35 1 JOHN 1:3*

Judgments
Sentencing Phase

- Judgment Seat of Christ
- Judgment of the Nations
- Great White Throne Judgment

*TESTIMONY = Trail over, Evidence in,
Sentence to be passed and carried out*

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[1:3] Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

1st Beatitude of 7 in the Revelation

- He that Readeth and
- They that Hear the words and
- Keep those things

Rev 22:7

Which are written in this prophecy

Dan 12:4 shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end:

Dan 12:8-9 or the words [are] closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

Gen 18:17-19 Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Psa 25:14 The secret of the LORD [is] with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Amo 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Joh 15:14-15 I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

.....ONCE SEALED; NOW REVEALED.....

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Repeated in Rev 22:7

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BEATITUDES

Matthew

- 5:3 Blessed *[are]* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 5:4 Blessed *[are]* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5:5 Blessed *[are]* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 5:6 Blessed *[are]* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 5:7 Blessed *[are]* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 5:8 Blessed *[are]* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 5:9 Blessed *[are]* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 5:10 Blessed *[are]* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *[men]* shall revile you, and persecute *[you]*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Revelation

- 1:3 Blessed *[is]* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *[is]* at hand.**
- 14:13 ... Blessed *[are]* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
- 16:15 ... Blessed *[is]* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- 19:9 ...Blessed *[are]* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
- 20:6 Blessed and holy *[is]* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- 22:7 ... blessed *[is]* he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**
- 22:14 Blessed *[are]* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 1:4-8 KJV

**[1:4] John to the seven churches which are in Asia:
Grace *[be]* unto you, and peace, from him
which is, and which was, and which is to come;
and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;**

**[1:5] And from Jesus Christ,
[who is] the faithful witness,
[and] the first begotten of the dead,
and the prince of the kings of the earth.**

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

**[1:6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;
to him *[be]* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

**[1:7] Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him,
and they *[also]* which pierced him:
and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him.**

Even so, Amen.

**[1:8] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord,
which is, and which was, and which is to come,
the Almighty.**



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Gentile (Greek) greeting

GRACE **G5485** **χάρις** *khar'-ece*

PEACE **G1515** **εἰρήνη** *i-rah'-nay*

H7965 **שלום / שלום** *shaw-lome'*

Hebrew (Jewish) greeting

G – God's
R – Riches
A – At
C – Christ's
E – Expense

Grace – getting what we do not deserve
Mercy – not getting what we do deserve
 Peace – being welcome and at rest in
 God's presence

[1:4] from him
 which is, and which was, and which is to come;...

The three tenses of the verb "to be":

I was, I am, I shall be

Take a concordance and you will be led to the OT name of Jehovah
 – the great 'I AM' - is made up of parts of the three tenses of the verb
 "To Be".

These three tenses come together as an acronym to form the name

<p>יהוה <i>haw-yaw'</i> 'I AM'</p>	<p>Jehovah</p> <p>Ex 3:14 אֲנִי הוּא אֲנִי I AM: THAT I AM 1961 834 1961 'EH^hYEH 'ASHER 'EH^hYEH</p>	<p>יהוה <i>yeh-ho-vaw'</i> Yahweh [YHWH]</p>
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Note: here it is not "I shall be" but "I shall come"

Revelation is not about His 'being' but His 'coming' to rule and reign

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[1:4] from him
 which is, and which was, and which is to come;
 and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
 [1:5] And from Jesus Christ, ...

<u>Here</u>	<u>Not as usual</u>
Father	Father
Spirit	Son
Son	Spirit

the seven Spirits before
 the throne of God

- ...the spirit of YHWH [the Lord] shall rest upon him,
- the spirit of wisdom
- and understanding,
- the spirit of counsel
- and might,
- the spirit of knowledge
- and of the fear of the Lord
 (Isa. 11:2).

Compare with: "Convicting of sin", "Teacher" and "Comforter"
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Note other references to 'seven spirits':

(Mat 12:45) (Luk 11:26) ... taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last [state] of that man is worse than the first...

(Luk 8:2) ...Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

(Rev 3:1) Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars:...

(Rev 4:5) ...and [there were] seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

(Rev 5:6) ...stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

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**[1:5] And from Jesus Christ,
[who is] the faithful witness,
[and] the first begotten of the dead,
and the prince of the kings of the earth.**

JESUS 3 fold title:

- **Faithful Witness** **Prophet**
God’s spokesman to man
- **Firstborn of the dead** **Priest**
man’s intermediary with God
- **Prince of the kings of the earth** **King: Ruler / Judge**
King of kings / Lord or lords

What is He doing?

There is a Man in Heaven, a Man with a body of flesh and bones

Luk 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

His work of judgment, exalted above all the kings of the earth, is soon to be described.

Psa 110:1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

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John bursts out in praise: [1:5] ...Unto him that **loved us**,
 and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
 [1:6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;
 to him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Agapao: Total, unconditional
 sacrificial, commitment to another;
present tense

Washed us from Our sins
 in His blood...; **past tense**

Praise:

Thanking God for what
 He's done...

Worship:

Thanking God for who
 He is...

- 1:6 "Glory and dominion be unto him who loves us."
- 4:11 "Glory, honor, and power."
- 5:13 "Praise, honor, and glory, and dominion."
- 7:12 "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and
 thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might."
 perfect, sevenfold worship

Cf: Dan 7:13-14

**[1:7] Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him,
 and they [also] which pierced him:
 and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him...**

What is this coming?
 Who is going to see Him?

How is he coming?
 What is their reaction?

“Every eye shall see Him”: Personal, physical - Dan 7; Mt 26:64; Mt 24:30
 Even they that “pierced him” Zech 12:10

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[1:7] ...Even so, Amen.

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AZ

Eng: The beginning and the end

תא

Heb: Aleph / Tao:
Zech 12:10 Gen 1:1

ΑΩ or αω

Gk: Alpha / Omega

ἄλφα	καὶ	τὸ	ὦ,
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Note:

Everywhere Alpha and Omega appear in the New Testament, Alpha is spelled out as a word while Omega appears just as a single letter ...???.

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The First and Second coming

Luk 4:16-21

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave [it] again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Isa 61:1-2

The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

Why did Jesus leave off the last half of verse 2 in mid-sentence ?

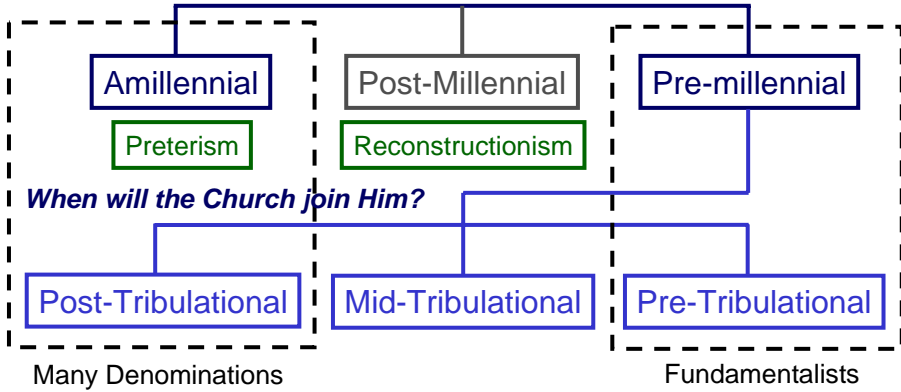
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Eschatology: Doctrine of last things

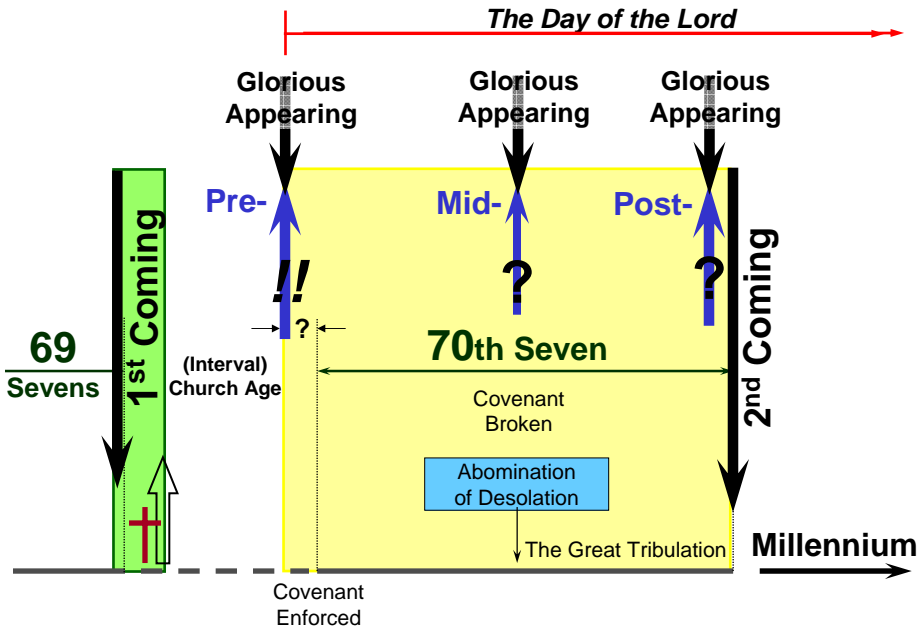
When will Christ rule on the earth?



Allegorical ← **Hermeneutics** → Literal

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Alternative “Tribulation” Views



Daniel 9: 24-27

- 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew [thee]; for thou [art] greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.
- 24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.
- 25 Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
- 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof [shall be] with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.
- 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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2 Thessalonians 2

- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Lord is at hand.
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that Man of Sin be revealed, the Son of Perdition;
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped;
so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 6 And now ye know what restraineth that he might be revealed in his time.
- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now restraineth will restrain, until He be taken out of the way.
- 8 And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

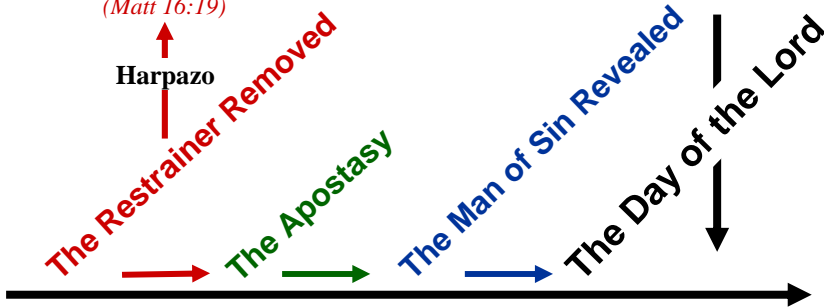
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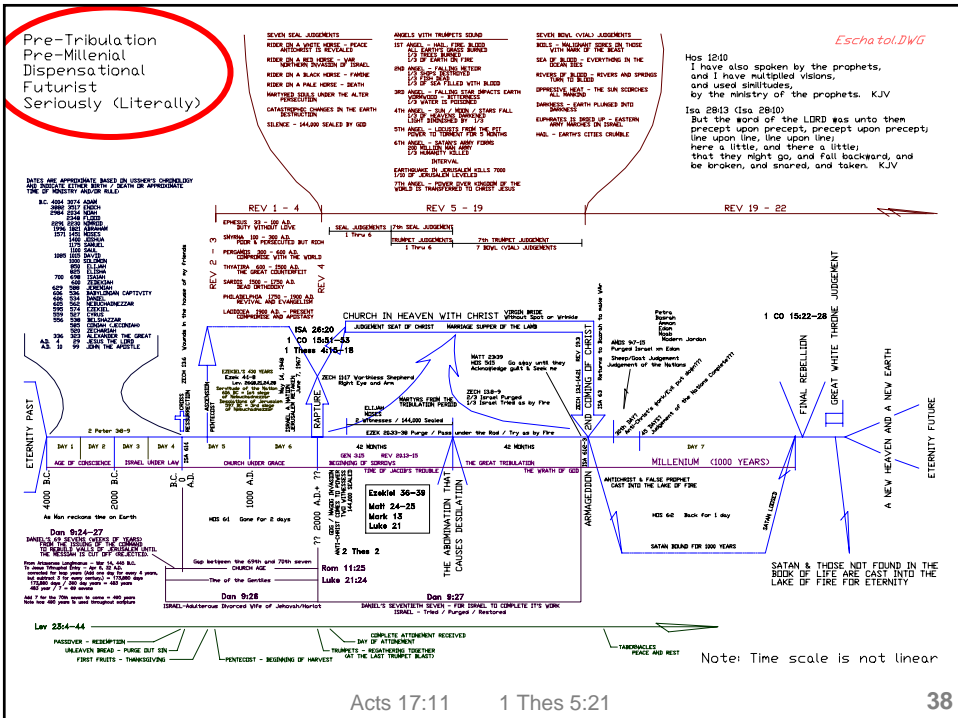
The Order of Events

Matt 18:18
Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
 (Matt 16:19)

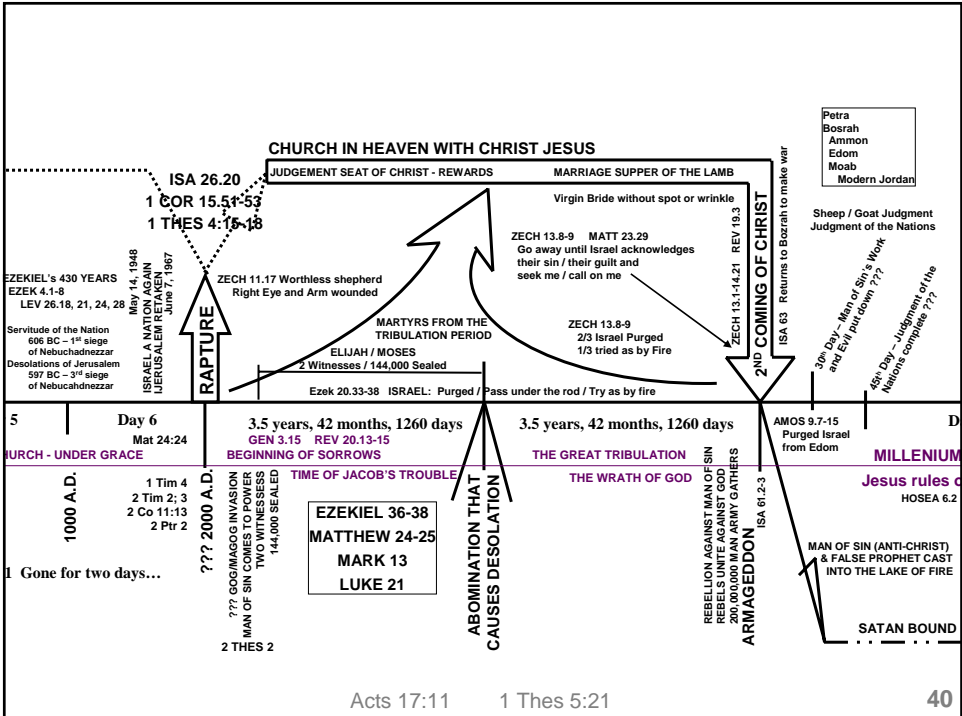
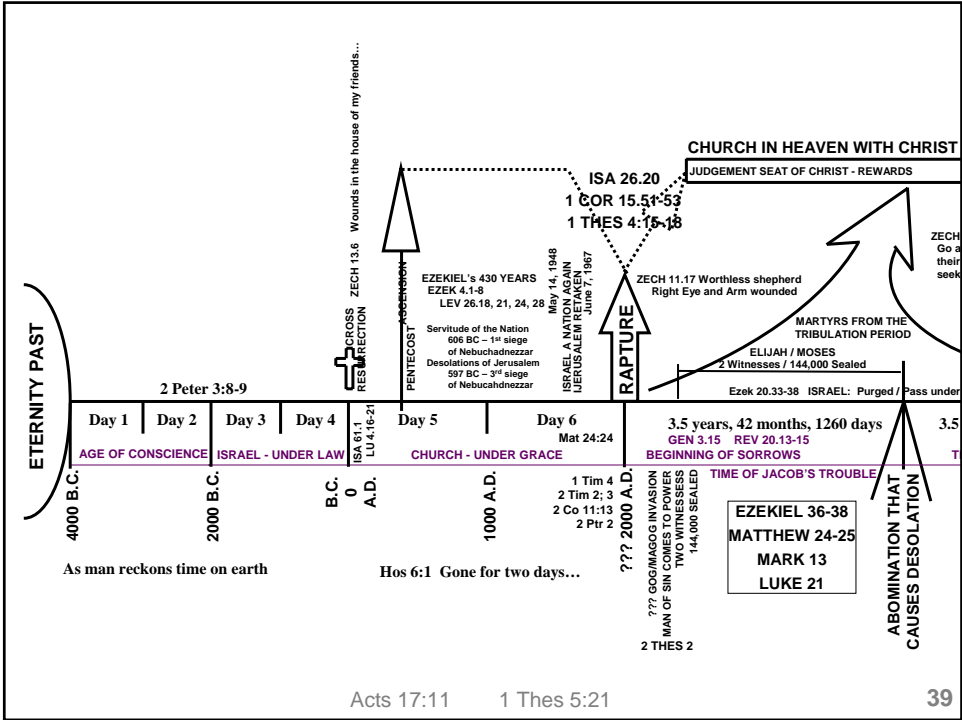


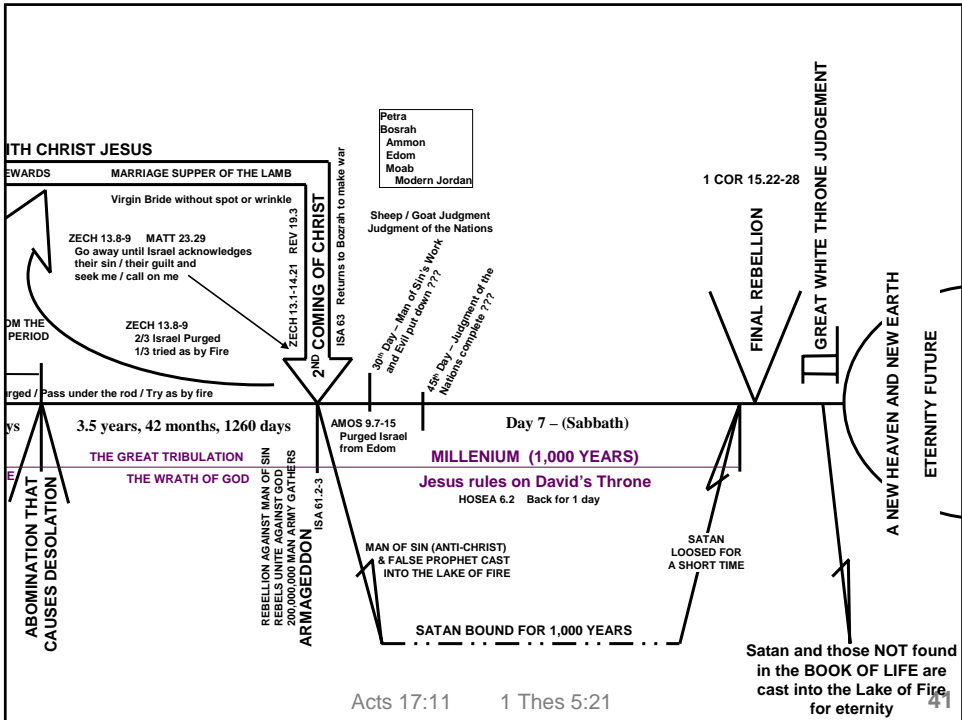
For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first v.3
 He who now [restraineth] will [restrain], until He be taken out of the way v.7
 And then shall that Wicked One be revealed v.8,

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FOR THE RECORD

FUTURIST: MOST OF THE EVENTS ARE YET TO HAPPEN,

SEQUENTIAL: REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN HISTORICAL TIME ORDER

PREMILLENNIAL: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST HAPPENS BEFORE THE LITERAL MILLENNIUM BEGINS

PRETRIBULATIONAL: THE RAPTURE OCCURS PRIOR TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION

DISPENSATIONAL: GOD USES DIFFERENT GROUPS AND PEOPLE TO REPRESENT AND REVEAL HIMSELF TO MANKIND AT DIFFERENT TIMES

~~LITERAL:~~ WHAT GOD SAYS, HE MEANS,
SERIOUSLY WHAT HE PROMISED, HE WILL DO

1st Event of the 2nd Advent

FIRST EVENT - Harpazo

- Private-as a king privately visiting new relations of royal blood.
- N.T. - Revelatiin, 14:1-3; Phil 3:20; I Thess 4:13-18.
- Comes to the Air (I Thess. 4:17).
- Comes to His Church.
- Comes for His Church.
- Comes to a Marriage.
- Comes as a Bridegroom.
- Comes to present to Himself a holy and acceptable church.
- Symbolized by:
 - Morning Star.
 - Thief, coming without warning.
- Church caught away, secretly as Enoch before the Flood.
- Parousia - bodily presence.
- Our Gathering unto Him.
- The Day of Christ.
- The Hope of the Church.
- Church listens for Sounds.

Acts 17:11

SECOND ADVENT

- Public - as a king riding in state, and acclaimed everywhere as king.
- O.T. - Prophecy, see Zechariah 14:1-9; Colossians 3:4; Jude 14.
- Comes to the Mount o f Olives (Zech. 14:4).
- Comes with His Church
- Comes to a Judgment/Sentencing
- Comes a a King
- Comes to establish His kingdom and with His church reign over the earth in righteousness
- Symbolized by:
 - Rising Sun.
 - Lightning and thunder.
- Church openly and publicly manifested with Christ, to assist in His rule.
- Epiphaneia- unveiling of bodily presence.
- Our Appearing with Him in Glory.
- The Day of the Lord.
- The Hope of Israel.
- Israel looks for Signs.

1 Thes 5:21

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The Appearing and the Comings

• Appeared several times on earth in the OT

• First Coming – Salvation – 33 years

- First Advent: Born
- Died: according to scriptures
- Buried
- Rose again: according to scriptures
- Seen of men

the Gospel

[See 1 Co 15:1-4]

• Second Coming – Redemption – 1,007+ years

- Harpazo
- Second Advent

Jesus = Mt 24/25
Thessalonians
Revelation

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COMING (Parousia)

For the saints (Heavenly)

John 14:3;
I Cor. 4:5; 11:26; 15:23;
I Thess. 1:10; 2:19; 4:15; 5:23;
II Thess. 2:1;
Jude 14;
Rev. 2:25, 28; 22:7, 12, 20.

With the saints (Earthly)

Matt. 16:27; 24:3, 27, 30, 37,
39; 25:31;
Mark 8:38; 13:26;
Luke 9:26; 18:8; 21:27;
I Thess. 3:13;
II Thess. 2:8;
II Pet. 1:16; 3:4;
Rev. 1:7.

May be considered as applicable to both.

Mark 13:32-37
Luke 12:31-48
James 5:7-8
Heb. 10:36

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Mark 13:32-37
Luke 12:31-48
James 5:7-8
Heb. 10:36

REVELATION (Apokalupsis)

For the saints (Heavenly)

I Pet. 1:7;
I Cor. 1:7 (A.V. "coming").

With the saints (Earthly)

Luke 17:30;
II Thess. 1:7, 10;
Rom. 8:18-19 (A.V.
"manifestation").

APPEARING (Epiphaneia)

For the saints (Heavenly)

I Tim. 6:14.

With the saints (Earthly)

II Thess. 2:8 (A.V. "brightness").

Appear

Matthew 24:30;

Colossians 3:4

Refer to the coming with the saints.

1 Peter 5:4

1 John 2:28; 3:2

Hebrews 9:28

Acts 17:11

1 Thes 5:21

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Titus 2:11-15 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation
hath appeared to all men,

Teaching us that,
denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,
we should live soberly, righteously, and godly,
in this present world;

Looking for that blessed hope,
and the glorious appearing
of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

*confident
expectation*

Who gave himself for us,
that he might redeem us from all iniquity,
and purify unto himself a peculiar people,
zealous of good works.

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These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke
with all authority.

Let no man despise thee.

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ΚΑΙ *hee*

a primary particle, having a
copulative and sometimes also a
cumulative force;
and, also, even, so, then, too, etc.

Acts 17:11

1 Thes 5:21

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HARPAZO

1 Thes. 4:14-18

- [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- [15] For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- [16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- [17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- [18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The teaching of "The Blessed Hope" is about the "Rapture" – our future gather together to be with Jesus.

The word **Rapture** is From the Latin Word "*Rapio* or *Rapturo*" which means "a snatching away"; to be caught up and carried away quickly"

Scripture clearly states that we who are in Christ – the church – will be "caught up" (Greek, **harpazo**) (Latin, **Rapturo**) into the air.

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Rapture in scripture

1 Thess 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. KJV

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Strong's NT:726 harpazo (har-pad'-zo); from a derivative of NT:138; to sieze (in various applications): KJV-catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force).

The root word from which the phrase Harpageesometha derives

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LATIN VULGATE 1 Thess 4:17 deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul **rapiemur** cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino erimus

English root for **Rapture**

Caught up is the definition of the Greek root word: **Harpazo**
When the NT was translated from Greek to Latin the root word used for Harpazo was the Latin root **Rapiemur**.
It's root is the basis for the English word **Rapture** with which we are familiar

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1Co 15:51-53

Paul writing to the “Church”:

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a **moment**, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [*must*] put on immortality.

G823 ἄτομος

that which cannot be cut in two, or divided,
indivisible; an atom of time 10⁻⁴³

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[1:7] ...Even so, Amen.

[1:8] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

The Lord interrupts John introduction with a comment of His own:

Yes, it is so!

Yes, it is true!

Even so: **ναί**

Amen: **אמן**

Gk form of “Yes, it is true”

Heb form of “Yes, it is true”

Go back over the 4 gospels and look at Jesus’ conversations .

They were asking a question or leading in with some flowery approach and Jesus would interrupt them and ‘cut straight to the chase’.

*Jesus didn’t mess about with flattery
or long winded, high sounding flowery approaches..*

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[1:8] ...which is, and which was, and which is to come,
the Almighty.

*Again: The three tenses of the verb "to be" cf: Rev 1:4
'I AM' Jehovah*

***DESCRIBE GOD USING ONE OR TWO WORD
DESCRIPTIONS ONLY...***

Almighty: All powerful; Omnipotent

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Titles / Descriptions of Christ in Chapter 1

[4] (God the Father) which is, and which was, and which is to come;
(God the Holy Spirit) from the seven Spirits

(God the Son: Jesus Christ the Lord)

[5] the faithful witness

first begotten of the dead

prince of the kings of the earth

him that loves us

him that washed us from our sins in his own blood,

[7] he cometh with clouds

pierced one

[8] I am Alpha and Omega,

the beginning and the ending,

which is, and which was, and which is to come,

the Almighty.

Where do they first appear in scripture?

How are they used in the OT?

How are they used in the NT?

How are they used in Revelation?

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Titles / Descriptions of Christ in Chapter 1

- [11] the first and the last: [17]
[13] the Son of man,
clothed with a garment down to the foot, and
girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
[14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow;
his eyes were as a flame of fire;
[15] his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace;
his voice as the sound of many waters.
[16] in his right hand seven stars:
out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:
his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
[17] *I am the first and the last:* [11]
[18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and I am alive for evermore,
I have the keys of hell and of death.

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Rev 1:9-20 KJV

- [9] I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
- [10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
- [11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
- [12] And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
- [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
- [14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
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- [16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
- [17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:
- [18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
- [19] Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
- [20] The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

[9] I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,

Nero (54-68 AD): *Paul beheaded;
Peter crucified upside down*

Titus Vespasian (70 AD) *Jerusalem sacked
Temple destroyed*

Domitian (95-96 AD): *John exiled*

Rom 8:28 (Rom 8:35-39)

II Tim. 3:12

1 Peter 4:12-13

1 Cor 10:13 *temptation: lit: trial / proving*

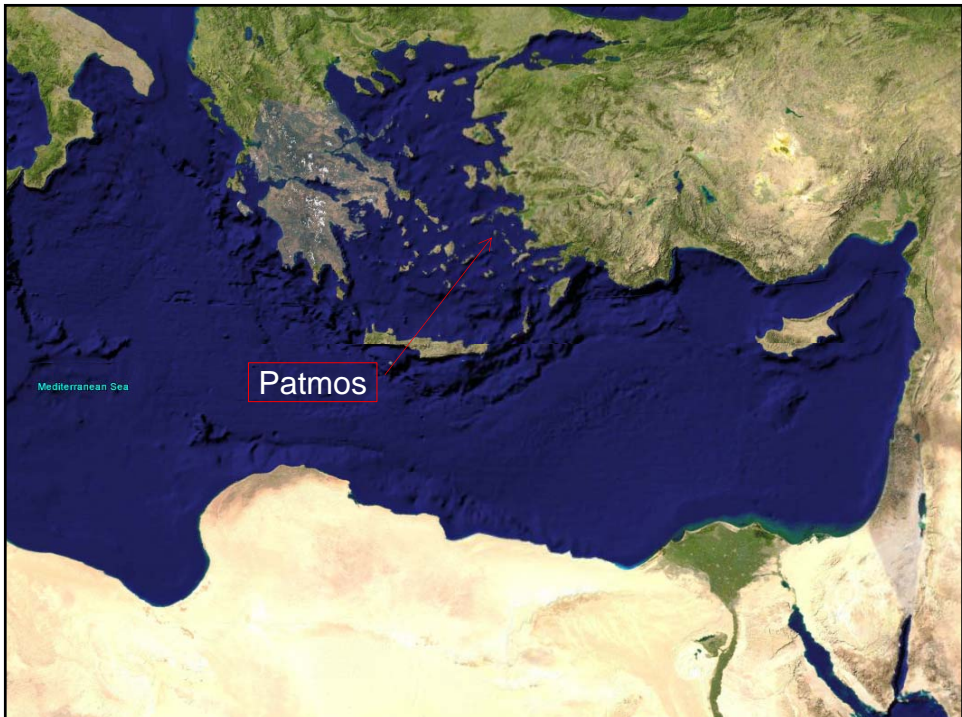
2 Cor 4:7-10, 14-18

The LORD put John on Patmos for reasons of His own

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[9] I John, ... was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

1st Century Map



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[10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day,

“Lord’s Day”: 1x here only

??? Sunday ???

“Day of the Lord”: 29x (5x in NT)

Extended time period during which
Messiah – Jesus – will reign on earth

Search out: “in the Spirit”...

What does it mean?

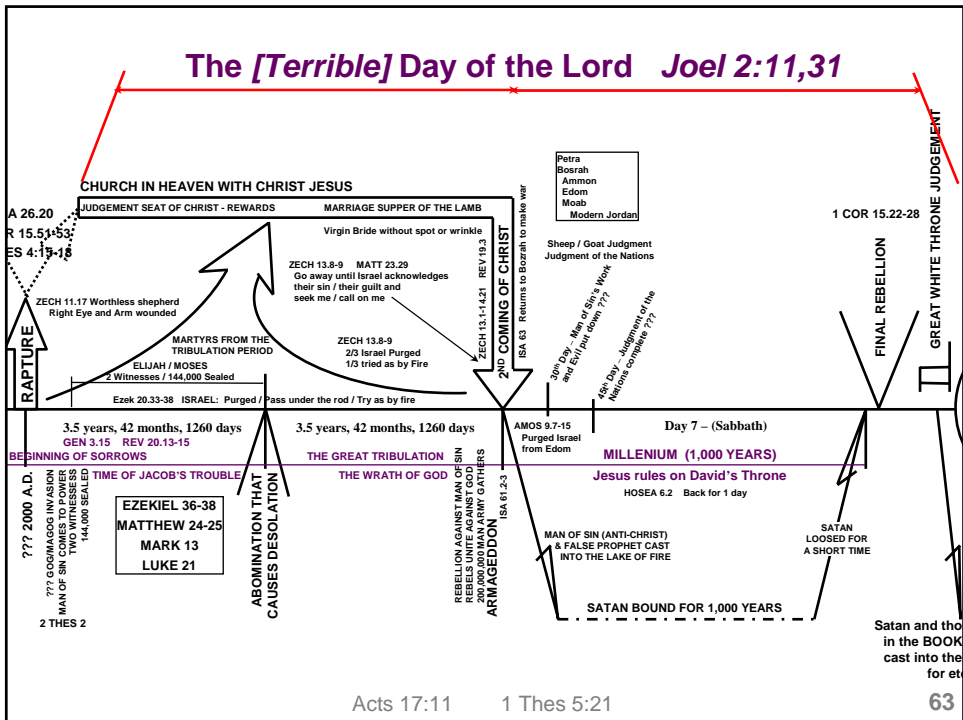
What does it look like?

Requires: No one, No place, No thing

Josh 1:9 John 14:6 Heb 13:5

- Isa 2:12 Act 2:20
- Isa 13:6 1Co 5:5
- Isa 13:9 2Co 1:14
- Isa 34:8 1Th 5:2
- Jer 46:10 2Pe 3:10
- Lam 2:22
- Eze 13:5
- Eze 30:3
- Joel 1:15
- Joel 2:1
- Joel 2:11
- Joe 2:31
- Joe 3:14
- Amo 5:18
- Amo 5:20
- Oba 1:15
- Zep 1:7
- Zep 1:8
- Zep 1:14
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- Zep 2:2
- Zep 2:3
- Zec 14:1
- Mal 4:5

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[10] ... and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,
 [11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and,
 What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven
 churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and
 unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto
 Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Voice as of a trumpet
Note the titles Jesus claims as His own...
Write in a book, send it to the 7 churches

**I heard (v.10); I turned (v.12), I saw (v.12,17), I fell at His feet (v.17)
 Be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46: 10).**

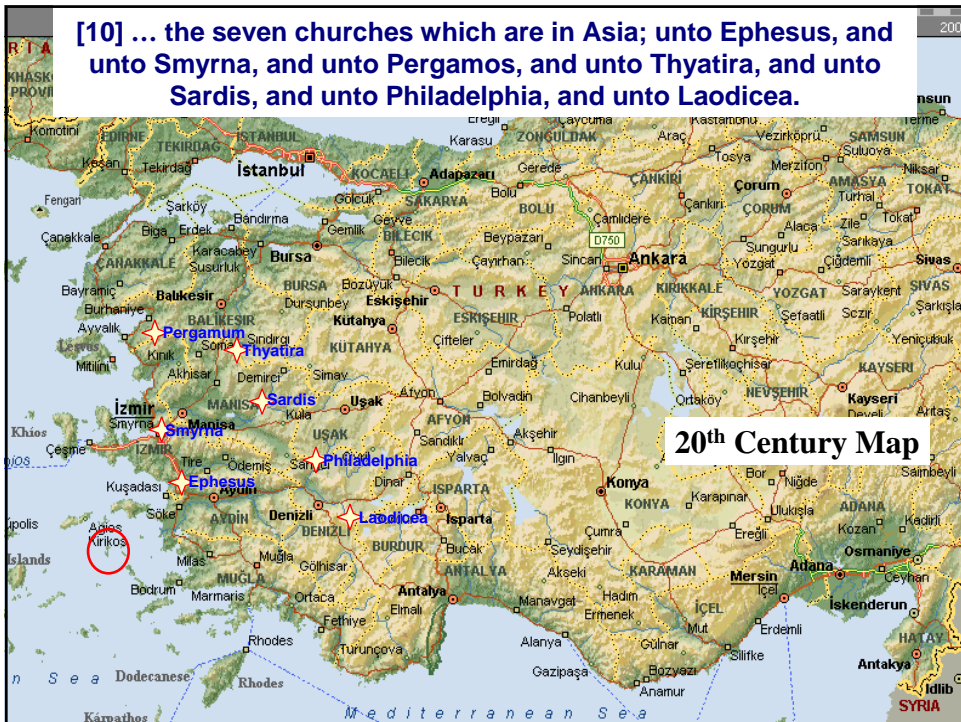
*Note: What was sealed up until the time of the end is now made known to
 all who will hear...*
cf: Dan 8:26 Dan 12:4,9 Rev 22:10

*What was hidden in the OT and not revealed until the NT?
 Search: "mystery" in the NT... Eph 3:1-11 Col 1@26) Eph 5:32*

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And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;
~~and~~ lamp stands

**Lord calls: John turns to see
Moses at the burning bush**

Exod 3:4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him...

Samuel in the temple with Eli:

1 Sam 3 Lord, waited 3 times - until Samuel answered His call

Lord will wait for Israel's call:

Mat 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed [is] he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hos 5:15 I will go [and] return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.



I am the light of the world...
John 8:12; 9:5

In preparation for His leaving:

Ye are the light of the world...
Matt 5:14 / Phil 2:15, 16

WATCH THE LAMPSTANDS



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[13] And in the midst of the seven
candlesticks one like unto the Son of man,
clothed with a garment down to the foot,
and
girt about the paps with a golden girdle.
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wool, as white as snow;
and his eyes were as a flame of fire;
[15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if
they burned in a furnace;
and his voice as the sound of many waters.
[16] And he had in his right hand seven
stars: and
out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged
sword: and his countenance was as the sun
shineth in his strength.

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Jesus in Chapter 1

Seven Features of the Lord described

- 1) Hair; head Dan 7:9

- 2) Eyes,
Flame of fire **Hab 1:13**; Heb 4:13;
1 Cor 3:13; Mal 3:2, etc

- 3) Feet: symbol of walk *(Check out shoes in scripture)*
Brass: symbol of judgment
[cf. Brazen serpent Num 21]

- 4) Voice, many waters Ezek 1:24; 43:2; Dan 10:6

Jesus in Chapter 1

Seven Features of the Lord described

- 5) Right Hand Rev 1
7 stars, lampstands: in the midst; in His hand

- 6) Mouth: two-edged sword Heb 4:12; Eph 6:17; Isa 49:2
Judges unbeliever **John 12:48**
Earth smitten **Isa 11:4**
Antichrist consumed **2 Thess 2:8**

- 7) Countenance, Sun Matt 17

[17] And when I saw him,
I fell at his feet as dead.
And he laid his right hand upon me,
saying unto me,
Fear not; I am the first and the last:
[18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I
am alive for evermore,
Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

1 Jo 4:15-19

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**

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saying unto me,
Fear not; I am the first and the last:
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evermore,
Amen; and have the keys of **hell** and of death.

Eph 4:8

...led captivity captive...

Luke 16:19-31

...Lazarus and the rich man...

G1067 γέεννα ≠

Hell is the place of the future punishment call "**Gehenna**" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a literal, physical "Lake of Fire" that never when out.

G3857 παράδεισος = Paradise

- 1) a garden, pleasureable grove, park
- 2) the part of Hades which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection: but some understand this to be a heavenly paradise
- 3) heaven

H7585 שְׂאוּל / שְׂאֵל = G86 ἄδης

the underworld

Sheol - the OT designation for the abode of the dead

- place of no return
- without praise of God
- wicked sent there for punishment
- righteous not abandoned to it
- of the place of exile (figuratively)
- of extreme degradation in sin

Hades or Pluto, the god of the lower regions called Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead

Later use of this word described the grave, death, hell
The lower chamber of 'Paradise'

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Basic Divisions (found in Rev 1:19):

Ch:

- 1 The things which thou hast seen.
- 2-3 The things which are.
- 4-22 The things which shall be after these things.

[19] Write the things which thou hast seen,
and the things which are,
and the things which shall be hereafter;

*Write the things which **thou hast seen**,* Chapter 1
The Vision of Christ,
*and the things which **are**,* Chapters 2 & 3
The Seven Churches (The Church Age)
*and the things which **shall be hereafter**;* Chapters 4-22
That which follows after the Churches are done;

G 3326: after; behind... + G5023: these
Meta + Tauta
Always a subject, scene or time change...
*Like a curtain coming down and back
up between acts of a play*

Rev 4:1 Rev 15:5
Rev 7:1 Rev 18:1
Rev 7:9 Rev 19:1
7 Rev 20:3

**[20] The mystery of the seven stars
which thou sawest in my right hand, and
the seven golden candlesticks.**

**The seven stars are
the angels of the seven churches:
and the seven candlesticks which thou
sawest are the seven churches.**

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Old Testament Links in Revelation Chapter 1

- 1:1 Dan 2:28,29**
- 1:4 Isa 11:2**
- 1:5 Gen 49:11; Ps 89:27**
- 1:6 Ex 19:6; Isa 61:6**
- 1:7 Dan 7:13; Zech 12:10,14**
- 1:8 Isa 41:4**
- 1:12 Ex 25:37; 37:23**
- 1:13 Dan 7:13; 10:5, 16**
- 1:14 Dan 7:9; 10:6**
- 1:15 Ezek 1:7, 24; 43:2; Dan 10:6**
- 1:16 Judg 5:31; Isa 49:2**
- 1:17 Isa 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Dan 8:17,18; 10:9,10,12,15,19**
- 1:18 Job 3:17; Hos 13:14**

NEXT TIME – Lord Willing...

- 1] Unto the angel of the church**
- 2] He that hath an ear, let him hear**
- 3] what the Spirit saith unto the churches;**
- 4] To him that overcometh**