

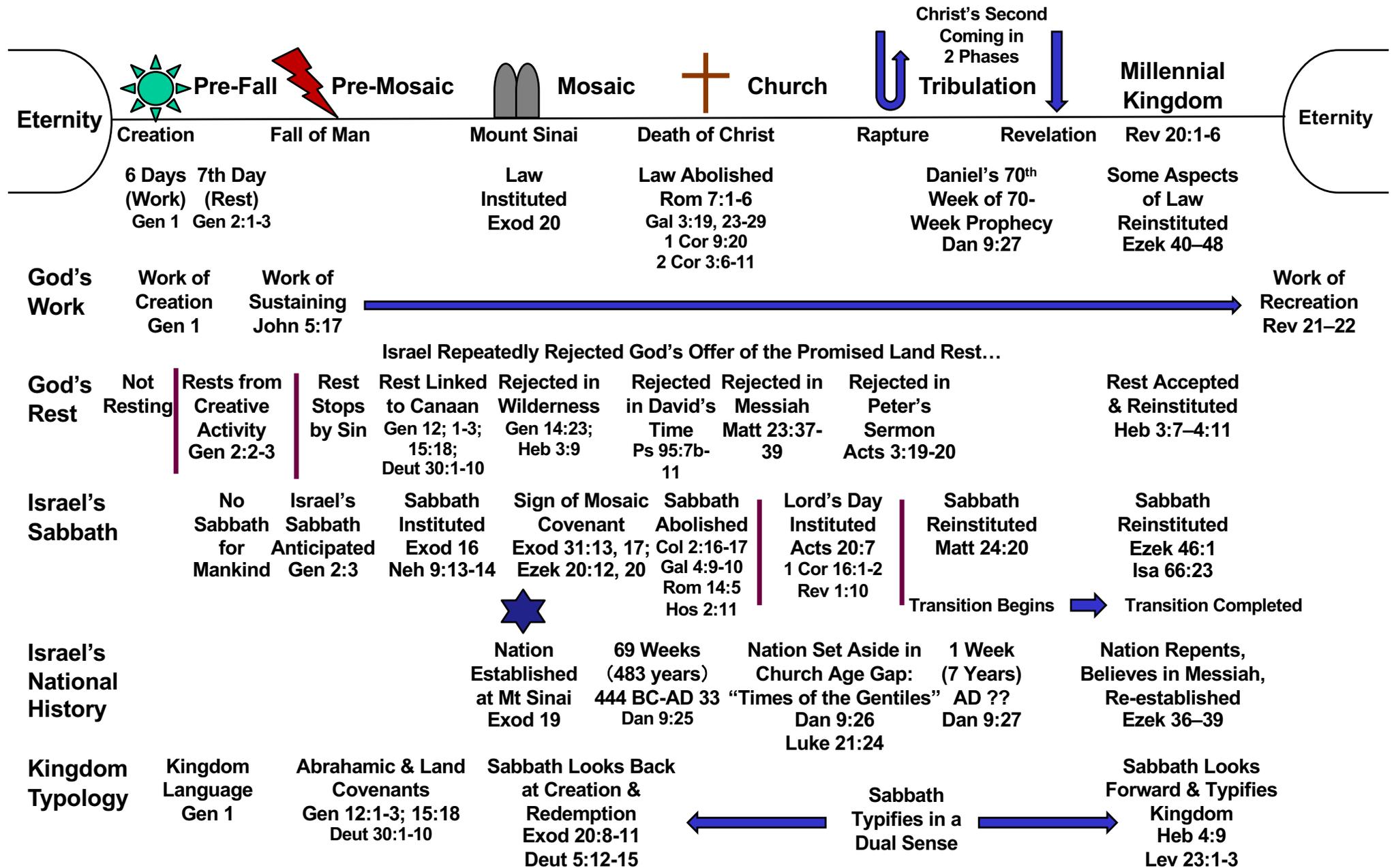
A dark wood desk with a blue pen and a glass of water. The text is centered on the desk.

Premillennialism & Dispensationalism

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DISPENSATIONS (EPH. 3:2)

"...you know
God gave me
the **special
responsibility**
of extending his
grace to you
Gentiles"
(NLT)

"...you have
heard of the
stewardship
of God's
grace which
was given to
me for you"
(NAU)

"**administration**" (NIV)
"**dispensation**" (KJV)
οἰκονομία (Greek)
οἶκος (house) + *νόμος* (law)
"**responsibility of
management, management
of a household, direction,
office**" (BDAG)

Time before Paul's
dispensation (Gentiles
came through Israel
under law)

Time of Paul's
dispensation (Gentiles
equal to Jews
under grace)

DISPENSATIONS IN EPHESIANS

SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

- (1)
Pre-Fall
- (2)
Conscience
- (3)
Government
- (4)
Patriarchal
- (5)
Mosaic
(2:15)
- (6)
Church
(3:2, 9)
- (7)
Millennial
(1:9-10)

ISRAEL ≠ CHURCH

PROGRESSIVE REVELATION

οἰκονομία IN THE NT

Luke 16:2

16:2 καὶ φωνήσας αὐτὸν εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τοῦτο ἀκούω περὶ σοῦ; ἀπόδος τὸν λόγον τῆς **οἰκονομίας** σου, οὐ γὰρ δύνη ἔτι οἰκονομεῖν. ³ εἶπεν δὲ ἐν ἑαυτῷ ὁ οἰκονόμος· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι ὁ κύριός μου ἀφαιρεῖται τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** ἀπ' ἐμοῦ; σκάπτειν οὐκ ἰσχύω, ἐπαιτεῖν αἰσχύνομαι. ⁴ ἔγνων τί ποιήσω, ἵνα ὅταν μετασταθῶ ἐκ τῆς **οἰκονομίας** δέξωνται με εἰς τοὺς οἴκους αὐτῶν.

Cor. 9:17

Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἐκὼν τοῦτο πράσσω, μὴ ἔχω· εἰ δὲ ἄκων, **οἰκονομίαν** πεπίστευκα.

Eph. 1:10

ἵνα ἡμεῖς ἔσταιμεν **οἰκονομίαν** τοῦ πληρώματος τῶν καιρῶν, ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι τὰ πάντα ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ, τὰ ἐπὶ τοῖς οὐρανοῖς καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἐν αὐτῷ.

Luke 16:2

16:2 "And he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my ¹master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ 'I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their houses.'

1 Cor. 9:17

1Cor. 9:17 For if I do this voluntarily, I have a ^areward; but if against my will, I have a ^bstewardship entrusted to me.

Eph. 1:10

...with a view to an administration ¹suitable to ^athe fullness of the times, that is, ^bthe summing up of all things in Christ, things ²in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

οἰκονομία IN THE NT

Eph. 3:2

Greek NT Tagged

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NASB (1995) with Strong's

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Εἰ γε ἠκούσατε τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** τῆς χάριτος τοῦ θεοῦ τῆς δοθείσης μοι

Eph. 3:2

if indeed you have heard of the ^astewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

Eph. 3:9

καὶ φωτίσαι [πάντας] τίς ἡ **οἰκονομία** τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ θεῷ ὅτι πάντα κτίσαντι,

Eph. 3:9

to ¹bring to light what is the administration of the ^amystery which for ages has been ^bhidden in God ^cwho created all things;

Col. 1:25

ἣς εγενόμην ἐγὼ διάκονος κατὰ τὴν **οἰκονομίαν** τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθείσάν μοι εἰς ὑμᾶς πληρῶσαι τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ

Col. 1:25

for this church I ¹was made a minister according to the ^bstewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might ²fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

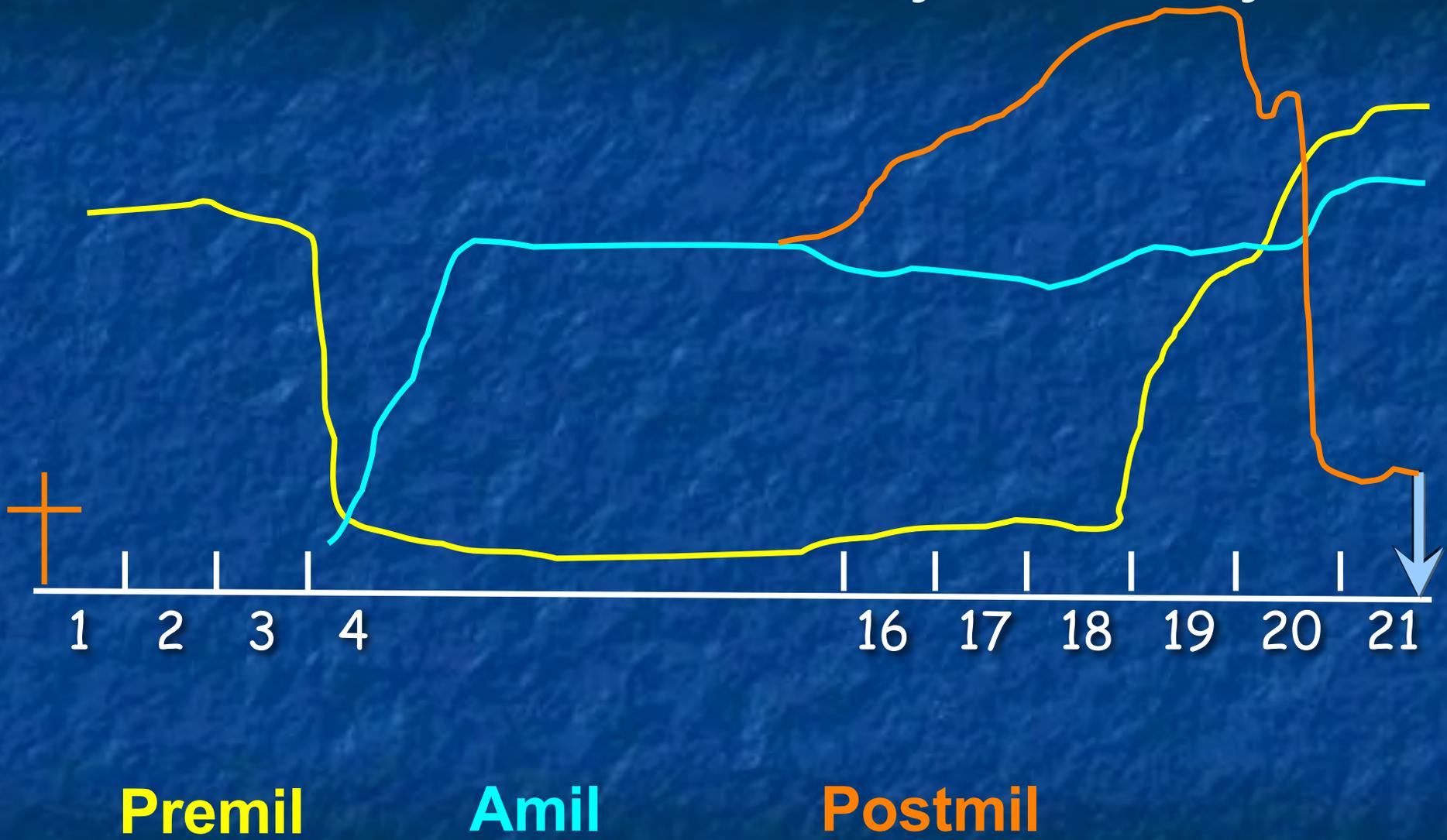
1 Tim. 1:4

μηδὲ προσέχειν μύθοις καὶ γενεαλογίαις ἀπεράντοις, αἵτινες ἐκζητήσεις παρέχουσιν μᾶλλον ἢ **οἰκονομίαν** θεοῦ τὴν ἐν πίστει.

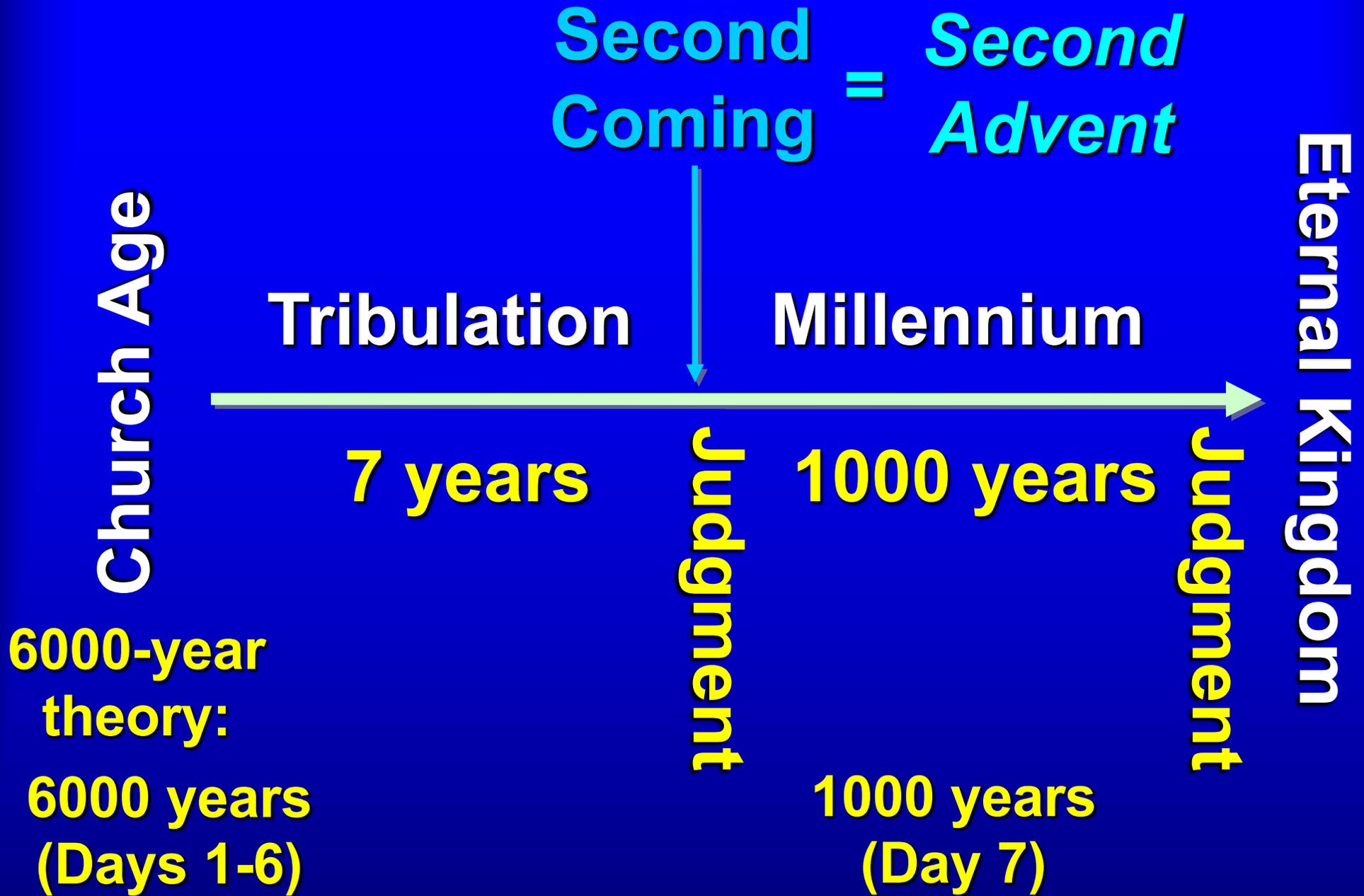
1 Tim. 1:4

nor to ¹pay attention to ^amyths and endless ^bgenealogies, which give rise to mere ^cspeculation rather than ^dfurthering ²the administration of God which is by faith.

Millennial Advocates by Century



Premillennialism



Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &
Postmillennialism**

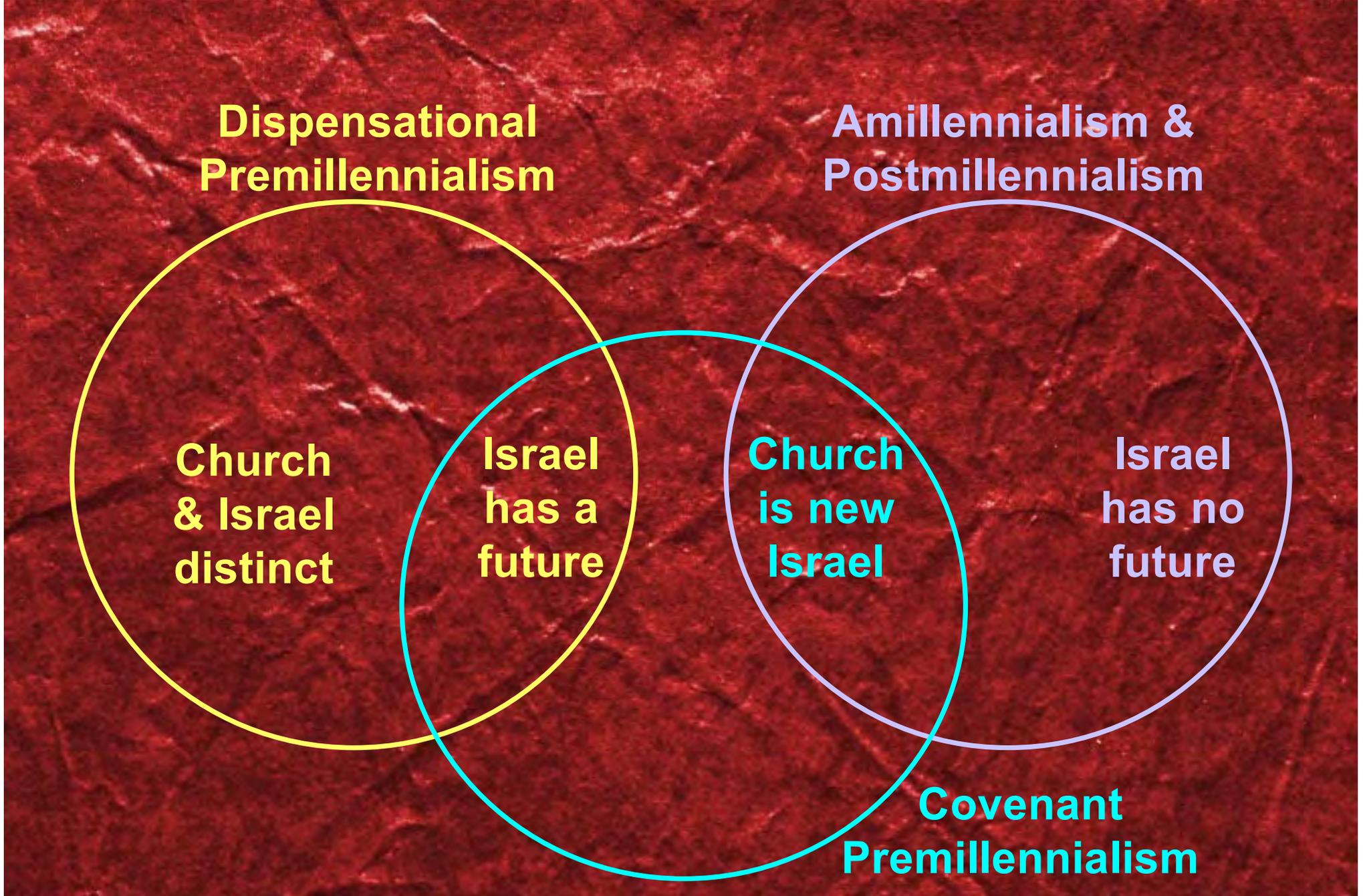
**Church
& Israel
distinct**

**Israel
has a
future**

**Church
is new
Israel**

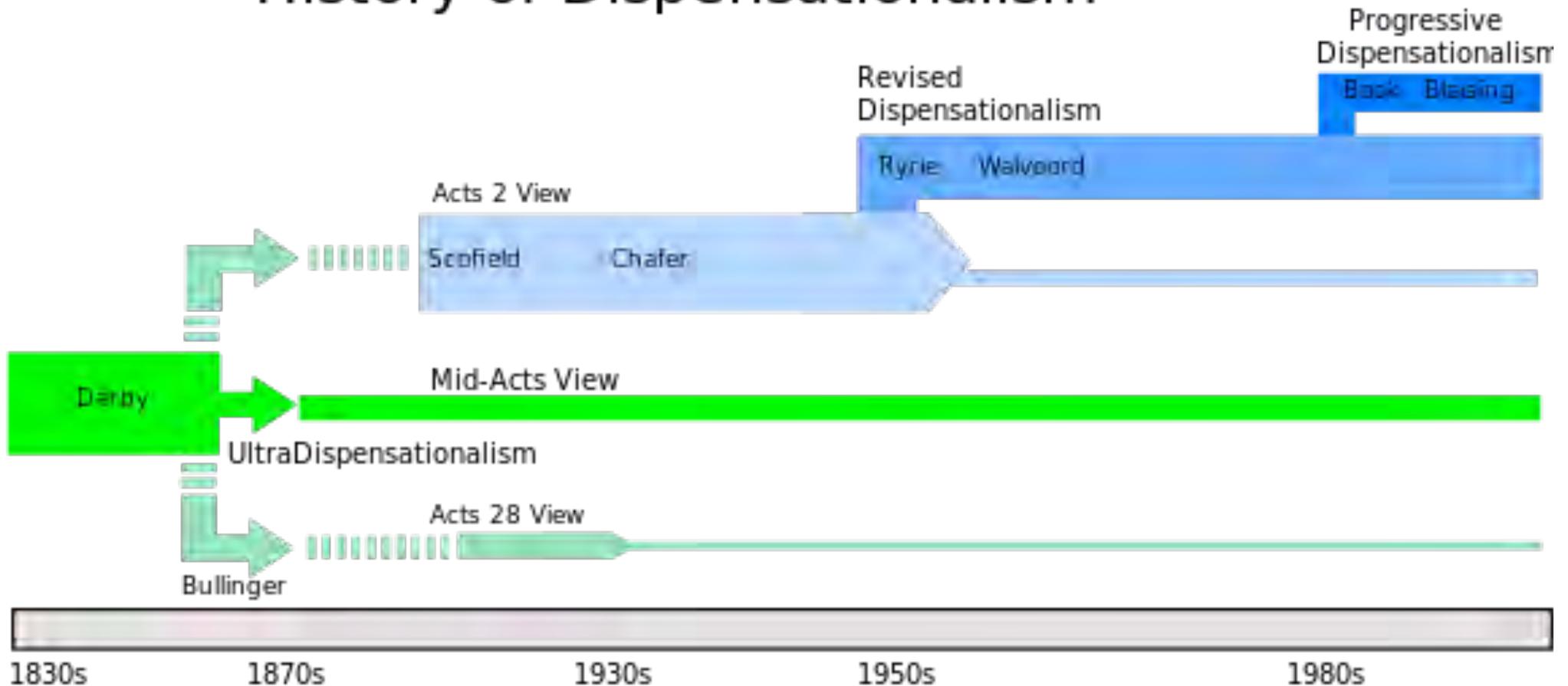
**Israel
has no
future**

**Covenant
Premillennialism**



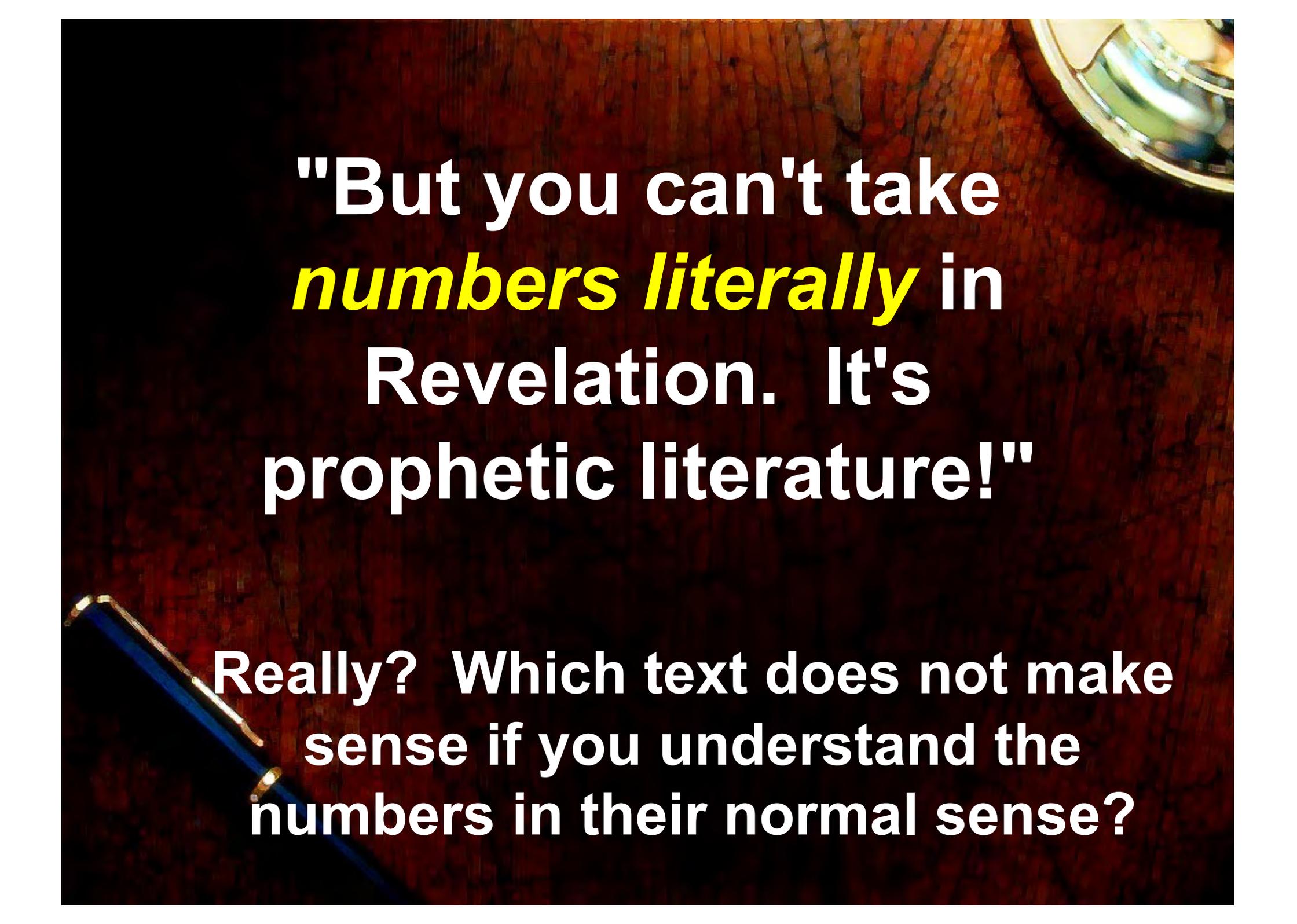
History of Dispensationalism from 1830s to 1980s

History of Dispensationalism



Why Am I Premillennial?

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**"But you can't take
numbers literally in
Revelation. It's
prophetic literature!"**

**Really? Which text does not make
sense if you understand the
numbers in their normal sense?**

4 Interpretive Principles

Principle #1:

Follow the normal sense unless it's nonsense

- 144,000 witnesses of Israel (7:4)
- 1000 years of saints' reign (20:4)
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- 3½ days of death (11:9)
- Euphrates dries up (16:12)

What happens when the normal use of language is not followed?



100 commentaries

57 interpretations!

Revelation 16:12

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was **dried up** to prepare the way for the kings from the East" (NIV).

**200 million
soldiers!**



"The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' ¹⁵And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶**The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.**"

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- Weights (Rev. 16:21)

75-Pound Hailstones

Revelation 16:21 (Bowl #7)

There was a terrible hailstorm, and **hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell** from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.



The largest single hailstone ever recorded in the United States was 7" in diameter, 18.75" around, and weighed in at just under 1 pound. Imagine a large cantaloupe falling from the sky at nearly 100 miles per hour! That hailstone fell during a storm in Aurora, Nebraska. The heaviest hailstone in the U.S. was 1.67 pounds and fell in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1970.



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- The Number 7 (1:4, 12, 16, etc.)

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Four Views on Revelation 6–18

Revelation 6-18 depicts which era?



Preterist

Book
Written
AD 95

Historicist

Book
Read
Today

Futurist

Idealist



Interpretive Views on Revelation

View & Advocates	Millennial View	Rev. 1–3	Rev. 4–19	Rev. 20–22
Idealist Beale Hendriksen Hughes	Postmillennial (or Amillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of the non- historical conflict between <u>good & evil</u>	Victory of good over evil (Church over the world)
Preterist Sweete Ellicott DeMar	Apocalyptic	Historic Churches	Symbolic of Events in <u>First Century</u> (Nero, Mt. Vesuvius eruption)	Symbolic of heaven and victory
Historicist Luther Newton Elliott	Amillennial (or Postmillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of events in the <u>Church Age</u> (fall of Rome, rise of Islam & Catholics, Reformation, etc.)	Present age (amil) or future millennium (postmil), general judgment, heaven
Futurist Thomas Walvoord Ryrie Ladd	Premillennial	Historic Churches &/or seven stages of church history	<u>Future Tribulation</u> judgments on apostate church and Antichrist, return of Christ	Future millennium, judgment, heaven

Follow Revelation's inspired outline



Revelation 1:19 "Therefore write the things which you **have seen**, and the things which **are**, and the things which **will take place** after these things" (NAU).

have seen



are



will take place

Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

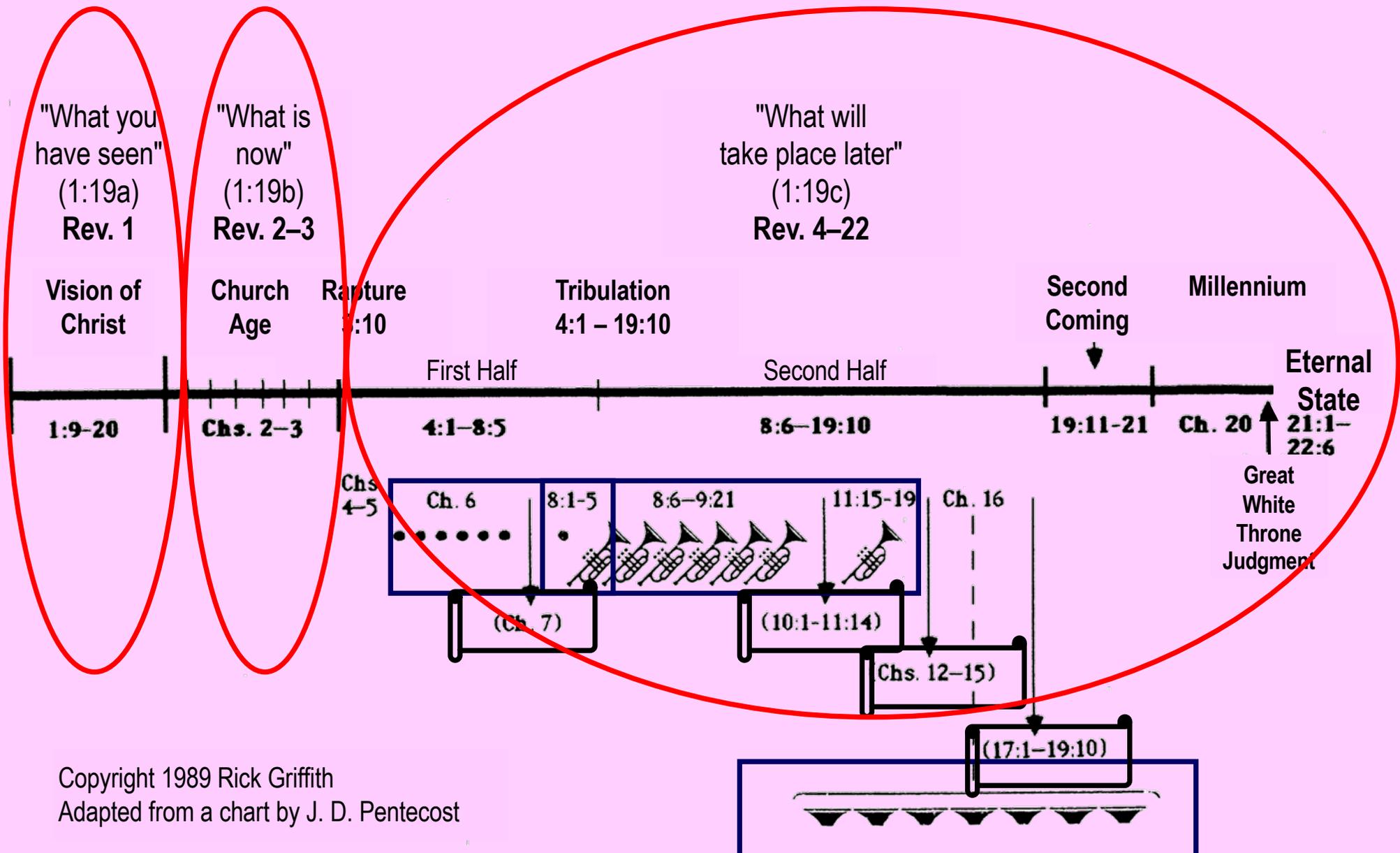
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Revelation

Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches	Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3	Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)	"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present	Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled	Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth	Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments	The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

AD 95

Chronology of Revelation



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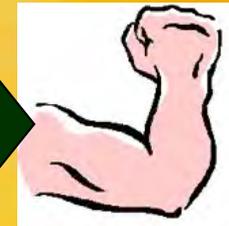
Revelation 20:4-6 Diagrammed

4^band they came to life and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**.



4^aThen I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand...

1000 years

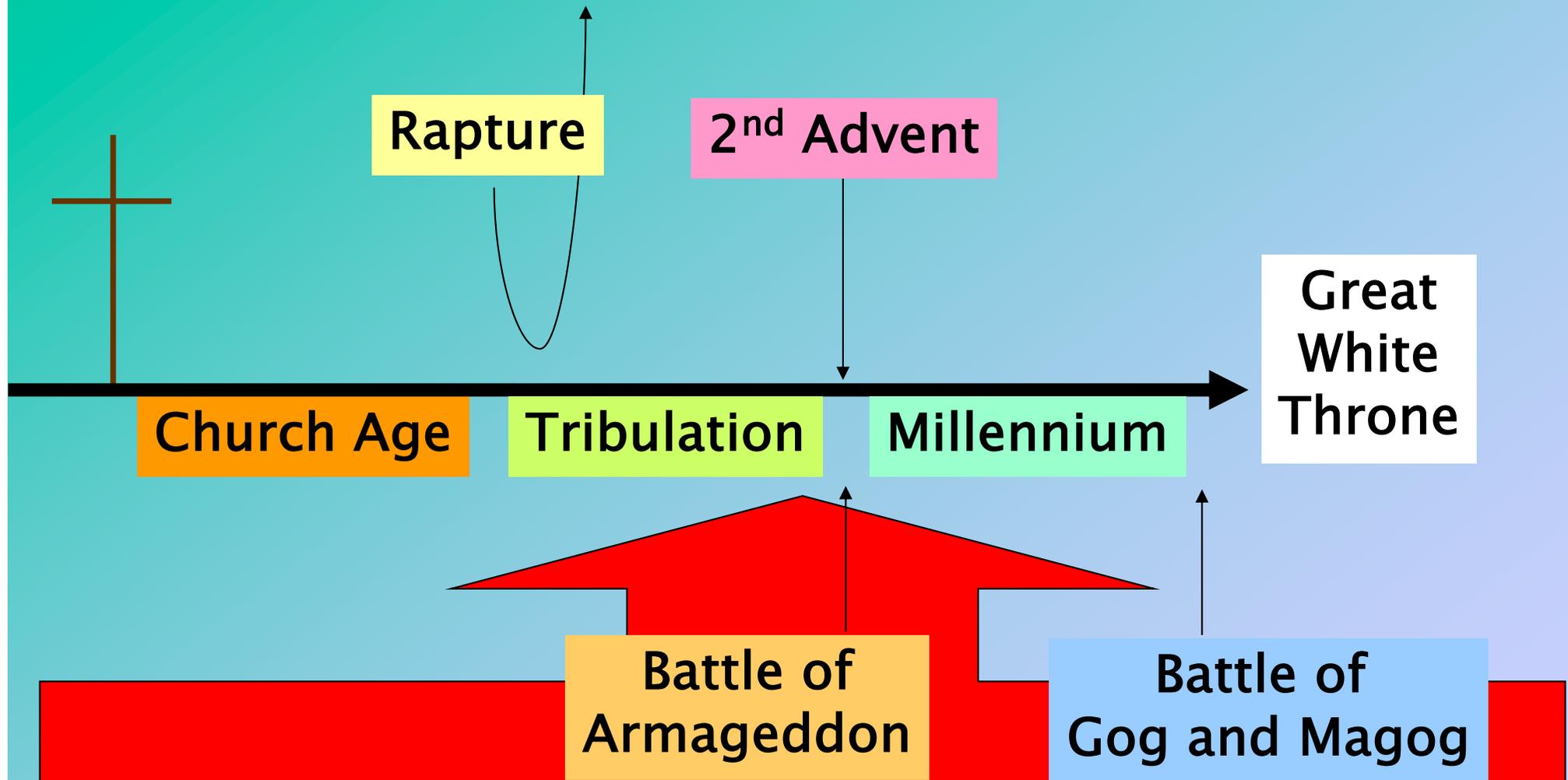


5^bThis is the **first resurrection**. 6^aBlessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power...

6^bbut they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a **thousand years**.

5^aThe rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years** were completed.

Pretribulational Premillennialism



**"How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of Jacob's trouble but he will be saved out of it"
(Jer. 30:7)**

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Isaiah 11:6-9



⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.

Isaiah 11:6-9

A young boy with brown hair, wearing a white tunic and a brown robe, stands in a savanna landscape. He is holding a wooden staff and looking towards the camera. To his left is a white lamb, and to his right is a large lion with a thick brown mane. In the background, there are green trees and a reddish-brown hillside.

⁶ And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little boy will lead them.**

Isaiah 11:6-9



⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.



"The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. . . The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."

Romans 8:19-21



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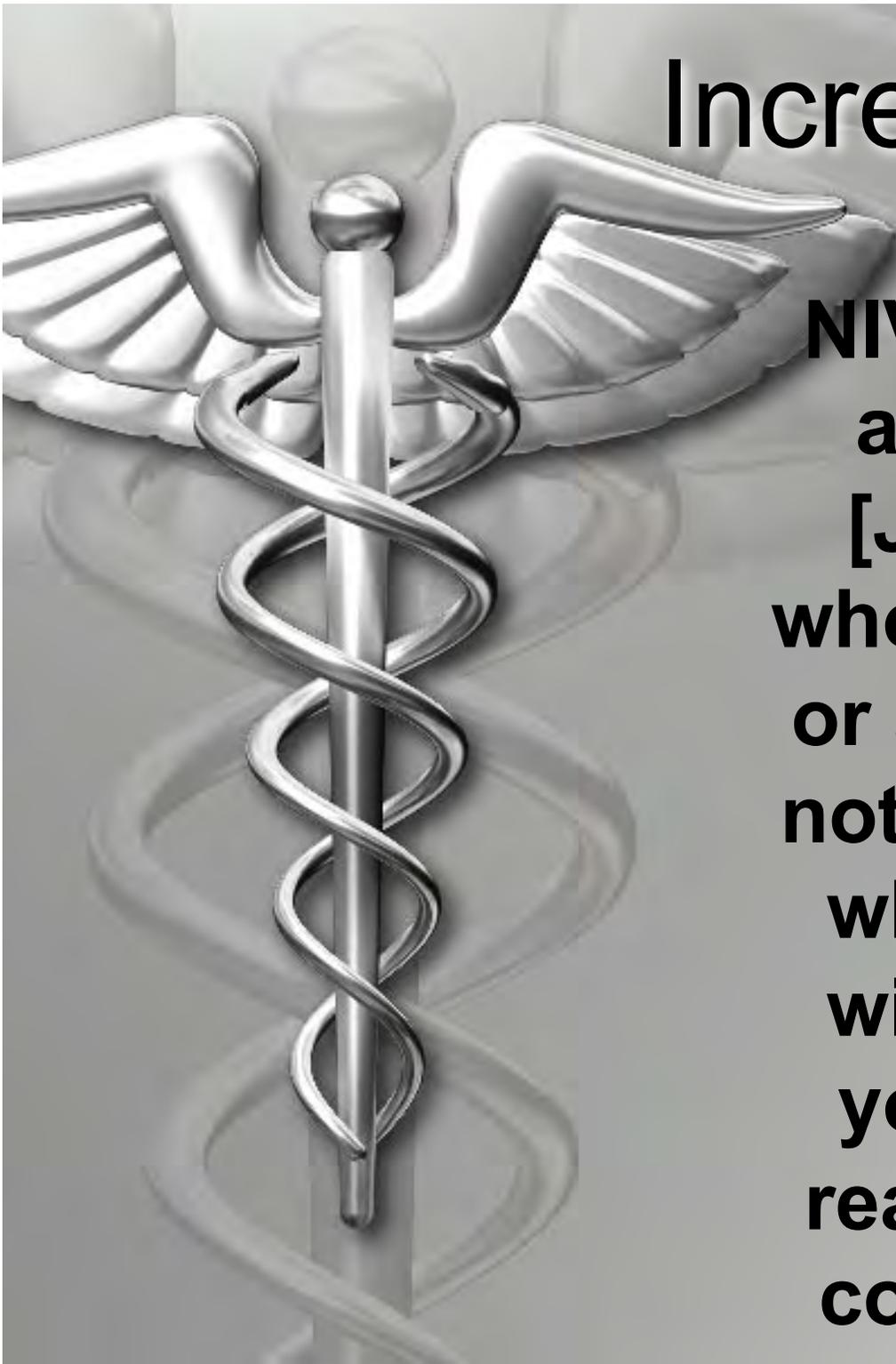


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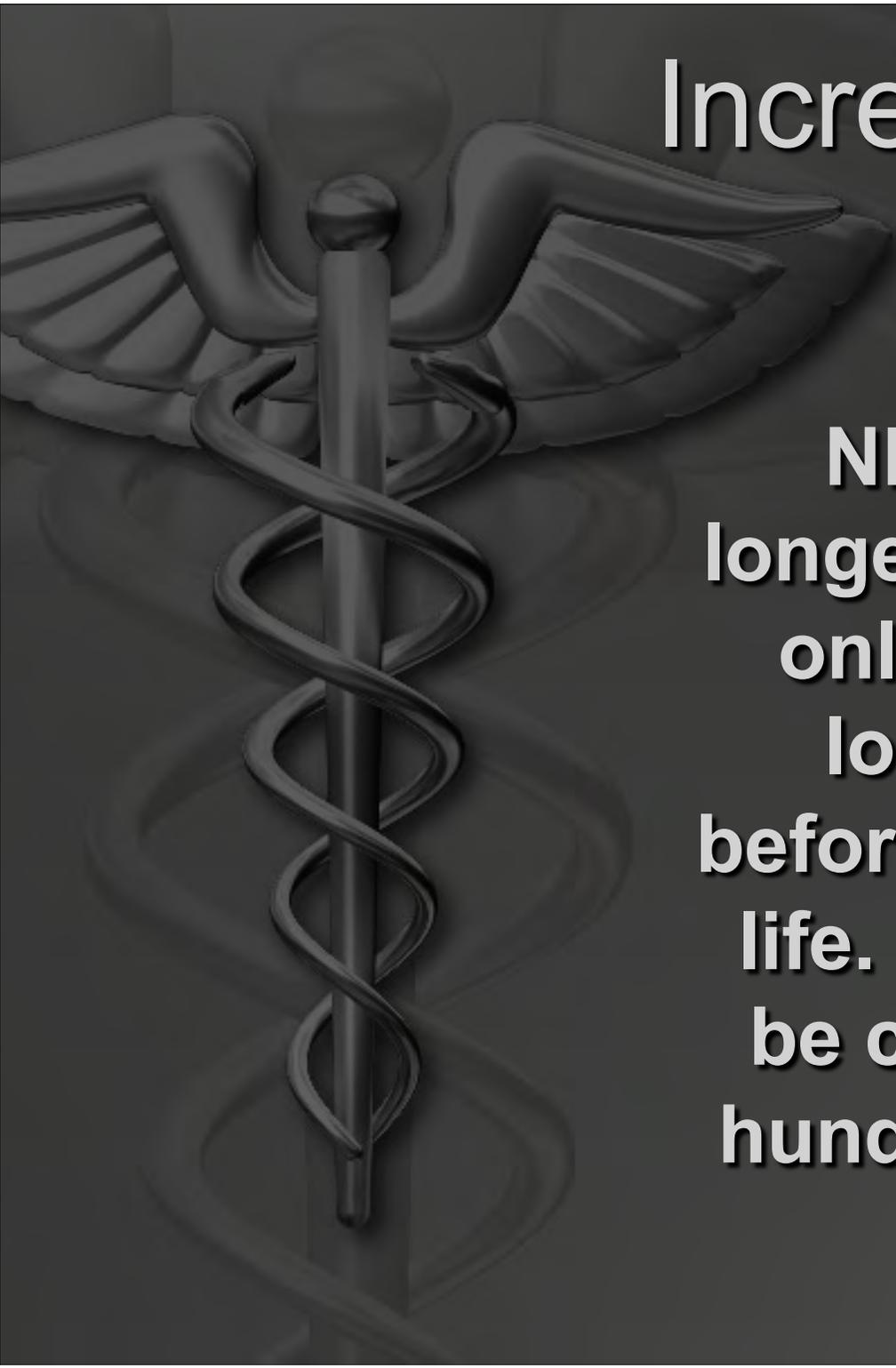
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Incredibly Long Life!

NIV Isaiah 65:20 "Never again will there be in [Jerusalem] an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed."



Incredibly Long Life!



NLT Isaiah 65:20 "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only sinners will die that young!"

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 - Yearly observances after Messiah's return (Zech. 14:15-17)

**"Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming
when your possessions will be plundered
right in front of you!"
(Zech. 14:1).**

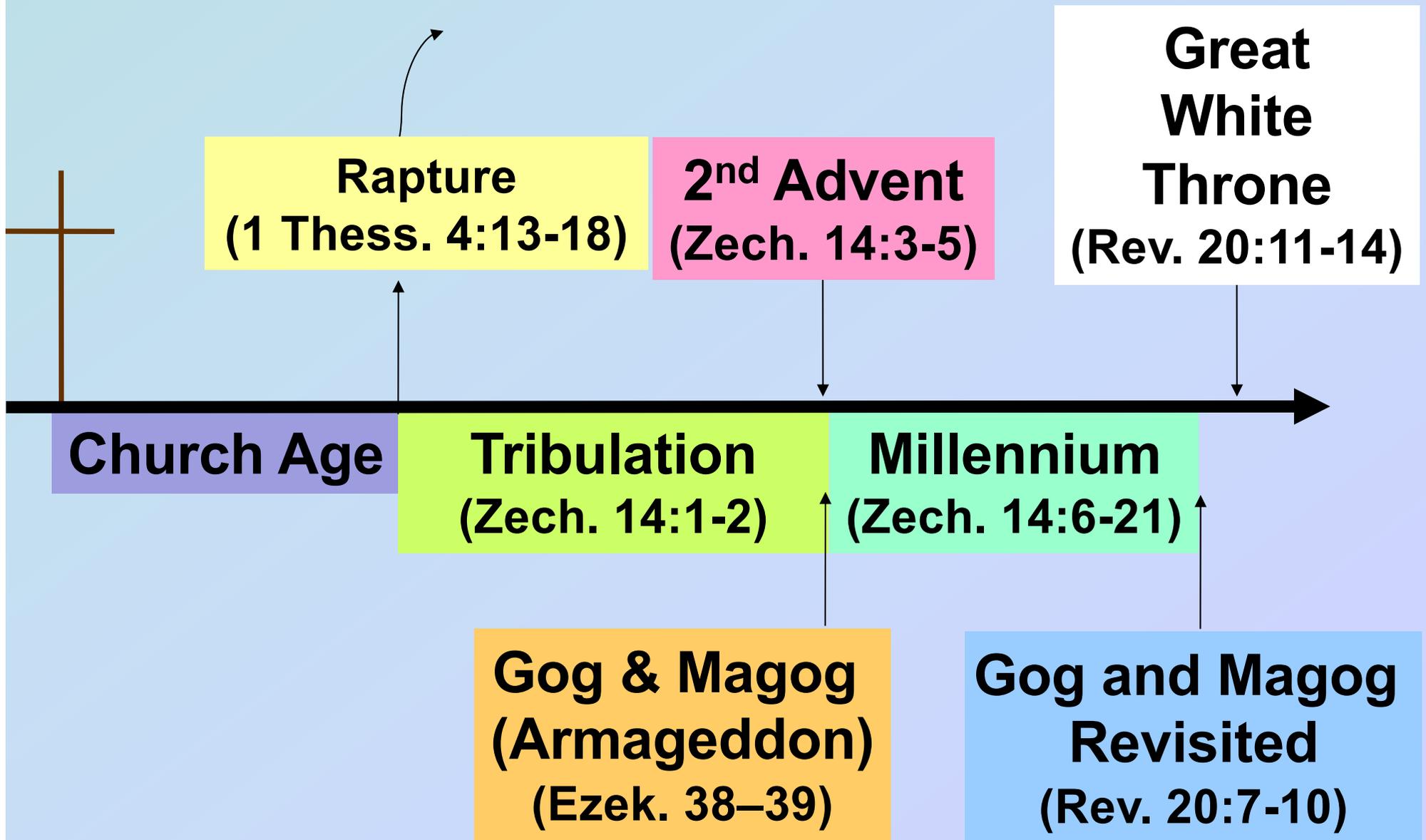


The Plundering

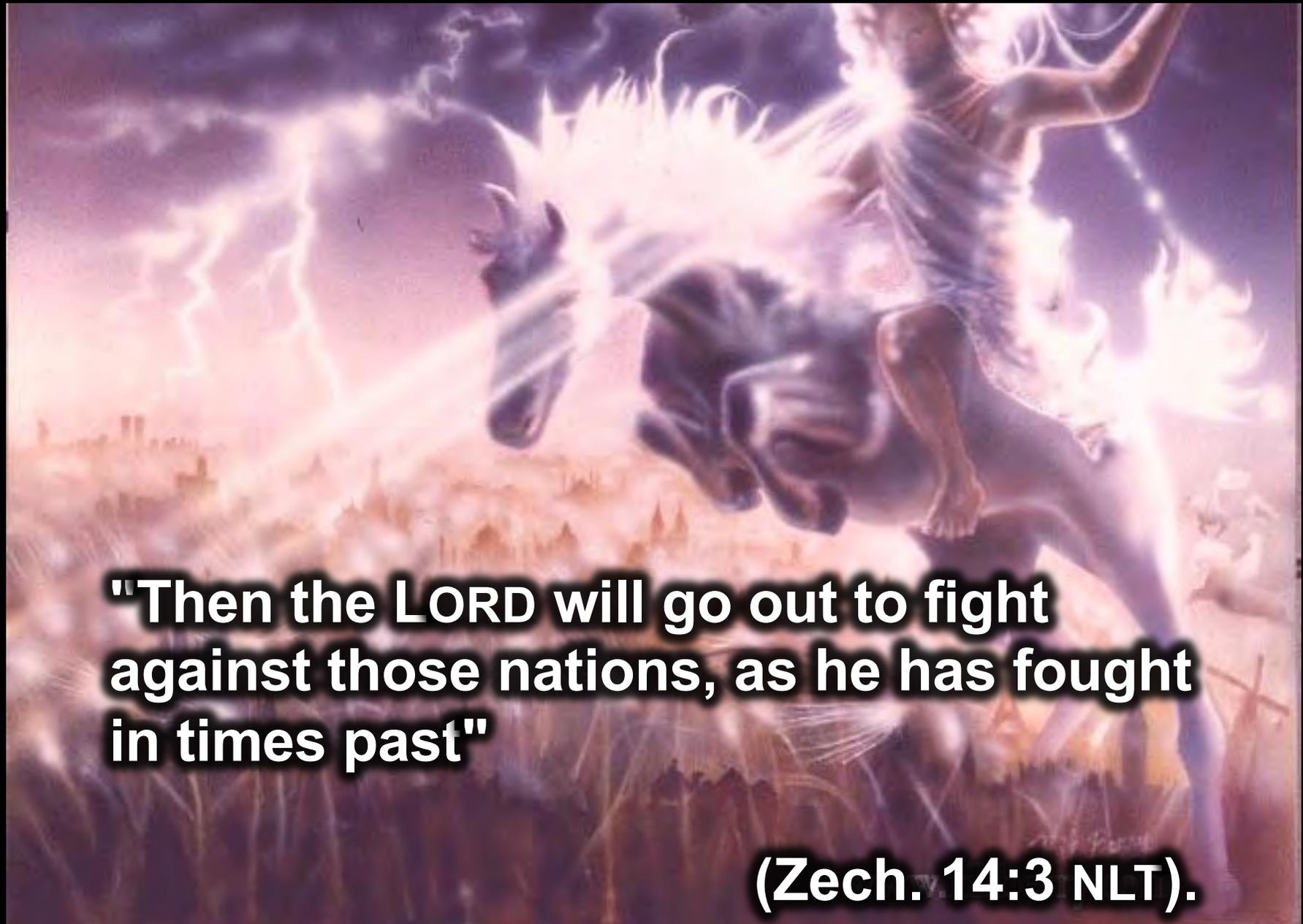


"I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city" (Zech. 14:2 NLT).

A Dispensational Timeline



Christ's Return



**"Then the LORD will go out to fight
against those nations, as he has fought
in times past"**

(Zech. 14:3 NLT).

The Second Coming



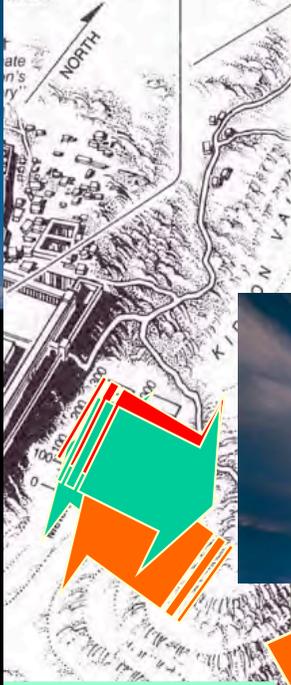
**"On that day, his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem"
(Zech. 14:4).**

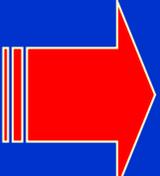
Passion Week

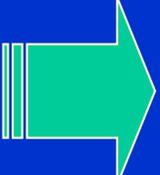
Bethany, the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem



...ned to the temple and Gentes full of traders making a large profit sh coins in exchange Jesus drove them out ables.



 Ezek. 8:4; 9:3; 10:4; 10:18-19; 11:23

 Luke 19:37; 24:50; Acts 1:10

 Acts 1:11; Zech. 14:4; Ezek. 43:1-5



a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zec 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna" and the words of

Since the next day was the Sabbath, the Lord spent the day in traditional fashion with his friends.

The Spirit Leaves & Returns

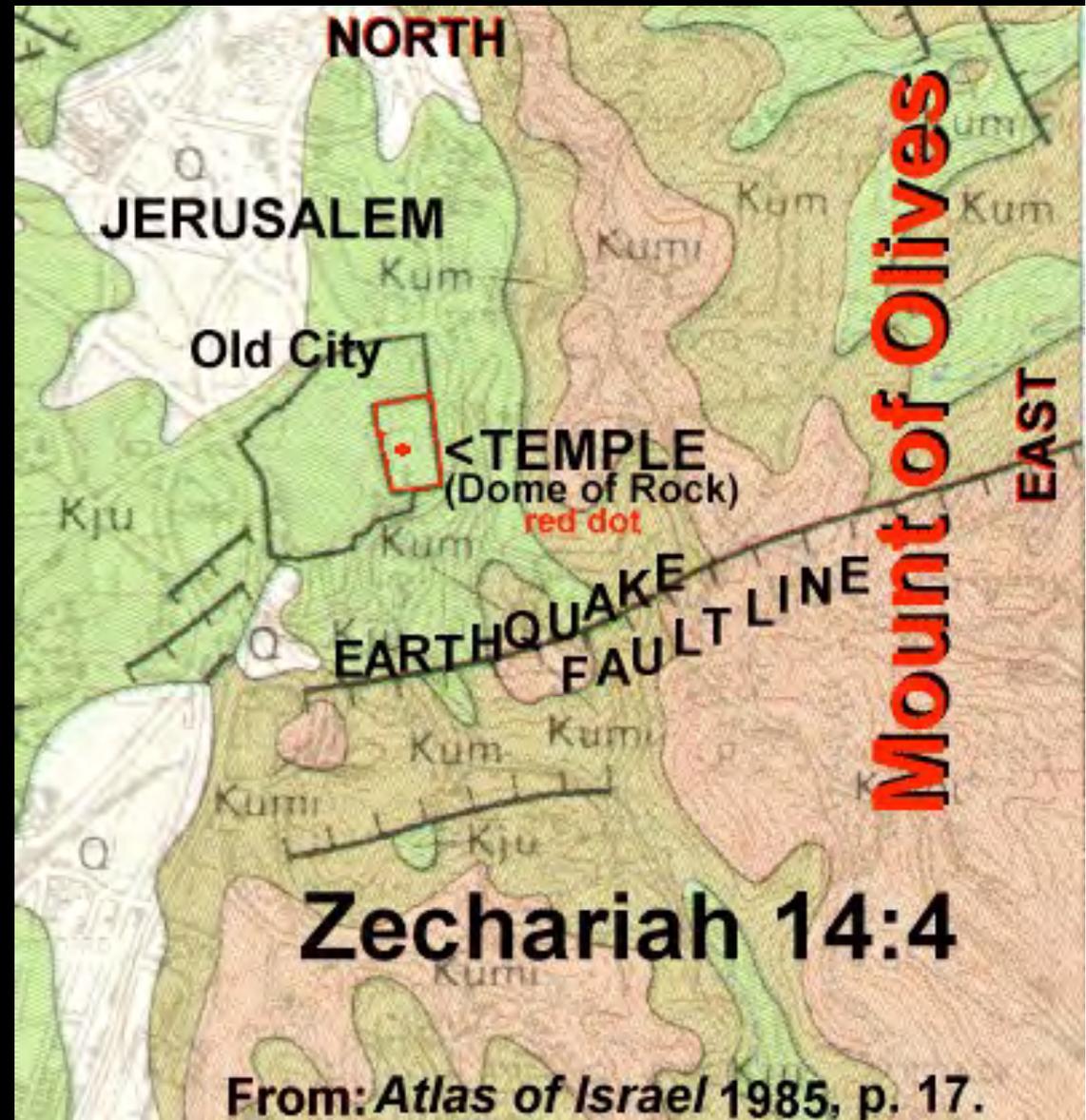
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**"On that day, his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem..."
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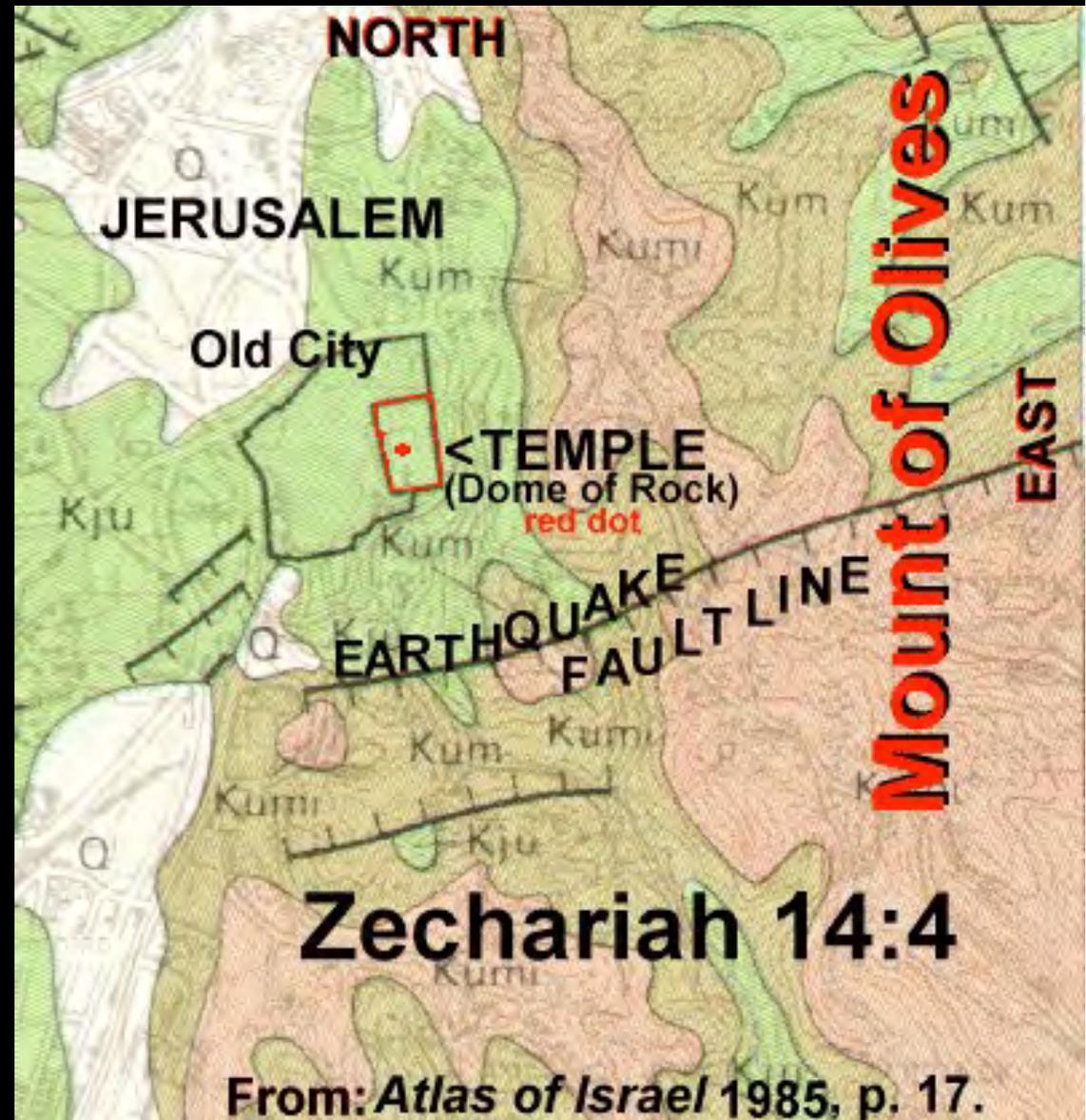
The Second Coming

"...And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south" (Zech. 14:4b NLT).

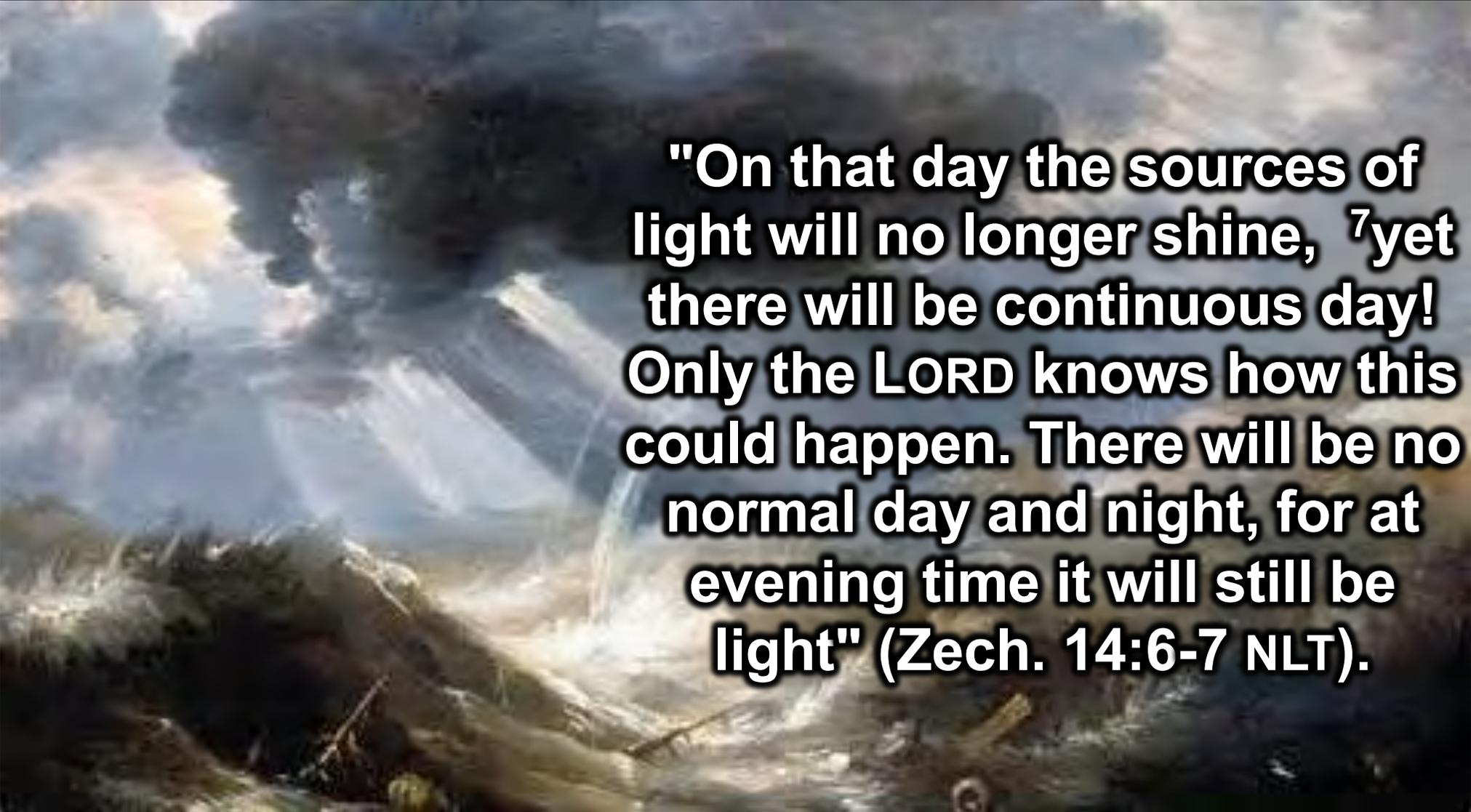


"You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him" (Zech. 14:5 NLT).

The Second Coming



The Second Coming



"On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, ⁷yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light" (Zech. 14:6-7 NLT).

Living Water!



"On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter" (Zech. 14:8 NLT).

The Second Coming



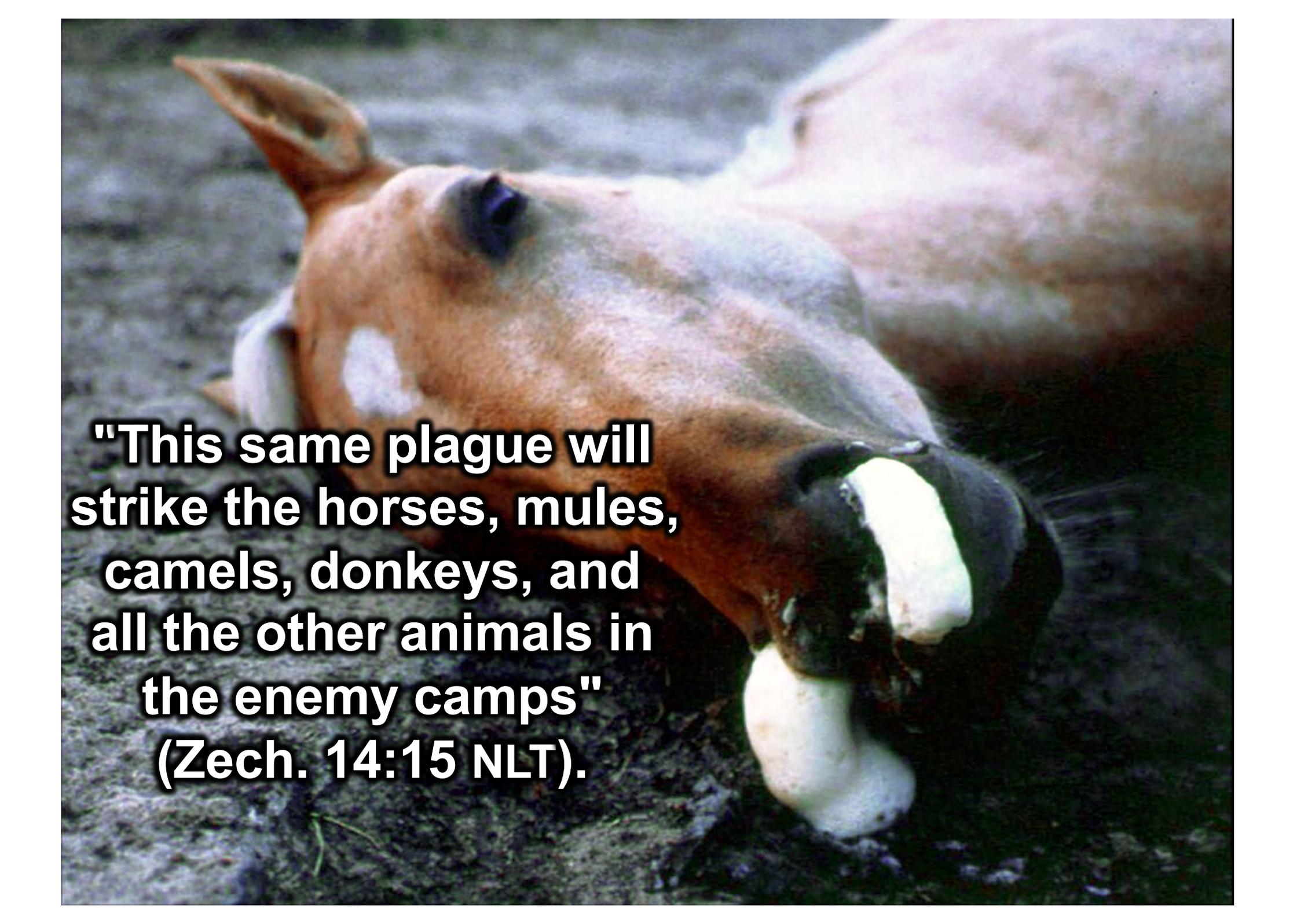
**"And the LORD will be king over all the earth.
On that day there will be one LORD—
his name alone will be worshiped"
(Zech. 14:9 NLT).**

**"And the LORD will send
a plague on all the
nations that fought
against Jerusalem.
Their people will
become like walking
corpses, their flesh
rotting away. Their eyes
will rot in their sockets,
and their tongues will
rot in their mouths"
(Zech. 14:12 NLT).**



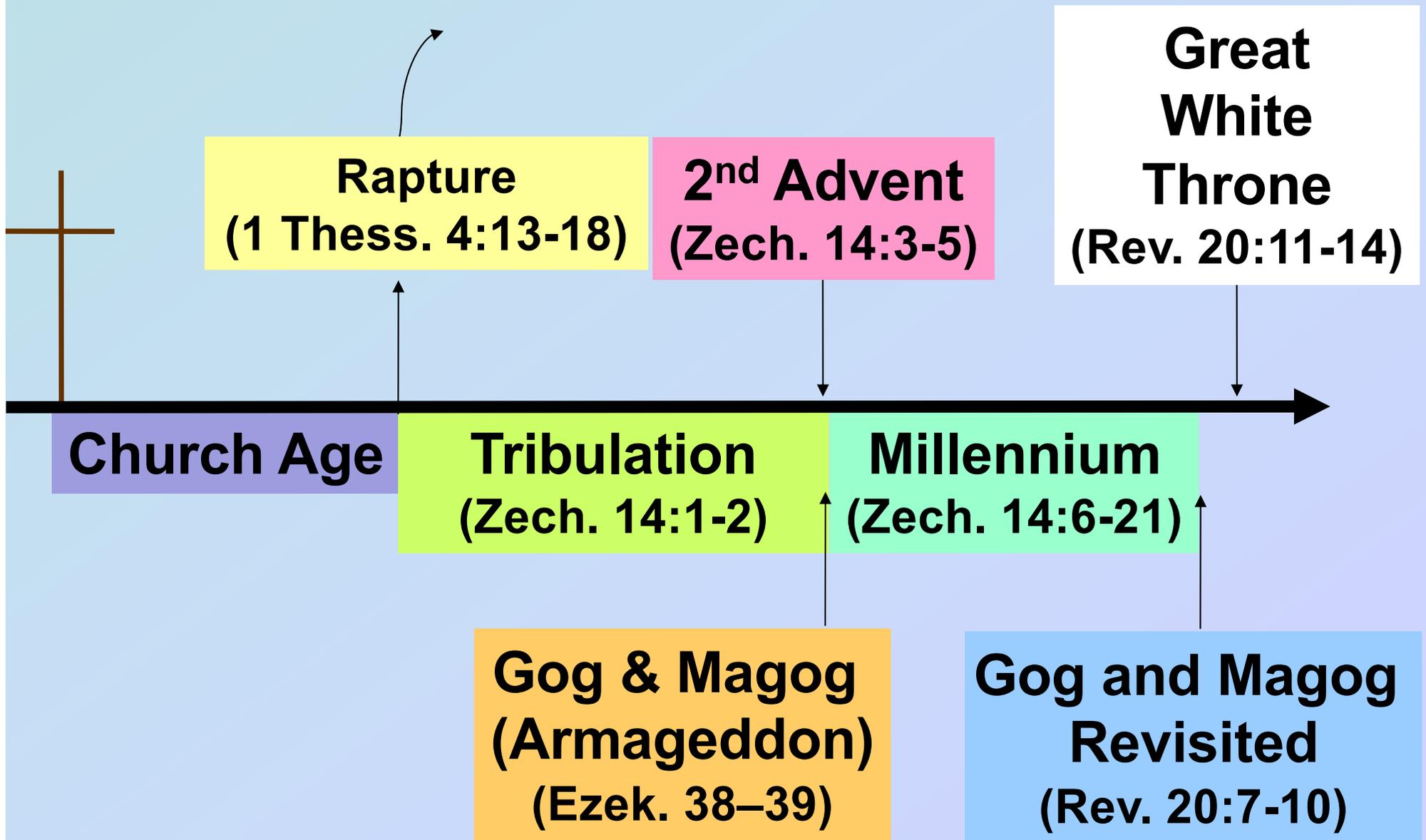


"On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbors hand to hand. ¹⁴Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighboring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing" (Zech. 14:13-14 NLT).



**"This same plague will
strike the horses, mules,
camels, donkeys, and
all the other animals in
the enemy camps"
(Zech. 14:15 NLT).**

A Dispensational Timeline



Millennial Worship

"In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King... and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters. ¹⁷Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King... will have no rain. ¹⁸If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the Lord will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. ¹⁹Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters"

(Zech. 14:16-19 NLT).

Millennial Holiness



²⁰ "On that day even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: Holy to the LORD. And the cooking pots in the Temple of the LORD will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar.

²¹ In fact, every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD... All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day there will no longer be traders [Heb. Canaanites] in the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies."

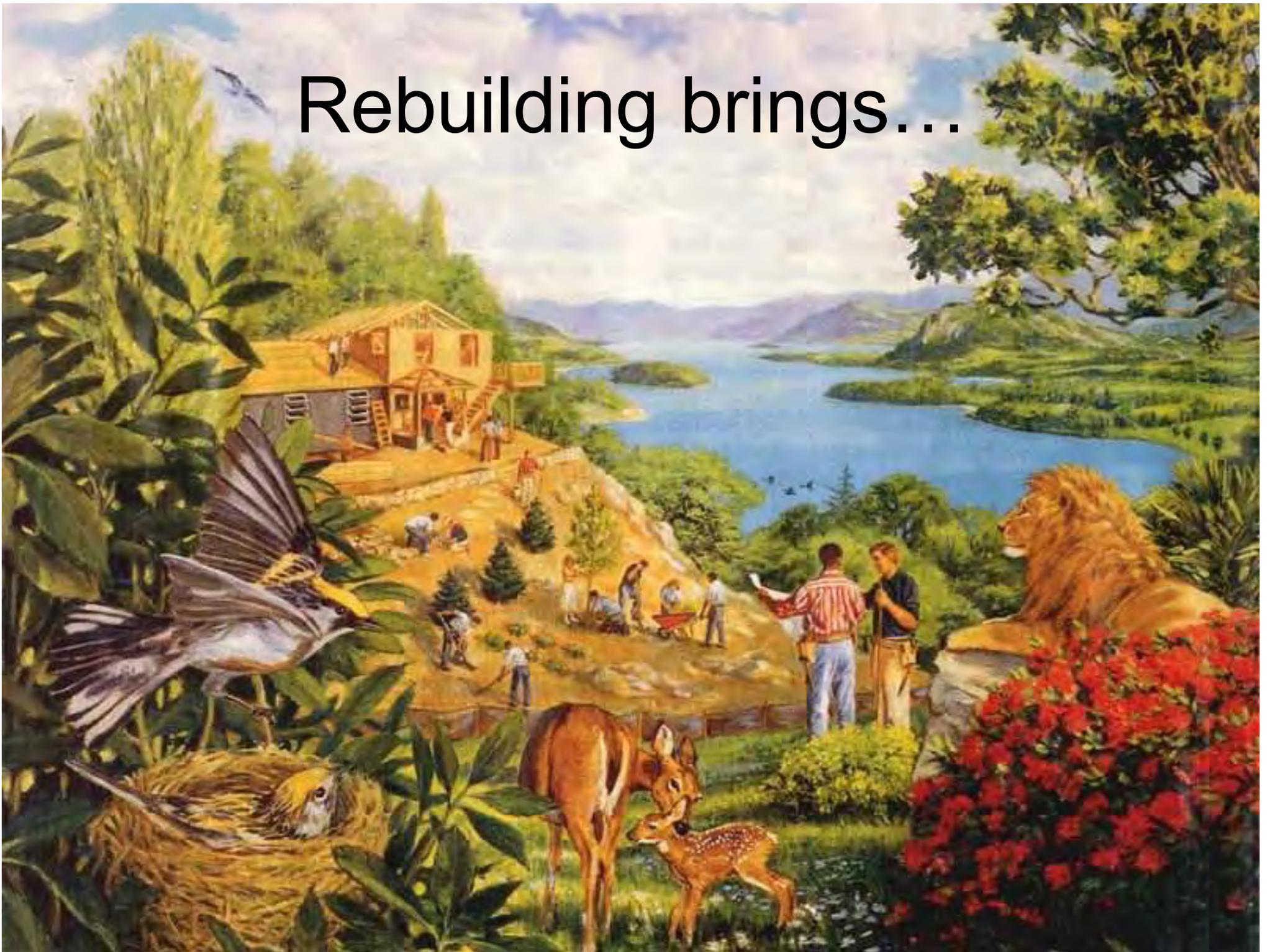
(Zech. 14:20-21 NLT)

Millennial Jerusalem



"The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem"
— Isaiah 2:3

Rebuilding brings...



...a totally renewed earth!



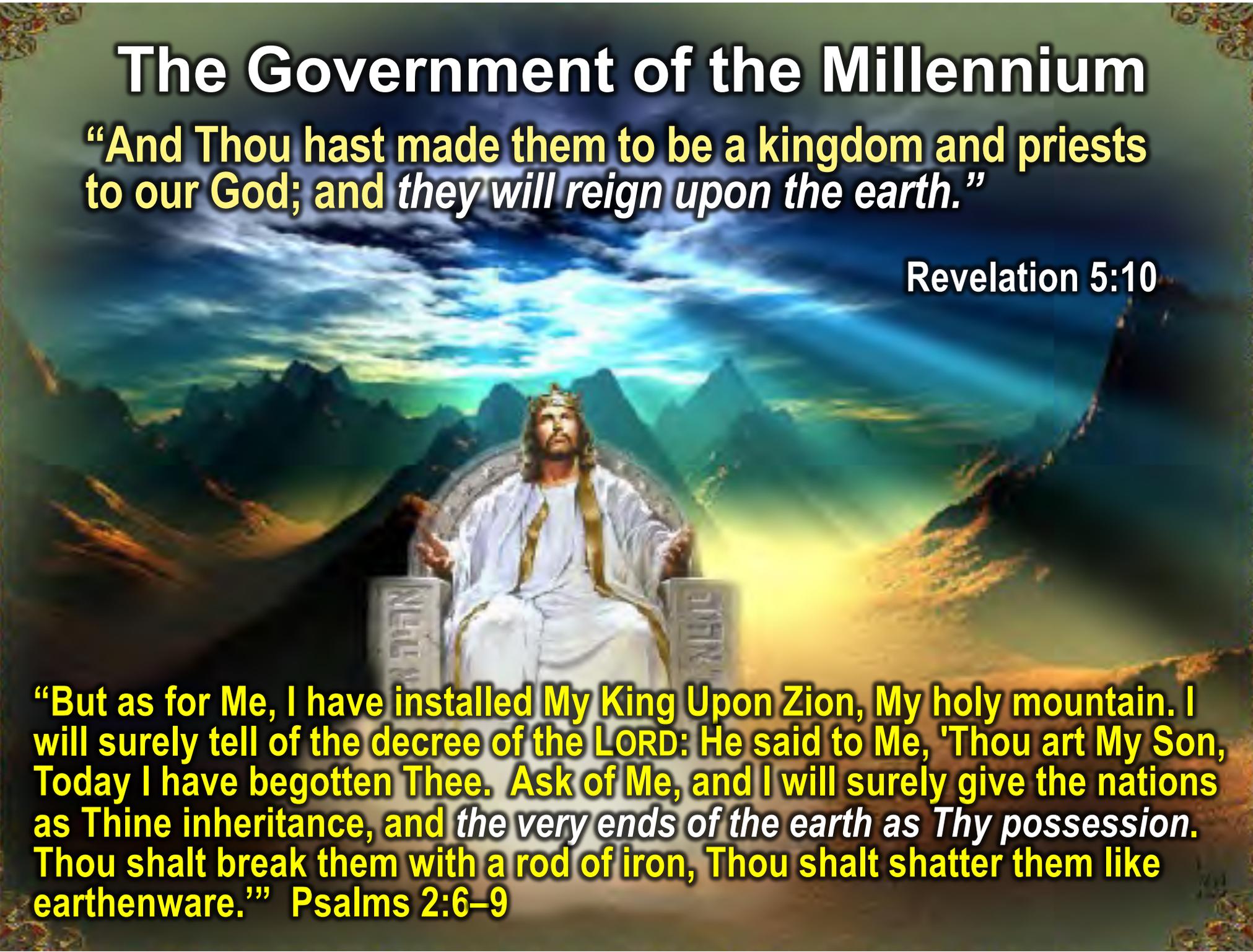
Why Am I Dispensational?

5. The Church Age was unseen in the OT
6. Saints will reign on the *earth* (Rev. 5:10), not in heaven as amillennialists claim

The Government of the Millennium

“And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and *they will reign upon the earth.*”

Revelation 5:10



“But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, ‘Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, and *the very ends of the earth as Thy possession.* Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.’” Psalms 2:6–9

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Second
Coming

Beginning of
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Christ on
Davidic
Throne



Removal of
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Millennial
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Temple
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End of
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Satan's
Last Revolt



Great White
Throne
Judgment



75-Day
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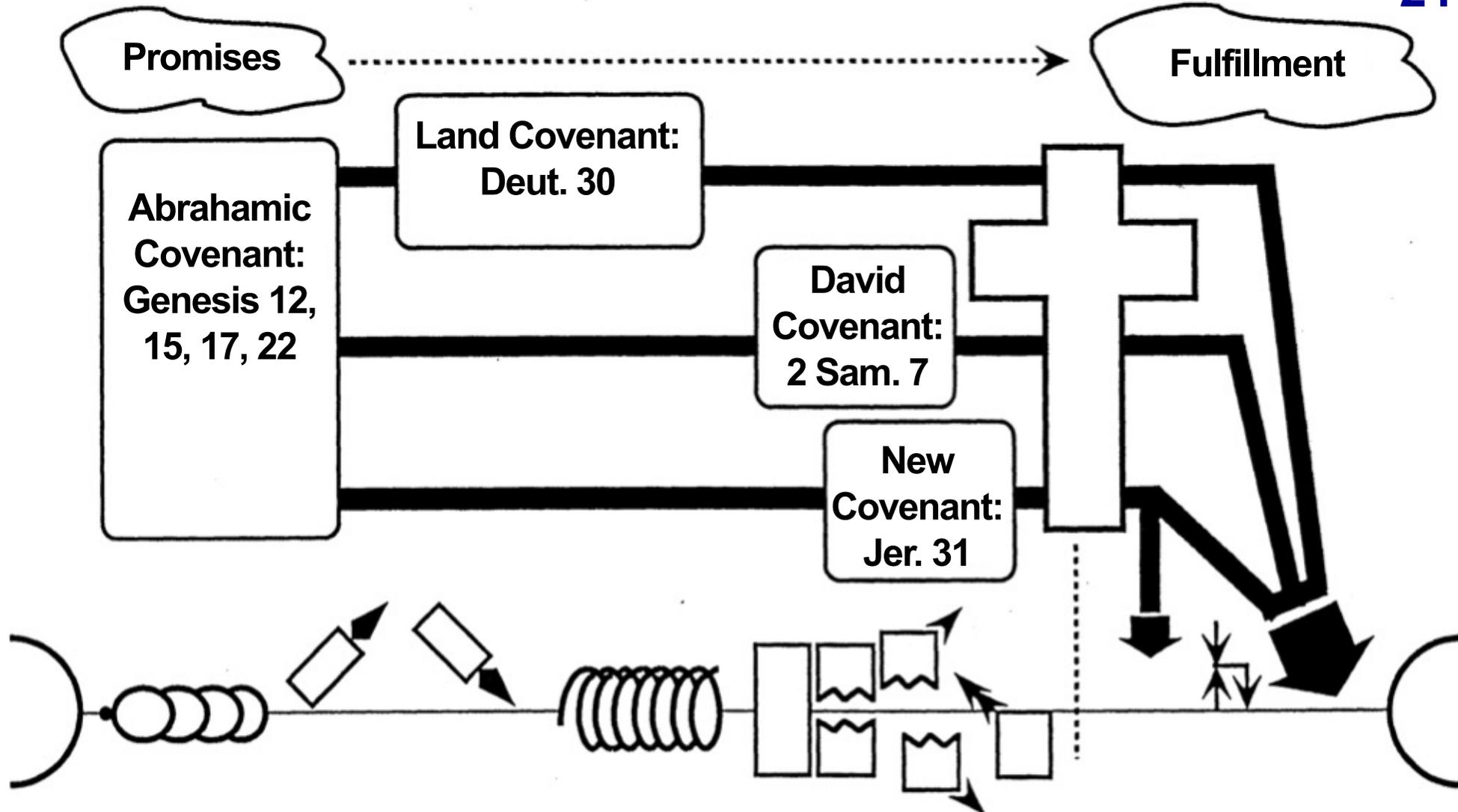
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The "New Israel" View of Covenant Premillennialism

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Illustration and fulfillment are not the same.

Hoyt (*ibid.*, 42-43) responds to Ladd's claim: "In passage after passage Ladd insists that the New Testament is interpreting the Old when **the New Testament is simply applying a principle found in the Old Testament** (Hos. 11:1 with Mt. 2:15; Hos. 1:10; 2:23 with Rom. 9:24-26). Rushing to the conclusion that these references identify the church and Israel as the same body of the saved is wholly gratuitous..."

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Millennial sacrifices are not problematic

1. They can be either **theocratic or memorial** sacrifices looking back to the death of Christ.
2. How **else** other than literally can one best approach nine chapters describing a temple with boundaries and many other specifics?
3. No temple has even remotely **resembled** Ezekiel's, so his must be a future temple.
4. See Eschatology pages 138-140 for elaboration.

*Question: Israel & the Church:
Discontinuity or Continuity?*

Answer: Both!

(See NTS pages 131-131a)



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Biblical writers kept them separate

1. **Differences** between Israel and the Church are numerous in Scripture (see p. 131)
2. **The term "Israel"** throughout Scripture always refers to the physical descendants of Jacob—it never refers to the Church.
3. **Luke** contrasts the two in Acts 3:12; 4:8, 10; etc.
4. **Paul** (Rom. 9–11; 1 Cor. 10:32; Eph. 3:6)
5. **John**: 144,000 Jews (Rev. 7:1-8) v. Gentiles (7:9)
6. **Matthew** 1:21; 2:6; 19:28; 23:39
7. **Early Church Fathers** held to the 6000-year theory

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:20)

- **Refers back to Jeremiah 31:31-34**
- **The new covenant replaces the old**
- **The Church participates in the covenant promised to Israel**
- **Never does Scripture say that the church replaces Israel since God has not rejected the nation (Rom. 11:1; cf. Jer. 31:35-37)**

³⁵ This is what the LORD says,
**he who appoints the sun
to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars
to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea
so that its waves roar—**

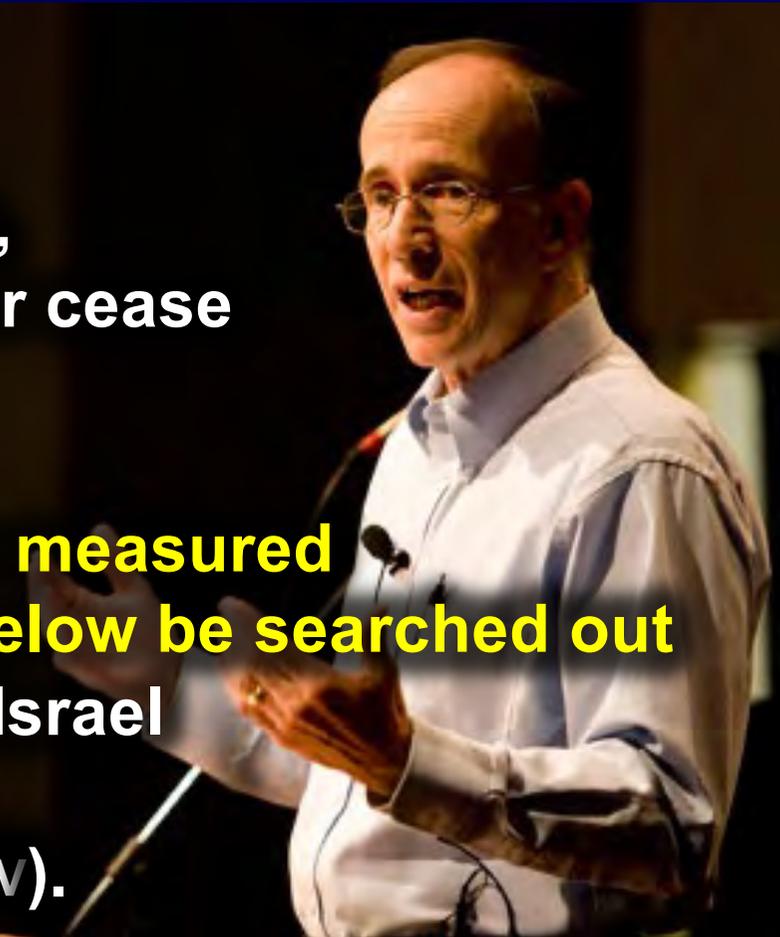
the LORD Almighty is his name:

³⁶ "Only if these decrees vanish
from my sight," declares the LORD,
"will the descendants of Israel ever cease
to be a nation before me."

³⁷ This is what the LORD says:

**"Only if the heavens above can be measured
and the foundations of the earth below be searched out
will I reject all the descendants of Israel
because of all they have done,"**
declares the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37 NIV).

**"How to Get
Rid of the
Jews"**



Contrasting Two Key Covenants

	<u>Abrahamic</u>	<u>Mosaic</u>
Recipient (Date & Place)	Abraham as mediator for all nations in 2060 BC at Ur of the Chaldees	Moses as mediator for Israel in 1445 BC at Mount Sinai
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-3 (but formalized into a covenant in Genesis 15)	Exodus 20–31 is the heart of the covenant
Between God &	A person (for a future nation)	A nation
Scope	Universal ("all peoples will be blessed through you")	Only Israel received the Law (Deut. 4:8; Ps. 147:20)

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	<u>Abrahamic</u>	<u>Mosaic</u>
<i>Promises</i>	Land, seed, and blessing (without indication of time of fulfillment)	Blessing for obedience and cursing for disobedience (Lev. 26; Deut. 28)
<i>Conditions</i>	Unconditional: "I will..."	Conditional: "If you will...then I will..."
<i>Participation</i>	Abraham asleep (Gen. 15:17)	Israel agreed to obey (Exod. 19:8)
<i>Analogy</i>	Father to son (royal grant)	Suzerain (superior king) to vassal (servant nation)

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	<u>Abrahamic</u>	<u>Mosaic</u>
<i>Form</i>	Oral (no written stipulations)	Written on tablets of stone & Pentateuch
<i>Emphasis</i>	Blessing over discipline/judgment (five "blessings" in Gen. 12:1-3)	Judgment/discipline over blessing (contrast Deut. 28:1-14 & 28:15-68)
<i>Christology</i>	Ultimate seed (Gen. 12:3)	Typified in tabernacle (Heb. 8–10)
<i>Sign</i>	Circumcision (Gen. 17:11)	Sabbath (Exod. 31:13, 17)

Is There a Future for National Israel?



Israel & the Church: Discontinuity

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	Israel	Church
Identity	Physical seed of Abraham (Gal. 6:12-16)	Spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:7, 29)
Land Covenant	Still outstanding (Deut. 30:1-10) but partly fulfilled since 1948 (Ezek. 37:1-7)	No land promise (Palestinian Covenant) can be claimed by present believers
Law	Required to obey the law (Exod. 19-20)	Freedom from the law (Rom. 7; Gal. 3)
Duration	Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3) to eternity (Jer. 31:35-37)	Pentecost (Acts 2) to Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18) or even later (?)
Wrath	Experienced in Tribulation (Jer. 30:7)	Free from wrath (1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)

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	Israel	Church
Faith	Shown in offering sacrifices	Shown in trusting Christ's sacrifice
Priesthood	Has one: a special class by heredity	Is one: all are priests (1 Pet. 2:5)
Activity	Set aside between 69th & 70th "Weeks" (Dan. 9:24-27)-a part of the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24)	Between 69th & 70th "Weeks" the church is a mystery unforeseen in the OT (Eph. 3:1-9; Col. 1:26)
Qualification	Ethnic-descendants of Abraham or Gentile proselytes who became Jews via circumcision as blessing is via Israel (1 Kings 8:41-43; Isa. 2:2-3; 19:19-25; 49:6; 51:4; 56:6-8; Zech. 14:16-19)	Nonethnic-"Neither Jew nor Gentile" (Gal. 3:28) means a combination of Jews and Gentiles without need to become Jewish proselytes (Acts 15; Eph. 3:3, 6)

	Israel	Church
Abrahamic Covenant	Origin in Abraham as the father of the nation (Gen. 12:1-3)	Believers today are grafted into this same covenant (Rom. 11:17-21; cf. Gal. 3:29)
Davidic Covenant	Promise of a literal temple (2 Sam. 7:13) fulfilled by Solomon (1 Kings)	Functions now as a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-10)
New Covenant	Forgiveness of sins, indwelling Spirit, new heart, reunification of Israel and Judah, & knowledge of God everywhere (Jer. 31:31-34)	The first 3 aspects (forgiveness of sins, indwelling Spirit, new heart) true today in a progressive covenant fulfillment (Luke 22:20)
Law	Required to obey the Mosaic law (Exod. 19-20)	Required to obey the "law of Christ" (Gal 6:2) or "law that gives freedom" (Jas 1:25; 2:12)

	Israel	Church
Salvation by	God's grace through faith (Gen. 15:6)	God's grace through faith (Rom. 4:3)
Basis of Salvation	Sacrificial lamb	Sacrificial Lamb
Spirit	Filling on leaders	Indwelling of all believers (Rom. 8:9)
Prophets	Provided revelation of God's word	Foundation of the church (Eph. 2:20)

	Israel	Church
Election	Based on grace (Mal. 1:2)	Based on grace (Eph. 1:4-6, 11)
Disobedience	Led to God's discipline	Leads to God's discipline (1 Cor. 11:30)
Leadership	Elders (Exod. 3:16, 18; 4:29, 31; 12:21; Num. 11:16-17; Josh. 24:31; 1 Sam. 15:30; 2 Sam. 17:4, 15; 1 Kings 21:8, 11 and many other texts)	Elders (Acts 11:30; 14:23-24; 15:1-6; 16:4; 20:17-38; 21:17-26; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:14; 5:17-25; Tit. 1:5-9; Jas. 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1-5; Heb. 13:17)
Witness	"light for the Gentiles" (Is. 49:3-6) "kingdom of priests" (Exod. 19:6) "holy nation" (Exod. 19:6)	"light of the world" (Matt. 5:14-16) "royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2:5, 9) "holy nation" (1 Pet. 5:9)



Branches (11:17-21)

a. Natural: Ethnic Israel (9:4-5)

- 1) Remaining/Grafted = Believing (11:23-24)
- 2) Cut off = Unbelieving (11:19-21)

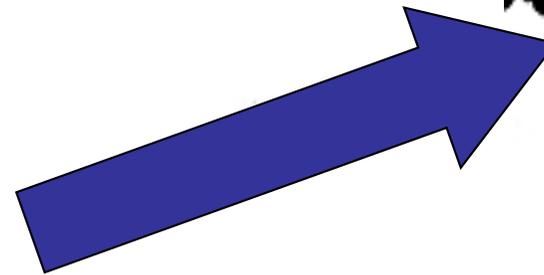
b. Wild: Gentile humanity

- 1) Grafted = Believing (11:17b, 22)
- 2) Cut off = Unbelieving (11:21b)

Trunk (11:17a)

Sap (11:17b)

Root (11:16-18)



Gentile Engrafting



Judgment!



Blessing!

The Day of the LORD

Judgment +

Blessing

Tribulation

Millennium

Rev. 6–19

Rev. 20

7 years

1000 years

**"For not all who
are descended
from Israel are
Israel" (9:6)**

**≠ "Israel" refers to
believing Gentiles?!?!**

= Not all Jews believe

"Israel" always means ethnic seed of Jacob (9:1-5)

Summary of Romans 9–11

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9:1-29

Israel's past

God elected Israel

Israel's failure is not due to God's unfaithfulness

A Jewish remnant has been preserved by God

Gentiles have also become elect of God in Christ

Divine side

God's election

Human unbelief cannot eradicate God's promises because they are based on the principle of sovereign election

9:30–10:21

Israel's present

Israel rejects God

Israel's failure is due to rejecting her Messiah

Only a small Jewish remnant accepts Him now

Gentiles are now becoming saved by faith in Christ

Human side

Man's responsibility

However, God's election in sovereign grace to fulfill His Word does not eradicate human responsibility for unbelief

11:1-36

Israel's future

God will reject Israel only partially and temporarily

Israel's failure will be neither total in scope nor final

Yet this remnant will grow into an entire believing nation

Gentiles should not be proud over blessings that Jews reject

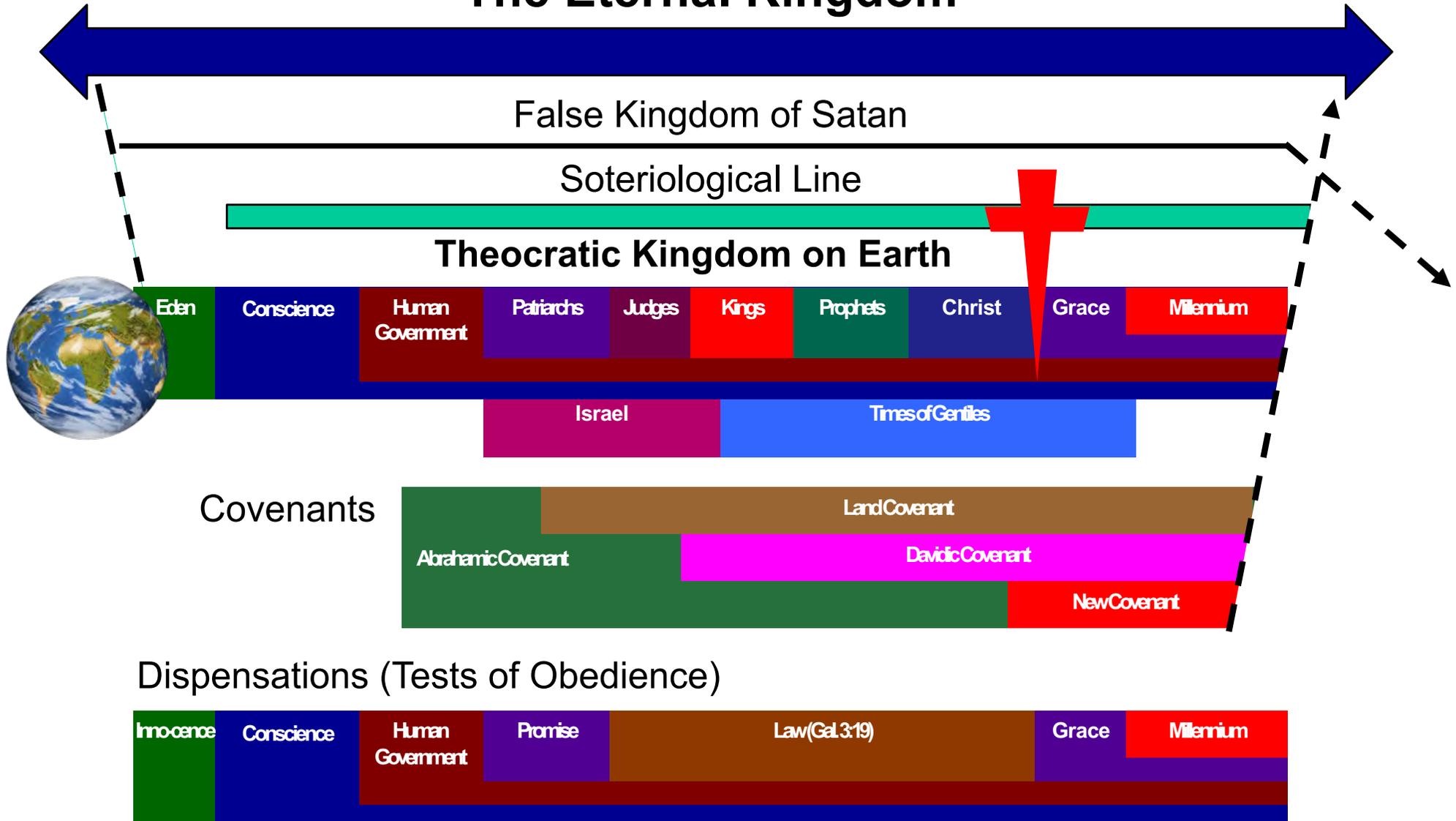
Divine results

God's mercy

Ultimately, God's election will be justified in the salvation of the Jewish nation alive when Christ returns

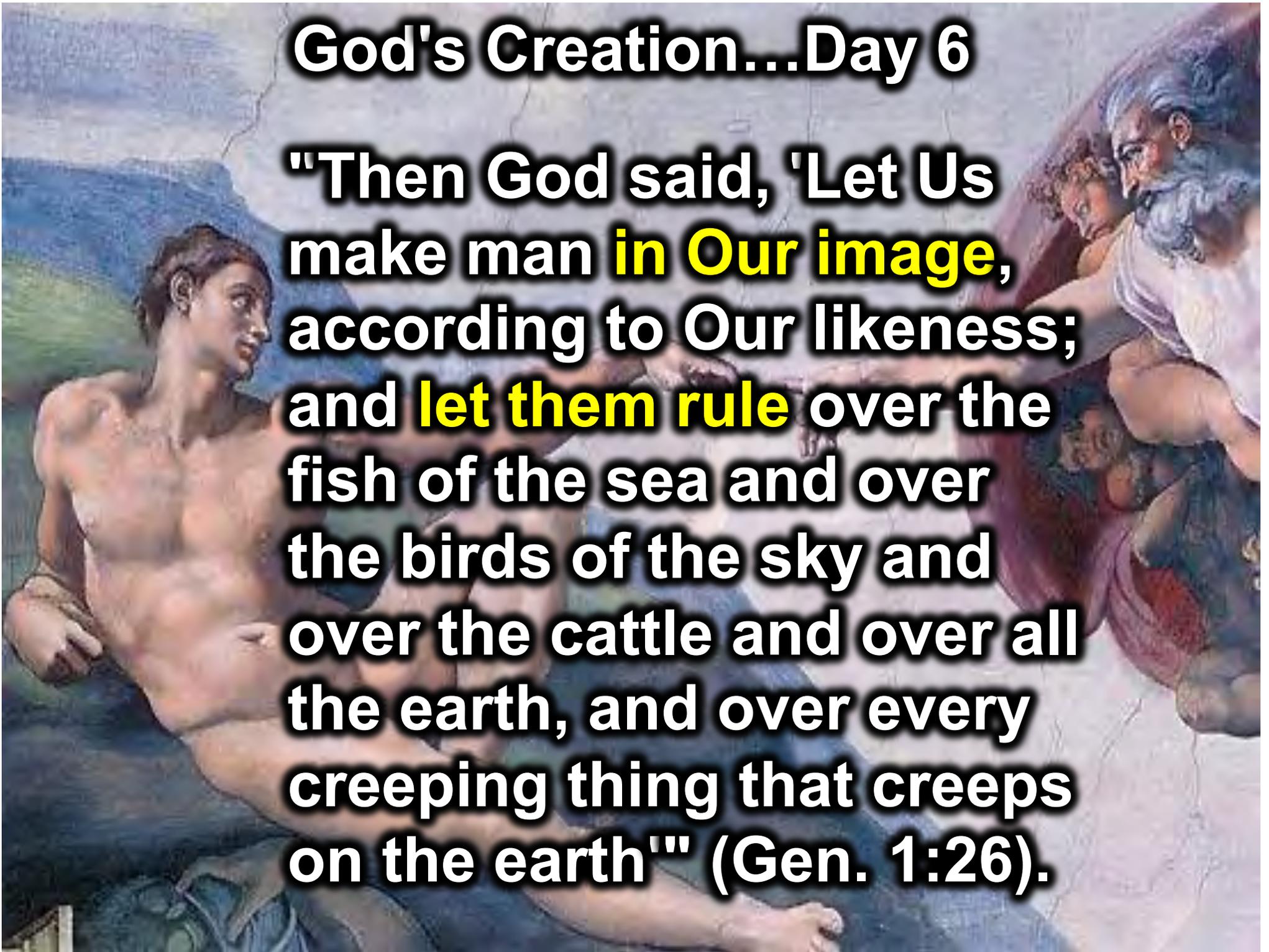
The Kingdom of God

The Eternal Kingdom



God's Creation...Day 6

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26).

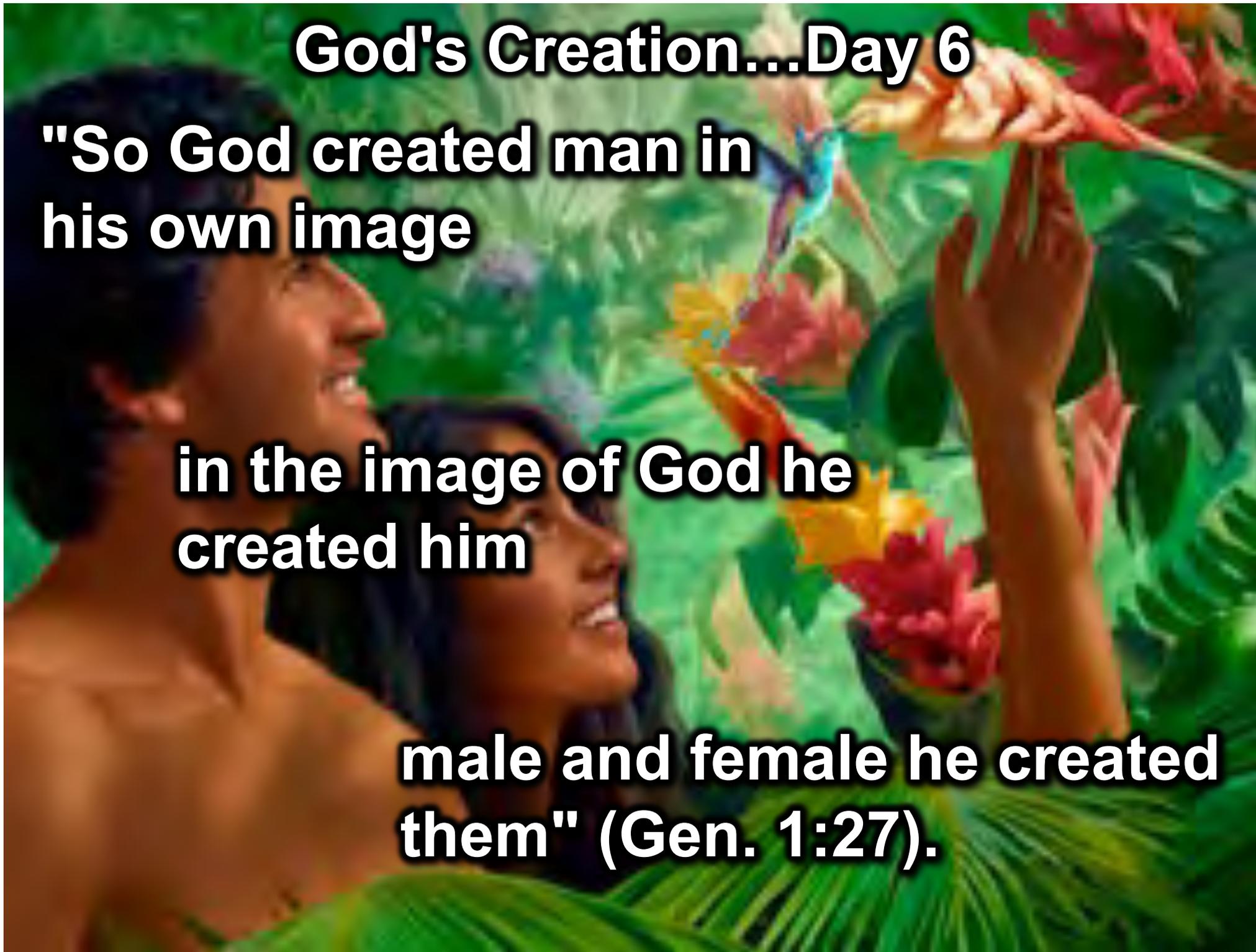


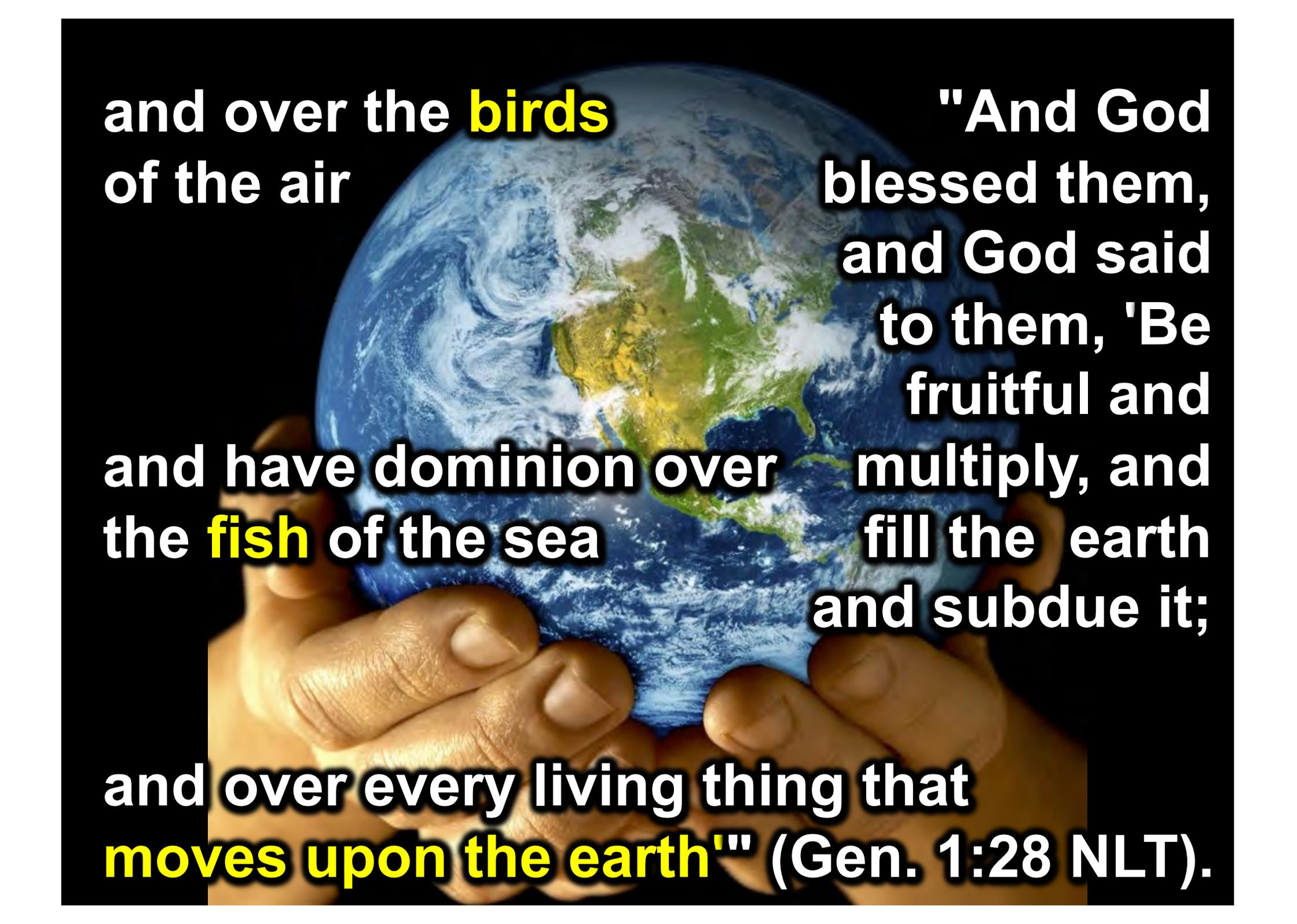
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The Kingdom of God: The Bible's All-Encompassing Theme

Genesis 1:26-28

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Revelation 5:9-10 NIV

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The Bible's Theme: God extends His rule to man

Command



Covenants



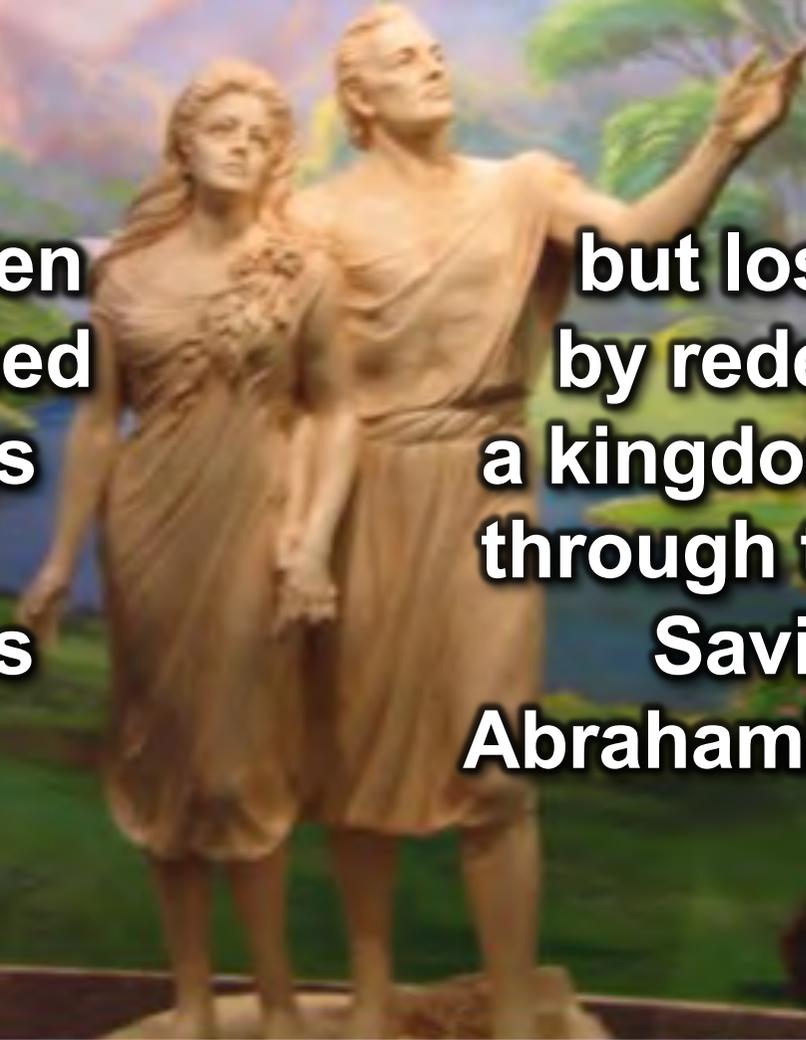
Fulfillment

God's Rule – Theme of the OT

*God's restoring **man** to participate in His kingdom rule for His own glory*

mandated in Eden
and accomplished
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Repeated Patterns in Reverse Order

**Christ's
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**Christ's
Rule**



**Man's
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**Lost at
Fall**

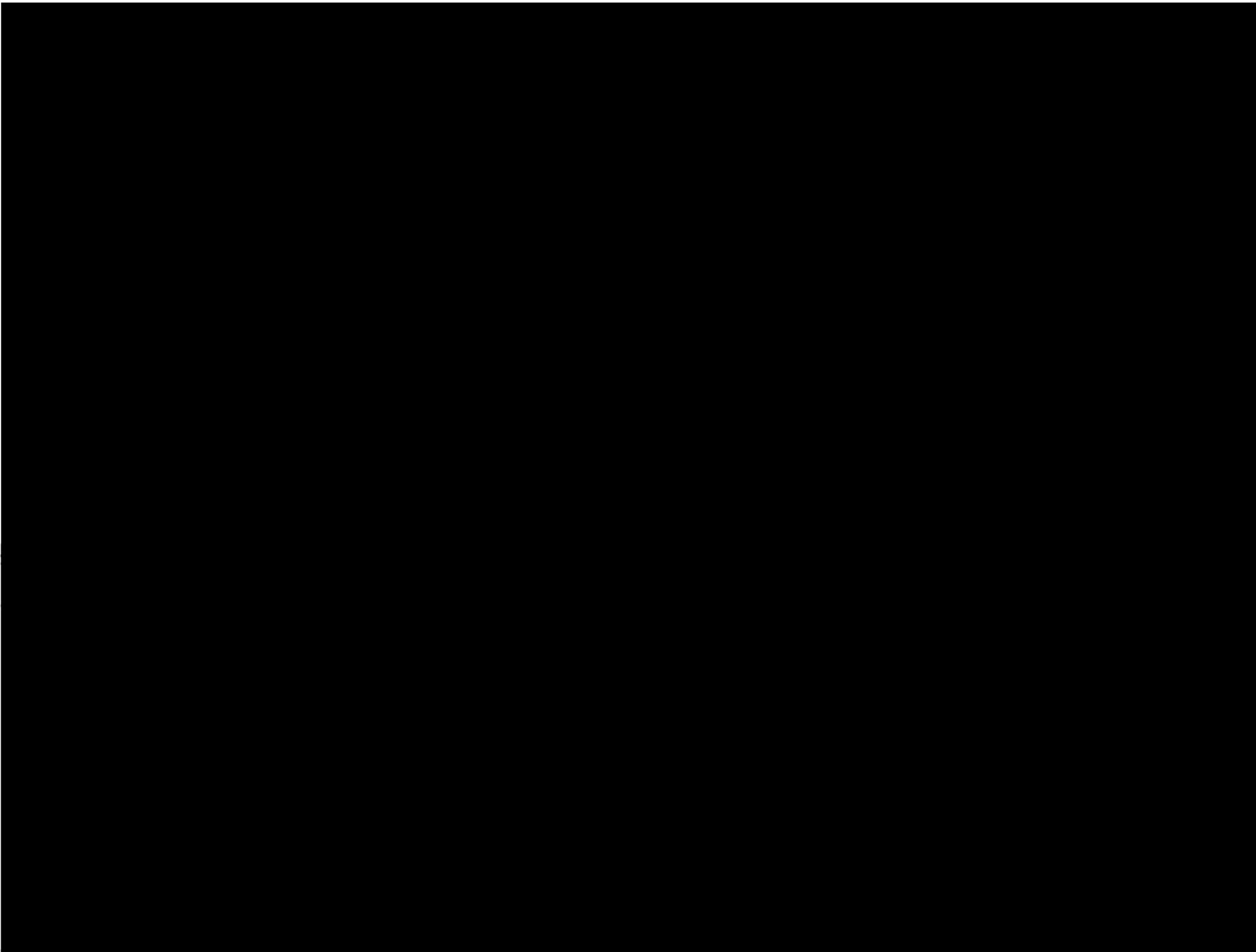
**Restored at
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Creation



**New
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