

# The Kingdom of God

*What is it? When is it?*



# Kingdom Aspects

-----The Universal Kingdom-----

-----The Spiritual Kingdom-----

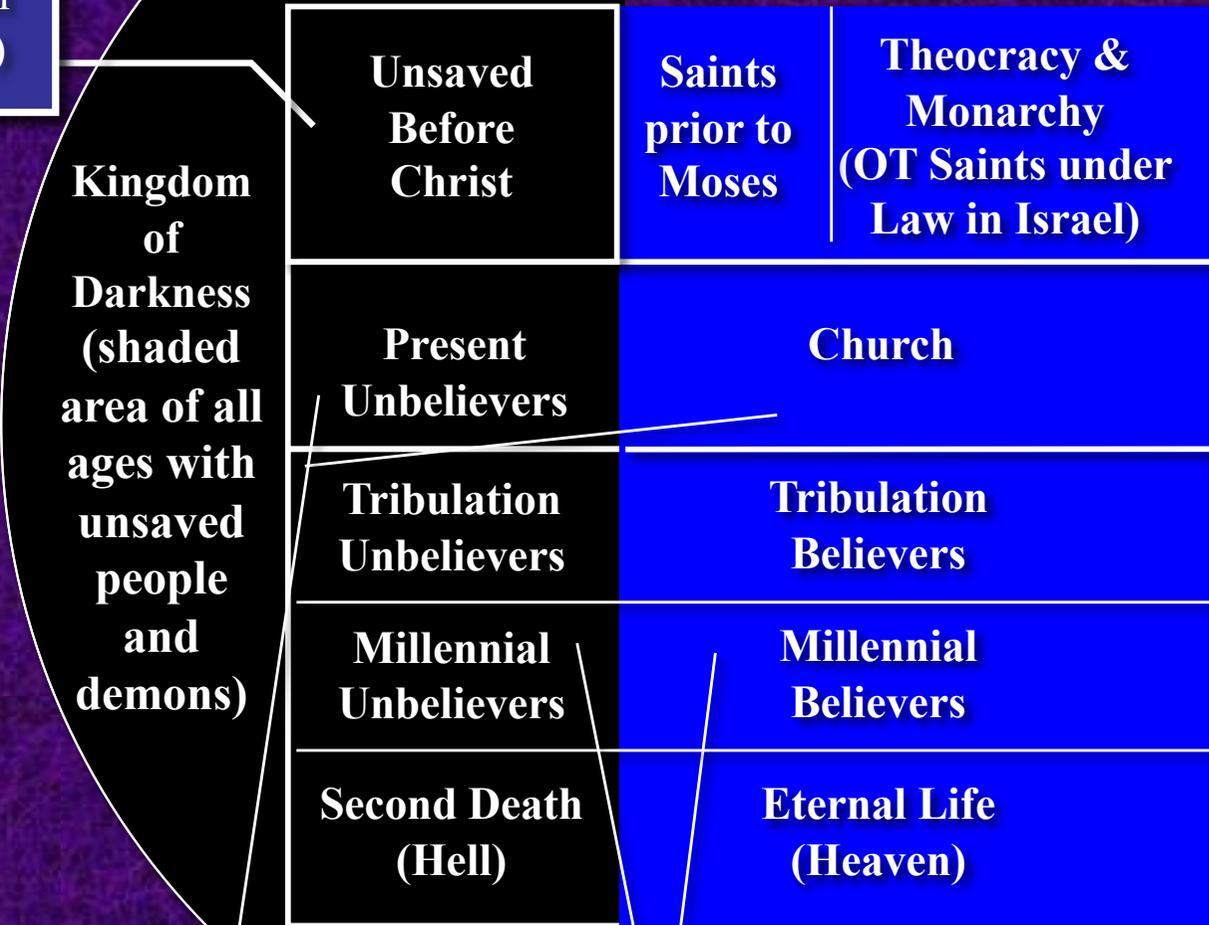


**Universal Kingdom**  
(everything inside and outside the circle)

**Living Beings**

**Spiritual Kingdom**  
(saved people)

**All People**  
(saved and unsaved all in the box)



**Angels & Animals**

**Mystery Form of the Kingdom**

# The Kingdom Diagrammed

**Millennial Kingdom**



# ***The Millennium***

*Part 2 of 2*



## **Revelation 20:1-3** (NAU)

**<sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.**

## **Revelation 20:4** (NAU)

**<sup>4</sup>Then 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; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

## **Revelation 20:5-6** (NAU)

**<sup>5</sup>The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.**

# Two Key Millennial Questions

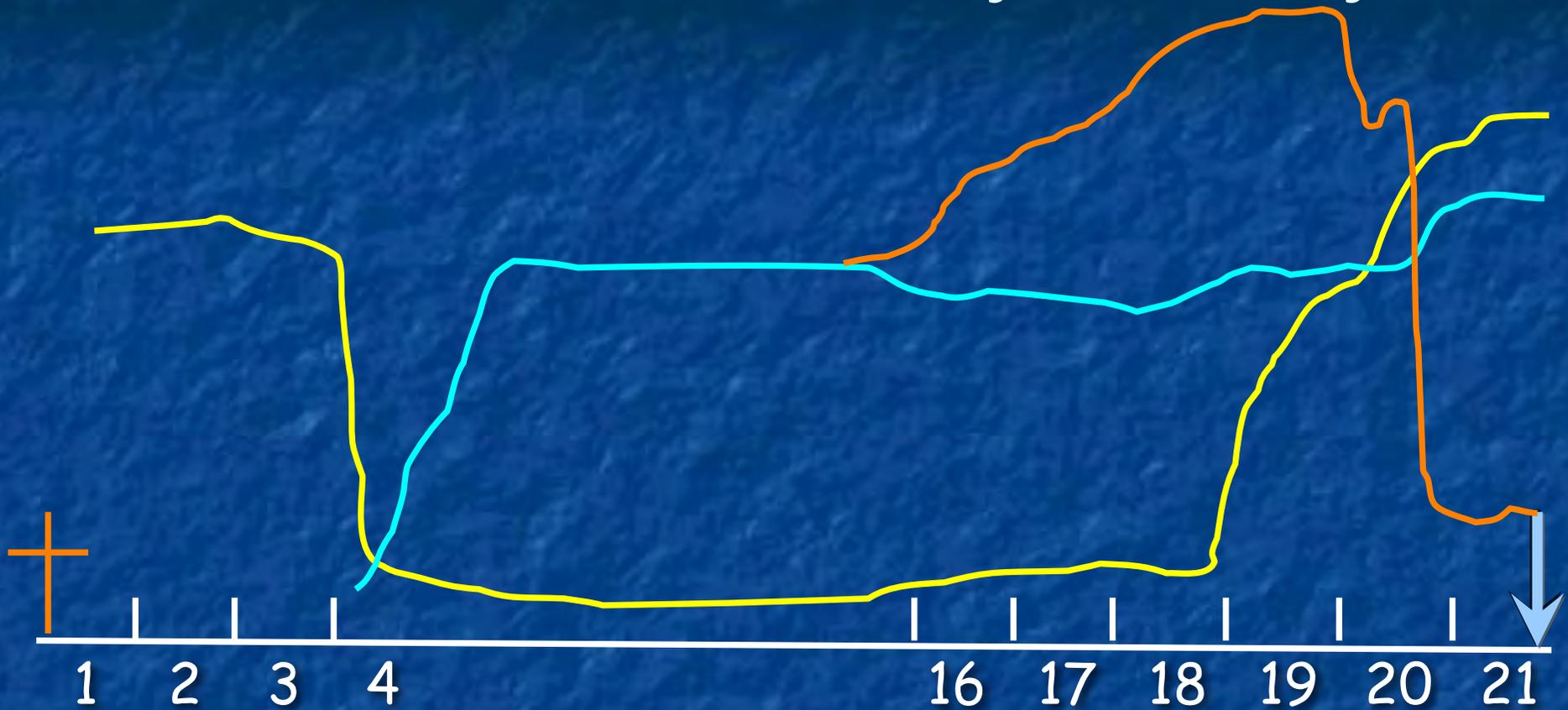
1. When? Will Christ return before or after the millennium?
2. What? All agree there will be a millennium, but what kind will it be?

# Basic Comparisons

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	<u>Time</u> <b>When is the Millennium? Before/after Christ's Return? How long is it?</b>	<u>Nature</u> <b>What kind of Millennium?</b>
<b>Amil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Between 1st &amp; 2nd advents</li><li>• Before the Second Coming</li><li>• Indefinite length</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spiritual kingdom of Christ</li><li>• The present age itself</li></ul>
<b>Postmil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No Specific Beginning Point</li><li>• Before the Second Coming</li><li>• Indefinite length (but a very few say it is a <i>literal</i> 1000 years, such as Boettner &amp; Chilton)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literal rule of the Church on earth without Christ present</li><li>• Similar to the present age (sin, marriage, birth &amp; death present but greatly reduced)</li></ul>
<b>Premil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future</li><li>• After the Second Coming</li><li>• Literal 1000 years</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Literal rule of Christ on earth</li><li>• Similar to postmil except for Jewish elements, topographical changes, etc.</li></ul>

# Millennial Advocates by Century

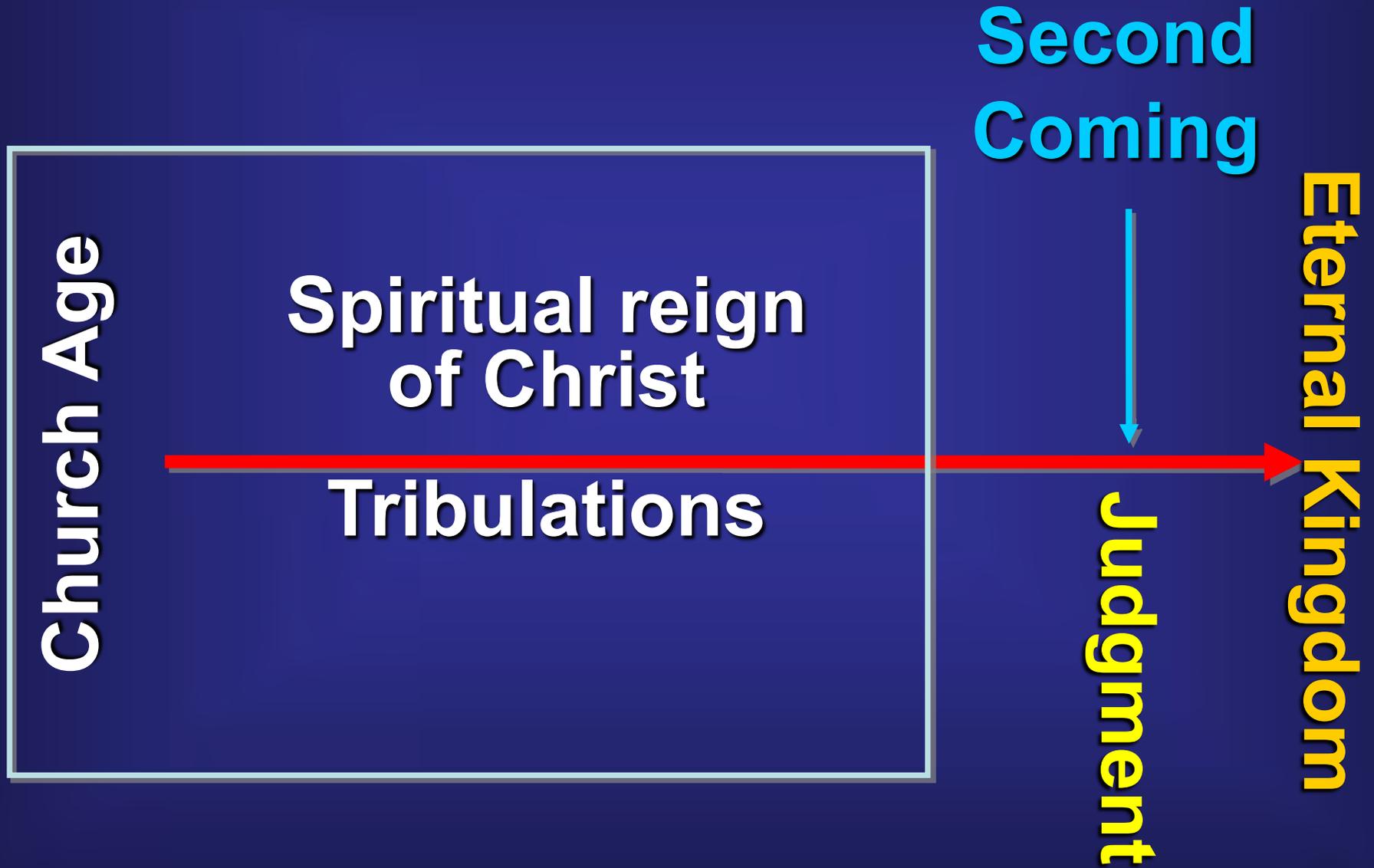


**Premil**

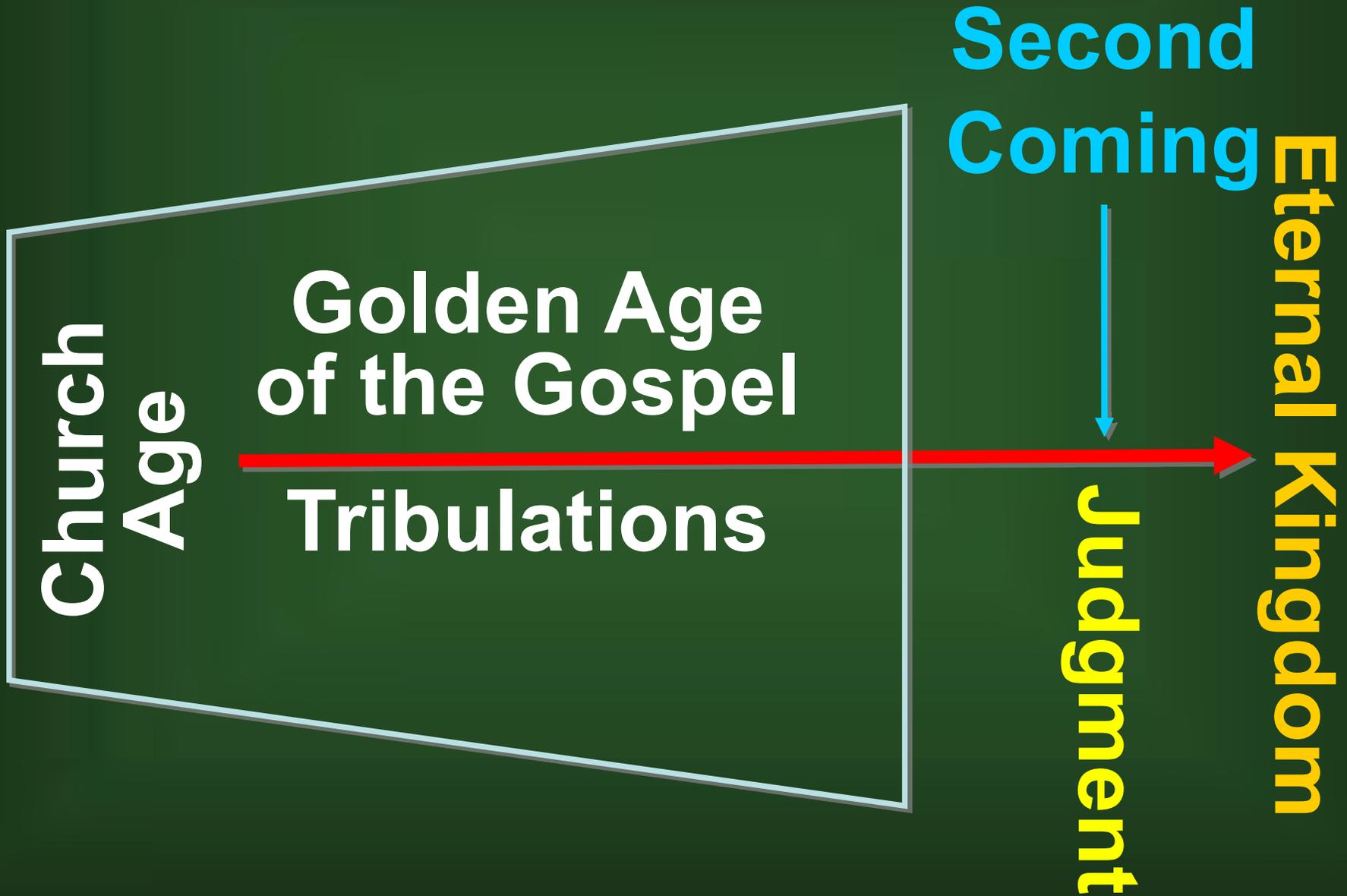
**Amil**

**Postmil**

# Amillennialism



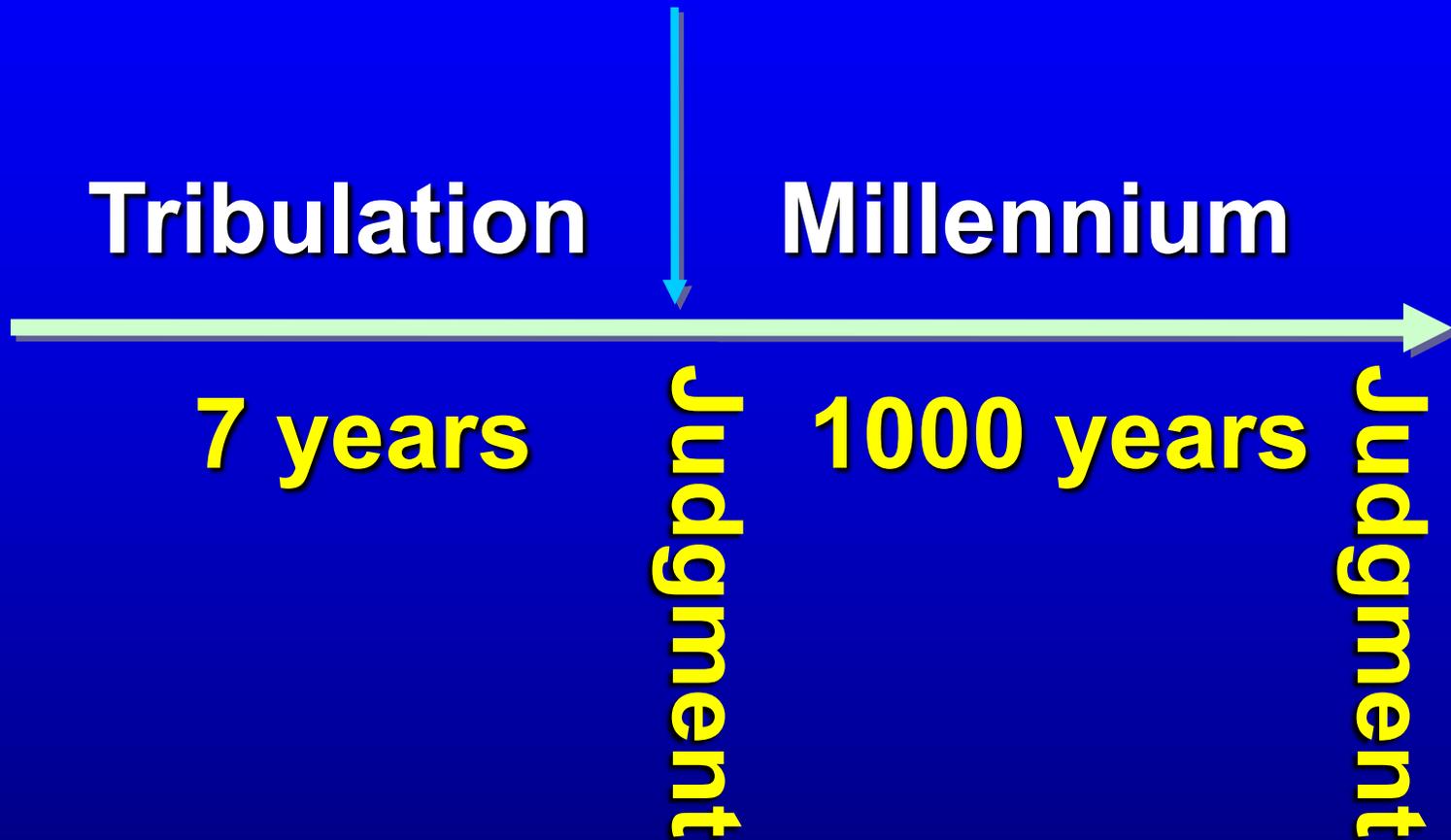
# Postmillennialism



# Premillennialism

**Second Coming = Second Advent**

**Church Age**



**Eternal Kingdom**

# Is there a future for ethnic believing Israel?

**Dispensational  
Premillennialism**

**Amillennialism &  
Postmillennialism**

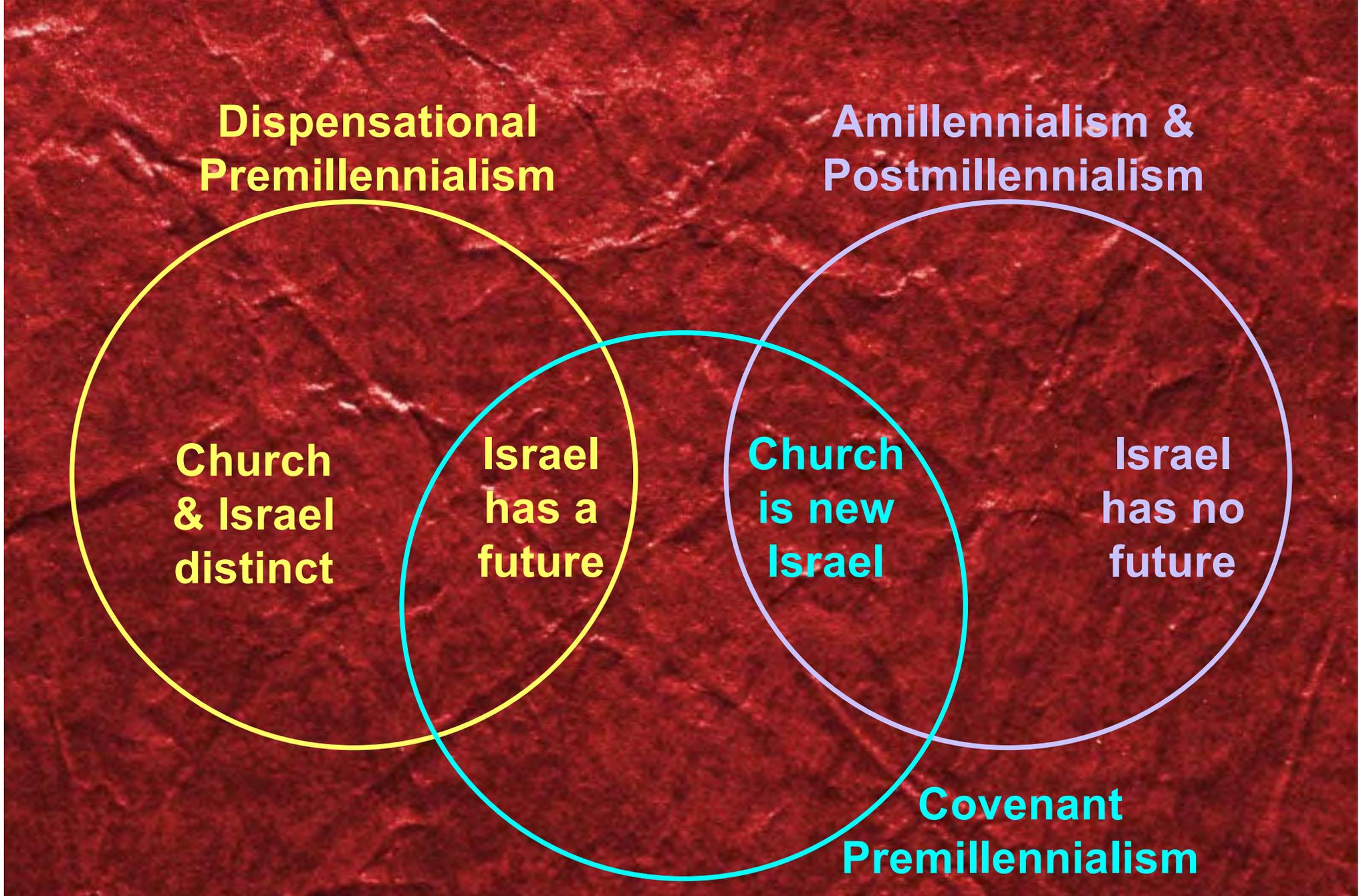
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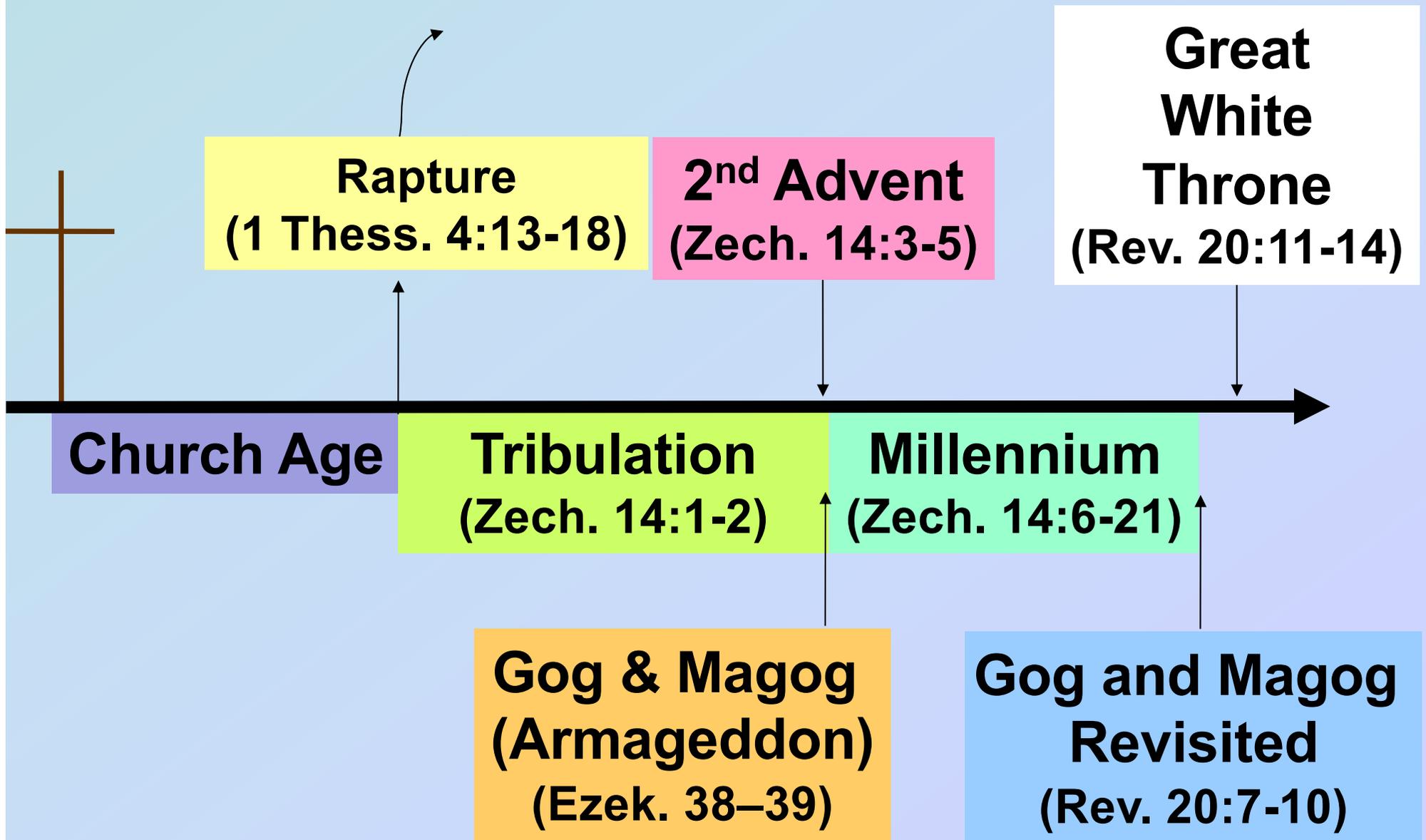
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**Covenant  
Premillennialism**



# A Dispensational Timeline



# What's the Difference?

	<b>Dispensational</b>	<b>Non-Dispensational</b>
<b><i>Israel &amp; the Church</i></b>	Separate entities Israel ≠ Church	Same people of God Israel = Church (the “New Israel”)
<b><i>Literal Interpretation</i></b>	Consistently employed	Spiritualizing acceptable
<b><i>Unifying Theme of Bible</i></b>	Glory of God or Kingdom of God	Redemption of man or Kingdom of God

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	<b>Dispensational</b>	<b>Non-Dispensational</b>
<b><i>Millennial View</i></b>	Always premil	Pre-, Post-, or Amil
<b><i>Tribulational View</i></b>	Pretrib	Mid- or Posttrib
<b><i>Recognizes Differing Economies</i></b>	Yes—often 7 dispensations	Yes & No—Covenant of Grace but no sacrifices

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	<b>Dispensational</b>	<b>Non-Dispensational</b>
<b><i>Biblical Covenants</i></b>	Unconditional	Conditional or fulfilled
<b><i>Future for Israel?</i></b>	Yes	No (though covenant/historic premil says yes)
<b><i>Is the Church foreseen in the OT?</i></b>	Generally No	Yes

# What's the Difference?

	<b>Dispensational</b>	<b>Non-Dispensational</b>
<b><i>Distinguishes law &amp; grace</i></b>	More sharply	Not so sharp
<b><i>Theological stance</i></b>	Almost always conservative (few premil liberals!)	Conservative or liberal
<b><i>Number of Adherents</i></b>	Many—especially at lay level and at Bible colleges	Growing—especially at seminary level and Catholic Church

# A Literal Kingdom for David's Line

1. Ordinary language for “kingdom” is used
2. Prophets interpreted the kingdom literally
3. Israel interpreted the kingdom literally
4. 586 BC kingdom overthrown is the same kind
5. The Davidic Covenant relates only to Israel
6. David saw the covenant applying only to Israel
7. Portions have been fulfilled literally
8. David's throne is not related to Christ's present session in heaven
9. John, Jesus, the 12, and the 70 all offered Israel a literal kingdom (Matt. 3:11; 4:17; 10:7; Luke 10:1, 9)

# Was the Kingdom Delayed?

- A. Christ's kingdom will have the same political nature as promised by Isaiah (pp. 119b-d)  A  U  D
- B. Christ is ruling on the throne of David right now  A  U  D
- C. Matthew's reference to "Israel" today designates all Christians  A  U  D
- D. God rejected Israel so the nation has no prophetic future remaining  A  U  D
- E. God delayed the kingdom for ethnic Israel after the nation rejected Christ  A  U  D

# A Literal, Political Kingdom

***"Jesus replied, 'I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel'"***

***(Matt. 19:28 NLT)***





# **Christ's Future Rule in Jerusalem**

***Isaiah 2:1-5; 4:2-6***

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happening?**

**Good**



**Bad**



**What in the world is  
happening?**

**Do you have hope it  
will get better?**

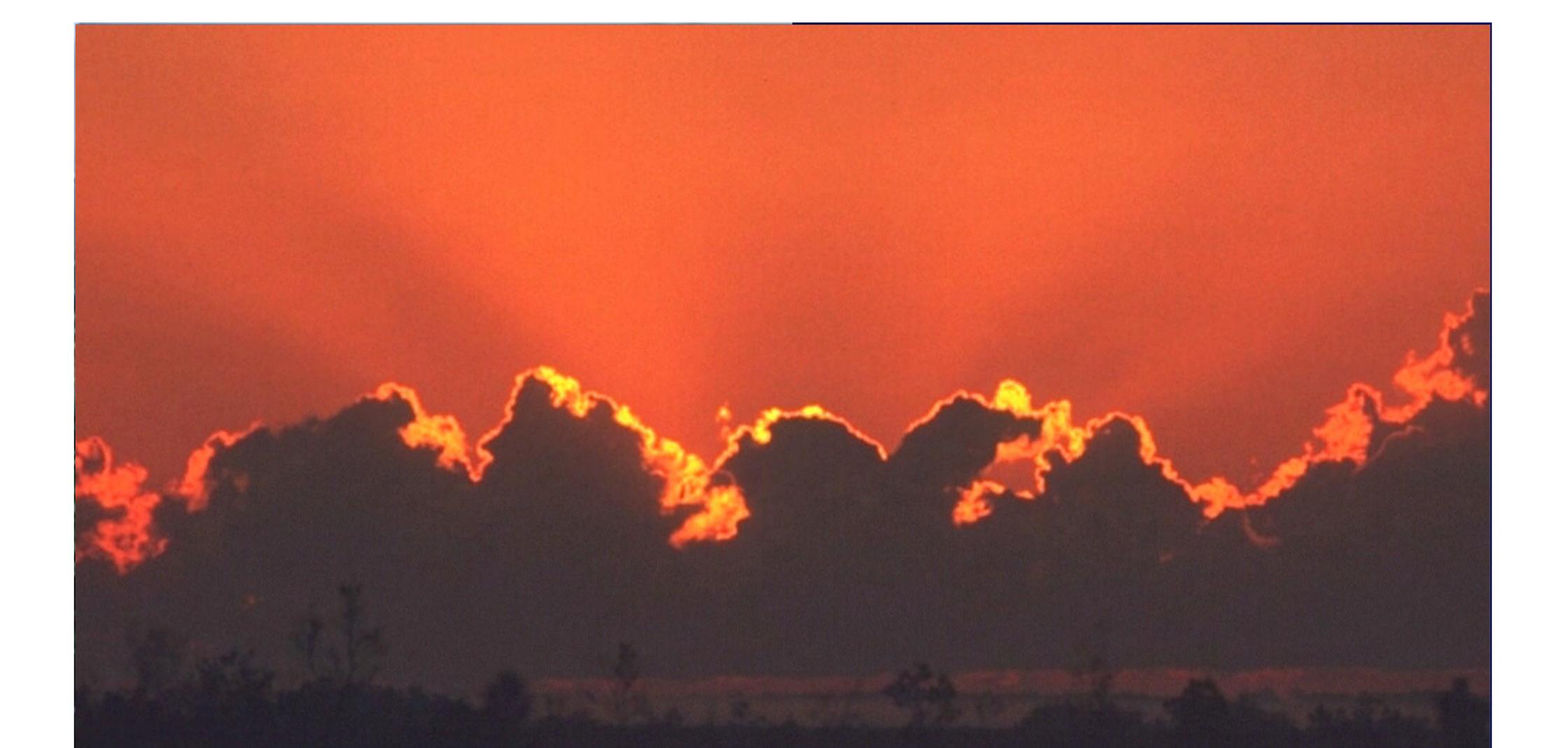
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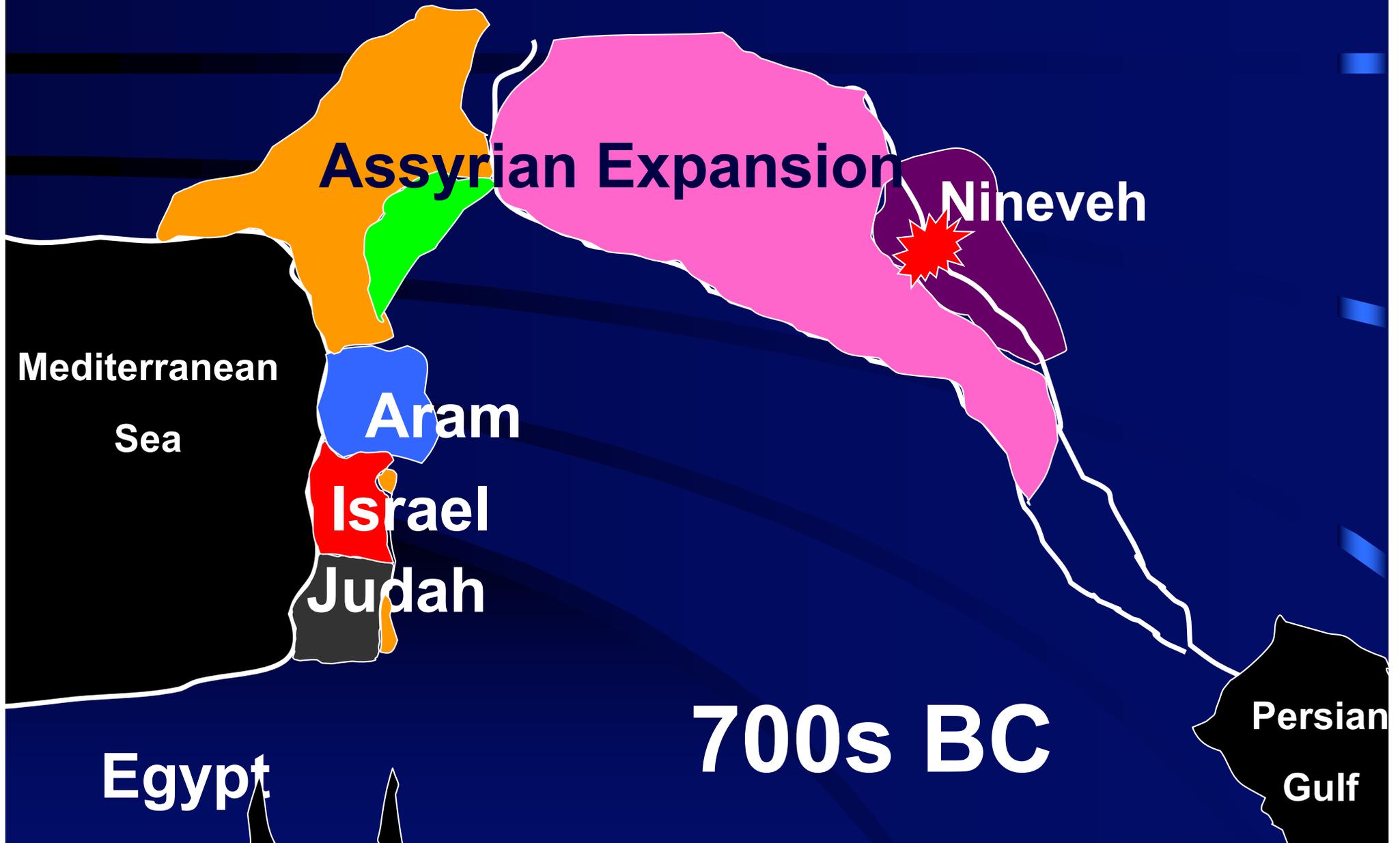
What will it be like when  
**Christ** rules this world?





**Life in Isaiah's Day**  
**(735 BC)**

# The Assyrian Threat



# When Isaiah Wrote

*End of the  
Kings of Israel*

**Pekah**

**Hoshea**

*Kings of  
Judah*

**Uzziah**

**Jotham**

**Ahaz**

**Hezekiah**

**Isaiah's 60 Year Ministry**  
(740-680 BC)



# When God Takes His People to Court

*Isaiah 1*

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# Court Procedure

- **Charge**
- **Evidence**
- **Verdict**



# Isaiah 1 Main Idea



When rituals replace relationship,  
repent for **restoration**.

**Two Key Texts:**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Isaiah 4:2-6**



I. Jesus will bring worldwide  
truth and **peace** (2:1-5).



**Christ will teach all people  
from Temple Mount (2:1-3)**



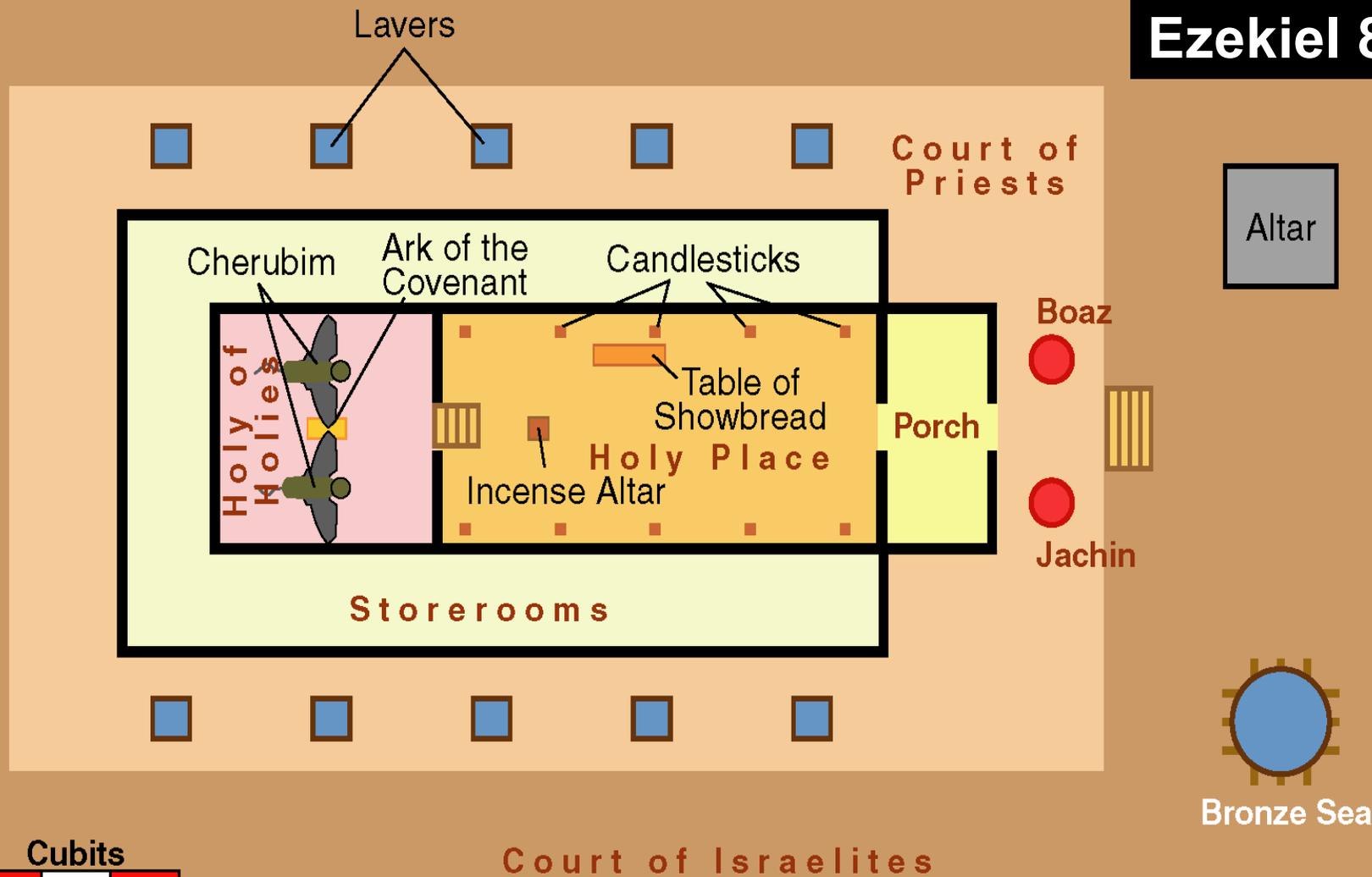
An aerial photograph of a city built on a mountain. The city is densely packed with buildings, and a prominent, tall, reddish-brown mountain peak rises in the center. A river flows through the foreground, and a large, dark, rectangular structure is visible on the right side of the mountain. The sky is blue with a large, vibrant rainbow arching over the city. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white font with a black outline.

**"In the last days,  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
will be the highest of all—  
the most important place on earth.  
It will be raised above the other hills,  
and people from all over the world will  
stream there to worship"  
(Isa. 2:2 NLT).**

# Solomon's Temple



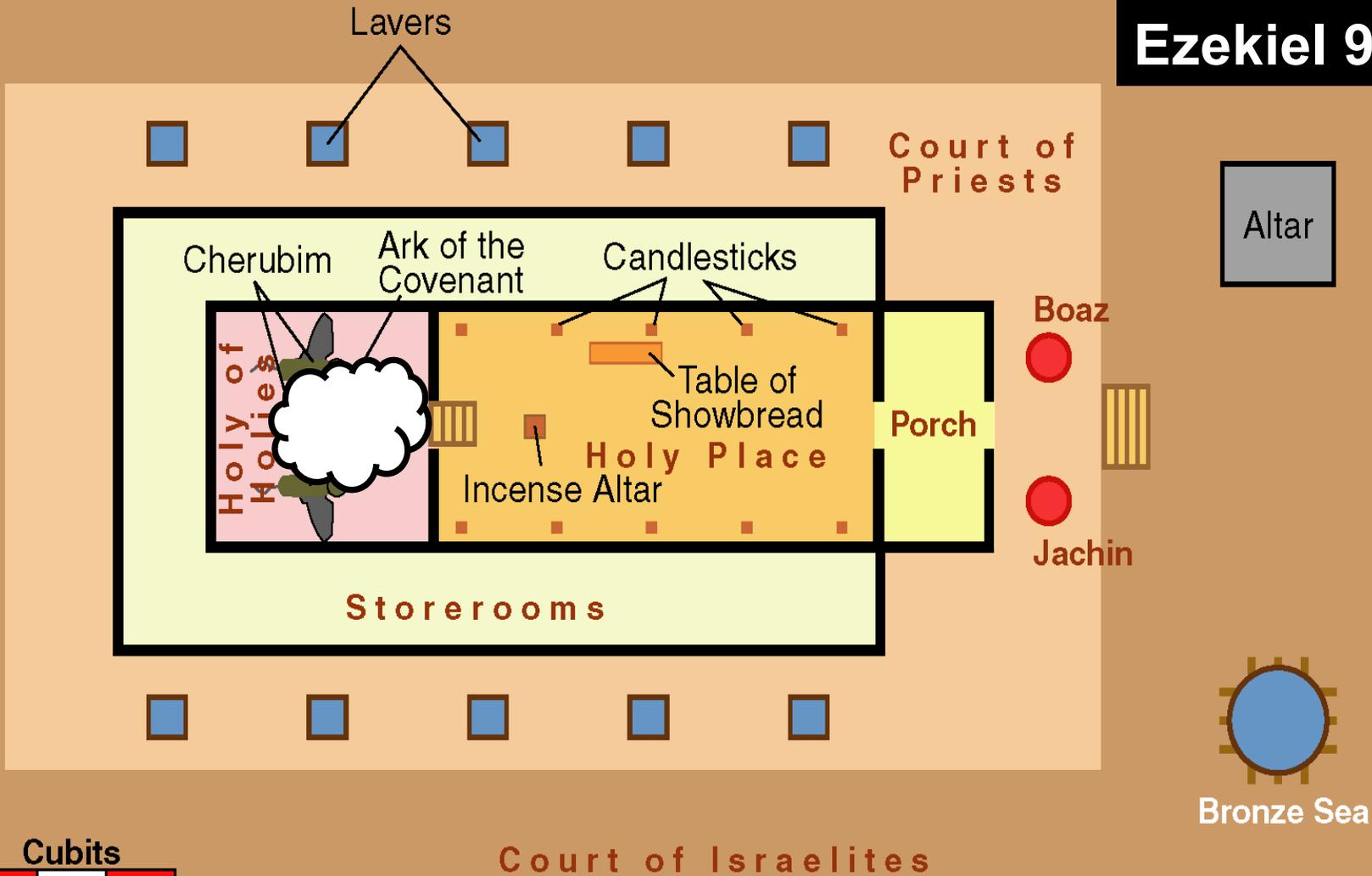
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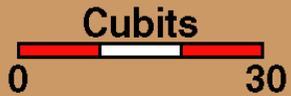
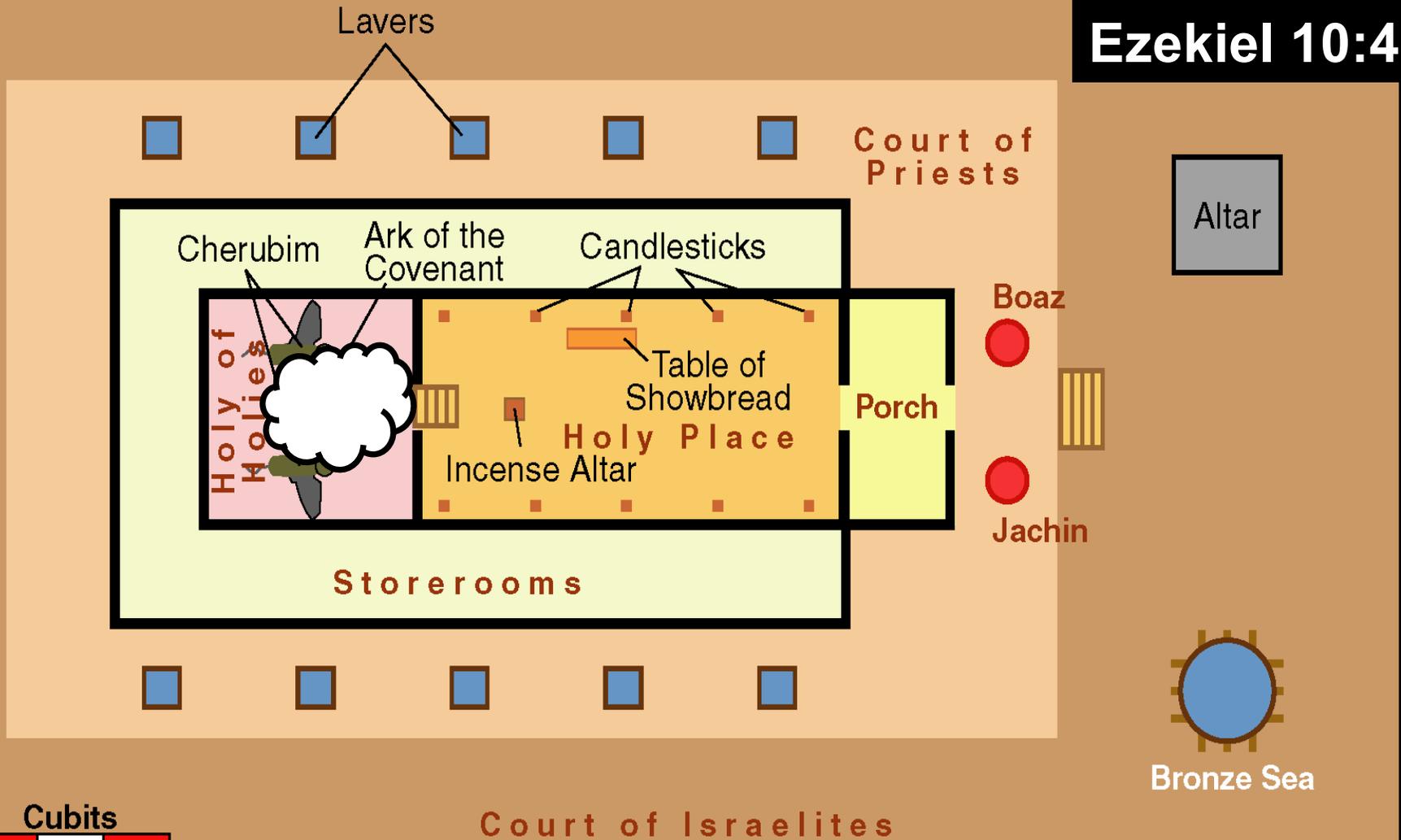
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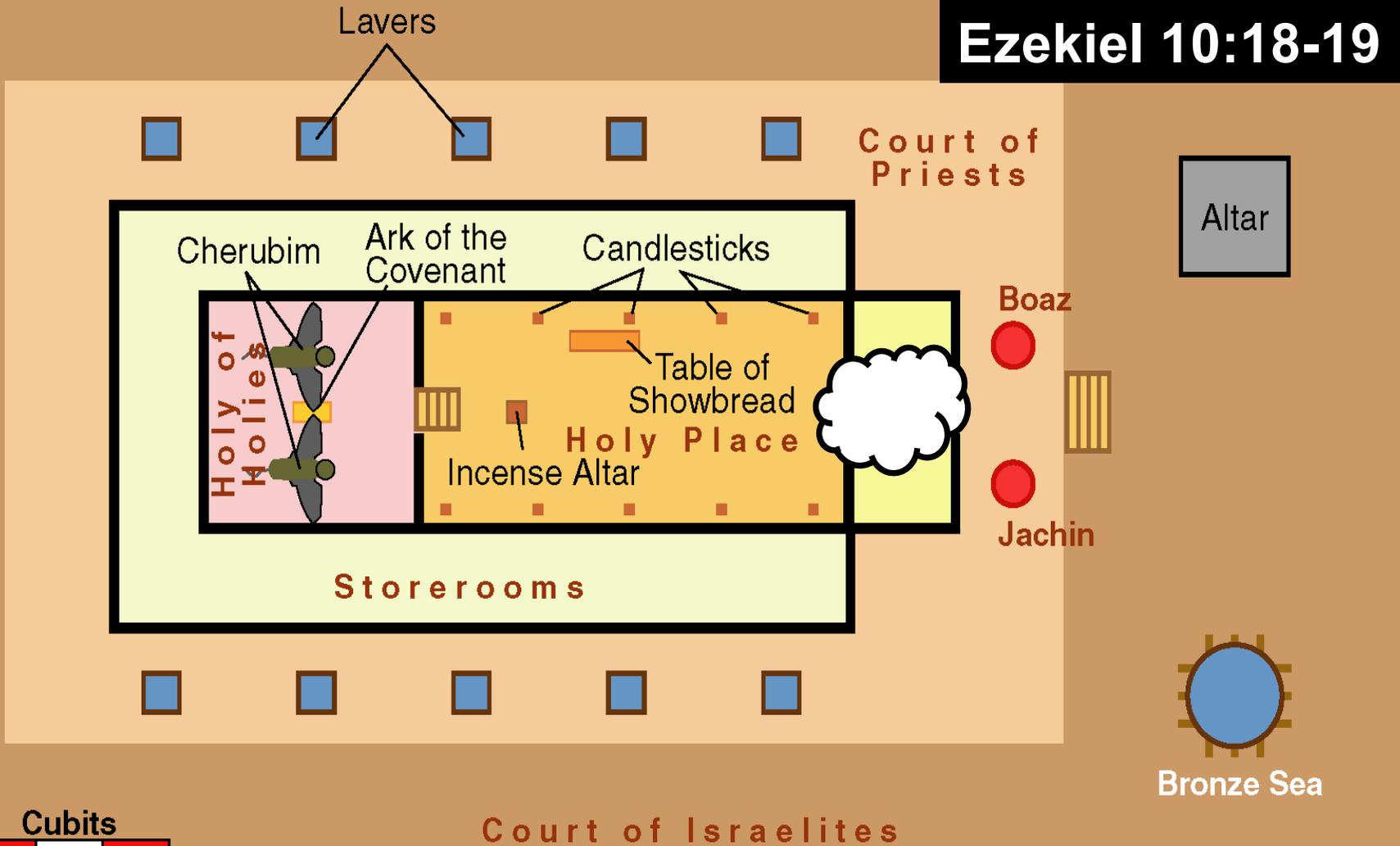
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**Ezekiel 10:18-19**



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# The Glory Leaving

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Mk 11:15—18  
Lk 19:45—48

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# Ezekiel 40–43

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## 6. Day of rest WEDNESDAY

Not mentioned in the Gospels

The Scriptures do not mention this day, but the counting of the days (Mk 14:1; Jn 12:1) seems to indicate that there was another day concerning which the Gospels record nothing.

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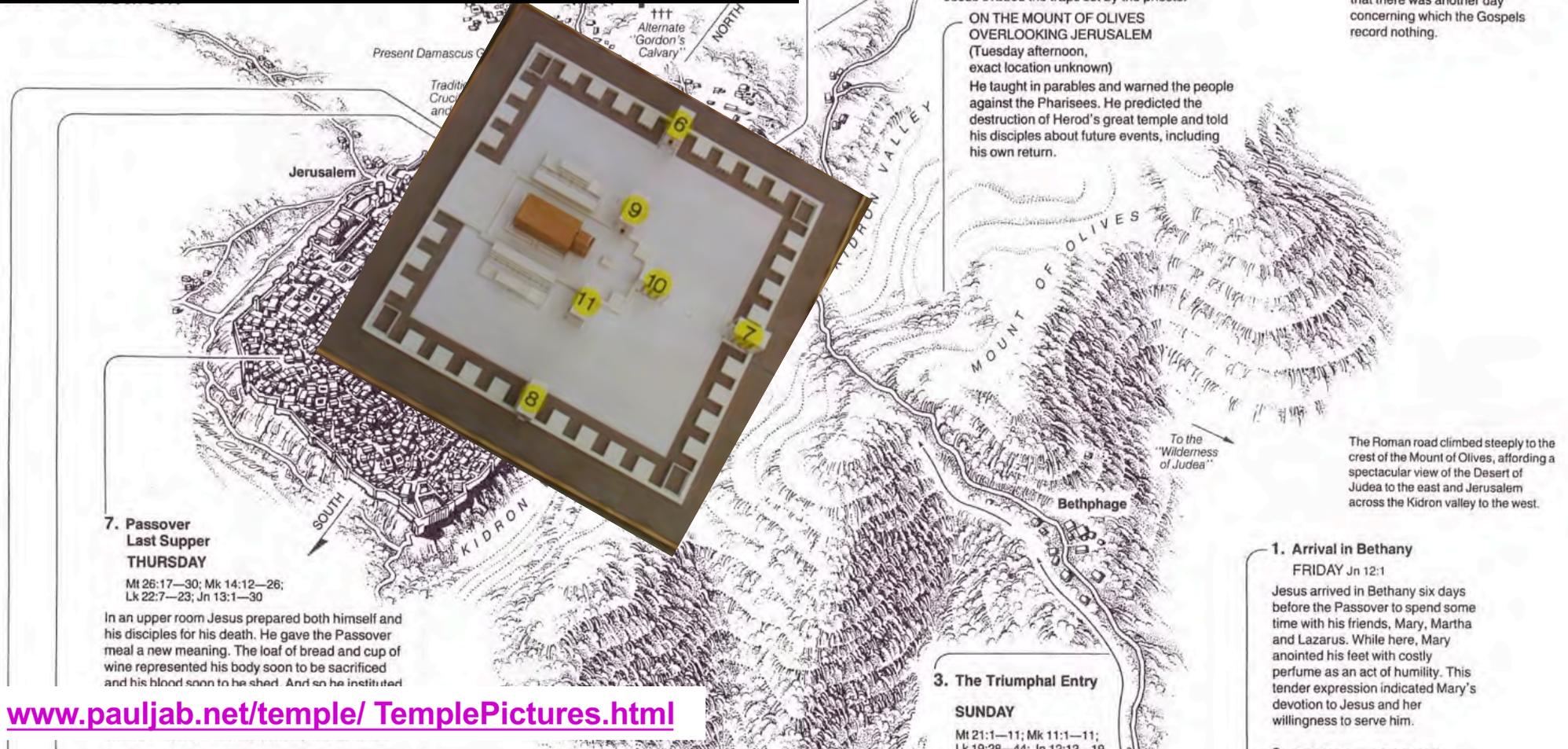
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## 1. Arrival in Bethany

**FRIDAY** Jn 12:1

Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before the Passover to spend some time with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. While here, Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume as an act of humility. This tender expression indicated Mary's devotion to Jesus and her willingness to serve him.



[www.pauljab.net/temple/TemplePictures.html](http://www.pauljab.net/temple/TemplePictures.html)

# *Ezekiel's temple won't fit on the present Temple Mount!*

# Who copied whom?

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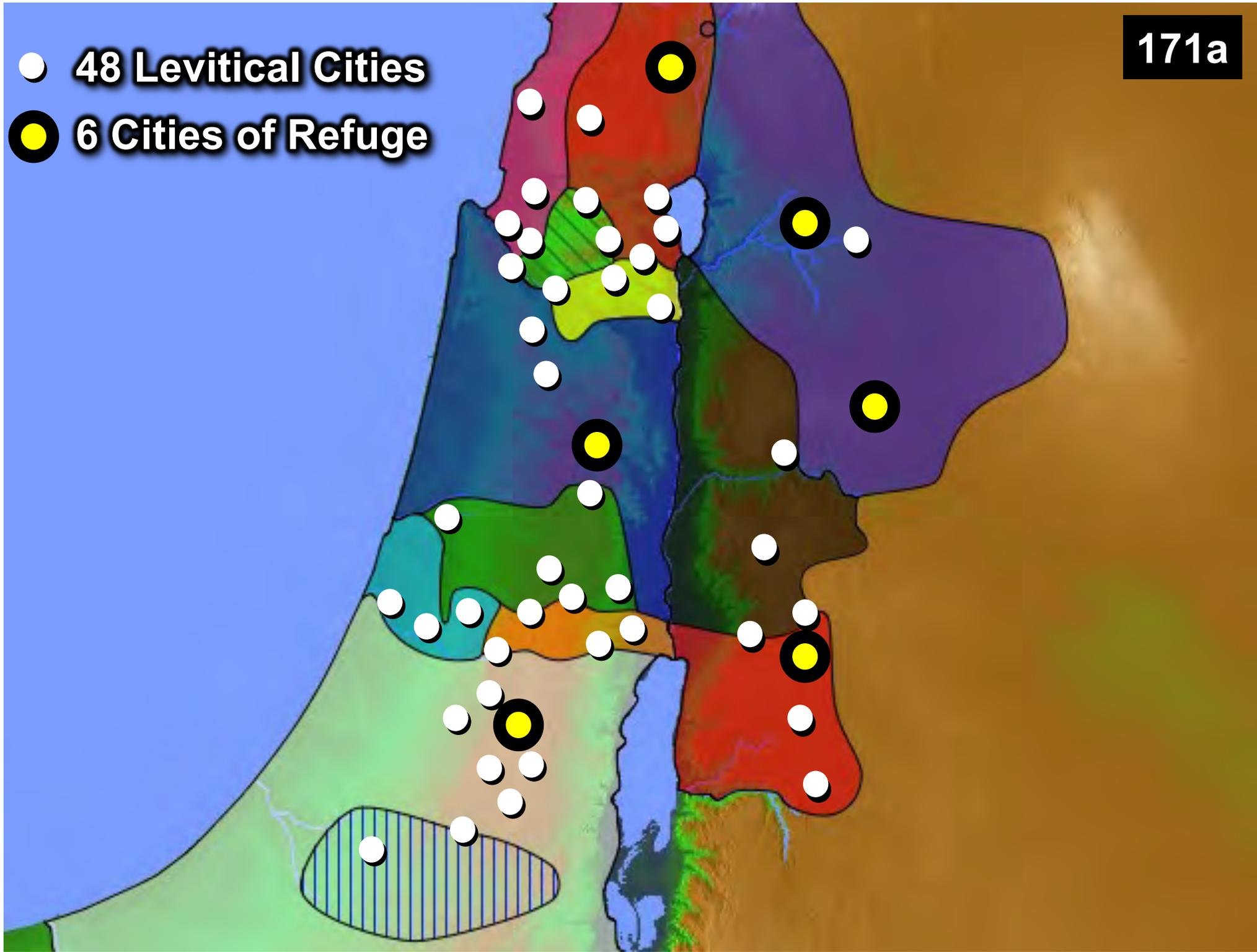
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# Millennial Jerusalem



**"The law will go out from Zion,  
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—Isaiah 2:3**

- 48 Levitical Cities
- 6 Cities of Refuge





# The Teacher



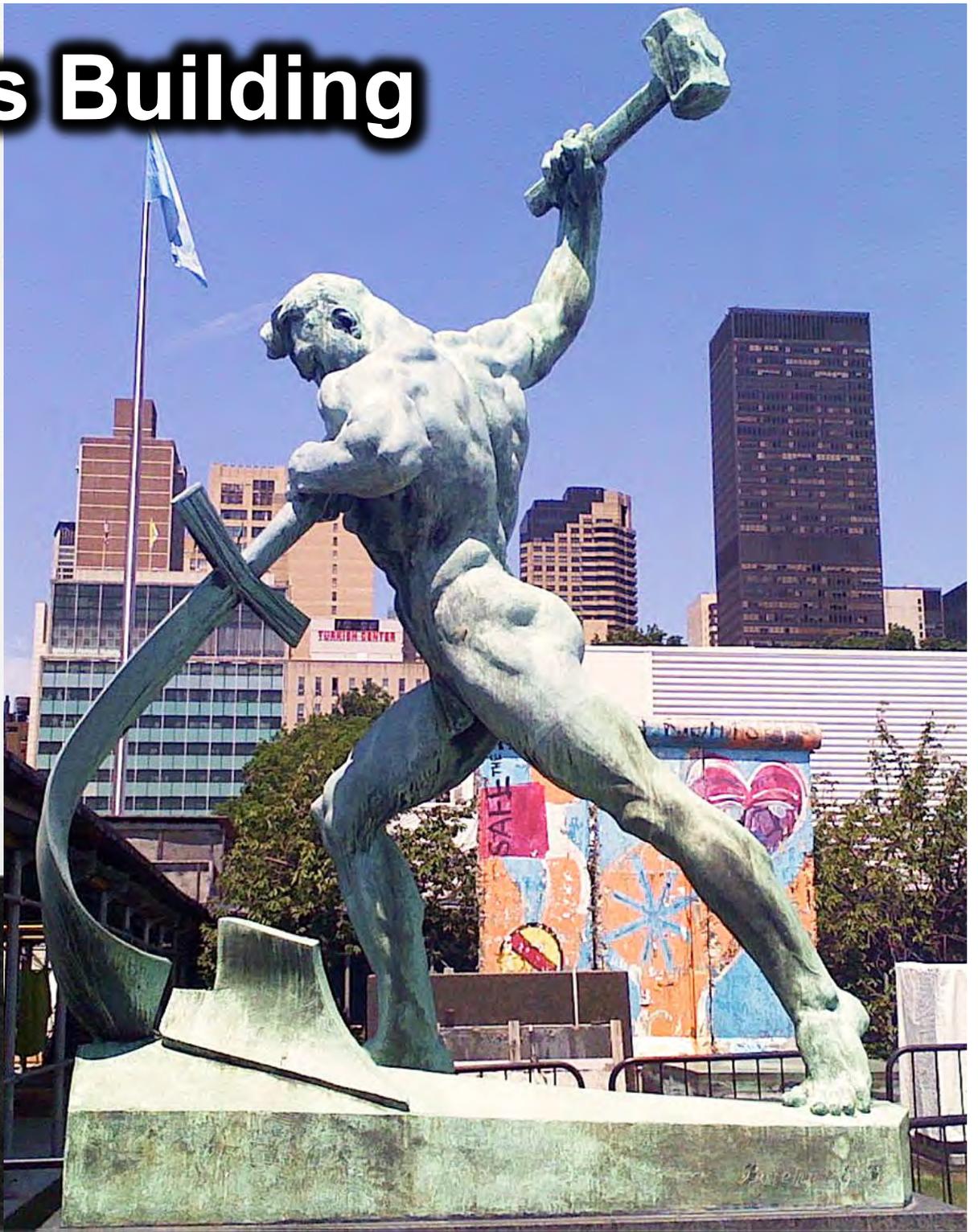
**Christ will bring worldwide  
peace (2:4)**

**"He will judge between the  
nations and will settle disputes  
for many peoples" (4a).**

# United Nations Building, New York



# United Nations Building (New York)



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ISAIAH



# Isaiah 11:6-9



<sup>6</sup> 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.

**“Lions, Tigers & Bears! Oh, My!”**

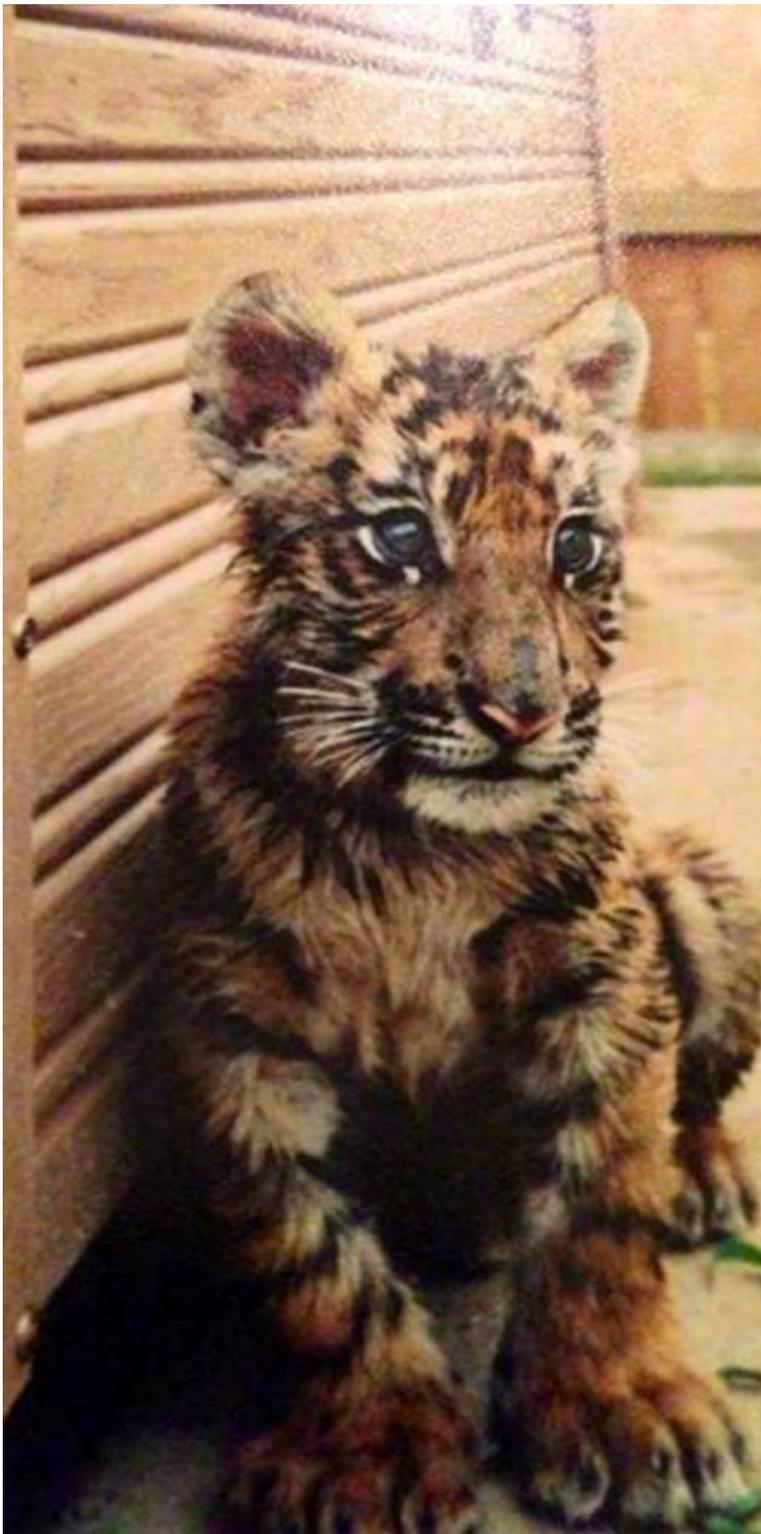


**Baloo the **B**ear, Leo the **L**ion, and  
Shere Khan the **T**iger (all three  
known as **BLT**)**





Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary













**"The LORD has sworn to Jerusalem by his own strength: 'I will never again hand you over to your enemies. Never again will foreign warriors come and take away your grain and new wine'"  
(Isa. 62:8 NLT).**



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truth and **peace** (2:1-5).



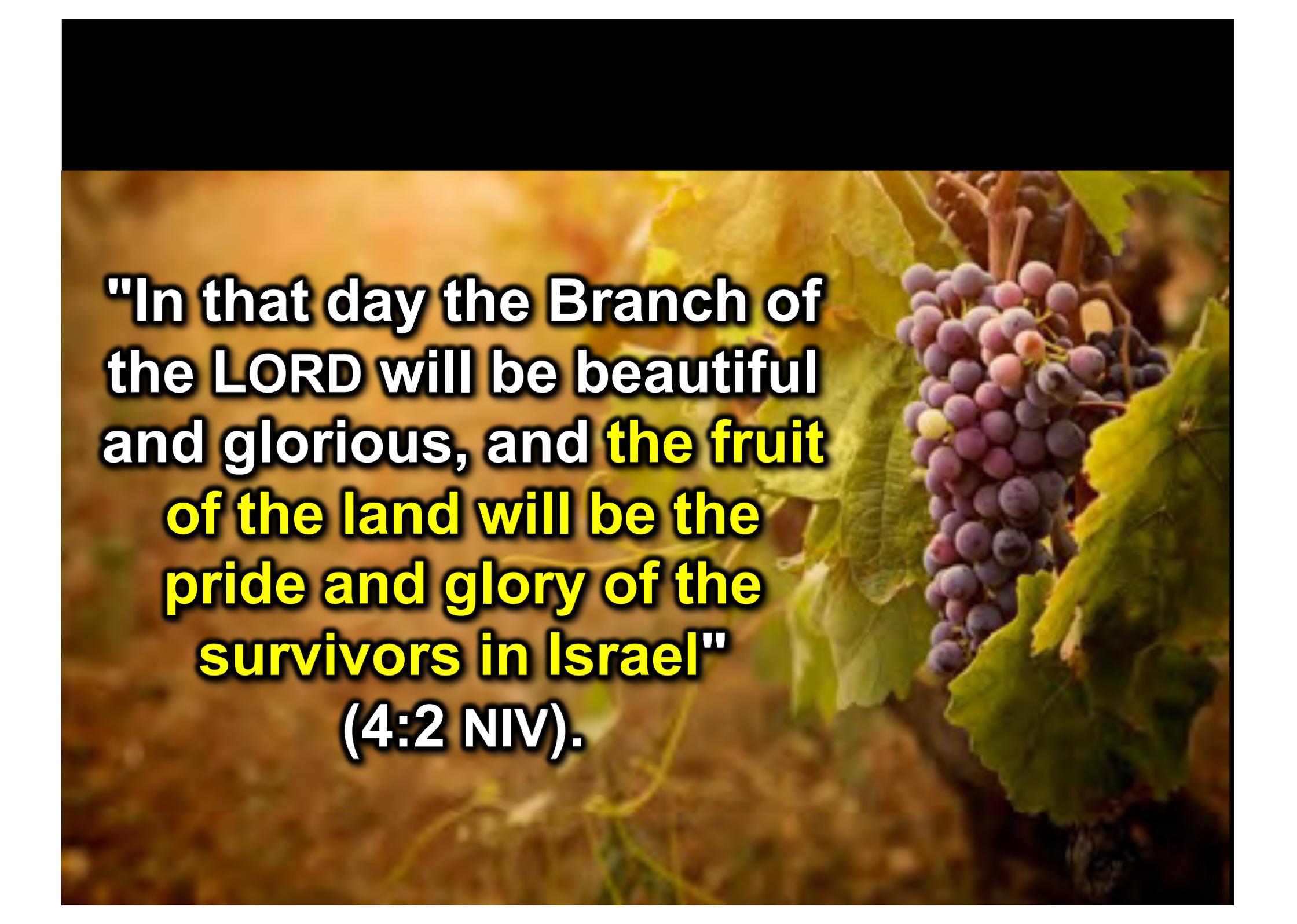
**II. Jesus will bring worldwide  
prosperity, holiness and  
protection (4:2-6).**



**"In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land will be the pride and glory of the survivors in Israel" (4:2 NIV).**



**"The prophet looked beyond the 'day of the Lord' to that time when the kingdom will be established on earth. 'Branch of the Lord' is a messianic title for Jesus Christ, who came as a 'shoot' from the seeming dead stump of David's dynasty (11:1; 53:2; see Jer. 23:5; 33:15; Zech. 3:8; 6:12). God will cleanse His people (Isa. 4:4; see Zech. 12:10–13:1), restore the fruitfulness of the land, and dwell with them as He did when He led them through the wilderness (Isa. 4:5–6; Ex. 13:21–22). Not just the temple, but every dwelling will be blessed by the presence of the Lord! Unlike in Isaiah's day, 'in that day' the people will be holy (set apart), and the land will be beautiful and glorious."**



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**"O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray day and night, continually.**

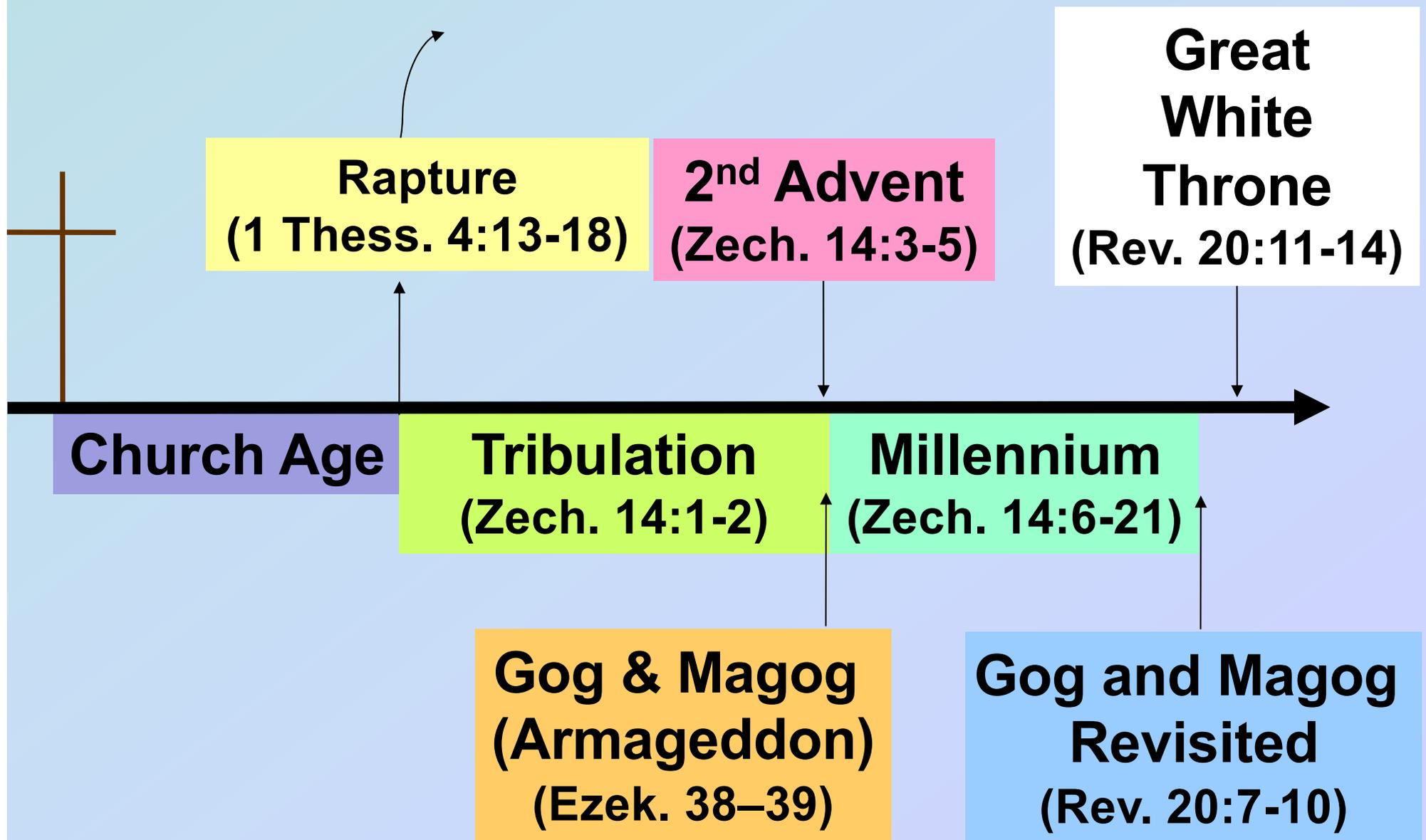


**Take no rest, all you who pray to the LORD.  
7Give the LORD no rest until he completes his work, until he makes Jerusalem the pride of the earth" (Isa. 62:6-7 NLT).**

**Christ will make holy Jerusalem's remnant in mortal bodies (4:3-4).**



# A Look at the Future





**Christ will protect Jerusalem's citizens  
from the sun and rain (4:5-6).**

# Main Idea

Jesus will bring **worldwide**  
truth, peace, prosperity,  
holiness and protection



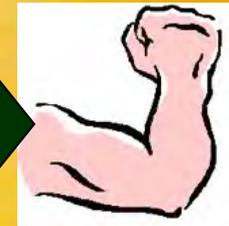
# Revelation 20:4-6 Diagrammed

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1000 years



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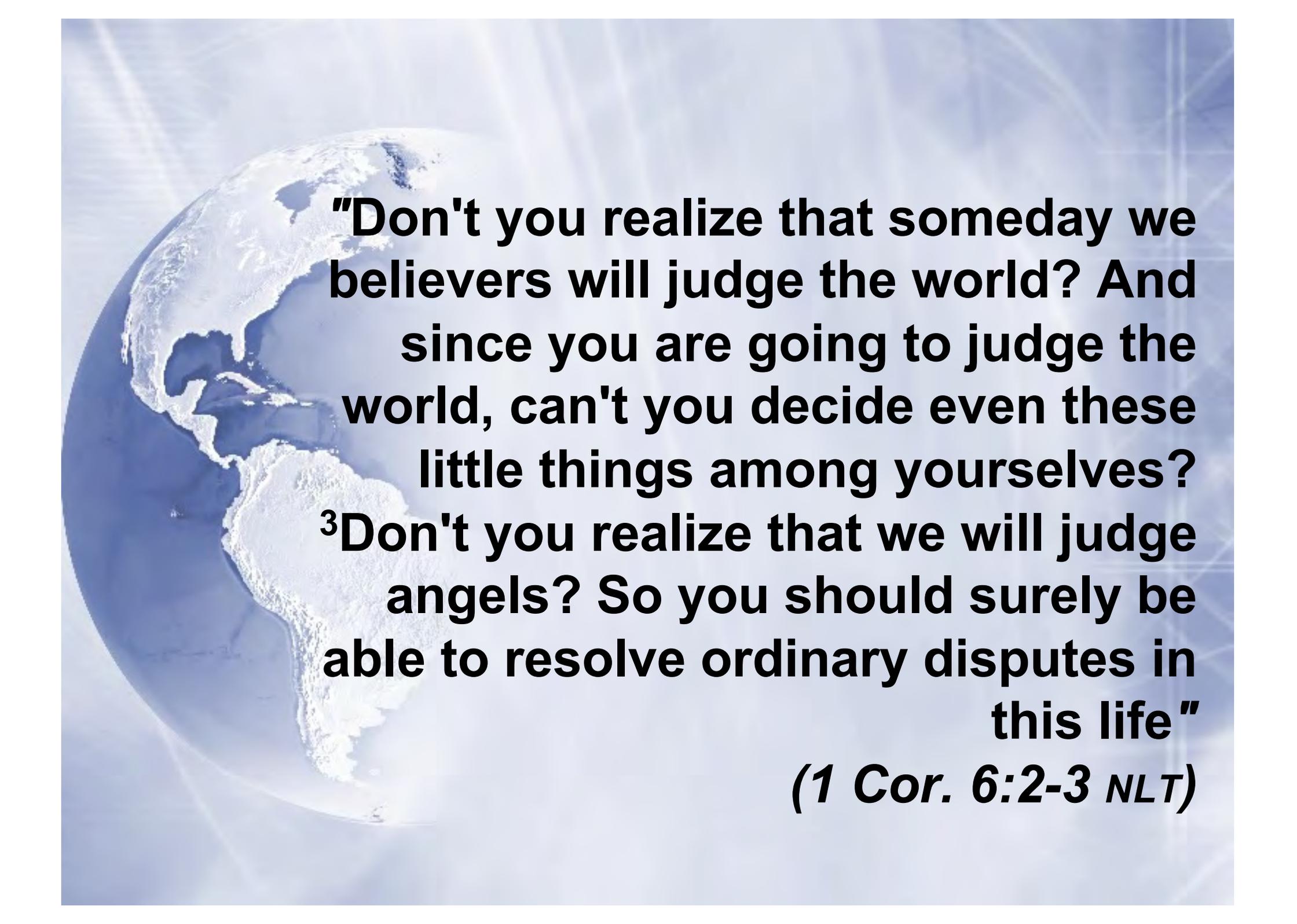
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# Purposes of the Millennium

① Judge angels (1 Cor. 6:3)





**"Don't you realize that someday we  
believers will judge the world? And  
since you are going to judge the  
world, can't you decide even these  
little things among yourselves?  
<sup>3</sup>Don't you realize that we will judge  
angels? So you should surely be  
able to resolve ordinary disputes in  
this life"**

***(1 Cor. 6:2-3 NLT)***

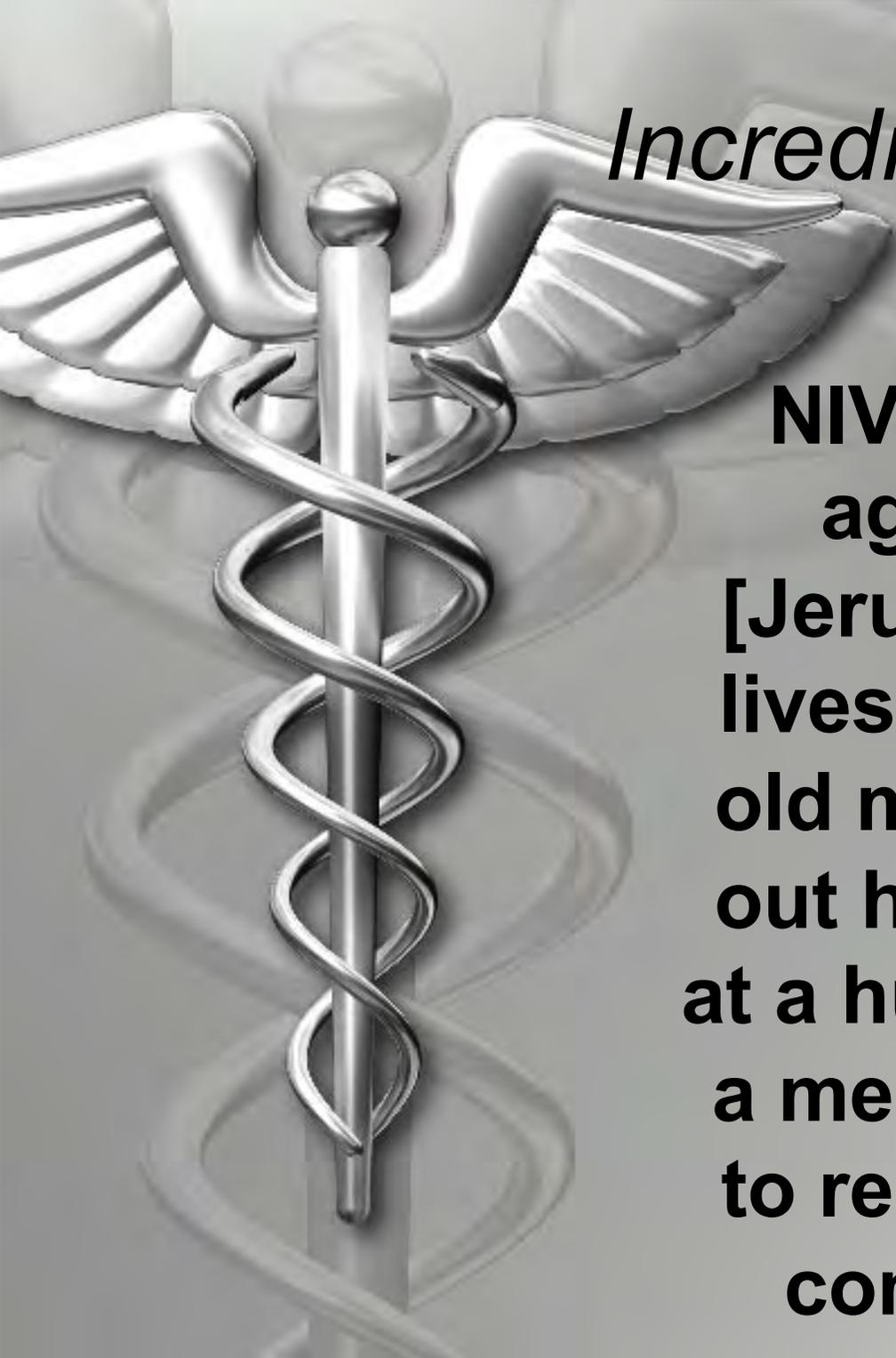
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*Incredibly Long Life (NIV)!*

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# Abraham



# The Three Basic Elements

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## Genesis 12

<sup>1</sup> The Lord had said to Abram,  
"Leave your country, your people,  
your father's household, and go to the land I  
will show you."

A LAND

A SEED

<sup>2</sup> "I will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will  
curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

A BLESSING

ABRAHAM

The CALL

L - S - B

# Borders of the Land Promised to Abraham

## Genesis 15:18

"On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'" (ESV)



# Covenants Fulfilled in the Millennium

**Abrahamic**

**Land**

**Davidic**

**New**

**Land**

**Seed**

**Blessing**

**Physical**

**Political**

**Spiritual**

**Deut. 30**

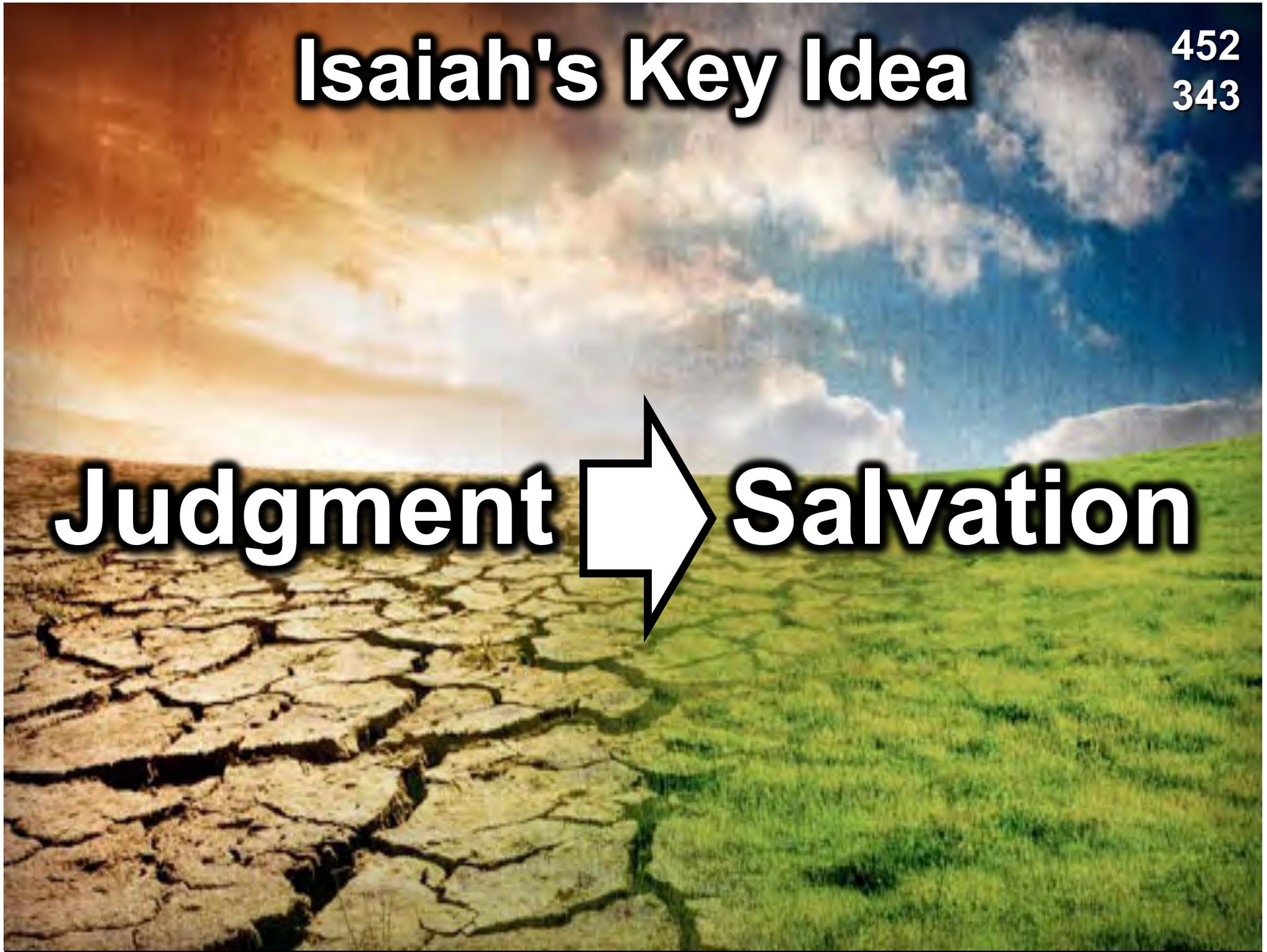
**2 Sam. 7**

**Jer. 31**

# Isaiah's Key Idea

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**Judgment** → **Salvation**

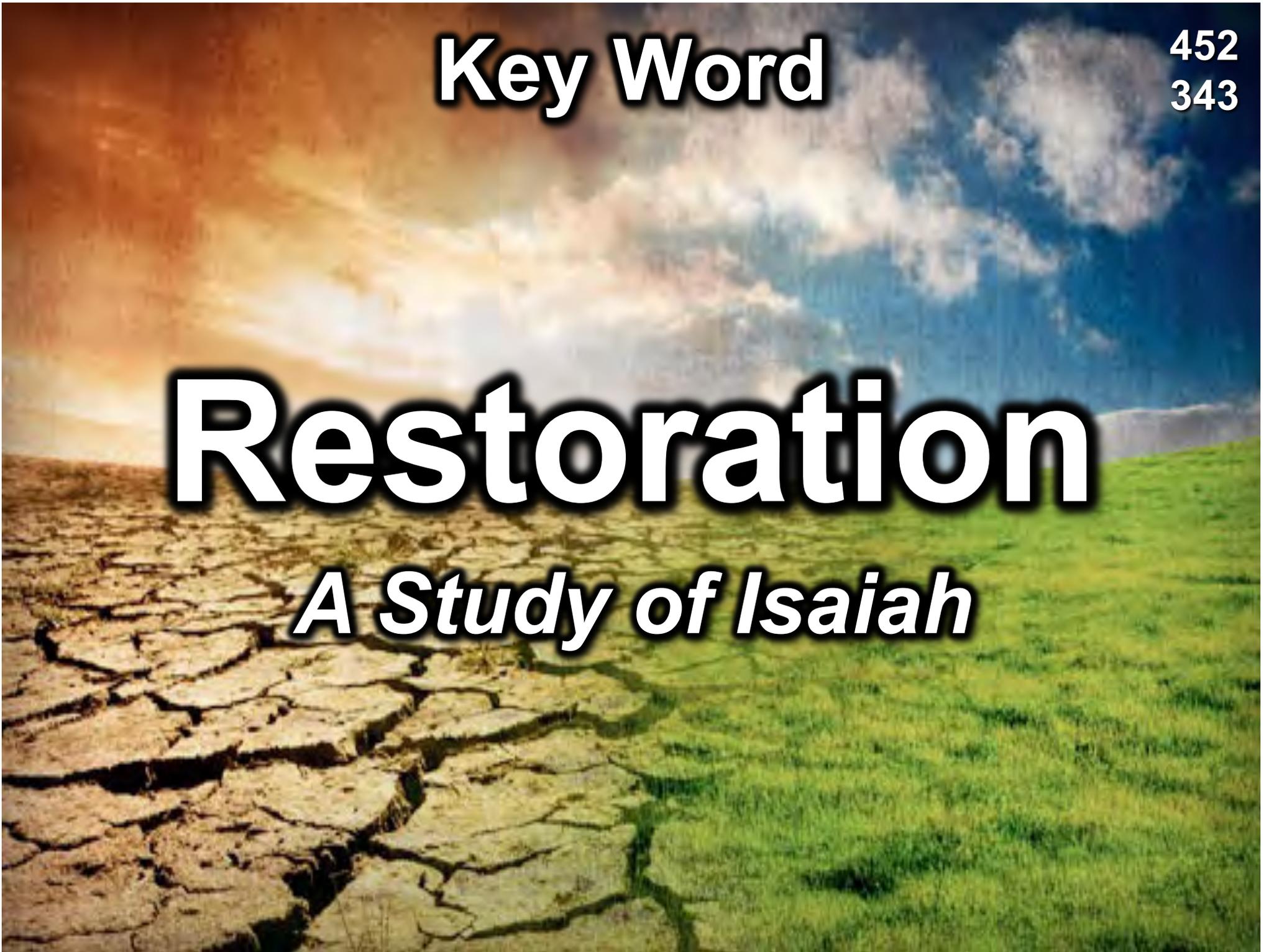


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# **Restoration**

***A Study of Isaiah***



**Since Jesus will reign, you  
should serve him now so  
you can rule with him later  
(Isaiah 2:5)!**

# ***Jesus Shall Reign***

***Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)***



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# ***Jesus Shall Reign***

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made.  
And princes throng to crown His head,  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.**

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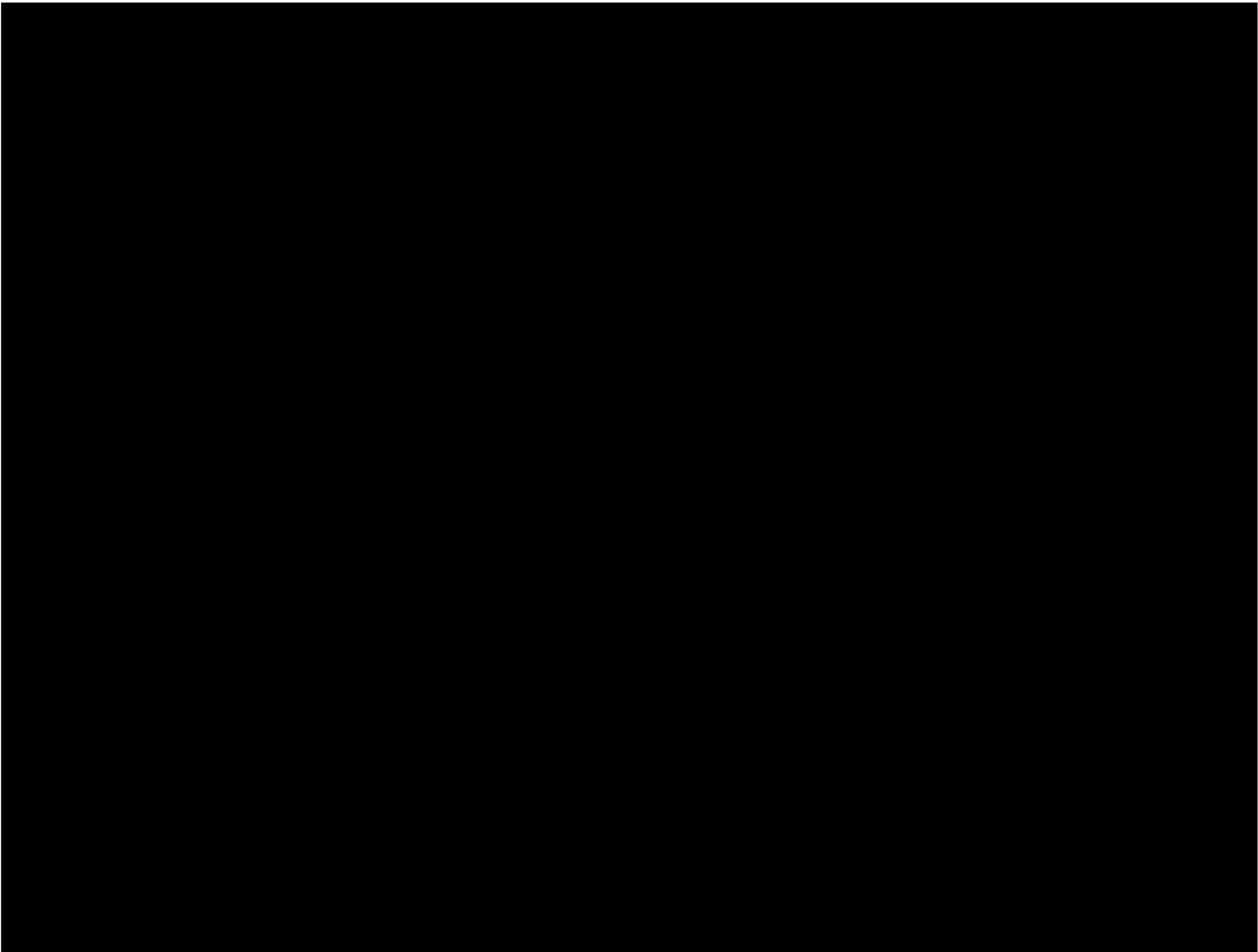
**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.**

# ***Jesus Shall Reign***

**Where He displays His healing power  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.**



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