

Overview of Biblical Prophecy

A Journey of Faith

Sunday night – **Lesson 4**

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Review of Lesson 3

- We looked at the period we call the ***Tribulation***
 - Purpose, who is there, length, kickoff and endpoint
- We looked at the significant pieces of Prophecy inside this timeframe including
 - Antichrist, 12th Imam, False Prophet, Beast
 - Ezekiel's War aka War of Gog and Magog
 - Abomination of Desolation
 - Scripture that underlies the topics
 - Table of Nations
 - Some Specific signs of the times
- We reviewed why this is important, even though we will be raptured out before it occurs
- The audio and Slides are up on the website if you want to listen fully again and see the larger slides

This weeks topics

- Recap where we are in the study
 - Finish discussion on Antichrist
 - ✓ **Focus our attention again**
 - » **Why we are doing this and what signs we need to be watching NOW**
- Look at God's wrath in Great Tribulation and Antichrist in mid point
- Talk about Armageddon
- Talk about Judgments (will probably do next week)
 - Judgment seat of Christ
 - White Throne Judgment

Antichrist

- Key player in the time of the Tribulation
 - Starts as a small player who probably comes from Europe (Revived Roman Empire) as a leader
 - Persuasive and attractive in personality
 - Bursts on the scene from obscurity but is quickly seen as a peacemaker who can settle “unsolvable” problems like peace in the middle east
 - Becomes leader for a larger confederation of nations, like the EU and gets agreement on a peace treaty between Israel and her neighbors, enforceable by the Larger confederation
- Helps establish a One World Government, and ushers in a new Peace and Harmony through a One World Church
- Becomes more powerful through the indwelling of Satan and begins to destroy worship of anything but himself and steps into the scene in full satanic glory at the midpoint of the tribulation.
- God’s full wrath and fury come against him and his followers in Great Tribulation
 - We think we have seen a lot of evil but...
- **Look for the consolidation of countries and a new leader to emerge. While we will not be here until he is revealed we WILL see him on the stage.**

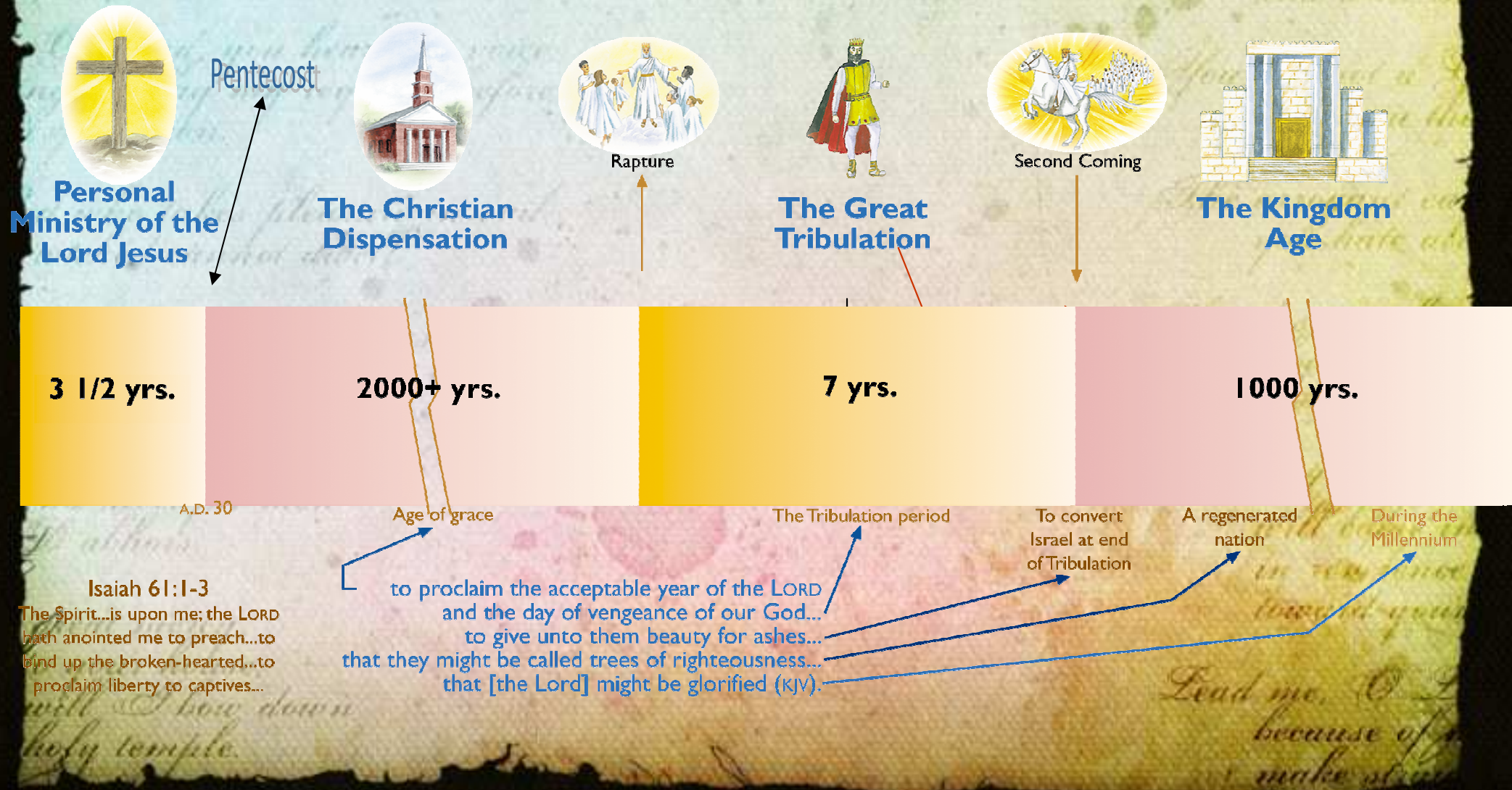
Back to Basics

- Why we are studying Biblical Prophecy?
- Does it make a difference to us today?
- So what? What are we to do?
 - *La La La...I don't hear you...*
- How should I be changing the way I think about all this?

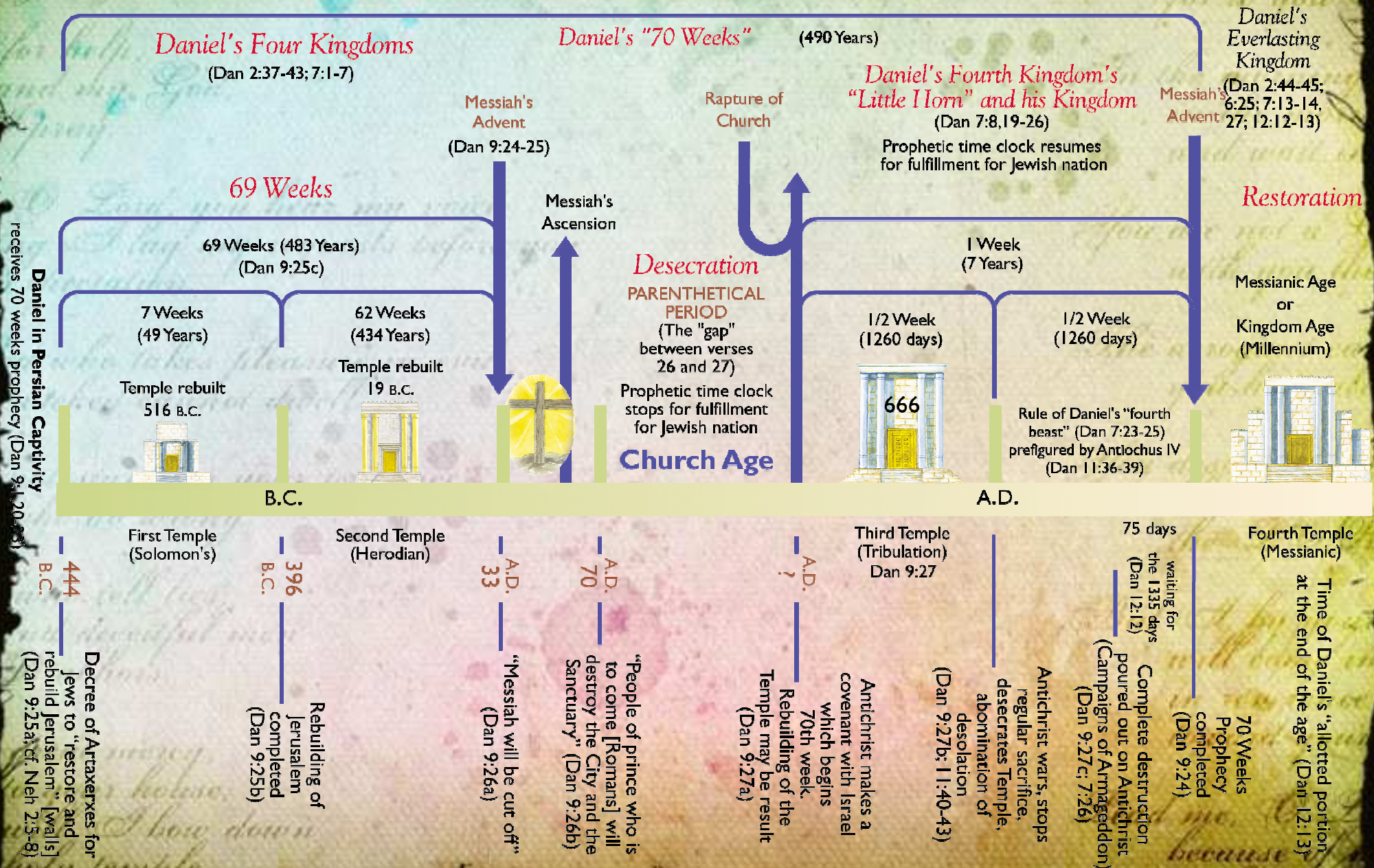
One more thing...

- Last time our Pastor raised a great question regarding the Holy Spirit during the time of the Tribulation
 - If the HS is taken away, what way do people get saved in the Tribulation
 - I want to just recap what we know
 - At Rapture, the restrainer of sin is removed
 - People still get saved during the Tribulation
 - 144,000 Sealed Jewish Believers, and 2 “Witnesses” proclaim God unto salvation
- The HS is in each and every believer that is on earth during the Tribulation period...so He is empowering discussion, faith, perseverance, and courage in the saints
- I believe that with the presence of the HS in believers, but missing from active restraint, we will see evil increase at a breathtaking rate, but people will respond to the power of the HS through witnesses and will be saved.
- If people heard and rejected the invitation this side of the rapture... the Bible indicates they will be powerfully deluded into believing the words and agenda of the Antichrist and his minions. While I believe this in my heart, we must do everything we can to plant seeds, and get people to open their minds and not reject God. Then we must leave a legacy that encourages them and lean on the mercy and love of God. It is all we can do.

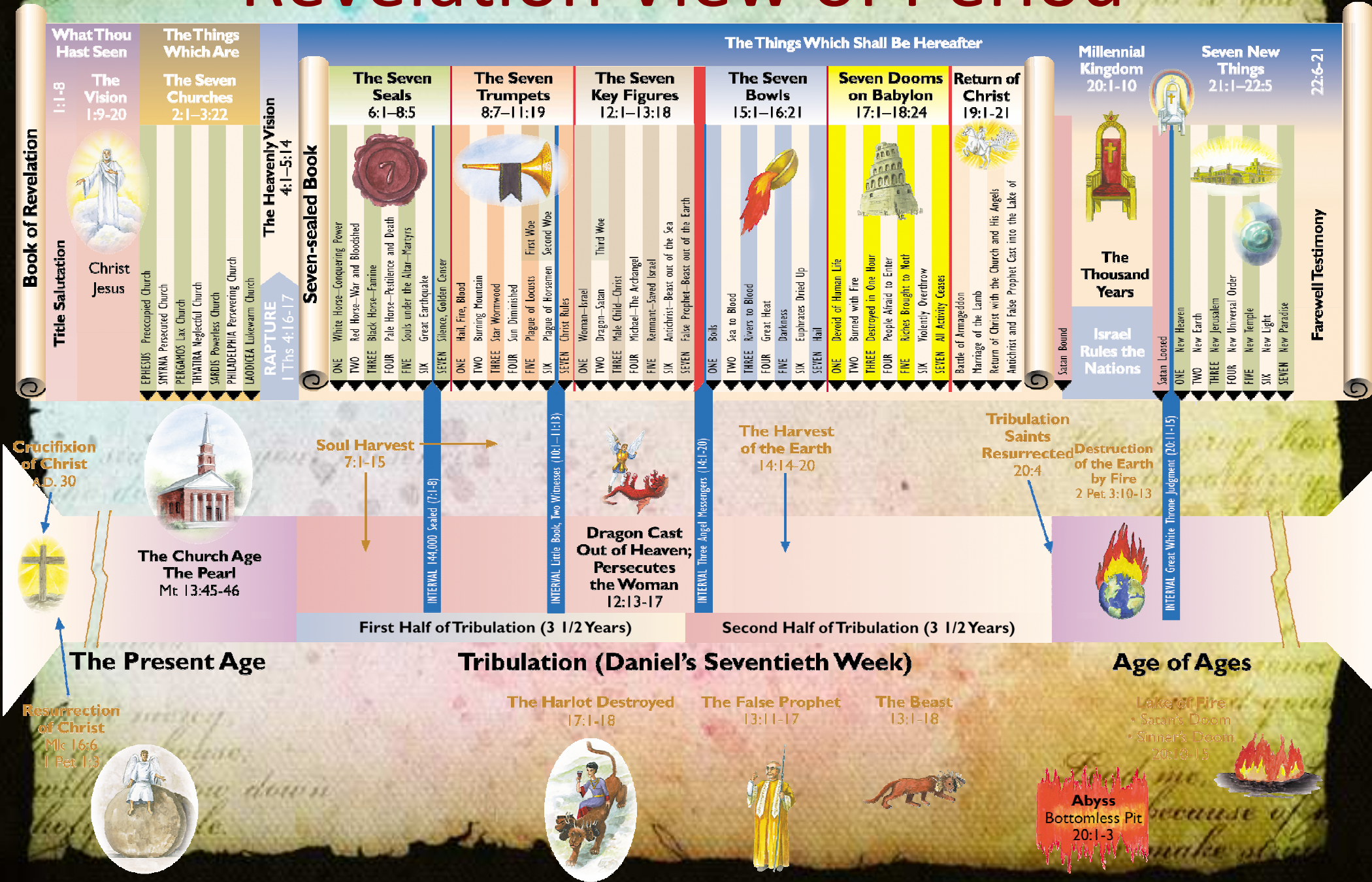
View of Christ's Ministry on Earth



Daniels 70 Weeks



Revelation View of Period





**Rapture
of the
Church**

Seal Judgments



Heaven

Seal Judgments

Cold War

Famine

Martyrdom

7 Trumpets



White Horse Black Horse Slain Souls

Open War

Death

**Physical
Disturbances**

Trumpets



Red Horse

Ashen Horse

Lamb's Wrath



First 21 Months of Tribulation

Midpoint

Trumpet Judgments



**Rapture
of the
Church**



Heaven

Trumpet Judgments

Hail, Fire



upon earth

Sun, Moon, Stars



upon heavens

**Announces
Seven Bowls**



Bowls

Burning Mountain



upon sea

Demonic Locusts



upon people

Wormwood



upon waters

Horsemen



upon people



Second 21 Months

First Half of the Tribulation

Midpoint

Midpoint of Tribulation

- Antichrist desecrates the temple

- **Daniel 9:27** (NASB) “And he will make a **firm covenant** with the many for **one week**, but in the **middle of the week** he will put a **stop to sacrifice and grain offering**; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

- Jesus words

- **Matt 24:15-16** “Therefore when **you** see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place** (let the reader understand), 16 then **those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains**.
- **Mark 13:14** “But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing **where it should not be** (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

- Sets himself up as God

- **2 Thess 2:3-4** 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he **takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God**.

7 Bowl Wrath Judgments



**Rapture
of the
Church**



Trumpets

**1
Boils**



upon earth

**3
Blood**



into rivers

**5
Darkness**



**upon throne
of the Beast**

**7
Earthquake,
hail**



upon air

**2
Blood**



into sea

**4
Scorching**



upon sun

**6
Dry up the**



Euphrates

Midpoint

The Great Tribulation

Heaven

Bowl Judgments

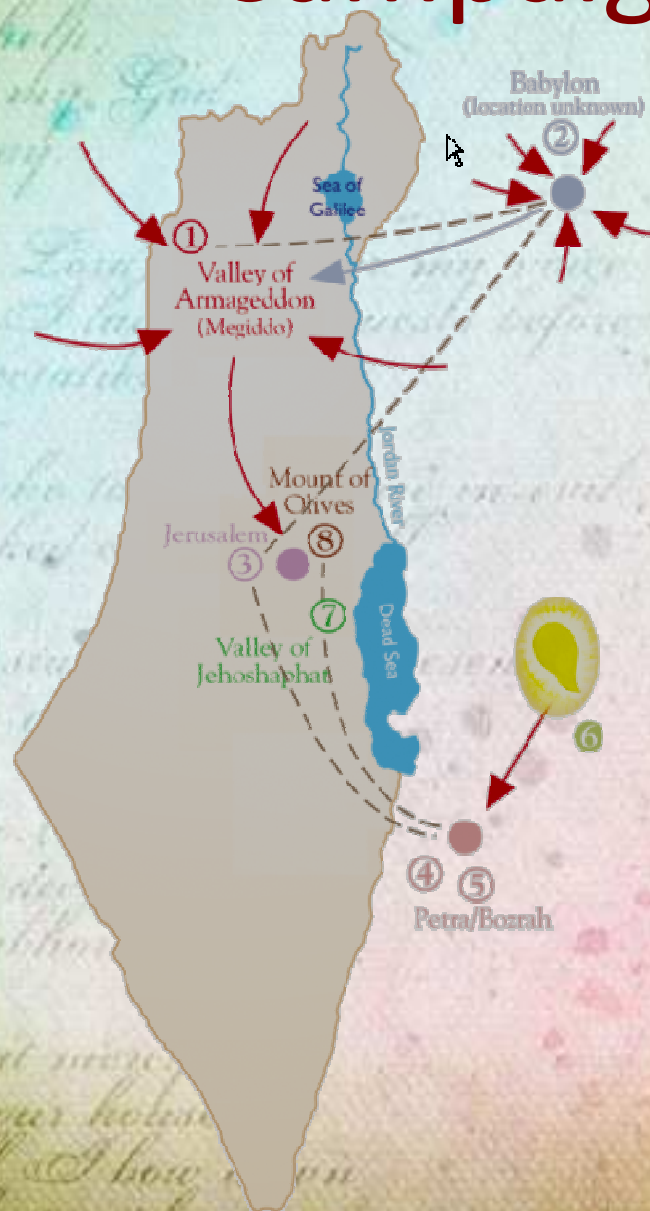
**Second
Coming**



Armageddon

- You have heard about it all your life
- You believe it is the Mother of all Wars
- Titanic battle between Good and Evil, between God and his forces, and Satan and his forces
- But where and what is it *really*?
 - Where is it? Lets take a look at the Book

Campaign of Armageddon



The Eight Stages

1. Gathering of the Armies of the Antichrist
2. Destruction of Babylon
3. The Fall of Jerusalem
4. The Armies of the Antichrist at Bozrah
5. Israel's Regeneration
6. Second Coming of Christ
7. End of Fighting at the Valley of Jehoshaphat
8. Victory Ascent upon the Mount of Olives

Next week

- Recap where we are in sequence
- Discuss the Judgments
 - Judgment Seat of Christ (for believers)
 - Great White Throne Judgment (all others)
 - Discuss what these judgments entail
- Millennium
 - What is it? What is its purpose?
 - Who is there?
 - Follow the people...