

Section IV:

Reference Notes

Glossary

Abomination of Desolation

The Abomination of Desolation is an event that will happen half way through the seven years leading up to the Lord's return. The Antichrist will break the covenant that he made with Israel and demand that all worship his image. He will set up an image of himself in the Temple of Jerusalem that will breathe and speak, Revelation 13:14-15. This will begin the Great Tribulation which will last for 3 ½ years. This time frame fits with most of the events of Revelation 6-19. The Abomination of Desolation is a clear sign, not to be missed, as it is set forth in the Bible 19 times.

Antichrist

The Antichrist is a man who will rise to power over a worldwide empire during the end of this age. He is called "the son of perdition" in II Thessalonians 2:3 and "the lawless one" in II Thessalonians 2:8-9. Revelation 17:8 teaches that he "comes out of the abyss." Initially he will bring peace to the world and will make a treaty of peace with Israel. Later, he will oppose everything that has to do with the true God, including the nation of Israel and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. He comes with all power, signs and lying wonders. Satan will give him authority and his throne, Revelation 13:2. The Antichrist is called "the Beast" 36 times in the Bible. He will be given authority to rule for 3 ½ years or 42 months (Revelation 13:5).

Another Beast

This is the False Prophet. He is called Another Beast in Revelation 13:11.

Apocalypse

This word is from the Greek word *apokalupsis* which means uncovering, unveiling, revealing. Thus, the last book of the Bible is a revelation from God about His son and His plans for the world.

Apostasy

This word literally means *a falling away*. It is prophesied that one of the key signs of the end of this age will be a falling away from true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 2:3.

Armageddon (Harmagedon)

This is a literal place, the hill of Megiddo in northern Israel. It is prophesied that just before the Lord's return, the nations of the world will gather at Armageddon for a series of battles, culminating in the battle of the Lord's return. We should think of Armageddon as a campaign, a series of battles, not just one battle.

Beast

This word is used 36 times in Revelation to describe the Antichrist.

Day of the Lord

This phrase is used many times, particularly in the Old Testament to refer to the events at the end of this age. Descriptions of the Day of the Lord often emphasize the judgment of God upon the unbelieving.

Dragon

This word is used 11 times in Revelation to describe Satan.

False Prophet

This man will be the Antichrist's spiritual "prime minister." He will do amazing miracles that will "if possible, mislead the elect." Matthew 24:24. He is called *another beast* in Revelation 13:11.

Great Tribulation

Jesus refers to the final three and a half years before His return as the Great Tribulation, Matthew 24:21 and 29. It is sometimes called the time of Jacob's sorrow or trouble, Jeremiah 30:4-7. This will be a time when the Antichrist will pour out his hatred on the church and Israel. It will also be the time when the judgments of God will be unleashed against the Antichrist. It will culminate in the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth.

Great White Throne Judgment

This final judgment of all unbelievers will occur at the end of the Millennium.

Harlot Babylon

Revelation 17-18 describes a worldwide religious and economic network that will be in place during the time of the events in Revelation. If we take Revelation 17 at face value, then the ancient city of Babylon, fifty miles south of Bagdad, will be the center of this worldwide system. This religious/economic system will not acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord, but it will be very "spiritual" and oriented toward good works. It will be marked by moral relativism and religious pluralism, tolerating any sexual behavior and embracing all beliefs.

Judgment Seat of Christ

All believers will stand before the judgment seat of Christ where each one will give an account of their lives. Some will receive rewards, some will suffer loss, all will be saved. (I Corinthians 3:10-15 and Romans 14:10-12)

Lake of Fire

The final place of punishment for Satan, the fallen angels, the Antichrist and all who refuse to receive the gift of salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

Mark of the Beast

During the final three and a half years before the return of Christ the Antichrist will require that everyone receive the mark of the beast in order to buy or sell goods (Revelation 13:16-18).

Millennium

This is the 1000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on the earth when He returns at the end of this age.

New Jerusalem

The city will descend from heaven, Revelation 21:2, 10. It is a literal place that is described in detail in Revelation 21 and 22. God will dwell there with His saints for all eternity.

Rapture

The Lord will return to receive those who are believers unto Himself. Those who have died in Christ will be resurrected, and those who are alive will be changed from mortal bodies to immortal bodies. All will be caught away (raptus in Latin) to meet the Lord in the air. (I Corinthians 15:50-52 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Seven Heads

These are seven world empires that have successively persecuted Israel. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and the yet future 10 nation federation that will come forth from the Roman Empire. (Daniel 2:41-24, 7:7 and Revelation 12:3, 13:1, and 17:3-6)

Ten Horns

In the last several years before the return of the Lord, ten kings who rule over their nations will come into a confederation with the Antichrist. (Daniel 2:41-42, 7:7, 20, 24 and 11:36-45 and Revelation 12:3, 13:1, 17:3, 7, 12 and 16)

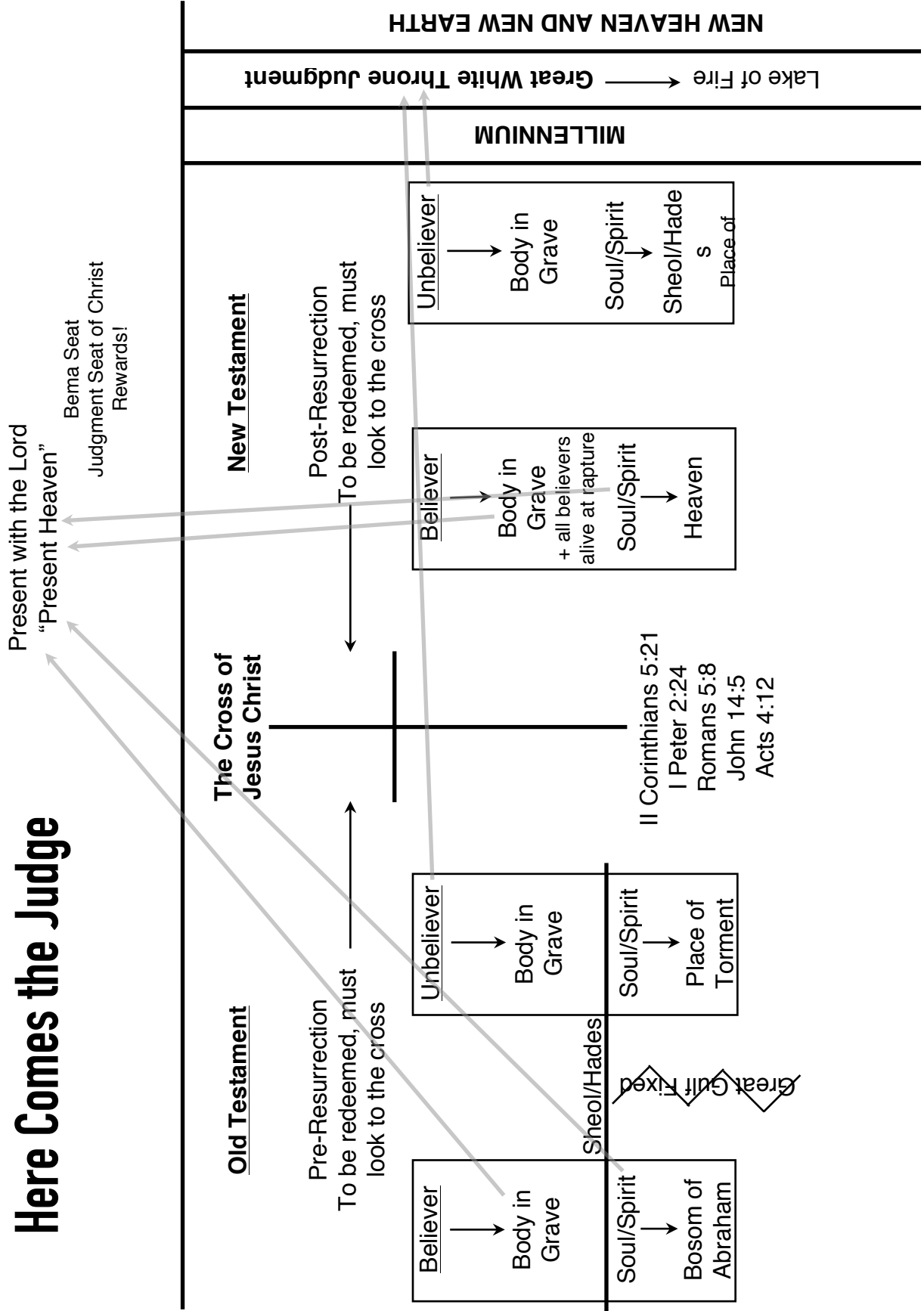
Two Witnesses

These two prophets will be empowered by God during the Great Tribulation to work amazing miracles. They will be opposed to the Antichrist. They will be martyred as all the world watches and then three and a half days later will be resurrected and taken to heaven (Revelation 11:7-11).

Chart: Summary of the Letters to the Churches

Church	Commended For	Correction Needed	Action Encouraged	Promise for Those Who Overcome
Ephesus				
Smyrna		None		
Pergamon				
Thyatira				
Sardis	None			
Philadelphia		None		
Laodicia	None			

Here Comes the Judge



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