

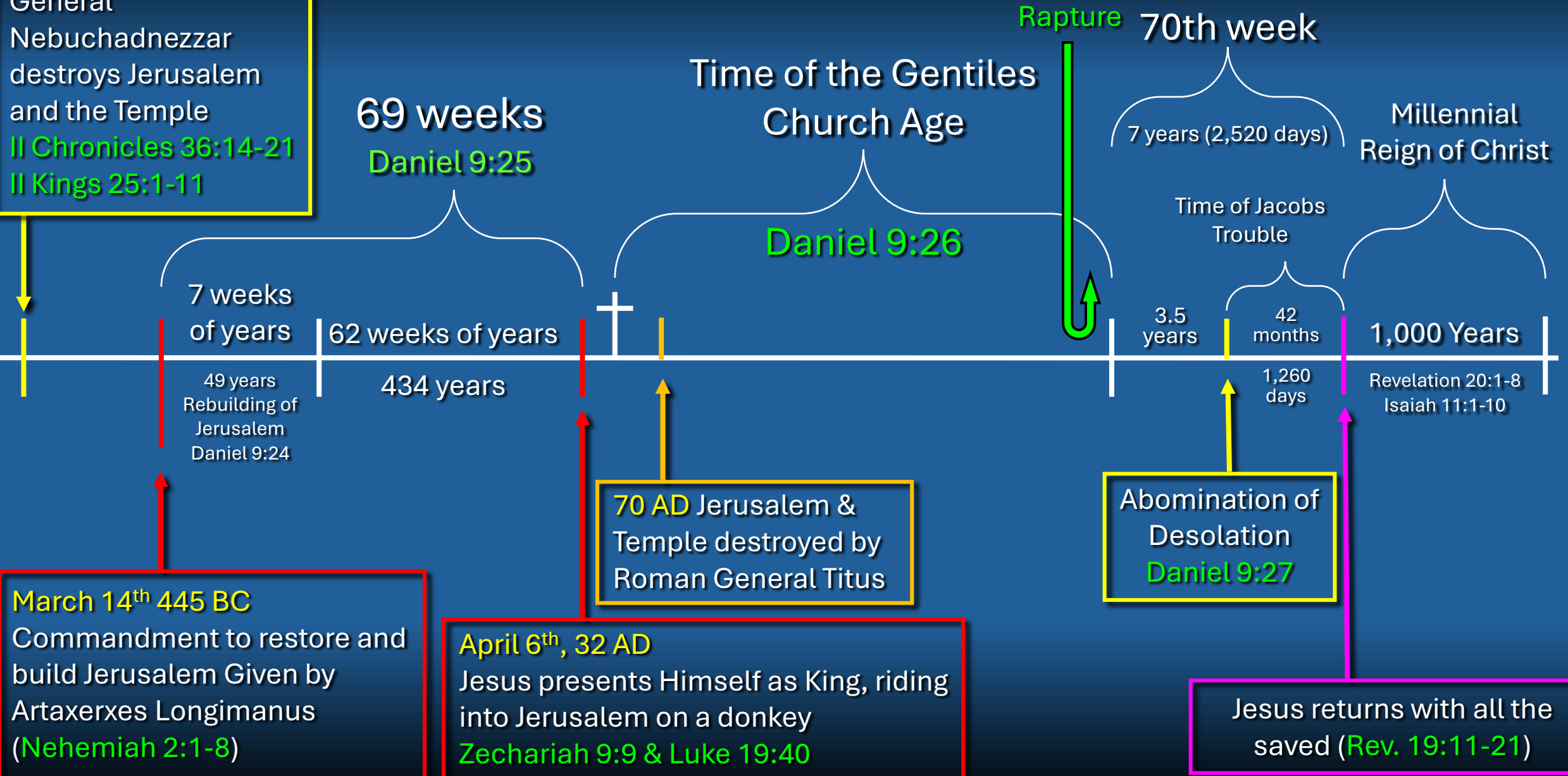


**Church of Grace**

**Matthew 24**  
**Part 3: The**  
**Rapture (part 1)**

586 BC, Siege #3  
Babylonians led by  
General  
Nebuchadnezzar  
destroys Jerusalem  
and the Temple  
II Chronicles 36:14-21  
II Kings 25:1-11

# 70 Week Prophecy and the Millennial Reign



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And Jesus **increased in wisdom** and stature,  
and in favour with God  
and man.



**Luke 2:52**

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:11-18





13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.



**Galatians 1:11-18**

15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred NOT with flesh and blood:



Galatians 1:11-18

17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.



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For I will shew him how  
great things he must  
suffer for my name's  
sake.



Acts 9:16

50 Now this I say, brethren,  
that flesh and blood cannot  
inherit the kingdom of God;  
neither doth corruption inherit  
incorruption.

I Corinthians 15:50-53



51 Behold, I shew you **a mystery**; We shall  
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52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,  
at the last trump: for the trumpet shall  
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# The Word Rapture

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Greek: **Harpazo** (ἁρπάζω) (G726)

Caught up, to snatch up.

Latin: **Rapere**, *verb*

To snatch, take away



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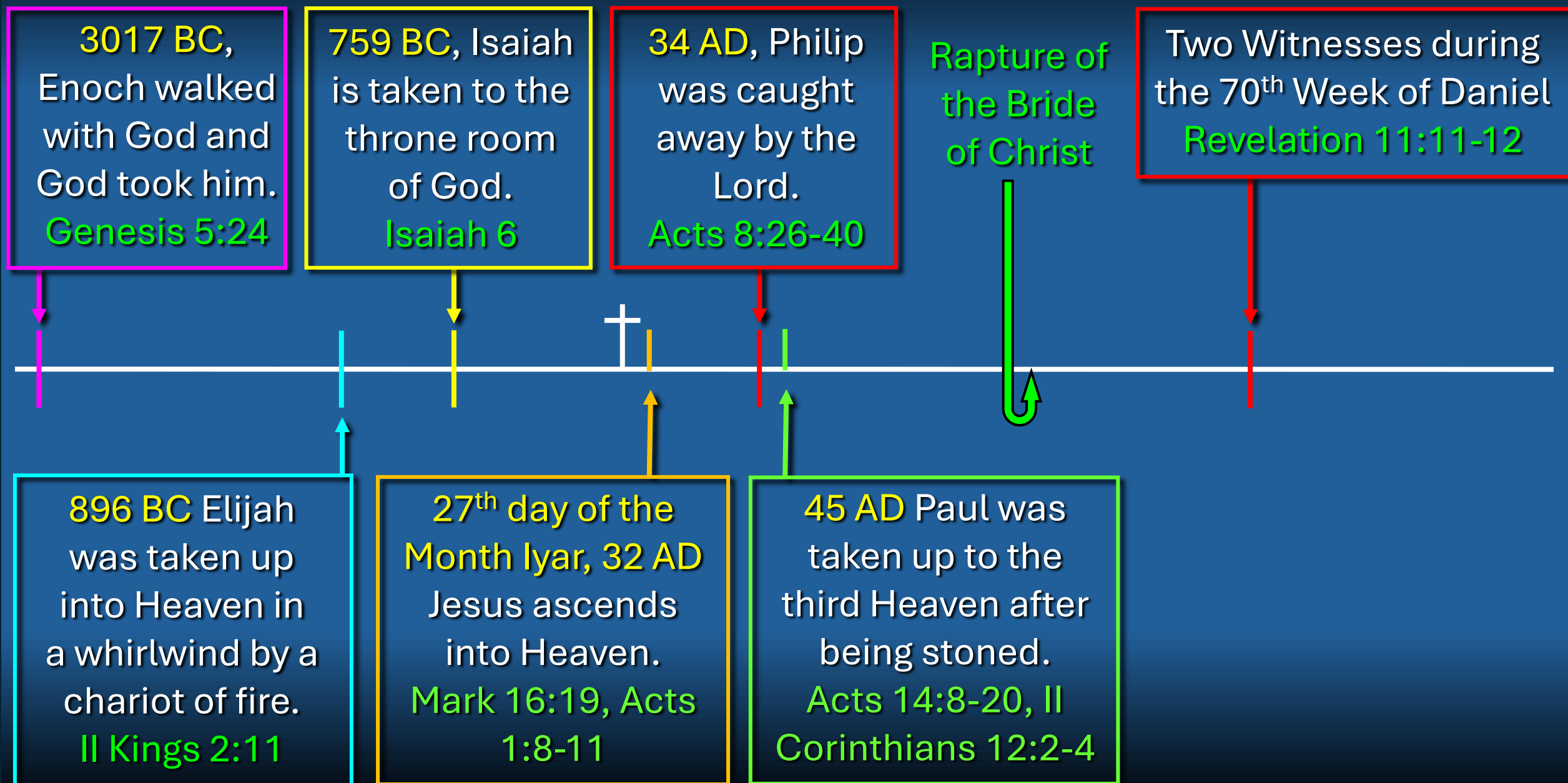
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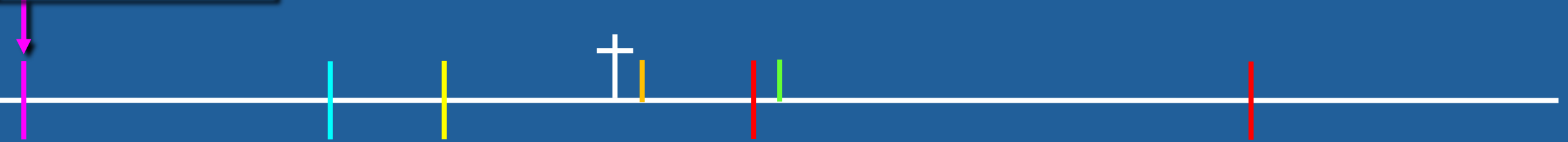
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**walked with God** after he begat  
Methuselah three hundred years,  
and begat sons and daughters:



**Genesis 5:21-24**

23 And all the days of Enoch  
were three hundred sixty and  
five years: 24 And Enoch  
walked with God: and he was  
not; for God took him.

Genesis 5:21-24







# The Flood in the Days of Noah

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Enoch – Saved Before

Noah's Family – Endured It

Remainder of the World – Perished



# The Rapture of the Bride of Christ

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Bride of Christ – Saved Before

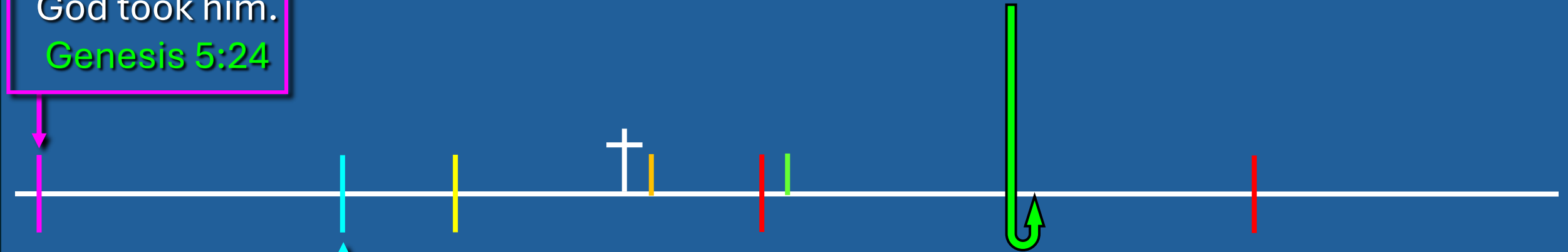
1/3 Nation of Israel – Endured It

Billions of people – Perish

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11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

**II Kings 2:11-12**



12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried,  
My father, my father, the chariot of  
Israel, and the horsemen thereof.  
And he saw him no more: and he  
took hold of his own clothes, and  
rent them in two pieces.



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1 In the year that king Uzziah  
died I saw also the Lord sitting  
upon a throne, high and lifted  
up, and his train filled the  
temple.

Isaiah 6:1-2



2 Above it stood the seraphims:  
each one had six wings; with  
twain he covered his face, and  
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9 And when he had spoken  
these things, while they  
beheld, he was **taken up**; and a  
cloud received him out of their  
sight.



**Acts 1:9-11**

10 And while they looked  
steadfastly toward heaven as  
he went up, behold, two men  
stood by them in white  
apparel;

Acts 1:9-11



11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is **taken up** from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

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39 And when they were come up  
out of the water, the Spirit of the  
Lord caught away Philip, that the  
eunuch saw him no more: and he  
went on his way rejoicing.



Acts 8:39-40

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.



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1 It is not expedient for me  
doubtless to glory. I will  
come to visions and  
revelations of the Lord.



II Corinthians 12:1-4

2 I knew a man in Christ above  
fourteen years ago, (whether in the  
body, I cannot tell; or whether out of  
the body, I cannot tell: God  
knoweth;) such an one caught up to  
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3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**II Corinthians 12:1-4**



# 3 Heavens

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**Heaven #1** – Our atmosphere. Where the birds fly (Genesis 1:20).

**Heaven #2** – Outer space. Where the sun, moon, stars and planets are (Genesis 1:14-16)

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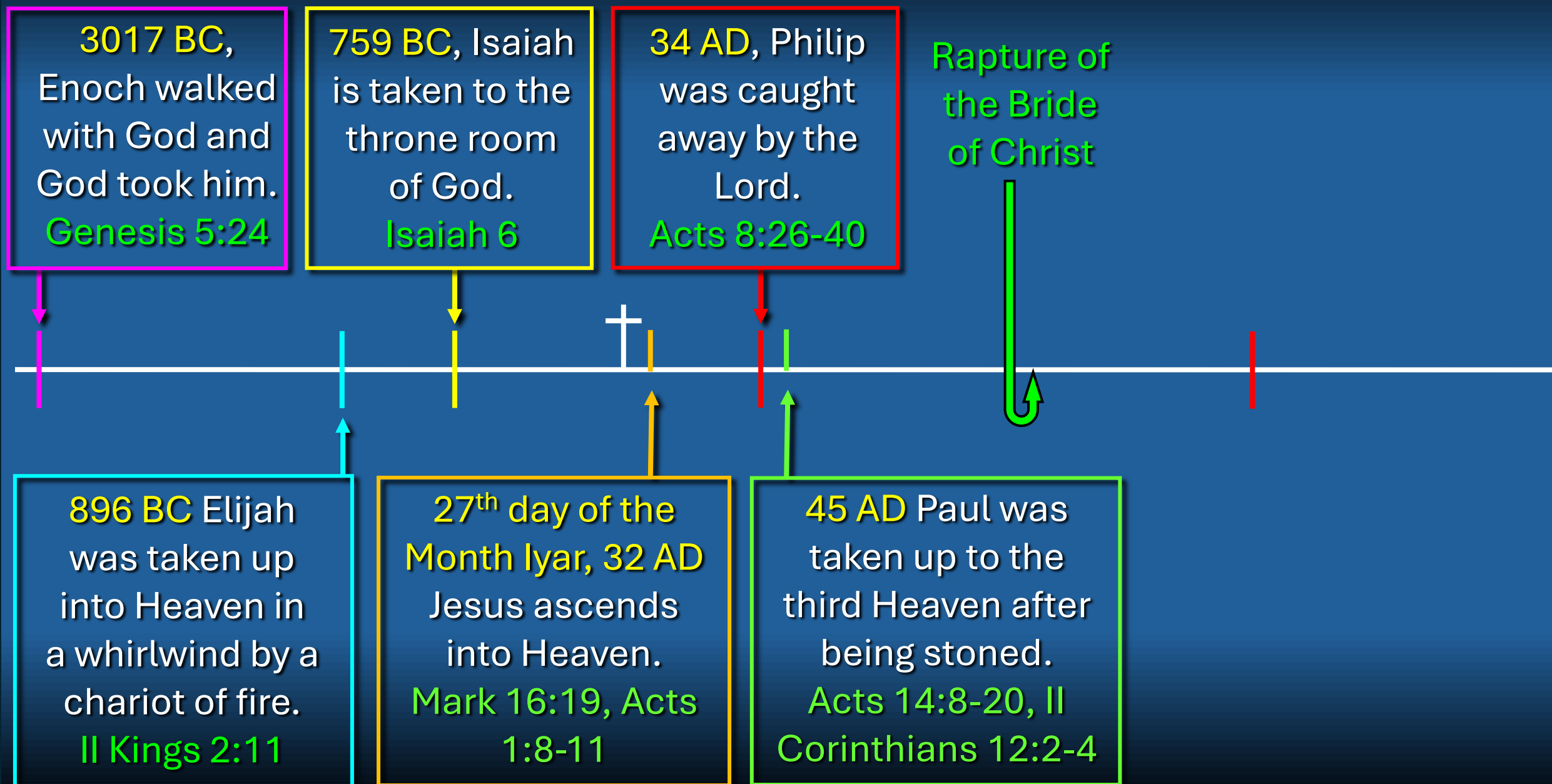
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13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.



I Thessalonians 4:13-18

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring with him.



**I Thessalonians 4:13-18**



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.



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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**:

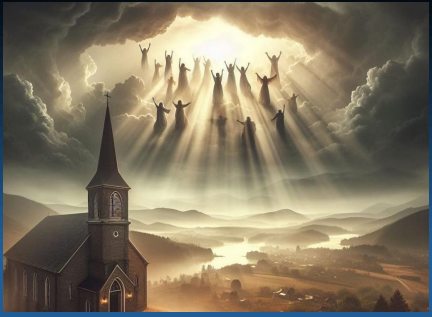


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17 Then **we** which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together with them** in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



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In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.



**John 14:1-6**

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.



John 14:1-6

4 And **whither I go ye know**, and  
the way ye know. 5 Thomas  
saith unto him, Lord, we know  
not whither thou goest; and  
how can we know the way?



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6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am**  
**THE way**, the truth, and the  
life: no man cometh unto  
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22 Wives, submit yourselves unto  
your own husbands, as unto the  
Lord. 23 For the husband is the  
head of the wife, even as **Christ is  
the head of the church**: and he is  
the saviour of the body.



**Ephesians 5:22-32**

24 Therefore as the church is subject  
unto Christ, so let the wives be to  
their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even  
as Christ also loved the church, and  
gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:22-32



26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it  
with the washing of water by the word,  
27 That he might present it to himself a  
glorious church, not having spot, or  
wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it  
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28 So ought men to love their wives  
as their own bodies. He that loveth  
his wife loveth himself. 29 For no  
man ever yet hated his own flesh;  
but nourisheth and cherisheth it,  
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# The Matchmaker

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Shadchan – The Jewish match  
maker who introduces  
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