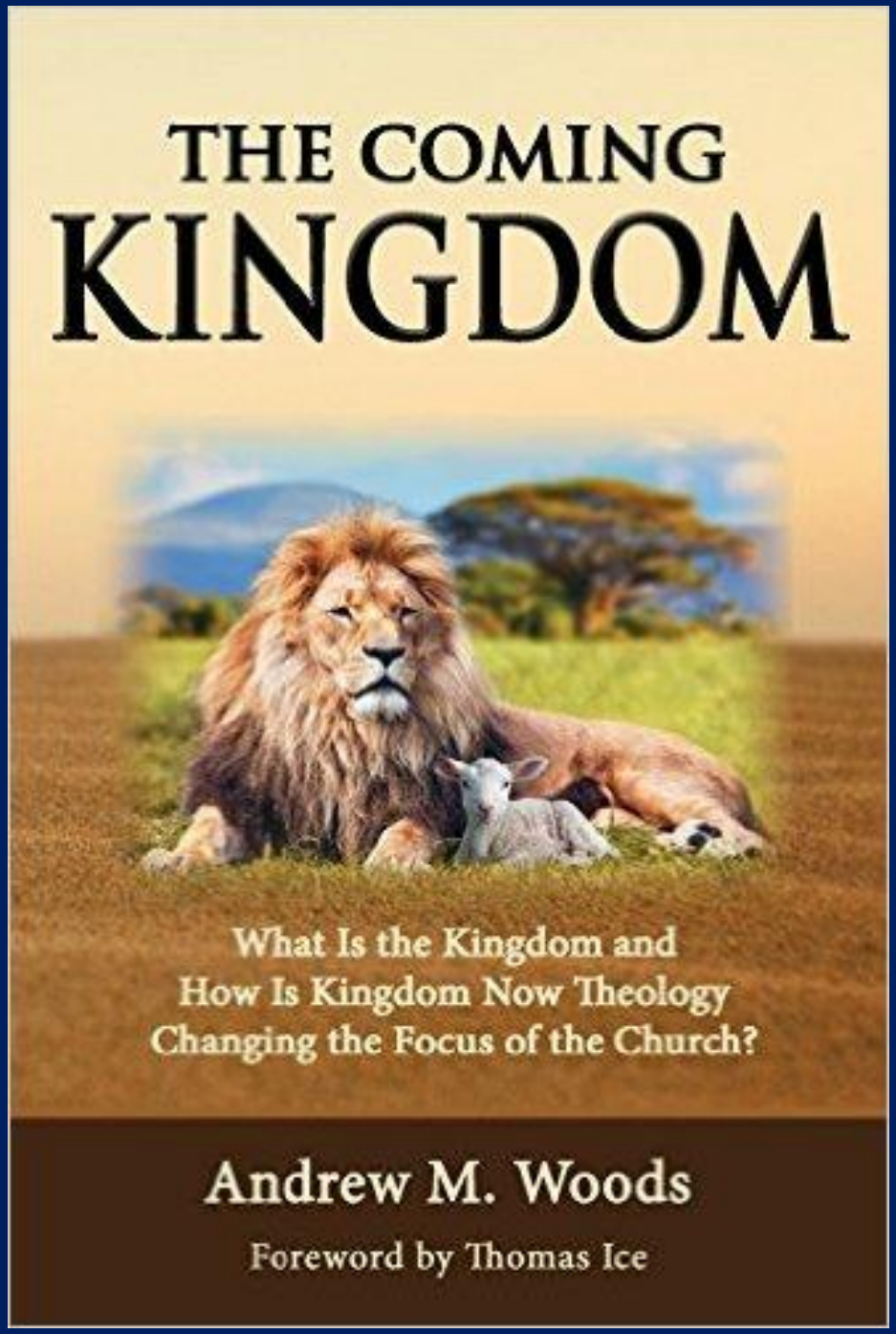

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How Is Kingdom Now Theology
Changing the Focus of the Church?
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Chapter 4



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Psalm 147:19-20

"He declares His words to Jacob, His statutes and His ordinances to Israel. He has not dealt thus with any nation; And as for His ordinances, they have not known them. Praise the LORD!"



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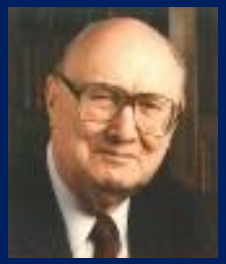
“for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. [14] Nevertheless death reigned **from Adam until Moses**, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.”



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Evidence of Abrahamic Covenant's Unconditional Nature

- ANE covenant ratification ceremony (Gen 15)
- Lack of stated conditions for Israel's obedience (Gen 15)
- Covenant's eternality (Gen 17:7, 13, 19; Ps. 90:2)
- Covenant's immutability (Heb 6:13-18; Mal. 3:6)
- Trans-generational reaffirmation despite perpetual national disobedience (Jer 31:35-37)

Walvoord, *The Millennial Kingdom*, 149-52

Proverbs 3:5-6

"**Trust** in the LORD with all your heart And do not **lean** on your own understanding. In all your ways **acknowledge** Him, And He will make your **paths straight**."



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Hosea 4:1-2 (NASB)

“Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel,
For **the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land**, Because there is no faithfulness or kindness Or knowledge of God in the land.[2] *There is* swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.”



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LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**







Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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Deuteronomy 17:15

"**you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses**, *one* from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman."



John 5:45-47

“Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. 46 For **if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me**. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”



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Luke 19:41-44

"When He approached *Jerusalem*, He saw the city and wept over it, [42] saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, **the things which make for peace**! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. [43] For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, [44] and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."



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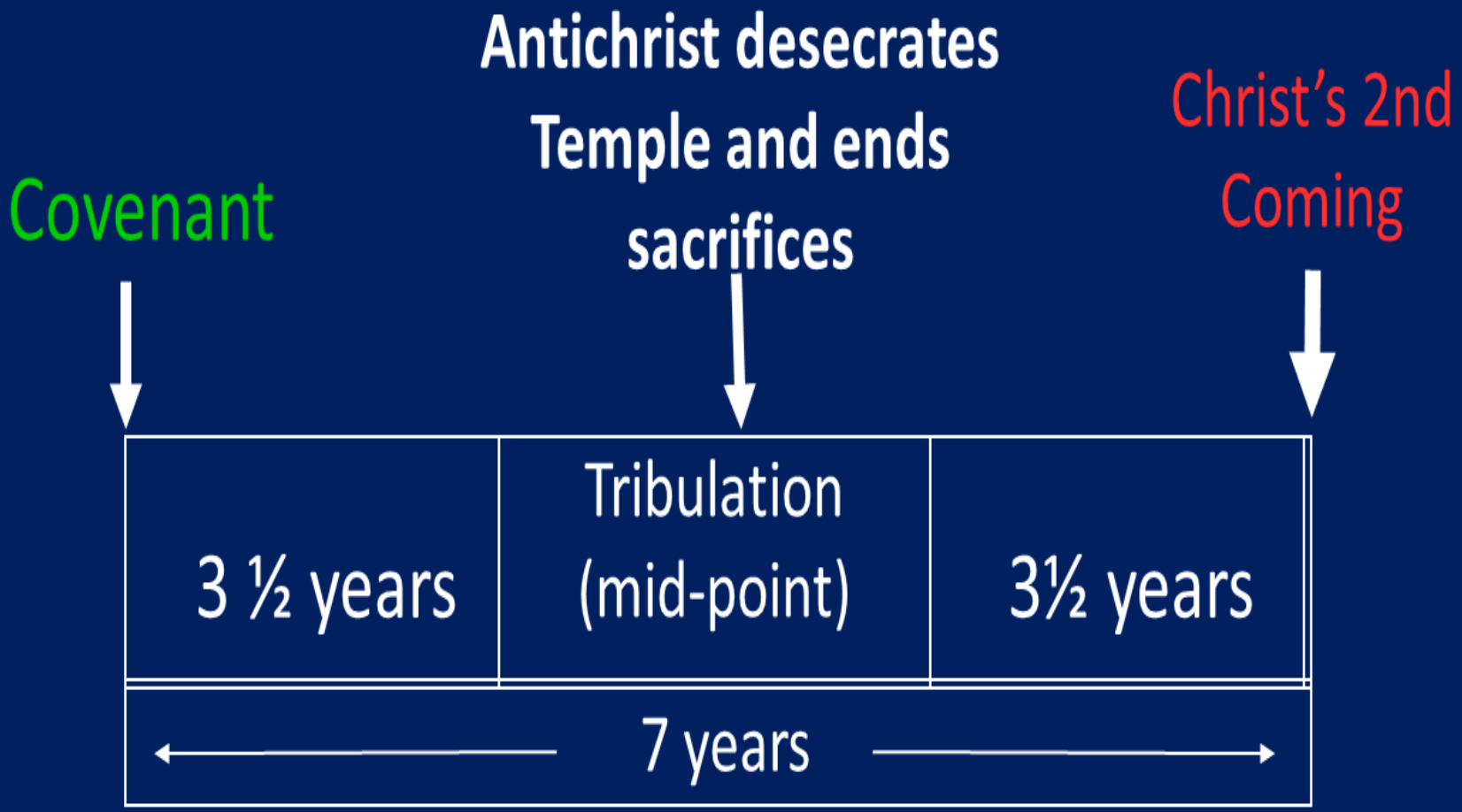


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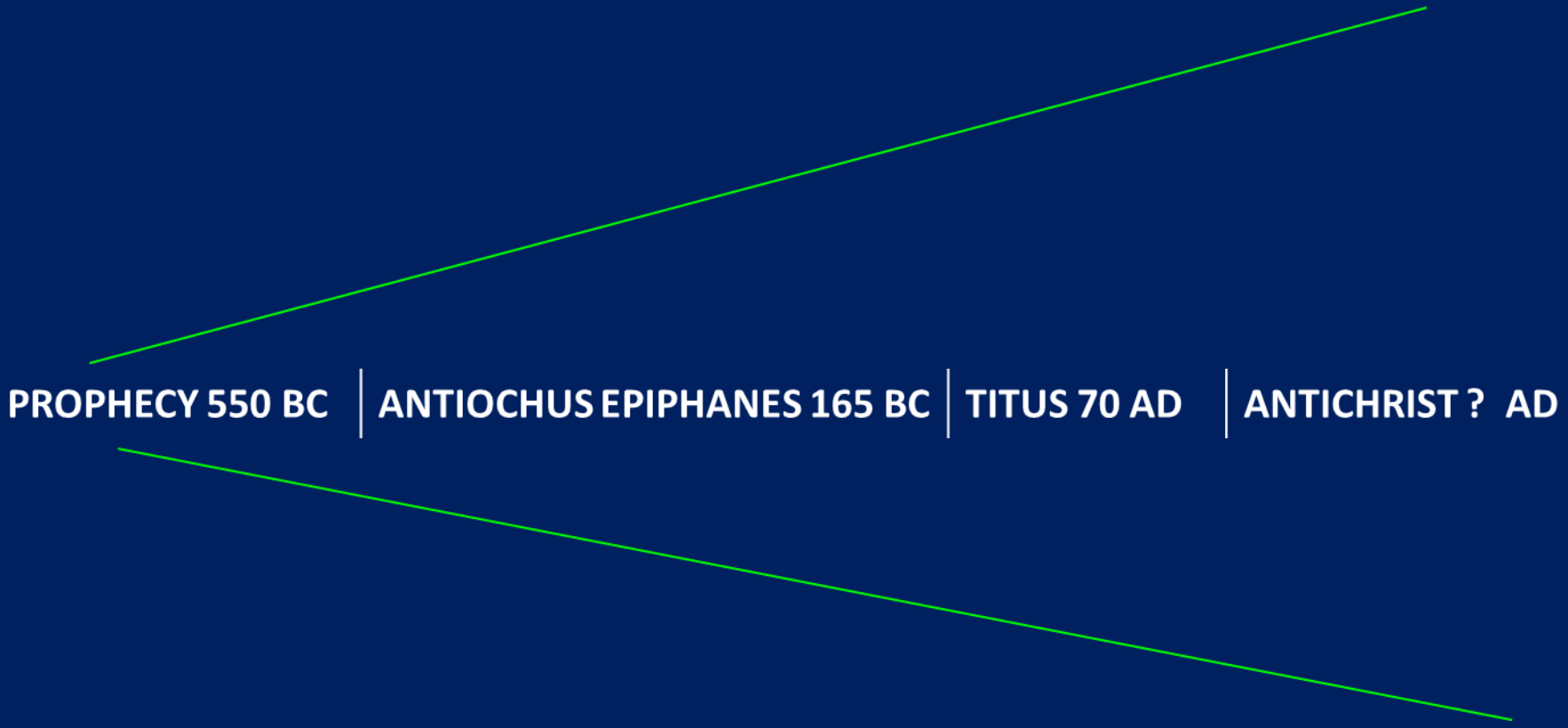


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DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



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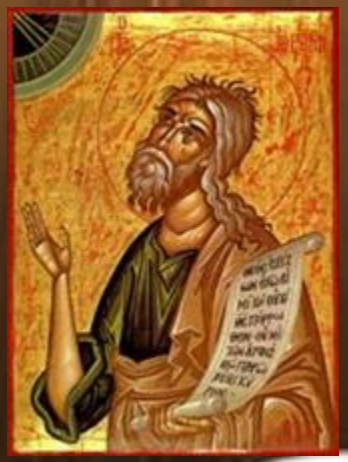
Deuteronomy 4:30

“ When you are in **distress** and all these things have come upon you, in the **latter days** you will **return to the Lord** your God and listen to His voice.”



Jeremiah 30:7

“Alas! for that **day is great**, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress, But he will be **saved** from it.”



Zechariah 12:10

“I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”




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6 Prophecies **WILL BE** fulfilled in Daniel 9:24c

1) "to finish transgression"
2) "to make an end of sin"
3) "to make atonement for iniquity"
4) "to bring in everlasting righteousness"
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Arnold Fructenbaum, *Footsteps of the Messiah,* p.191-4

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