



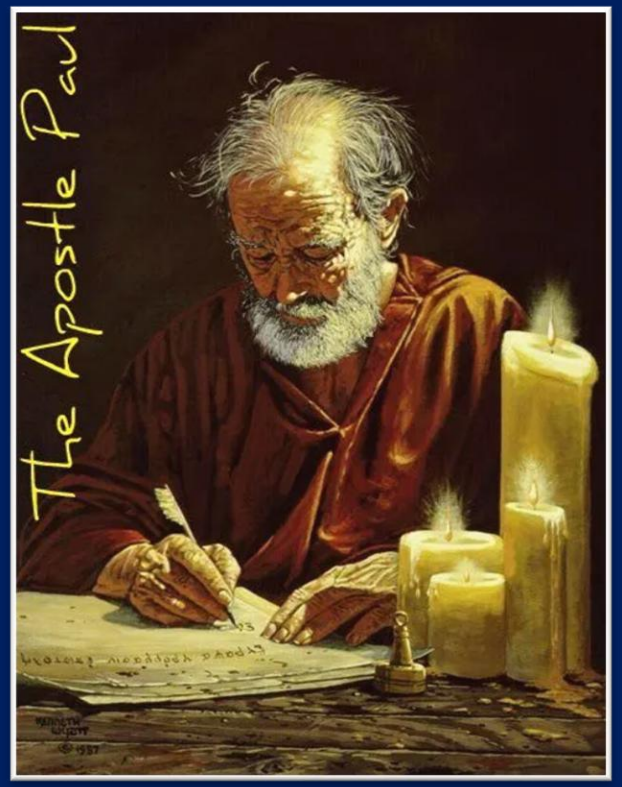
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1 THESSALONIANS 1-3	1 THESSALONIANS 4-5
▪ Personal Experience	▪ Practical Exhortation
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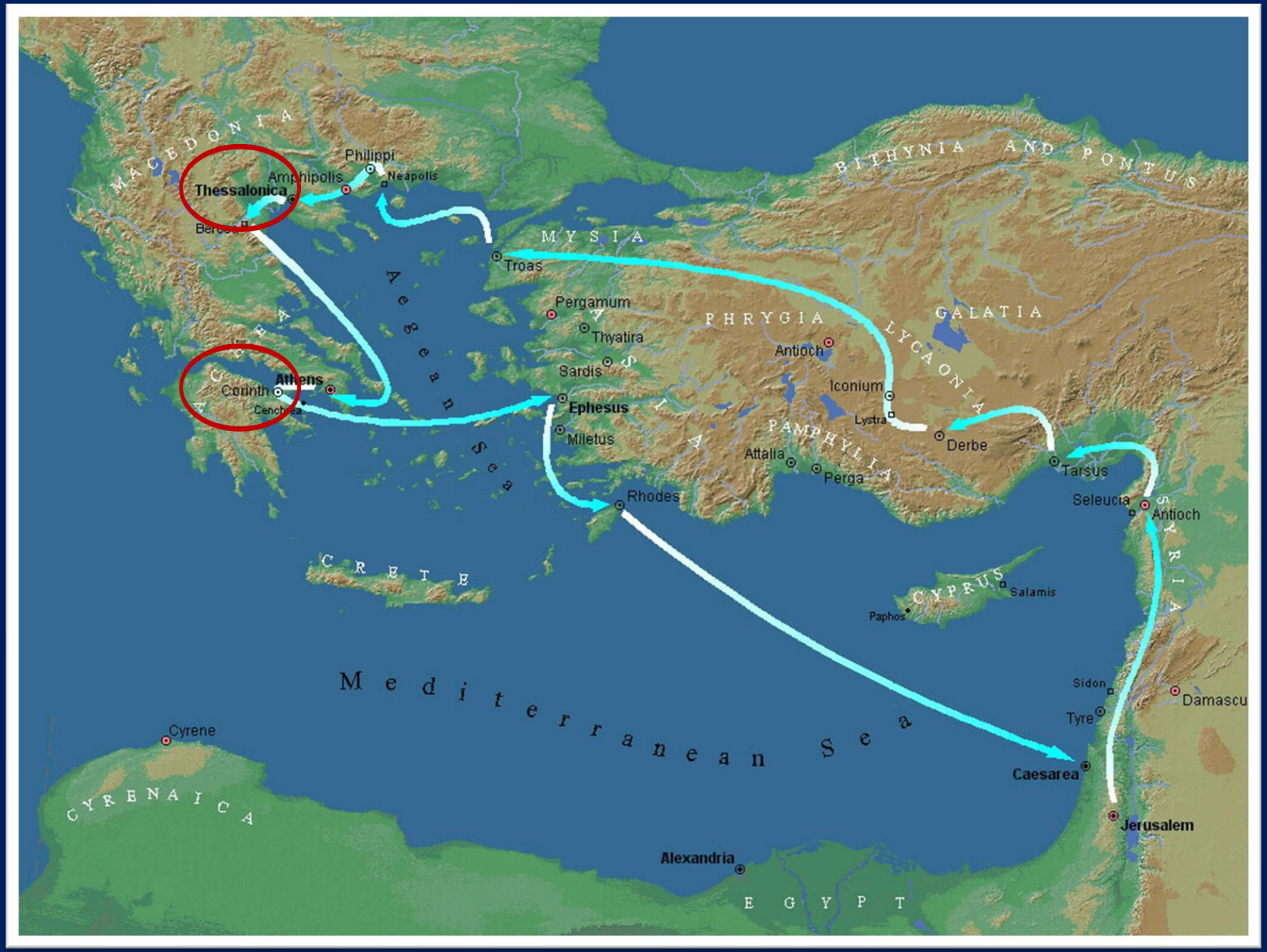
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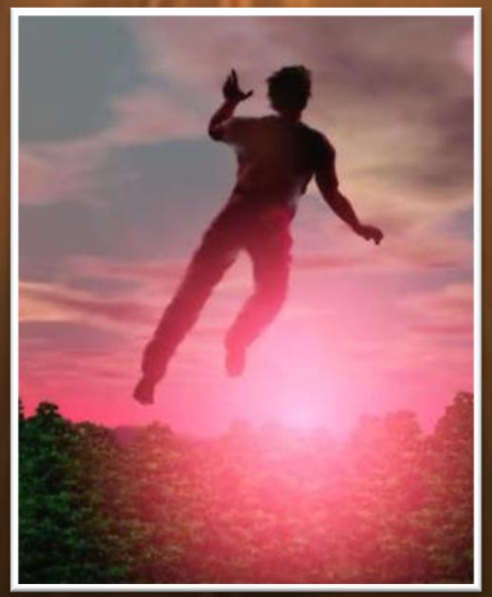
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   B. Liberty (8:1)
   C. Worship (11:2)
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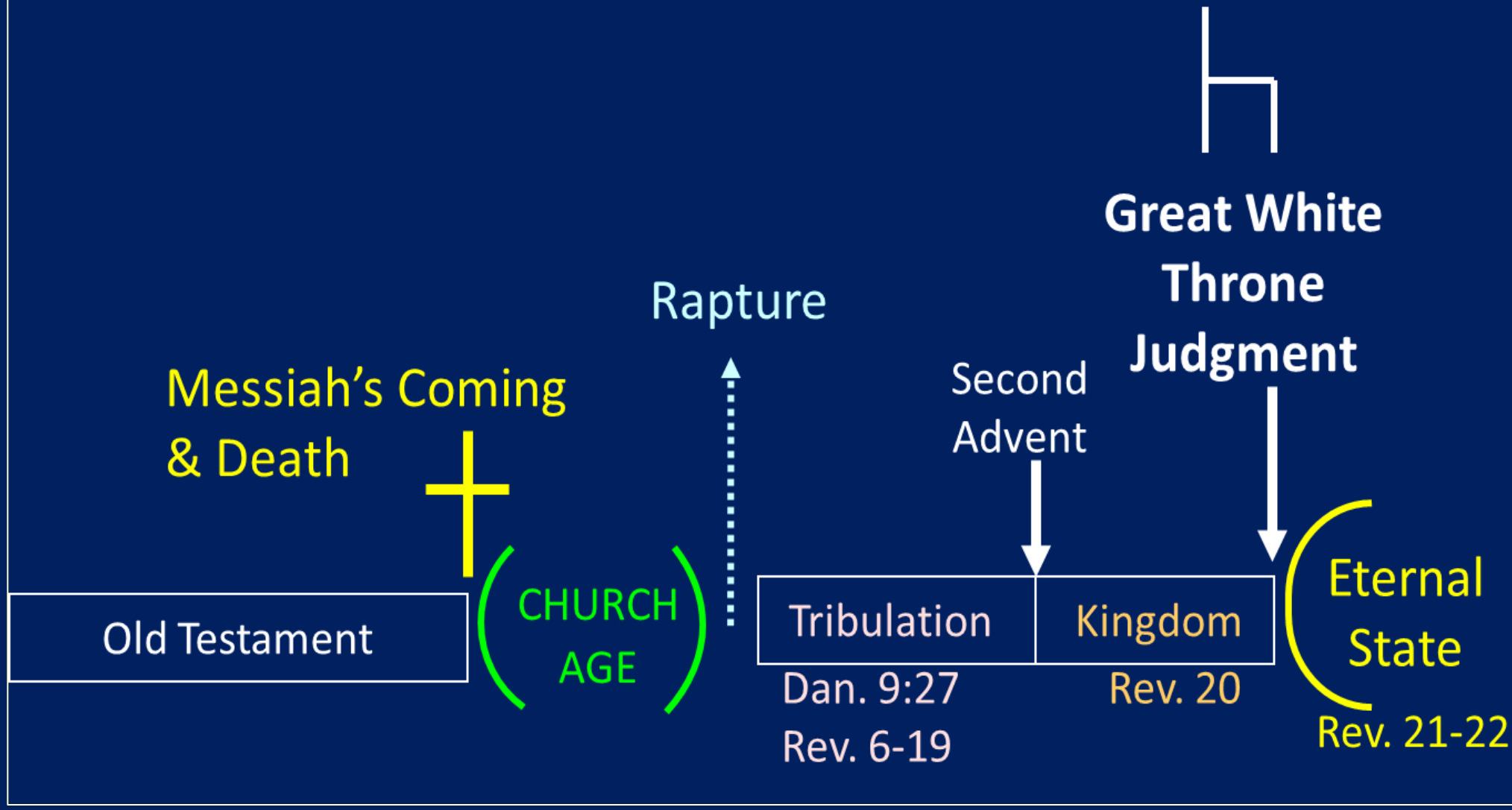

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Athens
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Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
ASIA
Ephesus
Miletus
PHRYGIA
GALATIA
LYCAONIA
Antioch
Iconium
Lystra
Derbe
PAMPHYLIA
Attalia
Perga
Tarsus
Rhodes
Seleucia
Antioch
SYRIA
CRETE
CYPRUS
Salamis
Paphos
Mediterranean Sea
Sidon
Damascu
Tyre
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Caesarea
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2 Thessalonians 2:5

“Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?”



Prophecy Panorama



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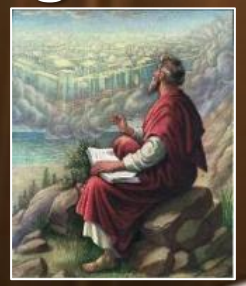
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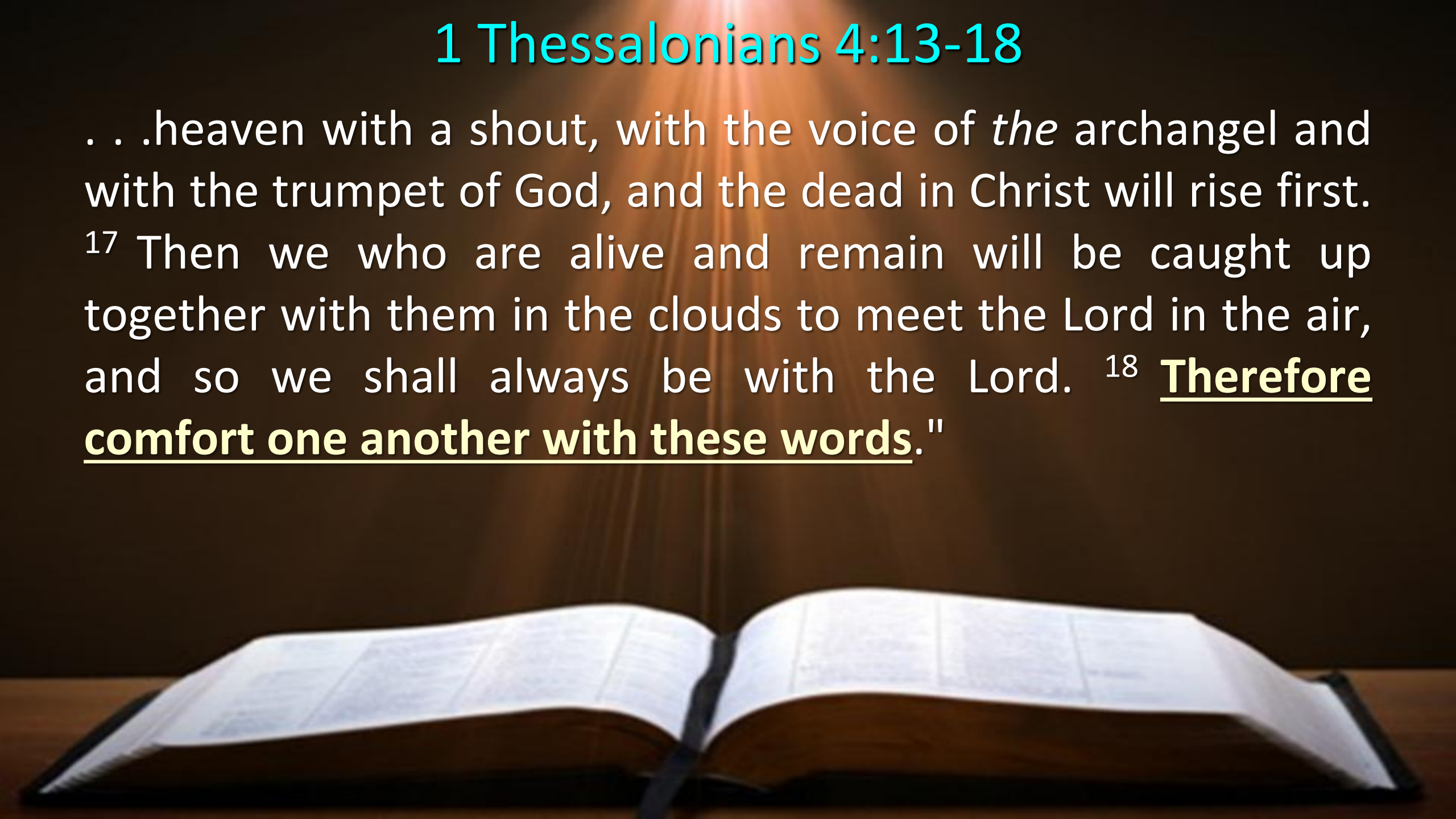
John 14:1–4

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not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3
If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive
you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. 4 And you
know the way where I am going.”



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. . .heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. [18] **Therefore comfort one another with these words**."



Titus 2:13

"Looking for **the blessed hope** and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."

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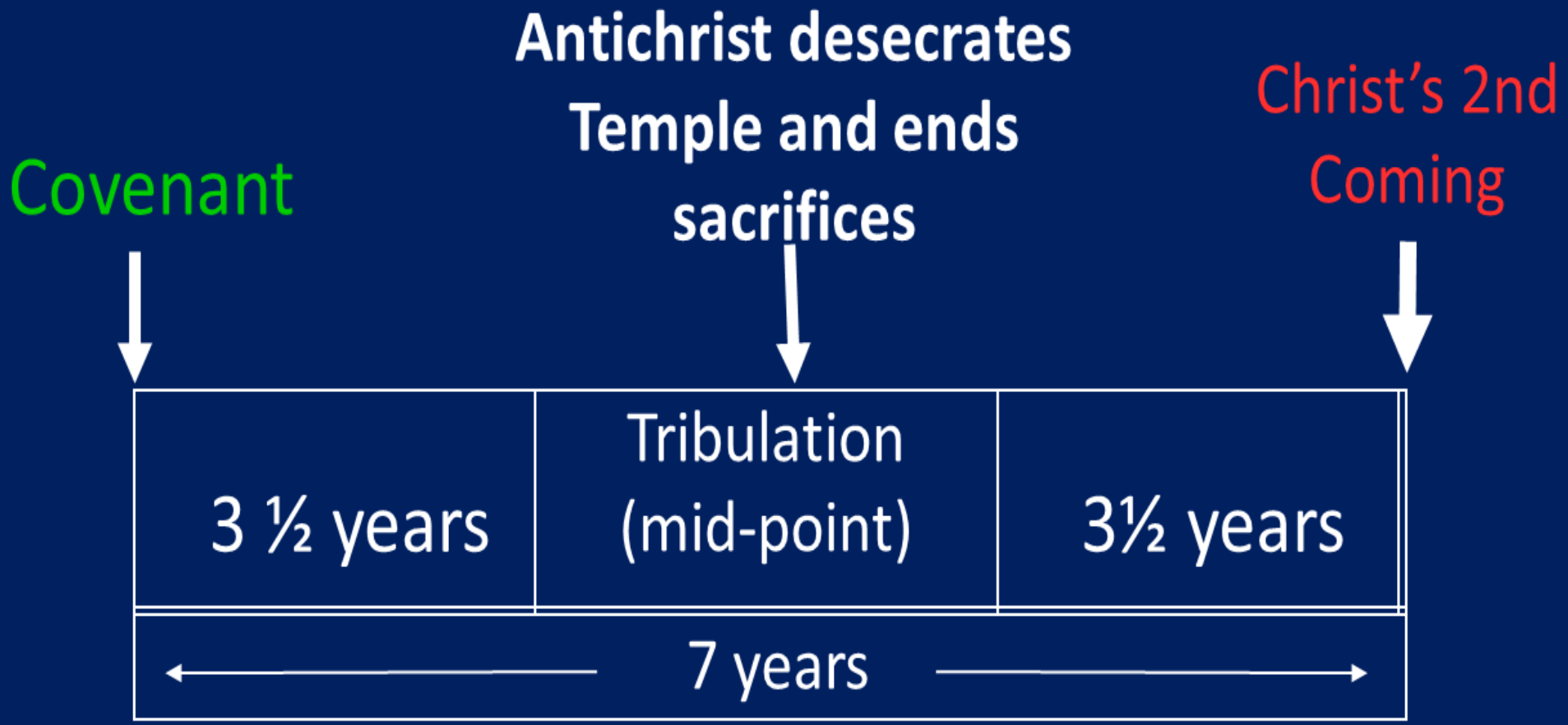


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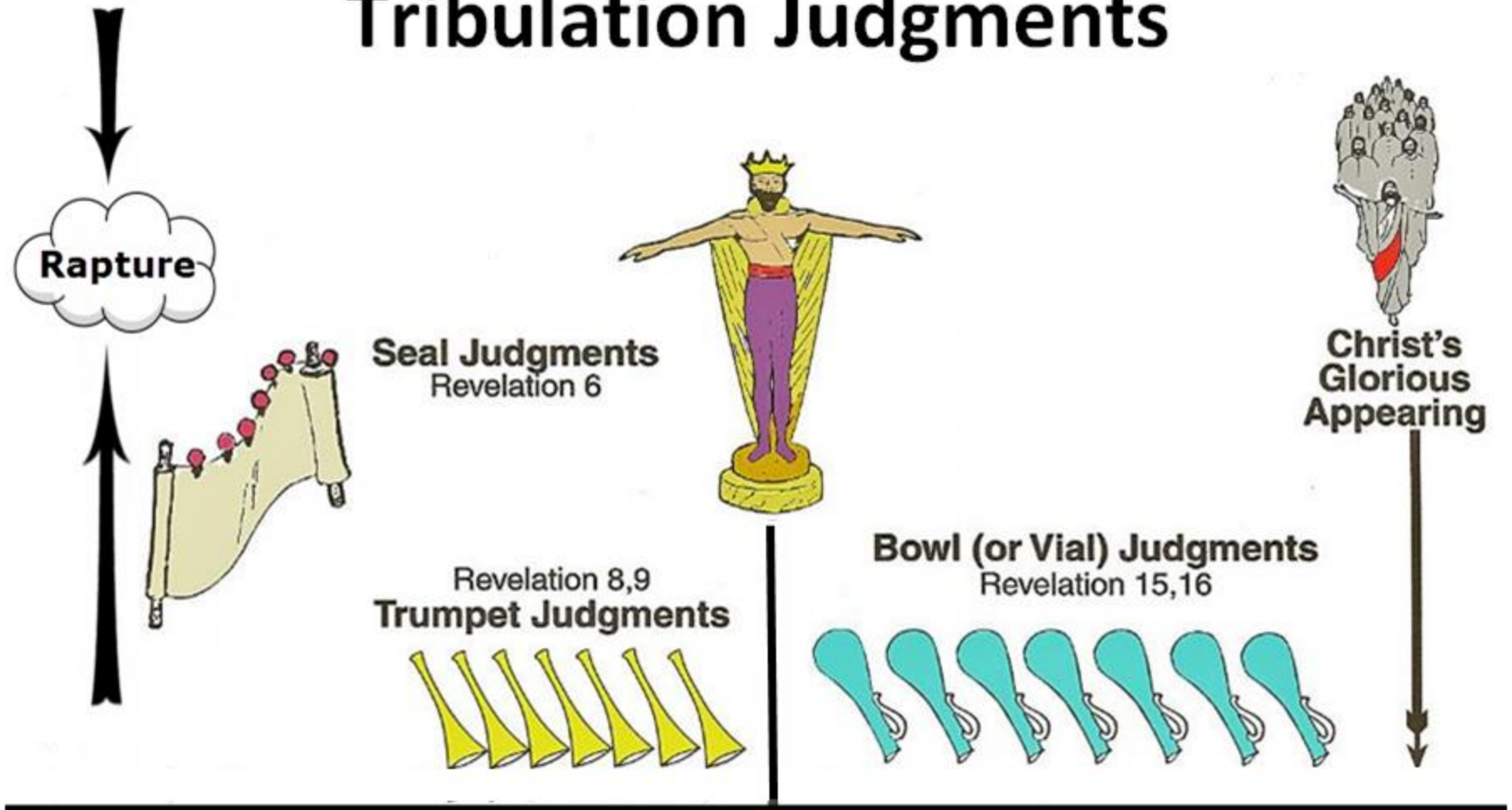
“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes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



DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



Tribulation Judgments



THE GREAT TRIBULATION

1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

SEAL 1 – 6:1-2 – Advent of antichrist

SEAL 2 – 6:3-4 – War

SEAL 3 – 6:5-6 – Famine

SEAL 4 – 6:7-8 – Death

SEAL 5 – 6:9-11 – Martyrdoms

SEAL 6 – 6:12-17 – Cosmic disturbances



Ezekiel 38:8, 11

“[8] After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its people were brought out from the nations, and they are **living securely [*batach*]**, all of them….[11] and you will say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are **at rest [*shacat*]**, that **live securely [*batach*], all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates**.”

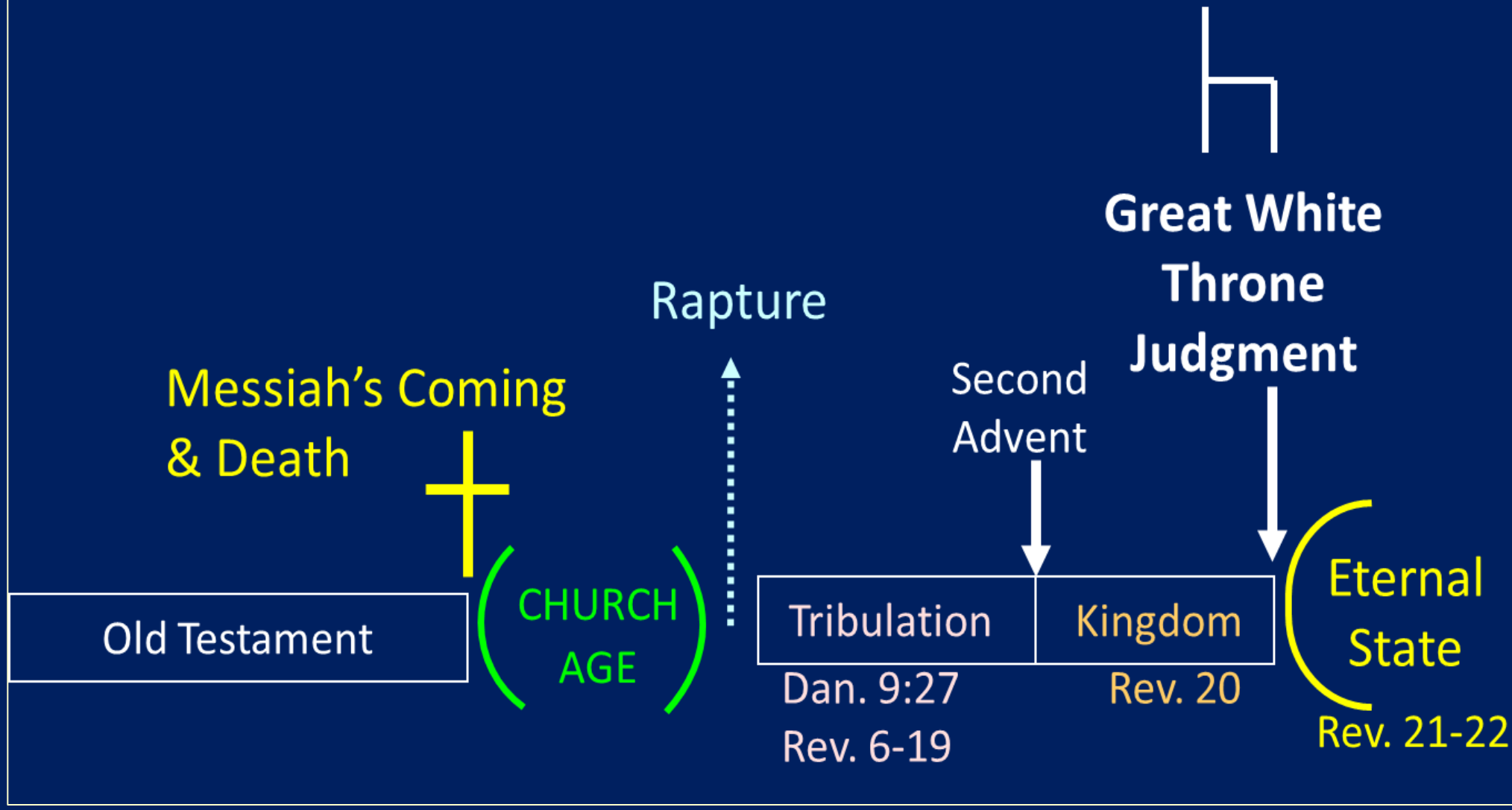


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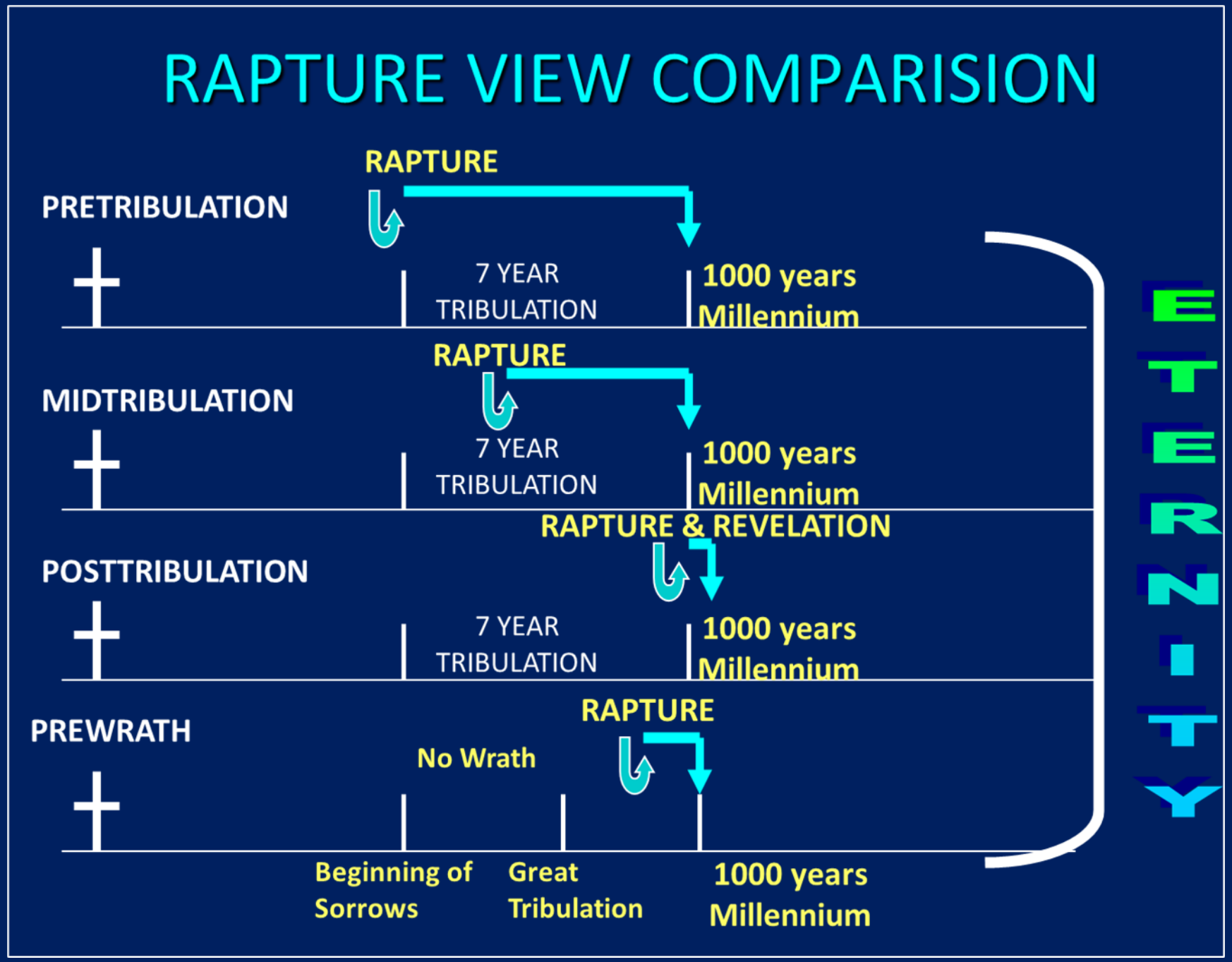
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RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISION



Matt 24 / Rev 6 Parallels

Prediction	Birth pangs (Matt 24)	Seal judgments (Rev 6)
1. False Christ	24:5	6:2
2. War	24:6	6:3-4
3. Famine	24:7	6:5-6
4. Death	24:6-7	6:7-8
5. Martyrs	24:9-13	6:9-11
6. Earthquakes	24:7	6:12-17
7. Evangelism	24:14	7:1-9

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Matt 5:13, 16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden…Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”





Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)

- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Acts 2:13, 15

13 “But others were mocking and saying, ‘They are full
of sweet wine.’… 15 ‘For these men are not drunk, as you
suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day.’”



Ephesians: What Is Inside?

1–3	4–6
Relationship	Responsibility
No imperatives	35 imperatives
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy
Knowledge	Wisdom
Belief	Behavior
Position	Practice
Privileges	Responsibility

Ephesians

Dressed for Success!



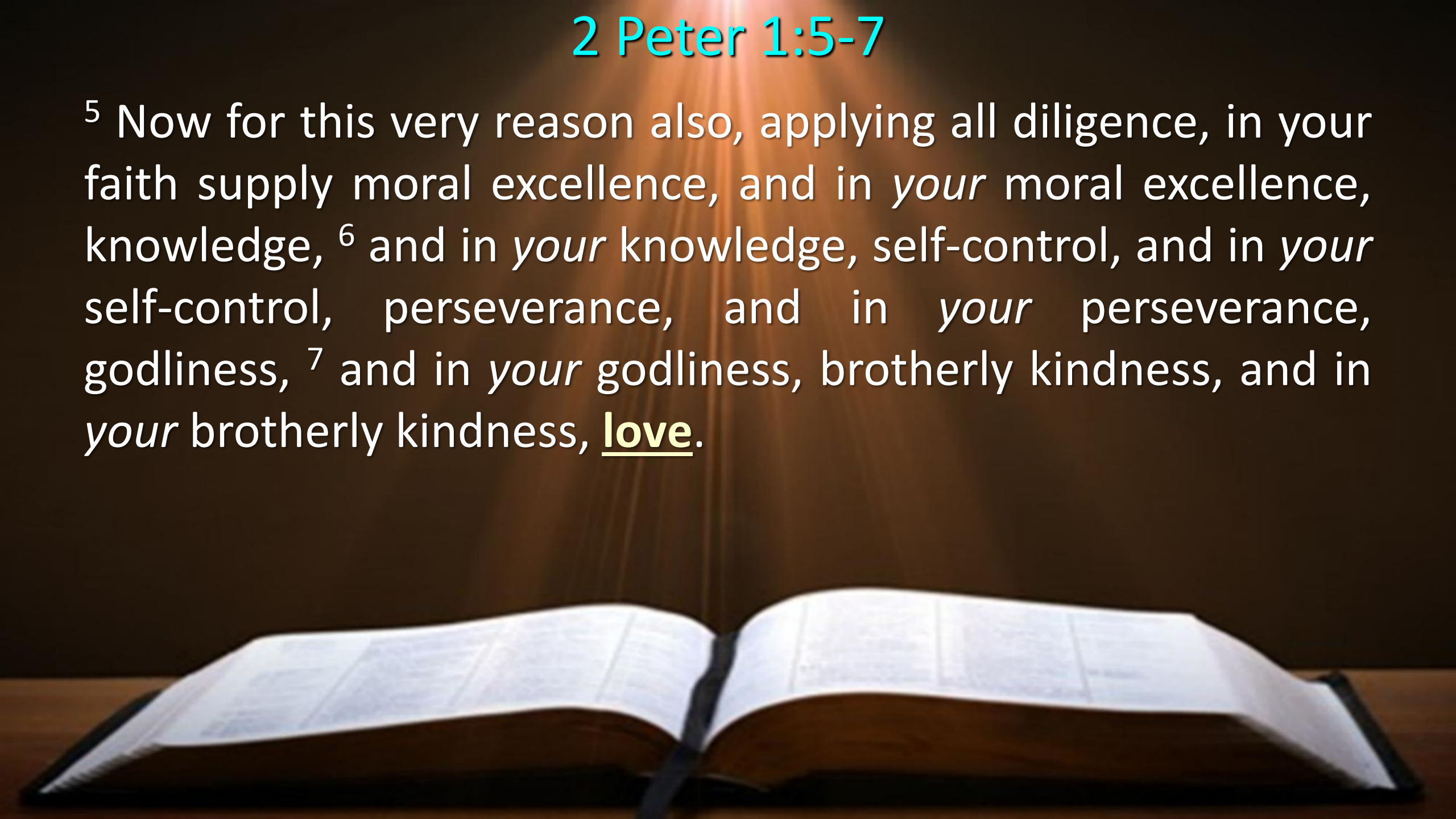
6 Pieces of Armor (Eph 6:14-17)

- Belt of truth (14a)
- Breastplate of righteousness (14b)
- Sandals of peace (15)
- Shield of faith (16)
- Helmet of salvation (17a)
- Sword of the Spirit (17b)



2 Peter 1:5-7

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, 7 and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, **love**.



PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Romans 13:11-12

"*Do* this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; **for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed**. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."



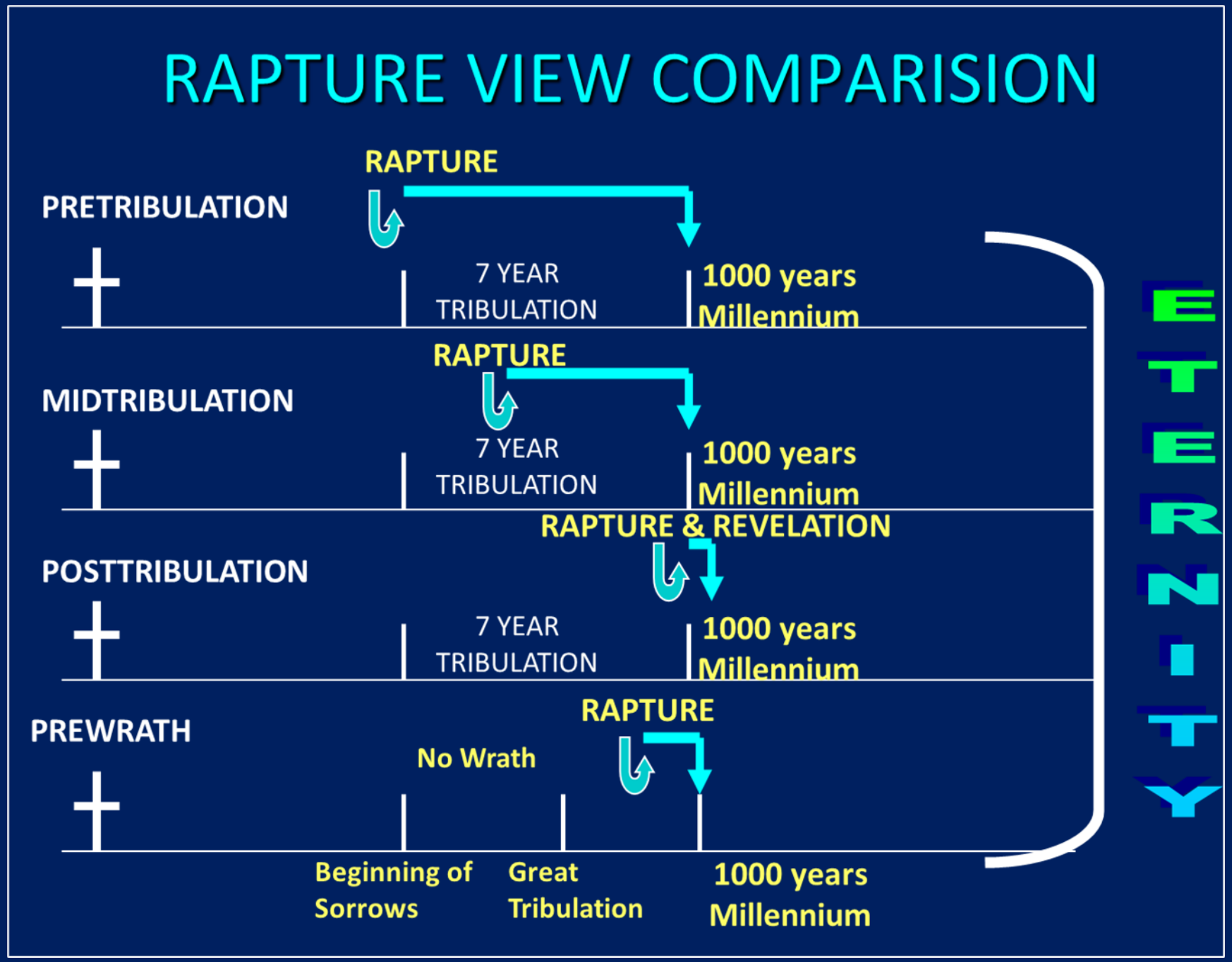
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Promised Exemption from Divine Wrath

- The promise (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; 8:1; Rev 3:10)
- Tribulation = divine wrath/anger (Rev 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15)



1 Thessalonians 1:10

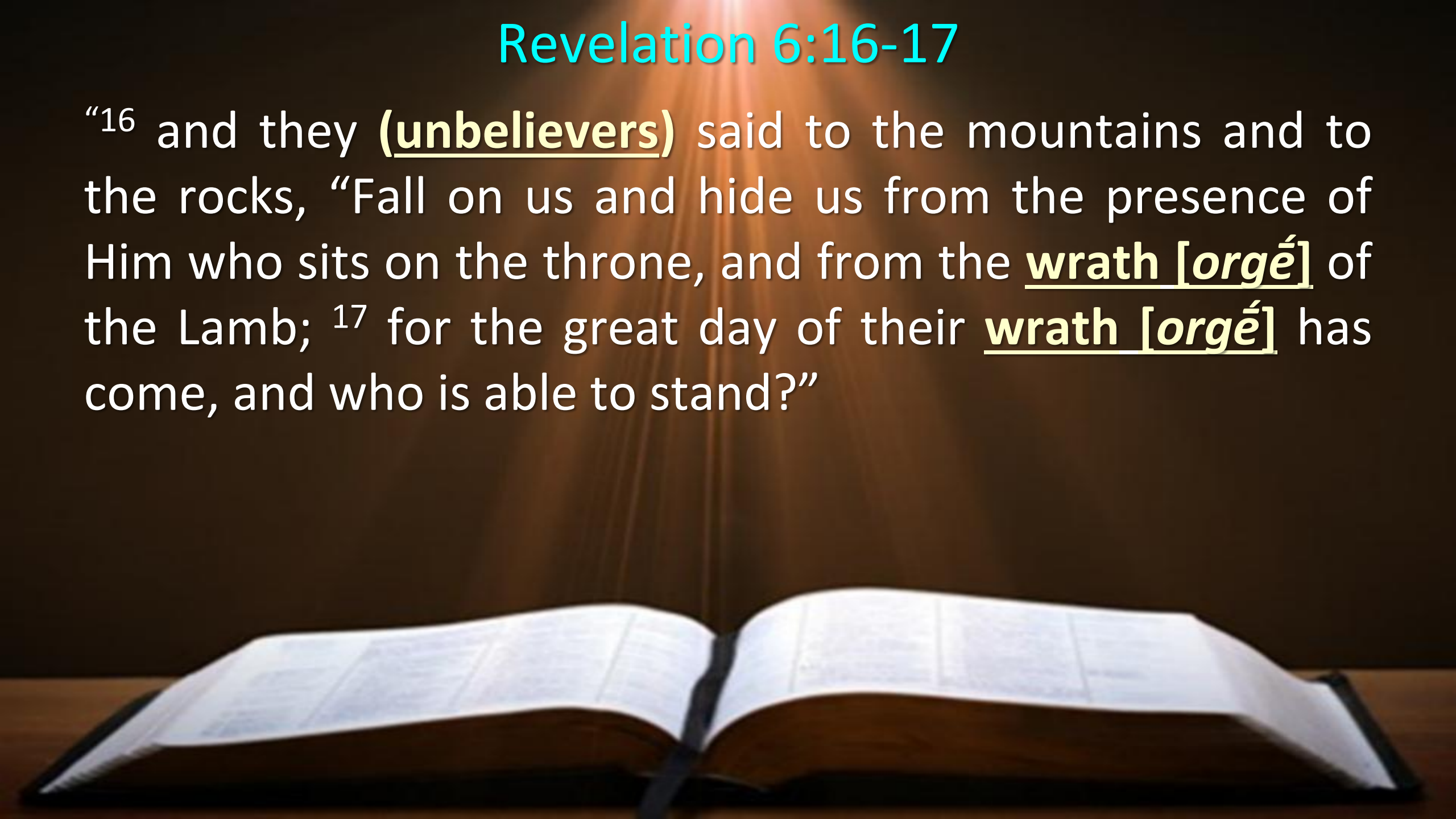
"and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who **rescues (*rhyomai*)** us **from (*ek*) the wrath (*orgē*)** to come.."




The 7 Churches in Revelation
Rev. 1: 11
BLACK SEA
BITHYNIA
MYSIA
AEGEAN SEA
ASIA
PHRYGIA
CARIA
LYCIA
Pergamum
Thyatira
Smyrna
Sardis
Philadelphia
Ephesus
Laodicea
Patmos
By: Gabriel Morris

Revelation 6:16-17

“16 and they **(<u>unbelievers</u>)** said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **<u>wrath [*orgḗ*]</u>** of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their **<u>wrath [*orgḗ*]</u>** has come, and who is able to stand?”

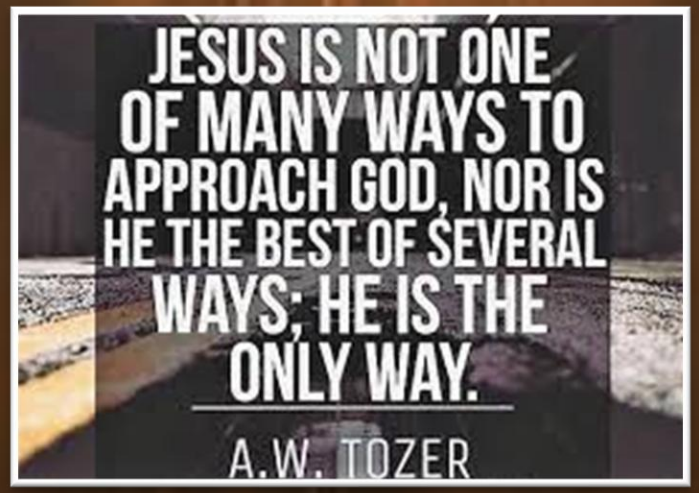


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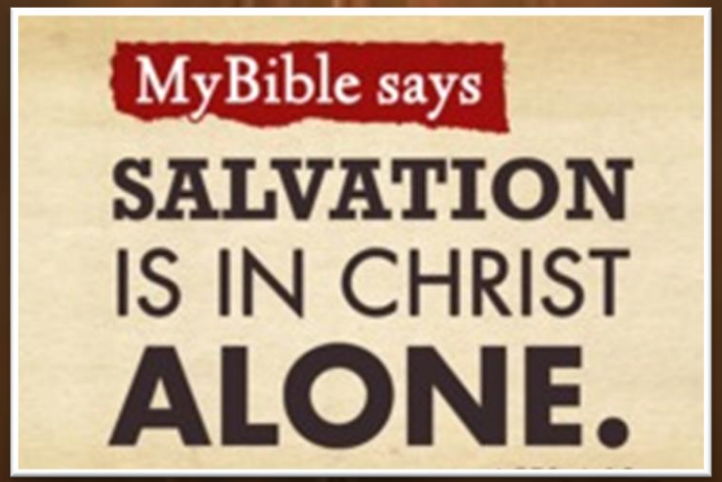
John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am **the** way, and **the** truth, and **the** life; **no one** comes to the Father but through Me.’”



Acts 4:12

"And there is **salvation in no one else**; for there is no other **name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we **must** *[dei]* be saved."



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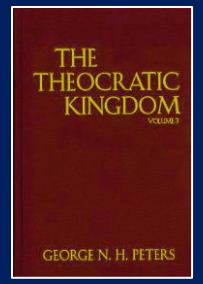


Ray Brubaker

"The Purpose of the Tribulation," Radar News, (December 1968): 6.

"Finally, we should note that the purpose of the tribulation is also to be **the testing of lukewarm shallow Laodicean Christians who will be left behind at the coming of Christ**. No doubt multitudes who expect to be raptured will be disappointed because like the foolish virgins, they were not watchful. **Tribulation is then for the purpose of trying the faith of those who profess to be Christians but who really never repented or are living in disobedience to the will of God**."





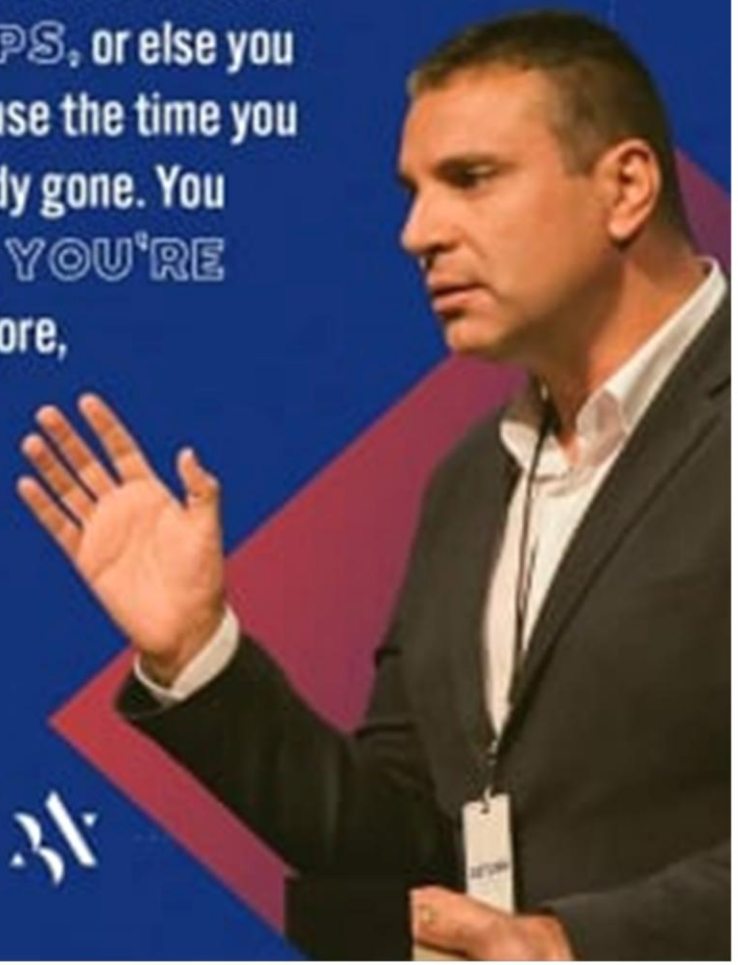
G.N.H. Peters

Theocratic Kingdom, 2:332

"It is not simply those who 'watch' that shall 'escape,' but those, Luke 21:36 who 'watch and pray always,' avoiding the corrupting influences around them. The number of translated ones may not be very large (for the number of translated ones given as...types in comparison with the number of those not translated, and with that of the resurrected saints is small so that Dr. Seiss, with whom many concur, is undoubtedly correct in saying: **'I have no idea that a very large portion of mankind, or even of the professing Church, will be thus taken**. The first translation, if I may so speak, will embrace **only the select few who watch and pray always**,' etc.""

We still have time today to fix things before THE GREAT SEPARATION. Make sure that YOU HAVE OIL IN YOUR LAMPS, or else you won't be taken. Because the time you get the oil, He's already gone. You should KNOW IF YOU'RE READY and therefore, you will be greatly encouraged.

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Those who hates Israel not only will never be raptured but also won't be allowed into the millennial kingdom!

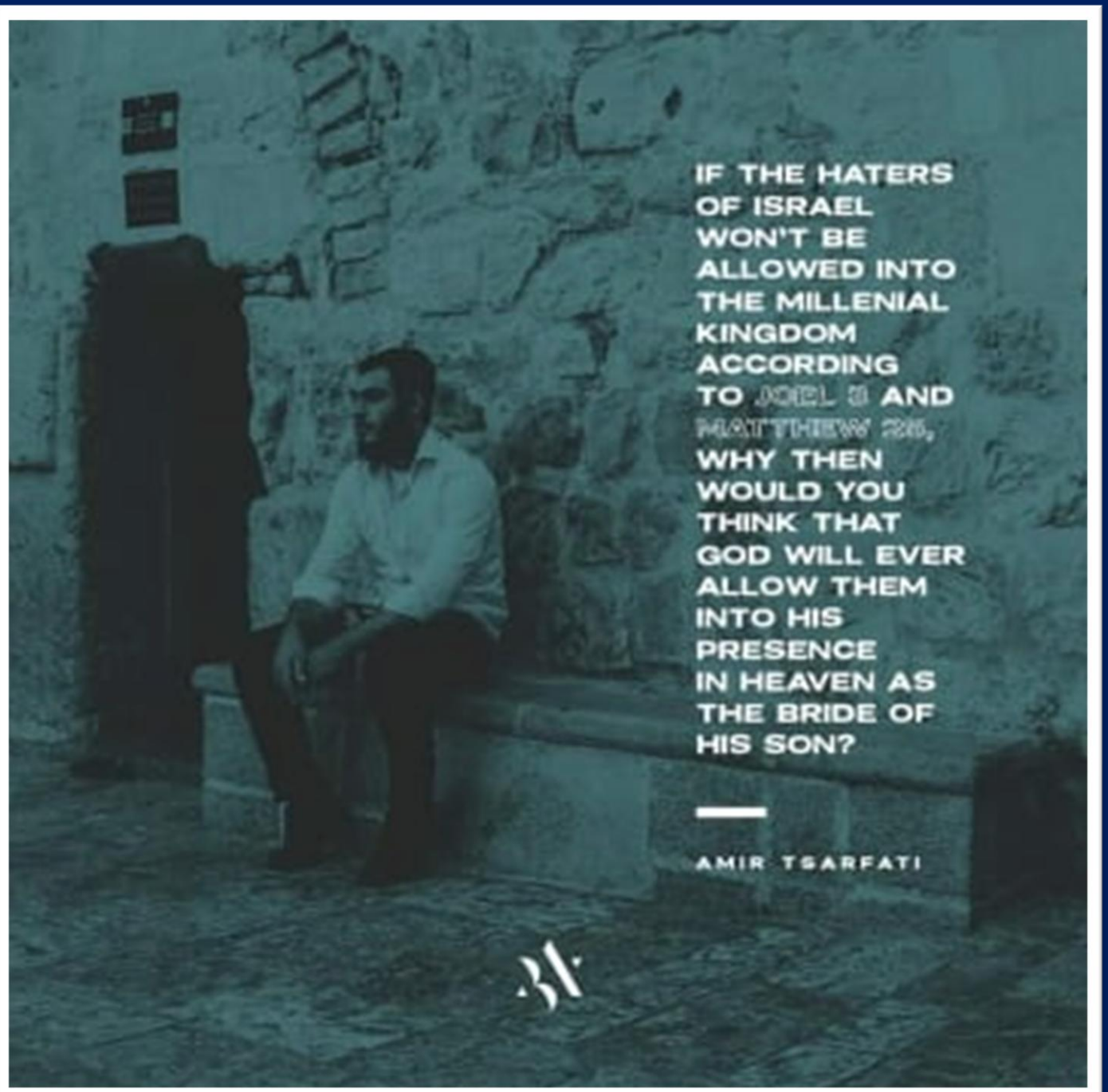
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If Jesus will not allow anyone who harmed and didn't help His bretheren (the Jews) throughout the tribulation, to enter into His Millennial Kingdom right after, why would He allow such to be raptured as His bride before the Tribulation?

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Loving Israel and helping the Jewish people isn't going to save you. These are works. However, faith without works is dead according to James chapter 2. So, being a Christian and an antisemite is simply impossible. You can be either-or, not both!

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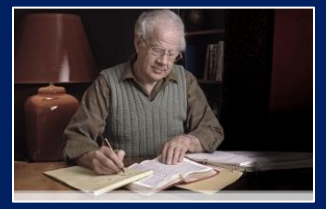
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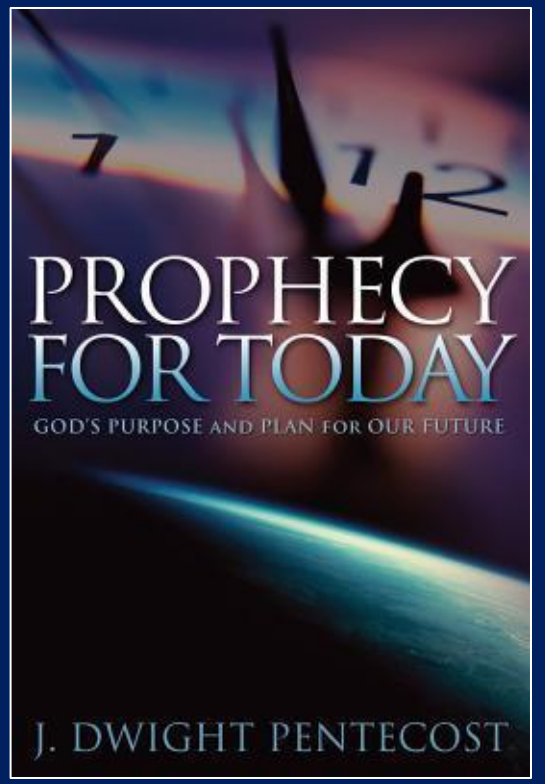




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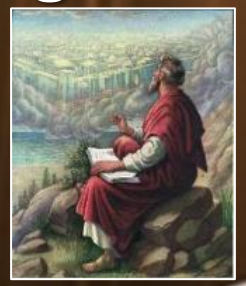
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"A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck a new with the fact that almost **without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living**."



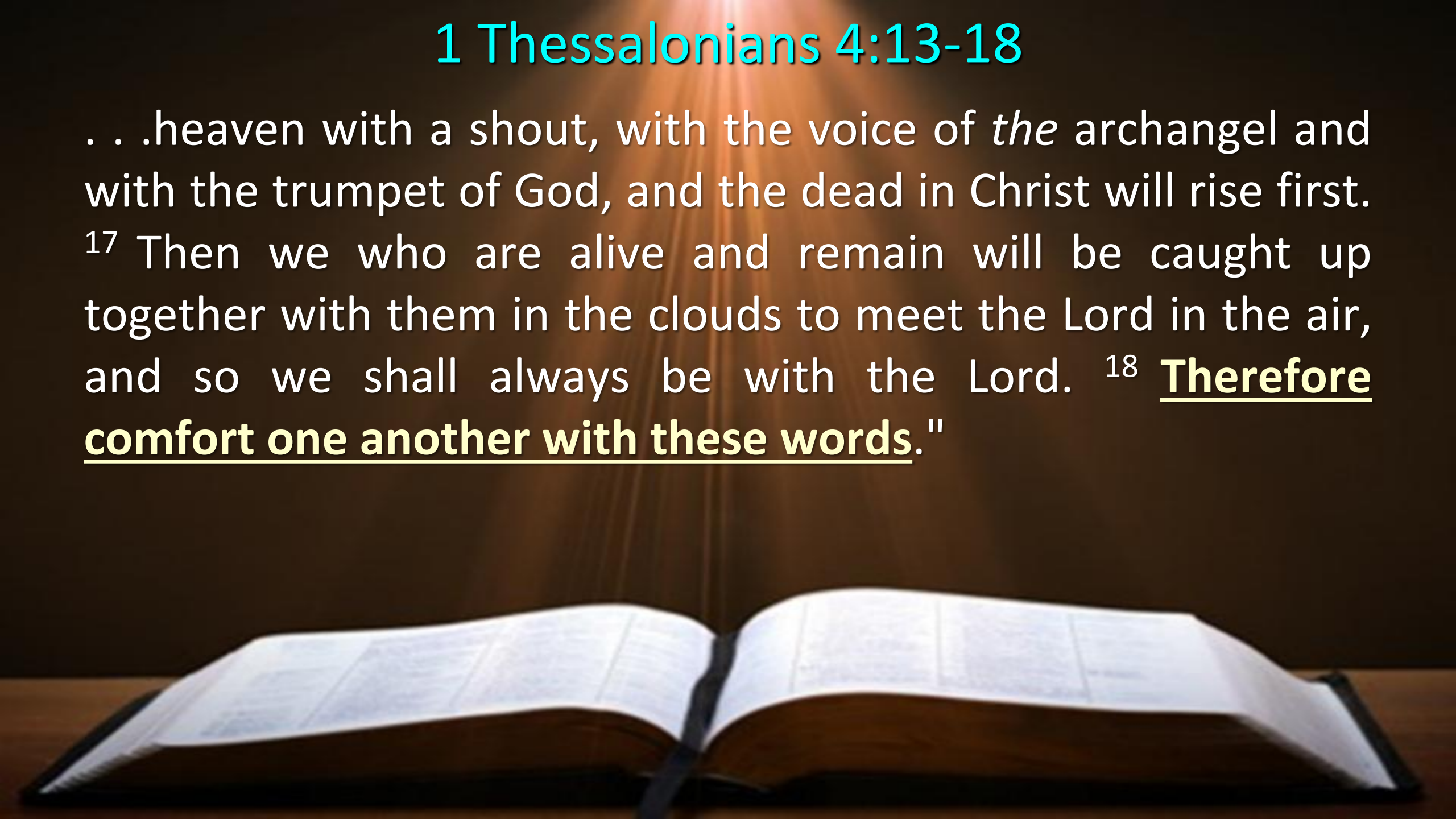
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in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were
not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3
If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive
you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also. 4 And you
know the way where I am going.”



1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

. . .heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. [18] **Therefore comfort one another with these words**."



Titus 2:13

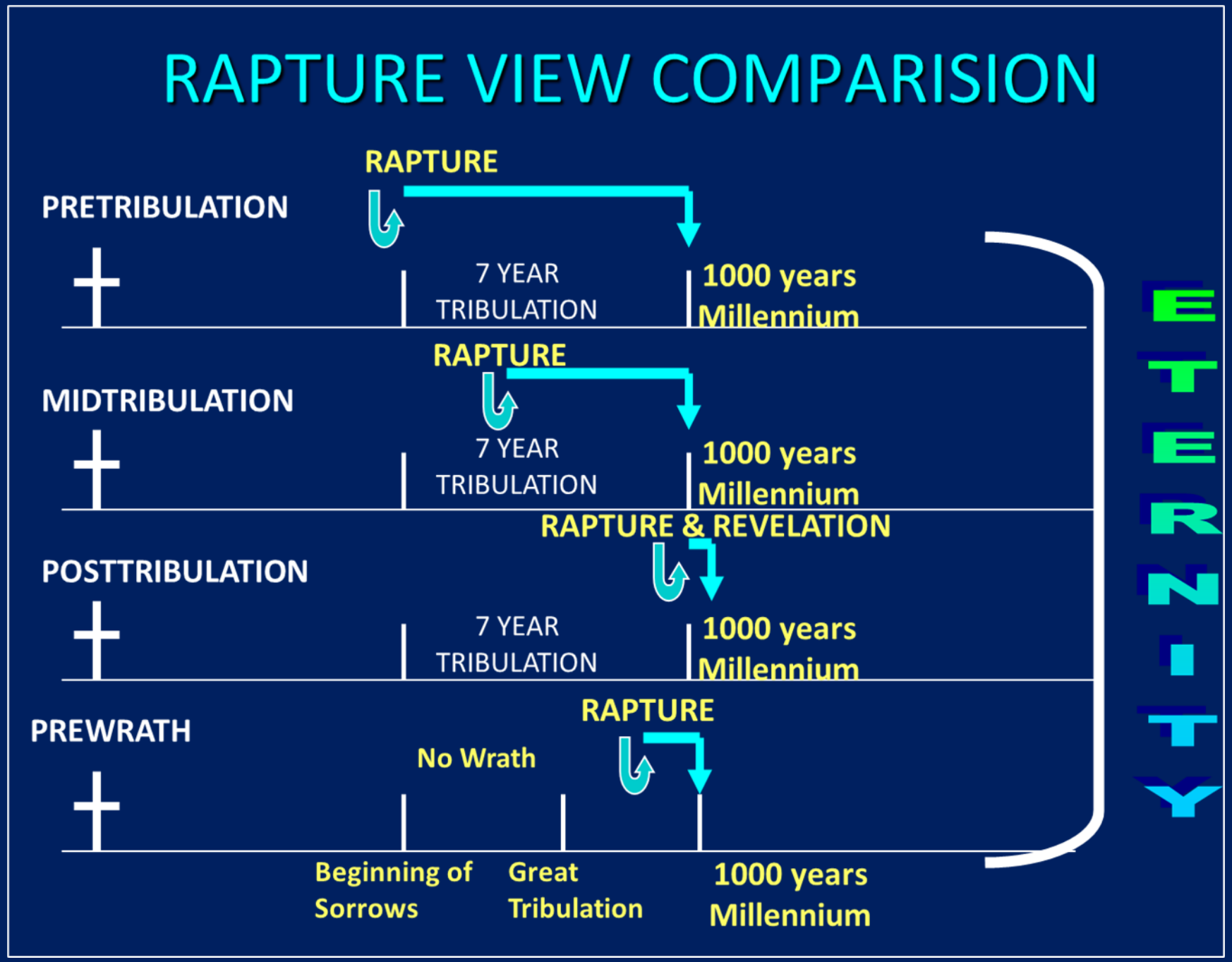
"Looking for **the blessed hope** and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."

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RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISION



Conclusion

Structure



- Personal (1–3)
  - Genuine conversion (1)
  - Impure motives (2:1-16)
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- **Practical (4–5)**
  - Immorality (4:1-8)
  - Laziness (4:9-12)
  - **Eschatology (4:13–5:11)**
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Day of the Lord (5:1-11)

- Description (5:1-3)
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