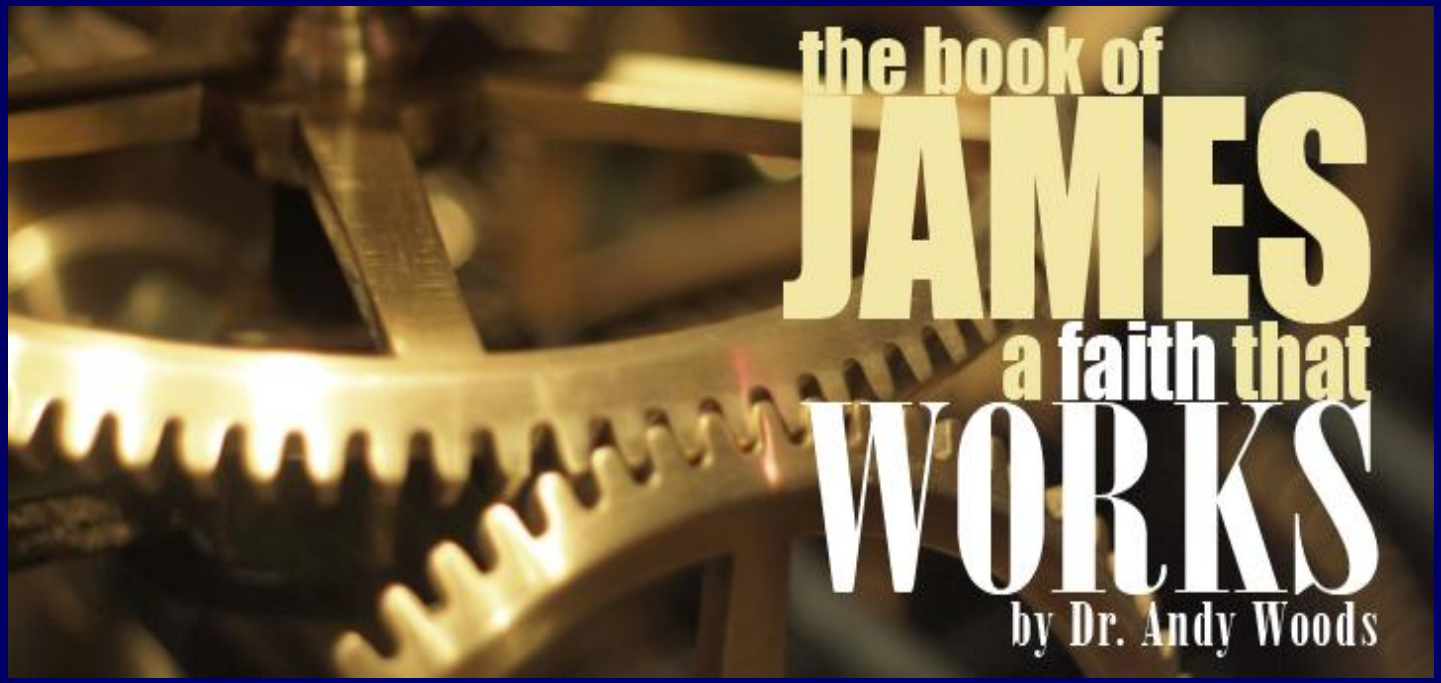
PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS





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Answering Eleven Questions



1) Who wrote it? – **James**
2) What do we know about the author? – **Christ's ½ Brother**
3) Who was the audience? – **Believing Jews in the Diaspora**
4) Where was if written from? – **Jerusalem**
5) When was the book written? – **A.D. 44–47**
6) What was the book's occasion? – **Practical righteousness**
7) What is the book's purpose? – **Achieving practical righteousness**
8) What is the book about? – **Practical righteousness**
9) What is the book's theme? – **Daily living**
10) What makes the book different? – **Practicality**
11) How is the book organized? – **Faith and Wisdom**

James 1:1

- Salutation – Jas 1:1
  - Writer – Jas 1:1a
  - Audience – Jas 1:1b




CASPIAN SEA
HARRAN
ASSYRIA
NINEVEH
Tigris River
Euphrates River
CYPRUS
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
SIDON
TYRE
DAMASCUS
SAMARIA
JERUSALEM
Jordan River
BABYLON
Chebar River
SUSA
BABYLONIA
ELAM
UR
CHALDEA
PERSIAN GULF
ARABIAN DESERT
THE CHEBAR RIVER
Ezekiel 1:1
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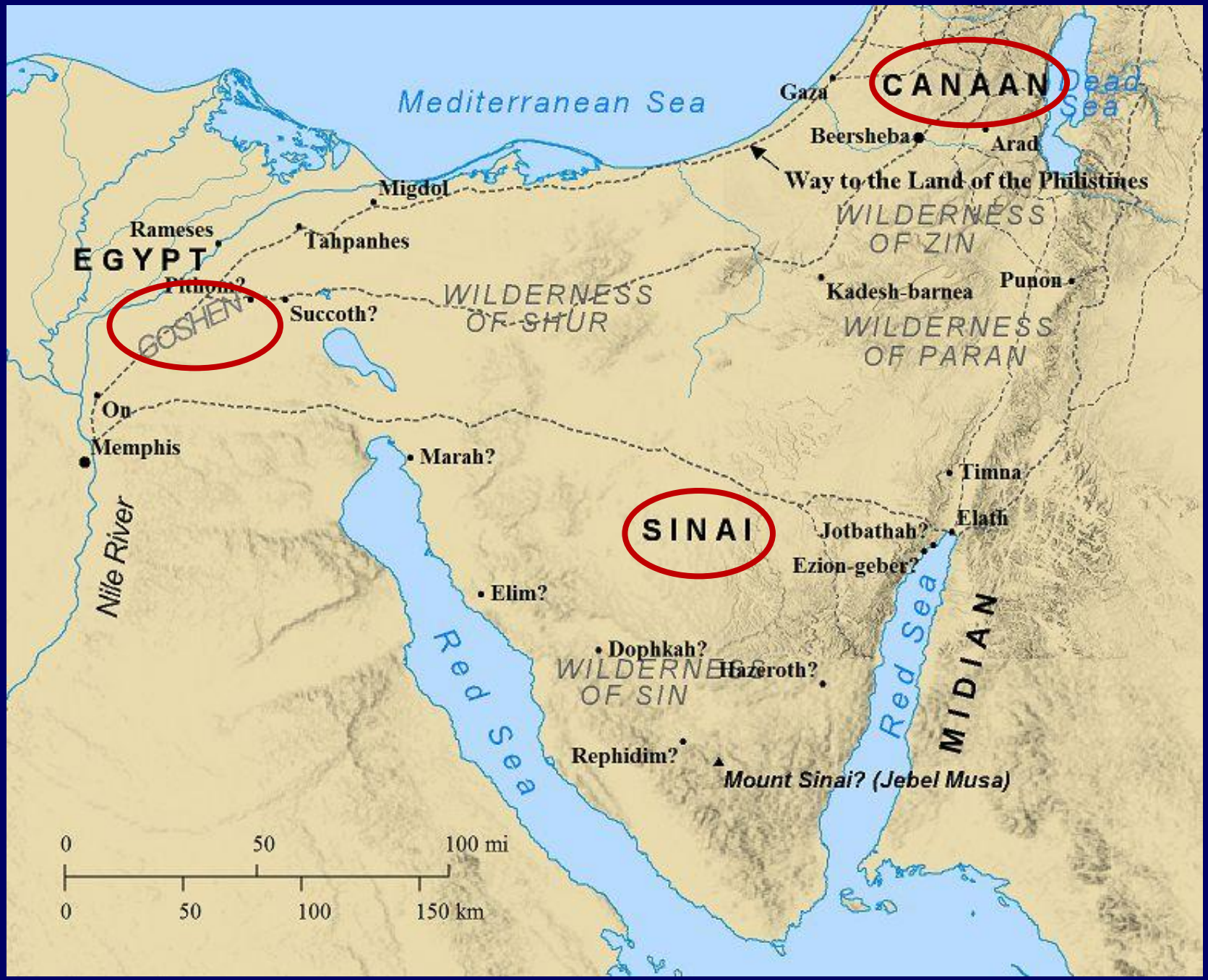
- Trials produce patience & maturity (1:2-8)
- Trials produce intimacy & dependence upon God (1:9-11)
- Believers will be rewarded for enduring trials (1:12)



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Beersheba
Arad
Way to the Land of the Philistines
Migdol
WILDERNESS OF ZIN
Rameses
EGYPT
Tahpanhes
Pithom?
GOSHEN
Succoth?
WILDERNESS OF SHUR
Kadesh-barnea
Punon
WILDERNESS OF PARAN
On
Memphis
Marah?
Timna
SINAI
Elath
Jotbathah?
Ezion-geber?
Nile River
Elim?
Red Sea
Dophkah?
WILDERNESS OF SIN
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Genesis 8:21

The Lord smelled the soothing aroma; and the Lord said to Himself, “I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for **the intent of man’s heart is evil from his youth**; and I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.[emphasis mine].



Jeremiah 17:9

"The **heart** is more **deceitful** than all else And is desperately **sick**; Who can **understand** it?."

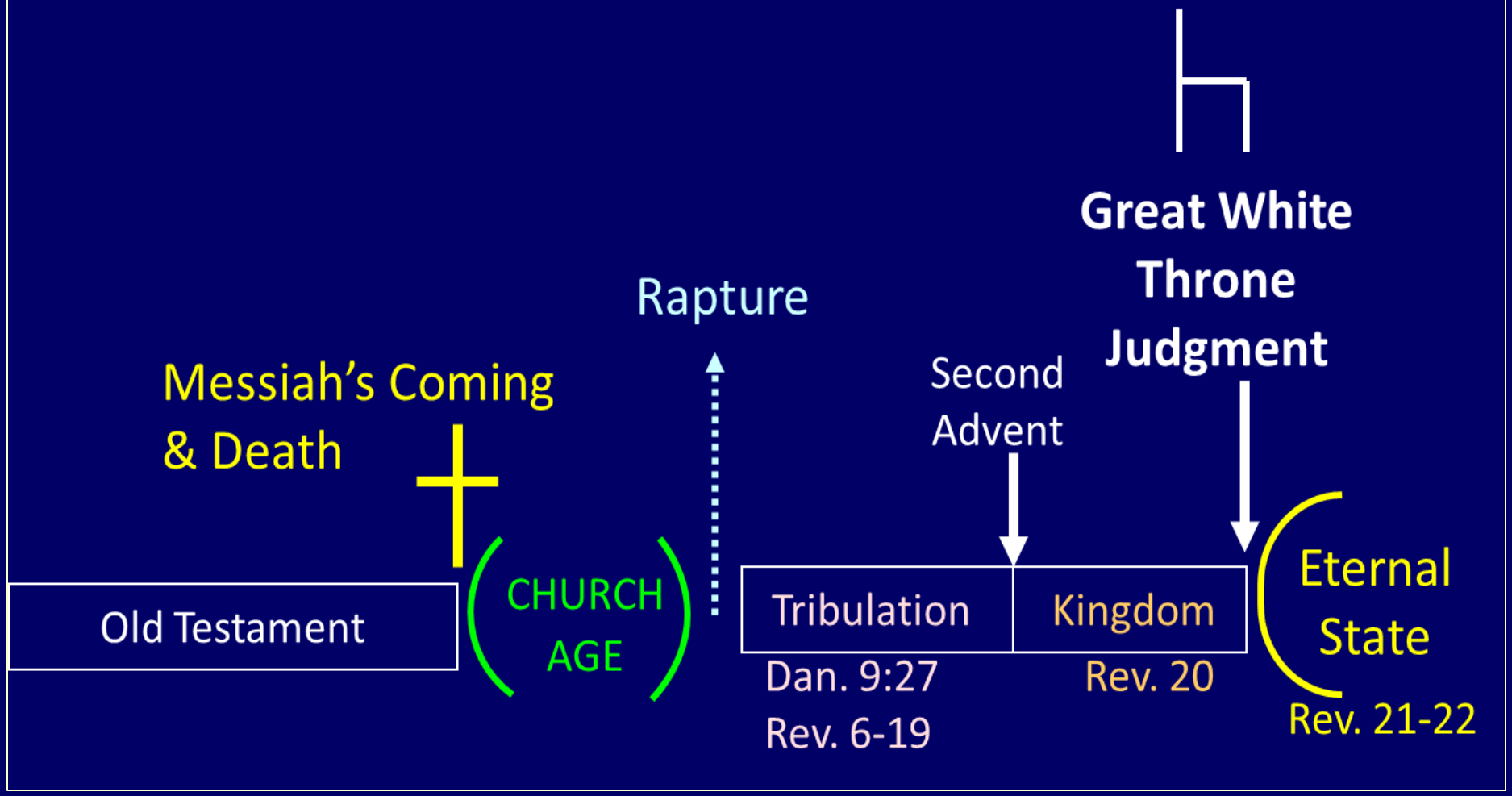


Mark 7:20-23

“[20] And He was saying, ‘That which proceeds **out of the man**, that is what defiles the man. [21] For **from within, out of the heart** of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, [22] deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. [23] All these evil things **proceed from within** and defile the man.’”

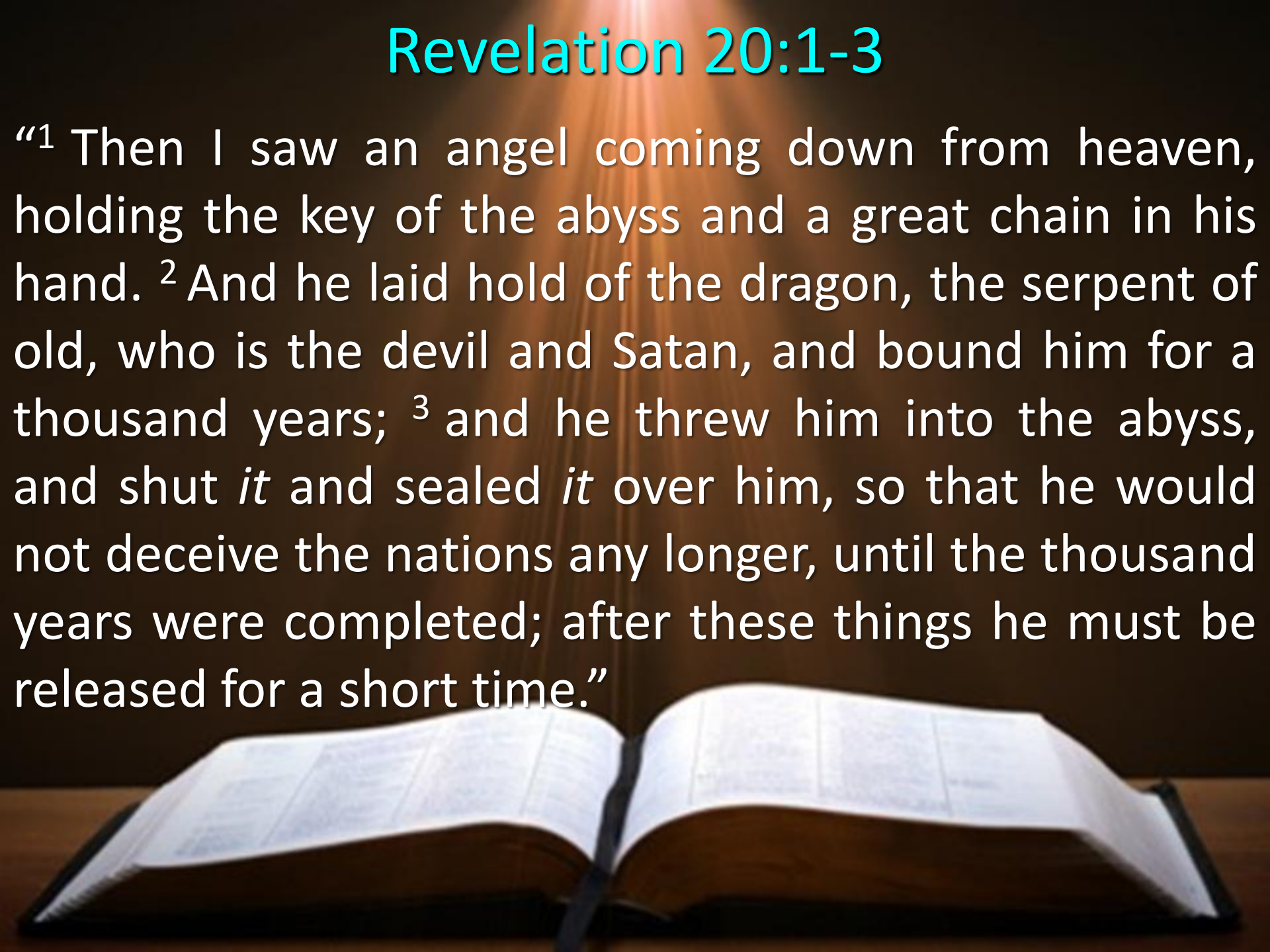


Prophecy Panorama



Revelation 20:1-3

“1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven,
holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his
hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of
old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a
thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss,
and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would
not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand
years were completed; after these things he must be
released for a short time.”





Satan's Progressive Defeat



1. Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
4. Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
5. Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
6. **Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)**
7. End of millennium (Rev 20:10)



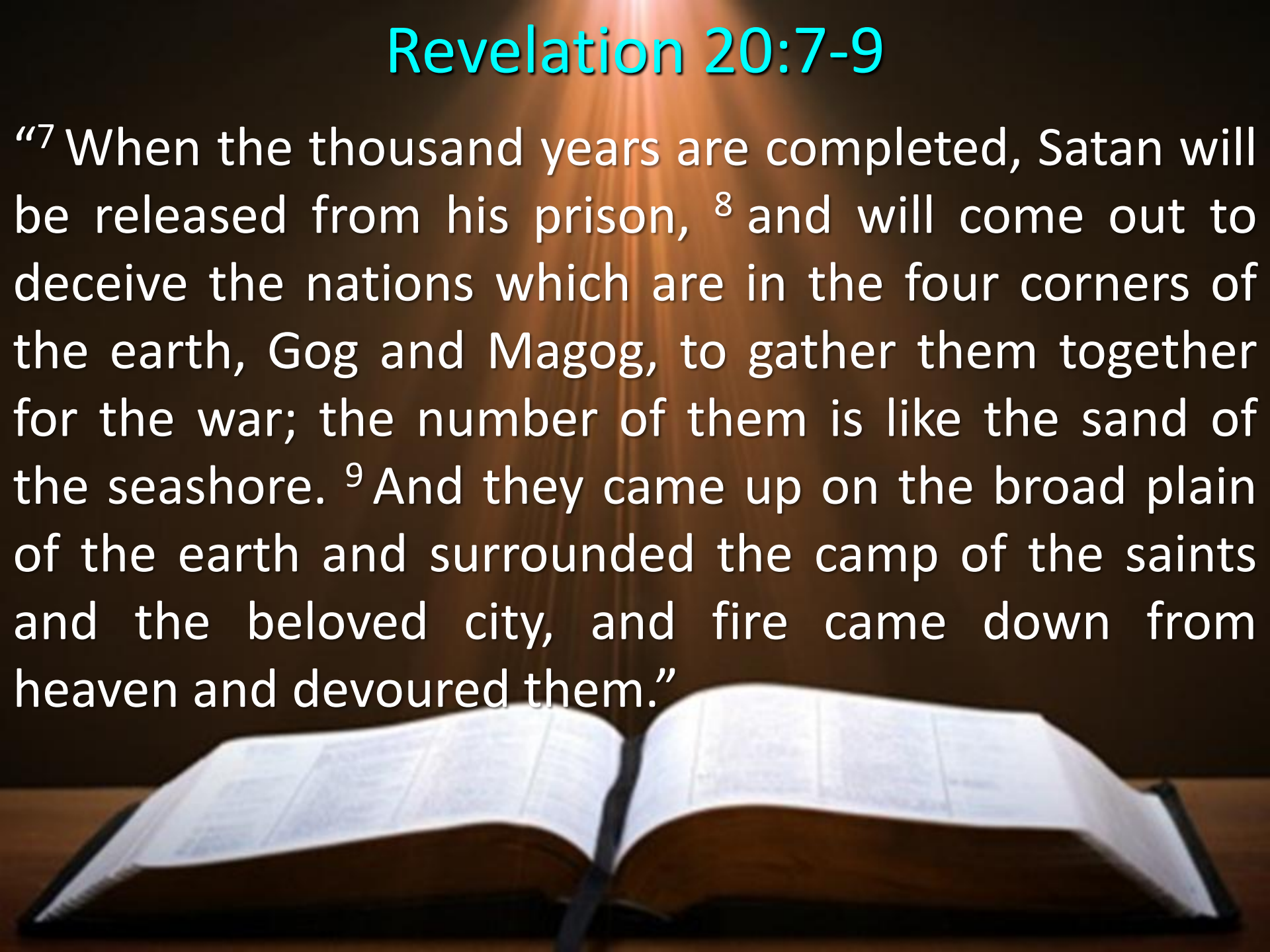
Zechariah 14:16-18

“Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. 18 If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”



Revelation 20:7-9

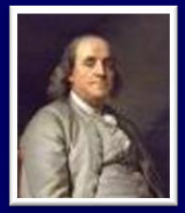
“7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”



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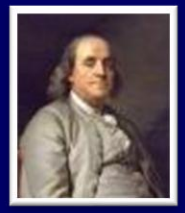




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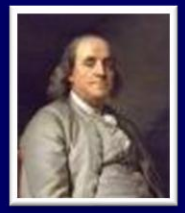
"In this situation of this assembly, groping, as it were, in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to **the Father of Lights** to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had **daily prayers** in this room for the divine protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard-and they were graciously answered..."



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"I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that **God governs in the affairs of men**. And **if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice**, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that '**except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it**.'"



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"I firmly believe this; and I also believe that, without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than **the builders of Babel**.... I therefore beg leave to move that, henceforth, **prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning** before we proceed to business, and that one or more of **the clergy of this city be requested to officiate** in that service."

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