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Wednesday Night
Bible Study

The Book of Revelation (2)

1:1-20

Tonight's Plan

Literary Context

Historical Context

Covenantal Context

Eschatological Context

Christ Context

The Literary Context

Prophetic

Apocalyptic

Epistolary

Prophetic (1:3)

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Apocalyptic (1:1-2)

Prophetic (1:3)

Apocalyptic (1:1-2)

Epistolary (1:4-5; 10-11)

The Historical Context

Author/Date/Location

Historical Churches/Persecution

Author/Date/Location (1:2; 4; 9)

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Historical Churches/Persecution (1:11)



Bay of Biscay

FRANCE

GERMANY

POLAND

UKRAINE

BELGIUM
LUXEMBOURG

GUERNSEY
JERSEY

LIECHTENSTEIN

AUSTRIA

SLOVAKIA

MOLDOVA

SWITZERLAND

Danube (Danube)

SLOVENIA

ROMANIA

Black Sea

SPAIN

ITALY

Tyrrhenian Sea

GREECE

TURKEY

Ionian Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Strait of Gibraltar

Alboran Sea

TUNISIA

MALTA

Gulf of Sidra

LIBYA

EGYPT

SYRIA

IRAQ

SAUDI
ARABIA

N. CYPRUS

LEBANON

ISRAEL

JORDAN

PALESTINE

KUWAIT

ARMENIA

AZERBAIJDAN

GEORGIA

BULGARIA

ALBANIA

NORTH MACEDONIA

KOSOVO

MONTENEGRO

BOSNIA AND HERZ.

CROATIA

SARAJEVO

VATICAN

ANDORRA

MONACO

Genoa (Liguria)

Adriatic Sea

Drava

Sava (Sava)

Donau (Danube)

Elbe (Elbe)

W. Sahara

Algeria

Morocco

Spain

France

Germany

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The Covenantal Context

Revelation 1:7, Daniel 7:13-14, Zechariah 12:10:

Behold, **he is coming with the clouds**, and every eye will see him, even **those who pierced him**, and **all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him**. Even so. Amen.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, **with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man**, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, **on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.**

Romans 11:13-20

Revelation 21:1-4

Jeremiah 31:33

Leviticus 26:9-13

Exodus 6:6-7

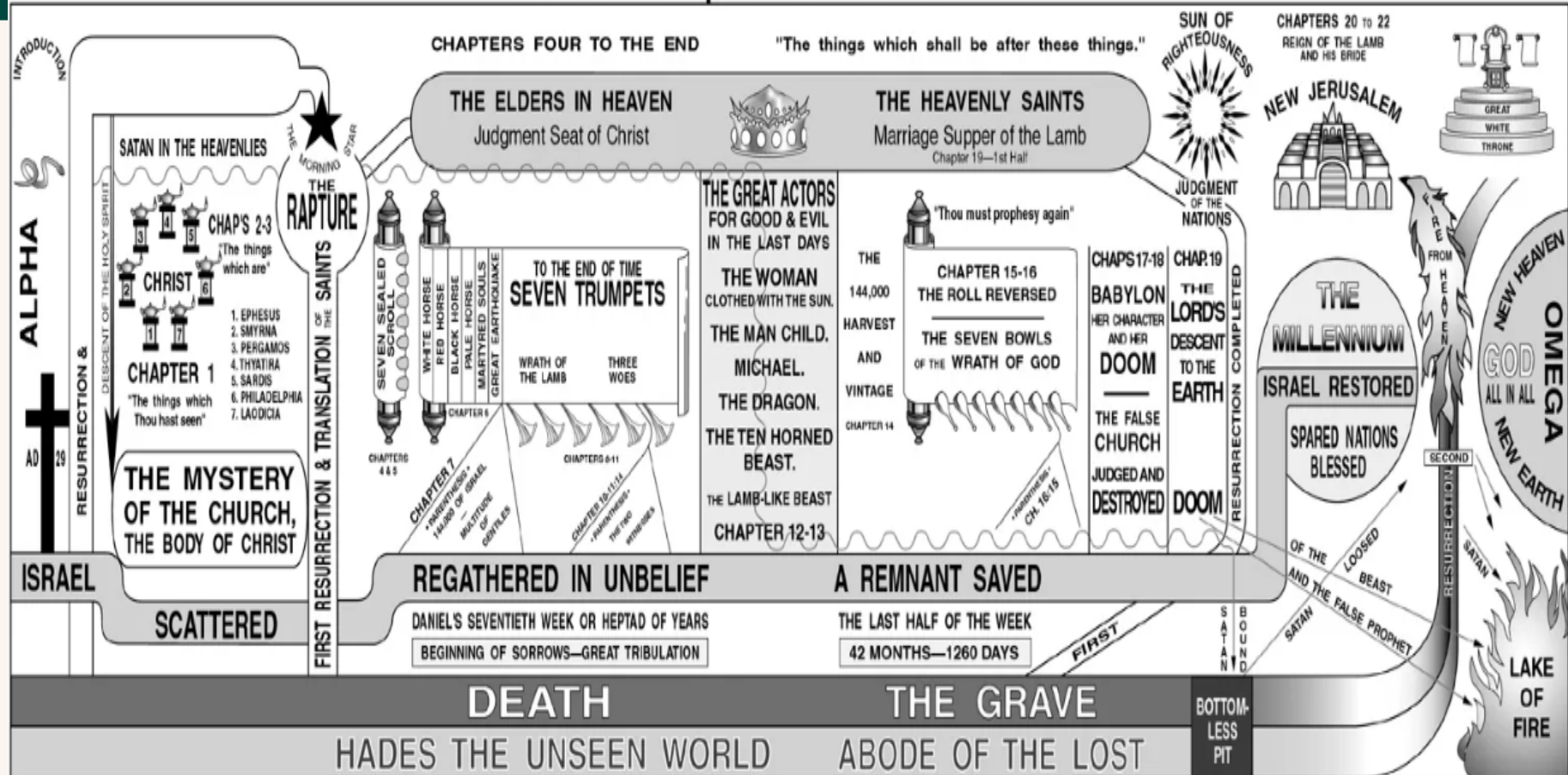
Genesis 17:7-8

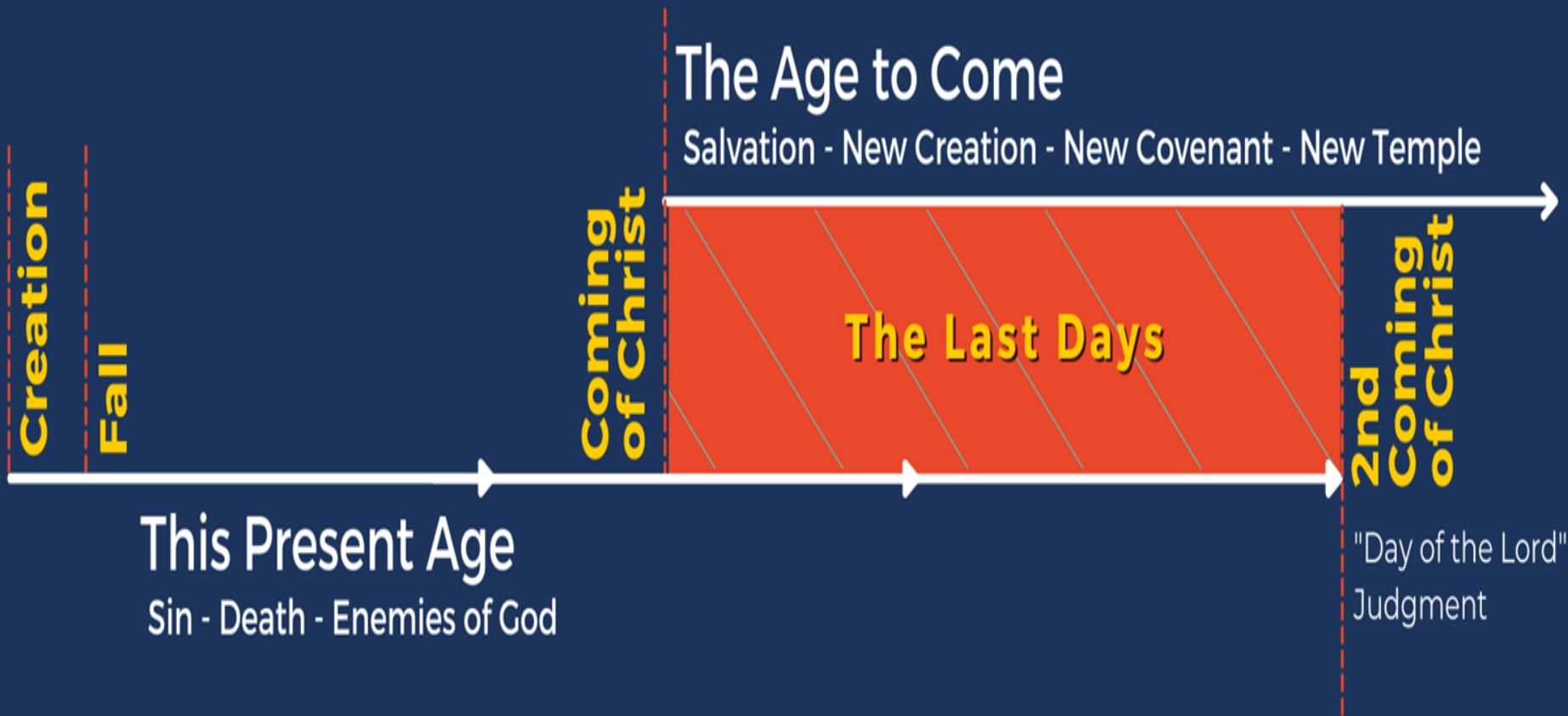
The Eschatological Context

Eschatology

Eschatology and Revelation

End Time Sequence of Events





Adapted from Fig. 11.2 in *God's Kingdom through God's Covenants*, 2015, by Gentry & Wellum

Hebrews 1:1-4

2 Timothy 3:1-5

2 Peter 3:1-13

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

2 Peter 3:1-13

Eschatology and Revelation

Revelation 1:1, 19
Daniel 2:27-30, 45

Revelation 1:19 & Daniel 2:28-29, 45

Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those **that are to take place after this**.

But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar **what will be in the latter days**. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these: To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you **what is to be**.

Eschatology and Revelation

Daniel 2:36-45

The Christ Context

Jesus is God

Jesus is Messiah/Christ

1. Revelation 1:7 & Zechariah 12

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2. Revelation 1:8 & Rev. 22:12-13

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2. Revelation 1:8 & Rev. 22:12-13
3. Who bows to whom?

1. Prophet

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2. Priest

Jesus is Messiah/Christ

1. Prophet
2. Priest
3. King