



# Be Alert!

Mark 13:24-37

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***“Redemptive history remains  
incomplete  
until Christ returns.”***



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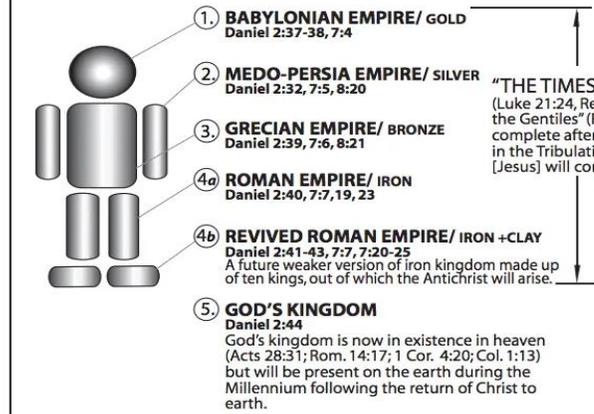
13:24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, 25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

# Jesus Coming Is Sure 24-27

- ‘after that tribulation’
- Daniel 7; Zech 2:6
- Gathering – not a ‘calling out’
- Basic Timeline

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF COMING KINGDOMS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE ESTABLISHING OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH  
 God gave the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel in Daniel chapter 2. The interpretation includes the prophecy that God would set up an everlasting kingdom during the time of the ten kings of the revived Roman Empire (see 4b below). Daniel said, "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44) This will happen when Jesus returns to earth immediately after the Tribulation.

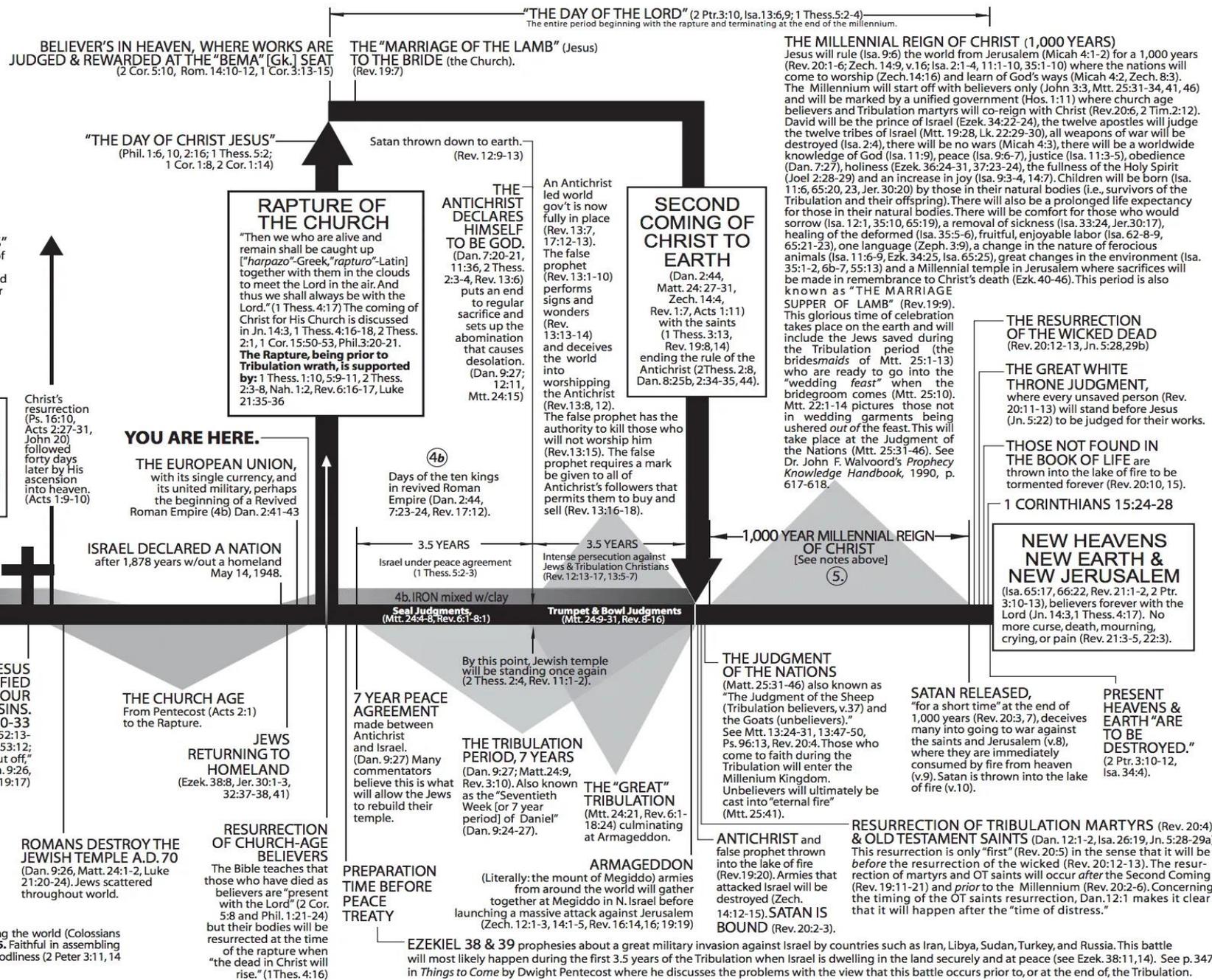


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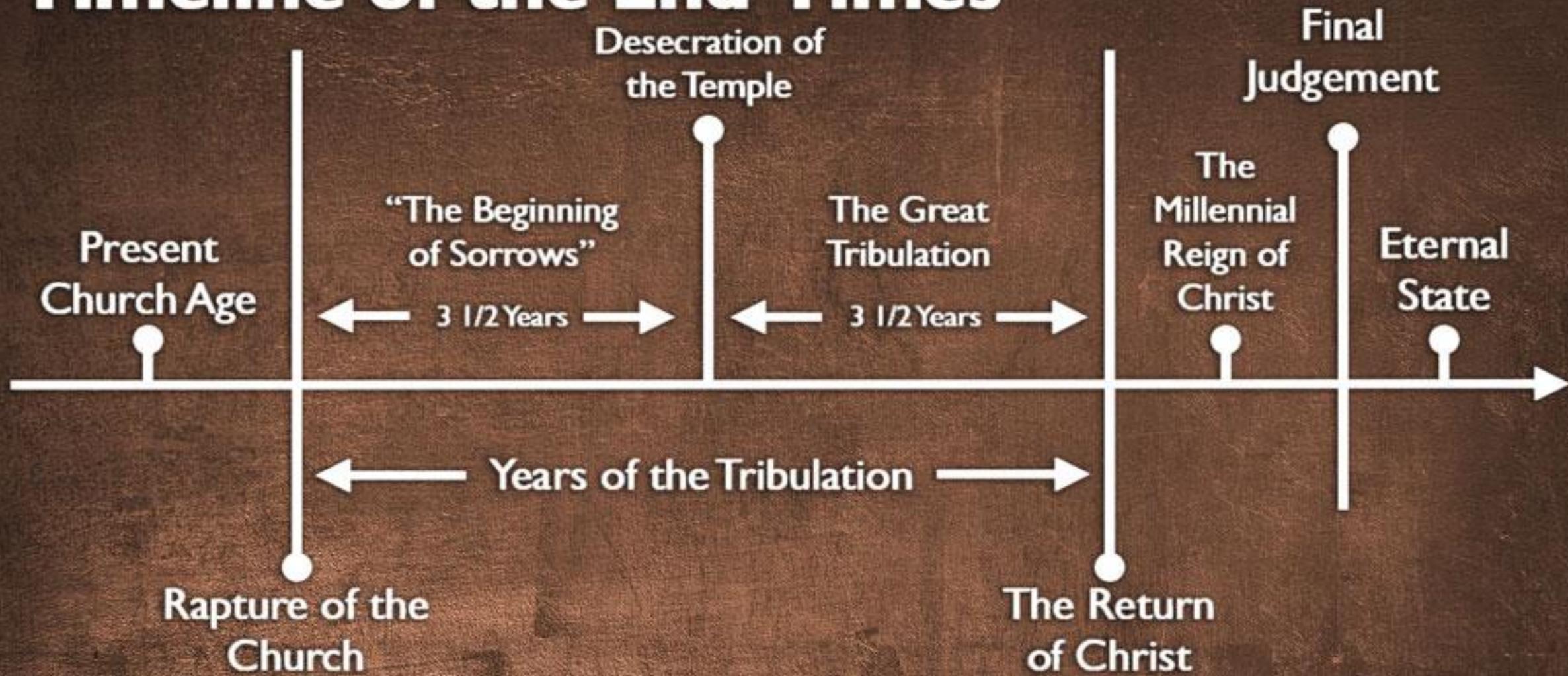
# A BIBLICAL TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

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Knowing that Christ could come at any time, the Bible instructs believers to be 1. Evangelizing the world (Colossians 4:3-5, Mark 16:15) 2. Patient and Steadfast (James 5:8) 3. Kind (James 5:9) 4. Prayerful (1 Peter 4:7) 5. Faithful in assembling together and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:24-25) 6. Conducting themselves in holiness and godliness (2 Peter 3:11, 14 and 1 John 3:2-3) 7. Joyfully confident (Titus 2:11-13)



# Timeline of the End Times



***“More than a fourth of the Bible is predictive prophecy. Approximately one-third of it has yet to be fulfilled. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of promises about the return of Jesus Christ.”*** George Sweeting



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13:28 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

29 Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

30 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

***“Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but My words will not pass away.”***

**Luke 21:33**



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***“The grass withers, the flower  
fades, But the word of our God  
stands forever.”*** Isa 40:8



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***“For truly I say to you, until heaven  
and earth pass away, not the  
smallest letter or stroke shall pass  
from the Law until all is  
accomplished.”*** Matt 5:18



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31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. 32 But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.



# Jesus Coming Is Soon 28-33

- Spring into Summer
- 'generation'?
- God's Word- sure!
- Not the Son?

***“I hope that the day is near at hand  
when the advent of the great God  
will appear, for all things  
everywhere are boiling, burning,  
moving, falling, sinking, groaning.”***

**Martin Luther**



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33 “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.

***“The Parable of the Fig Tree cautions  
Tribulation saints to watch and know  
the ‘signs of the times.’ But the  
Parable of the Householder warns all  
of us today.”***

**W. Wiersbe**



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34 It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.

35 Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—

36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert!'"

# Jesus Coming Is A Surprise! 32-37

- 'be alert' 4x
- Gethsemane – watch and pray!

# Why tell so much w/o date?

- Take heed –
  - purifying effect
  - sense of urgency
  - boldness of faith
  - not attached to world

***"Live as if you thought  
that Christ might come  
at any time."***

***J.C. Ryle***



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