

1a OPENING

APOCALYPSE (1:1) GREEK: ἀποκαλύψις

• A TYPE OF JEWISH LITERATURE (EZEKIEL, DANIEL, 4 EZRA, 1 ENOCH)

• **SYMBOLIC VISIONS** THAT REVEAL A HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE ON HISTORY IN LIGHT OF ITS FINAL OUTCOME

MEANINGFUL IMAGES DRAWN FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

LETTER (1:4, 22-21)

SENT TO: **7 CHURCHES**

ITS MEANING FOR US MUST BE ANCHORED IN JOHN'S MEANING FOR THEM.

PROPHECY (1:3)

• GOD'S WORD THROUGH A PROPHET

• BRINGS OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY TO ITS CLIMAX

JOHN

THE BELOVED DISCIPLE? ANOTHER JOHN?

THE REVELATION OF JESUS



A SYMBOLIC VISION FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH

HISTORY'S PATTERN: ← THAT REVEALS → GOD'S PROMISE

ALL HUMAN KINGDOMS BECOME BABYLON & MUST BE RESISTED

JESUS WILL RETURN TO REMOVE EVIL FROM HIS WORLD

1b-3 MESSAGE TO THE 7 CHURCHES

THE SEVEN CHURCHES (SEE ZECHARIAH 4)

EPHESUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THYATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA & LAODICEA

APATHY

PERSECUTION

IMMORALITY

"TRIBULATION" (2:9-10)

COMPROMISE

DOMITIAN

FAITHFULNESS

THE CONQUERORS ARE REWARDED in the NEW CREATION (chs. 21 & 22)

4-5 THE THRONE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

SEE ISAIAH 6, EZEKIEL 1, DANIEL 7

MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS (ISAIAH 8-16, EZEKIEL 2-3, DANIEL 12)

ABOUT HOW GOD'S KINGDOM WILL COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

WHO CAN OPEN THE SCROLL?

THE LION OF JUDAH! (GENESIS 49:9)

THE ROOT OF DAVID! (ISAIAH 11:1)

SEES

HEARS

THE SACRIFICED LAMB

• GOD'S KINGDOM WAS INAUGURATED THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WHO DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES.

• HIS DEATH WAS CONQUEST OVER EVIL.

6-16 3 SETS OF 7 DIVINE JUDGMENTS

6-8a SEVEN SEALS

1 WAR

2 CONQUEST

3 FAMINE

4 DEATH

5

6

THE DAY OF THE LORD! (ISAIAH 2, JOEL 2)

HOW LONG, O LORD?

REST A LITTLE LONGER...

WHO CAN STAND?!

THEY CAN!

THE MESSIANIC ARMY OF GOD'S KINGDOM FROM ALL NATIONS

(SEE ZECHARIAH ch. 1)

LITERAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE

BUT NOTICE:

• BOWLS CONTAINED WITHIN 7th TRUMPET, TRUMPETS WITHIN 7th SEAL

• EACH SET CONCLUDES WITH FINAL JUDGMENT

THE TIME PERIOD BETWEEN JESUS' RESURRECTION & RETURN FROM THREE PERSPECTIVES

8b-11 SEVEN TRUMPETS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (SEE EXODUS ch. 7-11)

1 HAIL

2 BLOOD

3 DARKNESS

4 POISON WATER

5 DEMON LOCUSTS

6

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

THE NATIONS DON'T REPENT (9:20-21)

10-11:13 THE LAMB'S SCROLL

MEASURE THE TEMPLE...

PROTECTION (SEE ZECHARIAH 2)

...BUT EXCLUDE THE COURTS.

A) LITERAL DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM

B) NEW TEMPLE = SYMBOL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

HEBREWS 3:6

1 PETER 2:4-5

TWO WITNESSES PROPHECY...

(11:4 & 1:20)

• LAMPSTANDS = CHURCHES

• SYMBOLS OF THE CHURCH'S PROPHETIC ROLE

• ARE KILLED...

...BUT THEN VINDICATED...

GLORY TO GOD!

...& THE NATIONS DO REPENT (11:13)

THE SCROLL REVEALS THE CHURCH'S MISSION:

• IMITATE THE LOVING SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB

• GOD'S MERCY BRINGS REPENTANCE

12-14 SEVEN SIGNS (=SYMBOLS)

12 THE COSMIC BATTLE (BASED ON GENESIS 3:15)

THE MESSIAH & HIS PEOPLE

THEY CONQUER THE DRAGON THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB (12:11)

NOT THE REAL ENEMY

THE DRAGON

13 THE EARTHLY BATTLE (BASED ON DANIEL 7:12)

MILITARY POWER

666 ECONOMIC MACHINE

BABYLON

PERSIA

GREECE

ROME, etc....

1) THE ANTI-SHEMA PRAYER OF ALLEGIANCE FROM DEUTERONOMY 6:4-8 WRITTEN ON FOREHEAD & HAND (THOUGHTS) (ACTIONS)

MARK OF THE BEAST = ALLEGIANCE

2) THE NUMBER 666 = 700 - 13 = 687 (NEBO (CAESAR) = 13)

14a THE LAMB'S ARMY

THE ETERNAL GOSPEL (14:6)

BABYLON HAS FALLEN!

FEAR GOD & GIVE HIM GLORY!

THE NEW JERUSALEM

14b FINAL JUSTICE

THE GRAIN HARVEST OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GRAPE HARVEST OF HUMANITY'S EVIL

THE CHOICE

RESIST BABYLON TO FOLLOW THE LAMB

OR

FOLLOW THE BEAST & SUFFER ITS DEFEAT

15-16 SEVEN BOWLS

THE EXODUS PLAGUES (AGAIN!)

1 SORES

2 BLOOD

3 FIRE

4 DARKNESS

5

ARMAGEDDON:

LOCATION OF MANY ISRAELITE BATTLES (JUDGES 5:19, 2 KINGS 23:29)

SYMBOL OF REBELLIOUS NATIONS (EZEKIEL 38-39)

16:17-21

17-19a THE FALL OF BABYLON

BABYLON → ROME'S MILITARY & ECONOMIC POWER

ARCHETYPE OF HUMANITY'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD

BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT (18:24)

WOE!

BLEND OF OLD TESTAMENT IMAGES (ISAIAH 13, 23, 34, 47; JEREMIAH 50-51; EZEKIEL 26-27)

19b-20 THE FINAL BATTLE

19:11-21 THE FINAL BATTLE I

ARMAGEDDON IS NOT A BLOODBATH

JESUS DIED FOR HIS ENEMIES & NOW HOLDS THEM ACCOUNTABLE.

JUSTICE

20:1-7 THE MARTYRS VINDICATED

THE MARTYRS REIGN...

FOR 1,000 YEARS!

20:8-15 THE FINAL BATTLE II (SEE DANIEL 7)

THE DRAGON, BABYLON & ALL WHO CHOOSE THEM ARE ETERNALLY QUARANTINED

LITERAL SEQUENCE

• JESUS' RETURN

• 1,000 YEAR KINGDOM

• FINAL JUDGEMENT

THOUSAND YEARS = SYMBOL OF JESUS' PRESENT VICTORY

TWO BATTLES = JESUS' RETURN FROM TWO ANGLES

THE POINT: JESUS WILL RETURN AS A KING TO DEAL WITH EVIL & VINDICATE HIS FOLLOWERS

21-22 THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN & EARTH

THE BRIDE OF THE LAMB

I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW. (21:5)

ALL CREATION IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD & THE LAMB

HUMANITY RULES AS GOD'S IMAGE (GENESIS 1:27-28)

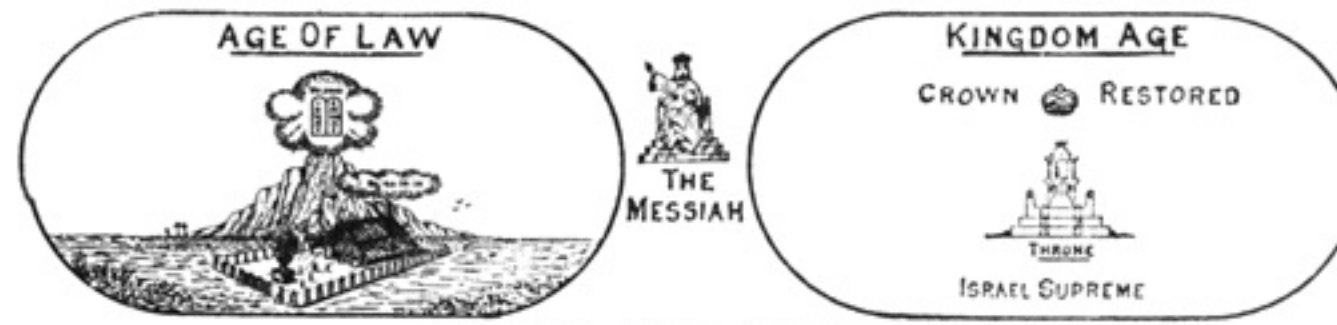
KALEIDOSCOPE OF OLD TESTAMENT PROMISES

• NEW HEAVEN & EARTH (ISAIAH 65:17)

• NEW GARDEN OF EDEN (GENESIS 2, EZEKIEL 47)

• NEW JERUSALEM (ISAIAH 2, ZEPHANIAH 3)

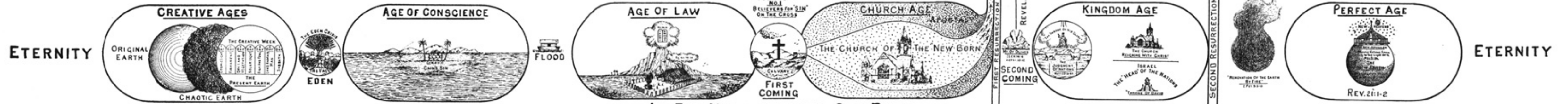
THE "AGES" AS VIEWED FROM DIFFERENT STANDPOINTS



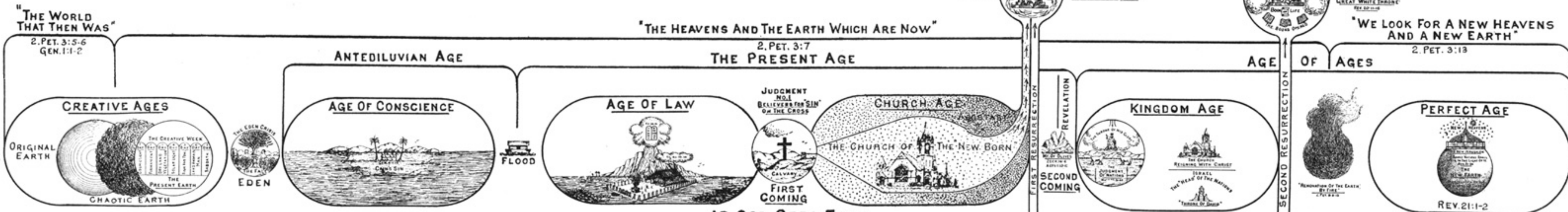
AS THE JEWS SAW THEM



AS POST-MILLENNIALISTS SEE THEM



AS PRE-MILLENNIALISTS SEE THEM



AS GOD SEES THEM

EXPLANATION

THERE IS MUCH CONFUSION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BECAUSE THE GREEK WORD "AION", MEANING "AGE", HAS BEEN TRANSLATED BY 8 DIFFERENT ENGLISH WORDS, AS FOLLOWS-- "WORLD" 35 TIMES; "WORLDS" TWICE; "COURSE" ONCE; "ETERNAL" TWICE; "END" ONCE; "AGES" TWICE; "EVER" 30 TIMES; "EVER AND EVER" 21 TIMES. WHEN THE WORD "AGE" IS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ABOVE IT WILL BE SEEN THAT NOT OUR MATERIAL WORLD IS MEANT BUT A "PERIOD OF TIME". TAKE THE FOLLOWING FOR ILLUSTRATION. MATT. 12:32; 13:39-40; 24:3; MARK 10:30. LUKE 20:34-35; GAL. 1:4; 2 TIM. 4:10; HEB. 6:5; REV. 20:10.

IN THE GREEK IT WILL BE SEEN THAT WE HAVE THE SINGULAR "AION" MATT. 24:3; THE PLURAL "AIONS", EPH. 2:7; "AIONS OF AIONS", REV. 20:10; AND THE "AION OF THE AIONS", EPH. 3:21. THIS CHART IS TO SHOW THE WAY THE JEW, THE POST-MILLENNIALIST, THE PRE-MILLENNIALIST, AND GOD SEE THE AGES. THE JEW SAW, CONCERNING HIMSELF, BUT 2 AGES. THE POST-MILLENNIALIST SEES BUT 3 AGES, TWO BEFORE, AND ONE AFTER THE $\dagger$. HIS VIEW IS UNBALANCED. THE PRE-MILLENNIALIST SEES 6 AGES, 3 ON EACH SIDE THE $\dagger$. HIS VIEW IS BALANCED AND CORRESPONDS WITH GOD'S VIEW AS OUTLINED IN THE SCRIPTURES, AND THEREFORE IS CORRECT.

THE PRE-MILLENNIALISTS 6 AGES INCLUDE "TIME" ONLY AND ARE BOUNDED BY "ETERNITY", WHILE GOD'S 6 AGES ARE BOUNDED BY THE "ALPHA" AND "OMEGA" AGES OF THE AGES.

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A
ALPHA
"AGES OF THE AGES"
COL. 1:26

THE TRINITY AT WORK
HEB. 1:3, JOHN 1:1-3
HEB. 1:2

"GOD ALL AND IN ALL"
1 COR. 15:24-28

Ω
OMEGA
AGES OF THE AGES
EPH. 2:7, REV. 22:5
REV. 14:11, 20:10

MOSES' VIEW-POINT
B.C.1451

GLORY

PRE-EXILIC
PROPHETS

JONAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.862
JOEL'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.800
HOSEA'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.785-725
AMOS'
VIEW-POINT
B.C.767
MICAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.750-710
ISAIAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.760-698
NAHUM'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.713
ZEPHANIAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.630
HABAKKUK'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.626

EXILIC
PROPHETS

JEREMIAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.629-562
DANIEL'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.606-534
EZEKIEL'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.593-573
OBADIAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.580

POST-EXILIC
PROPHETS

HAGGAI'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.520
ZECHARIAH'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.519-487
MALACHI'S
VIEW-POINT
B.C.507

MALACHI (400 YEARS OF SILENCE
B.C.400 TO A.D.27) CHRIST

CHRIST'S
VIEW-POINT
A.D.30

JOHN'S
VIEW-POINT
ISLE OF PATMOS
A.D.96

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE LINE DRAWN FROM EACH PROPHET'S
VIEW-POINT SHOWS WHAT HE FORESAW, AND
THE REFERENCE SHOWS WHERE IT IS TO BE
FOUND IN HIS PROPHECY. WHERE THE LINE IS
BROKEN HE DID NOT FORESEE WHAT IS INDICATED
BY THE VERTICAL LINE. NONE OF THE PROPHETS
SAW THE 'CHURCH'.

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THE NEW JERUSALEM
"THE SAVED NATIONS SHALL
WALK IN THE LIGHT OF IT."
THE NEW HEAVENS

RENOVATION
OF THE EARTH
BY FIRE
2.PET.3:5-13

THE MILLENNIUM
ISRAEL
THE HEAD
OF THE NATIONS
EZEKIEL'S
TEMPLE
SATAN'S
LAST REVOLT

SECOND COMING
THE SUN OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE GREAT
TRIBULATION
ANTICHRIST
ARMAGEDDON
JUDGMENT
OF NATIONS

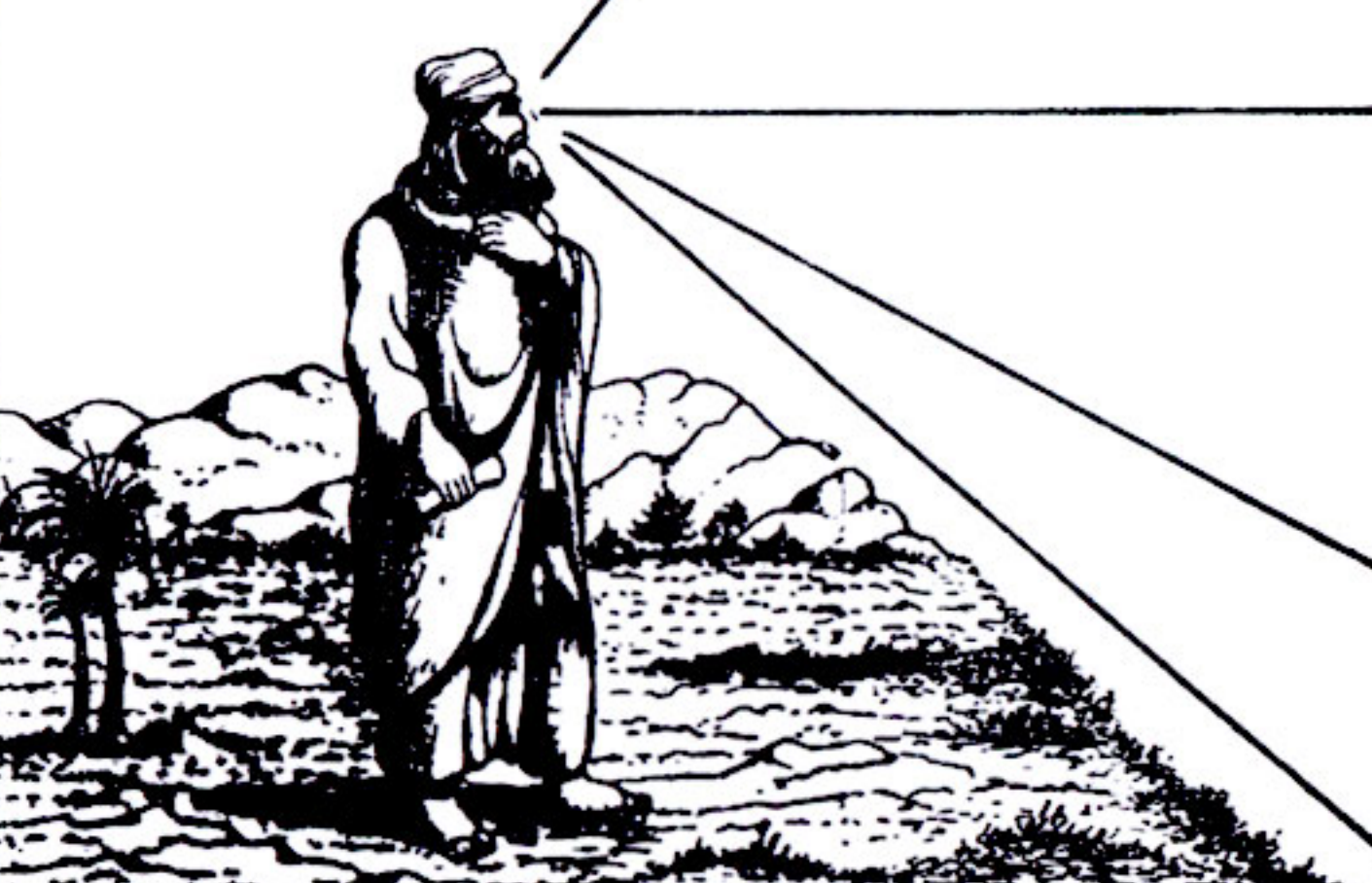
THE PROPHETS DID NOT SEE
THE CHURCH

THE JEWS SCATTERED AMONG
THE NATIONS
"TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

DESTRUCTION
OF JERUSALEM
A.D.70

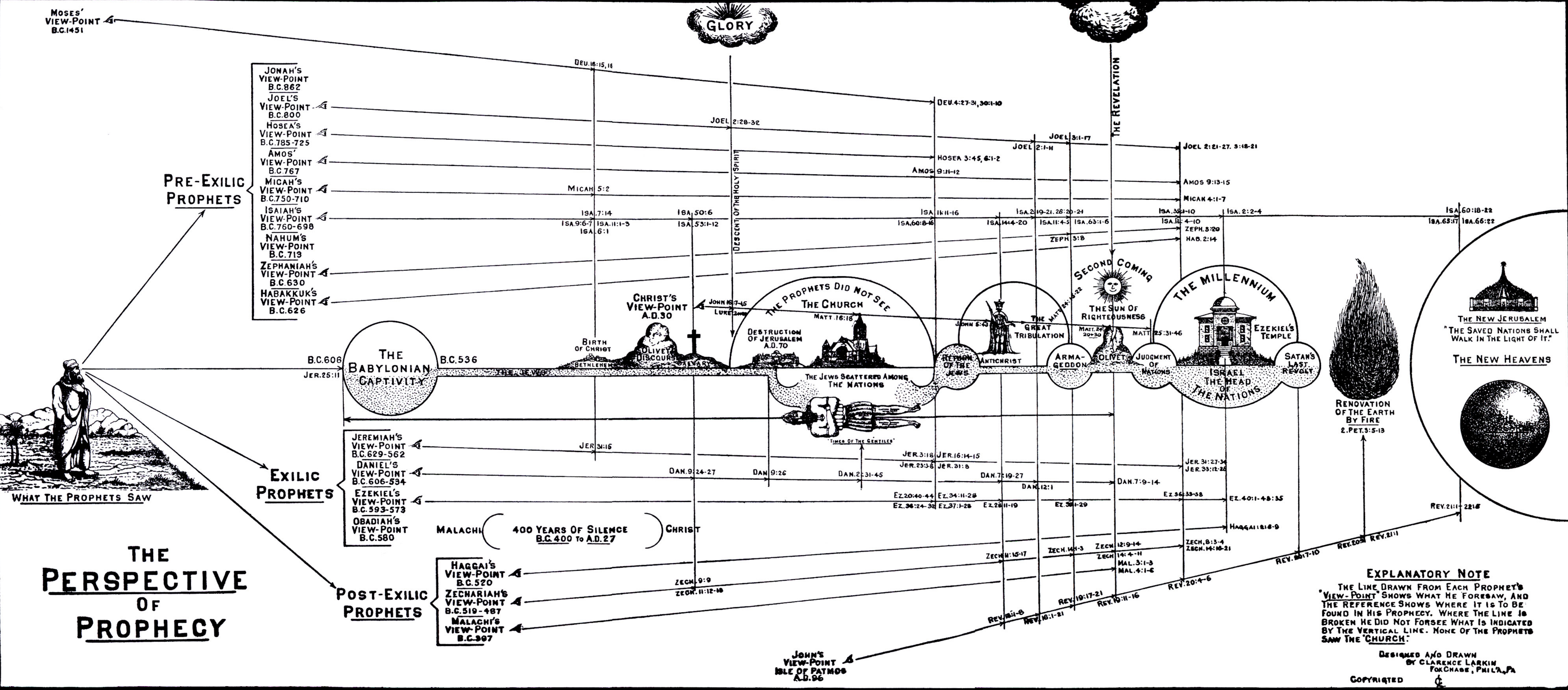
BIRTH
OF CHRIST
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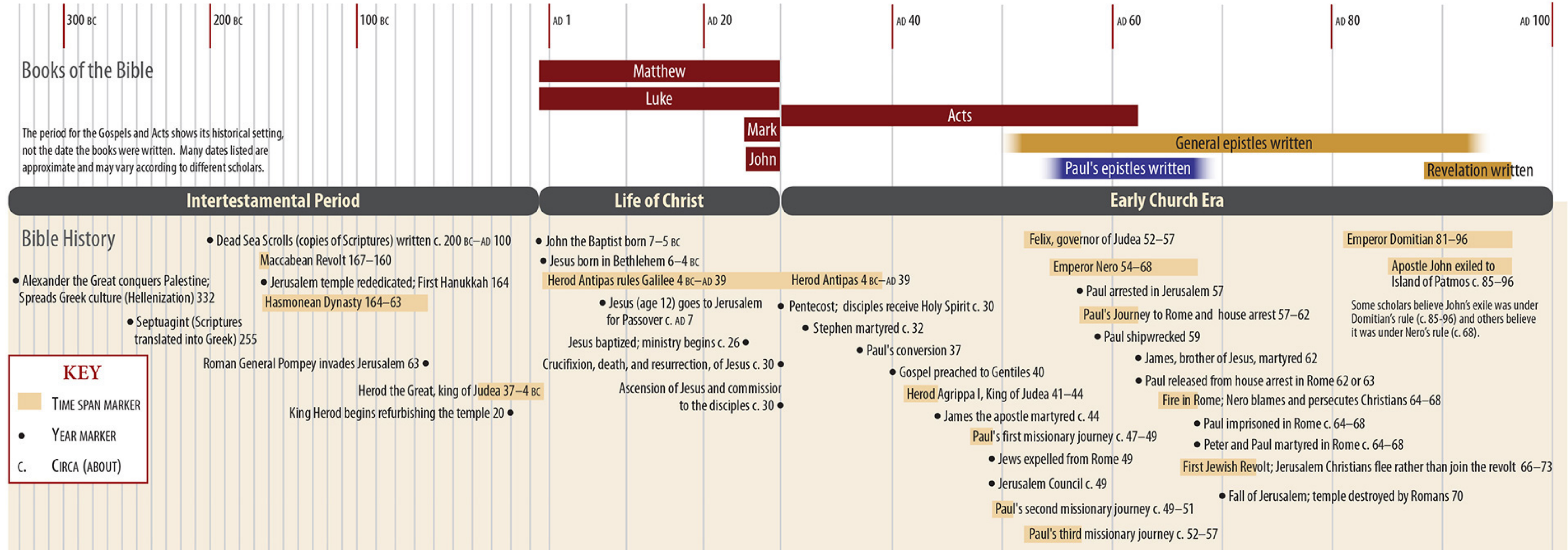


WHAT THE PROPHETS SAW

THE
PERSPECTIVE
OF
PROPHECY



New Testament Time Line



BIBLE PROPHECY, GOD'S ORDER OF EVENTS

By: Evangelist
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- Crowns of Righteousness**
2 Timothy 4:8
- Incorruptible**
1 Corinthians 9:24,25
- Martyrs**
Revelation 2:10
- Glory**
1 Peter 5:4
- Rejoicing**
1 Thessalonians 2:19



Jesus Christ

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:10-11
1 Corinthians 3:8-17
Romans 14:10

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

Revelation 19:7-9



THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

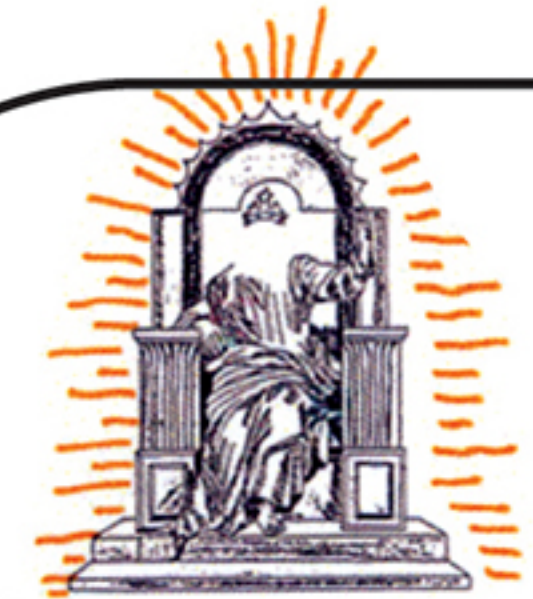
Revelation 19:11-21

ZECHARIAH 14:3-5
ACTS 1:10-11
2 THESSALONIANS 1:7-10

REVELATION 16:12-16
JOEL 3:9-17

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE OF JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15



THE NEW JERUSALEM

REV. 21:1-27
22:1-5,14
Ezekiel 37:27-28
John 14:2
Hebrews 11:6-8
Hebrews 12:22-23

REVELATION 21:8
CAST INTO
THE LAKE OF FIRE



NO MORE CURSE

Revelation 22:3

RIGHTEOUSNESS
2 PETER 3:13

THE NEW EARTH

2 PETER 3:7-14
REVELATION 21:1

THE TREE
OF LIFE
REVELATION 22:2

**Present Earth
and Present
Heaven Renovated**
2 Peter 3:7-14

THE LAKE OF FIRE

Revelation 20:10,14 • 21:8 • 19:20

**The Second
Death**
Revelation 2:11 • 20:15 • 21:8

**Everlasting
Damnation**
John 5:28,29

REV. 19:20 ANTI-CHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET CAST

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
1 Corinthians 15:50-56
John 14:1-3

**The Church
Delivered from
the Wrath of God**
1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9
Romans 5:9
John 3:36
Luke 21:36

SATAN CAST DOWN

Revelation 12:7-12

THE GREAT TRIBULATION The Wrath of the Lamb of God

Revelation 6:16,17

3 1/2 YEARS

7 SEALS
7 TRUMPETS
Jeremiah 30:7

REV. 6:1-8

3 1/2 YEARS

7 VIALS
ANTI-CHRIST BREAKS
COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Daniel 9:27
Matthew 24:15-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Matthew 13:14
Revelation 13:1-18
Daniel 11:36-45

SATAN CAST INTO

THE BOTTOMLESS PIT THE ABYSS

SATAN BOUND
FOR 1000 YEARS
Revelation 20:1-3, 7-9

SATAN LOOSED
FROM HIS PRISON
Revelation 20:7,8

Satan's Last Revolt

Revelation 20:8-10

JOHN 5:28-29

**He Shall Reign
Over the House
of Jacob**
Luke 1:32,33

**Saints to
Reign
with Christ**
Revelation 1:6, 5:10

THE MILLENNIUM PERIOD THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

Matthew 20:21
Luke 1:31-33, 22:29,30
Romans 11:26-27

**The Government
Shall be Upon
His Shoulder**
Isaiah 9:6,7

Isaiah 11:6-10
Micah 4:2-4

Revelation 20:1-6

ISRAEL IN A SPIRIT OF SLUMBER ROMANS 11:8-11

THE CHURCH AGE



**Revelation
Chapters 2 & 3**
EPHESUS • SMYRNA
PERGAMOS • THYATIRA
SARDIS • PHILADELPHIA
LAODICEA

**THE SIGNS
THE TIMES**



**GLORIOUS
CHURCH**
EPHESIANS 5:26-27



TARTARUS

Compartment of hell where
fallen angels are kept
Chains of darkness

2 Peter 2-4
Jude 1:6

LUKE 16:23

MARK 9:44, 46, 48

REVELATION 14:10,11

NO REST DAY NOR NIGHT

REVELATION 14:10-11

ETERNAL FLAMES

TORMENTED FOREVER

HADES OR SHEOL

Luke 16:23-31

ABRAHAM
BOSOM
LUKE 16:22
THE
PARADISE
OF OLD

GREAT GULF FIXED
LUKE 16:26

RESURRECTION

MATTHEW 12:40
16:21, 20:19, 28:1-7

ASCENSION

ACTS 1:9-11

PENTECOST

ACTS 2:1-18

Christ in Prophecy

Luke 24:25-27, 44-47



CRUCIFIXION
Luke 23:33
Daniel 9:26

THE PRESENT EARTH

GALATIANS 1:4
1 JOHN 5:19