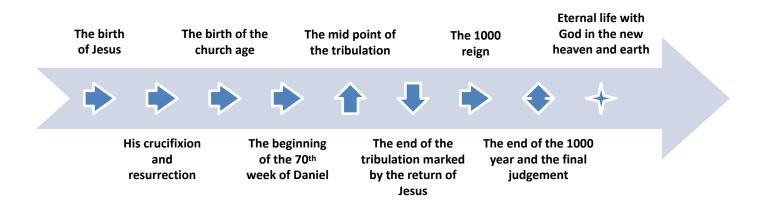
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2 Peter 3:1-2 "<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, this is already the second letter I have written you, in which I am trying to stir up your pure mind by way of reminder: <sup>2</sup>I want you to recall both the predictions foretold by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles."



Daniel 9:20-27 "While I was still speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and presenting my request before the LORD my God concerning his holy mountain— <sup>21</sup> yes, while I was still praying, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen previously in a vision, was approaching me in my state of extreme weariness, around the time of the evening offering. <sup>22</sup> He spoke with me, instructing me as follows: "Daniel, I have now come to impart understanding to you. <sup>23</sup> At the beginning of your requests a message went out, and I have come to convey it to you, for you are of great value in God's sight. Therefore consider the message and understand the vision:

24: "Seventy weeks have been determined concerning your people and your holy city to put an end to rebellion, to bring sin to completion, to atone for iniquity, to bring in perpetual righteousness,

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to seal up the prophetic vision, and to anoint a Most Holy Place.

25: Now after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one will be cut off and have nothing. As for the city and the sanctuary, the people of the coming prince will destroy them. But his end will come speedily like a flood. Until the end of the war that has been decreed there will be destruction.

26: So know and understand: From the issuing of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until an anointed one, a prince arrives, there will be a period of seven weeks and sixty-two weeks. It will again be built, with plaza and moat,

but in distressful times.

27: He will confirm a covenant with many for one week.But in the middle of that weekhe will bring sacrifices and offerings to a halt.On the wing of abominations will come one who destroys,until the decreed end is poured out on the one who destroys."

Isaiah 63:1-6 "Who is this who comes from Edom, dressed in bright red, coming from Bozrah? Who is this one wearing royal attire, who marches confidently because of his great strength? "It is I, the one who announces vindication, and who is able to deliver!" <sup>2</sup> Why are your clothes red? Why do you look like someone who has stomped on grapes in a vat? <sup>3</sup> "I have stomped grapes in the winepress all by myself; no one from the nations joined me. I stomped on them in my anger; I trampled them down in my rage. Their juice splashed on my garments, and stained all my clothes. <sup>4</sup> For I looked forward to the day of vengeance, and then payback time arrived.

<sup>5</sup> I looked, but there was no one to help; I was shocked because there was no one offering support. So my right arm accomplished deliverance; my raging anger drove me on. <sup>6</sup> I trampled nations in my anger; I made them drunk in my rage; I splashed their blood on the ground."

## And the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles

Matthew 24:9-14 "Then they will hand you over to be persecuted and will kill you. You will be hated by all the nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> Then many will be led into sin, and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and deceive many, <sup>12</sup> and because lawlessness will increase so much, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the person who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole inhabited earth as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Matthew 24:15 "So when you see **the abomination of desolation**—spoken about by Daniel the prophet—standing in the holy place"

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 "Now regarding the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to be with him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be easily shaken from your composure or disturbed by any kind of spirit or message or letter allegedly from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not arrive until the rebellion comes and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes **and exalts himself above every** so-called **god** or object of worship, and as a result **he takes his seat** in God's temple, displaying himself as God."

**2** Peter 3:14-18 "Therefore, dear friends, since you are waiting for these things, strive to be found at peace, without spot or blemish, when you come into his presence. <sup>15</sup> And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as also our dear brother Paul wrote to you, according to the

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wisdom given to him, <sup>16</sup> speaking of these things in all his letters. Some things in these letters are hard to understand, things the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they also do to the rest of the scriptures. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard that you do not get led astray by the error of these unprincipled men and fall from your firm grasp on the truth. <sup>18</sup> But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the honor both now and on that eternal day."

**2** Peter 3:3-7 "Above all, understand this: In the last days blatant scoffers will come, being propelled by their own evil urges <sup>4</sup> and saying, "Where is his promised return? For ever since our ancestors died, all things have continued as they were from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For they deliberately suppress this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water. <sup>6</sup> Through these things the world existing at that time was destroyed when it was deluged with water. <sup>7</sup> But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, by being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly."

- Scoffers have been part of the scenario since the fall of man.
- Where is this "coming of God" you confidently talk about?
- They now fabricate explanations as to the beginning of all things.
- The truth is we have been told how it all came to be through His servant Moses.