

THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD PART 1

(Revelation 20:1-6)

Introduction

❖ Acts 1:1-11

I. The Context of Christ's Future Kingdom

A. Why the Kingdom of God on Earth?

1. Because the earth was captured by _____ in the Garden of Eden due to Adam's _____. (Gen. 1:28; Matthew 4:8-9, Luke 4:5-6)
2. Because complete _____ was promised after man's fall into sin which involves the _____ of the _____. (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 65:17-23)
3. Because it was covenanted by the Lord in the...
 - a. _____ Covenant. (Genesis 12:1-3; 15:8, 18-21)
 - b. _____ Covenant. (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
 - c. _____ Covenant. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
- ❖ Remember that dispensations _____ God's plan for the ages, but the covenants _____ the plan.
4. Because it was repeatedly _____ in the Old Testament. (1 Chron. 16:15-18; 2 Ch. 21:7; Ps. 89:3-4, 29, 36; 105:8-11; Is. 9:6-7)
5. Because it was _____ in the Gospels. (Luke 1:32-33, 67-75)
6. Because it was again _____ in Acts and the Epistles. (Acts 2:30; Romans 11:25-27)
7. Because it will be fulfilled in the _____ as predicted in the book of Revelation. (Rev. 20-22)

B. Was the Kingdom of God on Earth Previously Offered to Israel?

1. It was _____ by John the Baptist and by Jesus Christ to be "at hand." (Matthew 3:2; 4:17; 5:3-5, 5:20)
2. It was _____ for by the disciples. (Matthew 6:9-10)
3. It was _____ by the disciples originally to be "_____ " to Israel only. (Matthew 10:5-7)
4. It was _____ by the Jewish leaders due to their rejection of _____ as the Messiah / Christ and was no longer stated to be "_____ ". (Matthew 12:22-32; John 19:14, 21)
5. It has since been _____, but not _____, as it will again be preached in the Tribulation period. (Matthew 23:37-39, Luke 22:18; Acts 1:6; Hosea 3:4-5; Matthew 24:14)

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6. In its place, Christ is now _____ His _____ - the spiritual Body of Christ. (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23)
7. It will be set up as promised when God sends _____ to earth again. (Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 14:4, 9; Acts 3:19-21; Revelation 19:15; 20:1-6)

C. What Events Occur Leading up to the Establishment of Christ's Kingdom on Earth?

1. The Conditions of the First 3 ½ YEARS – the Beginning Birth Pangs. (24:4-14)
 - a. There will be peace _____ in the Middle East with _____ in the land. (Daniel 9:24-27)
 - b. There will be massive spiritual _____ with great ecumenical involvement. (Matthew 24:4-5)
 - c. There will be ongoing national _____. (Matthew 24:6-7a)
 - d. There will be widespread _____ and _____. (Matthew 24:7b-8)
 - e. There will be intense _____ of Jewish believers. (Matthew 24:9-13)
2. The Characteristics of the Last 3 ½ Years – the Great Tribulation. (Matthew 24:15-26)
 - a. There will be an existing _____ in Jerusalem. (Matthew 24:15)
 - b. There will be the _____ of desolation in the holy place. (Matthew 24:15)
 - c. There will be a one-world _____ and _____. (Revelation 13:7-8)
 - d. There will be vicious _____. (Revelation 12:13-17)
 - e. There will be the unparalleled _____ of _____. (Matthew 24:21-26)

❖ How should you understand the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments of Revelation 6-18?

3. The COMPONENTS of Christ's SECOND COMING. (Matthew 24:27-31)

- a. Christ's return will be from the _____ to the _____ directionally. (Zechariah 14:3, Revelation 16:6)
- b. Christ's return will be _____ like "*lightning*" that "*flashes*." (Matthew 24:27)
- c. Christ's return will involve great _____. (Revelation 19:19-21)
- d. Christ's return will be accompanied by foreboding _____ in the heavens, including the sign of visually seeing the _____ of _____ appearing in heaven. (Matthew 24:29-31)

❖ 3 major viewpoints about Christ's Kingdom

1. PREMILLENIALISM...which teaches that Christ will return to the earth _____ the Kingdom to fulfill the promises made to Israel concerning a future kingdom on the earth.
2. AMILLENIALISM...which _____ that there even will be a future Kingdom on the earth because the promises made to Israel are now (allegedly) being spiritually fulfilled by the Church (Replacement theology).

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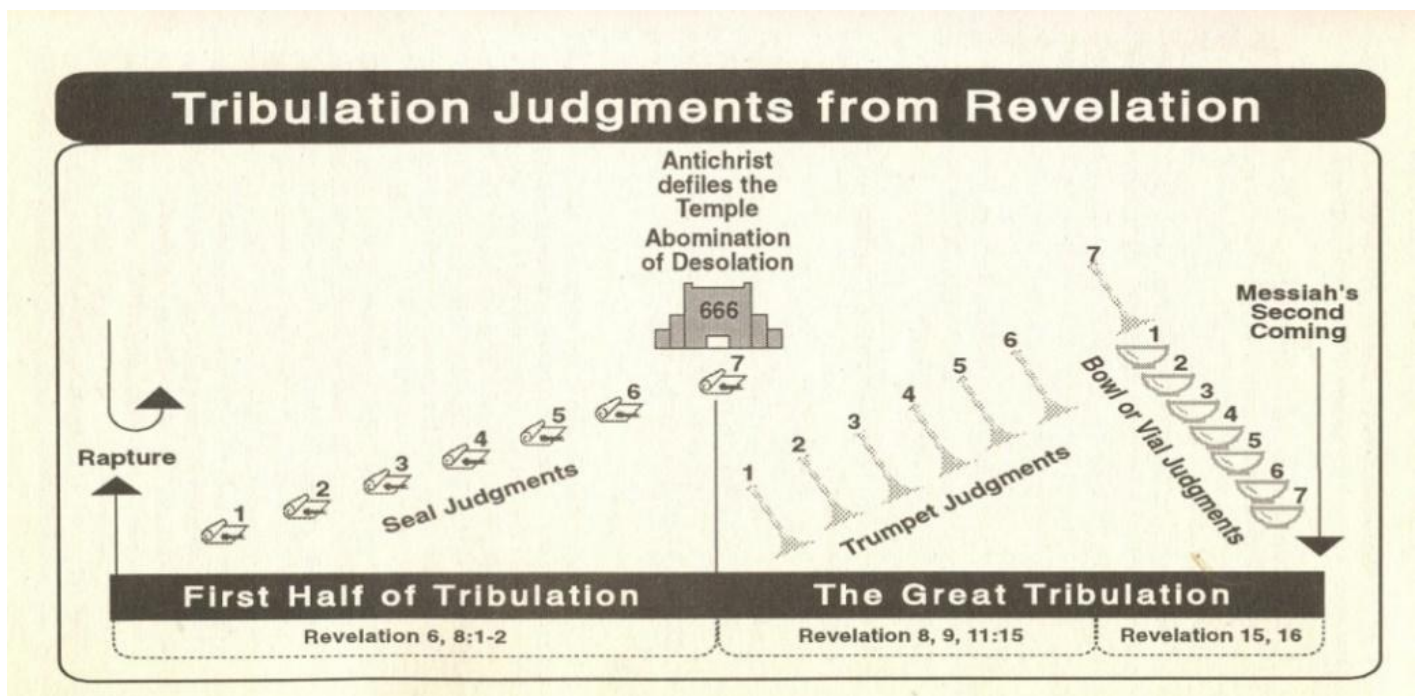
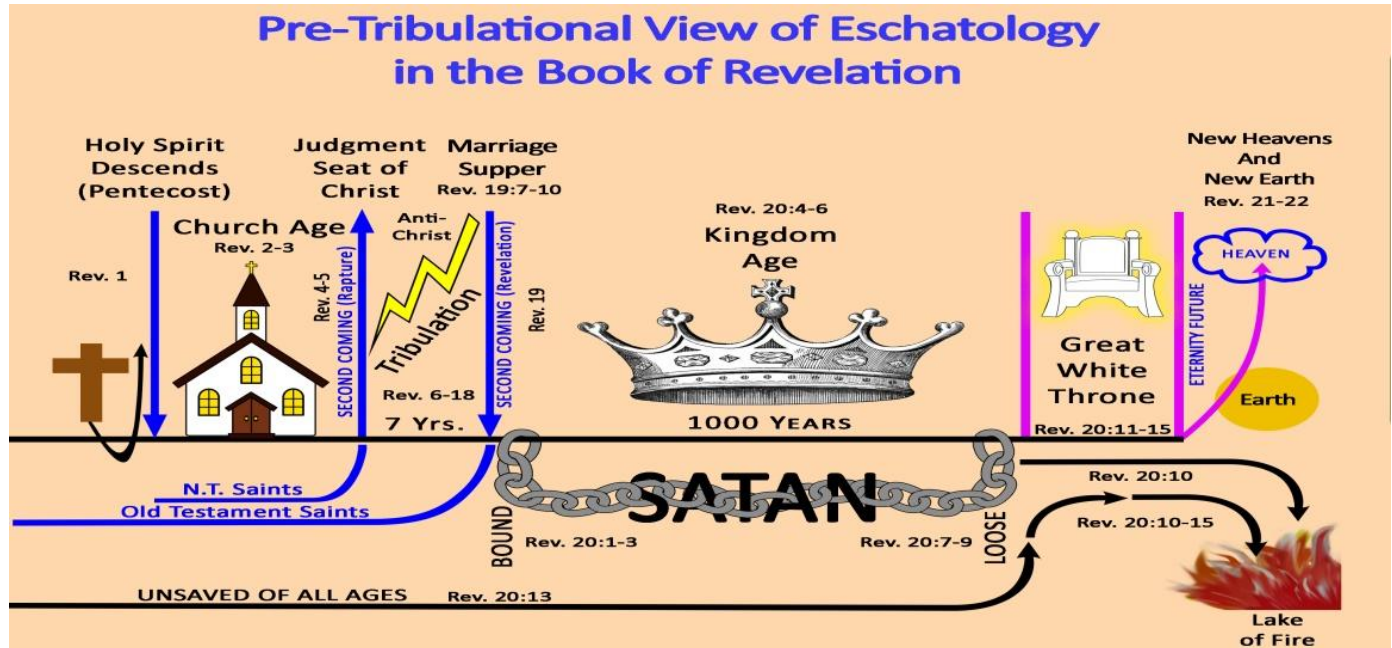
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3. POSTMILLENNIALISM...which claims that Christ will return _____ the Kingdom on earth has been introduced by the Church.
- ❖ Why will God do all this? (Ez. 20:42, 44; 28:25-26; 34:13, 27-29)

 - ❖ What is the message we are to preach today?

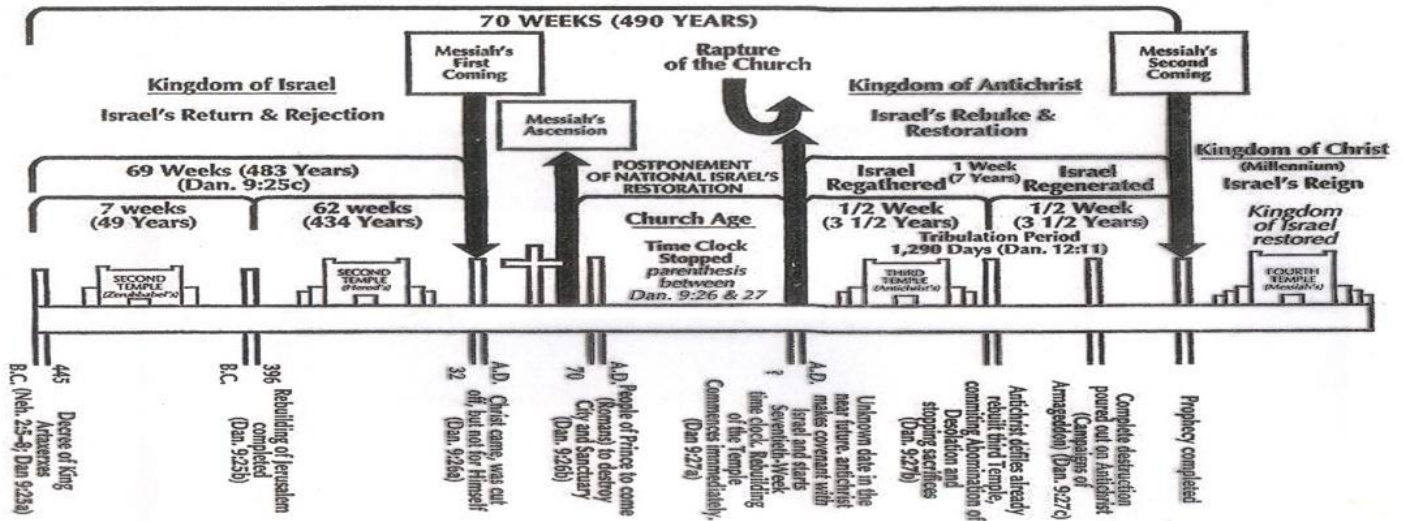
 - ❖ Does this mean that we are not to teach about the Kingdom to come?

 - ❖ What happens when you fail to rightly divide the Word of truth regarding these matters?
 1. You may _____ the message you are to preach today. (The Gospel of grace vs. the Gospel of the Kingdom.)
 2. You may _____ Law or Kingdom teachings given to Israel with grace teachings given to the Church.
 3. You may seek to bring in the Kingdom of God on Earth _____ Christ's coming.
 4. You may _____ conclude that the promises made to Israel in the OT are being spiritually fulfilled in the Church today (Covenant / replacement theology) resulting in there being no future for ethnic Israel.



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PROPHETIC POSTPONEMENT AND PROPHECY OF DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS (DANIEL 9:24-27)



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