



ESCHATOLOGY

The End is Near

Words associated with Eschatology



- Premillennial
- Amillennial
- Post-millennial
- Dispensationalism
- Covenantalism
- Pre/Post/Mid Tribulational
- Pre-wrath
- Kingdom
- Preterism
- Theonomy
- Dominion Theology

Moody on Heaven

“Surely it is not wrong for us to think and talk about Heaven. I like to locate it, and find out all I can about it. I expect to live there through all eternity. If I were going to dwell in any place in this country, if I were going to make it my home, I would inquire about its climate, about the neighbors I would have, about everything, in fact, that I could learn concerning it. If soon you were going to emigrate, that is the way you would feel. Well, we are all going to emigrate in a very little while. We are going to spend eternity in another world, a grand and glorious world where God reigns. Is it not natural that we should look and listen and try to find out who is already there, and what is the route to take.”

Goal of Eschatology

1. Consummation (Rev 21:1-4)

Goal of Eschatology—Consummation

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them

21:4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Goal of Eschatology—Consummation

Rev 1: 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Goal of Eschatology

1. Consummation (Rev 21:1-4)
2. Worship (Isa 43:21; Rev 4:9-11; 1 Cor 15:28; cf. Rev 14:6-7; Ex 34:6-8)

Goal of Eschatology—Worship

Revelation 4:9-11 And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”

Goal of Eschatology—Worship

1 Cor 15:28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all

Goal of Eschatology—Worship

When Christ shall come,
With shouts of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And there proclaim,
"My God, how great Thou art!"

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2. Worship (Isa 43:21; Rev 4:9-11; 1 Cor 15:28; cf. Rev 14:6-7; Ex 34:6-8)
3. Blessing (Rev 1:3; 22:7)

Goal of Eschatology—Blessing

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Rev 22:7 And behold, I am coming quickly.
Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.

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4. Holiness (2 Pet 3:10-14)

Goal of Eschatology—Holiness

2 Pet 3:10-11 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

Goal of Eschatology

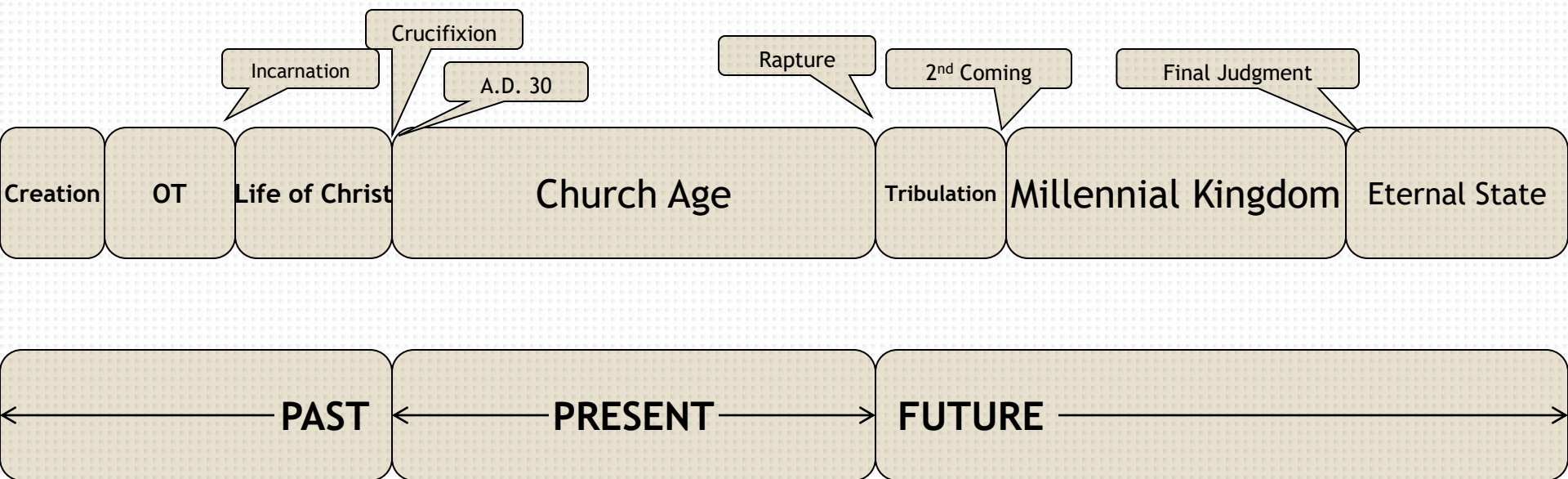
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5. Anticipation (2 Pet 3:13; Phil 3:20)

Goal of Eschatology—Anticipation

2 Pet 3:13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

God's Plan for History



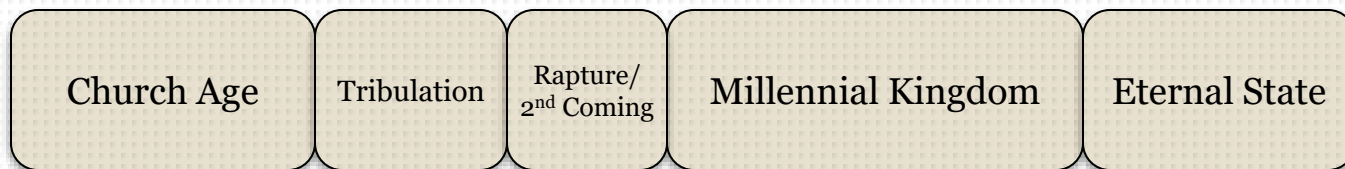
Eschatological Views

- A-millennialism: Jesus returns for Eternal State
—No MK, no rapture, no 1st physical resurrection
- Post-Millennialism: Improve the World for Jesus' return
- Preterism: Most prophecy was fulfilled by AD70, tribulation and resurrection took place at Golgotha, awaiting Jesus' return for ES
- Pre-millennialism: Jesus returns before the MK

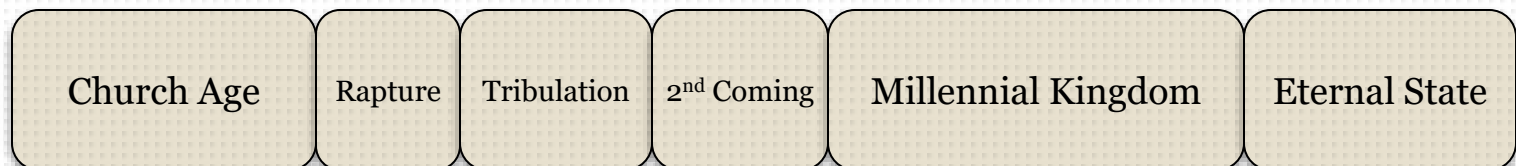
Eschatological Views

Pre-millennialism: Jesus returns before the MK

– Covenant (Historic) Pre-millennialism=Post-Trib



– Dispensational Pre-millennialism=Pre-Trib



Features of the Rapture

- What:
 - **1 Thes 4:16-17** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
 - “caught up”=Latin-rapturo; Greek-arpazo=caught up=to be carried off by force

Features of the Rapture

- Who:
 - Dead Christians from Church Age are resurrected
 - Christians who are alive when He returns
 - Not the unsaved
 - Not OT saints because they were not “in Christ” nor asleep in Jesus

Features of the Rapture

- How:
 - We'll meet him in the sky
 - True believers in Christ will suddenly be caught up into the air by the power of Christ
 - **1 Corinthians 15:51-52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Purpose of Rapture

1. Reunion

- **1 Thes 4:17** Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

2. Glorification

- **1 Cor 15:52** in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

Purpose of Rapture

3. Rewards

- **2 Cor 5:9-10** Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
- **1 Cor 3:9-15**

4. Protection

- **Rev 3:10** 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.'
- **1 Thes 1:10, 5:9**

Purpose of Rapture

1. Reunion
2. Glorification
3. Rewards
4. Protection
5. Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Rev 19:7-9 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he *said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ ” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

Why Pre-Tribulational Rapture?

Different events occur at the Rapture and at the Second Coming

Rapture

1. Church saints meet Christ in the clouds
2. No judgment is mentioned
3. Nothing is said about the kingdom
4. Both the dead and the living are given glorified bodies.
5. Occurs before the wrath of God is poured out.
6. Imminent
7. Christ returns to heaven w/church
8. After the rapture, believers are removed and only unbelievers are left on earth
9. No geographical changes

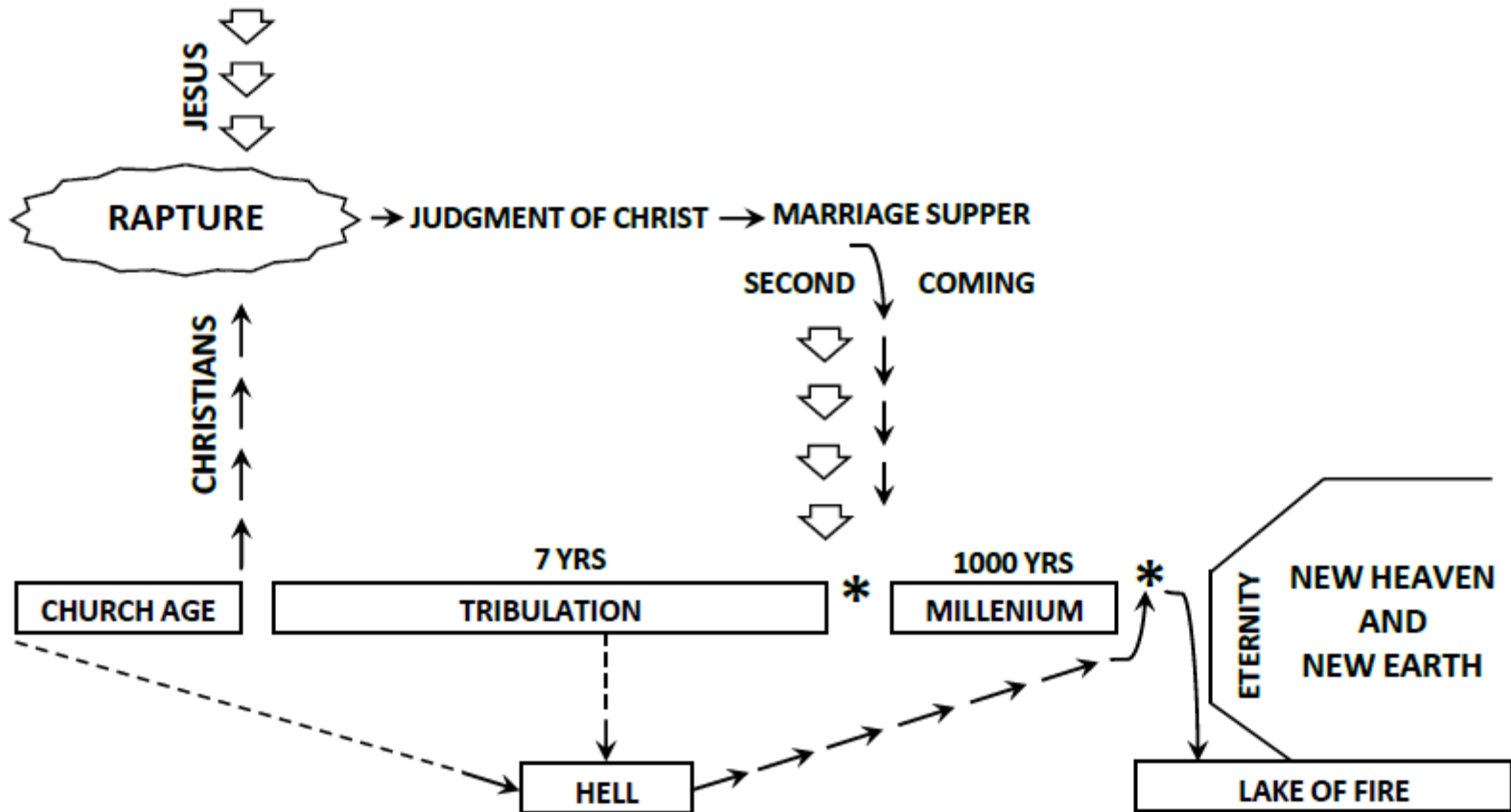
Second Coming

1. Christ descends to the Mount of Olives
2. Judgments are important
3. Followed by Christ's kingdom
4. Only the dead saints are given glorified bodies
5. Occurs after the wrath of the Day of the Lord
6. Preceded by signs
7. Christ descends, stays on earth
8. At the second coming, unbelievers are removed and only believers are left on earth.
9. Significant geographical changes

Summary for the Rapture

- Saints raptured to heaven, unbelievers enter the Tribulation for 7 years
- Judgment of Rewards occurs in heaven
- Marriage Supper of the Lamb occurs in heaven

TIMELINE OF FUTURE EVENTS



The Purpose of Tribulation

- Convert Israel (Daniel 12:7)
- Judge Sinners (2 Thessalonians 2:12)
- Save Gentiles (Revelation 6:11, Mt 24:22)

The Tribulation

- Key Word: Devastation
- **Joel 1:15** *Alas for the day!*
For the day of the Lord is near,
And it will come as destruction from the
Almighty.

The Tribulation

Zephaniah 1:14-18

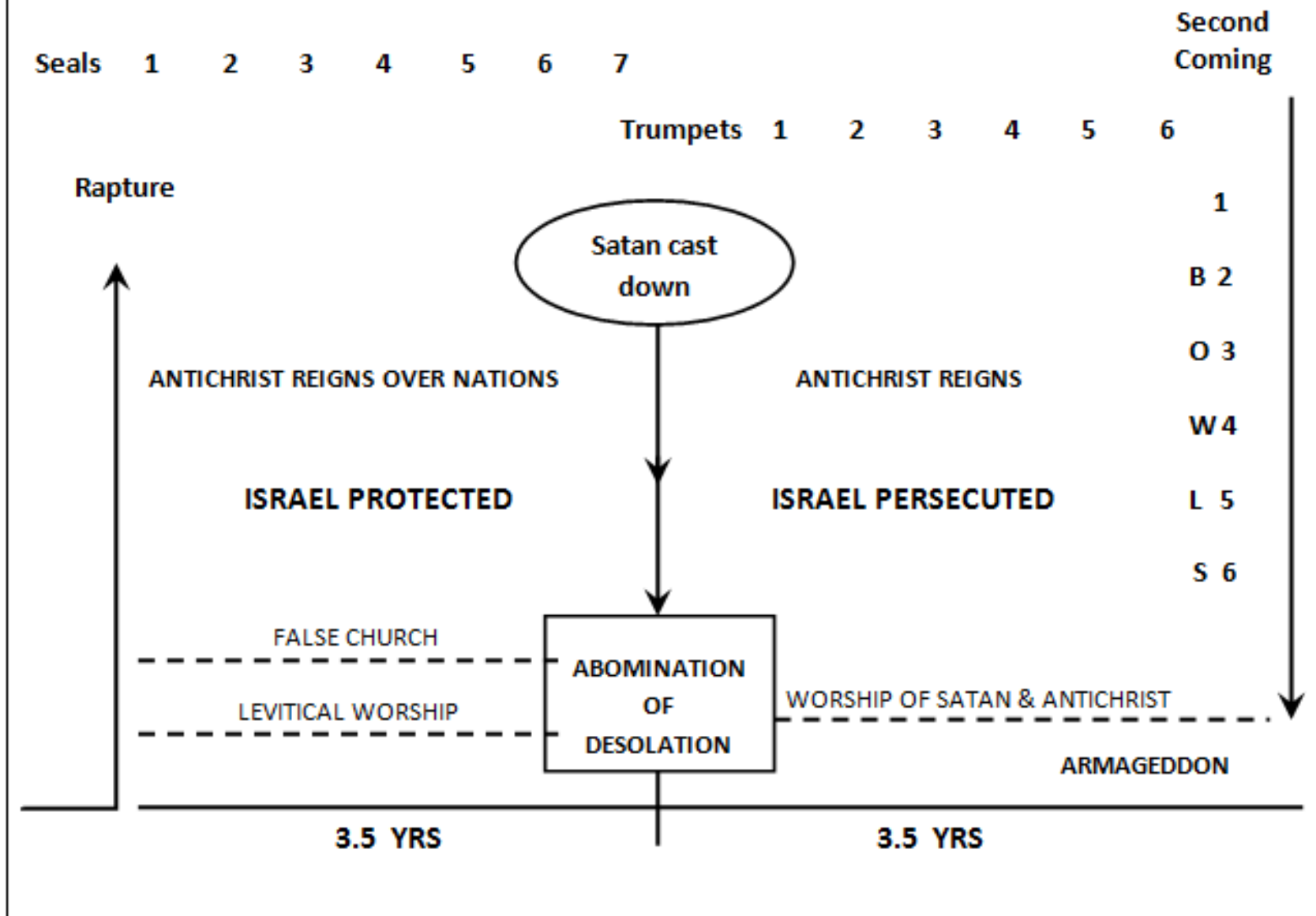
14 Near is the great day of the Lord,
Near and coming very quickly;
Listen, the day of the Lord!
In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

15 A day of wrath is that day,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of destruction and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloom,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of trumpet and battle cry
Against the fortified cities
And the high corner towers.

17 I will bring distress on men
So that they will walk like the blind,
Because they have sinned against the
Lord;
And their blood will be poured out like dust
And their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
Will be able to deliver them
On the day of the Lord's wrath;
And all the earth will be devoured
In the fire of His jealousy,
For He will make a complete end,
Indeed a terrifying one,
Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Tribulation



Judgments

	Seven Seals	Seven Trumpets	Seven Bowls
1.	Antichrist (Rev. 6:1-2)	Vegetation Burned (Rev. 8:7)	Terrible Sores (Rev. 16:2)
2.	War (Rev. 6:3, 4)	Sea Life Destroyed (Rev. 8:8, 9)	Seas to Blood (Rev. 16:3)
3.	Famine (Rev. 6:5, 6)	Waters Made Bitter (Rev. 8:10, 11)	Fresh to Blood (Rev. 16:4-7)
4.	Pestilence & Death (Rev. 6:7-8)	Heavens Struck (Rev. 8:12, 13)	Scorching Sun (Rev. 16:8, 9)
5.	Martyrs (Rev. 6:9-11)	Demonic "Locusts" Rev. 9:1-12)	Darkness & Pain (Rev. 16:10, 11)
6.	Cosmic Disasters (Rev. 6:12-17)	Deadly Plagues (Rev. 9:13-21)	Euphrates Dries Up (Rev. 16:12-16)
7.	7 Trumpets (Rev. 8:1-6)	7 Bowls (Rev. 11:15-19)	Final Destruction (Rev. 16:17-21)

Megiddo



The 2nd Coming

Revelation 19:11-13

- **11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- **12** His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- **13** He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

Revelation 19:14-16

- **14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.
- **15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.
- **16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Revelation 19:17-19

- **17** Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, “Come, assemble for the great supper of God,
- **18** so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great.”
- **19** And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

Revelation 19:20-21

- **20** And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.
- **21** And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

The 2nd Coming-Zechariah 14

1 Behold, a day is coming for the Lord when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

The 2nd Coming-Zechariah 14

5 ...Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

12 Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the Lord will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

Binding of Satan

Revelation 20:1-3

- 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
- 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

The Millennium

- Duration: 1000 years
(Rev. 20:2, 4, 6)
- Satan will be bound
(Rev. 20:1-3)
- Saints will reign with Christ (Rev. 20:4-6)
- Peace reigns (Isa 2:4, 11:6-9, 32:18)
- Joy dominates (Isa 9:3-4)
- Knowledge of the Lord (Isa 31:34, Is 11:9)

Isaiah 65:19-25

19 “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;

And there will no longer be heard in her

The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.

20 “No longer will there be in it an infant *who lives but a few days*,

Or an old man who does not live out his days;

For the youth will die at the age of one hundred

And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred

Will be *thought* accursed.

21 “They will build houses and inhabit *them*;

They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isaiah 65:19-25

22 “They will not build and another inhabit,
They will not plant and another eat;
For as the lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people,
And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.

23 “They will not labor in vain,
Or bear *children* for calamity;
For they are the offspring of those blessed by the LORD,
And their descendants with them.

24 “It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer;
and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

25 “The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will
eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They
will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the
LORD.

Millennial Life

- Land is restored – Isaiah 10-11
- Enemies are defeated – Isaiah 12:1-6
- Prosperity is enjoyed (effects of the curse minimized) – Isaiah 35:1-10
- Jerusalem is established – Isaiah 49
- Temple/priesthood reinstated – Ezekiel 40-47
- Israel is prominent in the world – Isaiah 54
- Gentiles are blessed – Isaiah 45
- Knowledge of God is universal – Isaiah 11:9; 52
- Nature is perfected – Isaiah 44:3-4
- Sorrow is eliminated – Isaiah 25
- King Jesus will reign – Isaiah 66

Final Rebellion

- Key Word: Unsuccessful
- Timing: End of the Millennium
 - Coincides with Satan's release after 1000 years of bondage
(Rev. 20:7)
 - Incited by Satan's deceptions
(Rev. 20:8)

Gog & Magog vs Final Rebellion

Ezekiel 38-39

- **Only north power attacks (38:2)**
- **God brings Gog (38:8)**
- **Gog=Prince , Magog is land that includes Rosh, Meshech, Tubal**
- **Against Israel (38:15-16)**
- **Invaders fall in Israel's mountains (39:4, 17)**
- **Post battle, feast of corpses, fits with Rev 19:17-21 (=at end of Tribulation, Ez 39:17-20)**
- **Events fit chronologically before the restored millennial temple**
- **Bodies are buried and burned, if ES happens after this (assuming Ez=Rev) then why burn the bodies, creation is going to be destroyed anyways.**

Revelation 20:8-10

- **All nations attack**
- **20:7-8, Satan brings forth Gog**
- **Gog and Magog=all nations**
- **Against Saints and Jerusalem**
- **Fire from heaven devours invaders**
- **Post battle, Satan is cast into lake of fire, at end of MK (20:10)**
- **Events fit chronologically after the millennial temple**
- **Most likely final satanic revolt against saints**

Revelation 20:7-10

- 7 When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,
- 8 and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.
- 9 And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.
- 10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15)

- 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.
- 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

The Great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15)

- 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.
- 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
- 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

The Eternal Kingdom of God

- Key Word: Perfection
- Duration: FOREVER!!
- Location: Heavens & Earth

Revelation 21-22:5

- 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea.
- 2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

Revelation 21-22:5

- 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”
- 5 And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.”
- 6 Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.
- 7 “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son...

Revelation 21-22:5

- 10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
- 11** having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.
- 12** It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names *were* written on them, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

Revelation 21-22:5

- 13** *There were* three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.
- 14** And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them *were* the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- 15** The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

Revelation 21-22:5

16 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, *according to* human measurements, which are *also* angelic measurements.

18 The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21-22:5

- 19** The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
- 20** the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.
- 21** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Revelation 21-22:5

22 I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

Revelation 21-22:5

- 26** and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;
- 27** and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21-22:5

- 22:1** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,
- 2** in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3** There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

Revelation 21-22:5

- 4 they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads.
- 5 And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

What is in the Eternal KOG...

- The New Jerusalem (Rev 21:2, 9 ff, 27)
- The redeemed who inhabit the New Jerusalem.
- The Triune God (21:3) – Father (21:22; 22:3), Lamb (21:22; 22:3), Spirit (21:10; 22:17)
- The water of life (21:6)
- A high mountain (21:10)
- The glory of God (21:11)

What is in the Eternal KOG...

- City walls made of jewels that radiate the light of His glory like a multifaceted diadem projecting a spectrum of brilliant light and color (21:12, 18)
- City gates made of pearls (21:12, 21)
- City foundation stones, also made of precious jewels (21:14, 19–20)
- Streets of translucent gold (21:21)
- Brilliant light that emanates from God Himself (21:23)

What is in the Eternal KOG...

- Perpetual daytime (21:25)
- Continual worship and praise (21:26)
- The river of life (22:1) that flows from the throne of God and the Lamb (22:1)
- The tree of life (22:2) and fruit and leaves on the tree of life
- Unending service to God (22:3) and face-to-face fellowship with Christ (22:4)
- The name of God written on the foreheads of His servants (22:4)

What's NOT in the Eternal KOG...

- No sea (Rev. 21:1)
- No longer any separation between God & man (21:2–3)
- No tears, mourning, crying, (Rev. 21:4)
- No pain (21:4)
- No death (Rev 21:4)
- Nothing that will not be made new (21:5)
- No spiritual thirst (21:6)
- No unforgiven sinners (21:27)

What's NOT in the Eternal KOG...

- No temple (21:22) because God is the temple
- No need for the sun or moon (21:23; 22:5) because God is the light
- No need for a lamp (21:23; 22:5)
- No night (21:25; 22:5)
- No closing of the gates (21:25)
- Nothing unclean (21:27)
- No one whose name is not written in the Lamb's book of life (21:27)
- No curse (22:3)
- No end to the reign of Christ & His redeemed (22:5)

