

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS
THE TRIBULATION

GENTILES

ISRAEL

Perfect Environment

Conscience

Human Government

Patriarchs

Mosaic Law

Messianic Age

Church Age

Tribulation

Creation Covenant

Gen. 1:28-30;
Hosea 6:7

Adamic Covenant

Gen. 3:14-19

Noahic Covenant

Gen. 9:1-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3

Mosaic Covenant

Ex. 20-40

Logos

New Covenant Applied

Responsibility

Fulfill the Covenant:
Gen. 1:26-28;
2:16-17

Animal Sacrifice
Gen. 3:21

Fill the earth
Gen. 9:7

Stay distinct people
Gen. 7:14

Obey the Law
Ex. 19:3-8

Accept Messiah

**Faith alone
In Christ alone**

Failure

Ate fruit
Gen. 3:1-6

Evil and Wickedness
Gen. 6:5-6

Built Babel
Gen. 11:1-4

Assimilated
Gen. 34

Disobeyed
2 Chron. 36:14

Reject Messiah

Most reject Christ

Divine Judgment

Sp. Death
Gen. 3:7-19

Flood
Gen. 6—9

Confusion of Languages
Gen. 11:5-9

Egyptian Bondage
Ex. 1:8-14

Diaspora
Deut. 28:63-66

Cross 5th Cycle

Tribulation

BIBLICAL DISPENSATIONS

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

The Decree to Restore

Messiah the Prince

The Coming Prince

Messiah Returns

69 Weeks

Messiah "cut off" Apr. 3, A.D. 33

Church Age



1/2 Week

1/2 Week

March 5, 444 B.C.

March 30, A.D. 33

City & Temple destroyed Aug. 6, A.D. 70

Artaxerxes' Decree Neh. 2:1-8

Triumphal Entry Luke 19:28-40

Timeframe for the Tribulation

Daniel wanted information about the end of the Babylonian captivity. God gave him an answer that goes all the way to the Second Coming of Christ.



The subject of the prophecy is Israel, not the Church – “your people” “your holy city”

Overview of the 70 Weeks

Daniel 9:24	The entire 70 weeks (490 years)
Daniel 9:25	The first 69 weeks (483 years)
Daniel 9:26	The gap between the 69th and 70th weeks (? years)
Daniel 9:27	The 70th week (7 years)

The Cause

Why 490 years?

UNITS OF SEVENTY

70 x 7 Sabbatical
Years Violated
(Lev. 26:34-35,43)

70 Year Captivity
(Jer. 25:11; 29:10)

70 x 7 Sabbatical
Years Remaining
(Dan. 9:24-27)



Jer. 25:11, “ ‘And this whole land shall be a desolation and a horror, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

Jer. 25:12, “ ‘Then it will be when seventy years are completed I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation,’ declares the LORD, ‘for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it an everlasting desolation.’ ”

**Jer. 29:10, “For thus says the LORD,
‘When seventy years have been completed
for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My
good word to you, to bring you back to this
place.’ ”**

6 Things That Will be Accomplished

1. “to finish *the* transgression” (rebellion of Israel)
2. “to make an end of sin”
3. “to atone for iniquity” (sin will be totally dealt with)
4. “to bring in everlasting righteousness”
5. “to seal up vision and prophecy”
(terminate/fulfill prophecy)
6. “to anoint the most holy place”

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks" Seventy Periods of Sevens

Dan. 9:24–27

**The Decree
to Restore**

**Messiah
the Prince**

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Luke 19:28–40

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Rationale for 360-Day Years

Half week—Daniel 9:27

Time, times, half a time—

Daniel 7:25, 12:7; Rev. 12:14

1,260 days—Revelation 12:6, 11:3

42 months—Revelation 11:2, 13:5

Thus: 42 months = 1,260 days =

time, times, half time + half week

Therefore: month = 30 days; year = 360 days

Explanation of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years

- $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days
- March 5, 444 B.C. + 173,880 = March 30, A.D. 33

Verification

- 444 B.C. to A.D. 33 -1 (no year 0) = 476 years
- 476 years \times 365.2421989 days = 173,855 days
+ days between March 5 and March 30 = 25 days

Totals = 173,880 days

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**What happened to the
other seven years???**

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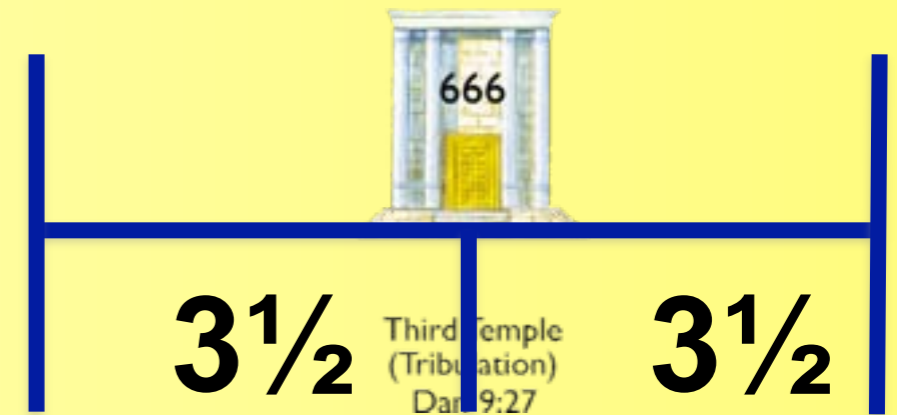
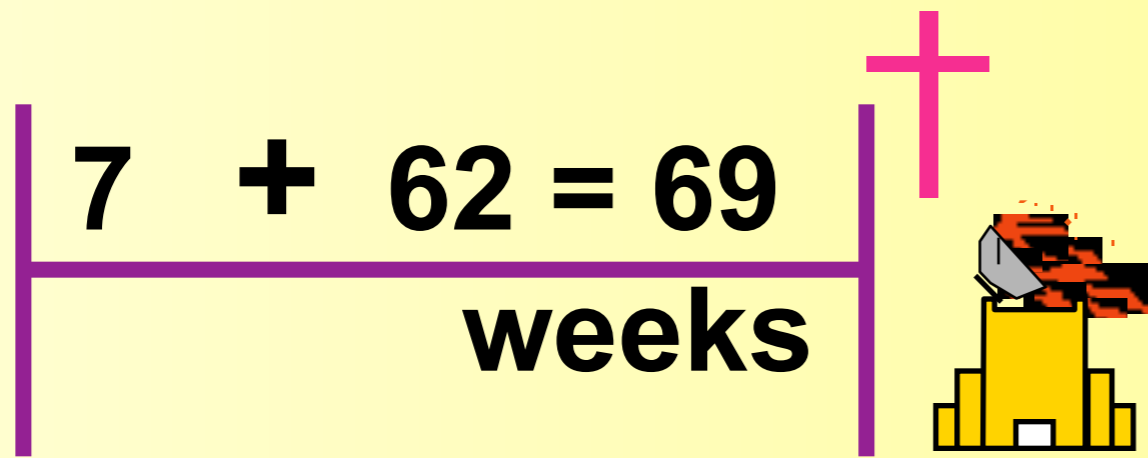
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**The Coming
Prince**

**Messiah
Returns**



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years years

**70th Week
Unfulfilled**

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The 70th Week of Israel

The 70 weeks concern the nation of Israel – God’s program for Israel. When the Jews rejected Jesus, God interrupted His program with Israel with this present Church Age between the 69th and 70th weeks. After the Rapture, God will resume His dealings with Israel for one week of years.

Since the first 69 weeks of years were literally fulfilled, we should expect for the final or 70th week to be literally fulfilled as well.



The 70th Week of Israel

Daniel 9:27

- I. The Commencement of the 70th Week**
- II. The Covenant of the 70th Week**
- III. The Consummation of the 70th Week**

TRIBULATION EVENTS

the things which shall take place after these things

HEAVEN

Chapters 2-3

the things which are



Antichrist as head of the West

Antichrist as world ruler



Seven Churches of the Church Age

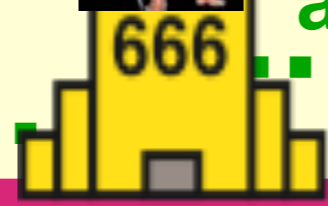
Israel Protected

Israel Persecuted

Apostate Church
Jewish Levitical System



Worship of Satan and Antichrist



ARMAGEDDON

First Half of Tribulation

The Great Tribulation

3-1/2 years

3-1/2 years

The *Day of the Lord*

1. Emphasizes special interventions of God in human history;

- His victory over His enemies,**
- His sovereignty over the universe.**

The term refers to both a time of judgment and a time of blessing.

The *Day of the Lord*

Nontechnical: God demonstrating His authority over Gentile nations in judgment.

The *Day of the Lord*

Technical term: Future, God's intervention in the Tribulation to judge the nations, discipline Israel, and to establish His Messianic Kingdom.

The *Day of the Lord*

Zech. 12:2, “Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

Zech. 12:3, “And it will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

Zech. 12:4, “‘In that day,’ declares the *LORD*, ‘I will strike every horse with bewilderment, and his rider with madness. But I will watch over the house of Judah, while I strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

Zech. 12:5, “ ‘Then the clans of Judah will say in their hearts, “A strong support for us are the inhabitants of Jerusalem through the *LORD* of hosts, their God.” ’ ”

The *Day of the Lord*

Passages:

Isa. 13:6, “Wail, for the day of the LORD is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Isa. 13:7, “Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man’s heart will melt.

Isa. 13:8, “And they will be terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, Their faces aflame.

Isa. 13:9, “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.”

The *Day of the Lord*

Passages:

Amos 5:18, “Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, For what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light;

Amos 5:19, “As when a man flees from a lion, And a bear meets him, Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall, And a snake bites him.

Amos 5:20, “Will not the day of the LORD be darkness instead of light, Even gloom with no brightness in it?”

The *Day of the Lord*

The day of the Lord includes darkness of the heavenly bodies in judgment followed by the light of blessing in the Millennial Kingdom.

Joel 2:28, “And it will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

Joel 2:29, “And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

The *Day of the Lord*

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Joel 2:30, “And I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire, and columns of smoke.

Joel 2:31, “The sun will be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Joel 2:32, “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

The *Day of the Lord*

The narrow sense: The actual event of the Second Coming and the judgments associated with it, e.g., “the great and awesome day of the Lord” (Joel 2:31; Zech. 14:1–5).

The broad sense refers to the seven-year period of the Tribulation.

Jacob's Trouble

**Jer. 30:7, “Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it;
And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be
saved from it.”**

The Wrath of God

1 Thess. 1:10, “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

1 Thess. 5:9, “For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,”

Rev. 6:16, “and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!’ ”

Rev. 11:18, “And the nations were enraged, and Thy wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Rev. 14:10, “he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”

Rev. 15:1, “And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.”

Rev. 16:1, “And I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, ‘Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.’ ”

- 1. All believers can expect some level of adversity or tribulation in life.
John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”
Rom. 2:9, “There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,”
Rom. 5:3, “And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;”**

Matt. 24:29, “But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken,”

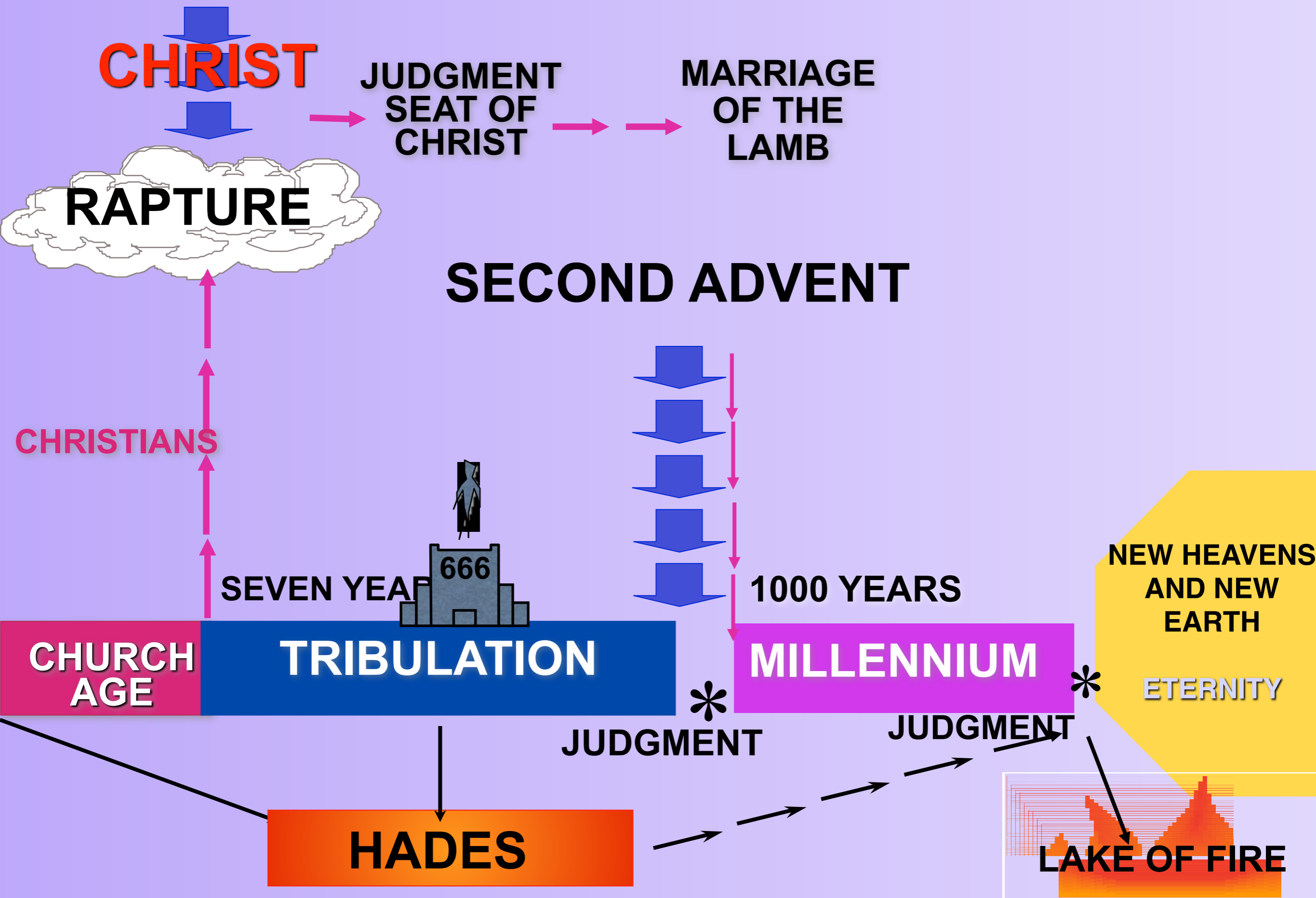
Mark 13:19, “For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created, until now, and never shall.”

Mark 13:24, “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,”

Rev. 7:14, “And I said to him, ‘My lord, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’ ”

The Beginning and Length of the Tribulation

PROPHETIC PANORAMA



2. Antichrist: He is the head of a confederation of western powers during the tribulation years.

Dan. 9:26

the people of the prince who is to come

the prince who is to come = the Antichrist

the people...shall destroy the Temple

AD 70, the people were the Roman Imperial army of Titus; composed of people from all over the Empire. Feet of iron (old Roman Empire), clay, new, less stable elements, i.e., United States, Canada, heirs of the Graeco-Roman heritage.