144,000 SERVANTS

IMPENDING JUDGMENTS



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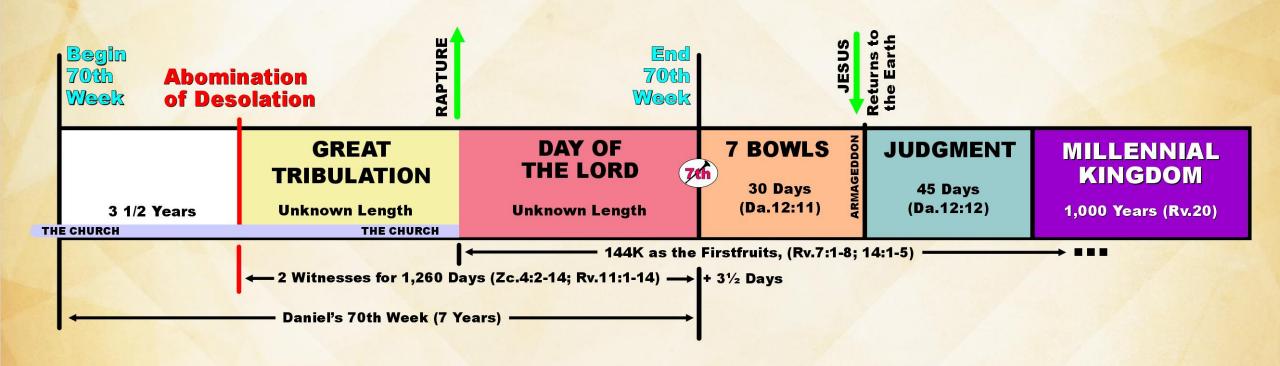
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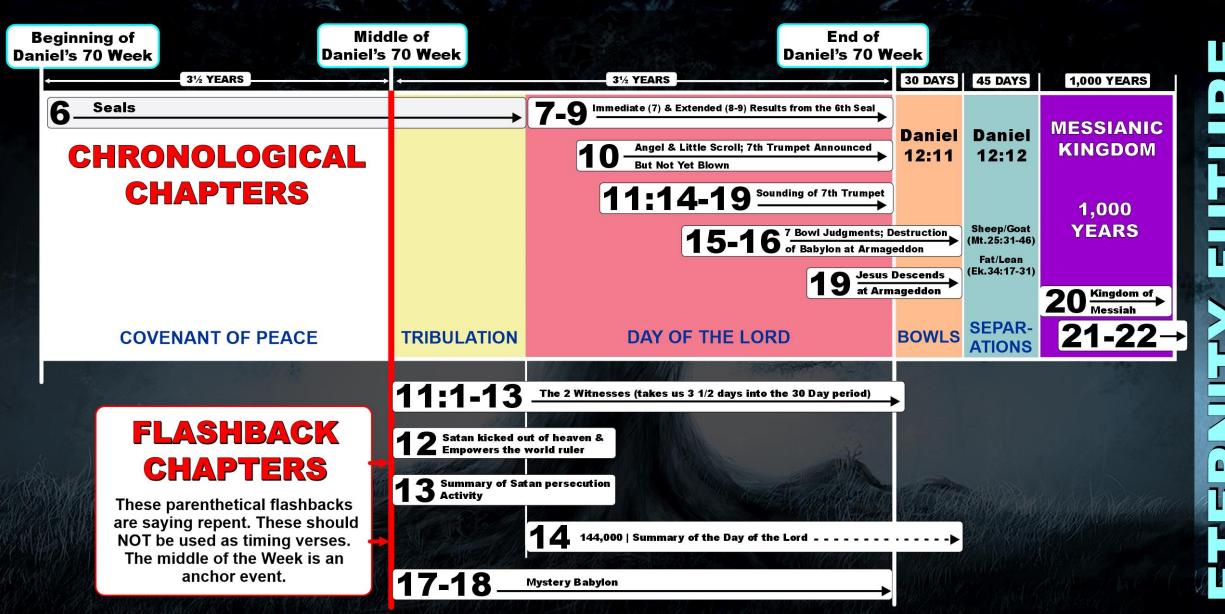
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SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S FUTURE



REVELATION — CHRONOLOGICAL CHAPTERS



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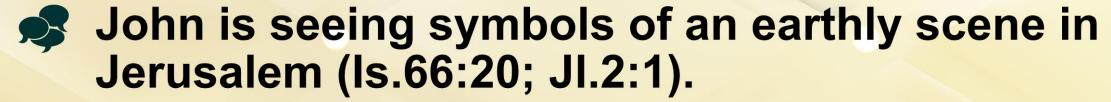
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Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

"a Lamb standing on Mount Zion" (Rv.14:1)



"Mount Zion"





"Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David)." (**2Sm.5:7**).



"So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, And no aliens shall ever pass through her again." (JI.3:17).

144,000 BECOMES NATIONAL ISRAEL



FUTURE BELIEVING NATION ISRAEL

"All Israel Shall Be Saved"

"having His Father's name written on their foreheads" (Rv.14:1)



"Father's name"

- This is <u>not a VISIBLE seal</u>, but a spiritual FACT that is known only in a "spiritual" context.
- The SEAL is a claim of ownership (2Tm.2:19) that is represented in John's vision by the NAME of God on the forehead.
- They have the ACTUAL seal in the heart, which is the indwelling Holy Spirit.

And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

"voice from heaven...harpists playing their harps" (Rv.14:2)



"voice...harpists"

- John hears a <u>heavenly choir</u> that is both <u>loud</u> and <u>musically harmonious</u>.
- These harpers represent the <u>raptured body of</u> Christ in Heaven (Rv.14:2-3; 15:2-4).
 - (1) The harpers are before the throne, on the sea of glass (Rv.15:2)
 - (2) They are before the 4 living creatures
 - (3) They are before the 24 Elders)
 - (4) They sang a new song

They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

"They sang as it were a new song" (Rv.14:3)



"new song"

- This song reflects the combination of both the Old and New Testament saints.
- This song can only be learned by the 144,000 bond servants.
- This song may initiate the change of dispensation from the church to Israel.
- Since the choir in heaven knows the song, it is clear John means that only 144K on the earth are able to learn the song.

These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

REVELATION 144

"not defiled...virgins...redeemed" (Rv.14:4)



"not defiled"

- They are morally pure. There is no lie found in their mouth (Zp.3:13).
- As virgins they have undistracted devotion to the Lord (1Co.7:32-35).
- Since these are men and not boys, the decision to be celibate must have been made before Daniel's Seventieth Week began.
- Some suggest that spiritual celibacy of the woman (Rv.17-18) is intended here. But the text refers to "women", and not "the woman".

"follow the Lamb wherever He goes" (Rv.14:4)



"follow the Lamb"

- Christ raptured all believers and we met Him in the air (Rv.6; 2Th.4).
- The 144K were saved immediately following the coming of Christ in the air.
- They are "sealed" (Rv.7:4-8) and "redeemed" (Rv.14:3).



"In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise" (**Ep.1:13**).

"firstfruits to God and to the Lamb" (Rv.14:4)



"firstfruits"

- These are the first ones to trust Christ after the church has been removed by the rapture.
- First fruits refers to initial converts to Christianity (Ro.16:5; 1Co.16:15; 2Th.2:13; Ja.1:18) with expectation of more to come.
- The salvation of the 144K guarantees the salvation of the nation of Israel.
- There will also be a great number of Jews and Gentiles that will be saved (JI.2:32).

And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

"they are without fault before the throne of God" (Rv.14:5)



"without fault"

- This does not mean they have never sinned. But it does mean from God's view they are faithful.
- That there is no deceit in their mouths shows true spiritual maturity.



"For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body." (Ja.3:2).

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 'saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

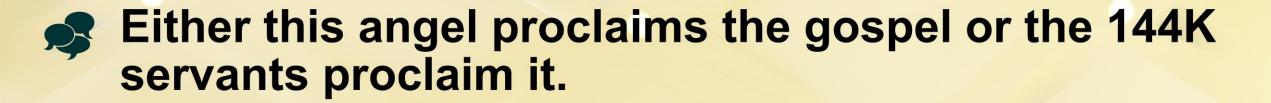
REVELATION 14:5-7

"Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven" (Rv.14:6)



"another angel"





This symbol is above the whole earth presumably to be heard.

"having the everlasting gospel to preach" (Rv.14:6)



"everlasting gospel"

- God has called men throughout generations of the church to preach the Word.
- God provides the specific message they need to be effective as evangelists.
- "And this gospe the world as a w will come" (Mt.2

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Mt.24:14).

Imagine 144K "little Pauls" traversing the world proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah and exhorting people to accept the everlasting gospel!

"saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him" (Rv.14:7)



"Fear God"

The gospel is to take your allegiance off yourself and whatever idols you have in this world and place it on the Lord Jesus Christ.



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction" (**Pr.1:7**).



And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

"Babylon is fallen, is fallen" (Rv.14:8)



"Babylon"

- Babylon is representative of all the false world religions and political systems.
- Babylon goes back to Genesis. After the Flood, it is only a couple of chapters and we see the Tower of Babel.
- They say we are gonna build our own shrine to our own God and we're gonna worship whoever we want.
- God, in His mercy chose not to kill them all. Instead He scattered them by giving different languages.

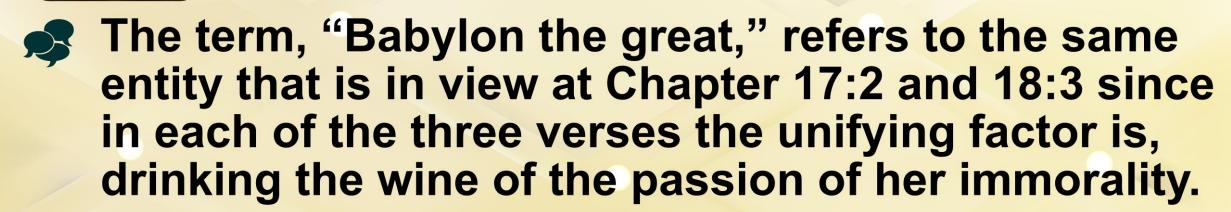
"Babylon is fallen, is fallen" (Rv.14:8)



"Babylon"

- That event will occur just before the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:19; 18:20-24; 19:1-4).
- This proclamation is in anticipation of the final judgment on the city that has influenced so many.
- The Beast will take possession of the ENTITY of Babylonian city.
- For the last 2000 years that entity has been the Roman Church and the city has been Rome.

"drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (Rv.14:8) "drink of the wine"





- 17:2, "inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication"
- 18:3, "the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication"

⁹Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 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.

REVELATION 14:9-10

ANGEL 3

"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark" (Rv.14:9)



"receives his mark"

- In order to take the mark, you will have to give allegiance to the antichrist.
- If you take the mark, you are going to hell forever.
- If you take the mark, you will demonstrate that you are not truly a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- This includes those who take the mark either before or after Jesus arrives (rapture).
- There will not be those trying to deceive the beast by <u>acting</u> on the outside, but <u>refraining in their hearts</u>.

"poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation... fire and brimstone" (Rv.14:10)



"cup of His indignation"

- We saw the cup of the woman earlier. God has His cup.
- It is a full and uncompromising expression of divine justice.
- This indicates a literal type fire, although a non-consuming one, so that the torment will be experienced in both soul and body.

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."



"smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever" (Rv.14:11)



"smoke of their torment"

- This is the visible sign of the fire. It does not consume.
- There's no mercy in hell. Today is the time for mercy!



"in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power" (2Th.1:8-9).

"smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever" (Rv.14:11)



"smoke of their torment"



"⁴¹Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴⁶And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Mt.25:41,46).

- God did not create you for Hell, and God did not create Hell for you.
- This holding place, Hell, is going to be turned into a lake of fire (Rv.19:20; 20:10,14,15).

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

"Here is the patience of the saints" (Rv.14:12)



"patience of the saints"

- Rv.14:12-13 is the perseverance of the saints.
- Perseverance means endurance and steadfastness.
- No matter how many times you get knocked down, God is going to help you get back up.
- Timing here is that we are within days of the final outpouring of the wrath of God—the bowl judgments.
- The battle of <u>Armageddon</u> is probably four to five weeks away, which adds to the importance of this warning.

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

REVELATION 14:13

"a voice" (Rv.14:13)



"a voice"

- John has heard "this" voice from heaven four previous times in His vision (10:4, 8; 11:12; 14:2) and will hear it two additional times (18:4; 21:3).
- It seems best to understand this as the voice of God the Father or of Jesus.
- The voice told John to record that it would be a blessing for the believers who live during the Great Tribulation to die as martyrs.
- They will receive a unique blessing reserved for no one else.

Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Rv.14:14-16 Reaping the Earth Through Bowl Judgments

- The destruction of "Babylon the great" will occur as part of the reaping judgment of verses 14-16 as administered by the Son of Man.
- There will be time for the earth-dwellers to lament the destruction of "Babylon" (Rv.18:9-19). So there is no direct connection with Armageddon.

"on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man" (Rv.14:14)



- "Son of Man"
- We see Jesus SITTING on the cloud. John quotes from **Daniel 7:13.**
- Jesus is participating in the divine judgments upon the unbelieving world.
- In the New Testament the phrase, "Son of man" is always used to refer to Jesus.



"I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him" (Da.7:13).

"on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man" (Rv.14:14)



"Son of Man"



"and in the midst of the seven lampstands <u>One like</u> the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band." (**Rv.1:13**).



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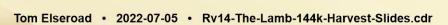
"in His hand a sharp sickle" (Rv.14:14)



"sharp sickle"

A harvesting tool with a razor-sharp, curved steel or iron blade and a wooden handle, commonly used by ancient farmers to cut grain. It represents swift and devastating judgment.

The sickle in His hand suggests judgment, and is supported by the massages of the three angels (v.15-20).



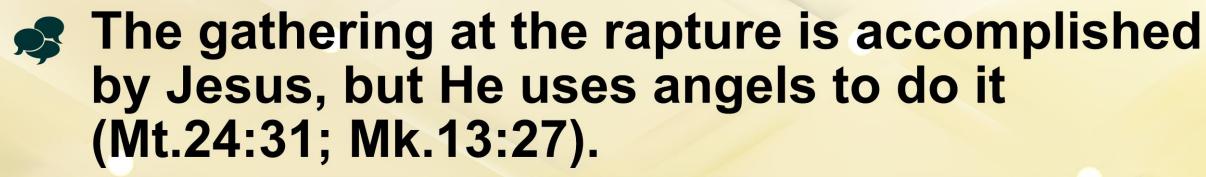
And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

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"another angel" (Rv.14:15)



"another angel"





"And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (Mt.24:31).

The gathering of the elect is positive. But the reaping here is for judgment.

ANGELS: REVELATION 14

- BOSPEL
- v.7 Angel 1
- "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water" (v.7)
- v.8 Angel 2
- "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication" (v.8)
- v.9 Angel 3
- "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 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. "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (vs.9-11)

- v.15 **Angel 4**
- Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe (v.15)
- **v.17 Angel 5**

Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle (v.17)

v.18 Angel 6

Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe (v.18)

"Thrust in Your sickle and reap" (Rv.14:15)



"Thrust in Your sickle"

Jesus told his disciples that apart from the Father no one, neither the Son nor the angels, knows the day or the hour of His coming.



"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, <u>nor the Son</u>, but only the Father" (Mk.13:32).



"...Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner" (**Jn.5:19**).

"Thrust in Your sickle and reap" (Rv.14:15)



"Thrust in Your sickle"

The harvest is the judgment at the end of the age (Mt.13:39, kingdom parables; Jl.3:13; Ho.6:11).



"Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow— For their wickedness is great" (JI.3:13).

This angel comes out of the temple in heaven.
That is, he come directly from God the Father.
So this is an entreaty or a message relayed from the Father to the Son.

"the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rv.14:15)



"earth is ripe"

- The ripeness is in the sense of overripe (Gr. xērainō, 'to be dried up').
- Some believe this is a harvest of the saints.
- However, it is difficult to imagine a harvest of saints as overripe.



"But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete" (**Ge.15:16**).

So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

"He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth" (Rv.14:16)



- The Son of man responds immediately to the Father's instruction.
- The "earth was reaped" appears to be a moment in time. Actually, this period covers 30 days (Da.12:11-12). It is the bowl judgments.



"10 have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel: There is the harlotry of Ephraim; Israel is defiled. 11 Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, When I return the captives of My people" (**Ho.6:10-11**).

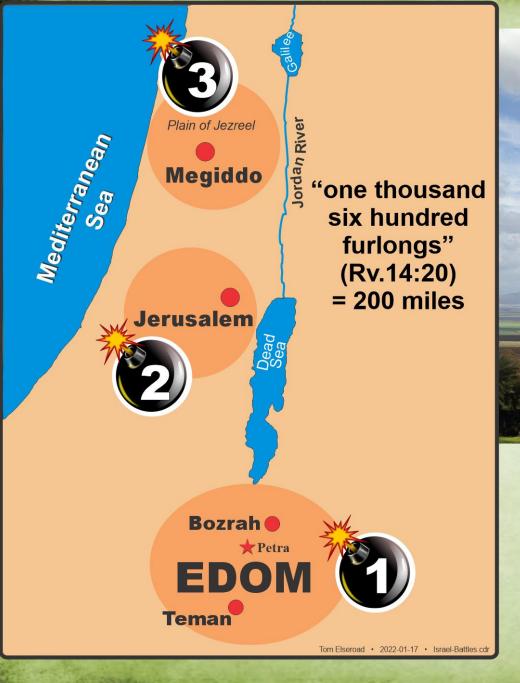
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And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

REVELATION 14:18

So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.





And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon (Rv.16:16)

"the winepress was trampled outside the city" (Rv.14:20)



"trampled"

- Armageddon takes place 30 days after the end of Daniel's 70th Week (Da.12:11-12).
- Jesus is going to have a robe dipped in blood because of the previous battles of His enemies (ls.63; Rv.19:13).



(ls.34:1-15; 63:1-6; Hk.3:3)

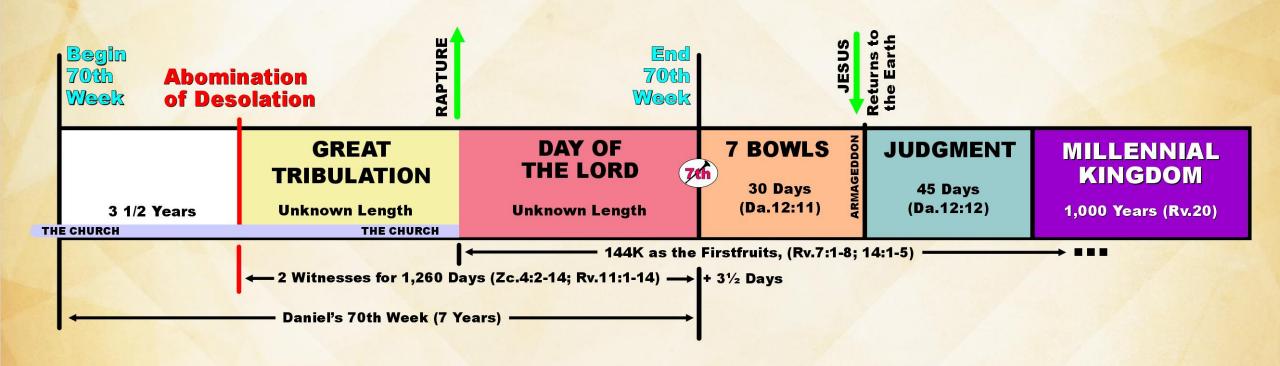


(Zc.14:3-5; JI.3:16)



(JI.3:9-16; Rv.16:16-20; 19:11-21)

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