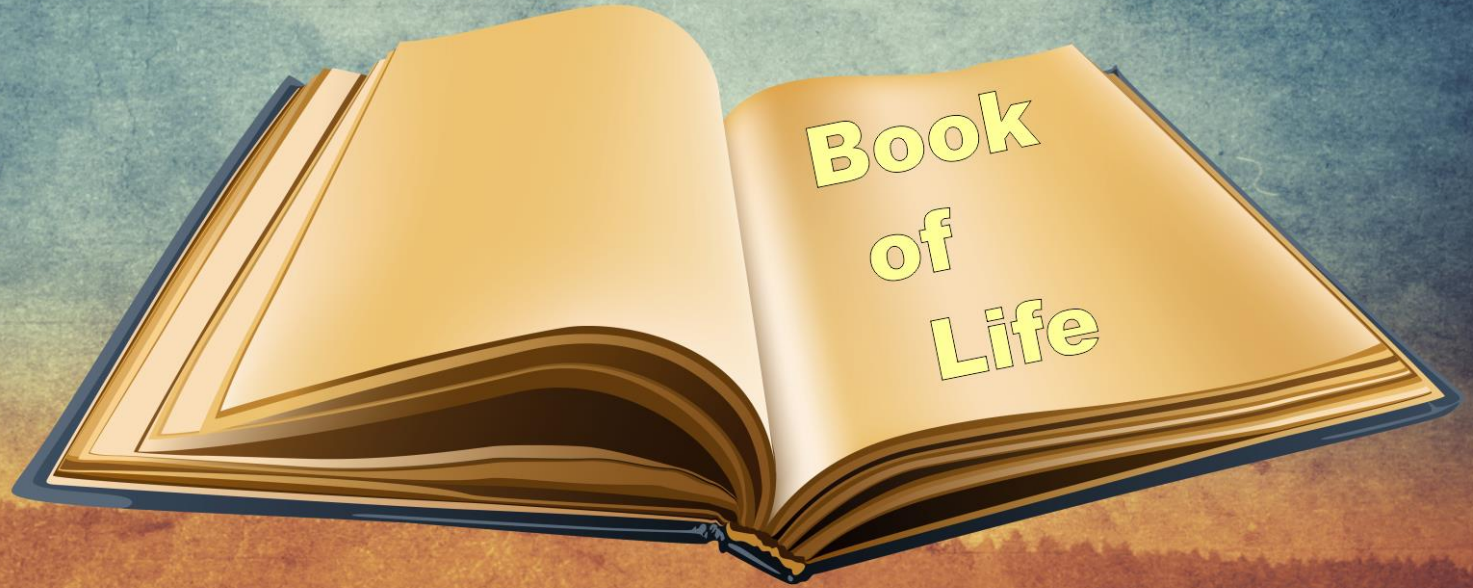


**MILLENNIAL
KINGDOM**



**GREAT WHITE
THRONE**

REVELATION 20



REVELATION 19:11-20:3

The Defeat of the 3 Main Enemies of God

UNHOLY TRINITY



Beast out
of the Sea

**ANTI-
CHRIST**

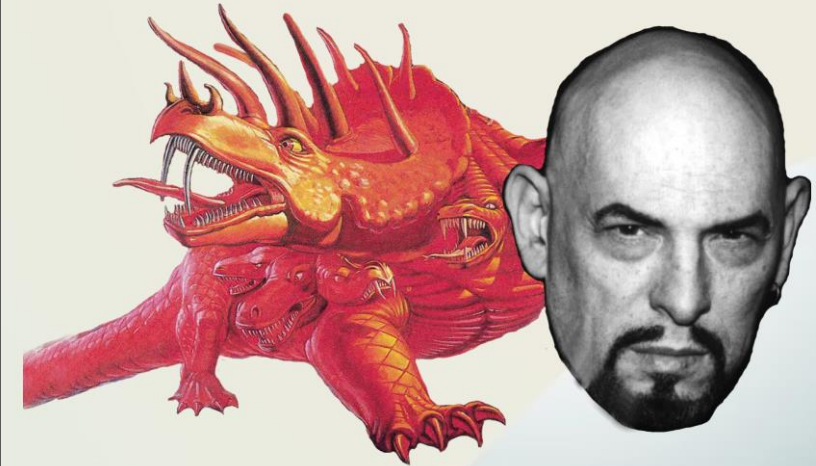
Rv.19:20



Beast out
of the Land

**FALSE
PROPHET**

Rv.19:20



The
Dragon

SATAN

Rv.20:1-3

What is the cause of the defeat of the 3 enemies of God?
Jesus comes as a warrior and destroys His 3 main enemies at Armageddon.

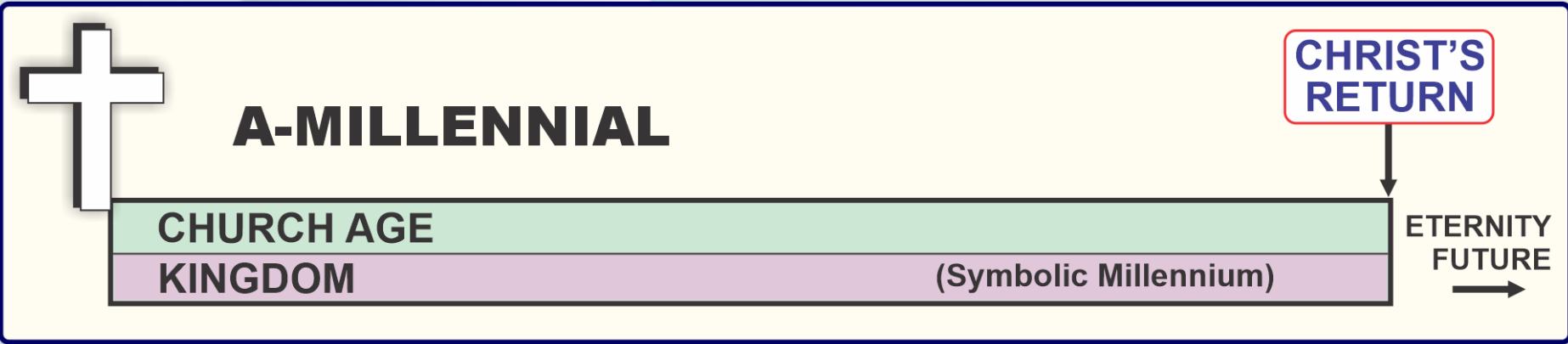
MILLENNIAL DEBATE

A-Millennial | Post-Millennial | Pre-Millennial

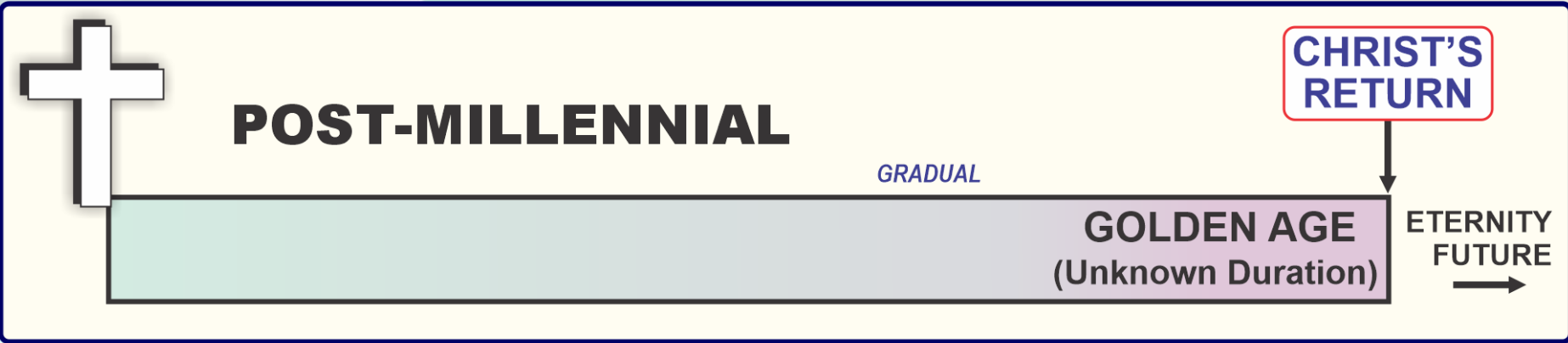


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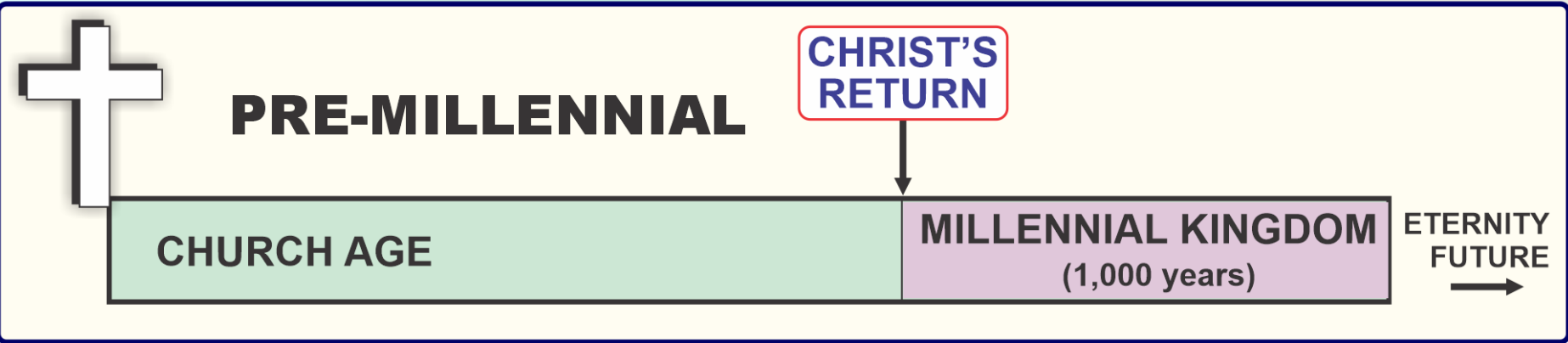
- 1** We all agree the 1,000 years is a period of time
 - This period of time is between the binding of Satan and his ultimate destruction
 - A-Millennialist's believe it is simply a long period of time
- 2** The Millennial period begins with the binding of Satan
- 3** The Millennial debate is about when the millennium begins
 - *The binding of Satan occurred at the first coming of Jesus (A-Millennialism)*
 - *The binding of Satan will occur at some undetermined time in church history (Post-Millennialism)*
 - *The binding of Satan occurs in the future during Jesus' Second Coming (Pre-Millennialism)*



The binding of Satan occurred at the first coming of Jesus






The binding of Satan will occur at some undetermined time in church history



The binding of Satan occurs in the future during Jesus' Second Coming

IMPORTANCE OF PREMILLENNIAL THEOLOGY

-  Satan is not bound during the church age. Today he is a 'roaring lion' looking for someone to devour (1Pe.5:8).
-  Premillennialism does not believe that the world will get better before Christ returns.
 - Postmillennialist teach God uses politics as a means to prepare the world for the gospel.
 - The Bible shows that the world will become more wicked before Christ comes (1Th.1; Mk.13; Lk.17; 21; Mt.24, etc.).
-  Premillennialism affirms the unconditional promises to national Israel.
 - Both Amillennialism and Postmillennialism denies a future reconstituted national Israel.

**Then I saw an angel coming
down from heaven, having
the key to the bottomless
pit and a great chain in his
hand.**

REVELATION 20:1



“an angel... key... chain” (Rv.20:1)



“an angel... key... chain”

🗨️ In Rv.9:1, from the 5th trumpet, we saw an angel was given the key to the abyss. 

🗨️ This angel has authority to open and close the abyss. 

🗨️ The “key” and “chain” are not likely literal, but they represent the ability to restrict the movements of someone.

**He laid hold of the dragon, that
serpent of old, who is the Devil
and Satan, and bound him for a
thousand years;**




REVELATION 20:2



“the dragon... bound him for a thousand years” (Rv.20:2)



“the dragon”

-  Placing Satan in confinement completes Christ's victory over His main enemies (Rv.19:11-20:3, Antichrist, False Prophet, and now Satan). The unholy trinity is defeated.
-  The eternal judgment of A.C. and the F.P. has been completed. God still has a plan for Satan.
-  Remember Michael cast Satan to the earth at the middle of Daniel's 70th Week (Rv.12).

**and he cast him into the bottomless
pit, and shut him up, and set a seal
on him, so that he should deceive
the nations no more till the
thousand years were finished. But
after these things he must be
released for a little while.**

REVELATION 20:3



“so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished” (Rv.20:3)



“deceive...no more”

-  The purpose for the imprisonment is for Satan to be restricted in movement so he is NOT able to deceive the nations during this time.



“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1Pe.5:8)

-  The duration of Satan being bound and imprisoned is “till the thousand years were finished”.

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.




REVELATION 20:4



“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them” (Rv.20:4)






“thrones...judgment”

-  John, in the context of the millennial kingdom, has another vision and sees occupied thrones.
-  Those on the thrones appear to be saints in general who are already seated when John sees them.
-  Their resurrection and right to render judgment must have preceded this vision (Rv.11:18, “reward Your servants the prophets and the saints”).

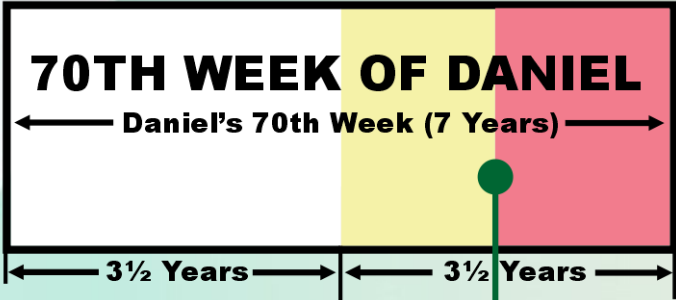
“souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus” (Rv.20:4)



“witness to Jesus... they lived”

-  There are two groups described here, the throne-sitters and the beheaded faithful.
-  Those “beheaded for their witness to Jesus” seems to be specific.
-  “They lived” means they ‘came to life’.

ORDER OF RESURRECTIONS IN SCRIPTURE



30 DAYS
Da.12:11

45 DAYS
Da.12:12

1,000 YEARS
Rv.20:1-7

1
CHRIST
(1Co.15:20,23;
Ro.8:29)
"Christ the firstfruits"

2
RAPTURE
(2Th.4:13-18;
1Jn.3:2)
"shall be caught up
together with them"

3
**70th WEEK
MARTYRS**
(Rv.20:4-6)
"not worshiped the
beast or his image"

1
**THE
DEAD**
(Rv.20:5, 12)
"the rest of
the dead"

**FIRST
RESURRECTION**

**SECOND
RESURRECTION**

First Fruits

Harvest

Gleanings

Shame

**But the rest of the dead did
not live again until the
thousand years were finished.
This is the first resurrection.**

REVELATION 20:5



“the rest of the dead” (Rv.20:5)



“rest of the dead... first resurrection”



“the rest of the dead” is contrasted with the martyrs of verse 4.

- “The dead” refers to unbelievers
- All the saints of the ages who died before the 6th seal will be resurrected at the rapture
- Those beheaded after the rapture will be resurrected near the beginning of the 1,000-year kingdom (Rv.20:4)
- There is a general resurrection of the wicked at the end of the 1,000-year kingdom (Rv.20:12)

“This is the first resurrection” (Rv.20:5)



“first resurrection”

- 🗨️ Farmers know a crop does not ripen all at once
- 🗨️ Usually, a small portion ripen first, then the largest portion ripens and lastly a small portion ripens late.
- 🗨️ Whether one is taken as the first fruits, the general harvest or the last of the harvest, all fruit would be considered part of the harvest.
- 🗨️ There is one harvest regardless of when the fruit is picked.



**Blessed and holy is he who has
part in the first resurrection.
Over such the second death has
no power, but they shall be
priests of God and of Christ,
and shall reign with Him a
thousand years.**

REVELATION 20:6

“Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection” (Rv.20:6)





“Blessed and holy”

- 🗨️ This is the 5th of 7 beatitudes in Revelation.
- 🗨️ This clearly limits “the first resurrection” to the righteous. Those who take part in the first resurrection will serve as priests of God.
- 🗨️ The blessed and holy saints will reign with Christ as priests. That is, they will be representatives of Christ to those of the earth during the 1,000-year kingdom.

“first resurrection... second death” (Rv.20:6)



“second death”

-  Revelation does not label a resurrection after the 1,000 years as 'the second resurrection' but there must be one. That is, there must be a resurrection for those devoid of holiness.
-  The second death (Rv.2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8) is defined as the lake of fire or eternal punishment. All of those who partake in the first resurrection have no fear of eternal punishment.

“shall reign with Him a thousand years” (Rv.20:6)



“reign”

- 🗨️ The fact that the reign of the resurrected is limited to 1,000 years signals an important detail.
- 🗨️ This reign is not a spiritual reign in heaven.



“And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations (Rv.2:26)

Church in Thyatira



“And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth (Rv.5:10)

DURING THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Glorified and Non-Glorified People Co-Existing



During the kingdom there will be:

- (1) Those in glorified resurrected bodies**
- (2) Those in mortal physical bodies**

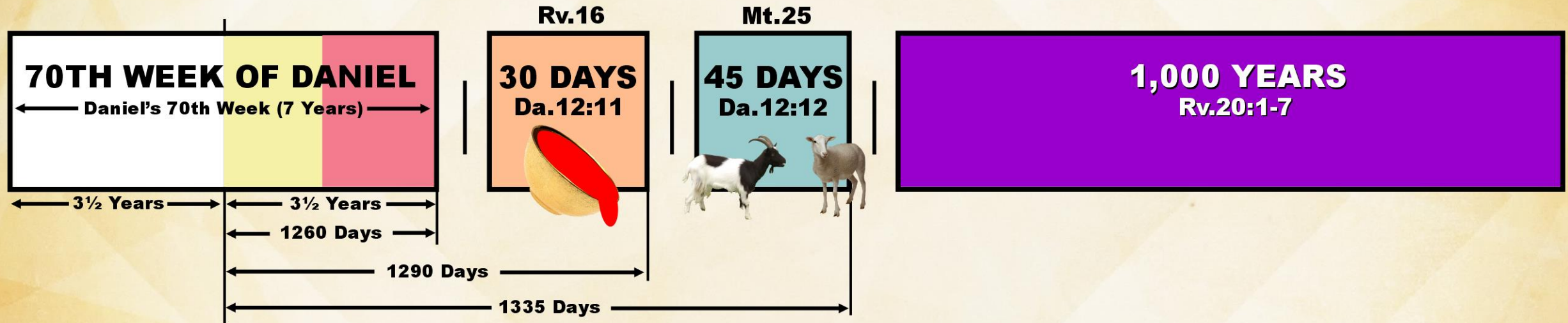


The post-resurrection ministry of our Lord among the disciples gives us an example from the past.



During this 40-day (Ac.1:3) period Jesus ate with His disciples (Lk.24:43).

LAST DAYS EVENTS



LAST DAYS EVENTS

Those Who Occupy The Kingdom

30 DAYS
Da.12:11



45 DAYS
Da.12:12



1,000 YEARS
Rv.20:1-7

THOSE WITH GLORIFIED BODIES

- The church and OT saints via Rapture (1Th.4:13-18; Da.12:1-2)
- Those resurrected after Christ comes to the earth (Rv.20:4-6)

THOSE WITH EARTHLY BODIES

- Believing Jews (144,000 plus 70th Week converts)
- Believing Gentiles (Mt.25:31-46, “sheep”)

ALL WHO ENTER THE KINGDOM WILL BE BELIEVERS

**No more shall an infant from
there live but a few days, Nor
an old man who has not fulfilled
his days; For the child shall die
one hundred years old, But the
sinner being one hundred years
old shall be accursed.**

ISAIAH 65:20



²¹ Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

²² It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.

EKEZIEL 47:21-22



**Now when the thousand
years have expired, Satan
will be released from his
prison**

REVELATION 20:7



“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison” (Rv.20:7)



“Satan...prison”

- ☘ **“thousand years” is referred to 6 times in 7 verses (Rv.20:1-7).**
- ☘ **Revelation provides no details concerning the life and times of the 1,000-year period.**
- ☘ **Satan's confinement is described as “prison.”**

and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

REVELATION 20:8



“to deceive the nations” (Rv.20:8)



“gather them together to battle”

- ☞ Satan will resume his campaign to overthrow the Son of the woman (Rv.12, Israel) who rules over the nations.
- ☞ The “nations” will be deceived. That is, the unbelievers in their natural bodies will rebel. Those born during the kingdom will still have a sinful nature inherited from Adam.
- ☞ Since those who enter God’s kingdom in natural bodies will be able to have babies (Is.65:17ff), subsequent generations will have a choice to follow or not to follow Christ.

**They went up on the breadth of
the earth and surrounded the
camp of the saints and the
beloved city. And fire came down
from God out of heaven and
devoured them.**

REVELATION 20:9



“surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city” (Rv.20:9)



“camp...beloved city”

- 🗨️ This innumerable horde with Satan traveled the breadth of the earth (from the four corners) to get to the battle.
- 🗨️ The “beloved city” refers to Jerusalem.
- 🗨️ Rv.16:19 tells us Jerusalem was destroyed by a huge earthquake during the 7th bowl judgment.
- 🗨️ God's solution to the problem was to bring fire down and devour them.

**The devil, who deceived them,
was cast into the lake of fire
and brimstone where the beast
and the false prophet are. And
they will be tormented day and
night forever and ever.**




REVELATION 20:10



“tormented day and night forever and ever” (Rv.20:10)



“lake of fire and brimstone”

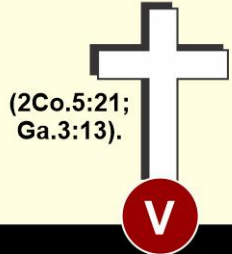
-  The beast and false prophet were thrown into the lake 1000 years earlier.
-  This confirms that the punishment of the wicked is eternal in nature. After 1000 years, the beast and the false prophet are still suffering.
-  The text does not say what happens to the saints with natural unglorified bodies. Some suggest they will receive instant glorification at this time.

10 JUDGMENTS OVERVIEW — PAST AND FUTURE

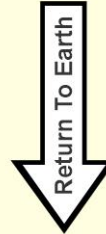
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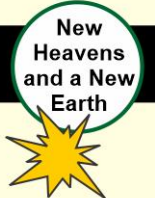
The Father Judged Christ for Our Sins



Believer's Self-Judgment
(1Co.11:31-32; 1Jn.1:9)



Eternity begins with destruction of the earth plus entrance of the new heavens and new earth.



(Is.65:17; 66:22; 2Pe.5:17; Re.21:1)



The earth was created good. But it became void and darkness was upon the earth (Ge.1:2). It is believed that Lucifer rebelled causing the chaotic state of the earth (Is.28; Ek.28).



The Fall of Man
(Ge.3)



Judgment on ungodly mankind
(Ge.6:5,11,13)



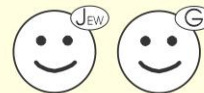
Israel Judged in time
(De.28:15,20,25; Je.33:1-4; Mt.22:37-39; Ro.11:1)



Judgment of Believers in Time - Divine Discipline
Three Stages:
• Warning (Re.3:20)
• Pain (He.12:5-11)
• Physical death (1Co.11:30)



Judgment Seat of Christ
(Ro.14:10; 1Co.3:9-15; 2Co.5:10)

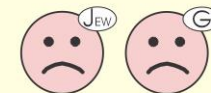


Judgment of Unbelieving Nations & Individuals
(Mt.25; Je.25:31; 50:24; Ek.34)
Removal of all unbelievers from the earth.



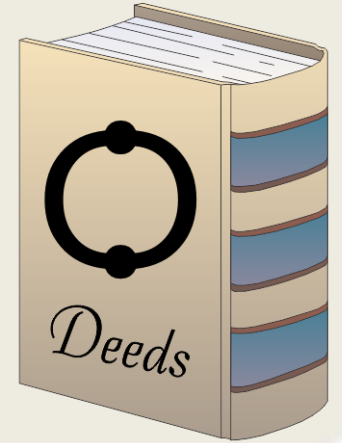
THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT




(Re.20:11-15; Jn.5:29 2Pe.2:4)



BOOK OF THE DEEDS

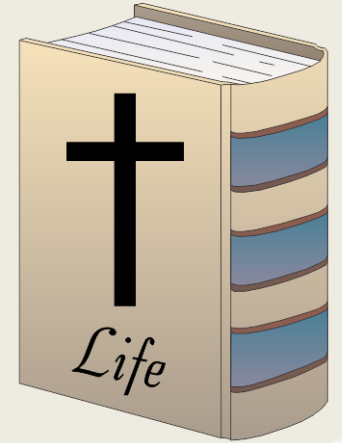
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-  What is written are all the motives and actions of humans, whether good or bad. It is specifically called a “book of remembrance” (**MI.3:16**).
-  This is a metaphor for God's memory and that all mankind will give an account to their Creator concerning their stewardship of their gift of life. This is also called the “book of remembrance” (**MI.3:16**)
-  The Great White Throne Judgment (**Rv.20:11-15**) is a judgment for unbelievers. Not one will have their name written in the Book of Life (**Rv.20:12-14**).

BOOK OF LIFE

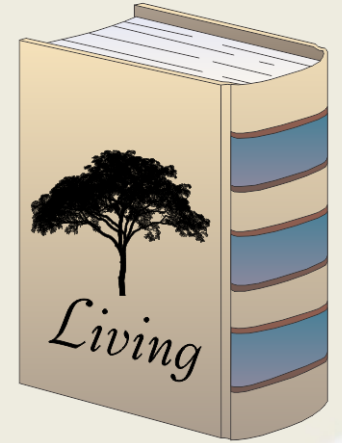
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- ⚙️ What is written are all the motives and actions of humans, whether good or bad. It is specifically called a “book of remembrance” (**MI.3:16**).
- ⚙️ This is also called the Lamb's Book of Life (**Rv.13:8; 21:27; 22:19**).
- ⚙️ This is a metaphor for God's memory of those who have placed their faith in Him and so are redeemed and on their way to heaven.
- ⚙️ Once your name is written in the Book of Life, it is never erased (**Rv.3:5; Rm.8:37-39**). Believers should have assurance of their salvation (**Jn.10:28-30**). All who are redeemed ARE overcomers and so will not have their names erased (**Rv.3:5**). This is a promise, not a warning!

BOOK OF THE LIVING

Ex.32:32-33; 17:14; Du.29:20; Ps.9:5-6



-  In **Psalm 69:28**, “Let them [David's enemies] be blotted out of the book of the living.” David is referring to physical and earthly life (not eternal life in heaven).
-  This 'book of the living' is not the Book of Life. This is also true for the 'book' in **Exodus 32:32-33**.
-  This is the book of all who are physically alive. To be blotted out is to experience physical death (**Ex.17:14; Du.29:20; Ps.9:5-6**).

**Then I saw a great white throne
and Him who sat on it, from
whose face the earth and the
heaven fled away. And there was
found no place for them.**

REVELATION 20:11



“I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it” (Rv.20:11)



“great white throne”

- After the disposal of the devil, God will judge the wicked of all the ages.
- The One seated on the throne is God, the Almighty.
- Heaven and earth “fled away” in that they no longer exist. John speaks of them ceasing before it actually occurred (v.13).
- Verse 11 is given as a summary statement. This is common in Revelation to give a broad summary view, then go back and provide details.

**And I saw the dead, small and great,
standing before God, and books
were opened. And another book was
opened, which is the Book of Life.
And the dead were judged according
to their works, by the things which
were written in the books.**

REVELATION 20:12



**“I saw the dead, small and great,
standing before God” (Rv.20:12)**



“the dead... the books”

- John indicates that the dead are “standing before God.”
- “The dead” here are tied to verse 5 (“the dead”).
These are the ones not raised before the kingdom.
- There appears to be more than one “book” present.
The books record the works of the dead.

The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.




REVELATION 20:13



“The sea gave up the dead who were in it” (Rv.20:13)



“Death and Hades”

-  The “sea” is a picture of the unbelieving world.
-  “Death and Hades” gives us the second source of the dead who appear before God.
-  The relationship between “death” and “Hades” is not defined in Revelation.

**Then Death and Hades
were cast into the lake
of fire. This is the second
death.**

REVELATION 20:14



“Death and Hades...second death” (Rv.20:14)



“Death and Hades”

- ☞ John seems to personify death to emphasize their termination as instruments of judgment.
- ☞ These instruments of death and Hades will have fulfilled their purpose.
- ☞ The first death is only physical. The second death is spiritual and eternal.

**And anyone not found
written in the Book of
Life was cast into the
lake of fire.**



REVELATION 20:15



**“anyone not found written in
the Book of Life” (Rv.20:15)**

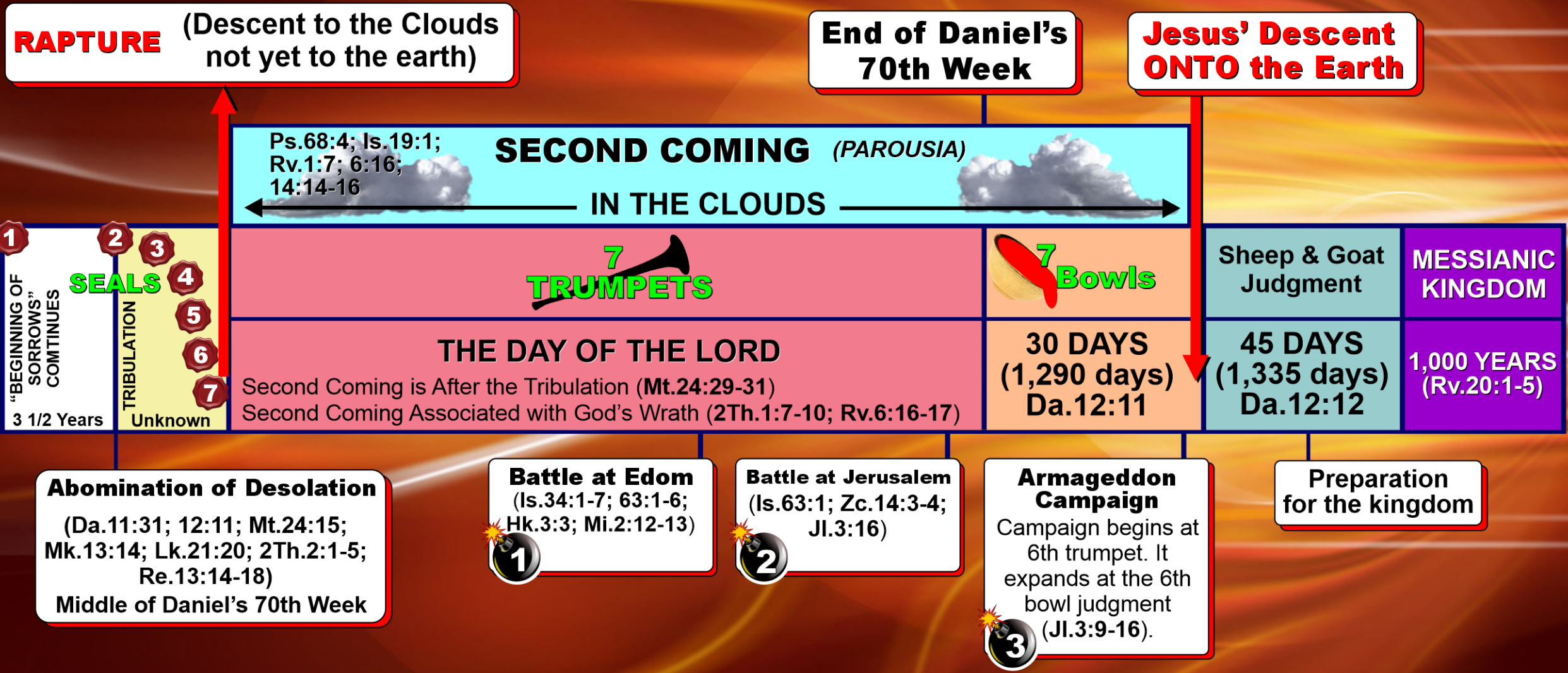


“cast into the lake of fire”

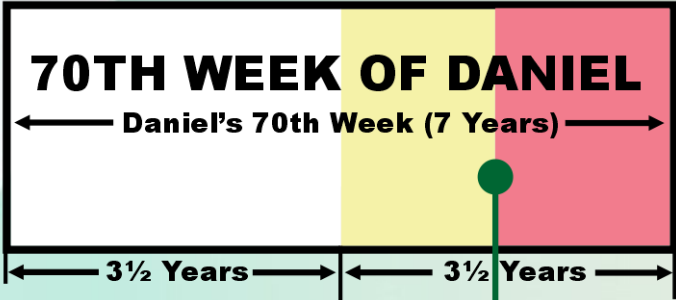
-  You want your name in the Book of Life. It means you have everlasting life.
-  No unbeliever will find his name written in the book of Life and thus they will be cast into the lake of fire.

ONE SECOND COMING

THERE IS ONLY ONE SECOND COMING WHICH CONSISTS OF MULTIPLE EVENTS INCLUDING WRATH AND BATTLE



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