

# MIDDLE EAST MELTDOWN

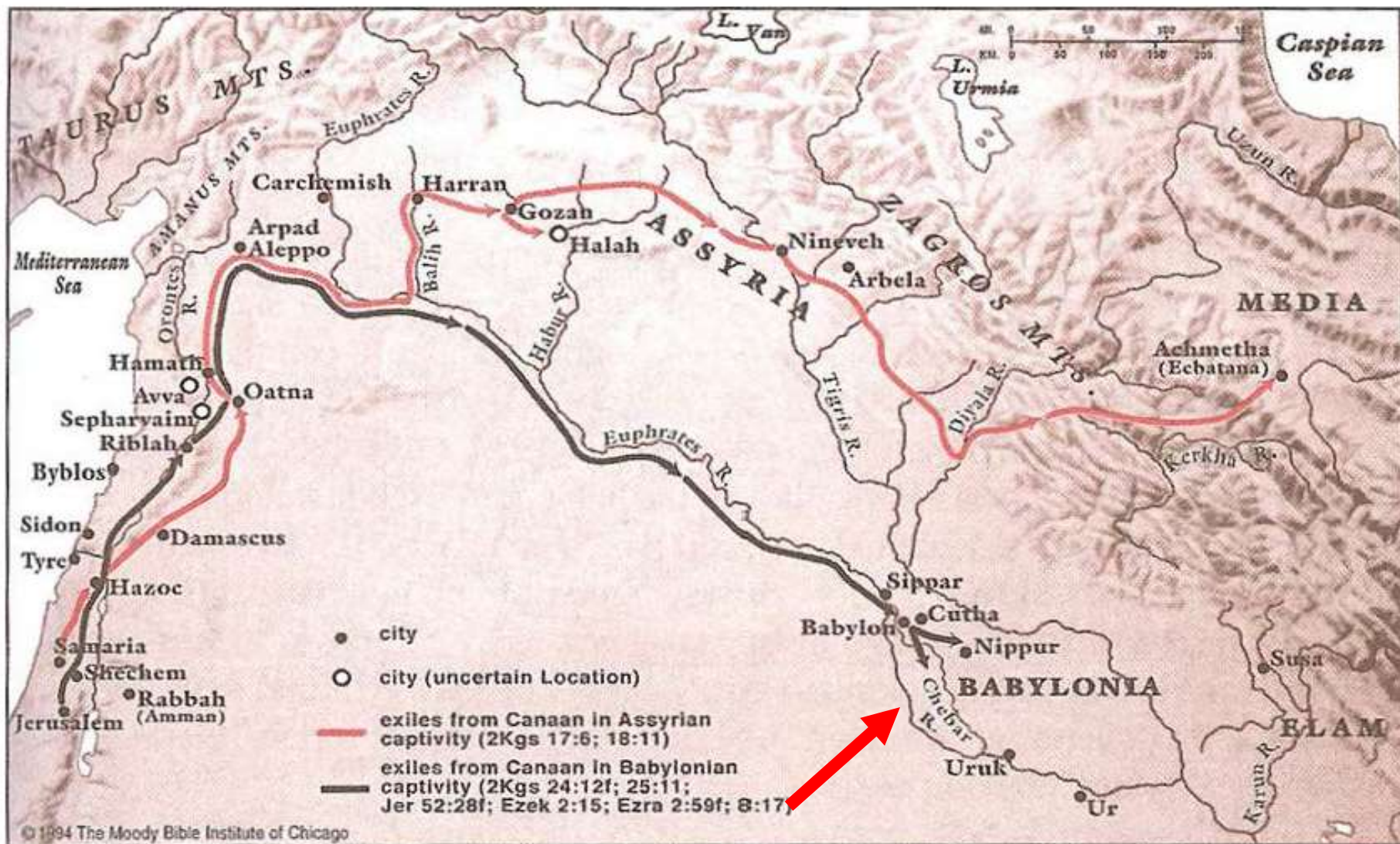


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Outline adapted from Mark Hitchcock, *The Battle of Gog and Magog*, PTSG 2005

# MAP OF BABYLON



EXILE OF ISRAEL (721 B.C.) AND EXILE OF JUDAH (586 B.C.)



THE CHEBAR RIVER  
Ezekiel 1:1

# Two Angles

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THE BATTLE OF  
GOG & MAGOG  
Ezekiel 38:1-17

ROSH  
Russia

MAGOG  
Central Asia:

- Kazakhstan
- Uzbekistan
- Tajikistan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Turkmenistan

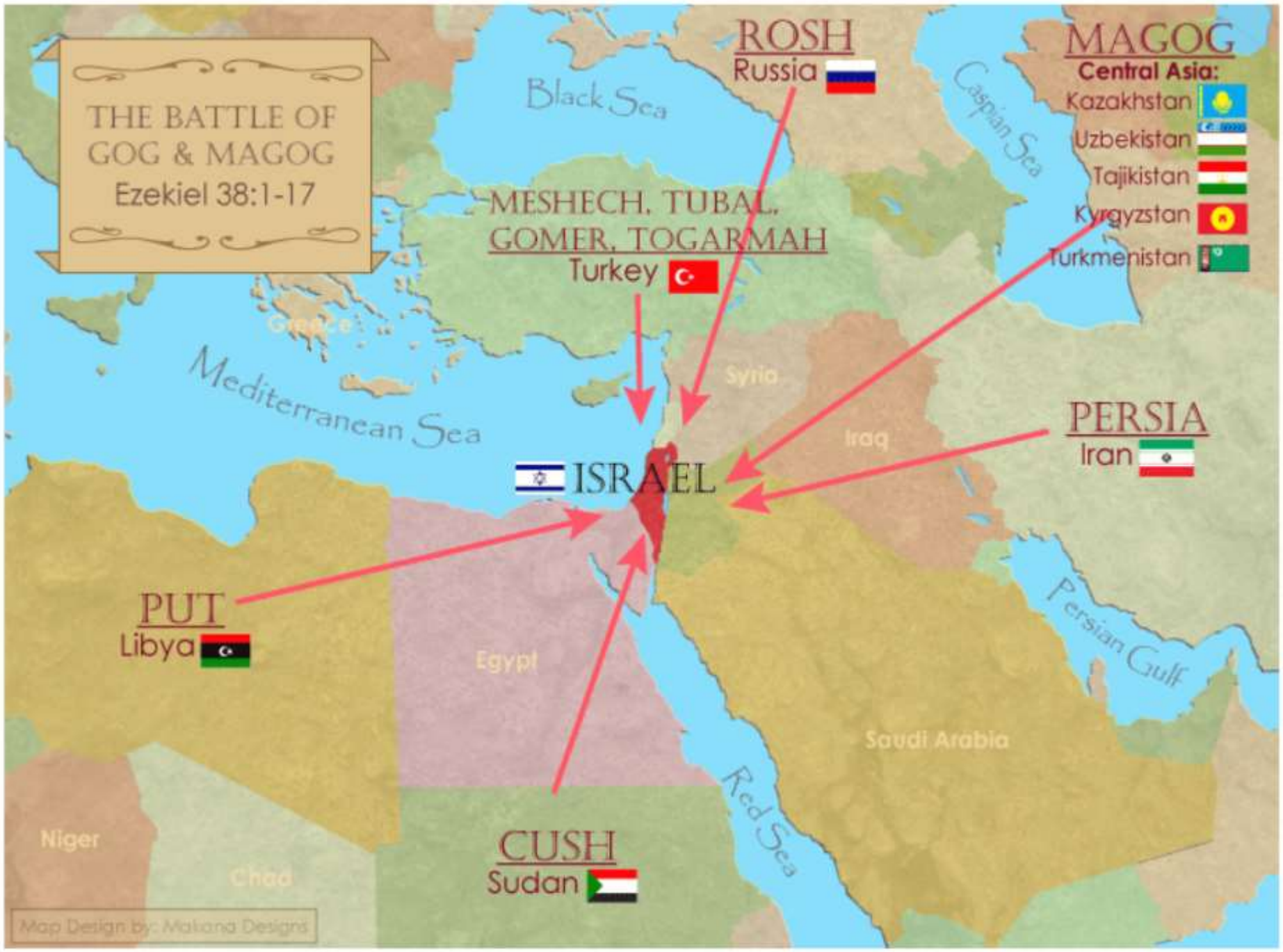
MESHECH, TUBAL,  
GOMER, TOGARMAH  
Turkey

PERSIA  
Iran

ISRAEL

PUT  
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CUSH  
Sudan





# Wilhelm Gesenius

*Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon* (Samuel Bagster and Sons, 1847; reprint, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987), 752.



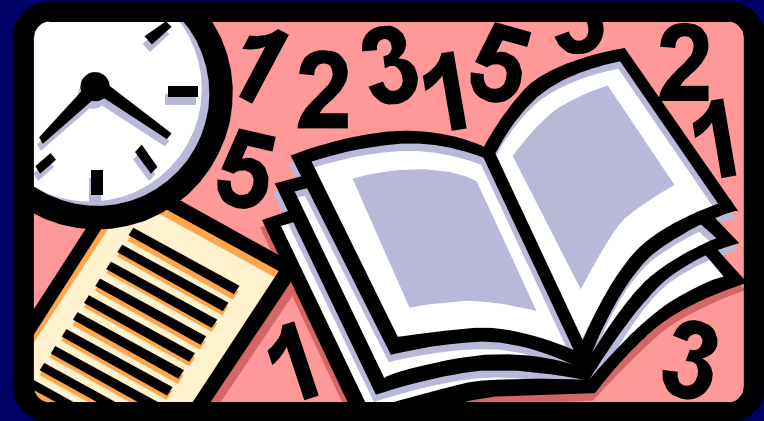
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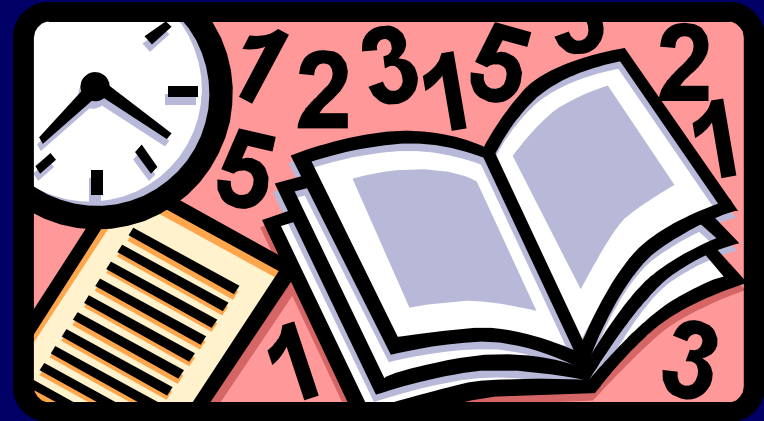


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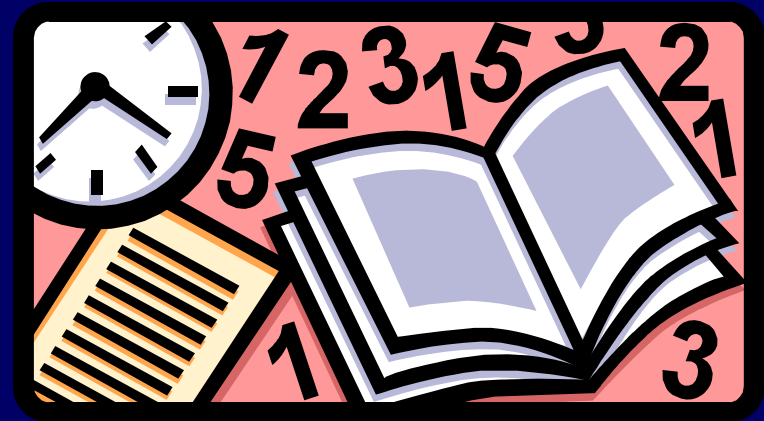
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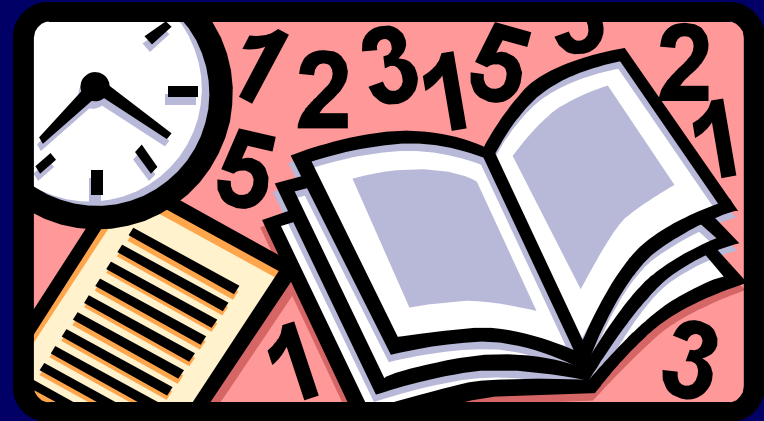
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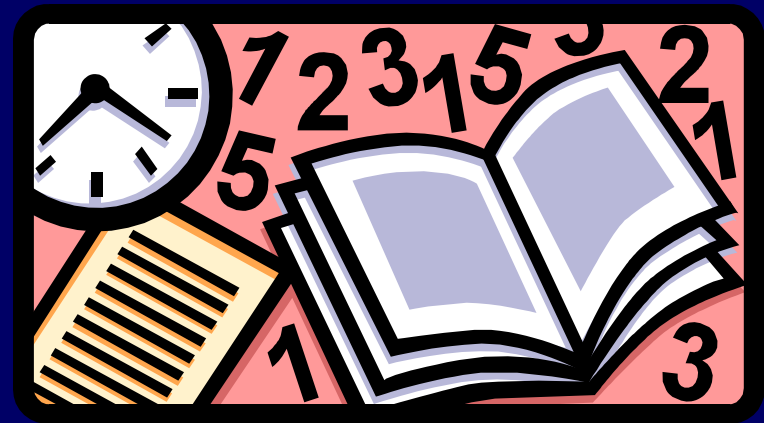
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“<sup>7</sup>When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. <sup>9</sup>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.”



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# Armageddon?

## Ezek 38-39

## Armageddon

No battle (38:20-23)

Battle between armies and Lord (Rev. 19:19)

Invaders come from the far west and north (38:5)

All nations invade (Rev. 16:14; Zech. 12:3)

Enemies destroyed on Israel's mountains (39:2-4)

Events take place in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2; 14:2; and the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:12)

Israel dwelling in safety (38:11)

Israel not dwelling in safety (Rev. 12:14-17)

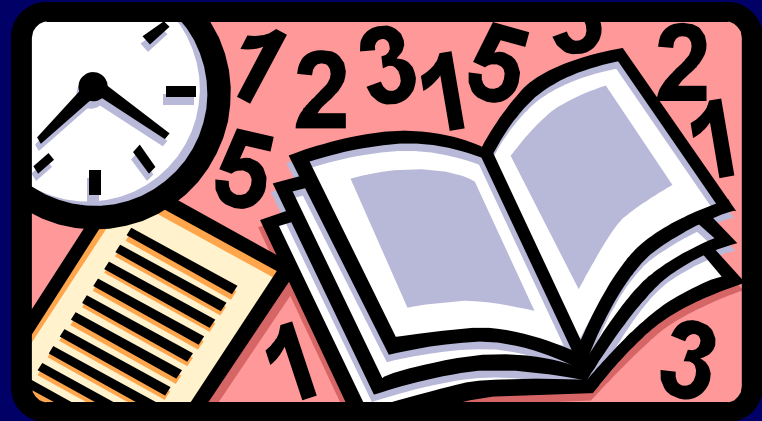
No massive blood flow recorded

Massive flow of blood (Rev. 14:20)

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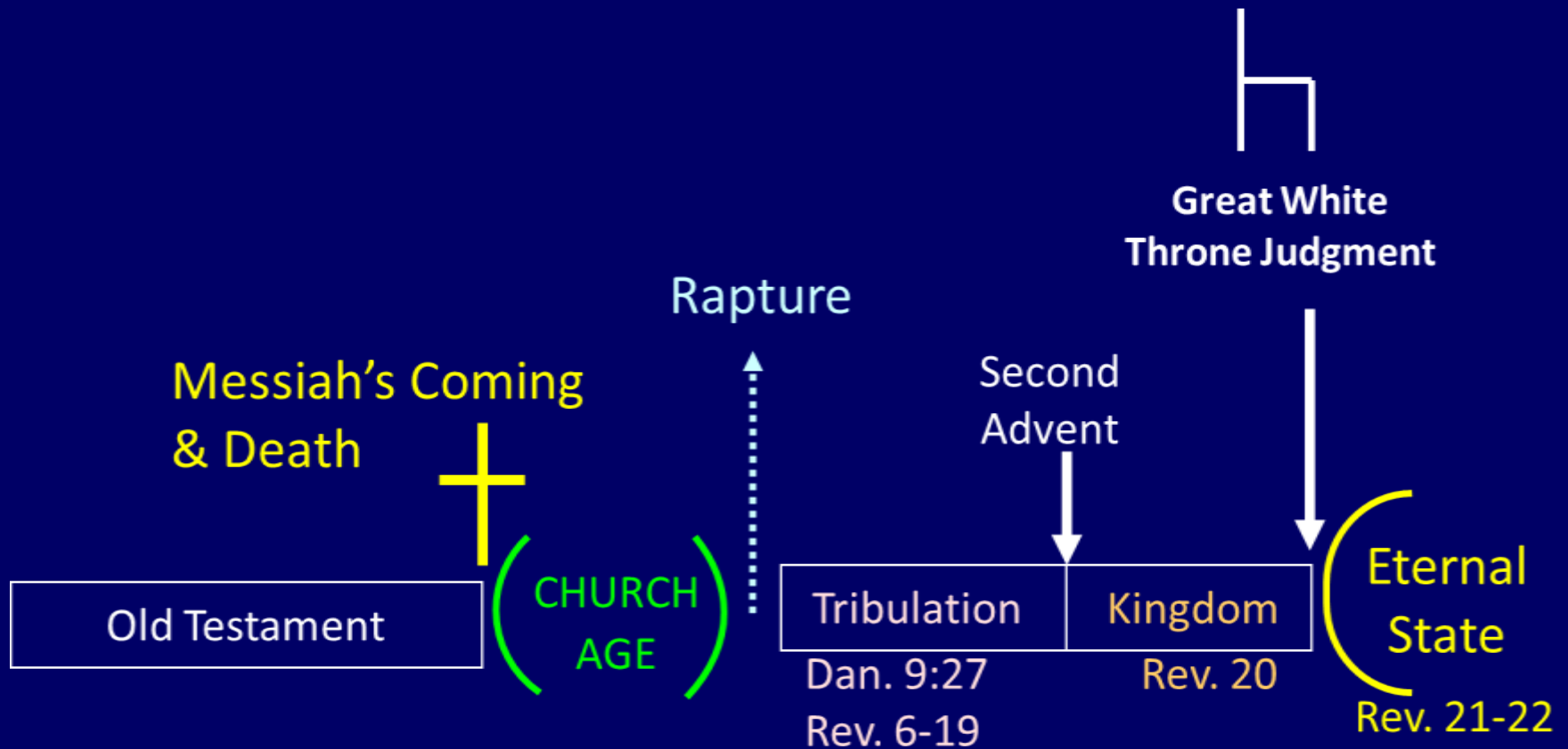
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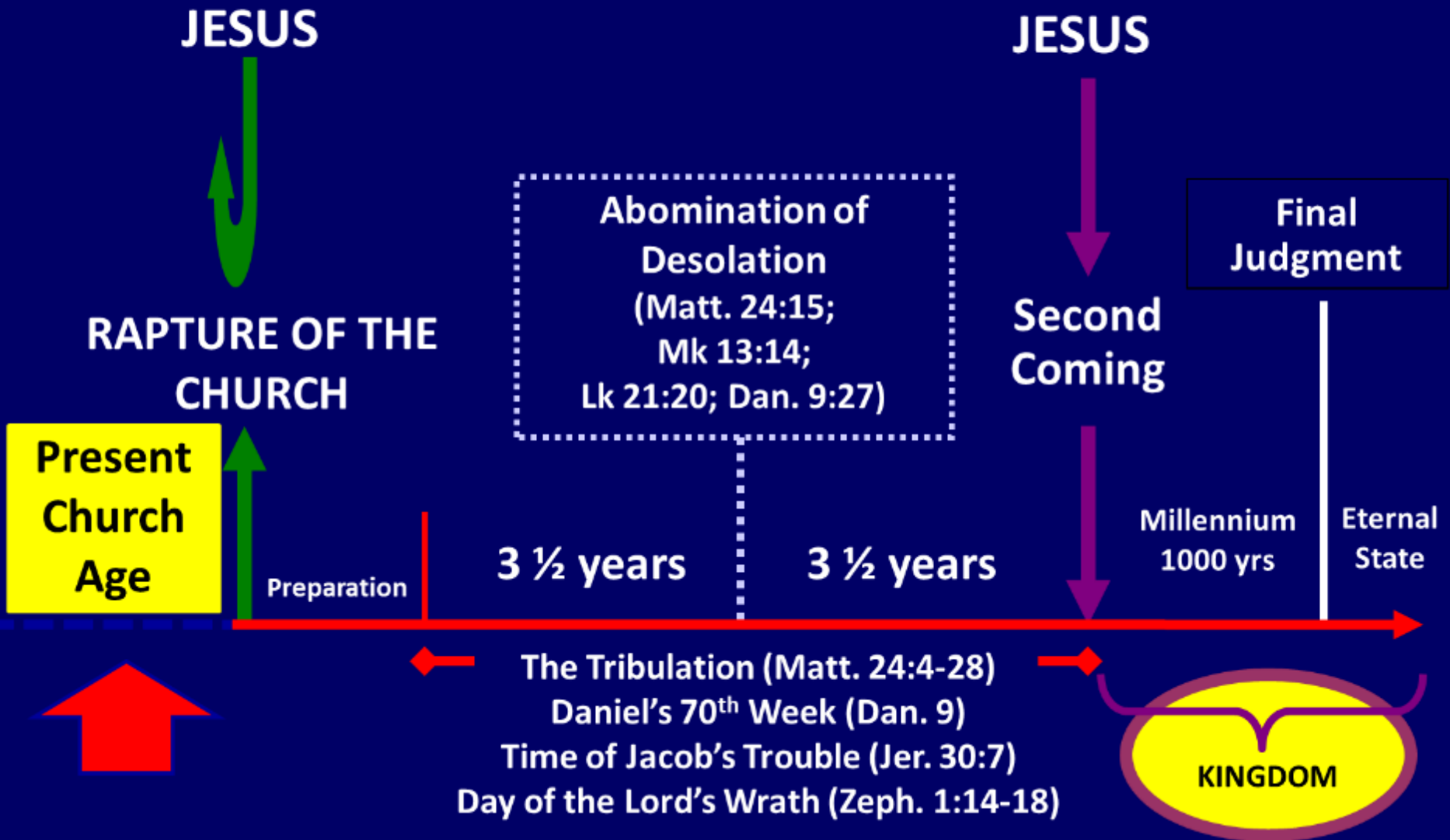


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# Prophecy Panorama



# The End Times



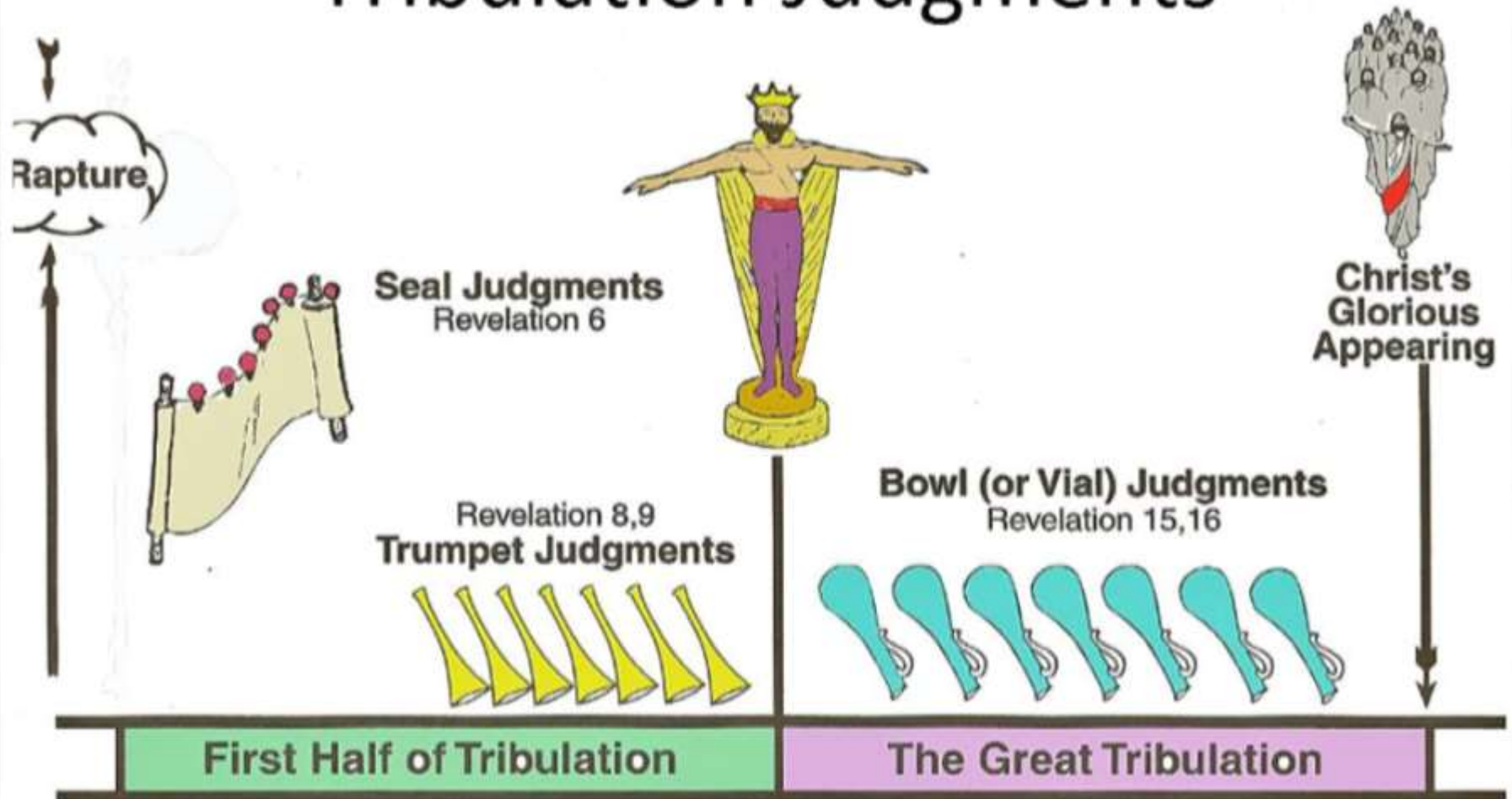


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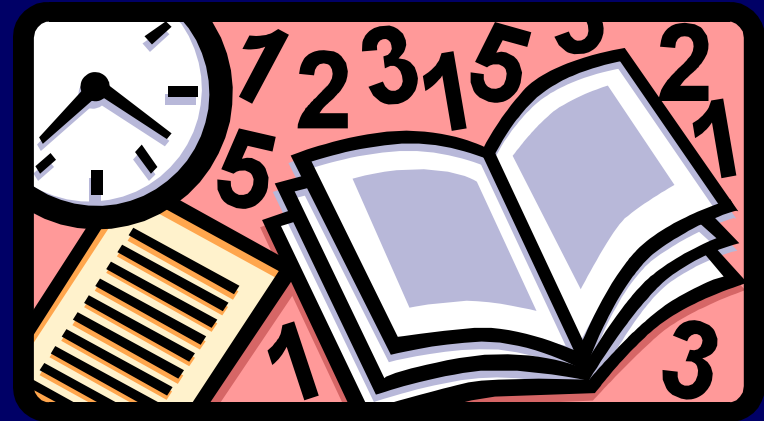


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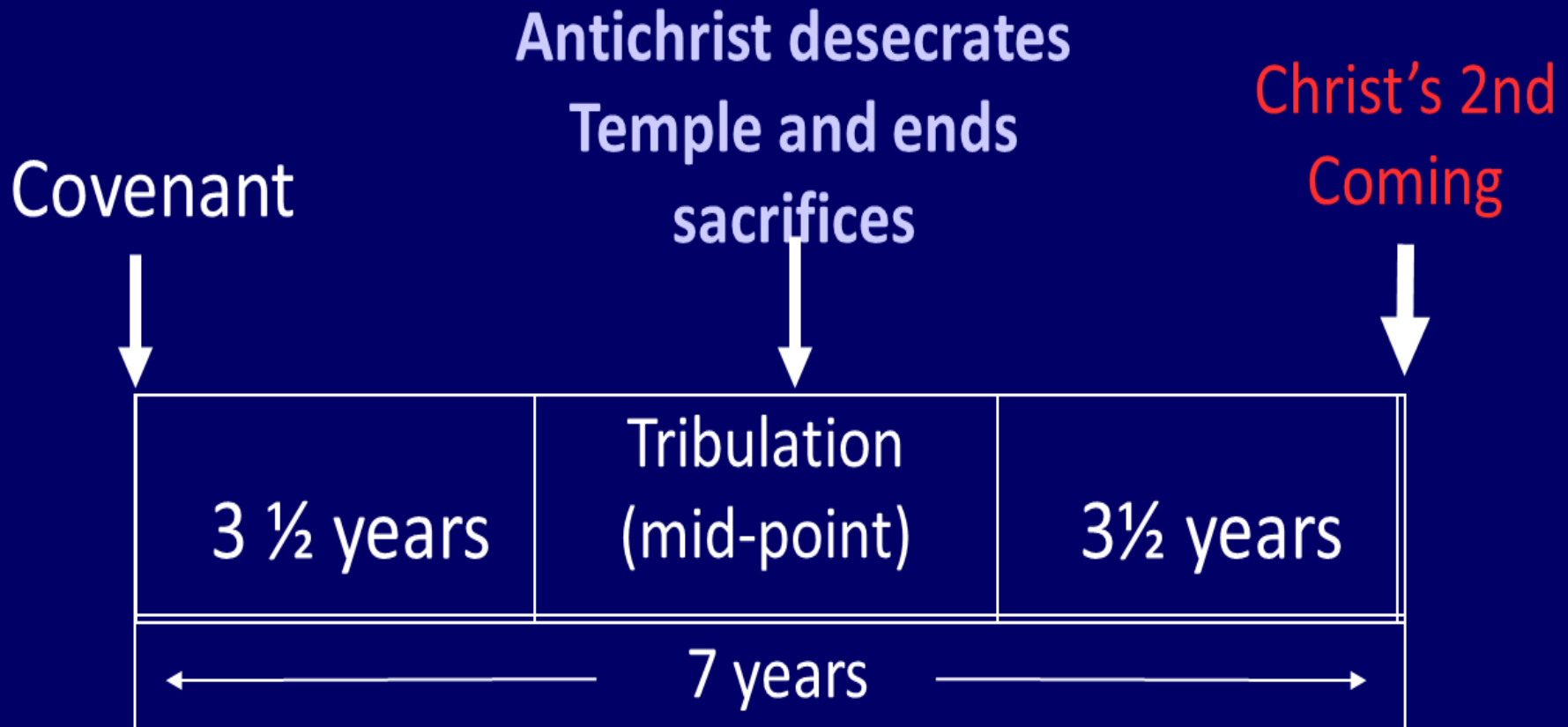
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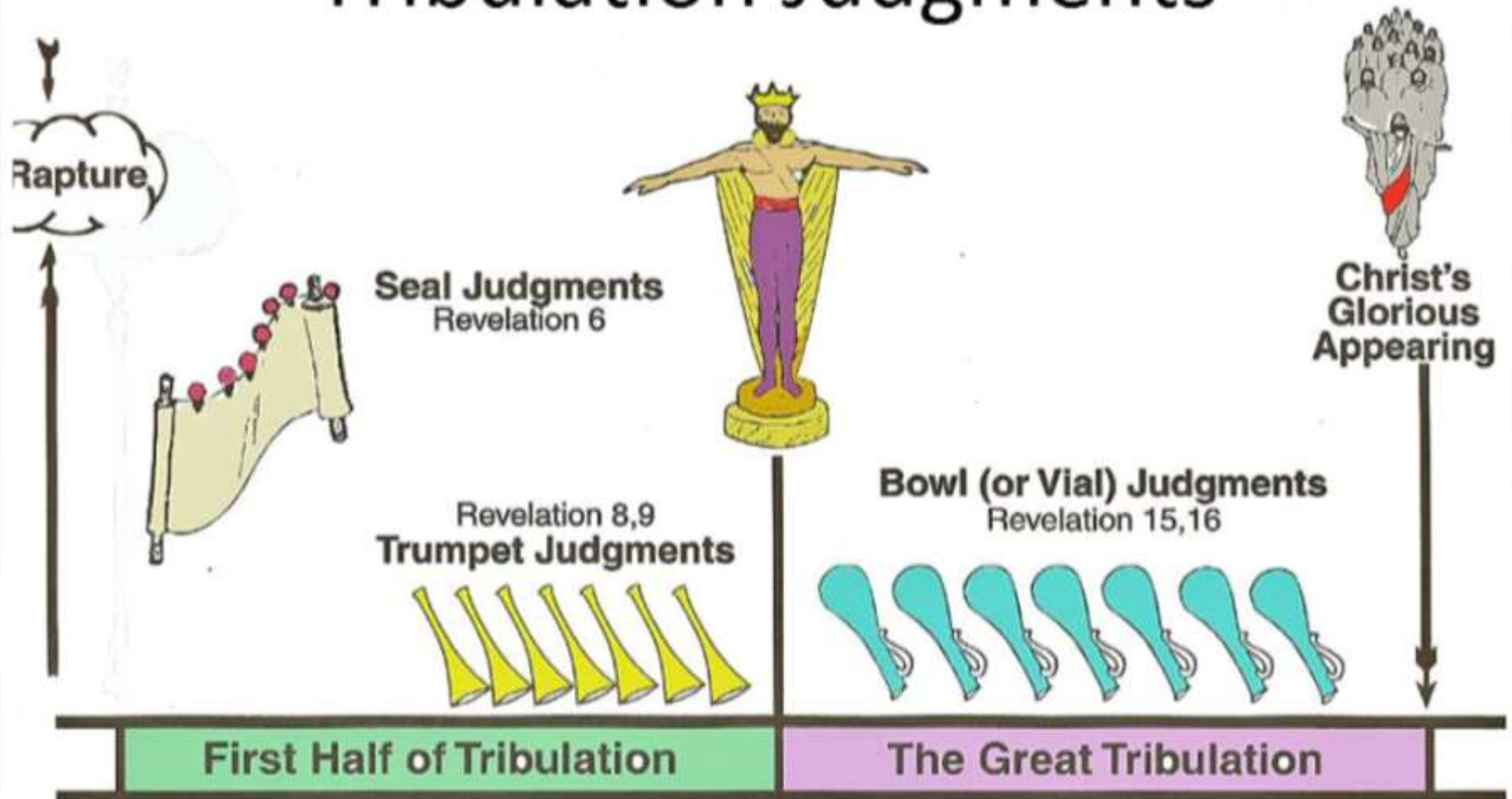
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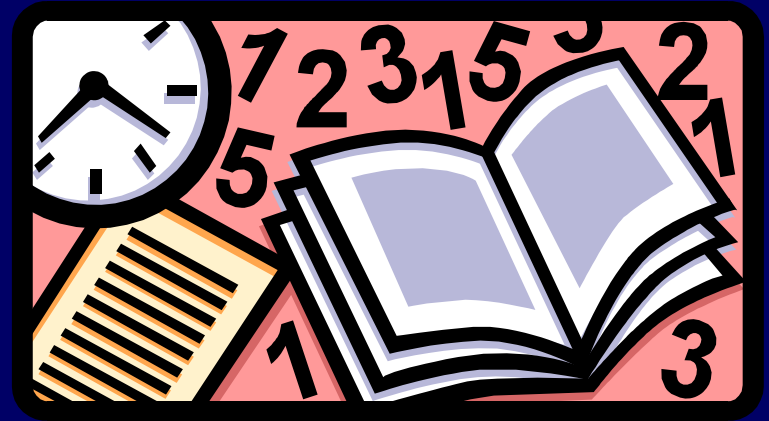


## Charles L. Feinberg

*The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Glory of the Lord*, Paperback ed.  
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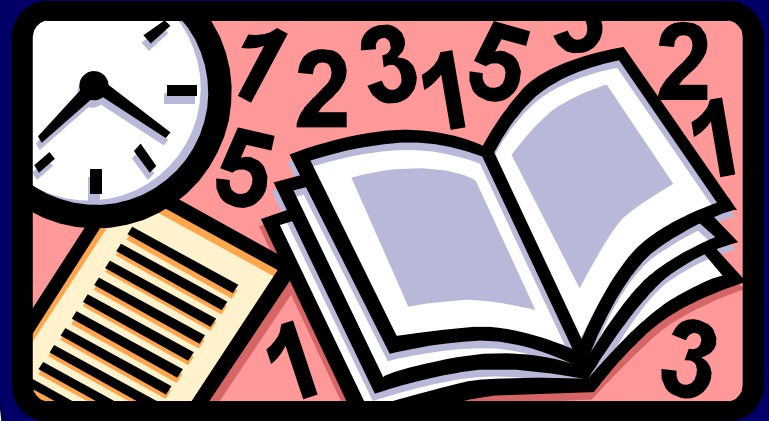
“Verses 25–29 teach that the *complete* return of Israel will occur after the defeat of Gog and his Confederates. Ezekiel summarized his prophecies of hope and restoration. When he stated that God will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, he had in mind that all previous restorations were partial. Now a *universal and final restoration* will take place. It was God who allowed them to go into captivity; it is he who will see to it that they are regathered; indeed, it is he who will insure that *not one is left out of the land*...In conclusion, to summarize all the benefits promised, Ezekiel spoke of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the house of Israel (italics added).”

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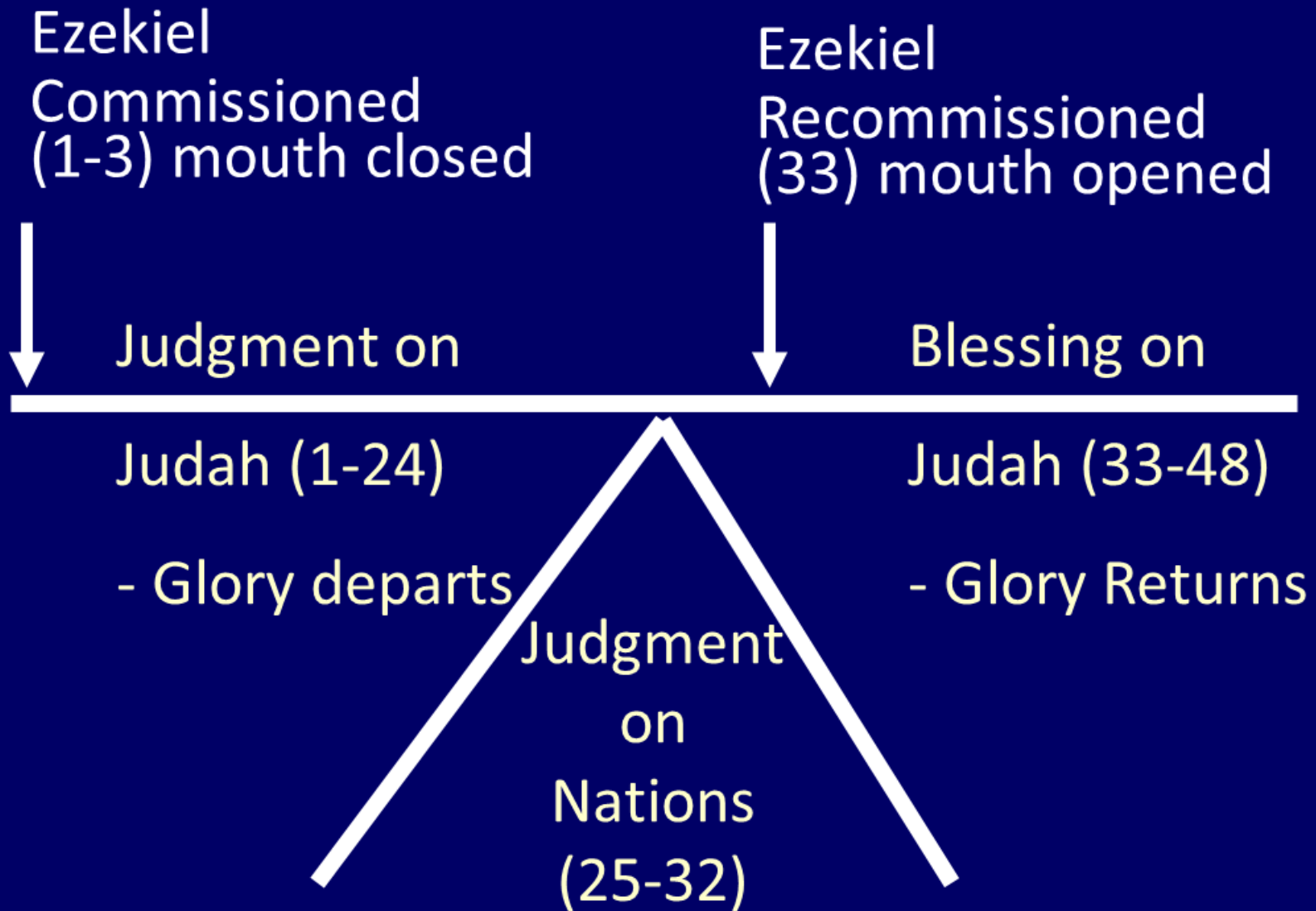
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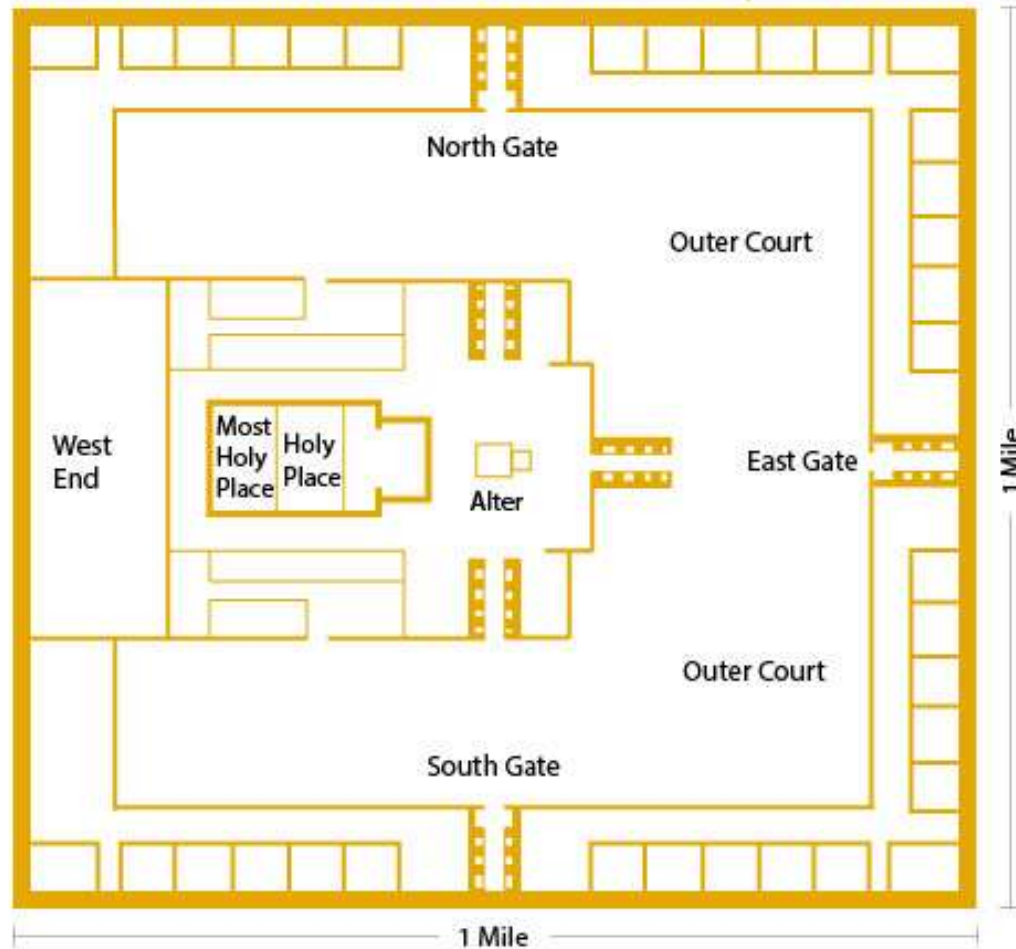


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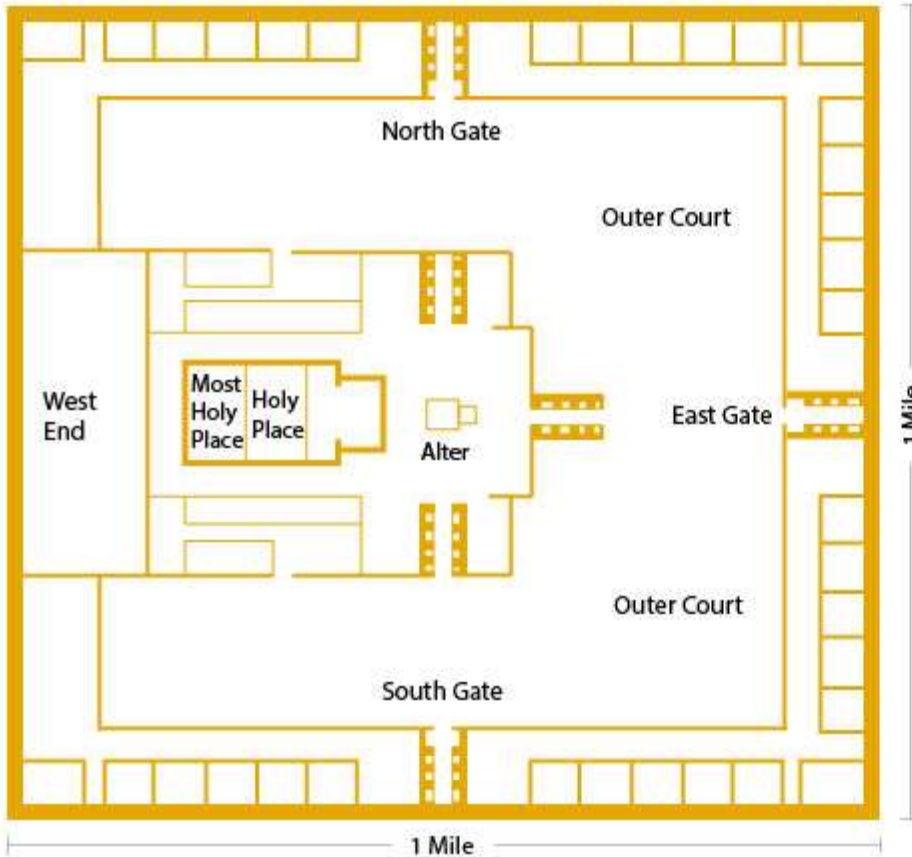
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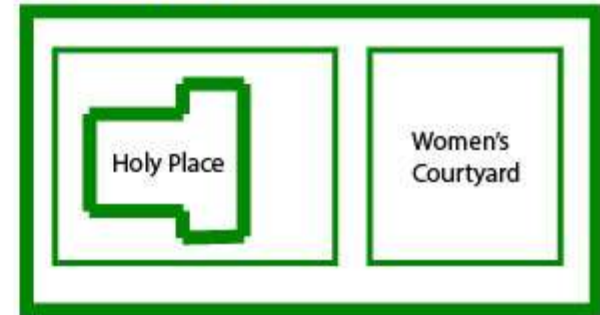


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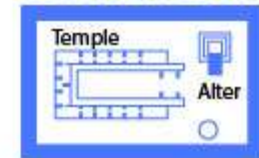


**TABERNACLE**



100x50 CUBITS | 150x75 FT

**SOLOMON'S TEMPLE**



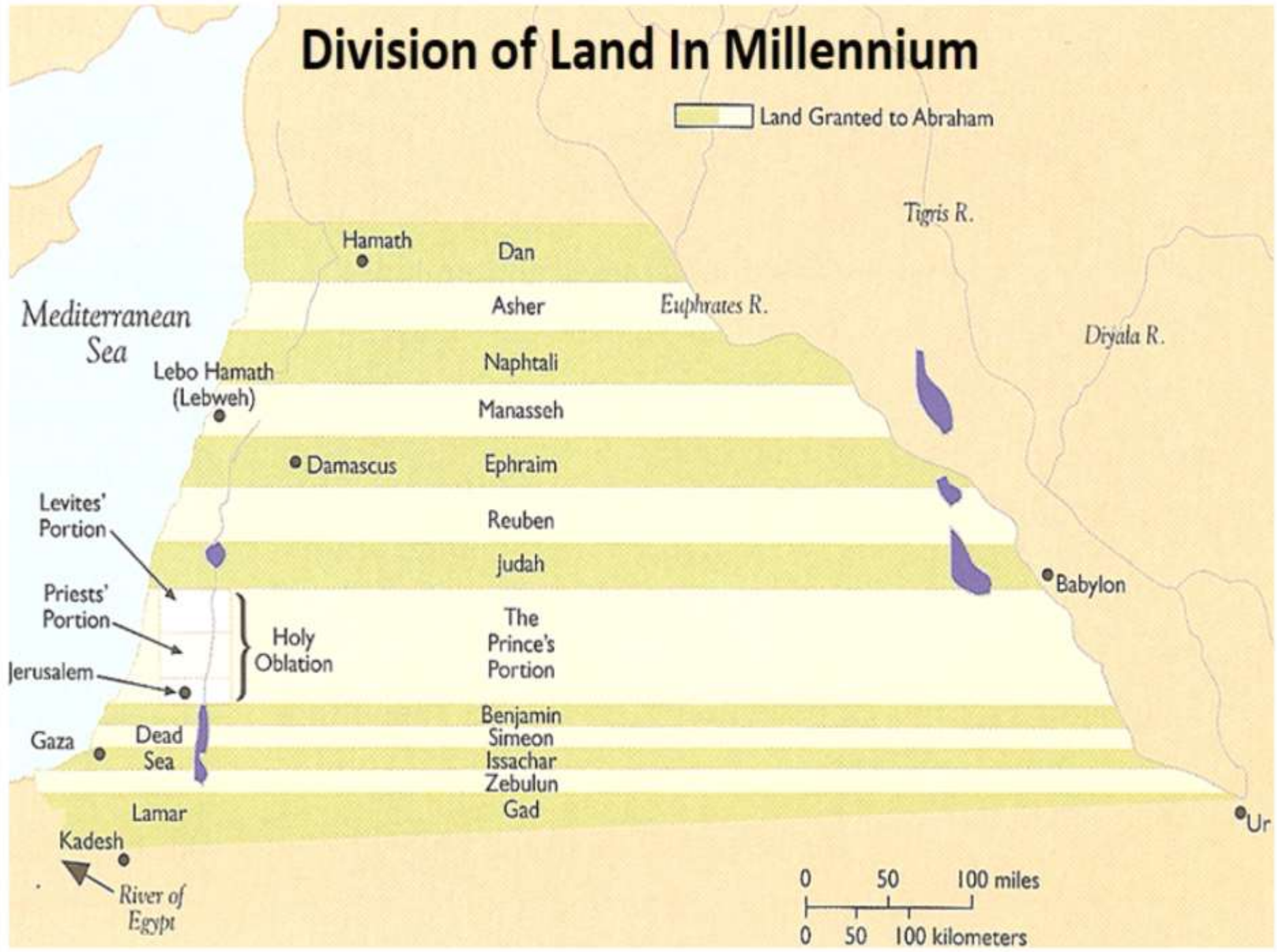
**FOOTBALL FIELD**



100x50 YARDS | 300x150 FT

# Division of Land In Millennium

Land Granted to Abraham



THE DIVISION  
OF LAND IN  
MILLENNIUM

DAN

ASHER

NAPHTALI

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LEVITE'S  
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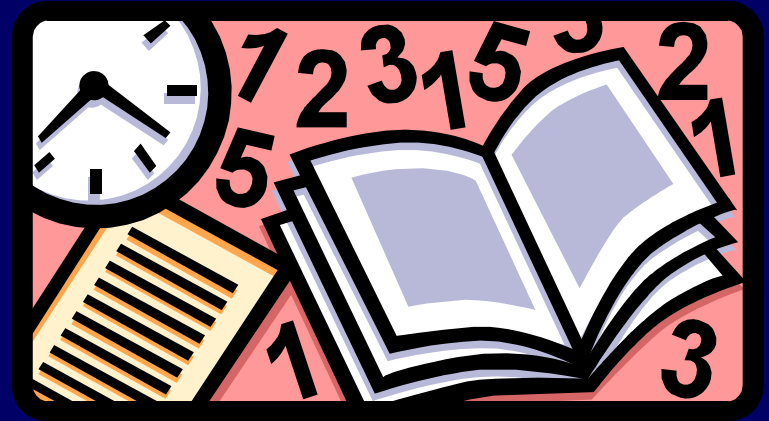
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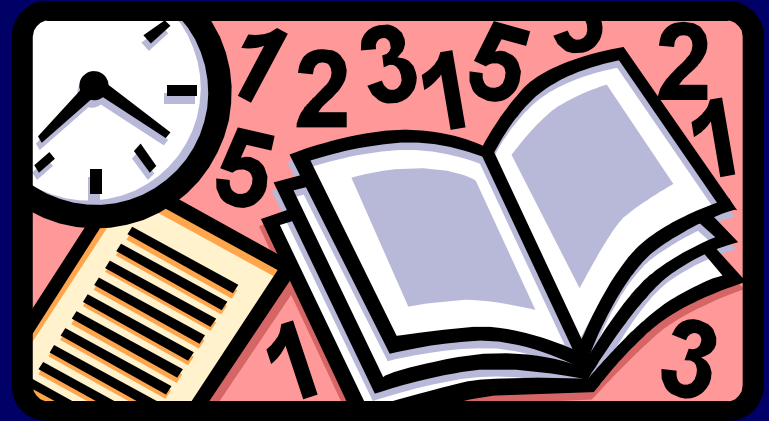
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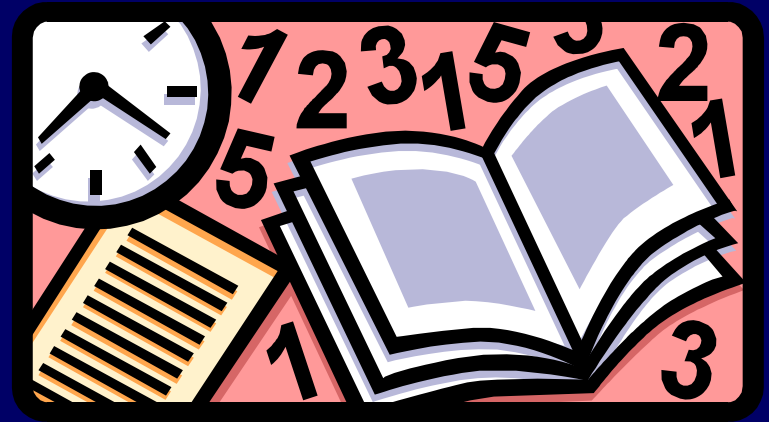
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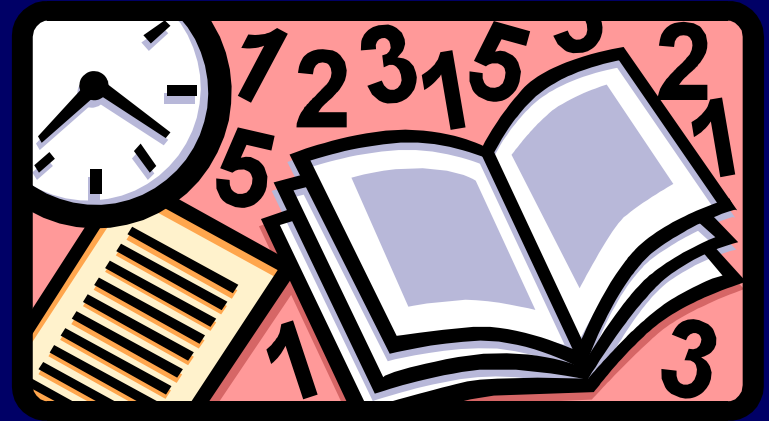
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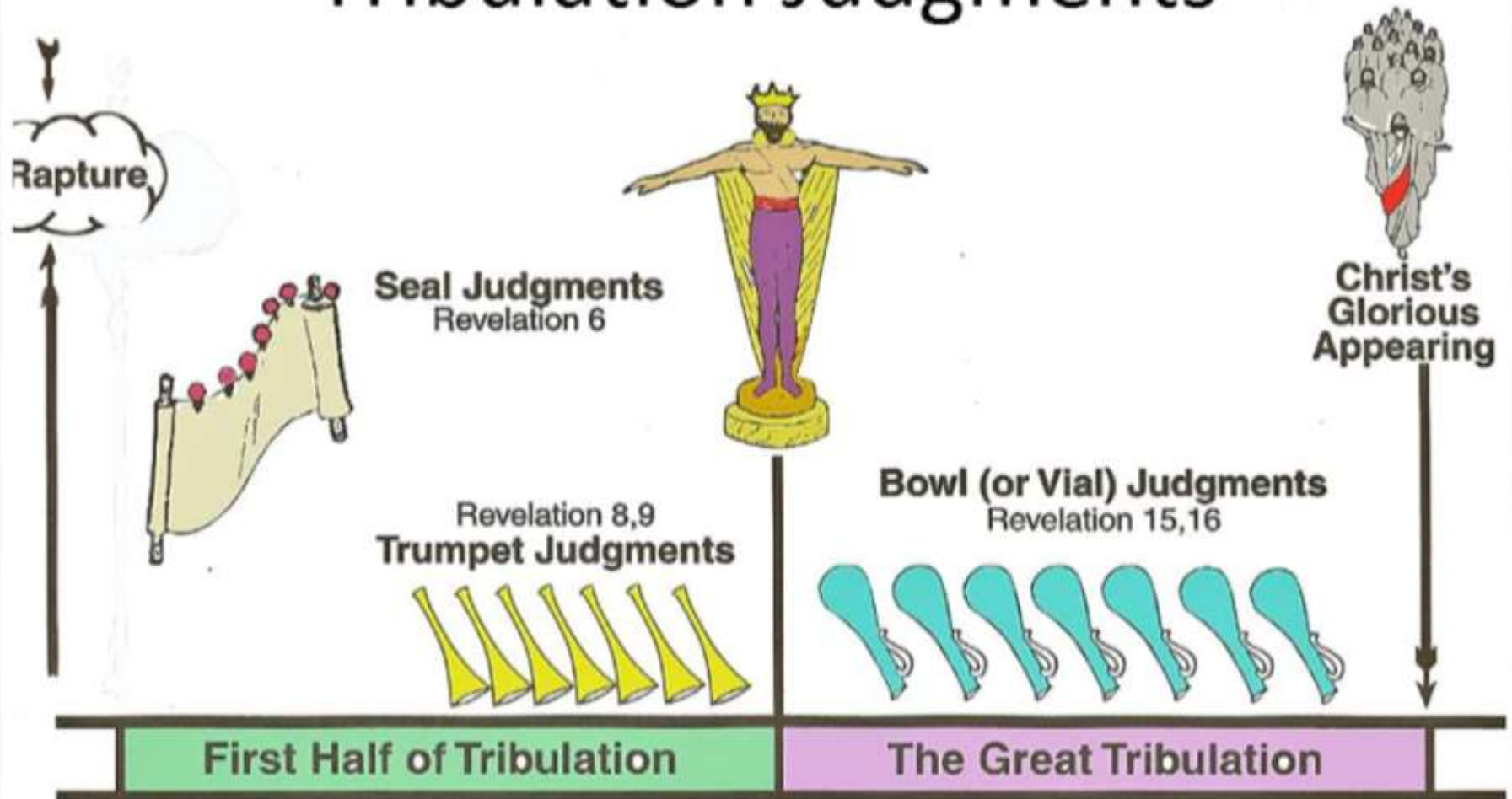
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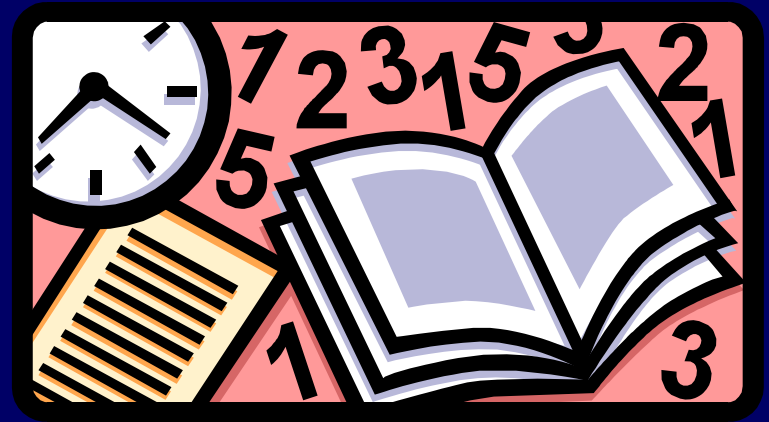


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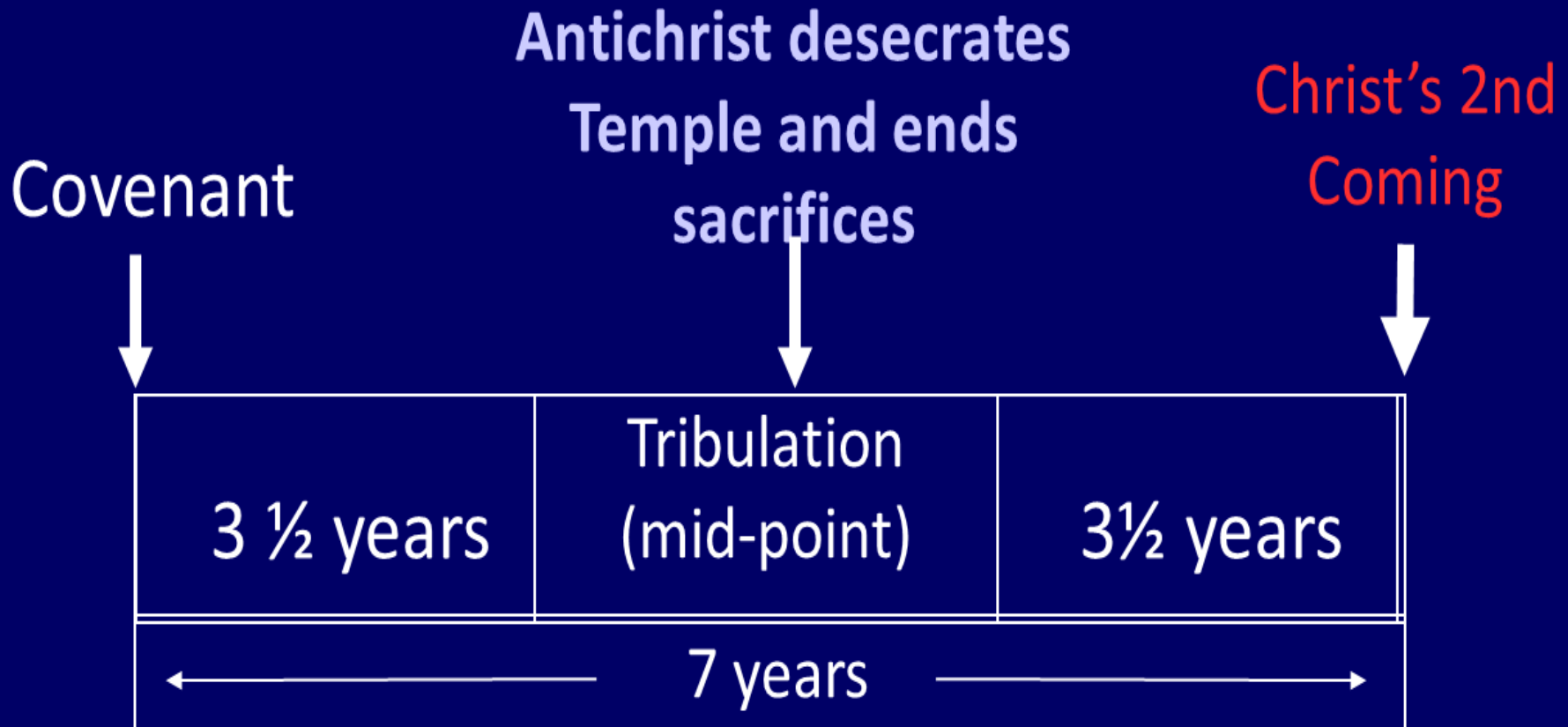
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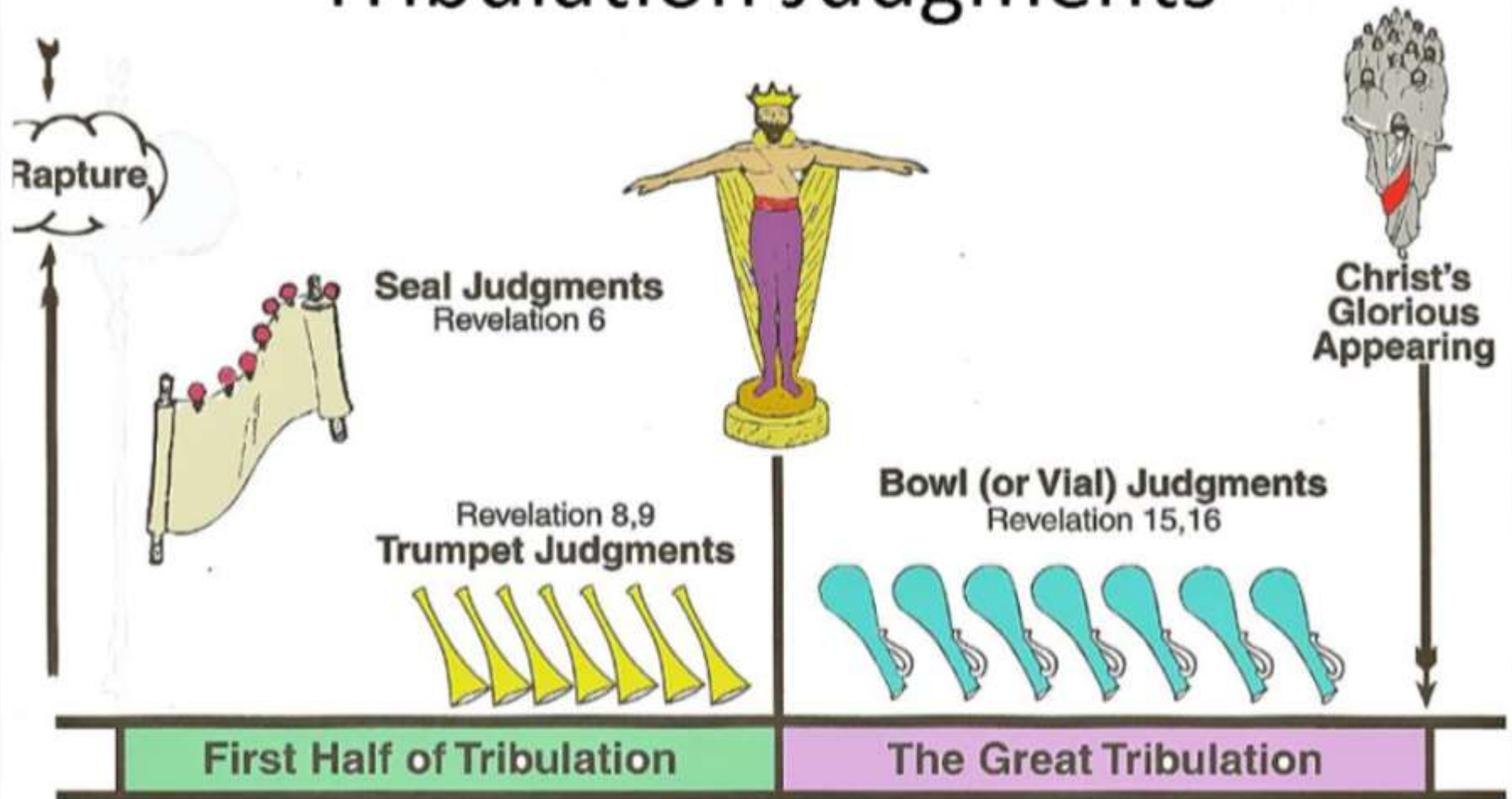


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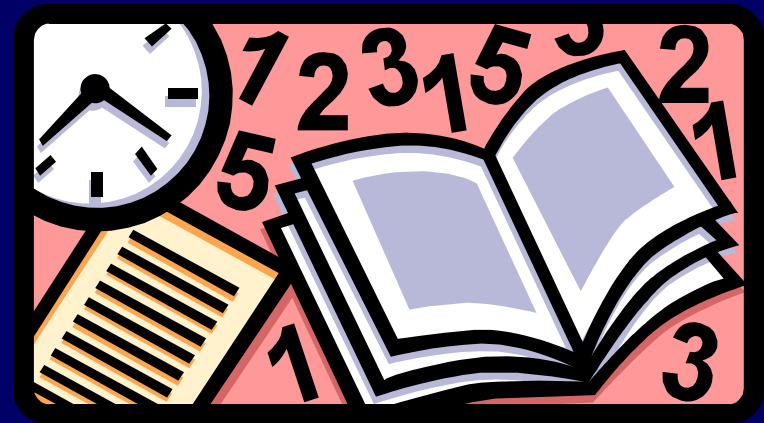


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## Ezekiel 36:24-28

“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup> Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. <sup>28</sup> You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.”





## Ezekiel 37:7-11

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them.** <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.’”” <sup>10</sup>**So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life** and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**; behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off’.”



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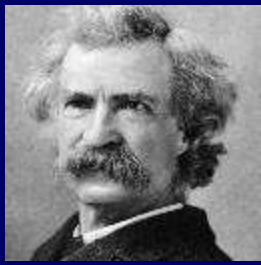


## Ezekiel 38:12

“to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.”







# Mark Twain

*The Innocents Abroad, Complete*, 1st ed. (A Public Domain Book, 1869),  
267, 285, 302. These quotes can be found in chapters 47, 49, 52.

“... A desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds... a silent mournful expanse... a desolation is here that not even imagination can grace with the pomp of life and action... we never saw a human being on the whole route... there was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive tree and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country.”

# Why?

COUNTRY	GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
Israel	\$123 billion
Egypt	\$81 billion
Syria	\$26 billion
Lebanon	\$21 billion
Jordan	\$12 billion

Source: CIA World Fact Book, 2005

# Matthew Kreiger

*Jerusalem Post*, cited in David Jeremiah, *What in the World Is Going On? 10 Prophetic Clues You Cannot Afford to Ignore* (Nashville: Nelson, 2008), 175.

“Despite a population of only slightly more than 7 million people... Israel is now home to more than 7,200 millionaires...Of the 500 wealthiest people in the world, six are now Israeli, and all told, Israel's rich had assets in 2007 of more than \$35 billion dollars... Israel's GDP is almost double that of any other Middle Eastern country.”

# The Rothschild's Palestine, All Roads Lead to Jerusalem

<http://www.matterofprinciple.net/011/11/rothschilds-palestine.html> (accessed December 15, 2011). Although there is a wide variation of estimates, many different sources estimate the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea in the trillions of dollars.

“The value of the minerals of the Dead Sea is estimated at five trillion dollars. This estimate appears to be optimistic but it is supported in part by the report of the Crown Agents of the British Colonies entitled ‘Production of Minerals From the Waters of the Dead Sea’. . . . This official report estimates the minerals, except oil, in 1925 as follows: Magnesium Chloride, 22,000 tons, value 600 billion dollars; Potassium Chloride, 20,000 tons, value 75 billion dollars; other minerals valued at 1,200 billion dollars; or a total of about three trillion dollars, exclusive of oil.”

# Todd Strandberg

“Could Israel Become a Major Oil Exporter,” online: [www.bibleprophecy.com](http://www.bibleprophecy.com), accessed 26 May 2015.

In the summer of 2010, "...huge deposits of natural gas were found along Israel's northern coastline...Israel is actually sitting on top of a vast amount of oil. According to Harold Vinegar, the former chief scientist of Royal Dutch Shell, the Shefla Basin holds the world's second-largest shale deposits outside the United States, from which around 250 billion barrels of oil—about the same as Saudi Arabia's proven reserves...Estimates of global deposits range from 2.8 trillion to 3.3 trillion barrels of recoverable oil...The technology curb has now reached the point where shale is becoming an exploitable resource...the Shefla shale is in a hospitable location. It also contains oil of the light, sweet variety that is easy to refine into gasoline or other common end products. Most of all, the Jews have proven themselves to be very talented at exploiting resources. If they can't make shale oil work, I doubt any nation can.”

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<b>Millennium Rev.20</b>	<b>Eternal State Rev.21-22</b>
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<b>Death</b>	<b>No death</b>
<b>Mortals / resurrected</b>	<b>Resurrected only</b>
<b>Destinies undecided</b>	<b>Destinies sealed</b>
<b>Renovation</b>	<b>Recreation</b>
<b>Temporary</b>	<b>Eternal</b>
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# Abrahamic Covenant



***Unconditional*** covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

## Jeremiah 31:35-37

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name:<sup>36</sup> “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the LORD, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever.”<sup>37</sup> Thus says the LORD, “If the heavens above can be measured And the foundations of the earth searched out below, Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel For all that they have done,” declares the LORD.



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## *Quran Surah (or chapter) 24:55*

“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [Caliphate] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient.”

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IRAN BEFORE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION



AND AFTER

# Yoram Ettinger

“Iran's School Textbooks—Can Congress Afford to Ignore It?,” online: <http://theettingerreport.com/Iran-and-MidEast/Iran-s-School-Textbooks-%E2%80%93-can-Congress-afford-to-i.aspx>, May 29, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.

“Iranian school textbooks, such as *The Qur'an and Life* (Grade 12, p. 125) prepare Iranian children for the Ayatollahs' sublime goal: the apocalyptic, horrifying, millenarian, military battle against the USA and other "arrogant oppressors of the world," which are ostensibly led by "idolatrous devils." While the "savior" – the infallible, immortal, divinely ordained and eventual global leader, the Mahdi – has not surfaced yet, Iranian children are taught that the battle is already raging throughout the world, awaiting their sacrifice. School textbooks of Western democracies are the most authentic reflection of peoples' values and worldview. School textbooks of tyrannies are the most authentic reflection of the nature and mission of the regimes. Iranian school textbooks reflect the strategy and tactics of the Ayatollahs, much more authentically than speeches, interviews, diplomatic statements and conversations conducted by President Rouhani and Foreign Minister Zarif.”

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## Frank Gaffney

*War Footing* (Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2006), 164. Cited in Rhodes, 177.

According to Frank Gaffney, President of the Center for Security Policy, Turkey is transitioning from “a secular democracy with a Muslim society into a state governed by a radical Islamic ideology hostile to Western values and freedoms.”



“By Allah’s will, Jerusalem belongs to the Kurds, the Turks, the Arabs, and to all Muslims. And as our forefathers fought side by side at Gallipoli, and just as our forefathers went together to liberate Jerusalem with Saladin, we will march together on the same path [to liberate Jerusalem].”

"Turkish President and PM: 'We Will Gather Together All Of The Muslim World and Invade Jerusalem,'" online: <http://www.israelislamandentimes.com/turkish-president-and-pm-we-will-gather-together-all-of-the-muslim-world-and-invade-jerusalem/>, May 30, 2015, accessed 30 May 2015.



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- 1948, 1967, 1973, etc.



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“If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.”



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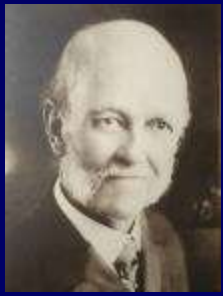
“to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world.”



# Ezekiel 5:5

“Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her.’”





# William E. Blackstone

*Jesus Is Coming: God's Hope for a Restless World* (New York: F.H. Revell, 1908; reprint, Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1989), 238.

“Israel is God's sun dial. If anyone desires to know our place in God’s chronology, our position in the great march of events, look at Israel.”





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