



ESCHATOLOGY

A STUDY OF THINGS TO COME

THE HEADLINES 7-19-22



➤ Russia (Putin), Iran (Raisi), Turkey (Erdogan)

GOG AND MAGOG

Ezekiel 38-39

1. Gog of Magog - from the "uttermost parts of the north"
2. Gog will lead 5 other nations against Israel: Magog (?) Persia (Iran), Cush (Northern Sudan), Put (Libya), Gomer & Togarmah (eastern Turkey)
3. They attack an unsuspecting Israel for spoil

GOG AND MAGOG

Ezekiel 38:10-12

Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme and say, 'I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates, to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth.

GOG AND MAGOG

Ezekiel 38-39

4. God unmistakably intervenes to save Israel
 - Earth quake, confusion, pestilence, torrential rain, hail, confusion, fire, sulfur
5. The aftermath is great
 - Birds and beasts of the field feed on the dead
 - It takes 7 months to bury the dead
 - Israel has 7 years of fuel by burning weapons of war
6. The nations will know that the Lord is God
7. Israel will know that the Lord is their God

GOG AND MAGOG

Two big questions on Ezekiel 38-39

1. Who is Gog and Magog?
2. When does this battle occur?

GOG AND MAGOG

Who is Gog and Magog?

Most scholars identify Magog as Russia

- “from the uttermost parts of the north” - Ezek 38:15
- Linguistic similarities between biblical place names and modern Russian names

GOG AND MAGOG

Who is Gog and Magog

A growing minority identify Magog as Turkey

- In the Hebrew the same phrase for the “uttermost parts of the north” is used for Togarmah 38:6 - which is thought to be in Turkey
- New linguistic arguments counter the old

GOG AND MAGOG

When is this battle fought?

There are several (numerous?) positions.

1. Sometime before the Tribulation
2. Sometime during the Tribulation
3. This battle is the battle of Armageddon
(Gog = The antichrist)

WILL THE REAL GOG PLEASE STAND UP



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ISRAEL'S TWO-PHASE RETURN

Secular Return

...there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; **but there was no breath in them**...Ezek 37:7-8

EZEKIEL 37:1-14



Spiritual Return

...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
Ezek 37:10

PART TWO

I. Brief Review

II. NT – Filling In the Picture of the End Times

A. The Millennium

B. The Tribulation

C. The Rapture

D. Post-Rapture Program for the Church

E. The Judgments and Resurrections

F. The Eternal State

III. Suggested Resources

REVIEW - MOTIVATION

1. Reminds us God is sovereign
2. Reminds us God is good
3. Motivates us to holy living
4. Helps us establish proper priorities
5. Gives us hope

REVIEW - APPROACH

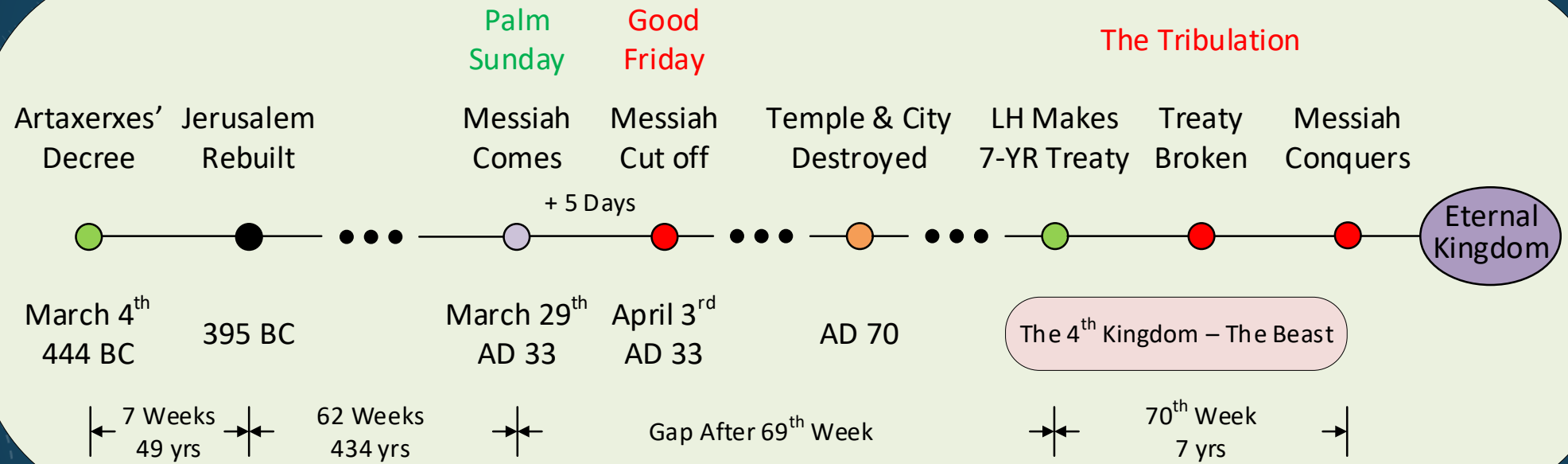
1. Employ a “literal” hermeneutic
2. Allow the OT to inform the NT
3. The NT can shed light on the OT, but it cannot reinterpret the OT
4. Start with the Big Picture, then fill in the details

REVIEW – OT BIG PICTURE

1. The Unconditional Covenants with Israel await their complete fulfillment
2. The Day of the Lord – Judgment & Restoration
3. A Promised Messiah – Suffering Servant & Conquering King
4. Powerful Future Enemies – The Little Horns

OT BIG PICTURE OF THE TIME OF THE END

Review



DIFFICULTIES / TENSIONS FOR THE OT SAINT

1. Reconciling the Messiah as a Suffering Servant and Conquering King – two advents!

e.g. Matt 16:27, 19:28, 24:29-30 , 25:31

2. Reconciling the presence of sin and death in God's Eternal Kingdom

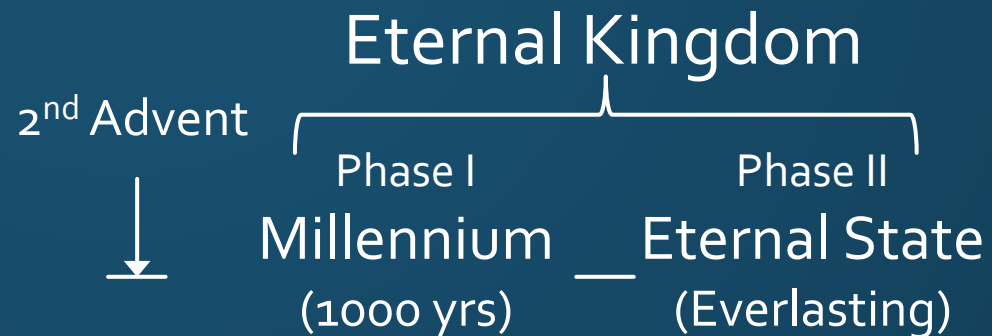
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e.g. Is 25:8 vs. Is 65:20



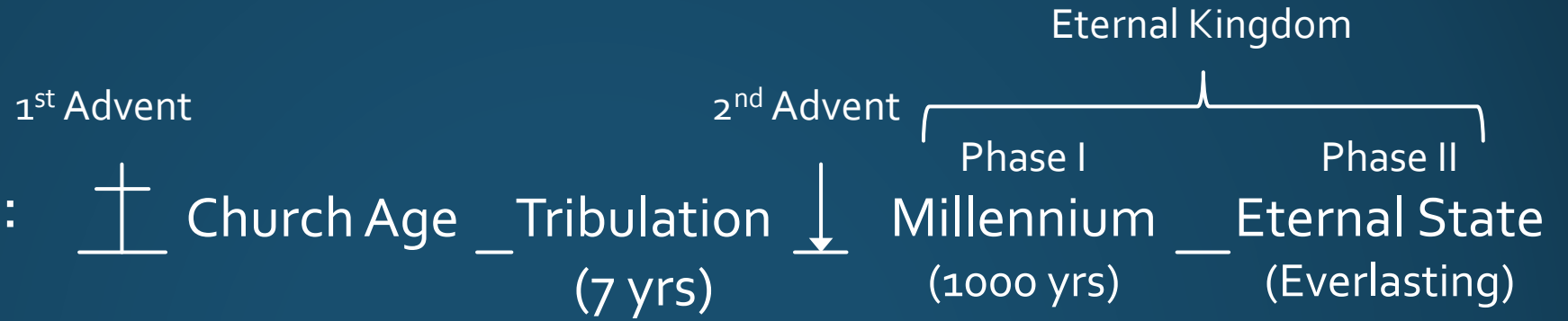
THE MILLENNIUM – REV 20:1-7

- Satan is bound for a **thousand years** (2x)
- And released for a short time when the **thousand years** are completed
- The martyred saints of the Tribulation come to life and reign with Christ for a **thousand years**
- Other resurrected saints will be priests of God and Christ and will reign with Christ for a **thousand years**
- There's another resurrection of the dead at the end of the **thousand years**

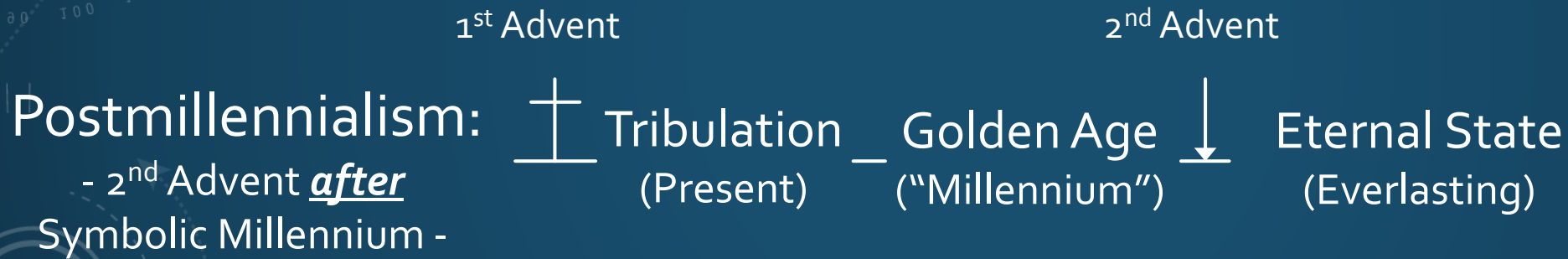
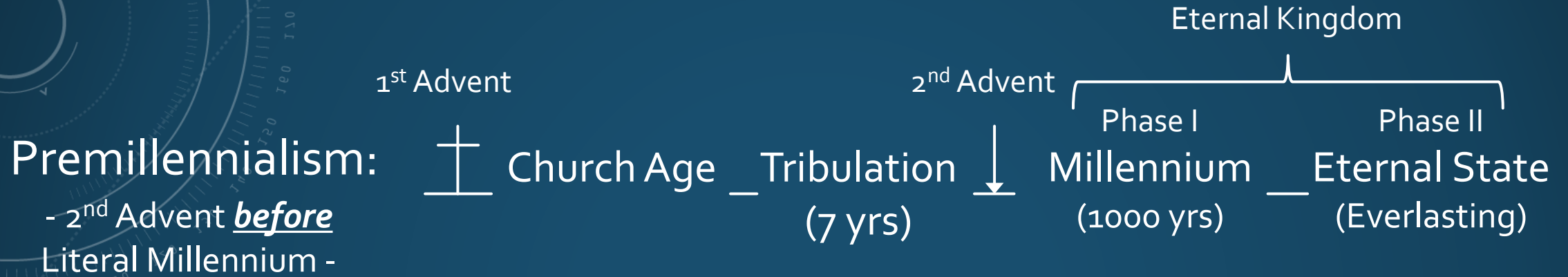
VIEWS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Premillennialism:

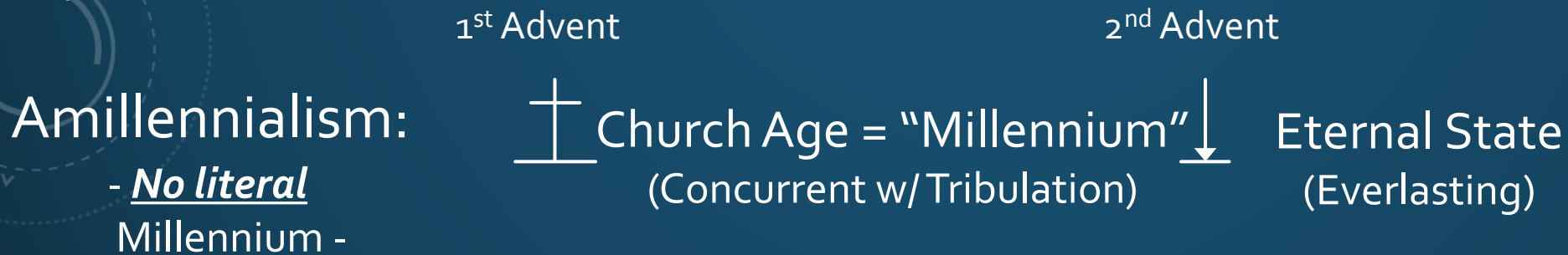
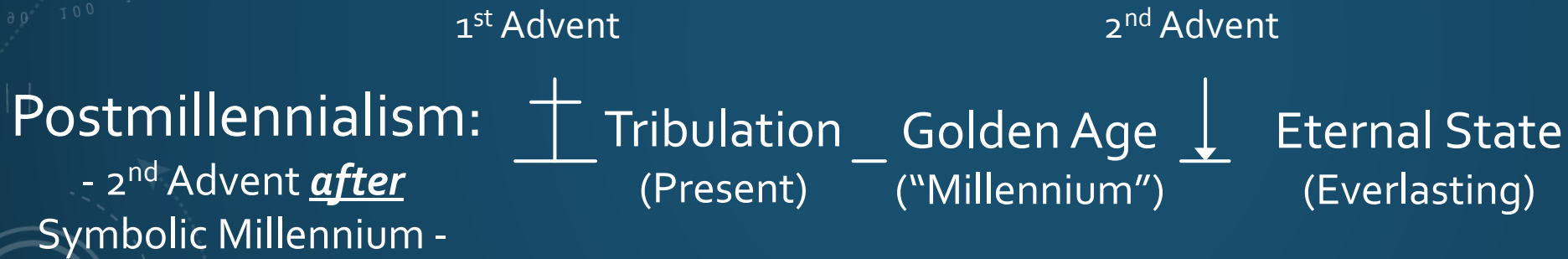
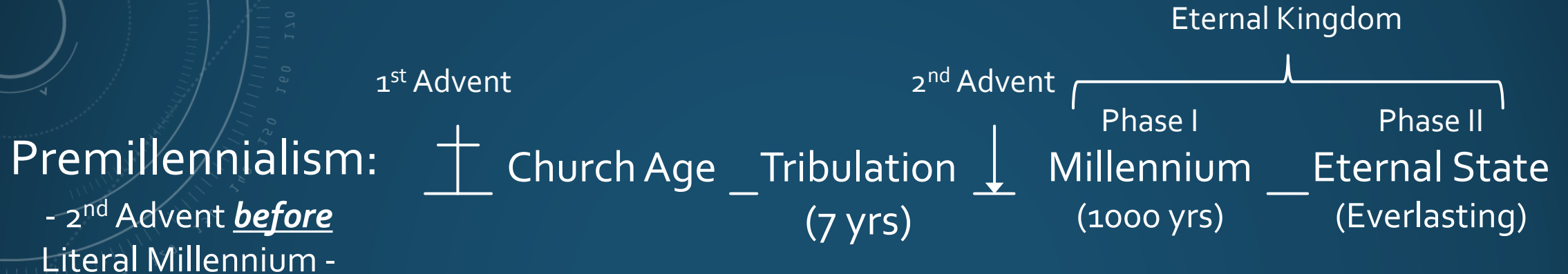
- 2nd Advent ***before***
Literal Millennium -



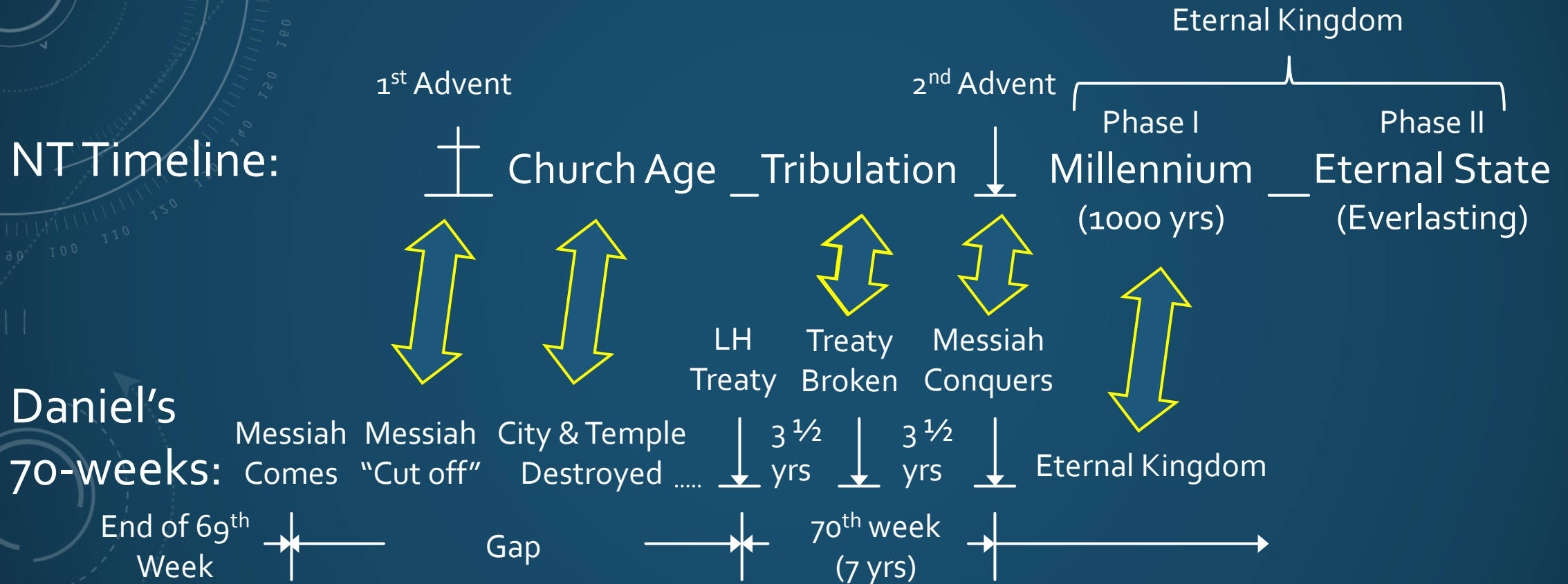
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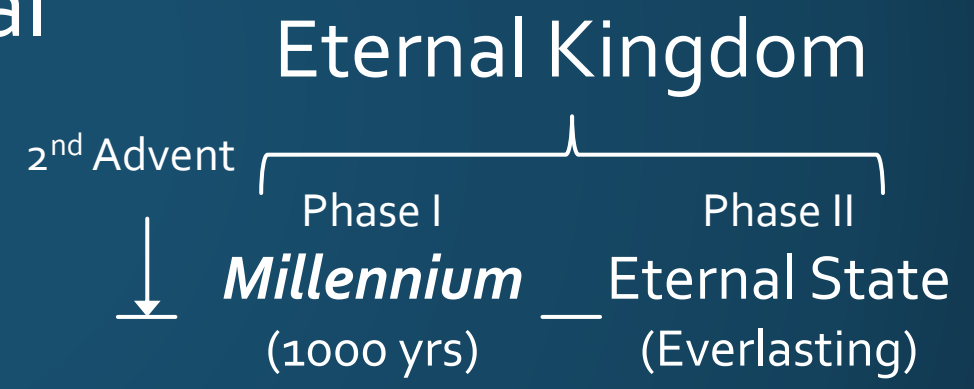


THE PREMILLENNIAL TIMELINE AND DANIEL'S CHRONOLOGY



WHY A MILLENNIUM?

1. Explains the presence of sin & death in God's Eternal Kingdom
2. Vindication of God's Sovereignty
3. Fulfillment of the Unconditional Covenants with Israel
4. Fulfillment of the Father's Promise to the Son
5. Vindication of God's people
6. A Grand Teachable Moment



THE MILLENNIUM

- King Jesus rules from the throne of David (Is 9:6-7, Luke 1:32)
- Israel restored and enjoying the New Covenant (Jer 31, Eze 11, 36)
- World Peace (Is 2:4, Mic 4:3)
- Satan is bound (Rev 20:1-3, 7)
- There will be peace between man and the animals – at least in Jerusalem (Is 11:6, 9)

THE MILLENNIUM

- Glorified saints and mortals living in the Kingdom (Rev 7:9,14, Matt 25:31-46)
- People will live extremely long lives (Is 65:20)
- There will still be sin and death – but greatly curtailed

KEY TRIBULATION TEXTS

- Daniel 9:24-27; 11:36-45; 12:1-4
- Matthew 24:1-28 (Olivet discourse)
- Mark 13:1-23 (parallel passage to Matt 24)
- Luke 21:5-24 (parallel passage to Matt 24)
- Revelation 5-18 (extended description of the judgments)
- Numerous “Day of the Lord” passages

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE TRIBULATION?

The Great Tribulation

LH/AC Treaty Treaty Broken Messiah Conquers!

..... ↓ 3 1/2 yrs ↓ 3 1/2 yrs ↓

Church Age

70th week (7 yrs)

Millennial Kingdom

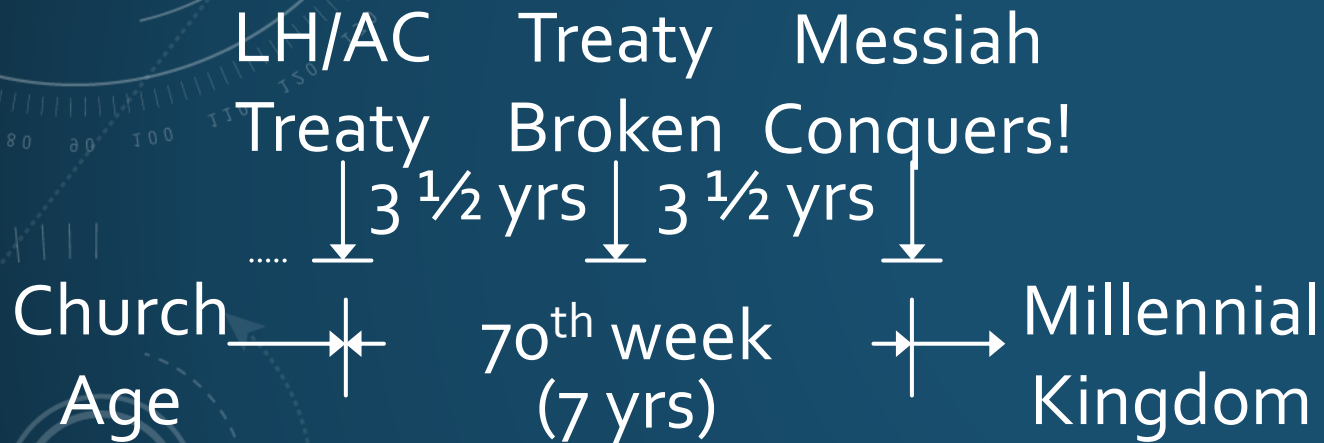
The Tribulation

Seal->Trumpet->Bowl
Judgments

1. It is Daniel's 70th Week
2. It is a 7-yr period of wrath
3. Begins when AC makes a treaty with Israel
4. It is divided into two 3 1/2 year periods
5. AC breaks treaty at the mid pt and beings persecution
6. AC comes to ruin

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The Tribulation

Seal->Trumpet->Bowl Judgments

7. Series of Divine Judgments
8. The latter half much worse –The Great Tribulation
9. AC deceives many & receives worship
10. AC (Beast) defeated at Armageddon
11. Israel receives her Messiah

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE TRIBULATION?

“It will come about in all the land,” declares the LORD, “That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; but the third will be left in it. And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people’ and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’” Zech 13:8-9

THE PURPOSES OF THE TRIBULATION

1. To judge the gentile nations – e.g. Is 13:6-13
2. To turn the heart of nation of Israel to her Messiah
 - The promise of restoration depended upon repentance (Deut 30 and Lev 26)
 - Jesus reminds the crowd of that promise (Matt 23:39)
 - Israel will respond on a national scale

THE REPENTANCE OF ISRAEL – ZECH 12:10-12

I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn...

THE REPENTANCE OF ISRAEL – ZECH 12:10-12

...The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; all the families that remain, every family by itself and their wives by themselves.



THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

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Series

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

- Rapture comes from the Latin word rapturo
- From the Greek word (harpazo) which means to *take away suddenly and forcefully*.

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

Rapture – *harpazo* – to carry off by force

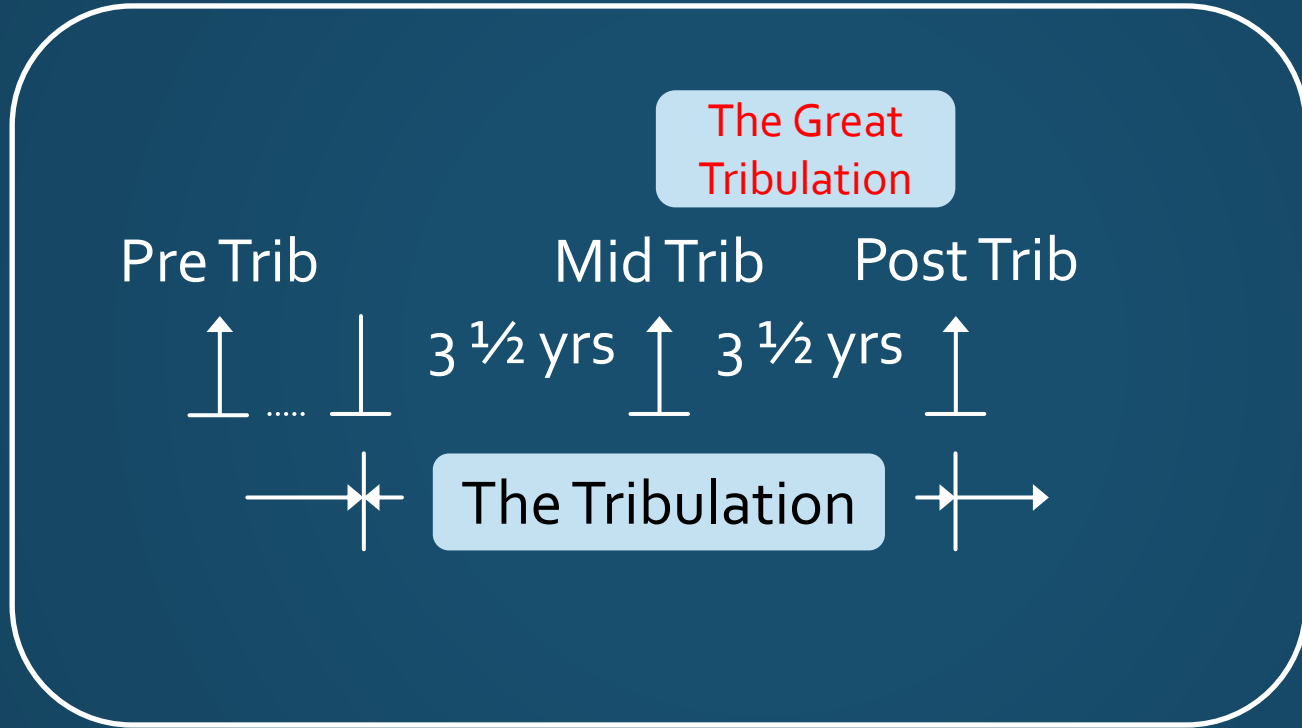
16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thess 4:16-18

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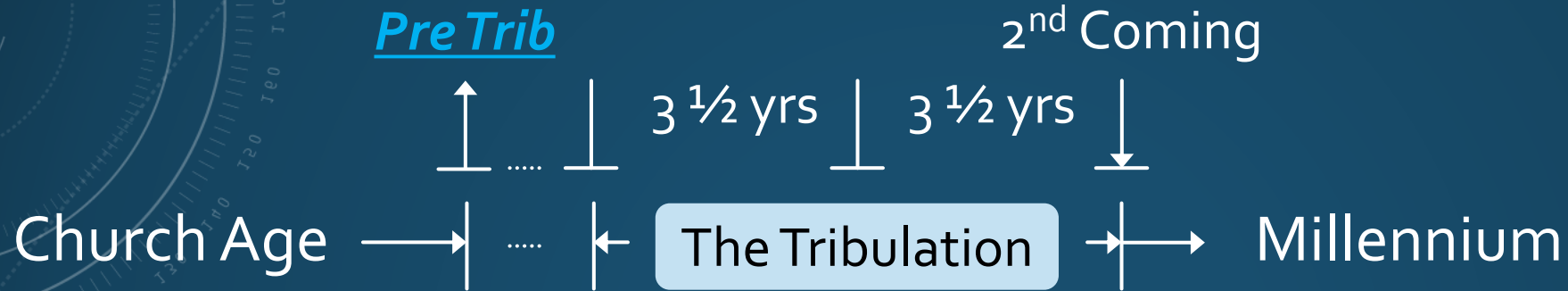
Christians receive their glorified bodies
at the Rapture

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 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 . 1 Cor 15:51

THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE



A CASE FOR THE PRETRIB RAPTURE



1. The stated purpose of the Tribulation does *NOT* include the Church
2. The Church is excluded from the wrath of God
3. The Imminency of Christ's return necessitates a pretrib rapture
4. Adequate time is needed between the Rapture & 2nd Coming for Bema Seat judgment & Marriage Supper of the Lamb
5. No mention of the Church in the Tribulation passages