

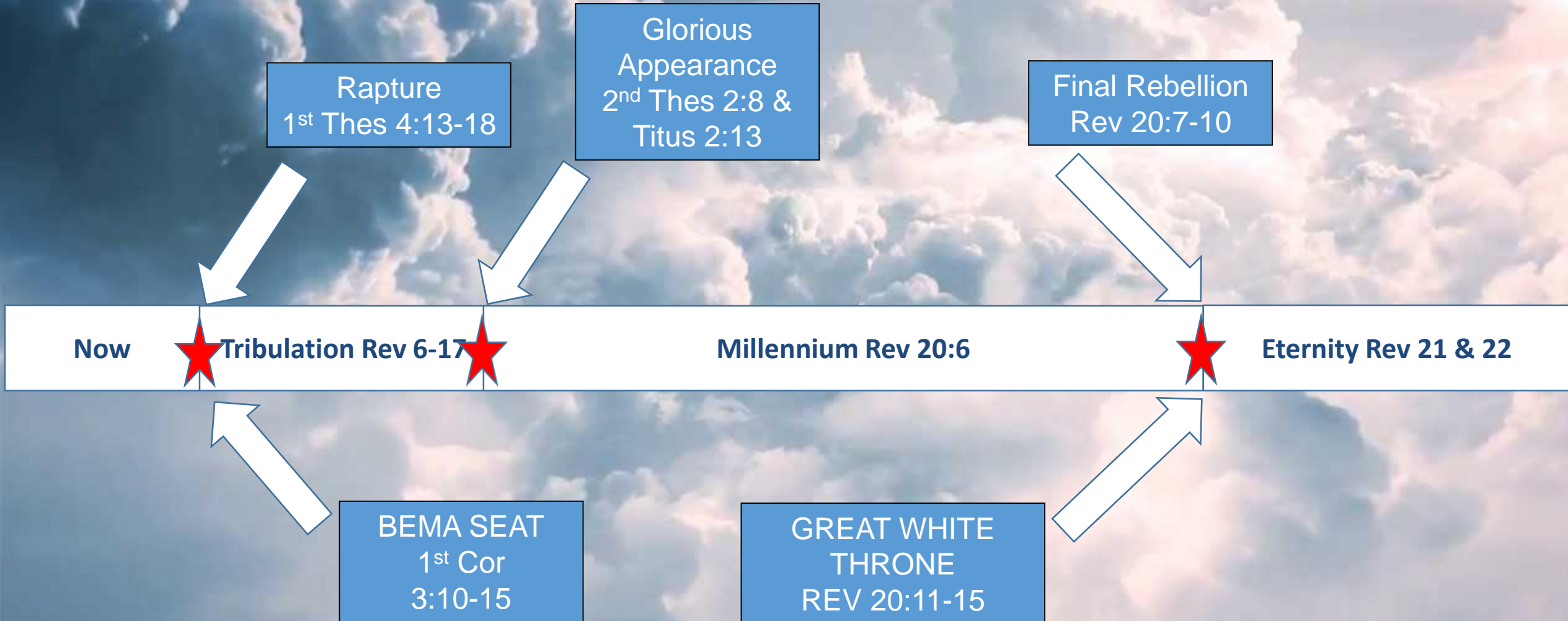


# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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# The Chronology of the 'End Times'



★ = Resurrection

# Opening Notes

- **LISWIS (Let it say, what it says)**
- **We will not all agree – we are like an O.T. saint reading Isaiah’s prophecies.**
- **We will speculate some, but we will admit it when we do. 😊 (clear on the clear)**

# Opening Notes

- **Beginning with chapter 4 and verse 2, we will treat all of the events as future events.**
- **It is not written in strict chronological order.**
- **It is apocalyptic in style as are Daniel, Ezekiel, and Zechariah. (symbols are frequently used)**

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- There is some debate about which John is the author – we will accept the majority opinion that it was John, the Apostle.
- There is much debate about how to interpret the book.
  - Allegorical (no literal significance)
  - Preterist (all events played out in the early church)
  - Historical (all events played out in church history)
  - Futuristic ★ ( all from 4:1 forward are future events)

# Opening Notes

- **All, or nearly all, of the major doctrines of the Christian faith are present in the book.**
- **For that reason, it is nigh unto impossible to understand Revelation without the benefit of the 65 preceding books of the Bible.**
- **Finally, while a lot of hard things are dealt with, we should rejoice that the book discloses the ultimate triumph of God!**

# Opening Notes

- **The theme of the book is in the title – the revelation (the unveiling) of Jesus Christ.**
- **The Greek word for ‘revelation’ is “apokalupsis” – the very title of the book tells us that something previously undisclosed is being revealed.**
- **Interpretation – numbers are numbers, animals are animals, etc, unless there is clear contextual evidence, or clear doctrinal issues that would lead one to assume otherwise.**

# Blessings / Warnings

- **Rev 1:3** God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near.
- **Rev 22:18** And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. **19** And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.



# OT Saints, Jesus, and Paradise

- **Luke 16:22** Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'

# OT Saints, Jesus, and Paradise

- **John 20:16** Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). **17** Jesus said to her, “Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’”
- **Luke 23:42** And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” **43** And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

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- **Eph 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)**

# OT Saints, Jesus, and Paradise



HADES



PARADISE  
(empty today,  
Eph 4:8)

Lower Region, the place  
of the dead. OT Sheol.

# Daniel 9

- **20 I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the Lord my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. 21 As I was praying, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. 22 He explained to me, “Daniel, I have come here to give you insight and understanding. 23 The moment you began praying, a command was given. And now I am here to tell you what it was, for you are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand the meaning of your vision.**

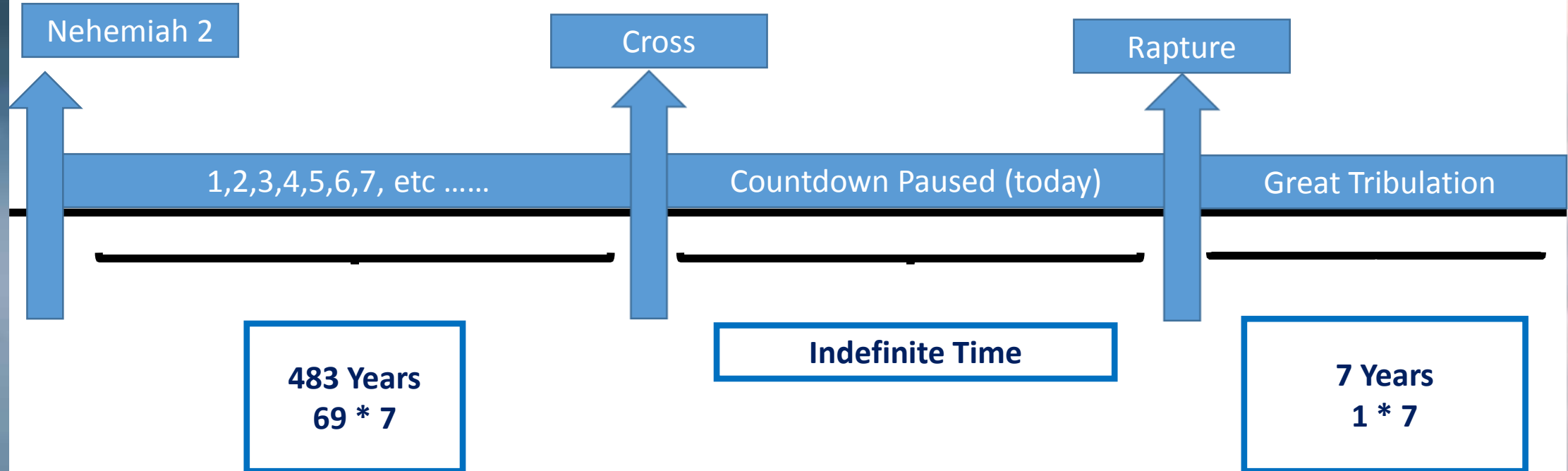
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- **24 “A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. 25 Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One —comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times.**

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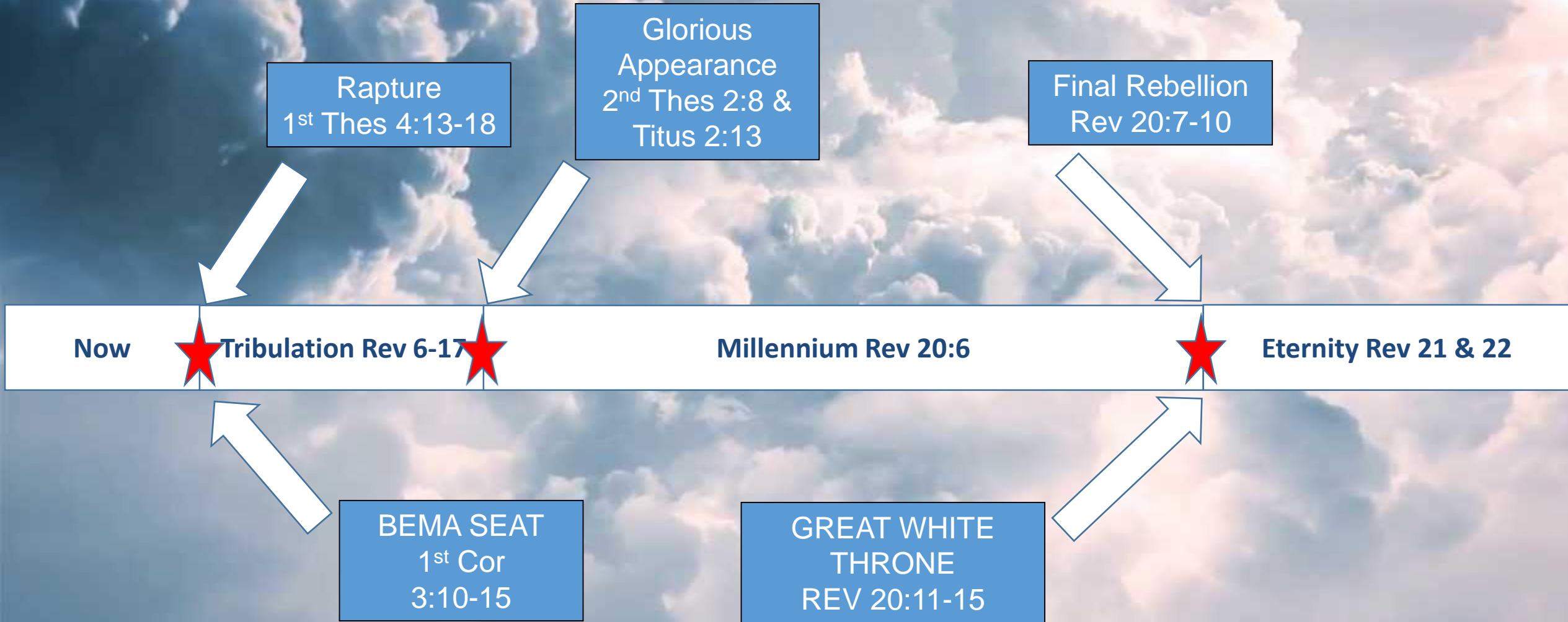
- **26 “After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. 27 The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.”**

# Daniel 9 (70 weeks of years)





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Rapture  
1<sup>st</sup> Thes 4:13-18

Now



- 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 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. (NASB)



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3:10-15



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- 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (NASB)

# The Great Tribulation

- **Daniel 12:1** “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

# The Great Tribulation

- **Daniel 9:27** The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.
- **Math 24:21** For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. **22** Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

# The Great Tribulation

- **Isaiah 13:9 Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will fall limp, And every man's heart will melt. 8 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. 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 Great Tribulation

- **The purpose of the Great Tribulation is to destroy the unbelieving nations and to discipline and purify Israel.**
- **Jeremiah 30:11 For I am with you,' declares the Lord, 'to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, Only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly and will by no means leave you unpunished'.**

# John Walvoord's Notes

- **In Revelation alone the millennial kingdom is declared to be one thousand years in length, and a clear distinction is made between the millennium and the eternal state which follows. Emphasis in the book is on the second coming of Christ itself, which stands in sharp relief against the sphere of humiliation depicted in the Gospels. Prominent also are the doctrine of divine judgment upon sin, the doctrine of resurrection, and the doctrine of reward. No book of Scripture more specifically sets before the believer in Christ his eternal hope in the new heaven and earth and gives greater assurance of God's triumph over wickedness, rebellion, and unbelief.**



# John Walvoord's Notes

- **Ecclesiology.** A major section and contribution to ecclesiology is found in the opening chapters of Revelation with the incisive letters to the seven churches. Here the emphasis is on practical truth and holy living, in keeping with their relationship to the head of the church, Jesus Christ.
- **Angelology.** No other book in the New Testament speaks more often of angels than the book of Revelation. They are the principal vehicle of communication to John of the truth which he is recording. The holy angels are seen in power and majesty in sharp contrast to the wicked or fallen angels also described in the book.

# John Walvoord's Notes

- **The emphasis on the doctrines of man and of sin in the book of Revelation is apparent. Man is revealed in his utter need of the grace of God as righteously deserving the judgment of God for sin, in partaking, even in his best form, of the limitations of the creature. Few books of the Bible describe man in greater depravity and as the object of more severe divine judgment. The acme of human blasphemy and wickedness is portrayed in the beast and the false prophet who are the supreme demonstration of Satan's handiwork in the human race.**

# John Walvoord's Notes

- **God is presented in all the majesty of the Jehovah of the Old Testament, who is holy, true, omnipotent, omniscient, and eternal. There is emphasis on the righteousness of God and His divine judgment upon sin, with comparatively little mention made of His love and mercy. The character of God is in keeping with the role in which He is presented as the divine Judge of men.**
- **Always, however, Christ is depicted as triumphant over death, the eternal One of infinite power and majesty who is worthy of all honor and adoration. Before His glorified humanity the apostle falls as one dead. The supreme revelation is continued in chapter 19 where He is described as descending from heaven as King of kings and Lord of lords to slay the wicked, to deliver the righteous, and to accomplish His righteous purpose in the earth.**



# Questions / Comments