

1 Peter Series

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**Clear Minded,
Objective Thinking for Prayer**

1 Peter 4:7



1ST PETER

**LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY**

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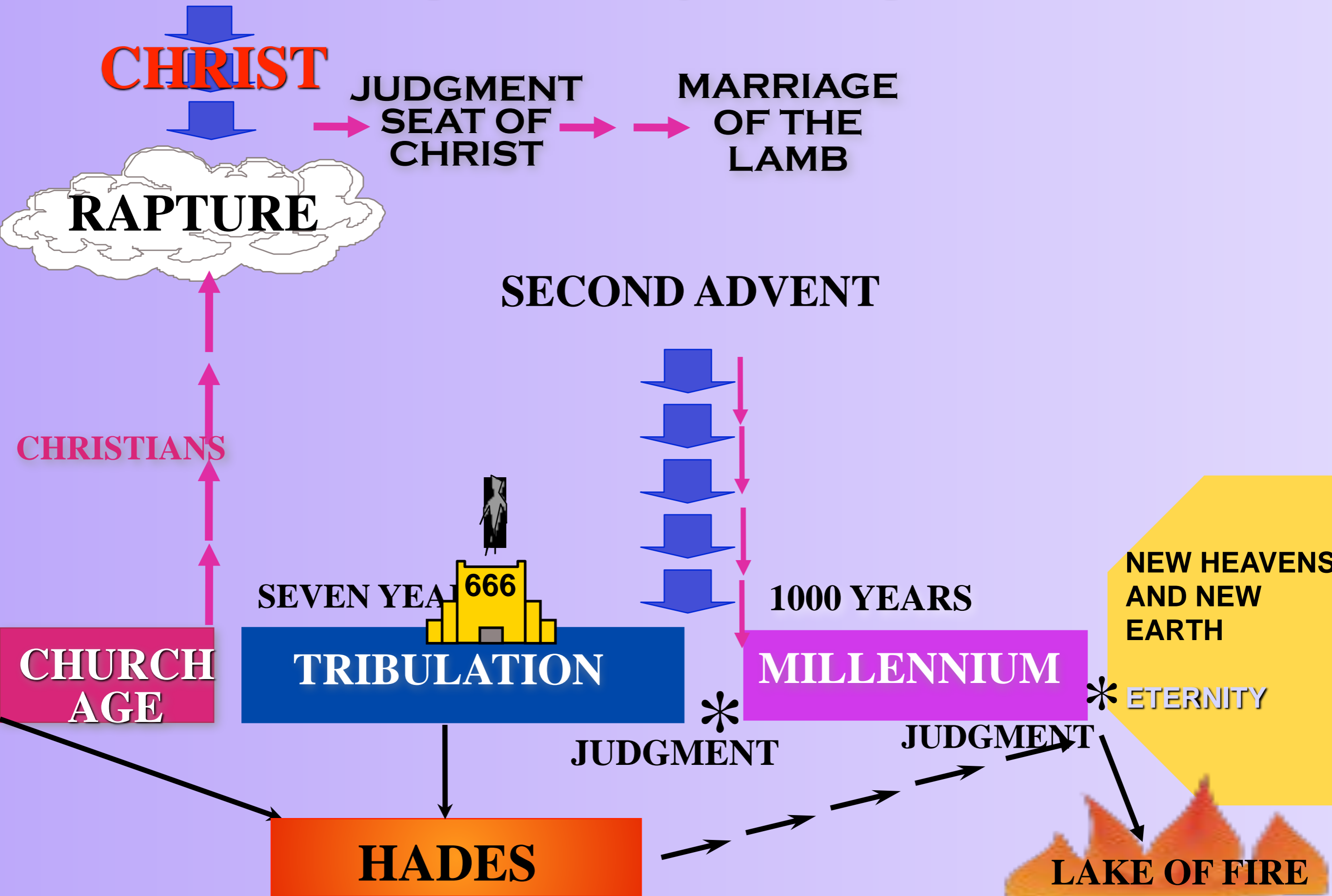
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τὸ τέλος *to telos* “the end”

ἤγγικεν *enniken*, from *engizo* “to be near”

PROPHETIC PANORAMA



1. τὸ τέλος is used 40× in the Greek New Testament, in 39 verses. 14 in the Gospels, none in Acts, 23× in the Epistles, 3× in Revelation.

2. Lexica

**τέλος (*telos*), end, conclusion, close, goal; NIDNTT
BDAG**

- ① **a point of time marking the end of a duration,
*end, termination, cessation; 1 Pet. 4:7***
- ② **the last part of a process, *close, conclusion***
- ③ **the goal toward which a movement is being
directed, *end, goal, outcome***
- ④ **last in a series, *rest, remainder***
- ⑤ **revenue obligation, *(indirect) tax, toll-tax,
customs duties***

1 Pet. 4:5, “They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. [Great White Throne]

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The second key word is

ἤγγικεν

**ἐγγίζω *eggizō* perf act indic 3 sing to
bring near, come near, approach**

James 5:8, “You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

1 Cor. 15:23, “But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

1 Cor. 15:24, “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.”

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**παραδίδωμι *paradidōmi*
or παραδω
paradō
pres act subj 3 sing to
deliver, deliver over or
Aor Act Subj.**

**καταργέω
katargeō aor act
subj 3 sing to
leave idle,
occupy, make of
no effect, nullify**

1 Cor. 15:25, “For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.”

1. He must reign, and His reign is over enemies.
2. The reign ends when He vanquishes His enemies.
3. “Under His feet”, His footstool, Psa. 110:1

**Psa. 110:1, “The LORD said to my Lord,
‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your
enemies Your footstool.’**

**Psa. 110:2, “The LORD shall send the rod
of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the
midst of Your enemies!”**

**Psa. 110:5, “The Lord is at Your right hand;
He shall execute kings in the day of His
wrath. (Tribulation or end of Millennium?)**

**Psa. 110:6, “He shall judge among the
nations, He shall fill the places with dead
bodies, He shall execute the heads of
many countries.**

**Psa. 110:7, “He shall drink of the brook by
the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the
head.”**

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The meaning is given in Od., 23, 10–14, where *sōphrosynē*, prudence, self-control, is an antonym of ignorance and frivolity and has a corresponding positive sense. The eudaemonism which pervades these early ethical ideas—happiness is the greatest good—is consolidated in Plato into the doctrine of the four cardinal virtues (cf. F. Ueberweg, *History of Philosophy*, I, 1888, 128): wisdom (*sophia*), courage (*andreia*), prudence (*sōphrosynē*), and justice

prudent adjective 1. careful, cautious, circumspect, discerning, discreet, judicious, politic, sensible, shrewd, vigilant, wary, wise; adjective 2. canny, careful, economical, far-sighted, frugal, provident, sparing, thrifty

Antonyms (sense 1) careless, heedless, impolitic, inconsiderate, indiscreet, injudicious, irrational, rash, thoughtless, unwise, careless, extravagant, improvident, imprudent, wasteful

OED acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Collins 21st: 1. discreet or cautious in managing one's activities; circumspect. 2. practical and careful in providing for the future. 3. exercising good judgment or common sense.

Webster: a: marked by wisdom or judiciousness <prudent advice>

b: shrewd in the management of practical affairs <prudent investors>

c: marked by circumspection: discreet

Rom. 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

2 Cor. 5:13, “For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.”

Titus 2:6, “Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded,”

1 Pet. 4:7, “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

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1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;”

1 Pet. 4:7, “But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.”

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

1 Thess. 5:6, “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”

1 Thess. 5:8, “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.”

2 Tim. 4:5, “But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”