

Revelation Series

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Revelation 1:3

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Why Study Prophecy?

28% of the Bible was prophetic when revealed.

15% of the Bible is still unfulfilled prophecy.

18% of the New Testament Epistles, 1 out of every 5 verses is unfulfilled prophecy.

1 in 12 verses in the New Testament refer to the Second Coming of Christ.

1 in 10 verses in the Epistles refer to the Second Coming of Christ.

60% of verses in the New Testament are affected by eschatology issues to be properly understood.

Why Study Prophecy?

- 1. Encouraging believers through times of adversity that God is in control, history is moving in a direction, there will be a day of accountability and evaluation for believers and unbelievers alike; evil will be resolved and judged.**
- 2. To inform believers about that coming evaluation.**

Why Study Prophecy?

- 3. To provide details about the end times for the encouragement, protection, and direction of Tribulation saints.**
- 4. To complete God's revelation to mankind with reference to the sufficiency of Scripture.**

**Prophecy is designed to motivate
believers.**

1 Thessalonians 5:4, “But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;”

1 Thessalonians 5:5, “for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

1 Thessalonians 5:6, “so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.”

Hebrews 10:24, “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Hebrews 10:25, “not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near [ἐγγίζω, *engizo*].”

**James 5:8, “You too be patient;
strengthen your hearts, for the
coming of the Lord is near [ἐγγίζω,
engizo].”**

1 Peter 4:7, “The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.”

**Revelation 22:10, “And he said to me,
‘Do not seal up the words of the
prophecy of this book, for the time is
near [ἐγγύς, *engus*].’ ”**

Outline of Revelation

the things
which you
have seen

Rev. 1

the things
which are

Rev. 2–3

Rev. 4–22

the things
which will
take place
after these
things

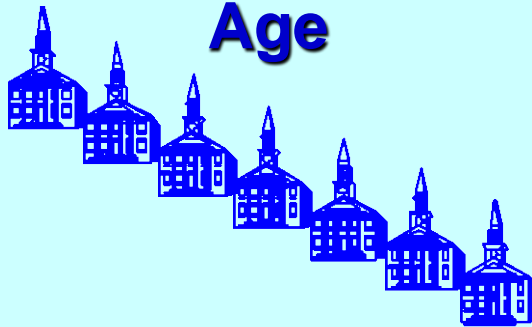
Outline of the Book of Revelation

“Write therefore the things which you have seen,
the things which are,
the things which shall take place after these things.”
— Revelation 1:19 —

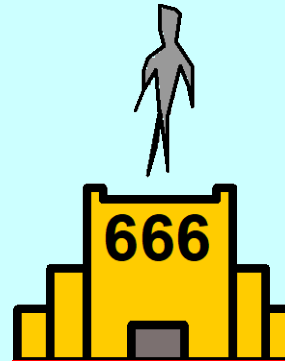
Glorified Christ



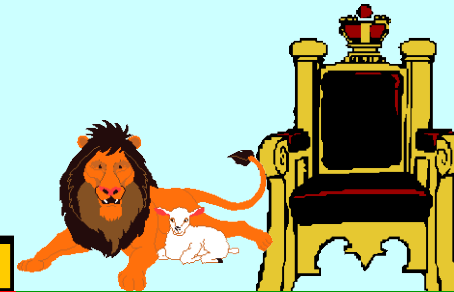
Seven Churches of the Church Age



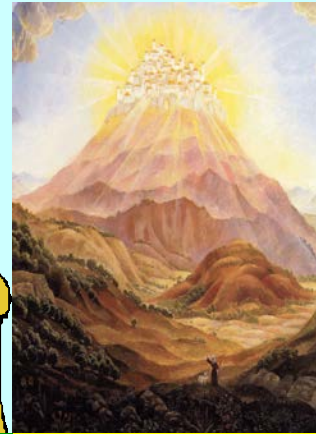
Tribulation



Millennium



Eternal State



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Chapter 1

Chapters 2-3

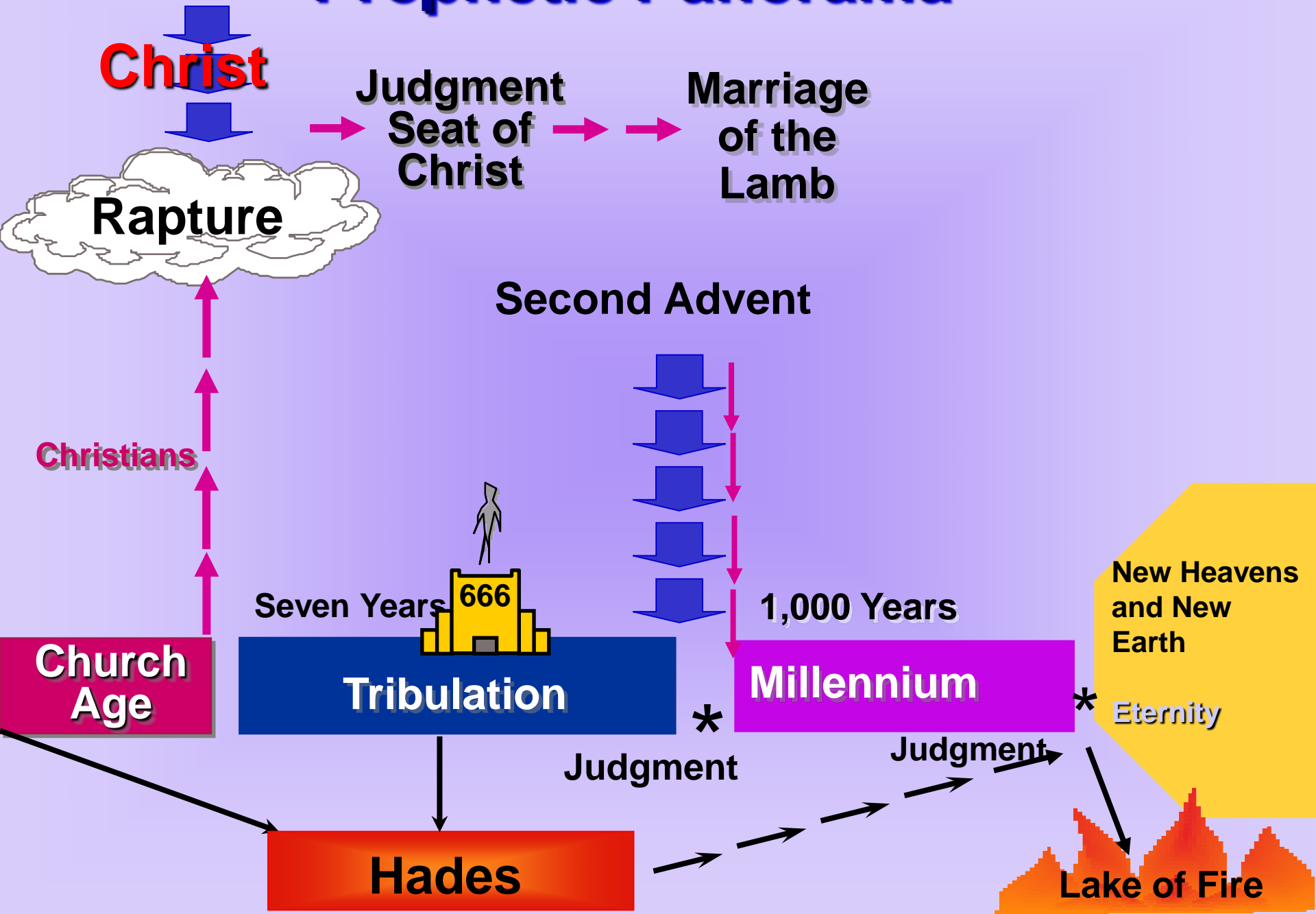
Chapters 4-22

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Prophetic Panorama



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The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Objective Genitive:

revelation about Christ

Subjective Genitive:

**Christ's revelation or the
revelation Christ gave**

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Revelation 4:1, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.’ ”

**Revelation 22:6, “And he said to me,
‘These words are faithful and true’;
and the Lord, the God of the spirits of
the prophets, sent His angel to show
to His bond-servants the things which
must soon take place.”**

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Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,”

ἐκκλησία, *ekklesia*,
fem. dat. plu.;
“church, assembly,
meeting”

The Seven Churches of Revelation



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ὁ ὢν καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος
ho on kai ho en kai ho erchomenos

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τοῦ θρόνου αὐτοῦ
Tou thronou autou

His Throne



Samothrace

Asia

Aegean Sea

Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Ephesus

Patmos

Cos

Rhodes

Crete

**Revelation 1:5, “and from [*apo*] *Jesus*
Christ,**

the faithful witness,

the firstborn from the dead,

and

the ruler over the kings of

the earth.

To Him who loved us

and washed us from our sins in

His own blood,”

“The Faithful Witness”

ὁ μάρτυς ὁ πιστός, *ho martus ho pistos*



Rev. 19:11, “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.”

**“The Firstborn from the dead
[one’s]”**

**ὁ πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν, *ho
prototokos ton nekron***

Colossians 1:18, “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

“The Ruler of the kings of the earth.”

ὁ ἄρχων τῶν βασιλέων τῆς γῆς
ho archon ton basileon

Psalm 89:27, “Also I will make him My firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.”

Revelation 1:7, “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.”

Zechariah 12:10, “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

Zechariah 12:11, “In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

Zechariah 12:12, “And the land shall 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 Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;”

1 Thess. 4:17, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”