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Living in Light of Eternity

1 Peter 4:7–11



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Context

1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

1 Pet. 2:12, “having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.”

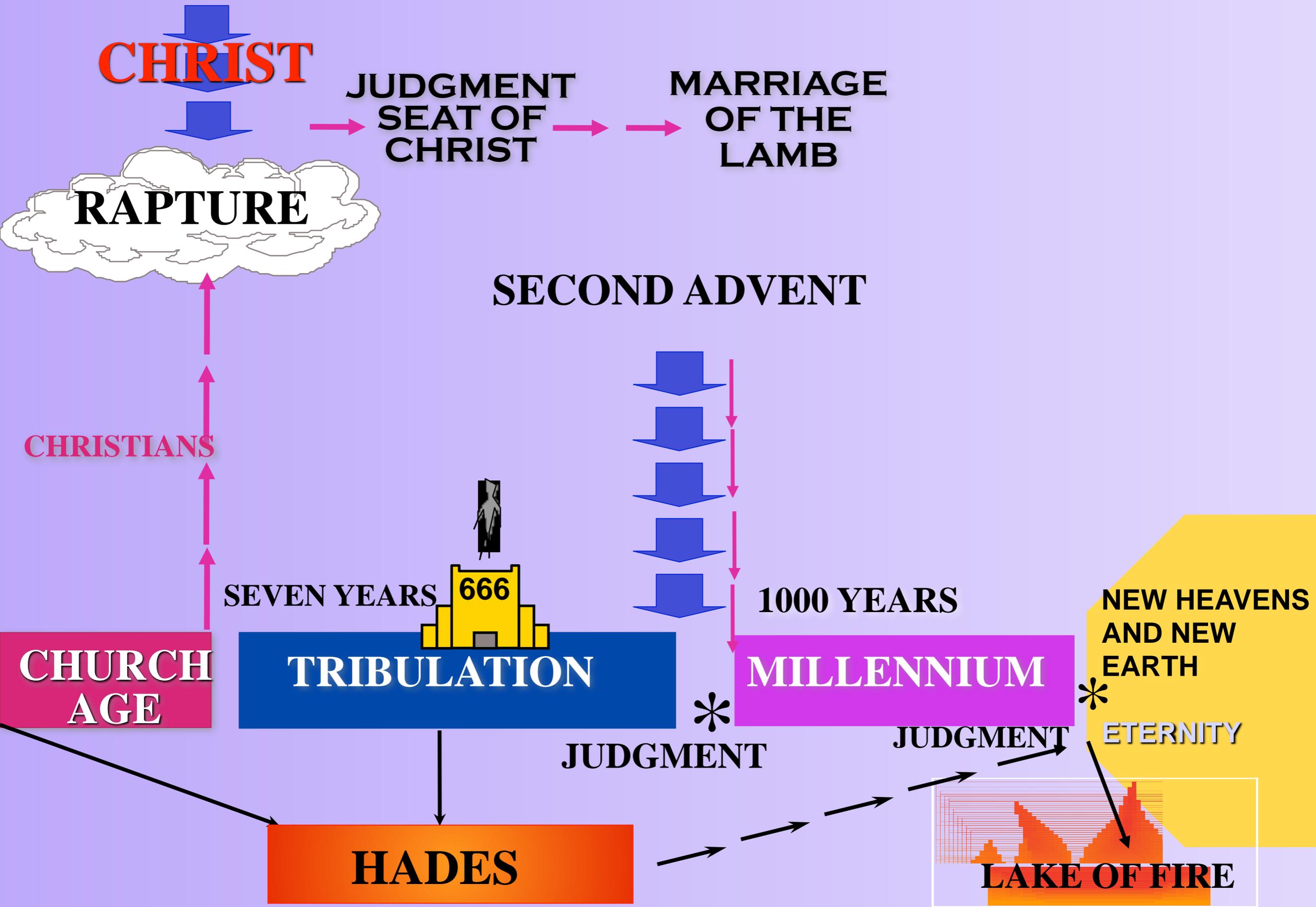
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1. τὸ τέλος is used 40× in the Greek New Testament, in 39 verses. 14 in the Gospels, none in Acts, 23× in the Epistles, 3× in Revelation.

2. Lexica

τέλος (*telos*), end, conclusion, close, goal;
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- 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

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The second key word is

ἤγγικεν

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

1. Used 42× in the Greek New Testament; in 41 verses; the cognate is *engus* which is used 31×. Most common use in the Gospels: the kingdom of heaven is *at hand or near*, Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:7.

Rom. 13:12, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

Heb. 10:25, “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

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

Heb. 9:27, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”

Rom. 13:11, “And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”

Rev. 1:3, “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Rev. 22:10, “And he said to me, ‘Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.’ ”