



# The Epistle of St Jude

# **DANGER! FALSE TEACHERS!**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**The Epistle of Jude **polemicalizes** against false teachers who have **penetrated** the church.**

**Jude is a frightening Book about the recurrent **danger of error, rebellion,** and **judgment.****

**Sound the trumpet!**

****Instruction** and **consolation** are not the only duties of the pulpit.**

**There is still such a province in religious discourse, as the province of **warning** and **rebuke**.**

**They were not beyond the reach of that sinful infection.**

**He who perseveres to the end is not the man who imagines he is secure of never falling away.**

# **The relationship between Jude and II Peter is uncertain as to:**

**The **second** chapter of the **Second** Epistle of Peter constitutes a remarkable peculiarity in that Epistle.**

**The close resemblance between this chapter and the Epistle of Jude**

- 1. which one was written first**
- 2. why they are so similar yet different**
- 3. how one describes a coming heresy and the other a present heresy**

Of the **twenty-five** verses in Jude, **sixteen** (vv. 3-18) have some association with II Pet. 2:1-18.

It is **generally accepted** that 2 Peter borrowed from Jude.

**There are several instances in Scripture where writers have copied from one another, or from a common source.**

**The following passages are coincident in words:  
compare 2 Samuel 22 with Psalm 18;  
Psalm 14 with Psalm 53;  
Psalm 115:4-11 with Psalm 135:16-21;  
2 Kings 18:13-19 with Isaiah 36-39;  
2 Kings 25:23, 24 with Jeremiah 40:7-9;  
2 Chronicles 36:22, 23 with Ezra 1:1-3;  
Ezra 2 with Nehemiah 7;  
Isaiah 2:2-4 with Micah 4:1-3, etc.**

# This Epistle illustrates the theological balance between

1. The keeping  
power of God (vv.  
1,24)

المحفوظين ليسوع المسيح  
القادر ان يحفظكم غير  
عائرين

2. Believers keeping  
themselves (v. 21)

احفظوا انفسكم في محبة  
الله

He is able to preserve us in our daily  
walk and keep us from stumbling.

God is preserving **the fallen angels** and the **apostates** for judgment, but He is preserving His own children for glory.

“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has **reserved** in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.”

و الملائكة الذين لم يحفظوا رياستهم بل تركوا مسكنهم  
حفظهم الى دينونة اليوم العظيم بقيود ابدية تحت الظلام

(Jude 6)



**“Raging waves of the sea, foaming up  
their own shame; wandering stars for  
whom is reserved the blackness of  
darkness forever.”**

**امواج بحر هائجة مزبدة بخزيهم نجوم تائهة محفوظ لها  
قتام الظلام الى الابد  
(Jude 13).**

# AUTHOR

**Jude (Hebrew, Judah, or Greek, Judas) means "praise,"**

**he was the son of Alphaeus by a sister of the Virgin (the son of a Mary [not the Virgin] who stood by the Cross.)**

**characterizes himself by two designations**

**1. "a bond-servant of Jesus Christ" - This is not exactly the same as St Paul's usual designation, although they look the same in English.**

**St Paul always puts the noun “slave” first, followed by the GENITIVE descriptive phrase.**

**This is also true of II Peter.**

**However, the word order in Jude is the same as the word order in James (descriptive GENITIVE phrase first).**

**2. “a brother of James” - There are many persons in the NT named James (Jacob), but the name by itself,**

**without any description, reminds one of James 1:1. St James, the cousin of Jesus, was the **bishop of the Jerusalem** church during St Paul's missionary journeys (cf. Acts 15).**

**It has been speculated that both chose, **out of humility**, not to identify themselves as biologically related to our Lord Jesus.**

**The Apostle Jude/Thaddaeus/ Lebbaeus  
(Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18; Lk 6:16; Acts 1:13).**

**Orthodox Study Bible: He is **not** Jude who  
was one of the Twelve.**

**and may be **identified with Thaddeus** in  
Matthew and Mark (BEDE).**

**St HILARY OF ARLES:  
He is distinguished from Iscariot**

# The Twelve Apostles



**Simon  
Peter**

**Andrew**

**John**

**James**

**James the  
son of  
Alphaeus**

**Thaddeus  
Jude  
Lebbaeus**

**Simon the  
Zealot  
(the  
Canaanite)**

**Matthias**

**Philip**

**Bartholomew**

**Matthew  
Levi**

**Thomas**

# The Twelve Apostles

Matthew 10:2-4	Mark 3:13-19	Luke 6:12-16	Acts 1:12-26
<b>1. Simon / Peter</b>	<b>Simon / Peter</b>	<b>Simon / Peter</b>	<b>Peter</b>
2. Andrew	James	Andrew	John
3. James	John	James	James
4. John	Andrew	John	Andrew
<b>5. Philip</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>Philip</b>	<b>Philip</b>
6. Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Bartholomew	Thomas
7. Thomas	Matthew	Matthew	Bartholomew
8. Matthew	Thomas	Thomas	Matthew
<b>9. James</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>10. Thaddaeus*</b>	<b>Thaddaeus</b>	Simon	Simon
11. Simon	Simon	Judas – of James	Judas – of James
12. Judas	Judas	Judas	Matthias

**\* Called “Labbaeus” in Matthew 10:3 (KJV)**

**The author was a Hebrew Christian and cousin of our Lord Jesus (cf. Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3) rests on several assumptions**

**1. a family relationship to James (cf. James 1:1)**

**2. the extensive use of the OT**

**3. the characteristic Hebrew literary **use of threes****

**a. 3 OT **events** of **apostasy****

الشعب.....الملائكة.....سدوم و عمورة

**b. 3 OT **characters****

طريق قايين.... ضلالة بلعام.... مشاجرة قورح



## c. opening greeting

(1) three verbs: “called,” “beloved,” “kept”

المدعوين... المقدسين... المحفوظين

(2) three prayer requests: “mercy,” “peace,”  
“love”

الرحمة و السلام و المحبة



# The Style

The Greek style and form of Jude is well-written Koine Greek. St Jude must have had a cosmopolitan exposure (cf. I Cor. 9:5).

العَلْنَا لَيْسَ لَنَا سُلْطَانٌ اِنْ نَجُول بَاخْتِ زَوْجَةِ كِبَايِ الرِّسْلِ وَاخْوَةَ الرَّبِّ وَصَفَا

As far as personality, he is much like St James; he uses a no-nonsense, **straight-forward** approach to the mandate for godly living in this world of sin and rebellion.

# **DATE**

**Let us list some of the parameters:**

- 1. during Jude's lifetime as he was the younger brother of James and cousin of our Lord Jesus**
- 2. the Epistle of Jude's literary relationship to II Peter. Of the twenty-five verses in Jude, sixteen (vv. 3-18) have some association with II Pet. 2:1-18.**

**It is generally accepted that 2 Peter borrowed from Jude.**

The contents of the book imply **a mid-first century date.**

Enough time had elapsed for **heresy to develop.**

The physical presence of the Apostles had just passed (vv. 18-19).

However, **a uniform doctrine** had **not** developed.

St Jude mentions the **moral problems** of the false teachers, but does **not** discuss the **doctrinal errors.**

He uses OT examples.

**In Historical Ecclesiasticus III:19:1-20:6,**

**Eusebius mentions a tradition**

**(1) that **Jude's grandsons** were taken to Rome to face Domitian on charges of treason;**

**(2) that they were descendants of **Jewish royalty**;**

**and (3) that they were **relatives of Jesus** of Nazareth.**

**Domitian reigned from A.D. 81-96.**

# The Recipients

The believers (whether a local church or geographical area is uncertain) were **facing massive invasion of error through speculative theology/philosophy.**

What is known of the heresy:

1. the heretics were part of the church meetings (“**love feasts**” cf. v. 12)

هؤلاء صخور في ولائكم المحبية صانعين ولائم معا بلا خوف  
راعين انفسهم غيوم بلا ماء تحملها الرياح اشجار خريفية بلا  
ثمر ميتة مضاعفا مقتلعة

2. the heretics were **immoral, manipulative** teachers who were **causing divisions** among God's people (cf. v. 19)

هؤلاء هم **المعتزلون بأنفسهم** نفسانيون لا روح لهم

3. the heretics seem to have used or discussed **“angels”** in their theology

و الملائكة الذين لم يحفظوا رياستهم بل تركوا مسكنهم حفظهم الى دينونة اليوم العظيم بقيود ابدية تحت الظلام

4. the heretics seem to have emphasized **“knowledge”** (gnosis)



**Many of the NT Books (Eph. - Col, the Pastorals, II Peter, I, II John) were written to combat a similar type of false teaching/teachers.**

**“Standardizing”**

# PURPOSE

## St. Jude's purposes are:

1. To rouse the Church to declare war on **heterodoxy** (v. 3).

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

ايها الاحباء اذ كنت اصنع كل الجهد لأكتب اليكم عن  
الخلاص المشترك اضطررت ان اكتب اليكم واعظا ان  
تجتهدوا لأجل الايمان المسلم مرة للقديسين

2. To exhort the Church to **orthodox faith** and practice (vv. 20, 21).

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

و اما انتم ايها الاحباء فابنوا انفسكم على ايمانكم  
الاقديس مصليين في الروح القدس

3. To rescue the **weak and fallen** where possible (vv. 22, 23)

Seek Wisdom:

و ارحموا البعض مميزين 23 و خلصوا البعض بالخوف  
مختطفين من النار مبغضين حتى الثوب المدنس من الجسد

**“Making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.”**

**4. To instill confidence that God is indeed the Lord of all (vv. 1, 24, 25).**

**“and preserved in Jesus Christ”**

**“Now to Him who is able to keep you] from stumbling,  
And to present you faultless**

**Before the presence of His glory with  
exceeding joy,  
25 To God our Savior,  
Who alone is wise,  
Be glory and majesty,  
Dominion and power,  
Both now and forever.  
Amen.”**

**المحفوظين ليسوع المسيح**

**و القادر ان يحفظكم غير عاشرين و يوقفكم امام مجده بلا  
عيب في الابتهاج 25 الاله الحكيم الوحيد مخلصنا له المجد  
و العظمة و القدرة و السلطان الان و الى كل الدهور امين**

The **very silence** about heretics is itself typical of anti-heretical literature, where the author **avoids giving more free publicity** to the errors under attack by not mentioning them further.

St Jude **pleads** with the church to **remain faithful** to her tradition.

# CANONIZATION

This book was initially accepted (cf. quote by Clement of Rome about A.D. 94), then later disputed and finally fully accepted (Council of Nicea, A.D. 325 and Carthage, A.D. 397).

Support for Jude's canonicity is supported by:

1. quoted or alluded to by:

- a. St Clement of Rome (A.D. 94-97)
- b. St Polycarp (A.D. 110-50)
- c. St Irenaeus (A.D. 130-202)
- d. Tertullian (A.D. 150-220)
- e. St Athenagoras (A.D. 177)
- f. Origen (A.D. 185-254)

2. **named in:**

- a. **Clement of Alexandria (A.D. 150-215)**
- b. **Cyril of Jerusalem (A.D. 315-386)**
- c. **Jerome (A.D. 340-420)**
- d. **Augustine (A.D. 400)**



**The Epistle is quoted as an inspired and canonical work in some of the early fathers.**

**Some words in it seem to be cited in a fragment of Irenaeus, “the most holy faith delivered unto us.”**

**Tertullian quotes it by name in his tract on “Female Dress,” chap. 3:**

**“To these considerations is added the fact that Enoch possesses a testimony in the Apostle Jude,” etc.**

**St Clement of Alexandria also quotes it by name (“Miscellanies,” b. 3., chap. 2.):**

**“Concerning these and the like heresies, I think that Jude has spoken prophetically in his Epistle, ‘Likewise those dreamers,’”** etc. Also in Misc., 6:8: **“And some pluck from the fire,”** etc.

Also in the **“Paedagogus,”** 3:8: **“‘For I would have you know,’ says Jude, ‘that God, having once saved,’”** etc. The Muratorian fragment also includes it in the Canon.

3. **listed in the canonical lists of:**
  - a. Muratorian fragment (A.D. 200)
  - b. Barococcio (A.D. 206)
  - c. Athanasius (A.D. 36)
4. **affirmed by Councils:**
  - a. Nicea (A.D. 325)
  - b. Hippo (A.D. 393)
  - c. Carthage (A.D. 397 and 419)
5. **present in the translations of:**
  - a. Old Latin (A.D. 150-170)
  - b. Syriac Revision, the Peshitta (5th Century A.D.)



**Key Verse:**

“The faith which was once for all  
delivered to the saints.”  
(V. 3)

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الايمان المسلم مرة للقديسين  
(V. 3)

# Outline: False Teachers

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## What they do?

- (5-11)

## What they are?

- (12-16)

## What we must do?

- (17-23)

## Conclusion: Benediction -doxology

- (24 – 25)

## Introduction: Greeting

# THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION.

**“Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”**  
**(1 Pet. 1:2).**

**Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. (Jude 2).**

**“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.”**  
**(2 Pet. 1:2).**

Like the Apostle Peter, St Jude wanted these special blessings to be *multiplied* in their lives.

لتكثر لكم النعمة و  
السلام

**(1 Pet. 1:2).**

لتكثر لكم الرحمة و السلام  
و المحبة

**(Jude 2).**

لتكثر لكم النعمة و السلام بمعرفة الله و يسوع ربنا

**(2 Pet. 1:2).**



# The Characteristics of the believers.

**The call to service**

**Consecration**

**Guardianship (preserved)**

المدعوين

المقدسين

المحفوظين

لأكتب اليكم عن الخلاص المشترك

**“Our common salvation.”**

**(V. 3).**

**There is one salvation which is the same  
for all the believers.**

حسب الايمان المشترك

**(Titus 1:4).**

الايمان المسلم مرة للقديسين

**“The faith which was once for all delivered to the saints ('set-apart ones.“).”**

**(John 10:27-29).**

**The Apostolic tradition**

**Once for all delivered to the saints.**

**It cannot be changed.**

# Who they are? (1-4)

**“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.”**

**(2 Pet. 2:1).**

**“For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**(Jude 4)**

# Who they are? (1-4)

و لكن كان ايضا في الشعب  
انبياء كذبة كما سيكون فيكم  
ايضا معلمون كذبة الذين  
يدسون بدع هلاك و اذ هم  
ينكرون الرب الذي اشتراهم  
يجلبون على انفسهم هلاكا  
سريعا

(2 Pet. 2:1).

لأنه دخل خلسة اناس قد كتبوا  
منذ القديم لهذه الدينونة فجار  
يحولون نعمة الهنا الى  
الدعارة

(Jude 4)

St CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA:

**Twist Scripture** wickedly, who have secretly  
come into the church

# St Jude wasted no time in identifying the enemy.

*They were ordained to judgment (v. 4a).*

*They were ungodly (v. 4b).*

- (1-4)

*They were deceitful (v. 4c).*

- (5-11)

*They were enemies of God's grace (v. 4d).*

- (12-16)

*They denied God's truth (v. 4e).*

- (17-25)

## What they do? (5-11)

past examples of divine judgment:

**Rejecting the authority of God**: like

**The Jews in the wilderness** (Jude 5)

**The fallen angels** (Jude 6)

**The evil cities** (Jude 7)

**Defiant & Defiling**: like (Jude 11)

**Cain (Gen. 4)**

**Balaam (Num. 22-24)**

**Korah (Num. 16)**

# The danger of departing from truth

## Delivered & Destroyed:

“But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having *saved* the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward *destroyed* those who did not believe.”

فأريد ان اذكركم و لو علمتم هذا مرة ان الرب بعدما  
خلص الشعب من ارض مصر اهلك ايضا الذين لم  
يؤمنوا

(v. 5)



**I will delight myself in Your statutes;”**

**I will not forget Your word.”**

**بفرائضك اتلذذ لا انسى كلامك**

**(Psalm 119:16)**

**St Clement of Alexandria, St Didymus**

**Those whom God **delivered** from Egypt**

**he afterward **destroyed** if they did not**

**believe.**

# Fallen angels

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into *chains of darkness*, to be *reserved* for *judgment* (2 Pet. 2:4).

And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has *reserved in everlasting chains under darkness* for the *judgment* of the *great day* (Jude 6)

The fallen angels are evil **not in their origin** but in their **failure to hold** to their origin (PSEUDO-DIONYSIUS).

لأنه ان كان الله لم يشفق  
على ملائكة قد أخطأوا بل في  
سلاسل **الظلام** طرحهم في  
جهنم و سلمهم **محروسين**  
للقضاء

(2 Pet. 2:4).

و الملائكة الذين لم يحفظوا  
رياستهم بل تركوا مسكنهم  
حفظهم الى دينونة اليوم  
العظيم بقيود **ابدية** تحت  
**الظلام**

(Jude 6)

**Privileges create a capacity for suffering.**

**Angels yet in chains  
under darkness.**

**Irrecoverable**

**From light to darkness  
from heaven to hell  
from felicity to misery.**

**from a golden chair to a cage of iron**

**Nebuchadnezzar fell from a man to a beast**

**The Lord Jesus notes this apostasy in them to show that their sin was not by creation but by **willful** corruption.**

**And this is the cause, said St Augustine, why God has redeemed men and not angels, for that they sinned **from within** and of themselves **maliciously** and **rebelliously**; man sinned **from without** and by provocation. Their fall was great, so was their punishment. The higher their state and condition the more grievous their fall.**

**If it was much for Cain to be a  
vagabond,**

**and Adam to be driven out of Paradise,  
and Ishmael out of his father Abraham's  
house,**

**how much more for the angels to be  
driven out of heaven and not to return,  
like Noah's dove, to the ark, but to live in  
darkness for ever?**

# **Sodom and Gomorrah.**

**“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly.”  
(2 Pet. 2:6).**

**“As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”  
(Jude 7)**

# Sodom and Gomorrah.

و اذ رمد مدينتي سدوم و  
عمورة حكم عليهما  
بالانقلاب واضعا عبرة  
للعثيين ان يفجروا  
(2 Pet. 2:6).

كما ان سدوم و عمورة و  
المدن التي حولهما اذ زنت  
على طريق مثلها و مضت  
وراء جسد اخر جعلت عبرة  
مكابدة عقاب نار ابدية  
(Jude 7)

**Carnal men** are usually moved by **carnal arguments**, and tremble more to hear of the **loss of their estates** than of **their souls**.  
The **synagogue of Satan** may be utterly destroyed, but not the **city of God**.



The usual **connection** between **false teaching** and **immoral living** is brought out clearly throughout this section.

# **Filthy dreamers and defilers of the flesh and evil speakers:**

المحتلمون

**“dreamers”**

**Fantasize**

**As if they were sleepwalkers.**

**For every one to keep their hearts with all  
diligence from those **impure thoughts** in the  
**day-time,****

**which may otherwise make them **filthy**  
**dreamers** in the **night.****

**Vain, false, empty imaginations.**

**“and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries. (2 Pet 2:10)**

**Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.  
(Jude 8)**

و لا سيما الذين يذهبون  
وراء الجسد في شهوة  
النجاسة و يستهينون  
**بالسيادة** جسورون معجبون  
بأنفسهم لا يرتعون ان  
يفتروا على **ذوي الامجاد**  
(2 Pet 2:10)

و لكن كذلك هؤلاء ايضا  
المحتلمون ينجسون  
الجسد و يتهاونون  
**بالسيادة** و يفترون على  
**ذوي الامجاد**  
(Jude 8)

**Authority = lordship = dominion**

**Dignitaries =glories refer to angels.**

**“Far above all principality and power and  
might and dominion,  
and every name that is named, not only in  
this age but also in that which is to come.”**

فوق كل رياسة و سلطان و قوة و سيادة و كل اسم يسمى ليس  
في هذا الدهر فقط بل في المستقبل ايضا

**(Eph. 1:21).**

# Michael and the Body of Moses

Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!”

و اما ميخائيل رئيس الملائكة فلما خاصم ابليس محاجا عن  
جسد موسى لم يجسر ان يورد حكم افتراء بل قال لينتهرك  
الرب

**ST CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA:**

This proves that **Moses was taken up into heaven.**

The one who fought with the devil as our guardian angel is here called Michael.

**Origen mentions an apocryphal book called**  
**'Ανάληψις or 'Ανάβασις Μωσέως** in Greek,  
**which was extant in his time.**

**The apocryphal book: *The Assumption of***  
***Moses***

**God only has the power of final decision.**  
**Omniscience, impartiality, and power belong**  
**to Him.**

**God is the Judge “unto whom vengeance**  
**belongeth”**

**“So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. 6 And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day.”**

**فمات هناك موسى عبد الرب في ارض موآب حسب قول الرب  
6 و دفنه في الجواء في ارض موآب مقابل بيت فغور و لم  
يعرف انسان قبره الى هذا اليوم**

**(Deut. 34:5-6).**

**“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord,**



and Satan standing at his right hand to  
oppose him. 2 And the Lord said to  
Satan, “The Lord rebuke you, Satan!  
The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem  
rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked  
from the fire?”

و اراني يهوشع الكاهن العظيم قائما قدام ملاك الرب و  
الشيطان قائم عن يمينه ليقاومه 2 فقال الرب للشيطان  
لينتهرك الرب يا شيطان لينتهرك الرب الذي اختار  
اورشليم افليس هذا شعلة منتشلة من النار

(Zec 3:1-2).

**The angels defend the people of God.  
This is a warning concerning vehement  
accusations against God's enemies.  
Let God judge.**

# Ignorant speech

**“But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves.”**

و لكن هؤلاء يفترون على ما لا يعلمون  
و اما ما يفهمونه بالطبيعة كالحوانات غير الناطقة  
ففي ذلك يفسدون

**(Jude 10).**

**Common sense.**

**They did wrong on what is common sense.  
Did men either see the deformity of sin or the  
beauty of holiness.**

**Natural knowledge**

**Reasonable knowledge**

**Spiritual knowledge**

**right causes**

**due measure**

**right use**

# Searching for Jude's Sources.

**BEDE:** It is **not easy** to see **what part of Scripture** Jude got this tale from.

If the archangel Michael **refrained from cursing** the devil and dealt gently with him, how much more should we mere mortals avoid blaspheming, especially as we might offend the majesty of the Creator by an incautious word.

**He is not content to compare them with Cain but adds Ba-laam and Korah as well.**

**“Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.”**

ويل لهم لانهم سلكوا طريق قايين  
و انصبوا الى ضلالة بلعام لأجل اجرة  
و هلكوا في مشاجرة قورح

**(v. 11)**

**Cain**

**Sinned by faithlessness and envy, especially over an honor given to his brother. It led him to murder.**

**Ba-laam**

**Sinned by greed, which led to lying.**

**Korah**

**Sinned by ambition, pride, and arrogance, grasping for leadership against God's will. It led him to blatant rebellion against God.**

# **The way of Cain.**

**1. A way of ignorance.**

**2. A way of worldliness.**

**3. The way to hell.**

**Where is your brother?**

**Where is your friend?**

**Indifference**



**It was a religion without an atonement.**

**The first step was hypocrisy.**

**The second his hatred of his own and  
natural brother**

**The third his murder**

**The fourth his lying unto God**

# **What they are? (12-16)**

**Stars and clouds,  
Waves and trees**

**Waterless clouds**

**Fruitless trees**

**Wild waves**

**Wandering stars**

# Graphic word pictures

**“These are spots in your love feasts,  
while they feast with you without fear,  
serving only themselves. They are clouds  
without water, carried about by the  
winds; late autumn trees without fruit,  
twice dead, pulled up by the roots;  
<sup>13</sup> raging waves of the sea, foaming up  
their own shame; wandering stars for  
whom is reserved the blackness of  
darkness forever.”**

هؤلاء صخور في ولائمكم المحببة  
صانعين ولائم معا بلا خوف راعين انفسهم

(Vv. 12)

**Spots**: should be rendered “hidden reefs,”  
those razor-sharp underwater growths that  
can damage and sink great ships.

**The love feast**: Agape was a liturgical  
banquet tied to the Eucharist.

A peaceful, joyful meal.

**These are wells  
without water,  
clouds carried  
by a tempest, for  
whom is  
reserved the  
blackness of  
darkness  
forever.  
(2 Pet. 2:17).**

**They are clouds without  
water, carried about by the  
winds; late autumn trees  
without fruit, twice dead,  
pulled up by the roots;  
13 raging waves of the sea,  
foaming up their own  
shame; wandering stars for  
whom is reserved the  
blackness of darkness  
forever.  
(Jude 12-13)**

هؤلاء هم ابار بلا ماء  
غيوم يسوقها النوء  
الذين قد حفظ لهم قتام  
الظلام الى الابد  
(2 Pet. 2:17).

غيوم بلا ماء تحملها  
الرياح  
اشجار خريفية بلا ثمر  
ميتة مضاعفا مقتلعة  
13 امواج بحر هائجة  
مزيدة بخزيهم  
نجوم تائهة محفوظ لها  
قتام الظلام الى الابد  
(Jude 12-13)

# Images of The False Teachers

(12,13)

These are spots

They are clouds

Late autumn trees

Raging waves of the sea

Wandering stars

without water

without fruit

foaming up their  
own shame

reserved the  
blackness of  
darkness forever

**Clouds without  
water**

**carried about  
by the winds**

**Fruitless trees**

**pulled up by  
the roots**

**Spiritually dry**

Listening to the **suggestions of invisible spirits** and their own **passions**.

**Barrenness** is worthy of fire.  
What about rotten fruits

In contrast to the saints, who are **firmly rooted** in Christ. They **cannot remain** with Christ.



**It is the duty of Christians to endeavor  
after spiritual fruitfulness  
(Matthew 3:8; Luke 3:8; 2 Corinthians  
9:10; Philippians 1:11; James 3:17; John  
15:2, 5,16; Colossians 1:10).**

**Twice dead  
dead to appearance, and dead in reality.  
Rotten fruit**

**Raging waves  
of the sea**

**Restless**, dark, bitter,  
destructive, and persistent.  
They crash and perish.

**But the wicked are like the troubled sea,  
When it cannot rest,  
Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.**

**21 “There is no peace,”**

**Says my God, “for the wicked.”**

اما الاشرار فكالبحر المضطرب لأنه لا يستطيع ان يهدا و  
تقذف مياهه حماة و طينا 21 ليس سلام قال الهي للأشرار

**(Isa. 57:20-21).**

## **A wandering star**

**In astronomy, it shines  
brilliantly but only briefly  
and then burns out.**

**“Among whom you shine as lights in the  
world.”**

**تضيئون بينهم كأوار في العالم**

**(Phil. 2:15).**

**“And no wonder! For Satan himself  
transforms himself into an angel of light.”**

**و لا عجب لان الشيطان نفسه يغير شكله الى شبه ملاك نور**

**(2 Corinthians 11:14).**

**“The blackness of darkness”**

**“And did not spare  
the ancient world,  
but saved Noah,  
one of eight people,  
a preacher of  
righteousness,  
bringing in the  
flood on the world  
of the ungodly.”  
(2 Pet. 2:5).**

**“Now Enoch, the  
seventh from Adam,  
prophesied about  
these men also,  
saying, “Behold, the  
Lord comes with  
ten thousands of  
His saints”  
(Jude 14)**

و لم يشفق على العالم  
القديم بل انما حفظ نوحا  
**ثامنا** كارزا للبر اذ جلب  
طوفانا على عالم الفجار  
(2 Pet. 2:5).

و تتبا عن هؤلاء ايضا  
اخنوخ **السابع** من ادم قائلا  
هوذا قد جاء الرب في  
ربوات قديسيه  
(Jude 14)



**Enoch fragments from  
the Dead Sea Scrolls**

# Enoch's Prophecy

**TERTULLIAN: Since Enoch in the same book tells us of our Lord, we must not reject anything at all which genuinely pertains to us.**

**Do we not read that every word of Scripture useful for edification is divinely inspired 2 Tim 3:16.?**

**As you very well know, **Enoch was later rejected by the Jews** for the same reason that prompted them to reject almost everything which prophesied about Christ.**

**It is not at all surprising that they rejected certain Scriptures which spoke of him, considering that they were destined not to receive him when he spoke to them himself. Jn 1:11.**

**But we have a witness to Enoch in the epistle of Jude the apostle.**

# **I Enoch**

**Just a word about I Enoch.**

**It was originally written in Hebrew (but is now lost except for fragments in Aramaic among the Dead Sea Scrolls), translated into Greek (only fragments survive) and by A.D. 600 copied into **Ethiopian** (one copy survives).**

**The book was written **in the inter-biblical period**, but was edited many times, as the Ethiopian copy shows.**



**An Ethiopic version was at length discovered in Ethiopia, and brought to England by the well-known traveler, Bruce.**

**But the likelihood is that the Book of Enoch was written after the Epistle of St. Jude, so that Jude could not have drawn the prophecy from the book; but, rather, the writer of the book inserted in it the prophecy that he might give to his forgery the appearance of truth.**

**It was very influential in the early church; Tertullian quotes it as Scripture.**

**It was cited in the Epistle of Barnabas (as Scripture) and by St Irenaeus and St Clement of Alexandria.**

**It had lost favor in the early church by the fourth century.**

**We are expressly informed that Enoch walked with God after he begat **Methuselah** three hundred years.**

**Thus was **Enoch** to the antediluvian world what **Elijah** was to those who lived beneath the law.**

# **Whether Enoch Is a Prophet.**

**ST AUGUSTINE:**

**Does not the canonical epistle of Jude the apostle openly declare that Enoch spoke as a prophet?**

**It is true that his alleged writings have never been accepted as authoritative, either by Jews or Christians, but that is because their extreme antiquity makes us afraid of handing out as authentic works those which may be forgeries.**

# Whether Enoch Is Apocryphal.

**BEDE:** The book of Enoch, from which this quotation is taken, belongs to the Apocrypha, not because the sayings of that prophet are of no value or because they are false but because the book which circulates under his name was not really written by him but was put out by someone else who used his name.

For if it were genuine, it would not contain anything contrary to sound doctrine.

But as a matter of fact it contains any number of incredible things about **giants**,

**who had angels instead of men as fathers, and  
which are clearly lies.**

**Indeed, it was precisely because Jude quotes  
him that for a long time his letter was  
rejected by many as being uncanonical.**

**Nevertheless it deserves to be included in the  
canon because of its author, its antiquity and  
the way in which it has been used, and  
particularly because this passage which Jude  
takes from Enoch is not in itself apocryphal  
or dubious but is rather notable for the  
clarity with which it testifies to the true light.**

**“These are grumblers, complainers,  
walking according to their own lusts;  
and they mouth great swelling words,  
flattering people to gain advantage.”**

هؤلاء هم مدممون متشكون  
سالكون بحسب شهواتهم  
و فهم يتكلم بعظائم  
يحابون بالوجوه من اجل المنفعة

**(Jude 16).**

**Grumblers**

**Complainers**

## What we must do? (17-23)

### Resistance to the False Teachers

*Remember who gave the Word (v. 17).*

*Remember what they said (v. 18).*

*Remember why they said it (v. 19).*



***Remember who gave the Word*** (v. 17).

**“But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

و اما انتم ايها الاحباء فانذكروا الاقوال التي قالها سابقا رسل  
ربنا يسوع المسيح

***Remember what they said*** (v. 18).

**“How they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.”**

فانهم قالوا لكم انه في الزمان الاخير سيكون قوم مستهزون  
سالكين بحسب شهوات فجورهم

***Remember why they said it*** (v. 19).

**“These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.”**

هؤلاء هم المعتزلون بأنفسهم نفسانيون لا روح لهم

***(Gr. Psychikoi)* by the power of the human soul alone without the power of the Spirit.**

# Safeguards against Heresy

## Discernment

**“Building yourselves up on your most holy faith.”**

**“Keep yourselves in the love of God.”**

**“On some have compassion.”**

**“Others save with fear.”**

**(20-23)**

و اما انتم ايها الاحباء فابنوا انفسكم على ايمانكم الاقدس

مصلين في الروح القدس

21 و احفظوا انفسكم في محبة الله

منتظرين رحمة ربنا يسوع المسيح للحياة الابدية

22 و ارحموا البعض مميزين

23 و خلصوا البعض بالخوف مختطفين من النار

مبغضين حتى الثوب المدنس من الجسد

## **Conclusion: Benediction -doxology**

**“Now to Him who is able to keep you from  
stumbling,**

**And to present you faultless**

**Before the presence of His glory with  
exceeding joy,**

**25 To God our Savior,**

**Who alone is wise,**

**Be glory and majesty,**

**Dominion and power,**

**Both now and forever.**

**Amen.”**

## Conclusion: Benediction -doxology

و القادر ان يحفظكم غير عاثرين و يوقفكم امام مجده بلا  
عيب في الابتهاج  
25 الاله الحكيم الوحيد مخلصنا له المجد و العظمة و  
القدرة و السلطان الان و الى كل الدهور امين





# REVELATION



# St John Wrote

**The Gospel**

**Three  
Epistles**

**Revelation**

**Christ is God**

**Christ is the  
Propitiation (2:2)**

**Christ is the King**

**Divinity**

**Kononia**

**Glory**

**“That you may  
believe” (20:31)**

**“That you may  
know” (5:13)**

**“That you may  
see” (3:18)**

# St John's Writings

**Believe,  
20:31**

**Be sure,  
1 John 5:13**

**Be ready,  
22:20**

**Life received**

**Life revealed**

**Life rewarded**

**Salvation**

**Sanctification**

**Sovereignty**

**The Prophet**

**The Priest**

**The King**

# The Book of Revelation

**Author:**

**St John the beloved**

**Place of Writing:**

**Patmos**

**Date of Writing:**

**96 AD**

**Theme:**

**The things which are  
things which you have seen  
the things which will take place after this**

**Key Word:**

**Lamb**

**Key Verse:**

**“Write the things which you have seen,  
and the things which are,  
and the things which will take place after  
this.”  
(1:19)**



**Patmos, Greece - where the Apostle John was exiled**

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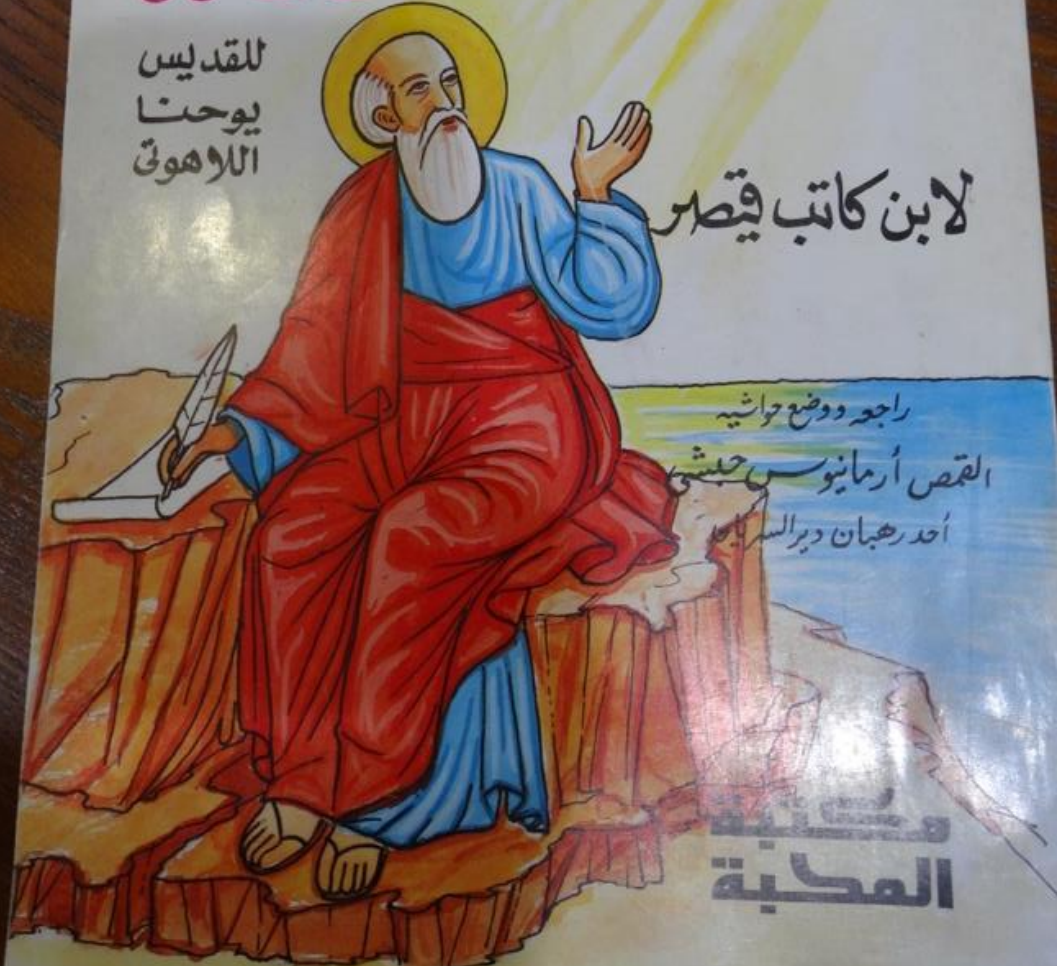
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**Cave of John the Apostle**

# COMPARISON BETWEEN GENESIS AND REVELATION

## *Genesis*

*Written by Moses the prophet.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Book in the Holy Bible**

**1<sup>st</sup> Chapter: Heaven and Earth**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter: Adam and Eve**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter: the Serpent**

**Genesis Is Talking About: **Death****

**Genesis Is Talking About: **Curse****

**Genesis Is Talking About: The **Rainbow****

## *Revelation*

*Written by St. John the Beloved.*

**Last Book in the Holy Bible**

**Last Chapter: New Heaven and New Earth**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to the Last Chapter: Christ and the Church**

**3<sup>rd</sup> to the Last Chapter: the Serpent Cast Away Into Hades**

**Revelation Is Talking About: **No Death** (Rev. 21:4)**

**Revelation Is Talking About: **No Curse** (Rev. 22:3)**

**Revelation Is Talking About: The **Rainbow** Around the Throne of God**

The **sun** to govern day  
(Gen. 1:16)

No need for the **sun** (Rev.  
21:23)

The darkness was called  
**night** (Gen. 1:5)

No **night** there (Rev.  
22:5)

The waters He called **seas**  
(Gen. 1:10)

No more **sea** (Rev.  
21:1)

He placed the cherubim at  
the east of the Garden of  
Eden, and a flaming sword  
which turned every way, to  
guard the way to **the tree  
of life**. (Gen. 3:24)

“To him who  
overcomes I will give  
to eat from **the tree of  
life**” (Rev. 2:7).

**The first marriage**

**Babylon built**

**“Judah *is* a lion’s whelp;  
From the prey, my son,  
you have gone up.  
He bows down, he lies  
down as a lion; And as a  
lion, who shall rouse  
him?” (Gen. 49:9)**

**“Dan shall be a serpent by  
the way” (Gen. 49:17)**

**The marriage supper of the  
Lamb (Rev. 19:9)**

**The Fall of Babylon the  
Great (Rev18)**

**“Do not weep. Behold,  
the Lion of the tribe of  
Judah, the Root of  
David” (Rev. 5:5)**

**Dan is not mentioned with  
those who are sealed in  
(Rev. 7)**

**Sorrow and pain  
begin (Gen. 3:17).**

**No more pain (Rev.  
21:4)**

# ***REVELATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT***

- 1. LOOKING ON THE PIERCED CHRIST**      **1:7 / ZECH 12:10**
- 2. TREE OF LIFE**      **2:7 / GEN. 2:9**
- 3. DOCTRINE OF BALAAM**      **2:14 / NUM. 24:12-14**
- 4. GOD'S THRONE**      **4:2-3 / EZEK. 1:26-28**
- 5. FOUR BEASTS**      **4:6 / EZEK. 1:5**
- 6. COLORED HORSES**      **6:2-8 / ZECH. 6:2-8**
- 7. FOUR WINDS**      **7:1 / DAN. 7:2**
- 8. MARK ON THE FOREHEAD**      **7:3 / EZEK. 9:4**
- 9. EATING THE BOOK**      **10:9 / EZEK. 3:1-3**
- 10. MEASURING REED**      **11:1 / EZEK. 40**
- 11. DEAD COME TO LIFE**      **11:11 / EZEK. 37:5-14**
- 12. BEASTS OF THE SEA**      **13:1 / DAN. 7:3**

# ***REVELATION IN THE OLD TESTAMENT***

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| <b>13. SMOKE OF TORMENT</b>         | <b>14:11 / ISA. 34:10</b>     |
| <b>14. WINE PRESS OF BLOOD</b>      | <b>14:20 / ISA. 63:3</b>      |
| <b>15. TEN HORNS</b>                | <b>17:12 / DAN. 7:20</b>      |
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# **The Book of praise**

- **Teaches us why should we praise God**
- **How do the heavenly praise Him**
- **How should we praise Him**

## **The four living creatures:**

*“ Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!”  
(Revelation 4:8)*

## **The twenty-four elders:**

*“ You are worthy, O Lord,  
To receive glory and honor and power;  
For You created all things,  
And by Your will they exist and were created.”  
(Revelation 4:11)*



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**Six exegetical methods are used:**

- 1) Preterist**
- 2) Historical**
- 3) Spiritual**
- 4) Futurist**
- 5) Anglican**
- 6) Orthodox**

**1-3 John – Christ – the Church**

**2,3 The Seven Churches**

**4 The Throne**

**5 The Seven Sealed Scroll**

**6,7 The Seven Seals**

**8-11 The Seven Trumpet**

**10 Mighty Angel with the “Little Book.”**

**11 The Two Witnesses**

**12 The Woman and the Child**

**13 The Two Beasts**

**14 The Lamb, Appearance of three angels**

**15,16 The Seven Bowls**

**17,18 – 21,22 Two Cities**

**17,18 Mystery Babylon**

**19 The King and the Kingdom**

**20 Satan is bound, the end of time**

**21 Heavenly Jerusalem**

**22 The tree of life, Conclusion**

**Vision of Christ**

**The Seven Churches**

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**Revelation 1**

**Revelation 2 & 3**

**Revelation 4**

**Revelation 5**

**Revelation 6 & 7**

**Revelation 8 - 11**

**Revelation 10**

**Revelation 11**

**Revelation 12**

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**The Seven Bowls**

**Mystery Babylon**

**The “Fifth Horseman”**

**Satan is bound**

**The New Heavens & New Earth:**

**Epilogue**

**Revelation 15 & 16**

**Revelation 17 & 18**

**Revelation 19**

**Revelation 20**

**Revelation 21**

**Revelation 22**



**Symbolism**

• <b>Alpha</b>	<b>Christ as the beginning</b>
• <b>Angel</b>	<b>Messenger</b>
• <b>First Beast</b>	<b>Evil power of the Roman Empire</b>
• <b>Beasts</b>	<b>Roman emperors</b>
• <b>Book of Life</b>	<b>Names of faithful listed here</b>
• <b>Bride</b>	<b>The faithful Church</b>
• <b>Dragon</b>	<b>Devil</b>
• <b>Eyes</b>	<b>Wisdom; all knowing</b>
• <b>Horns; Horse</b>	<b>Power</b>
• <b>Key</b>	<b>Authority</b>
• <b>Gog and Magog</b>	<b>Pagan nations against the Church</b>
• <b>Lamb</b>	<b>Jesus Christ</b>
• <b>Omega</b>	<b>Christ as the end</b>
• <b>Saints</b>	<b>Persecuted and martyred Christians</b>
• <b>Sea</b>	<b>Place of evil and death</b>
• <b>Seals of Scroll</b>	<b>Hardship and suffering</b>
• <b>Seal of God</b>	<b>Faithfulness of God</b>
• <b>Two-edged Sword</b>	<b>Word of God that saves and judges</b>
• <b>Woman</b>	<b>Believers, faithful Church; St Mary</b>

# Symbolism of Numbers

1	God.
3	Trinity.
4	Universal (North, South, East and West).
6	Imperfection.
666	Absolute imperfection; refusing to be part of God's plan.
7	Perfection; completeness
10	Absolute completeness.
12	Completeness; 12 tribes of Israel; the Christian Church; 12 apostles.
1000	A large number representing many.
1260	Non specified days of struggle and persecution which faithful must endure.
144,000	12x12x1000; represents perfection; those saved by the Lamb.

# Symbolism of Colors

- **Black**                      **Evil; death**
  - **Blood**                        **Martyrdom**
  - **Gold**                         **Royalty**
  - **Purple**                      **Royalty**
  - **Green**                        **Fertility**
  - **Pale green**                **Death**
  - **Scarlet**                     **Blood**
- 
- **White**                        **Purity, victory**



***THE SEVENS OF  
REVELATION***

# ***THE SEVENS OF REVELATION***

- 1. SEVEN CHURCHES** **1:4,11**
- 2. SEVEN SPIRITS** **1:4; 3:1; 4:5**
- 3. SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS** **1:12-13, 20; 3:1**
- 4. SEVEN STARS** **1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1**
- 5. SEVEN LAMPS** **4:5**
- 6. SEVEN SEALS** **5:1,5**
- 7. SEVEN HORNS AND SEVEN EYES** **5:6**
- 8. SEVEN ANGELS** **8:2, 6; 15:1, 6, 7, 8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9**
- 9. SEVEN TRUMPETS** **8:2, 6**
- 10. SEVEN THUNDERS** **10:3-4**
- 11. SEVEN THOUSAND SLAIN** **11:13**
- 12. SEVEN HEADS** **12:3; 13:1**

# ***SEVENS OF REVELATION***

**13. SEVEN CROWNS**

**12:3**

**14. SEVEN PLAGUES**

**15:1, 6, 8; 21:9**

**15. SEVEN GOLDEN VIALS**

**15:7; 17:1; 21:9**

**16. SEVEN HEADS AND SEVEN HORNS**

**17:3, 7, 9**

**17. SEVEN KINGS**

**17:10-11**



# Using visions and symbols:

**(1:4,11)**

**The Seven churches**

**The Seven Lampstands  
(1:12,20)**

**The Seven churches  
are lampstands**

**The Seven Spirits (1:4)**

**The perfect work of the  
Holy Spirit**

**The Seven Lamps of  
burning fire (4:5)**

**A divine gift from  
God's Holy Spirit who  
appears as seven lamps  
of fire lighting the  
church and inflaming  
her with the fire of  
divine love.**



# The Holy Spirit



- **The Spirit of the Lord**
- **The Spirit of wisdom** : see with the eyes of faith.
- **The Spirit of understanding**: deep grasping of what Jesus means in our lives.
- **The Spirit of counseling**: Right judgment – know the difference between good and evil.
- **The Spirit of might**: Courage – ability
- **The Spirit of knowledge**: ‘awareness of Jesus’ message.
- **The Spirit of the fear of the Lord**: Reverence – deep appreciation of God’s power.

(Isa. 11:2)

**The seven stars  
(1:20)**

**The seven stars are the  
angels of the seven  
churches**

**The Seven Horns (5:6)**

**Complete power**

**The Seven Eyes (5:6)**

**Complete knowledge**

**The Seven  
Seals (5:1;  
6:1-8; 8:1)**

**(seal 1) Jesus walks ahead of us  
as a conqueror and to conquer.  
(seal 2-6) A series of successive  
pains but He turns pains into  
glories.  
(seal 7) Astonished at the glory  
prepared for humans.**

**The Seven Trumpets  
(8:2; 11:9)**

**warnings**



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**The Seven talking  
thunders (10:3,4)**

**He makes them like  
thunder which is  
the result of friction  
of clouds together,  
declaring God's  
love and His plan!**

**The Seven thousand  
Slain due to the  
earthquake (11:13)**

**In the days of the two  
prophets witnesses  
against the oppressor**

**The Seven Heads of  
the dragon (12:3)**

**His continuous work is  
deception  
(12:9; 13:14; 20:8).**

**The Seven Crowns on  
his heads (12:3)**

**The devil appoints  
many kings in many  
countries**

**The Seven Bowls and  
the Seven Plagues  
(15:1; 16:21)**

**Firm punishment**

**The Seven  
Mountains on  
which sits  
Babylon, the  
harlot. (17:9)**

**The kingdom of the  
Antichrist which  
includes a number  
of great leaders,  
like mountains to  
lean on.**

**The Seven Kings  
(17:10)**

**Authorities who  
submit to the  
kingdom of the  
wicked one.**

**The Seven  
Personages  
(12,13)**

**The woman clothed with the  
sun (12:1-2)**

**The fiery red Dragon  
(12:3,4,9)**

**The male child (12:5)**

**Michael the Archangel (12:7):**

**The remnant (12:17):**

**The beast out of the sea (13:1-  
10):**

**The beast out of the earth  
(13:11-18)**



**The woman  
clothed with the  
sun  
(12:1-2)**

**The Church**

**the moon under her feet, it refers to the members who died as martyrs.**

**The twelve stars on her head are the twelve disciples**

**She is with child, crying out in labour and in pain so that Jesus Christ may be formed in the lives of believers and those invited to faith.**

**She is a suffering Church, as the devil fights against her**



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**The fiery red  
Dragon**  
(12:3,4,9)

**Satan**

**The serpent of old  
"red" because he is a  
murderer of people  
(John 8:44).**

**His horns and crowns refer to  
his temporal authority and  
power.**

**His arrogance  
(Isaiah 14:13,14).**

**The male child**  
(12:5)

**Jesus Christ in His birth  
Here, the writer also tells of  
His Ascension to His throne.**



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**The remnant  
(12:17):**

**Satan stands against those  
who remain loyal to their  
Christ.**

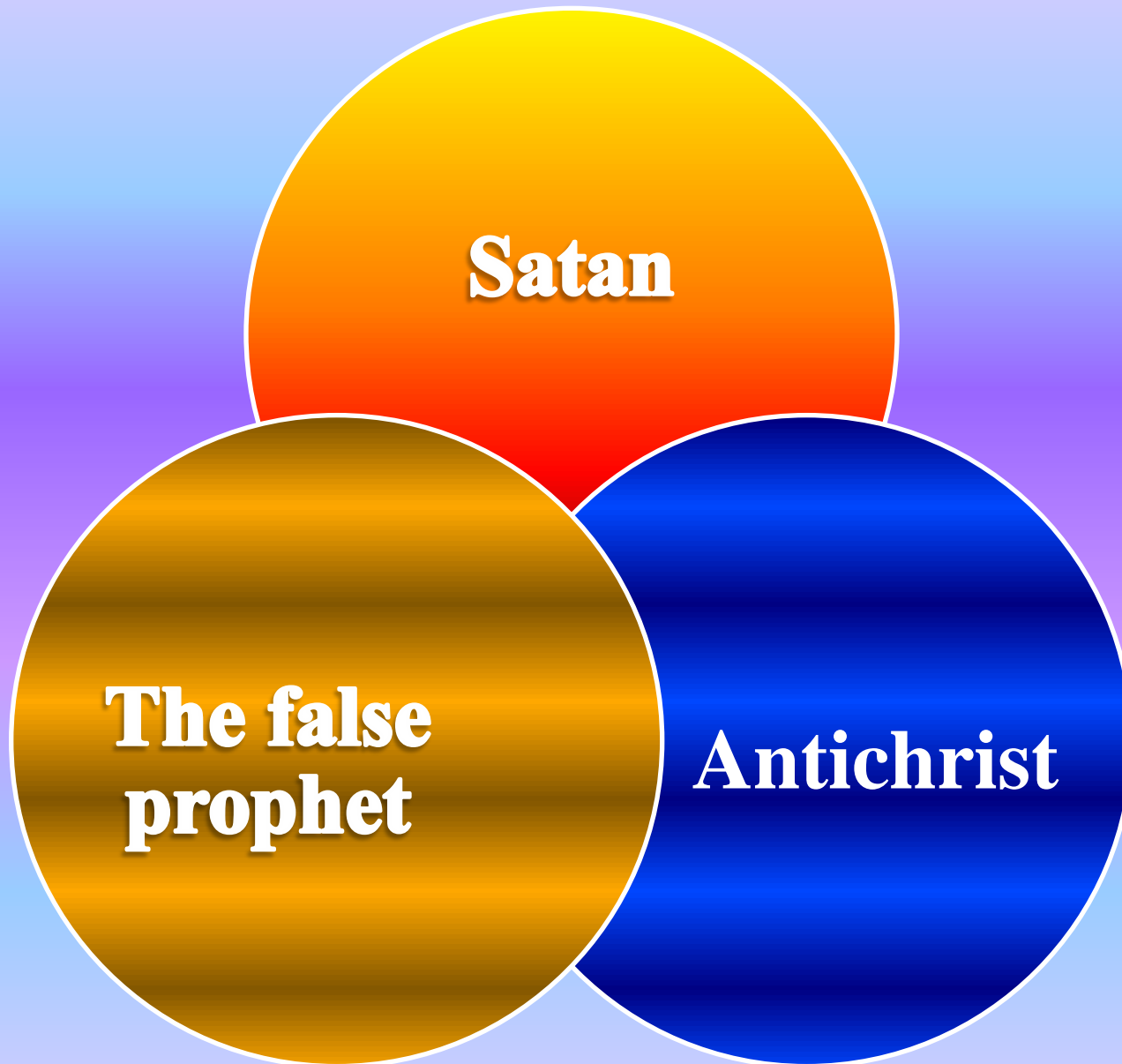
**The beast out  
of the sea (13:1-  
10):**

**The beast coming out of the  
sea refers to the Antichrist,  
while the beast coming out  
of the earth refers to the  
false prophet who works  
for the Antichrist. The  
former deceives men by  
taking the shape of Christ  
the Saviour.**

**The beast  
out of the  
earth  
(13:11-18)**

**Tries to simulate the  
Holy Spirit by giving  
testimony to the  
Antichrist,  
performing signs  
and giving life to the  
image of the beast  
who came out of the  
sea.**

# The defiled triad









# The Seven judgments

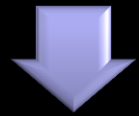
**Babylon  
(17,18)**



**The beast  
(19:20)**



**The false  
prophet  
(19:20)**



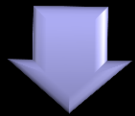
**Satan  
(20:10)**



**Gog and  
Magog  
(20:7-9)**

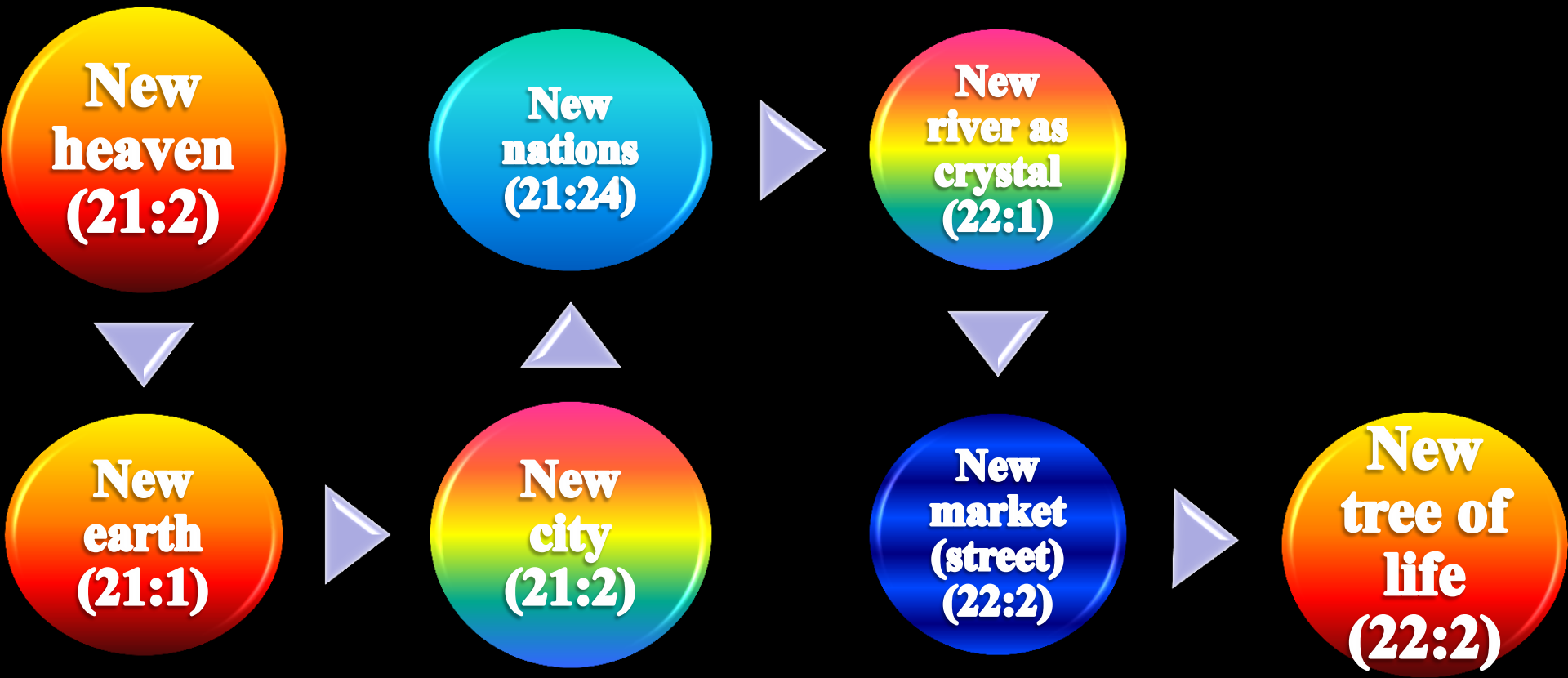


**The evil  
nations' leaders  
(19:21)**



**All wicked  
ones  
(20:15).**

# The Seven "New" things



# The Seven Beatitudes:

**“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.” (1:3)**

**“Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”  
14:13.**

**“Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” (16:15).**

**“Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” (19:9)**

**“Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power” (20:6).**

**“Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” (22:7).**

**“Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city..” (22:14).**



**Christ is the  
Lamb of God**



*Behold! The Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world!  
John 1:29*



# **Christ is the Lamb of God**

**The Lamb is the Lion**

**Rev. 5:5-7**

**They worship the Lamb**

**(Rev. 5:8)**

**They sing to the Lamb**

**(Rev. 5:12,13)**

**The wrath of the Lamb**

**(Rev. 6:16)**

**The blood of the Lamb**

**(Rev.7:14)**

**Paradox: The Lamb is the  
Shepherd**

**(Rev. 7:17)**

**They overcame by the blood  
of the Lamb**

**(Rev. 12:11)**

**The Book of Life of the  
Lamb**

**(Rev. 13:8)**

**The Church of the Lamb**

**(Rev. 14:1-4)**

**The Lamb is Lord of lords  
and King of kings  
The Lamb conquered**

**(Rev. 17:14)**

**The marriage of the Lamb  
The Bride of the Lamb**

**(Rev. 19:7,9)**

**The Lord God Almighty and  
the Lamb are its temple**

**(Rev. 21:22)**

**The Lamb *is* the light**

**(Rev. 21:23)**

**Washing  
by the  
blood  
Rev 1:5**

**Entering  
into the  
Holiest  
Heb 10:19**

**The  
Meaning  
of  
Blood  
Lev 17:11**

**The  
Redemption  
by the blood  
1 Pet  
1:18,19**

**Washing by  
the blood  
Rev 1:5**

**The Blood  
of Christ**

**Conquering  
by the blood  
Rev 12:11**

**The  
Forgiveness  
by the blood  
Eph 1:7**

**Sanctifying  
by the  
blood  
Heb 13:12**

**Cleansing  
by the  
blood  
1John 1:7**

**The  
Reconciliation  
by the blood  
Col.1:20**



**The Seven  
churches**

**Bishop Victorianus, St.**

**Augustine and others say, that  
what was mentioned in these  
messages pertains to the state  
of the churches in every age  
and to the believer from time  
to time.**

# 7 Churches of Asia



1 Pergamos

2 Thyatira

3 Sardis

4 Smyrna

5 Philadelphia

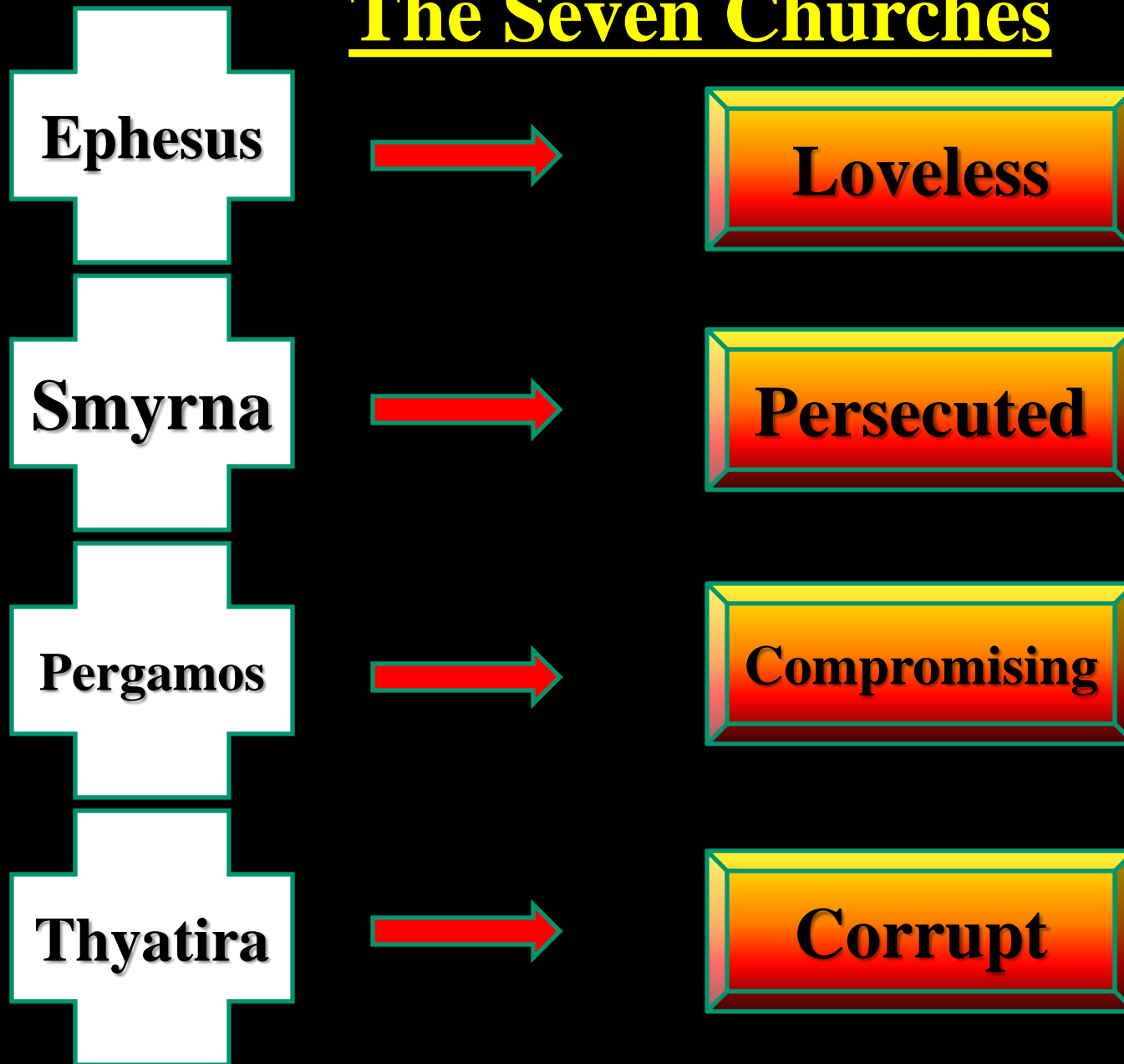
6 Ephesus

7 Laodicea





# The Seven Churches



**Sardis**



**Dead**

**Philadelphia**



**Faithful**

**Laodicea**



**Lukewarm**

# **Standard Format to the Letters**

**1- John is command to write to the angel of the church.**

**2- A short introduction of Christ with a descriptive title follows.**

**3- The state of the is summarized, beginning with: “ I know...” With praise or rebuke.**

**4- Exhortations**

**5- A special promise to him who “overcome”.**

**6- Conclusion: With “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.**

<b>Church</b>	<b>How Christ Appears</b>	<b>Problem Facing Church</b>	<b>Remedy</b>	<b>Warning</b>	<b>Reward</b>
<b>Ephesus</b>	<b>Holding 7 lamps in His hand</b>	<b>Return from first love</b>	<b>Remember from where you fell</b>	<b>I will move the candlestick</b>	<b>Eat of the fruit of the tree of life</b>
<b>Smyrna</b>	<b>This Who was dead and now is alive</b>	<b>Persecution (none of their own)</b>	<b>Be faithful until death</b>	<b>none</b>	<b>The crown of life</b>
<b>Pergamos</b>	<b>Has the sharp sword with two edges</b>	<b>Heresies and wrong ideas in church</b>	<b>Repent</b>	<b>will fight with them by the sword of My mouth</b>	<b>I will give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give to him a white stone</b>

<b>Church</b>	<b>How Christ Appears</b>	<b>Problem Facing Church</b>	<b>Remedy</b>	<b>Warning</b>	<b>Reward</b>
<b>Thyatira</b>	His eyes like a flame of fire and His feet like burnished metal	Evil lusts Depending on external Forces. Heresies are external	hold on to what you have	Sickness and death	Power over the nation. Give him the Morning Star
<b>Sardis</b>	Has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars	Hypocrisy/little faith. People leave the church due to weakness. Heresies are internal	Watchful, strengthen what is there, Remember the God's gift and teaching	The Lord Attacks as a thief	White robe Name not blot out of the book of life. Christ will confess him in front of the Father.

<b>Church</b>	<b>How Christ Appears</b>	<b>Problem Facing Church</b>	<b>Remedy</b>	<b>Warning</b>	<b>Reward</b>
<b>Philade-phia</b>	<b>Holy, has the keys of David</b>	<b>Laziness at work</b>	<b>unity in the church</b>	<b>Not to loose his crown</b>	<b>Becomes a pillar in God's temple. Write the name of God on Him</b>
<b>Laodicea</b>	<b>Amen, Witness. the Head of the creation of God follow the will of the peoples</b>	<b>Lukewarmness / Spiritual Attitude</b>	<b>buy from Me gold purified by fire, and white clothing, And anoint your eyes with eye salve.</b>	<b>vomit him</b>	<b>Grant to sit with Me in My Father's throne</b>

# The Promises to the Victorious

**Ephesus**

**“To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”**

**Smyrna**

**“He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”**

**Pergamos**

**“To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*”**

**Thyatira**

**“He who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations 27 ‘*He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels*’ as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star”.**



## Sardis

**“He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels”**

## Philadelphia

**“He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. *And I will write on him My new name*”**

**Laodicea**

**“To him who overcomes I will  
grant to sit with Me on My  
throne, as I also overcame and  
sat down with My Father on His  
throne”**



**The Seven Seals**  
**(Rev 6)**

# The Seals (Rev 6)

1. **White Horse** (The Lord goes out conquering )
2. **Red Horse** (The martyrs ) Wars (Matt. 24:7, Luke 21:9-14)
3. **Black Horse** (Famine) (Mark 13:8) besides it points out to the appearance of heresy and occurrence of famine in knowledge.
4. **Pale Horse** (Death) (Matt. 24:7) besides it points out to the appearance of the impostor who was the cause of the souls' death.
5. **Souls Under The Alter**
6. **Earthquake/Sky Changes**
7. **Silence in heaven**



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**1-A white horse**

**The Lord goes out conquering  
and to conquer in His church.**

**2-A red horse**

**The bloodshed of the martyrs  
(violence).**

**3-A black  
horse:**

**famines (economical troubles)  
- the appearance of heretics  
(spiritual famine).**

**4-A pale horse:**

**Death due to an epidemic - the  
appearance of the Antichrist  
(the death of souls).**

## 5-The

appearance of  
the martyrs'  
souls resting  
under the altar

They ask for no personal  
vengeance but for the  
verification of divine justice.



**6-Earthquake**

**The sun becomes black, the moon becomes like blood and the stars fall (the fall of some of mighty men in faith).**

**7-When opened  
(8:1)**

**There was silence in heaven. Everyone was astonished at the Lord's coming to glorify His suffering Church!**



# The arrangement of the sealed tribes

- \* **Judah** = **witness** = life is useless without believing and witnessing to the Saviour.
- \* **Reuben** = **the son of revelation** = Faith should be revealed through practical life.
- \* **Gad** = Perseverance in practical faith.
- \* **Asher** = **happy** = During our perseverance we go on happily, rejoicing in the Lord.
- \* **Naphtali** = **wide** = when we rejoice in the Lord, our heart is widened towards Him as well as towards everybody.

- \* **Manasseh** = **Forgetting** = He whose heart is widened towards everybody forgets (disregards) himself.
- \* **Simeon** = **Listener (hearer)** = He who forgets himself, hears God's voice.
- \* **Levi** = **Loaned** = He who hears God's voice counts himself as a stranger.
- \* **Issactar** = **Reward** = The stranger asks for no earthly reward but for the heavenly one.
- \* **Zebulun** = **Dwelling** = Our reward is to dwell in heaven.
- \* **Joseph** = **Increase** = He who sits in heaven, experiences nothing but continual increase (development).

\* **Benjamin** = **Son of the right side** = **The aim of increasing**  
**is to sit on the side of God!**

# THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

## REVELATION 8-11

### Trumpet 1

- Hail and fire, mingled with blood, are thrown = the warning affects the resources of living.

### Trumpet 2

- A great mountain burning with fire is thrown = a violent leader appears to punish a rebellious population.

### Trumpet 3

- A great star falls = some leaders fall into heresy as Nestorius did.

## Trumpet 4

- **A third of the stars darkens = life darkens in the eyes of people.**

## Trumpet 5

- **devilish thoughts appear (9:1-12) = preparing for the Antichrist. They carry inner bitterness towards him who adopts and spreads them.**

## Trumpet 6

- **Wars appear (9:13) at a specific hour, a battle arises at the river Euphrates, the place of the lost Paradise. It is a decisive battle: When it is time for the Antichrist to be doomed and for Jesus Christ to come, the battle becomes so severe.**

## **Trumpet 7**

- **After Enoch and Elijah are raised, God's coming for judgment is announced and eternal happiness is verified (11:15-18).**



**The Seven Bowls**  
**Rev 15-16**







# **The Seven Bowls of Wrath:**

## **Chapters 15 & 16**

**1st**

**Sores on men with the Mark**

**2nd**

**Sea of blood all died**

**3rd**

**Rivers, waters become blood**

**4th**

**Sun, scorches with fire**

**5th**

**Darkness Covers Earth**

**6th**

**Armageddon**

**7th**

**Air “It is done”**

# THE SEVEN BOWLS

## REVELATION 15, 16

### Bowl 1 = plague 6

- **Sores (16:2)**  
= Showing the foolishness of the thoughts of the Antichrist.

### Bowl 2 = plague 1

- **The sea became blood (16:3)**  
= The world (the sea) becomes full of murdered people.

### Bowl 3 = plague 5

- **Rivers became blood (16:4)**  
= The sources of life turns into sources of death.

## **Bowl 4 = plague 9**

- **The sun scorches people (16:8) = The Antichrist becomes like a destructive sun.**

## **Bowl 5 = plague 2**

- **Darkness on the kingdom of the beast (16:10) = Spiritual darkness and loss of insight.**

## **Bowl 6 = plague 7**

- **Dryness of river Euphrates (16:12) = The collapse of the stubborn Babylon, the capital of the beast's kingdom.**

## **Bowl 7 = plague 7**

- **Affects the air (16:17) then noises, thunder, lightning and an earthquake happen. These are signs related to the Lord's coming on the last day when there is no longer a chance to repent.**



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## Babylon

“Come, I will show you”

The great harlot

Who sits on many waters

It was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls.

On her forehead a name *was* written:

## The Holy Jerusalem

“Come, I will show you”

The bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

The great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Having the glory of God. Her light *was* like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

His name *shall be* on their foreheads.

**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**

**Whose names are not written in the Book of Life.**

**The ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.**

**It has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!**

**There shall by no means enter it anything that defiles**

**Only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

**The kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.**

**God Himself will be with them *and be* their God.**



**“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen.”**

**The glory of God illuminated it.**

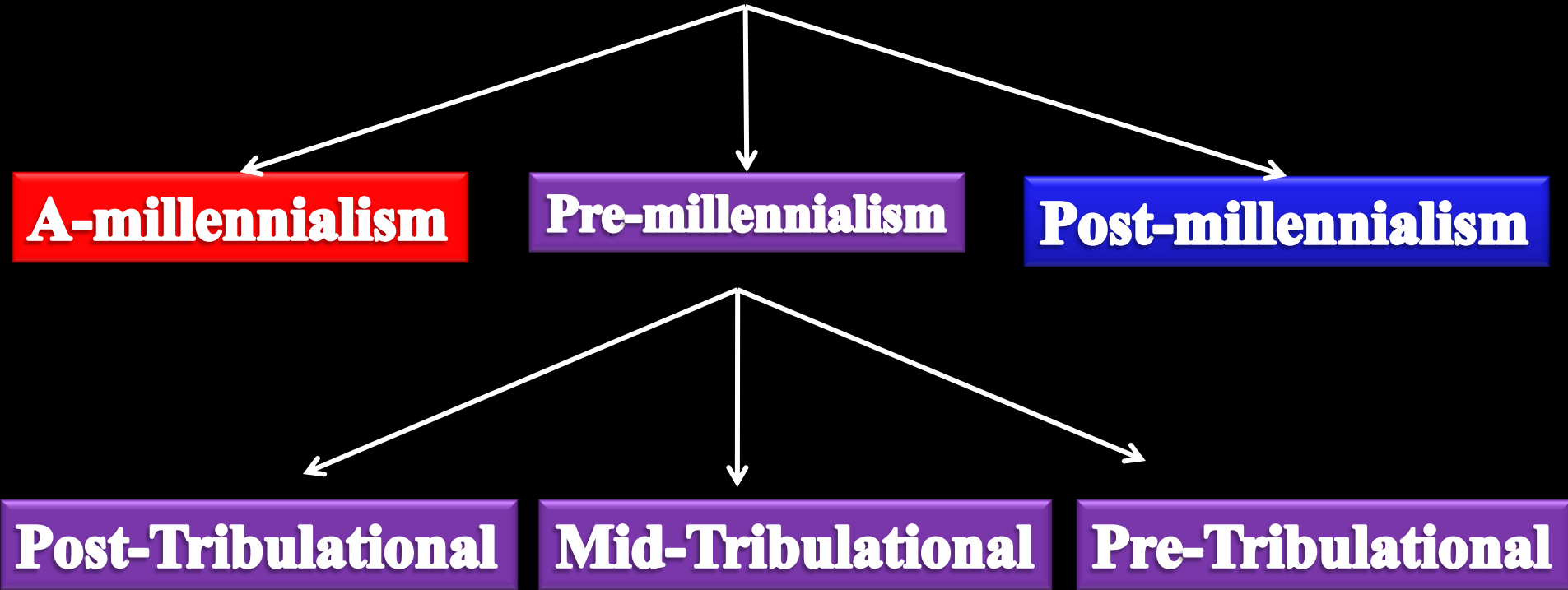


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# Millennium



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## A-millennialism

**the Church Age is the Millennium (Christ rules on earth through the Church)**

## Post-millennialism

**God is working through Christians to sanctify the world and restore Creation.**

**The world is getting progressively better via the Holy Spirit's work through believers.**

**Christ will return at the end of the Millennium, when all things are restored to Him (in 1,000 years time)**

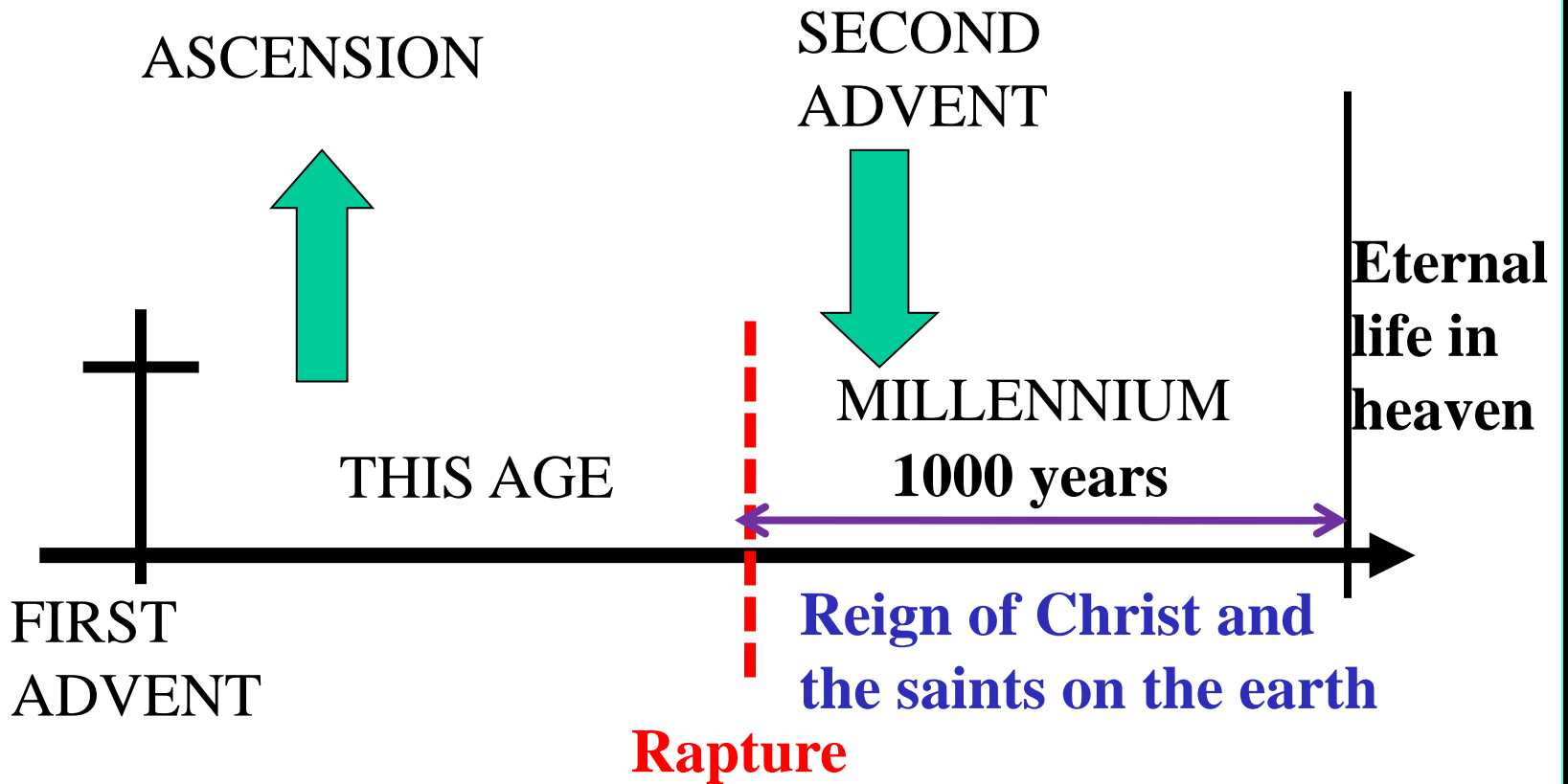
## Pre-millennialism

**the world is getting progressively worse as Satan's power increases.**

**There will be persecutions and tribulations as things get worse and worse.**

**Soon, Jesus will come to overthrow Satan and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.**

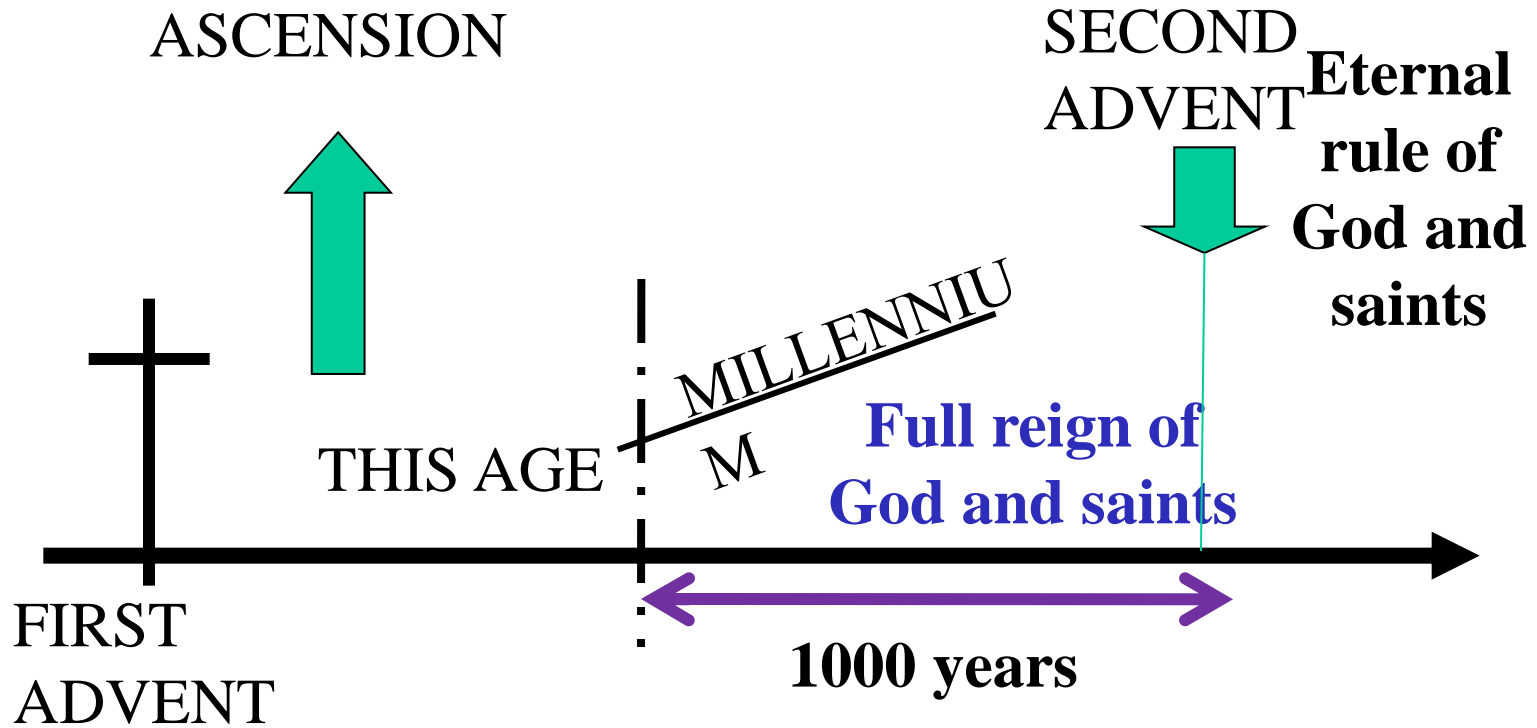
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- **Jesus will return before the 1000 years**
- **Satan deprived of power**
- **Christians raised to rule on earth with Jesus**
- **Satan re-emerges to destroy saints at end**
- **Resurrection of rest of dead**
- **Judgement**
- **Destruction of wicked**
- **New heaven and earth**

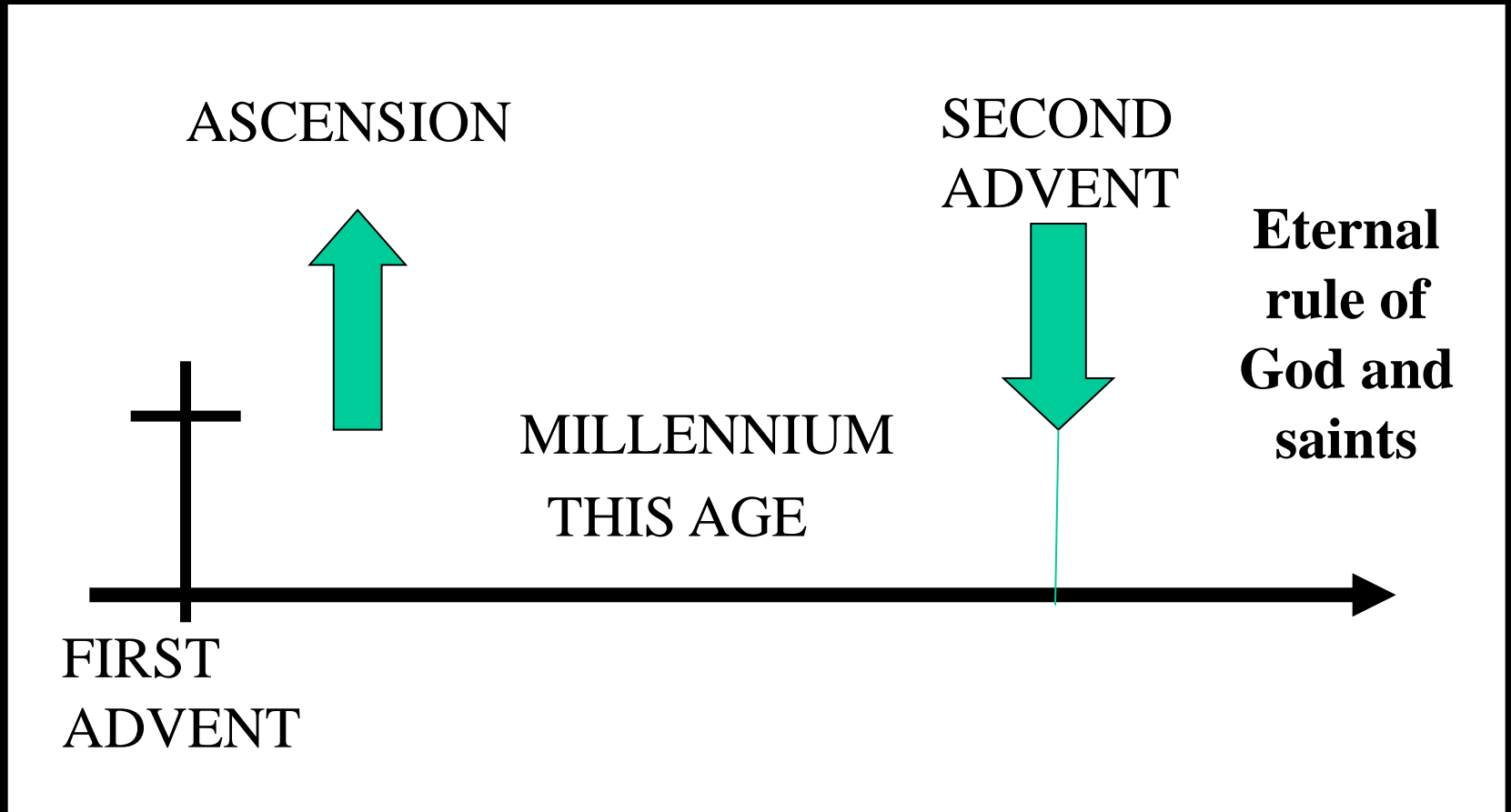
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- Millennium is ushered in by success of gospel.
- Conversions bring golden age to church
- After a period of peace and righteousness there is an outbreak of evil.
- Christ comes in person to win the victory.
- The period of improvement speaks to many of social justice.

# *A-millennialism*





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- **The 1000 years represents this age in which we live now**
- **The Second Coming will usher in the final state of new heaven and earth**
- **Understands Revelation as symbolic language – not literal.**
- **Binding of Satan and first resurrection are time between first and second coming of Jesus – i.e. we are in it now.**

Life on Earth

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