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about Dr. Paul Benware....

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Dr. Benware has served on the faculty of the Los Angeles Baptist College (now the Master's College), the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago (25 years), Philadelphia Biblical University and Arizona Christian University. During these years of teaching in the college classroom he has been involved in several local churches, often holding pastoral or staff positions. This local church involvement reflects his conviction that the local church is primary in doing Christ's work in the world today.

Dr. Benware has written ten books including Understanding End Times Prophecy, The Believer's Payday, Survey of the Old Testament, Survey of the New Testament, Perhaps Today and Daniel: God's Man with God's Message. Dr. Benware also writes monthly for the online Scofield Ministries newsletter and has also contributed several articles in journals and magazines and chapters in various books.

He holds a B.A. degree from the Los Angeles Baptist College, Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and a Th.D. degree from Grace Theological Seminary.

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Resources Available from Dr. Benware

Understanding End Times Prophecy- In this book, Dr. Benware compares prophecy to a picture puzzle. Putting the edge pieces together first builds the 'framework' that makes it easier to fit the other pieces in their place. If what the Bible says about the future puzzles you, Understanding End Times Prophecy will help you put together the pieces and see the big picture.

Survey of the Old Testament- With this compact study guide, you will come away more inclined to walk with reverence before our majestic God. This easy-to-read book will assist you in seeing the pattern, progression and unity of God's covenant promise to the nation of Israel.

Survey of the New Testament- Through this user-friendly study of the New Testament, readers will come away with a deeper understanding of the most significant era in the human story- those years when God became a man and brought salvation to a lost mankind.

Daniel: God's Man with God's Message- The book of Daniel is the most important prophetic book of the Hebrew Scriptures. It contains critical information for the timeline of last-days events. Whether you are a layman or a scholar, new to prophetic study or an expert, this commentary is a "must-have" for anyone seeking to understand Daniel.

The Believer's Payday- According to the Bible, how a believer lives right now impacts the results of their "payday"-the appearance before the Judgment Seat of Christ. This book wrestles with the relationship of God's grace and the reality of sin and how these matters will be factored in at the Judgment Seat. By studying specific Scripture passages and by viewing the lives of several well-known Bible characters, Dr. Benware comes to some eye-opening conclusions.

A Quick Reference Guide to End Times Prophecy- This handy pamphlet shows God's plan for a new heaven and earth. Learn how anyone can be a part of the future kingdom of God, and how understanding prophecy can help us live better quality lives right now.

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"STANDING STRONG"

SUNDAY, OCT. 20- 8, 9:30 & 11AM

"STANDING STRONG- BY PASSING ON THE TRUTH OF GOD"
(Select passages from Haggai, Judges & Deuteronomy)

SUNDAY, OCT.20- DINNER: 5:30PM / SESSION #2: 6PM

"STANDING STRONG- BY DEALING WITH FALSE TEACHERS"
(Select passages from 2 Peter, Jude & others)

MONDAY, OCT.21- LUNCH: 12PM / BONUS SESSION

"STANDING STRONG- BY SEEING GOD'S FUTURE PLANS"
(Looking at the big picture of Biblical prophecy)

MONDAY, OCT.20- DINNER: 6PM / SESSION #3: 6:30PM

"STANDING STRONG- BY LIVING PRODUCTIVELY"
(A look at John 15:1-11)

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“STANDING STRONG”
BY PASSING ON THE TRUTH OF GOD

Session One: Sunday, October 20
8, 9:30 & 11am

I. THE SUBJECT AND THE CHALLENGE

A. Some Important Truths from the Old Testament

*A Spiritual Law from the Prophet Haggai

*A Spiritual Lesson from Judges

B. Five Reasons Why Passing on Truth is Difficult

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II. THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR PASSING ON GOD’S TRUTH – Deuteronomy 6

A. Some Truths That Need Passing On

B. The Process of Passing On Truth

C. The Results that Come from Passing On Truth

D. Our Resources for Passing On Truth

“STANDING STRONG”
BY DEALING WITH FALSE TEACHERS

Session Two: Sunday, October 20
Dinner: 5:30pm
Session Start: 6pm

I. THE BASIC TRUTHS ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS- 2:1

A. Referencing Israel’s False Prophets - Jer. 23; Ezek. 13

B. Their Subtle Approach - 2:1

* “among you” (Note Acts 20:28-30; 2 Cor. 11:13-15)

* “secretly introduce”

C. Their Destructive Teachings - 2:1

D. Their Significant Success - 2:2

* Their large following

* “many”

* “sensualities” (lusts---epithumia)

* Their terrible impact

II. THE CLEAR MOTIVES OF THE FALSE TEACHERS - 2:3
(2 Cor. 2:17; 1 Thess. 2:5-6; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; Jude 1:11)

III. THE SURE JUDGMENT OF THE FALSE TEACHERS - 2:3-6

* The angels

Teh

* The people of Noah’s day

* The inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah

WHAT CAN WE DO?

"STANDING STRONG"
BY SEEING GOD'S FUTURE PLANS

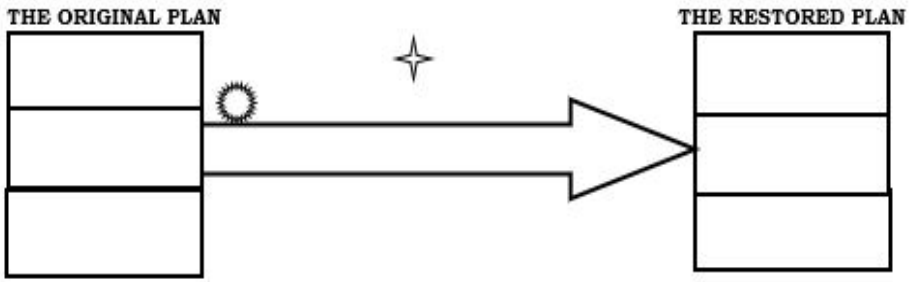
Bonus Session: Monday, October 21
Lunch/Session: 12pm

A "two-world" view is that perspective on life that is seen in Jesus and the apostles. A person with a "two-world" view lives in this world, but does so with an eye on the world to come. Such a person is not "other worldly" but rather understands that there is something much better ahead. They believe God's promises, and so order their lives accordingly. As a result, they prioritize life better, make better decisions and live life more abundantly. The alternative is that of a "one world view", where a person's overwhelming focus is on this life, with only casual thoughts about the world to come.

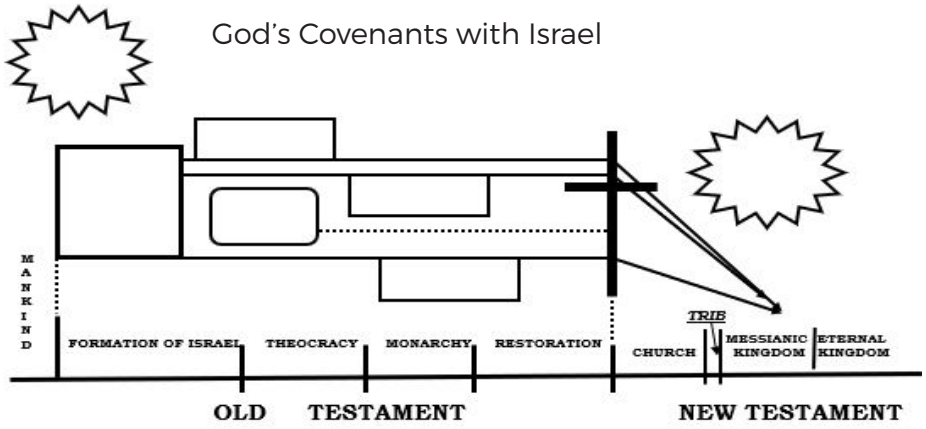
I. IN THE BEGINNING: THE OLD TESTAMENT BACKGROUND

God's Great Plan for mankind in creation, Genesis 1-3

* MAN IN THE "IMAGE OF GOD"



II. THE BIBLICAL COVENANTS: A KEY TO THE FUTURE



III. AN OVERVIEW OF THINGS TO COME

The following overview of coming events in God's dealings with this world is from the perspective of the pretribulational-premillennial view.

Listed below are some of the key Scripture references that will be referred to in this study of biblical prophecy. This is not a complete list, but does include some of those central texts that are frequently discussed in connection with Bible prophecy.

A. THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
1 Corinthians 15:51-53
John 14:1-3

B. THE REWARDING OF THE CHURCH
1 Corinthians 3:11-4:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10
Romans 8:16-17; 14:10-12
Hebrews 3:11-4:11

C. THE PERIOD OF TRIBULATION
Daniel 7:1-28; 9:24-27; 11:36-45
Matthew 24:4-31
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Revelation 6:1-19:10

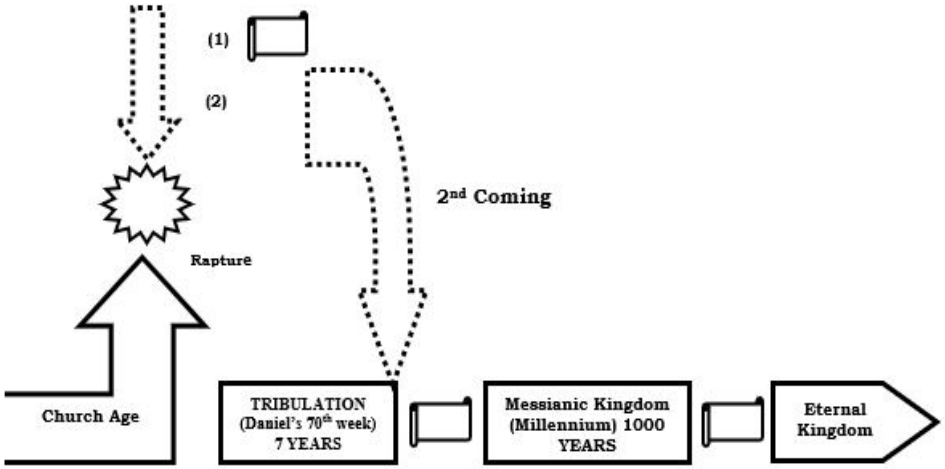
D. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 24:29-31
Zechariah 14:1-4

E. THE KINGDOM OF JESUS CHRIST (MILLENNIUM)
Ezekiel 40:1-48:35
Isaiah 4, 11, 35
Psalm 2
Revelation 20:1-7

F. THE JUDGMENTS OF THE END TIMES
Revelation 20:7-15
Matthew 24:31-25:4
1 Corinthians 6:3

G. THE ETERNAL STATE
Psalm 16:11
Revelation 21:1-22:6

<u>The Basic Overview of Coming Events</u>



“STANDING STRONG” BY LIVING PRODUCTIVELY

Session Four: Monday, October 21
Dinner: 6pm
Session Start: 6:30pm

I. BACKGROUND FOR JESUS’ TEACHING

II. THE SECRET TO JOY IN LIFE IS “FRUITBEARING”, 15:1-3, 8, 11

A. Jesus Messiah is the Vine

B. The Father is the Vinedresser

C. Believers are Branches

(1) Non-productive branches

(2) Productive branches

III. THE SECRET OF FRUITBEARING IS ABIDING, 15:4-7, 9

A. The concept of “abiding”

B. The results of abiding

C. The consequences of not abiding

IV. THE SECRET OF ABIDING IS OBEYING, 15:10

A. The standard of obedience

B. The content of obedience

Standing Strong in the Midst of Cultural Decay and Church Compromise

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PASSING ON OF GOD'S TRUTH

- **A Spiritual Law Given By the Prophet Haggai. Haggai 2:11-14**
  - **Righteousness (truth) is not automatically passed on, but unrighteousness is passed on.**
- **The Spiritual Lesson from Judges. Judges 2:10**
  - **God's truth (validated by miracles) which came to Israel was "lost" in one generation.**

PASSING ON OF GOD'S TRUTH

❖ **FIVE REASONS WHY "PASSING ON" TRUTH IS DIFFICULT.**

- **#1 – Satan---Our enemy energetically opposes God's truth. This is primarily a *spiritual* issue, not an *intellectual* one.**

  Ephesians 6:14; 2 Timothy 2:24-26

- **#2 - False Teachers---There are clear consequences to believing what is false.**

  Titus 1:9-14; 2 Pet. 3:16-17; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim.3 and 4

- **#3 - The world system---The "culture" = "worldview" --- a systematic, secular way of viewing life.**

  Romans 12:2; 1 John 2:13-17

- **#4 – The "flesh" --- The thinking of the "natural man" is often just the opposite to God's thinking. Results in spiritual immaturity.**

  1 Cor. 4:3-4; Gal. 5:13-23

- **#5 – Prosperity --- It is difficult and challenging to be prosperous and be zealous for the truth of God.**

  Deut. 6:10-12; Luke 8:14

PASSING ON GOD'S TRUTH

- **The Basic Biblical Pattern For he "PASSING ON" of God's Truth. Deuteronomy 6:1-9**
  - ***The BASIC TRUTHS We Are to Communicate***
  - ***The Necessary PROCESS of Communication***
  - ***The RESULTS of This Kind of Communication***

PASSING ON TRUTH: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

❖ ***SOME TRUTHS THAT NEED PASSING ON***

(1) God's commands (6:1)

- **General, but our "rule of life" is found in the N.T. scriptures; and this is what we are to "pass on." Cultural ideas often opposite.**

(2) God's priority in life---no idolatry (6:4)

- **A foundational matter---are there other "gods" in my life?**

(3) The "fear" of God (6:2)

- **A reverential awe of God.**
- **Included is an acute awareness that He is morally pure and omnipotent---so that a person is genuinely afraid to disobey Him.**

(4) The "love" for God (6:5)

- **A devotion to the Lord; a close relationship which includes all areas of life.**
- **Demonstrated by obedience to His commands (John 15).**

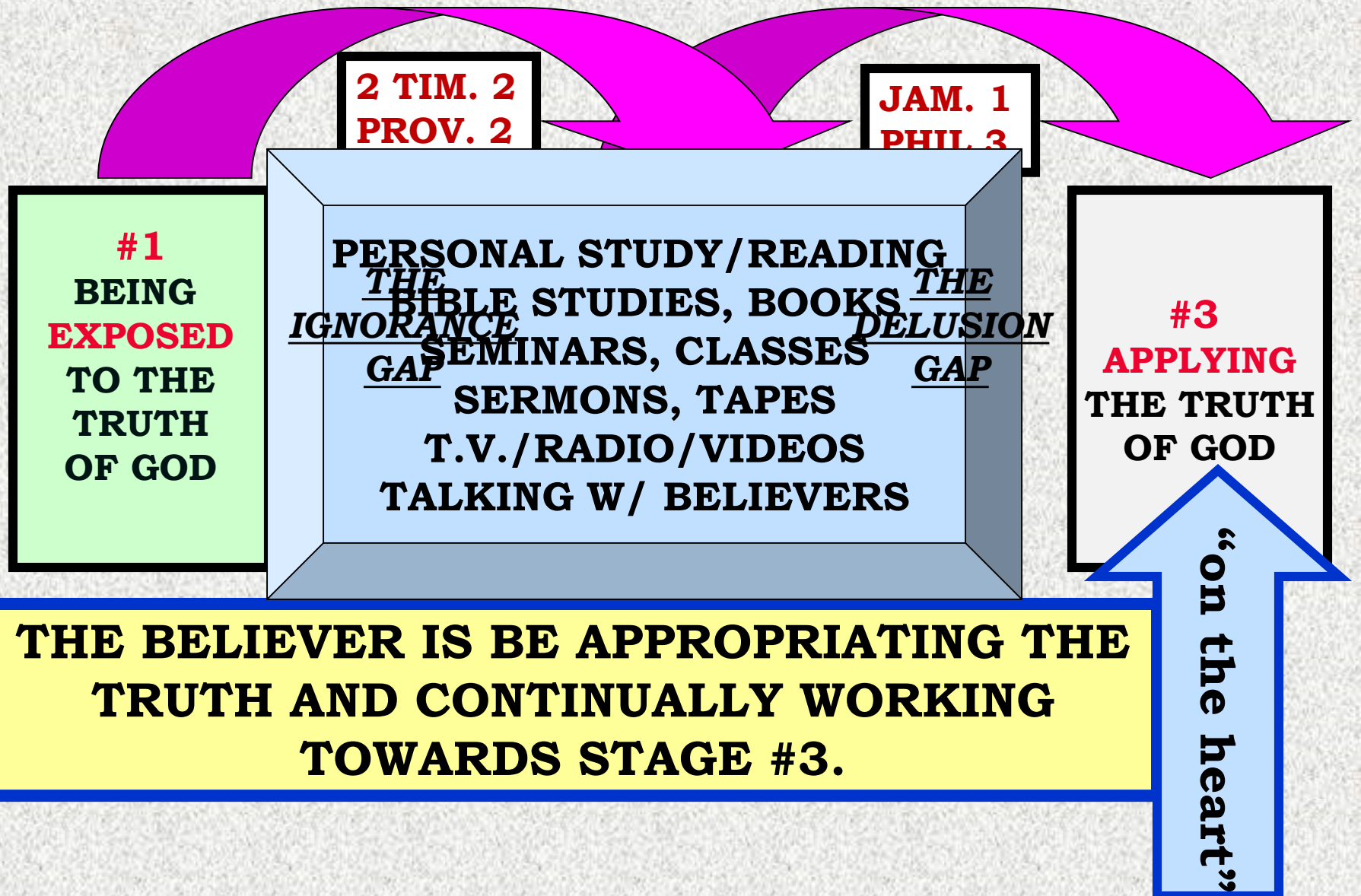
PASSING ON TRUTH: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

❖ *THE PROCESS OF PASSING ON TRUTH*

➢ **#1 - Making sure it is true in my own heart**

- **This is the essential starting point for the "passing on" of truth. (6:6)**
- **We do not pass on effectively what does not possess us.**
- **"heart" = the very core of our being---inner self; will and mind included. Matt. 15:7-8**

Deuteronomy 6:6 - Truth Being "On the Heart"



PASSING ON TRUTH: Deuteronomy 6

❖ *THE PROCESS*

- **#1 - Making sure it is true in my own heart**
- **#2 – An active, focused effort in "passing on" truth.**
  - **"teach" = to cause to learn**
  - **"diligent" --- the idea is skillful, repetitious effort is required.**
- **#3 - Formal instruction is required**
  - **"in the house" (6:7) "on the doorposts" (6:9)**
- **#4 - Informal instruction is required as well**
  - **"walk by the way"; "lie down…rise up" (6:7)**
  - **Builds upon the formal.**
  - **Close, continuous relationships make this possible.**

PASSING ON TRUTH: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

❖ ***THE RESULTS***

➢ **A prolonged life and prosperous life.**

- **"may go well with you" is used 8 times in Deuteronomy**
- **Righteousness extends life while sin shortens it.**
- **Living according to the truth of God delivers a person from evil and its consequences.**
- **The truth of God brings with it an abundant kind of life now and eternal life now and forever.**

PASSING ON TRUTH: Our Resources

- The anointing of the Holy Spirit. 1 John 2:20, 27
- We have a great challenge, but God has given us all that we need to do His will in this matter. John 15:26
- The present work of Jesus our High Priest. Heb. 4:14-16
- The resources of the local church. Ephesians 4:11-16

A Summary

(1) A challenging task but the resources have been given.

(2) The absolute essential: truth must first be on our heart.

(3) Passing on truth cannot be done passively…diligence.

Standing Strong: By Dealing with False Teaching

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A Look at 2 Peter 2, Jude and Others

2 Peter 2:1: False Prophets and False Teachers

- **2 PETER 2:1 – False prophets (OT Israel) = False teachers (NT church).**
- **OUR TASK: 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Peter 3:15**
- **Some Characteristics of False Prophets: Jeremiah 23:13-36 and Ezekiel 13:1-16**

(1) They falsely claim to have visions from God.

(2) Their message is actually from themselves; and from the teachings of true prophets; and from the occult world.

(3) They tell people what they want to hear, which accounts for their large followings.

(4) They do not speak out against sin.

(5) The result is that people walk away from the Lord and are actually empowered to live sinfully.

(6) They were mainly Israelites, not foreigners.

(7) They will be judged by God for their lies and deceit.

2 PETER 2 - The Enemy Within

- **2:1 – Their subtle approach**
  - **"among you" – within the "church" – Jude 1:4, 11; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Acts 20:28-30**

Characteristics of False Teachers (Jude 1:12-13)

HIDDEN ROCKS	EXTREMELY DANGEROUS BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT EASILY IDENTIFIED.
WATERLESS CLOUDS	THEY PROMISE TO MEET NEEDS AND REFRESH. THEY DON'T.
FRUITLESS TREES	IN AUTUMN FRUIT IS EXPECTED. THESE BRING NO NOURISHMENT.
WILD WAVES	APPEAR FORMIDABLE AND SEEM TO HAVE POWER. NO REAL POWER.
WANDERING STARS	BRILLIANTLY FLASH BUT NO HELPFUL LIGHT; SOON DISAPPEAR.

2 PETER 2 - The Enemy Within

❖ **2:1 – Their subtle approach**

- **"among you" – within the "church" – Jude 1:4, 12; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Acts 20:28-30**

❖ **2:1 – Their destructive teachings**

- **"secretly introduce" – deceptive because error is brought in alongside of truth.**
- **"destructive heresies" = ruinous ideas that are divergent from the truth. (2 John 8)**
- **"denying the Lord who bought them".**

❖ **2:2 – Their significant success**

- **"many" – cf. Matt. 7:22**
- **"sensualities" = lusts (1:4)**
- **The practical impact of false teachers is great.**

2 PETER – The Enemy Within

- **2:3a – Their clear motives.** They "merchandise" you with their false (plastois) doctrines. (2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:17)
- **2:3b-6 – Their punishment is certain.**
  - Even angels were judged for error.
  - Even if the whole world is involved, God still will judge…as in Noah's day.
  - Sodom and Gomorrah are a testimony to the total ruin that God can bring.
  - NOTE THAT departing from the Truth is departing from the Lord Himself. Gal. 1:6; John 14:6; Jer. 23:15; Ezek. 13:8

Our Response: What Can We Do? – Jude 1:20-23

❖ **BE ATTENTIVE TO OURSELVES (20-21)**

- Build yourself up in the Word of God. (Personal responsibility)
- Pray in the Holy Spirit. (lives directed, empowered by HS)
- Keep yourself in the love of God. (Done by being obedient: John 15)
- Wait expectantly for the Lord's return. (Keeping a 2 world view)

❖ **BE ATTENTIVE TO OTHERS (22-23)**

- Some need counsel. (context is the influence of false teachers)
- Some need salvation.
- Some need mercy.

❖ **BE ASSURED OF VICTORY (24-25)**

We have confidence because of Jesus Christ. We shall stand in glory because of Him. Note 2 Peter 2:9.

Standing Strong: By Seeing God's Future Plans

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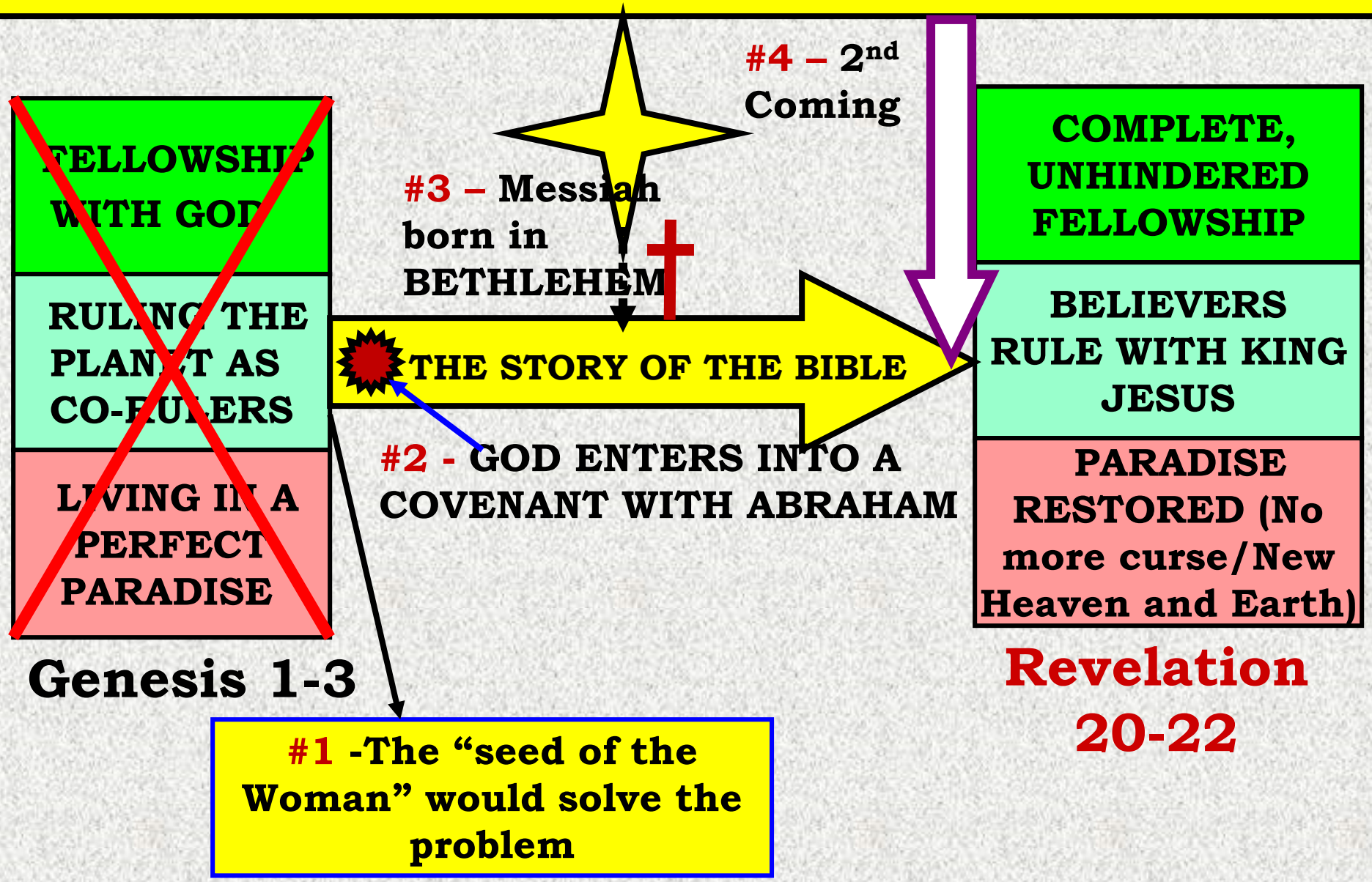
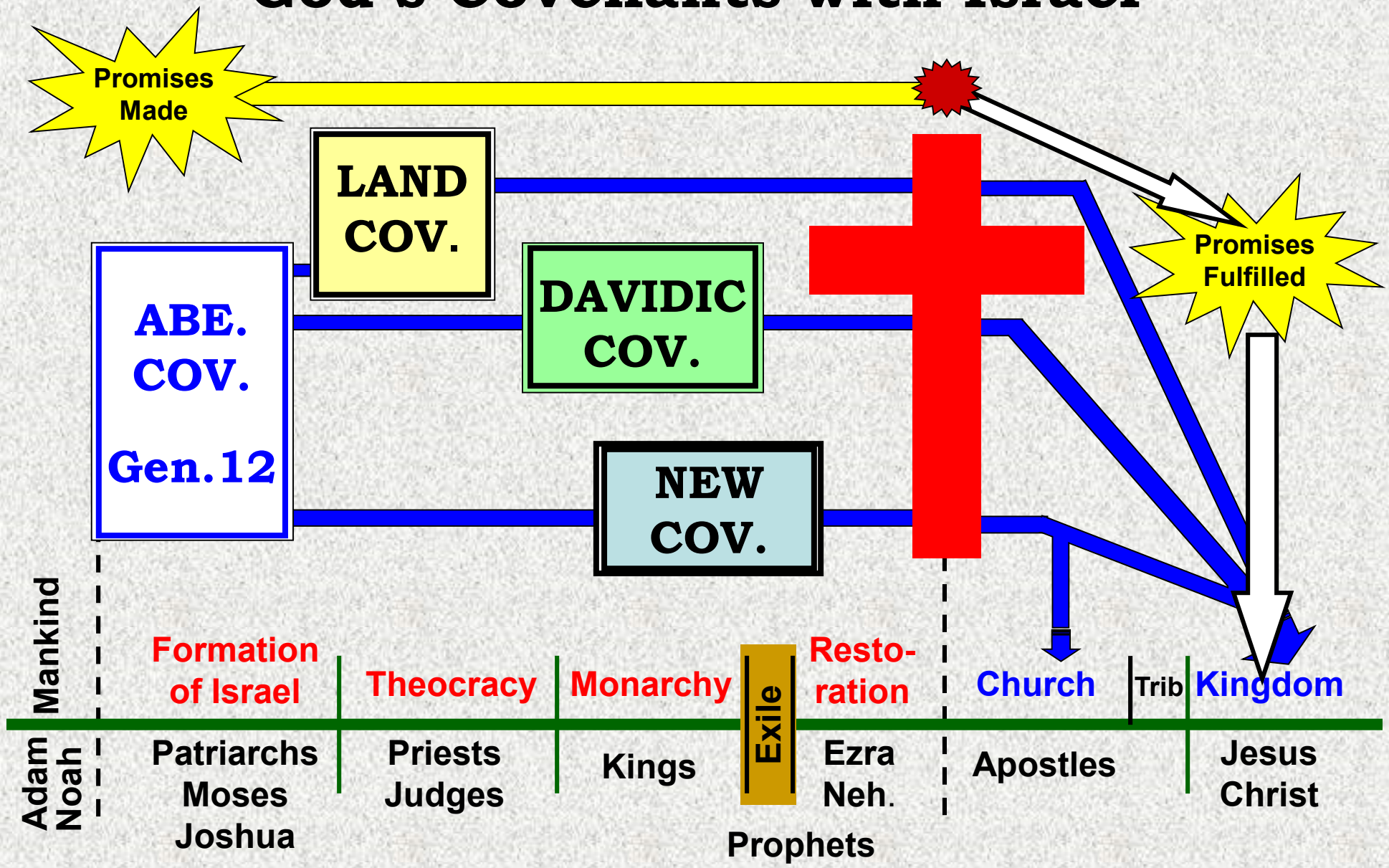
THE STORY OF THE BIBLE



God's Covenants with Israel



THE COVENANT and THE CHRIST

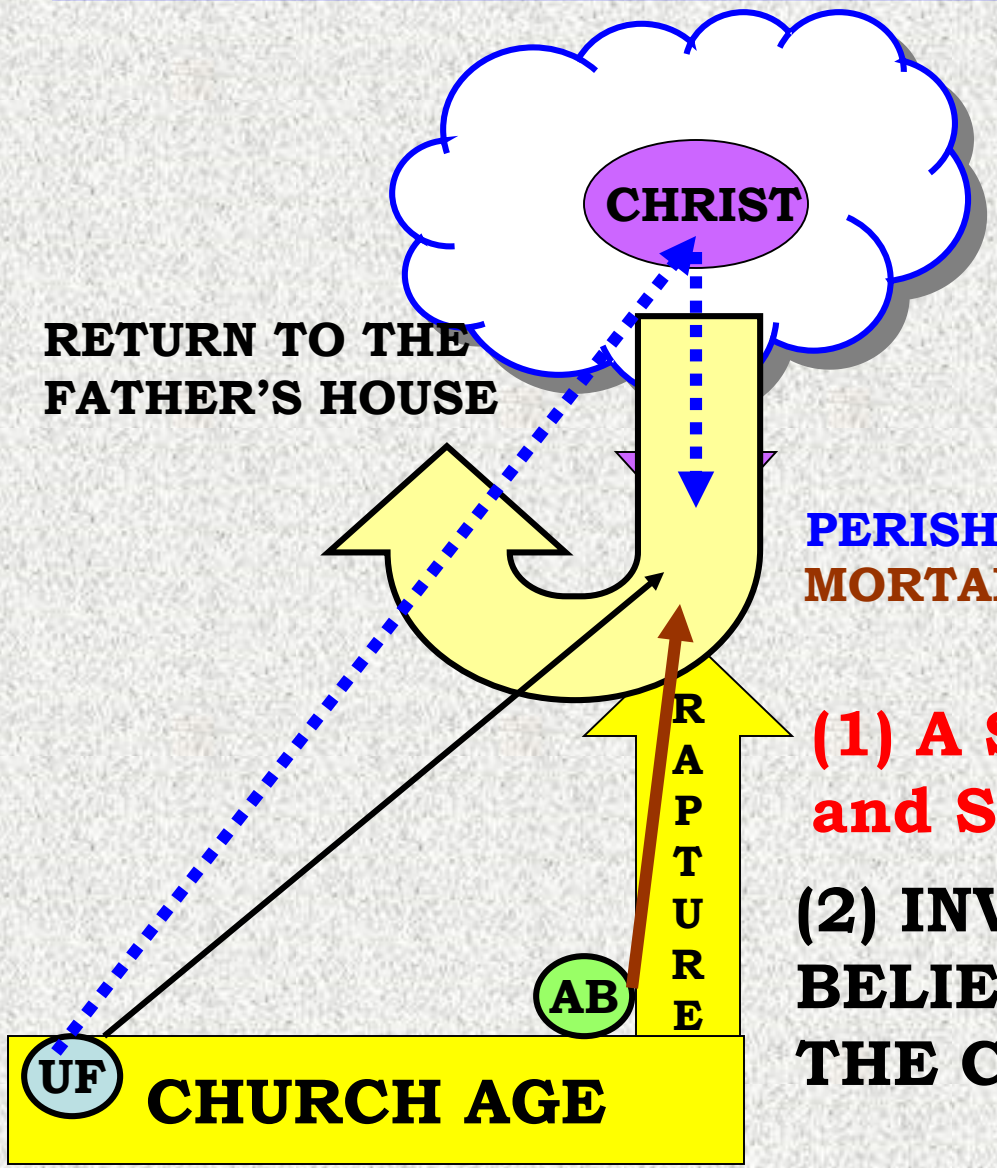
- **THE COMING OF THE CHRIST**
  - **Galatians 3:16**
  - **Jesus is THE ANOINTED ONE who came to restore and reconcile all that was lost.**

(1) The cross was/is the basis of the NEW covenant. Restoring fellowship.

(2) Jesus will be King (fulfilling the DAVIDIC covenant). Restoring ruling.

(3) Jesus will rule Israel/nations in the LAND. Beginning of the restoring of paradise---curse removed…later the new earth.

THE RAPTURE – 1 Thes. 4; 1 Cor. 15



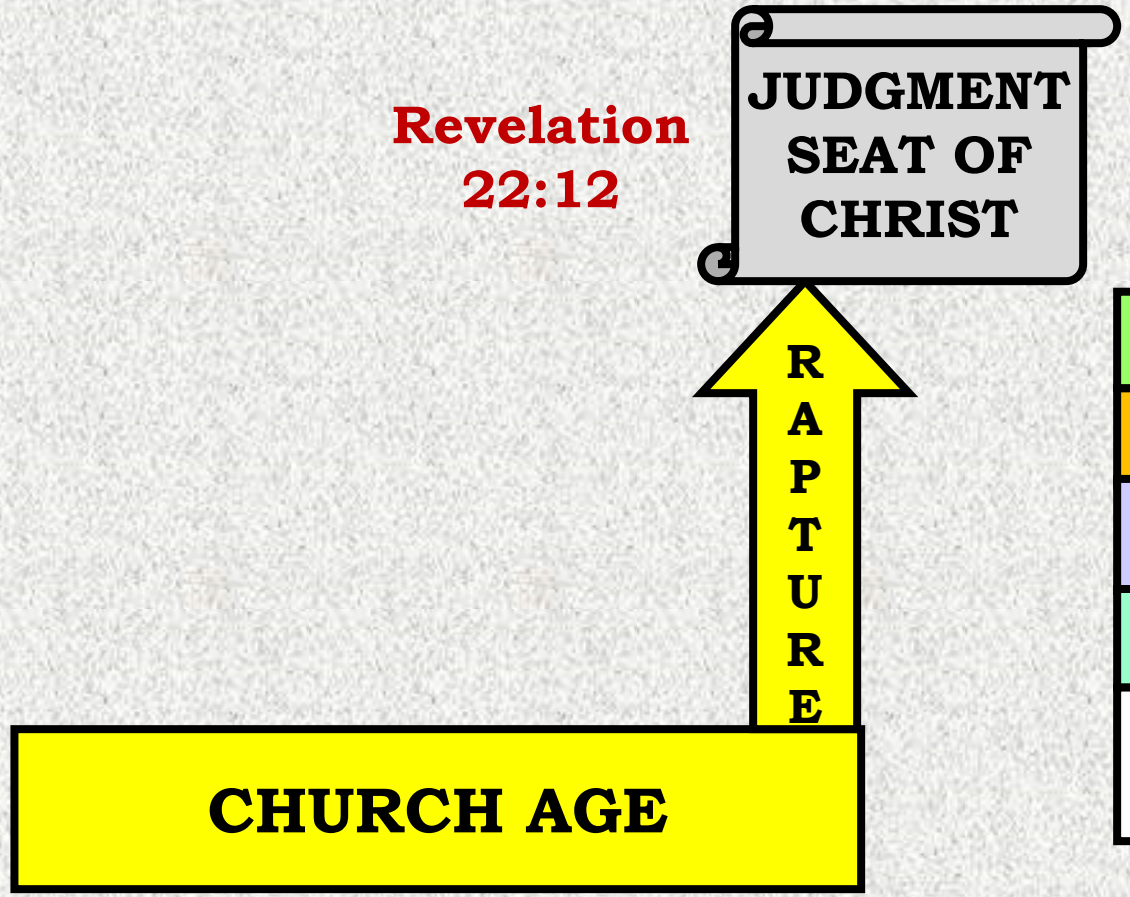
"Rapture Sounds"
(1)The shout
(2)The angelic voice
(3) The trump of God

PERISHABLE ⇒ IMPERISHABLE
MORTAL ⇒ IMMORTALITY

(1) A SUDDEN, SUPERNATURAL and SIGNLESS EVENT.

(2) INVOLVES LIVING and DEAD BELIEVERS FROM THE AGE OF THE CHURCH.

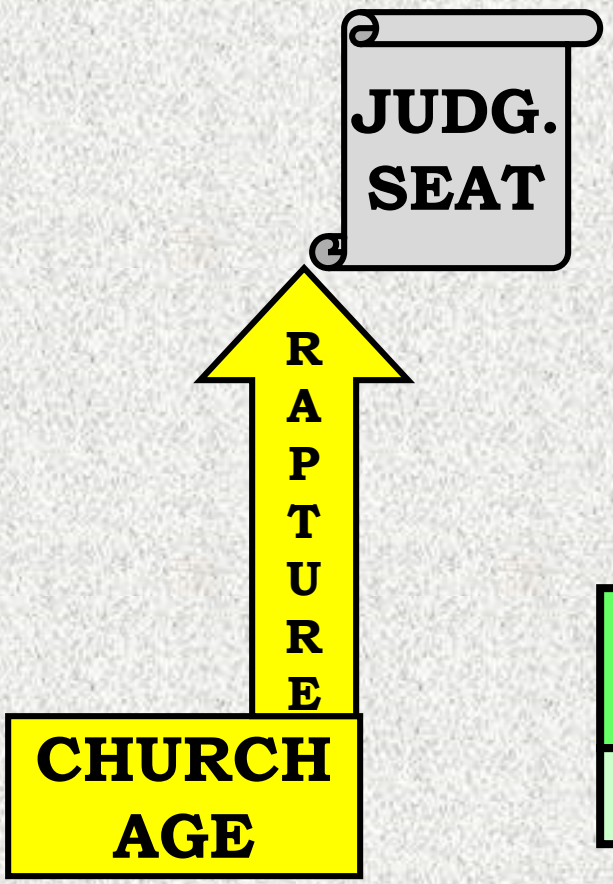
Christ's "Judgment Seat" – 2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3 & 4; 2 Tim. 2; Rev. 22:12



MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB – Rev. 19

Involves Church Age Saints
Salvation is not the issue
Believers accountability
Our faithfulness (or lack of it)
Rewards evidenced in the coming kingdoms

Concluding Events: The Tribulation

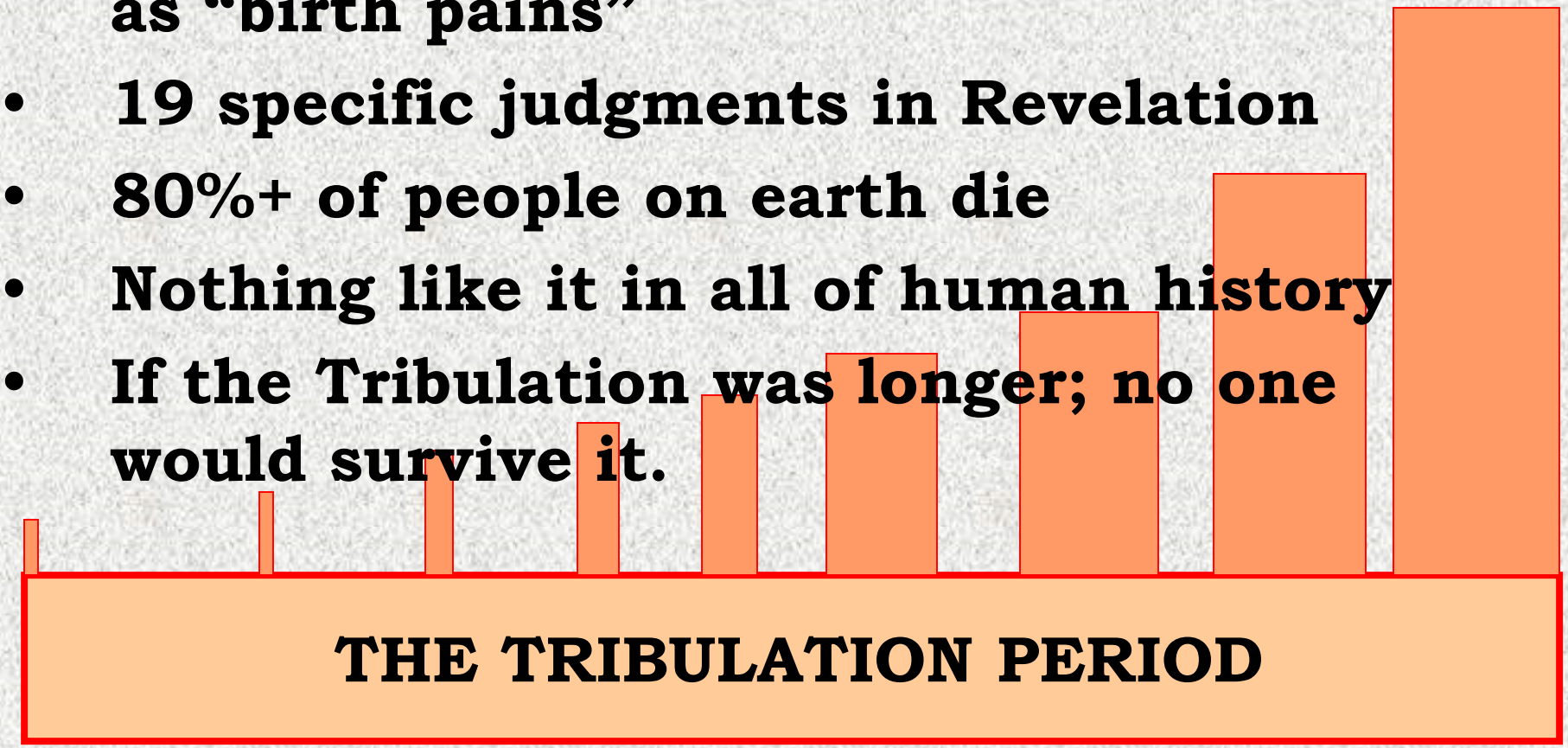


PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO SAVE THE NATION OF ISRAEL
UNPRECEDENTED TIME OF JUDGMENT ("birthpains")

TRIBULATION	
3 ½ YEARS	3 ½ YEARS

THE CONCEPT OF BIRTH PAINS

- Jesus spoke of the tribulation judgments as “birth pains”
- 19 specific judgments in Revelation
- 80%+ of people on earth die
- Nothing like it in all of human history
- If the Tribulation was longer; no one would survive it.



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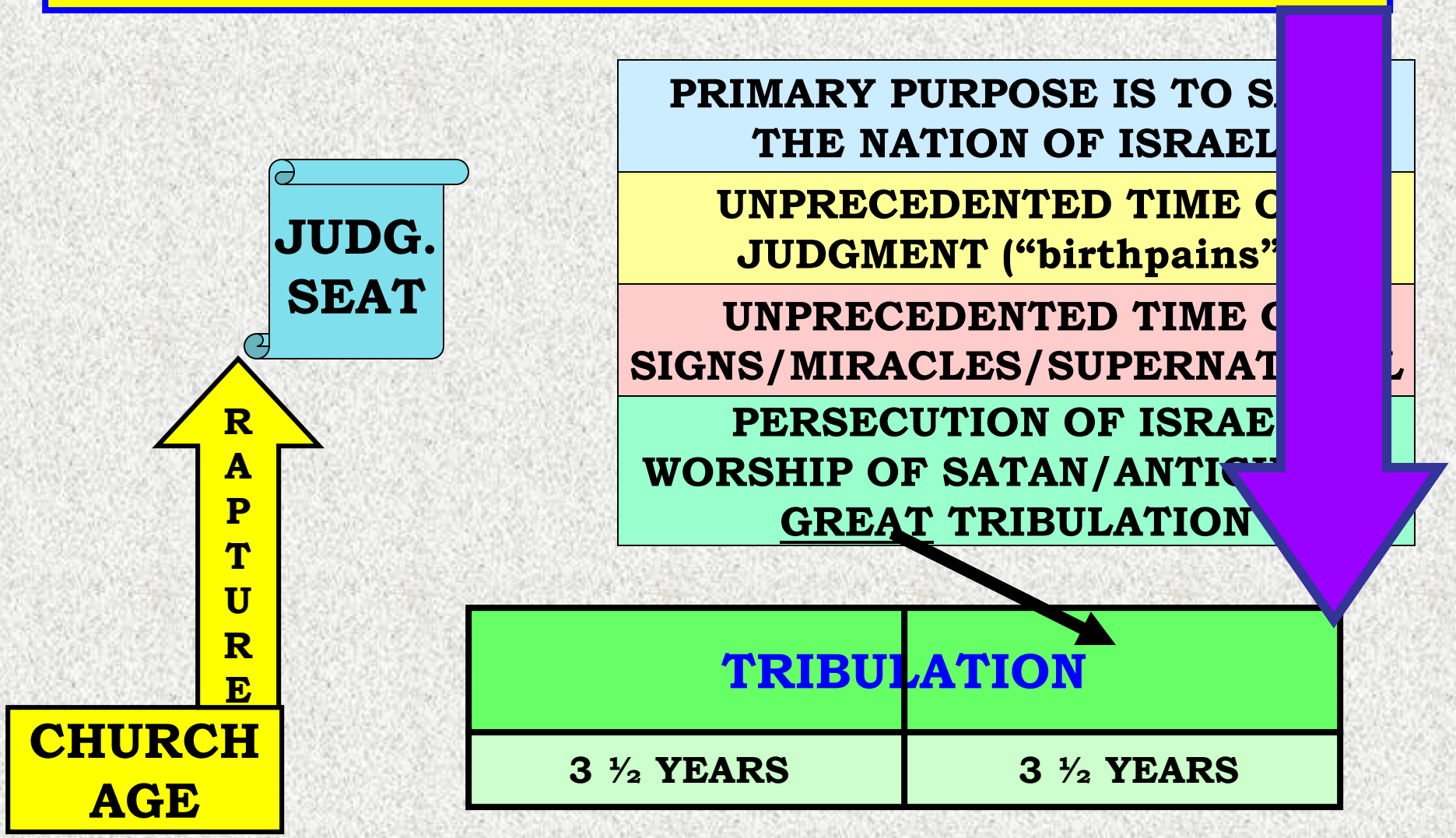

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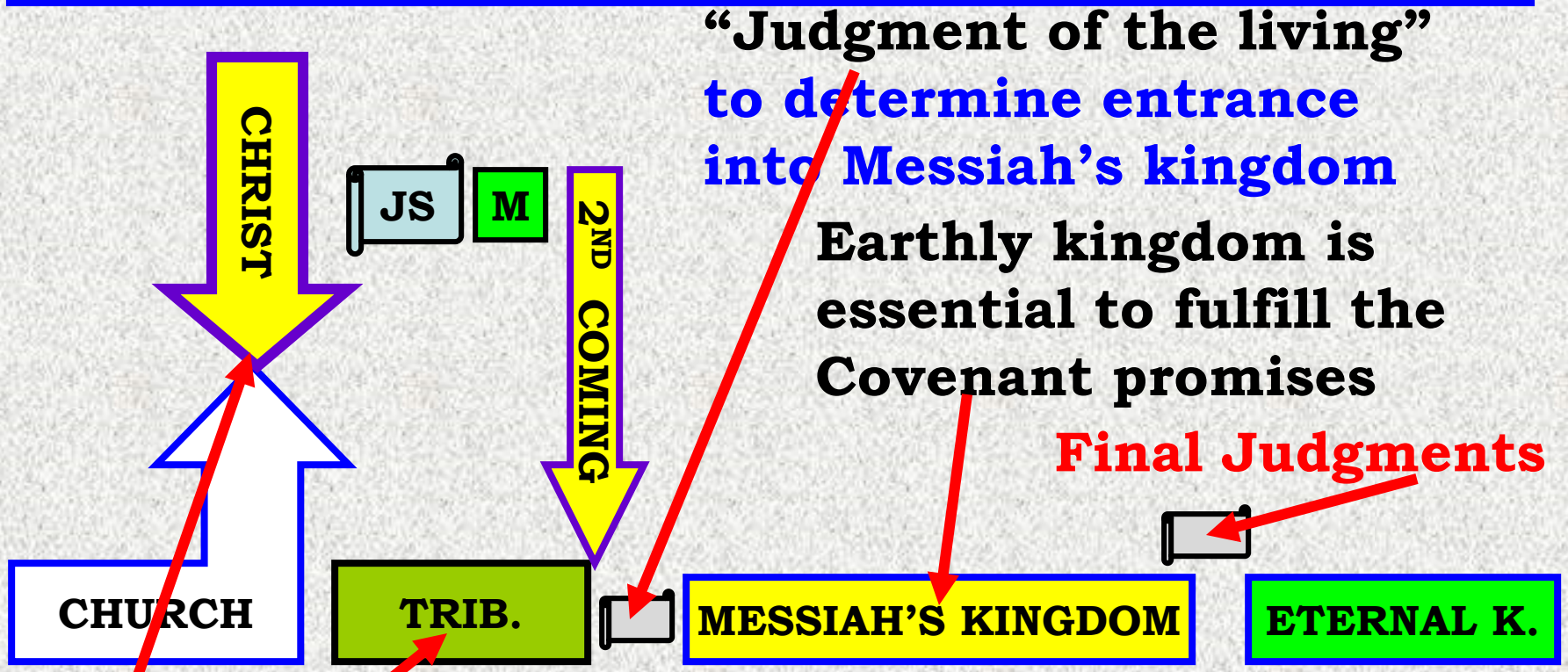


"Judgment of the living"
to determine entrance
into Messiah's kingdom

Earthly kingdom is
essential to fulfill the
Covenant promises

Final Judgments

Church is removed so that God can finish His dealings with Israel.

Tribulation brings Israel to repentance and faith in Messiah Jesus, making 2nd Coming possible

THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD

THERE ARE TWO PHASES TO THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD

FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD

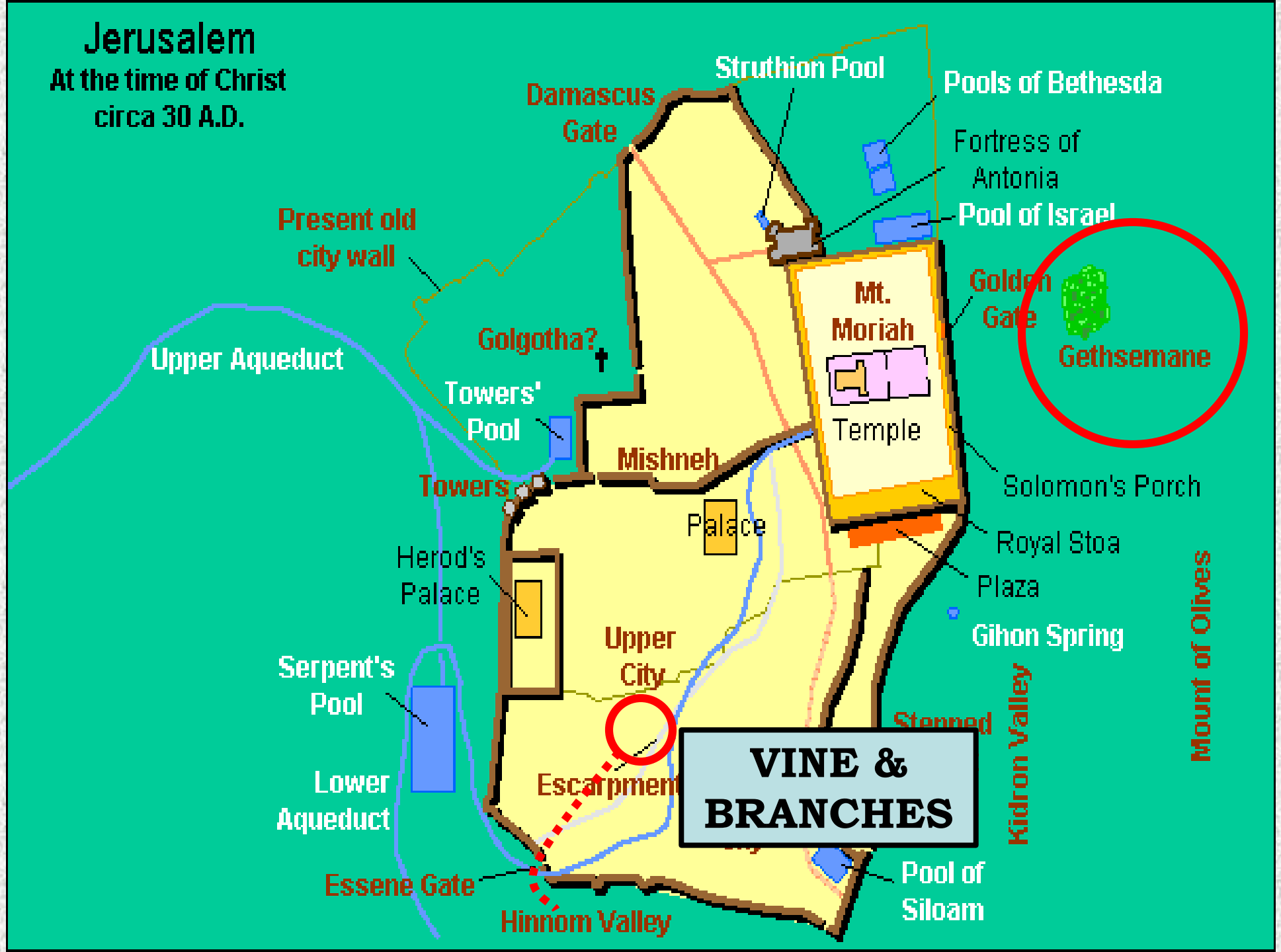
(1) MILLENNIAL	(2) ETERNAL
MESSIAH (THE SON) RULES ON THE ***PRESENT EARTH*** FOR 1,000 YEARS	THE TRINITY RULES ON THE ***NEW EARTH*** FOREVER
PURPOSE: FULFILLING OF COVENANTS WITH ISRAEL & TO BEGIN RESTORATION OF THAT WHICH WAS LOST.	**PURPOSE:** TO RESTORE COMPLETELY THAT WHICH WAS LOST IN EDEN. A RETURN TO "PLAN 'A'++++

3 AREAS OF RESPONSE ACCORDING TO THE LORD JESUS

- **BE WATCHFUL**
  - **Am I? Do I have a sense of expectation of Jesus' return?**
  - **And am I alert to what is happening in this world?**
- **BE PREPARED**
  - **Am I personally prepared for His return because He is my personal Savior?**
  - **Are there doubts about this?**
- **BE SERVING**
  - **Am I "doing business" for the Master? STANDING STRONG FOR HIM?**
  - **Do I give focused attention to "today": to my responsibilities; to my family relationships; to this local body of believers; to those who do not have Jesus Christ as their Savior.**

Standing Strong:
By Living Productive Lives

A Study of John 15:1-11


Jerusalem
At the time of Christ
circa 30 A.D.
Struthion Pool
Pools of Bethesda
Damascus Gate
Fortress of Antonia
Pool of Israel
Present old city wall
Mt. Moriah
Golden Gate
Gethsemane
Upper Aqueduct
Golgotha?
Towers' Pool
Temple
Mishneh Towers
Solomon's Porch
Palace
Royal Stoa
Herod's Palace
Plaza
Gihon Spring
Upper City
Serpent's Pool
Mount of Olives
Kidron Valley
Stepped
Lower Aqueduct
Escarpment
VINE & BRANCHES
Essene Gate
Pool of Siloam
Hinnom Valley

The Characters in the Parable

❑ The Lord Jesus is the VINE

- This is #7 of the seven "I am" statements given by Christ in John.

❑ The Father is the VINEDRESSER

- The Father is sovereign over the vineyard. (He is not hired help)
- He is an expert and is skilled in dealing with vines and vineyards.
- His "passion" is for branches to produce much fruit. John 15:16

❑ Believers in Christ are the BRANCHES

- Fruit = good works and godly character---produced in the live of the believer in Jesus.

The Characters in the Parable

❑ Believers in Christ are the Branches.

- "Branches" are people who have placed their faith in Christ as their savior from sin. John 15:2, 3; 13:10
- 15:2 - There are 2 categories of branches: barren & fruitful.
- #1 – barren branches are "taken away". 15:2 and 6
- #2 – fruitful branches are pruned. James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; Heb. 12:4-11

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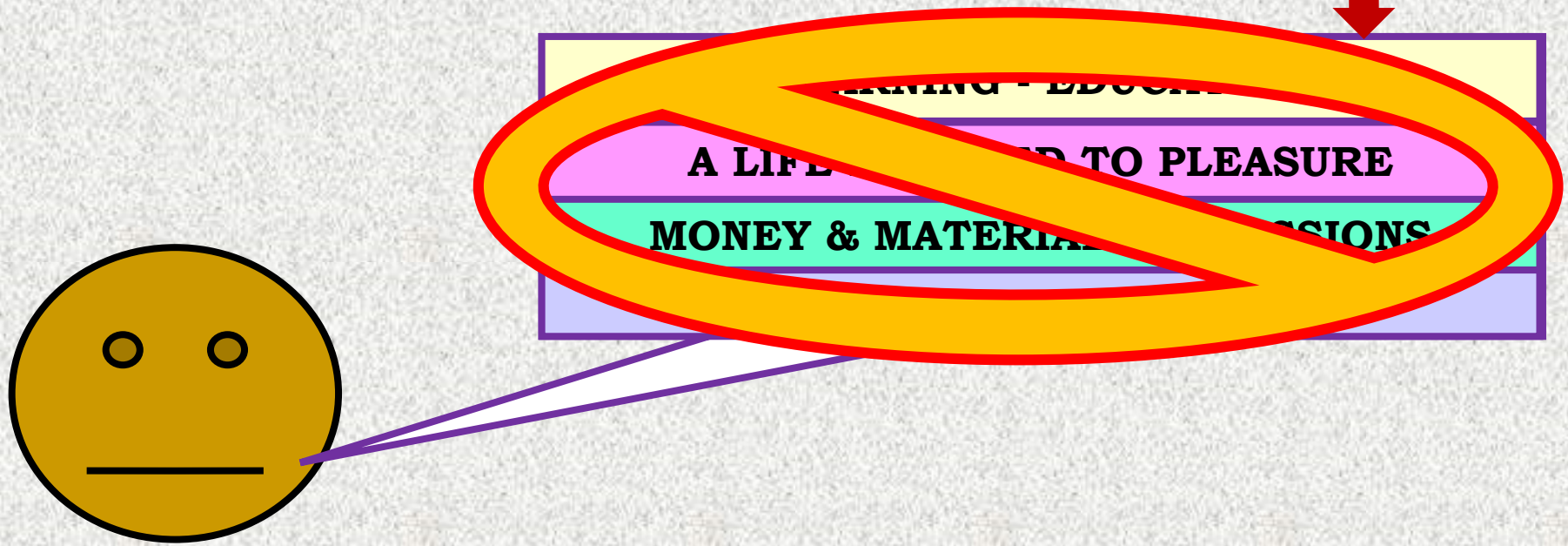
OBEDIENCE TO JESUS

"ABIDING IN JESUS"

A FRUITFUL LIFE: Having a life that is meaningful, productive, satisfying and joyful.



Branches: Abiding or Not

II. THE *SECRET* OF "FRUITBEARING" IS ABIDING IN CHRIST.

- "Abide" is used 10x in this parable. (1 John 2:28 – 3:6)
- "Abide" = a close relationship; both communion and dependence.
  It is a command which means it is something we are to do.
- "bear fruit" = a life that is productive and of real value. (Both character & works are involved)
- 3 Results of Abiding in Christ:

#1 – A productive, meaningful life

#2 – A guaranteed answer to prayer

#3 – A life characterized by JOY.

- The Consequences of not "abiding" and "bearing fruit" is seen in John 15:6 TEMPORAL JUDGMENT
- The present (here and now) is the subject not eternity---"abiding" is something we are to be doing in the present.

The Key is Obedience to Jesus

III. THE *SECRET* OF ABIDING IS OBEYING THE WORD OF CHRIST.

- **Abiding in Jesus means that we obey Him.**
- **The content of our obedience is found in the commands and principles found in the New Testament.**
- **They consist of both general and personal commands and principles.**

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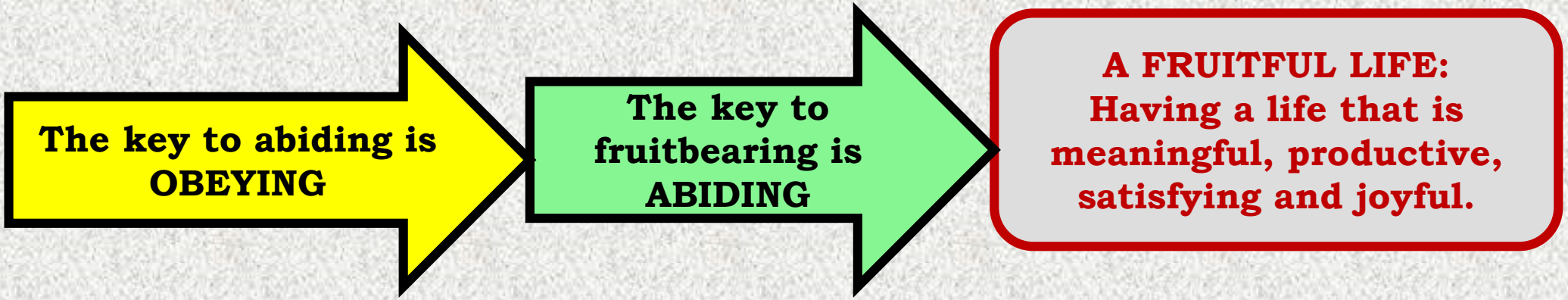

- A "fruitful" life bring glory to God; joy to us; and an attractive life that arouses interest in others (1 Peter 3:15).
- This is an important element in us "Standing strong" and not retreating into our spiritual bunkers.