



To Infinity and Beyond!

# “To Infinity and Beyond!”

- God’s Amazing Plan of Redemption
- From Genesis to Revelation...and beyond!
- His Covenants Reveal His Plan
- Where Are We Now?
- Signs of the Times
- What is Still to come?
- **Where are You??**



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## It all begins in Genesis...

- God creates earth: place for humankind to dwell, have fellowship with Him. (4,000+ BC)
- God creates humankind. Purpose: to fellowship with and glorify Him.
- Plan for perfect fellowship, some do's + don'ts, simple rules of “engagement” with God.
- God reveals His plan of redemption through His covenants. He makes promises He MUST keep, by His nature (“for My Name’s sake”)



CRITICAL  
POINT



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## Edenic Covenant

Genesis 1:28-30; 2:16-17, Hosea 6:7

- Type: **Conditional**
- Time: **Temporary**  
*(unfortunately!)*
- Participants: God and Adam  
(representative of entire  
human race); covenant with all  
people





## Edenic Covenant: Terms

- 1) Be fruitful, multiply, replenish
- 2) Subdue earth (non-living things)
- 3) Take dominion over all living things
- 4) Eat fruits and vegetables provided (*vegetarian, no blood spilled yet, no meat*)
- 5) Tend Paradise (*Gan Eden*), Garden of Eden
- 6) Don't eat of tree of knowledge of good and evil
- 7) Penalty for disobedience: death (physical + spiritual)



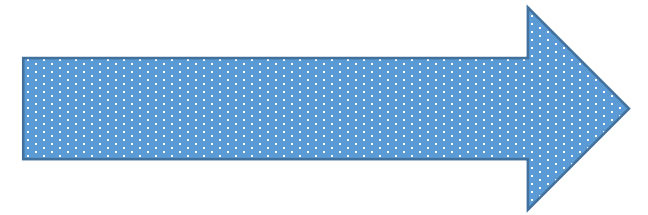
## Edenic Covenant: Current Status...

- **Broken** (Genesis 3:1-8)
- Result: Death, both physical and spiritual, for all mankind
- Edenic replaced by Adamic Covenant.

PLAN A: BROKEN

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- Man messed up fellowship with God, broke the rules, suffered consequences - **separation from a Holy God.** *He cannot be in the presence of sin.*
- God still has a plan to cover man's sin and be able to fellowship again with Him.
- **Another covenant is made.**





## The Adamic Covenant

*Genesis 3:14-19*

- Type: **Unconditional** (*God will do these things no matter what*)
- Time: **Permanent**, earth duration (*after fall, as long as earth in its current state, still in effect*)
- Participants: God, Adam and Eve (*representatives of entire human race, covenant/all people*); Satan



## Adamic Covenant: Terms

- 1) cursing of serpent used by Satan (Gen 3:14; Rom 16:20; 2 Cor 11:3, 14; Rev 12:9)
- 2) promise of Redeemer (Gen 3:15). **First Messianic prophecy** covers 1st and 2nd comings
- 3) multiplied sorrow and pain of women in childbirth
- 4) People will work, survive by sweat/toil (Gen 2:15)
- 5) Man's life now be filled with sorrow, ultimate death (Gen 3:19; Eph 2:5).
- 6) **Curse** placed on man and rest of creation

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## Adamic Covenant: Terms

- God told Adam what man's lot in life will be now sin introduced into world.
- Conditions of this covenant will exist until Kingdom Age (Romans 8:21).
- No human responsibility here, this is just the way it will be - **God's sovereign control.**

PLAN B: IN PLACE



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## Amazing surprise in Genesis 5....


Hebrew Name	Understanding
<b>Adam</b>	Mankind
<b>Seth</b>	Appointed
<b>Enosh</b>	Mortal, frail, wicked, sick
<b>Kenan</b> ( <i>Cainan</i> )	Sorrow (in dwelling place)
<b>Mahalal’el</b>	Powerful/Blessed God
<b>Jared</b>	Come down
<b>Enoch</b>	Train up, teach
<b>Methuselah</b>	His death shall bring
<b>Lamech</b>	Faint, weary, despairing
<b>Noah</b>	Comfort, rest (a dwelling of rest)

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## THE MESSAGE:

Mankind is appointed to be mortal, frail, wicked and sick, sorrowful in his dwelling place. The praised, powerful and blessed God will come down to teach and train up. His death will bring the faint, weary and despairing comfort, and a dwelling place of rest.

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From the very beginning God's redemptive plan seen in scripture. Here in Genesis chapter 5 summarized beautifully in names given to first humans.

All mankind has had the opportunity to know it and accept it...or not.

**The choice is ours.**

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- God revealed Himself/expectations to ancient world *(don't know how, perhaps personal communication, stories in the stars, dreams, visions, etc.)*.
- But in 3 chapters (since Fall) man has become so evil, rebellious, violent, reprobate and polluted that Elohim regretted creating us!

***EVER WONDER WHY GOD DIDN'T JUST  
DESTROY US ALL RIGHT THEN,  
NO MORE MANKIND???***

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- **He was in covenant relationship** (*Adamic covenant*). He made promises to man, by His nature could NOT break them. (*God cannot lie*) **Why He didn't give up on us!**
- Instead of destroying us, saved 8 people (*8 # for new beginnings*) from coming Flood.
- Bloodline polluted (*Nephillim, Genesis 6*). Only 8 righteous (unpolluted) out of all those on earth.
- Destroyed all other life. These 8 truly had a new beginning, under a **different covenant**. (2400-2300 BC)

## The Noahic Covenant

*Genesis 9:1-17*

- Type: Unconditional (*still in effect*)
- Time: Permanent, as long as earth in current state
- Participants: God and Noah (*as representative of entire human race*); covenant with all flesh (*animals included*)





## Adamic Covenant: Terms

1. Mandate for mankind to populate earth reaffirmed
2. Animal kingdom subject to man reaffirmed, but with new relationship. Now animals **fear man** and dominated by him (Gen 9:2). *(Man now allowed to “eat flesh” of animals. Fear of man for protection of animals.)*
3. Man given permission to eat flesh of every "moving creature" (except man). Only exception, *(which carried over into New Covenant)*, **man cannot eat blood**, the "life of the flesh" (Gen 9:3, 4).

## Adamic Covenant: Terms

4. Sacredness of human life stressed. Since man made in image of God, murder shows contempt for God (Genesis 9:5). (*Why Israel does not celebrate war victories.*)
5. Whatever sheds man's blood (kills), whether man or beast, must be put to death. Considered institution of human self-government (Gen 9:6).
6. Earth will **never again be destroyed by universal flood** (Genesis 9:11). Next time God destroys earth, will be by fire (2 Peter 3:10).

## Adamic Covenant: Terms

7. Rainbow sign of Noahic Covenant to both God and man (Gen 9:12-17).
  - Repeats some features of Adamic Covenant, but adds principle of human government to curb sin.
  - Technically, not promises on God's part, but **mandate for how things will be**.
  - A covenant God makes with Himself. Does not depend on man's behavior.

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- Life continues after flood; sons of Noah (*Shem, Ham, Japheth*) repopulate earth, live under Noahic Covenant.
- **REMINDER: All covenants are promises. Covenants reveal God's plan. Prophetic.**
- Man continues in sinful state, rebelling against God (Genesis 11). Few chapters after Flood we have Tower of Bab-el, unified rebellion. God confounds languages, sends people packing to various parts of earth.



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- Now God fine tunes His plan, changes course a bit; will no longer reveal Himself to entire planet.
- Will choose one man, through whom He will build entire nation.
- **Enter the Abrahamic Covenant**, and exit Abraham from center of pagan and godless land and life – Babylon – to a land of promise. (~2100 BC)
- Babylon becomes prominent symbol in both testaments. Represents world in opposition to God. *“Tale of Two Cities.”*

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## The Abrahamic Covenant

*Genesis 12-15, 17*

- Type: **Unconditional** (*still in effect*)
- Time: **Eternal** (*still in effect*)
- Participants: God and Abraham (*and his descendants, Hebrew race, Israel in general, Jews*)



## **Abrahamic Covenant: Terms (7 “I Wills...”)**

- 1) I will make you a great nation
- 2) I will bless you
- 3) I will make your name great
- 4) You will be a blessing (I will do that)
- 5) I will bless them that bless you
- 6) I will curse him who curses you
- 7) In you all families of the earth will be blessed.

## Abrahamic Covenant: Terms (7 “I Wills...”)

- Also provision for **permanent (eternal) and unconditional** (*no strings attached!*) possession of the land God gives them. Guarantees permanent existence of Israel as a nation and Israel's permanent right to promised land. STILL IN EFFECT!
- From this covenant flows God's plan for all of mankind. (All other covenants build on this.)
- NT declares Abrahamic Covenant immutable (*absolute, unchangeable*) Hebrews 6:13-18; (Genesis 15:8-21)



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## Land Covenant: NOTE

- Land Covenant in Deuteronomy counted as an additional covenant, but associated with Abrahamic Covenant and details terms of **eternal and unconditional** possession of God's land by His people Israel.

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## Moving forward...

- Now God moves forward again with one man, reconfirming His covenant promises to son Isaac, and his son Jacob.
- Makes nation out of 12 sons of Jacob (12 tribes of Israel), + two “adopted” sons of Joseph (*Manasseh and Ephraim*).
- Purpose: to use one people, one nation, to reveal Himself to all nations and all people.



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- About same time of Abraham, a contemporary seemed to know God and His ultimate plan for all mankind.
- **Job** made remarkable statements about God, scientific and natural world facts he could not have known, and about **coming Redeemer**.

*“For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (19:25-27).*

- God revealed much about Himself and plan in this book.

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- Meanwhile God blesses Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and families. But a small group so far. He brings this small family of 70 into Egypt to build them into a nation of millions. (~1900 BC)
- Spent 430 years in Egypt, much in slavery to oppressive Pharaohs. In **Exodus**, delivers His people from slavery, reveals His power and sovereignty to them multiple times and shapes them into a people for Himself.
- **Enters into another covenant –Mosaic Covenant** (Moses) to govern His people, show who He is, point way to ultimate atonement for sins (from garden onward). (~1450 BC)



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## The Mosaic Covenant

*Exodus 19, entire Torah  
(Pentateuch, Books of Moses)*

- Type: Conditional
- Time: Temporary
- Participants: God, Moses, and all Israel



## Mosaic Covenant: Terms

- THE LAW (*10 commandments “moral” law*) Contains 613 (365 “do not’s” and 248 “do’s”) specific commands covering every area of life (daily, civil, worship, etc.)
  - 1) Blessings for obedience, cursings for disobedience
  - 2) Blood sacrifices (key element)
  - 3) Diet and health restrictions
  - 4) Sacrificial system, priesthood
  - 5) Provisions for Sabbath (none before this)
  - 6) Moral laws, civil/judicial laws, ceremonial laws

## Mosaic Covenant: Purpose

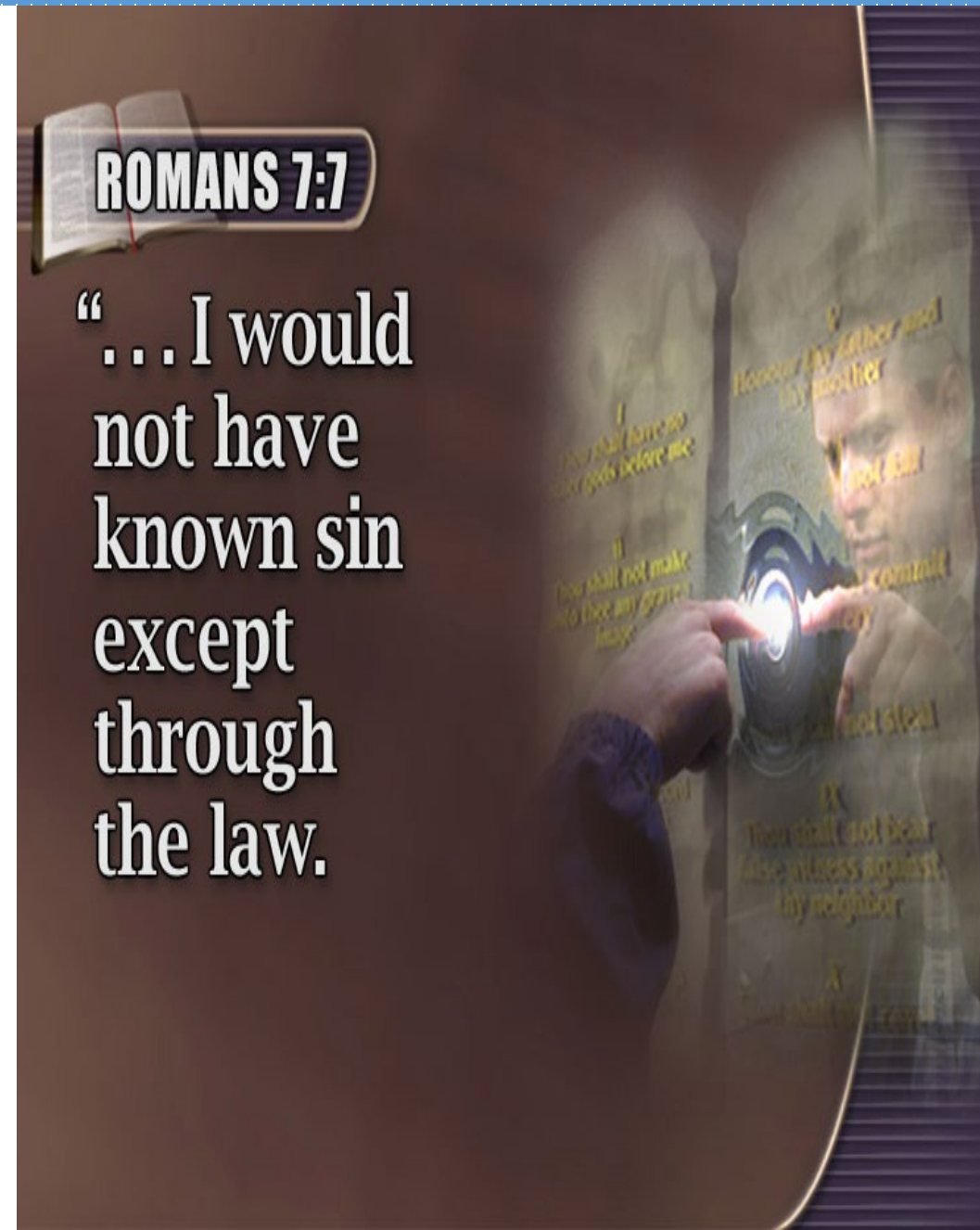
- 1) To reveal holiness and perfection of God
- 2) To govern people, rule of conduct
- 3) To provide rules for individual and corporate worship, including appointed times (feasts)
- 4) Prophetic, pointing to future fulfillment
- 5) To keep Israelites distinctly separate from other peoples  
*(only way Gentiles could enjoy spiritual blessings of Law was to place themselves “under the Law” by becoming one with Israel)*



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## Mosaic Covenant: Purpose

- 6) To reveal sin, mankind's need for atonement (*and to sin more, so grace can abound more, Romans 5-7*)
- 7) To make us realize we cannot keep the Law, or atone for our own sins
- 8) To drive us to faith in God's provision for atonement





## Mosaic Covenant: Purpose

- Mosaic Law contains 613 specific commands for the people of Israel. These acted to sanctify (set apart) Israel from everyone else.
- **Fast forward:** Mosaic Law was fulfilled by Yeshua for you and I, so we can be saved by grace, not the Law of Moses (*impossible*).

*His fulfillment was perfect, including every commandment, “do and don’t” and all commanded appointed times (feasts).*

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# God's Appointed Times

We call them “feasts” –  
YHVH calls them  
“Moadim,” Appointed Times  
(Exodus 12-13, Leviticus 23)



God's Prophetic Calendar

FULL MOON  
(15<sup>th</sup>)



1 - Passover  
Pesach

Nisan 14

2 - Unleavened Bread  
Matzah

Nisan 15

3 - Firstfruits  
Bikkurim

1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday  
After  
Passover

4 - Weeks (Pentecost)  
Shavuot

50 days  
(7 weeks  
+ 1 day)  
after  
Firstfruits

5 Trumpets  
Yom Teruah

Tishri 1

Civil New Year

6 - Day of Atonement  
Yom Kippur

Tishri 10

7 - Tabernacles  
Sukkot

Tishri 15

FULL MOON  
(15<sup>th</sup>)



Sacred  
New Year  
Nisan 1

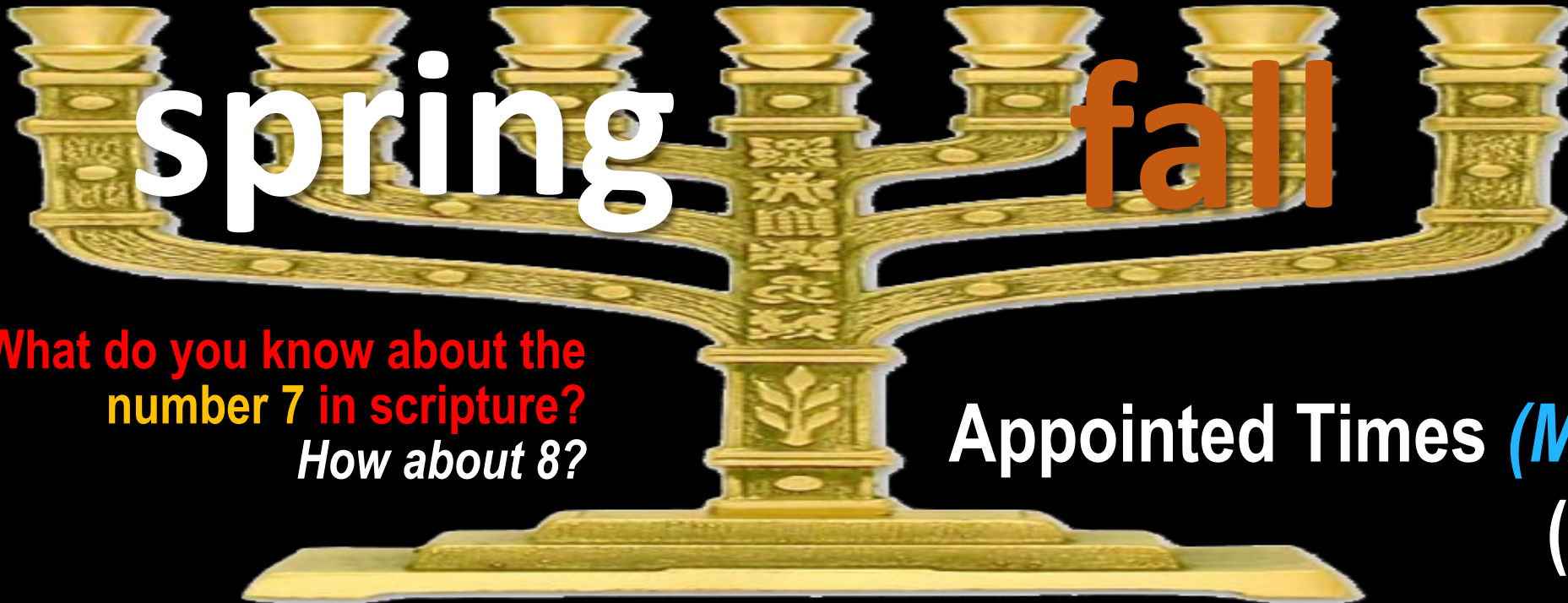
spring

fall

8  
(and the 8<sup>th</sup>,  
Shemini  
Atzeret, the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of  
Tabernacles,  
or the "last  
great day...")

What do you know about the  
number 7 in scripture?  
How about 8?

Appointed Times (*Moadim*)  
(Feasts)



4 of the 7 *moadim* have  
been completely and  
literally fulfilled...





1 Passover

2 Unleavened Bread

3 First Fruits

4 Weeks

**FULFILLED**





Harpazo?

Return?

Millennial  
Kingdom?

Eternity?

YET TO COME...

5

Trumpets

6

Day of  
Atonement

7

Tabernacles

8

Eighth Day

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- **Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers + Deuteronomy** = Israel's movement in desert, disobedience and continued rebellion, and price they paid (*dying off in wilderness until entire new generation ready to go into promised land as a nation*). But God with them entire time.
- In **Joshua** new generation begins to take possession (*~1400 BC*) of land promised, but did not do all God commanded.
- Did not run out or eliminate evil and grossly pagan Canaanites; instead lived with them in their midst. *God knew this would be a problem, and it was.*



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- God desired to rule through series of **Judges**, but that didn't work out so well. Book of Judges is a study in sin cycles (~ 350 years), common to all of us. One of darkest times in Israel's history.
- During this dark time God provides another clue to His remarkable plan. A love story, and redemption of both Naomi and Ruth through a Kinsman-Redeemer (Boaz).
- Real event, but stands as a powerful type for God's plan of redemption.
- Message behind story = **God will redeem His people Israel, AND Gentiles, through a Redeemer to come.**



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- Gentile (one of 4) given a place in lineage of Messiah. Gentiles hear of their Savior through Israel, and **Israel ultimately re-introduced to her Messiah via the Gentiles!**
- History moves us into double books of **Samuel** and **Kings**. People wanted a king like all their neighbors (peer pressure!) God gave them Saul. *Be careful what you ask for, especially if outside God's will! Saul started well, ended not so well. (~1050 BC)*
- Provided a king *of His choice* – David. Israel's tribes united into one kingdom by David. (~1000 BC)

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- David’s (and others’) writings in **Psalms** continue to bless us today. Capture human emotion and experience.
- At this time (under King David) Israel’s enemies put down, but ugly flesh still present. (~1010 BC)
- God makes **another covenant**, with David, and His descendants. God narrowing down line of Messiah.

## The Davidic Covenant

### *2 Samuel 7*

- Type: Unconditional Time: Eternal
- Participants: God, David, and all his descendants (all Israel)
- From all mankind (**Adam**), to one man who became a nation (**Abraham**), to one tribe of that nation (**Judah**), to one family of that tribe (**David**).
- All kings of Israel would be from tribe Judah, and family of David. Messiah must also be of this line.



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- God continues to shape His people into what was supposed to be a “**light to the nations**” (*goyim, gentiles, same word*).
- David’s son Solomon started off well (~970 BC) but ended up bitter (**Ecclesiastes**) and estranged from God.
- As he originally requested, was full of wisdom (wrote over 3000 books, including **Proverbs, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes**)
- Solomon’s head and heart turned by over 1000 women (**wives and concubines**) in his household, many pagan.



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- Because of his sins before God, God would judge Israel, but not during Solomon’s lifetime due to God’s promises to father David.
- As soon as Solomon died, son Rehoboam took throne and made complete mess of things. Kingdom split in two, becoming enemies and rivals.
- Tribes in north called themselves **Israel**, and tribes in south called themselves **Judah**. (~930 BC)
- Books of **Samuel**, **Kings**, and **Chronicles** trace descent of both nations into increasing rebellion and evil.

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- God warned multiple times through prophets. Despite warnings, continued until God disciplined both (*said He would in Deuteronomy before entered promised land.*)
- 722 BC northern kingdom of **Israel** destroyed by Assyria.



- Around this time God showed His care *even for wicked Gentiles* (Assyrians) terrorizing Israelites.
- Sent **Jonah** to preach repentance. Jonah fought God all the way, but amazingly, entire city of Nineveh (*capital of Assyrian empire*) repented.

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- Jonah not happy. God made profound statement at end of this book: *“And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?”* (Jonah 4:11)
- God doesn’t want ANYONE to perish!! (2 Peter 3:9)
- ~ 140 years later, however, God sent another prophet **Nahum**, to prophesy judgment and destruction of Nineveh as He brought Assyrian Empire to an end. Elohim raises up kings and brings them down (Daniel 2)

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- Little over 100 years after northern kingdom destroyed the **southern kingdom of Judah** ripe for conquest. God sent Nebuchadnezzar whom Jeremiah called “God’s servant” to conquer Judah. *(606 BC)*
- Judah removed from the land and sent into captivity for 70 years in Babylon. *(anyone know why 70 years??)*
- Remember **God in covenant relationship** with united house of Israel. *Must* keep His promises. Wherever a warning of judgment on Israel (north or south), also multiple promises of restoration.

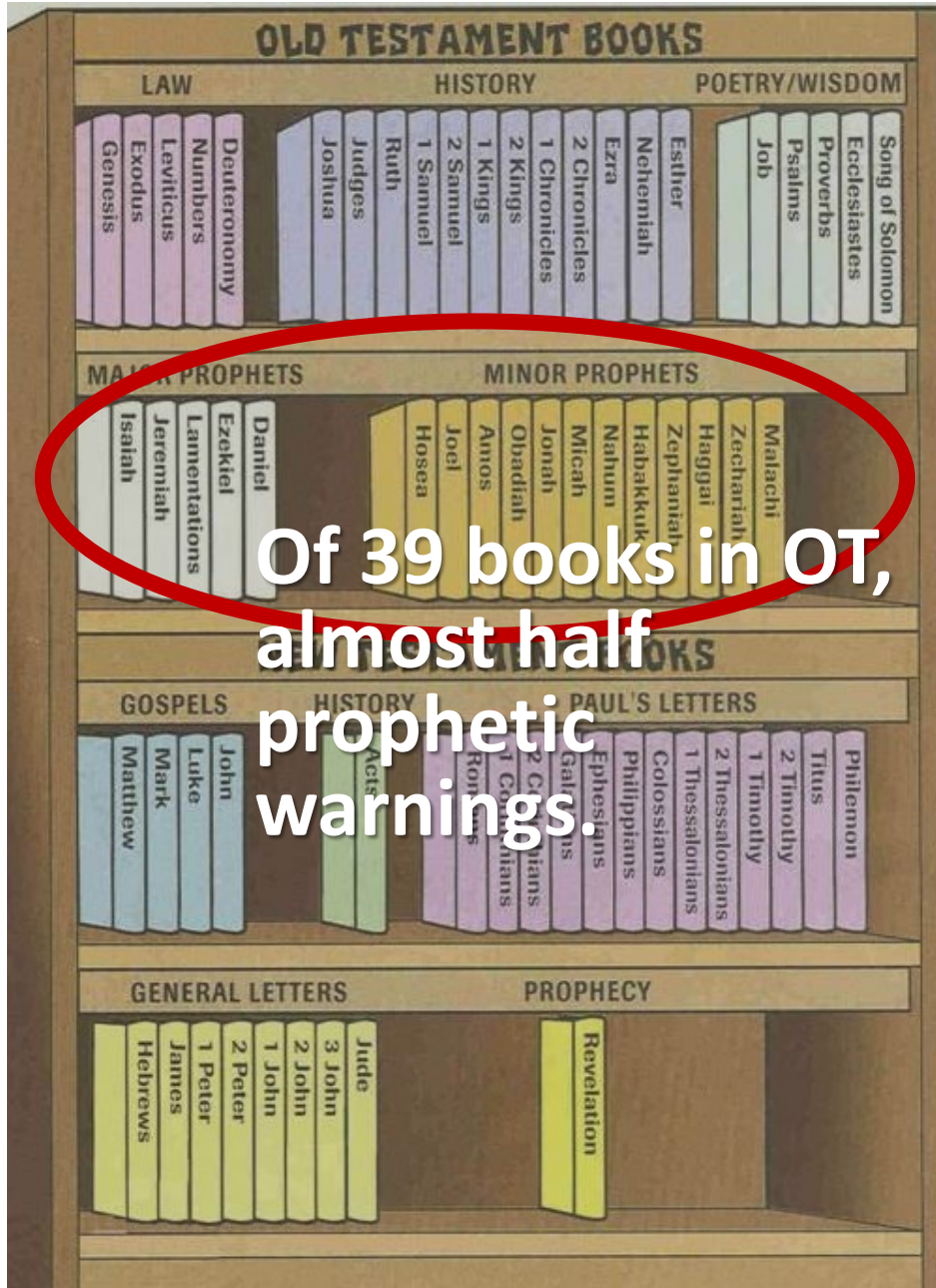


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- And multiple promises of ultimate sacrifice, Messiah (anointed One) who will take away all the sins of the entire world.
- Instead of becoming “light to the nations,” Israel “hoarded” promises of Messiah, believed those were only for them, the *chosen* ones of God. **Wrong!!!**

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- Major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel) and minor prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi), warnings to both houses of Israel. Also judgment to other nations. (*Edom, Assyria, Babylon, etc.*)
- God made sure everyone, Israel *and all other nations*, knew His plan and expectations.



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- During this difficult time of discipline (destruction and captivity) **God made another covenant**, *hope in dark times*, delivered through Jeremiah.
- This covenant reveals the final details of His plan for redemption.  
(~600 BC)

## OLD COVENANT



Under law,  
God requires

Under grace,  
God provides



## NEW COVENANT

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- **The New Covenant**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (primary); also Isaiah 55:3; 59:21; 61:8-9; Jeremiah 32:40; Ezekiel 16:60; 34:25-31; 37:26-28; and Romans 11:26-27*

- Type: Unconditional Time: Eternal
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- Participants: God and Israel (both houses, Israel + Judah) (also Gentiles)

“Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you...

... This cup is the  
new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.”



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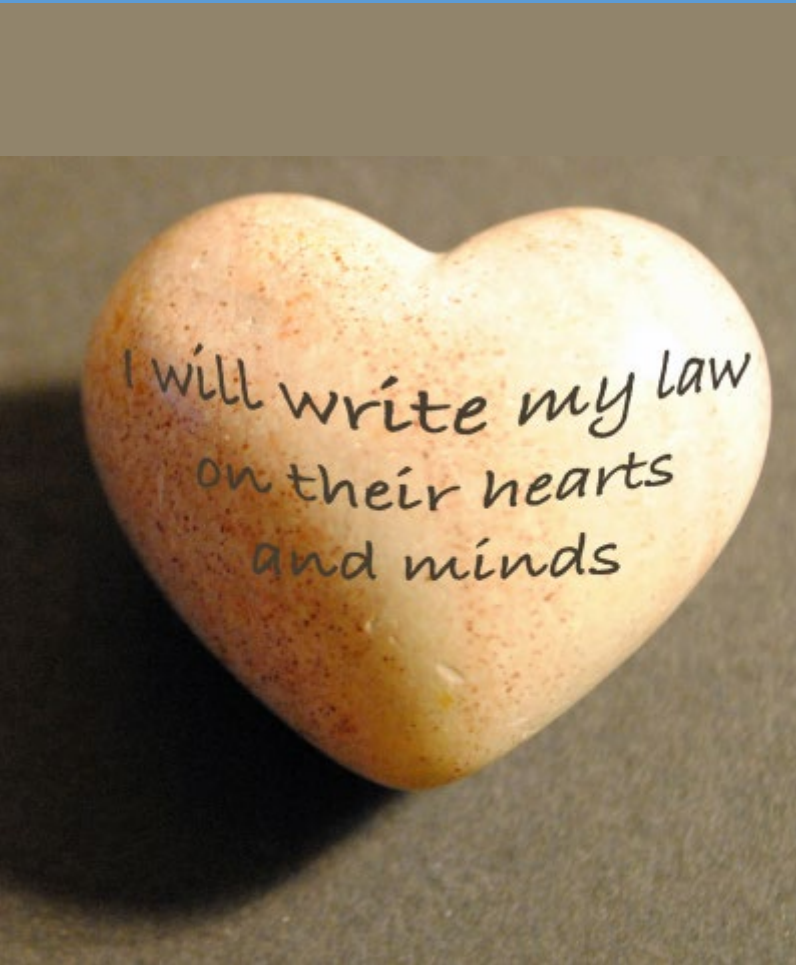
## New Covenant: Terms

- 1) God will write His law on our hearts. *Distinct from, and replaces, Mosaic Covenant. Often called “Law of the Messiah”*
  - 2) Regeneration of Israel (salvation). Some claim “national” salvation, that all Jews will be saved (great debate over this).
  - 3) Provision for forgiveness of sin (*will do what Mosaic Covenant could not do – provide perfect sacrifice to forgive all sins*)
  - 5) Promises indwelling power of Holy Spirit
  - 6) Sanctuary (Temple) rebuilt (Millennial)
  - 7) Spiritual blessings of Hebrew Covenants extend to Gentiles
- *And many more terms not as yet fulfilled, but will be (likely Millennium)*

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## New Covenant: Terms

- Mosaic Law replaced by New Covenant in Jeremiah 31. Instead of tablets, God writes His Law on our hearts.
- We inherently “know” (*by His presence in us*) what is right and what is wrong.
- As Yeshua taught, He gave new “commandments” (“laws”) and said that if we love Him, we are to obey Him (*those commands, not Torah*).



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## History marches on...



- 70 years after start of captivity, God brings back southern kingdom of Judah.
- Raises up another servant, another called His “anointed,” to *conquer one king and raise another empire*. God wrote a letter to Cyrus 150 years before he was born! (Isaiah 45).
- Daniel showed Cyrus, Cyrus released Judah to go back home to Israel. Only a remnant returned. Rest stayed in Babylon. (~539 BC)

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- Struggle to rebuild Jerusalem, Temple rebuilt. Called post-exilic period (after exile, **Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi**).
- God also made some amazing prophecies about time in which we live (**Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah, Zephaniah**, etc.)
- Old Testament (*promise or covenant*) ends with **Malachi**, where the people are already backsliding. (*~515-430 BC*)
- **Esther** details life of Hebrews remaining in Babylon/Persian Empire. (*~475 BC*)
- **OT is NT concealed. NT is OT revealed.**

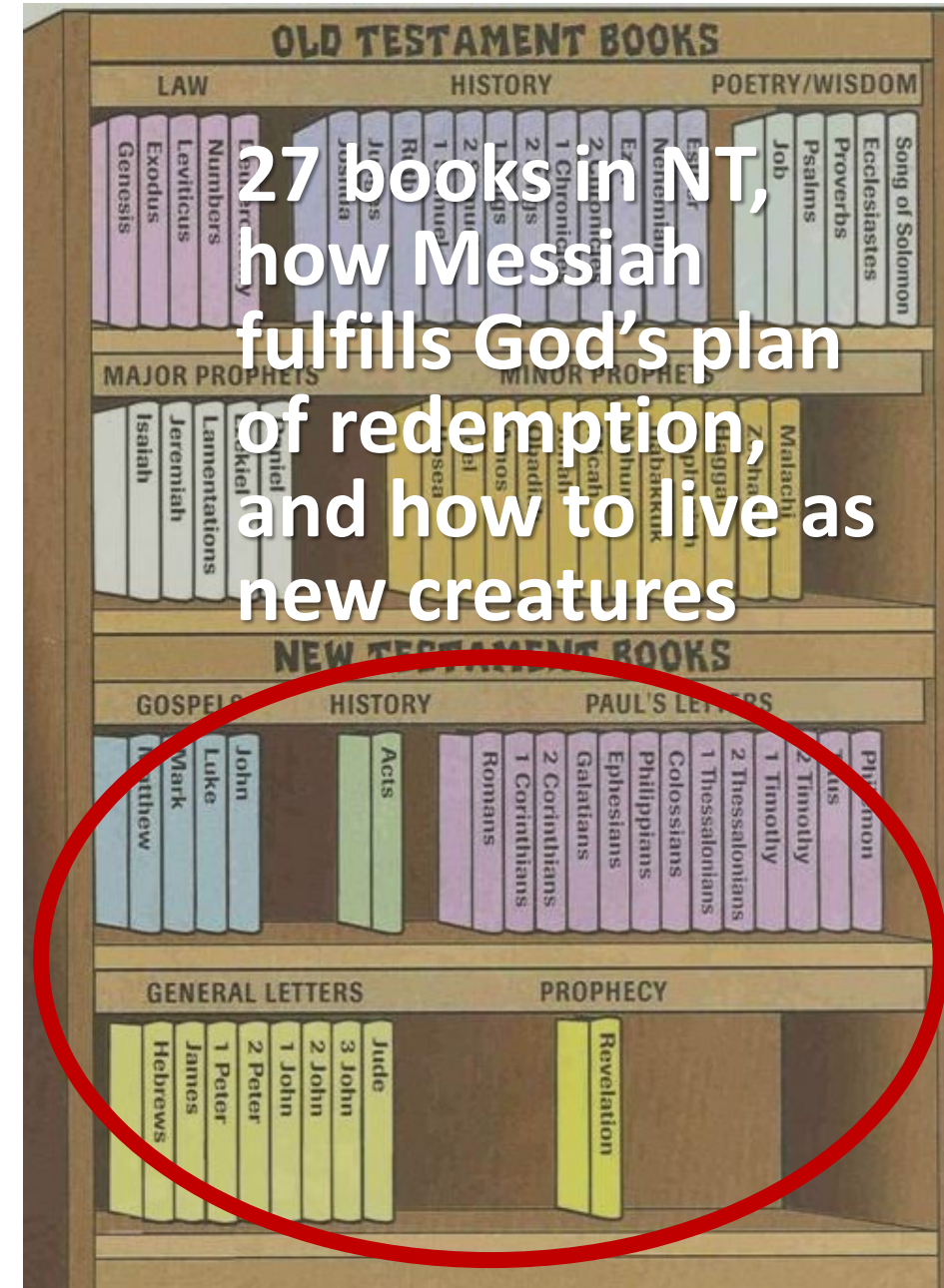


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- Messiah comes to earth, fulfilled over 300 promises about Him in OT.
- Comes first time to **offer ransom and pay penalty** for our sins. Keeps Torah perfectly, every last yot and tittle.
- **Dies for us**, raises up on the third day (*keeps God's prophetic calendar!!*) and returns to heaven. (~30 AD)
- Rest of NT about fledgling church (**Acts**) understanding God, His nature, His Son, His Gift, His Spirit and His ultimate plans for Jews and Gentiles. (**Romans – Jude**)
- Spreading Good News (**Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**) of Yeshua, how to live as new creatures filled with His Spirit.

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- And one remarkable book of extraordinary prophecy – The **Revelation**. (~90 AD).
- *What is projected in this book has not yet occurred.*
- NT ends ~ 100 AD. OT covers a span of about 4000 years.
- OT critical to understanding of where we are now, and how God will bring all His plans together for our redemption.



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*About 2,000 years go by....where are we now?*

# **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**



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- ***What are “the times?”*** Times of end of man’s dominion on earth, and drawing close to “Day of the Lord” when God takes over control of this planet and reigns. *We call these “end times.”*
- ***So where are we now, some 2000+ years this side of the NT?*** Some scoff, say He is isn’t returning. Believers should not be in the dark. We have been given the signs, and signs are here, increasing daily in intensity and frequency, just like birth pains.
- ***How do we know? Look around! Watch the news! Observe life on this planet today.***



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- What are the signs? Literally too many to count, but can put them into categories to help us understand. Can sort and recognize easier as signs of times. ***We are living in the TIMES of the signs!***
- Helpful for us to “categorize” signs, as all of them will fall into one of 7 buckets:

1. ISRAEL

2. SOCIETY

3. TECHNOLOGY

4. WORLD POLITICS

5. SPIRITUAL WORLD

6. NATURAL WORLD

7. FULFILLED PROPHECY



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- Literally so many, coming so fast we can't count them. Overwhelming, now behaving like “*birthpangs*” Jesus spoke of that would happen **immediately before and during these times.** (Matthew 24)
- Several places in scripture delineate signs of end times. Multiple prophecies of these times, but to quickly find a list we turn to **Matthew 24** (end times signs), **Luke 21, Mark 13.**



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- These are words Jesus shared with His disciples when they asked him directly:

*“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3)*

- Here is how He answered, in brief bullet points:

# The Signs of the Times...

*(have you noticed any of these?)*





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2. Wars and rumors of wars  
Nation will rise against  
nation, kingdom against  
kingdom (word = ethnos,  
meaning ethnic [race] wars)



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### 3. Famines (scarcity of food)





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## 4. Pestilences

(literally plagues, diseases,  
i.e. ebola, SARS, coronavirus,  
etc.)





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**5. Earthquakes**  
 (“in diverse” places, literally  
 everywhere, even in unusual  
 places) includes natural disasters, earth-  
 shaking things like huge fires, floods,  
 plagues, etc.)





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# 6. Increasing persecution of believers, betrayals, martyrdom of saints

**ISIS THREAT**

**ISIS EXECUTES DOZENS OF CHRISTIANS**

Migrants fleeing to Europe, some to escape ISIS advance

**CNN**

7:05 PM ET

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# FALSE PROPHETS:

RAVENOUS WOLVES  
IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

## 7. False prophets

(those who teach untruth,  
turn people away from God  
or pollute His truth)



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## 8. Astounding increase in lawlessness





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## 9. Love grows cold

(believers who leave the faith [through apostasy or personal choice], and general love for one another)



**“To Infinity and Beyond!”**

A person wearing a white, textured robe is holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The globe shows continents in green and yellow and oceans in blue. The person's hands are visible, supporting the globe from below. The background is dark and out of focus.

**10. The Gospel (“good news” of Jesus) will be preached to entire world.**

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**11. “Fearful sights and great signs in the heaven.”**

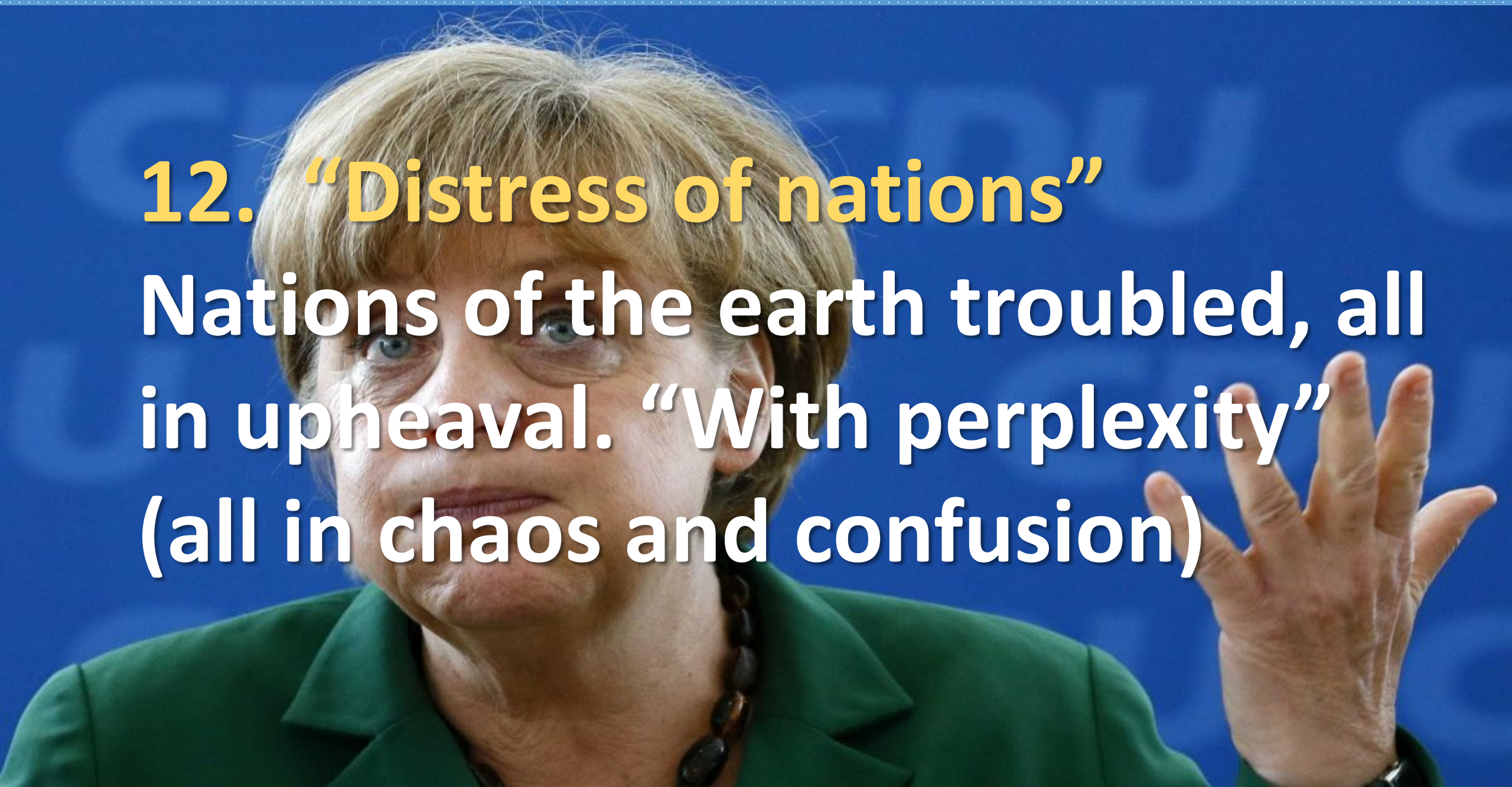
**Unusual and mysterious astronomical signs.**



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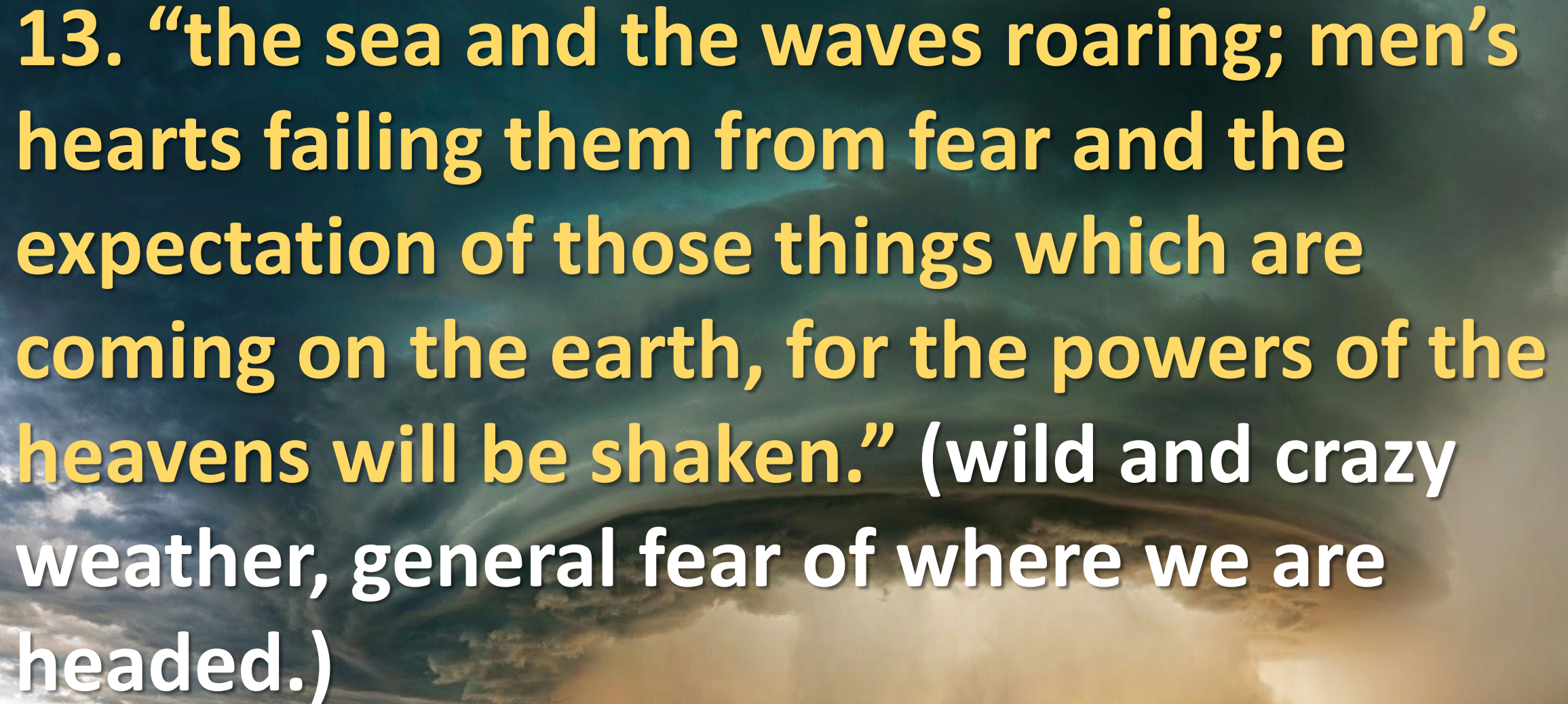
## **12. “Distress of nations”**

**Nations of the earth troubled, all  
in upheaval. “With perplexity”  
(all in chaos and confusion)**



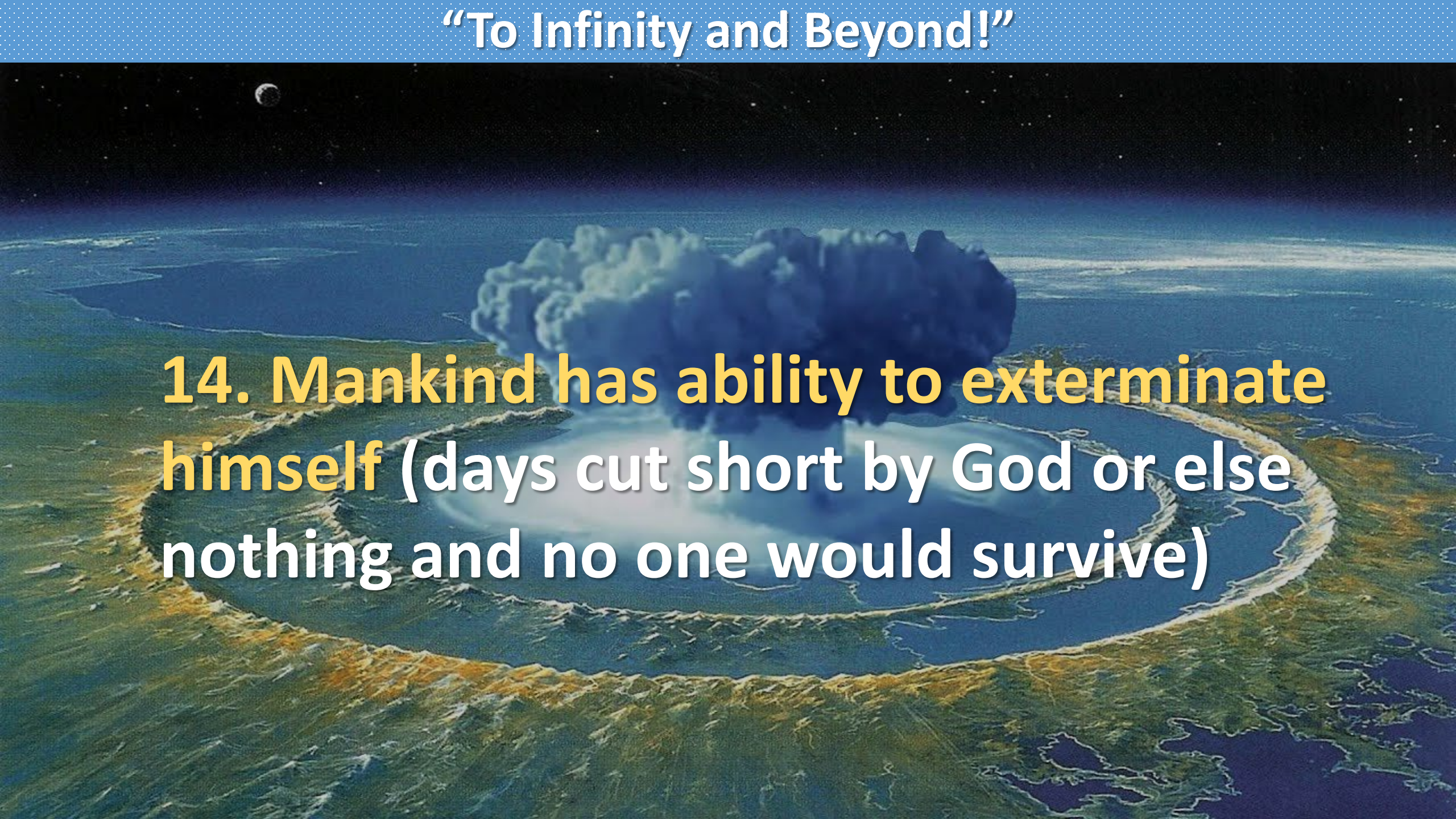
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**13. “the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”** (wild and crazy weather, general fear of where we are headed.)





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An aerial photograph of a nuclear explosion's mushroom cloud. The cloud is a large, billowing mass of white and grey smoke and debris, rising from a circular impact crater in a green, hilly landscape. The surrounding terrain is a mix of green fields and brownish-yellow patches, possibly from ash or scorched earth. In the upper left corner, a small, dark, crescent-shaped object, likely the Moon, is visible against a dark, starry sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of immense power and potential destruction.

**14. Mankind has ability to exterminate himself** (days cut short by God or else nothing and no one would survive)



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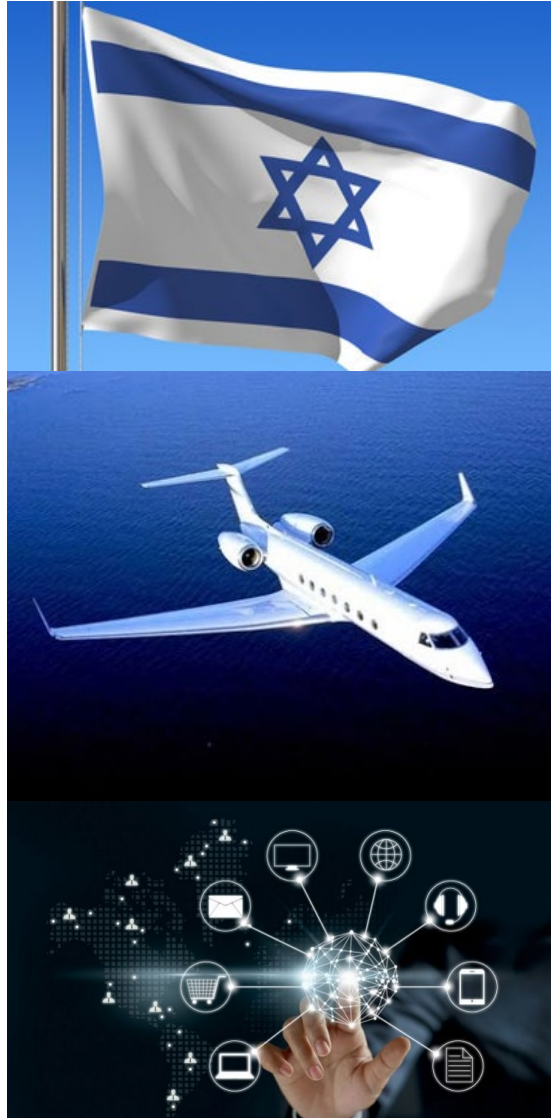
*(All above from Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13)*

**Each of these chapters contains same content:**

- Visible, knowable signs that indicate end of man's time, and soon coming of Messiah
- Warnings and call to prepare and stand fast
- Prophecy of coming fall of Jerusalem to Rome 70 AD, diaspora of Israel (scattering)
- Times of Tribulation ahead
- Preview of return of Jesus
- Be watchful, especially about “fig tree” (symbol for Israel)
- No one knows the hour

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In addition to these, Bible offers other indicators (signs):



1. **Israel returned to her land** as a sovereign state (*Ezekiel 36, 37 + many more*) Also, “supernaturally invincible.”
2. Remarkable increase in **speed of travel** (Daniel 12)
3. **Explosion of knowledge** (Daniel 12)



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4. **Scoffers** (2 Peter 3)
5. Internet and Satellite TV – **ability for entire world to see same thing at once** (Revelation 11)
6. Other **technological advances** (ability to implant identity chips, etc.) (Revelation 13)

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7. **Intensifying Spiritual Conflict** (*increasing paganism, darkness, spiritual battles*)  
(Revelation 12, + others)



8. **Hebrew language** resurrected (Jeremiah 31, Zephaniah 3)



9. Return of **Jerusalem to Israeli control**  
(Zechariah 12 and 13)



10. Entire **world argues about Jerusalem**,  
tries to exert control there (Zechariah 12)

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11. Rise of some sort of **European superpower** (*EU, or something else?*)  
(Daniel 2, 7, Zechariah)
12. Increasing and **worldwide Anti-Semitism**  
(Zechariah 12, + others)
13. Jewish **Temple to be rebuilt** (2  
Thessalonians 2, Revelation 11, +)



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14. Increasing **alliance between Russia, Turkey, Persia, + other (Islamic) nations** against Israel (Ezekiel 38, 39)



15. Global **Call for Peace** (1 Thessalonians 5, Daniel 9)



16. Complete **Destruction of Damascus** (Isaiah 17, to become a “ruinous heap”)

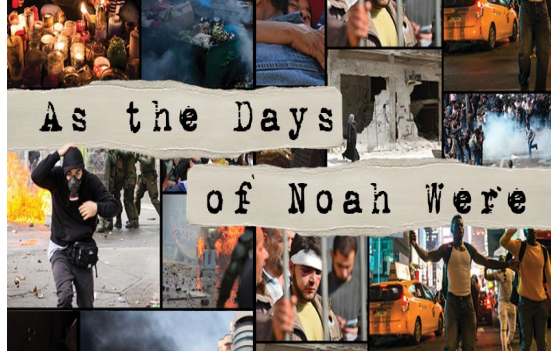


17. Move toward **global government** (Daniel, Revelation)

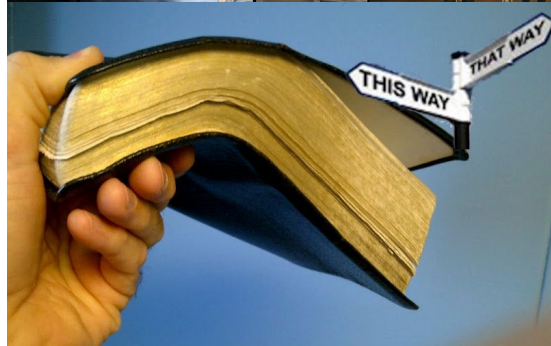
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18. **Rampant Immorality** (+ other things that define character of mankind in this time, including self-love) (2 Timothy 3)



19. Last days like **days of Noah** (immorality, violence, scoffers, Nephillim? UFOs?) (Matthew 24, Luke 17)



20. **Growing Apostacy** (“church” falling away departing from truth) (2 Thessalonians 2, 1 Timothy 4)

*(List not intended as “complete.” Basics, but mere “sampler.” Could add many others that define or predict this time.)*

**“To Infinity and Beyond!”**

The background of the slide is a cosmic scene featuring a bright light source, possibly a star or galaxy core, emitting a powerful beam of light that creates a prominent lens flare. The light rays are golden and radiate outwards, illuminating a dark, star-filled space. The overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, purples, and greens, with the bright light source adding a warm, golden glow. The text is overlaid on this background, with the top line in a blue banner and the main title in large white letters.

# **END TIMES**

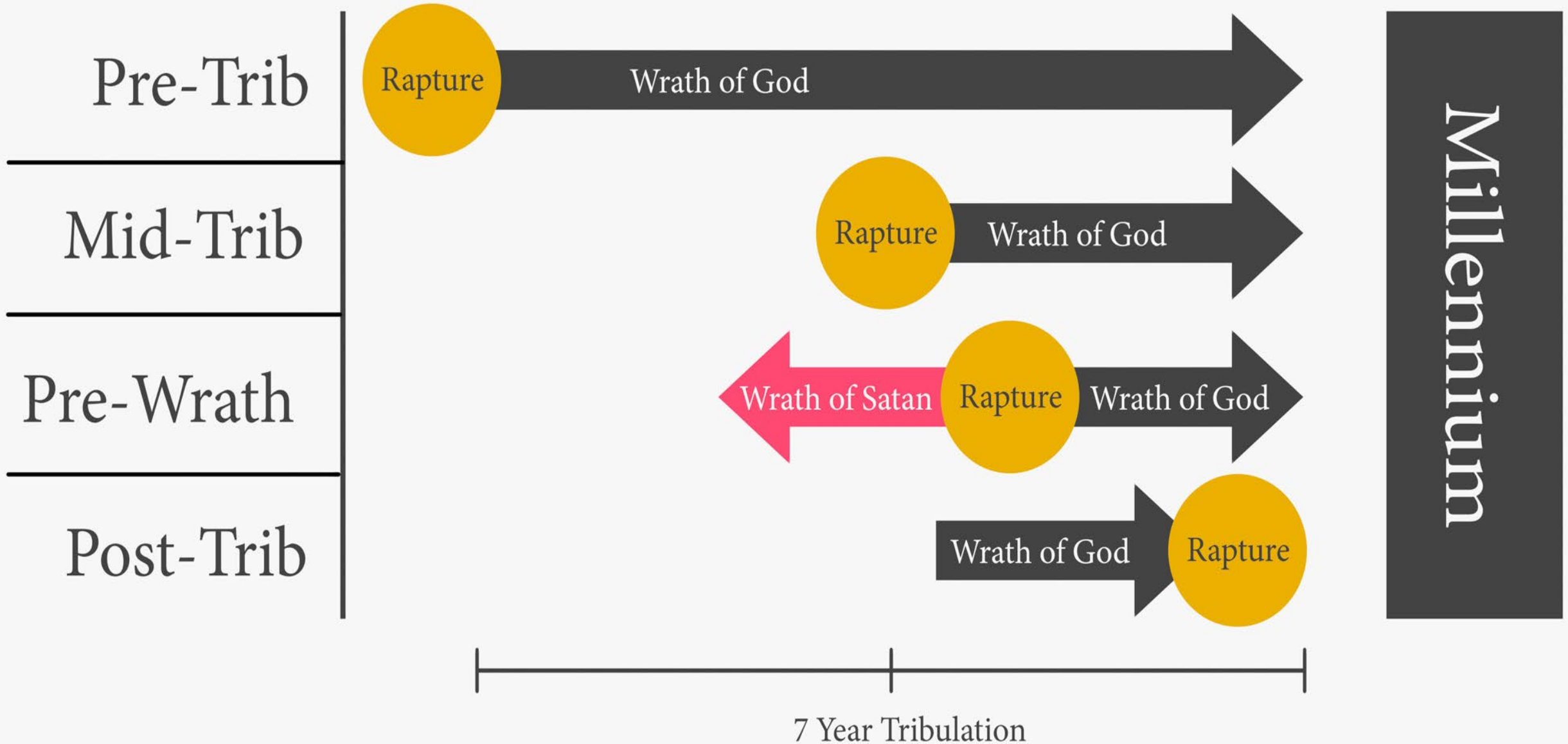
## **BIBLICAL EVENTS**



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- For some of these events, **chronological “order” still very much in question**. Events will happen, but not everyone on same page regarding order.
- **Differences** around various ideas regarding removal of the Church (ekklesia, “called out ones”).
- **4 areas of thought:** **PRE**-Tribulation (*church removed BEFORE tribulation period*), **MID**-Trib (*church snatched away at midpoint [3 ½ years] of tribulation*), **PRE-WRATH**, essentially some time after mid-point perhaps before bowl judgments (*disagreement on this*), or **POST**-Trib (*church removed END of Tribulation*)

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- *Should be no debate about actual event – it is **biblical** (1 Thessalonians 4). Timing questioned and debated. Should NOT be dividing factor.*
- *Chuck Missler: if we don't agree on timing of the removal of the church, that's OK, we'll explain it on the way up!*
- Personal **pre-tribulational approach to eschatology**. But will not argue/debate about it! *Again, should NOT become a division among believers.*



## “To Infinity and Beyond!”

- Along timeline can scatter above current events, signs of the times, etc. All contributing to darkness of this time.
- Believers **should see signs** and have no question that we are in the end times.

***Just how far in?***

***Signs are increasing in intensity and frequency...just like birth pains.***

# “To Infinity and Beyond!”

## 1. “Snatching Away” of believers.

(*harpazo* Greek, *rapturo* Latin, hence “rapture”)

- Jesus comes “in the clouds” to “snatch away” those who trust in Him (1 Corinthians 15:52).  
NOT SECOND COMING!
- Same time, “dead in Messiah” resurrected also.
- Next event in eschatological timeline.  
Considered “imminent;” no biblical prophecy needs to be fulfilled before removal of “called out ones” occurs.



## 2. Battle of “Gog and Magog.”

- Great army from north, in alliance with several other countries from Middle East, Africa, likely headed by Russia, attacks Israel, is defeated by God’s supernatural intervention (Ezekiel 38–39).
- *Commentators disagree on timing.* Pre-Trib, early Trib, Mid-Trib, post Millennium.





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## 3. Rise of antichrist. “Man of Lawlessness” (2 Thessalonians 2:7–8)

- Satanically empowered man, will gain worldwide control with a “peace carrot.” (Revelation 13:1; Daniel 9:27).
- Aided by another man, (“false prophet”) who does will of antichrist and *heads up a false religious system requiring worship of antichrist* (Revelation 13:11-17) 16:13, 19:20, 20:10).



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- 4. Tribulation.** Seven years (from Daniel 9) in which God’s judgment poured out on sinful humanity (Revelation 6–16)
- Antichrist’s rise during this time period.
  - Pre-Trib position, **believers not on earth**, with Jesus hidden away during this time (*see Isaiah 26:19-21*)
  - Many think Judgment Seat (Bema) of Messiah and the Marriage Supper of Lamb will occur in heaven during this time. (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 19:6–10).



## **WHY A TIME OF TRIBULATION?**

*Why would God bring this terrible time upon mankind?*

**ANSWER: His GRACE period before the end.** Squeeze mankind “between rock and hard place.”

- *When do we come to God most? When hurting or desperate. Mankind will be desperate in this time. Greatest soul harvest than any other time in history.*
- *People openly see God demonstrate His power, glory and forgiveness. God desires that none perish. Even if it means putting them through fire of refining.*



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**Tribulation events include:**

**3 sets of judgments:**

**7 SEALS – 7 TRUMPETS – 7 BOWLS**

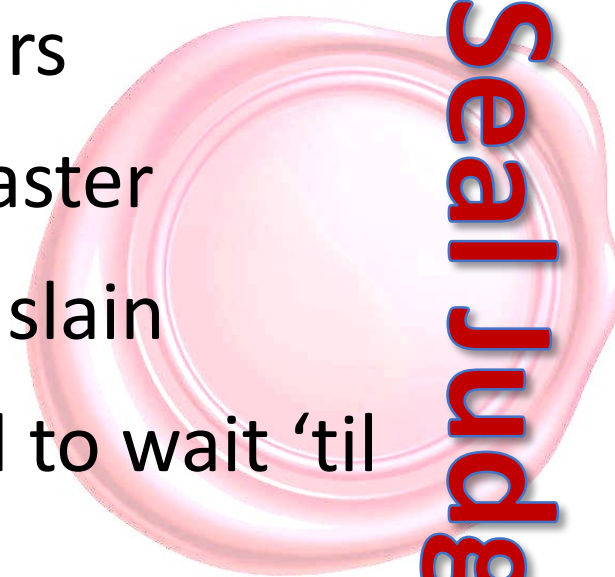
- no information on timing, duration
- will happen during Tribulation in order of their mention
- Followed by Armageddon, return of Jesus

**TRIBULATION**

# “To Infinity and Beyond!”

1. Rider on **white horse** with bow, crown, conquers (antichrist?)
2. Rider on **red horse** removes peace from earth, wars
3. Rider on **black horse**, pair of scales, economic disaster
4. Rider on **pale horse**, Death and Hades, ¼ of earth slain
5. Souls under altar, **martyrs**, given white robes, told to wait ‘til fellow servants killed
6. **Cataclysm**: Earthquakes, sun black, moon red, stars fall, sky rolls up like scroll, people run to hide from wrath of the Lamb
7. Silence in heaven. Angels hurl censor to earth, with fire, angels blow trumpets, **7 trumpets follow**

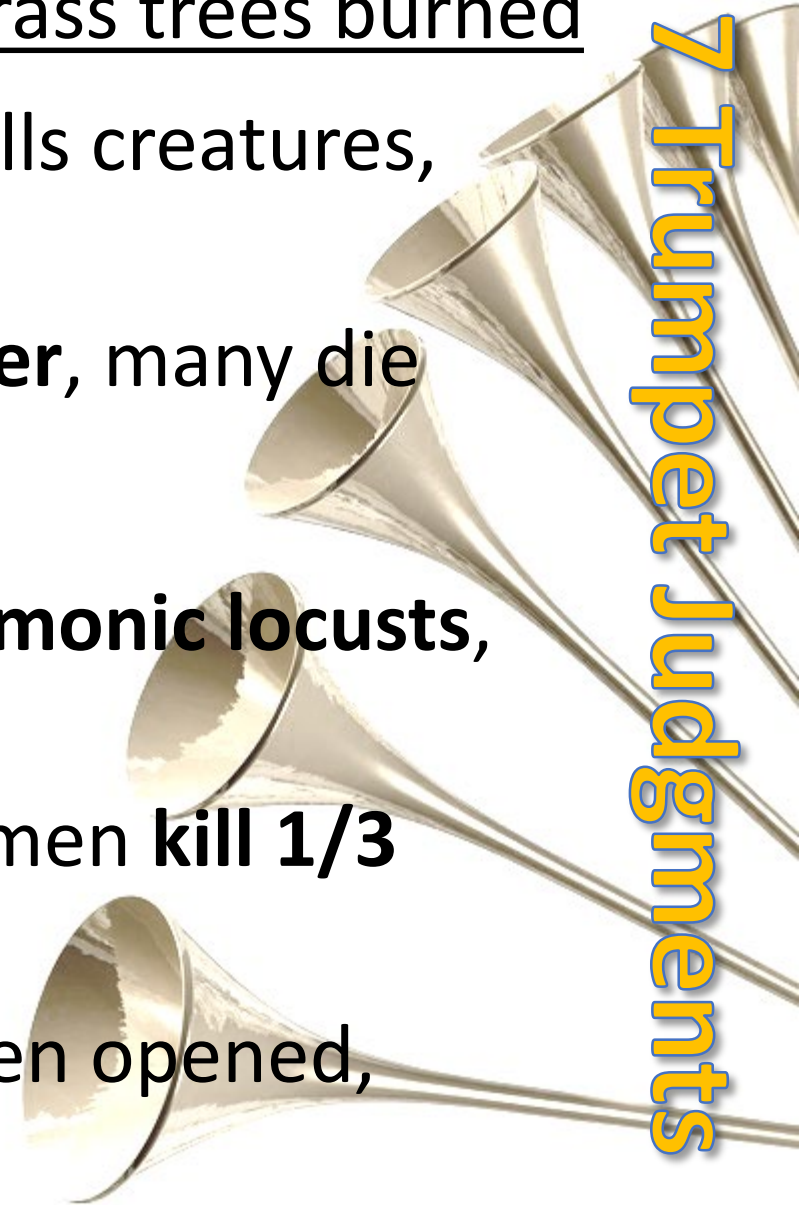
7 Seal Judgments



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1. **Hail, fire, blood** hurled down on earth; 1/3 grass trees burned
2. Burning mountain turns **1/3 seas to blood**, kills creatures, ships lost
3. Star “Wormwood” turns **1/3 fresh water bitter**, many die
4. **1/3 of sun, moon, stars become dark**
5. Star falls to earth, opens “abyss,” releases **demonic locusts**, torture unsaved for 5 months. Cannot die.
6. Led by 4 angels, 200,000,000 demonic horsemen **kill 1/3 mankind**
7. **Kingdom of God proclaimed**, temple in heaven opened, praising

7 Trumpet Judgments





## 5. Abomination of Desolation. *(See 2 Thessalonians 2 for how antichrist causes this)*

- Midpoint of tribulation Antichrist breaks covenant with Israel, shows true colors.
- Jews openly persecuted, scattered, many saved, realizing Yeshua (Jesus) as Savior (Zechariah 12-13).
- More persecution, more battles over Jerusalem. (Daniel 12:11; Mark 13:14; Revelation 12:17).
- Likely midpoint (3½ years) into 7-year Trib

ABOMINATION

OF

DESOLATION

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1. Those with mark of the beast have **terrible sores**
2. **Seas turn to blood** (all), kills all life in them.
3. All **fresh water**, springs, etc. **turn to blood**
4. **Sun scorches people with fire**
5. **Painful darkness** covers beast's kingdom, people gnaw tongues, curse God
6. Euphrates River dries up, allows kings of east to cross to come to **Battle of Armageddon**
7. Earthquakes, cities collapse, 100 lb. hailstones fall on people



7 Bowl Judgments

## 6. Battle of Armageddon. *(Rev 16, 19)*

- End of tribulation, Jesus returns with armies of heaven (Isaiah 63, Joel 3, Zechariah 14, Revelation 19).
- Saves Jerusalem from annihilation and defeats armies of the nations fighting under Antichrist (Revelation 19:11–21).
- Antichrist and false prophet captured and thrown alive into lake of fire (Revelation 19:20).





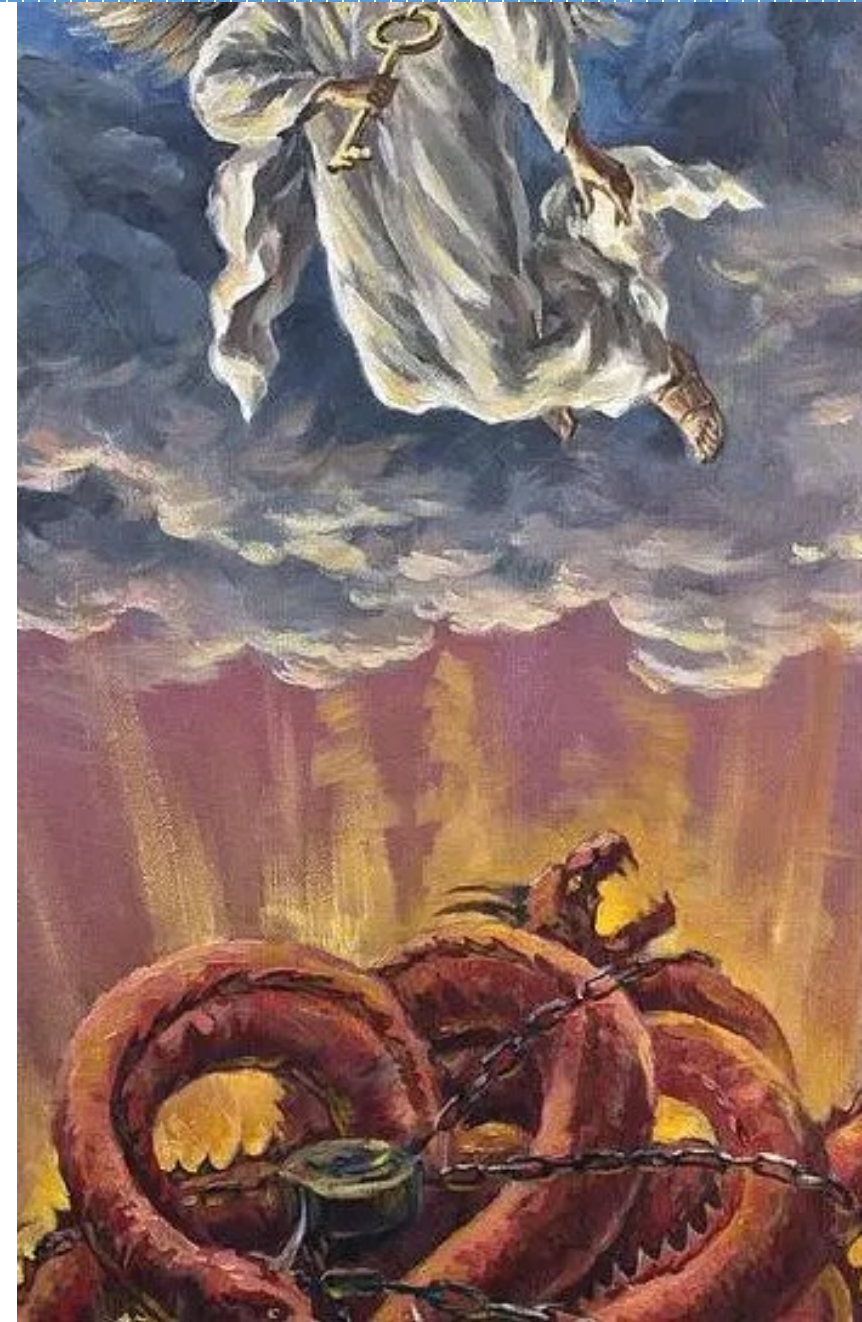
## 7. Judgment of Nations.

- Jesus will judge survivors of tribulation, separating righteous from wicked as “sheep” and “goats” (Matthew 25:31–46).
- Thought at this time OT saints will be raised from the dead.
- Righteous will enter Millennial Kingdom; wicked will be cast into hell (Sheol, Hades).



## 8. Binding of Satan.

- Satan will be bound and held in a bottomless pit for 1,000 years (*the period called the Millennium*) (Revelation 20:1–3).
- He will not be able to tempt or do any harm until he is released to deceive the nations again.



## 9. Millennial Kingdom.

- Jesus will rule world, with Jerusalem as capital.
- 1,000-year period of peace and prosperity on earth (Revelation 20; Isaiah 60–62).
- Enforced, ruled with “iron fist.” (Psalm 2)
- Memorial sacrifices offered in rebuilt temple in Jerusalem (Ezekiel 40–48).
- All unfulfilled prophecies about Israel, Jerusalem, fulfilled in this time.





## 10. Last Battle.

- Armageddon isn't final battle. Another occurs end of Millennium. *(Called Gog and Magog, but disagreement whether same as mentioned in Ezekiel 38/39, or another)*
- Satan released for a short time.
- He will deceive nations once again, short-lived rebellion, quickly defeated (Revelation 20:7–10).
- Satan cast into lake of fire, forever.



## 11. Great White Throne Judgment.

- All lost (in Sheol/Hades) brought out; all wicked from all history resurrected to stand before God in final judgment (Revelation 20:11–15).
- Will be judged by their “works” instead of God’s grace.
- Verdicts read, all sinful humanity cast into lake of fire.
- Lake of fire is final “hell.”



## 12. The New Creation.

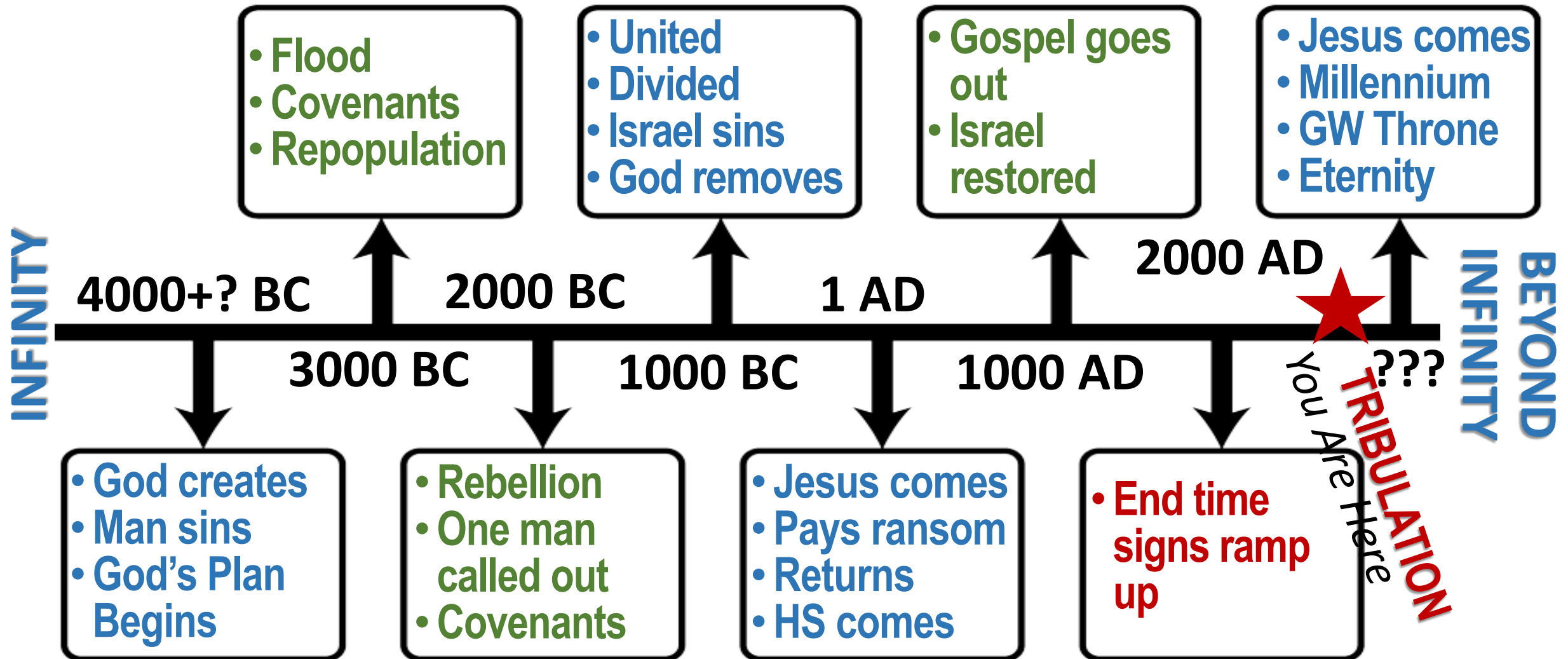
- God completely remakes heavens and the earth.
- God wipes away all tears and there will be no more pain, death, or sorrow.
- The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, and children of God will enjoy eternity with Him (Revelation 21–22).
- No temple needed. We are together at last!





# “To Infinity and Beyond!”

*NOTE: obviously time markers are not exact. For quick reference only!*



“To Infinity and Beyond!”



**WHERE ARE YOU?**

**“To Infinity and Beyond!”**

**WITH God**

- Hope
- Peace, Joy
- Eternity with God

**WITHOUT God**

- No Hope
- No Peace, Torment
- Eternity without God



# “To Infinity and Beyond!”

**A**

**ADMIT** you are a sinner, and you cannot save yourself.  
**ALLOW** God to have control of your life.  
**AGREE** with God’s Word.

**B**

**BELIEVE** Jesus died for you and takes away your sins.  
**BEHAVE** in ways that please God.  
**BYPASS** temptation and sin with God’s help.

**C**

**CONFESS** you believe and know Jesus.  
**CALL out** to Jesus to save you and help you live right.  
**COMMIT** yourself to God in every part of your life.

***DEPEND on God for everything. Trust Him!***