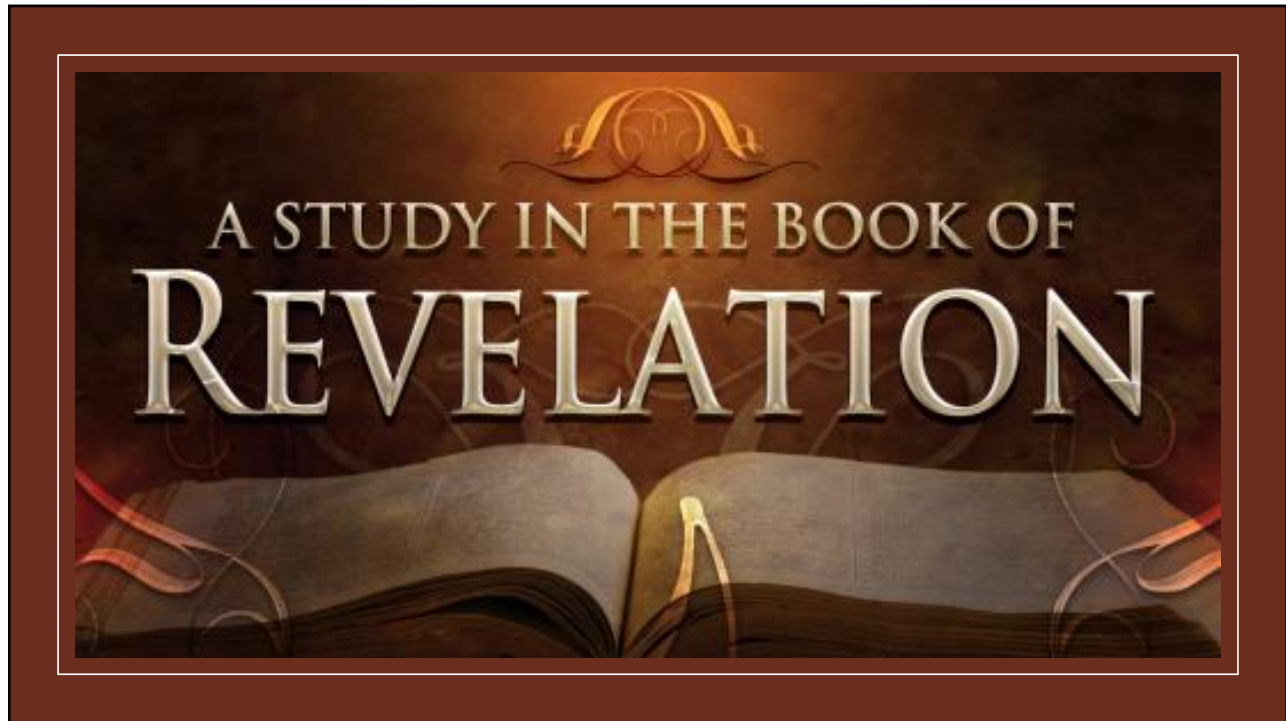
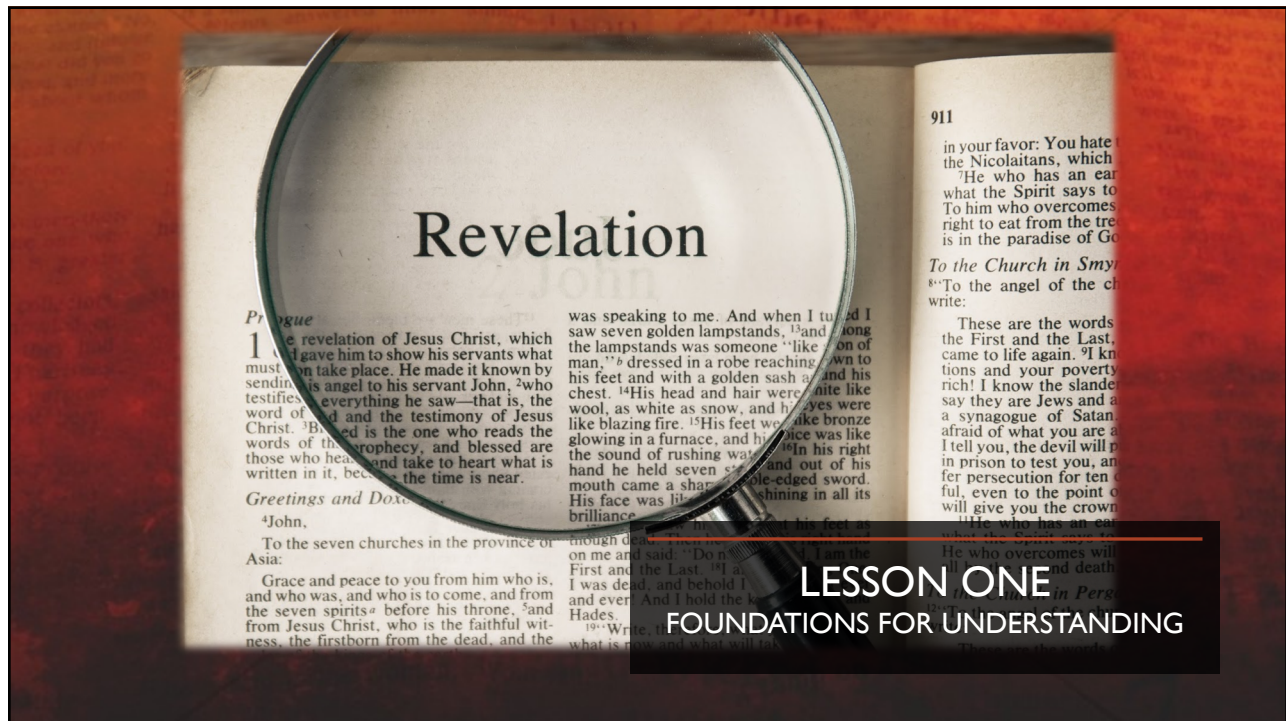




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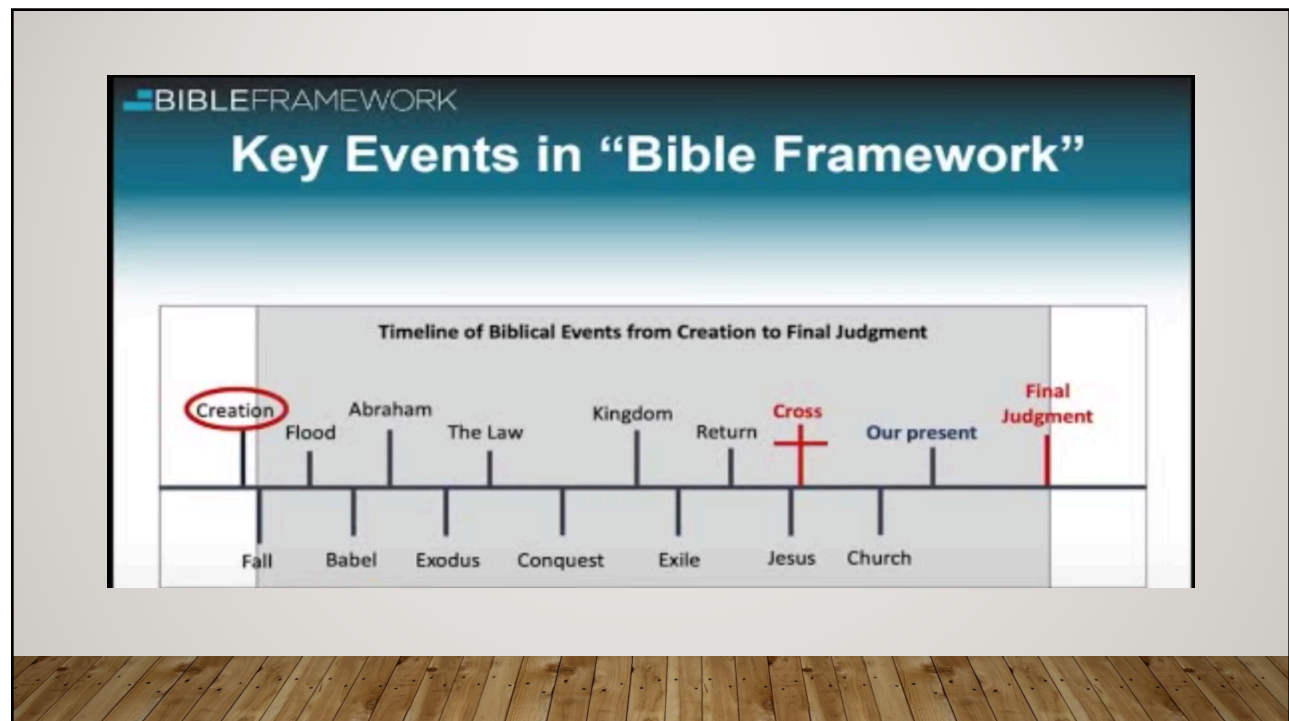


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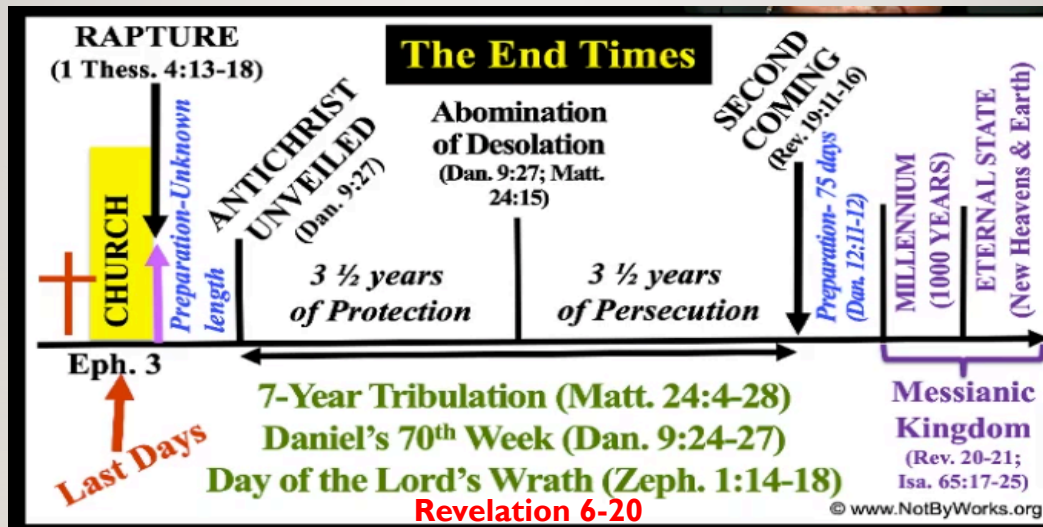
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- I. GENESIS 3
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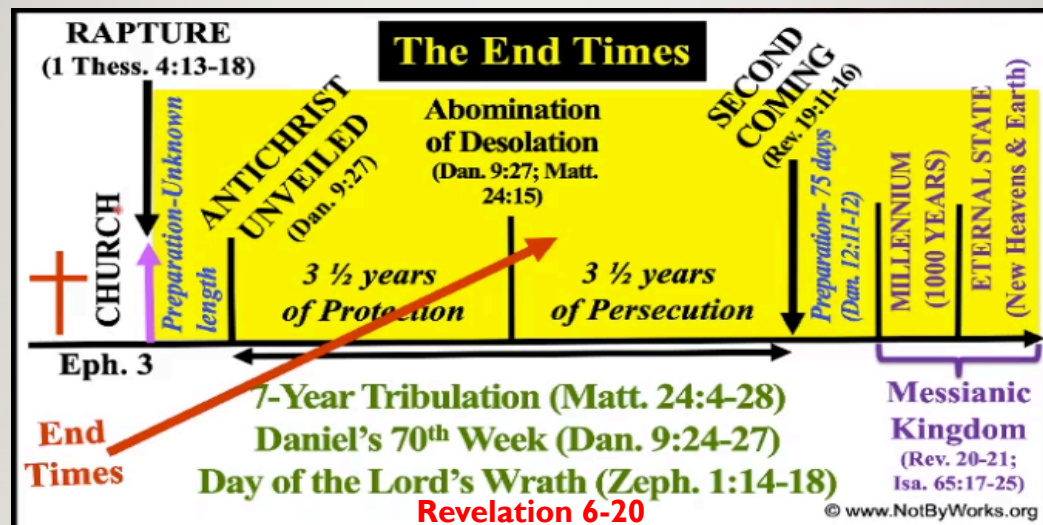


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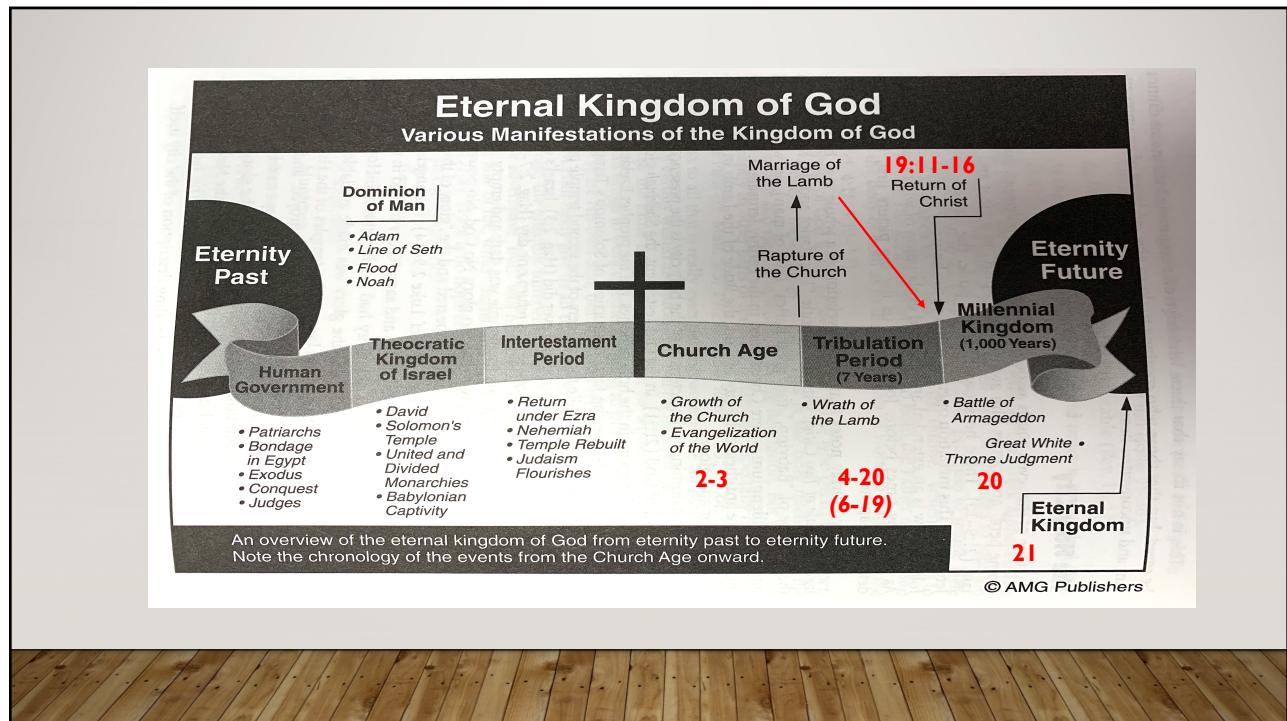
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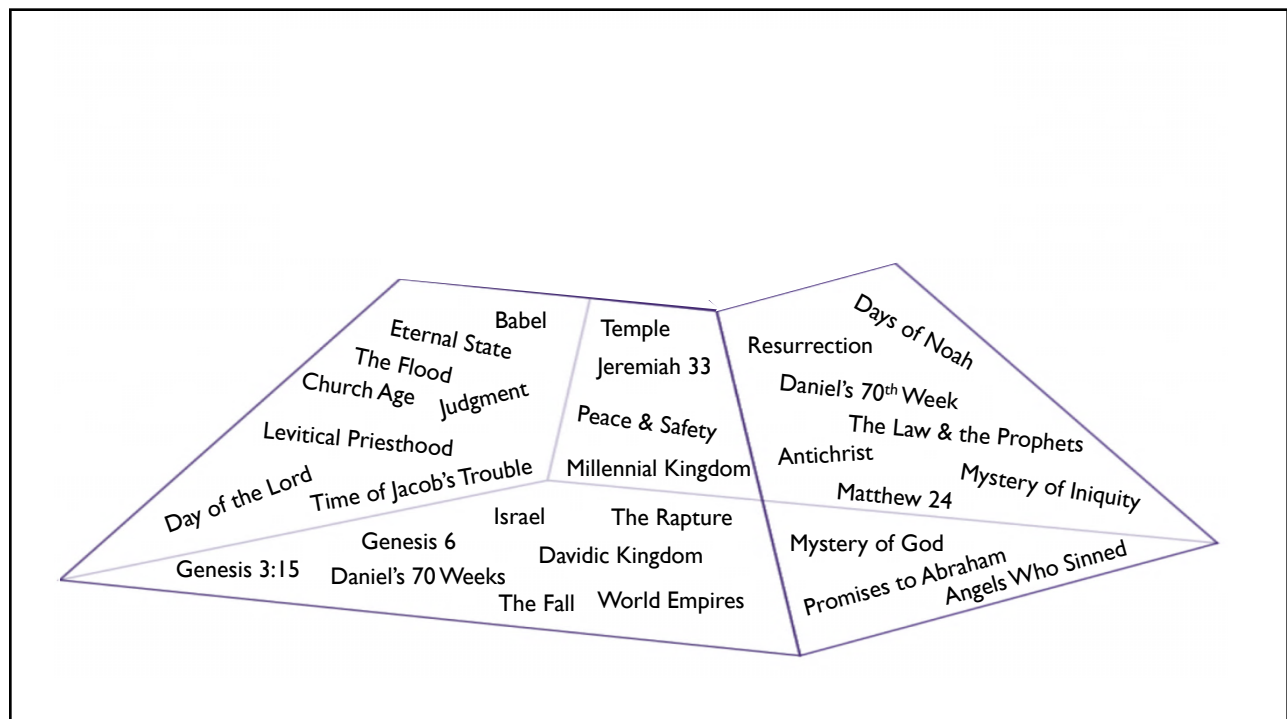


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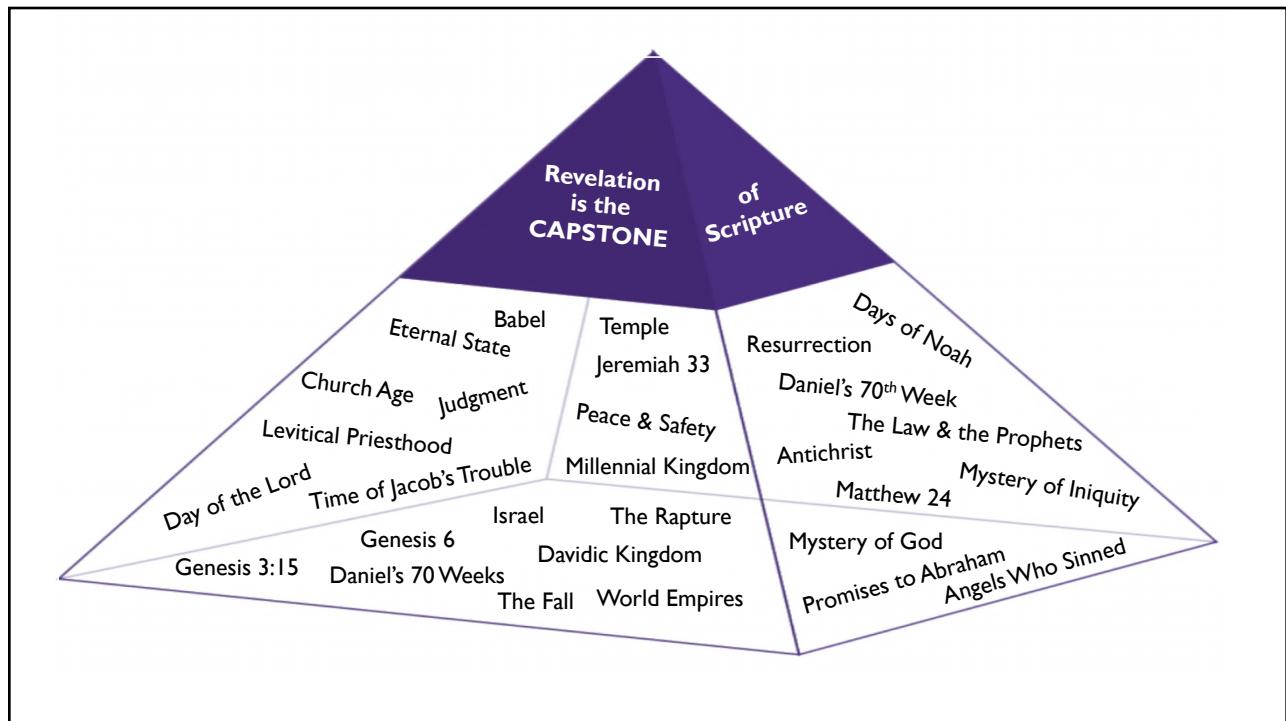
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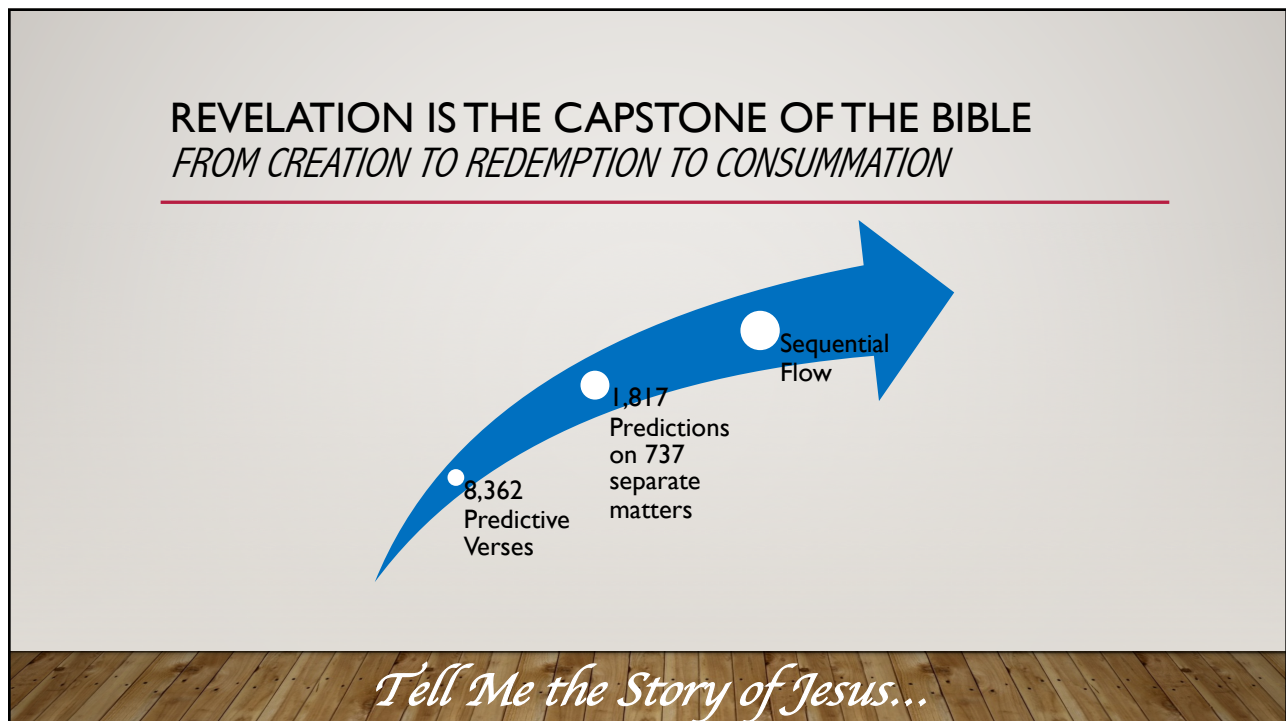
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JESUS IS THE THEME OF THE BIBLE



- Old Testament – Jesus In Prophecy
 - **“Behold, He Comes”**
- Gospels – Jesus In History
 - **“Behold, He Dies”**
- Acts – Jesus In the Church
 - **“Behold, He Lives”**
- Epistles – Jesus In Experience
 - **“Behold, He Saves”**
- Revelation – Jesus In Coming Glory
 - **“Behold, He Reigns”**

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DIFFERENT APPROACHES & VIEWS

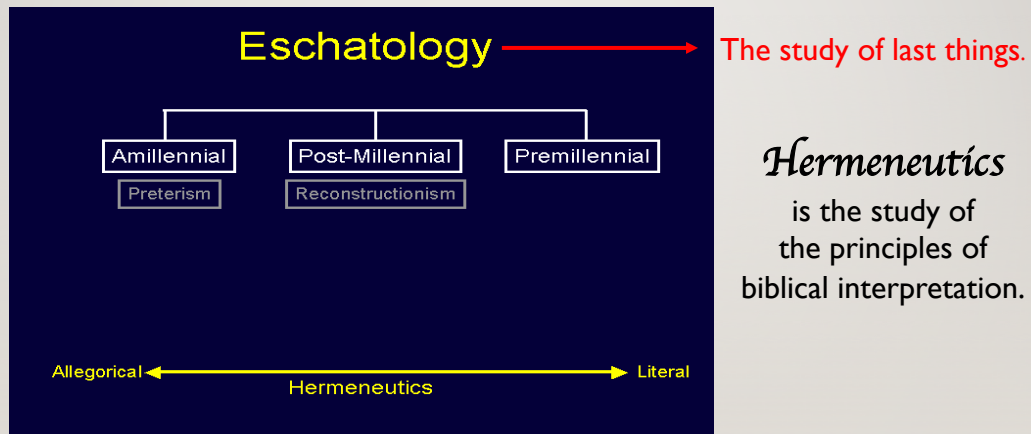
BRACE YOURSELVES!

- Preterist
 - “Then Only” – Fulfilled in the past, during the time of the Roman Empire, and NLT A.D. 70.
- Historical
 - “History Only” – Fulfilled throughout history and continuing today.
- Idealist
 - “Spiritual Only” – Allegorical portraying the ongoing cosmic conflict of spiritual realities.
- Futurist
 - “Prophecy Only” – Most prophecies in Revelation are yet to be fulfilled.

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MORE POSITIONS THAT GROW OUT OF THE APPROACHES *I TOLD YOU TO BRACE YOURSELVES!*



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ONE THING TO REMEMBER ABOUT ALLEGORY *THERE ARE NO ALLEGORIES IN SCRIPTURE!*

- BLUF: Revelation IS NOT Allegorical
- The word appears one time in the Bible (Galatians 4:24) – “This is allegorically speaking...”
 - The Greek word used of a story that conveyed a meaning beyond the literal sense of the words.
 - Here, Paul uses historical people and places from the OT to illustrate spiritual truth.
 - This is, therefore, not actually an allegory.
 - An allegory is a fictional story where truth is the secret, mysterious, hidden meaning.
 - The story in Galatians is the story of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac and is actual history and has no secret or hidden meaning.
 - Paul’s use here is to illustrate and support his contrast between law and grace.

God says what He means and means what He says.

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PROBLEMS WITH AMILLENNIALISM

"A" NEGATES MILLENNIAL = NO MILLENNIUM (NO 1K YEAR REIGN)

- All the OT Messianic Promises
- Destiny of Israel in God's Covenant Promises
 - 5 Covenants (4 Everlasting or Eternal)
- Gabriel's Prophecy to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
- Many NT Reconfirmations
- Fails to Understand God's Purposes
 - Israel means Israel
 - Church means Church

1. Noahic Covenant
2. Abrahamic Covenant
3. Mosaic Covenant
4. Davidic Covenant
5. New Covenant



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PROBLEMS WITH POST-MILLENNIALISM

CHRIST WILL RETURN AFTER 1000 YEARS OF A GOLDEN CHURCH AGE

- The World isn't Getting Better
- Mankind is Definitely On A Downward Spiral
- Ignores Warnings about the Last Days
- Church is Becoming More Apostate

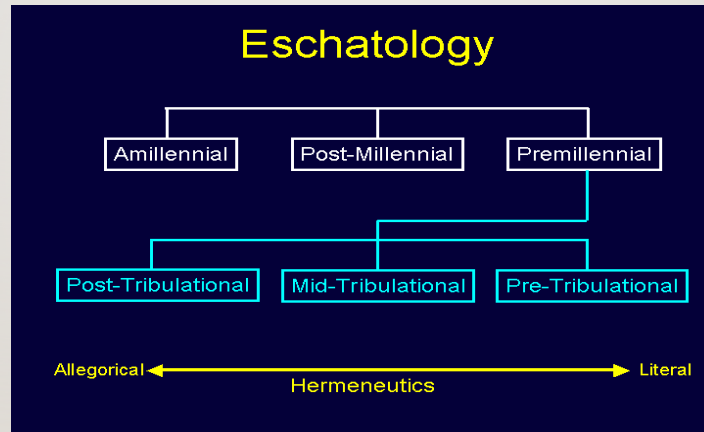


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PREMILLENNIAL IS THE BEST APPROACH

THREE VIEWS OF CHRIST'S RETURN GROW OUT OF THIS APPROACH



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WHAT IS MEANT BY "TRIBULATIONAL"

AKA THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- A Seven-Year Period of Satanic Reign and God's Wrath
- Daniel's 70th Week (Daniel 9:24-27; Matthew 24:15-28)
- The Last 7 Years of a 490 Year Prophesied Period Concerning the Jewish People
- 483 Years (69 Weeks) Fulfilled in History – the 70th Week Remains to be Fulfilled
- 7 Years Remain to be Fulfilled (Based on Daniel 9:27)
- God's Focus is on Israel NOT the Church (Romans 11:25-27).
- God's Wrath is Poured Out on Earth
- Special Attention Given to the Last 3.5 Years (Matthew 24:15-28)
- Revelation 6-20:3 is a Commentary on Daniel 9:27 (It unpacks it)

"And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he will be saved from it..."

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POST, MID, OR PRE-TRIBULATIONAL?

WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN FOR HIS CHURCH?

- Post-Tribulational – Jesus will return for His Church at the end of the Great Tribulation
- Mid-Tribulational – Jesus will return for His Church at the midpoint of the Great Tribulation
- Pre-Tribulational – Jesus will return for His Church sometime before the Great Tribulation



“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...”

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PROBLEMS WITH POST-TRIBULATION

WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN FOR HIS CHURCH?

- The Focus of the Great Tribulation is the Jewish People and the Wrath of God
- God is not Focused On the Church During this Time
- God Promises to Protect the Bride of Christ (Church) from the Wrath of God (Romans 5:9; Revelation 3:10)
- Although the Church is Eternal the Church Age is Not (Romans 11:25-26)
- Can Technically Be Dated (After Certain Events Happen)

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PROBLEMS WITH MID-TRIBULATION

WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN FOR HIS CHURCH?

- The Focus of the Great Tribulation is the Jewish People and the Wrath of God
- God is not Focused On the Church During this Time
- The Great Tribulation Spans 7 Years, not 3.5 Years (Daniel 9:24-27)
- God Promises to Protect the Bride of Christ (Church) from the Wrath of God
- Although the Church is Eternal the Church Age is Not (Romans 11:25-26)
- Can Technically Be Dated (After Certain Events Happen)

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PROBLEMS WITH PRE-TRIBULATIONAL

WHEN WILL JESUS RETURN FOR HIS CHURCH?

- I don't Have Any Problems the Rapture wouldn't Solve Right Now!



"Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together..."

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WHAT I BELIEVE (MY PRESUPPOSITIONS)

- Approach to Revelation – Futurist
- Revelation is Prophetic (it claims this for itself—1:3; 19:10; 22:18)
- Pre-Millennial
- Pre-Tribulational
- God Means What He Says – "If the plain sense makes sense seek no other sense lest you end up with nonsense."
- The Bible is an Integrated Whole (Matthew 5:17-18)
- Nothing is Trivial (Romans 15:4)
- God is His Own Interpreter
- Whole Counsel of God

It's not hard to understand but it is hard to believe.

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BE A BEREAN

"Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."

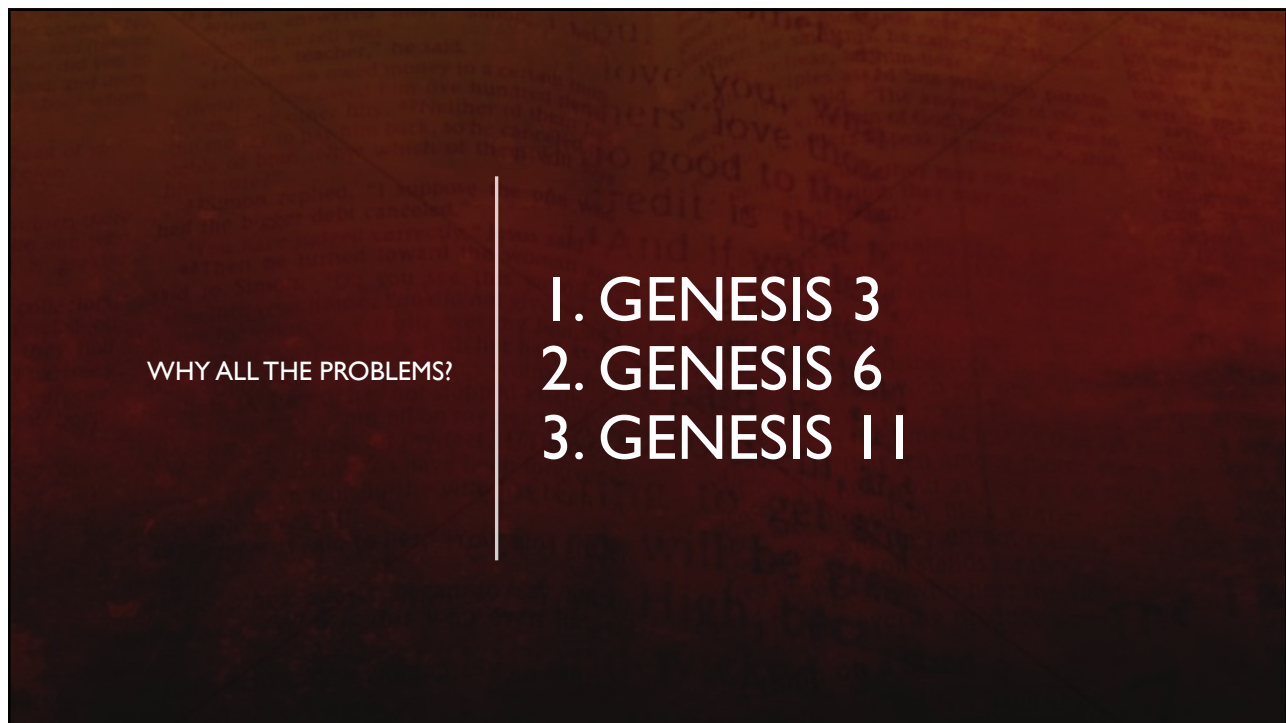
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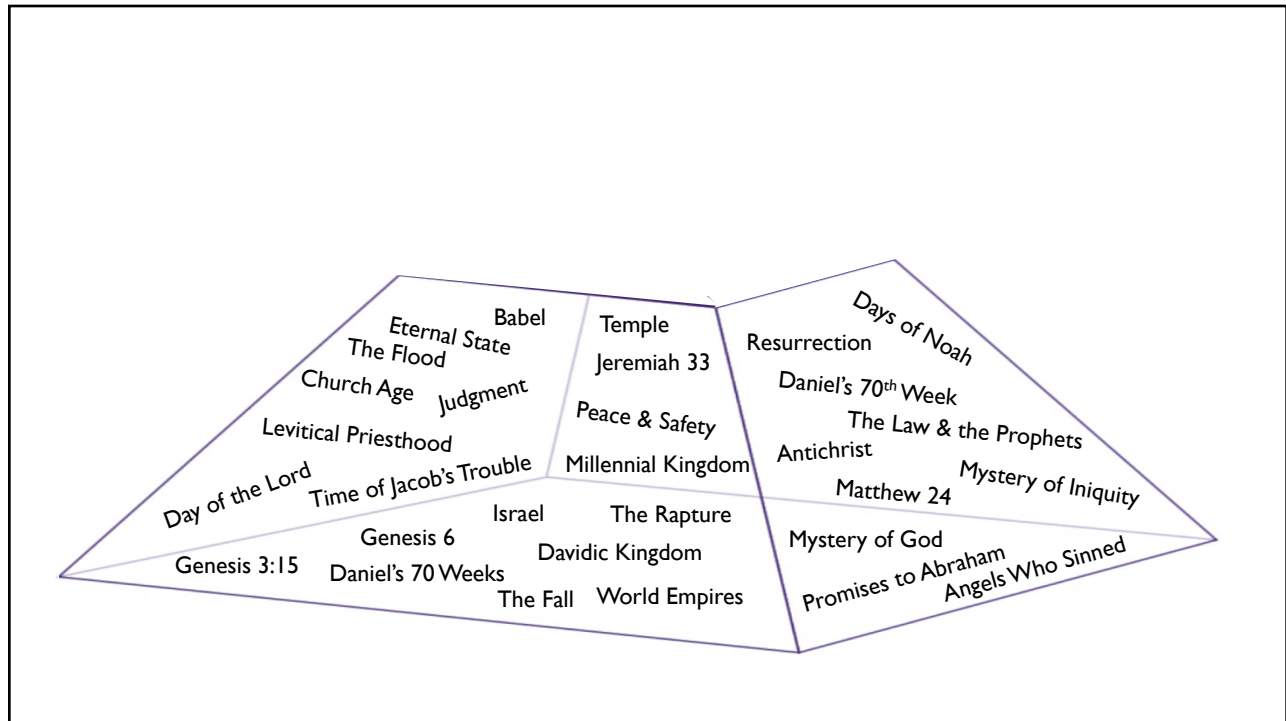
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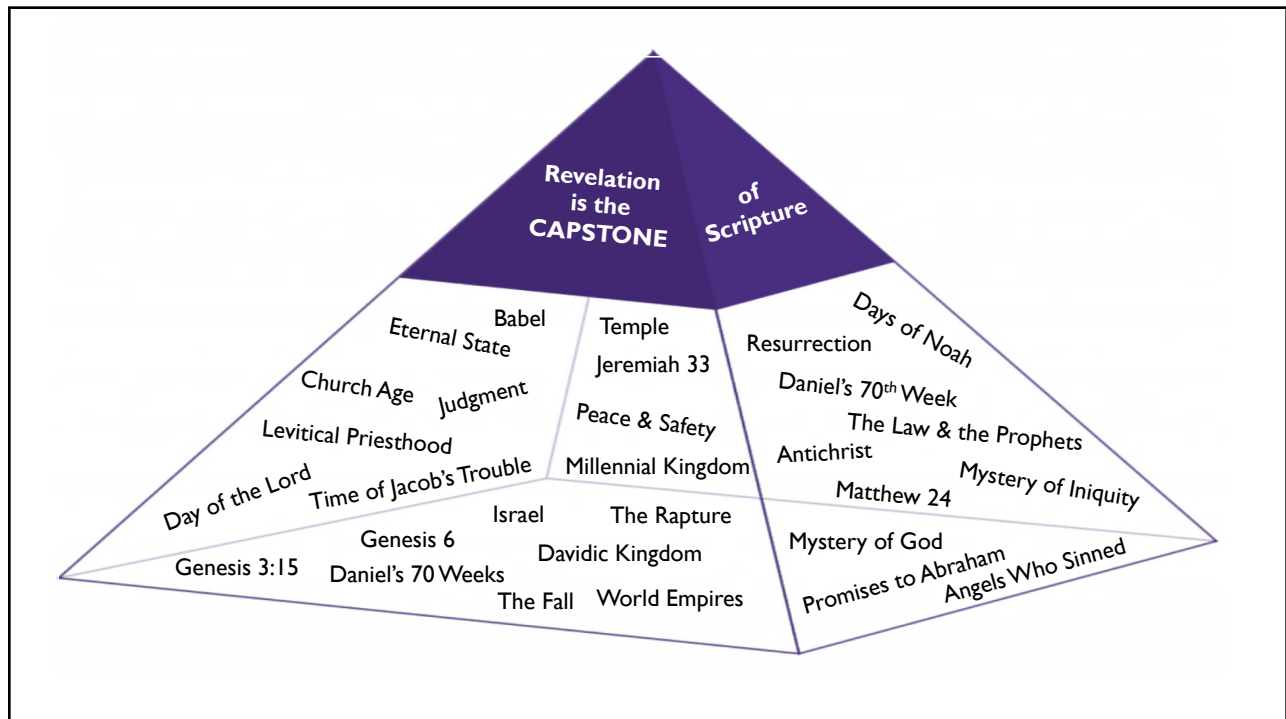
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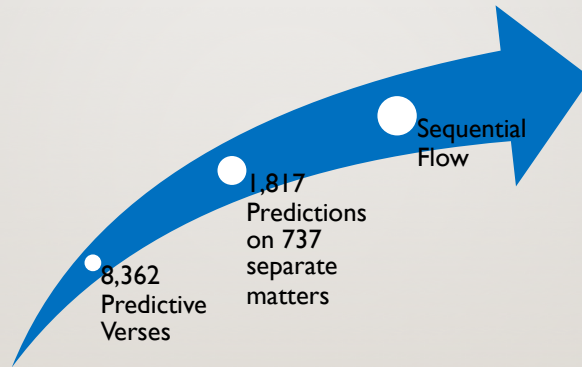
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REVELATION IS THE CAPSTONE OF THE BIBLE

FROM CREATION TO REDEMPTION TO CONSUMMATION



Tell Me the Story of Jesus...

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LESSON TWO

AN OVERVIEW OF

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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THE OUTLINE

“Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.

~ Revelation 1:19



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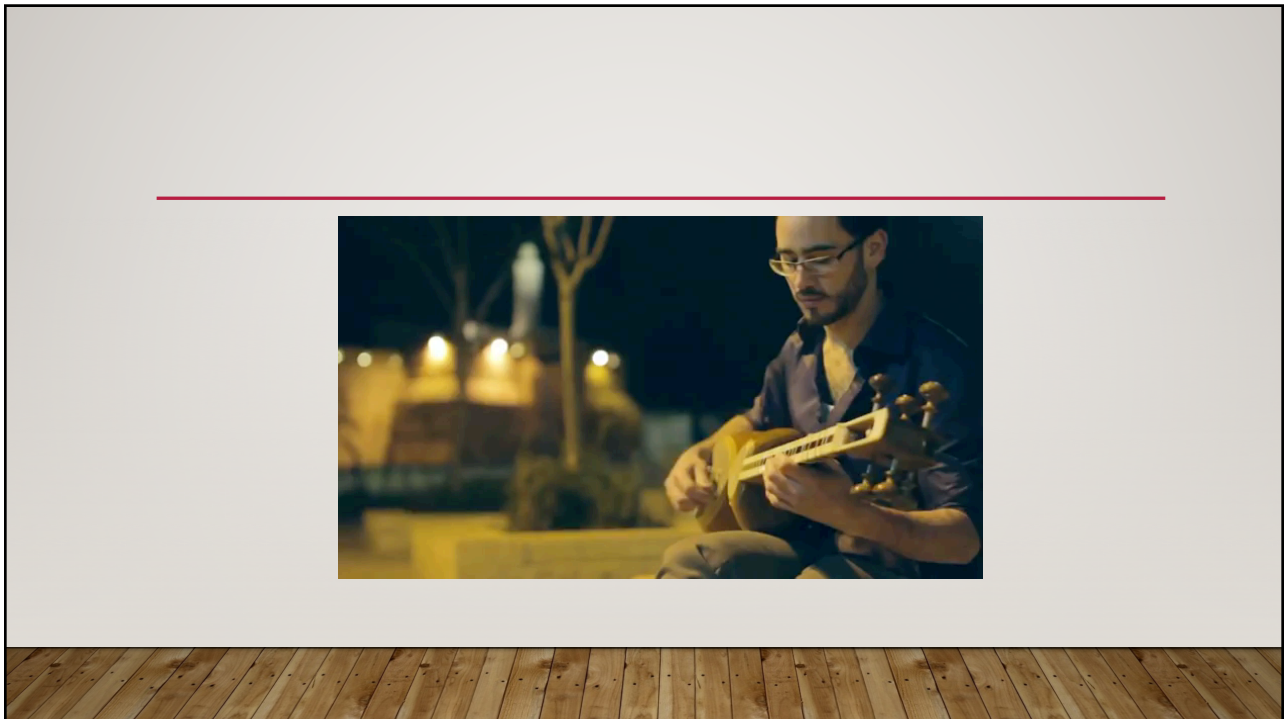
UNDERSTANDING THE FLOW OF REVELATION (REV. 1:19)

- I. The Things which You have Seen (Ch. I).
- II. The Things which Are (Chs. 2-3).
- III. The Things which Will Take Place After These Things (Chs. 6-22).

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