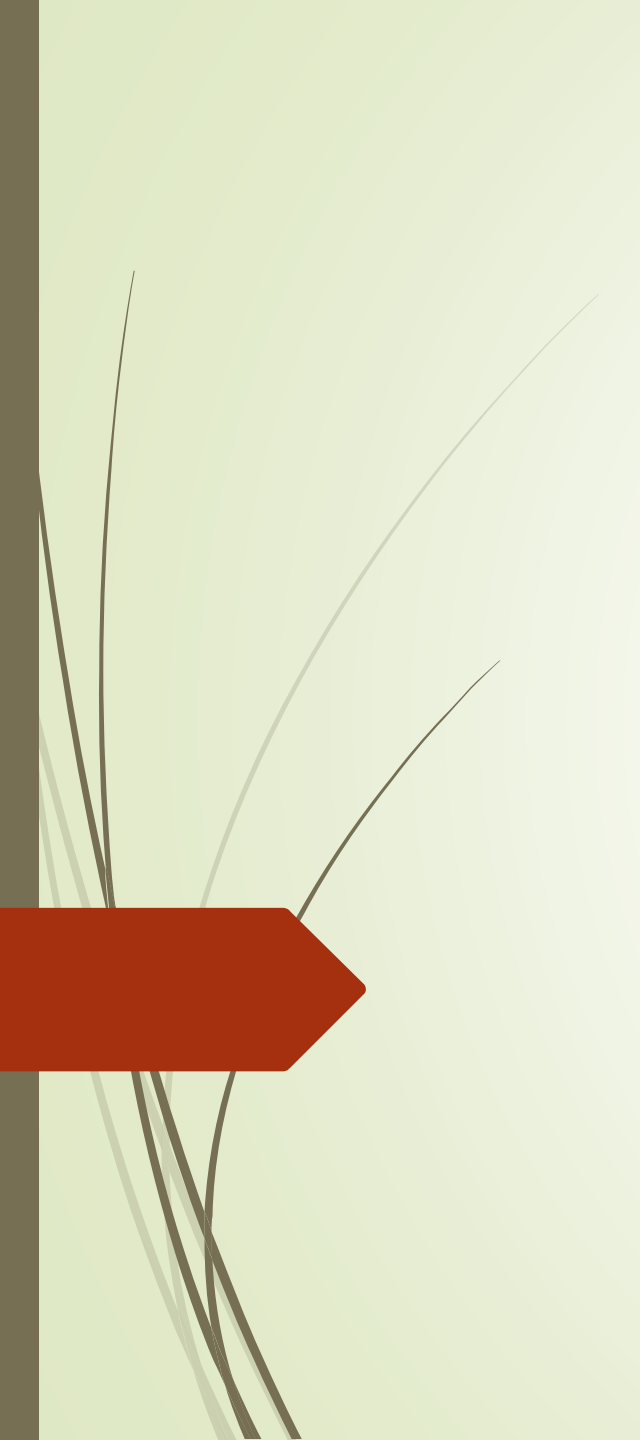


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If the church is to recover its God-given identity and role in the world, it needs to be intentional about recovering the biblical story and its images.

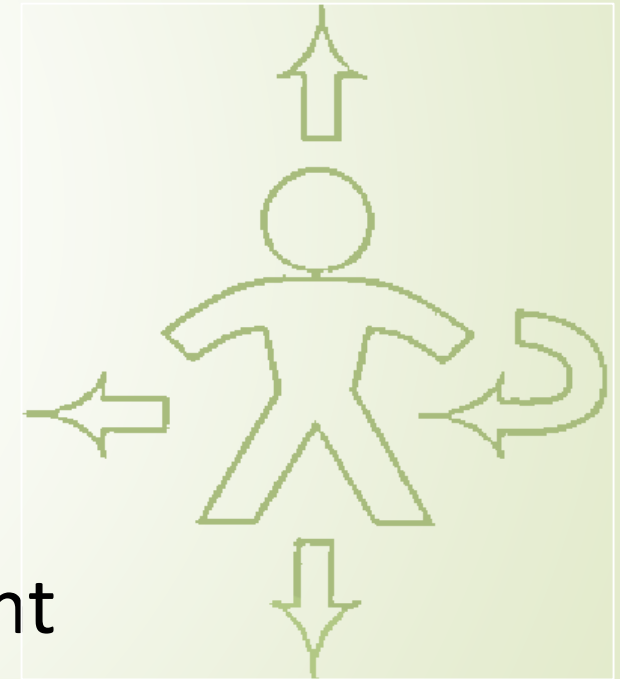
Michael W. Goheen, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2011), 6.

# RELATIONSHIPS DEFINING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE IMAGE OF GOD

God and Humans

Humans and other Humans

Humanity and their Environment

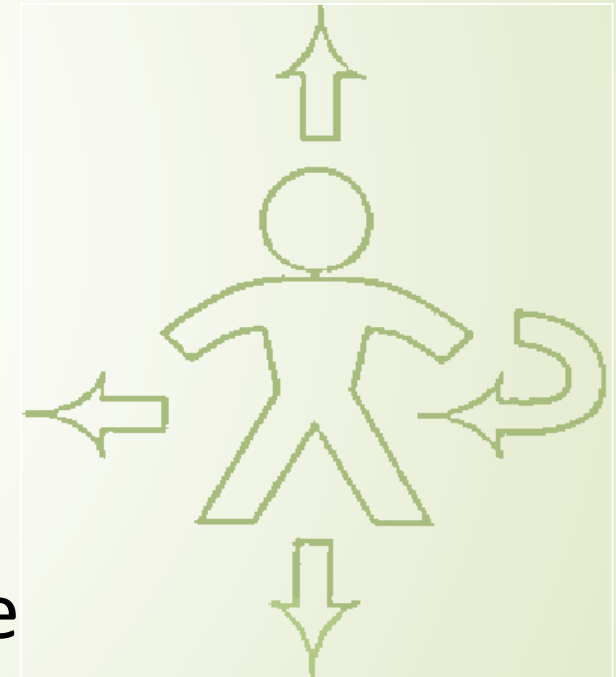


# FUNCTIONS DEFINING WHAT IT MEANS TO BE THE IMAGE OF GOD

Dominion/Rule/Subdue

Filling/Multiplying/Fruitful

Stewardship – To Work, To Care

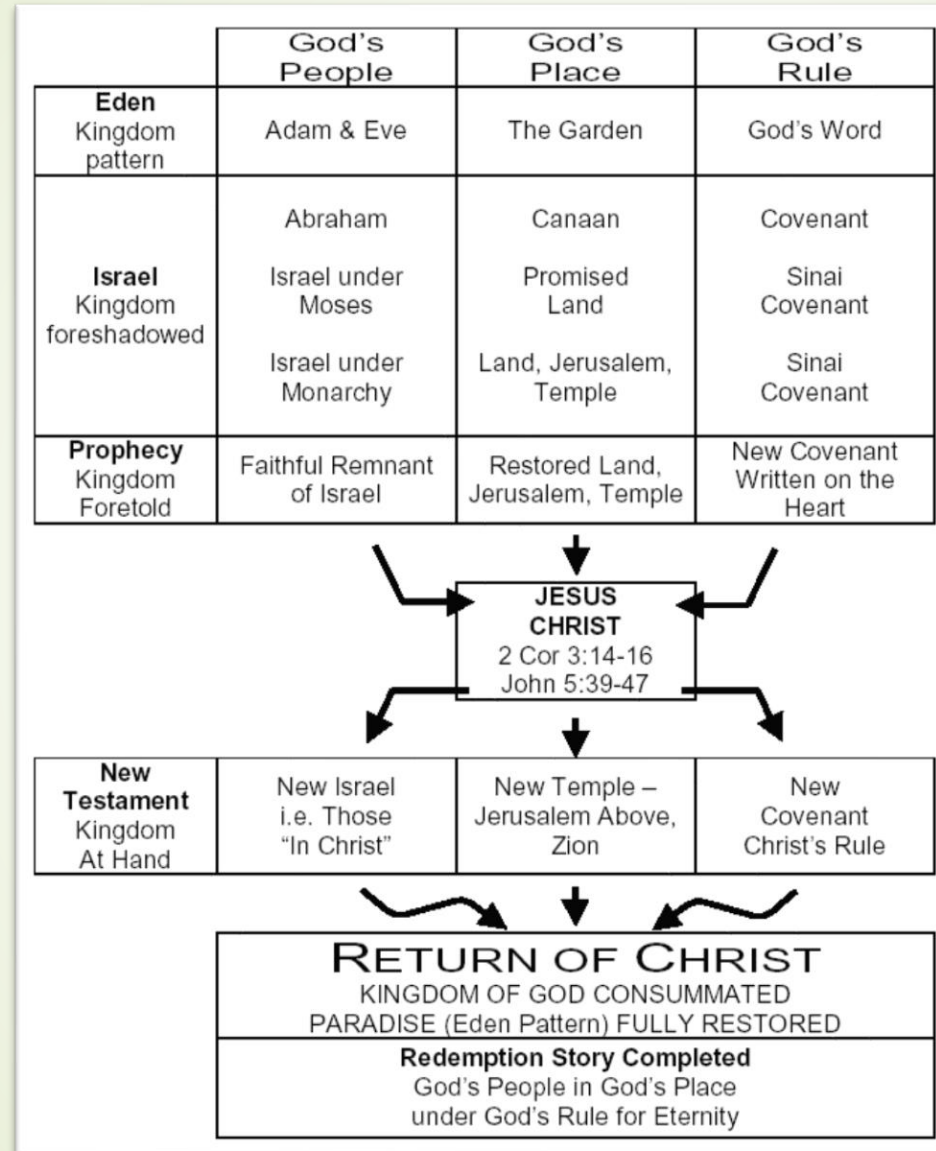


# SHALOM

The webbing together of God, humans, and all creation in justice, fulfilment, and delight is what the Hebrew prophets call *shalom*. We call it peace, but it means far more than mere peace of mind or a cease-fire between enemies. In the Bible, shalom means universal flourishing, wholeness, and delight... Shalom, in other words, is the way things ought to be.

Cornelius Plantinga Jr., *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995), 10.

# VANDALISM OF SHALOM



From Graeme Goldworthy, *Gospel and Kingdom: A Christian Interpretation of the Old Testament* (Australia: Lancer, 1981) 100.



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SHALOM

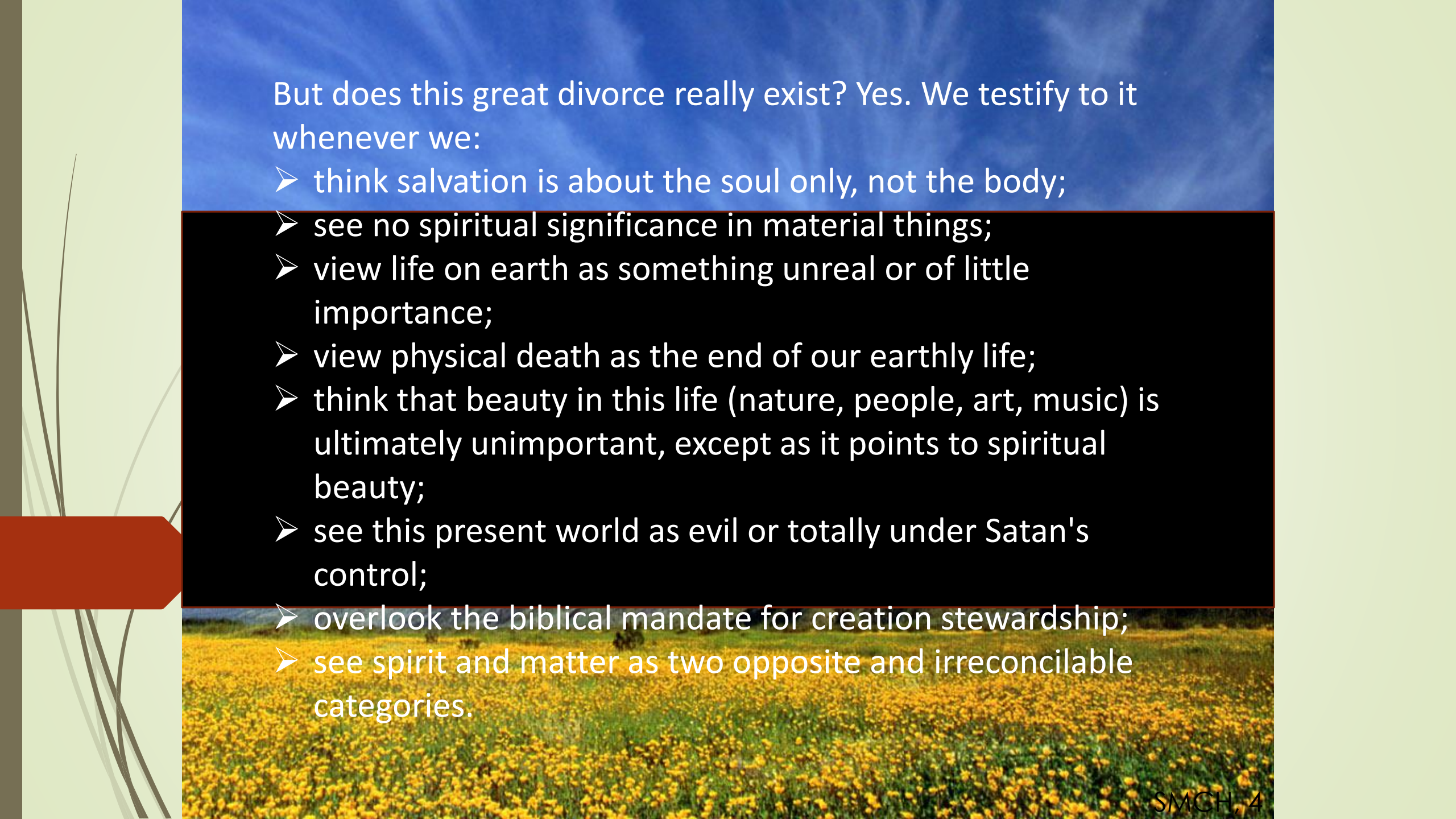
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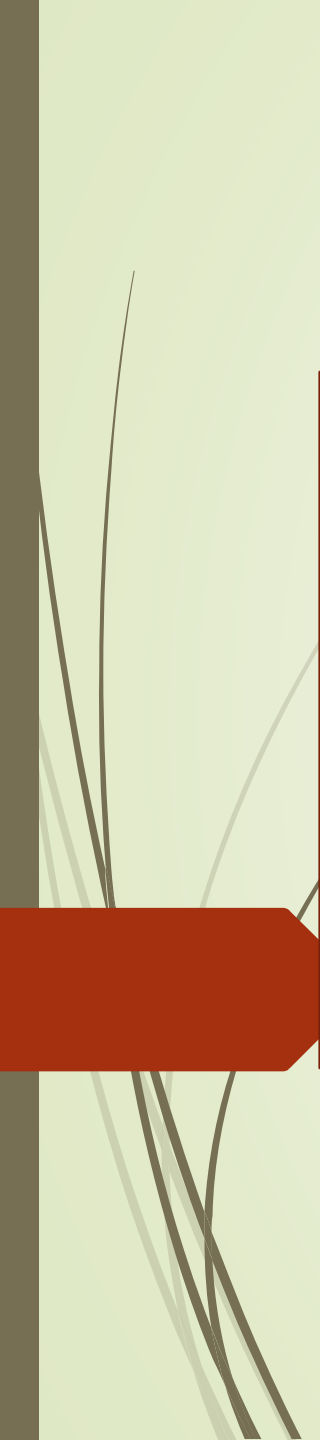
# DIVORCE



But does this great divorce really exist? Yes. We testify to it whenever we:

- think salvation is about the soul only, not the body;
- see no spiritual significance in material things;
- view life on earth as something unreal or of little importance;
- view physical death as the end of our earthly life;
- think that beauty in this life (nature, people, art, music) is ultimately unimportant, except as it points to spiritual beauty;
- see this present world as evil or totally under Satan's control;
- overlook the biblical mandate for creation stewardship;
- see spirit and matter as two opposite and irreconcilable categories.

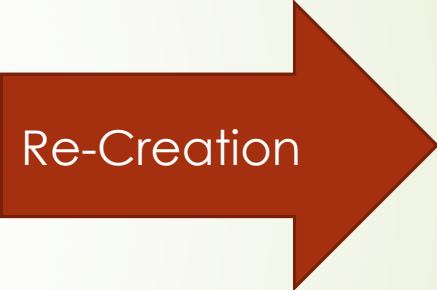
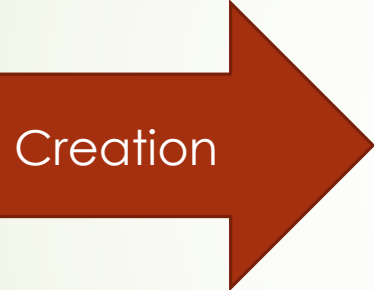




.... Heaven and earth are made for  
each other. They are twin  
interlocking spheres of God's  
single reality.



N. T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*. 250-1.



*Genesis 12:1-3 (TNIV) - The Call of Abram*

**12**    *The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land **I will** show you.*

*<sup>2</sup>“**I will** make you into a great nation,  
and **I will** bless you;*

***I will** make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.*

*<sup>3</sup>**I will** bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you **I will** curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.”*

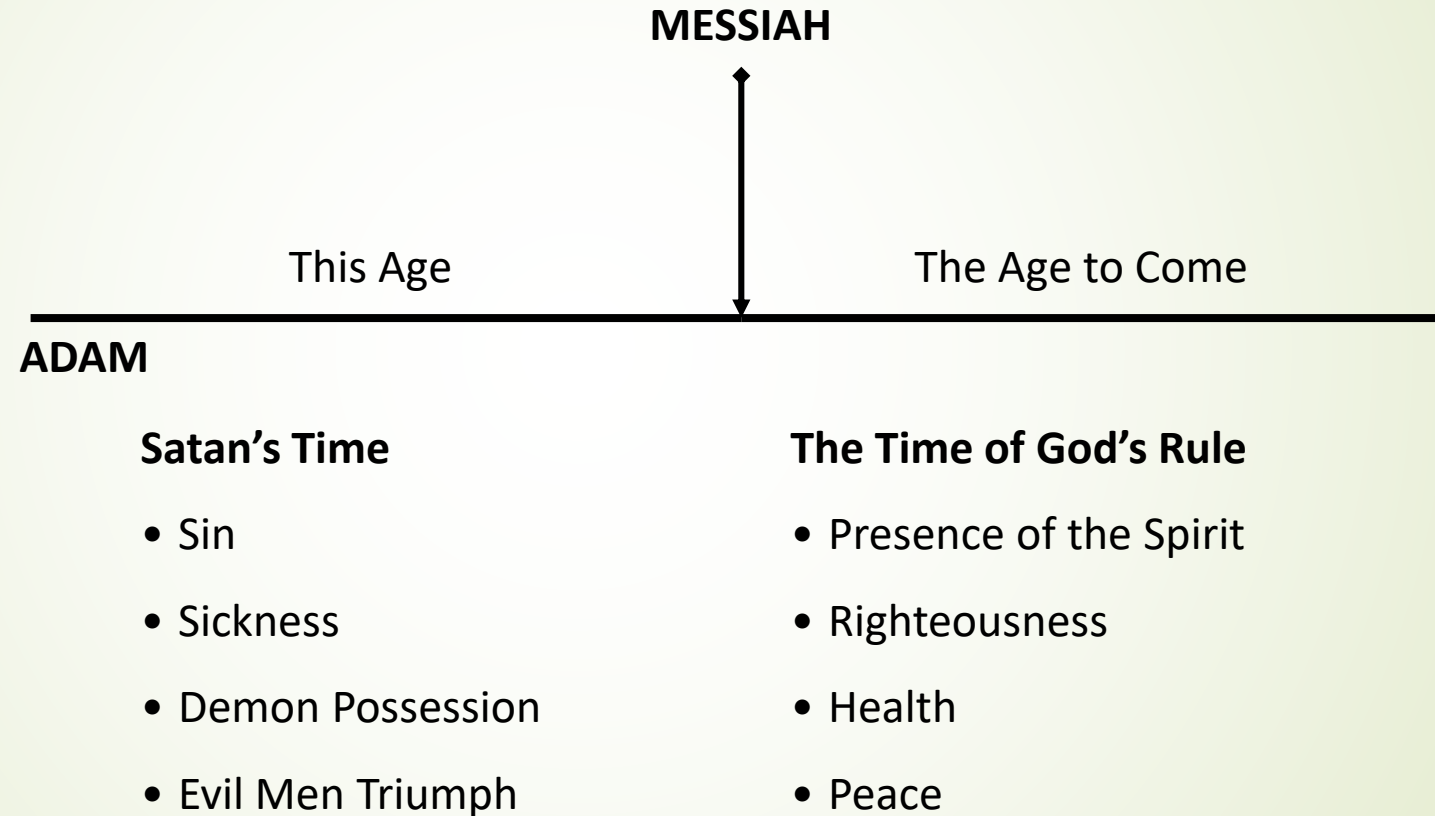
## Galatians 3:7-29 (Selected verses, TNIV)

<sup>7</sup>Understand, then, that **those who have faith are children of Abraham.** <sup>8</sup>Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” <sup>9</sup>So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

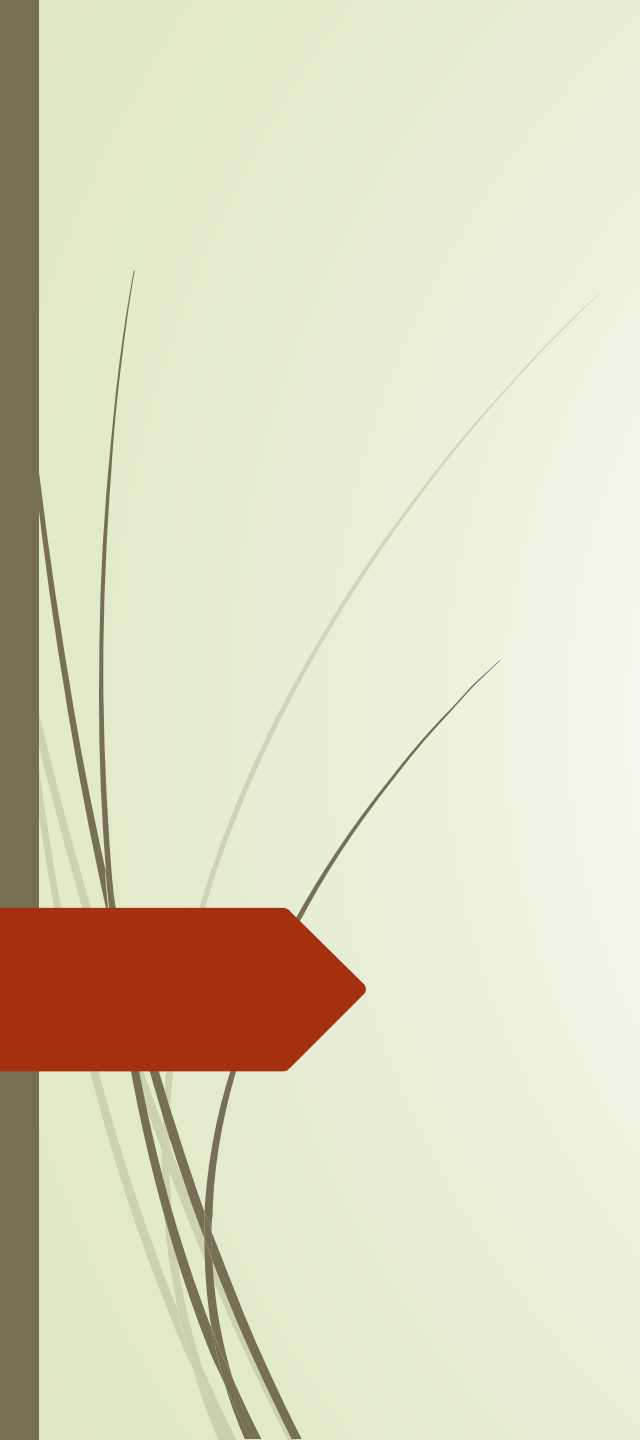
<sup>14</sup>**He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus,** so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>**If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

# The Jewish Kingdom Hope

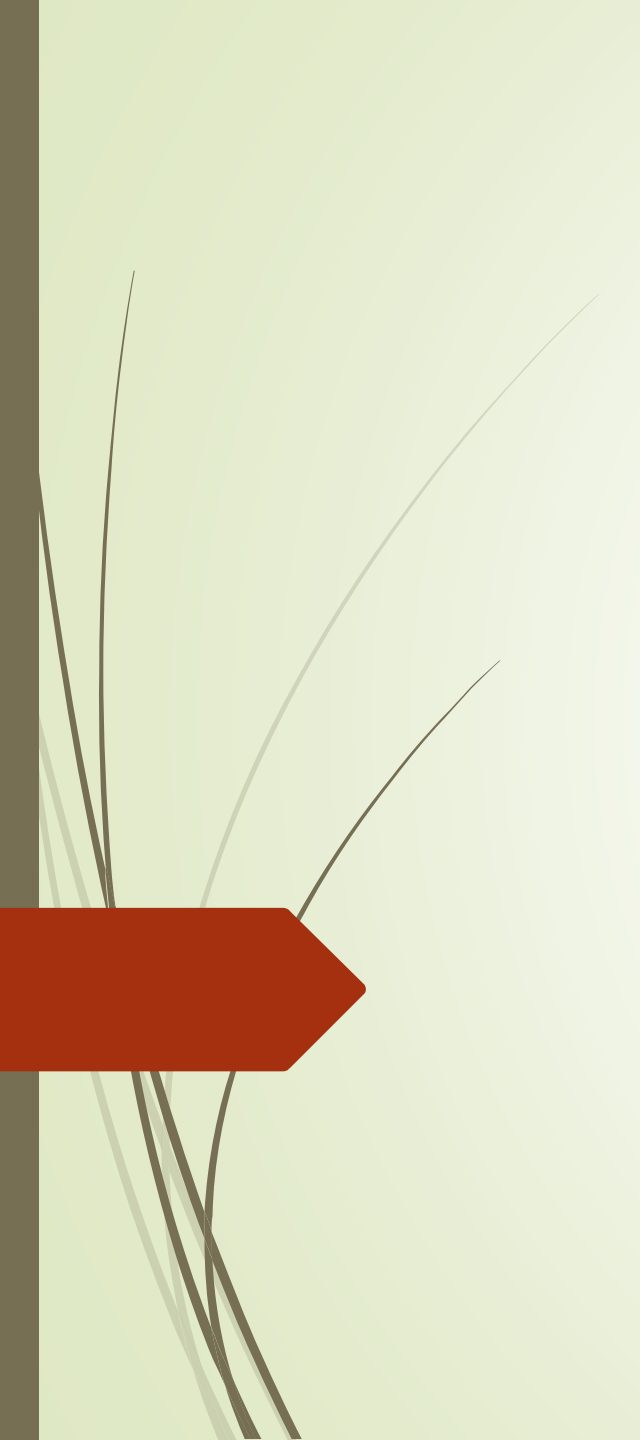






Isaiah 52:7 (TNIV)

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news  
who proclaim peace, **SHALOM**  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion, “Your God reigns.”



“After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”” (i.e. the gospel)

Mark 1:14–15, NIV)

## Words of Restoration

Jesus - Matt 19:28

Truly I tell you, at the **RENEWAL** of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne...

Peter - Acts 3:21

Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to **RESTORE** everything as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Paul - Romans 8:21

... the creation itself will be **LIBERATED** from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.



For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making  
peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossian 1:19-20



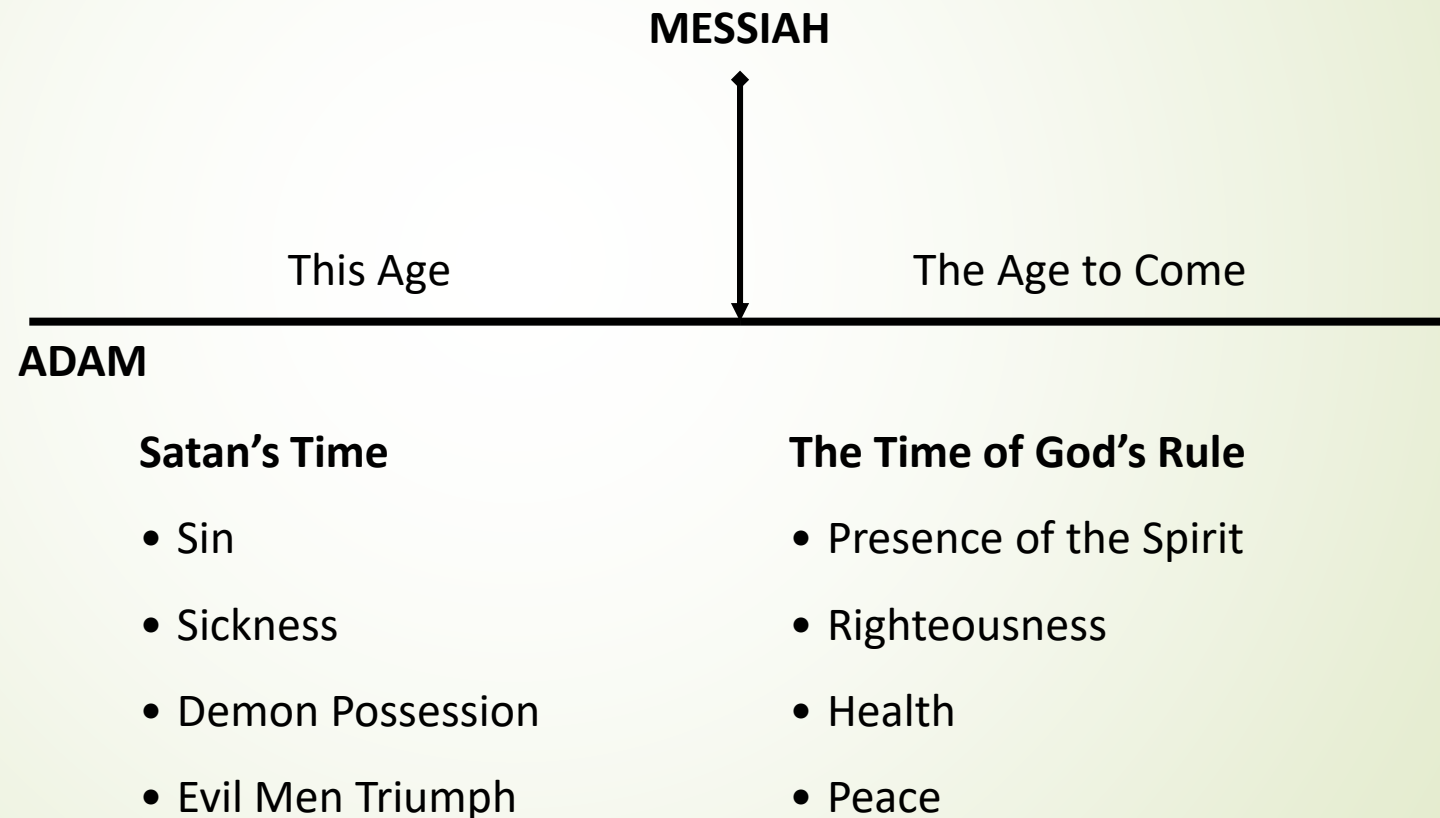
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

John 5:24 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> “Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has *eternal life* and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to *life*.

# The Jewish Kingdom Hope



**ADAM**

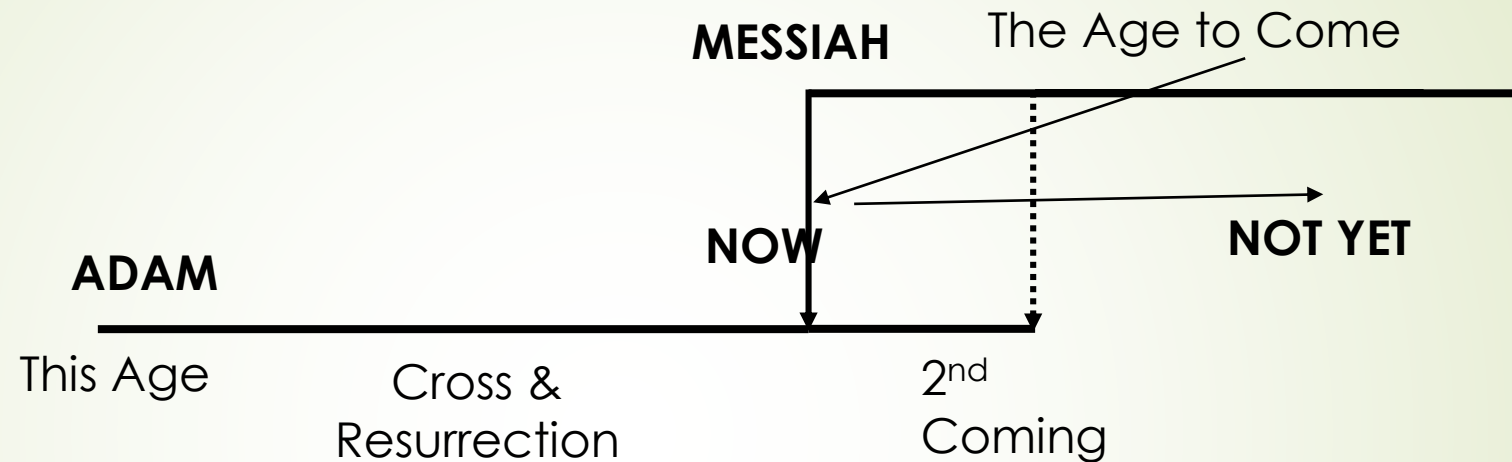
This Age

**MESSIAH**

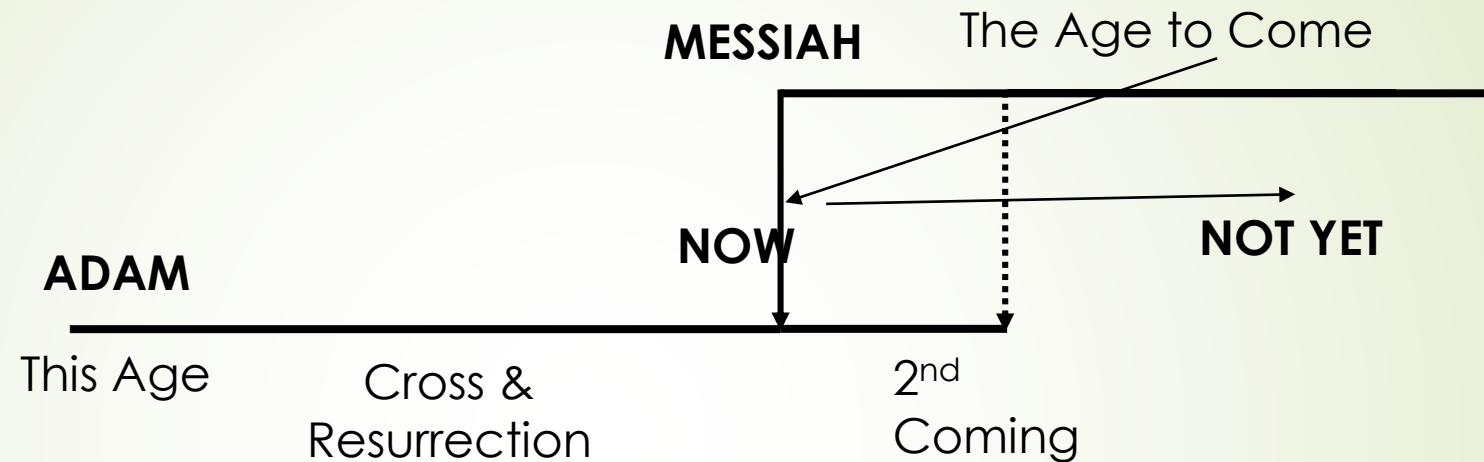
The Age to Come







**Eph 1:13-14** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the *pledge* of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.



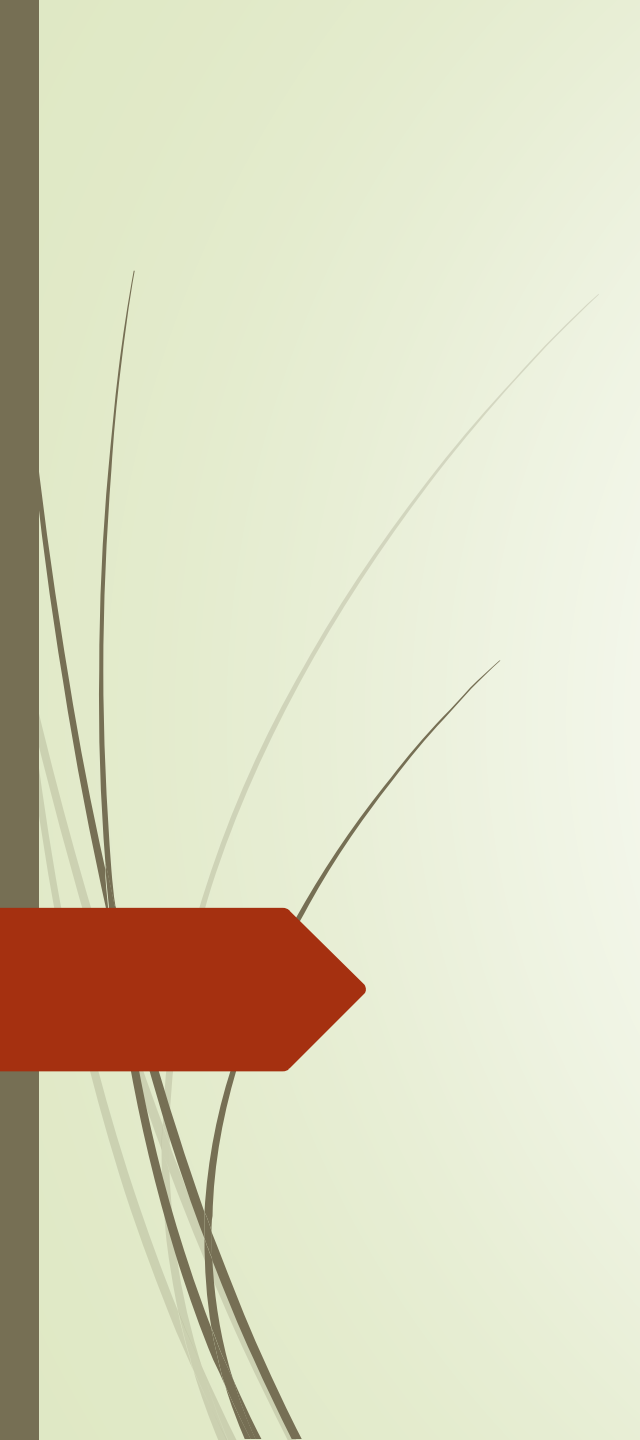
**Heb 6:5 ... and have tasted the goodness of the word of God  
and the powers of the age to come**

**Your kingdom come  
Your will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven**

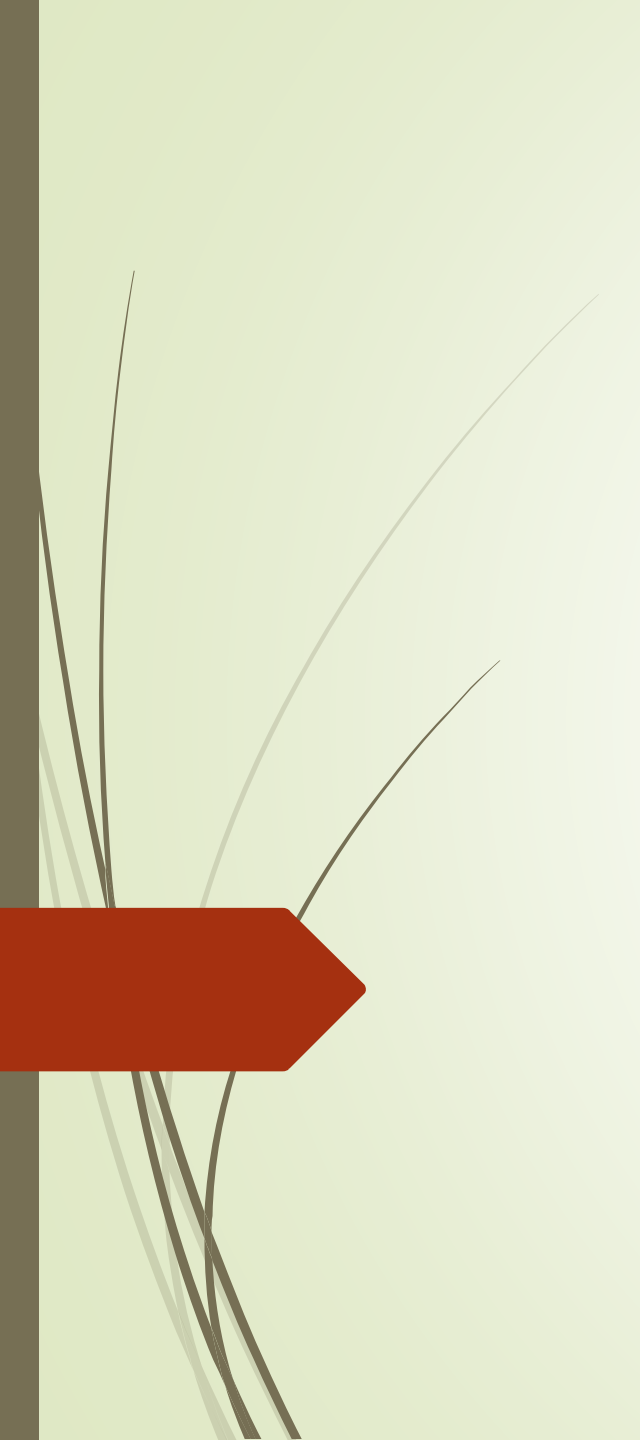
1 John 2:8 (NIV)

Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.



“Jesus’ victory inaugurates the new creation now, in the Spirit’s power... Thus we wait for – but also live in – the new creation in expectant hope the ‘the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay...”

Snyder, SMCH, 99



## Revelation 21:3-5a (TNIV)

<sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”





John 15:1, jEgwv eijmi hJ a[mpelo" hJ  
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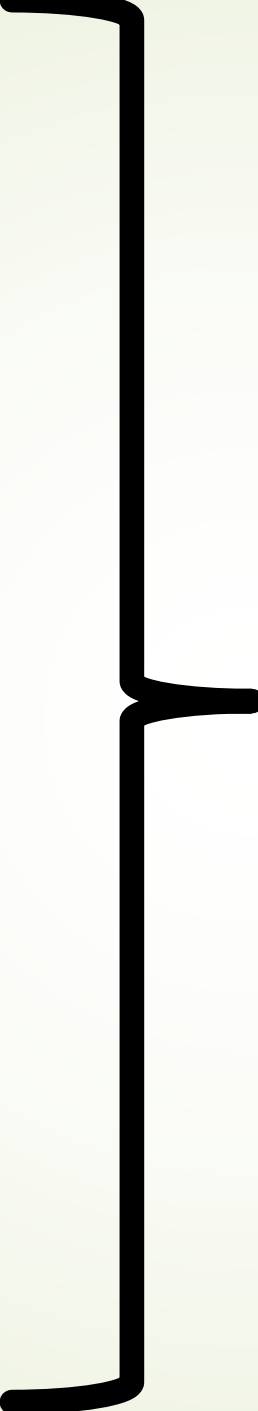


John 8:12, ejgwv eijmi to; fw`" tou` kovsmou  
Lit - "I am the light of the world"






John 11:25, ejgw eijmi hJ ajnavstasi~ kai; zw hv  
Lit - “I am the resurrection and the life”



Adam  
Seed of Abraham  
Exodus  
Moses  
Law  
Manna  
Sabbath  
Rest  
Sacrifice  
Feasts  
Tabernacle/Temple,  
Prophet  
Priest  
King  
Son of God  
Fulfiller of covenant  
Promise  
Vineyard/Vine  
Water  
Light of the world  
Shepherd  
Israel as a nation (People of God)  
LAND  
RESURRECTION

Jesus

Church



Revelation 5:9–10 (NIV)

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slain,  
and with your blood you purchased for God  
persons from every tribe and language and  
people and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and  
priests to serve our God, and they will reign  
on the earth.”



### Premillennialism

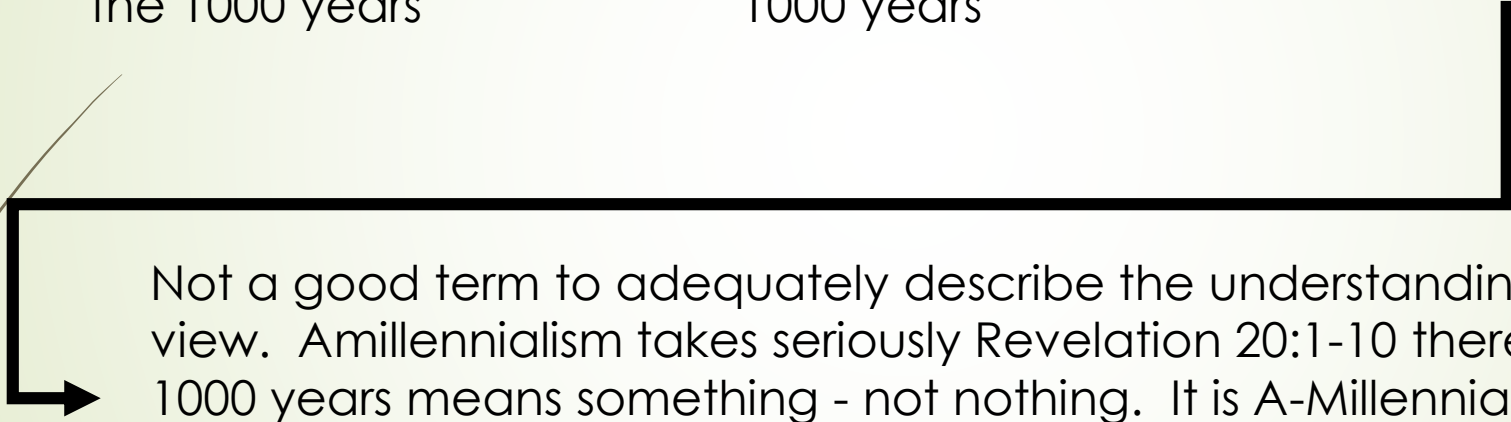
Christ returns  
prior to (Pre)  
the 1000 years

### Postmillennialism

Christ returns  
after (Post) the  
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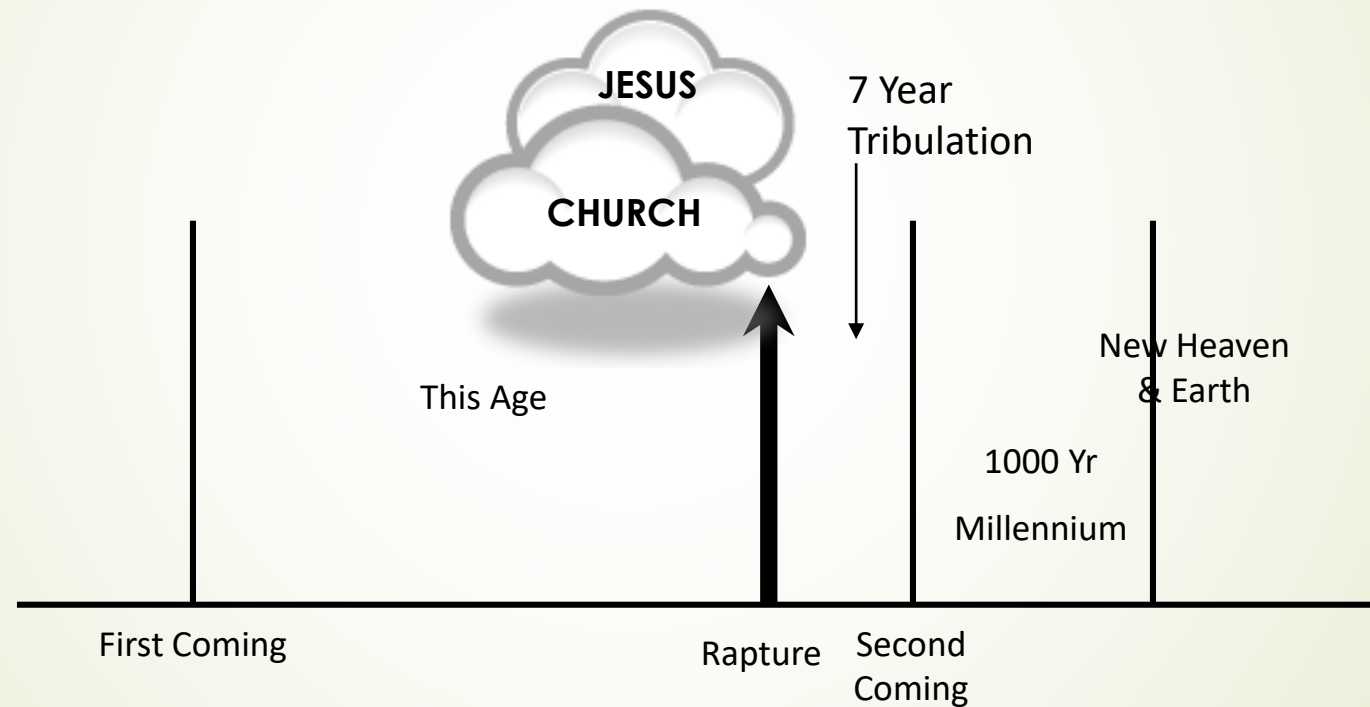
### Amillennialism

Lit: No (A)  
Millennium



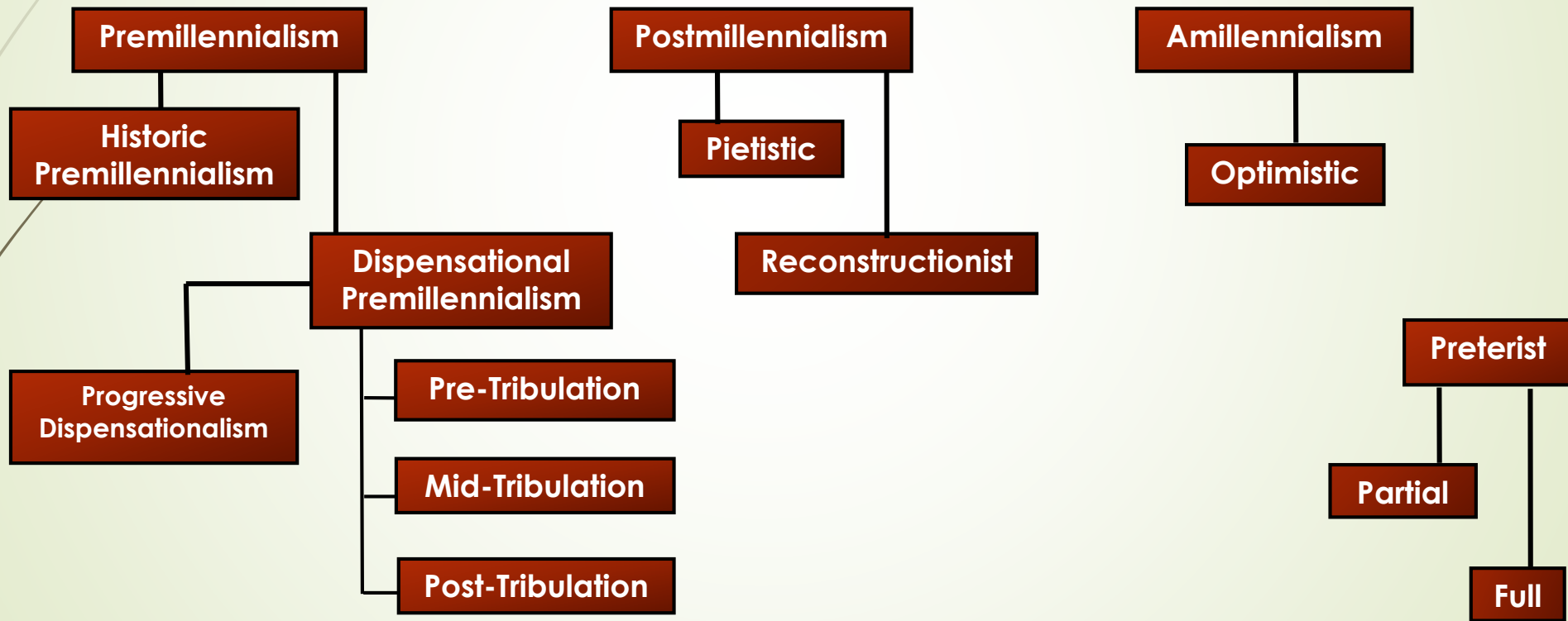
Not a good term to adequately describe the understanding of this view. Amillennialism takes seriously Revelation 20:1-10 therefore the 1000 years means something - not nothing. It is A-Millennial in that it rejects the nature of the millennium as understood by premillennialism and that of postmillennialism.

# DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM

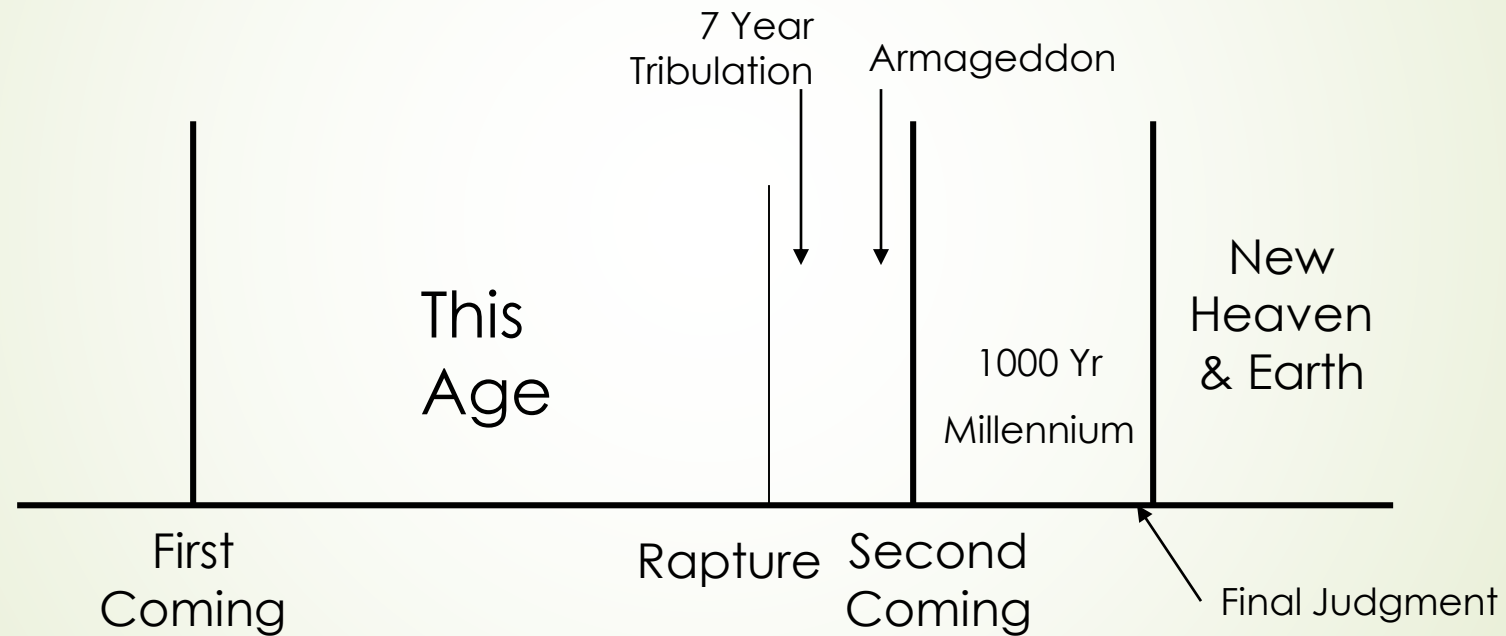


# Eschatology

## The Different Views



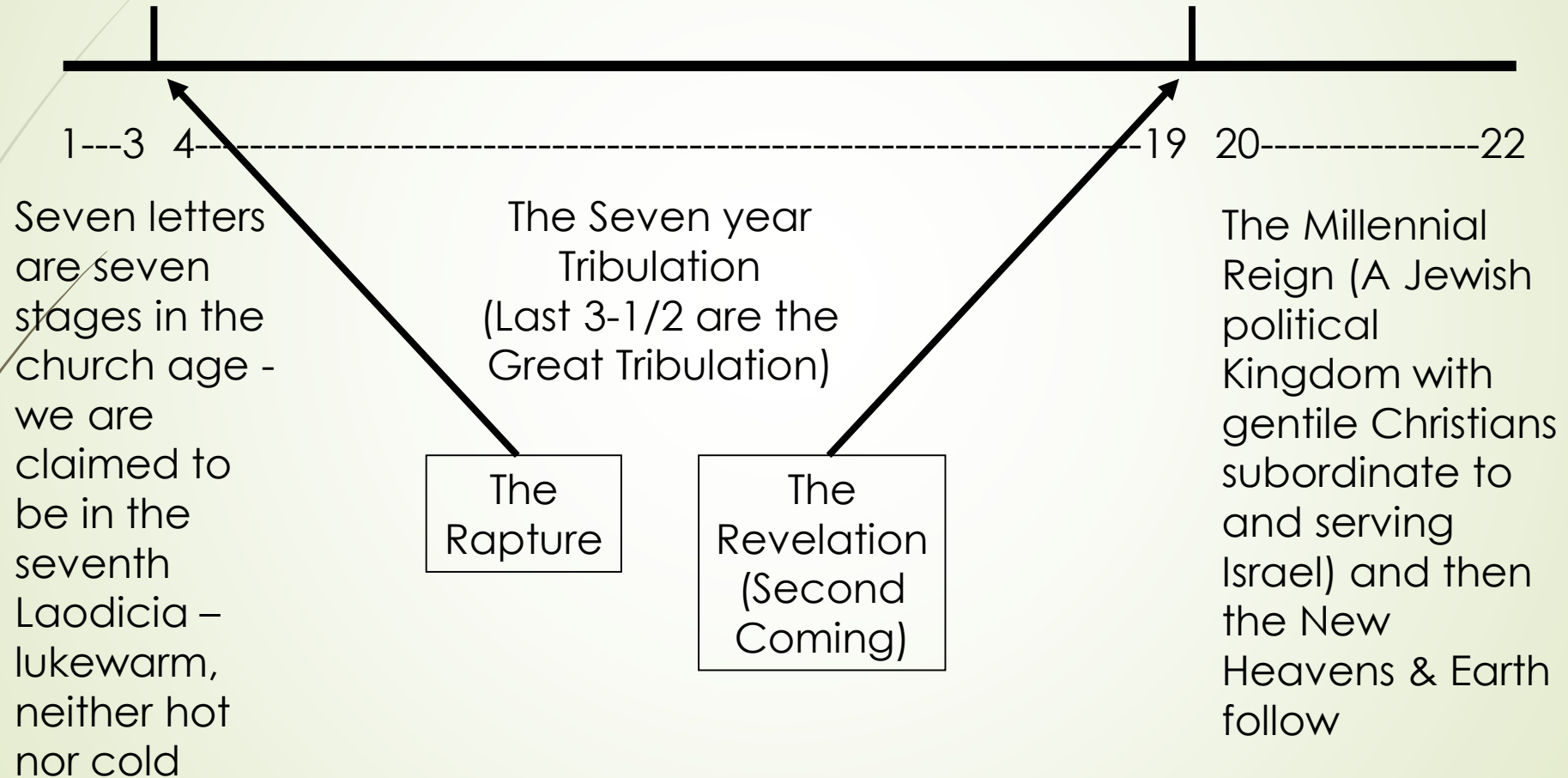
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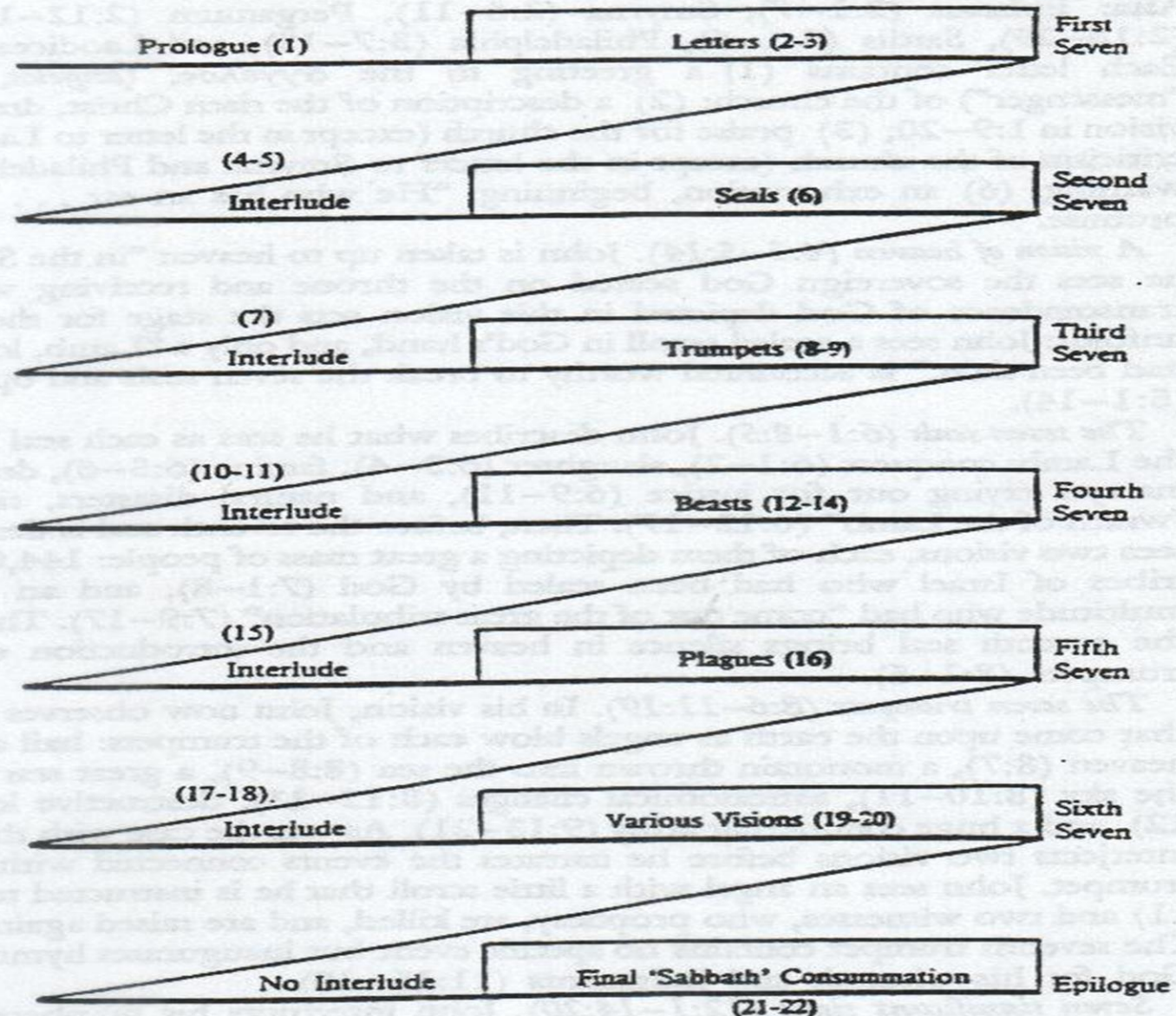
# The Book of Revelation

## Dispensational View



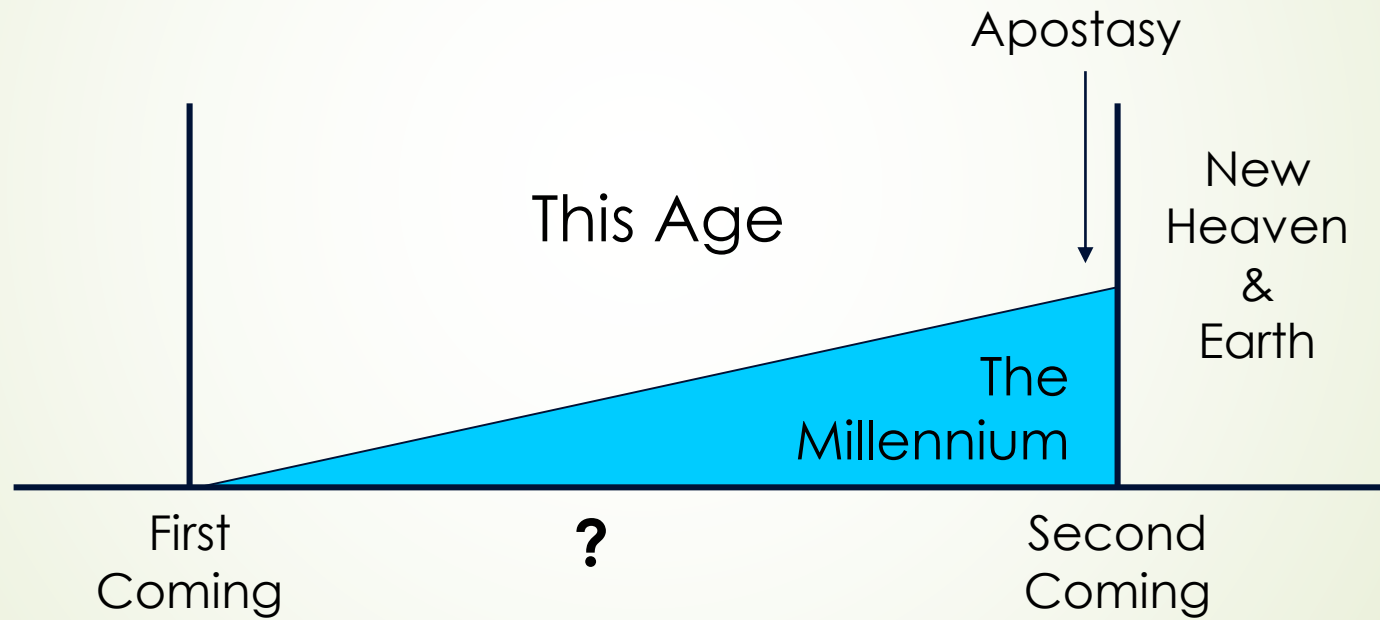
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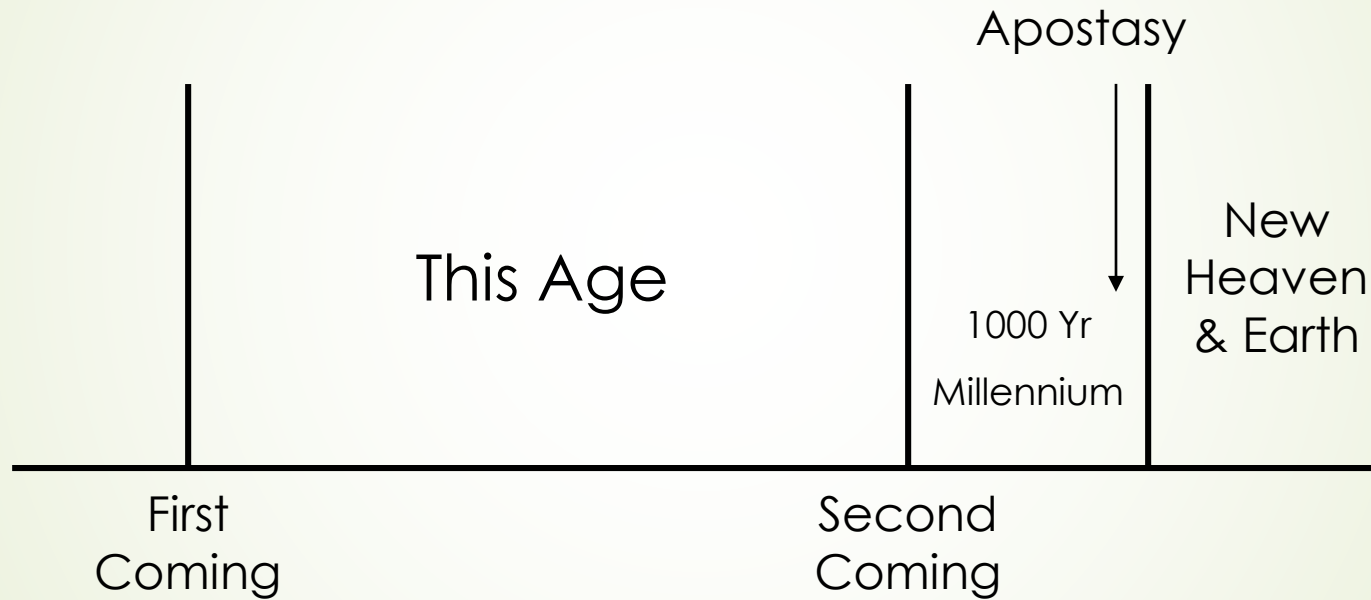


Graeme Goldsworthy, *The Gospel in Revelation* (Exeter England: Paternoster, 1984)

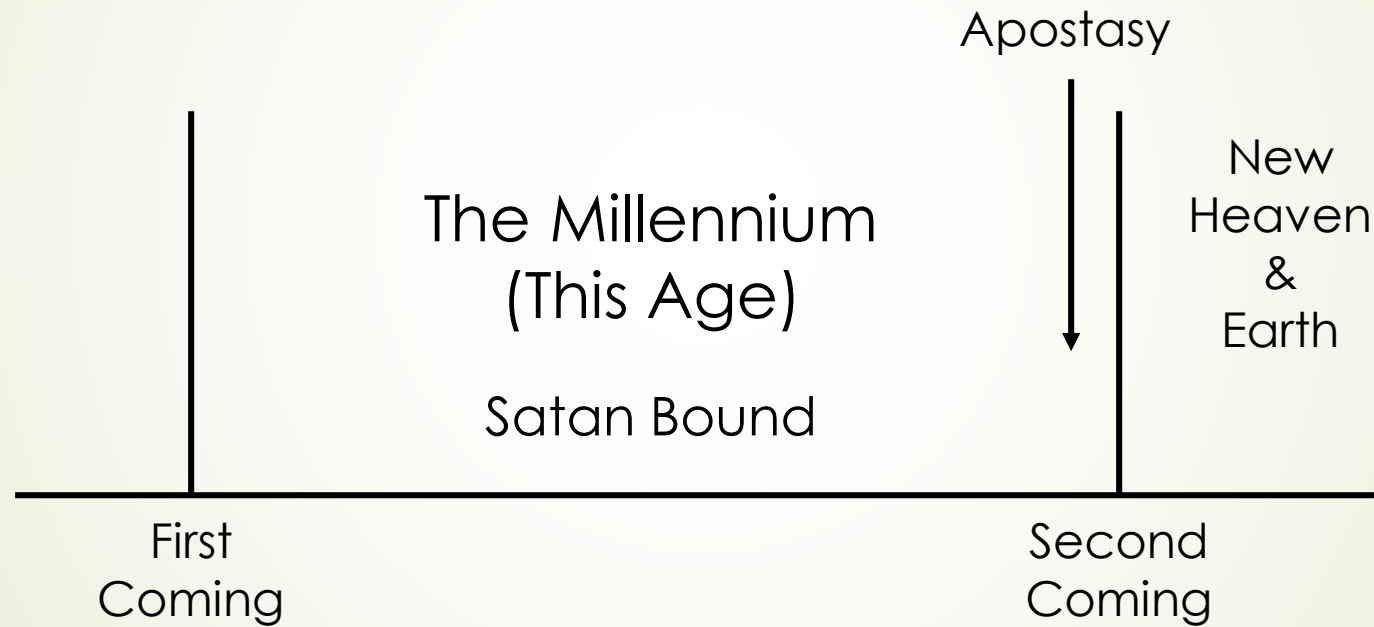
# POSTMILLENNIALISM



# HISTORIC PREMILLENNIALISM



# AMILLENNIALISM





## Revelation 12:7-11

- (1) heavenly scene (v 7)
- (2) angelic battle against Satan and his hosts (vv 7-8)
- (4) the angel's evil opponent called "the great dragon, the ancient serpent, the one called the devil and Satan, the one deceiving the whole inhabited earth." (v 9)
- (5) Satan's expression of "great wrath because he knows he has little time" (v 12b)
- (6) Satan's fall, resulting in the kingdom of Christ (v10) and his saints (v 11; note the "conquering" theme)
- (7) the saints' kingship based not only on the fall of Satan and Christ's victory but also on the saints' faithfulness even to death in holding to "the word of their testimony" (v 11)

## Revelation 20:1-6

- (1) heavenly scene (v 1)
- (2) Presupposed angelic battle with Satan (v 2)
- (4) the angel's evil opponent called "the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan," restrained from "deceiving the nations any longer" (vv 2-3), to be loosed later to deceive the nations throughout the earth (vv 3, 7-8)
- (5) Satan to be "released for a short time" after his imprisonment (v3)
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Man of lawlessness (by the activity of Satan v.9) is restrained vv.6-7

Restraint lifted vv.7-8

Rebellion v.3

Ability to deceive v.11

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Satan bound vv. 2-3

Loosed v.7

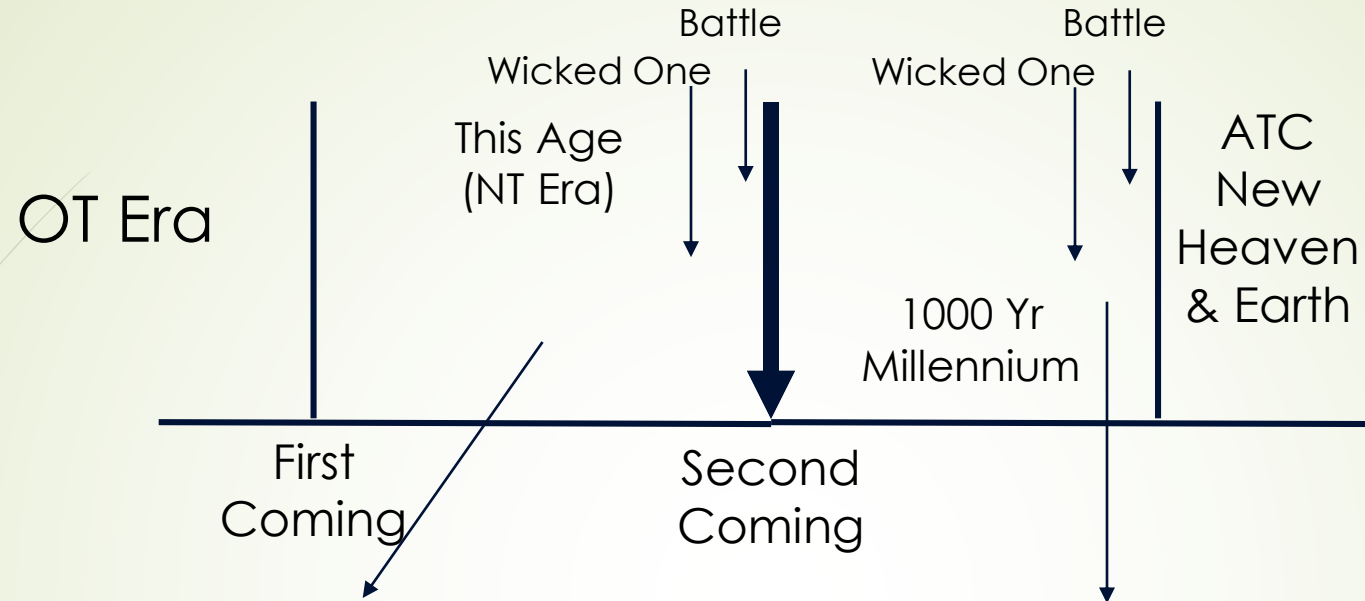
Rebellion v.8

Ability to deceive v.8 (cf. v.3)

Destroyed v.8, Contextually at Christ's coming



## HISTORIC & DISPENSATIONAL PREMILLENNIALISM



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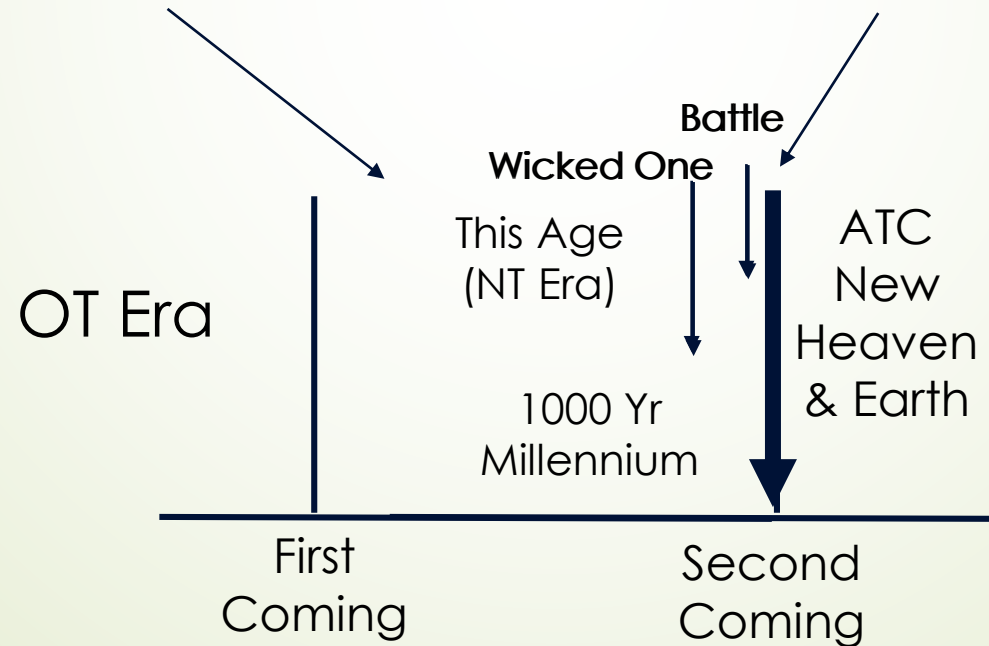
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Dotted  
Line

The NOW carries into  
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**MESSIAH**

The Age to Come

**NOW**

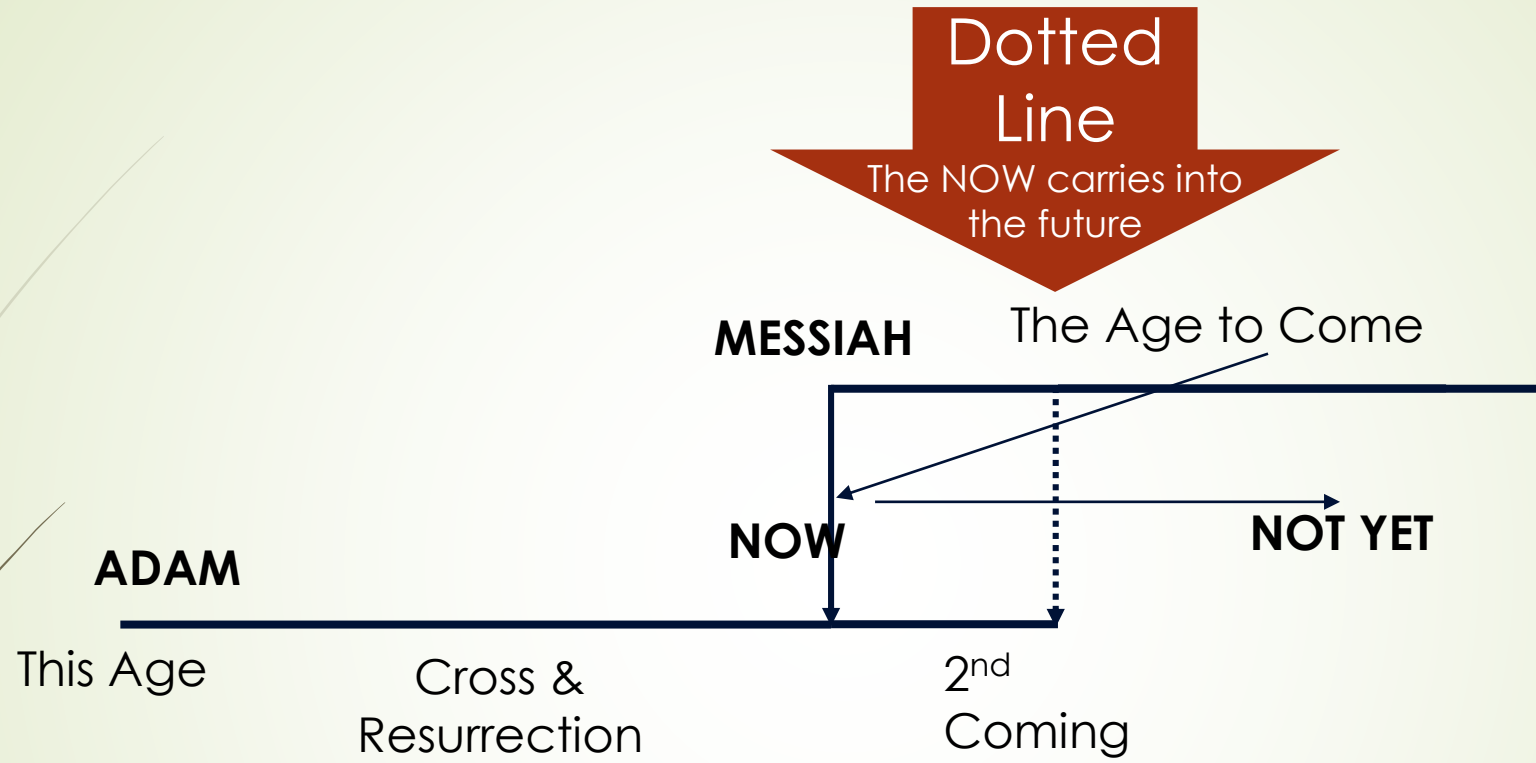
**NOT YET**

**ADAM**

This Age

Cross &  
Resurrection

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Coming



Despite this, dispensationalists in positions of the US government deny the biblical eschatological significance of the earth except that the earth's environmental catastrophes are to be expected and even welcomed as sign of the coming rapture and therefore they are opposed to environmental care. Scherer, "Godly Must Be Crazy," No pages. "U.S. legislators backed by the Christian right vote against these issues [abortion, same-sex marriage, and stem-cell research] with near-perfect consistency. That probably doesn't surprise you, but this might: Those same legislators are equally united and unswerving in their opposition to environmental protection . . . Many Christian fundamentalists feel that concern for the future of our planet is irrelevant, because it has no future . . . They may also believe, along with millions of other Christian fundamentalists, that environmental destruction is not only to be disregarded but actually welcomed—even hastened—as a sign of the coming Apocalypse . . . We are not talking about a handful of fringe lawmakers who hold or are beholden to these beliefs . . . These politicians include some of the most powerful figures in the U.S. government, as well as key environmental decision makers . . . Because of its power as a voting bloc, the Christian right has the ear, if not the souls, of much of the nation's leadership. Some of those leaders are End-Time believers themselves. Others are not. Either way, their votes are heavily swayed by an electoral base that accepts the Bible as literal truth and eagerly awaits the looming Apocalypse. And that, in turn, is sobering news for those who hope for the protection of the earth, not its destruction . . . The social and environmental crises of our times, dispensationalists say, are portents of the Rapture, when born-again Christians, living and dead, will be taken up into heaven . . . Natural-resource depletion and overpopulation, then, are not concerns for End-Timers—and nor are other ecological catastrophes, which are viewed by dispensationalists as presaging the Great Tribulation . . . A plethora of End-Time preachers, tracts, films, and websites hawk environmental cataclysm as Good News—a harbinger of the imminent Second Coming."

