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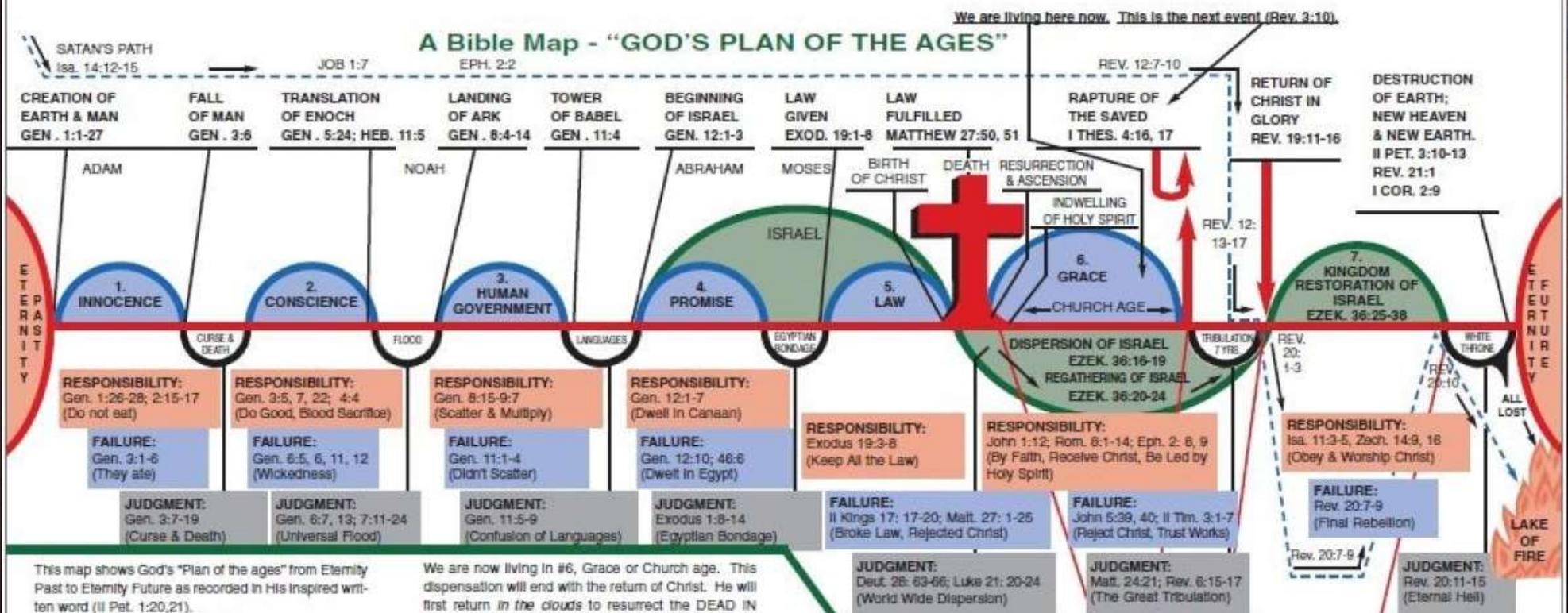


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A Critical Review of
Premillennialism

THE RAPTURE DOCTRINE

A Bible Map - "GOD'S PLAN OF THE AGES"



This map shows God's "Plan of the ages" from Eternity Past to Eternity Future as recorded in His inspired written word (II Pet. 1:20,21).

There are 7 dispensations in the outworking of God's overall eternal purpose (Eph. 1:9, 10). In each man is given a specific test or responsibility; each ends in failure and this brings judgment. The overall revelation of the dispensational tests show that man is utterly *sinful and lost* (Rom. 3:10, 23).

Salvation in every dispensation is by the GRACE OF GOD (un-deserved, un-earned gift) and is received BY FAITH. Some examples are Abel, Heb. 11:4; Enoch, 5-6; Noah, 7; Abraham, 8-19; Moses, 23-29. See also Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 6:23.

We are now living in #6, Grace or Church age. This dispensation will end with the return of Christ. He will first return *in the clouds* to resurrect the DEAD IN CHRIST, to change the LIVING IN CHRIST and RAPTURE or receive them up together to Himself (John 14:1-3; I Thes. 4:16, 17). This event MAY BE SOON - notice the regathering of Israel - SUDDEN (I Cor. 15:52), and a SEPARATION of the saved (born-again, in Christ; John 3:6, 7; Rom. 8:1, 9) from the *unsaved*. Those who hear the Gospel truth, are convicted by the Holy Spirit to trust Christ to be saved, but refuse and reject Christ to the Rapture will come under Antichrist delusion and eternal judgement. (II Thes. 2:10-12; Rev. 13:14-16; 14:9-11) After the Tribulation Christ will return to earth in His glory to bring His 1,000 year Kingdom (Matt. 24:29, 30; Rev. 19:11-20:6; Jude 14, 15).

The Tribulation will be God's wrath on this Christ rejecting world and men will beg the mountains to fall on them to hide them (Rev. 6:12-17). There will be wars and AT LEAST 1/2 THE WORLD'S POPULATION WILL BE KILLED (REV. 6:4, 8; 9:15-18)! Men will be scorched with fire, there will be great earthquakes and 100 pound hail. Cities will fall and every island and mountain will disappear, AFTER THE RAPTURE (REV. 3:10; 16:8, 9, 18-21).

The White Throne will be God's final judgment on all who have rejected His GRACE, BY FAITH salvation. They will be resurrected from all ages, judged, then cast into the Lake of Fire forever (Rev. 20:11-15).

NOW TWO QUESTIONS:
#1. If the Rapture comes today, will you be taken?
#2. Would you like to KNOW you will be with Christ?
IF SO, PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUIZ ON THE BACK...

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Total Hereditary Depravity

The Dispersion and Regathering of Israel

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Ezekiel 36:19, “I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed...”

Ezekiel 36 is FULFILLED!

THREE DEPORTATIONS (2 Kin. 24; 25)

- **605 BC (Daniel taken)**
- **597 BC (Ezekiel with 10,000 people)**
- **587 BC (after which the temple was burnt)**

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Ezekiel 36:24, “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.”

Ezekiel 36 is FULFILLED!

THREE RETURNS (Ezra; Nehemiah)

- **536 BC (led by Zerubbabel)**
- **457 BC (led by Ezra)**
- **445 BC (led by Nehemiah)**



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Dispensations

NO
FAITH
IN
JUDGMENT

Rom, 5:14	Acts 3:21-25	Acts 3:26 1 Cor, 3 Heb, 8:7-13
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~2500 yrs

~1500 yrs

~2000 yrs

Patriarchal Jewish Christian

no sabbath
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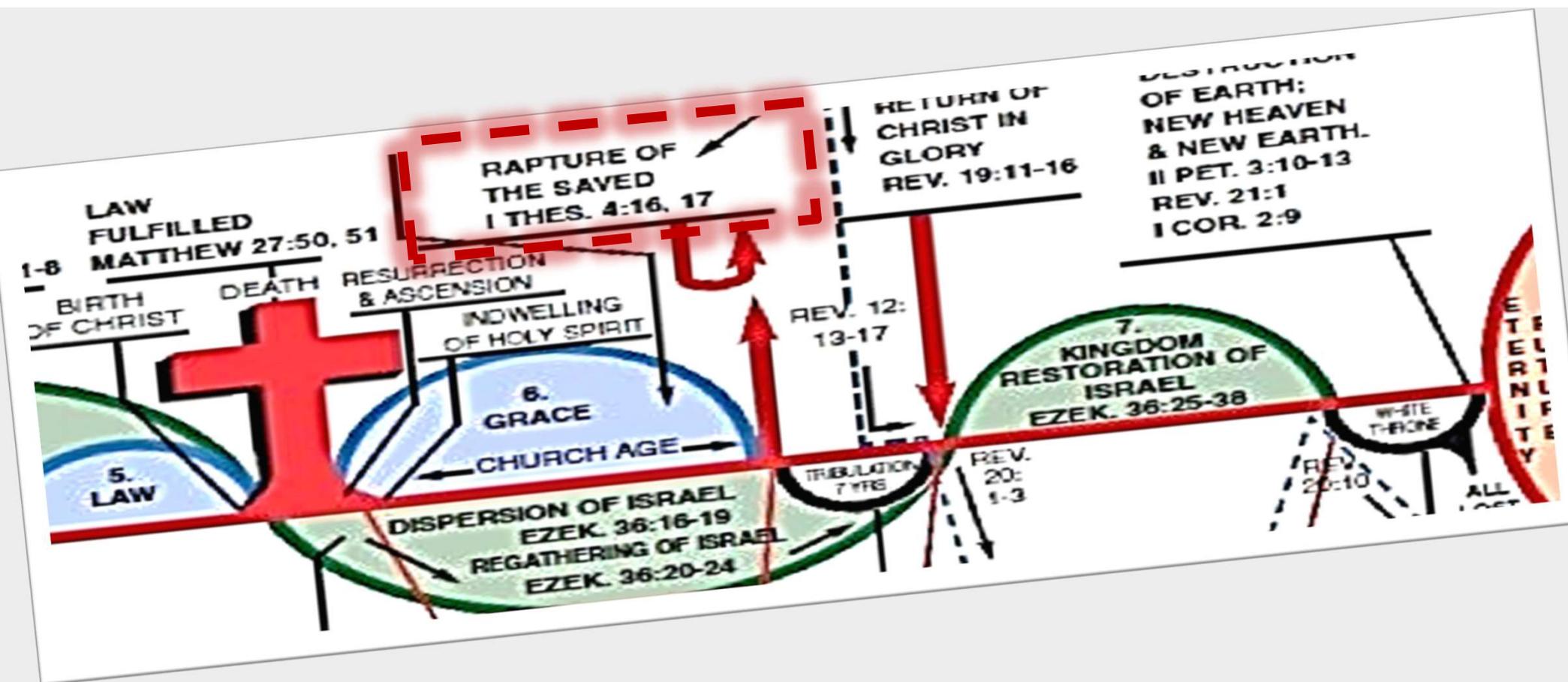
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Deut. 5:3

Exod. 31:12-18

Col. 2:14-16

JUDGMENT



NO RAPTURE DOCTRINE TAUGHT IN THE BIBLE!

- 1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
- 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also.

JOHN 14:1-3



16 **For the Lord Himself** will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16, 17



1 Thessalonians	Compared	2 Thessalonians
The Lord Himself will descend from heaven	4:16 1:7	The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven
God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus	4:14 1:7	To give you who are troubled rest with us
To wait for His Son from heaven...Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come	1:10 1:8	In flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know/obey



1 Thessalonians	Compared	2 Thessalonians
Descend...with the voice of an archangel	4:16 1:7	From heaven with His mighty angels
Caught up together in the clouds <u>to meet</u> the Lord	4:17 1:9	Punished <u>from</u> the <u>presence</u>/glory of the Lord
Thus we shall <u>always</u> be <u>with the Lord</u>	4:17 1:9	<u>Everlasting</u> destruction <u>from the presence of the Lord</u>
Others who have no hope	4:13 1:8	Those who do not know and obey



John 17:24

“Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”



1 Peter 3:21, 22

“There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”

