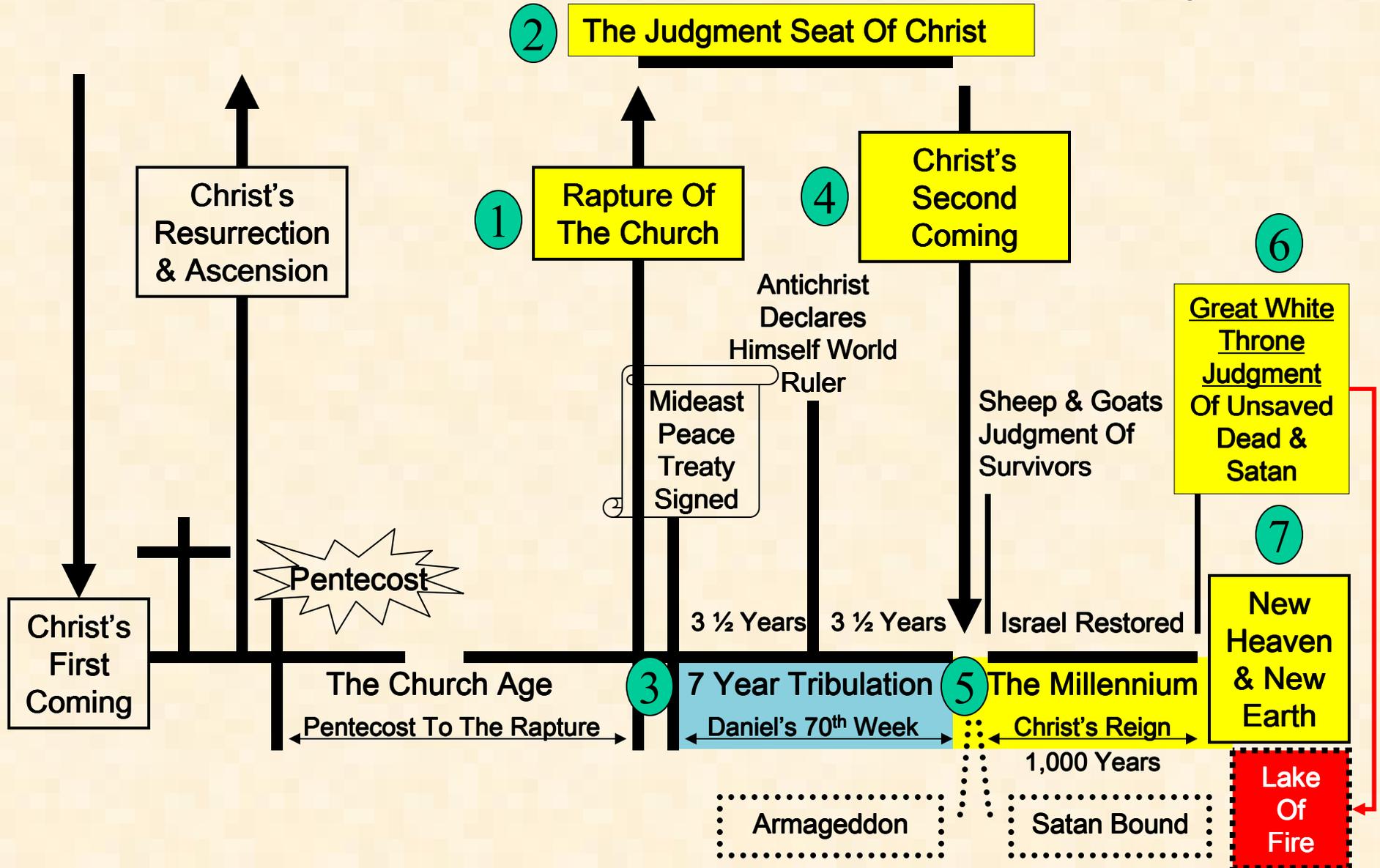


Order Of Events In Bible Prophecy



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- The Abrahamic Covenant promised that ALL the nations of the earth would be blessed through the “seed of Abraham” (Gen. 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26-3-4; 28:14)
- The “seed of Abraham” is used three different ways in Scripture
 - 1. The physical descendants of Abraham (Gen. 12:3, etc.)
 - 2. Jews and Gentiles who are in Christ because of their personal faith in Christ (Gal. 3:6-9,14)
 - 3. Christ, who is “the seed” (singular) of Abraham (Gal. 3:8, 15-16)
- The nations are being “blessed” through the “seed of Abraham” (Gal. 3:8-9)

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- **Galatians 3:8-9 (NKJV)** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.
- **THE NEW COVENANT**
- Develops the BLESSING aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant
- Key Passages: Jeremiah 31:31-40; Ezek. 36:26-38
- Recipients Of The New Covenant
- Nature Of The New Covenant
- Promises Of The New Covenant

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- 1. Internalization of God's Word (Jer. 31:33)
- **Jeremiah 31:33a (NKJV)** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;
- 2. A personal relationship with God (Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:28)
- **Jeremiah 31:33b (NKJV)** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: . . . and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- 3. Universal and comprehensive knowledge of God (Jer. 31:34)
- **Jeremiah 31:34a (NKJV)** No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord....

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- 4. Forgiveness and cleansing of sin (Jer. 31:34; Ezek. 36:25)
- **Jeremiah 31:34b (NKJV)** For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”
- 5. Israel will never cease to be a nation (Jer. 31:35-37)
- **Jeremiah 31:35-37 (NKJV)** Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the Lord, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.” Thus says the Lord: “If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the Lord.

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- 6. Jerusalem rebuilt and never demolished again (Jer. 31:38-40)
- **Jeremiah 31:38-40 (NKJV)** “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that the city shall be built for the Lord— from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. The surveyor’s line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath. And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever.”

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- 7. Restoration to the land (Ezek. 36:24-25, 28,33)
- **Ezekiel 36:24-25 (NKJV)** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
- 8. A responsive heart (Ezek. 36:26)
- **Ezekiel 36:26 (NKJV)** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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- 9. Indwelling of the Spirit (Ezek. 36:27)
- **Ezekiel 36:27 (NKJV)** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.
- 10. Motivation and ability for obedience – *regeneration* (Ezek. 36:27)
- **Ezekiel 36:27 (NKJV)** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

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- 11. Material prosperity and fruitfulness of the land (Ezek. 36:27-30, 34-35)
- **Ezekiel 36:28-30 (NKJV)** Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.
- 12. A large population in the restored land (Ezek. 36:37-38)
- **Ezekiel 36:37-38 (NKJV)** ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” ’ ’ ”

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- **MANY** other material and spiritual blessings to the people of Israel for in Jeremiah, Ezekiel and other Scripture
- **Fulfillment Of The Covenant**
- Jesus ratified the covenant with His blood
- Luke 22:20 (NKJV) Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.**
- 1 Corinthians 11:25 (NKJV) In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

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- **Hebrews 13:20-21 (NKJV)** Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- The New Covenant is superior to and replaces the Mosaic Covenant because it is found on better promises
- **Hebrews 8:6-8 (NKJV)** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—

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- **Hebrews 8:9-13 (NKJV)** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant
- **Hebrews 8:6 (NKJV)** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.
- **Hebrews 9:14-15 (NKJV)** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- **Hebrews 12:22-24 (NKJV)** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, ... to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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- New Testament believers are ministers of the New Covenant
- **2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (NKJV)** Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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- New Testament believers are beneficiaries and partakers of **SOME** of the spiritual promises of the New Covenant
- Ephesians 2:11-13 (NKJV) Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- Some of the key promises and provisions of the New Covenant that we partake of include . . .

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- **Internalization of the Word of God**
- **2 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV)** clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.
- **Indwelling of the Spirit**
- **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)** Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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- Personal relationship with God
- **John 14:23 (NKJV)** Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
- Comprehensive knowledge of God
- **John 16:12-15 (NKJV)** “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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- **Forgiveness and cleansing of sin**
- **Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV)** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- **Responsive heart**
- **Romans 7:21-22 (NKJV)** I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.
- **Motivation and ability for obedience – regeneration**
- **Titus 3:5-6 (NKJV)** not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

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- **Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.
- We have been grafted into the Olive Tree (which represents the covenants), but one day Israel will be grafted back after the times of the gentiles (Romans 11).
- **Romans 11:16-18 (NKJV)** For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

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- **Romans 11:19-24 (NKJV)** You will say then, “Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.” Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

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- Romans 11:25-28 (NKJV) For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins.” Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.

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- **APPLICATION**

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NKJV) For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

- 1. Understanding
- 2. Gratefulness
- 3. Humility
- 4. Anticipation