



THE MILLENNIAL --- REIGN OF CHRIST PART 1

KINGDOM INTRODUCTION

- **The idea of a coming kingdom is prominent in scripture. Yet 9 out of 10 churches deny its truth.**
- **Many of those same people pray, “thy kingdom come” but do not realize its implication.**
- **Later, Constantine (312 AD) made Christianity legal. Then his successor made it the state religion.**
- **Try to imagine teaching a literal return of Christ to setup a kingdom, and rid the world of its evil rulers. They began to soften the message saying that He will rule in our hearts only.**



KINGDOM INTRODUCTION

- **In the New Testament Gabriel tells Mary that the child will take David's throne (Lk.1:31-32).**
- **The problem is that David's throne did not exist in those days. Israel had no king. They were ruled by Rome.**
- **To dismiss or reject the promise of God for the kingdom is to impugn the character of God.**
- **The God of the Bible delights in keeping His promises.**



KINGDOM HOPE OR CHRIST HOPE

- **Many will be unsaved during the kingdom. The kingdom is God's plan but not His ultimate goal.**
- **The dispensations of God reveal that no matter the conditions, man is sinful to the core, and can never save himself.**
- **This is where the grace of God is greater than our sin. No one should place their hopes in the kingdom, but in Jesus Christ.**
- **The kingdom is proof that man cannot save himself no matter how perfect the conditions may be.**



KINGDOM WILL NOT BE PERFECT

- **Psalm 2 and Ps.110 say that Christ will be characterized as ruling with a rod of iron.**
- **Christ will rule as king (Is.9:3-7; 11:1-10), with David as regent (Je.33:15,17,21; Am.9:11).**
- **If someone gets out of line He will immediately deal with them.**
- **It will be swift justice from God Himself. This is not the kind of justice man is used to today.**



1000 ONE THOUSAND YEARS: FIGURATIVE OR LITERAL 1000

- **Many interpreters claim that the references in the book of Revelation in Chapter 20 to the one thousand year millennium is figurative not literal.**
 - ① **They claim other references to numbers in the book of Revelation are figurative**
 - ② **They claim the book of Revelation is full of figurative language**
- **Concerning point 1: there are good reasons to take the numbers in the book of Revelation as literal.**
- **Concerning point 2: There is a logical flaw in using this as a premise.**



1000 ONE THOUSAND YEARS: FIGURATIVE OR LITERAL 1000

- **Many who believe the 1,000-year references in Revelation 20 is symbolic also believe the literal numbers in the book of Daniel.**
- **There are references to 'days' in Daniel many of these same people claim are literal:**
 - (1) seventy-weeks (490 years)**
 - (2) the one week (7 years)**
 - (3) "time, times and half time" (3 1/2 years)**
 - (4) "1,290 days"**
 - (5) 1,335 days**
- **Daniel is of the same genre as Revelation containing similar figurative language.**



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- **One cannot argue that the thousand year references in Revelation 20 are not literal because it is full of figurative language, while claiming that the numbers in Daniel are literal.**
- **Daniel contains figurative language just like Revelation.**
- **It is not reasonable to claim a reference in Revelation as non-literal simply because OTHER elements may be figurative. Context and cross-referencing helps.**
- **Each element must be analyzed on their own terms, context and function, otherwise the interpreter is cherry-picking to fill their preferred interpretation.**



AMILLENNIAL OBJECTION TO A MILLENNIAL KINGDOM - DEATH

²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. (1Co.15:25-26)

- Paul in 1Co.15:25–26 is speaking of the second coming (parousia) of Christ when the resurrection occurs and when death will be no more.**
- When Jesus returns all things will be consummated and there will be no need for a millennial period where death continues to exist.**
- The millennial period is the church age and when Christ returns that is when death is finally eliminated, not one thousand years later.**

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- **Pretribulational and posttribulational premillennialism view the second coming as happening in a very brief period of time, perhaps a day.**
- **Since Paul says that death will be no more at Jesus's second coming (1Co.15) then, deductively for pretrib and posttrib premillennialists will have difficulty explaining the amillennial objection.**
- **Prewrathers do not view the future *parousia* of Christ as simply an instantaneous, simple event. They see it as extending into the millennial kingdom.**

DEATH AND THE FUTURE BRIEF

⁷Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (Rv.20:7,14)

- 1 1Co.15:26 states that Christ will reign until the destruction of death.**
- 2 Rv.20:7, 14 states death is thrown into the lake of fire after the thousand year period.**
- 3 Therefore, death will exist during the millennial period.**

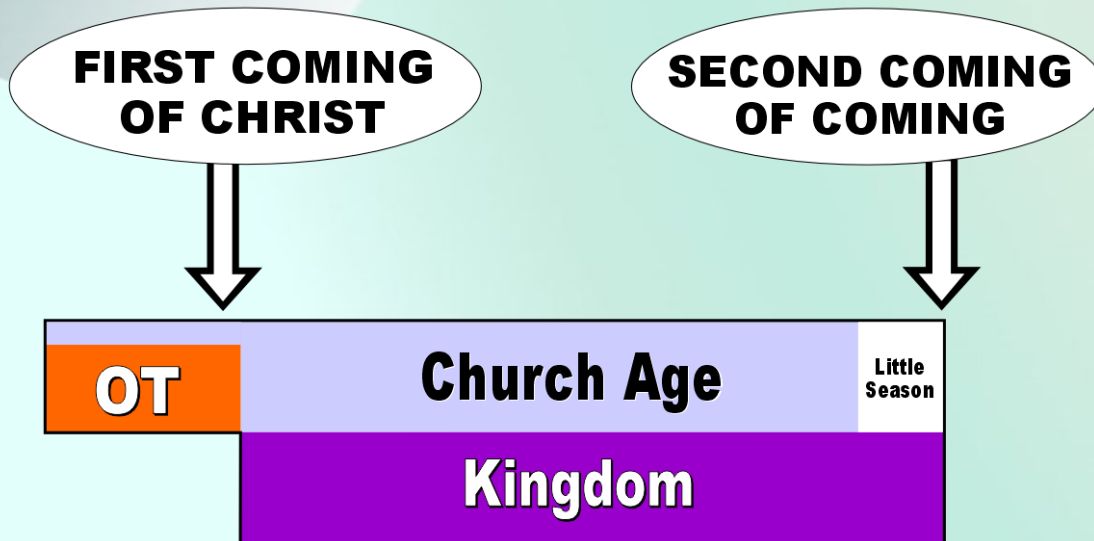


WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM BEGIN?

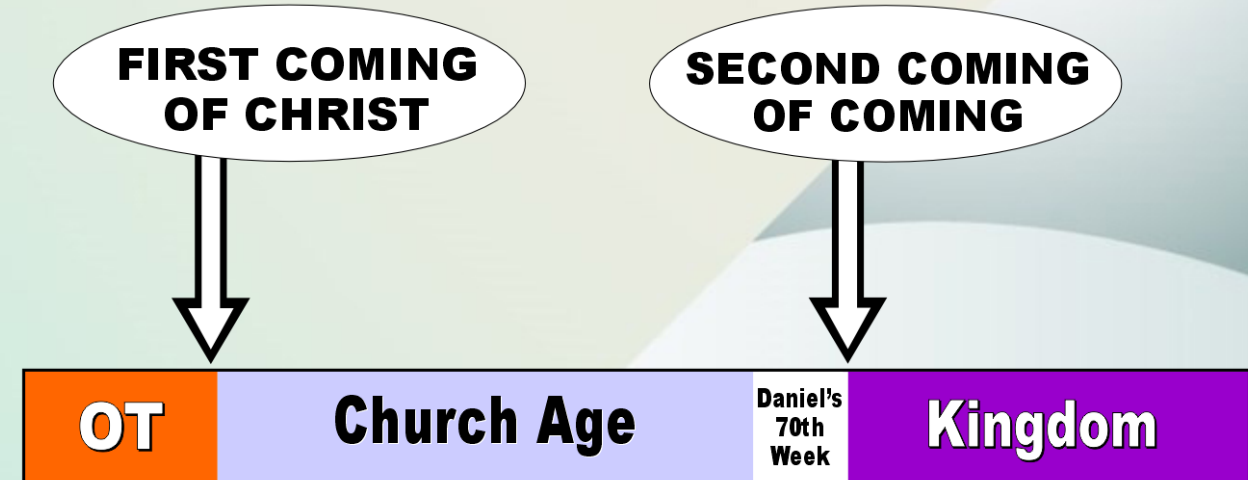


- The “thousand years” reference denotes a temporal period, that is, a historical period.
- The debate is when will it begin?

AMILLENNIALISTS



PREMILLENNIALISTS





JESUS ANNOUNCES HIS KINGDOM

PSALM 2; 110; REVELATION 11:15, 18

¹Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ²The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, ³"Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." ⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶"Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." ⁷"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " ¹⁰Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

PSALM 2

**¹A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ²The LORD shall send the
rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**

**³Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the
beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the
dew of Your youth. ⁴The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You
are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." ⁵The
Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His
wrath. ⁶He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places
with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.**

**⁷He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall
lift up the head.**

PSALM 110

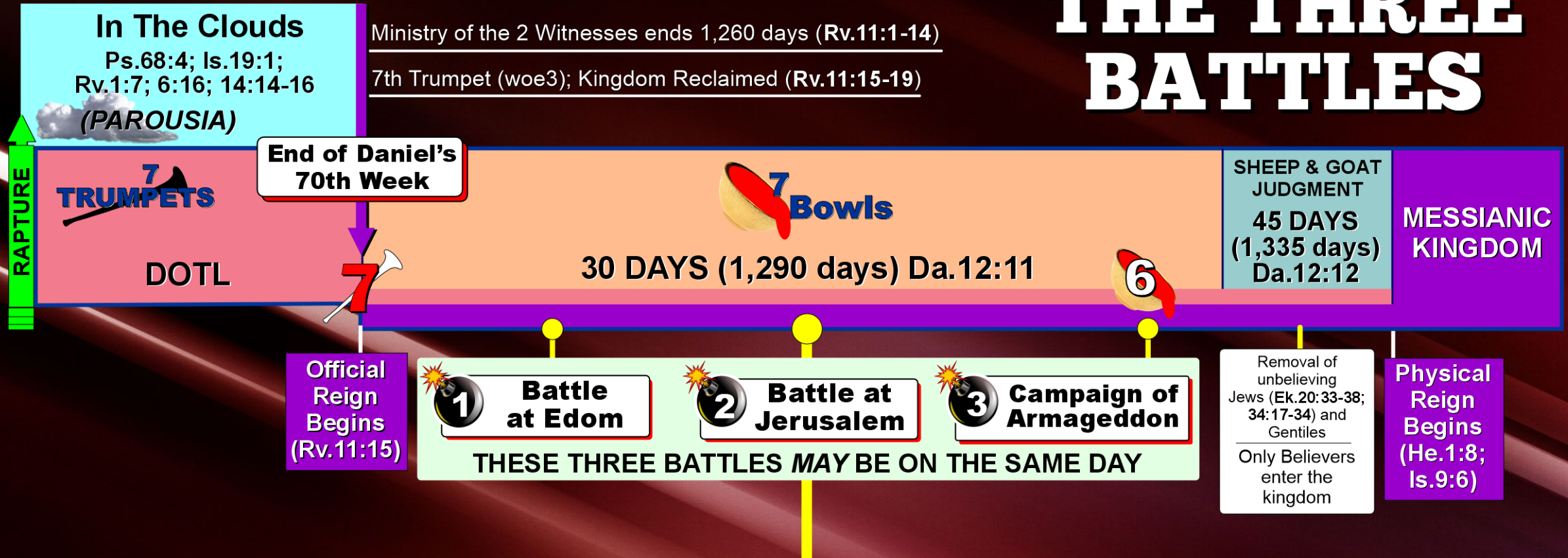


¹⁵Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

¹⁸The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

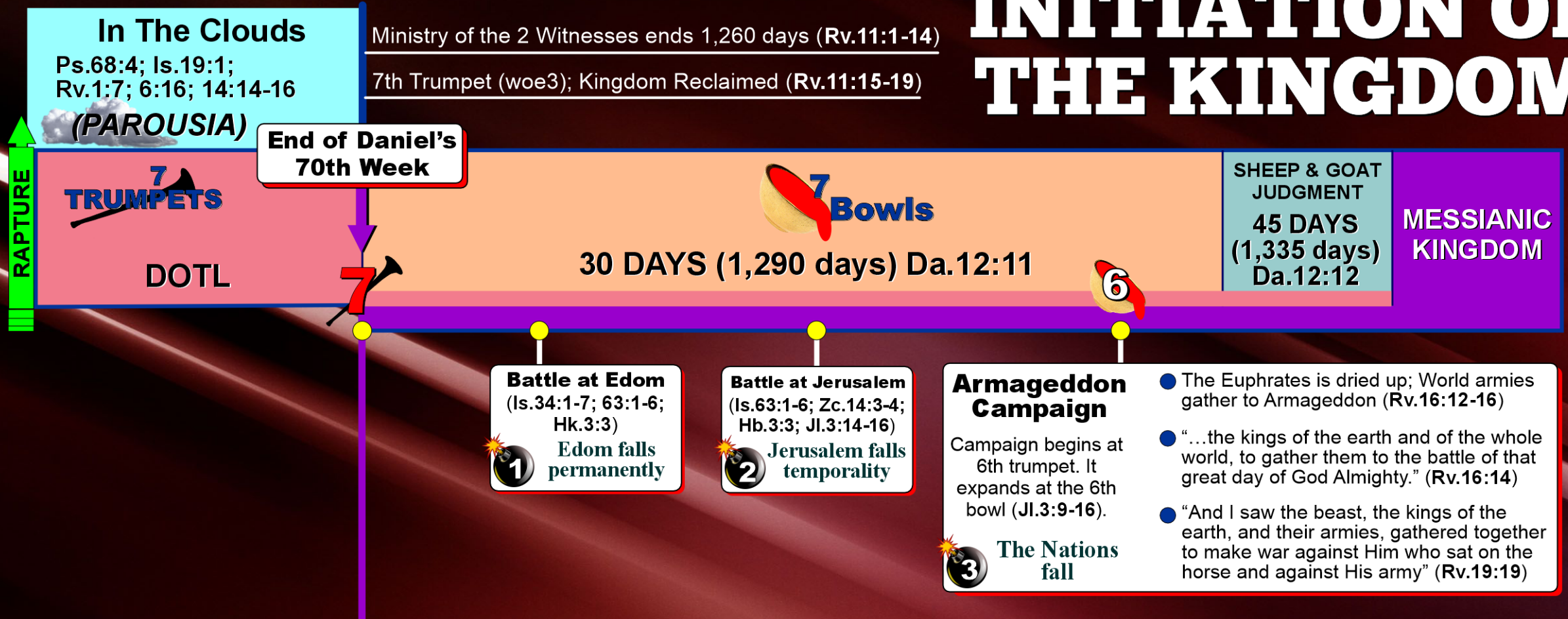
REVELATION 11:15, 18

THE THREE BATTLES



- An advance of the king of the North throughout the world and into Israel (Ek.38-39; Je.25:15-38; Jl.2:1-11; Rv.9:13-21).
- The Northern alliance will be composed of many nations (Ek.38:2-6). It is only the king of the North and alliance that invade Jerusalem.
- This invasion of Jerusalem by the king of the North will trigger other nations to come, leading to Armageddon (Jl.3:2,9-14; Rv.16:12-16; 19:17-19).
- The motivation for coming to Israel will be to 'de-throne' the Beast and to gain resources (Ek.38:12, "to take plunder and to take booty").
- The king of the North will advance throughout the Beast's kingdom (6th trumpet). The final demise of the beast is described (Da.11:40-45)
- Because the King of the West returns to Jerusalem, it will cause the King of the North's army to split in two (Da.11:45; Jl.2:20).
- After the Northern army is divided, Jesus descends to the Mount of Olives causing an East-West valley (Zc.14:4).

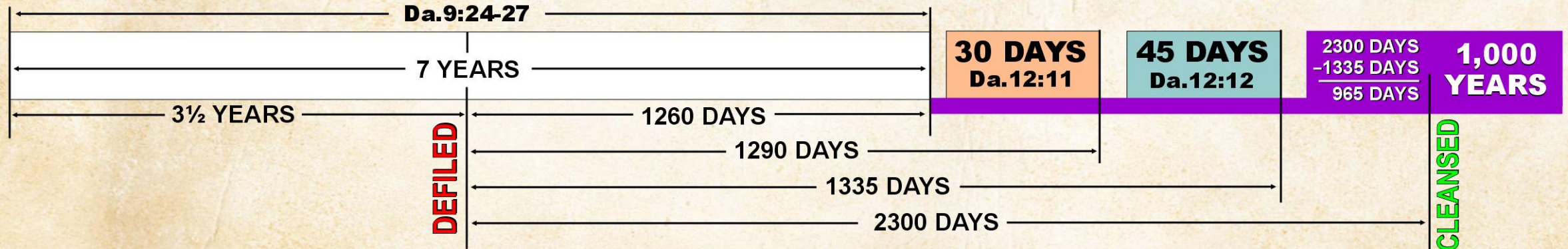
INITIATION OF THE KINGDOM



- **Rv.11:15:** "Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"
- **Rv.11:17:** "saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned."
- The reaction of the nations is that they "were angry" because Christ has begun His reign on earth (**Rv.11:18**). This rage leads to battles in and around Jerusalem.
- The installment of Christ reigning is what leads to the nations to take their stand (**Ps.2:2**, "The kings of the earth set themselves"). **Psalms 110:** "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool... ²Rule in the midst of Your enemies!"

DANIEL FUTURE DAYS

¹¹ And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. (Da.12:11-12)



¹³ Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled underfoot?" ¹⁴ And he said to me, "For two thousand three hundred days; then the sanctuary shall be cleansed." (Da.8:13-14)

WHO WILL OCCUPY THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM?

SHEEP & GOAT JUDGMENT

Those with GLORIFIED BODIES

- Believing Gentiles
- Believing Jews (Israel)

- There are two groups represented at Rv.20:4:

- 1** The ones who are seen sitting on the thrones (“I saw thrones, and they sat on them”). These have been resurrected and raptured at the 6th seal. This includes all saints up to that time. These include OT and NT saints.
- 2** The ones who were martyred by the beast after the 6th seal. These were saved after the 6th seal rapture.

There will be two distinct groups occupying the Earth during the Kingdom

Those in their NATURAL BODIES

- Believing Gentiles
- Believing Jews (Israel)

- These are those who were saved after the rapture and live through Daniel’s 70th Week.
- Saints who are on the Earth when Christ returns to the earth will remain on the Earth to enter the Millennial Kingdom in their natural bodies.
- Children born during the millennial kingdom will have the responsibility of faith in Christ just as all people of past ages.

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Only believers will enter the Kingdom initially

LAST DAYS EVENTS

Those Who Occupy The Kingdom

30 DAYS
Da.12:11



45 DAYS
Da.12:12



1,000 YEARS
Rv.20:1-7

THOSE WITH GLORIFIED BODIES

- The church and OT saints via Rapture (1Th.4:13-18; Da.12:1-2)
- Those resurrected after Christ comes to the earth (Rv.20:4-6)

THOSE WITH EARTHLY BODIES

- Believing Jews (144,000 plus 70th Week converts)
- Believing Gentiles (Mt.25:31-46, “sheep”)

ALL WHO ENTER THE KINGDOM WILL BE BELIEVERS

ISRAEL: GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS

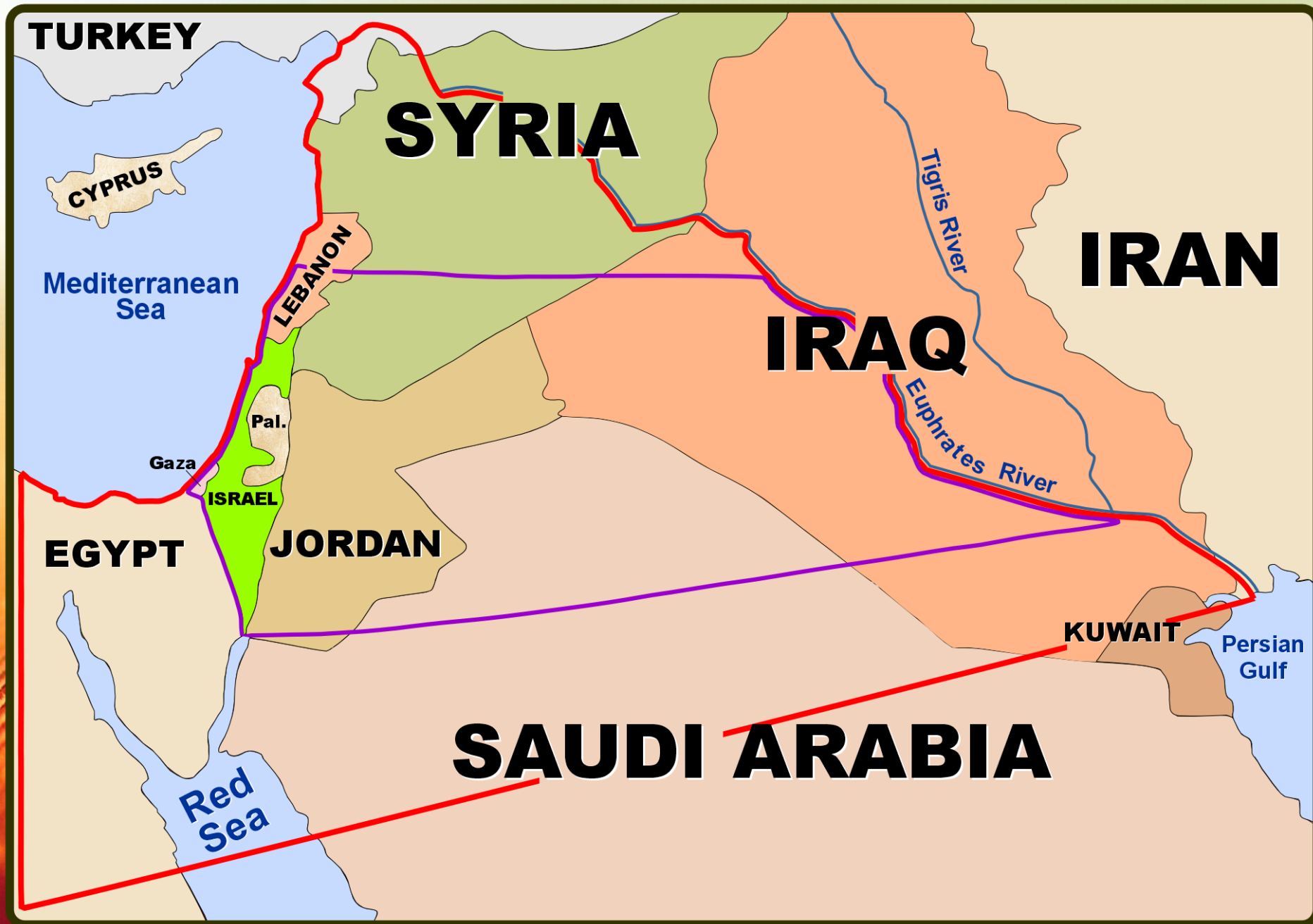
INCREASE IN TERRITORY

Ge.15:18; Is.26:15; Ob.1:17-21

**On the same day the LORD
made a covenant with Abram,
saying: To your descendants
I have given this land, from
the river of Egypt to the great
river, the River Euphrates—**

GENESIS 15:18

1. INCREASE IN TERRITORY



GENESIS 15 PROMISED LAND

MODERN ISRAEL

**SOLOMON'S
BORDER:**
1Ki.4:20-24

**NORTH: Du.11:24;
Ek.47:17**

**SOUTH: Ge.15:18-21;
Ex.23:31; Ek.47:19**

**EAST: Ge.15:18;
Js.1:4**

**WEST: Nu.34:6;
Js.1:4; Ek.47:20**

TOPOGRAPHICAL CHANGES

Ek.47:8-12; Is.2:2; Zc.14:4-10

**Now it shall come to pass in the
latter days That the mountain of
the LORD's house Shall be
established on the top of the
mountains, And shall be exalted
above the hills; And all nations
shall flow to it.**

ISAIAH 2:2

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL CHANGES



CENTER OF WORLD'S WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

**Is.2:2-3; 3:17; Ek.48:30-35; Jl.3:16-17;
Mi.4:1-8; Zc.8:2-3, 20-23; 14:16-21**

**¹Now it shall come to pass in the latter days
That the mountain of the LORD's house Shall
be established on the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills; And
peoples shall flow to it. ²Many nations shall
come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the
mountain of the LORD, To the house of the
God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And
we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion
the law shall go forth, And the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem.**

MICAH 4:1-2

3. CENTER OF WORLD'S WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

**²⁰"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of many cities;
²¹The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, "Let us continue to go and pray before the LORD, And seek the LORD of hosts. I myself will go also." ²²Yes, many peoples and strong nations Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, And to pray before the LORD.'**

ZECHARIAH 8:20-22

3. CENTER OF WORLD'S WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a path made of light-colored stones and dirt leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The path is flanked by tall, green grass. In the background, there is a green field that stretches to a line of trees. Above the trees, the sky is filled with clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, orange and red glow across the horizon.

ISRAEL REUNITED AS A NATION

Je.3:18; Ek.37:15-23

In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.



JEREMIAH 3:18
ISRAEL REUNITED AS A NATION



A scenic landscape featuring a vibrant green field of tall grass or wheat. A path made of light-colored, rounded stones leads from the foreground towards the horizon. The sky is a mix of orange, red, and purple, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

ISRAEL EXALTED ABOVE THE GENTILES

Is.14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:14-17; 61:5-9

**⁵Strangers shall stand and feed your
flocks, And the sons of the foreigner
Shall be your plowmen and your
vinedressers. ⁶But you shall be
named the priests of the LORD, They
shall call you the servants of our God.
You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you shall boast.**

ISAIAH 61:5-6

ISRAEL EXALTED ABOVE THE GENTILES



A scenic landscape featuring a vibrant green field in the foreground, a path of light-colored stones leading towards the horizon, and a dramatic sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The background is filled with lush green trees and rolling hills.

THE WORLD BLESSED THROUGH ISRAEL

Micah 5:7

**Then the remnant of Jacob Shall
be in the midst of many peoples,
Like dew from the LORD, Like
showers on the grass, That tarry
for no man Nor wait for the sons
of men.**

MICAH 5:7

THE WORLD BLESSED THROUGH ISRAEL



ENLARGEMENT OF JERUSALEM

Ek.48:30-35; Je.3:17

**All the way around shall be
eighteen thousand cubits; and
the name of the city from that
day shall be: THE LORD IS
THERE.**

EZEKIEL 48:35

4. ENLARGEMENT OF JERUSALEM





JEW REGATHERED IN THE LAND

**Ge.15:18-21; Du.30:1-10; Is.32:18; Ek.36:24;
37:25; Ho.14:5,7; *Am.9:15; Zc.3:10; 14:11**

**For I will take you from
among the nations, gather
you out of all countries,
and bring you into your
own land.**

EZEKIEL 36:24

5. JEWS REGATHERED IN THE LAND



**Then they shall dwell in the land
that I have given to Jacob My
servant, where your fathers dwelt;
and they shall dwell there, they,
their children, and their children's
children, forever; and My servant
David shall be their prince forever.**

EZEKIEL 37:25

5. JEWS REGATHERED IN THE LAND

**I will plant them in their
land, And no longer shall
they be pulled up From
the land I have given
them," Says the LORD
your God.**

AMOS 9:15

5. JEWS REGATHERED IN THE LAND



The background image shows a dirt path leading through a green field towards a line of trees under a dramatic, orange-hued sunset sky. The text is overlaid on this scene.

HEALING OF THE LAND'S DESOLATE CONDITION

Ezekiel 36:33-36; Isaiah 62:4

³³Thus says the Lord GOD: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.

³⁴The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it."

EZEKIEL 36:33-36

6. HEALING OF THE LAND'S DESOLATE CONDITION



ISRAEL: GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS



- 1 Increase in Territory (Ge.15:18; Is.26:15; Je.3:17; Ob.1:17-21)**
- 2 Topographical Changes (Ek.47:8-12; Is.2:2; Zc.14:4-10)**
- 3 Center of World's Worship in Jerusalem (Is.2:2-3; 3:17; Ek.48:30-35; Jl.3:16-17; Mi.4:1-8; Zc.8:2-3, 20-23; 14:16-21)**
 - Israel Reunited as a Nation (Je.3:18; Ek.37:15-23)
 - Israel Exalted above the Gentiles (Is.14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:14-17; 61:5-9)
 - The World Blessed through Israel (Mi.5:7)
- 4 Enlargement of Jerusalem (Ek.48:35; Je.3:17)**
- 5 Jews Regathered in the Land (Ge.15:18-21; Du.30:1-10; Is.32:18; Ek.36:24; 37:25; Ho.14:5,7; Am.9:15; Zc.3:10; 14:11)**
- 6 Healing of the Land's Desolate Condition (Ek.36:33-36; Is.62:4)**