

The background features a dark blue gradient on the left, transitioning into vibrant, ethereal flames in shades of blue, cyan, and magenta. On the right, a large, white-outlined hexagonal shape is partially filled with a dark brown and orange flame effect. A smaller, solid orange flame hexagon is positioned above the larger one. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and dramatic.

REVELATION

The Terribly Wonderful Future

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Rev. 1.1-3, 9 *The revelation from Jesus Christ...*

...which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw, that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

WHAT

v. 1 *revelation – apocalypse* – an unveiling or unfolding of things not previously known and which otherwise could not be known.

v. 3 *prophecy* – primarily referring to prediction of things which must shortly come to pass. Frequently refers to OT prophets. In the 404 verses there are approx. 278 OT references. From Daniel over 50. “In a special sense Revelation is a supplement to that of Daniel.”

WHO/TO WHOM/WHEN/WHERE

- Written by John-the-Beloved, God's servant
- Sent to God's servants – the Seven Churches of Asia
- Written approx. 95 A.D. (timing debated)
- Written on the Isle of Patmos where John was exiled for his faithfulness to the Word of God



HOW

He made it known by sending his angel – believed to be the angel Gabriel, the messenger:

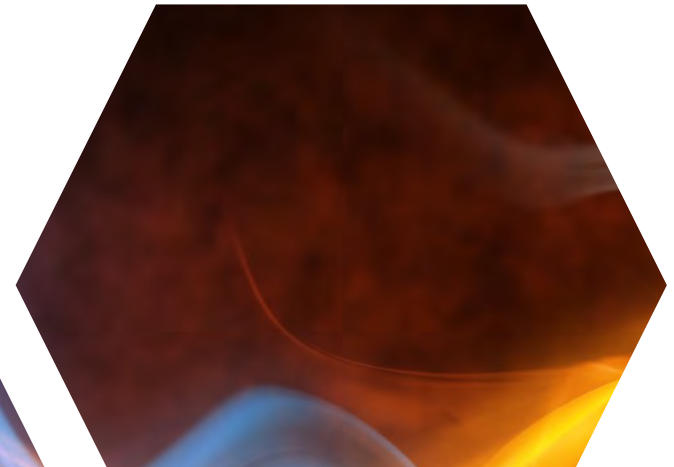
- showed Daniel a large portion of his prophecy (8.16; 9.20-27)
- announced to Zechariah his penalty for not believing in the announcement of John-the Baptist's birth (Lu. 1.19)
- announced to Mary her pregnancy (Luke 1.26)

*Who testifies – maturaia – 1.2, 5; 3.14; **20.4***

SCOPE – four events not covered but assumed

The rapture of the church – Chapters 4-5 represent the church in a glorified state, as a group of redeemed ones having come out of every kindred, tongue, tribe, and nation and are seen in heaven seated on thrones.

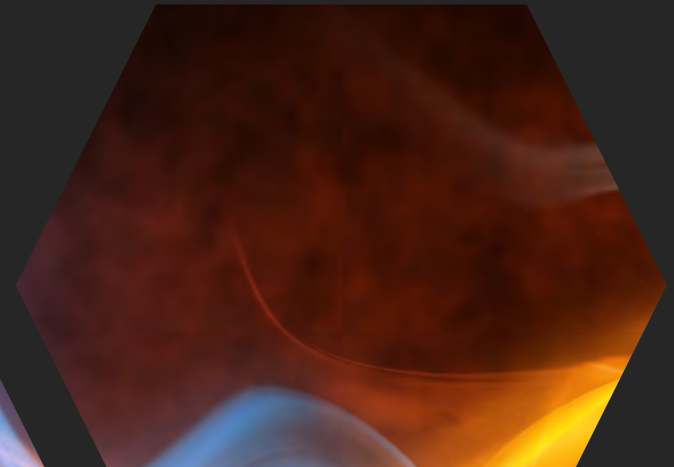
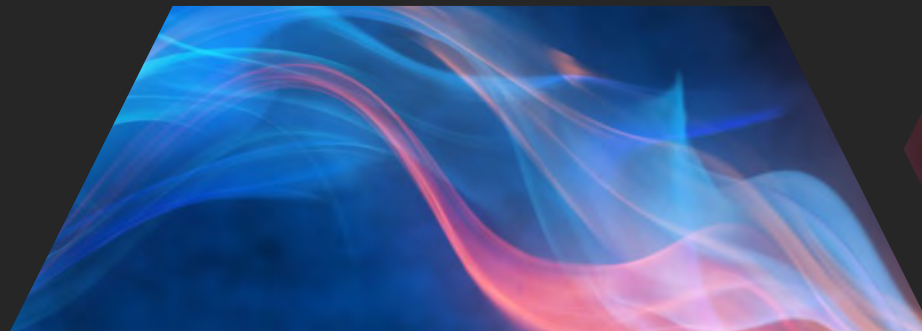
The regathering of Israel – Several mentions are made in both the OT and NT regarding the final regathering of Israel in their homeland, yet nothing is said about it in Revelation. However, their regathering is implied in chapter 7 by the sealing of 144,000 Israelites.



Four events assumed

the rebuilding of the temple – The temple, however, is mentioned along with the altar and the outer court (11.1-2).

the rejection of the “goats” – The judgment of the nations is implied but not explicitly described as it is in Mt. 25.31-46. *All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.*



THE PROMISED BLESSING

The first of seven beatitudes: 1.3; 14.13; 16.15; 19.9; 20.6; 22.7, 14. (See Page 22 of textbook.)

*Blessed is he that **reads**, and they that **hear** the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

Repeated at the close of the book - *Blessed is he who **keeps** the sayings of the prophecy of this book (22.7).*

v. 3...*because the time is near...*

kairos/time - denotes a season or period not merely a point in time...has a durative sense. e.g., the time of harvest and the sufferings of this present time.

Why can it be said to be imminent?

- *One day is with the Lord as a thousand years (365,000 days), and a thousand years as one day. II Pe. 3.8*
- The duration of a man's life is brief and fleeting.
- *...things which must shortly come to pass* - forms of the Greek word *tachus* appear 10 X in Rev. Are translated either *shortly* or *quickly*. It can denote *necessity, certainty, and/or quickly*.

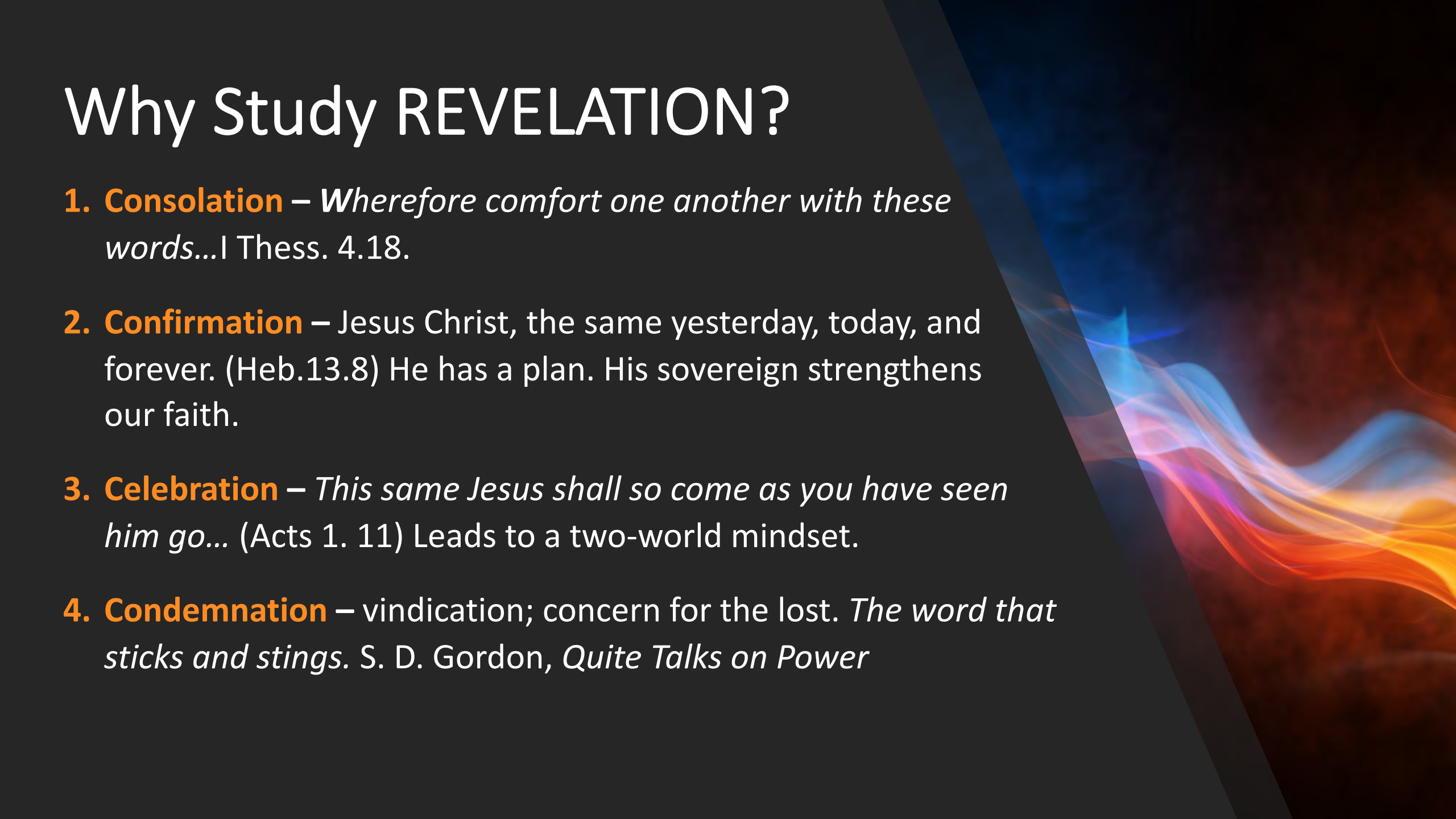
In order to understand the book better...

- 1. Exercise faith** – *Believing is seeing.* cf. the disciple's question, *What sign do you show us, that we may see, and believe?* Jn. 6.30
- 2. Practice prayer** – Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the meaning of the passages studied.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Eph. 1.18-19

- 3. Trust the Holy Spirit.** *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.* Jn. 6.12

Why Study REVELATION?

- 1. Consolation** – *Wherefore comfort one another with these words... I Thess. 4.18.*
 - 2. Confirmation** – Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Heb.13.8) He has a plan. His sovereign strengthens our faith.
 - 3. Celebration** – *This same Jesus shall so come as you have seen him go... (Acts 1. 11) Leads to a two-world mindset.*
 - 4. Condemnation** – vindication; concern for the lost. *The word that sticks and stings. S. D. Gordon, Quite Talks on Power*
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The Various Views of REVELATION

Four Views of REVELATION

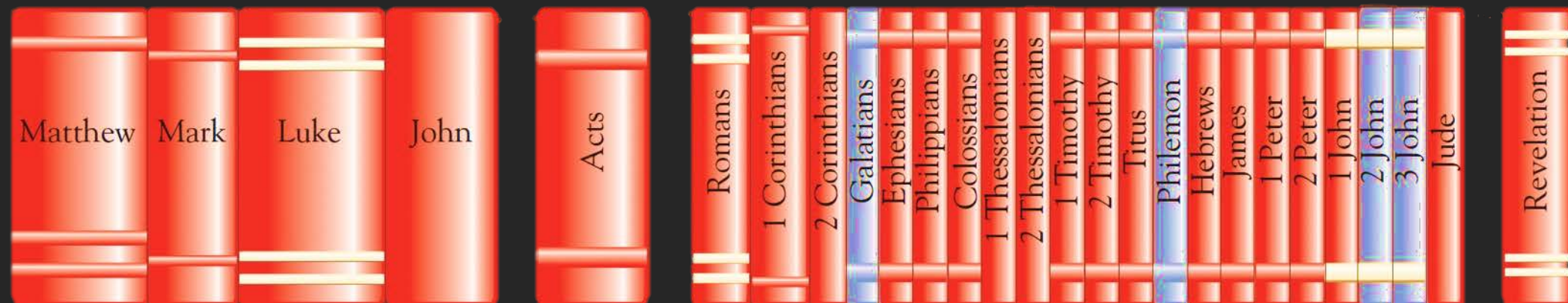
1. Idealist View
2. Preterist View
3. Historicist View
4. Futurist View



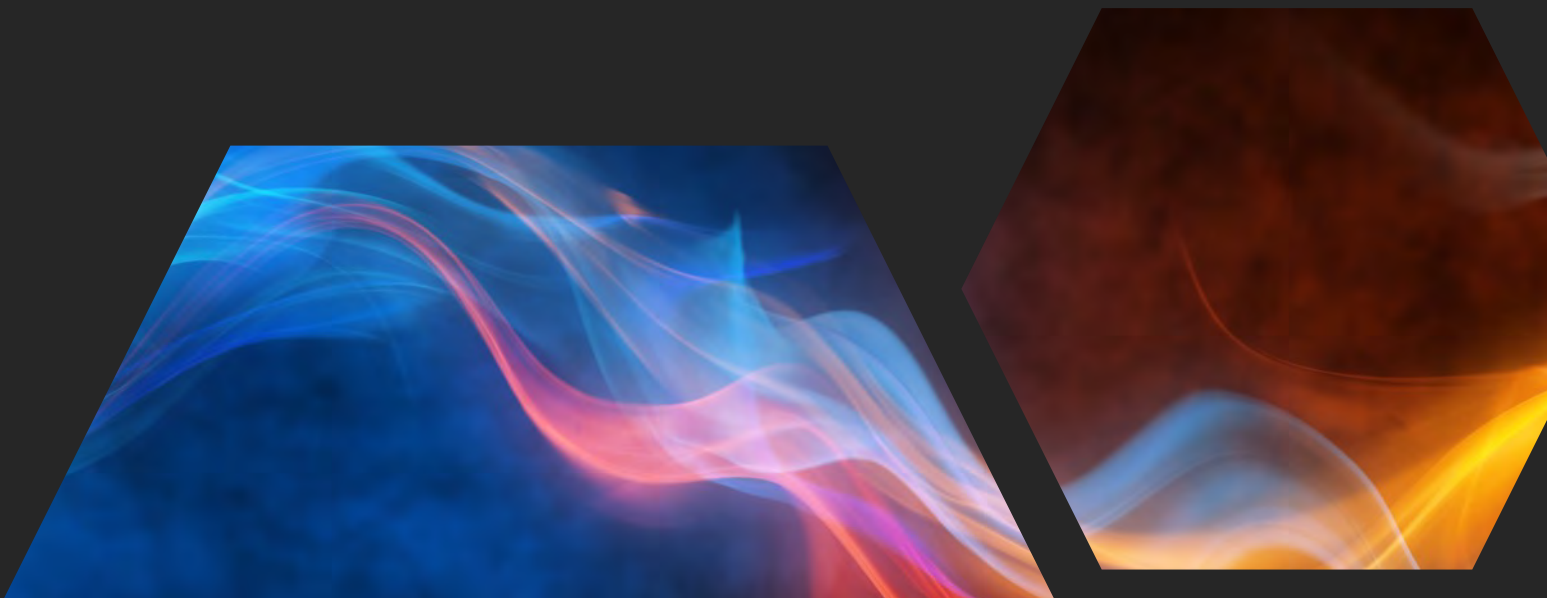
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The Culmination of Scripture in Revelation

New Testament Books Referencing 2nd Coming



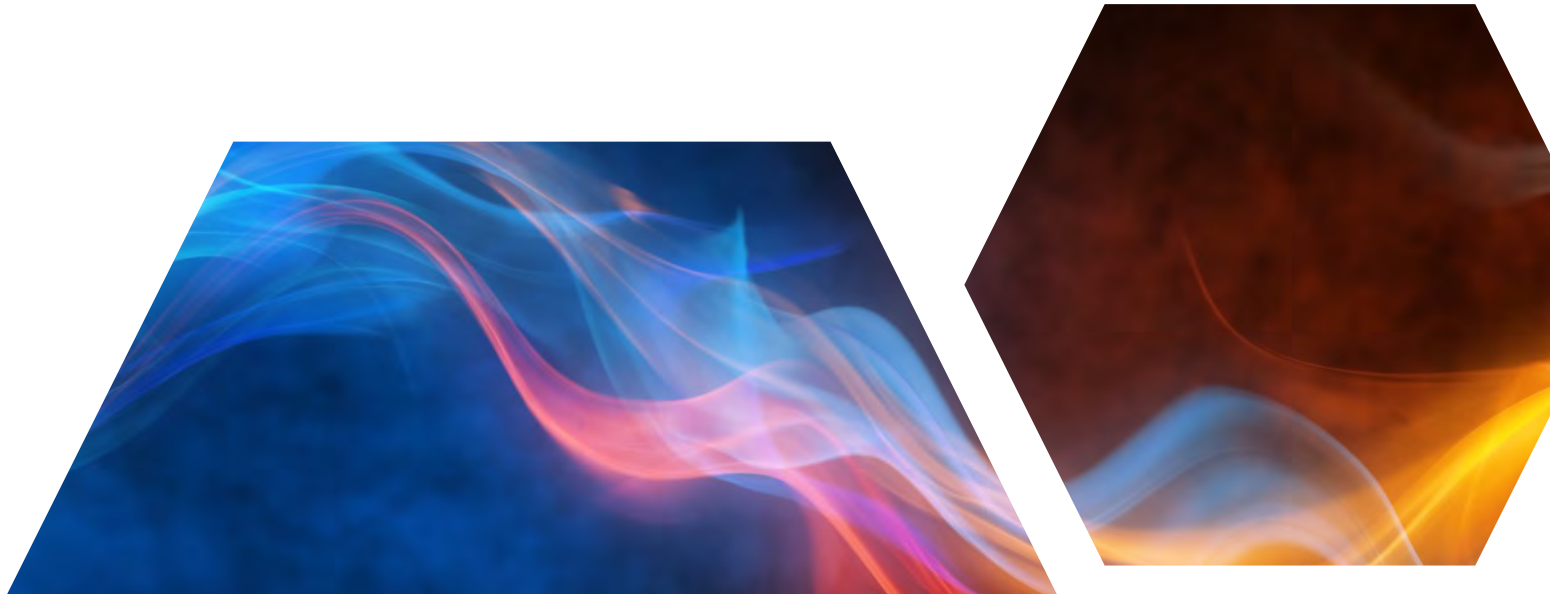
All but 4 explicitly speak to the second coming of Christ – 3 of which are single chapter books



REVELATION and the Old Testament

The Old Testament is quoted or alluded to 605 times in 404 verses according to Barnes' Bible Charts

Essentially every verse contains an allusion or direct quotation from the Old Testament

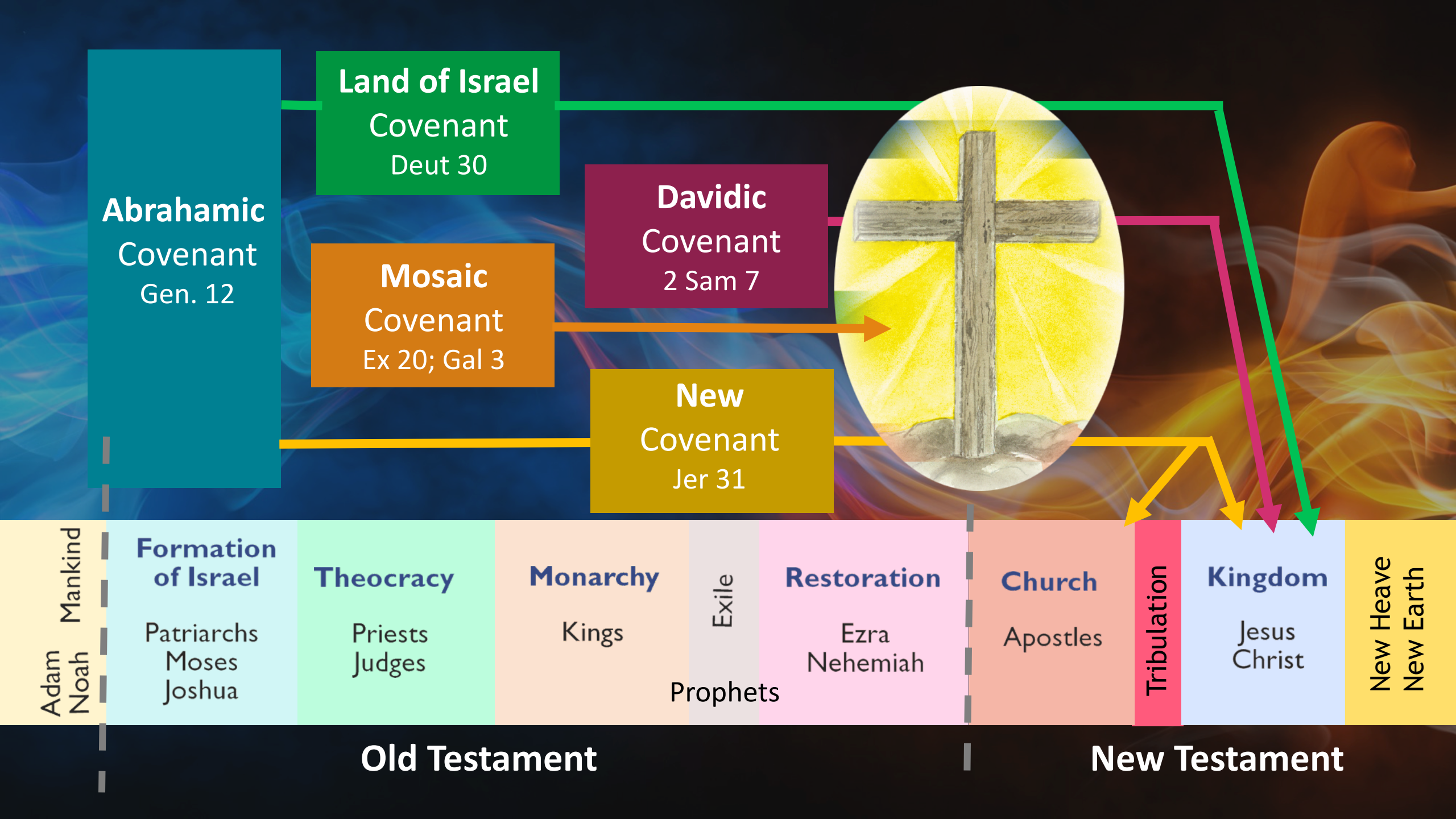




Charting the End Times



Biblical History Timeline - Past, Present, and Future



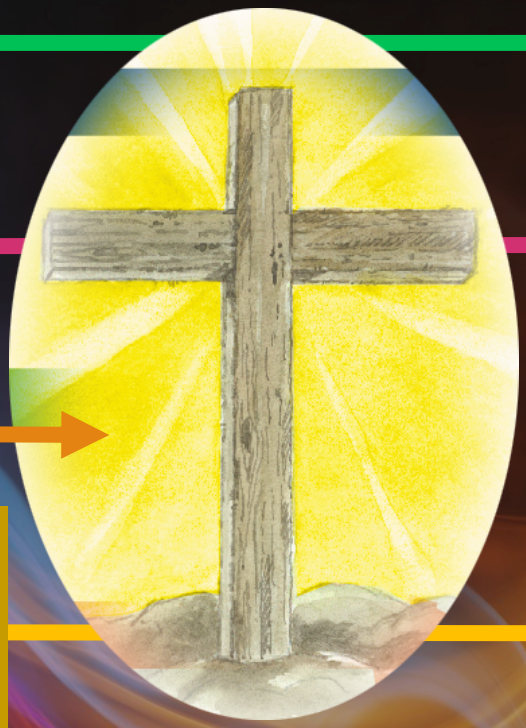
**Abrahamic
Covenant**
Gen. 12

**Land of Israel
Covenant**
Deut 30

**Mosaic
Covenant**
Ex 20; Gal 3

**Davidic
Covenant**
2 Sam 7

**New
Covenant**
Jer 31



Adam
Noah

**Formation
of Israel**

Patriarchs
Moses
Joshua

Theocracy

Priests
Judges

Monarchy

Kings

Exile

Prophets

Restoration

Ezra
Nehemiah

Church

Apostles

Tribulation

Kingdom

Jesus
Christ

**New Heave
New Earth**

Old Testament

New Testament

70 Weeks of Daniel

Christ's
First Coming

Christ's
Second Coming



69 Weeks

7 Weeks
(49 Years)

62 Weeks
(434 Years)

First Temple
(Solomon's)
Rebuilt

Second Temple
(Herodian)
Rebuilt

Rapture

70th Week

½ Week
(1,260 Days)

½ Week
(1,260 Days)

Third
Temple

Fourth
Temple

Mystery
Church Age

Decree
445 B.C.

Crucifixion
32 A.D.

Israel Restored
1948 A.D.

Tribulation

Millennial
Kingdom

What
Has Been
Seen

Things that Are

Things that Will Be Hereafter

1:1-8

The Salutation

The
Vision
1:9-20

Christ
Jesus

The
Seven Churches
2:1-3:22



- ONE Ephesus: Preoccupied Church
- TWO Smyrna: Persecuted Church
- THREE Pergamos: Lax Church
- FOUR Thyatira: Neglectful Church
- FIVE Sardis: Powerless Church
- SIX Philadelphia: Persevering Church
- SEVEN Laodicea: Lukewarm Church

The Church Age

The Rapture – 1 Thes 4:16-17

The Heavenly Vision 4:1-5:14

The Seven
Seals
6:1-8:5



- ONE White Horse – Conquering Power
- TWO Red Horse – War and Bloodshed
- THREE Black Horse – Famine
- FOUR Pale Horse – Pestilence and Death
- FIVE Souls under the Alter – Martyrs
- SIX Great Earthquake
- SEVEN Silence, Golden Censer

The Seven
Trumpets
8:7-11:19



- ONE Hail, Fire, Blood
- TWO Burning Mountain
- THREE Star Wormwood
- FOUR Sun Diminished
- FIVE Plagues of Locusts
- SIX Plague of Horsemen
- SEVEN Christ Rules

The Seven
Key Figures
12:1-13:8



- ONE Woman – Israel
- TWO Dragon - Satan
- THREE Mail Child - Christ
- FOUR Michael – Archangel
- FIVE Remnant – Saved Israel
- SIX Antichrist – Beast out of the Sea
- SEVEN False Prophet - Best out of the Earth

The Seven
Bowls
15:1-16:21



- ONE Boils
- TWO Sea to Blood
- THREE Rivers of Blood
- FOUR Great Heat
- FIVE Darkness
- SIX Euphrates Dried Up
- SEVEN Hail

The Seven Dooms
on Babylon
17:1-18:24



- ONE Devoid of Human Life
- TWO Burned with Fire
- THREE Destroyed in One Hour
- FOUR People Afraid to Enter
- FIVE Riches Brought to Nothing
- SIX Violently Overthrow
- SEVEN All Activity Ceases

Return
of Christ
19:1 - 21



- Battle of Armageddon
- Marriage of the Lamb
- Return of Christ with the Church and His Angels
- Antichrist & False Prophet Cast into Lake of Fire

The Millennial Kingdom

New Heaven / New Earth

First Half of Tribulation 3 ½ Years

Second Half of Tribulation 3 ½ Years

The Book of Revelation

Where Dead Are Now

