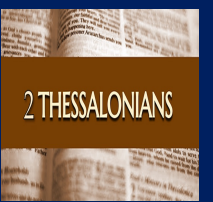




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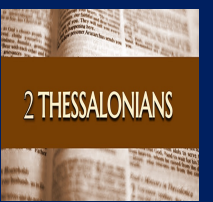
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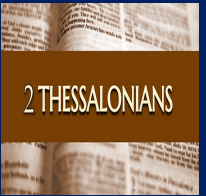
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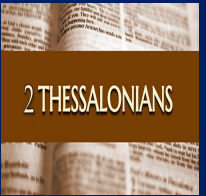


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Thessalonians' Prayer for Paul

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B. Deliverance (2)



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Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



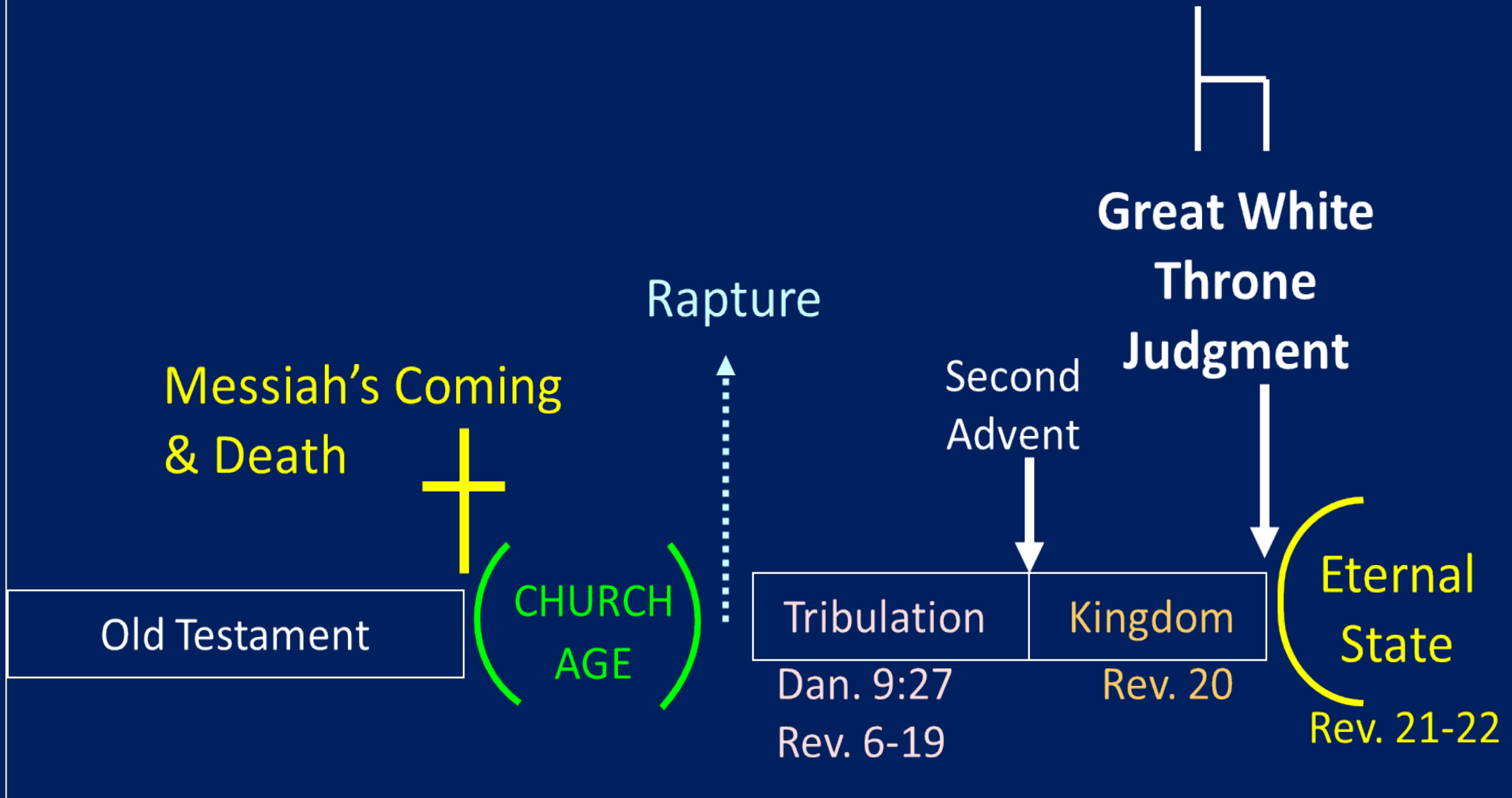
- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Satan's Progressive Defeat

1. Initial eviction from heaven (Isa 14:12-15; Ezek 28:12-17)
2. Eden (Gen 3:15)
3. Pre-diluvian world (1 Pet 3:19-20)
4. Cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
5. Mid point of the Tribulation (Rev 12:9)
6. **Beginning of millennium (Rev 20:2-3)**
7. End of millennium (Rev 20:10)

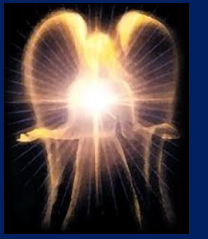


Prophecy Panorama





Satan's Works - Past



1. Lied to Adam and Eve (Gen 3:1ff)
2. Corrupted the pre-flood gene pool (Gen 6:1-4)
3. Accused and afflicted Job (Job 1–2)
4. Disputed Michael regarding Moses' body (Jude 9)
5. Tempted David to take a census (1 Chr 21:1)
6. Accused Joshua (Zech 3:1-3)



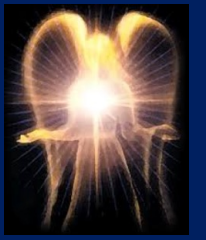
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7. Tempted Christ (Matt 4:1-11)
8. Tested Peter (Luke 22:31-33)
9. Possessed Judas (John 13:27)
- 10. Hindered Paul (1 Thess 2:18)**
11. Afflicted Paul (2 Cor 12:7-10)
12. Influenced Ananias & Sapphira to lie (Acts 5:3-4, 8)



Satan's Works – Present



1. Snatches God's Word (Luke 8:12)
2. Rules world (1 John 5:19)
3. Blinds the mind (2 Cor 4:4)
4. Sends false ministers (2 Cor 11:14-15)
5. Sends false gospels (2 Cor 11:3-4)
6. Sows unbelievers among believers (Matt 13:38-39)
7. Performs miracles (2 Thess 2:9)



Satan's Works – Present (cont'd)



8. Promotes immorality (Eph 2:1-3)
9. Opposes God's people (Eph 6:11-12)
10. Tempts God's people (1 Cor 7:5)
11. Uses the carnality of Christians (Eph 4:26-27)
12. Causes physical problems (Luke 13:11, 16)
13. Influences civil government (Dan 10:10ff)
14. Lies (John 8:44)
15. Deceives (Rev 12:9; 20:3)

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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	<u>SANCTIFICATION</u>	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>PRESENT</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	<u>POWER</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>PHILIP 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10
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Matthew 5:21-22

“²¹ **You have heard** that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ ²² **But I say to you** that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”



Matthew 5:27-28

²⁷ You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’; ²⁸ but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

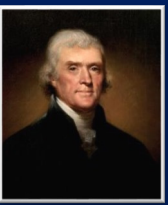




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"My views ... are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruptions of Christianity, I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus Himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others...His system of morals...if filled up in the style and spirit of the rich fragments He left us, would be the most perfect and sublime that has ever been taught by man...His moral doctrines...were more pure and . . .

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...perfect than those of the most correct of the philosophers...gathering all into one family under the bonds of love, charity, peace, common wants and common aids. A development of this head will evince the peculiar superiority of the system of Jesus over all others. The precepts of philosophy, and of the Hebrew code, laid hold of actions only. He pushed his scrutinies into the heart of man; erected his tribunal in the region of his thoughts, and purified the waters at the fountain head.”

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2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance [*hypomonē*], and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love.



Thomas L. Constable

“Notes on 2 Peter,” online: www.soniclight.com,
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“Unlike other New Testament ethical lists (except Rom. 5:3-5), Peter used a literary device called ‘sorites’ (also called ‘climax’ or *gradatio*). Sorites (from the Gr. *soros*, ‘a heap’) is a set of statements that proceed, step by step, to a climactic conclusion through the force of logic or reliance upon a series of indisputable facts. Each new statement picks up the last key word or phrase of the preceding one.”

PORTRAIT OF GROWTH

1:5-7



FAITH

GOODNESS

KNOWLEDGE

SELF CONTROL

PERSERVERENCE

GODLINESS

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

LOVE

2 Thessalonians 2:2

“that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord [the Tribulation] has come.”



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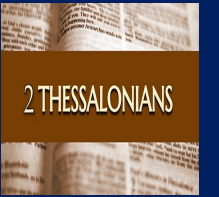


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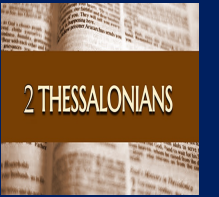
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