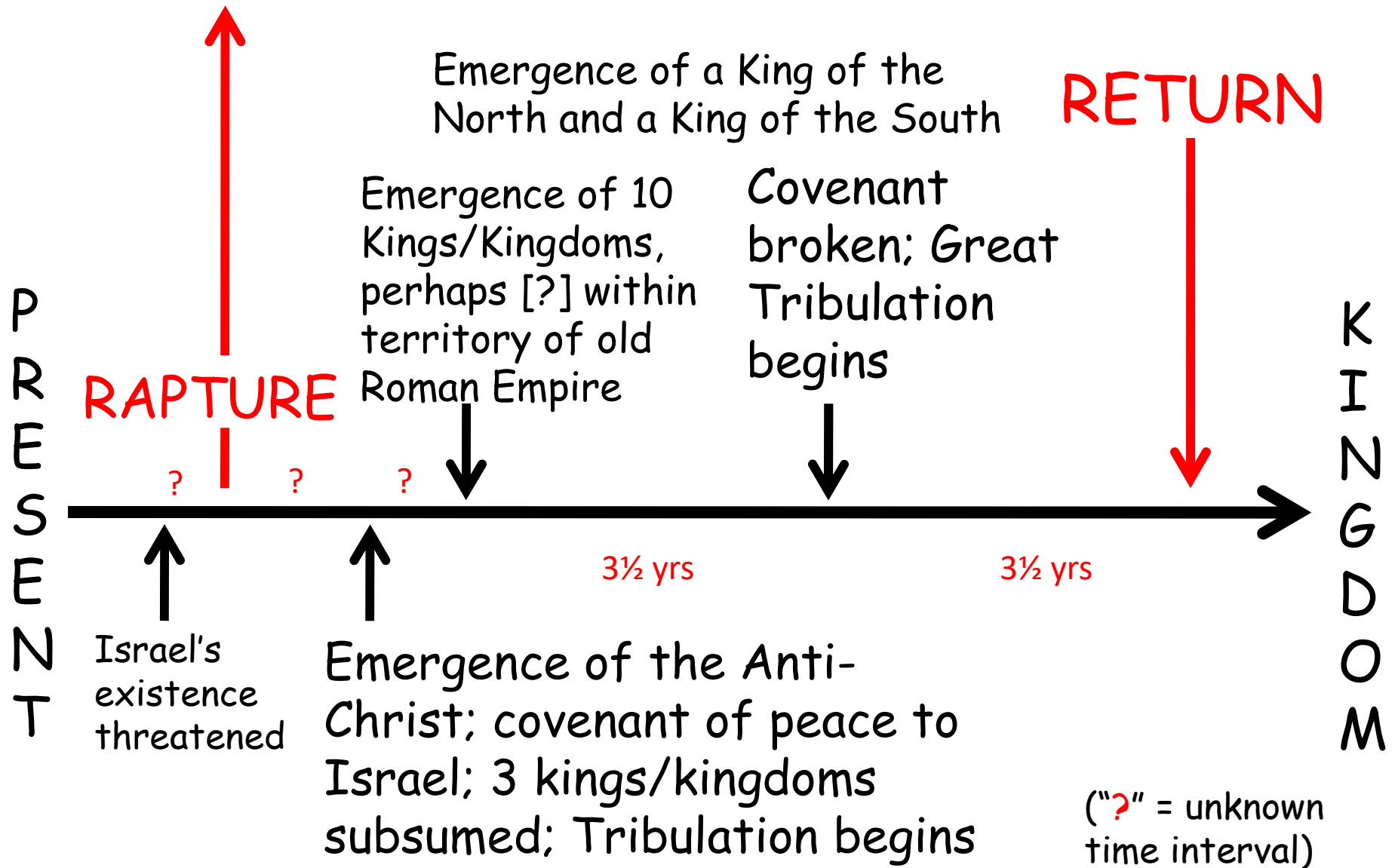


# End-time Events

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# TIMELINE OF END-TIME EVENTS



# Rationale for the Time-line:

- The relevant prophecies are in Daniel and Revelation
- The rapture probably precedes the emergence of the 10 "toes" (Kings/Kingdoms), and it is prior to onset of the Tribul'n Period
  - Paul viewed the rapture as imminent, *before* any 10 Kings or Kingdoms were anywhere in evidence in his world
  - the rapture rescues the invisible Church from the wrath of the seals, trumps and bowls poured out on an unbelieving world
- The Kings of the North and South probably emerge when the 10 "toes" emerge, during the Tribulation period
- The amount of time indicated on the time-line by a "?" is unknown, but it's very likely less than a year
- Omitted from the time-line because of its vagueness are the prophesied end-time apostasy in the church (2 Thess 2:3) and the removal of the "restraint" (2 Thess 2:6-7)

# The "Ten Toes"

In the statue of Daniel 2, the feet and toes differ from the legs, which are of iron; the feet and toes are of iron mixed with baked clay, so these latter parts will be brittle; and these "toes" are the end-time kingdoms that will be destroyed by the Return of Christ; the legs of iron are certainly the Roman Empire

- The "feet and 10 toes" strongly suggests that those kingdoms will be in the territory of the old Roman Empire, but not necessarily:
  - possibly the feet and 10 toes have existed all thru the past Church age, though not recognized as discrete kingdoms; ie, there's been no "gap" in the sequence of rule during the Times of the Gentiles; this is unlikely because the Rock strikes the feet/toes
  - in Revelation 17, the repeated phrase, "once was, now is not, and yet will . . ." strongly suggests a gap in the statue's sequence, so that there will be a restored and reconfigured Roman Empire (this is the traditional evangelical pre-millennial view, presented here)
  - but the Revelation 17 text also hints at a world-wide scope for these 10 kingdoms, that is, not localized to the Roman Empire's territory

# A Suggested Reconfiguration of Nations into 10 Kings/Kingdoms:

## Would probably include:

- France
- Spain
- Italy
- Greece
- Romania
- Austria
- Hungary
- Bulgaria
- Albania
- The Balkans

## And may include:

- Turkey
- Libya
- Egypt
- Syria
- Jordan

Alternatively, the 10 Kings/Kingdoms could be world powers not necessarily in the territory of the old Roman Empire including, for example, China, Russia, and the U.S.

# Suggested Reconfiguration of the Nations of the Middle East:

## The King of the North:

- Iran
- Iraq
- Syria
- ?? Turkey

## The King of the South:

- Egypt
- Sudan
- Libya

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The origin of the end-time anti-Christ is unknown; the person so identified in Daniel 11 was a Seleucid, but Seleucids and Ptolemies no longer exist; he comes from a Gentile nation ("the sea"). The false prophet may be an Israelite ("the land").

# Removal of the "restraint"

## (2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

Exactly what it is that restrains, hinders or holds back evil and that is removed just prior to the revealing of Anti-Christ is not clear; I suggest the following:

- The "restraint" could be the civilizing influence of the Bible thru the preaching and teaching of the Church as empowered by the Holy Spirit all thru the Church age
- The removal of the restraint may be a deliberate, supernatural, judicial hardening by God of everyone deserving of condemnation
  - This hardening must have occurred prior to the Flood, because not one person in all the world responded to the offer of rescue in the ark thru Noah's preaching;
  - there was deliberate judicial hardening of Judah by God just prior to the Babylonian invasion (see Isaiah 6:10); and again prior to the destruction of Judah by Rome in 70AD
- Both of the above

# Overview of Tribulation Judgments

- The 6 "seals" are (1) conquests, (2) wars, (3) famine, (4) death, (5) martyrdom, and (6) physical disasters (earthquakes, lightning)
  - the 7<sup>th</sup> seal is 7 trumpet blasts:
- The 6 "trumpet blasts" are (1) devastating hail and fire, (2) devastation of the seas, (3) poisoned drinking water, (4) destruction of heavenly bodies (sun, moon, stars), (5) demonic hideous stinging creatures, and (6) 200 million murderous creatures
  - the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet blast is 7 bowl judgments, along with earthquakes and hail:
- The 7 "bowl judgments" are (1) dreadful sores, (2) death to everything in the seas, (3) undrinkable water, (4) fierce heat from the sun, (5) darkness, (6) demonic spirits summoning people to the Battle of Armageddon, (7) the Return of Christ, along with a massive earthquake and hailstones from heaven



# The Persons of the Tribulation

- The good woman (Israel) and her male child (Jesus)
- The wicked woman, the harlot (Babylon)
- The dragon (Satan)
- The "beast from the sea" (the Anti-Christ)
- The "beast from the earth" (the false prophet)
- The Lamb, the King, the Rock (Jesus)
- Others: Michael, the archangel; martyred saints; two witnesses; the bride (all saints from all eras); the 144,000 servants

# The Millennial Kingdom

- Jesus is King on Davidic throne at Jerusalem, coercively ruling all earth; all nations will worship Him
- Satan bound in "abyss" for (literally) 1,000 years
- Ethnic Israel regathered, restored, redeemed, regenerated, and filled with Holy Spirit, possessing the Land and serving all the Gentile nations for the Lord
- Righteousness, peace, prosperity, justice and harmony fill the earth; there will be no sorrows, suffering or pain; all people will experience joy and blessing
- A Temple will be rebuilt at Jerusalem
- The curse on the physical creation will be removed, so no natural disasters occur, and no more predation
- No more hatred, violence, lies, idolatries, ignorance of God, or false religions

# The Day of the Lord

- These prophetic visions of judgment in Revelation are exceedingly difficult to comprehend, suggesting it will be a period of unparalleled confusion, horror and suffering
  - my attempt to form a “timeline” is crass simplification of a (deliberately?) difficult narrative
- This 7-years’ period of Tribulation will be like no other time in human history; it will be a time of very great tumult, crammed full of events piled on one another, each scarier than the one before
- The Book of Revelation climaxes the teaching of 1 Samuel 2:30b, “Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me I will curse.”
  - we honor God by fearing Him, by loving Him and His will, and by obeying His revealed will; we despise God by ignoring Him or by being indifferent to His will
  - despising God results in deserved wrath

This vision, a revelation of end-time events, is here for at least these 3 reasons:

- to warn unbelievers in the most vivid way of God's imminent wrath so that they flee to Jesus while there's still time;
- to motivate us, believers, to intense, loving and committed Gospel outreach while there's still time;
- and to instill in us a dread and loathing of the entire world system (Babylon) that seeks to conform us to its ungodly values and ideas
  - if lust for power, security, comfort and wealth, and idolatry are so deserving of God's fierce wrath, we must repudiate them, both out of a fear of God as well as to honor God
  - read 18:4 and tremble: "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues"