

REVELATION

*The CHURCH TRIUMPHANT
Through CHRIST
(the LAMB of GOD)*

Based upon Jim McGuiggan's work on the book of Revelation

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Lesson Seven

New Heaven, New Earth,
New Jerusalem and Armageddon

LESSON PLAN

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| 1. Past, Present, or Future? | } | Basic
Background |
| 2. The Old Testament | | |
| 3. Rome and God's People | } | Major
Characters |
| 4. A Woman, A City, and Witnesses | | |
| 5. The Serpent and The Christ | | |
| 6. Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls | } | Major
Images |
| 7. Armageddon, New Jerusalem | | |
| 8. Numbers and Their Message | | |
| 9. Chapters 1-10 (Two Lessons) | } | Putting it
Together |
| 10. Chapters 11-22 (Two Lessons) | | |

What We Will Learn

- **Revelation is not to be read in the same way as 1 Samuel or Mark is to be read**
- **The destruction of the world dominated by an evil empire is common in OT imagery**
- **The city foursquare is not heaven. It's the triumphant people of God**
- **In Revelation, Armageddon pictures the war between the devil and Rome on one side, and Christ and the Church on the other**

New Heaven and New Earth

- **John sees a new heaven and a new earth**
- **Speaks of a new environment for the people of God**
- **Rome has offended God and is dismantled**
- **This vision is the way of saying that the people of God live to see the destruction of the Roman world**

New Heaven and New Earth

- **The World of the Oppressor**
 - **Babylon's World**
(Isaiah 13:10,13)
 - **Edom's World**
(Isaiah 34:4-15)
 - **Judah's World**
(Jeremiah 4:22-26)

New Heaven and New Earth

- **The Church, the Family of God**
 - **Newness: Heaven and Earth**
 - **Environment: No More Sea (Sea-beast)**
 - **Beauty: Precious City**
 - **Purity: Bride**
 - **Stability: 12,000 Furlongs (1500 Miles!)**
 - **Strength: Wall is 144 Cubits**
 - **Importance: Healing to Nations, Life**
 - **Holiness: Nothing Enters that Defiles**

New and Glorious Jerusalem

- **Rome dominated the world in John's day**
- **Yet her wicked world crumbled and her city burned**
- **In her place another city comes from heaven**
- **Not from this world but built by God**
- **This city is NOT heaven**
- **It's description in chapter 21 identifies it with the Lord's CHURCH**

Other References using Great City Picture

- **Isaiah 54:11-12** God's people restored
- **Ezekiel 28:11-15** Tyre, at one time, described in same manner
- **Ephesians 3:10,21** *Glory to God in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever ...*
- **Hebrews 11:10,16** “... *He has prepared a city for them.*”
- **Hebrews 12:18-24** “*the heavenly Jerusalem ... church of the firstborn registered in heaven*”

New and Glorious Jerusalem

- **The Citizens of this City**
 - **They are God's People (21:1-5)**
 - **God will take care of them**
 - **No Tears, No Death, No Sorrow**
 - **They are a Satisfied People (21:6)**
 - **Fountain of Living Water**
 - **They are an Overcoming People (21:7-8)**
 - **Inherit all things - If you overcome**
 - **Will be God's children – If you overcome**

A Home within the Wilderness

- **In chapter 12 the Glorious Woman is forced into the Wilderness**
- **While there, God protects and provides for her**
- **The message for the early Church**
 - **Tough times are ahead**
 - **Don't be surprised**
 - **God will provide and bring them to VICTORY**

A Home within the Wilderness

- **Moses fled from Pharaoh**
- **Israel escaped from Pharaoh**
- **Elijah fled from Ahab and Jezebel**
- **Mary and Joseph eluded Herod**
- **Paul went to Arabia to be taught**

The Battle of Armageddon

- **Ch.16 Kings from east v. Two beasts & allies**
- **Ch.19 People of God v. Two beasts & allies**
- **In Ch.16 these Kings cross water on dry ground**
 - **In the Bible only the People of God do this**
 - **Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Elisha**
 - **Also see Isaiah 11:15**
- **Compare Psalm 110:1-3 w/ ch.19 (esp. v.8)**



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- **Chapter 14, 19 – Forces of Righteousness**
 - Son of Man on a white horse
 - The armies of heaven
 - Father’s Name on their foreheads
 - Sounds of harps,
Singing a New Song
 - Redeemed from
the Earth
 - Followed the Lamb
wherever He went



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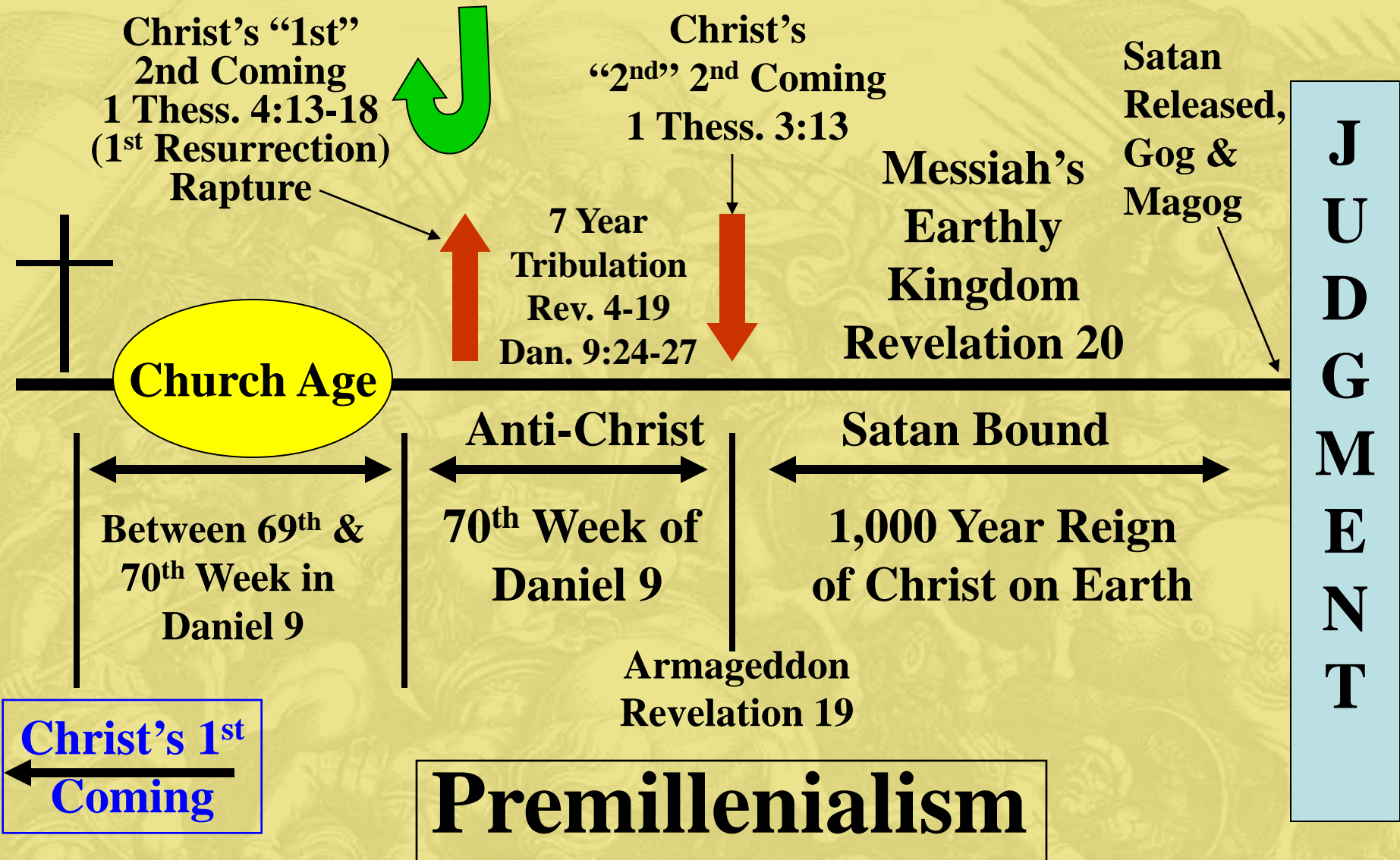
- **Chapters 14, 16 – Forces of Evil**
 - **The Dragon, The Sea Beast, The Earth Beast, False Prophet**
 - **Unclean Spirits Like Frogs, Demons**
 - **Kings of the earth to do battle with God Almighty**
 - **Those with the mark of the beast**
 - **Torment day and night, forever and ever**
 - **Fire and Brimstone**



Why ARMAGEDDON?

- **HAR-MEGIDDO - Hill or Mount of Megiddo**
- **Valley of Jezreel - There is No Mountain/Hill**
- **Area of several important battles in OT history**
Judges 5:19 & 6:33; 1 Samuel 28-31;
2 Kings 9:27; Joshua 12:21, 17:1;
Judges 1:27; 2 Kings 23:29-30; Zech 12:11
- **Remember the Alamo, Remember the Maine, 9/11, That was his Waterloo, Pearl Harbor**

PREMILLENNIALISM



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Pictures and Images convey messages

Main images studied in this lesson:

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Numbers and Their Meaning