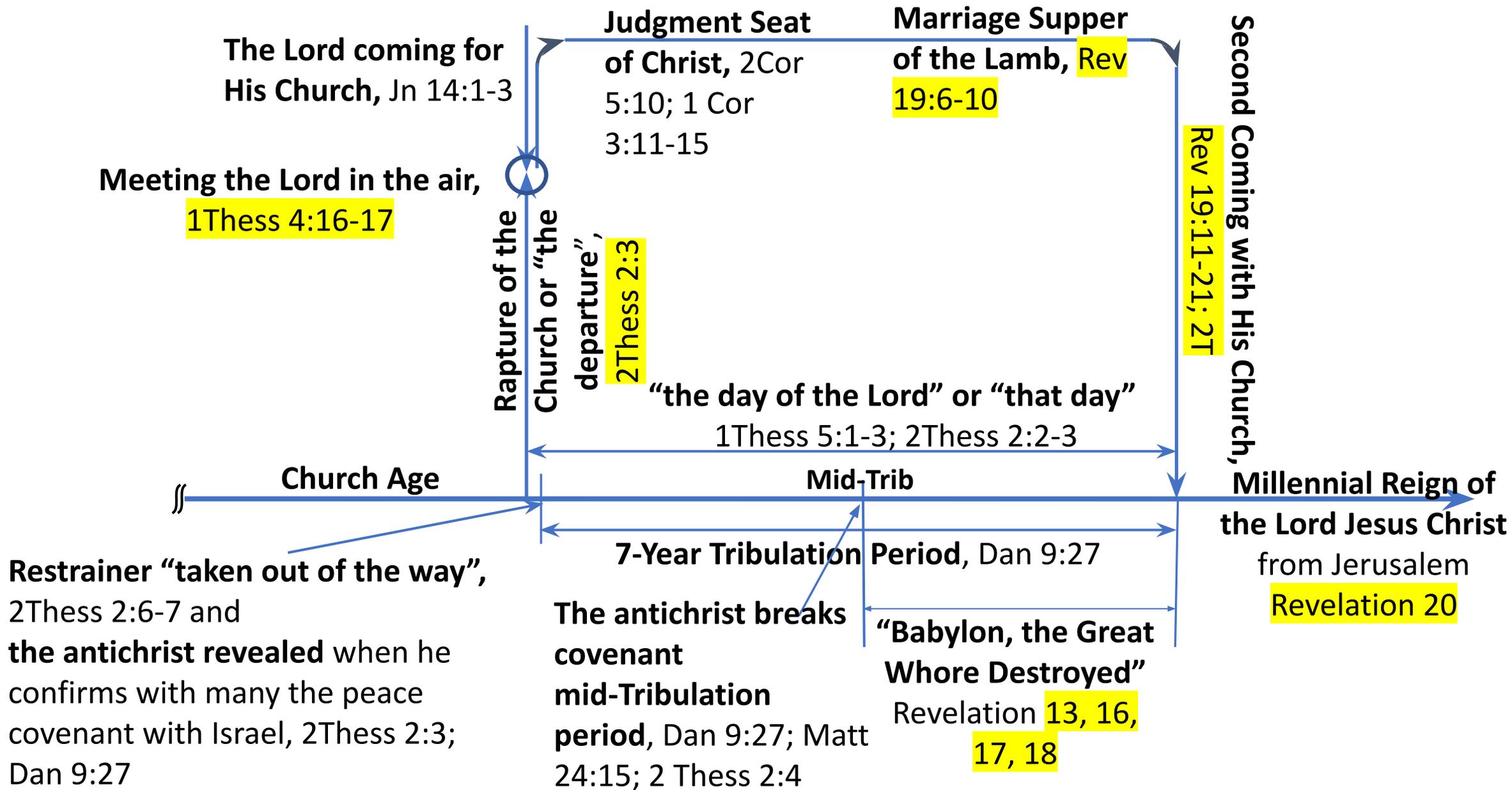


# Revelation 19

# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN THE LAST DAYS



# CHAPTER 19

## Two Main Sections:

- There is joy in heaven because,
  - first, justice has been rendered to the religious Babylon and the economic and political Babylon
  - secondly, the judgment seat of Christ, and
  - thirdly, because the bride has been prepared to be married to the Lamb in the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:1-10)
- The glorious return of Jesus Christ unfolds in two smaller sections:
  - first is the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ and,
  - second, the Battle of Armageddon. (for next Sunday).(Revelation 19:11-21)

# Rejoicing in Heaven

- Rev 19:1 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
- Rev 19:2 for his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”
- Rev 19:3 Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

# Rejoicing in Heaven

- Rev 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
- Rev 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
- Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

# The 24 Elders in Revelation

We have seen these 24 elders and four living creatures in Revelation 4 where they join with the redeemed men in heaven.

In Revelation 4:10-11, we see them honoring God for His creative power.

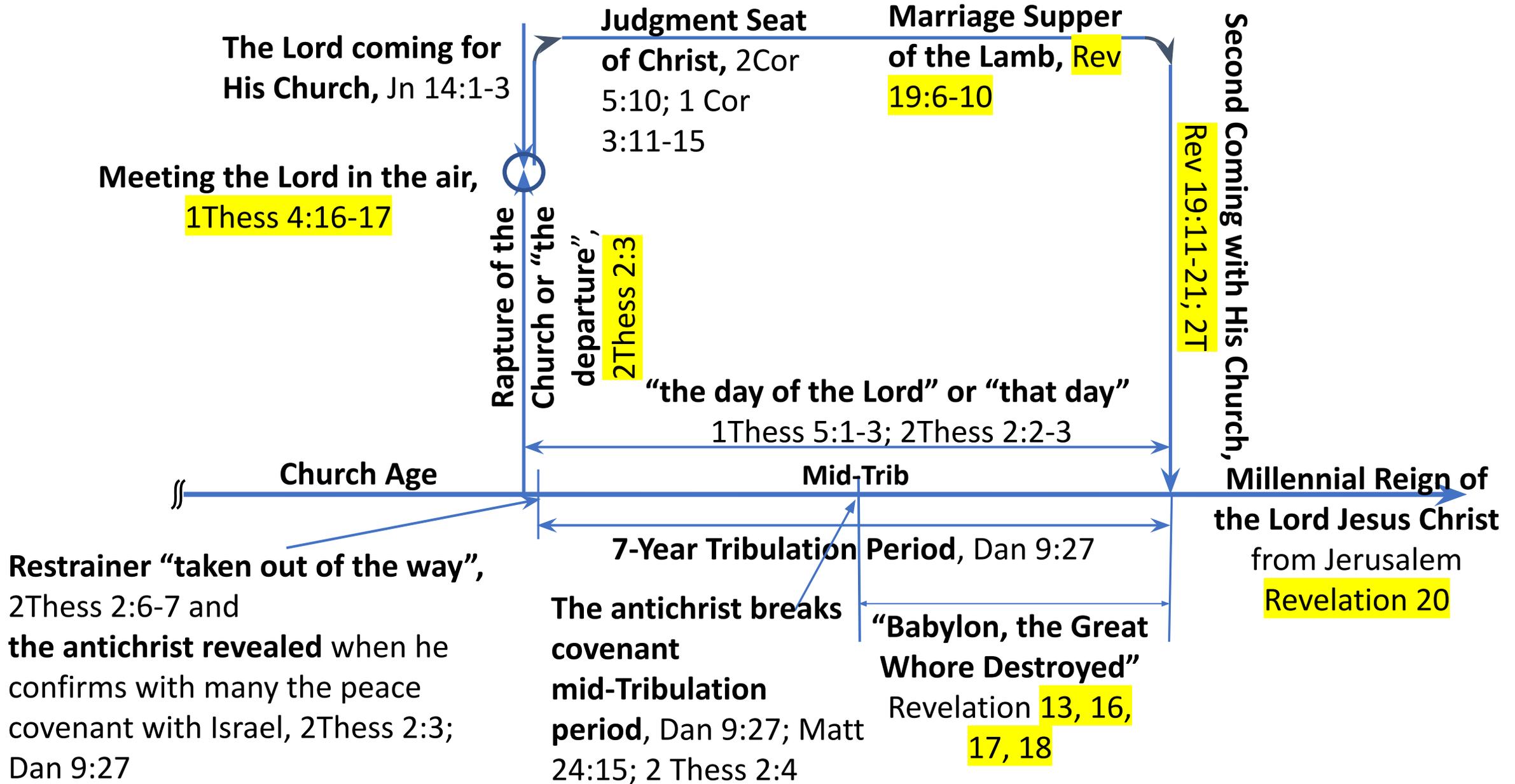
In Revelation 5:8-9 they worship the Lamb who is found worthy to take the scroll from the Father.

In Revelation 7:11-12, 9, they celebrate the arrival of the multitude of Gentiles in heaven. These are tribulation martyrs, beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands. (Revelation 20:4)

In Revelation 11:16-18, they worship God when He announces that the world has become the kingdom of Christ and He will reign forever.

Now, in our text Revelation 19:4, we find them saying “Amen, Hallelujah” to God’s judgment and destruction of Babylon.

# WHERE THE JUDGMENT SEAT (*BEMA*) OF CHRIST BE HELD



# Judgment Seat of Christ

## 2Corinthians 5:10

- 2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.
- 1Co 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 1Co 3:12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- 1Co 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.
- 1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
- 1Co 3:15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

# Judgment Seat (*Bema*) of Christ

## 2Corinthians 5:10

- *Bema* (according to Sale-Harrison, Judgment Seat of Christ, p.8) is associated with dignity, authority, honor and **reward rather than justice and judgment**. The issue here is not whether you are saved or not but what rewards one will receive according to what one has done in his body.
- Time of the judgment seat of Christ. Revelation 19:7-8 say that the bride has been granted to be clothed with fine linen which is the righteous deeds of the saints. This means that the church has gone through the judgment seat of Christ to be clothed with righteous deeds. Therefore, the judgment seat of Christ happens before the marriage supper of the Lamb which is before the Second Coming of Christ.
- The place of the bema seat of Christ. In 1Thessalonians 4:17, we shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. John 14:1-3 says Jesus returns to take us to the Father's house. So the place will be in the heavenlies.
- The Judge at the judgment seat. Judgment is conducted before the presence of the Son of God for all judgment has been committed to the Son. (John 5:22)
- The subjects of the judgment seat of Christ. Judgment is concerned only with the saved or those who were included in the rapture. In 2Corinthians 5:17, only those saved in Christ, are new creature (given glorified bodies at the rapture). In v. 21, they are saved because they have been declared righteous in the eyes of God by Jesus because Jesus was made sin for them.

# Judgment of Rewards

- Although Christians are given the free gift of salvation by the grace of the Lord Jesus (John 1:16; Acts 15:11; Romans 16:20, 24; 1Corinthians 1:4; 16:23; 2Corinthians 13:14) through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), we are expected to do good works for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10)
- The Lord challenges us to:

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Mat 6:19-21)
- The Lord has given us opportunity to invest our lives in our heavenly account which will be tested by “fire” to test if they are qualified for eternal rewards.

# Judgment of Rewards

- Some of the foundation of works are “gold, silver, or precious jewels” and they will survive the “fire test” and the believer will receive a reward. If the foundation for works are “wood, hay, and stubble”, they will be burned and the believer will lose his reward, though he is saved. (1Corinthians 3:12-13)
- Look at these verses:
  - 1Co 3:14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
  - 2Jn 1:8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.
  - Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
- Rewards can be earned full, or less than full, or rewards can be lost.

# When Good Works Are Burned

- When good works become wood, hay, stubble:
  - Mat 6:2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may **have glory of men**. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward**
  - Eph 6:6 (v.5 Servants should be obedient...) Not with **eyeservice, as menpleasers**; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;
- When good works are not burned:
  - **Who should be glorified?** Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.
  - **How good works should be done?** Col 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
- Be careful when you give your testimony, when you sing, when you preach, when you teach, evangelize, that it is for the sake of the Lord Jesus. Our attitude should be that of John the Baptist: **John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease**. When you love someone, you want to give your all to him or her. Love the Lord Jesus Christ.

# In summary...

- All works in 1Corinthians 3 look alike, otherwise, there would be no need to test them by fire to “try every man's work of what sort it is” (1Cor 3:13). At the judgment seat of Jesus Christ, the truth shall be revealed. We can burn up our would be rewards by the way we live, moral indiscretion, wrong or selfish motive or any other unconfessed sin that is displeasing to the Lord.
- Our service to the Lord should be done in the Lord’s way – with a pure heart and a desire to glorify Jesus or else there would be no reward or at best diminished reward.
- After describing the Rapture and Resurrection in 1Corinthians 15:51-57, Paul challenges us in v.58 by saying, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.”
- Also, after saying to the Colossians, “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” (Col. 2:23), he follows it up with, “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ” (3:24) but with a warning, “But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons” (3:25).

# Rewards of Crowns

- Faithful service has rewards that survive the test of fire. The Scripture promises **CROWNS**. Since we will reign with Jesus Christ (2Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:) and since He has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father (Revelation 1:6), when He comes in His kingdom, these crowns signify that we will rule with Him.
- This is in harmony with the Lord's "parable of the pounds" (Luke 19:11-19) in which He promised to give rewards to His faithful servants by saying, "because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities (or five cities)."
- This may be the reason why the judgment seat of Christ happens in the heavens after rapture but before He comes with His saints to earth to set up His millennial kingdom so that Jesus can assign His saints to rule over certain cities with Him according to their faithfulness in the use of the gifts and resources, capabilities and opportunities accorded to them by the Lord Jesus Christ.

# The Five Crowns for Service

# The Crown of Righteousness

- 2Timothy 4:7-8 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”
- Paul urged Timothy to “make full proof of thy ministry.” It means to take advantage of all the opportunities and capabilities to use them to the maximum to advance the kingdom of God here on earth. If faithful, any Christian can earn this crown.
- It is not easy to live a righteous life in this unrighteous world. We strive to be righteous, not to be saved, but to please our Lord whom we serve. It is a constant fight of faith, but it is worth it for the reward is eternal. If we love His imminent coming, we are motivated to live a kind of life that is pleasing to Jesus.

# The Incorruptible (Victor's) Crown

- 1Co 9:25-27 “And every man that **striveth for the mastery** is **temperate in all things**. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway (adokimos-good for nothing).”
- Paul used runners as illustration. Runners discipline themselves by denying themselves of personal time and relaxation to rigorously train their bodies to win a crown that fades. On the other hand, Christians deny themselves financially to take a job that is lower in pay that they may be able to serve the Lord, e.g., as teachers in remote missionary schools, or missionaries who deny themselves of being with their families to bring gospel to far-flung areas or tribes, or magtinda sa side-walk ng “inflated penguin” upang may gugulin para sa ministry.

# The Incorruptible (Victor's) Crown

- This is a crown of self-denial of the amenities of life and comfortable life this self-indulgent world can offer. Moses as an example: Heb 11:24-25 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.
- Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Matthew 16:24-28)

# The Crown of Life

- Jas 1:12 Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation (trial)**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
- Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which **thou shalt suffer**: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall **have tribulation** ten days: be thou **faithful unto death**, and I will give thee a **crown of life**.
- The crown of life is for those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake and slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held (Rev. 6:9). This reward is not only for the tribulation martyrs but for all ages.
- Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell

# The Crown of Rejoicing

- 1Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?
- This crown is for the soul-winners who have focus their service to the Lord by leading people to commit their lives to Jesus. Paul spoke of them as his “crown of rejoicing” as when you rejoice when a soul is saved by faith in Jesus.
- This rejoicing over one soul led to Jesus Christ is like the rejoicing of the angels. Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

# The Crown of Glory

- 1Pe 5:1-4 The **elders** which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall **receive a crown of glory** that fadeth not away.
- This is the elder's crown of glory. There seems to be a special crown for spiritual leaders who willingly serve the Lord as the elders who share the word of God willingly, though not adequately rewarded.

# Word for Crown (stephanos not diadema)

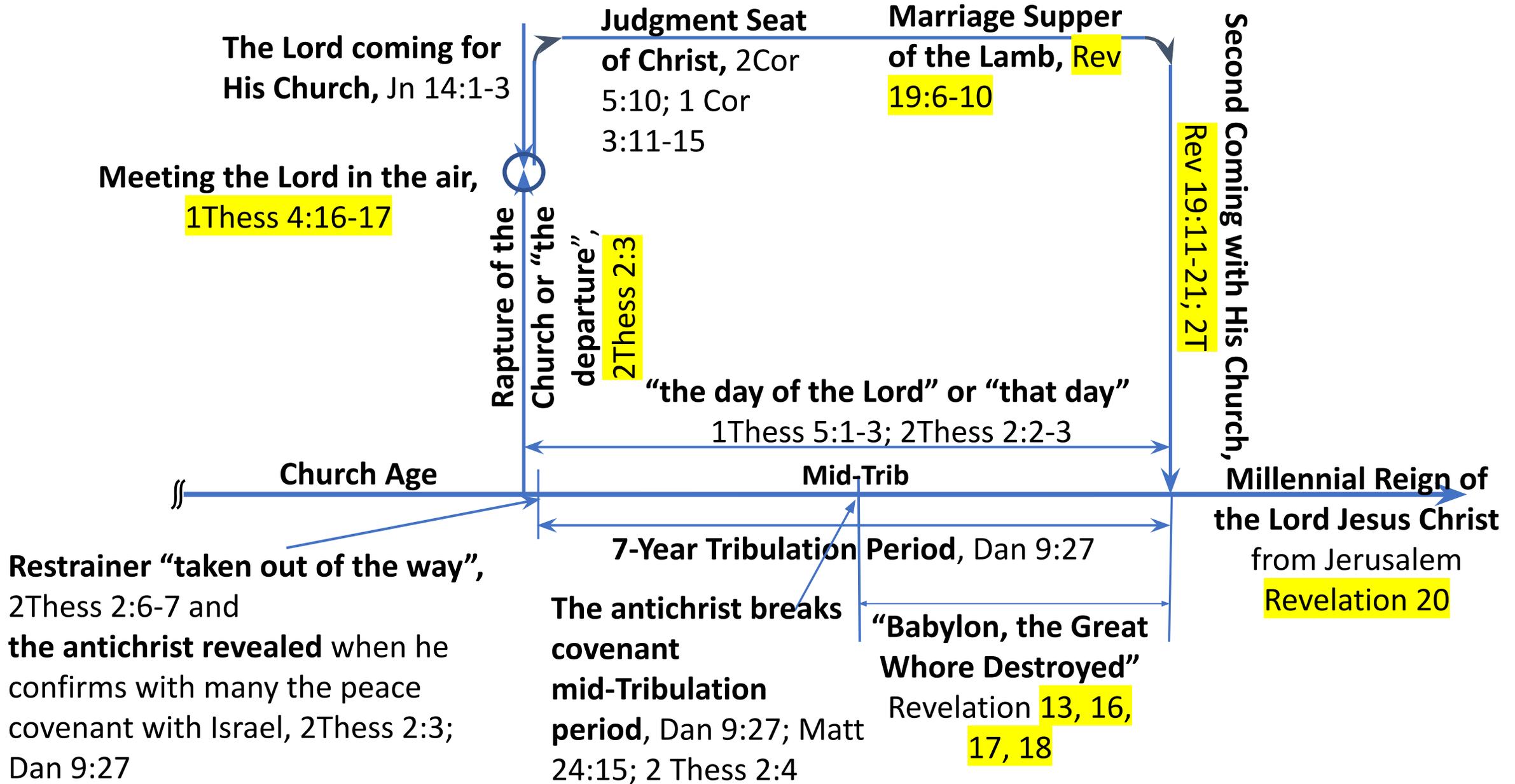
Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary (p.139) defines:

- Stephanos – (a) wreath of victory (victor's crown), a symbol of triumph in the games or some contest, a reward or prize; (b) a token of public honor granted for a distinguished service, military power or of festal gladness at the parousia of kings. It was woven as garland of oak, ivy, parsley, myrtle or olive. In some passages, the reference to games is clear (1Corinthians 9:25; 2Timothy 4:8). It was used of the "crown of thorns" which the soldiers plaited and blasphemously put on Jesus' head.
- Diadema - is never used as stephanos. It is always the symbol of kingly or imperial dignity and is translated "diadem" instead of "crown" in the RV. It was the kingly ornament for the head. The word is found in Revelation 12:3; 13:1 to symbolize the rule of the Dragon, the Beast. In Revelation 19:12, it symbolizes the rule of Jesus Christ and He is crowned with "polus diadema" , many crowns.

# Only Jesus Wears the Diadema

- Although we will reign with Christ, the kingly crown (diadema) is His alone. The victor's crowns (stephanos) are ours.
- In Revelation 4:10, the 24 elders around the throne of God, are casting their crowns (stephanos) before the throne of the Lord in an act of worship to the Lord who live forever and ever. It is clear that the crowns we receive are not for our permanent possession but for the glory of the Rewarder of crowns, Jesus Christ.
- We have been redeemed to bring glory to God. (1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.) The greater is the reward given to the believer, the greater is his capacity to give glory to Jesus Christ.
- Each of us may differ in our capacity to give glory to Jesus but we will be filled to our capacity to "show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1Peter 2:9)

# WHERE WILL THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB BE HELD



# Marriage Supper of the Lamb

- Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
- Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
- Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
- Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
- Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

# “Blessed is he...”

Seven unique blessings found in the Book of Revelation:

1. He who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy (Rev. 1:3).
2. The dead who die in the Lord during part of the Tribulation (Rev. 14:13).
3. He who watches and keeps his garments (Rev. 16:15).
4. Those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9).
5. He who has part in the first resurrection (Rev. 20:6).
6. He who keeps the words of this prophecy (Rev. 22:7).
7. Those who do His commandments (Rev. 22:14).

# Wedding in Biblical Times

It consisted of three stages;

- First was the betrothal or engagement. This was arranged by both set of parents contracting the marriage of their children. The betrothal was legally binding and could only be broken by a divorce. (Matthew 1:18-19)
- The second stage of the wedding would be the presentation, a time of activities just before the actual ceremony. At the end of the presentation, the groom and his attendants would go to the bride's house and take her and her brides-maid to the ceremony.
- The third and most significant stage is the actual ceremony during which the vows are exchanged. After the ceremony would come the final meal.

# Who is the Bridegroom?

- Who is the Bridegroom?
  - John the Baptist identifies Christ as the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world in John 1:29 and later on John identifies himself as the friend of the groom and identifies the Christ as the “bridegroom” (John 3:29)
  - Jesus Christ is identified as the Bridegroom and the Lamb, thus, we conclude that Jesus Christ will be the Bridegroom at the marriage of the Lamb.

# Who is the Bride?

- Israel is not the bride. She is married to Yahweh but unfaithful. The Book of Hosea portrays Israel as Gomer the unfaithful wife of Hosea (portrays Yahweh) but will be finally restored to Hosea showing the faithfulness and mercy of Yahweh in His relation to the unfaithful Israel.
- The Church is likened by Paul as a chaste virgin espoused to one husband, Jesus Christ. (2Corinthians 11:2)
- Paul used the metaphor of a husband and wife to depict to us the relationship of Jesus Christ and His Church. “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” (Eph 5:25-28, 32)
- So, the Church is espoused to Christ, and Jesus gave Himself to present unto Himself a glorious Church. The Church is espoused and to be presented to Jesus Christ as holy and without blemish.

# How the Bride Makes Herself Ready?

- Verse 8 says the wedding dress is fine linen made of the righteousness (ESV, righteous deeds) of the saints. (Rev 19:8 – dikaioma, plural, righteous deeds; Philippians 3:9 -diakosune, singular, righteousness, used to denote an attribute of God, cf., Romans 3:5 – the righteousness of God)
- Since the marriage comes after the judgment seat of Christ (2Corinthians 5:10), all members of the Church would have had their position determined by the outcome of the judgment by fire of their deeds in the body because it can happen that the first shall be the last and the last shall be the first. Therefore, it behooves Christians in this age to be careful to do good works (Titus 3:8) on good foundation.
- The Lord Jesus challenged us, “Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.” It should be borne in mind that our relationship to Christ as members of the Bride of Christ shall be determined by our faithful service today. (cf. Luke 19:11-27; Ephesians 2:8-10)
- We may have to take periodic inventories to see if we are really serving the Lord Jesus His way. If we are not truly serving Jesus, we will limit the extent to which we will rule and reign with Jesus Christ during the millennial kingdom. Those faithfully serving Jesus will not only receive a full reward but hear the Savior say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

# Who are invited into the marriage supper of the Lamb?

- Invited guests are distinct from the Bride or the Church. These are Old Testament saints, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the prophets (Matthew 8:11; Luke 13:28), all heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). Those Jews and Gentiles who have received the Lord Jesus during the Tribulation and were martyred, will be guests, too.
- Angels are not included because the guests are those who have been redeemed by the Lamb. Angels are not recipients of the blessing of being redeemed.
- It does not mean that the OT saints are inferior to the Church. Marriage with the Lord is special privilege given to the Church just as Israel as a nation has the special privilege of being the elected to be the people of the Lord. Romans 11 warns the saved Gentiles to be not conceited “for if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.” (Romans 11:24-25)

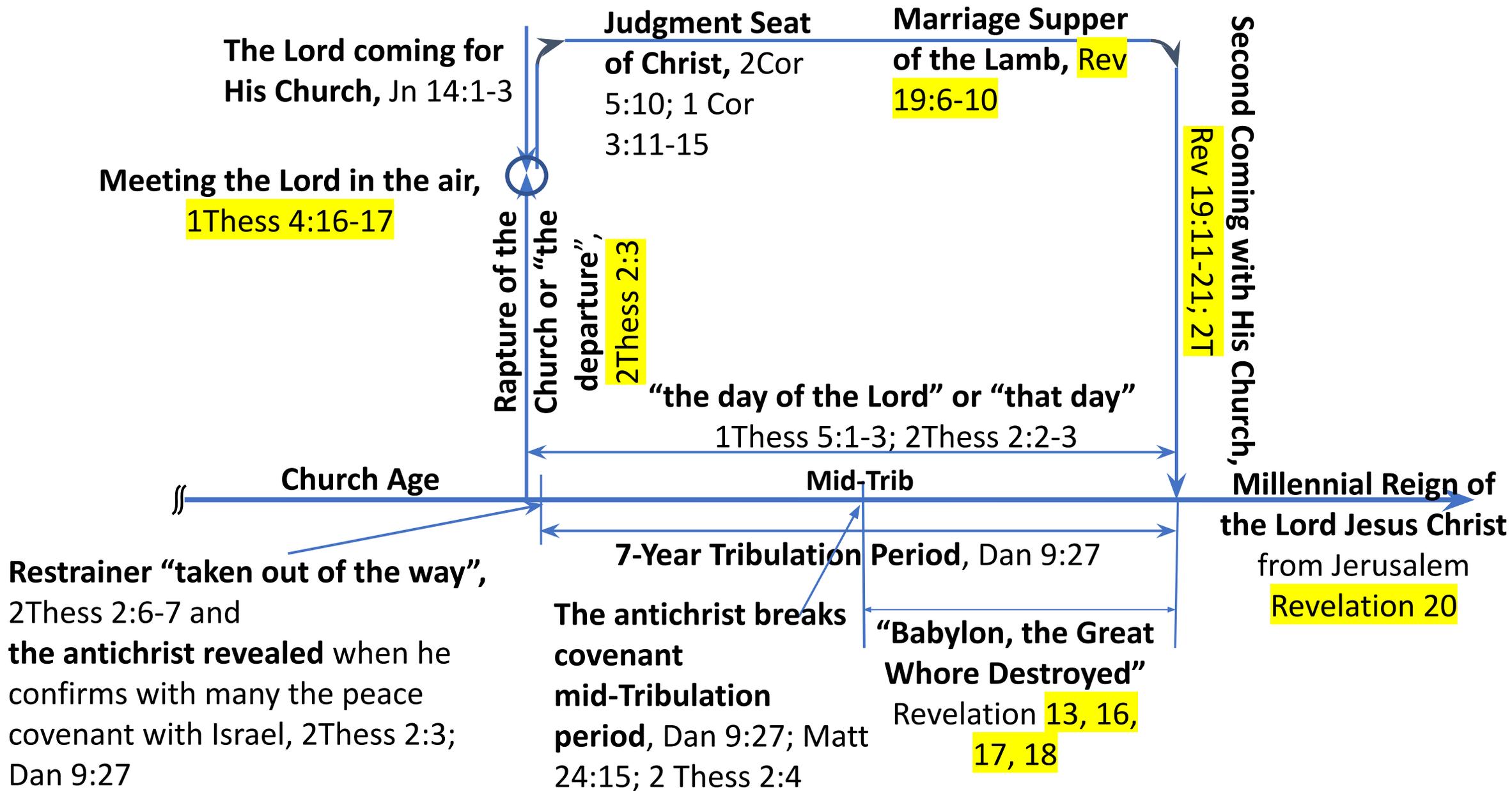
# Reigning According to Faithfulness...

Luke 19:11-27 parable of the minas. To the one who made ten minas more. He was faithful in very little, he was given authority over ten cities. The unfaithful servant was given nothing and the one that he has was taken from him and given to one that has. The unfaithful servant though saved. Those without reward will live a vain and barren existence during the millennium. The faithful servant will be given true leadership in the Lord's kingdom. It will be a position directly proportionate to the degree of faithfulness in whatever way he can be of service to the Lord Jesus in this life. He is laying up for himself treasures in heaven that will one day determine his station and position with Jesus for a thousand years.

# The testimony of Jesus...

- Rev 19:10 Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
- Only God should be worshipped. Jesus on many occasions received worship during His earthly ministry (Matthew 8:2; 9:18; 14:33; 15:25; 20:20; 28:17; Mark 5:6; John 9:38; 20:28) and not once did He restrain those who worshipped Him.
- The definition of the spirit of prophecy is the “testimony of Jesus.” prophecy is not only predicting the future nor is it only the declaration of principles of Christian living. From the first prophetic promise of a Messiah in Genesis 3:15 to the last prophecy in Revelation, the heart of prophecy has been directed to the person of Jesus Christ. The direction and purpose of prophecy points to Jesus. Prophecy is more than foretelling but it is largely forthtelling the divine will of God that all men should humble themselves to Jesus Christ and receive Him not only as their Savior and Lord but as their all in all. The Old Testament testify of Jesus that all may come to Him to have life (John 5:39-40). The gospels are written that everyone may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing every one who believes may have eternal life. The letters of the apostles, like Paul, confirm the four gospel. The Father bears witness to Jesus through Jesus’ testimony, John the Baptist, Jesus’ works, and miracles. (John 5:30-47) The Holy Spirit shall not speak of Himself but He shall speak to glorify Jesus (John 16:13-15)

# THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST



# Jesus Christ's Glorious Appearing

- Rev 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
- Rev 19:12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.
- Rev 19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.
- In Revelation 4:1, the heavens were opened to let John in but in chapter 19, the Tribulation has been concluded and Jesus Christ is returning to the earth so we find the heaven open again for Jesus to come to the earth.
- The term "glorious appearing" is not found in the book of Revelation but in Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." glorious appearing describes the physical, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ in contrast to the "blessed hope" which is the rapture of the Church prior to the Tribulation period.

# Jesus Christ's Glorious Appearing

- The second coming is different from the Rapture of the Church prior to the Tribulation. At the rapture, Jesus comes for His Church (John 14:1-3; 1Thessalonians 4:16-18) at the second coming, Jesus comes with His saints.
- At the second coming, Jesus meets the saints in the air (1Thessalonians 4:17) to take them to heaven, while at His second coming, Jesus descends with them to earth (Zechariah 14:4)
- There is no hint of judgment in the rapture but judgment is a major part in the second coming.
- The celestial signs like the darkening of the sun and moon, falling stars and the powers of heaven are shaken, described in Matthew 24:29-30, are not mentioned in the rapture.

# Jesus Christ's Glorious Appearing

- The rider of the white horse (Revelation 19:11) should be differentiated from the rider of the white horse in Revelation 6:2. The rider of 6:2 has a stephanos crown like the victor's crown in the Olympic games. This is the anti-Christ. On the other hand, the rider on the white horse in chapter 19 has many crowns (diadema, king's crown). This is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- In His first coming here on earth, Jesus entered Jerusalem on a lowly beast of burden, a colt the foal of an ass fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 prophecy. Now His humiliation is finished and He will come in His glory, properly riding the white horse to depict His power and glory.
- Jesus is coming as the righteous judge, the righteous warrior, and the righteous king. As a righteous Judge, He is coming to judge on the basis of the truth as seen by His eyes like a flame of fire. His eyes will reveal all truth about everything. As a righteous Warrior, He will subdue every man to surrender to Him. As a righteous King, Jesus is crowned with many diadems which symbolically mean Jesus will come with great authority. When Jesus Christ comes, all powers will be given unto Him as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

# Jesus Christ's Glorious Appearing

- His name is Faithful and True in contrast to the unfaithful deceivers of men, the antichrist and satan. Christ is the truth by contrast to satan, the big lie. The Lord has faithfully fulfilled the prophecies. "A day with the Lord is as a thousand years suggest that a promise given a thousand years ago is as though it were given yesterday.
- He has a name written that no one knows but He Himself. A Bible name reveals the character of a person. There are many names that reveal who God is. No amount of names will fully reveal the Person of the Lord for no finite mind can fully comprehend Him. We will never be able fully to know the Lord for He asks, "To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?" (Isa 40:18)
- The Lord is "arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood." It could be a symbolic reference to His blood on the cross shed for the sins of the world, he being the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world.
- His name is called The Word of God. The apostle John used the expression "the Word of God" to describe the Lord Jesus Christ which literally means "the expression of God." As we reveal our thoughts through words, so Jesus Christ, the Word of God reveals God to men. To know God, we only need to study about His Son, Jesus Christ, who being the exact image of the Father, He hath revealed Him". (John 1:18; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:3, the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person)

# The Battle of the Great Day

- Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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- The armies that followed Jesus, followed Him upon white horses clothed in fine linen, white and clean. The armies of heaven consist of the angelic hosts, the Old Testament saints, the Church and the martyred tribulation saints. It is interesting to note that the armies of heaven go to war in fine linen, white and clean in contrast to military men in fatigue uniforms as camouflage and war is so dirty, your fine line, white and clean would not last. The practice is no one in the Lord's armies will not lift a finger in the battle for the battle will be consummated by the spoken word of our Lord.
- The battle between satan and Jesus Christ at His second coming will bring to an end the enmity of satan, the antichrist, the false prophet and the millions they deceived. It will also usher in the millennial kingdom and the righteous reign of Jesus Christ upon earth.
- A warrior goes to war with his sword on his thigh. The sword of Jesus on His thigh is his name written the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Then truly will the prophetic word of Isaiah be fulfilled, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

# The Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:16)

- Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
- Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.
- Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.
- Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

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- The Lord Jesus tell us in Matthew 24:29-31 when the battle will take place, i.e., “immediately after the tribulation of those days.” It is at the end of the tribulation and before the millennium. Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet, through the three unclean spirits coming out of them, will inspire “the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather to the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:13-14)
- The Lord meets the armies of the antichrist, those deceived by the antichrist and the false prophet, that received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image, in the valley of Megiddo. He then will slay them with the sword that proceeds from His mouth. What will be left of them is a gigantic feast for birds of prey and other parasites. The antichrist and the false prophet were then taken and cast alive into the lake of fire and brimstone.
- The lake of fire and brimstone is the final hell, the ultimate destination of satan and his angels, the antichrist and the false prophet and all of the unredeemed (Matthew 25:41). Isaiah described it as the place where “their worm will not die and their fire will not be quenched” (66:24). Jesus so described that place in Matthew 13:42; Mark 9:48. Revelation 14:11 says that those who suffer there, “the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, they have no rest day and night.”
- All the unredeemed before the second coming of Christ go to Hades like the rich man in the story of the beggar Lazarus (Luke 16:23). Up to this point nobody has been cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. At this point in the book of Revelation, the antichrist and the false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire and brimstone. They will be joined 1,000 years later by those who are now in Hades

# The Resurrections (1Corinthians 15:20-23)

Dan 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

