

I Peter 1: 10-12

The Witness of Our
Salvation



3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

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Illustration from Last Week:



That did not get to be displayed showing:

God's Purpose in Trials: by giving the Believer an ever-widening knowledge and view of His Glory

Together with:

As Christ is REVEALED (v. 7) 'in revelation of Jesus Christ': (*no 'the'—interlin.*) the Believer is able to have greater and greater appreciation of His salvation, resulting in expanding praise, glory and honoring of His Savior

The revealing of Jesus Christ through His Word

**Praise and
Glory and
Honor**

I Pet. 1:7

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**IMAGE OF
CHRIST**

GLORY TO GLORY

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

NEW BIRTH

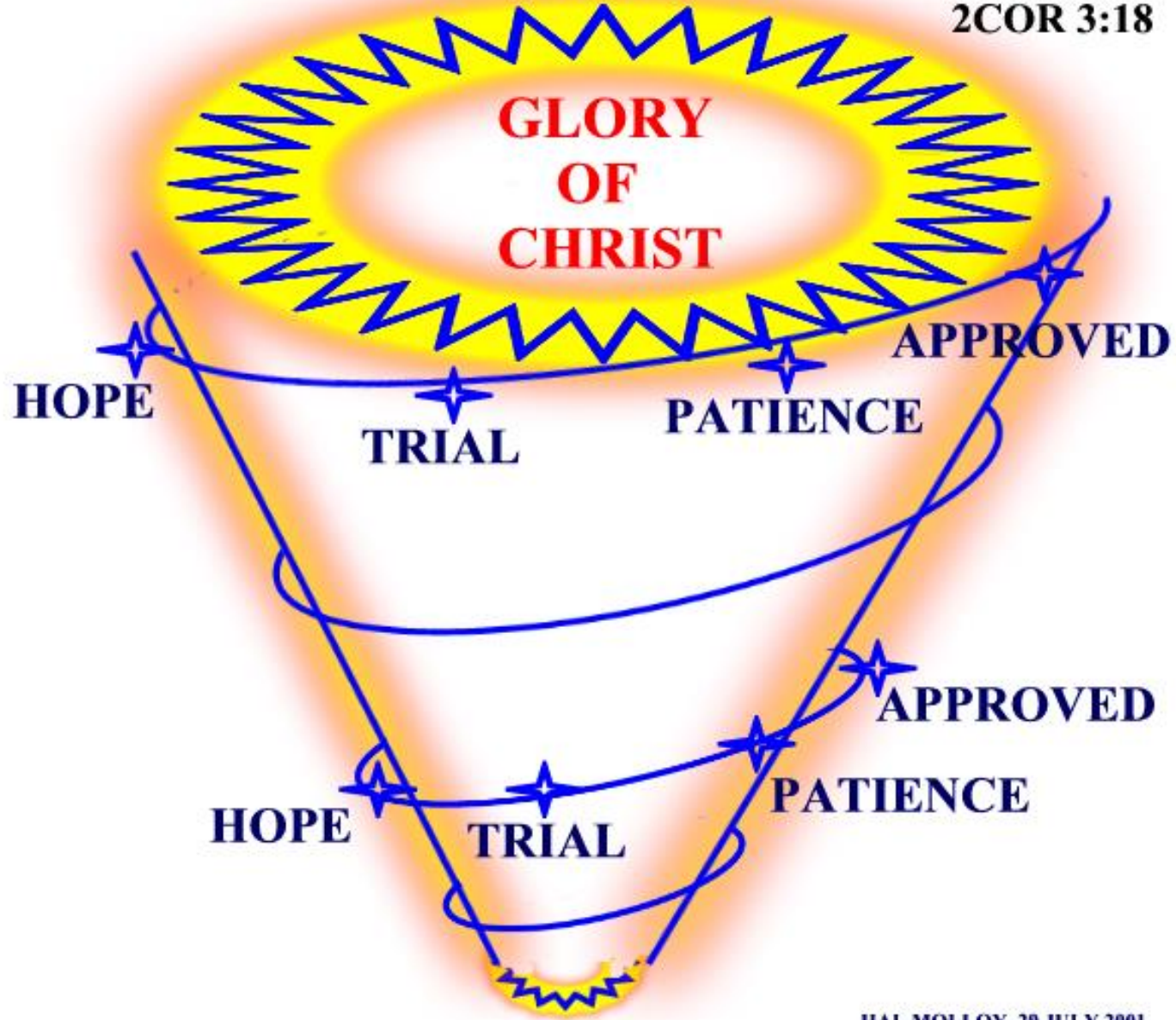


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GOD'S PURPOSE IN TRIALS

ROM 5:3-5

2COR 3:18



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1st Peter so Far:



- Peter is writing to those Jewish Christians under trial; intense persecution in far Northern Galatia
- How do they cope and hold up under the fiery trials?
- By focusing their confidence on their Living Hope, permanent and secured in heaven by God based on the death, burial & resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ: His saving work of their souls: yet future— yes, but active in the present
- Peter describes the breadth, height and scope of Christ’s saving work in vs. 3, 4, 5
- By having HOPE; a moored, intelligent confidence in this work, or stated differently: having an absolute certainty in their now and future salvation and inheritance, they weather the tribulations
- Their faith: certainty and reliance on the absolute reality of the Things of God— is approved by God by testing through trial, and this leads to greater and greater exultation, joyous rejoicing in God as Christ is more revealed.
- And they have exuberant joy in the Person of Christ despite the fact they’ve never seen Him face to face
- Third party Witnesses to this joy and the depth & breadth of this magnificent salvation, are: the a) **O.T. prophets**, whom these Christians are familiar, and b) **the angelic realm**— far more mysterious but powerful in their weight of perspective



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I. Salvation by grace alone: & bringing the Gentiles into it:

Salvation In the Old Testament: it was for physical descendants of Abraham by the Mosaic animal sacrificial system, (Lev. 1-7), by doing and obeying God- this was believing God, and that saved.

Grace is at the core of this system, but it was hidden

The Gentiles: (Merryman) says the root of the word ‘*gentiles*’ is hidden: they’re the Goyim, those outside of the above covenant, they would be saved ultimately in the O.T. scriptures—

- But the HOW . . . Remained a mystery
- They were not part of the blessed economy

The H.S. reveals to Peter: that the prophets saw the Sufferings of Christ, and His Millennial, glorious kingdom reign, ***but couldn’t square the circle of how a Messiah could both be rejected, suffer and die and then be worshipped as the Forever King in one lifetime . . .***

- i. What specific ***chronos*** would this be accomplished? What do the hands of the clock read?
- ii. And if they couldn’t determine ***chronos***; what will the ***kairos*** be – the season? The times be?

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Therefore: many prophets made careful searches and inquires into this conundrum. [Much later false doctrine of 2 Messiahs emerged in the Talmud: Messiah, Son of Joseph (Tribe of Ephraim) & Messiah Son of David (Tribe of Judah)]

The Prophets were surprised by their own inspired writings

They painstakingly tried to piece the suffering and glorification together in a coherent system...

Careful searches & inquiries

- i. Detailed investigation, scrutinization, trying to draw out the answer
- ii. The Greek words denote: **ek-** (pull out from)- their writings and others' writings
- iii. Not only that: but they were **anxious** investigations
- iv. McCalley/Merryman: *'what manner, person and time' the Spirit of Christ was continuously indicating this coming salvation' in their writings (past continuous action = perfect tense)*

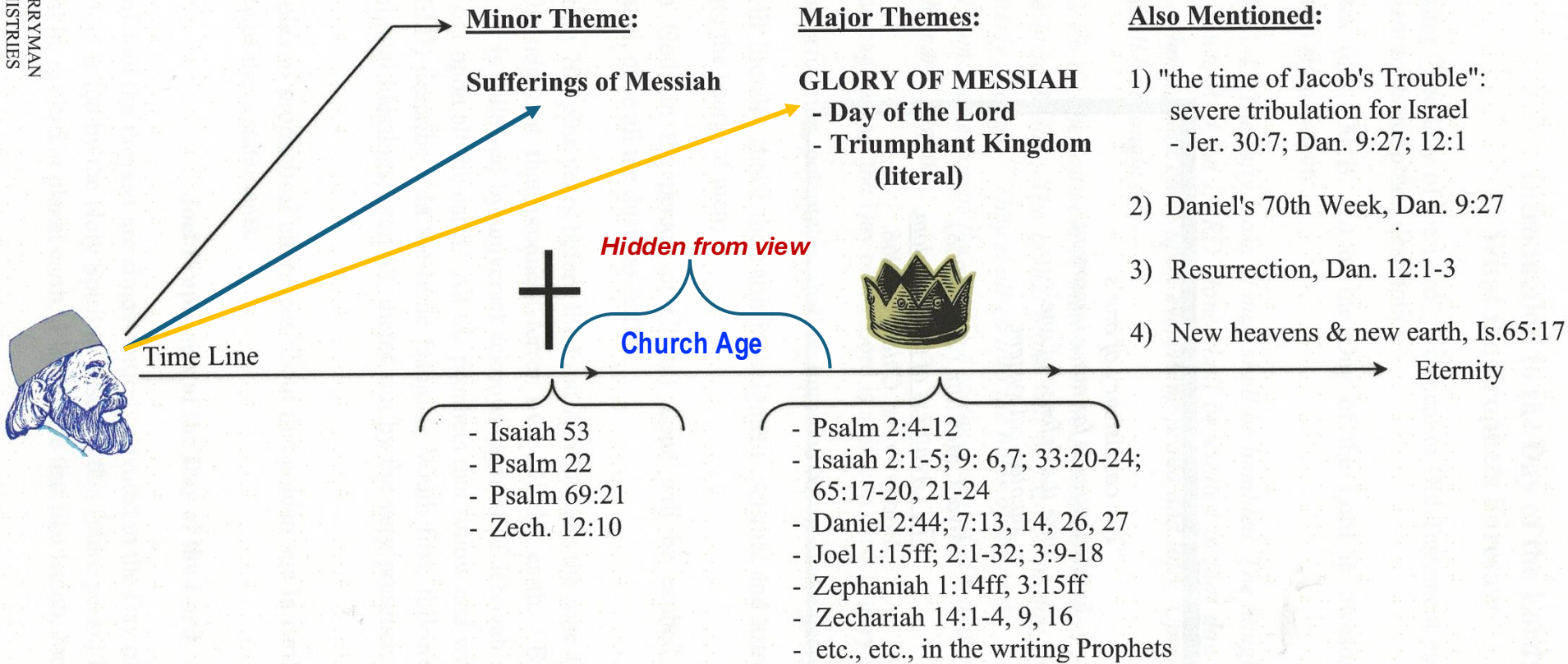
Merryman's Illustration Figures are invaluable into the whole scene of verses 10 and 11:



Figure 2b. ESCHATOLOGY from an OLD TESTAMENT POINT OF VIEW

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What did the Old Testament Prophets see?



OBSERVATIONS

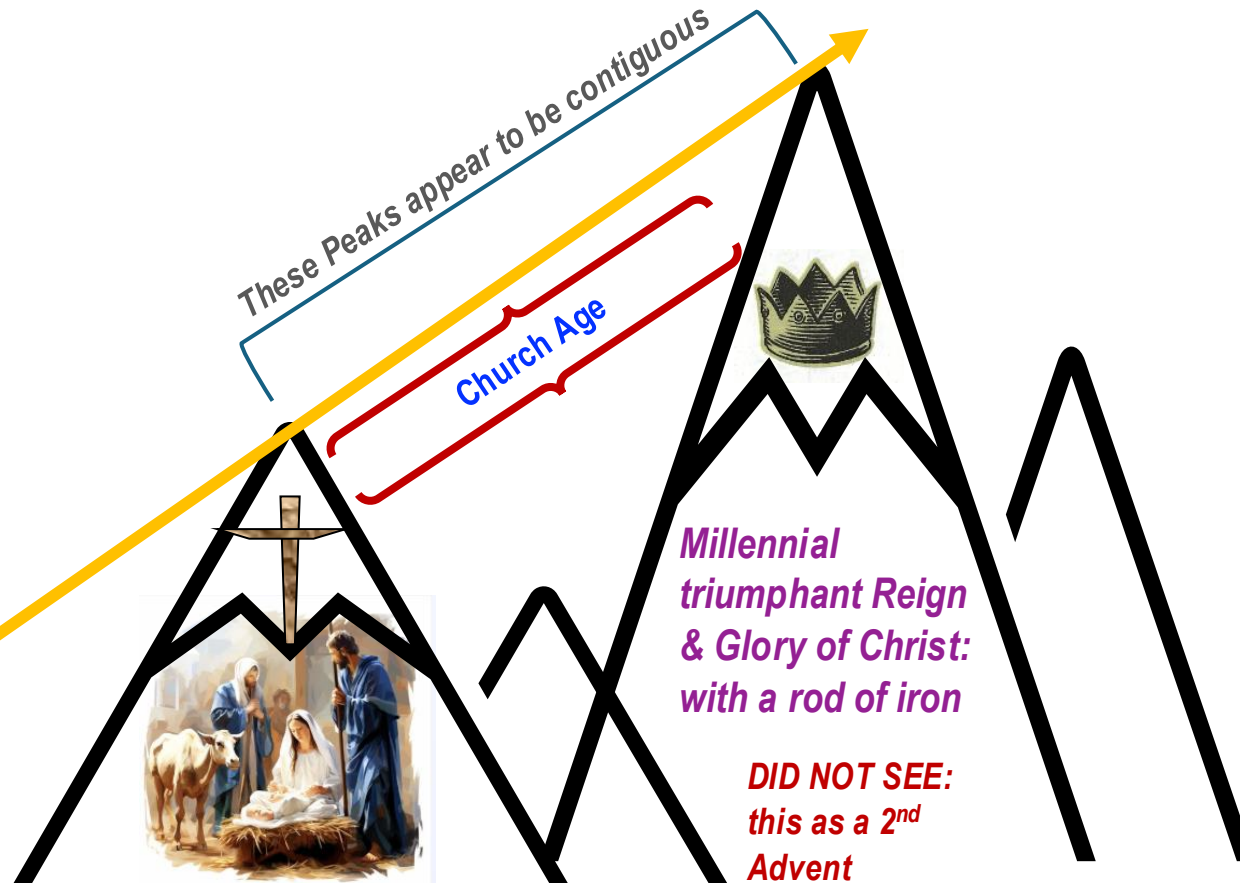
1. The Old Testament prophets through God's Spirit predicted the sufferings of Messiah and the glory to follow, but the precise timing of these eschatological events was not revealed to them, 1 Peter 1:10, 11.
2. The Day of the Lord which includes (1) severe trouble, unrest, war, and mayhem on earth, and (2) the glorious & triumphant Kingdom of the Lord to follow, which is the major eschatological theme of the Old Testament prophets.
3. As you read the Old Testament prophets, you, too, will have trouble sorting out the chronology of eschatological events: it takes New Testament eschatology to complete the picture. Nowhere in the Old Testament will one find two advents of Messiah specifically predicted: the New Testament refers to both advents in almost every Book!

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'Through the Word's J. Vernon McGee's Illustration

Of the Literary "visual problem" the Prophets Had

I Peter 1: 10-12



1st Advent:

& suffering, death of Christ: prophets predicted His: virgin birth, kingly lineage, birthplace, humble beginnings, death & resurrection

[Merryman]

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12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

Finally, after so much investigating, it appears that the Holy Spirit had to reassure them that this constant, continuous indicating of a Messiah coming to effect salvation by grace was for a time and a people yet way into the future . . .

Was this a special revelation to them to put their minds at ease?

II. The Witness of the Angelic Realm and their Observing

- i. Angels are created spiritual beings whose job is to be messengers of God
- ii. They occupy an exalted estate above the present sphere of fallen man
- iii. There are NUMEROUS classifications of Angels, their realms and their estates, their functions
- iv. Mainly: MINISTERING SPIRITS: to render service to those who shall be heirs of salvation (Heb. 1:14)
- v. But they are also spectators and witnesses of the things of earth [Psa 103:20 ; Luke 12:8,9 ; 15:10; 1 Cor 11:10; I Tim. 3:16; I Pet. 1:12; Rev. 14:10]
- vi. THEY LIVE, SEE & EXPERIENCE personally the Glory of God & Christ: **YET**— these angelic hosts are **epithymeō** (ing) / *heated desire* to look into our great, gracious salvation. The inner-workings of 1 Pet. 1:3-5 salvation are eternally fascinating to them!



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- vii. Apparently, and myriads and occupy every sphere of God's creation: from the earth on up to the 1st heaven through the 3rd heaven
- viii. They were present at: creation; the giving of the Law, the birth of Christ, His temptation, in the garden (Christ chose not to deploy them/ Mat. 26:53); Christ's resurrection, His ascension, 2nd Coming (yet future)
- ix. "How constant their attendance to the Incarnate Savior during his mysterious (to them) life among men! (Dr. Cooke)
- x. **New information to the angelic realm:** *Christ's two-fold nature, His redeeming work, obeying His own law as if He were a creature, and in the attitude of a servant!!?! Before this: He was Governor of the Universe in the angelic realm's first-hand knowledge and experience . . .*
- xi. *. . . submitting to be tempted , suffering the scorn and reproach of sinful men! The blows, the strikes!!!?? Dying between two thieves . . .*
- xii. All of this: **NEW TO THEM** in their knowledge and understanding (Cooke; thru Chafer op.cit p. 22)
- xiii. They must have been ready to **DEPLOY** in above cited Mat. 26:53



God's Creation: the Angelic Realm

Heaven: God's sphere

ANGELS: POSITIONS, ORDERS AND ETERNAL DESTINIES ARE **FIXED**

LUCIFER: HIGHEST CREATED ANGEL 'SON OF THE MORNING'

ARCHANGEL: MICHAEL; 'WHO IS LIKE UNTO GOD'

GABRIEL: THE MIGHTY ONE

Light Years: **billions**

3rd Heaven

'THOSE WHO SIT UPON THEM'

Thrones

1 TIM 5:21

'Elect' Angels

The Universe:
Galaxies, stars, solar systems, Nebula

Dwelling Places?

'THOSE WHO RULE'

Dominions

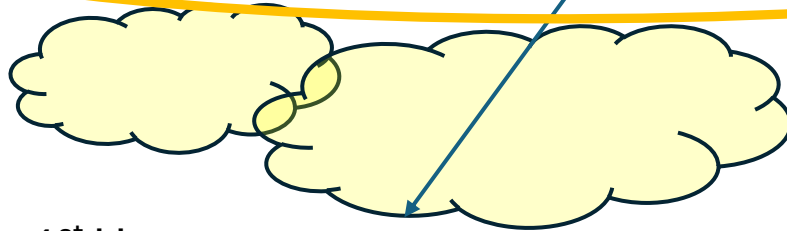
Possible: Ordering of Power (?)

The 'many mansions' in the Father's house of John 14:2?

2nd Heaven

'THOSE WHO GOVERN'

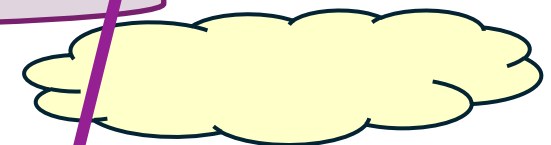
Principalities



1st Heaven

'THOSE WHO EXERCISE SUPREMACY'

Powers



'THOSE INVESTED W/

Authorities

IMPERIAL RESPONSIBILITY'

Angels: are stooping down to comprehend Eph. 3:3-11; the workings of Mystery of the Church

MANKIND'S: ETERNAL DESTINY: WHOSOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED...'

Earth: Man's sphere

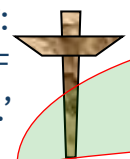
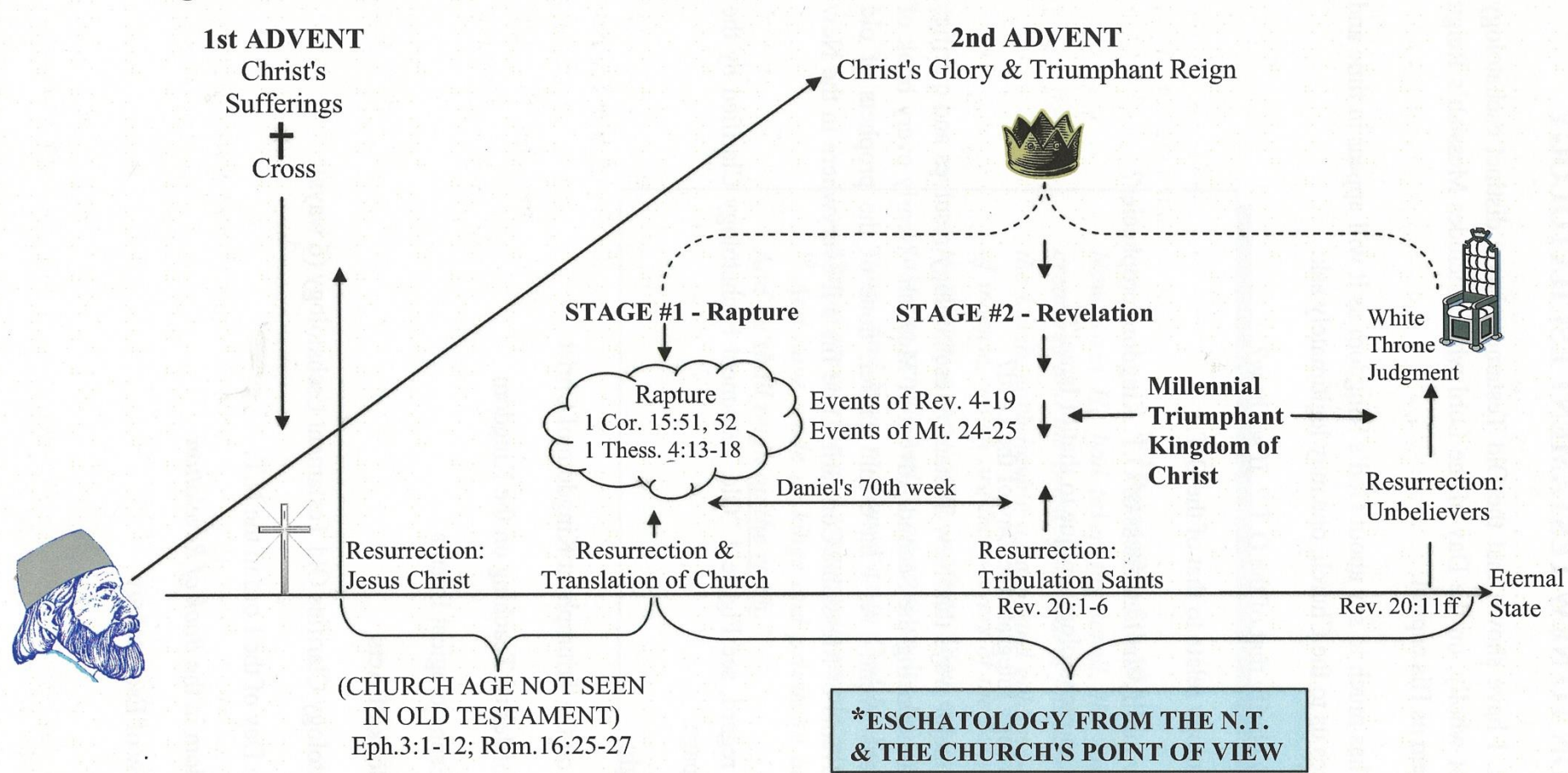


Figure 4. OLD TESTAMENT ESCHATOLOGY CLARIFIED BY NEW TESTAMENT*

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SUPPLEMENT:
Merryman's Figure 4 Chart

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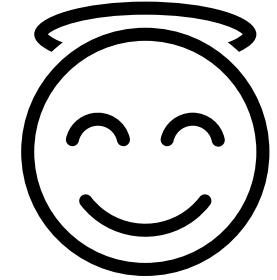
1. According to 1 Peter 1:10-11, the Old Testament prophets through God's Spirit predicted the sufferings of Messiah and the glory to follow, but the precise timing of each was not revealed to them.
2. The church age was not seen by the O.T. prophets: it was revealed to Paul and the prophets of his time, Ephesians 3:1-6. This accounts for the temporal difficulties the O.T. prophets had with the sufferings of Messiah and the glories to follow. Because the Rapture/Translation concerns the Church, it is revealed in Paul's letters and is not seen in the O.T. at all. The doctrine of the Rapture/Translation is unique to the Church Age.
3. Eschatology, the Doctrine of Last Things, concerns itself with the glories of Christ which will be revealed to the entire cosmos through the events associated with His Second Advent. These will involve the consummation of Christ's Redeemership, Christ's Judgeship and Christ's Kingship.

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Of all the Angels: this one is my favorite!

*Clarence
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Angelic Order:

2nd Class

