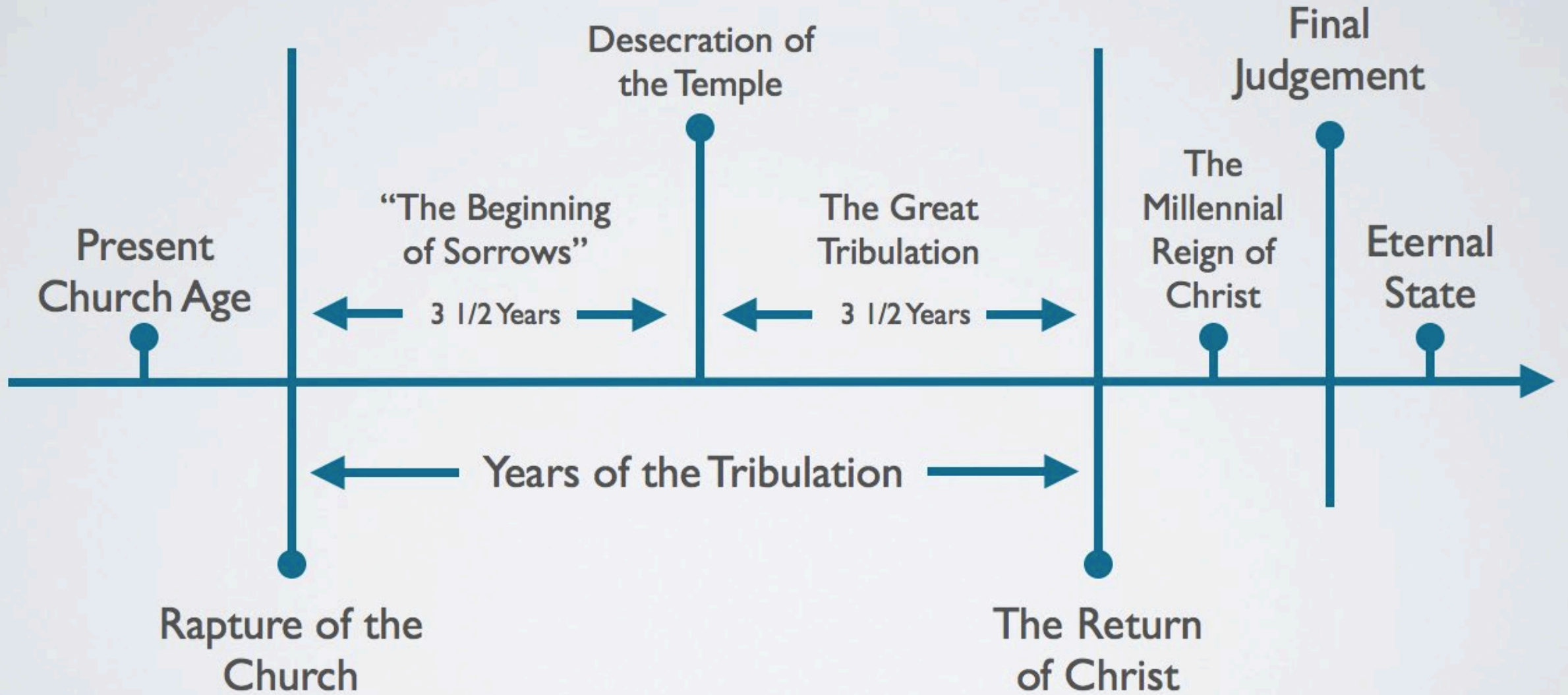


# The Eternal State

## Part 1

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# Timeline of the End Times



## Events leading into the Eternal State

1. Release of Satan from the bottomless pit
2. Revolt on earth with judgments on Satan and his armies
3. Passing of old heaven and old earth
4. Great white throne judgment
5. Creation of new heaven and new earth
6. Descent of the bridal city from heaven
7. Surrender of the mediatorial aspect of Christ's reign and adjustment to the eternal state

“And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts”



# The Bible's Description of the Coming Kingdom

- 1) The Lord Himself will establish it (Dan. 2:44-45)
- 2) Begins the eternal reign of Jesus (Dan. 7:27)
- 3) Jesus will rule *personally/directly* (Zech. 9:9-10)
- 4) Earthly (Zech. 14:9)
- 5) Land promises fulfilled (Gen. 15:18-21)
- 6) Israel will be preeminent (Isa. 2:2-3)
- 7) Millennial Temple (Ez. 40—46)
- 8) David *resurrected and ruling* (Jer. 30:9)
- 9) Righteousness will fill the whole earth (Isa. 9:6-7)

# The Bible's Description of the Coming Kingdom

- 10) Curse (Gen. 3) greatly diminished
- 11) Worldwide peace (Isa. 2:4)
- 12) Worldwide prosperity (Amos 9:13-14)
- 13) Geographic/topographic changes (Ez. 47:1-12)
- 14) Physical healing (Isa. 35:5-6)
- 15) Prayer answered now! (Isa. 65:24)
- 16) Lasts for a literal one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-7)

# Distinctions between Kingdom and Eternal State

MILLENNIAL KINGDOM (Rev. 20:1-10)	ETERNAL STATE (Rev. 21—22)
This earth (Gen. 13:7)	New earth (21:1)
Seas and Waters (Gen. 15:18-21)	No sea (Rev. 21:1)
Rebellion (Zech. 14:16-18)	No rebellion (Rev. 21:4)
Tribes receive land (Ez. 47)	Tribes' names on gates (Rev. 21:12)
Sin (Ze. 45:22)	No sin (Rev. 21:4)
Temple (Ez. 40—46)	No temple (Rev. 21:22)
Jesus rules with rod of iron (Ps. 2:6-8)	No rod necessary (Rev. 21:8)
Death (Isa. 65:20)	No death (Rev. 21:4)
Sun and its light (Isa. 30:26)	Son and His light (Rev. 21:23; 22:5)



“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.”





“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”



# The Eternal State

1. It's timing (after Theocratic Kingdom)
2. A new creation (not restoration)
3. A real place in which we will exist
4. David's Throne continues
5. What it will be like

# Theocratic Kingdom

God



Man (& wife)

(“Theocratic Administrator”)



Creation

## Gen. 3:15 (ESV)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”



“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.”



## Ps. 33:6 (ESV)

“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of His mouth all their host.”

## Ps. 33:9 (ESV)

“For He spoke, and it came to be; He commanded, and it  
stood firm.”



# A Re-Creation, not a Renovation

1. Sin's contamination
2. Scriptural evidence
3. Radical differences



“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



“But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”



“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.”



“But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”



“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”



“...You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; (11)they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, (12)like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end.”

# Differences between first creation and new creation

EDEN (Gen. 1—2)	ETERNAL STATE (Rev. 21—22)
Division between <i>light</i> and <i>darkness</i> (1:4)	No NIGHT (21:25)
Division between <b>land</b> and <b>sea</b> (1:10)	No SEA (21:1)
<b>Sun</b> and <b>moon</b> (1:16)	No sun <b>or</b> moon (21:23)
Garden (2:8-9)	City (21:2)
Gold in the <i>land</i> (2:12)	Gold in the CITY (21:21)
<b>Tree of Life</b> in the middle of the Garden (2:9)	Tree of Life <i>throughout</i> the city (22:2)
Bdellium and onyx stone (2:12)	All manner of stones (21:19)
God walking in the Garden (3:8)	God dwelling with His people (21:3)



“And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

(24)By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, (25)and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.”



# Eternal State A Real/Literal Place Where We'll Exist

1. “city”, “Jerusalem” (21:2)
2. “high”, “gates”, “tribes” (21:12)
3. “foundations”, “apostles” (21:14)
4. “foursquare”, “stadia” (21:16)
5. “cubits” (21:17)
6. “wall”, “city”, “jasper”, “gold”, (*various jewels*) (21:18,19)
7. “pearl”, “street” (21:21)
8. “river” (22:1)
9. “street”, “city”, “river”, “tree of life”, “fruit”, “leaves”, “nations”  
(22:2)

# Abrahamic Covenant (w/Sub-Covenants)



## 2 Sam. 7:12-16 (ESV)

“I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (14) I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son... (16) And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before Me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

“You have said, ‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

(4)‘I will establish your offspring forever,

and build your throne for all generations.” Selah”



“And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever”



## Luke 1:30-33 (ESV)

“And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31)And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. (32)He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, (33)and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.’”



“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.’”



“The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with My Father on His throne.”



“No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him.”



*“The delivery to God of a now unmarred kingdom does not imply the release of authority on the part of the Son... the distinction to be noted lies between the presentation to the Father of a restored authority and the supposed abrogation of a throne on the part of the Son. The latter is neither required in the text nor even intimated. The picture presented in Revelation 22:3 is of the New Jerusalem in the eternal state, and it is declared that ‘the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.’” (Chafer)*

*“As we passed from chapter 20 into chapter 21 of the apocalypse, therefore, we stand at the junction point between two worlds and between two kingdoms. It is the end of the ‘first’ or ‘natural’ order of things, and the beginning of the final order of things. Here also the mediatorial Kingdom of our Lord ends, not by abolition, but by its mergence into the Universal Kingdom of God. Thus, it is perpetuated forever, no longer as a separate entity, but in indissoluble union with the original Kingdom of God from which it sprang.”*

*What will happen is succinctly described in St. Paul's classic passage on the subject: 'Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule And all authority and power... and when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all' (1 Cor. 15:24,28). This does not mean the end of our Lord's regal activity, but rather that from here onward*

*in the unity of the Godhead He reigns with the Father as eternal Son. There are no longer two thrones, one His Messianic Throne and the other the Father's Throne, as our Lord indicated in Revelation 3:21. In the final Kingdom there is but one throne, and it is 'the throne of God and of the Lamb' (22:3)." (McClain)*