



Christ's Prophecies of the

END TIMES

Part 3

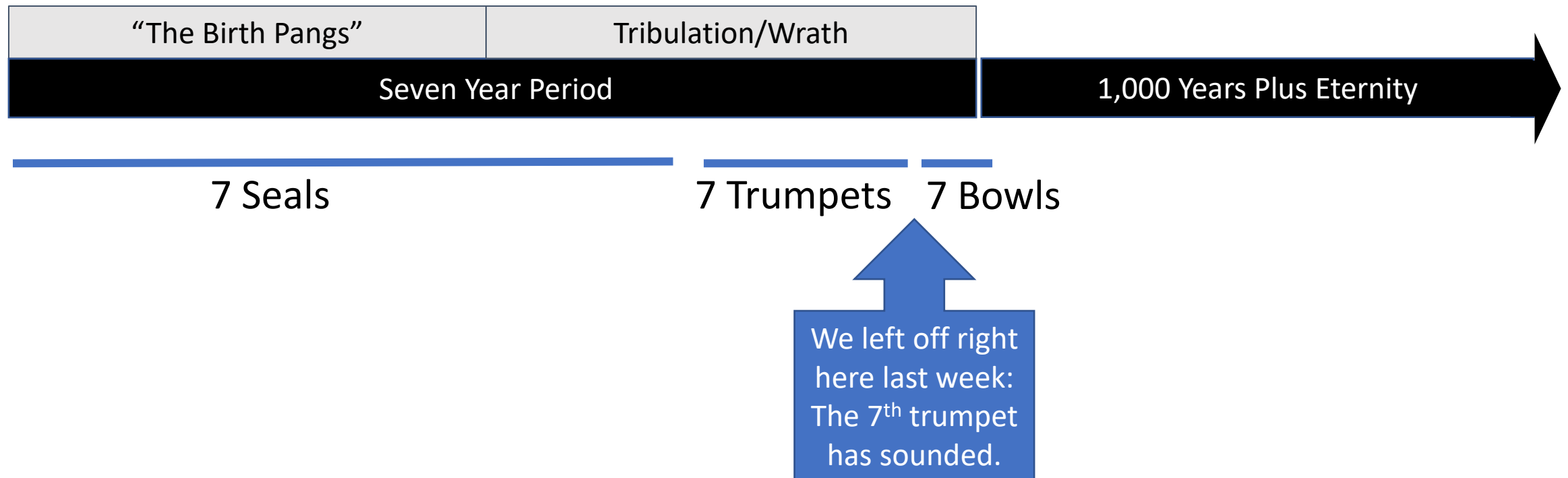
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Review: Several Groupings of Events in 7 Year Period

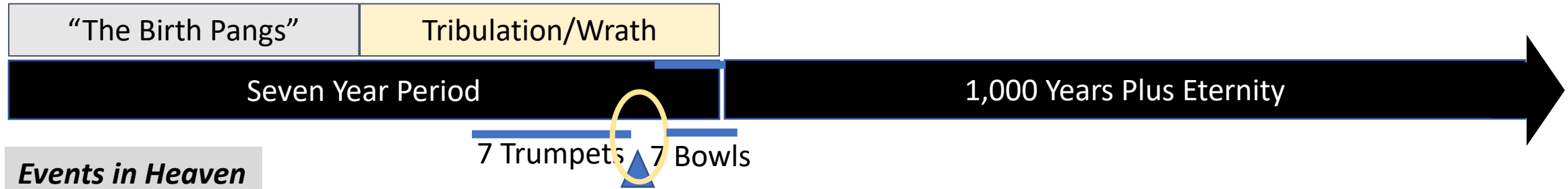
7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, and 7 Bowls



The Day of the Lord: In Heaven After the 7th Trumpet Sounds

The View from Heaven

Read Rev. 11:15-19 “And the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” ”



Events in Heaven

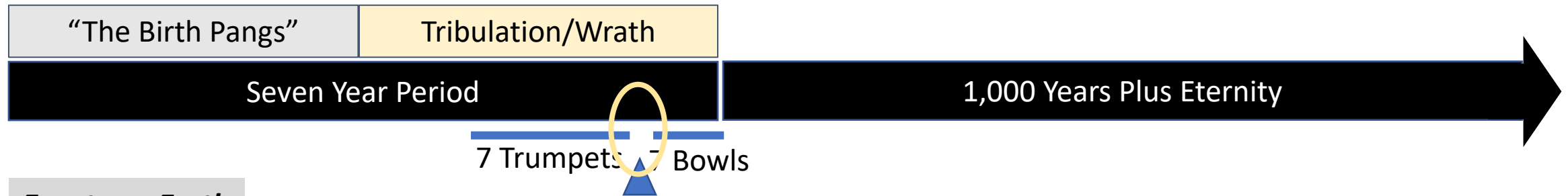
- The 24 elders fall on their faces and worship God, saying: “... *you have taken your great power and begun to reign.*” (Rev. 11:17)
- Heaven is cheering: God is re-exerting His divine authority over earth, though Satan and his minions are still here
- God’s temple in heaven is opened; John sees the Ark of the Covenant



The Day of the Lord: On Earth After the 7th Trumpet Sounds

Rev. 11:3-6: The two witnesses: And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, ...”

Rev. 11:7-12: “Now when they have finished their testimony [they are killed]...”

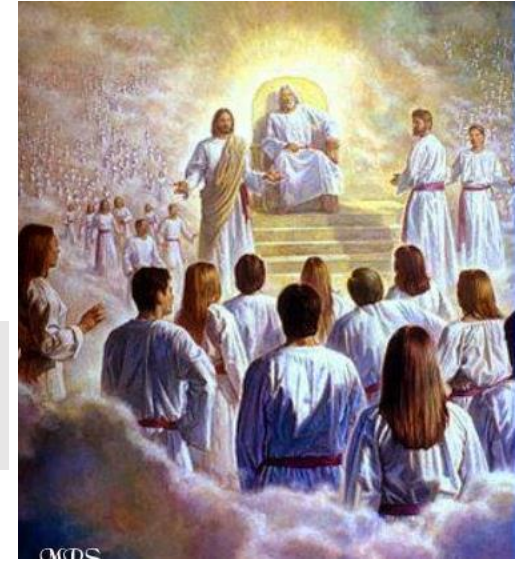


Events on Earth

- “Two Witnesses” are killed by the Antichrist’s followers; people blame them for the calamities
- God resurrects the Witnesses 3 ½ days later & calls them up to heaven
- Another earthquake kills 7,000 in Jerusalem
- Nations on earth respond with rage at God and at the Jews
- But a few find salvation...

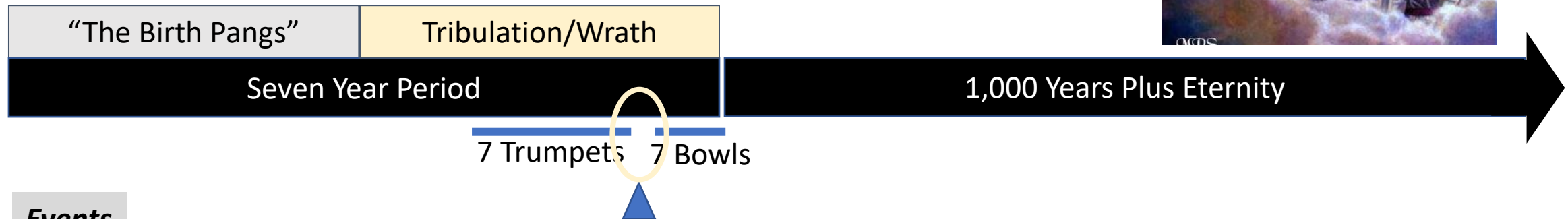
The Day of the Lord: Before the Bowl Judgments

The Bema Seat & Harvest of the Earth



The View from Heaven

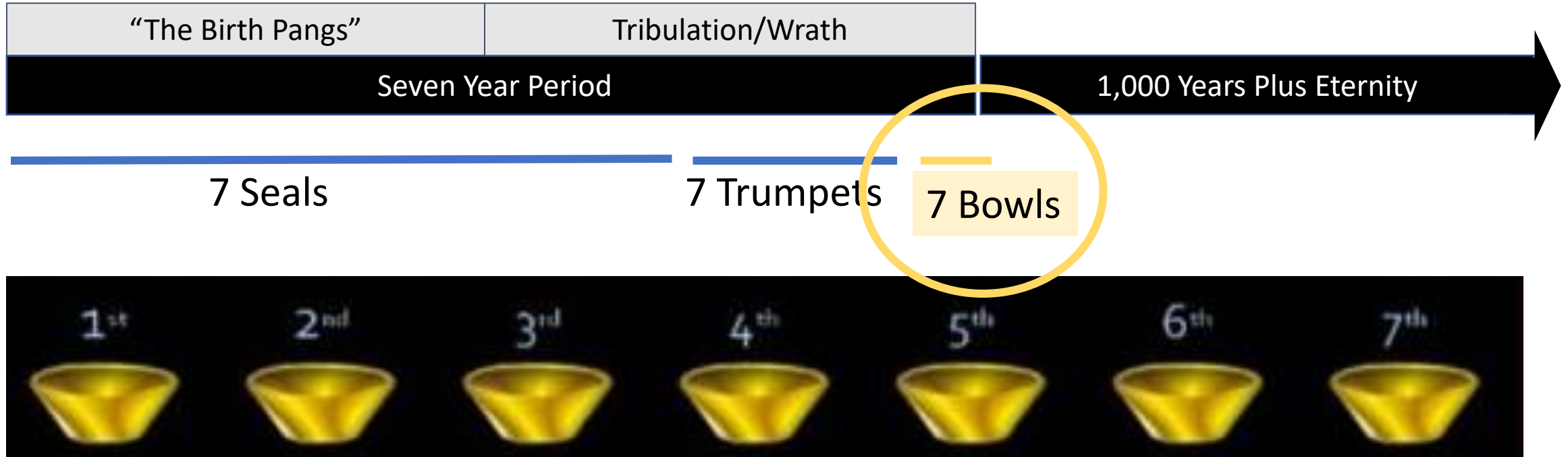
Rev. 11:18: “The time has come for judging the dead and for rewarding your servants...”



Events

- The “Bema-Seat” Judgment takes place: Christ in heaven judges the dead & living believers (Rev. 11:18)
- Post-rapture believers have been taken to heaven; *all believers are now in heaven*
- The Harvest of the Earth (Rev. 14:14-20)
- He clothes the righteous in white robes for his wedding to the Church

The Seven Bowl Judgments



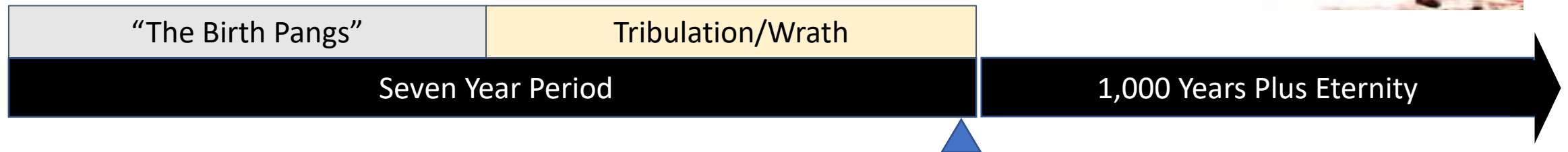
The Day of the Lord

The Seven Bowl Judgments: The Final Wrath of God

The View from Heaven

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"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth." (Rev. 16:1)



7 Bowl Judgments* are carried out against the WHOLE earth:

1. Ugly, painful, festering sores on those who have the mark of the beast
2. All the sea is turned to blood & all sea creatures die
3. All rivers and springs turn to blood



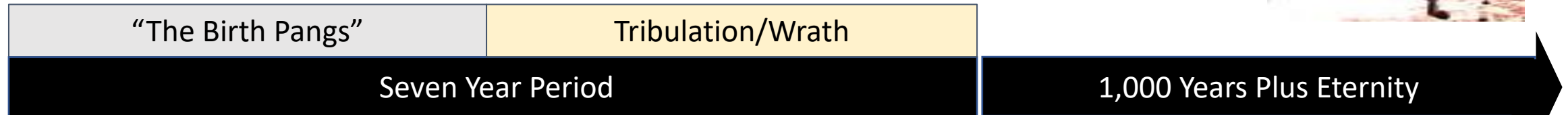
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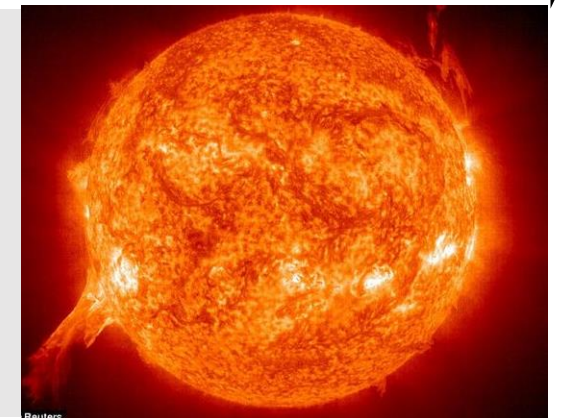
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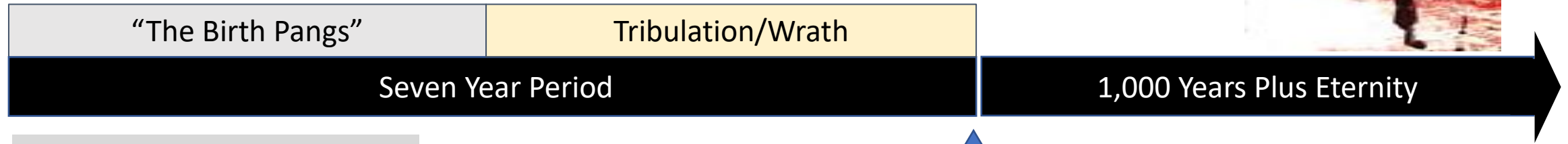


4. Sun scorches people with intense heat
5. Darkness, pains and sores; people gnaw on their tongues
6. The Euphrates River dries up; demonic spirits emerge and perform miracles, gathering the kings of the earth to Armageddon
7. A Loud Voice from Heaven says, "**It is done**" signaling the end of God's Wrath



(* all in Rev. Chapter 16):

The 7th Bowl Judgment: Events on Earth



With the 7th Bowl Judgment

After God says "It is Done", horrific events unfold on earth:

- Greatest earthquake ever known: Jerusalem is split into three parts
- Cities of the nations collapse, including the city of "False Religion, Babylon the Great"
- Huge earthly destruction: "Mountains disappear; islands flee"
- Huge 100 lb. hailstones fall upon men
- People curse God on account of the hail; hearts are totally hardened



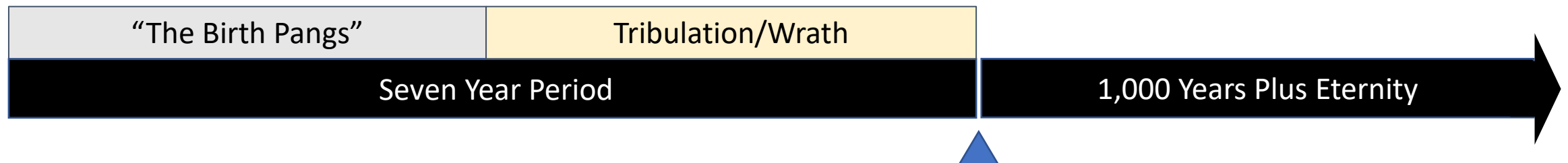
Meanwhile, in Heaven, there is Rejoicing!

The View from Heaven

The marriage of the Lamb to his bride (the church) takes place:

“[I heard]...like loud peals of Thunder: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.

And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Then the angel said to me: “Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” (Rev. 19:6b-9)



Back on Earth: In the Valley of Armageddon

- “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon” (Rev. 16:16)
- Armageddon comes from “Har Meggido.” Har is hills or mountains; Meggido is the name of the valley north of Jerusalem.

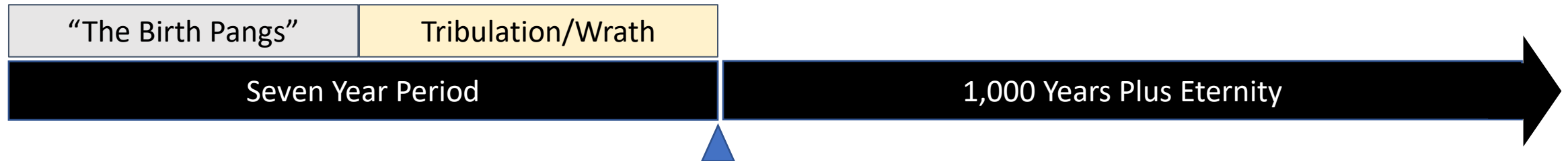


The Battle of Armageddon



The View from Heaven

“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.... The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean... On his robe and his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.” (Rev. 19:11-16)



- Christ comes back to Earth and leads his army against the Antichrist and all the world
- The Antichrist leads the opposing army with multiple kings – largest army ever amassed!
- Christ’s army annihilates the Antichrist, along with his False Prophet and all their followers; the followers are eaten by birds in the field as predicted in Ezekiel 39
- The Antichrist and False Prophet are thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur (Rev. 19:20) to be tormented forever.



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Table Discussion

Jesus warns that many will come in His name to deceive people.

God sends the two witnesses, the three angels and the 144,000.

How would you determine whether a messenger is false or not?



Break



Questions and Answers

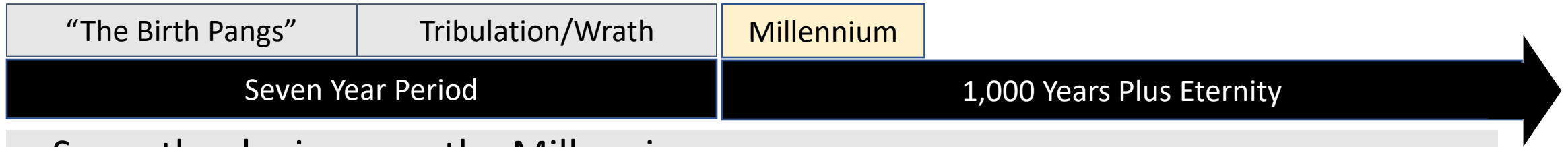
False Prophet Detection in the Modern Day

- False prophets refuse to call out sin. They flatter and excuse sinful behavior.
- False prophets preach the gospel of prosperity.
- False prophets don't believe in hell or the need for repentance.
- False prophets don't teach that Jesus is the *only* way.
- False prophets don't believe in the inerrancy of Scripture. They are selective in use of Scripture vs. examining the "full counsel of God".

2 Timothy 4: 3-4, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."



The Millennium: Multiple Views

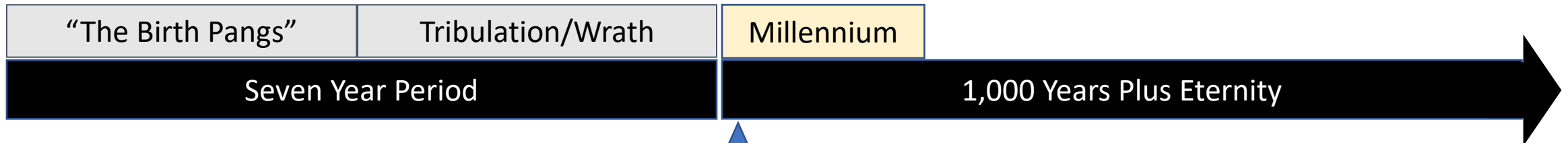


- Some theologians see the Millennium as:
 - a *literal* thousand-year period that begins after Christ's return
 - a figurative time period ("a long time")
 - a spiritual time period (between Christ's two earthly comings in the end times)
- The various views hold different beliefs about:
 - when the Millennium begins and ends
 - whether Christ returns before or after the Millennium
 - which groups of people are raptured before, during, and after certain events
 - the resurrection and judgment timings for believers and non-believers

The Millennium: the Reign of Martyrs

The View from Heaven

“And I saw **the souls of those who had been beheaded** because of their testimony about Jesus and the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years....** Blessed are those who....will be priests of God and of Christ and will **reign with him for a thousand years.**” Rev. 20:4-6



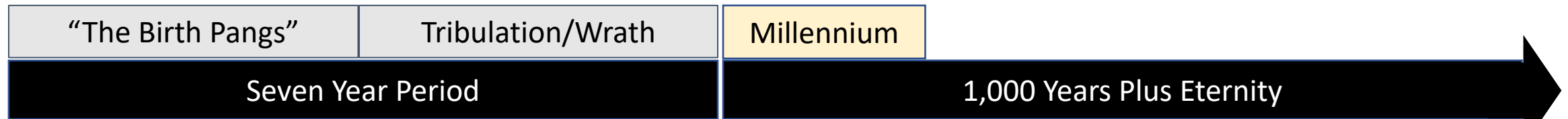
- Christ rules in peace across the whole world
- Martyrs co-rule with him
- Our administrative roles may be related to our faithfulness on earth (parable of the Talents)

- The “saved” live long lives, as in Noah’s day (Isa. 65:17-25)
- The world operates as God intended
- However, children born during this time may still succumb to sin.

At the Beginning of the Millennium

The View from Heaven

“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years**. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore **until the thousand years were ended**. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”
(Rev. 20: 1-3)



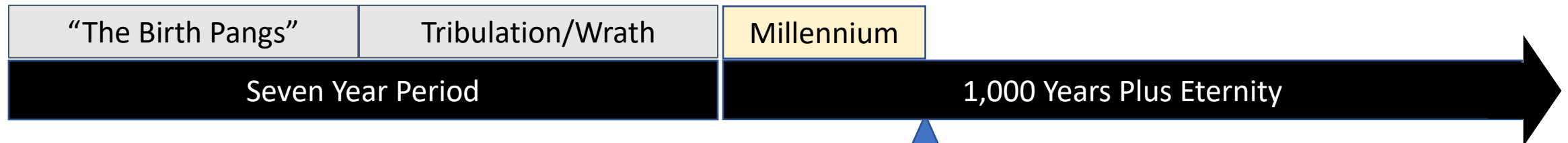
- Satan is bound for 1,000 years in The Abyss
- Not Satan’s ultimate end quite yet...



End of the Millennium: Satan's End

The View from Heaven

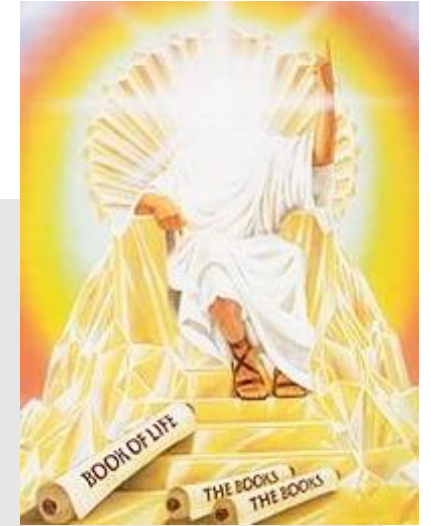
“When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the Earth – Gog and Magog -- to gather them for battle. **In number, they are like the sands on the seashore.** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and false prophet had been thrown.” (Rev. 20: 7-10)



- Satan, now released, deceives the nations and rallies a **large** army
- One last, final battle, with the Holy City surrounded
- From heaven, God destroys Satan’s followers with fire
- Satan is judged and thrown into the lake of burning Sulphur (Hell)
- Satan joins the Antichrist and False Prophet in Hell’s torment

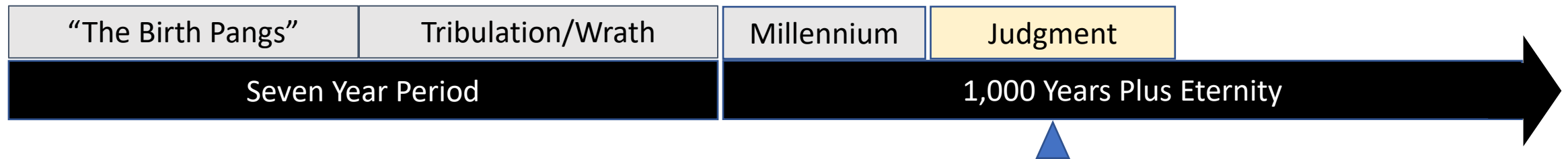


The Great White Throne of Judgment



The View from Heaven

“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. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of Life. **And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.** And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**” (Rev. 20: 11-15)

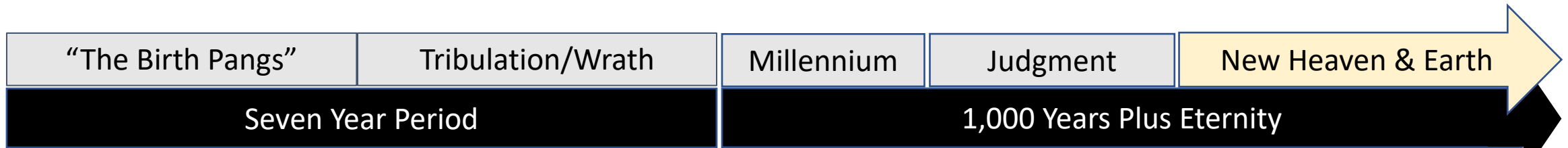


Facing The Great White Throne

- Jesus is on His throne with all *dead unbelievers* standing before Him
- “Books” are opened, then the Book of Life is opened
- Jesus judges them all *according to their works*
- All unbelievers are thrown into the Lake of Fire, where Satan and his followers were thrown
- Death and Hades are also thrown in the fire – this is the end of death!
- Jesus turns the kingdom over to God’s full rule (1 Cor. 15:24-26, 28)



Eternity Begins With The New Heaven & Earth

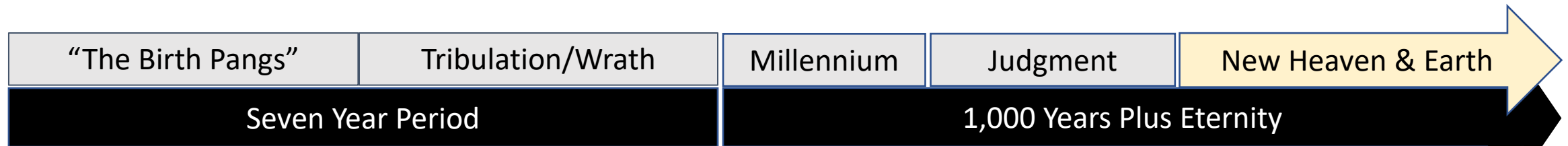


“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, beautifully dressed, prepared as a bride for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the Throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away all their tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.’ ” (Rev. 21:1-4)

- What we know of heaven and earth today will disappear and be renewed
- The *New Jerusalem*, the city of heaven, comes down to a mountain
- We will live with God and be his people
- The curses of sorrow, sin, pain, and death have been removed forever



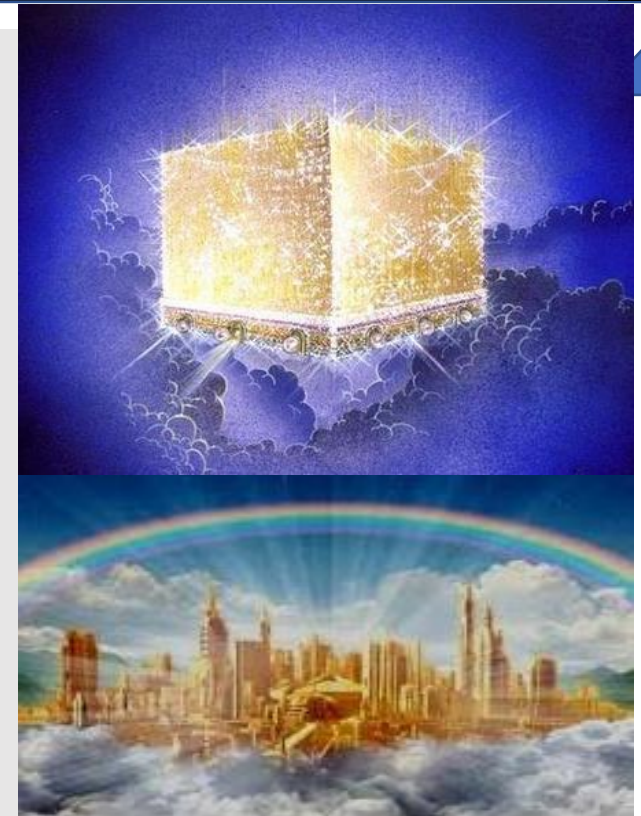
What Is The New Heaven and New Earth Like?



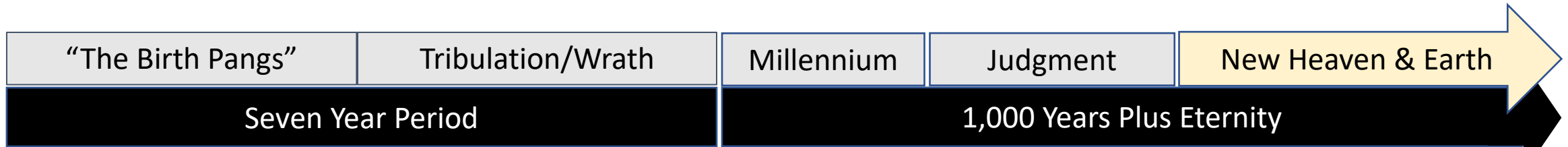
Onto this new, purified Earth, we see a city coming down from heaven:

- The **New** Jerusalem is a perfect cube, 1,380 miles high, long and wide
- God provides brilliant light – no day or night, sun or stars or moon
- The city has no Temple -- God and Jesus ARE the Temple
- The 12 gates: large, pearl-like, one for each tribe of Israel; each is guarded by an angel
- The foundation has 12 layers, one for each apostle
- The river of the Water of Life flows from the Throne down through the middle of the street
- A Tree of Life is on each side of the river
- We will see God's face and serve God and Jesus forever

(Rev. 21:9-22:6, Revelation 22:1-6)

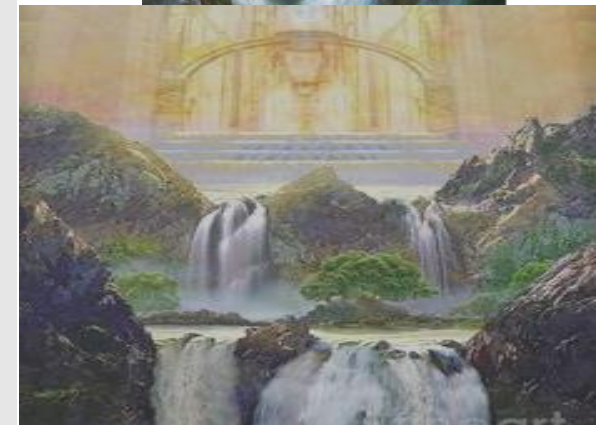
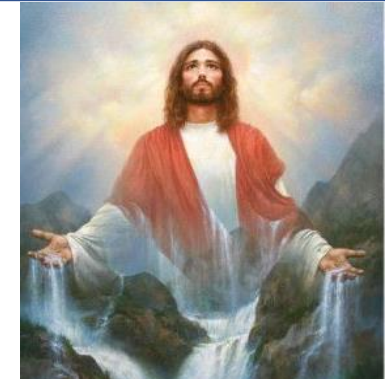


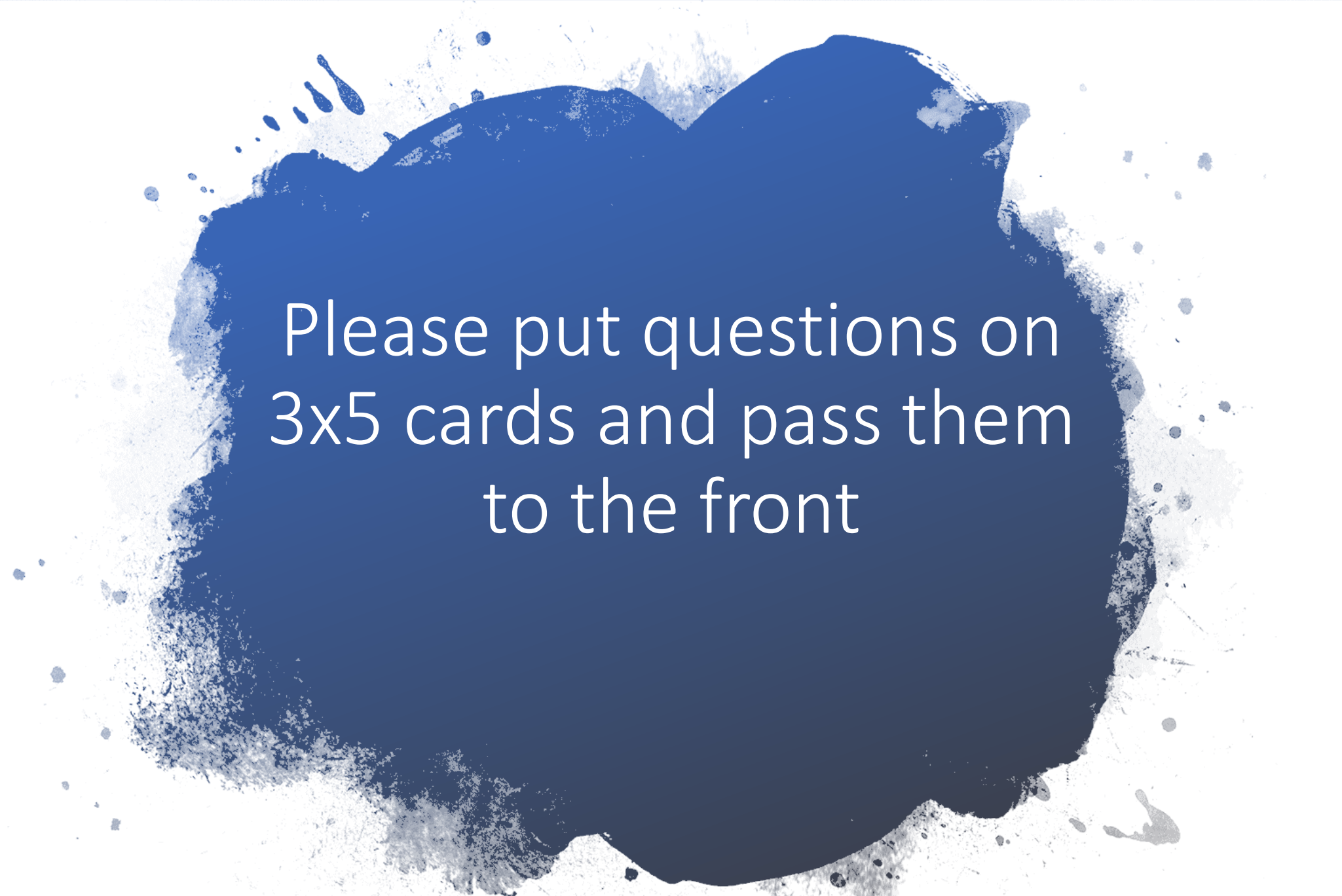
There is No End!



He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "**It is done.** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children." (Rev. 21:5-7)

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:12-14)





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Table Discussion

- Why would Jesus bother to judge the nonbelievers at the Throne of Judgment (since they are hell-bound anyway)?
- At the Great White Throne of Judgment, why might there be multiple sets of books?
- How has this information affected your faith? Does it prompt you to share the gospel with those “far from God but close to you?”



Questions and Answers

Key Takeaways

- Be watchful: “Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.” (Rev. 22:7)
- Remember the 3 Parables (Matt. 25)
- God is both merciful *and* just
- Many tribulations and calamities, but the story for believers has a HAPPY ENDING with no ending!
- Our names *must be* in the book of Life to be *saved*, but our works *do matter!*



Remember The Objectives?

Plenty of imagery we have not discussed, but we hope you walk away:

- Knowing more:
 - the arc of the “future history”
 - about Jesus’ revelations to us for the future and what to watch for
- Praying for:
 - those far from God but close to you
 - for our church and our individual/collective obedience to the Lord’s Word
 - for Christ’s return
- Remaining vigilant, not becoming lukewarm or spiritually lazy
- Feeling a sense of urgency to share Jesus

Course Evaluations

- Please fill out a course evaluation
- Let us know if you would be interested in using a set of slides and group discussion questions for study about Revelation's Letters to the Churches

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