

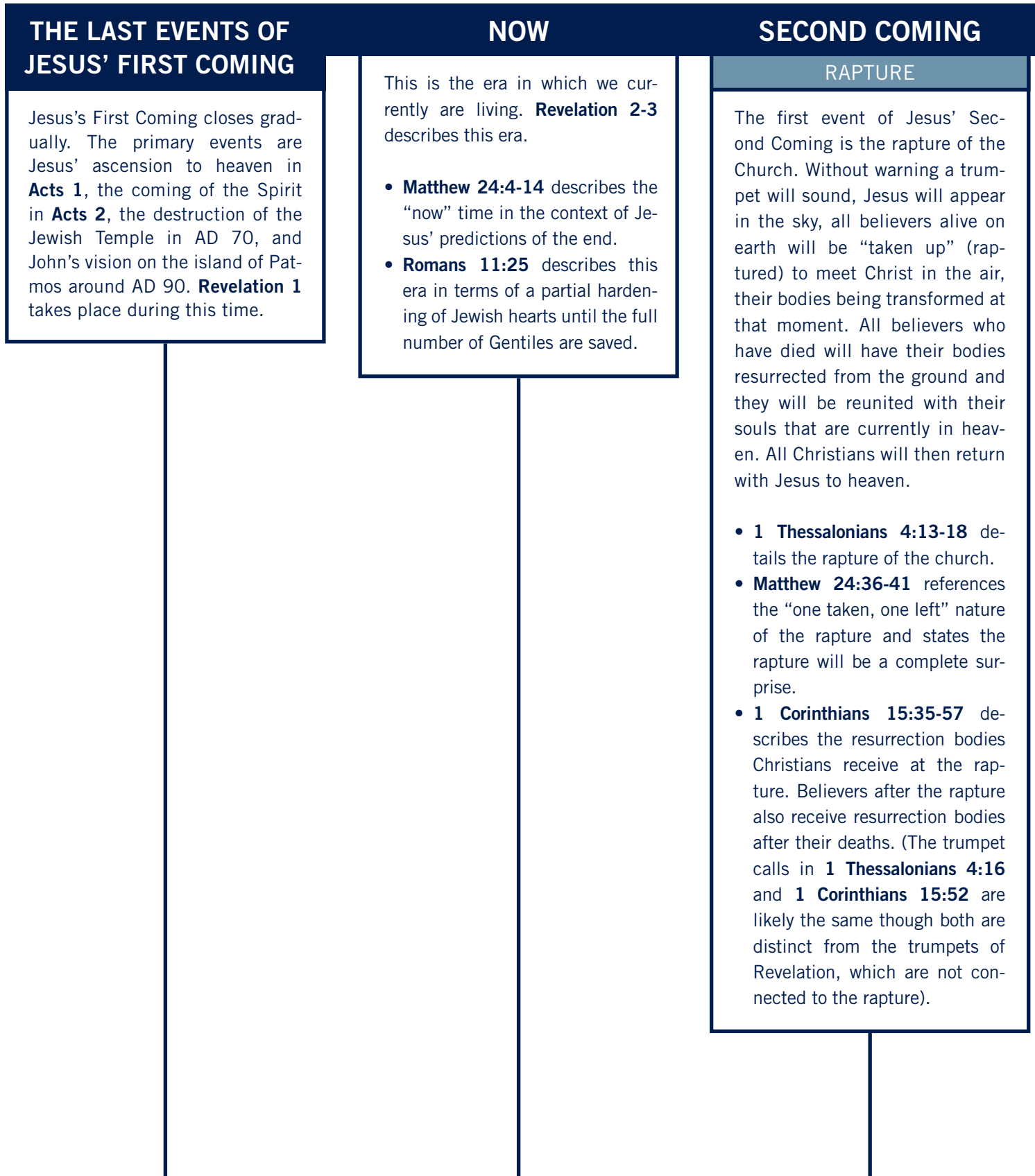


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REVELATION

END TIMES OVERVIEW

This narrative overview provides a framework for understanding end times, or the final events of human history, as presented in the Bible.



SECOND COMING

TRIBULATION

After the rapture comes the Tribulation. This is a period of seven years, sometimes called Daniel's 70th "week" from **Daniel 9:27**. It is called the Tribulation because it is a time of great difficulty, testing and discipline for sin. **Revelation 6-19** describes the events of the Tribulation.

- **Daniel 9:24-27** details the prophetic calendar from Daniel's point of view in terms of 70 "weeks" (i.e. 70 seven-year periods). The first 69 weeks have already happened. They began with the order to rebuild the temple and finished with the crucifixion of Jesus. The 70th week is held off until the end. **Revelation 6-19** describes this seven-year period.

GREAT TRIBULATION

Halfway through the Tribulation the Antichrist (called the Beast in Revelation) sets up false worship in Jerusalem. This is referred to in the Bible as the "abomination that causes desolation." This begins the second half of the Tribulation known as the Great Tribulation. Most people who come to faith during this time will be martyred and join believers in heaven. **Revelation 6-19** describes the Great Tribulation.

- **Daniel 9:27** tells us that halfway (3.5 years) through the 70th week, the abomination that causes desolation occurs.
- **Matthew 24:15-25** describes the Great Tribulation and the abomination that causes desolation.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12** mentions the "man of lawlessness." This is the Antichrist and people worshiping him in Jerusalem is the abomination that causes desolation. Revelation refers to the Antichrist/man of lawlessness as the Beast that comes from the sea (**Revelation 13:1-10**).

RETURN OF CHRIST

At the end of the seven years of the Tribulation, the whole world will gather together to eliminate the Jewish people. Instead, they will witness the final event of Jesus' Second Coming when Jesus Christ will return with all the believers in heaven at a battle called Armageddon. When Jesus comes as the rescuing Messiah, all Jewish people alive at that moment will see Jesus and believe that he is Messiah. They will be saved both from death at the battle and from eternal separation from God because they will know and accept Jesus as Messiah. **Revelation 19** narrates the return of Christ.

- **Zechariah 14:1-8** describes Christ's return to the Mount of Olives.
- **Acts 1:9-11** describes Jesus' return as the reversal of his ascension.
- **Romans 11:26-27** states that when Jesus returns all Jews alive at that time will be saved.
- **Matthew 24:26-31** foretells Christ's return.



MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Jesus will establish a 1000-year reign where he will personally rule over all the earth from Jerusalem, while Satan is locked away in the Abyss. During this millennial reign, resurrected Christians (those who died before the rapture, those who were raptured, and those who were martyred during the Tribulation) will reign and rule with Christ. The Jewish people who were alive at the time of Armageddon will survive that battle and repopulate the earth during the 1000 years (whereas the first group will have resurrected bodies, the second group will not have resurrected bodies at that point). This is described in **Revelation 20**.

- **Ezekiel 40-48** describes the temple and life in the Millennial Kingdom.
- **Zechariah 14:9-21** describes life in the Millennial Kingdom.
- **Luke 19:11-27** pictures how rewards will be handed out in the Millennial Kingdom.
- Many Old Testament Prophetic books present various aspects of the Millennial Kingdom including **Isaiah 60-66**, **Obadiah 15-21**, **Joel 3:17-21**, and **Amos 9:11-15**.

FINAL JUDGMENT

At the end of the Millennial Kingdom, Satan will be released from the Abyss. He will be permitted to go throughout the earth and he will deceive a large number of the nonresurrected Jewish people (not believers who already have resurrection bodies). This allows every person to have the opportunity to make a decision to choose submission to God. There will be a final battle known as Gog and Magog. At the end of the final battle is the Great White Throne Judgment when the non-believing dead of all time will stand before God to be judged. Those whose names are not written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be banished to hell. This is described in **Revelation 20**.

- **Ezekiel 38-39** prophecies about Gog and Magog.

NEW HEAVENS NEW EARTH

After the final judgment, human history on planet earth will conclude. God will create new heavens and a new earth and dwell with his people forever in eternal bliss. This is described in **Revelation 21-22**.

- **Isaiah 66:21-24** uses language of new heavens and a new earth.