

The Eternal State

“Living in Light of His Return” - Adult SS - August 16, 2015



Grace and Glory

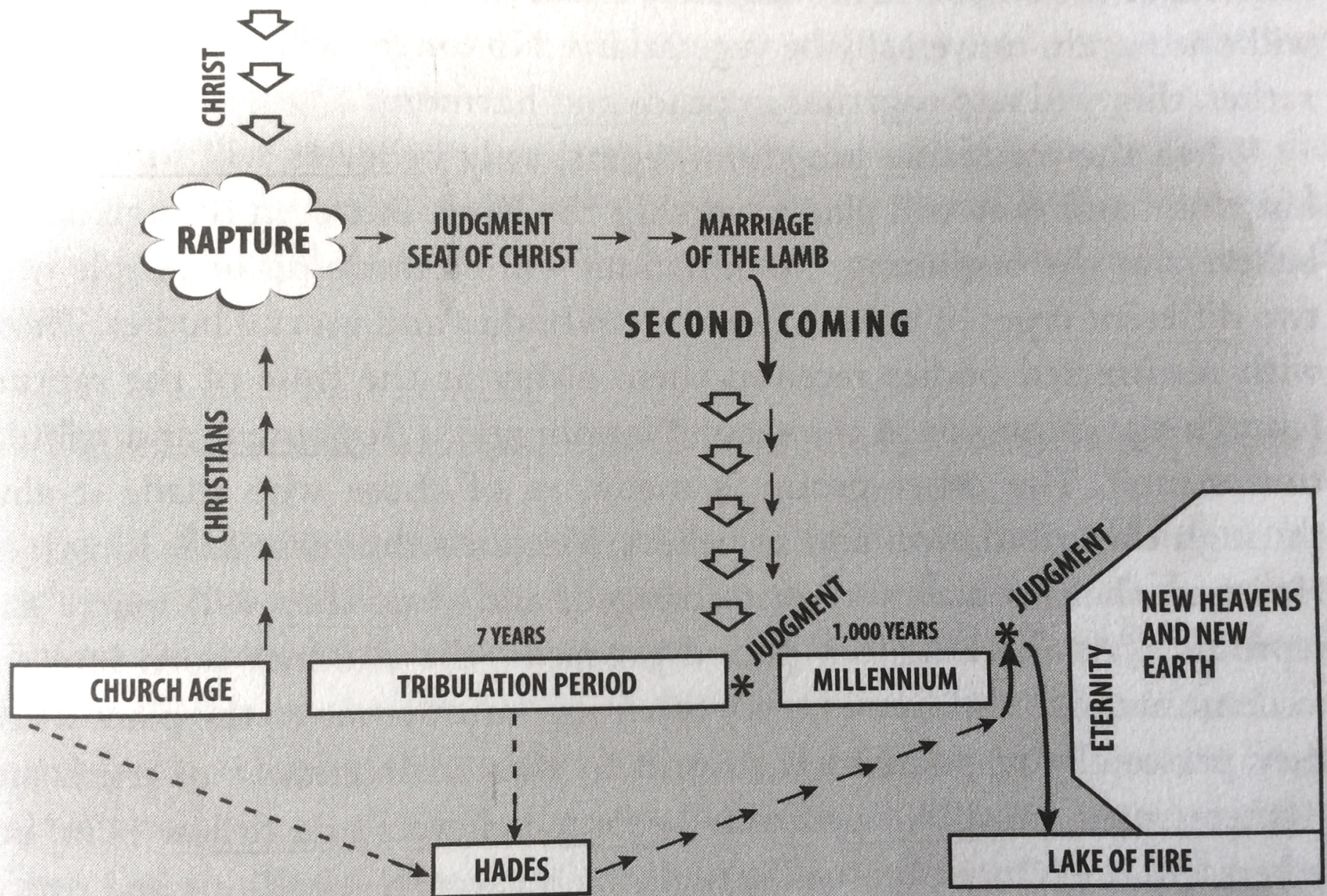
The First Coming of Christ

- ◆ Characterized by *Grace*
- ◆ Christ as *Redeemer*
- ◆ He Was Brought to *Calvary*
- ◆ *Cross*-bearing
- ◆ Enters on a *Young Donkey*
- ◆ Doctrine of *Soteriology*

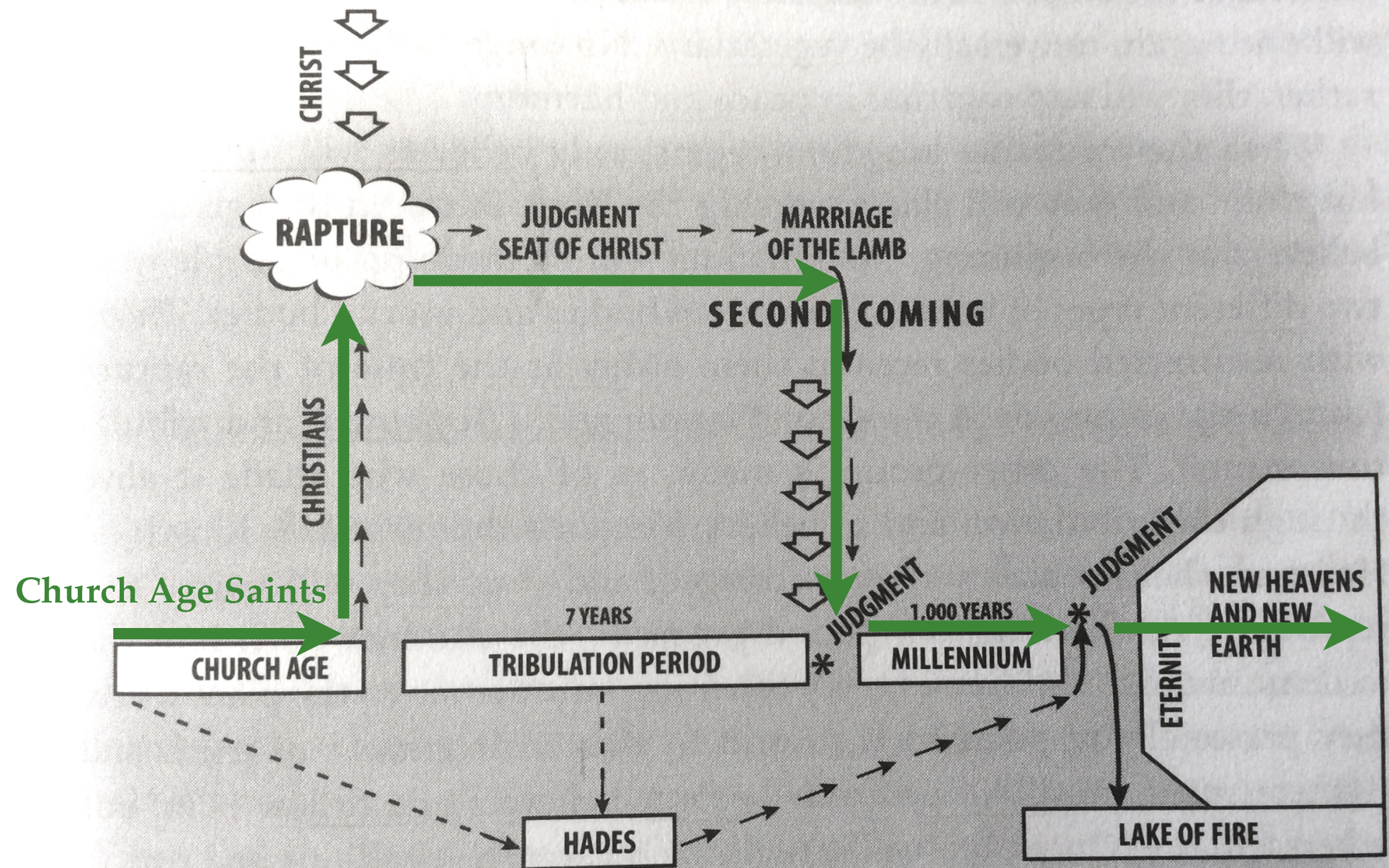
The Second Coming of Christ:

- ◆ Characterized by *Glory*
- ◆ Christ as *Ruler*
- ◆ He Brings the *Kingdom*
- ◆ *Crown*-wearing
- ◆ Enters on a *White Horse*
- ◆ Doctrine of *Eschatology*

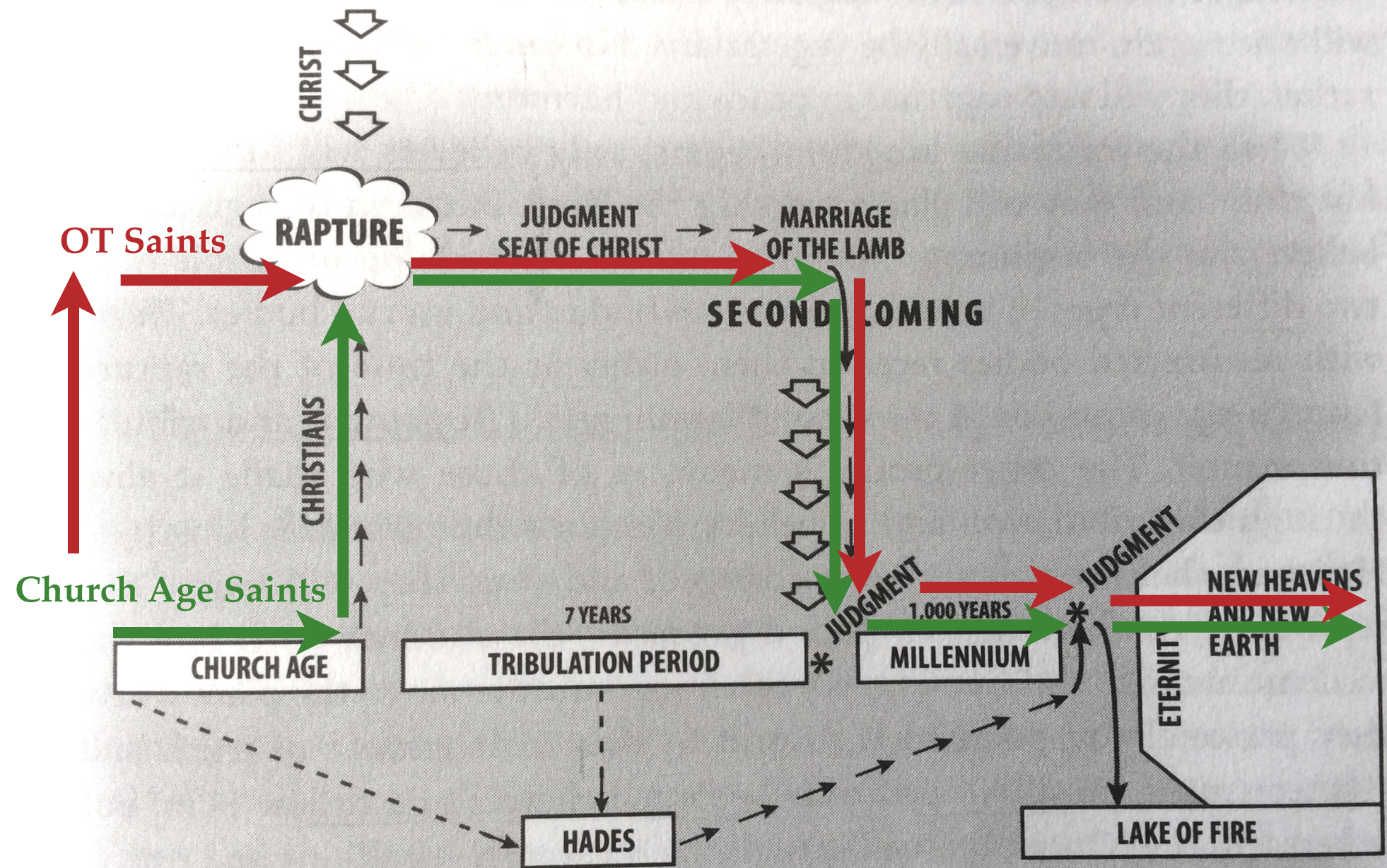
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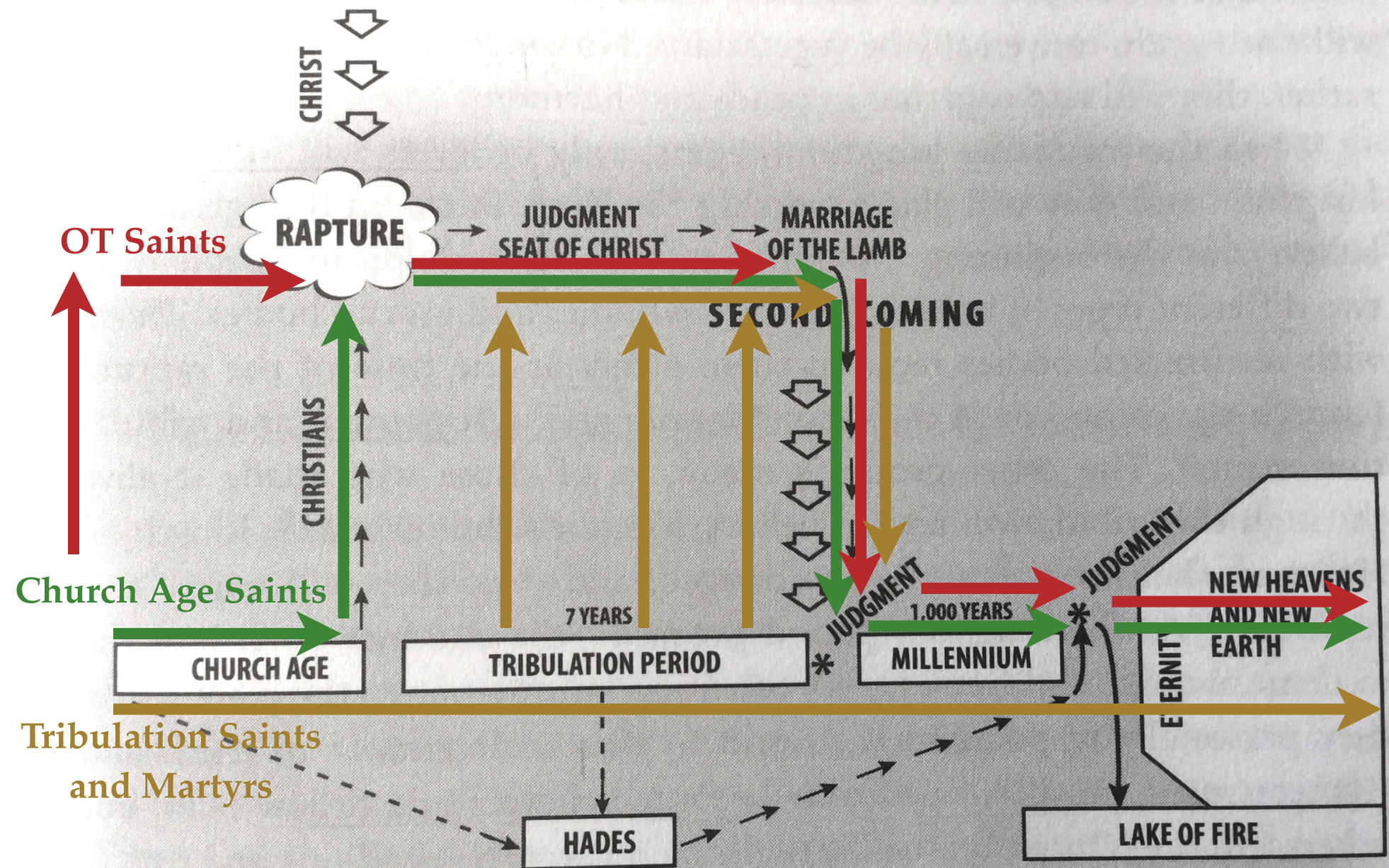
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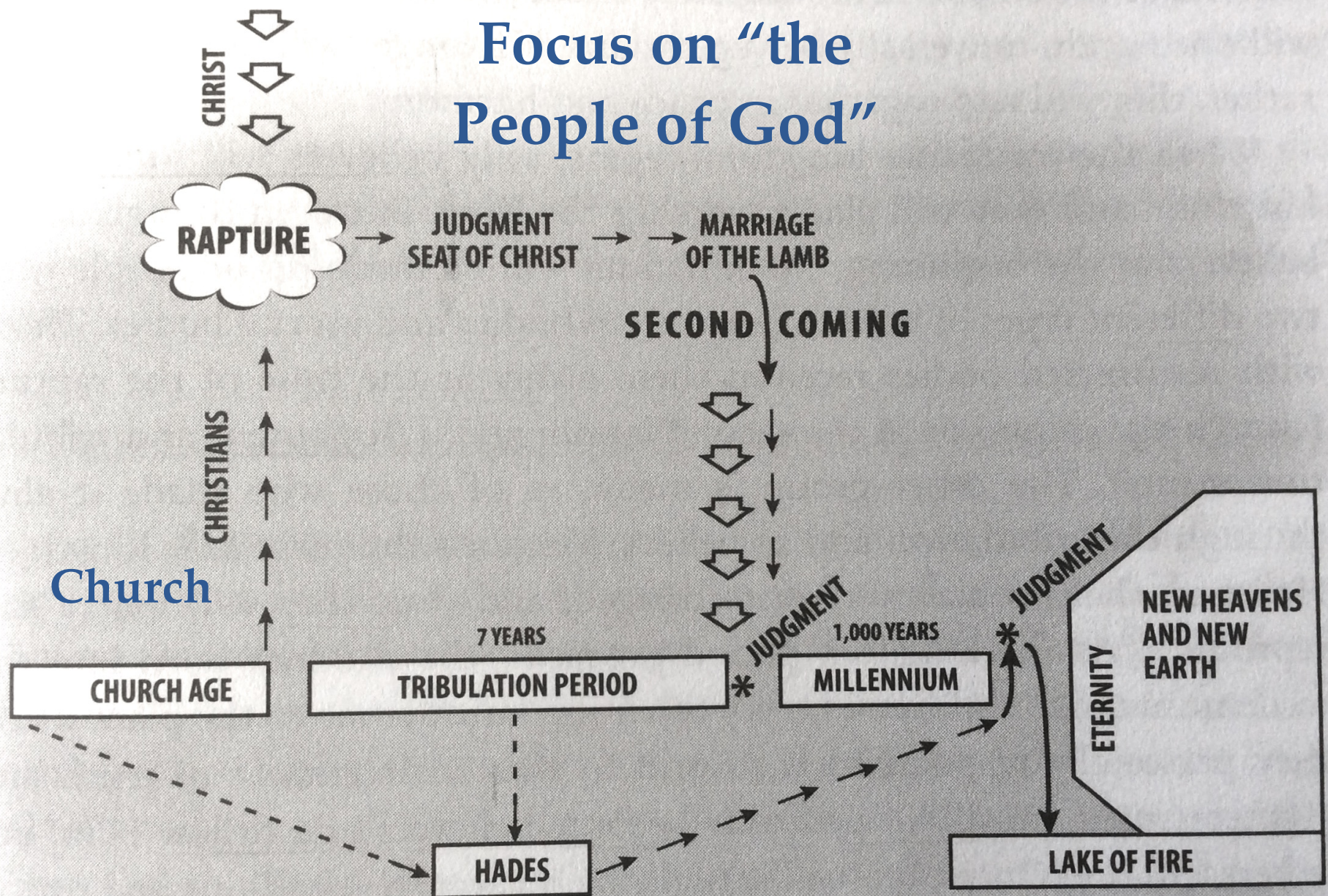


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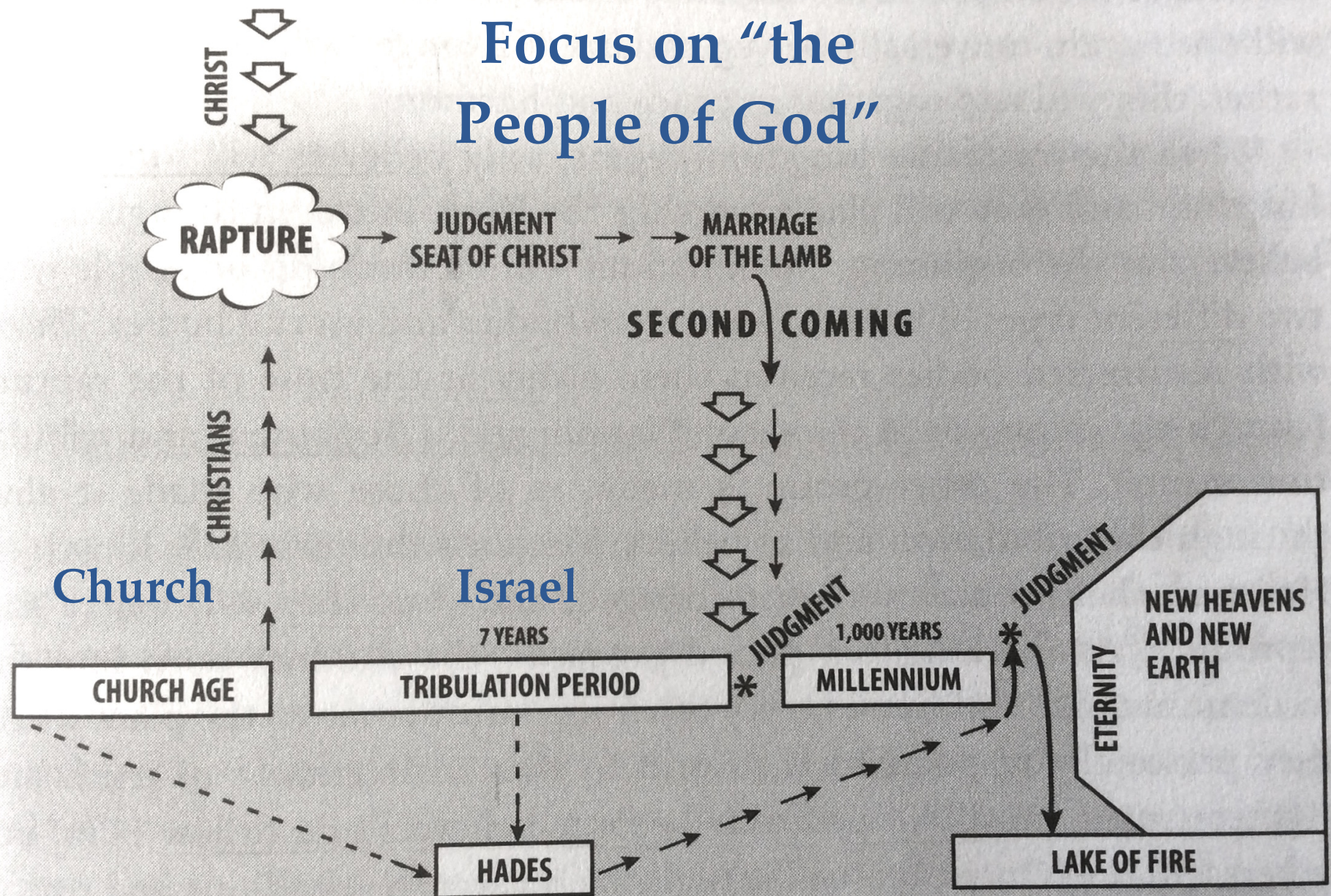
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Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility **15** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, **16** and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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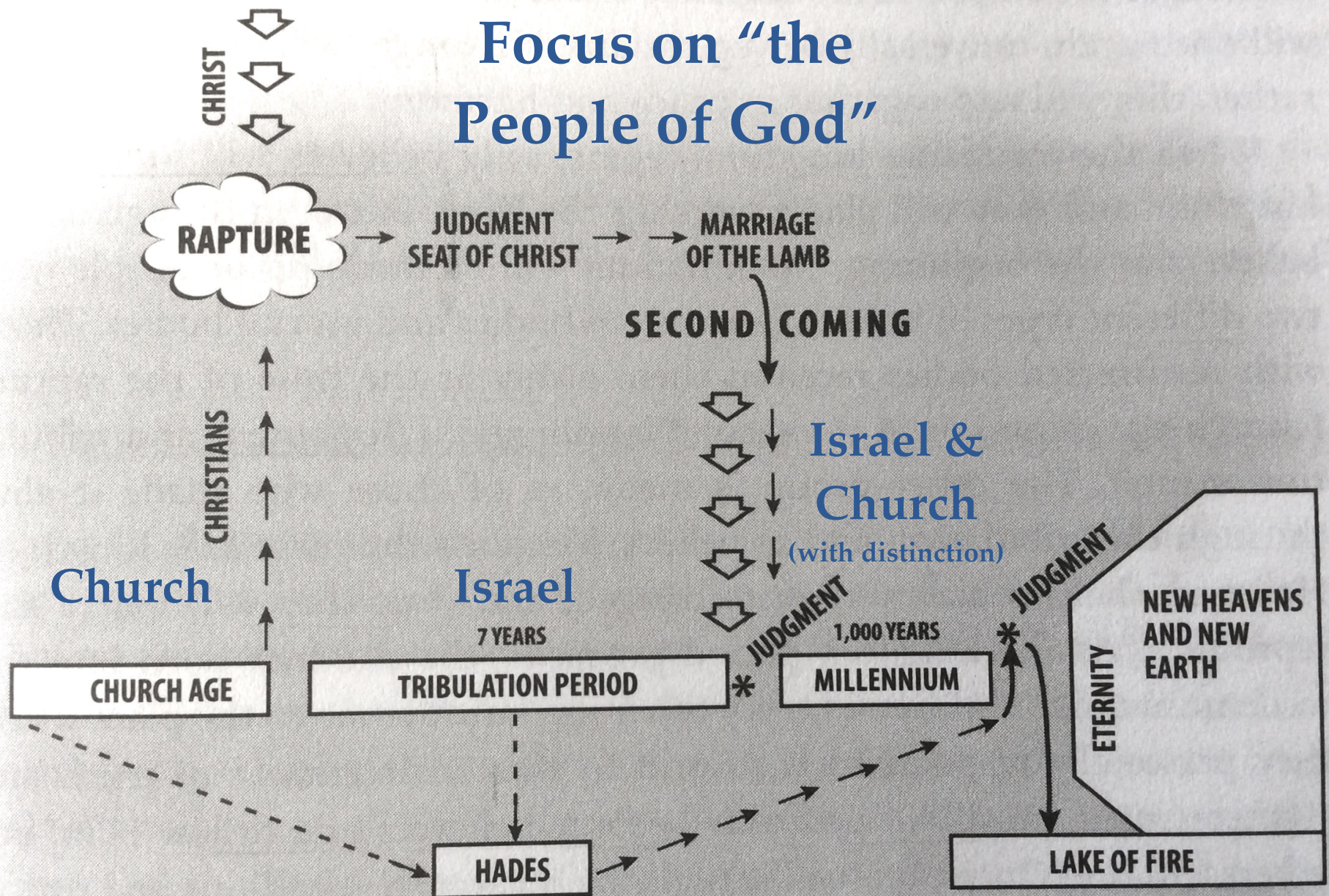
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Daniel 9:24 “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place.” **Zechariah 12:10** “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him.”

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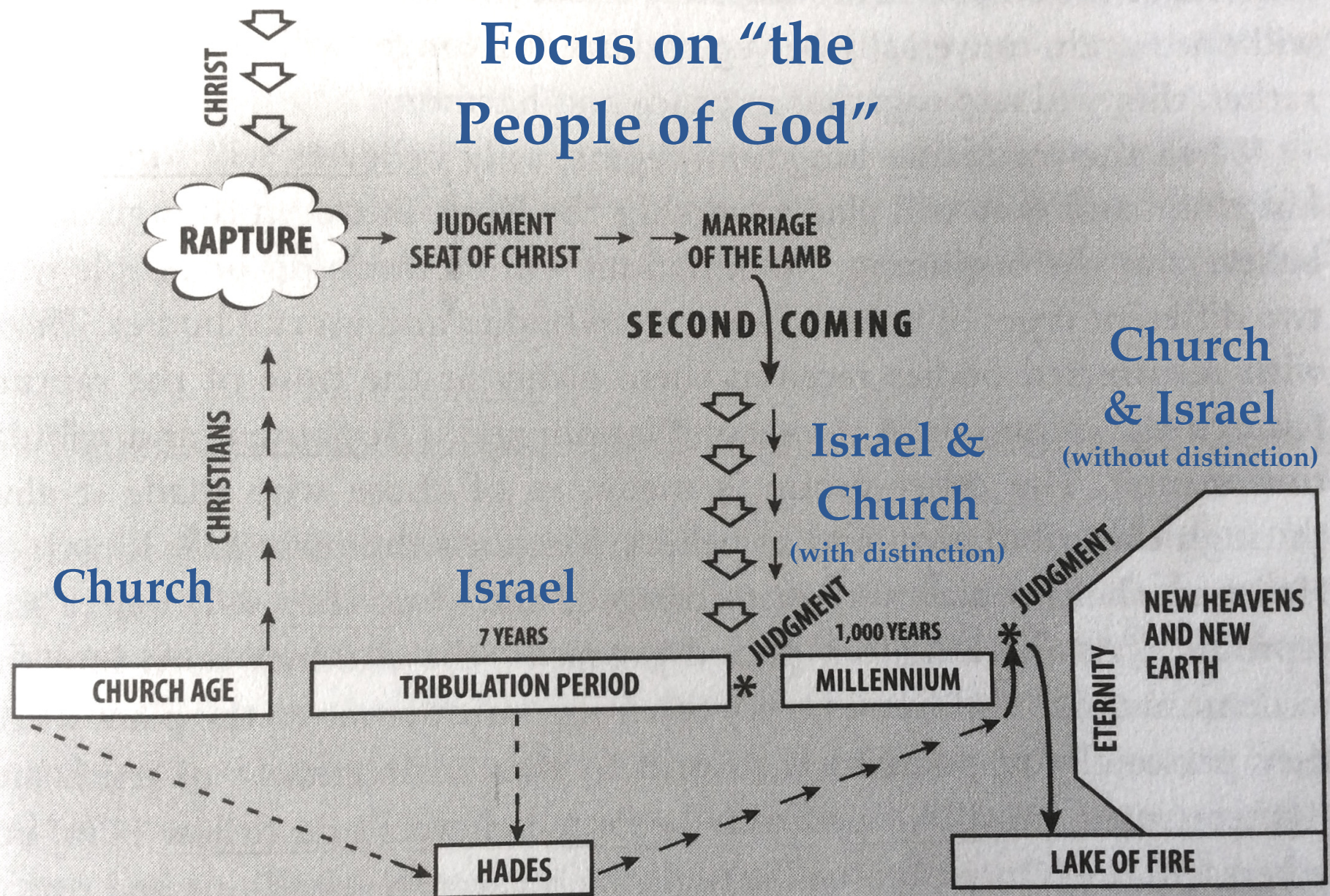
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Romans 11:25b “brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.
26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, ‘The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob’; 27 ‘and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.’”

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Revelation 21:3 “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.”

12 “...on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed.”

14 “had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

24 “By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.”

The Kingdom of God

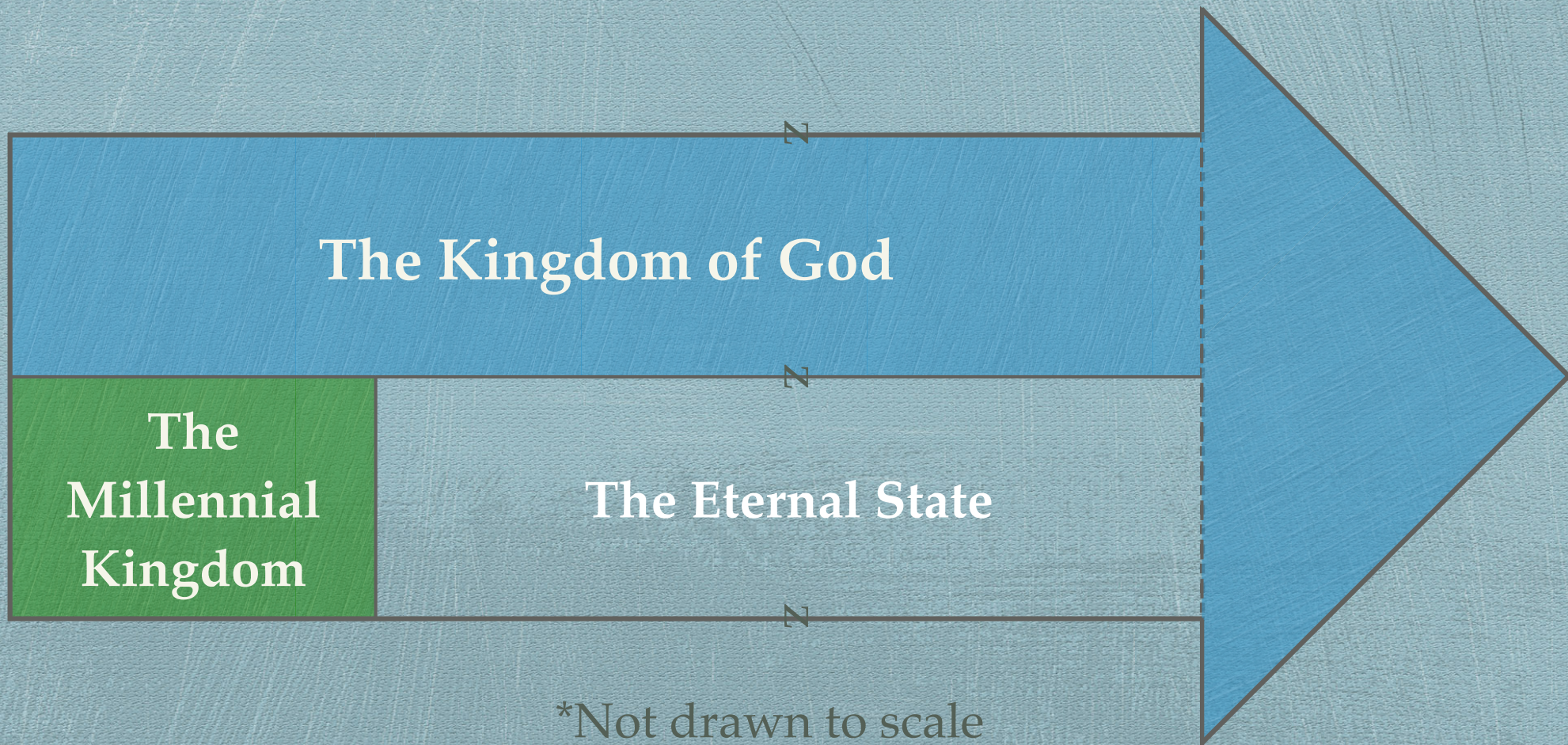
The
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Outline of Revelation 20:7–22:5

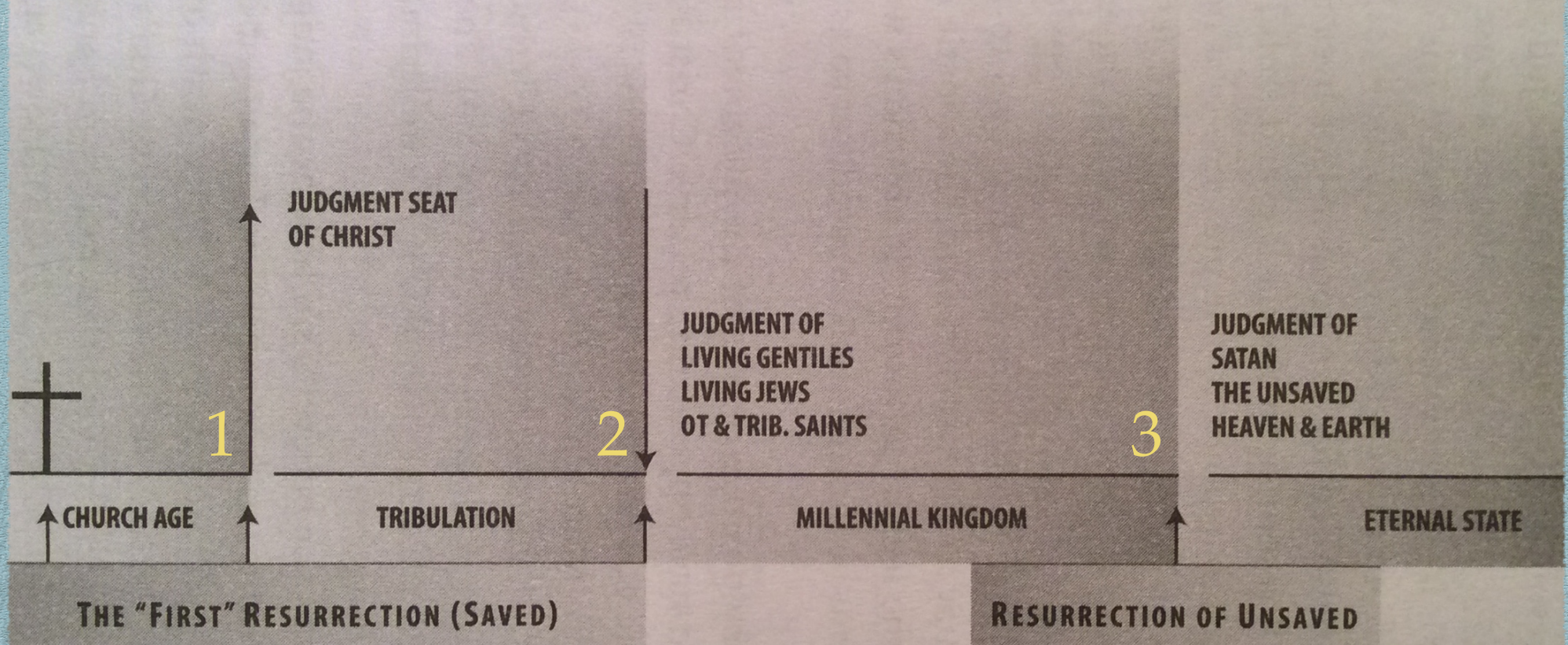
1. The Judgment before the New Jerusalem (20:7–15)
2. The Coming of the New Jerusalem (21:1–8)
3. The City of the New Jerusalem (21:9–11)
4. The Wall of the New Jerusalem (21:12–14)
5. The Measurements of the New Jerusalem (21:15–17)
6. The Materials of the New Jerusalem (21:18–21)
7. The Glory of the New Jerusalem (21:22–27)
8. The Life of the New Jerusalem (22:1–5)

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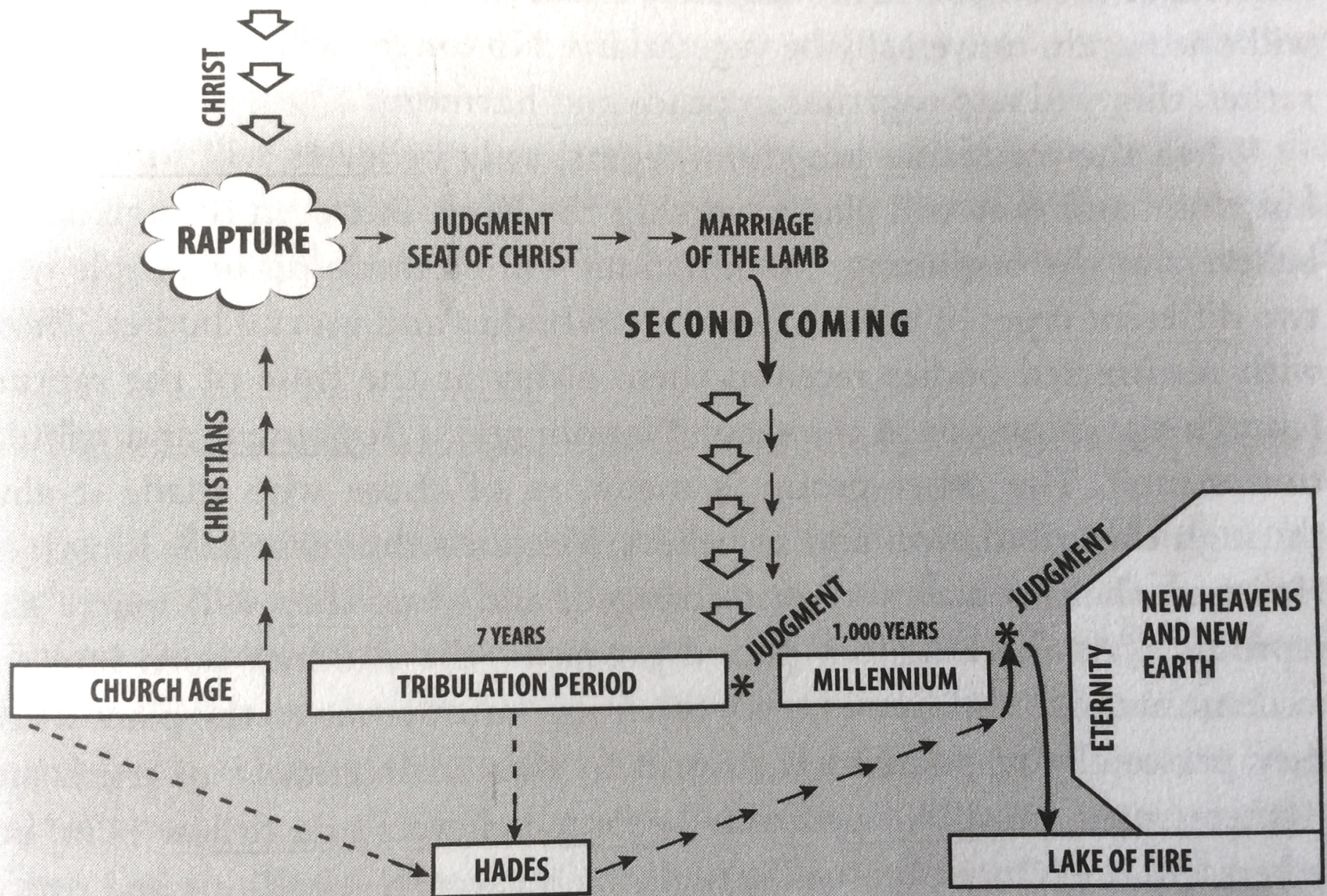
THE COMING JUDGMENTS AND RESURRECTIONS



The Judgments of God

Three Phases

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What We Assume *versus* What the Bible Says about Heaven

What We Assume

- ◆ Non-earth
- ◆ Unfamiliar; otherworldly
- ◆ Disembodied
- ◆ Foreign
- ◆ Leaving favorite things behind
- ◆ No time and space
- ◆ Static

What the Bible Says

- ◆ New Earth
- ◆ Familiar; earthly
- ◆ Resurrected (embodied)
- ◆ Home (with the comfort of home)
- ◆ Retaining the good; finding the best ahead
- ◆ Time and space
- ◆ Dynamic

What We Assume *versus* What the Bible Says about Heaven, Cont.

What We Assume

- ◆ Neither old (like Eden) nor new and earthly; just strange and unknown
- ◆ Nothing to do; floating in the clouds
- ◆ No learning or discovery; instant and complete knowledge
- ◆ Boring
- ◆ Loss of desire
- ◆ Absence of the terrible (but presence of little we desire)

What the Bible Says

- ◆ Both old and new
- ◆ A God to worship and serve; a universe to rule; purposeful work to accomplish; friends to enjoy
- ◆ An eternity of learning and discovering
- ◆ Fascinating
- ◆ Continuous fulfillment of desire
- ◆ Presence of the wonderful (everything we desire and nothing we do not)



Spiritual Vision Model
vs.
New Creation Model

“Charles Spurgeon envisions the creation as a vast orchestra, poised with their bows drawn, their mallets raised, their fingers on the cello and violin strings, their mouths open as if ready to sing—and yet totally still, covered with cobwebs, and unable to accomplish the task for which they were gathered. The problem? The conductor has defaulted; he, like mankind, has failed to step to the dais [platform] to direct the symphony of creation, and so now creation waits, both in frustration and eager expectation, for the conductor to arrive and begin the music...On the last day, when the sons of God are revealed and receive “the freedom of their glory,” they will finally follow their Lord to the dais. The bows will move, the mallets will fall, the voices will rise, and the music will begin. The creation will be released from its bondage and restored to its original purpose—the unfettered and unfrustrated praise of God.”

—*Kevin DeYoung*

