

Revelation 2-3

Jesus Speaks to His Church

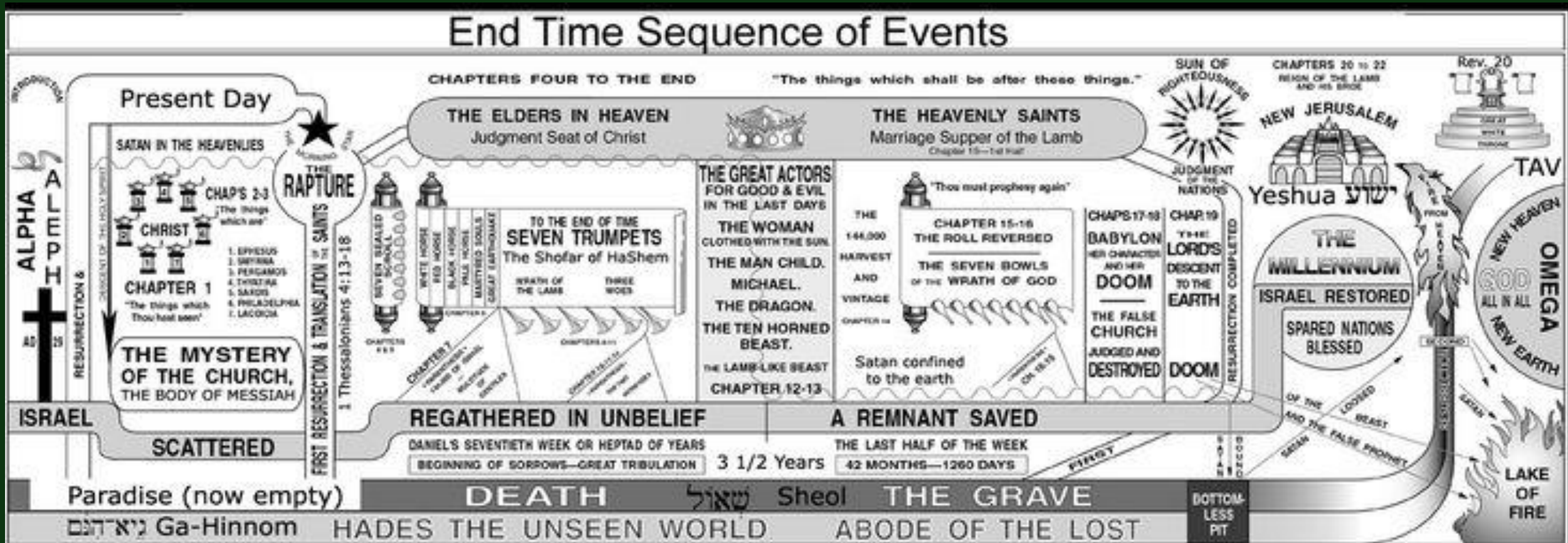
5 Benefits of studying Revelation

(study of the end times = eschatology)

1. Comfort and encouragement
2. A greater hunger to be in the presence of God
3. Exhortation to live upright lives
4. A sense of readiness and not alarm
5. Joy that will sustain us- we know the final outcome!

Spoiler Alert- Jesus wins and Satan loses!

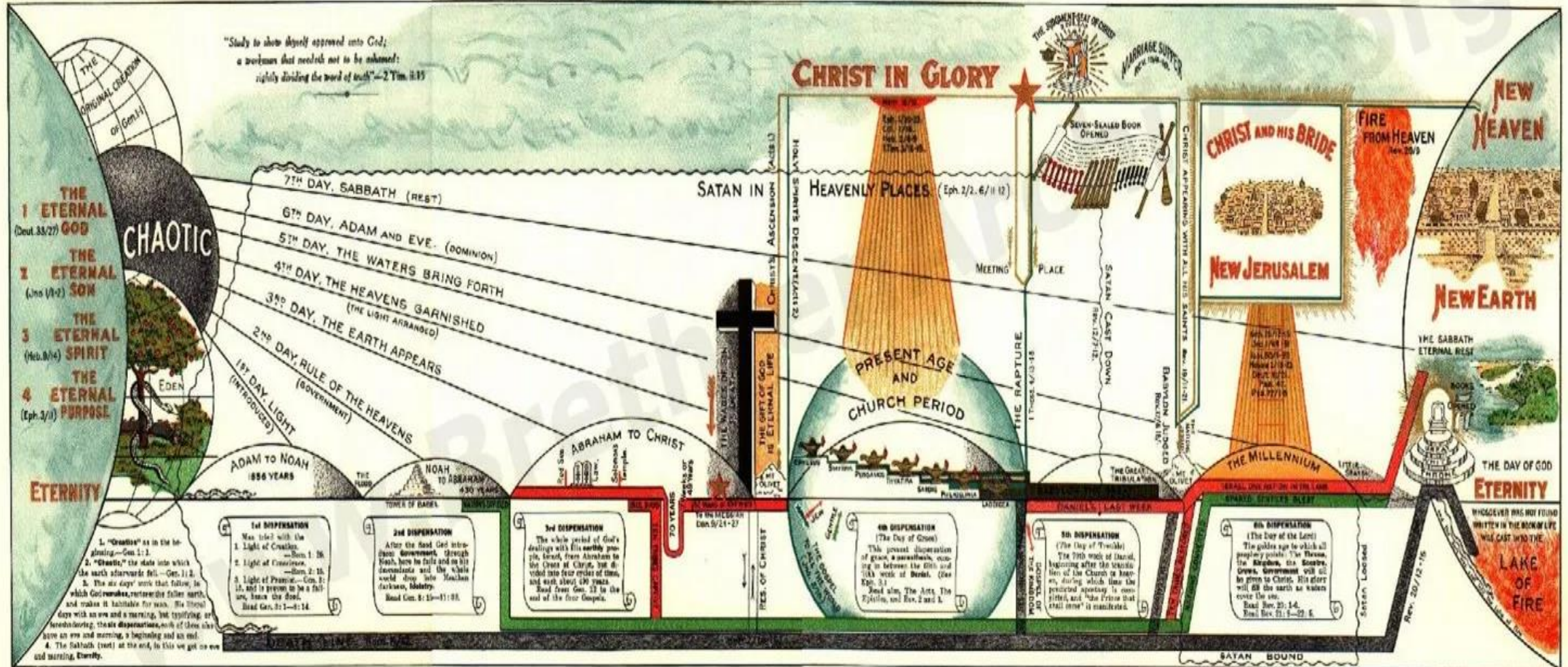
Revelation is easy to understand-
just memorize this chart...!



Or this one...

A CHART ON THE COURSE OF TIME FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY

"FROM ETERNITY TO ETERNITY THOU ART GOD" - PSA. XC.2 (HEB.)



Where Christians agree on the end times:

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1. Jesus will return personally, bodily, and in great power and glory
2. Prior to Jesus' return there will be a great tribulation
3. The Antichrist will make himself known and deceive many
4. Satan, Antichrist, and all the wicked will be judged and thrown into the lake of fire.
5. God's people will be with Him in the New Heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem.

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Why so many different views on Revelation?

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1. Preterist approach- The majority of what is spoken about in Revelation has already happened in the first century.
2. Historicist view- Revelation is an inspired forecast of the whole of human history until the second coming of Christ.

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3. The Futurist view- aside from the early chapters, Revelation concerns what happens at the end of the age. It is a forecast of the last days.
4. Idealist view- Revelation sets out in poetic form the cosmic battle between good and evil, and the principles on which God acts through human history. This view is not as concerned with specifics.

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



What is the main focus of Revelation?

“the future belongs not to the Roman Emperor, nor to any human potentate or ecclesiastic. It belongs to no man or group of men but to Christ, the Christ who was crucified for the salvation of us all. It is He who can open the book of human destiny (the scroll in Rev. 5:3). All of us, and the destiny of all of us, are in his hands. This is recognized by the highest heaven, by all the angels, and eventually by all that live. This look behind the scenes brings John’s readers a glimpse of the realities of power. Real power rests with Christ, the Lion of Judah. The appearances may be against us for the present. But ultimate reality is not dependent on present appearances.” --*Leon Morris, commentary on Revelation*

Jesus' words to the church in Ephesus-

FACT- I know the hard work you put in to practice faith seriously.

Jesus' words to the church in Ephesus-

REBUKE- You have lost focus on me by focusing more on hard work and right ministry.

Jesus' words to the church in Ephesus-

WARNING- Repent and demonstrate your love for me, otherwise the church is in danger.

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PROMISE- “To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the paradise of God.”