

THE REVELATION

a study of the book of Daniel + Revelation

Fall 2014

Session 6:

Revelation 8-9

The Trumpet Judgments

a survey of the book of Daniel +
a ten week study of the book of Revelation



Resources

- Holy Bible – NASB, ESV
- The End, Mark Hitchcock
- Bible Knowledge Commentary, Walvoord & Zuck
- Charts and other reference material taken from Dr. Charles Ryrie, Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum and Harold W. Hoehner

Past Week Summary

Revelation 6

Seal Judgments

The Day of the Lord

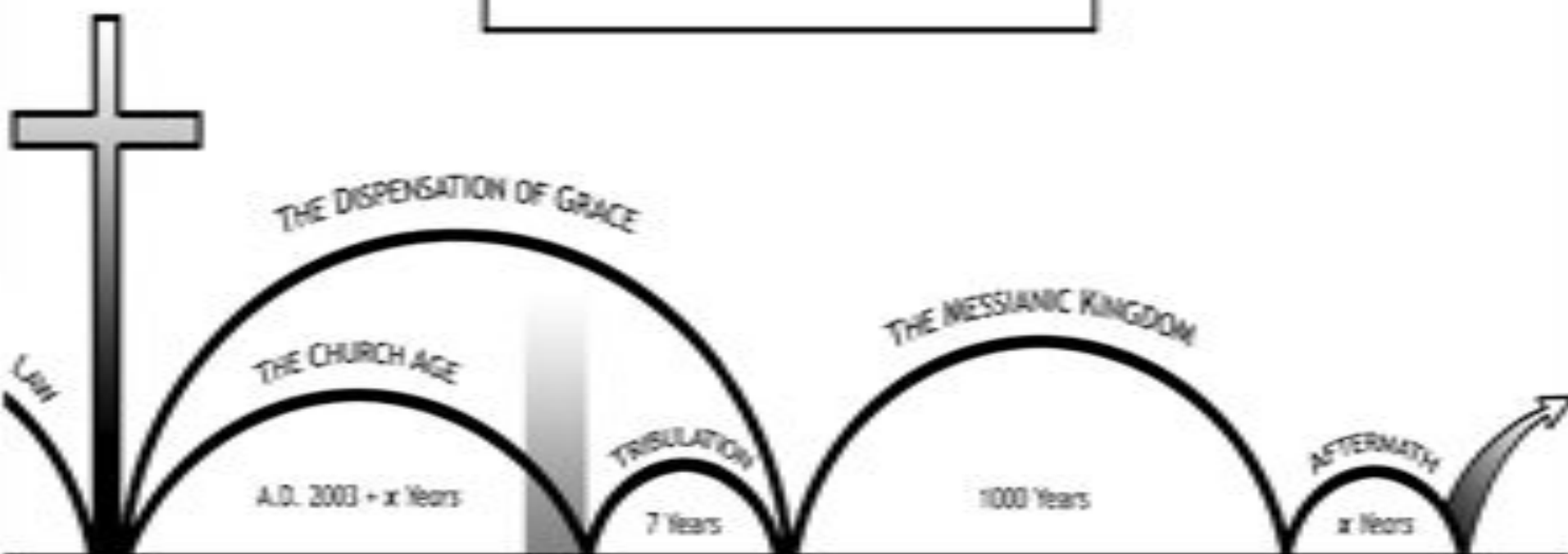
Judgment begins

Revelation 7

The 144,000 Jewish Evangelist

The multitude of Gentiles

Chronology of Eschatology



The First Half of the Great Tribulation

PERIOD
OF THE
RAPTURE

CHURCH AGE

1st Quarter

2nd Quarter

MID
TRIB

SECOND HALF

7 SEALS

7 TRUMPETS

The Seven Year
Covenant Signed

1. Conquests of Antichrist
(The First Horseman)

2. First World-wide War of the
Tribulation (The Second Horseman)

3. World-wide Famine (The Third Horseman)

4. 1/4 of the Earth Destroyed by Sword, Famine,
Starvation, and Wild Animals (The Fourth Horseman)

5. Persecution and Martyrdom of the Post-Rapture Saints

6. General Convulsions throughout Nature -- Second Blackout

Seventh Seal Opened (Containing The Trumpet Judgments)

Seventh Trumpet Sounded (Third Woe Judgment)
See: Events of the Middle of the Tribulation

6. Second Invasion of Demons to Kill
-- 1/3 of Humanity Destroyed
(Second Woe Judgment)

5. Third Blackout -- First Invasion of Demons
to Torment (First Woe Judgment)

4. 1/3 of Heavens Destroyed

3. 1/3 of Fresh Water Destroyed

2. 1/3 of Salt Water Destroyed

1. 1/3 of Dry Earth Destroyed

Events During
This Period

Governmental System: Ten Kings

Religious System: Ecclesiastical Babylon

144,000 and World-wide Revival

Ministry of Elijah

Ministry of the Two Witnesses

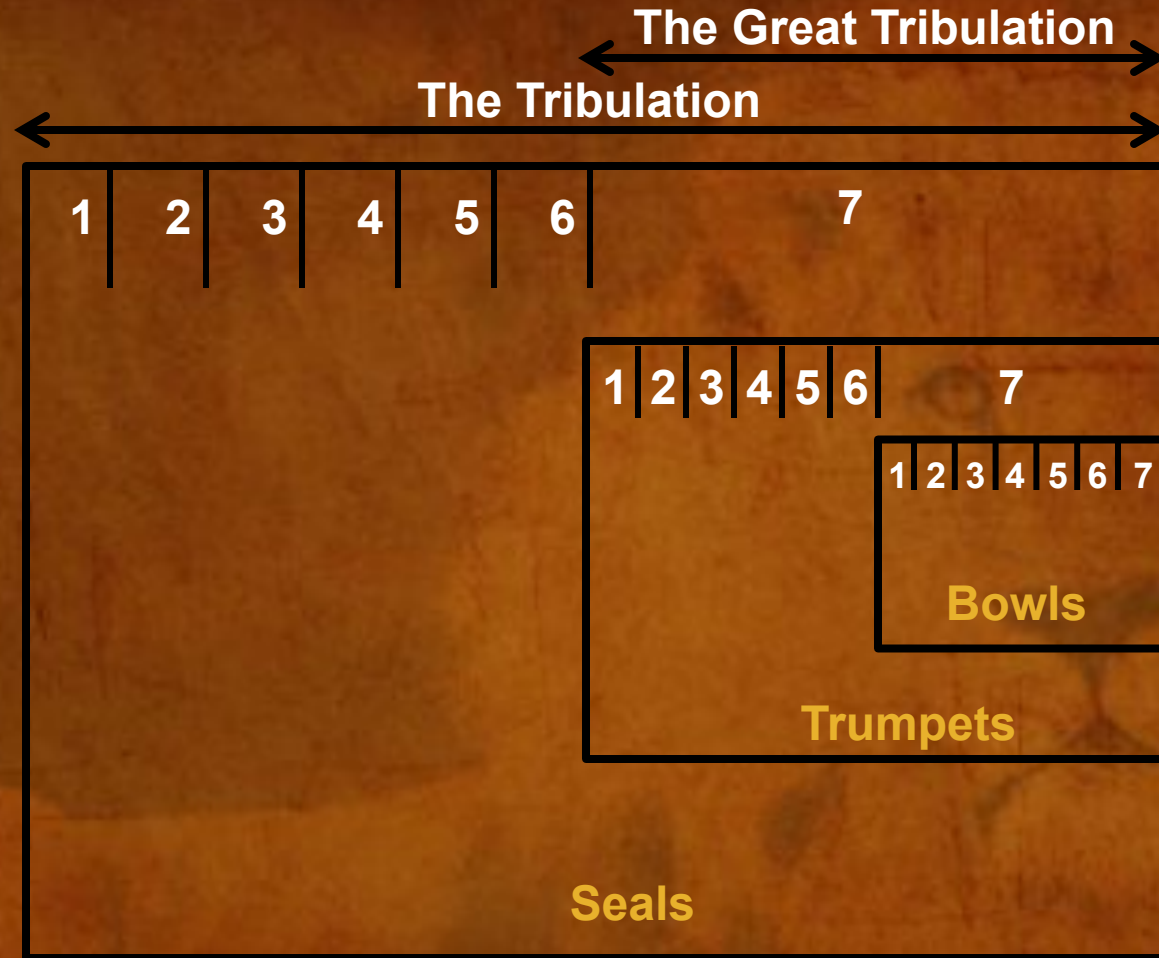
Events During This Period

- Governmental system – Globalization – One World
- 144,000
- Ministry of Elijah
- Ministry of the Two Witnesses
- Religious system – Ecclesiastical Babylon –
Extension of 7th church, chapter 17

Revelation 8 & 9

The Trumpet Judgments

- Revelation 8
 - The seventh seal opened
 - Trumpet Judgments 1-4
- Revelation 9
 - Trumpet Judgments 5-6



Revelation 8 & 9

The Six Trumpet Judgments

- First trumpet: the earth smitten
- Second trumpet: the sea smitten
- Third trumpet: the water is smitten
- Fourth trumpet: the heavens smitten
- Fifth trumpet: men smitten
- Sixth trumpet: men killed

Trumpets

- Trumpets play a major role on god's dealings with His people:
 - They were part of Israel's ceremonial processions
 - They assembled the Israelites for war, journeys and special feasts
 - They warned of the coming Day of the Lord
 - They announced the new year in Israel
- Now trumpets announce divine judgment in the Day of the Lord

Revelation 8

The First Four Trumpet Judgments

- John received a revelation of more judgments to take place on earth to prepare his readers for these events.
- Chapter 7 introduced additional information between the breaking of the sixth and seventh seal.
- The chronological progression of judgments resumes.
- The scene John saw continues to be in heaven.

The First Four Trumpet Judgments

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

Revelation 8:1-2 (NASB)

The First Four Trumpet Judgments

Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:3-4 (NASB)

The First Four Trumpet Judgments

Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. ⁶ And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

Revelation 8:5-6 (NASB)

The First Four Trumpet Judgments

The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

Revelation 8:7 (NASB)

First Trumpet: The Earth Smitten

- Literal Events
- Notice parallel to plagues in Egypt

The Second Trumpet

The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, ⁹ and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Revelation 8:8-9 (NASB)

The Third Trumpet

The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. ¹¹ The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

Revelation 8:10-11 (NASB)

The Fourth Trumpet

The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

Revelation 8:12 (NASB)

The Warning

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”.

Revelation 8:13 (NASB)

Revelation 9 – Preview

- The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets
- The first two “Woe” Judgments
- Final three Trumpet Judgments are called “Woe” judgments because they are especially severe for mankind on earth.
- The first two “Woe” judgments are demonic.
The final “Woe” contains the Bowl Judgments.

The Fifth Trumpet (First Woe)

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. ² He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Revelation 9:1-3 (NASB)

The Fifth Trumpet (First Woe)

They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. ⁶ And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

Revelation 9:4-6 (NASB)

Revelation 9:1-6 Comments

- Great numbers, stung like scorpions, did not eat grass, had a leader
- Probably demons taking on characteristics of locusts and scorpions
- Painful stings, earth dwellers that did not have God's mark of ownership and protection on their foreheads
- Could not kill, lasted five months, very painful but not lethal
- Pain causes them to seek death, but not able to escape pain
- They long for death rather than repenting

The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. ⁸ They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like the teeth of lions. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.

Revelation 9:7-9 (NASB)

They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. ¹¹ They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:10-11 (NASB)

The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming
after these things.

Revelation 9:12 (NASB)

The Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

Revelation 9:13-15 (NASB)

The Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone.

Revelation 9:16-17 (NASB)

The Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

Revelation 9:18-19 (NASB)

The Sixth Trumpet (Second Woe)

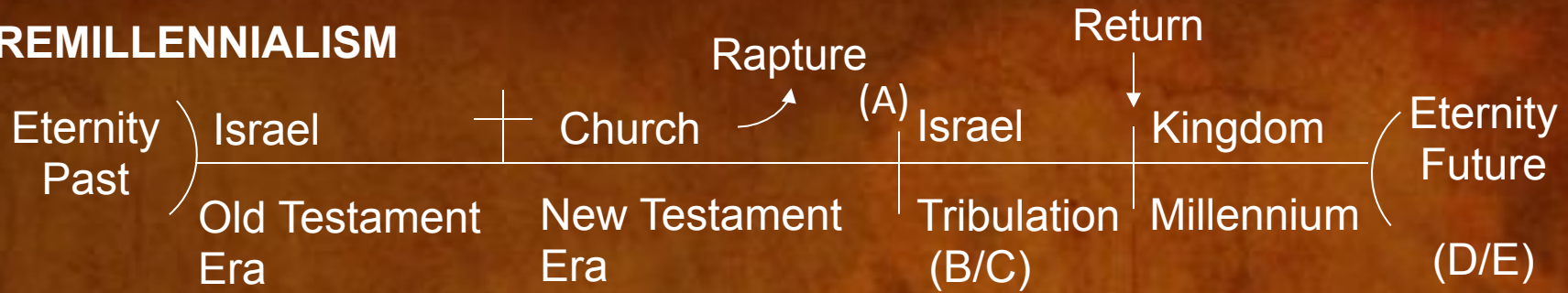
The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Revelation 9:20-21 (NASB)

Next Week's Assignment

Revelation 10 & 11

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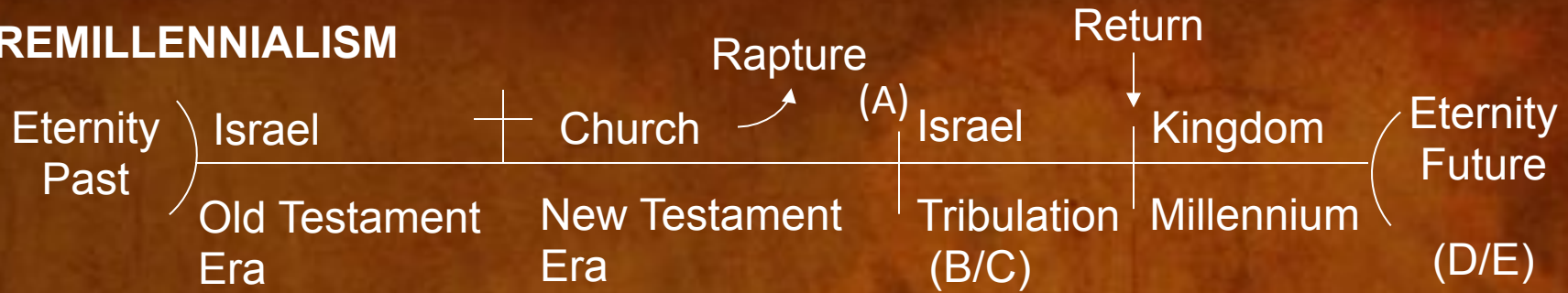


THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

A. Judgment of Believer's Works

1. *Time* - After the Church is raptured
2. *Place* - In Heaven
3. *Judge* - Christ
4. *Subjects judged* - All in the Body of Christ
5. *Basis* - Works done since time of salvation
6. *Result* - Rewards or loss of rewards
7. *Scripture* - 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10

PREMILLENNIALISM

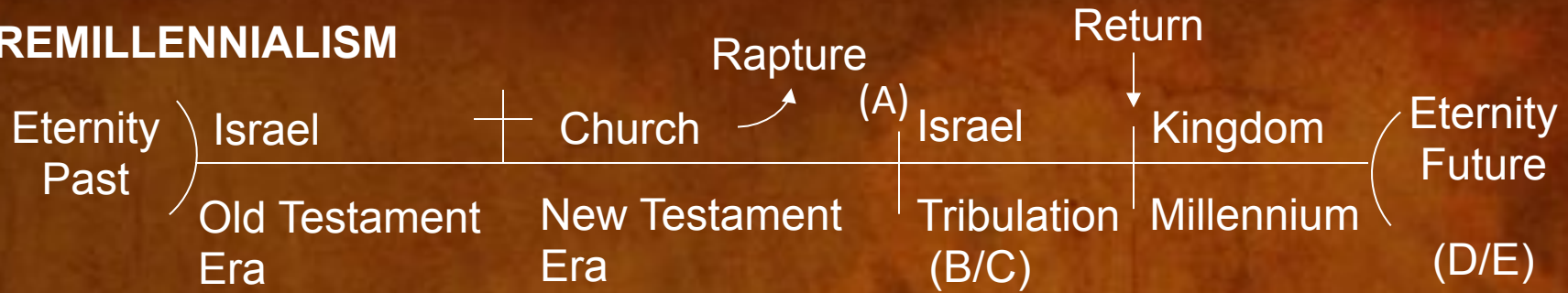


THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

B. Judgment of the Gentiles (or Nations)

1. *Time* - At the second coming of Christ
2. *Place* - Valley of Jehoshaphat
3. *Judge* - Christ
4. *Subjects judged* - Gentiles living when Christ comes
5. *Basis* - Treatment of Christ's "brethren", i.e., Israel
6. *Result* - Saved to enter the Kingdom, or lost and cast into the lake of fire
7. *Scripture* - Matthew 25:31-46; Joel 3:2

PREMILLENNIALISM

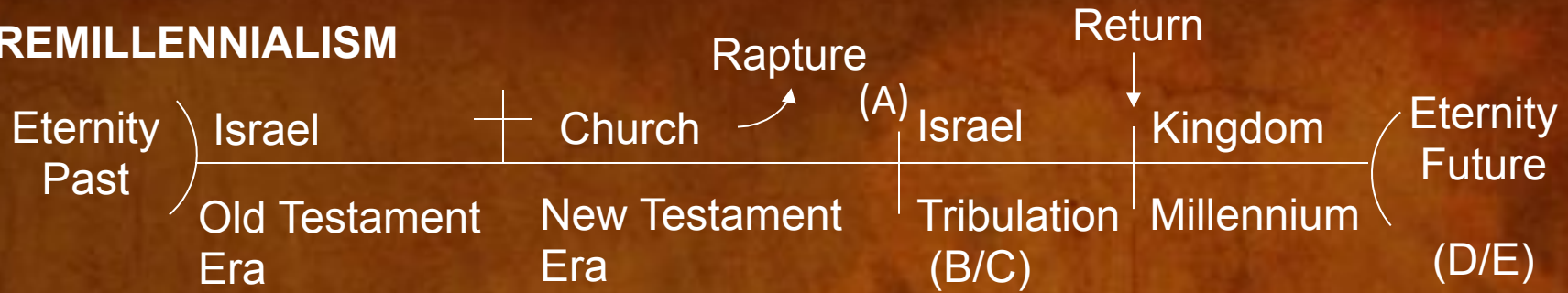


THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

C. Judgment of Israel

1. *Time* - At the second coming of Christ
2. *Place* - On the earth
3. *Judge* - Christ
4. *Subjects judged* - Jews who are living when Christ comes
5. *Basis* - Acceptance of the Messiah
6. *Result* - Saved to enter the Kingdom, or lost
7. *Scripture* - Ezekiel 20:37-38

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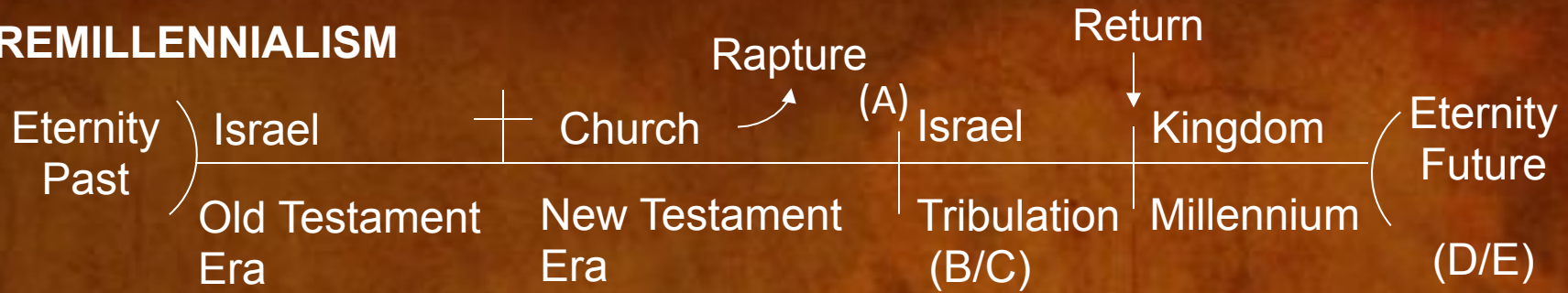


THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

D. Judgment of Fallen Angels

1. *Time* - Probably after the Millennium
2. *Place* - Unspecified
3. *Judge* - Christ and Believers
4. *Subjects judged* - Fallen Angels
5. *Basis* - Disobedience to God in following Satan in his revolt
6. *Result* - Cast into the lake of fire
7. *Scripture* - Jude 6; 1 Corinthians 6:3

PREMILLENNIALISM



THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

E. Judgment of the Unsavd Dead

1. *Time* - Probably after the Millennium
2. *Place* - Before the Great White Throne
3. *Judge* - Christ
4. *Subjects judged* - All unsaved men who have died from the beginning to this time
5. *Basis* - Rejection of the Savior places them in this judgment, but they are shown on the basis of their own works that they deserve eternal punishment
6. *Result* - Lake of fire
7. *Scripture* - Revelation 20:11-15



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