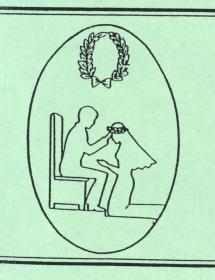
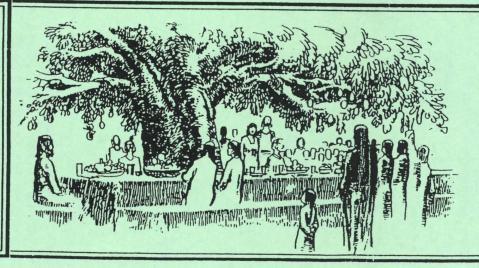


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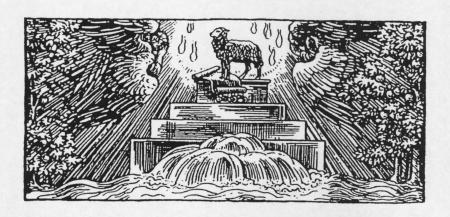


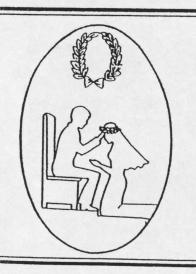




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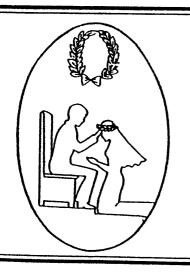




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# The Rapture of the Church



# THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

# 1A. The Promise of the Return of the Lord: Jn. 14:1-6

- 1b. The Savior's Precious Advice: 14:1
  - 1c. Avoid Fear
  - 2c. Acknowledge the Savior
- 2b. The Savior's Present Activity: 14:2
  - 1c. Communion in the Father's House
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# 2A. The Picture of the Return of the Lord: 1 Thess. 4:1-18

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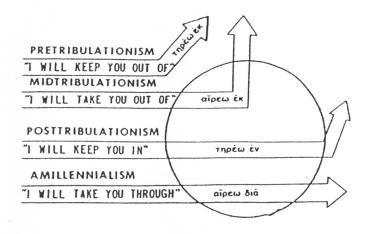


- 4c. The Reunion in the Air, v. 17
- 5c. The Remaining with the Lord, v. 17
- 6c. The Reassurance from the Lord, v. 18

# 3A. The Proof for the Return of the Lord: Rev. 3:10

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

- 1b. The Relationship of Trust: Rev. 3:10a
- 2b. The Removal from Temptation: Rev. 3:10b
  - 1c. Protection: "Keep thee from the hour of temptation"
  - 2c. Preservation: "Keep the from the hour of temptation"
  - 3c. Period: "Keep thee from the hour of temptation"



# REASONS FOR THE REVELATION OF THE RAPTURE

#### BLESSING – A BLESSED HOPE

\*Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing...\*
Titus 2:13

#### 2. PURITY - A PURIFYING HOPE

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

I John 3:3

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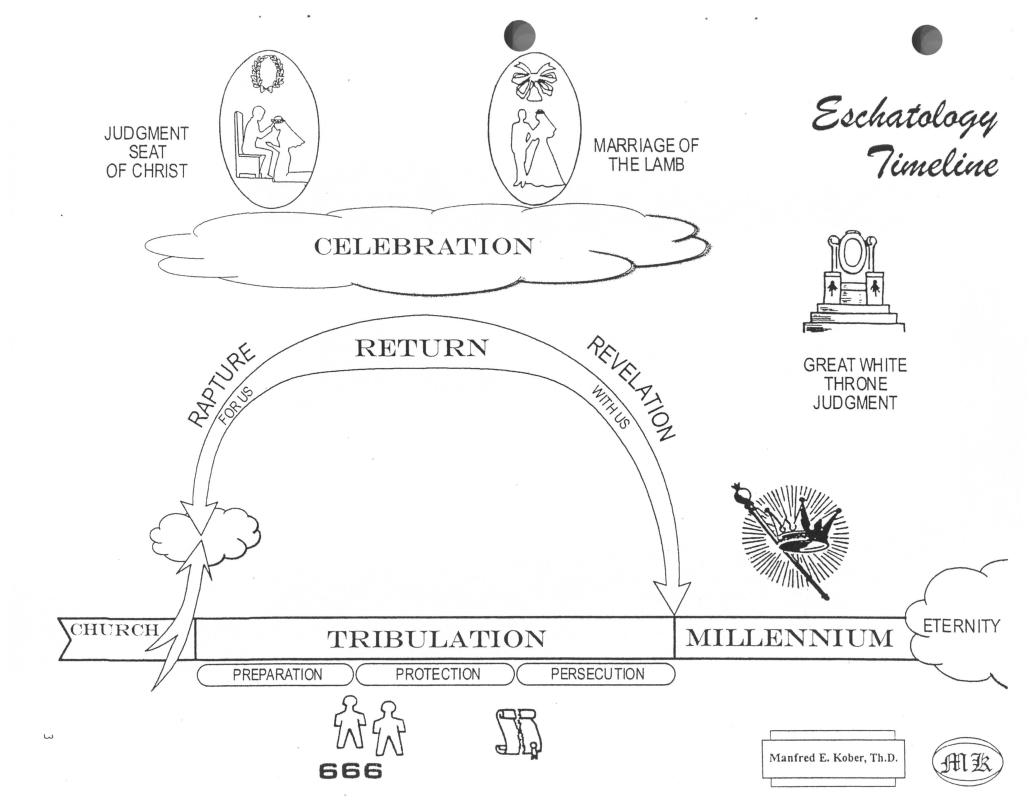
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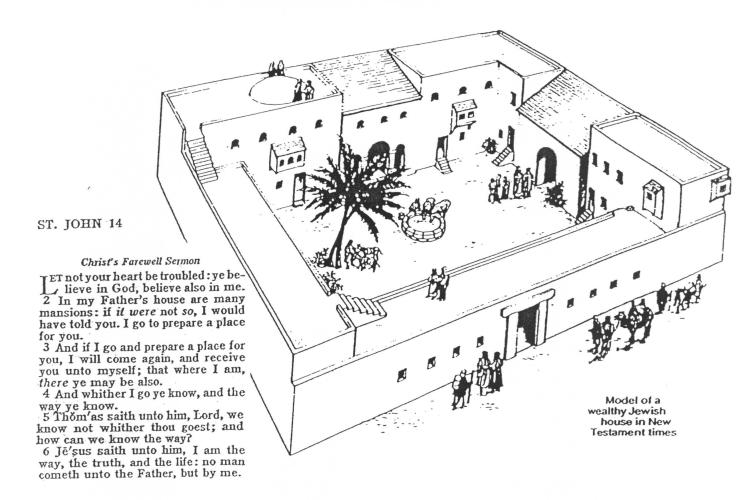
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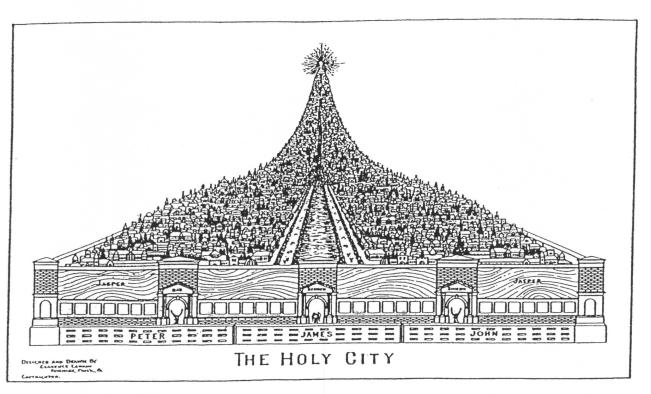
## 4. ASSURANCE - A SURE HOPE

"We have also a more sure work of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed."

2 Peter 1:19







# THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

# I THESSALONIANS 4

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

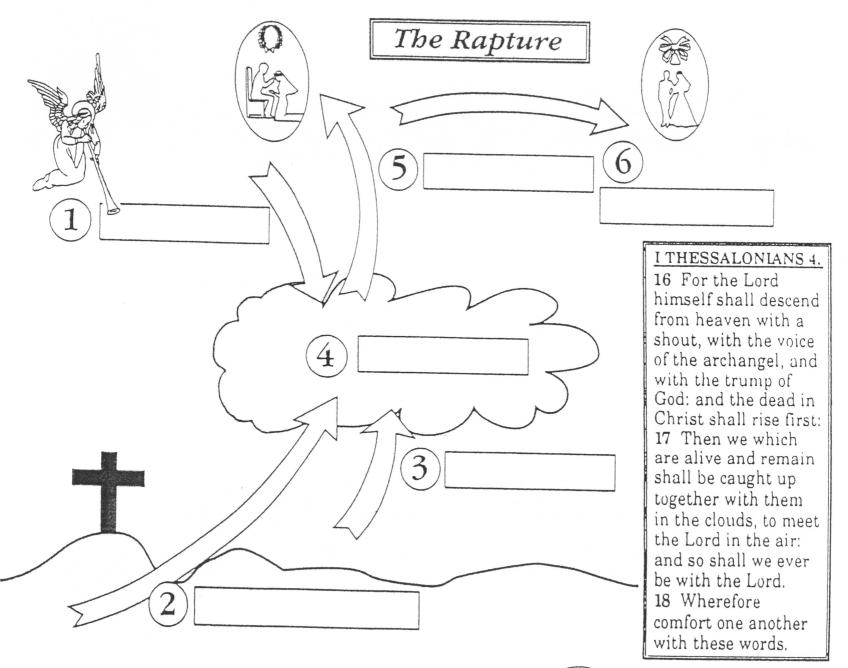
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

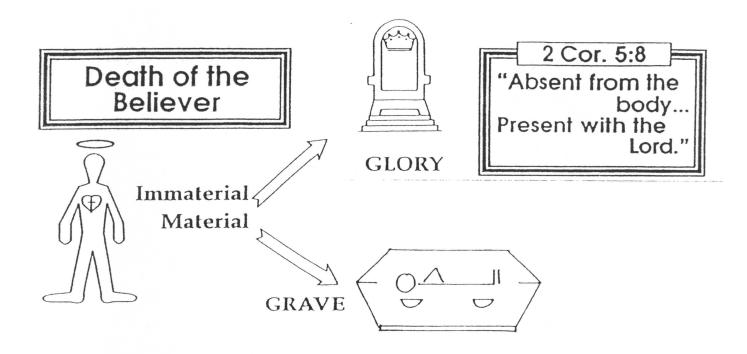
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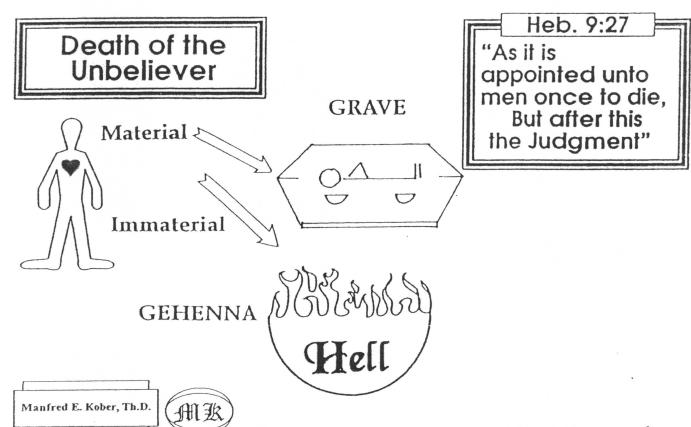
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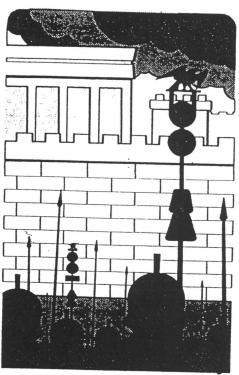




# The Tribulation:

The Destruction of the Infidels and Deliverance of Israel









The Bible reveals hundreds of details concerning the tribulation period. Most significant in light of the current world situation, are certain geo-political events in the tribulation period. Many Bible students understand the 70th Week of Daniel or seven years of tribulation to begin right after the rapture. However, it seems best to envision a period of preparation between the rapture and the tribulation.

# 1A. THE CONFUSION AMONG THE NATIONS:

1b. The return of Israel:

The Jewish people who have been scattered around the world will return in unbelief to the land (Is. 43:5-6; Jer. 29:14; Ez. 37:11-22). How long would it take for the return of several million people to the land of Israel? Of the world's 17 million Jews, 3 million live in Israel today. The return of 14 million Jews may possibly take several weeks or months but the time of preparation need not be a very lengthy period.





- 2b. The revelation of Antichrist:
  - 1c. The clamor of false Christs and false prophets: Mt. 24:5,11,24

Christ predicted many false Christs and many false prophets after the rapture and yet, when the tribulation period opens, there appears just one political and just one religious leader. Their ascendancy over the other candidates is due to the fact that Satan gives them his personal power (2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:4, 14).

2c. The coming of Antichrist:

Despite efforts to identify the Antichrist with individuals such as Hitler, Kissinger, Rockefeller, and even Saddam Hussein, all such efforts are doomed because Paul clearly states that not until the restrainer (the Holy Spirit) has been removed at the rapture that the man of sin will be revealed (2 Thess. 2:6-9). A satanically empowered gentile will emerge in Europe as a powerful political leader sometime after the departure of the Church.



COVENANT BY ANTICHRIST
DAN. 9:27

- 2A. THE COVENANT BY ANTICHRIST: Dan. 9:27
  - 1b. The confirmation of the covenant:

With believers gone from the earth, even the USA will become anti-Semitic. Israel is regathered in the land and looks to Antichrist for military protection. He signs a seven-year treaty with Israel.

2b. The cessation of the covenant:

As a signatory to the treaty, Antichrist can be trusted no more than the Russians who violated every one of the 56 treaties they signed with the USA since World War II. After 3 1/2 years Antichrist breaks the treaty and subsequently invades Israel (Dan. 11:45).

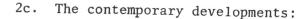


CONQUEST BY ANTICHRIST

# 3A. THE CONQUESTS BY ANTICHRIST:

- 1b. The confederacy in Western Europe:
  - lc. The biblical depiction:

Antichrist will attempt to revive the Roman Empire which is predicted as the last world empire prior to the return of Christ. Both Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the image in Daniel 2 and Daniel's vision of the four beasts in Daniel 7 refer to the four world empires between the time of Daniel and the setting up of Christ's kingdom. The world empires are Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. The final phase of the Roman empire will be a ten nation confederacy (Dan. 7:23-24). It appears that Antichrist militarily subdues three kings and seven others will then submit to his rule.



In Western Europe the stage is set for the developments predicted for the tribulation. Since the 1950's the European Common Market or Economic Community has been in effect, with presently twelve membership nations. A political United States of Europe has also been formed with headquarters in Brussels and Strassburg. Only a strong central authority is lacking. The current European scene may have absolutely nothing to do with the predictions of Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 but it would be surprising if today's developments were not signs of the times. One need only recall the rapid and dramatic developments in Eastern Europe recently to see how quickly a restored Roman Empire could dominate the scene.



The European Community

# 2b. The control over Western Europe:

Antichrist is a Roman ruler (Dan. 9:26) who has ambitions to rule the world (Dan. 7:23; Rev. 13:7), but for the first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation he is unable to exert world-wide control. To the east lie his major enemies, the Kings of the North and their confederates, preventing the Roman prince from extending his realm.

It is interesting to note that after the rapture the seat of the Western powers will shift from Washington D.C. to Rome. Further, until the middle of the tribulation there will be two major centers of power: the Western confederacy and the Eastern confederacy. As now, so in the first half of the tribulation, there will be two major power blocks. In fact, the former Iron Curtain in Germany marks pretty much the Eastern limits of the Roman Empire. The world situation between now and the middle of the tribulation appears to change very little.

ROMAN EMPIRE

Neither Russia nor the West with its present alignments will ever be a world power, although Russia has made every effort to conquer the world, whereas the United States never had any such imperialistic aims.

# 4A. THE CONFOUNDING OF COMMUNISM: Ez. 38-39

CHASTISEMENT OF RUSSIA EZ. 38-39

1b. The invasion by Gog and Magog:

In the middle of the tribulation, after Israel has been regathered from the nations (Ez. 37:21), Gog and Magog will invade the land of Israel. At that time Israel will live under Antichrist's protection in peace and safety (Ez. 38:11). Russia's move is prompted by irrational hatred for Israel (Ez. 38:10c) and a desire to pillage and plunder (Ez. 38:11-14).

2b. The decimation of Gog and Magog:

God uses eight specific judgments to accomplish the destruction of Russia and her confederates (Ez. 38:18-23). The invasion results in the death of all the invaders. Some corpses will be buried (Ez. 39:11), others will be devoured by the birds and beasts (Ez. 39:17-20).

While Russia presently appears economically weak, it is still a strong military power. Whatever may happen between now and then, Russia as a major military power will be destroyed at the time of its vicious attack against Israel.



5A. THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMAGEDDON: Rev. 16:16; Dan. 11:40-45

With the removal of Antichrist's major opponent, the Roman ruler can now expand his domain world-wide. Yet he will never be totally successful in his endeavors, because various armies will challenge his rule during the final 3 1/2 years of the tribulation.

The campaign of Armageddon is named after a major battle in a valley by that name in Northern Israel (Rev. 16:16). The scene is one of unbelievable bloodshed, with a river of blood running four feet deep for 200 miles (Rev. 14:20), perhaps from Megiddo northwest toward the Mediterranean Sea and southeast toward the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea.

1b. The commander: Dan. 11:36-39

The main character in the second half of Daniel 11 is the Antichrist, the willful king, whose rule is challenged by a series of invasions at the weakest flank of his domain.

- 2b. The campaign: Dan. 11:40-45
  - 1c. The assault from Egypt: Dan. 11:40a

An attack is directed at Antichrist from the south. The geographical direction is from the vantage point of Israel.

2c. The attack by Russia: Dan. 11:40b

Russia has been decimated as a world power previously but can muster a few more soldiers. Perhaps as a joint maneuver with Egypt, Russia attempts to move into Israel and from there westward to unseat Antichrist in Rome.



DAN. 11:40-45

3c. The action by Antichrist: Dan. 11:40c-43

The antecedent for the "he" in verse 40c and subsequently apparently is the willful king of Dan. 11:36 who moves against the invading armies. Since Satan gives him supernatural intelligence he can counter successfully every effort against him.

1d. The conquest of countries: Dan. 11:41a

Antichrist takes advantage of the occasion to invade "many countries".

2d. The invasion of Israel: Dan. 11:41a

The willful king enters "the glorious land" and perhaps at that point in time breaks his treaty with Israel.

3d. The escape of Edom, Moab and Ammon:

Just to the east of Israel lies an area which will not fall into the hands of Antichrist. Especially Jewish people will find a refuge here as Antichrist invades Israel, abominates the sacrifice in the temple and desolates the Temple Mount. Christ admonished the people of the tribulation to "flee into the mountains" (Mt. 24:16).

4d. The destruction of Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia:

The Roman ruler lashes out at the countries that apparently opposed him or pose a threat to him as he sets up his headquarters in Israel.

4c. The approach of the Asiatics: Dan. 11:44

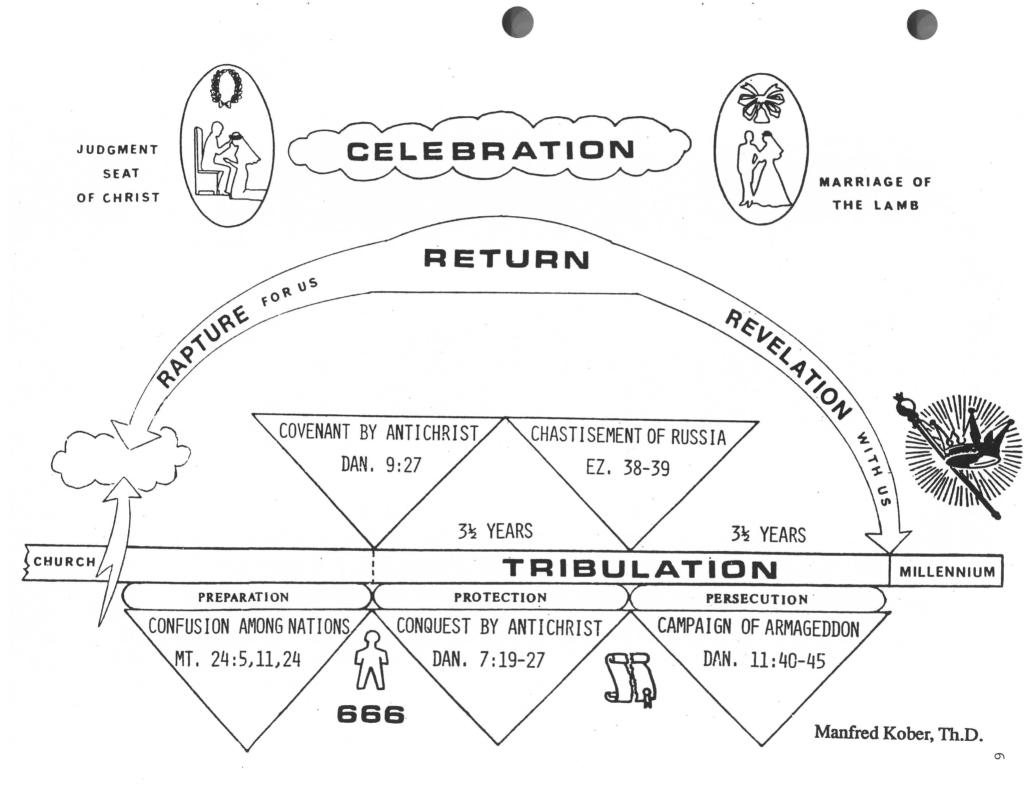
The tidings out of the east and north that come to him are of great concern. Who would not be concerned if he heard that an army numbering 200 million horsemen were after his juglar veins? (Rev. 9:16). But Antichrist is able to counter their attack as well and firmly establishes his military headquarters on the "the holy mountain," that is, mount Zion or Jerusalem, between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

Some have suggested that the invaders from the east and the north are the Red Chinese. They, along with India, could possibly muster an army numbering 200 million. However, it could be a confederation of various Asiatic nations who will cross the dried up Euphrates River (Rev. 16:12) to engage Antichrist in battle. In fury he destroys the invaders.

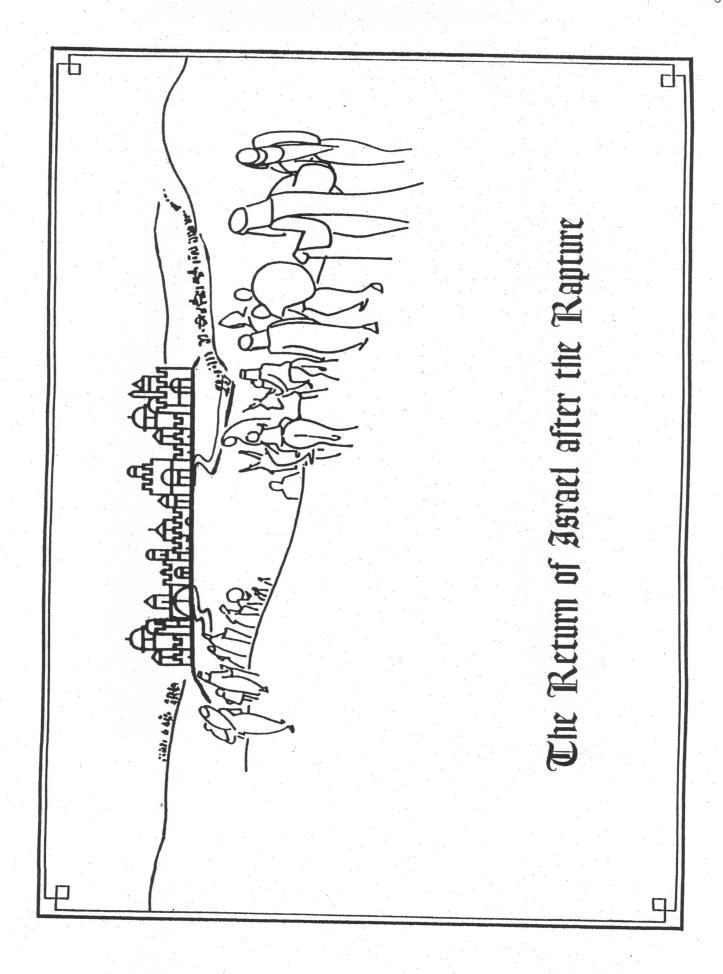
# 5c. The advent of Christ: Dan. 11:45b

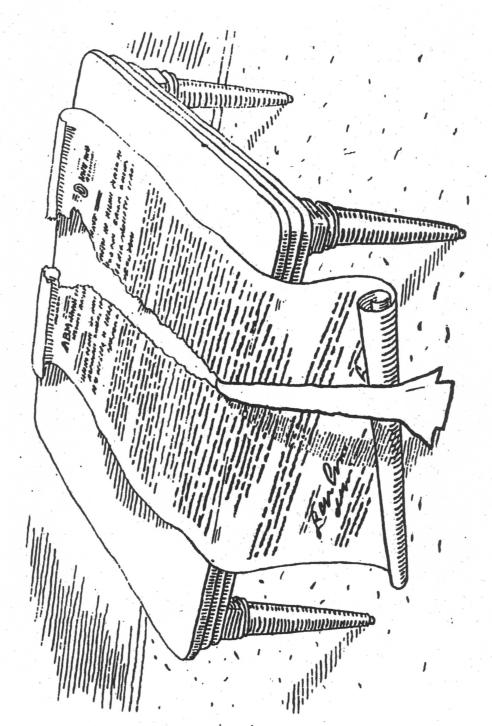
Daniel closes the campaign of Armageddon very cryptically with the words, "Yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him." Just when Antichrist seems to have defeated all of his major enemies and triumphantly rules over the world, he himself perishes. To understand the situation at which Daniel merely hints, one needs to read carefully Rev. 19:11-14, describing the advent of Christ. This passage is the N.T. counterpart of Daniel 11:45. Christ descends from heaven, followed by the army of the saints (Rev. 19:14), to establish himself as rightful ruler over the earth. The counterfeit christ and false prophet are taken by the Lord from heaven and are cast alive into the Lake of Fire and Brimstone (Rev. 19:20). Despite Satan's efforts to wrest Christ's reign away from Him, God will place His Son upon His holy hill of Zion (Ps. 2:6).



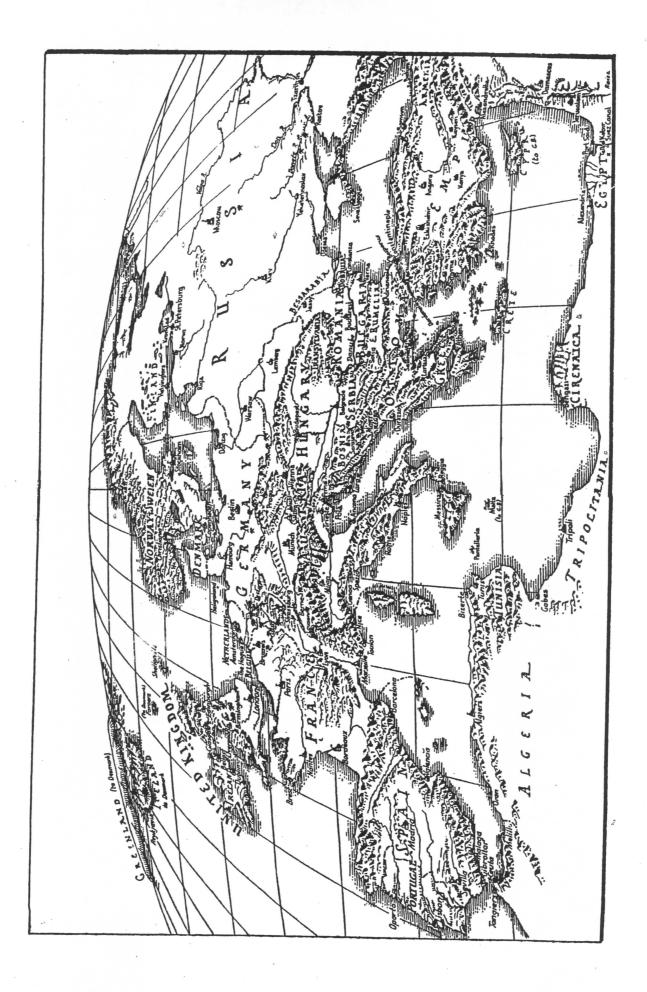


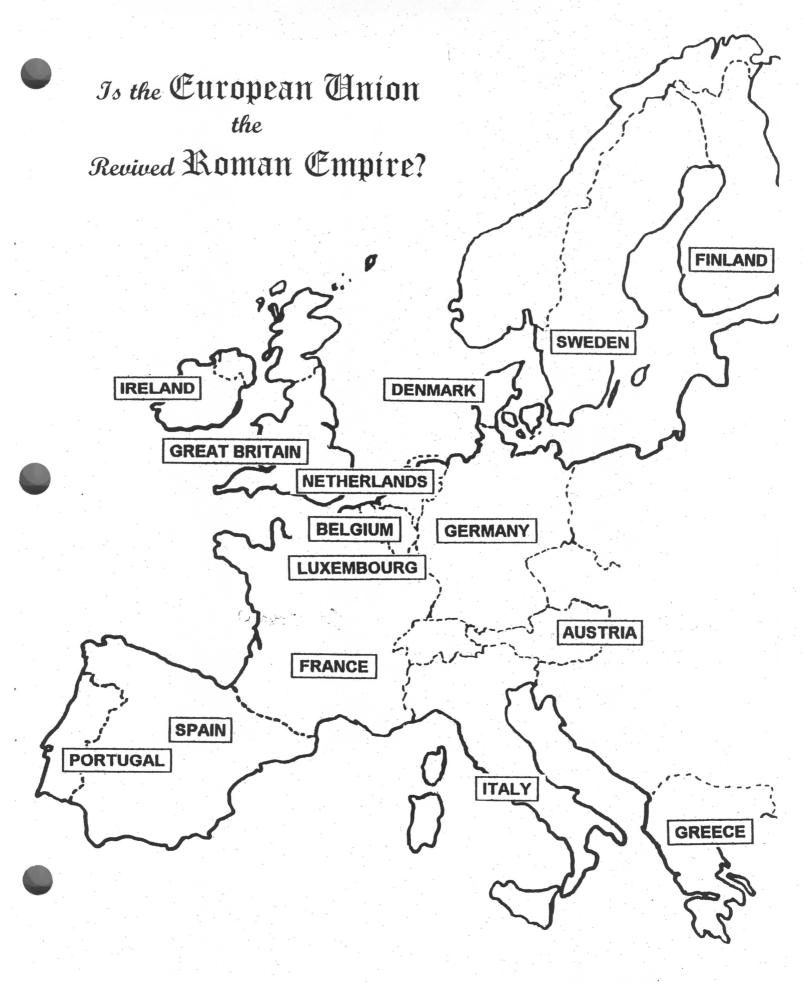


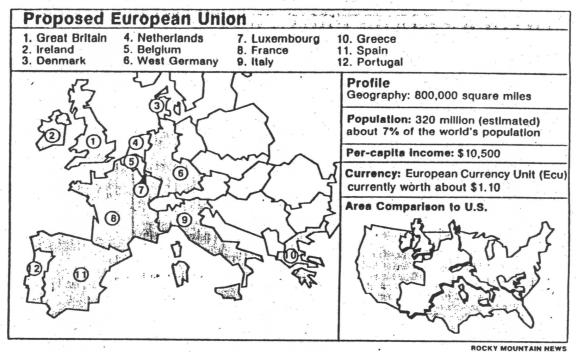




# ANTICHRIST'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL DANIEL 9:27







# Common Market aims to form the United States of Europe

EDITOR'S NOTE: The idea of a United States of Europe grew out of the ashes of World War II, and its embryo was an entity called the European Coal and Steel Community, forerunner to today's European Common Market. The concept has come a long way since then, perhaps further than many Europeans had thought. It still has a long way to go, but the ultimate goal of European union remains real.

#### By ROBERT BURNS **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS, Belgium - Despite ods of setback and stalemate, We Europe is slowly inching toward it: of creating a United States of Eur

European leaders are stepping u long march toward closer econo political and social integration campaign that began a generation to solidify democracy on a continuous history is dotted with war tyranny.

The task is so enormous, given I traditional differences in language, ec nomic strength, nationalist feelings ar. political cohesion among the West Eu ropean nations, that the dream of a fully united Europe remains far from fulfilled.

Yet the struggle goes on, and with increasing support from ordinary citi-

SPRINKLED ACROSS the region is a mixture of institutions that sprang up after World War II in a burst of enthusiasm for building a community of na-

# Schuman was Union architect

A prime mover of European Union was Robert Schuman, a French statesman who had served as finance minister, premier and foreign minister.

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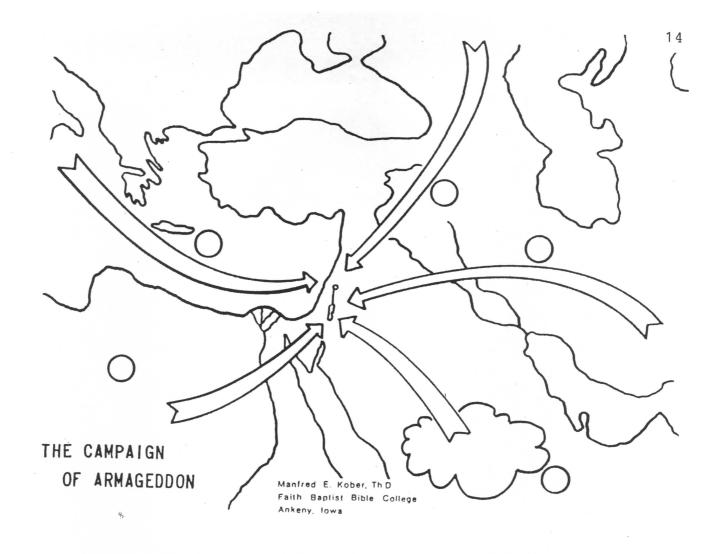
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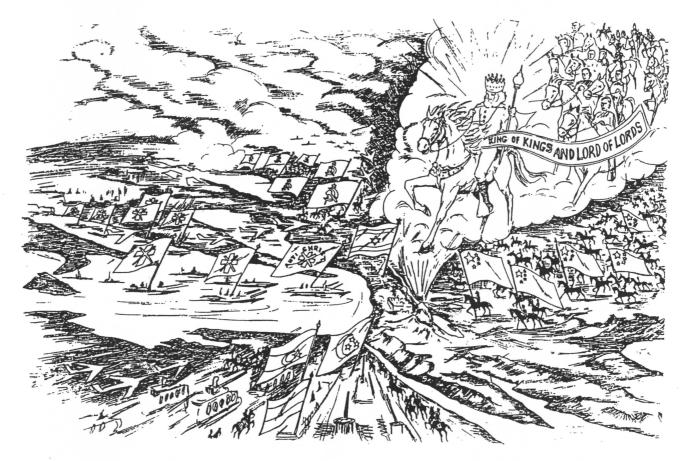
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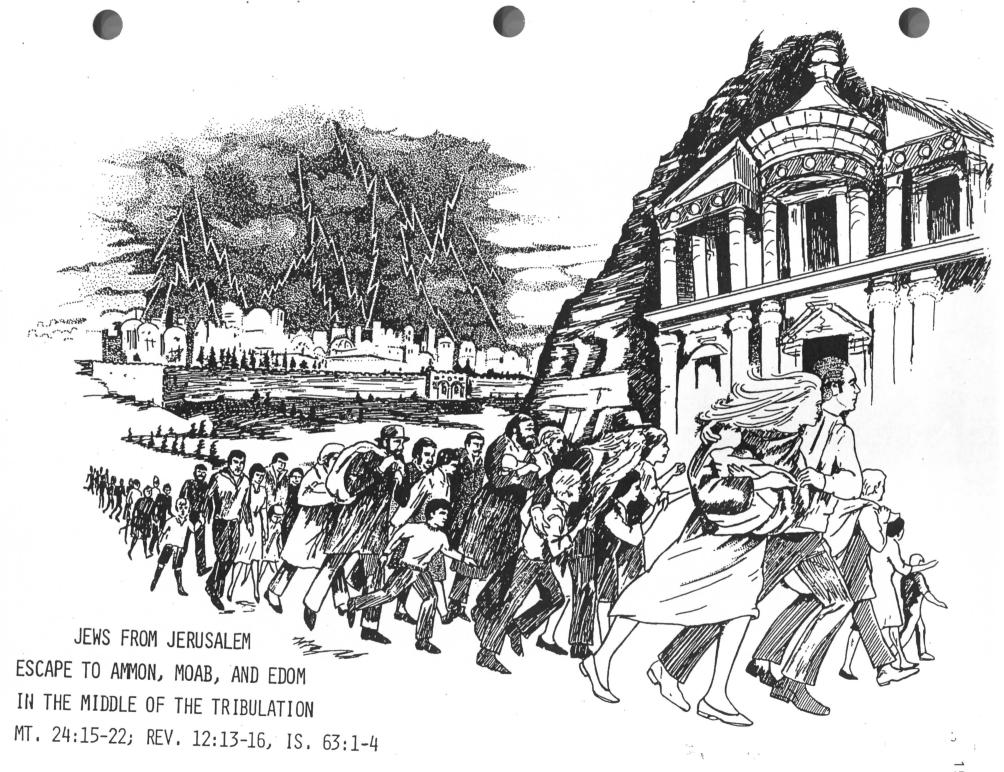
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# THE TERRIBLE TOLL OF THE TRIBULATION

# The Fourth Seal, The Pale Horse Rev. 6:8

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him and power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.



# The Second Trumpet,

# A Burning Mountain

Rev. 8:9

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.



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# The Sixth Trumpet, Four Demons Rev. 9:15

15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.



# Two Witnesses,

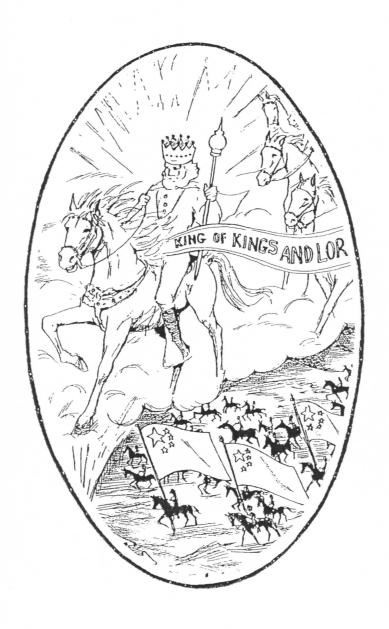
# Earthquake Rev. 11:13

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.



# The Second Advent:

Prophecy's Foremost Event



# THE REVELATION OF CHRIST

Manfred E. Kober, Th.D.



# 1A. The Return to Earth:

# Matthew 24:27-30

- <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- <sup>26</sup> For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.
- <sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- <sup>50</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

## Jude 14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.

## Revelation 19:11-16

- <sup>11</sup>And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- $^{12}$  His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
- <sup>13</sup> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
- <sup>14</sup>And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
- <sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
- <sup>16</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

#### 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

- <sup>6</sup> Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
- <sup>7</sup> And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.
- <sup>8</sup> In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- <sup>9</sup>Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power:
- <sup>10</sup>When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

# 2A. The Rescue of Jerusalem:

## Zechariah 14:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

- <sup>2</sup> For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
- <sup>3</sup>Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.
- <sup>4</sup> And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

# 3A. The Removal of Antichrist and the False Prophet:

# Revelation 19:19-21

- <sup>19</sup> And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.
- <sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- <sup>21</sup> And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

# **Daniel 11:45**

And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

# 4A. The Restraining of Satan:

## Revelation 20:1-3

- <sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- <sup>2</sup> And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.
- <sup>3</sup> And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

# 5A. The Resurrection of Tribulation Martyrs and O.T. Saints:

# Tribulation Martyrs: Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

## O. T. Saints: Daniel 12:1, 2

'And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

<sup>2</sup>And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

# Joel 3:1-2, 12

<sup>1</sup>For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

<sup>2</sup>I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

<sup>12</sup>Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

## Matthew 25:31-33

<sup>31</sup>When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup>And before him shall be gathered all nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats;

<sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Unsaved Gentiles (goats) will be put to death. Saved Gentiles (sheep) will enter the Kingdom.

# 8A. The Rejoicing in the Kingdom:

# Matthew 25:34

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

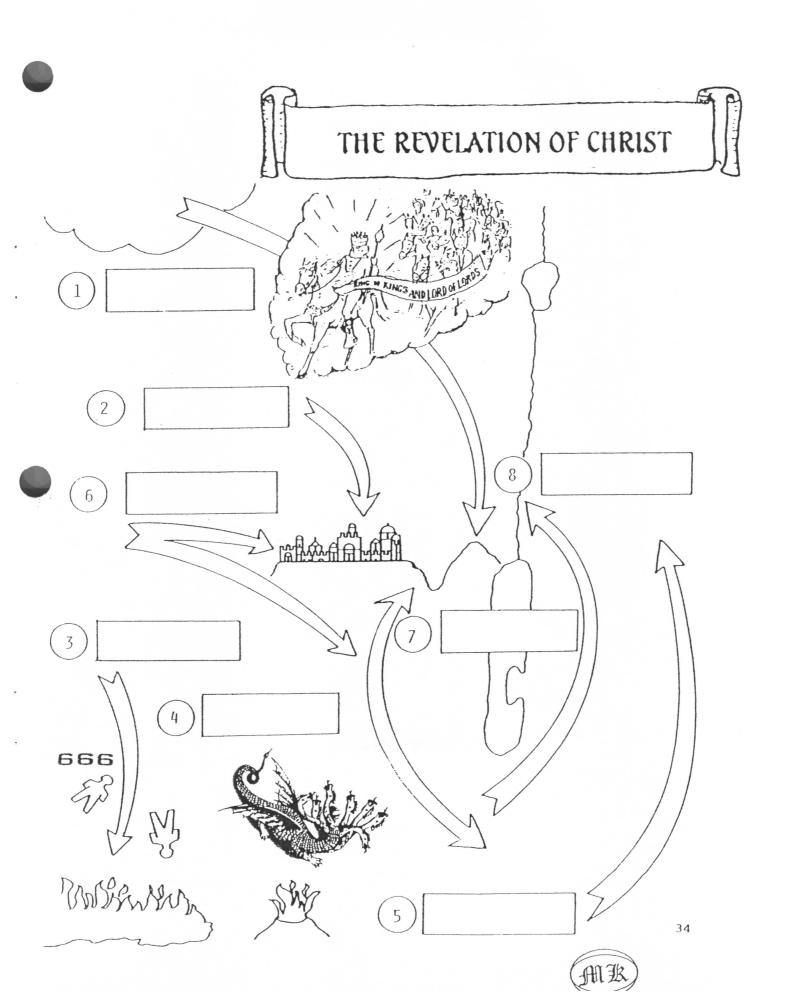
## Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

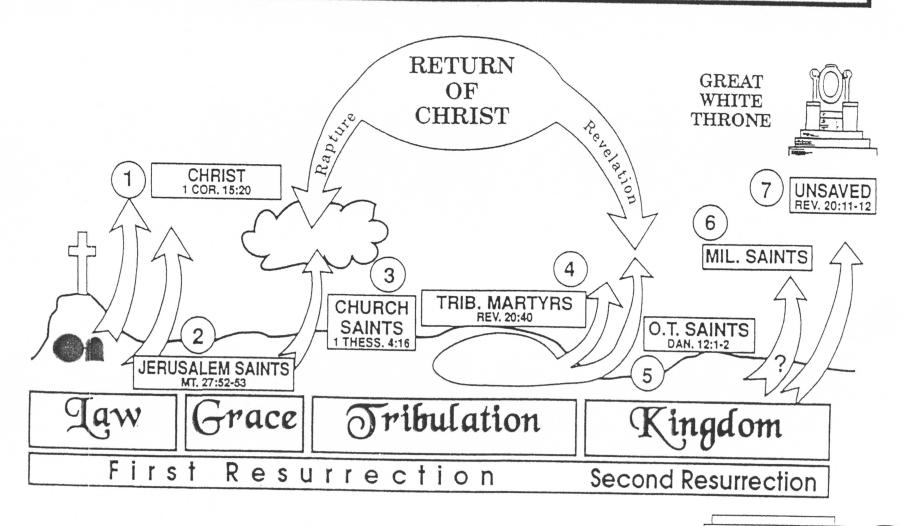
## Luke 22:29-30

<sup>29</sup> And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

<sup>50</sup> That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



# The Resurrection unto LIFE and DAMNATION





# REVELATION 19

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

# REVELATION



# CHAPTER 20

AND I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.