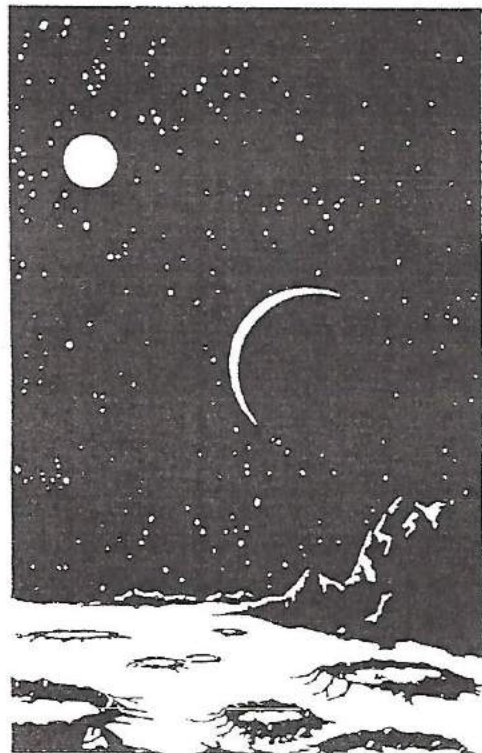
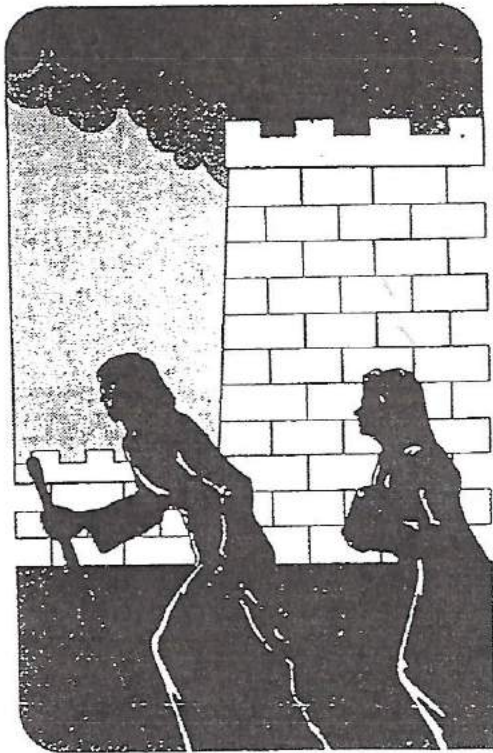


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1A. The Displacement of the Population: 1-3

1b. The emptying of the earth: 1

1c. The divine devastation:

1d. The divine purpose:

2d. The divine person: Yahweh

1e. Modern man is concerned with physical pollution.

2e. Devastation comes because of moral pollution.

2c. The course of divine devastation:

1d. Empty earth:

2d. Waste earth:

3d. Convulsed earth:

4d. Scattered inhabitants:

2b. The humiliation of the high and mighty: 2

1c. Judgment on the religious strata of society: people and priests

2c. Judgment on the social strata of society:

--servants and masters

--maid and mistress

3c. Judgment on the economic strata of society:

--buyer and seller

--lender and borrower

--taker of usury and giver of usury



3b. The intensity of the tribulation: 3

1c. The distressful destruction:

2c. The divine decree:

1d. The fulfillment of the prediction will undoubtedly come.

2d. The severity of the punishment will be unprecedented.

2A. The Desolation of the Planet: 4-6

1b. The condition of the earth: 4

1c. The personification of the earth in its suffering:

1d. Mourning

2d. Languishing

2c. The participation of the earth in sin:

2b. The corruption of the earth: 5

1c. The defilement of the earth: 5a

2c. The disobedience of the earthlings: 5b

1d. The transgression of divine law:

2d. The changing of ordinances:

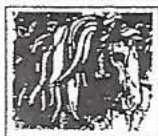
3d. The breaking of God's covenant:

THE TERRIBLE TOLL OF THE TRIBULATION

The Fourth Seal, The Pale Horse

Rev. 6:8

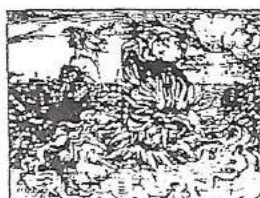
8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him: and power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.



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.



The Sixth Trumpet, Four Demons

Rev. 9:15

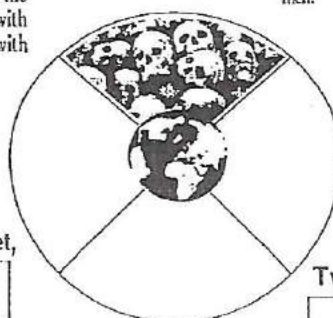
15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.



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.



Gen. 16:3



3b. The curse on the planet: 6

1c. The doom of the planet: 6a

2c. The desolation of the people: 6b

3c. The decimation of the population:

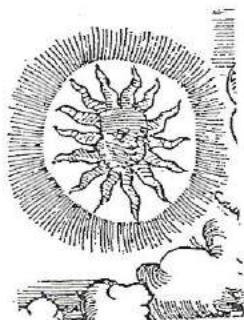
1d. One-fourth of the population through the pale horse: Rev. 6:8

2d. One-third of the population through demons: Rev. 9:15

3d. One-third of the people of the sea: Rev. 8:9

4d. An earthquake in Jerusalem: Rev. 11:13

5d. The scorching of the people: 6c (Joel 1:10; Rev. 16:9)



3A. The Rejection of the People: 7-13

1b. The depression of the people: 7-9

1c. The cessation of joy: 7 --merriment to mourning

2c. The cessation of instruments: 8 --music to melancholy

3c. The cessation of celebrations: 9 --melody to misery

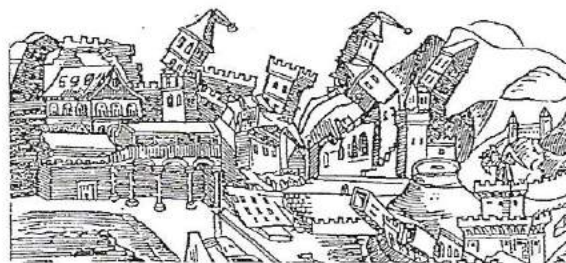
2b. Devastation: 10-13

1c. Desolate homes: 10

2c. Devastated streets: 11

3c. Destroyed gates: 12

4c. Dismayed population: 13



4A. The Delight of the Pious: 14-16a

1b. The identity of the remnant:

1c. The possibilities for the remnant:

1d. The regathered Jews in the Millennium:

2d. The rejoicing people after the Second Advent:

3d. The returning saints with the Savior:

2c. The probability of the remnant:

The reclusive saints at the end of the Tribulation period

1d. The parallel song of Isaiah 12:4-6:

2d. The praise of the authority of the God of Israel:

2b. The intensity of their response:

1c. The source of their song:

1d. In the fires:

2d. In the isles:

3d. Around the earth:

2c. The subject of their song:

1d. The majesty of the Lord:

2d. The name of the Lord: 15

3d. The glory of the saints: 15a
The remnant shouts "Glory to the Righteous One!"



3b. The interlude in the narrative:

1c. The contrast:

The glory of the believer stands in contrast to the gloom of the unbeliever.

- safety vs. suffering
- protection vs. persecution
- confidence vs. consternation
- worship vs. war
- blessing vs. blasphemy

2c. The comfort:

The believing remnant will view earth's devastation as a righteous act by a righteous God.

5A. The Destruction of the Planet: 16b-20

1b. The present dilemma of the prophet: 16

1c. Isaiah's emotional condition:
"I am utterly wasted."

2c. Isaiah's evil contemporaries:

2b. The predicted destruction of the people: 17

- 1c. They fall into a pit:
- 2c. They are captured by a snare:
- 3b. The pictured demise of the people: 18
 - 1c. They are escaping from the pit:
 - 2c. They are entrapped by a snare:
- 4b. The prospective dissolution of the planet: 18c



- 1c. The picture of the flood:
 - 1d. The similarity of the flood in Noah's day (Gen. 7:11; Rev. 16:8-9)
 - 2d. The searing of the earthlings in the Day of the Lord.
- 2c. The prediction of the earthquake: 18c-20a
 - 1d. The earth staggers like a drunkard.
 - 2d. The earth totters like a booth.

6A. The Dispensing of Punishment: 21-22

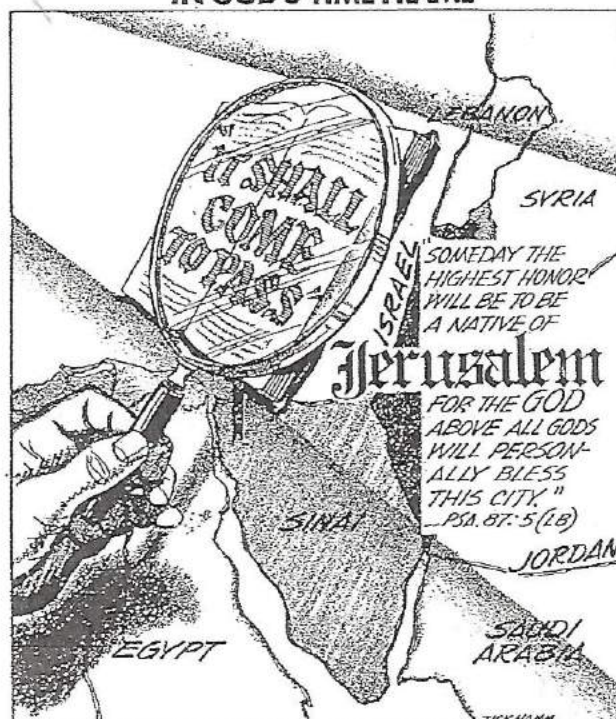
- 1b. The destruction of the evil world system:
 - 1c. The transgression against God:
 - 1d. The spiritual forces opposed to God (Rev. 19:20; 20:2)
 - 2d. The political forces upon the earth.
 - 2c. The triumph of God against His enemies: 20b
 - 1d. The deliverance and purifying of the saved remnant: 14-16
 - 2d. The doom of their oppressors and persecutors:
 - 3d. The destruction of the world system:
 - 4d. The dismembering of every hindrance to Messiah's kingdom:
- 2b. The doom of the wicked after the Millennium:
 - 1c. The denizens of the pit:
 - 1d. The temporary removal:

- 1e. Satan in the pit: Rev. 20:1-3
- 2e. The demons in the pit: Zech. 13:2
- 3e. The two beasts in the Lake of Fire: Rev. 19:20
- 2d. The permanent removal after the Great White Throne Judgment: Rev. 20:13-15
 - 1e. The final revolt: Rev. 20:7-8
 - 2e. The fiery destruction:
- 2c. The dispatching of all the wicked forces: Mt. 25:31-46

7A. The Dominion of the Prince of Peace:

- 1b. The signs of Christ's return:
- 2b. The sovereignty of the King:
 - 1c. The exercise of His reign:
 - 1d. The anticipation of His reign:
 - 2d. The location of His reign:
 - 2c. The extent of His reign: the whole earth
 - 3c. The endurance of His reign: forever
 - 4c. The enthronement of the King: Is. 25:6 "a banquet for the whole world"

IN GOD'S TIME FRAME



8A. Some Ramifications for the Earth and Its Inhabitants:

1b. Awe in light of God's punishments.

God will not let sin go unpunished.

2b. Appreciation of God's providence.



God actively moves the world toward its predetermined climax.

3b. Appropriation of God's provisions:

God protects His children from the coming Tribulation and He has predetermined a wonderful future for the believer on this earth and the next.



4b. Admonition to the perishing:

God encourages people to flee from the coming catastrophe by trusting Christ as Savior.

5b. Acknowledgment of God's preservation:

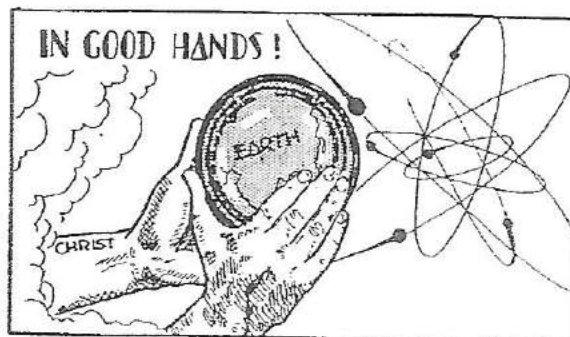
God will not permit an accidental destruction of this planet.

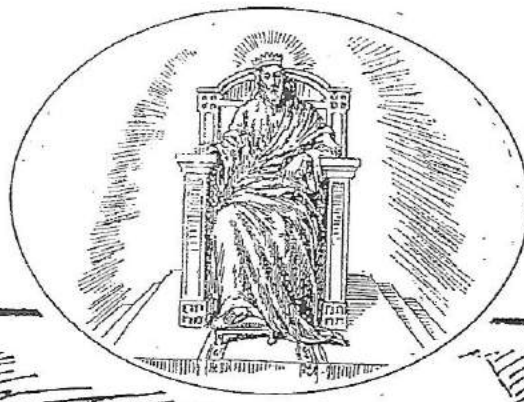
It is obvious that current scenarios about the prospects for this planet are patently false. Mark Twain opined that it is always dangerous to make predictions, especially those about the future. Man unaided by divine revelation cannot possibly predict the future or the end of our planet.

The Scriptures reveal a God Who created the world for a special purpose and preserves the world in accordance with that purpose. A careful reading of God's predictions for this planet should give individuals confidence that the world's finale is not

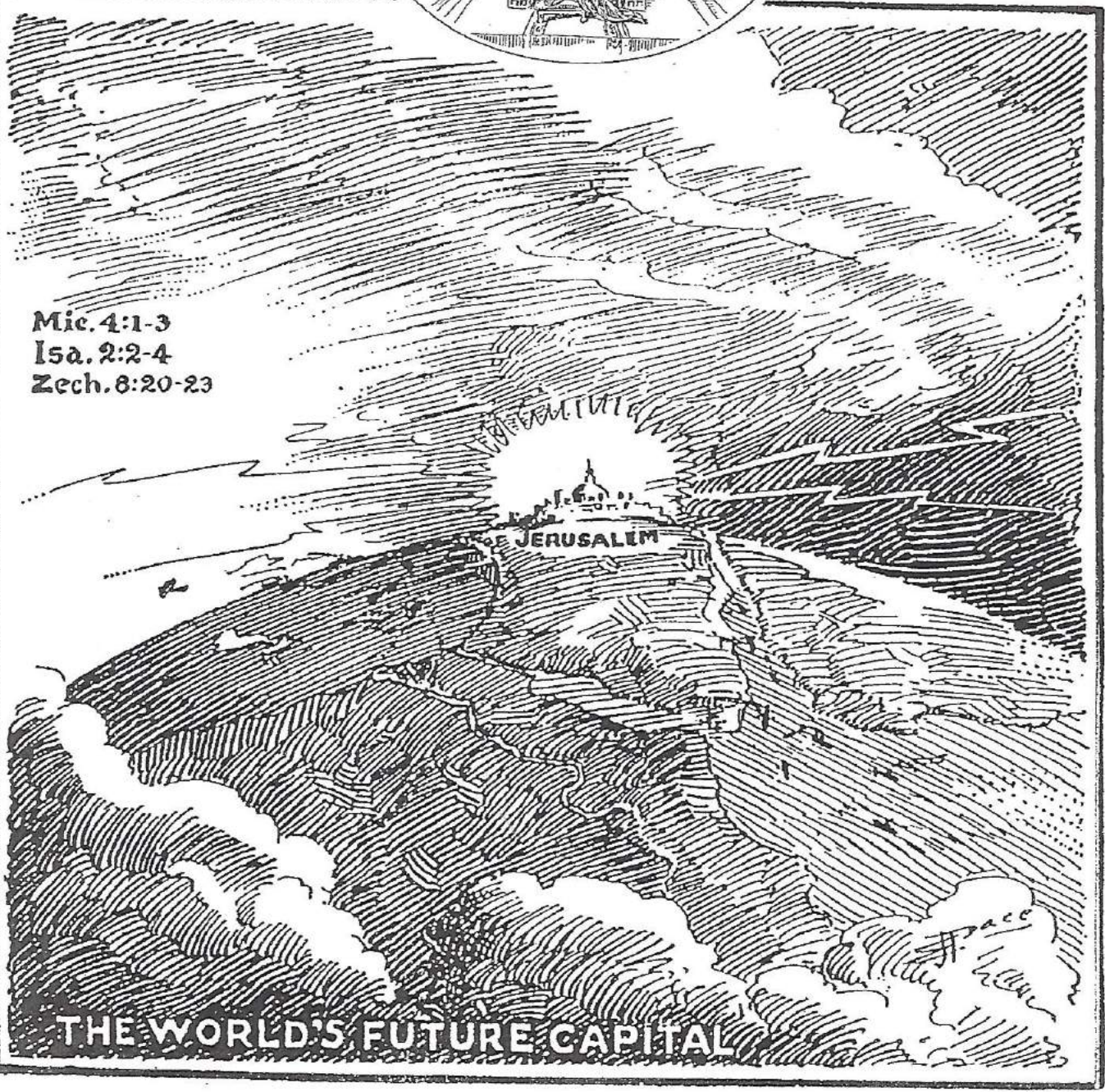
- ♦ a nuclear holocaust
- ♦ an ecological catastrophe
- ♦ an accidental war
- ♦ an ozone depletion
- ♦ a heating up or cooling down of our planet and its inhabitants

Rather, this planet, after experiencing God's long-delayed and well-deserved judgments during seven years of Tribulation, will experience 1,000 years of regeneration and rejuvenation and a final glorious recreation to make it the suitable eternal residence of the Triune God, His holy angels and the redeemed of all the ages.





Mic. 4:1-3
Isa. 2:2-4
Zech. 8:20-23



THE PROMISE OF A REFUGE

THE PLACE

Dan 11:41

41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

THE PROTECTION

Mt. 24:15-21

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

THE PERIOD

Rev. 12:6, 14-16

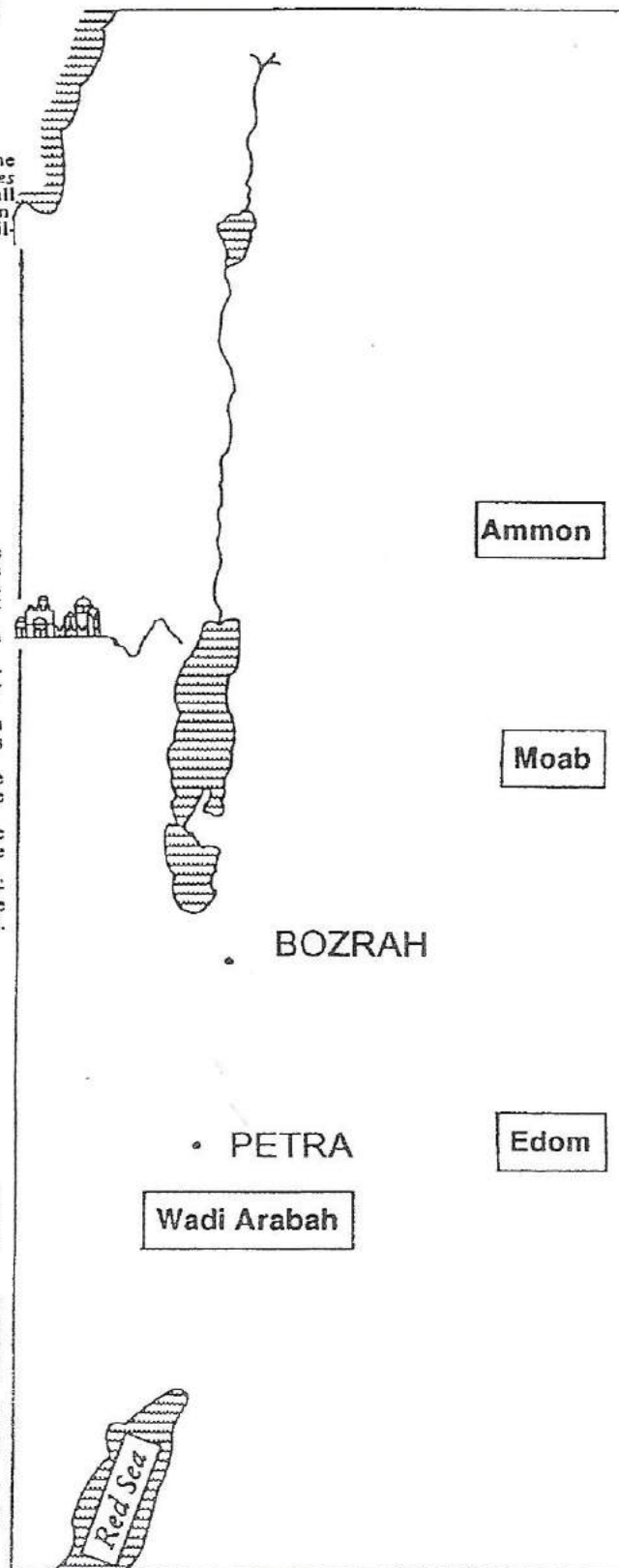
6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

THE REFUGE FOR ISRAEL



THE PROCEDURE OF RECKONING

THE PROSECUTOR

Is. 63:1-2

WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.
2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winevat?

THE PURGING

Ez. 20:35-38

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.

37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:

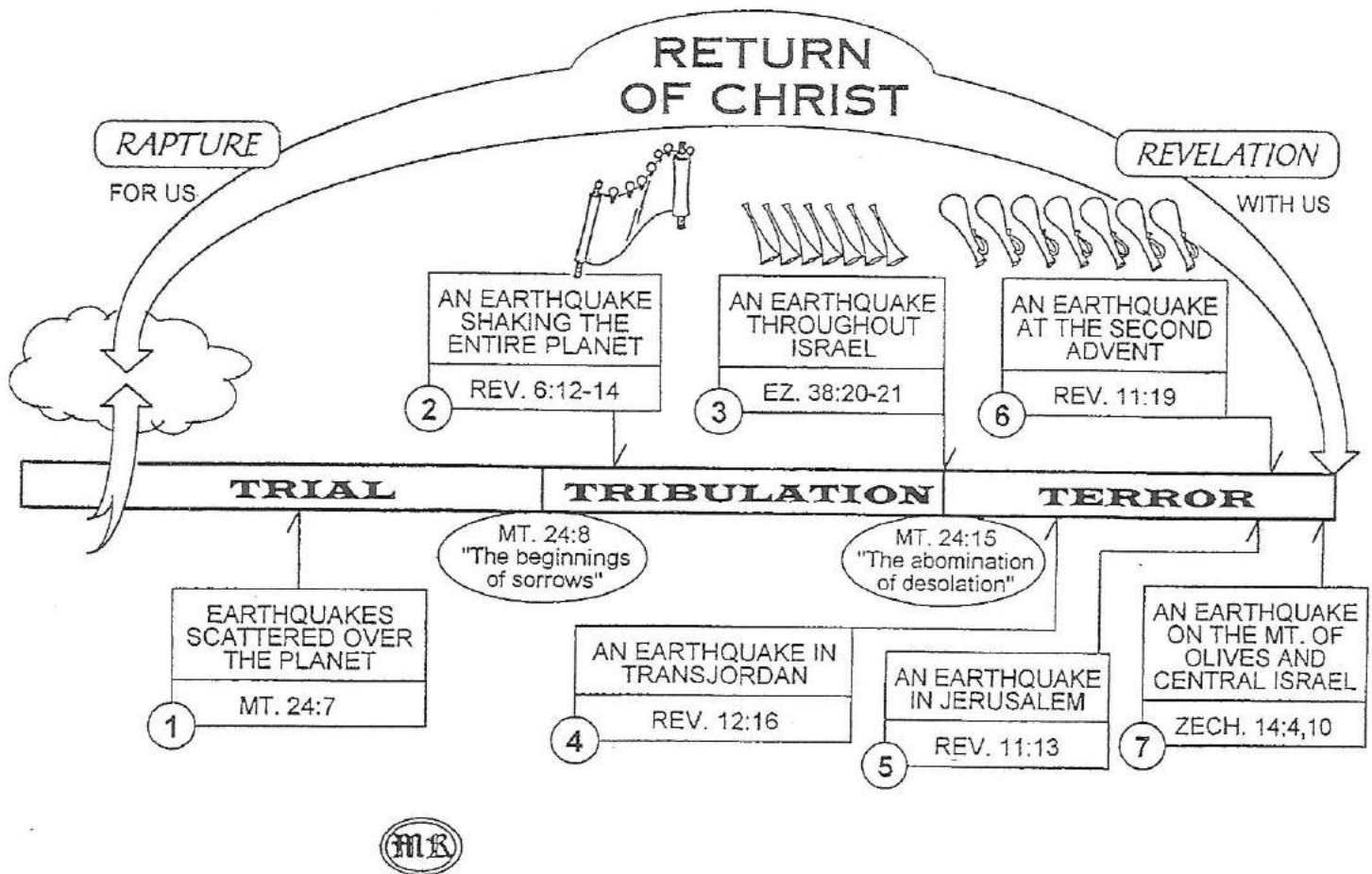
38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

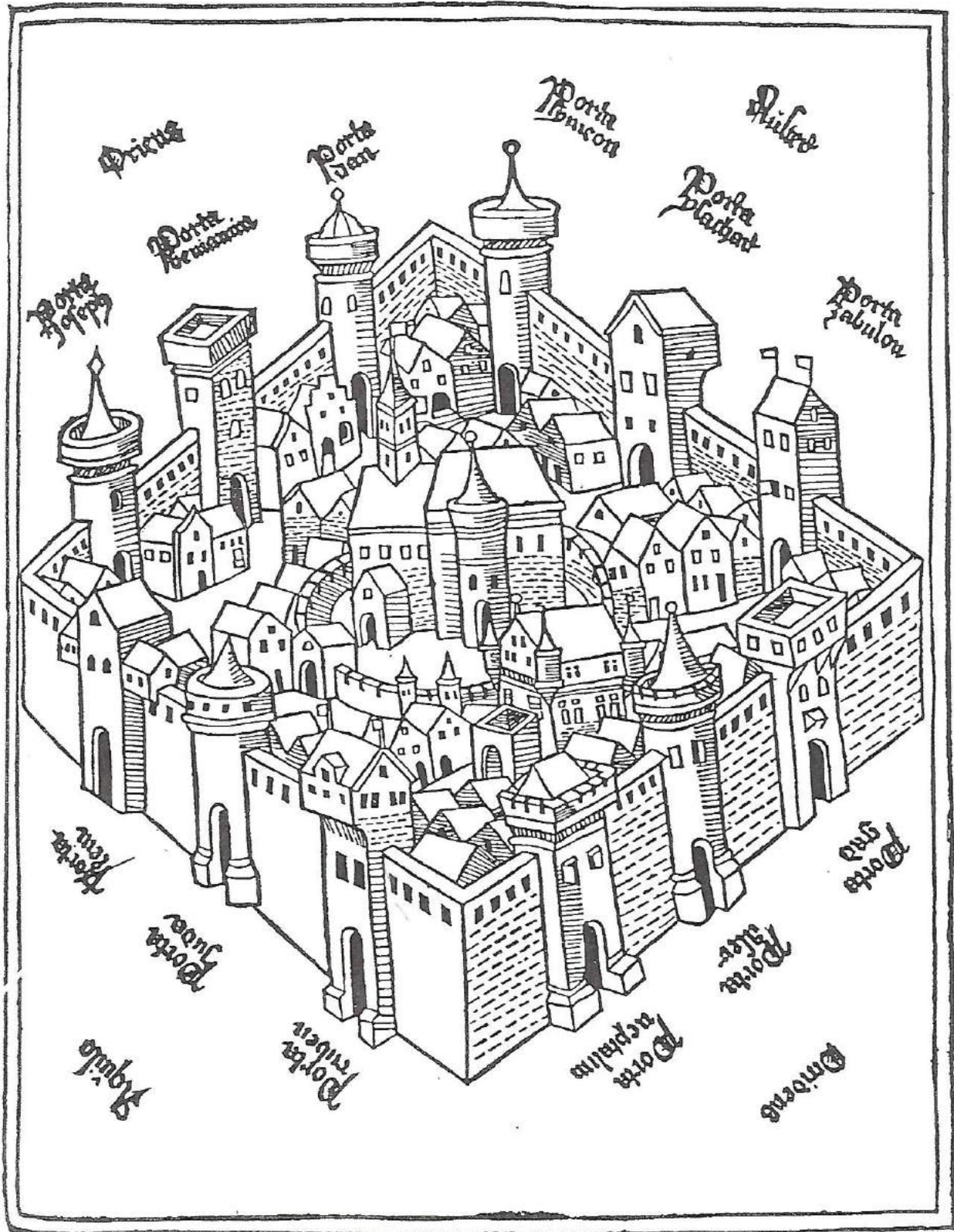
THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REDEEMED

Zech. 13:8

8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

EARTHQUAKES IN THE TRIBULATION





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