



THE TYRANNY OF THE PRESENT

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Tyranny of the Present: Hindrances & Variables



Foreknowledge is limited by the technology of the day



The progress of technology depends on...



Two extremes: rapid change or no change



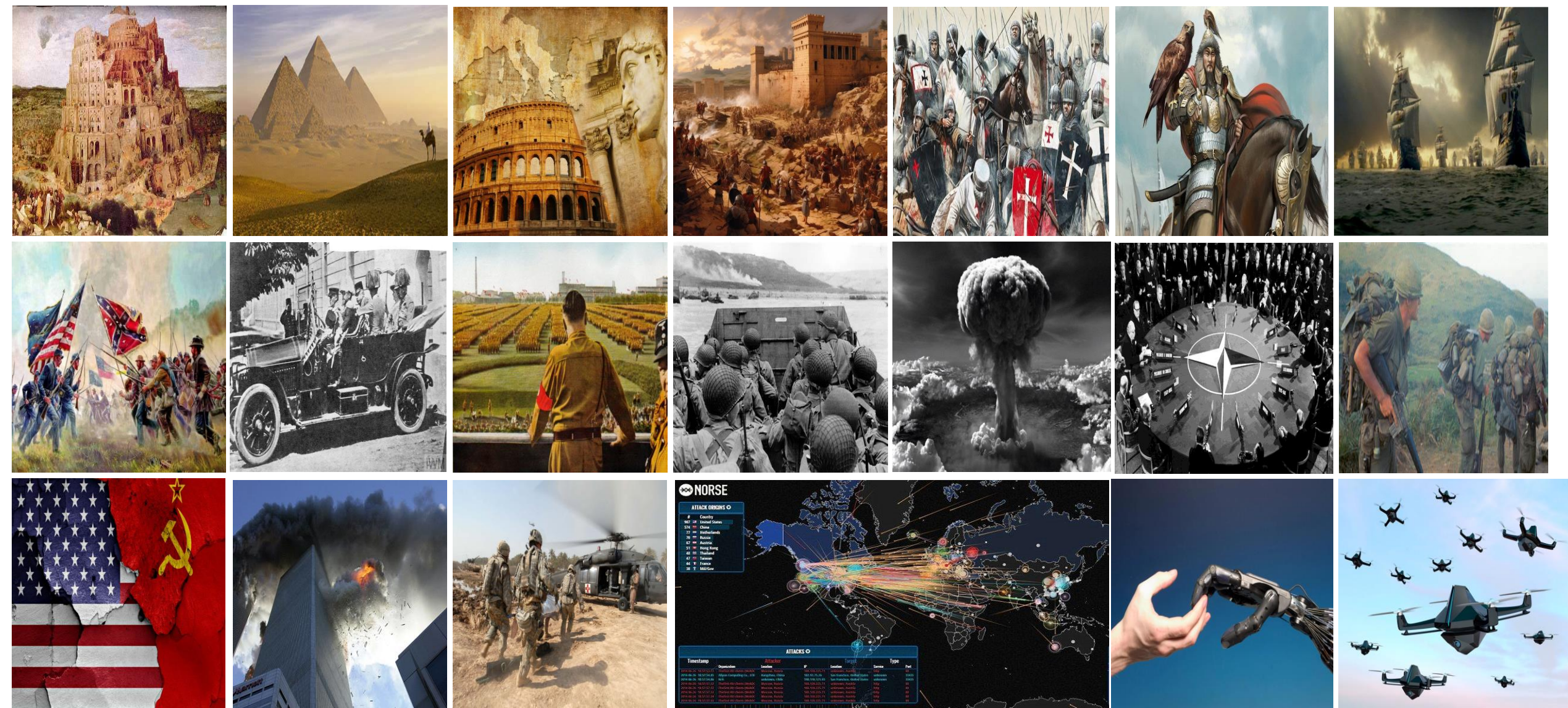
Christendom's distractions and kingdom building



HINDSIGHT

Those really were the droids you were looking for.

The Time of the Gentiles



EMPIRES CREATE REALITY

The Cycle of Cycles

NOMAD GENERATION

BONDAGE

SPIRITUAL FAITH

1st: The High

“The people of the great nations of the past seem normally to have imagined that their pre-eminence would last for ever...The belief that their nation would rule the world forever, naturally encouraged the citizens of the leading nation of any period to attribute their pre-eminence to hereditary virtues.... The impression that it will always be automatically rich causes the declining empire to spend lavishly on its own benevolence, until such time as the economy collapses, the universities are closed and the hospitals fall into ruin.” Sir John Glubb in *Fate of EMPIRES & Search for Survival*

4th: The Crisis
DEPENDENCE

PROPHET GEN

APATHY

HERO GEN

**GREAT
COURAGE**

2nd: The Awakening

LIBERTY

3rd: The Unraveling

COMPLACENCY

ABUNDANCE

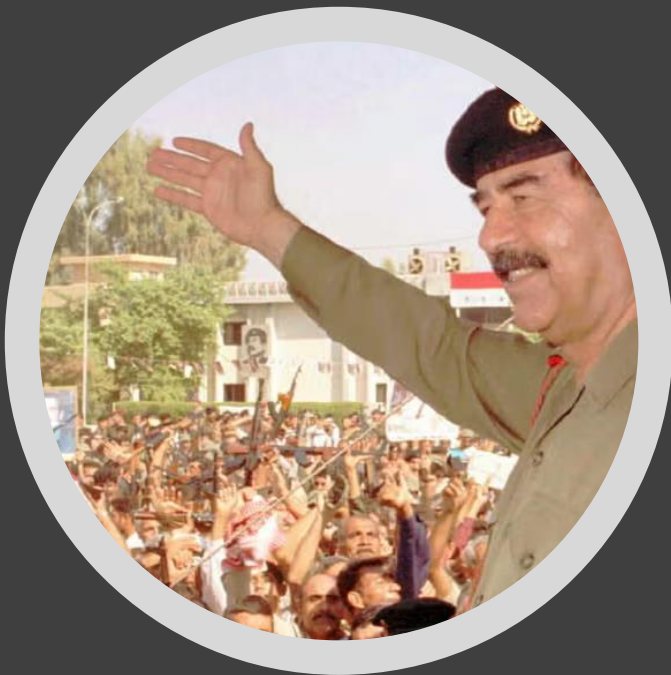
ARTIST GENERATION

WEST

Competing World Orders

EAST

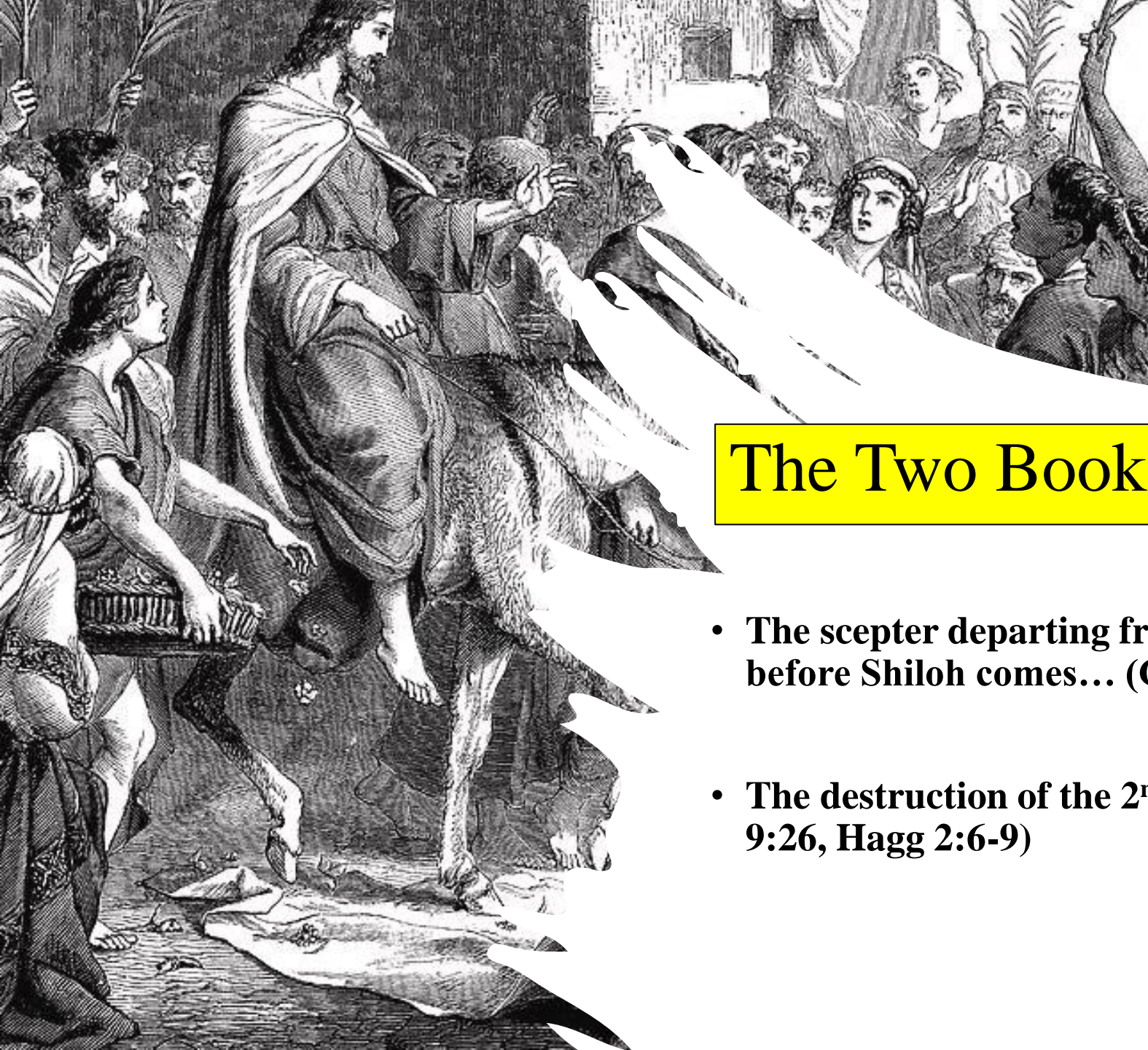




Then and Now

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4

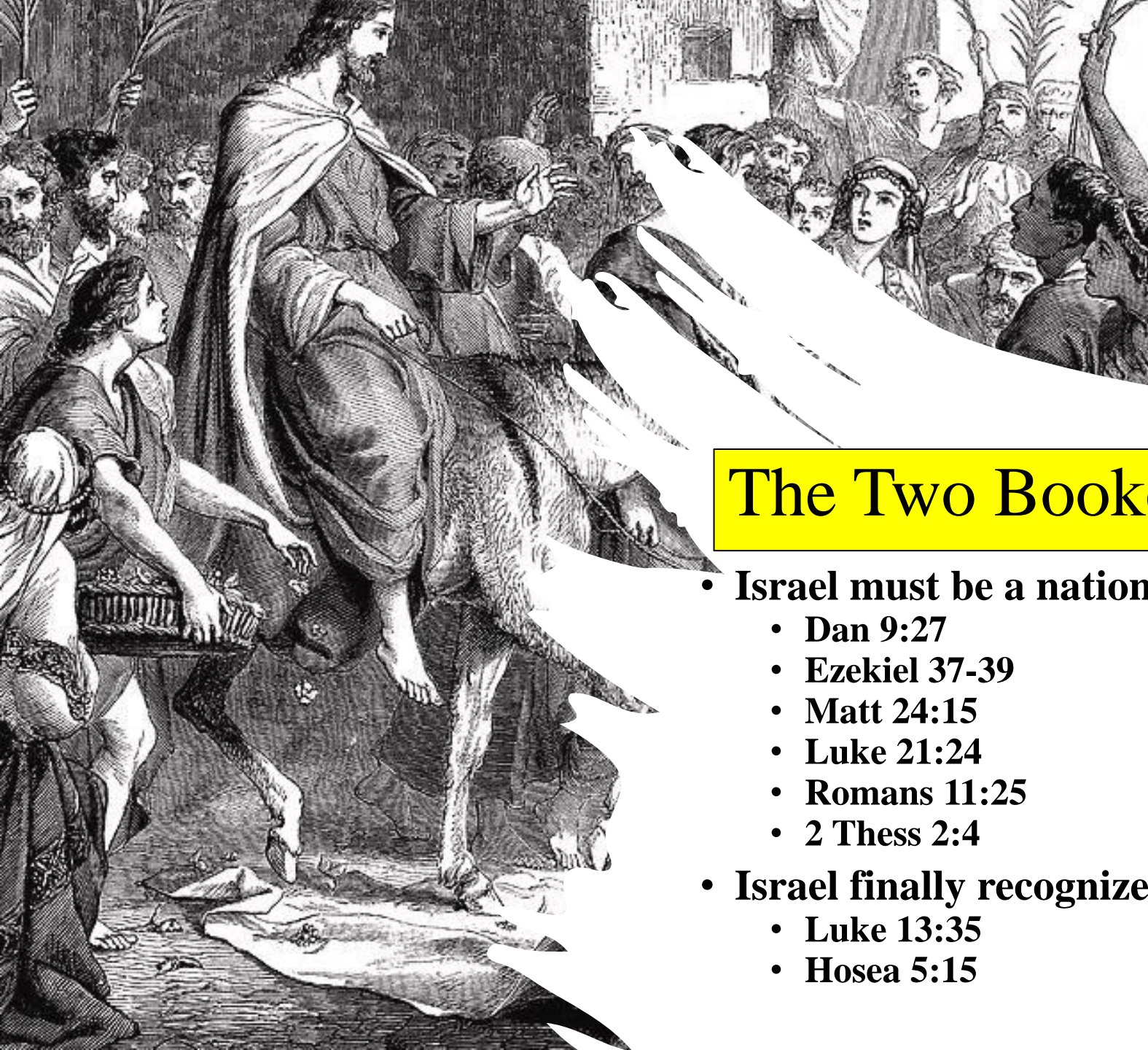




The Two Bookends of the 1st Advent

- **The scepter departing from Judah before Shiloh comes... (Gen 49:10)**
- **The destruction of the 2nd Temple (Dan. 9:26, Hagg 2:6-9)**

Messianic
Anticipation



The Two Bookends of the 2nd Advent

- **Israel must be a nation again**
 - Dan 9:27
 - Ezekiel 37-39
 - Matt 24:15
 - Luke 21:24
 - Romans 11:25
 - 2 Thess 2:4
- **Israel finally recognizes Jesus as Messiah**
 - Luke 13:35
 - Hosea 5:15

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SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE FOUR HORSEMEN

White Horse: establishment of the Antichrist's kingdom

Red Horse: peace taken from the earth

Black Horse: economic collapse and ruin

Pale Horse: global pestilence and death

Uncertainty Matrix

Known: Jesus explicitly stated He would come back (we can trust Him on this)

- a) John 14:1-3
- b) Matt 26:64/Rev 1:7
- c) Luke 12:36
- d) Phil 3:21-22

Unknown-Known: We won't know specifically, but the bible states we should recognize the season

- a) 1 Thess 5:1-9
- b) Heb 10:25
- c) Rev 3:3
- d) Matt 24:33

Known Knowns (KK) Strengths

Known-Knowns are things that we know we know.

Contingency Plan

Known Unknowns (KU) Awareness

Known-Unknowns are things we know we don't know.

Prophetic Illumination

Known-Unknown: He implied that His return would be after a long time (2,000 years is a long time)

- a) Luke 18:8
- b) Matt 25:19
- c) Luke 20:9
- d) Matt 24:14, 28:19
- e) Matt 24:48

Unknown Knowns (UK) Weaknesses

Unknown-Knowns are things that we don't know, but others do.

Consensus gathering

Unknown Unknowns (UU) Blindspots

Unknowns-Unknowns are things we don't know we don't know.

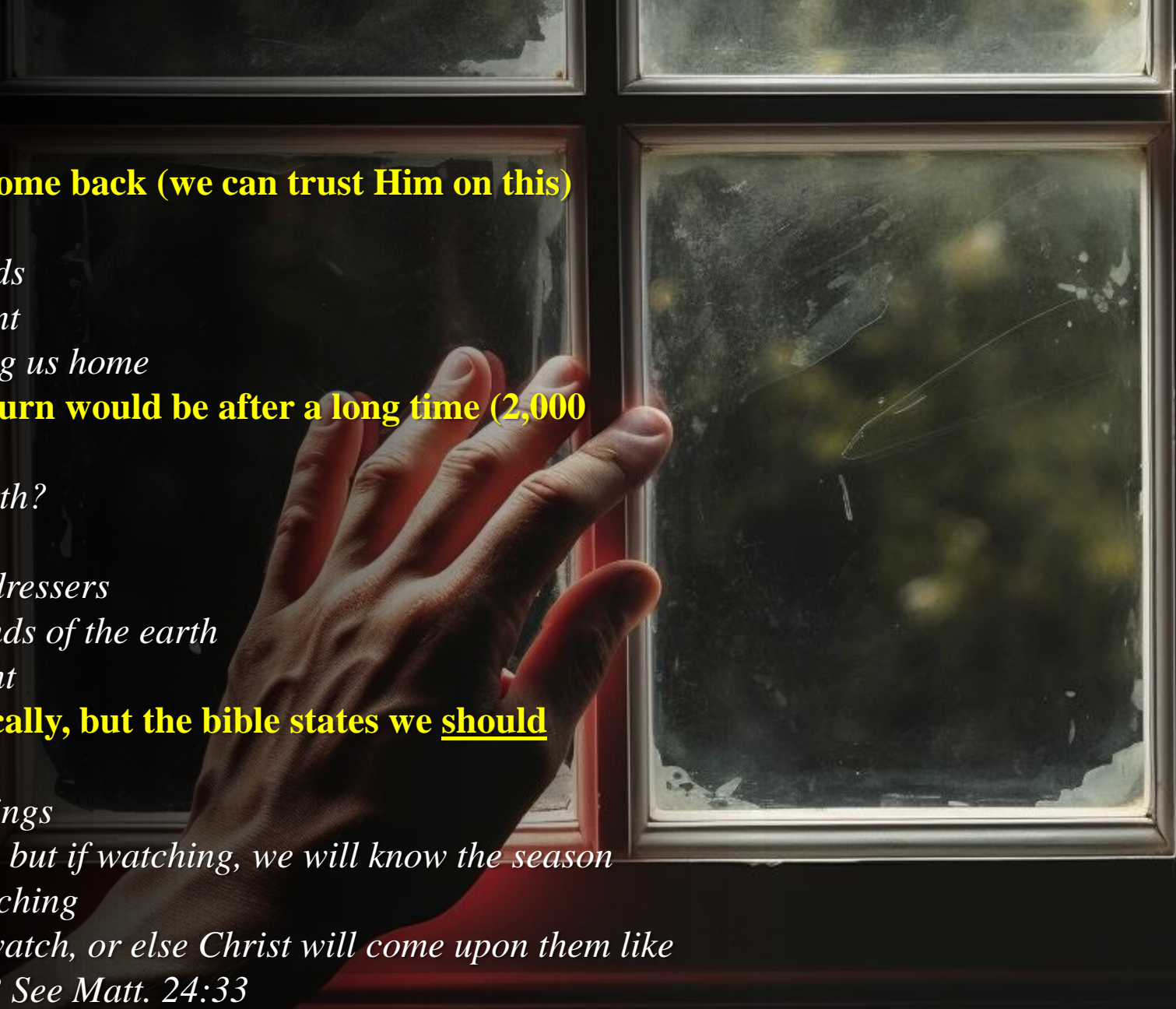
Anticipate black swans

Unknown-Unknown: the imminent Rapture of the Church

- a) John 14:1-3
- b) 1 Thess 4:13-18
- c) 1 Cor 15:51-55
- d) Rev 3:3, 10

“...there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns — the ones we don't know we don't know.” — former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

PRESENT

1. **Known: Jesus explicitly stated He would come back (we can trust Him on this)**
 - a) John 14:1-3: *Upper Room Discourse*
 - b) Matt 26:64/Rev 1:7: *Coming with clouds*
 - c) Luke 12:36: *The faithful and evil servant*
 - d) Phil 3:21-22: *He is coming back to bring us home*
 2. **Known-Unknown: He implied that His return would be after a long time (2,000 years is a long time)**
 - a) Luke 18:8: *Will He find faith on the earth?*
 - b) Matt 25:19: *Parable of the Talents*
 - c) Luke 20:9: *Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers*
 - d) Matt 24:14, 28:19: *The gospel to the ends of the earth*
 - e) Matt 24:48: *The faithful and evil servant*
 3. **Unknown-Known: We won't know specifically, but the bible states we should recognize the season (convergence)**
 - a) Matt 24:33: *when you see ALL these things*
 - b) 1 Thess 5:1-9: *The rapture is imminent, but if watching, we will know the season*
 - c) Heb 10:25: *We will see that day approaching*
 - d) Rev 3:3: *The church is commanded to watch, or else Christ will come upon them like a thief- the question is...watch for what? See Matt. 24:33*
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- A close-up photograph of a person's hand reaching out and touching a window pane. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The window pane is dark and appears to have some condensation or smudges on it. The background behind the window is dark and indistinct. The overall lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the frame of the window.

UNKNOWN UNKNOWNNS


“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. **Matthew 24:36**

Failed Apocalypse Predictions (a sampling)

- 1000AD- Promoted by Roman Catholic Pope Sylvester II
- 1284- Promoted by Pope Innocent III
- 1524- Promoted by London Astrologers (world to end by giant flood)
- 1666- Promoted by the group the British Fifth Monarchists
- 1780- American colonists panicked by the sun going dark due to a massive forest fire
- 1806- A Leeds Witch/con artist
- 1844- William Miller’s “Great Disappointment”
- 1856- Ellen G. White’s 1856 SDA Conference
- 1874, 1914- Jehovah's Witness's Second Coming Prediction
- 1881- Mother Shipton's prediction
- 1936, 1943, 1972, 1975- Herbert Armstrong (Church of God) predicted dates

- 1988- “88 Reasons”
- 1993- Korean Doomsday Cult, Harold Camping
- 1994- Harold Camping
- 1997- Heaven’s Gate (Hale-Bopp Comet)
- 1999- End of the century-millennium, Y2K
- 1999- Nostradamus “great king of terror” would come
- 2007- Pat Robertson in his book, The New Millennium
- 2011- Harold Camping, seven years before 2018
- 2012- Mayan Calendar
- 2014-15- Blood Moons
- 2016- Al Gore environmentalist apocalypse
- 2017- September 23 “Rev 12” Sign
- 2018- Seventy years from 1948
- 2020- Reuters prediction “millions will die” unless climate policies change

UNKNOWN KNOWNS

A man in a dark suit and tie stands in the center of a destroyed city. He has his hands raised in a gesture of surrender or protest. The background is filled with smoke, debris, and the skeletal remains of buildings. A large fire is visible on the left side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is one of chaos and devastation.

Nothing to see here.
Please disperse.

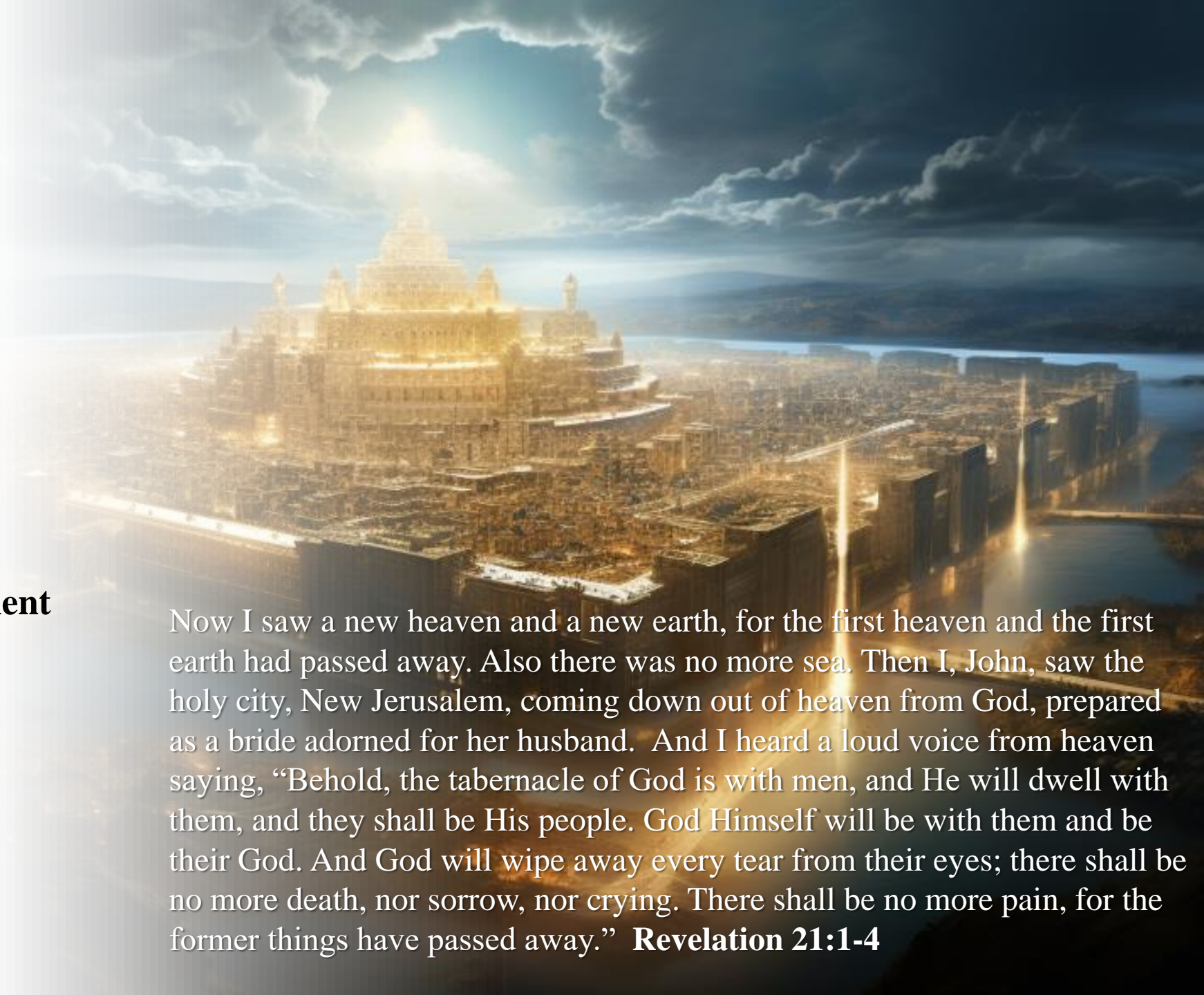
Hope Past

- The Garden
- The Ark
- Abraham and Isaac
- Joseph
- The Promised Land
- Ruth
- King David
- Queen Esther
- The Prophets
- The Promised Messiah



Hope - Future

- **The 70th Week of Daniel**
- **The Bema Judgment**
- **The Second Coming**
- **The Millennial Kingdom**
- **The Great White Throne Judgment**
- **The Eternal Order of the Ages**



Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” **Revelation 21:1-4**

Hope - Present: The Blessed Hope

- The Resurrection
- The Conception of the Church
- The Mystery Kingdom
- The Blessed Hope

