

E. The Church in God's prophetic plan

1. Where is the church in O.T. prophecy?

a. The church is a mystery Ephesians 3:1-12; Colossians 1:24-27

b. The rapture of the church is a mystery 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

2. When did the church begin? Matthew 16:18

a. Views:

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3)

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b. The Head of the church

1) Headship based on resurrection Colossians 1:18

2) Headship based on ascension Ephesians 1:19-23

c. The foundation of the church Ephesians 2:19-22

d. The birth of the church

1 Corinthians 12:13

Matthew 3:11

Matthew 16:18

John 7:37-39

Acts 1:4-5; John 14:16, 26; 15:26

Acts 2:1-12, 33

Galatians 3:26-27

3. What is the relationship of the church to Israel?

a. The church is in a distinct time

1) Daniel allows for it Daniel 9:24-27

2) Paul demands it Romans 11

The Old Testament allows for this present time, but does not specifically prophesy about it.

b. The church is a distinct entity.

1) In the New Testament, God distinguishes between Jew, Gentile, and the church.
1 Corinthians 10:32

From Genesis 1-12, God dealt with people individually.

From Genesis 12 – Acts 2, God dealt with people through the nation of Israel.

From Acts 2 – present, God deals with people through the body of Christ.

2) In the New Testament, Israel is call Israel and the church is called the church. These two separate entities are not confused or combined. The church is not Israel and Israel is not the church.

3) According to Romans 9-11, Israel's promises will be fulfilled by Israel when God completes His present work with the church. Israel is not cast away; the nation of Israel will be saved. Romans 11:1, 25

PROPHETIC TIME CHART

JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST - 1 COR. 3:9-15; 2 COR. 5:10

MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB - REV. 19:7-10

Rapture

Christ Returns In Air

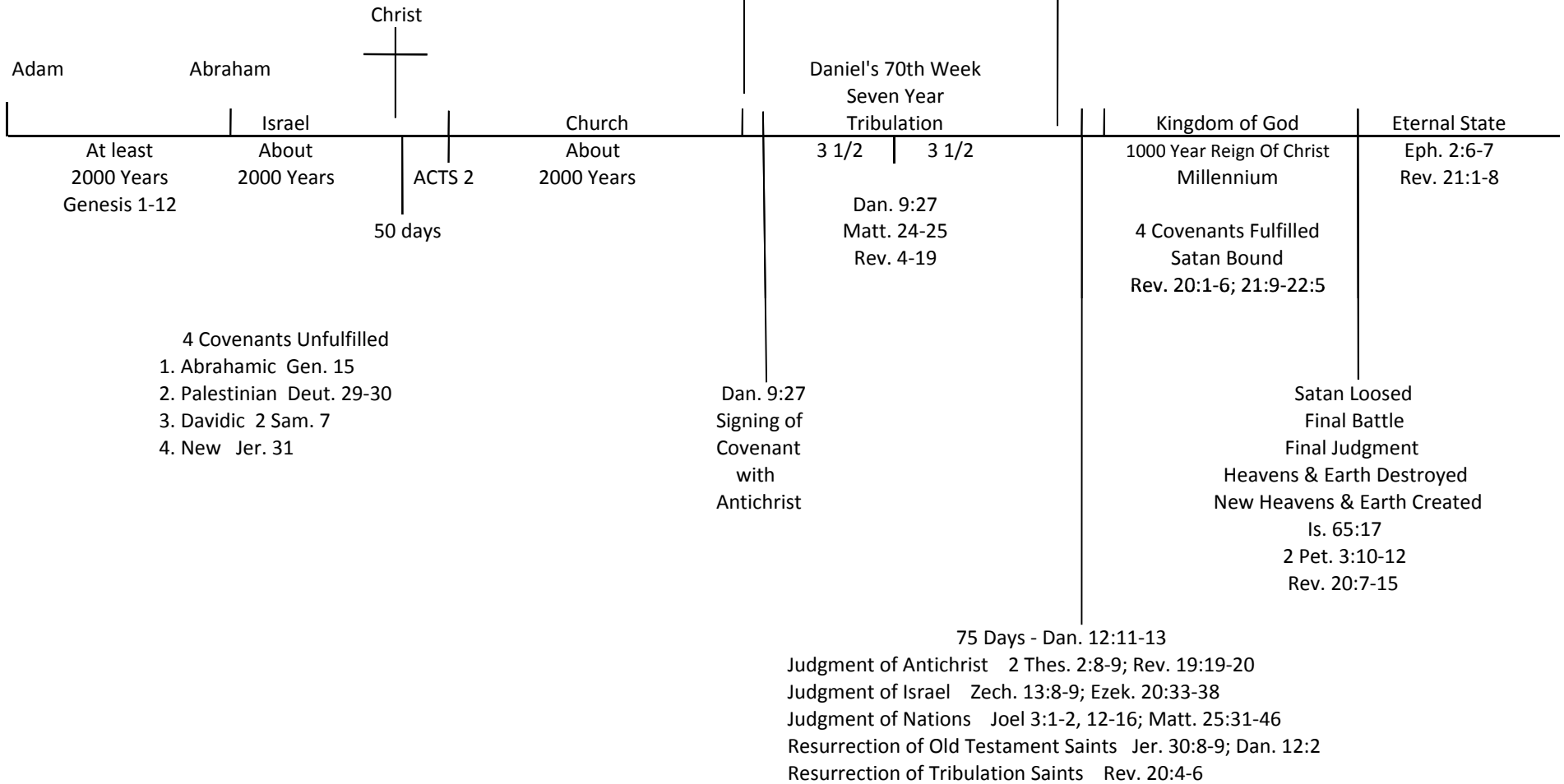
1 Thes 4:13-18

1 Cor. 15:51-58

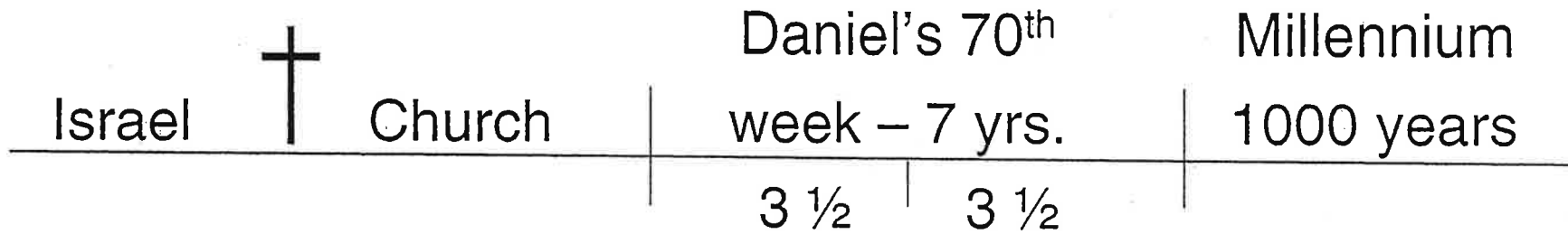
Christ's Second Coming

To Earth

Zech. 14:4



RAPTURE VIEWS



1. Pre-trib →
2. Pre-trib →
3. Mid-trib →
4. Pre-wrath →
5. Post-trib →
6. Partial rapture – only godly Christians
7. No rapture
8. Pan rapture