

The Millennial Kingdom

The Transitional Period

- There is a transitional period between the end of the tribulation period and the start of the Millennial Reign of Christ.
 - Daniel states that the “one who waits for and reaches 1,335 days is blessed (Daniel 12:12).”
 - Since the Great Tribulation is 1,260 days, it appears that this period is 75 days.
- Several events occur during the transitional period.
 - The first is to eliminate the influence of Satan during the millennial reign.
 - “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for 1,000 years. He threw him into the abyss, closed it, and put a seal on it so that he would no longer deceive the nations until the 1,000 years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time.” (Revelation 20:1-3)
 - The next event to take place is the judgment of the nations.
 - Anyone left alive “will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32).”
 - The Gentiles that did not accept the mark of the beast and remained faithful to Jesus, as well as the Jewish remnant that turned to Christ at the end, remain living and are given their inheritance.
 - They are allowed to enter the Millennial Kingdom in their mortal bodies.

- “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’” (Matthew 25:34)
- They will continue to age, die, and have children where they will repopulate the world.
 - “In her, a nursing infant will no longer live only a few days, or an old man not live out his days. Indeed, the youth will die at a hundred years, and the one who misses a hundred years will be cursed.” (Isaiah 65:20)
- Those that accepted the mark of the beast and rejected Jesus are sent away to eternal punishment.
 - “Then He will also say to those on the left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels!’” (Matthew 25:41)
- The Old Testament saints are then resurrected from the dead.
 - “Your dead will live; their bodies will rise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust! For you will be covered with the morning dew, and the earth will bring out the departed spirits.” (Isaiah 26:19)
 - They are judged at the Bema Seat of Christ.
 - “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to eternal life, and some to shame and eternal contempt.” (Daniel 12:2)
 - They are given their inheritance and allowed to enter the Millennial Kingdom in their glorified bodies.

- “But as for you, go on your way to the end; you will rest, then rise to your destiny at the end of the days.” (Daniel 12:13)
- The temple is rebuilt for the Millennial Kingdom.
 - Daniel states there will be 1,290 days from “the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up (Daniel 12:11).”
 - The image of the Antichrist is removed from the temple and construction of the millennial temple begins after the first 30 days.
 - Ezekiel 40-48 describes the temple during the millennial reign.
 - This temple will be built by several different groups.
 - Christ
 - “You are to tell him: This is what the Lord of Hosts says: Here is a man whose name is Branch; He will branch out from His place and build the Lord’s temple. Yes, He will build the Lord’s temple; He will be clothed in splendor and will sit on His throne and rule. There will also be a priest on His throne, and there will be peaceful counsel between the two of them.” (Zechariah 6:12-13)
 - Representatives from the Gentile nations
 - ““I will shake all the nations so that the treasures of all the nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of Hosts.” (Haggai 2:7)

- “People who are far off will come and build the Lord’s temple, and you will know that the Lord of Hosts has sent Me to you. This will happen when you fully obey the Lord your God.” (Zechariah 6:15)
- Redeemed Jews
 - “As for you, son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities. Let them measure its pattern, and they will be ashamed of all that they have done. Reveal the design of the temple to them—its layout with its exits and entrances—its complete design along with all its statutes, design specifications, and laws. Write it down in their sight so that they may observe its complete design and all its statutes and may carry them out.” (Ezekiel 43:10-11)
- This temple will be the dwelling place for God.
 - “I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them. I will establish and multiply them and will set My sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be My people. When My sanctuary is among them forever, the nations will know that I, Yahweh, sanctify Israel.” (Ezekiel 37:26-28)
- Both Gentile and Jew will worship at this temple.
 - “‘All mankind will come to worship Me from one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another,’ says the Lord.” (Isaiah 66:23)

- “From beyond the rivers of Cush My supplicants, My dispersed people, will bring an offering to Me.” (Zephaniah 3:10)
- “Many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day and become My people. I will dwell among you, and you will know that the Lord of Hosts has sent Me to you.” (Zechariah 2:11)
- Jesus will be the focus of this worship.
 - “For this is what the Lord says: David will never fail to have a man sitting on the throne of the house of Israel.” (Jeremiah 33:17)
- Sacrifices will continue.
 - “The Levitical priests will never fail to have a man always before Me to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices.” (Jeremiah 33:18)
 - “I will bring them to My holy mountain and let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar, for My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” (Isaiah 56:7)
 - “He will be like a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver. Then they will present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. And the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will please the Lord as in days of old and years gone by.” (Malachi 3:3-4)
- Mosaic law has been abolished.
 - “For sin will not rule over you, because you are not under law but under grace.” (Romans 6:14)

- “Therefore, my brothers, you also were put to death in relation to the law through the crucified body of the Messiah, so that you may belong to another—to Him who was raised from the dead—that we may bear fruit for God. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions operated through the law in every part of us and bore fruit for death. But now we have been released from the law, since we have died to what held us, so that we may serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old letter of the law.” (Romans 7:4-6)
- “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” (Galatians 5:18)
- Sacrifices could be used as a Jewish memorial to the price Christ paid, similar to the Lord’s Supper for the church.
 - “So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)
 - “Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come, and not the actual form of those realities, it can never perfect the worshipers by the same sacrifices they continually offer year after year...But in the sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.” (Hebrews 10:1,3)
 - One issue raised with this interpretation is that scripture also states that sacrifices are to make atonement for sin. (Ezekiel 45:15,17,20)

- Sacrifices could be used to remove ceremonial uncleanness and prevent defilement from polluting the purity of the temple. (Ezekiel 43:18-27; 45:13-46:24)
- The establishment of the governmental structure for the Millennial Kingdom takes place.
 - Those that had died during the tribulation period are now resurrected and stand before the Bema Seat of Christ to be judged.
 - They, along with everyone else that died in Christ prior to the tribulation period, will then reign with Jesus over these survivors for the next one thousand years.
 - “Then I saw thrones, and people seated on them who were given authority to judge. I also saw the people who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of God’s word, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and who had not accepted the mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with the Messiah for 1,000 years.” (Revelation 20:4)
 - “Or don’t you know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest cases? Don’t you know that we will judge angels—not to mention ordinary matters?” (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)
 - “The victor: I will give him the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I also won the victory and sat down with My Father on His throne.” (Revelation 3:21)

- “If we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He will also deny us.” (2 Timothy 2:12)
- With this, the Millennial Kingdom is established and Christ reigns for the next 1,000 years.
 - “They came to life and reigned with the Messiah for 1,000 years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were completed...Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of the Messiah, and they will reign with Him for 1,000 years.” (Revelation 20:4-6)

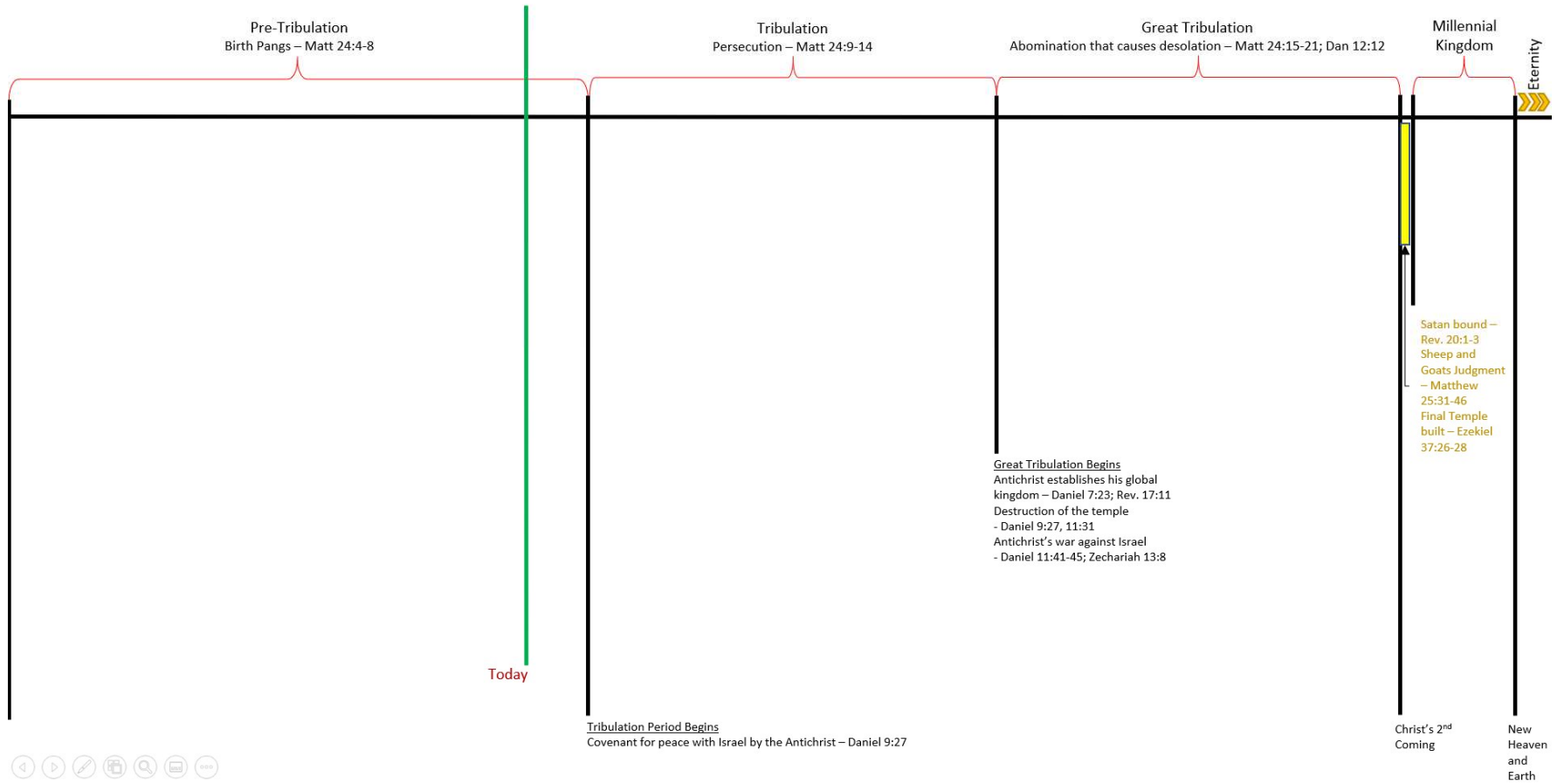


Figure 1: Timeline of the Millennial Reign Transitional Period

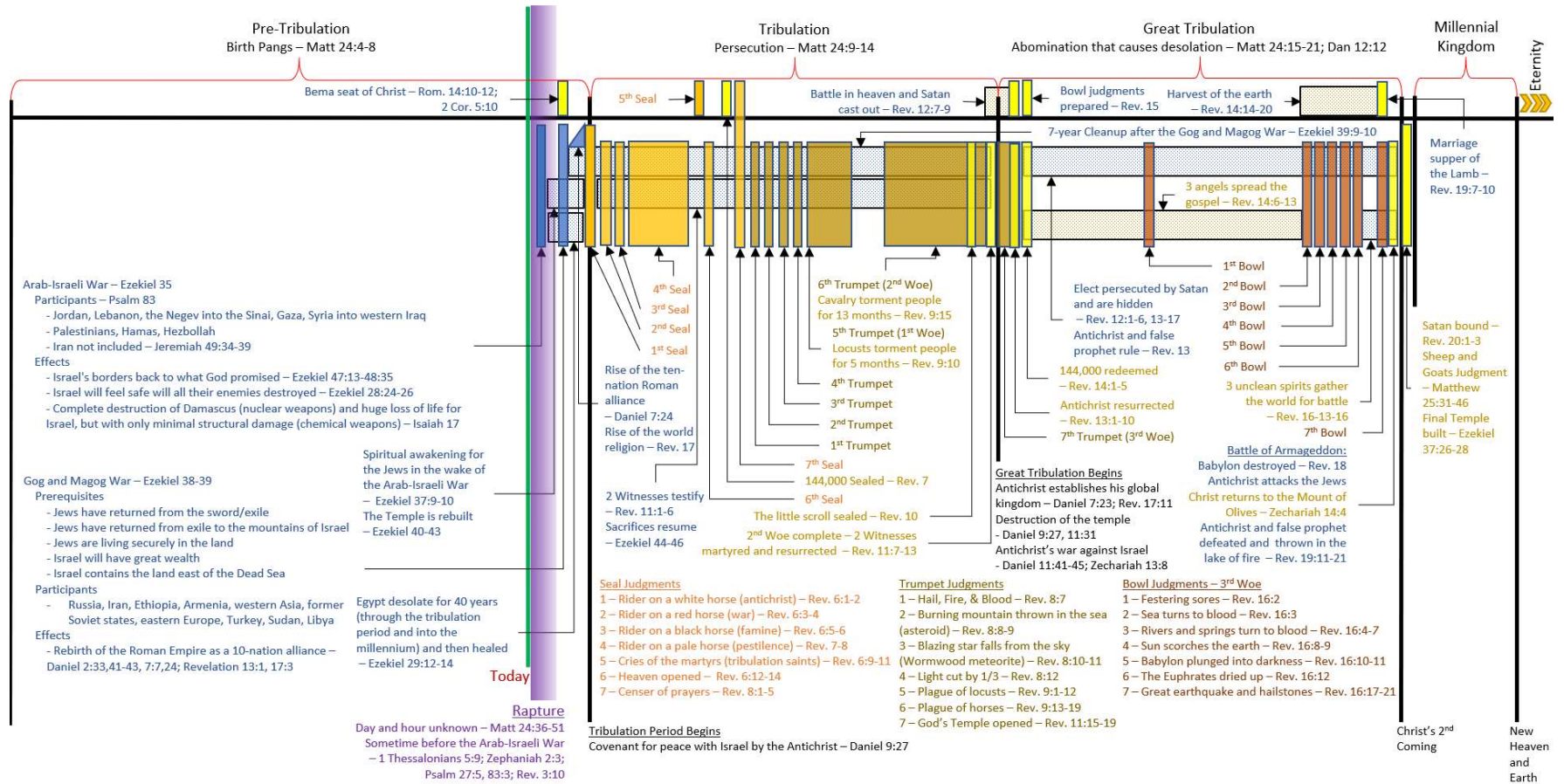


Figure 2: Timeline of End-Times Events