

The Millennial Kingdom

The Millennial Reign

- With the start of the Millennial Reign, the groups that enter are the mortal and living saved.
 - “Then all your people will be righteous; they will possess the land forever; they are the branch I planted, the work of My hands, so that I may be glorified.” (Isaiah 60:21)
 - This includes the following groups.
 - The Jewish remnant.
 - “I will put this third through the fire; I will refine them as silver is refined and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say: They are My people, and they will say: Yahweh is our God.” (Zechariah 13:9)
 - Those remaining from the Gentile nations.
 - “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)
 - The resurrected saints that rule with Christ in their glorified bodies.
 - “But the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever, yes, forever and ever.’ ...until the Ancient of Days arrived and a judgment was given in favor of the holy ones of the Most High, for the time had come, and the holy ones took possession of the kingdom.” (Daniel 7:18,22)
 - The wicked have been judged and are barred from entering the kingdom.
 - “But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.” (Isaiah 1:19)

- “But you who abandon the Lord, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune and fill bowls of mixed wine for Destiny, I will destine you for the sword, and all of you will kneel down to be slaughtered, because I called and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not hear; you did what was evil in My sight and chose what I did not delight in. (Isaiah 65:11-12)
- Israel is restored and possesses the land promised to them.
 - “However, take note! The days are coming—the Lord’s declaration—when it will no longer be said, As the Lord lives who brought the Israelites from the land of Egypt, but rather, As the Lord lives who brought the Israelites from the land of the north and from all the other lands where He had banished them. For I will return them to their land that I gave to their ancestors.” (Jeremiah 16:14-15)
 - “Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west. I will say to the north: Give them up! and to the south: Do not hold them back! Bring My sons from far away, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone called by My name and created for My glory. I have formed him; indeed, I have made him.” (Isaiah 43:5-7)
- Like the church in the previous age, every Jew will personally know the Lord through the Holy Spirit.
 - “The Lord will give you meager bread and water during oppression, but your Teacher will not hide Himself any longer. Your eyes will see your Teacher, and whenever you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear this command behind you: ‘This is the way. Walk in it.’” (Isaiah 30:20-21)
 - “I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am Yahweh. They will be My people, and I will be their God because they will return to Me with all their heart.” (Jeremiah 24:7)

- “And I will give them one heart and put a new spirit within them; I will remove their heart of stone from their bodies and give them a heart of flesh, so they may follow My statutes, keep My ordinances, and practice them. Then they will be My people, and I will be their God.” (Ezekiel 11:19-20)
- Christ reigns from the throne of David.
 - “I continued watching in the night visions, and I saw One like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before Him. He was given authority to rule, and glory, and a kingdom; so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14)
 - “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:32-33)
- Christ’s kingdom is characterized by
 - Righteousness
 - “For as the earth produces its growth, and as a garden enables what is sown to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.” (Isaiah 61:11)
 - Peace
 - “The result of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quiet confidence forever. Then my people will dwell in a peaceful place, in safe and secure dwellings.” (Isaiah 32:17-18)
 - Truth

- All the Lord's ways show faithful love and truth to those who keep His covenant and decrees." (Psalm 25:10)
- "The entirety of Your word is truth, and all Your righteous judgments endure forever." (Psalm 119:160)
- Holiness
 - "Whoever remains in Zion and whoever is left in Jerusalem will be called holy—all in Jerusalem who are destined to live—when the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodguilt from the heart of Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning." (Isaiah 4:3-4)
- Justice
 - "The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:7)
- Obedience
 - "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord. All the families of the nations will bow down before You, for kingship belongs to the Lord; He rules over the nations." (Psalm 22:27-28)
 - "By Myself I have sworn; Truth has gone from My mouth, a word that will not be revoked: Every knee will bow to Me, every tongue will swear allegiance." (Isaiah 45:23)
- Faithfulness

- “The Lord says this: ‘I will return to Zion and live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, the mountain of the Lord of Hosts, and the Holy Mountain.’” (Zechariah 8:3)
- For Yahweh is good, and His love is eternal; His faithfulness endures through all generations.” (Psalm 100:5)
- Under Christ’s rule, and for the first time ever, the world has a government that is
 - Global
 - “He was given authority to rule, and glory, and a kingdom; so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:14)
 - Perfect and effective
 - “For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)
 - Centered in Jerusalem
 - “The Lord says this: ‘I will return to Zion and live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City, the mountain of the Lord of Hosts, and the Holy Mountain.’” (Zechariah 8:2-3)
- Christ brings several physical blessings
 - Living in a blessed and enhanced environment

- “It will blossom abundantly and will also rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God.” (Isaiah 35:1-2)
- Having plentiful rain and food
 - “Then He will send rain for your seed that you have sown in the ground, and the food, the produce of the ground, will be rich and plentiful. On that day your cattle will graze in open pastures. The oxen and donkeys that work the ground will eat salted fodder scattered with winnowing shovel and fork.” (Isaiah 30:23-24)
- Animals living in harmony
 - “The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the goat. The calf, the young lion, and the fatling will be together, and a child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze, their young ones will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.” (Isaiah 11:6-7)
- No physical illness
 - “On that day the deaf will hear the words of a document, and out of a deep darkness the eyes of the blind will see.” (Isaiah 29:18)
- Prosperity, joy, and happiness

- “They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will be radiant with joy because of the Lord’s goodness, because of the grain, the new wine, the fresh oil, and because of the young of the flocks and herds. Their life will be like an irrigated garden, and they will no longer grow weak from hunger. Then the young woman will rejoice with dancing, while young and old men rejoice together. I will turn their mourning into joy, give them consolation, and bring happiness out of grief. I will refresh the priests with an abundance, and My people will be satisfied with My goodness. This is the Lord’s declaration.”
(Jeremiah 31:12-14)
- Christ will bestow several spiritual blessings
 - The Holy Spirit will be present and indwell all believers.
 - “For I will pour water on the thirsty land and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your descendants and My blessing on your offspring.”
(Isaiah 44:3)
 - “I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances.” (Ezekiel 36:27)
 - Everyone will have a knowledge of God.
 - “None will harm or destroy another on My entire holy mountain, for the land will be as full of the knowledge of the Lord as the sea is filled with water.”
(Isaiah 11:9)
 - Everyone will worship Christ.
 - “For My name will be great among the nations, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Incense and pure offerings will be presented in My name in every place because My name will be great among the nations.” (Malachi 1:11)

- “For I will then restore pure speech to the peoples so that all of them may call on the name of Yahweh and serve Him with a single purpose.” (Zephaniah 3:9)
- God’s presence will be made manifest.
 - “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 37:27-28)
- Lifespans will increase to be like the time before the flood and it will be considered a tragedy if someone dies before reaching one hundred years old.
 - “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)
- At the conclusion of the thousand-year reign of Christ, Satan is released to deceive the nations.
 - “When the 1,000 years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle.” (Revelation 20:7-8)
 - There is a final war that will consist of a confederation of nations, who are quickly defeated.
 - John calls this a Gog and Magog war as a metaphor to help illustrate the nature of this war.
 - Because of the increased lifespans, those that will rebel will be like the sand of the sea, but they will be sifted, and fire will come down from heaven to consume them.
 - “Their number is like the sand of the sea. They came up over the surface of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints, the beloved city. Then fire came down from heaven and consumed them.” (Revelation 20:8-9)

- The Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30,36-43)
- The Parable of the Net (Matthew 13:47-50)
- Satan will then be thrown into the lake of fire with the Antichrist and False Prophet to be tormented for eternity.
 - “The Devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Revelation 20:10)
 - “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! For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you didn’t take Me in; I was naked and you didn’t clothe Me, sick and in prison and you didn’t take care of Me.’” (Matthew 25:41-43)
- Those that remain alive are the ones faithful to Christ.
- Those that died during the Millennial Reign and who were faithful to Christ as well as the faithful that lived through the Millennium are resurrected, given their glorified bodies, and face judgment at the Bema Seat of Christ.
- The final act taken during the Millennial Reign of Christ is to hold the Great White Throne judgment for the unsaved throughout the ages.
 - “Then I saw a great white throne and One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them.” (Revelation 20:11)
 - All that died without believing in Christ as their savior are resurrected.
 - “The rest of the dead did not come to life until the 1,000 years were completed. This is the first resurrection.” (Revelation 20:5)

- They are given immortal bodies and judged according to their works.
 - “I tell you that on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:36-37)
 - “I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. Then the sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead; all were judged according to their works.” (Revelation 20:12-13)
- They are thrown into the lake of fire.
 - “Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:14-15)
- They are punished for eternity.
 - “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)
 - “This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don’t know God and on those who don’t obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord’s presence and from His glorious strength.” (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

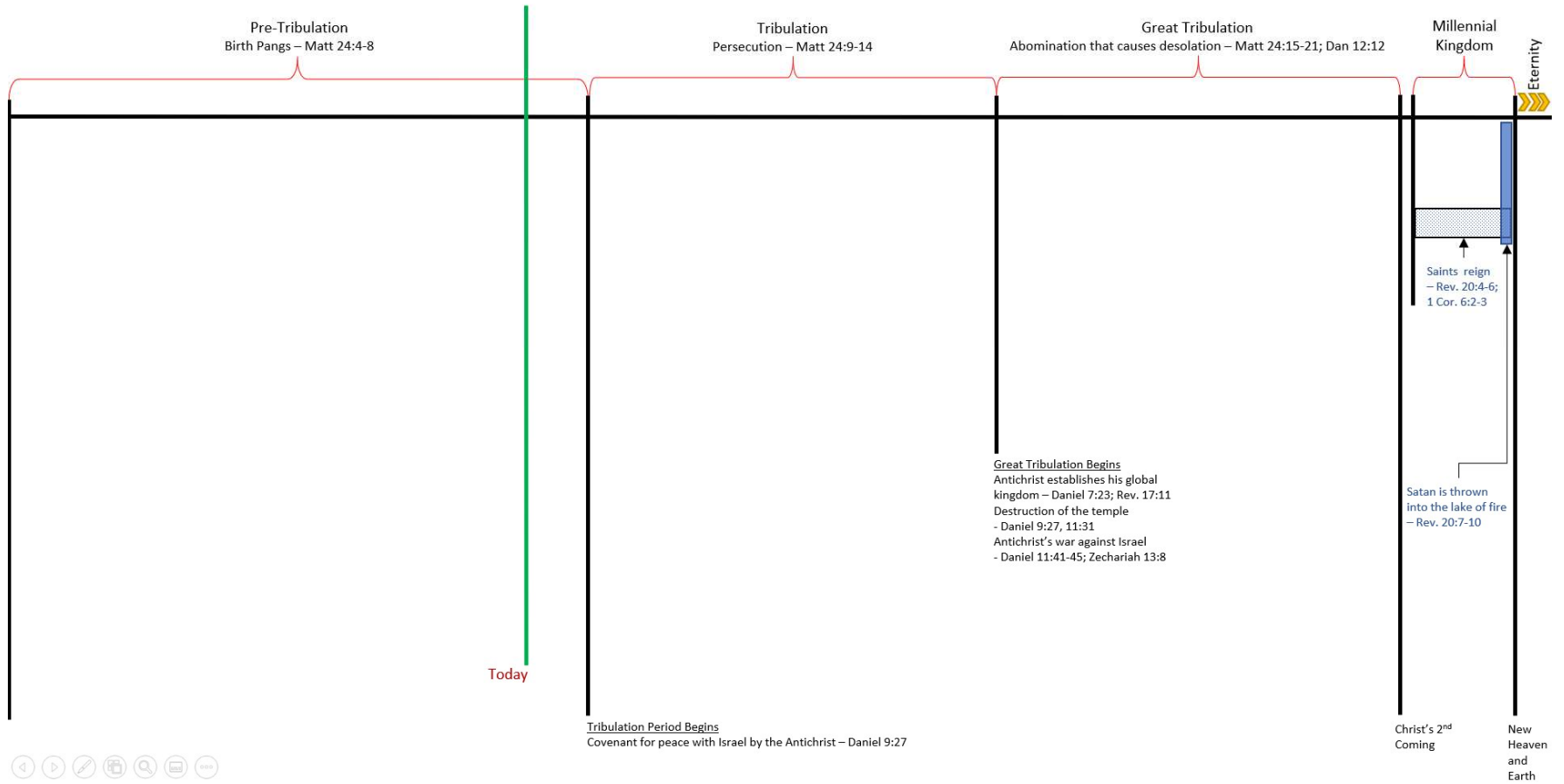


Figure 1: Timeline of the Millennial Kingdom

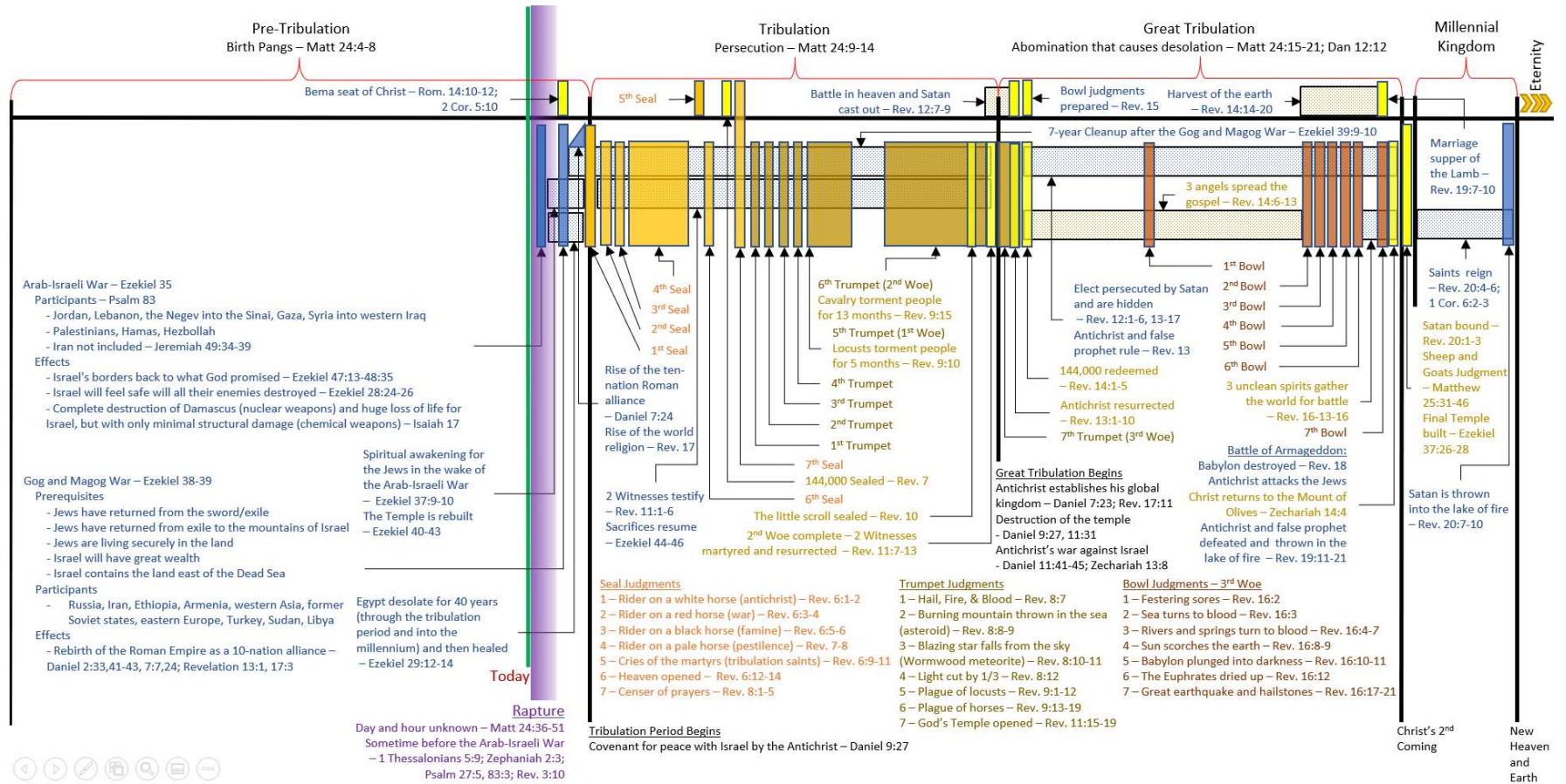


Figure 2: Timeline of End-Times Events