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INTERPRETATION RULES FOR UNDERSTANDING PROPHECY

1. The Golden Rule of Interpretation

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicates clearly otherwise.

2. The Law of Double Reference

The Law of Double Reference is the principle of associating similar or related ideas, which are usually separated from one another by long periods of times, and which are blended into a single picture like the blending of pictures by a stereopticon. (A clear cut example of this law may be found in Isaiah 11:1-5. Verses one and two refer to the First Coming of the Messiah and verses three through five tell of the second time He comes to earth.)

3. The Law of Recurrence

The Law of Recurrence involves the recording of an event and the repetition of the account which gives added details. This principle may be illustrated by the artist who "blocks out the portrait" of a person at the first sitting and adds details at subsequent sittings.

Example: Ezekiel 38:1 - 39:16

Chapter 38 gives a complete account of the coming invasion of Israel by Russia and the subsequent destruction of the Russian army in Israel. Chapter 39 then repeats the account from the beginning giving additional details.

4. A Text Apart from its Context is a Pretext

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

I. DANIEL TWO

- A. Babylon
- B. Medo-Persia
- C. Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire
 - 1. The United Stage
 - 2. The Two Division Stage
 - 3. The Ten Division Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

II. DANIEL SEVEN

- A. Babylon
- B. Medo-Persia
- C. Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire
 - 1. The United Stage
 - 2. The One World Government Stage
 - 3. The Ten Division Stage
 - 4. The Antichrist Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

III. SUMMARY AND COMBINATION OF DANIEL TWO AND SEVEN

- A. The First Empire: Babylon
- B. The Second Empire: Medo-Persia
- C. The Third Empire: Hellenistic
- D. The Fourth Empire: Imperialism
 - 1. The United Stage: Rome
 - 2. The Two Division Stage
 - 3. The One World Government Stage
 - 4. The Ten Division Stage
 - 5. The Antichrist Stage
- E. The Messianic Kingdom

IV. REVELATION THIRTEEN

A. The Beast

1. The Final Stage of the Fourth Empire
2. Word refers both to the final form of the government and the final rule: Antichrist

B. The Ten Horns: The Ten Kingdoms

C. The Seven Heads: New Element

V. REVELATION SEVENTEEN

A. The Beast - The Final Form of the Fourth Empire

B. The Ten Horns: The Ten Kingdoms (Contemporaries)

C. The Seven Heads: The Seven Kings (Sequential)

1. Tarquin Kings - 753-510 B.C.)
2. Consulors - 509-494 B.C.)
3. Plebians - 494-390 B.C.) Fallen
4. Republicans - 390-59 B.C.)
5. Triumvirate - 59-27 B.C.)
6. One is: Imperialism - 27 B.C. Until the Middle of Tribulation
7. One is to Come: Antichrist - From Middle to End of Tribulation

D. The Position of the Antichrist

1. He is an Eighth - Contemporary Horn
2. But is of the Seven - The Seventh Sequential Head

VI. SUMMARY OF THE FOUR CHAPTERS

A. The Four Gentile Empires

- 1. Babylon
- 2. Medo-Persia
- 3. Hellenistic
- 4. Imperialism

B. The Development of the Imperialistic Form of Government

- 1. Tarquin Kings - First Head)
- 2. Consuls - Second Head)
- 3. Plebians - Third Head) **Fallen**
- 4. Republicans - Fourth Head)
- 5. Triumvirate - Fifth Head)

C. The Stages of the Fourth Empire: Imperialism

- 1. The United Stage: Rome)
- 2. The Two Division Stage) **Sixth Head Is**
- 3. The One World Government Stage)
- 4. The Ten Division Stage (Horns))

5. The Antichrist Stage: The Seventh Head - **Is To Come**
 - a. World War I of Tribulation: Rises to Power
 - b. World War II of Tribulation
 - (1) Killed
 - (2) Resurrected
 - (3) Kills three kings and seven kings submit
 - (4) Rules world for 3½ years
 - c. World War III of Tribulation - Killed by Messiah

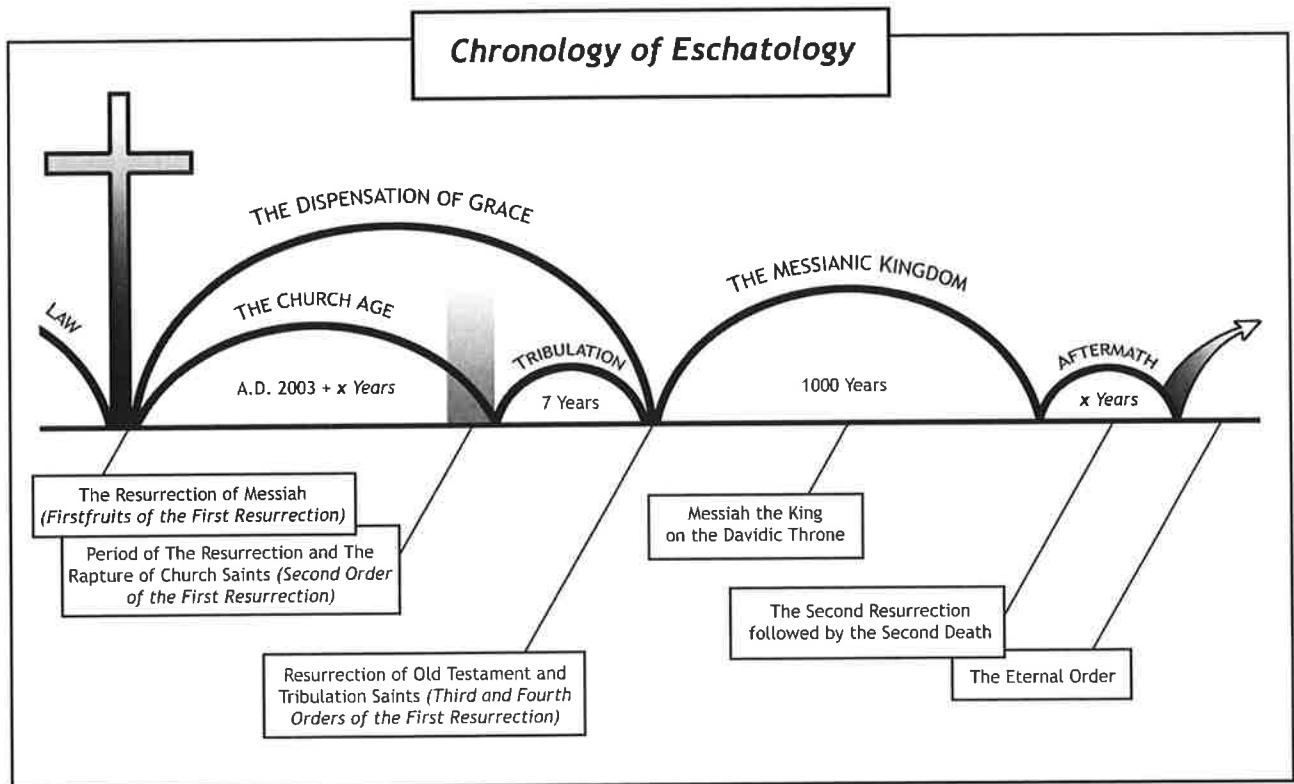


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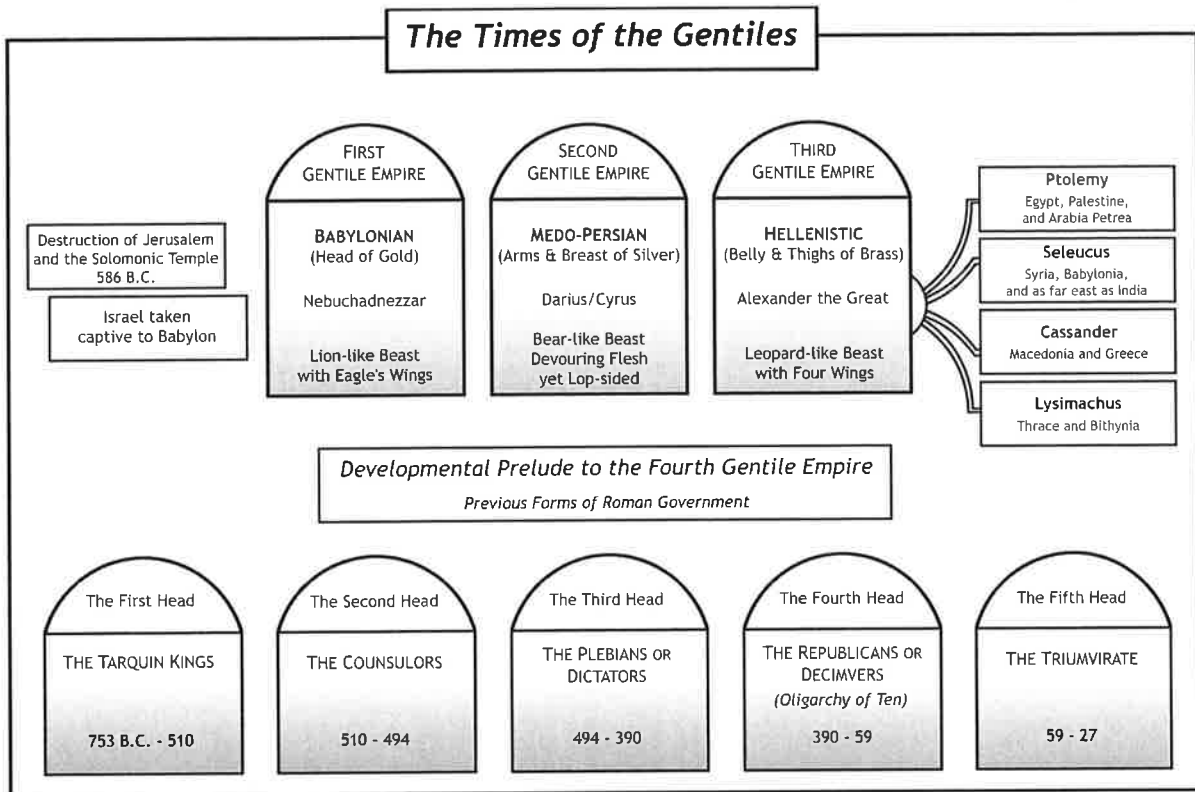


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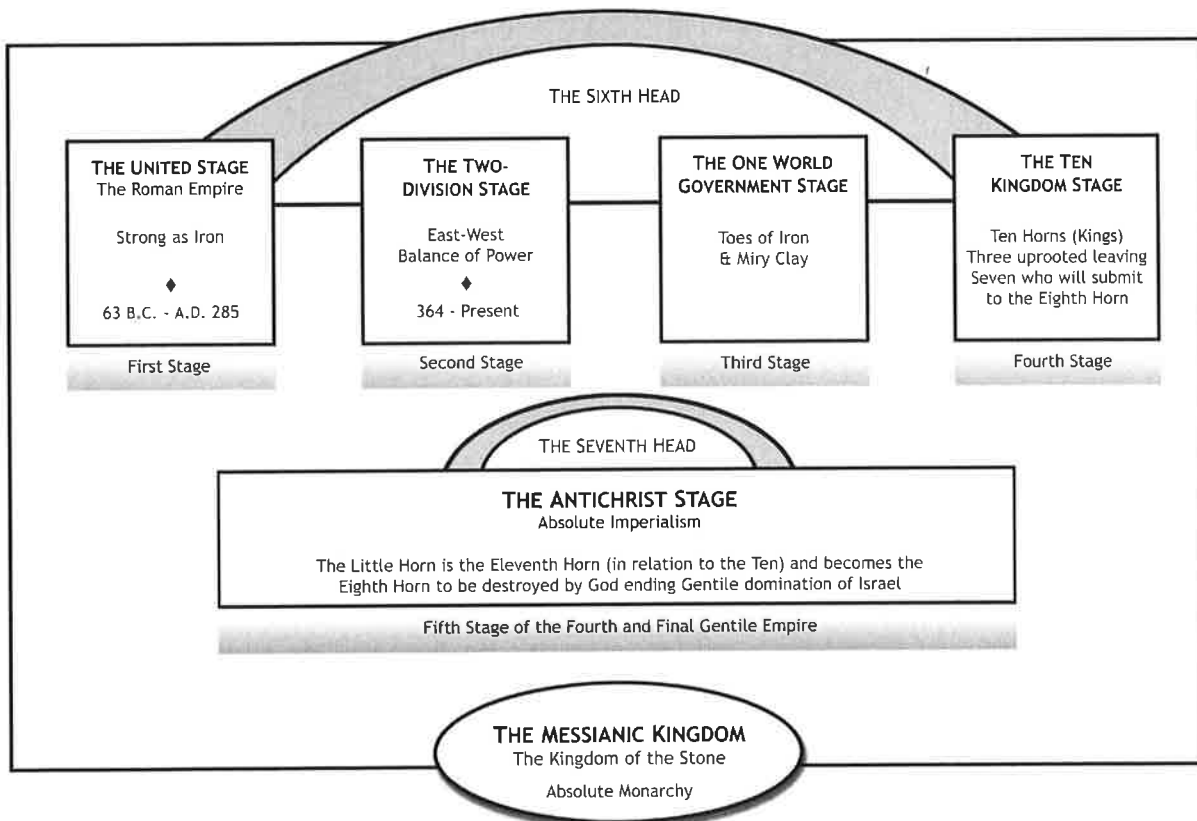


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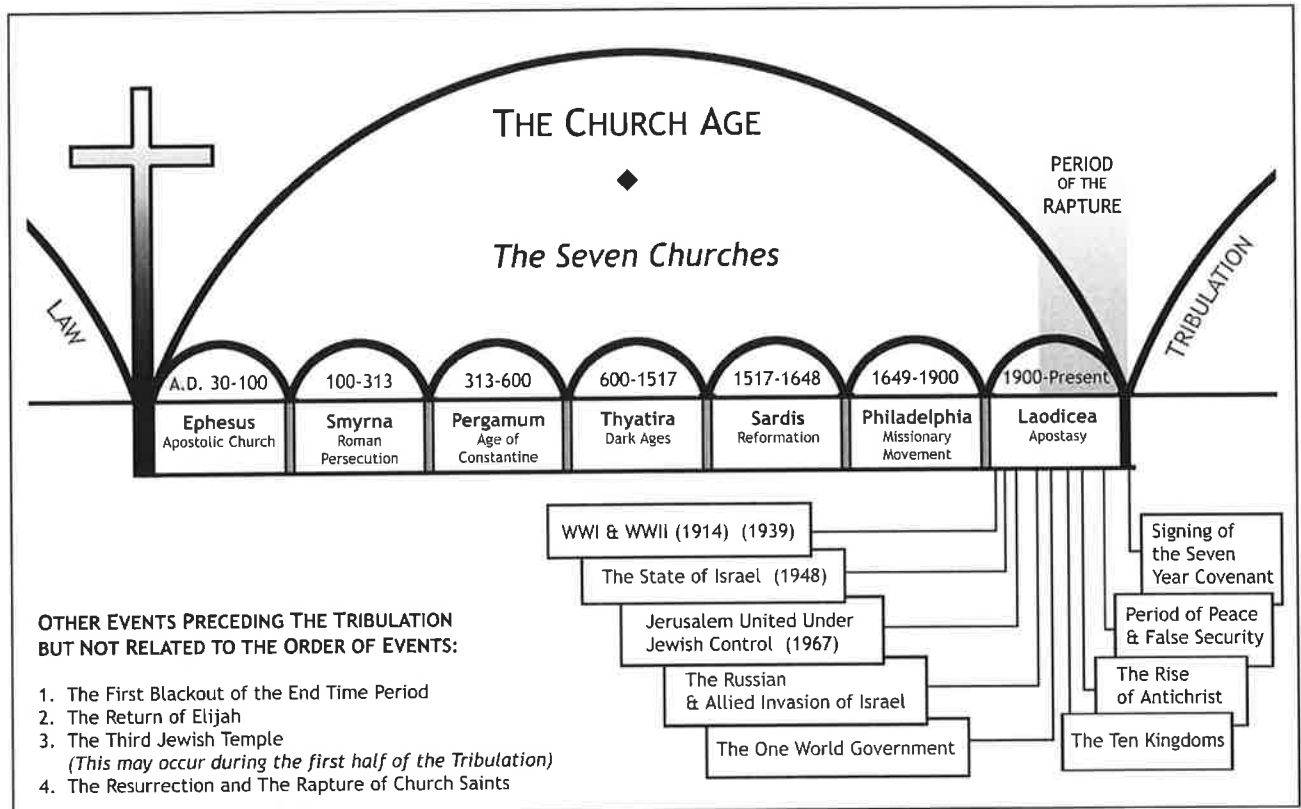


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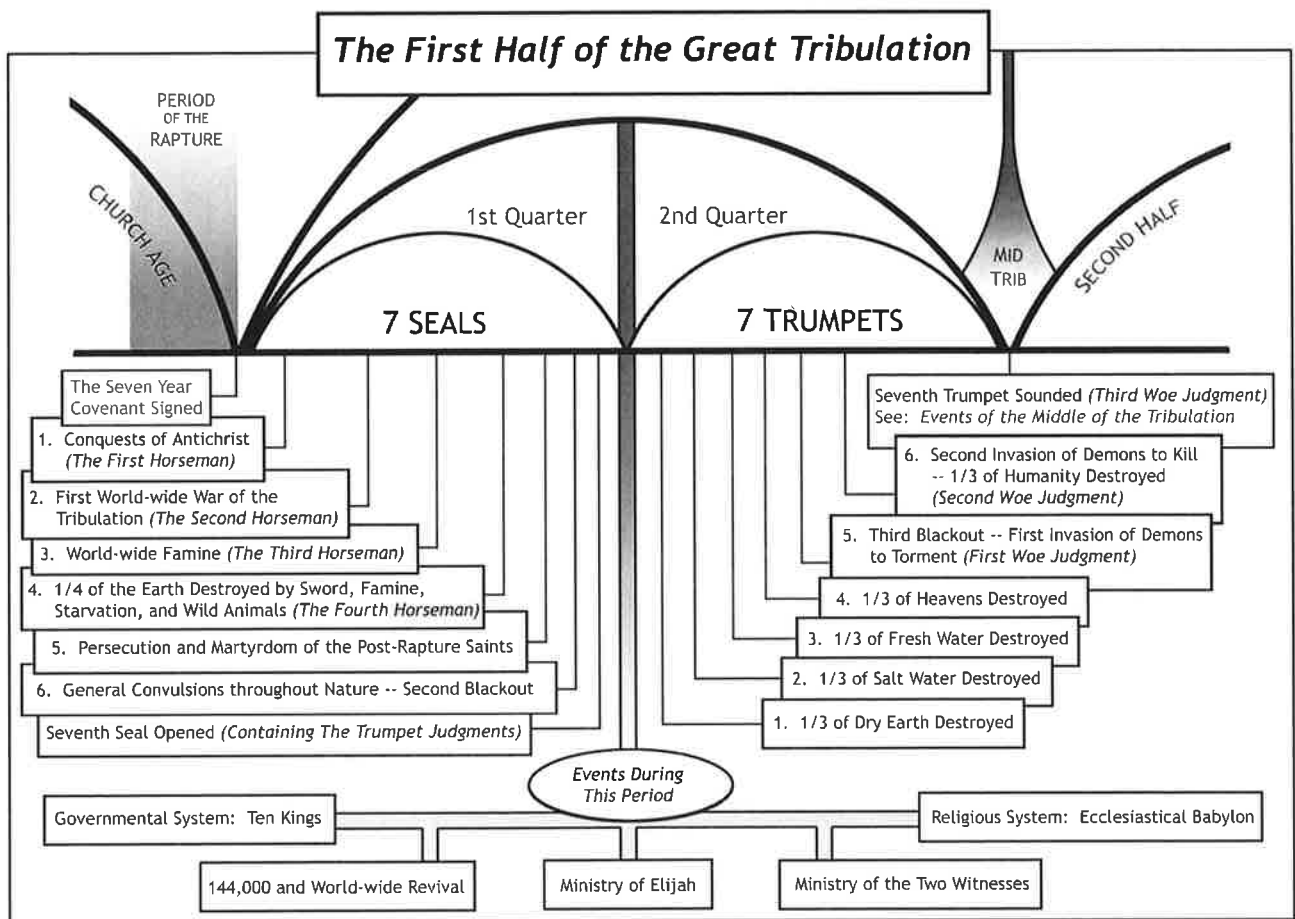


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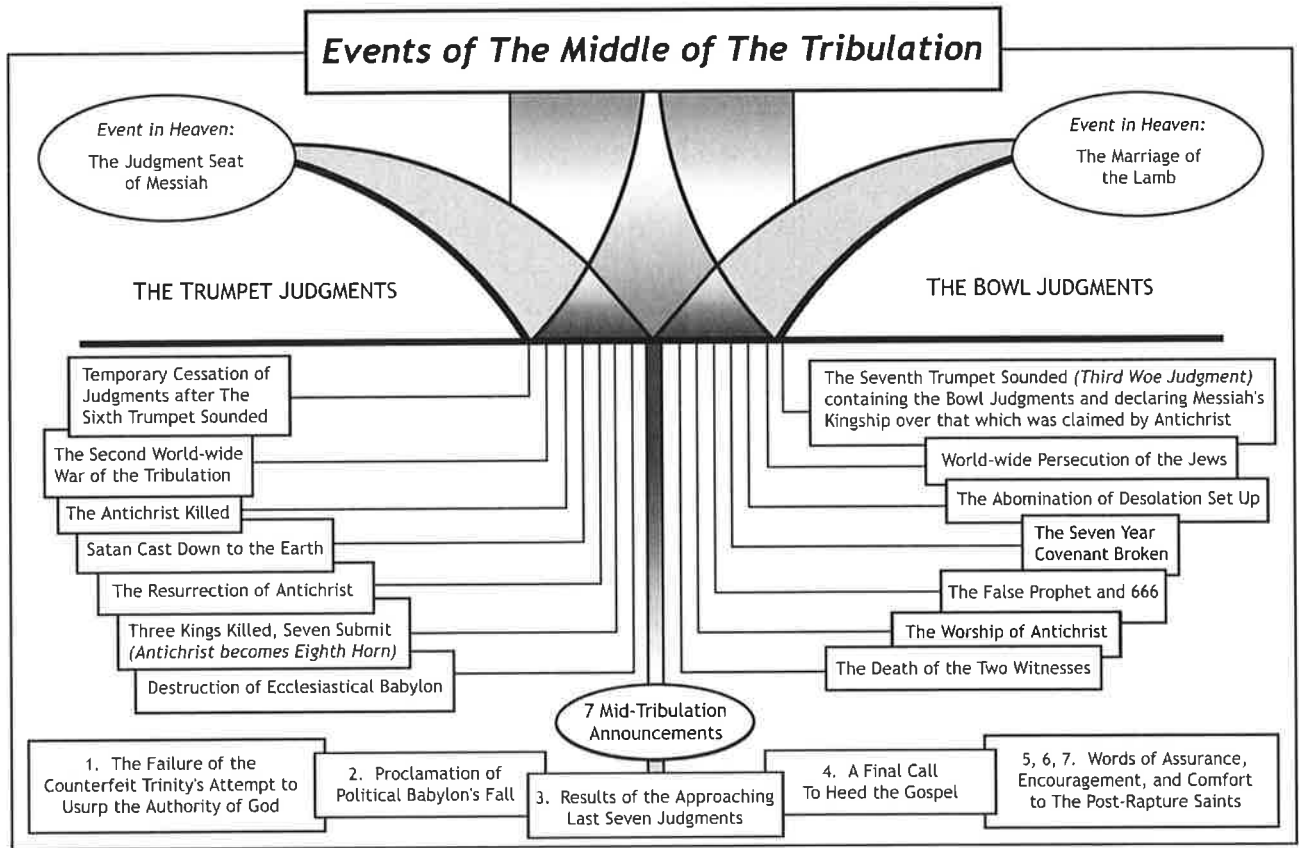


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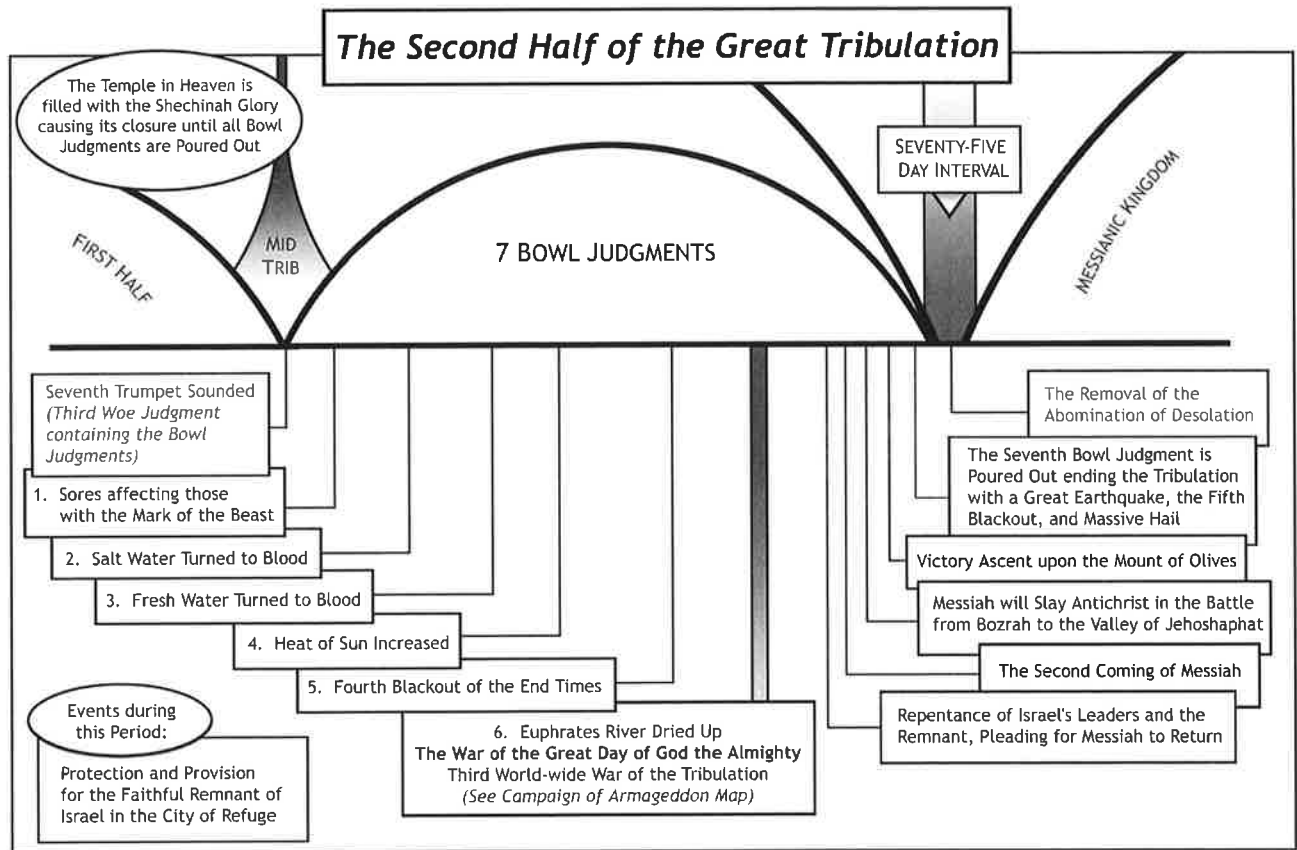


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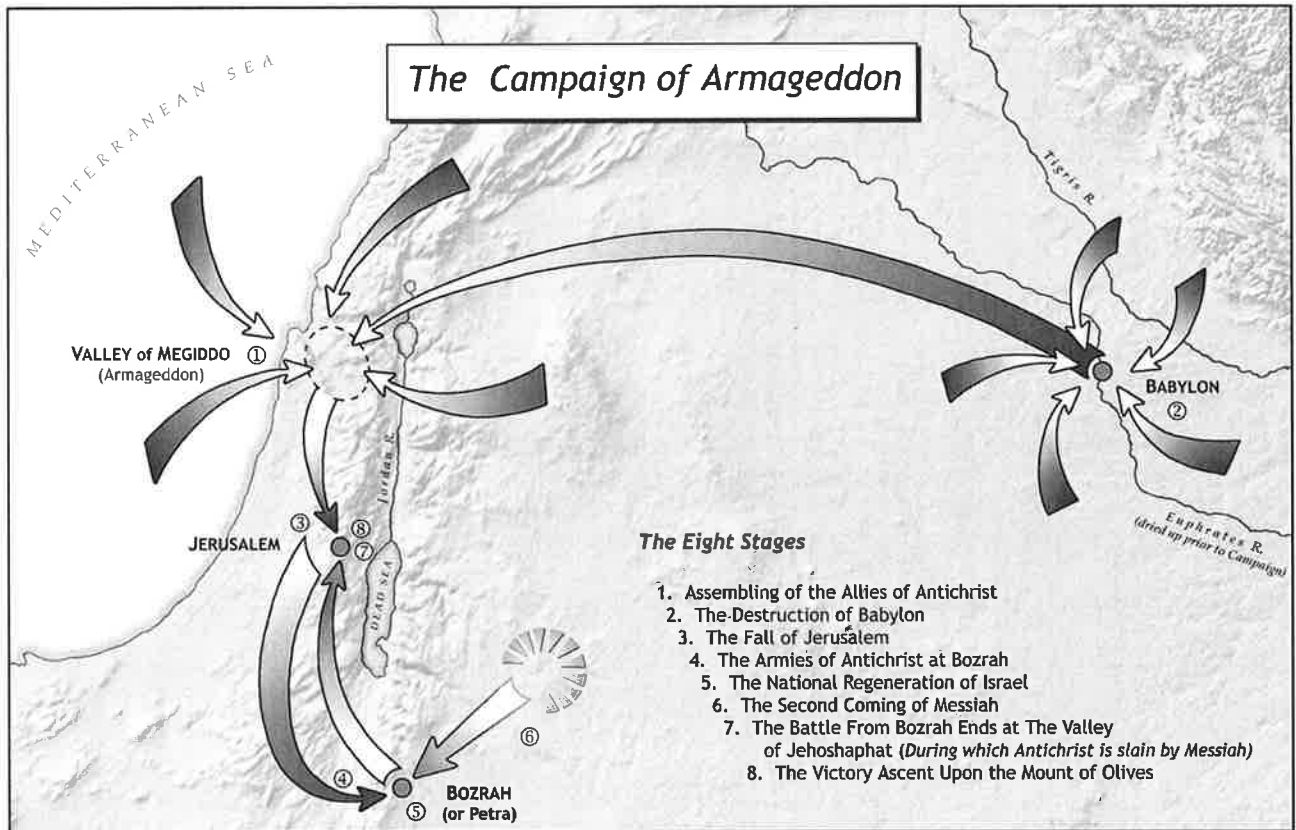


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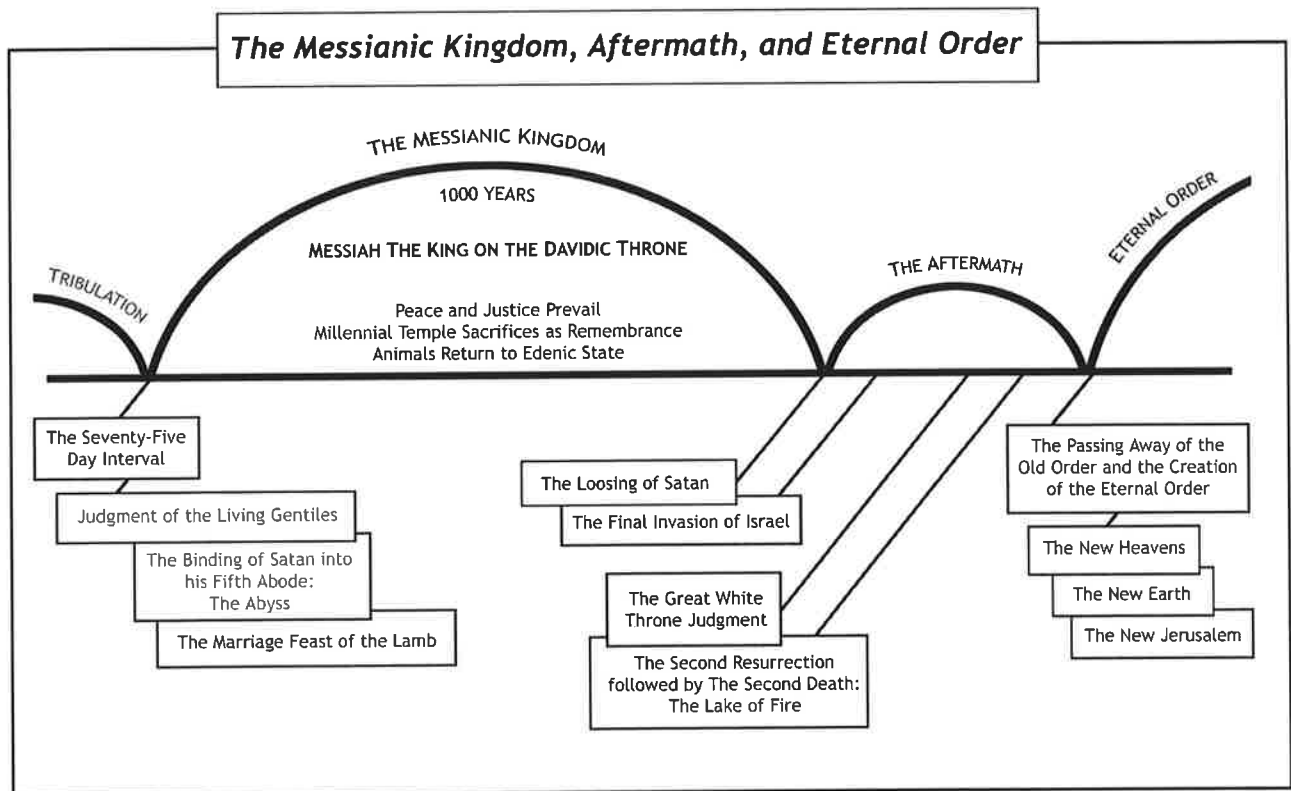


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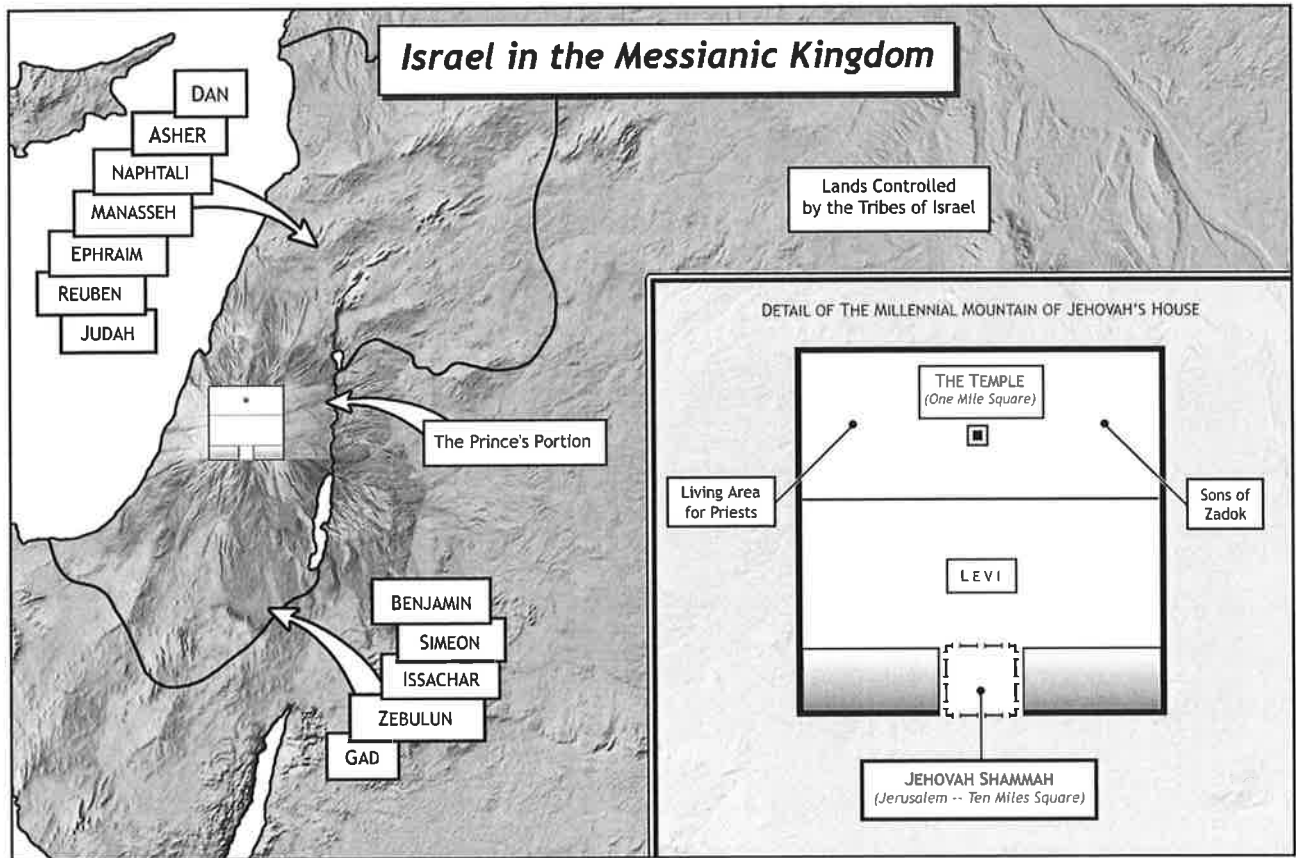


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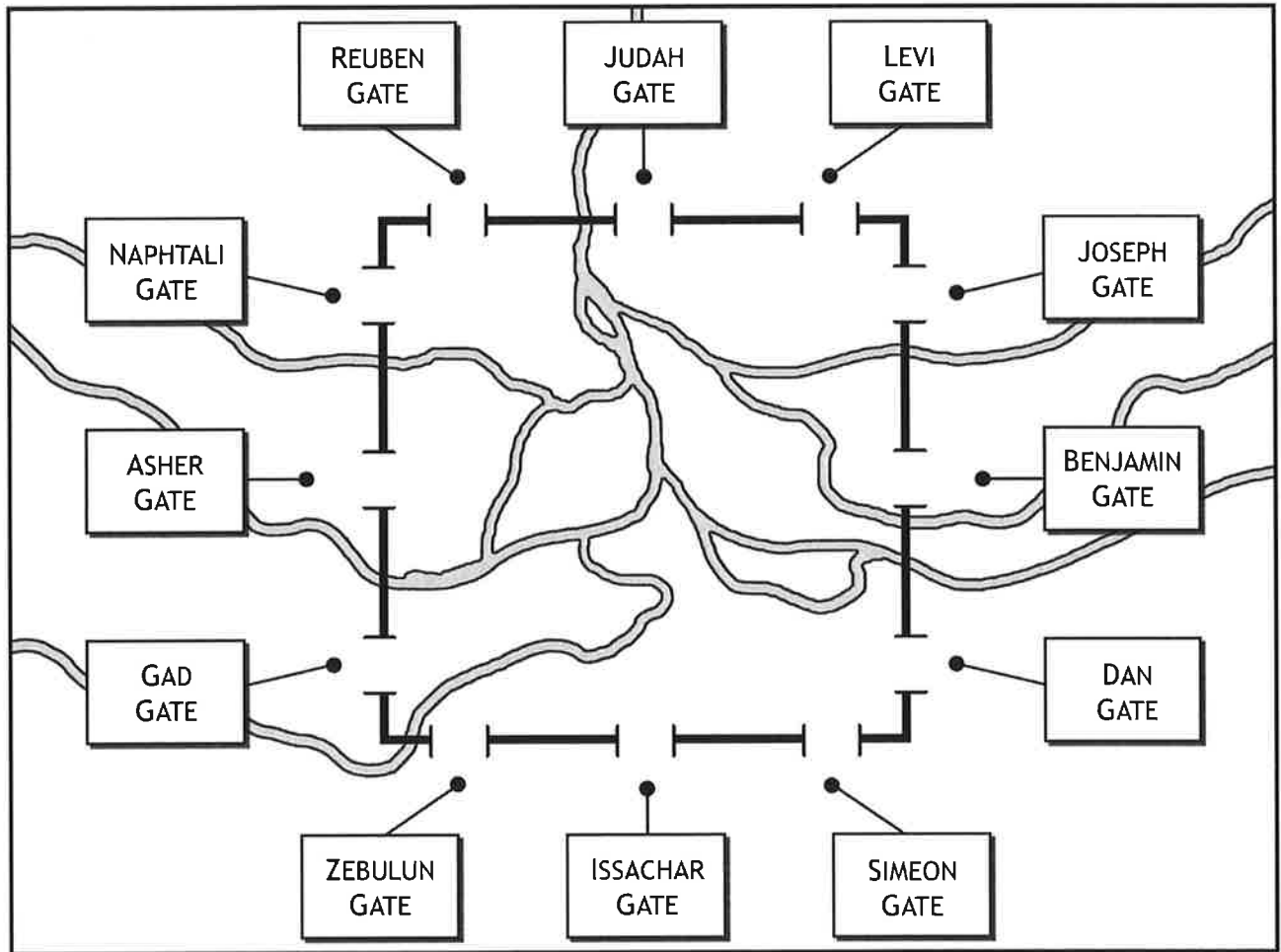


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The Temple Compound

Ezekiel 40:6-47; 41:2-21; 42:1-14; 43:13-27; 46:19-24; 47:1-12

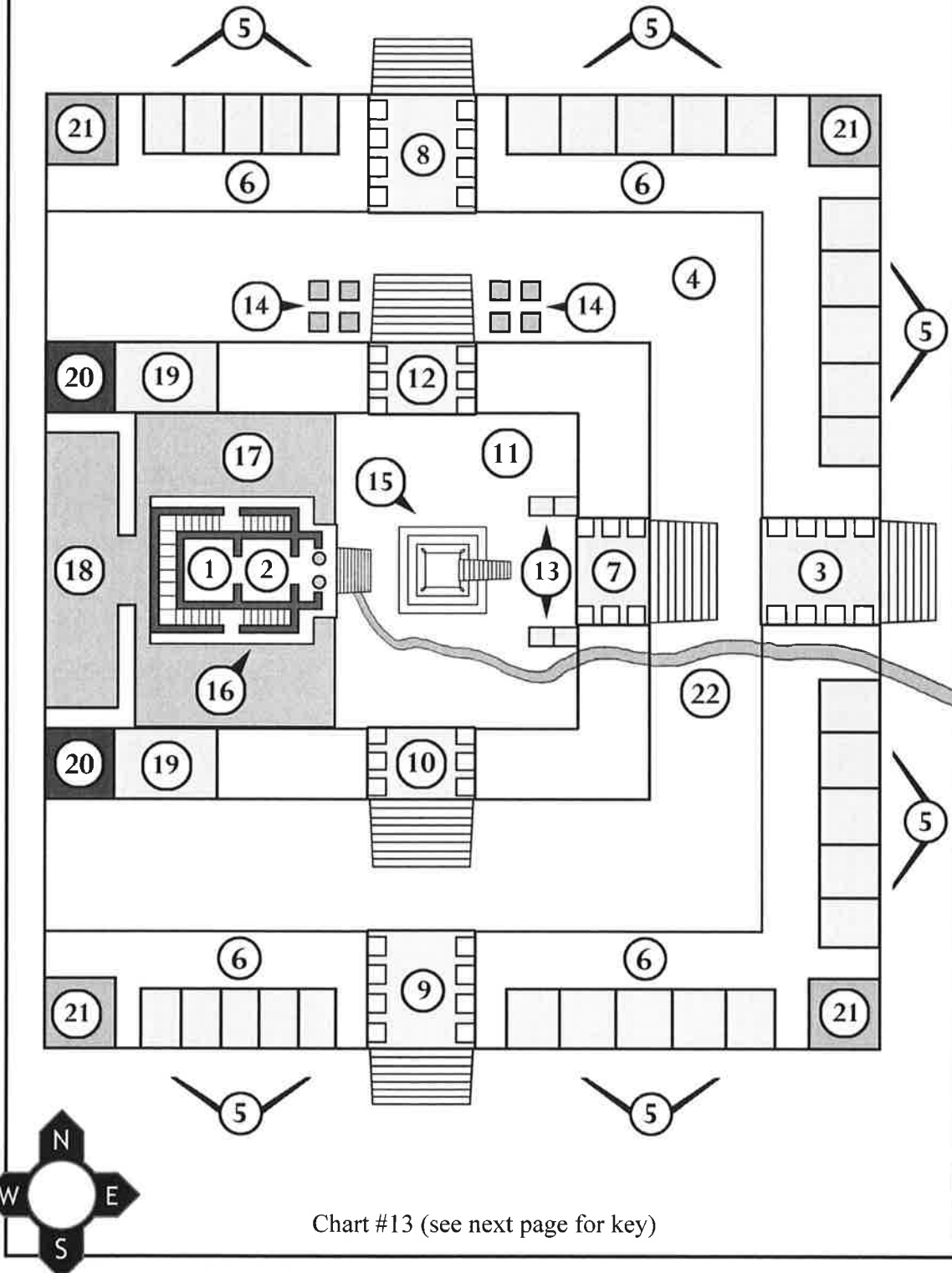


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The Temple Compound

(Ezekiel 40:6-47; 41:2-21; 42:1-14; 43:13-27; 46:19-24; 47:1-12)

1. The Holy of Holies (Ezekiel 41:4)
2. The Holy Place (Ezekiel 41:2, 21)
3. East Outer Gate (with seven steps – Ezekiel 40:6-16)
4. The Outer Court (measuring 100 cubits in width – Ezekiel 40:6-27)
5. Chambers of the Outer Court (Ezekiel 40:17-19; 41:5-11)
6. The Pavement (Ezekiel 40:18)
7. East Inner Gate (with eight steps – Ezekiel 40:32-34)
8. North Outer Gate (Ezekiel 40:20-23)
9. The South Outer Gate (Ezekiel 40:24-27)
10. The South Inner Gate (Ezekiel 40:28-31)
11. The Inner Court (measuring 100 by 100 cubits – Ezekiel 40:28-46)
12. North Inner Gate (Ezekiel 40:35-37)
13. Chambers for Singers (Ezekiel 40:44-46)
14. Slaughter Tables for Sacrifices (Ezekiel 40:38-43)
15. The Altar (Ezekiel 40:47; 43:13-27)
16. The Temple (Ezekiel 41:1-4)
17. The Separate Space (Ezekiel 41:12-14)
18. The Building of the Separate Place (Ezekiel 41:12-15)
19. Priest's Chambers (50 cubits in width – Ezekiel 42:1-14)
20. The Priest's Kitchen (Ezekiel 46:19-20)
21. The People's Kitchen (Ezekiel 46:21-24)
22. The Millennial River (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

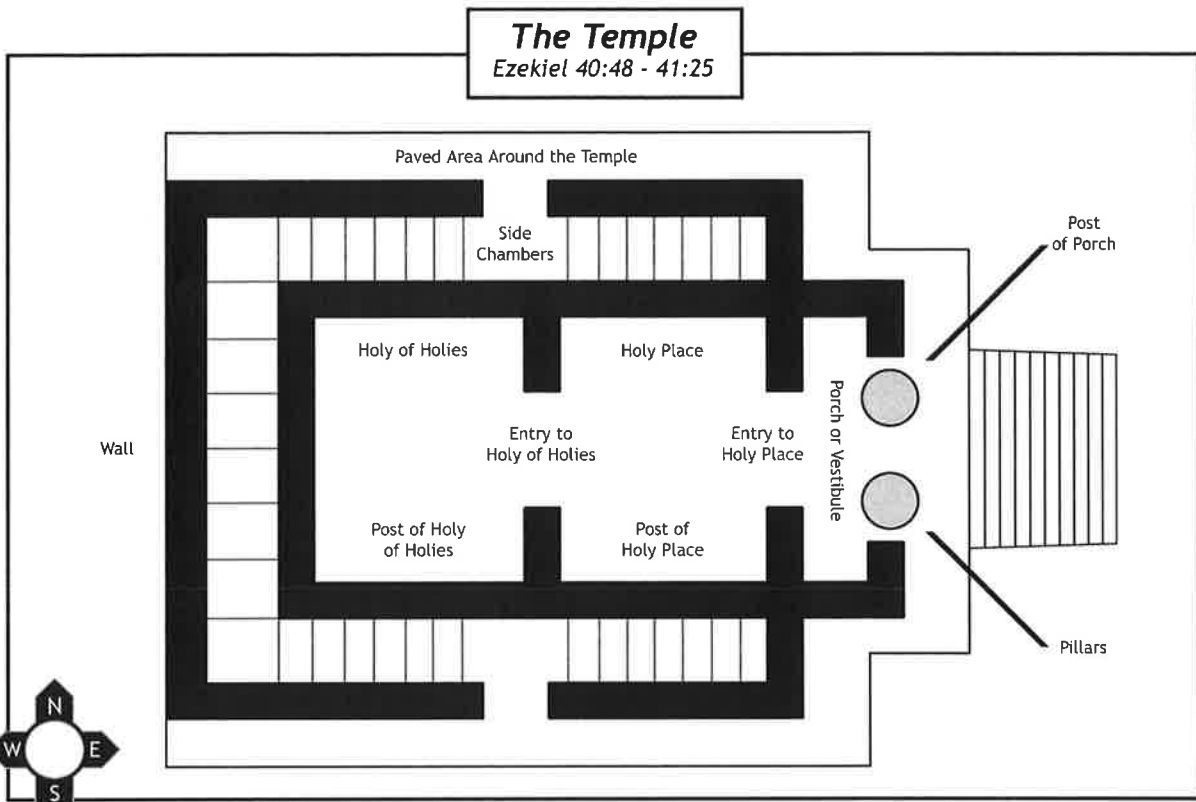


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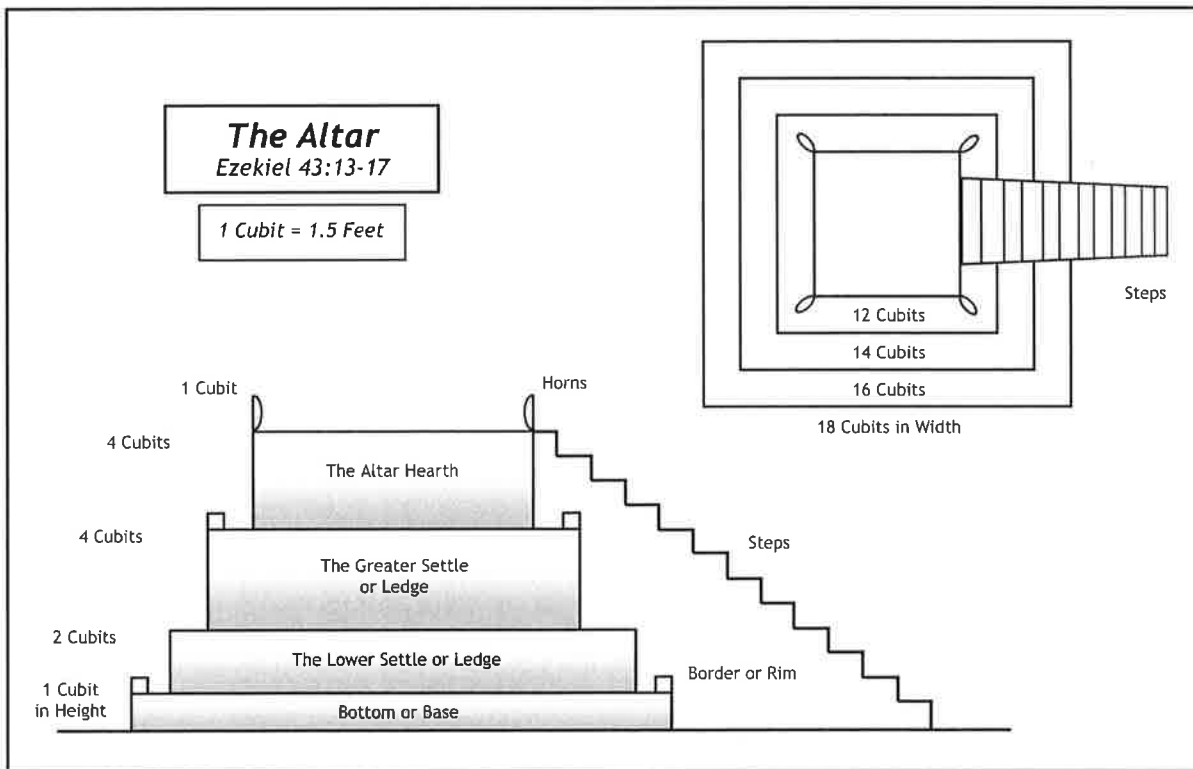


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FACT SHEET ON ARNOLD G. FRUCHTENBAUM

Born September 26, 1943, in Siberia, Russia, after his father was released from a Communist prison. Even though he is Jewish, his father was accused of being a Nazi spy when he fled Poland from Hitler.

The Fruchtenbaum family escaped from behind the Iron Curtain with the help of the Israeli underground. They resided in Germany from 1946 to 1951, where Arnold received orthodox Jewish training.

The Fruchtenbaum family immigrated to Brooklyn in 1951. In that year they first came in contact with the American Board of Missions to the Jews (now Chosen People Ministries).

Shortly after that, at the age of 13, Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum became a believer in the Messiahship of Jesus.

Although his father strongly opposed Arnold's beliefs, he did allow Arnold to continue to associate with and learn from other Jewish believers until the family left Brooklyn to move to Los Angeles in 1958. But once in Los Angeles, Arnold was forbidden to read the Bible, attend Christian meetings, or have anything to do with Messianic Jewish groups.

Under these difficult circumstances, Arnold continued to maintain contact with Jewish believers and to walk with the Lord as best he could.

Upon his graduation from Hamilton High School (1962), he was informed by his father that he would have to leave home because of his beliefs.

In September 1962, Arnold began undergraduate education at Shelton College in Ringwood, New Jersey. He transferred to and graduated from Cedarville College (now Cedarville University) in Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hebrew and Greek in 1966.

He moved to Israel in July 1966 and began studying archaeology, ancient history, historical geography, and Hebrew at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies (now Jerusalem University College) and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During this time, he became an eyewitness to the events of the Six-Day War.

In September 1967, he enrolled at Dallas Theological Seminary, majoring in Hebrew and Old Testament. He also began working as a missionary with the American Board of Missions to the Jews. He graduated in 1971 with a Master of Theology degree.

In June 1968, he was married to Mary Ann Morrow, a graduate of Gordon College. In 1971, he and his wife went to Israel for two years, settling in Jerusalem. Their main activity consisted of working with the local messianic congregation and the training of young Israeli

believers for service. His activities for the Messiah drew the anger of the religious authorities in Jerusalem. These authorities eventually applied enough pressure upon government officials to force the Fruchtenbaums to leave Israel in 1973.

For the next two years, he was a minister for the American Board of Missions to the Jews at its headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, and editor of *The Chosen People*.

In 1976, he joined the staff of The Christian Jew Foundation as Associate Director of the largest Messianic Jewish broadcasting ministry in the world.

Frequently in demand as a conference speaker and teacher, he has traveled widely in Europe, Israel, and the United States, becoming intimately acquainted with the Messianic Jewish movement in all its forms and with all its struggles.

In the summer of 1976, Arnold, along with others in the field of Jewish missions, discussed the problem of the lack of discipleship and intensive biblical and theological training of Jewish believers. The early concepts of ARIEL MINISTRIES were born at that time. In December 1977, after a year-and-a-half of prayer and much encouragement from like-minded Jewish believers, ARIEL MINISTRIES became a reality based on the principles of evangelism and discipleship. Arnold now serves as the director of the ministry.

In 1989, Arnold completed his Ph.D. at New York University.

ARIEL MINISTRIES has established branches which are now independent congregations in Los Angeles and San Diego, California, and Portland, Oregon, as well as Tel Aviv and Beersheva, Israel, and Kiev, Ukraine. At the present time, ARIEL MINISTRIES has missionaries in the United States, Canada, and Europe, as well as conducting outreach programs in other countries. It also has a summer discipleship camp, a home-study correspondence course, and an extensive teaching ministry via tapes and manuscripts.

He is the author of eight books: *Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology*; *The Footsteps of the Messiah: A Study of the Sequence of Prophetic Events*; *Jesus Was A Jew*; *The Remnant of Israel* *Biblical Lovemaking: A Study of The Song of Solomon*; *A Passover Haggadah for Jewish Believers*; *Ha-Mashiach* (8) the extensive *Historical-Geographical Study Guide of Israel* which he uses when leading groups through the Land. *God's Will Man's Will*; *Faith Alone: The Condition of our Salvation*; *Commentary Series: Judges and Ruth, The Book of Genesis, Messianic Jewish Epistles, Maps of Israel, Come and See Series: The Word of God, What we Know About God, Messiah Yeshua, Divine Redeemer*, among others which you can see on our online store at www.ariel.org. He has also contributed articles in a number of books, including: *Basic Theology: Applied*; *When the Trumpet Sounds*; *Issues in Dispensationalism*; *The Death of the Messiah*; *Jewish Identity and Faith in Jesus*; *Dictionary of Premillennial Theology*; *A Bible Handbook to the Acts of the Apostles*; *The Fundamentals for the 21st Century*; and, *A Biblical Theology of the Church*.