



Prophetic Eschatology

SESSION SIX: THE FUTURE JUDGMENTS

Introduction

- ❑ Everyone will stand before God for judgment.
- ❑ God's holiness, justice and glory require it.
- ❑ It has been understood and anticipated throughout biblical history.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

Psalms 19:12

Hebrews 4:13; 9:27

- ❑ Some judgments have already taken place.
- ❑ Some judgments are taking place in our historical context.
- ❑ The wrath of God remains on unbelievers now.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Psalms 19:12

Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.

Hebrews 4:13

And there is no creature hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

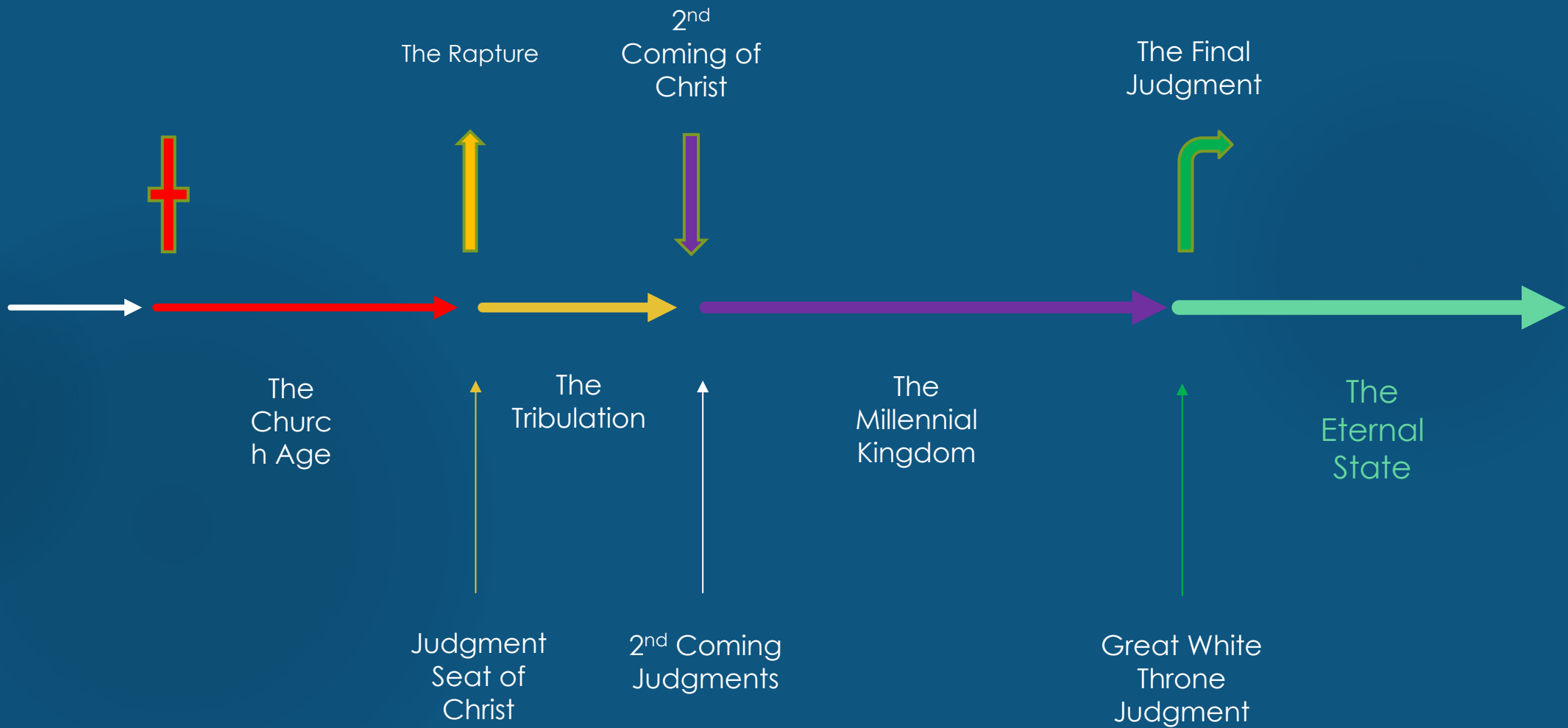
Hebrews 9:27

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

- ❑ Jesus is the presiding Judge (2 Cor 5:10)
- ❑ Believers are the subjects of this judgment (Rom 14:10)
- ❑ The focus is on deeds done, good or bad, resulting in rewards or "loss" (1 Cor 3:12-15)
- ❑ Motives will be weighed (1 Cor 4:5)
- ❑ Not all Christians will receive equal reward (Lk 19:11-27)
- ❑ The timing is when Christ returns (1 Jn 2:28; Rev 22:12)

END TIMES EVENTS



The Judgment of Israel

- ❑ The timing is during the Tribulation, or shortly after Jesus returns
- ❑ God will gather living Jews in a place of “wilderness” (Ezek 20:33-38; Rom 11:26-27)
- ❑ Not all Israelites will enter the Kingdom
- ❑ The parables of the Ten Virgins and Talents are relevant to this judgment

The Judgment of the Nations

- ❑ The subjects of this judgment are living Gentiles when Christ returns
(Joel 3:1-16; Matt 25:31-46)
- ❑ The focus of the judgment is on behalf of, and related to the scattering of the Jewish people, and the dividing of their land
- ❑ It will take place in the valley of Jehoshaphat
- ❑ It is also described as the *sheep-goat* judgment
- ❑ Living believers enter the kingdom in their mortal bodies

The Judgment of Satan & Demons

- ❑ They have already experienced judgment (Rev 12:1-4; Col 2:14-15)

Three other judgments are future;

- ❑ Tribulational judgment (Rev 12:7-13)
- ❑ Millennial judgment (Rev 20:1-3)
- ❑ Eternal judgment (Rev 20:7-10)

The Great White Throne Judgment

- ❑ The subjects are all unbelievers (Rev20:11-15)
- ❑ The timing is after the close of the Millennial kingdom (Rev 20:4-7)
- ❑ The purpose is to determine who goes into the lake of fire (Rev 20:15)
- ❑ Bodies of unbelievers are raised from “death and Hades” for this judgment (Rev 20:13)
- ❑ It is based on works done, reflecting genuine state of one’s character (Rev 20:13)