

Last Days, This Day and That Day

Isaiah 2



Isaiah 52:13-14

Behold, My servant will prosper,
He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

Just as many were astonished at you, My people,
So His appearance was marred more than any man
And His form more than the sons of men.





Isaiah 40:1

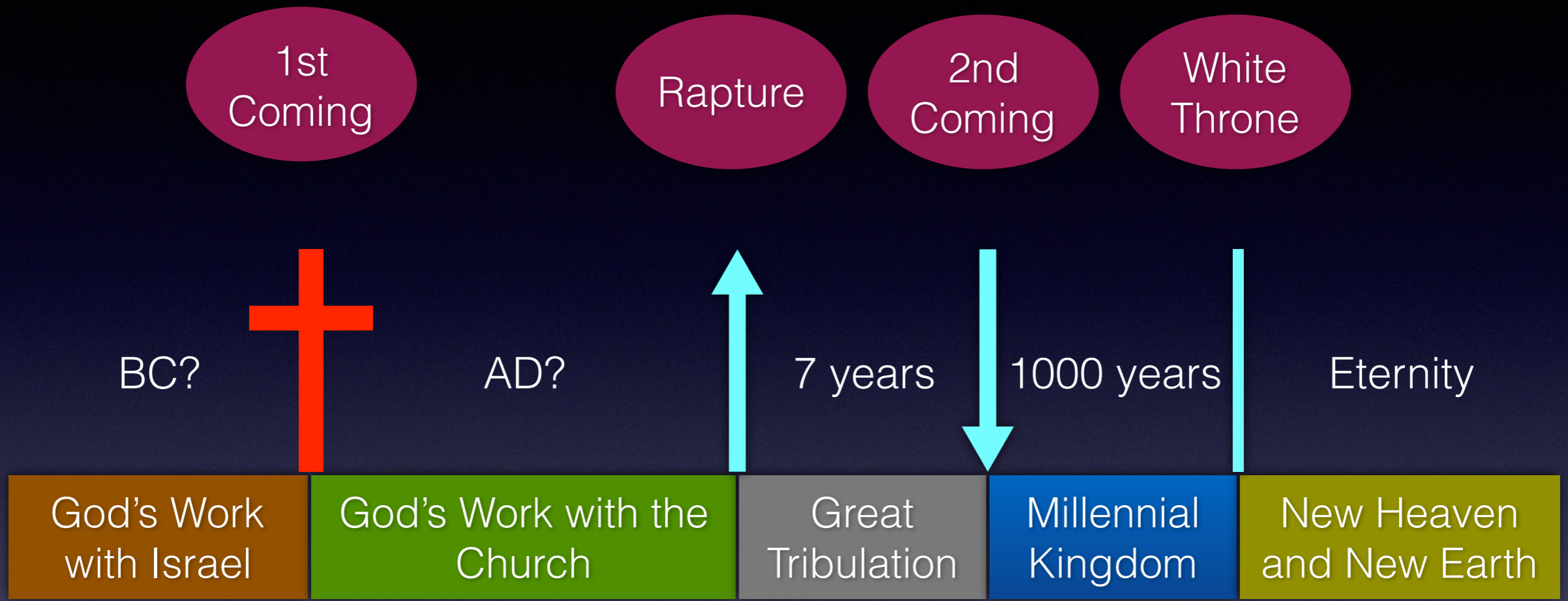
“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God.

Isaiah 1:19-20

If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land.
But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword.

Isaiah 2:5

Come, house of Jacob, and let us
walk in the light of the Lord.



Title Verse

Isaiah 2:1

1. This message is from God and understood by Isaiah
2. This message is concerning Judah and Jerusalem

Theme Statement

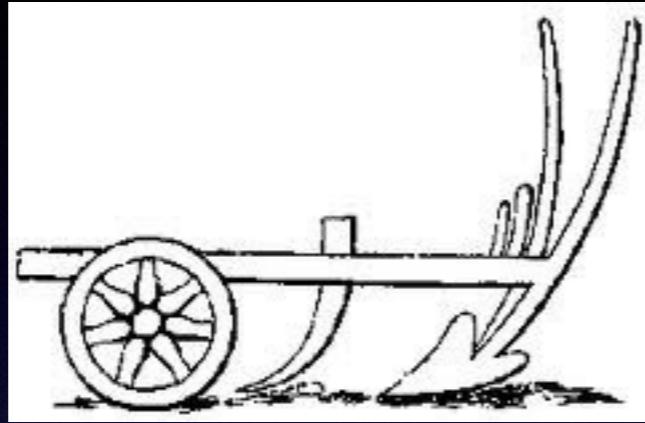
Since the fall, man has increasingly sinfully exalted himself. The command of the LORD God is to stop regarding man and to walk in the way of the LORD God. In the end, the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty will prevail and the LORD God alone will be exalted.

The Last Days

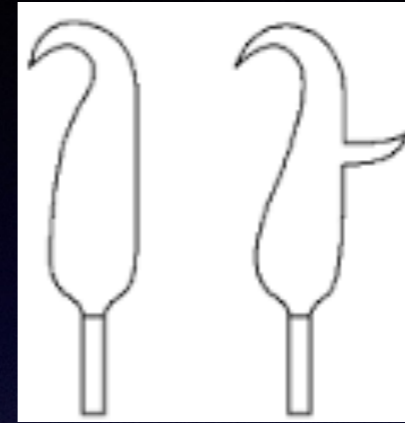
Isaiah 2:2-4

Edward Young - "Two points must be stressed. First, God and God alone can teach the truth, for He only is the source and foundation of truth. Hence, those who proclaim the Word of God must exercise supreme care that what they preach is the Word of God. This can be accomplished only when the messenger bases his message squarely upon and makes it consonant with the written Word of God, the Bible. When the minister preaches, God must be heard. Secondly, this passage teaches that what unbelievers (AND BELIEVERS) need above all else is teaching or doctrine. What blinds the understanding of men is ignorance, and ignorance can only be dispelled by truth. Hence, the TEACHING, missionary and evangelistic activity of the church must be doctrinal in character." (CAPS - my additions)

Plowshares



Pruning Hooks





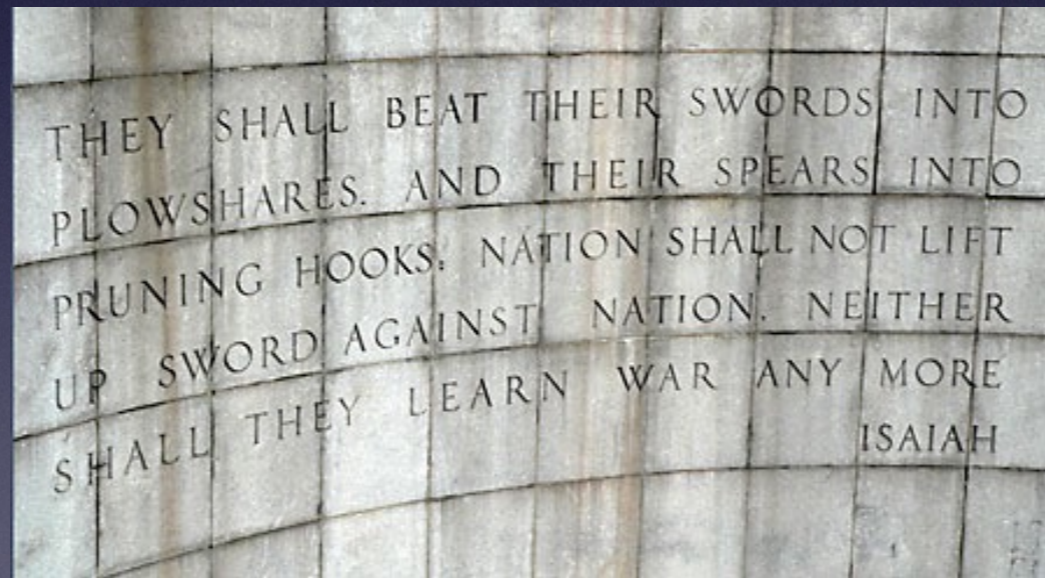
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THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO
PLOWSHARES. AND THEIR SPEARS INTO
PRUNING HOOKS. NATION SHALL NOT LIFT
UP SWORD AGAINST NATION. NEITHER
SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE
ISAIAH



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And He (Jesus Christ) will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples.



Come, house of Jacob (and all nations), and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

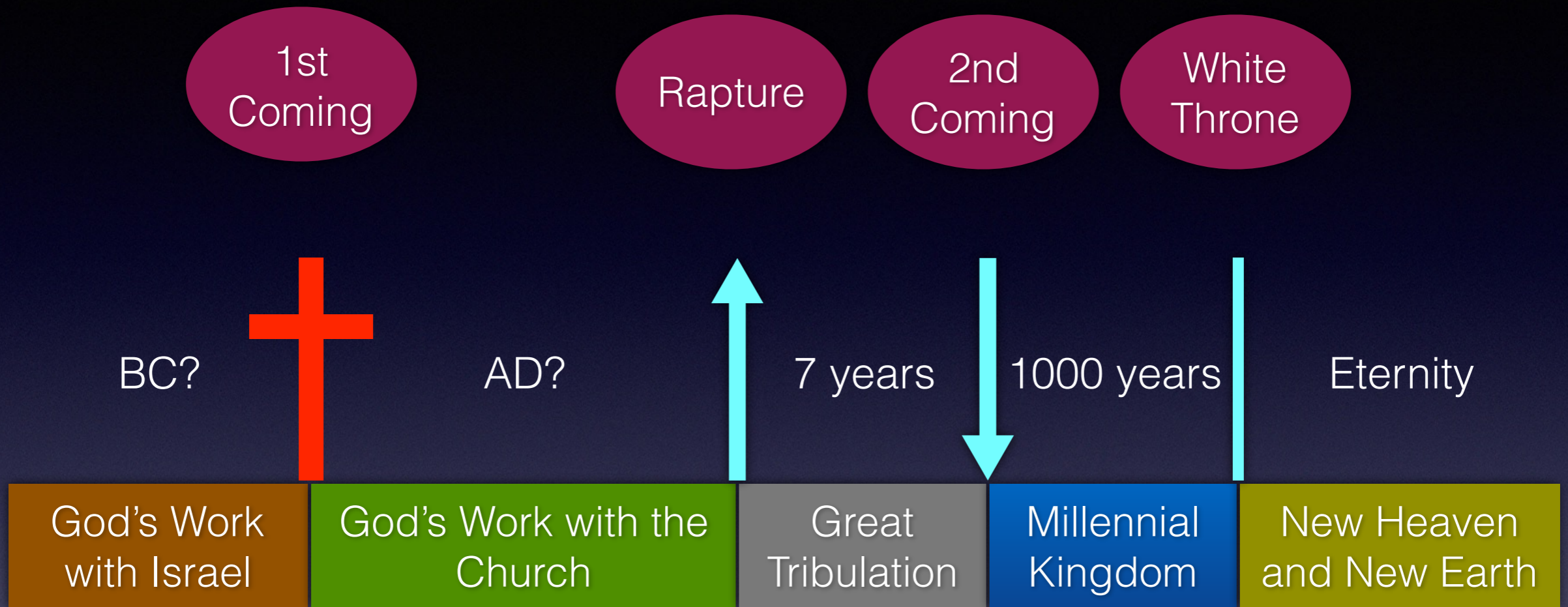
This Day

Isaiah 2:5-9

1. Isaiah's plea: Come, house of Jacob, be the first in line!
2. Israel's situation - abandoned by God
3. They are "filled with" heresies, not the truth
4. They are "filled with" materialism
5. They are "filled with" self-reliance
6. They are "filled with" idolatry
7. Isaiah's conclusion: All men at all levels are so depraved that they are beyond forgiveness

That Day

Isaiah 2:10-22



That Day

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1. The LORD of hosts will have His day - “that day” (3X)
6. Isaiah’s conclusion: Stop exalting man whose life is a mere breath away
2. The LORD of hosts is “against” (10X) everyone and everything which is “proud” (3X), “lofty” (5X) and “lifted up” (3X)
3. Men will attempt to hide from “the terror of the LORD” (3X) and “the splendor of His majesty” (3X) when “He arises to make the earth tremble” (2X)
4. Men will be “humbled” (3X) and “abased” (4X) before the LORD
5. In that day, “the LORD alone will be exalted” (2X)

Implications

1. We can and should take comfort in the fact that one day the Lord Jesus Christ will come to rule on this earth and will set everything right - 1 Thessalonians 4:18
2. Having the hope of the imminent return and reign on earth of Jesus Christ, it ought to cause us to walk in the way of the Lord - 1 John 3:3
3. Just as certain as is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ is the certainty of coming terror of the LORD against sinners - Nahum 1:3
4. We need to stop exalting man and be exalting the LORD of Hosts - Isaiah 2:22