

SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

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2. Be transformed like Christ as one reads and applies the Bible

TIMELINE OF THE ENTIRE BIBLE

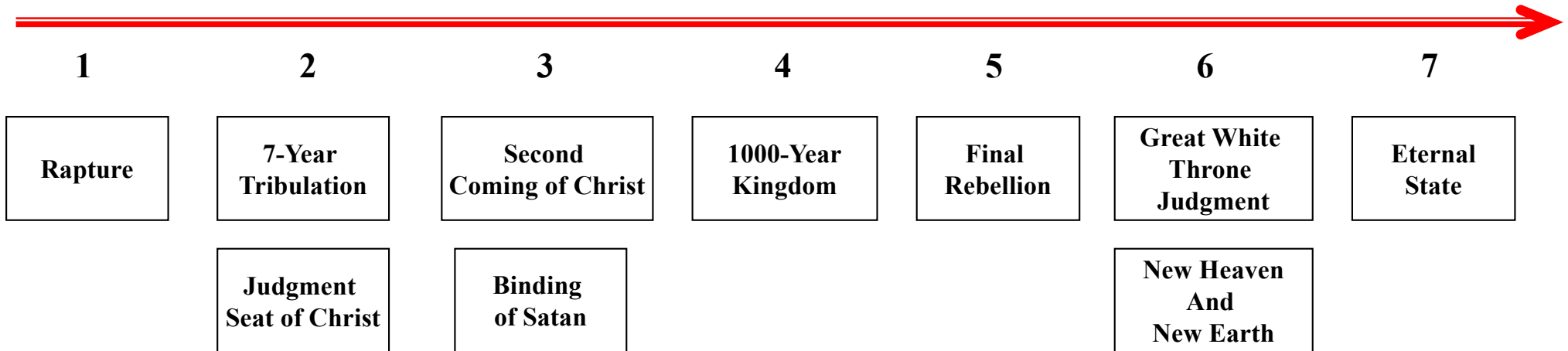
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FUTURE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



RETURN OF CHRIST

In 2 Phases:

Phase 1 – FOR his people [RAPTURE]

- Comes to take them to be with him in heaven
- No prior signs – can happen any moment

Phase 2 – WITH his people [SECOND COMING]

- Comes to set up his kingdom on earth
- Many signs precede this event including the rule of Antichrist and worldwide rebellion

1. RAPTURE

Phase 1: The Lord comes **FOR** his people to meet them in the air and take them to be with him in heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17

¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

John 14:1-3

- ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
- ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

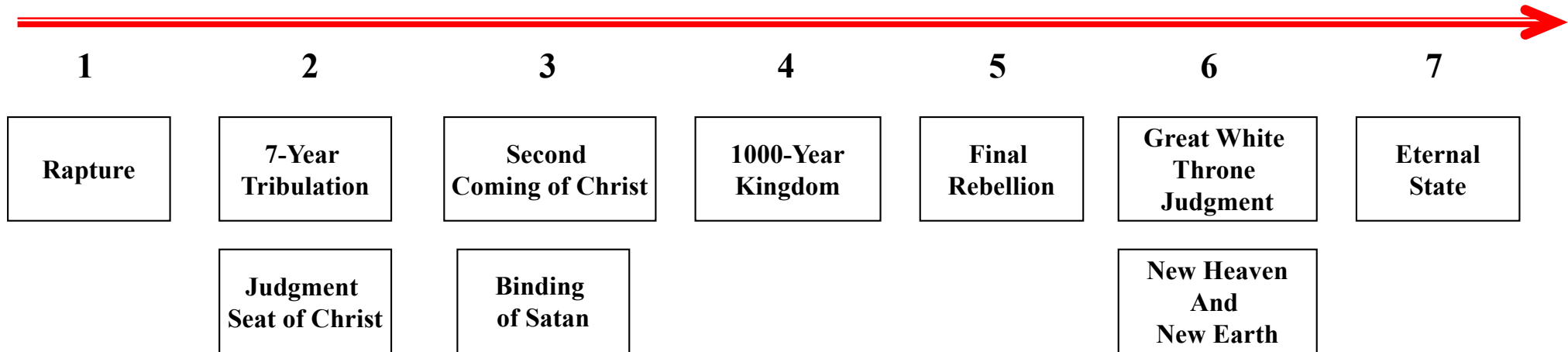
⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—

⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

(The Bible calls this event as **GLORIFICATION** – when we will be changed to be fully like Christ)

FUTURE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



2. 7-YEAR TRIBULATION

- **Revelation 6-19** covers the details
- Antichrist also known as the Man of Sin [**2 Thessalonians 2**] along with an individual known as false prophet working under Satan rule the world for 7 years [**Revelation 13**]
 - The unholy Trinity
- First 3.5 years Antichrist poses as a friend of Israel and even builds the temple for the Jews
- Next 3.5 years he turns against Israel and persecutes them as they turn to Jesus as their Messiah
 - This period is called as the “Great Distress or Great Tribulation” [**Matt 24:15-21**]
- 2 Witnesses preach the gospel for 3.5 years [**Rev 11:3-4**]
- 144,000 Jewish evangelists also preach the gospel [**Rev 7:4-8**]
- Believers face much persecution and unbelievers face much earthly judgment from God through natural and supernatural disasters

Daniel 9:24-27

²⁴ “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

²⁵ “Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven ‘sevens,’ and sixty-two ‘sevens.’ It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

²⁶ After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

²⁷ He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

Matthew 24:15-21

¹⁵ “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.

¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.

¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10

¹ Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters,

² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.

⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie,

¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Revelation 9:20-21

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 16:8-11

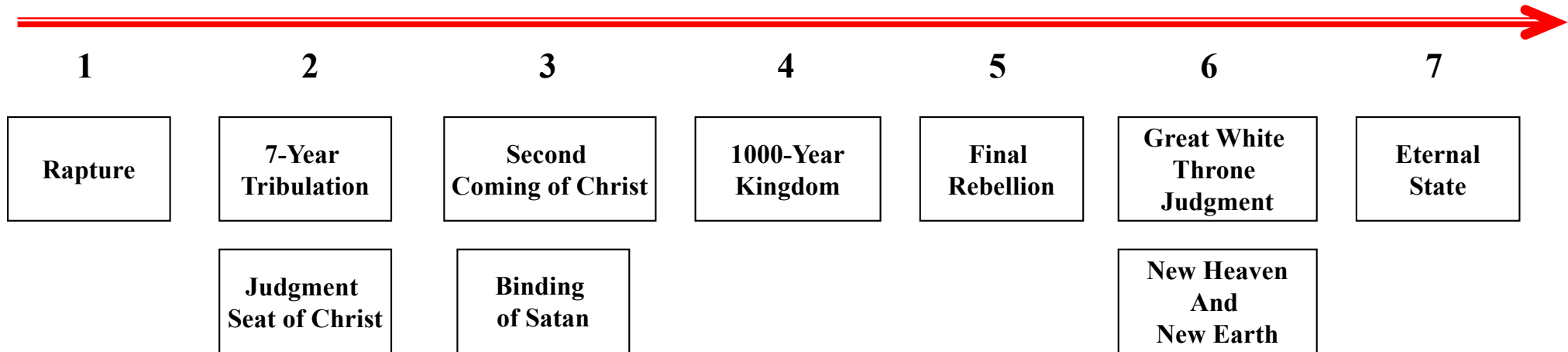
⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony

¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

FUTURE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS



BELIEVERS REWARDED IN HEAVEN

- While Antichrist rules the world on earth, believers receive rewards in heaven for their service on earth.
- Event known as the “**Judgment Seat of Christ**”

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Romans 14:12

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

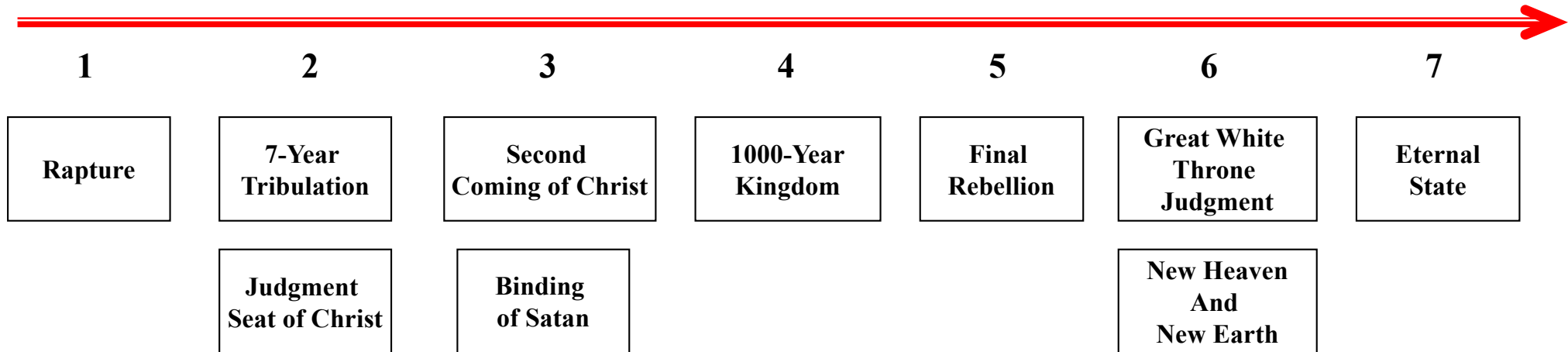
¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

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3. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Phase 2: The Lord comes WITH his people to set up his kingdom on earth.

Many signs precede this coming of Christ (including the Antichrist rule of 7 years).

Zechariah 14:1-9

¹ A day of the Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls.

² I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

³ Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle.

⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

⁵ You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

Zechariah 14:1-9 (Con't)

⁶ On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness.

⁷ It will be a unique day—a day known only to the Lord—with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light.

⁸ On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter.

⁹ The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

Matthew 24:29-31

²⁹ “Immediately after the distress of those days
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.

³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Revelation 19:11-21

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war.

¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.

¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords.

Revelation 19:11-21 (Con't)

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God,

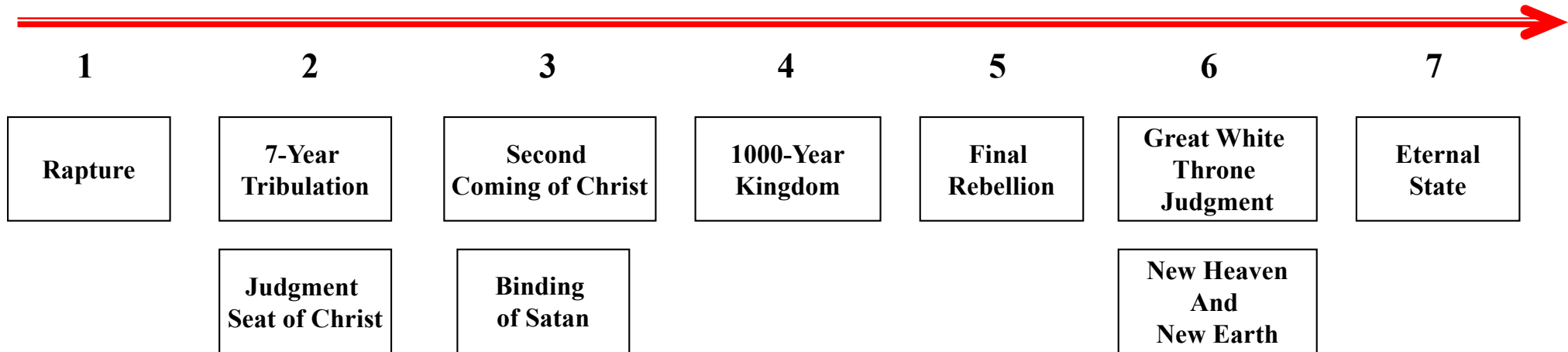
¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.

²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

²¹ The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

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Binding of Satan

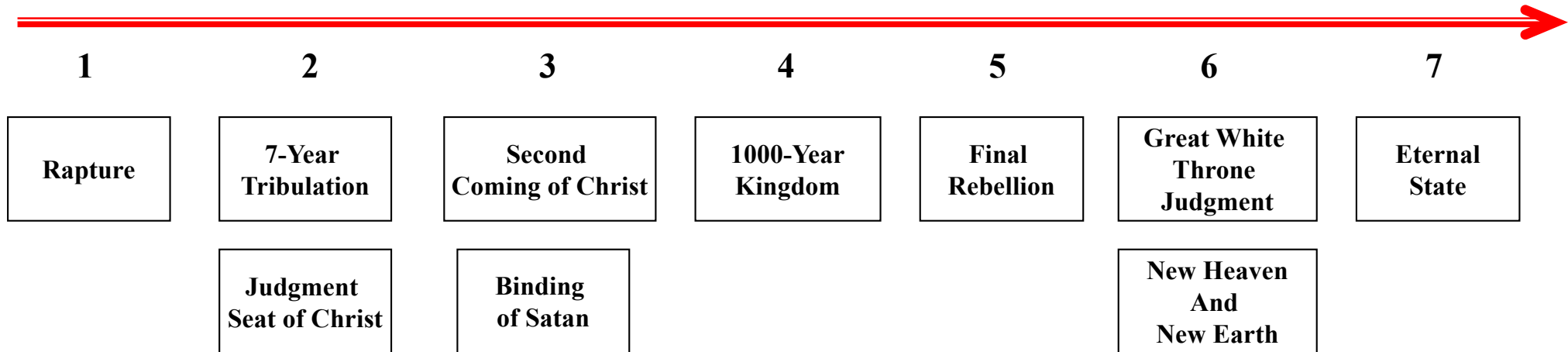
Revelation 20:1-3

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.

² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

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4. 1000-YEAR KINGDOM

Revelation 20:4-6

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

1 Corinthians 6:1-2

¹ If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people?

² Or do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?

2 Timothy 2:12a

if we endure, we will also reign with him.

Daniel 12:1-2

¹ “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

Life in the 1000-Year Kingdom

Amos 9:11-15

¹¹ “In that day “I will restore David’s fallen shelter—I will repair its broken walls and restore its ruins—and will rebuild it as it used to be,
¹² so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that bear my name,” declares the Lord, who will do these things.

¹³ “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills,
¹⁴ and I will bring my people Israel back from exile. “They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

¹⁵ I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

Isaiah 11:1-9

¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—

³ and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

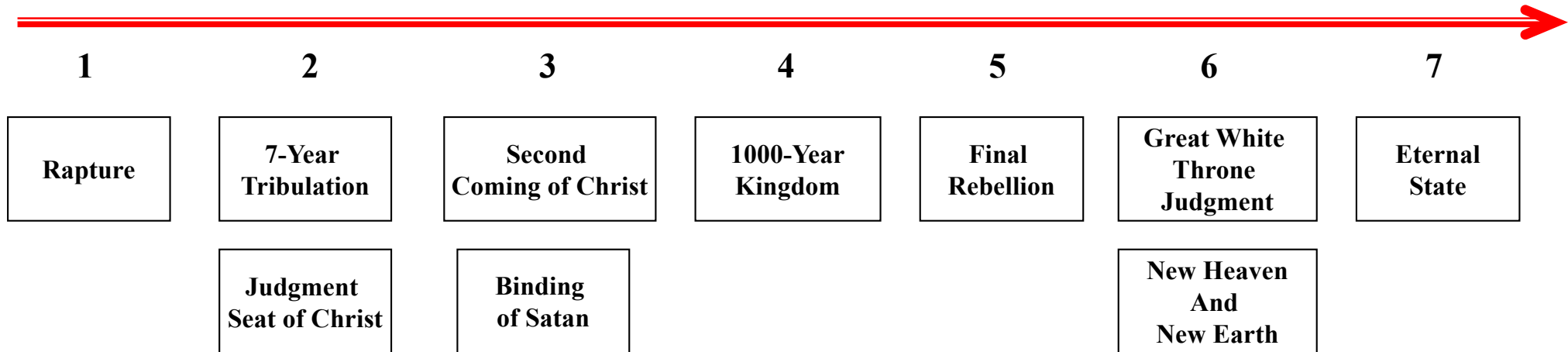
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

Isaiah 11:1-9 (Con't)

- ⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.
- ⁷ The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸ The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
- ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

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5. FINAL REBELLION

Revelation 20:7-10

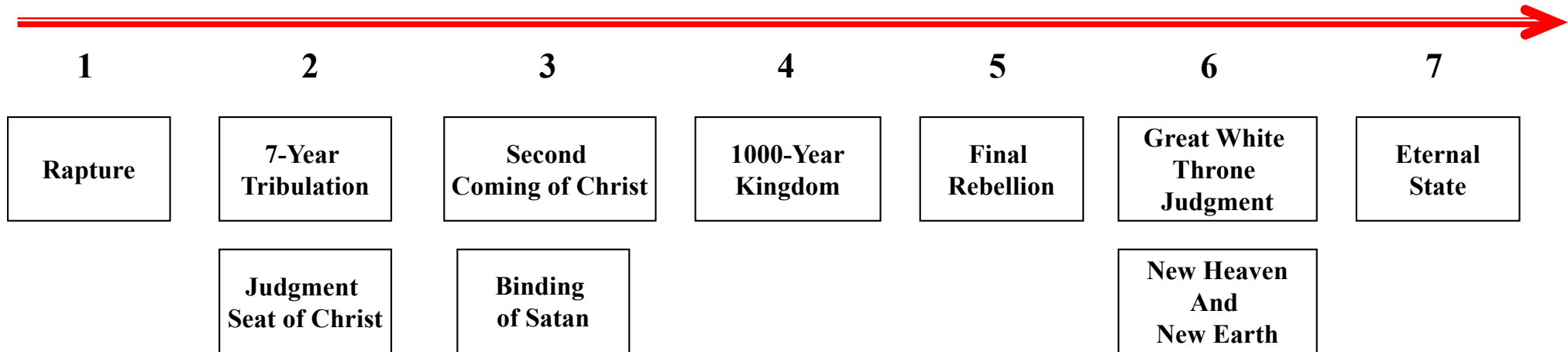
⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison

⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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6. GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

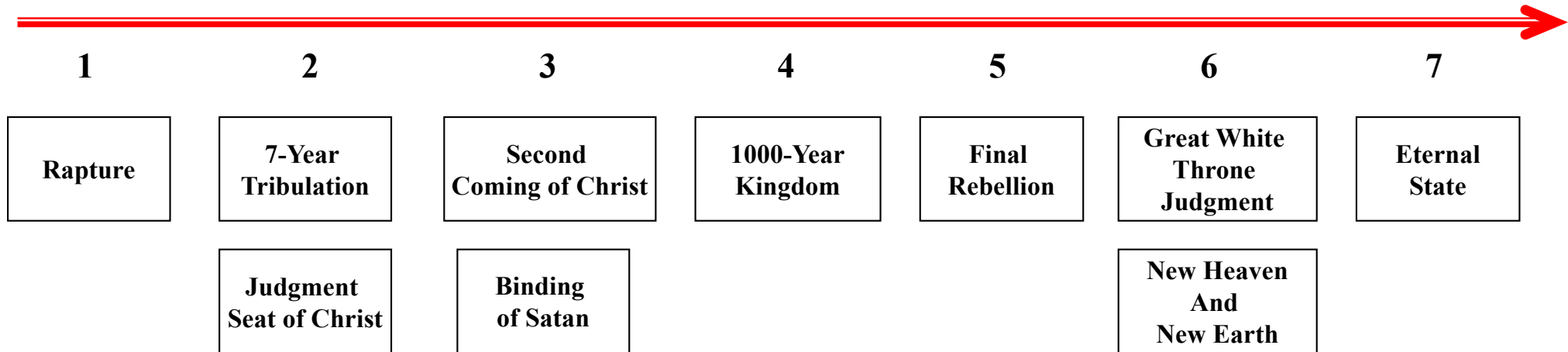
¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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New Heaven and New Earth

2 Peter 3:7, 10

⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

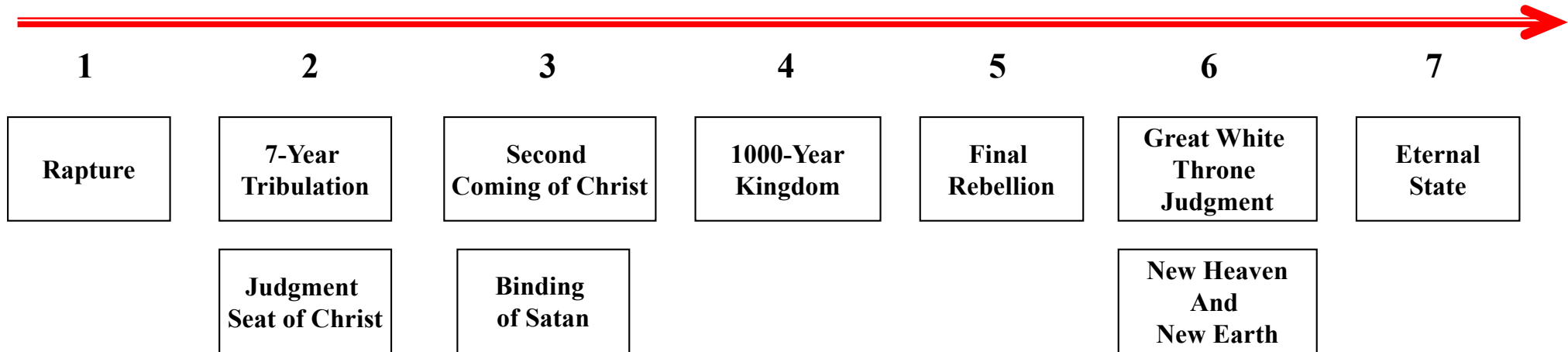
¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Revelation 21:1-2

¹ Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

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7. ETERNAL STATE (Believers)

Revelation 21:3-7

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

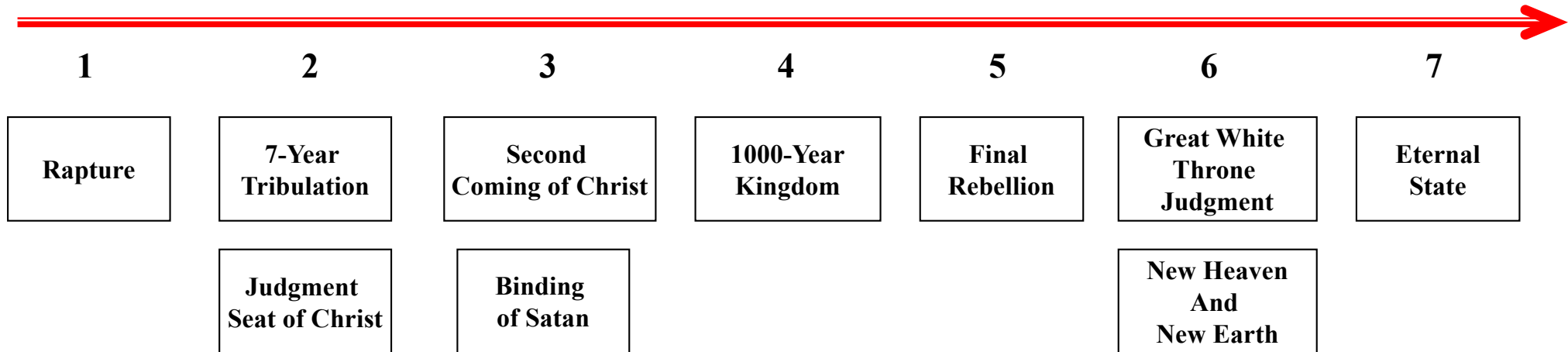
⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

ETERNAL STATE (Unbelievers)

Revelation 21:8

⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

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Revelation 22:7

“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

Revelation 22:12

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

Revelation 22:20

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming soon.”
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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