

The background of the slide is a deep blue space filled with numerous small, distant stars. In the lower half, the curved horizon of the Earth is visible, showing the blue of the oceans and the darker tones of the continents. A brilliant, intense light source is positioned directly behind the Earth's horizon, creating a powerful lens flare that radiates outwards in all directions, with a prominent horizontal beam of light passing through the center of the frame. The overall atmosphere is one of cosmic grandeur and divine illumination.

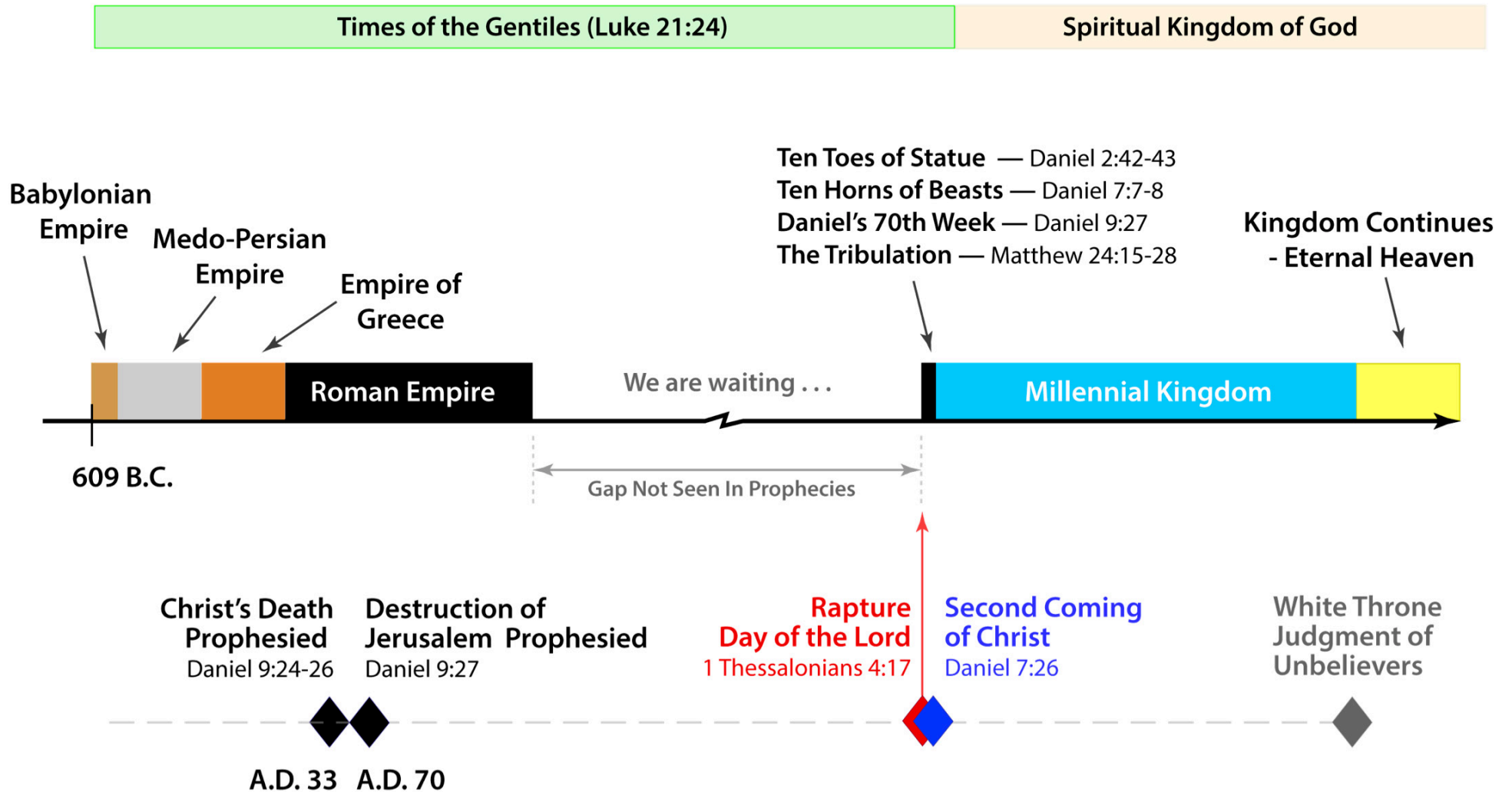
Rapture of The Church

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

The Introduction

- **What is the first and most important principle of Bible study?**
- **What is the second important principle of Bible study?**
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Five Kingdoms Prophesied In Daniel



Daniel 2:31-45; 7:1-8, 21-28; 9:24-27

Meaning of “Asleep In Christ”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

- **What did Paul mean by “asleep,” when he said some believers are asleep?**
- **According to John 11:11-14, what meaning did Jesus give to the term “asleep”?**

Trumpets of the Last Days



What Happens To Our Bodies?

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

- **When a believer dies and goes to heaven, will they have immortal bodies in heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1-4)?**
- **When will believers who are dead and those alive at the coming of Christ receive their immortal bodies (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)?**
- **When does the “last trumpet” occur (1 Corinthians 15:52)?**

The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

- **Is the rapture a biblical concept? Why?**
- **What three things happen at the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16)?**
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

Rapture Is Not The Second Coming

Rapture

1. **Believers meet Christ in the air**
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
2. **Christ gathers believers to Himself**
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
3. **Dead believers are resurrected**
1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
4. **Unbelievers remain on the earth**
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Second Coming of Christ

1. **Christ descends to the earth for battle**
Revelation 19:11-21
2. **Angels gather believers**
Matthew 24:29-31
3. **Scripture does not say anyone is resurrected**
4. **Only believers remain on the earth**
Matthew 25:31-46

Peace & Safety

Tribulation

The Tribulation — Matthew 24:15-28
Ten Toes of Statue — Daniel 2:42-43
Ten Horns of Beasts — Daniel 7:7-8
Daniel's 70th Week — Daniel 9:27

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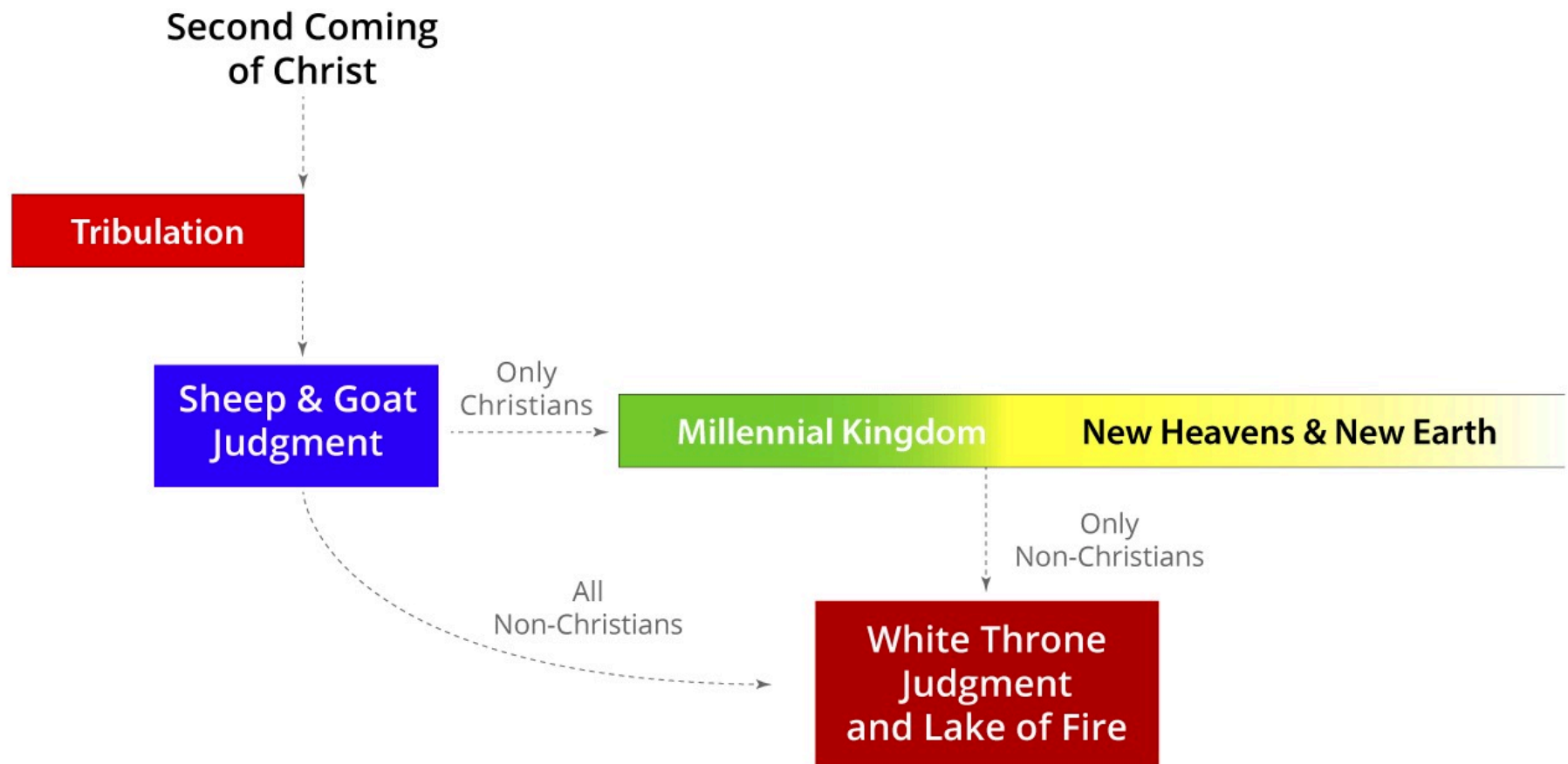
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Timeline of the Judgment of the Nations & White Throne Judgment



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Will Christians Enter The Tribulation?

1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:3, 9

- **Give three reasons why Christians will not enter the tribulation?**

The Conclusion

- **Why did God reveal the future to Christians?**