

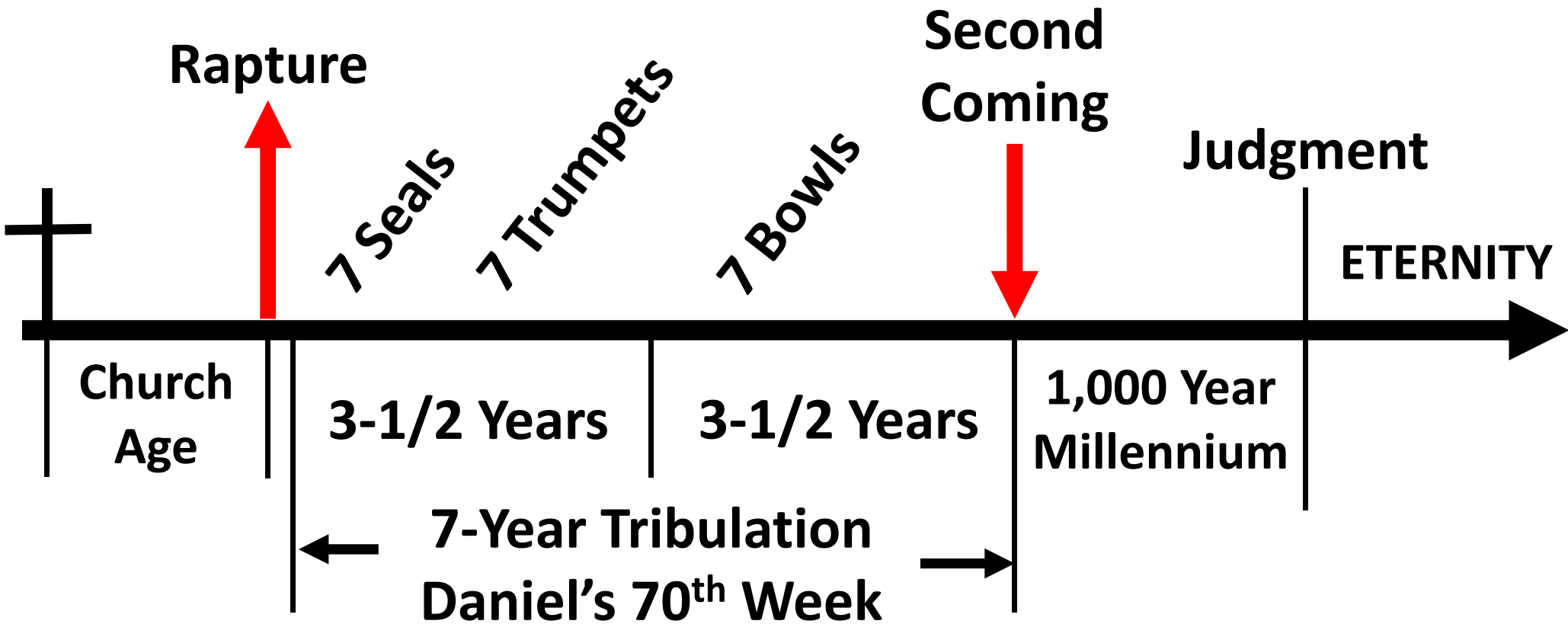
REVELATION

Are we living in the end times?

Week 2: The 7 Churches

Revelation 2 – 3

Revelation Timeline



The 7 Churches Represent...

- **7 literal churches in the 1st century**
- **7 periods of the church age**
- **7 types of churches in every generation**

Ephesus

- ✓ **Apostolic church (AD 30-100)**
- ✓ **Forsaken its first love**
- ✓ **Repent; return**
- ✓ **Tree of life**

Smyrna

- ✓ **Persecuted church (AD 100-313)**
- ✓ **Rich in faith**
- ✓ **Be faithful even to the point of death**
- ✓ **Crown of life**

Pergamum

- ✓ **State church (AD 313-590)**
- ✓ **Idolatry and immorality**
- ✓ **Repent!**
- ✓ **Hidden manna; white stone**

Thyatira

- ✓ **Papal church (AD 590-1517)**
- ✓ **Idolatry and immorality**
- ✓ **Hold fast**
- ✓ **Authority over nations; morning star**

Sardis

- ✓ **Reformed church (AD 1517-1730)**
- ✓ **Dead**
- ✓ **Wake up! Remember, obey, repent**
- ✓ **Book of life**

Philadelphia

- ✓ **Missionary church (AD 1730-1900)**
- ✓ **Kept commands**
- ✓ **Endure patiently**
- ✓ **Pillar of God; new name**

Key Persons

- Nicolaitans = False teachers who promoted idol worship and sexual immorality
- Synagogue of Satan = unbelieving Jewish sect
- Antipas = 1st century pastor persecuted by Nero

Key Persons

- **Balak** = Moabite king who asked Balaam to curse the Israelites
- **Balaam** = diviner; taught Balak to lead Israel into idol worship and immorality with Moabite women
- **Jezebel** = Baal worshiper; wife of Ahab

Laodicea



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- ✓ **Apostate church (AD 1900 - ?)**
- ✓ **Lukewarm; neither hot nor cold**
- ✓ **Wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked**
- ✓ **Be earnest and repent**
- ✓ **The right to sit on Christ's throne**

***Christ at
Heart's
Door***



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