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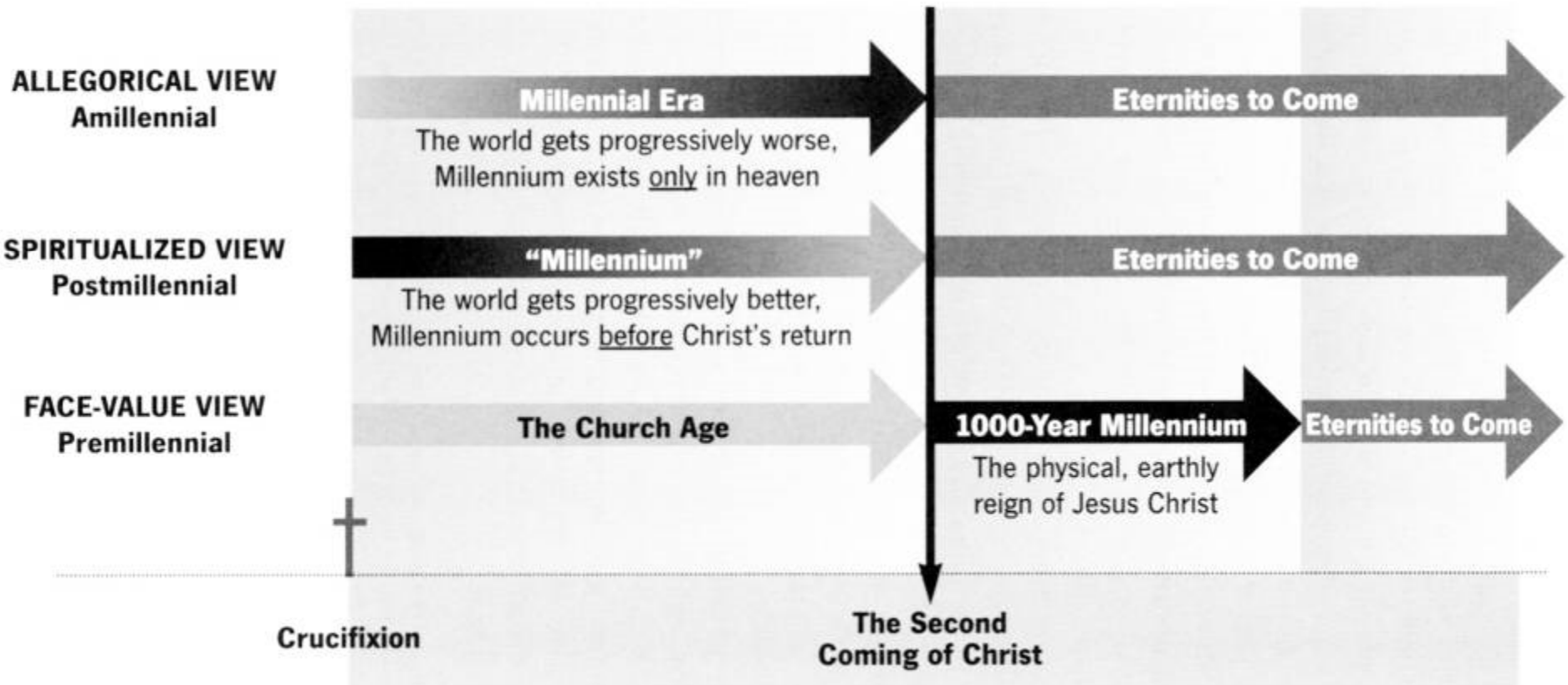
The Return of Jesus

Part 2

Matthew 24-25

MILLENNIAL POSITIONS

Concerning Christ's Return



PRETRIB

RAPTURE



WRATH OF GOD

MIDTRIB

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WRATH OF GOD

POSTTRIB

WRATH OF GOD

RAPTURE



PREWRATH

WRATH OF SATAN

RAPTURE



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Armageddon

MILLENNIUM

3 1/2 YEARS
1260 DAYS

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1000
YEARS

FIXED
EVENTS

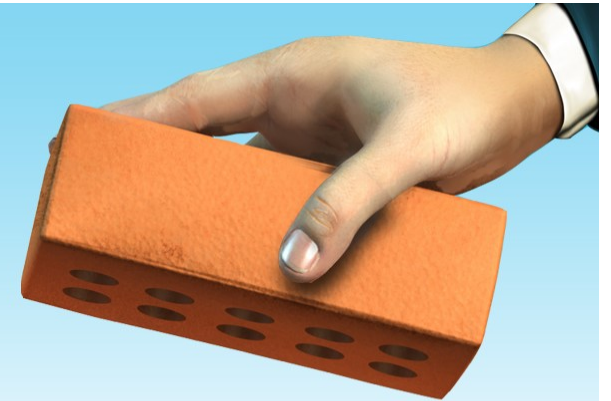
7 YEAR PERIOD

Summary

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Pre-Millennialists mainly believe the church and Israel are separate and there is a *literal* 1000-year rule of Christ from Jerusalem in the *Millennial Kingdom*, or *Messianic Age*. *Post-Millennialists* and *Amillennialists* believe the Millennium is **figurative**. These last **two are based**, in part, on *Replacement Theology: the church has replaced Israel*.

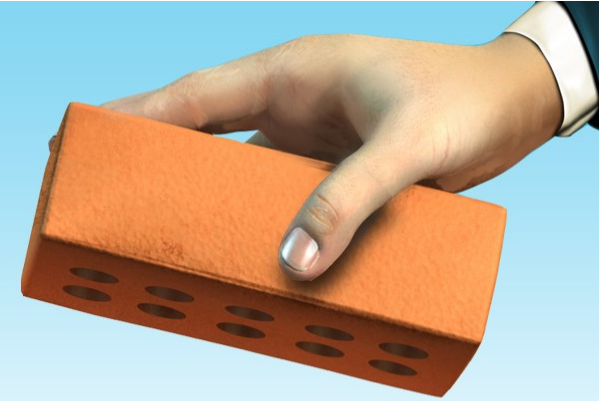
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Matthew 24

- This chapter summarizes end time events, with reference to 70AD.
- **Daniel 9:24-27** gives the 70 weeks prophecy – 490 years. 483 have been fulfilled. There is a 7 year period called *Daniel's 70th Week*.

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A. 24:1-3 – 2 Questions



Matthew 24:1-3 (ESV)

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when His disciples came to point out to Him the buildings of the temple. But He answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”



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B. 24:4-8 – Beginning of the Sorrows Internationally



Matthew 24:4-8 (ESV)

And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in My Name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the **end is not yet**. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **All these are the *beginning of the birth pains***.

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B. 24:4-8 – Beginning of the Sorrows - Internationally

- Jesus summarizes the events in *verses 4-14*.
- There will be false christs, wars, rumors of wars, nation against nation, etc.
- Jesus said these are the *beginning* of the birth pains.

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THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS
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C. 24:9-14 – Beginning of the Sorrows - Personally



Matthew 24:9-14 (ESV)

“Then they will deliver you up to *tribulation* and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the *kingdom* will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

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C. 24:9-14 – Beginning of the Sorrows - Personally



- Jesus continues His summary. There will be *great persecution*. Many will turn away. Lawlessness will increase.
- ***Enduring to the end*** is not spiritual salvation, but *physical deliverance*.

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D. 24:15-22 – Abomination of Desolation and Great Tribulation



Matthew 24:15-22 (ESV)

“So when you see the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

Matthew 24:15-22 (ESV)

For **then** there will be *great tribulation*, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

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D. 24:15-22 – Abomination of Desolation and Great Tribulation

- Jesus shifts to the middle of 7 years, where the *Antichrist* sets up the **Abomination of Desolation**.
- He gave a summary in verses 4-14 and then fills in details.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 (ESV)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the **day of the Lord** has come. Let no one deceive you in any way.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 (ESV)

For **that day** [Day of the Lord] will not come, unless the *rebellion* comes first, and the man of lawlessness is *revealed*, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he *takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God*. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 (ESV)

And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And **then the lawless one will be revealed**, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 (ESV)

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

– This is also where the *mark of the beast* comes in.

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D. 24:15-22 – Abomination of Desolation and Great Tribulation

Revelation 13 gives more details. There will be wars, famine and more internationally. There will be persecution, the **Great Trib.**, which starts with the abomination of desolation. Paul talked about it in **2 Thessalonians 2**.

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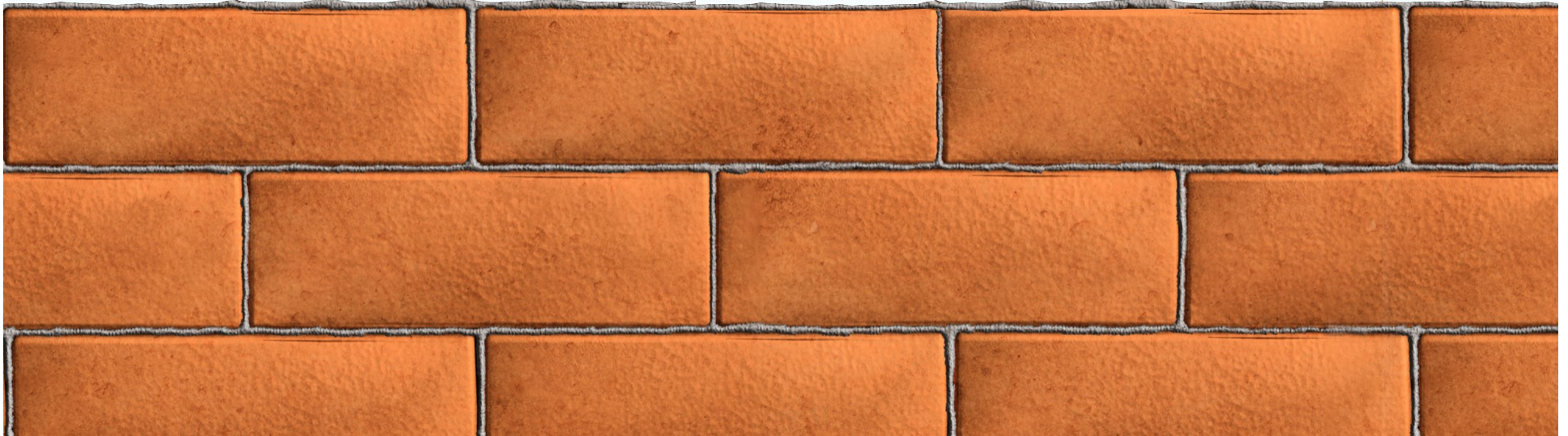
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E. 24:23-26 – False Christ's and False Prophets

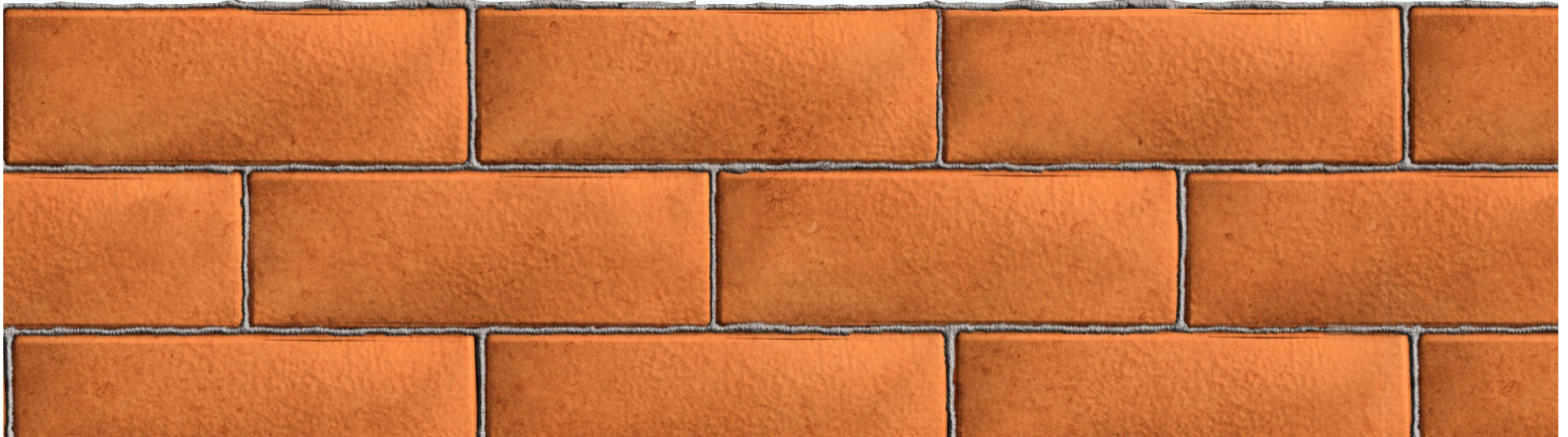


Matthew 24:23-26 (ESV)

Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it.

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F. 24:27-31 – Jesus' Return



Matthew 24:27-31 (ESV)

For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. “Immediately **after** the *[great] tribulation of those days* the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Matthew 24:27-31 (ESV)

Then will appear in heaven the *sign* of the Son of Man, and **then** all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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F. 24:27-31 – Jesus' Return

Jesus uses *2 illustrations*: Lightning and Vultures. His return will **not** be secret! He says immediately after the [great] tribulation, there will be **cosmic disturbances**.

Joel 2:30-32 (ESV)

And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, **before** the great and awesome **day of the LORD comes**. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who **escape**, as the LORD has said, and among the **survivors** shall be those whom the LORD calls.

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E. 24:27-31 – Jesus’ Return

How will some be “saved” or delivered?

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (ESV)

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be *caught up* together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 (ESV)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then **sudden destruction** will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 (ESV)

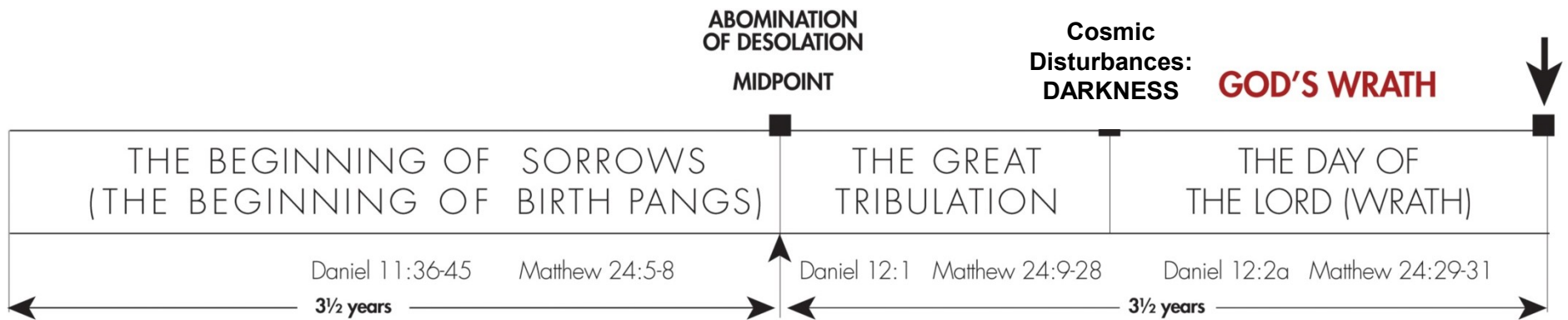
For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For *God has not destined us for wrath*, but to obtain salvation [*physical deliverance*] through our Lord Jesus Christ...

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G. 24:32-35 – Parable of the Fig Tree

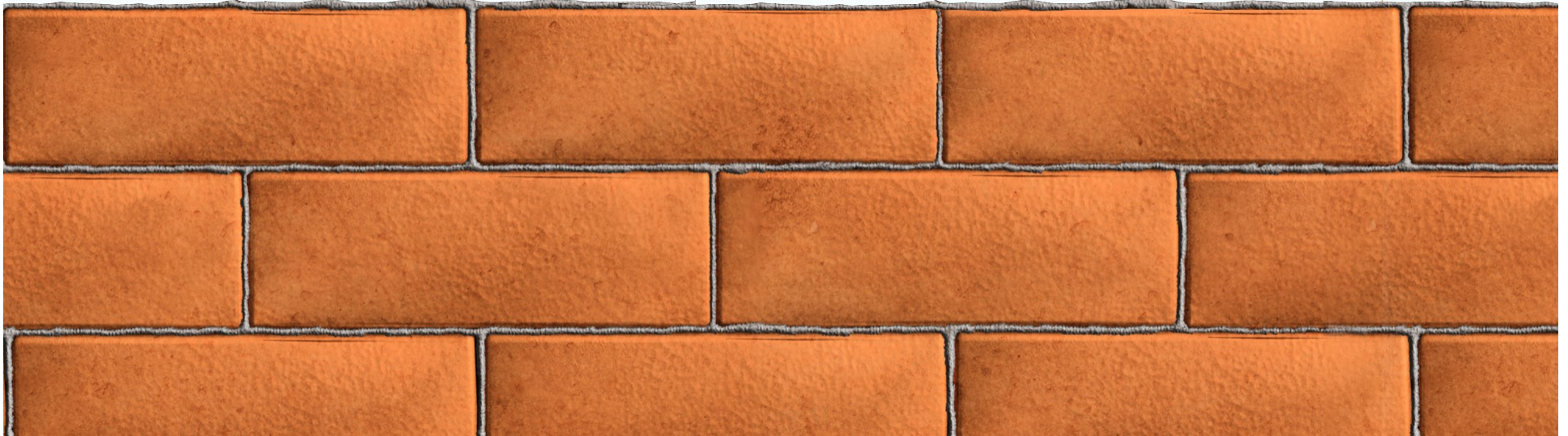
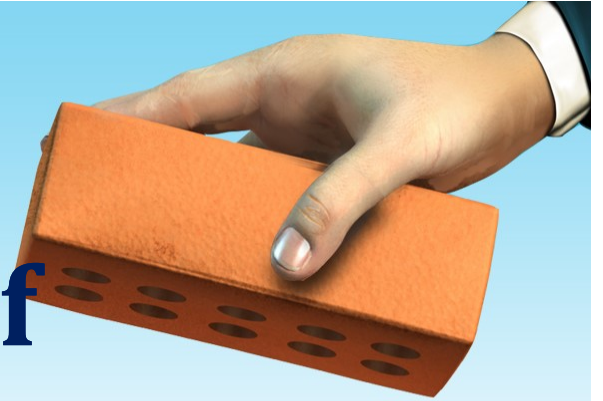


Matthew 24:32-35 (ESV)

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is **near**, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation [*that sees these events*] will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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H. 24:36-44 - Example of the Days of Noah



Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)

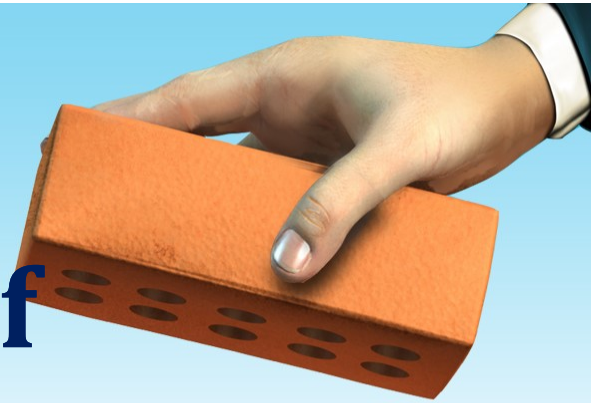
“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were **the days of Noah**, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the **day when Noah entered the ark**, and they were **unaware** until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)

Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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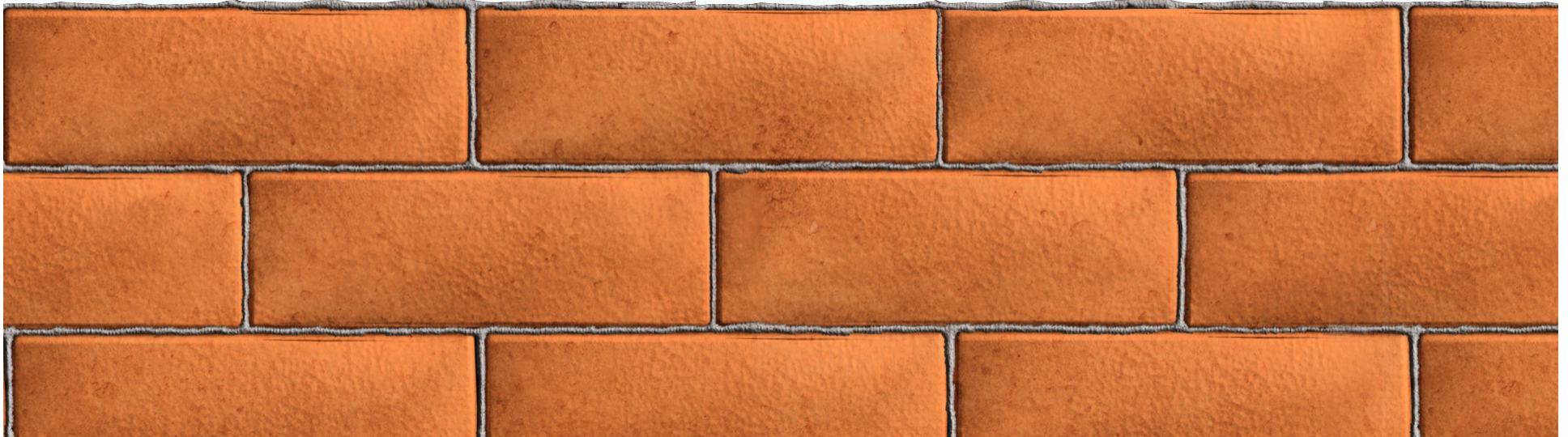
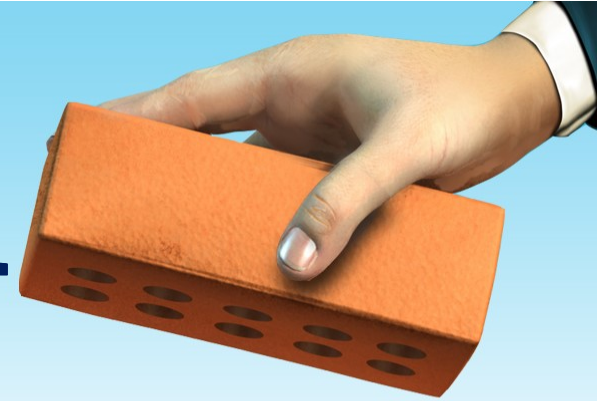
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In Jewish culture in that day, the *Feast of Trumpets* began on a new moon, which could occur on 1 of 2 days. There was a saying, that *only God knew the day and the hour* of when it would be announced by the trumpets.

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I. 24:45-51 – Example of the 2 Servants



Matthew 24:45-51 (ESV)

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.

Matthew 24:45-51 (ESV)

But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that servant will **come on a day when he does not expect him** and at an **hour he does not know** and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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J. 25:1-46 – Parables of the 10 Virgins & Talents, & Judgment of Gentile Nations

Part of the Olivet Discourse. Parables of the *10 Virgins* and *Talents* have the same theme: **Reward for faithfulness and judgment for unfaithfulness.** Judgment on Gentile nations and how they treated Jews in the end times.

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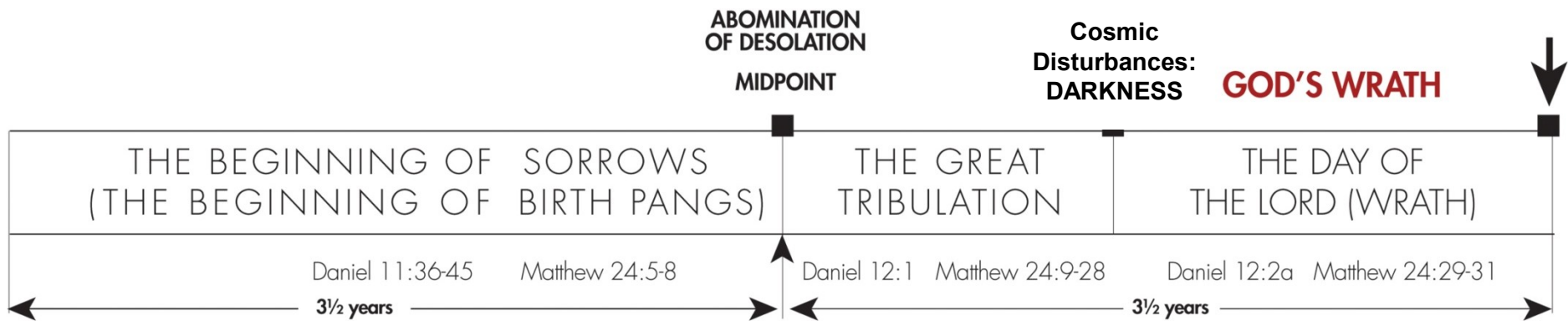
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The Olivet Discourse and the First 6 Seals

		Olivet Discourse	The First 6 Seals	
Beginning of the Sorrows	24:4-5	False Christs	6:1-2	White Horse
	24:6-7	War	6:3-4	Red Horse
	24:7	Famine	6:5-6	Black Horse
	24:9	Death	6:7-8	Pale Horse
Great Tribulation	24:9-13	Martyrdom	6:9-11	5th Seal
Cosmic Disturbances	Luke 21:11	Signs	6:12-17	6th Seal

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