

Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:9

**For God has not destined us for wrath, but for
obtaining salvation through our
Lord Jesus Christ,**

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History and Prophecy Pt 6

A Summary of End Times Events *Various Texts*



I will ask **you** to explain the end times before we finish. I will *explain more than you need to know*, but we will look at **5 passages...**

Even if you don't hold the pre-wrath view... you should know what this view states, to explain it to others who may ask.

First , I will give a summary, *similar to what I did*. **Second**, I will go through **5 passages** that build this view.

In the end, there is a **7-year period**, not called the *Tribulation*, but **Daniel's 70th Week**. Half way through it, or **3.5 years**, the antichrist will *set himself up*, with an *image*, and ***demand to be worshipped*** as god.

This starts the ***Great Tribulation***, or the satanic persecution of the Jews and Christians. Then, during this persecution, there are ***cosmic disturbances***, the *rapture* and *pouring out of God's wrath*, in the ***Day of the Lord***.

**A. Daniel 9:24-27 -
Daniel's 70th Week
and the Antichrist**



Daniel 9:24-27 - “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*. 25“So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild

Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. 26*“Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come with a flood; even to the end*

there will be war; desolations are determined. 27“And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

These verses are the **foundation** for many who *hold* to a literal 1000 years reign of Jesus, or *Millennium*. Not everyone believes this, but for **futurists**, this establishes a **future 7-year period** of end time events.

Daniel's 70th Week

7 YEARS



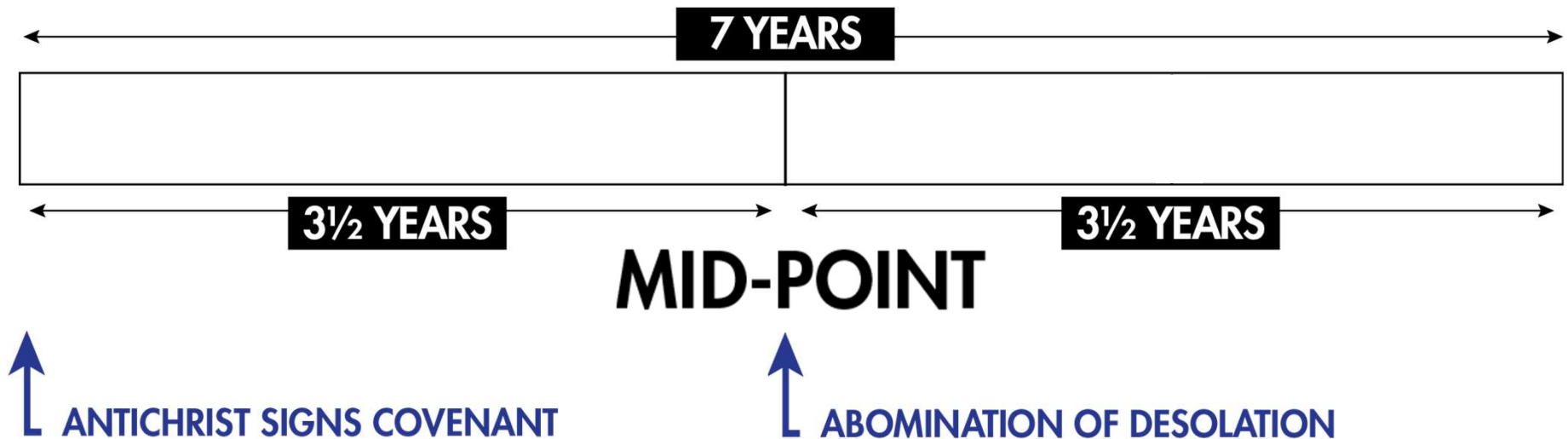
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Daniel 11 and 2 Thessalonians 2...

**B. Matthew 24:(15-31),
15-16, 21-22, 29-30**

The Great Tribulation



Matthew 24-25 is the **Olivet Discourse**.

This is *partially* about 70AD, but *primarily* about the *2nd Coming*. Christ tells His disciples, and by application us, what to look for *prior to His return...*

1. 24:15-16 - The Abomination of Desolation

Matthew 24:15-16 - “Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** which was spoken of through **Daniel** the prophet, standing in the **holy place** (let the reader understand), 16then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

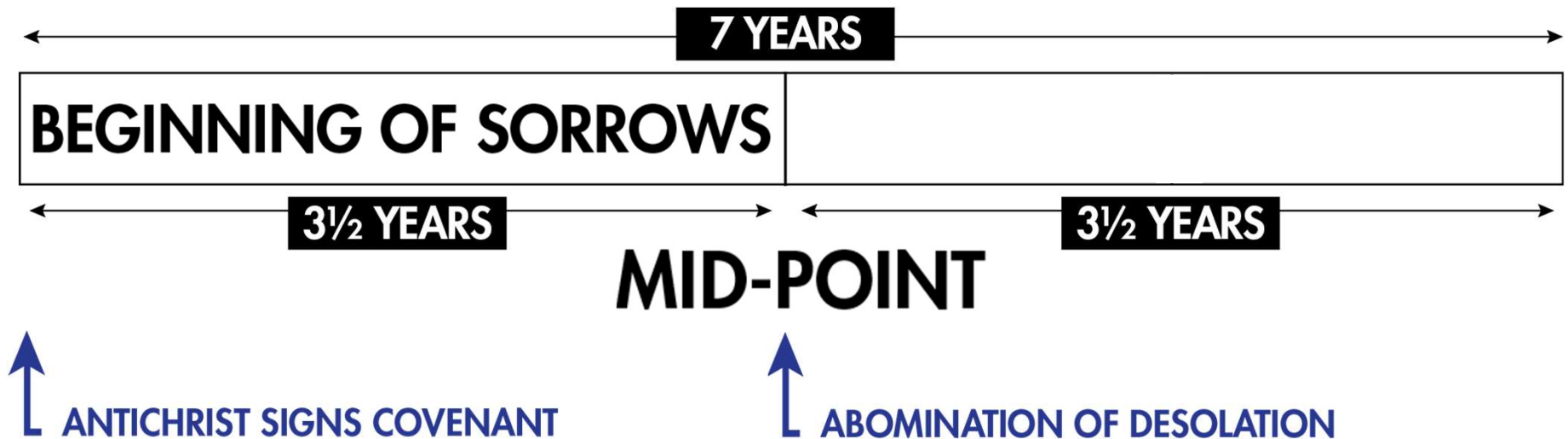
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Jesus refers to *Daniel* and the ***abomination of desolation***. This was pictured by Antiochus Epiphanes in 168BC, but will happen again... Jesus *makes this connection* between this event and His return.

1. 24:15-16 - The Abomination of Desolation

The *abomination of desolation* is when the antichrist *will go into a new rebuilt temple in Jerusalem*, and demand to be worshipped as god.

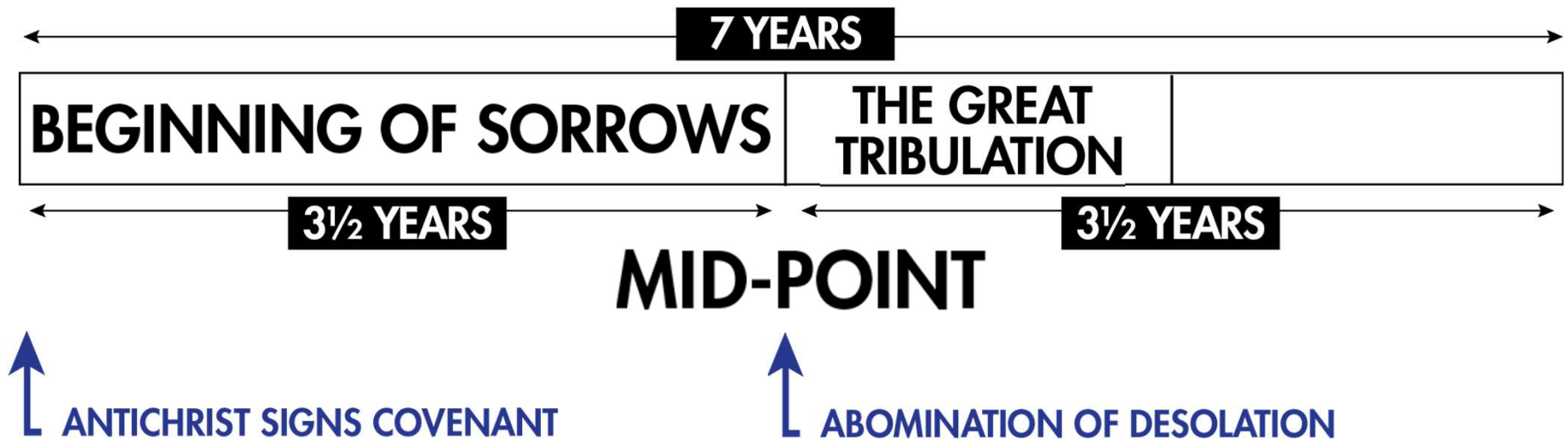
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2. 24:21-22 - The Great Tribulation

Matthew 24:21-22 - "For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. 22Unless those days had been **cut short**, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short."

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2. 24:21-22 - The Great Tribulation

For those who *deny his request* - *great pressure, tribulation, suffering, or persecution* begins for Jews and Christians. Jesus says this will be the *worst persecution the Jews will have ever experienced!* It was **pictured in 70AD**, the Holocaust, and will be worse than both...

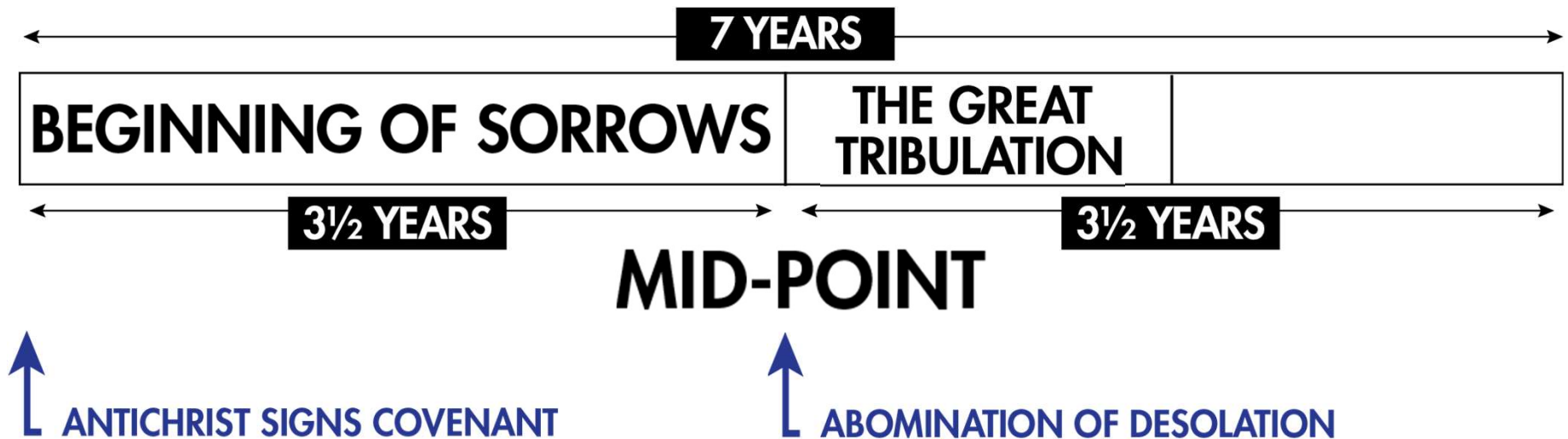
3. 24:29-30 - The Sign

Matthew 24:29-30 - “But 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 the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30“And **then** the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will

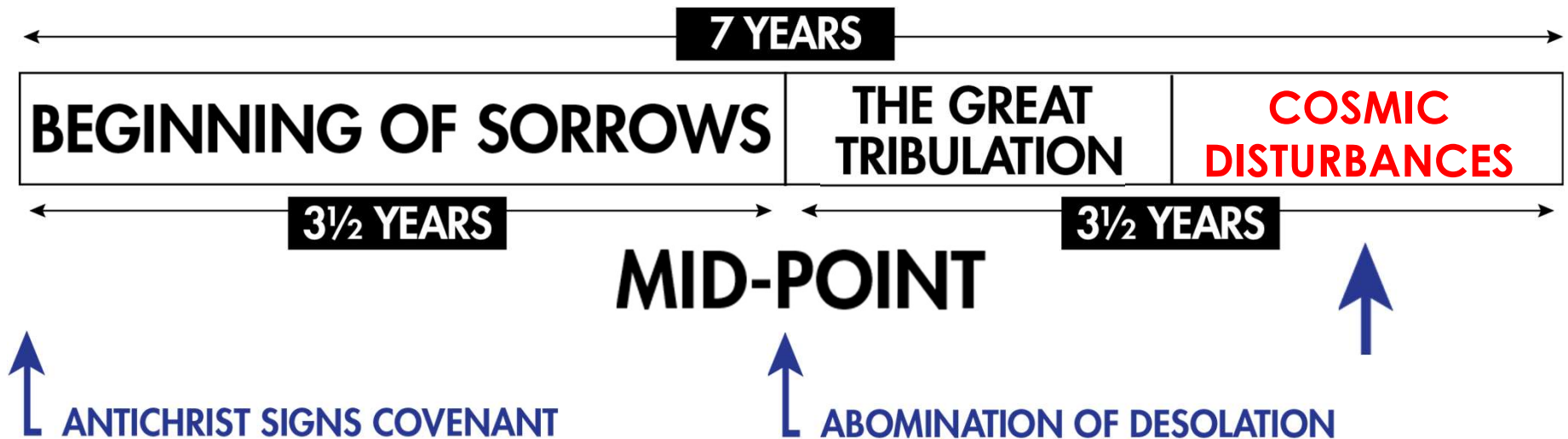
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mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

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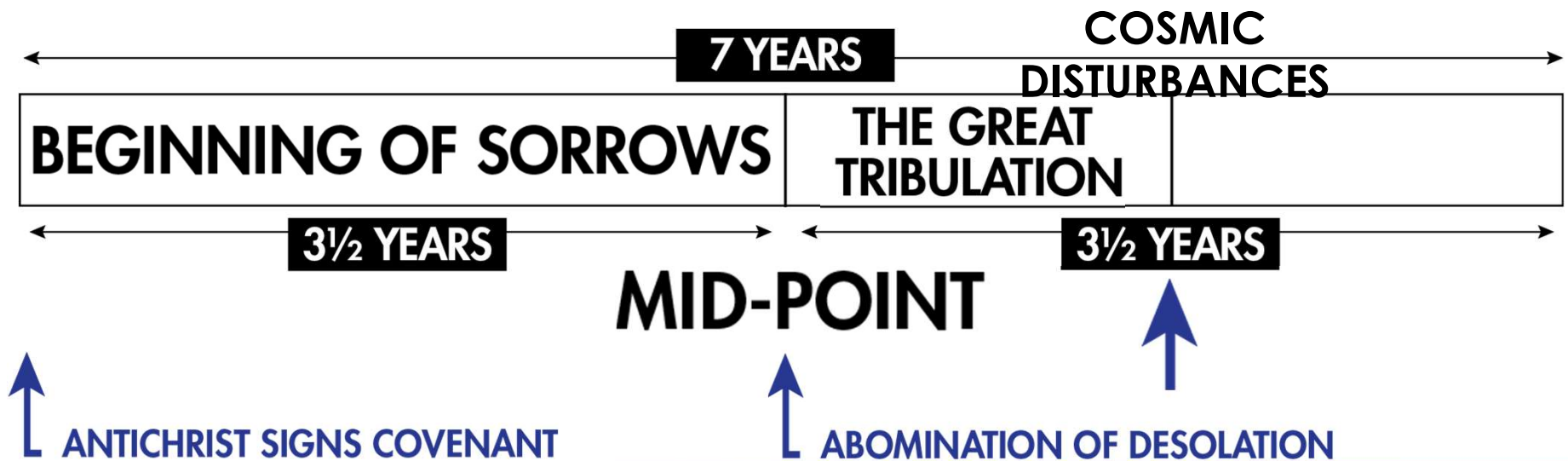
C. Joel 2:30-32
Cosmic Disturbances



Joel 3:30-32 - “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, blood, fire and columns of smoke. 31The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood **before** the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be delivered (*saved*); for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be those who

escape, as the LORD has said, even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.”

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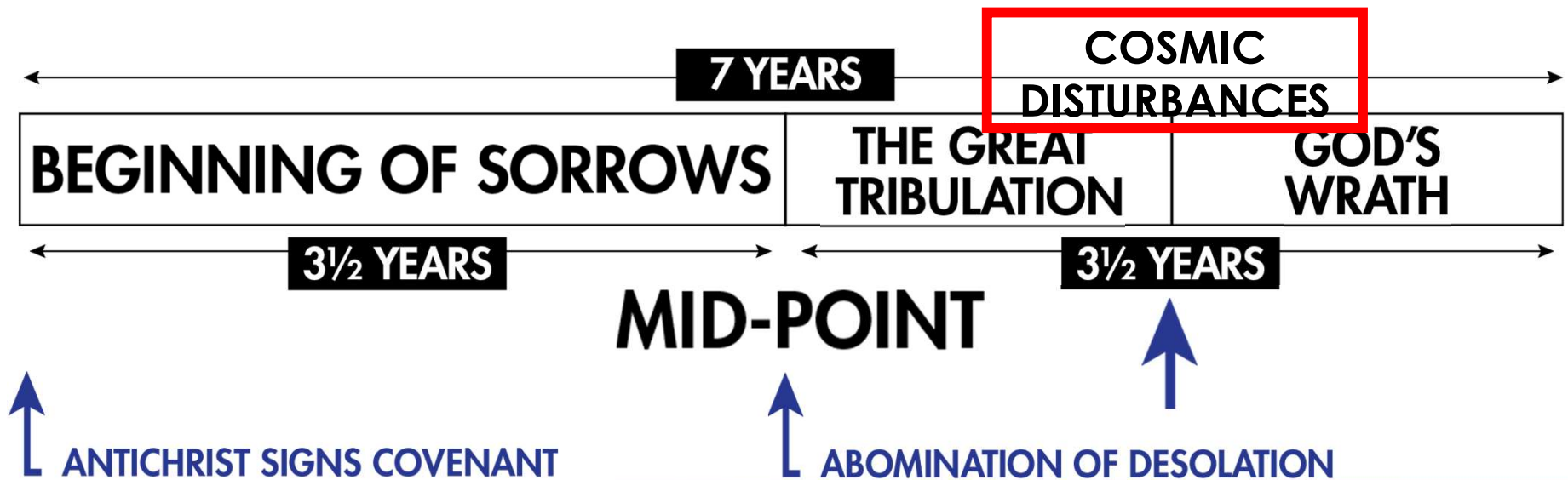
The cosmic disturbances **precede** or **occur before** the *Day of the Lord*, or God's wrath. Some *take these verses as hyper-literal*. That's dangerous... This is the *logical next step* in the discussion. God will display *wonders or signs* in the sky, or *on earth*, as stated by *blood, fire and smoke*. There will be *signs in the*

heavens, the sun will become dark, and the moon will turn into blood. This is Jewish apocalyptic literary terminology for how serious this will be. Everyone will see it. Put in simple terms, everything will go dark.

Joel mentions a crucial **timing** word:

BEFORE

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D. 1 Thessalonians

4:13-5:11

Rapture and Wrath



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1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 - For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive and remain will

be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

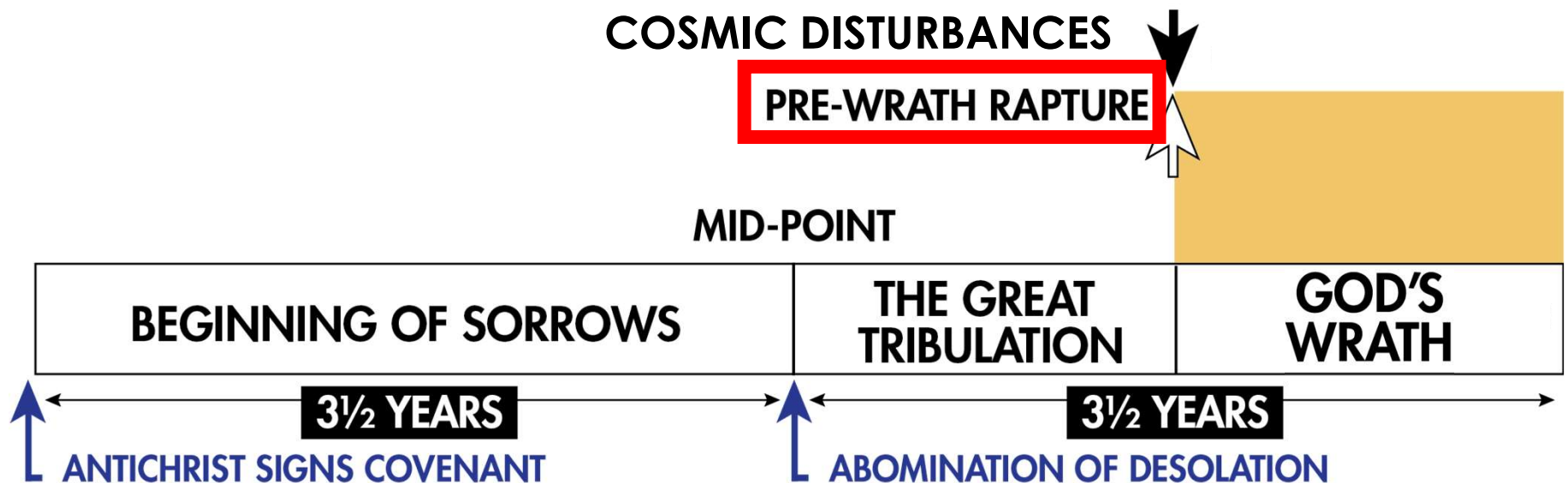
1 Thessalonians 5:2 - For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

In **verses 3-8** Paul contrasts the lost and the found. **They**, the **lost**, will be surprised by the judgment that comes upon them in the Day of the Lord. But **we**, the **found**, will **not** be taken by surprise! He then states in *verse 9*...

1 Thessalonians 5:9 - For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This salvation (*deliverance*) is **not spiritual**, but **physical**, in the rapture, previously mentioned in *chapter 4*. God will rescue His own in the rapture, and **THEN** pour out His wrath on the unbelieving world...

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E. Revelation 6:12-17

The Day of the Lord



Revelation 6 parallels Matthew 24...

In **chapters 5-6**, Jesus opens the 7 sealed scroll *one seal at a time*. The 5th seal is the martyrs who were murdered during the **Great Tribulation**: *Revelation 6:9-11*. Then we come to seal 6...

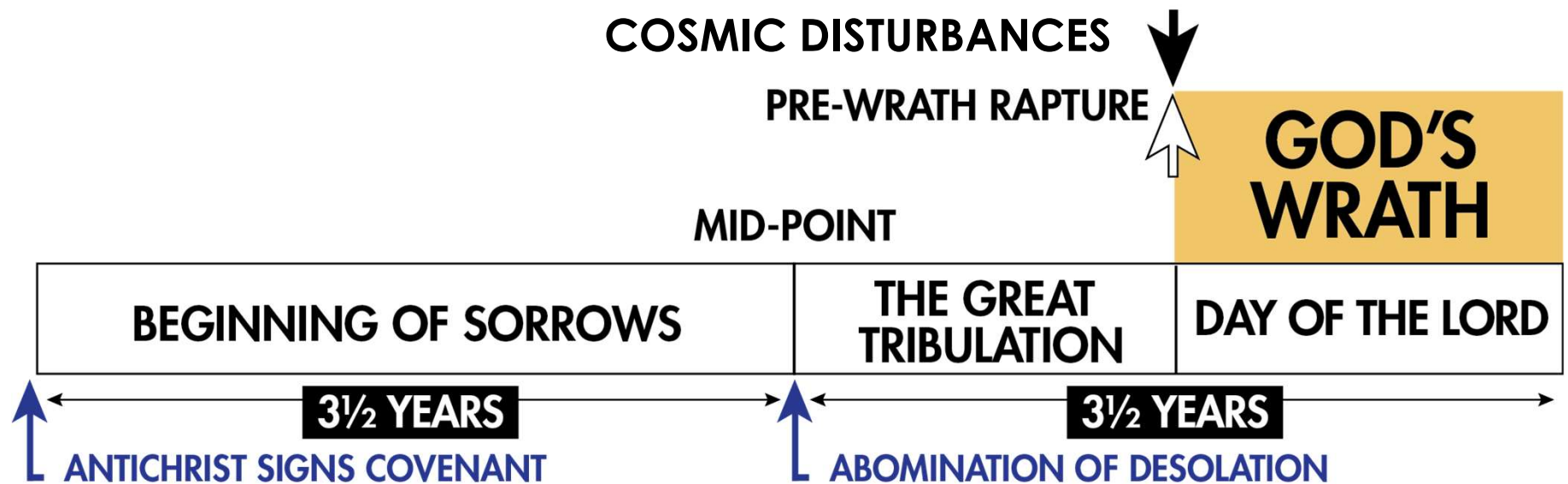
Revelation 6:12-17 - I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island

were moved out of their places. 15Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **wrath of**

the Lamb; 17for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

We see the reference from *Joel 2*, *Matthew 24* and a subtle reference to what Paul wrote: *God's wrath surprises people!* It is in the **6th seal**, we find **God's wrath**. His wrath falls, **AFTER** the *cosmic disturbances*, **AFTER** the *rapture*, **AFTER** the *mid-point of Daniel's 70th Week*, and **AFTER** the *start of the 7-year period* where antichrist signs the covenant.

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Your Turn

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