

500 Years Later: Is the *Reformation* Still Relevant?

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Seminar Outline

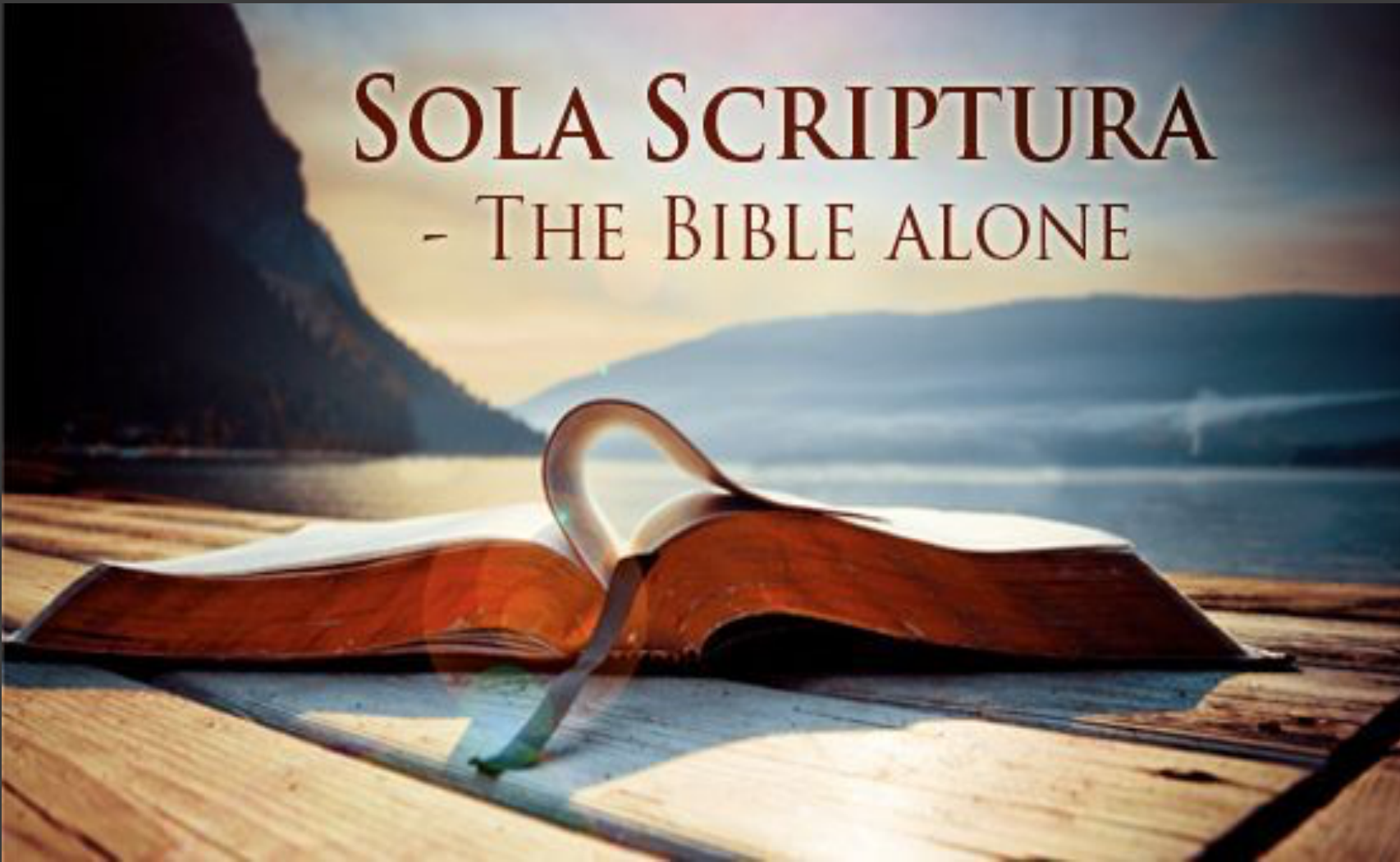
- The New Roman Empire: The Modern Rise of the Papacy
- The Revolutionary Protest: Just a Misunderstanding?
- Art as Artillery: Luther and the Reformation
- Art as Artillery: The Papal Counter-Reformation
- The Protest Continues: The Remnant through Prophecy

Seventh-day Adventist Church

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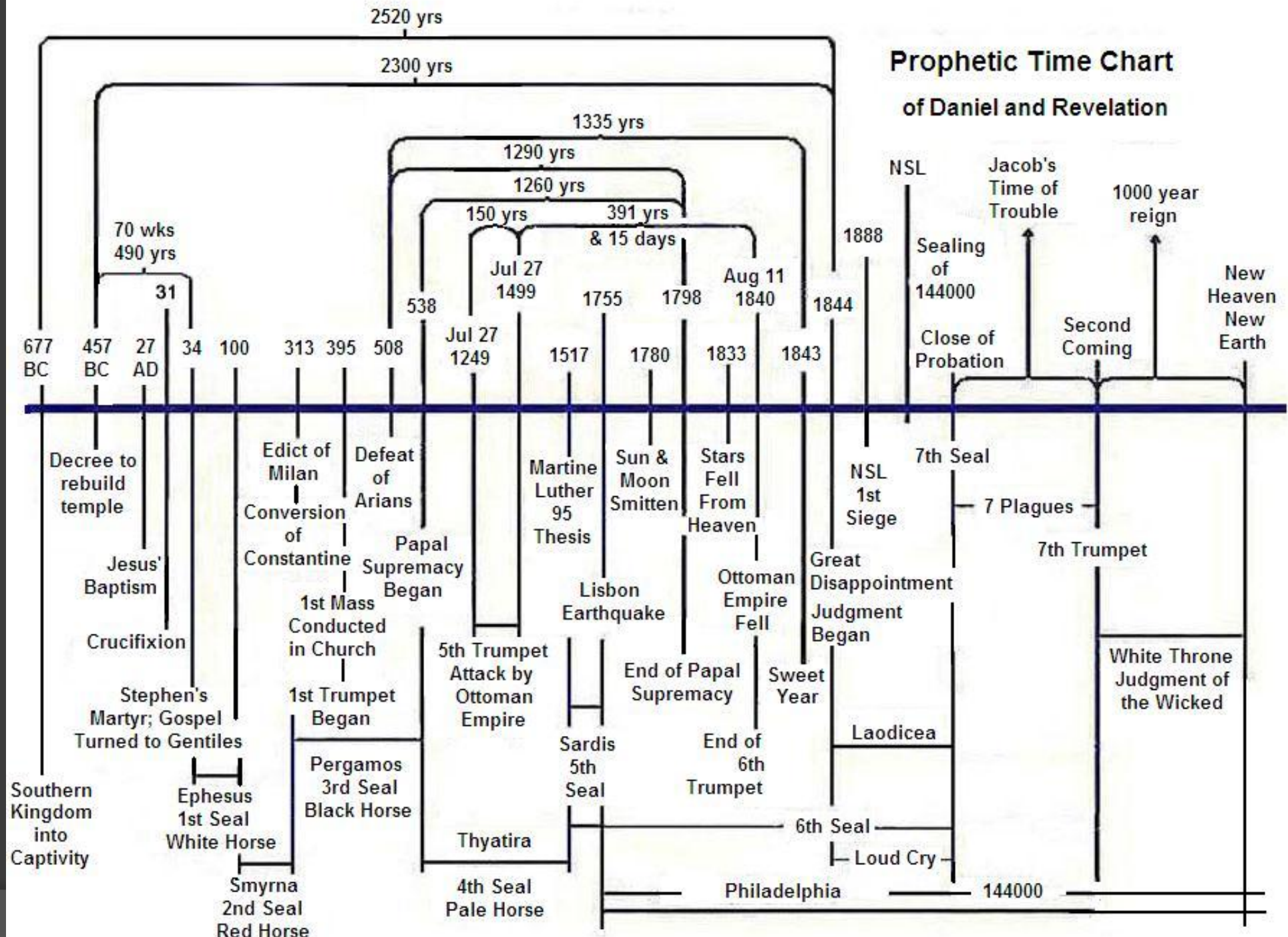
SOLA SCRIPTURA

- THE BIBLE ALONE



DANIEL 2		DANIEL 7		DANIEL 8		DANIEL 11, 12	
GOLD		BABYLON	 LION	NONE	NONE		
SILVER		MEDO-PERSIA	 BEAR	 RAM WITH TWO HORNS	 FOUR KINGS (Verse 2)		
BRASS		GREECE	 LEOPARD	 THE GOAT	 MIGHTY KING (Verses 3-13)		
IRON		ROME	 FIERCE BEAST	 LITTLE HORN FROM FOUR HORNS	 KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 14-35)		
IRON AND CLAY		DIVIDED KINGDOMS 1260 YEARS	 TEN HORNS	 LITTLE HORN	 LITTLE HORN GREAT WAXED	 KING OF THE NORTH (Verses 36-39)	
STONE CUT OUT WITHOUT MAN'S HANDS		INVESTIGATIVE JUDGMENT	 JUDGMENT SCENE	 CLEANSING OF HEAVENLY SANCTUARY	 TIME OF THE END (Verses 40-45)		
STONE FILLS WHOLE EARTH		CHRIST'S KINGDOM	KINGDOM GIVEN TO SAINTS	EXECUTIVE JUDGMENT	MICHAEL STANDS UP (Chapter 12:1-3)		

Prophetic Time Chart of Daniel and Revelation



Jesuit Counter-Reformation

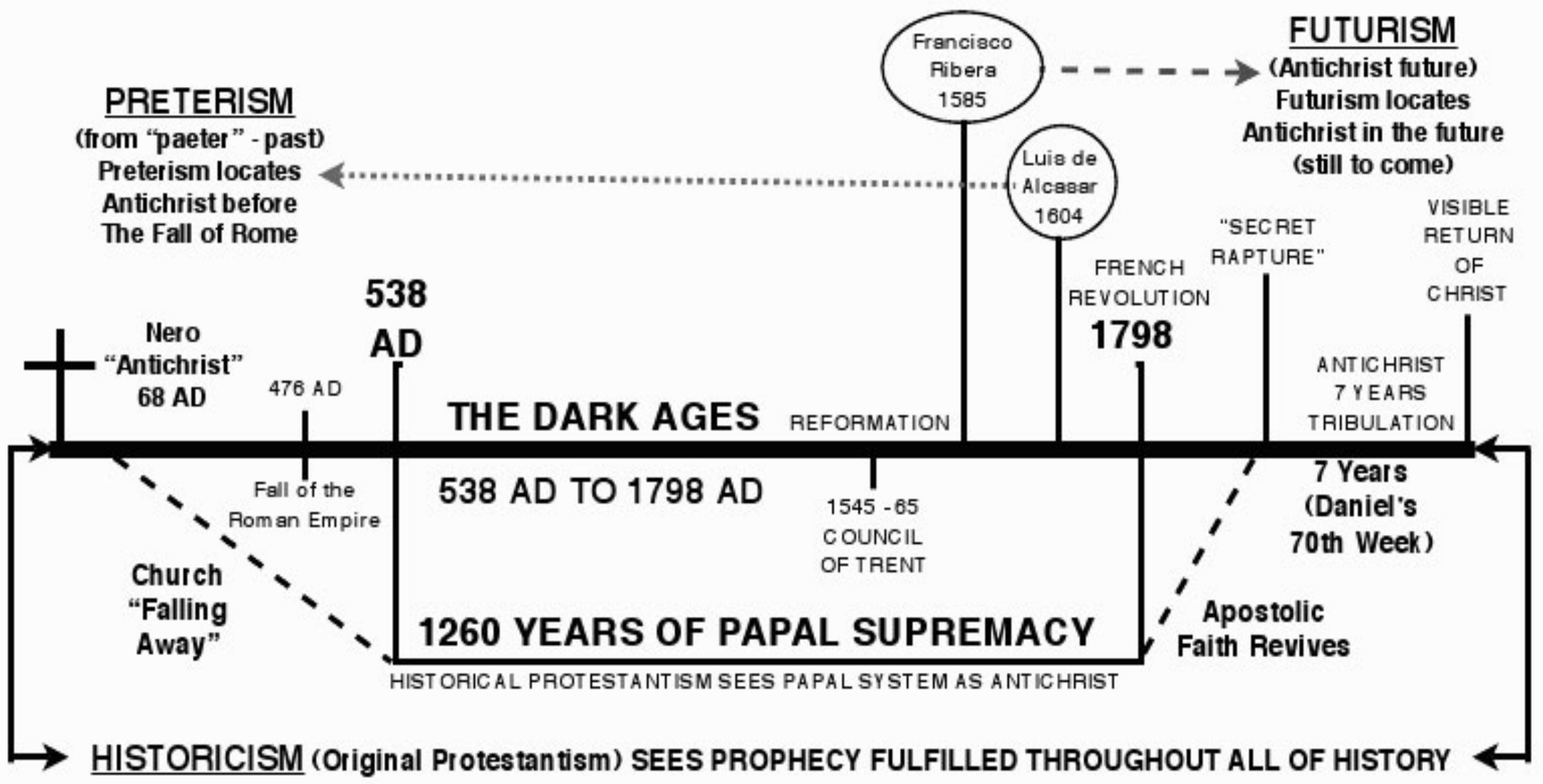
- ◎ Francisco Ribera (1537-1591), a brilliant Jesuit priest and doctor of theology from Spain
 - Futurism

Oxford Handbook of Eschatology (2007)

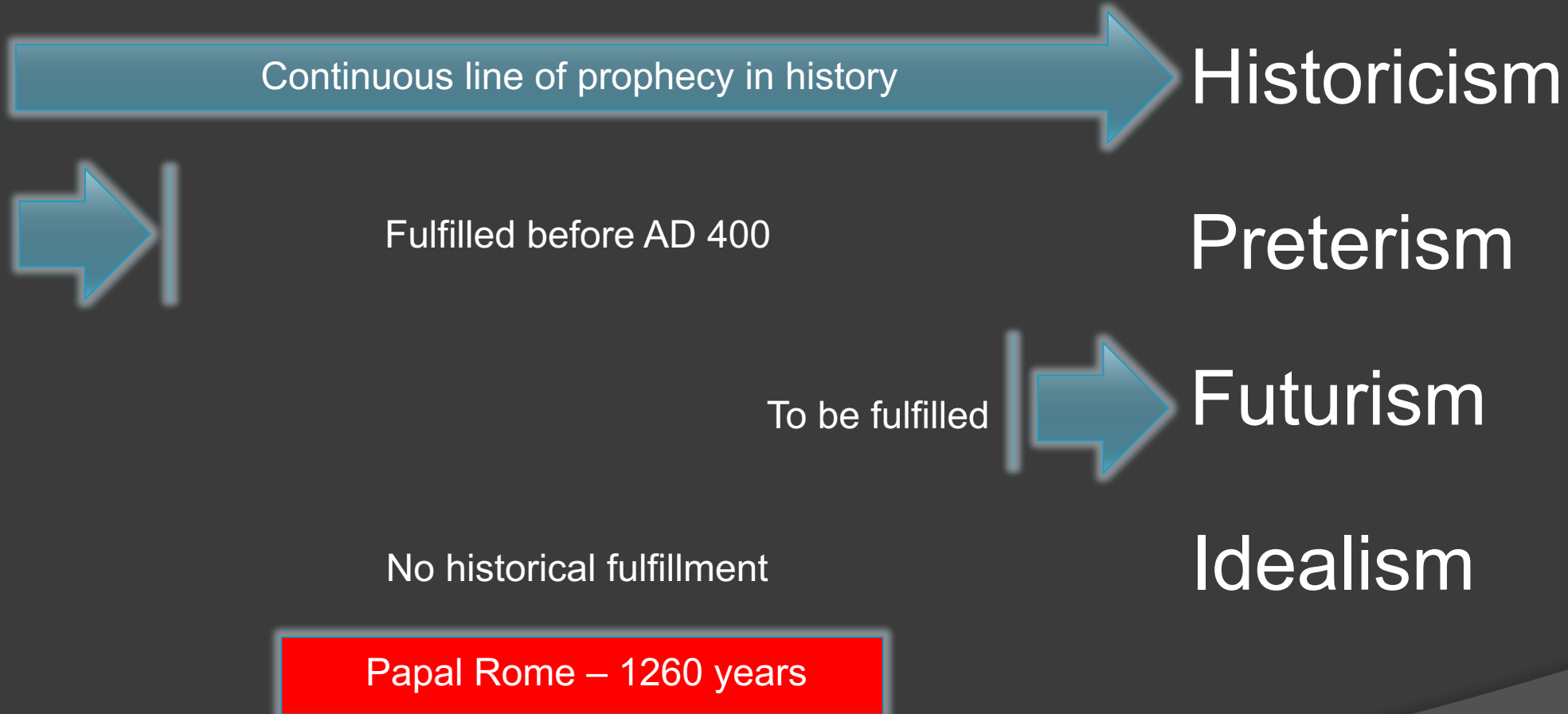
- Futurism “argues that Revelation looks beyond the first century to the period immediately before the end times. Thus the book was not written for those who received it, but for those living much later. Jesuit scholars after the Reformation refined this approach to prove that current attempts to identify the Pope as the Antichrist could not possibly be true since the Antichrist will not be revealed until far into the future, just before the Parousia (Christ’s Second Coming).”

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- ⦿ Luis de Alcazar (1614), a Jesuit scholar from Spain
 - Preterism



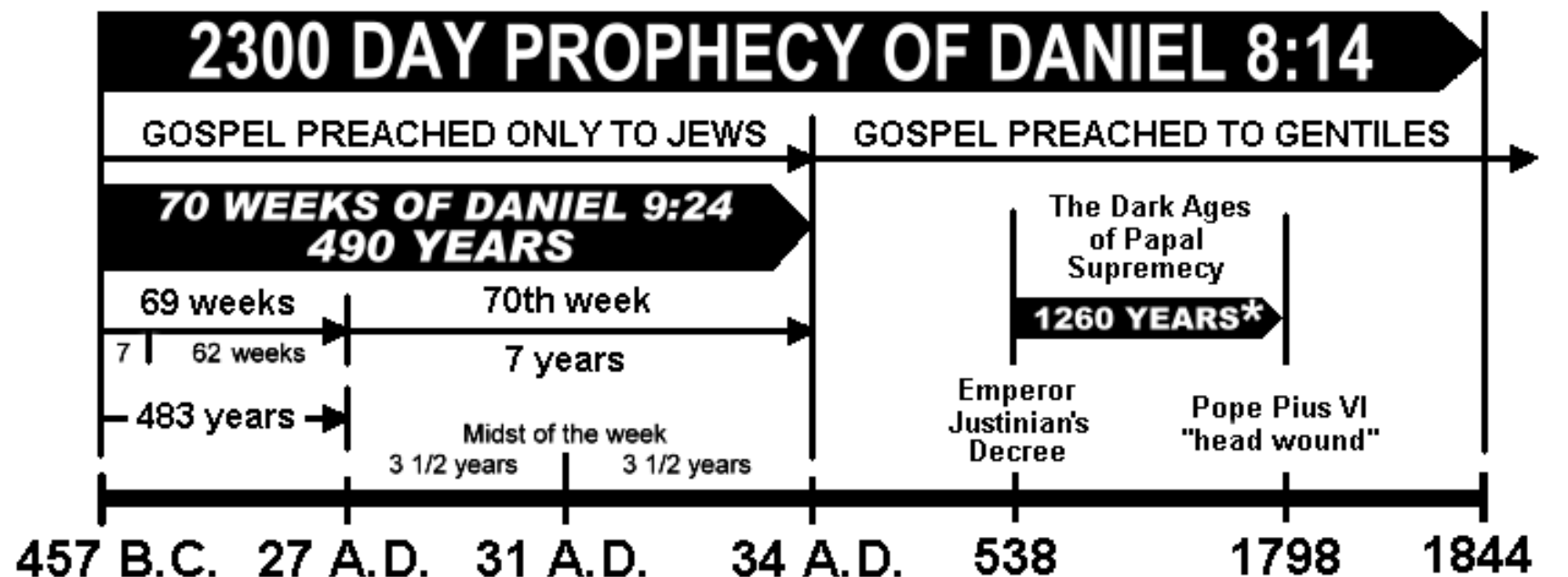
Four Views of Prophecy



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DANIEL'S LONGEST MOST AMAZING PROPHECY



Decree to rebuild Jerusalem
Ezra 7:1-27

Baptism of Jesus
Dan 9:25

Crucifixion of Jesus
Dan 9:26, 27

Stephen stoned
Acts 7:59

1260 days*
42 months
3-1/2 times

538 A.D. | 1798 A.D.

Start of Judgment
Dan 8:14

HISTORICIST PROPHEPIC DATES

*REV 11:2-3, 12:6, 12:14, 13:5
DAN 7:25, 12:7

1290 days - Dan 12:11

508 A.D. | 1798 A.D.

1335 days of Daniel 12:12

508 A.D. | 1843 A.D.

Clovis defeats the Visigoths | Millerites waiting for 2nd coming

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 - *Year-day principle removed – was fulfilled in the days of the Greek-Hellenistic period by Antiochus IV Epiphanes*
 - *Daniel was not foretelling a future event, he was simply forth-telling something that had already taken place – Preterism*

Time Prophecies Removed

- ⦿ Ecclecticism – Not only Historicism, but Preterism and Futurism should be employed
- ⦿ Five Time prophecies of Revelation
 - 10 days/years, AD 303-313, Smyrna – Diocletian
 - 3 ½ days/years – Two witnesses French Revolution
 - 150 years of the Fifth trumpet
 - 391 years 15 days Sixth trumpet – Aug 11, 1840
 - 1260 days/years – only time prophecy retained

Literal Application Spiritualized

666 – *vicarius Filii Dei* – papacy

- Imperfection and rebellion against God
- Edwin de Kock, *The Truth About 666*, 835 pp.

Literal Application Spiritualized

⦿ Lake of Fire

- *not literal “a metaphor for complete annihilation”*

⦿ Two Witnesses

- *not the OT and NT, but the people of God*

⦿ Seven Last Plagues

- *not literal but describe spiritual realities*

TIME

THE NEW ROMAN EMPIRE

THE GLOBAL REACH
OF POPE FRANCIS

By Elizabeth Dias

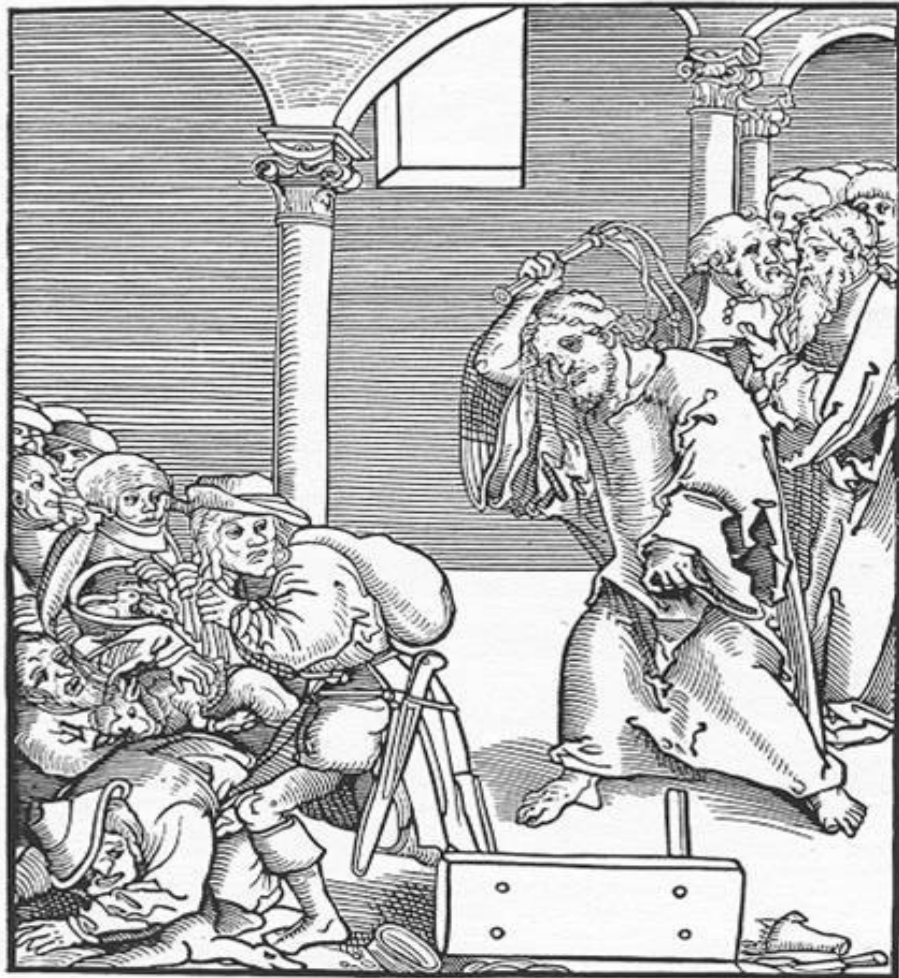




THE NEW PLAN OF ROME

Passional Christi und

Die Wucherer Christus ustreibt vom Tempel sein —



Er hat funden im Tempel Verkäufer, Schaf, Ochsen und Tauben und Wechsler sitzen, und hat gleich ein Geißel gemacht von Stricken, alle Schaf, Ochsen, Tauben und Wechsler aus dem Tempel trieben, das Geld verschütt, die Zahlbrett umbfahret und zu den, die Tauben vorfausten, gesprochen: Lebte euch hin mit diesen, aus meins Vatern Haus sollt ihr nicht ein Kaufhaus machen, Joh. 2. (V. 14. 15. 16.) Ihr habets umbsunst, darumb gebts umbsunst, Matth. 10. (V. 8.) dein Geld sei mit dir in Verdammnuß. Act. 8. (V. 20.)

Antichristi.

Mit Bullen, Bannbrieffen zwingt sy der Papst wied — hinein.



Sie sitzt der Antichrist im Tempel Gottes, und erzeiget sich als Gott, wie Paulus verkündet 2. Thessal. 2. (V. 4), vorandert alle göttlich Ordnung, wie Daniel sagt, und unterdrückt die heilig Schrift, verkauft Dispensation, Ablass, Pallia, Bisthum, Lehen, erhebt die Schatz der Erden, löst uf die Ehe, beschwert die Gewissen mit seinen Gesetzen, macht Recht, und umb Geld zureißt er das. Erhebt Heiligen, benedeiet und maledieit ins vierte Geschlecht, und gebeut sein Stimm zu horen, gleich wie Gottes Stimm. c. sic omnis Dist. 19. und Niemand's fall ihm einreden. 17. q. 4. c. Nemini.

Seventh-day Adventist Church

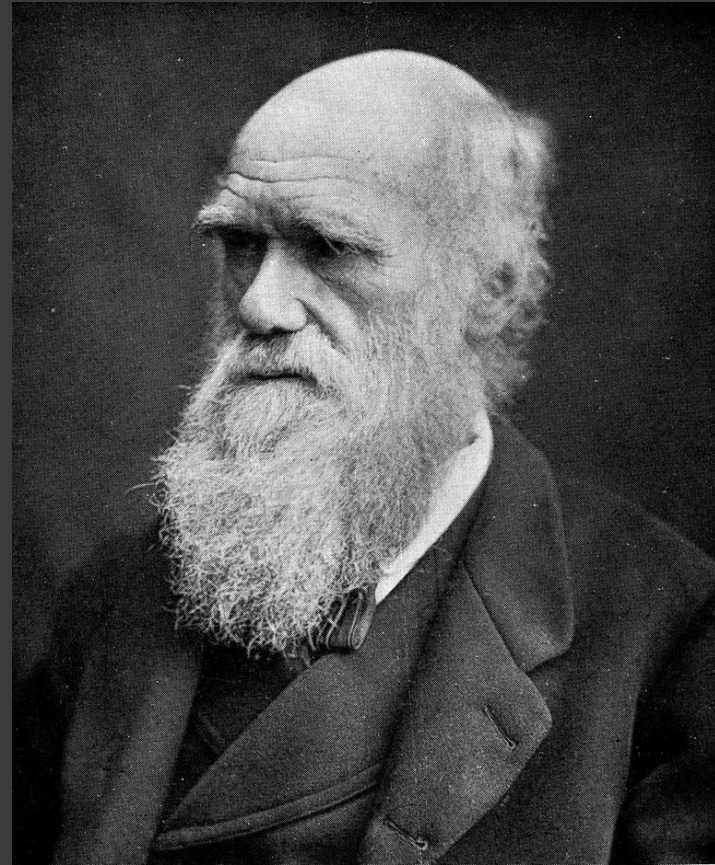
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Great Controversy, p. 588

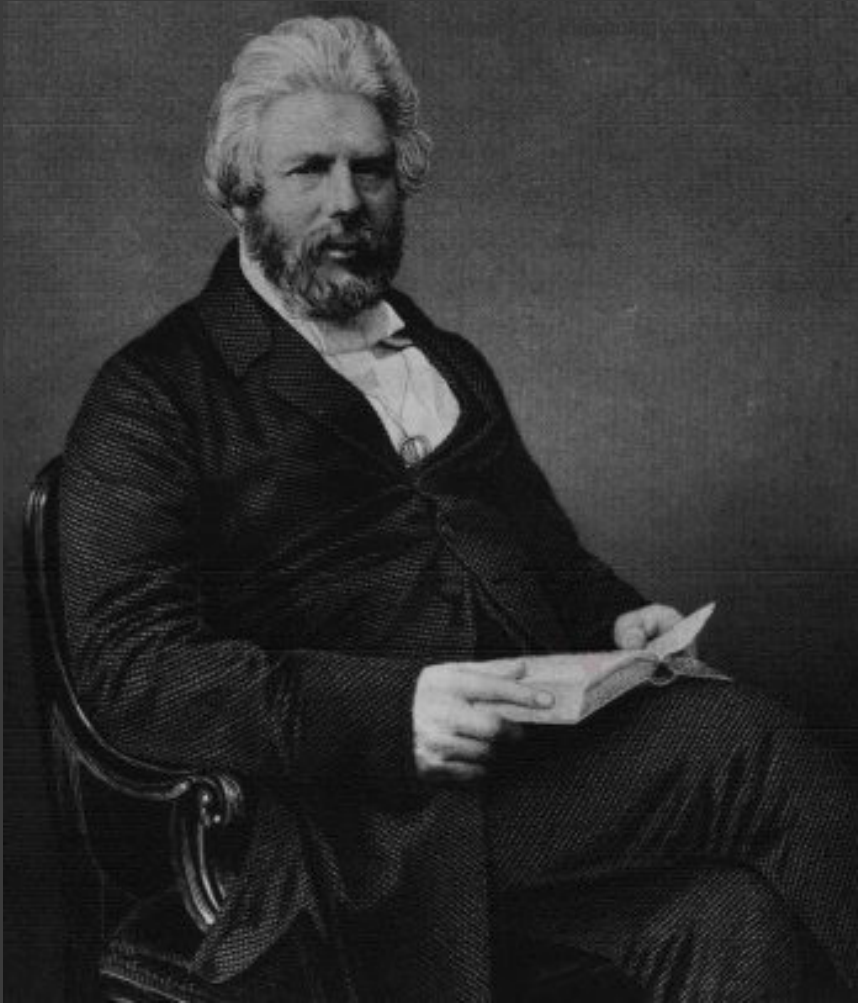
- ⦿ Through the two great errors, the immortality of the soul and Sunday sacredness, Satan will bring the people under his deceptions. While the former lays the foundation of spiritualism, the latter creates a bond of sympathy with Rome. The Protestants of the United States will be foremost in stretching their hands across the gulf to grasp the hand of spiritualism; they will reach over the abyss to clasp hands with the Roman power; and under the influence of this threefold union, this country will follow in the steps of Rome in trampling on the rights of conscience.

Charles Darwin - 1844

- ◉ *Origin of the Species*
 - completed in 1844, published 1859



Robert Chambers (1802-1871)



- ◎ *Natural History of Creation*
 - Published anonymously 1844

John Paul II and Evolution, Oct. 22, 1996

- “Today, almost half a century after the publication of the encyclical, new knowledge has led to the recognition of the theory of evolution as more than a hypothesis. It is indeed remarkable that this theory has been progressively accepted by researchers, following a series of discoveries in various fields of knowledge. The convergence, neither sought nor fabricated, of the results of work that was conducted independently is in itself a significant argument in favor of this theory.

Pope Francis and Evolution, Oct. 27, 2014

- “Benedict XVI invited, for the first time, a president of this Academy to take part in the Synod on the New Evangelization, conscious of the importance of science in modern culture. . . . When we read in Genesis the account of Creation, we risk imagining that God was a magician, with such a magic wand as to be able to do everything. However, it was not like that. He created beings and left them to develop according to the internal laws that He gave each one, so that they would develop, and reach their fullness. He gave autonomy to the beings of the universe at the same time that He assured them of his continual presence, giving being to every reality. And thus creation went forward for centuries and centuries, millennia and millennia until it became what we know today

Message to Laodicea – Rev. 3:14

- ⦿ “These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God. . . .”
- ⦿ Jesus is called “the Faithful and True Witness.”
- ⦿ Jesus *is* “the Beginning of the Creation of God”

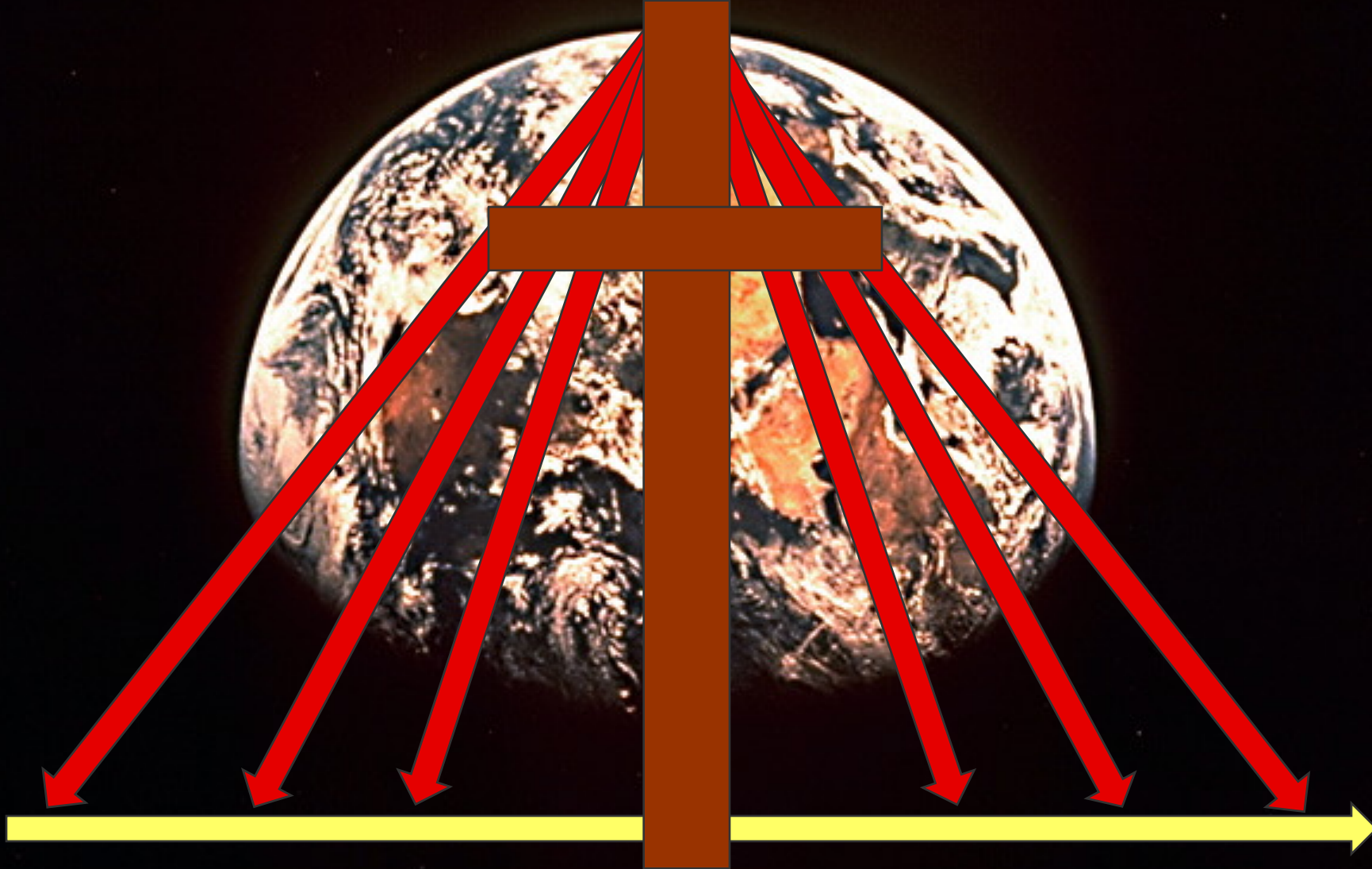
Three Angels Message – Rev. 14:7

- “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”
- Quotation from the Fourth Commandment

The Remnant– Rev. 14:12

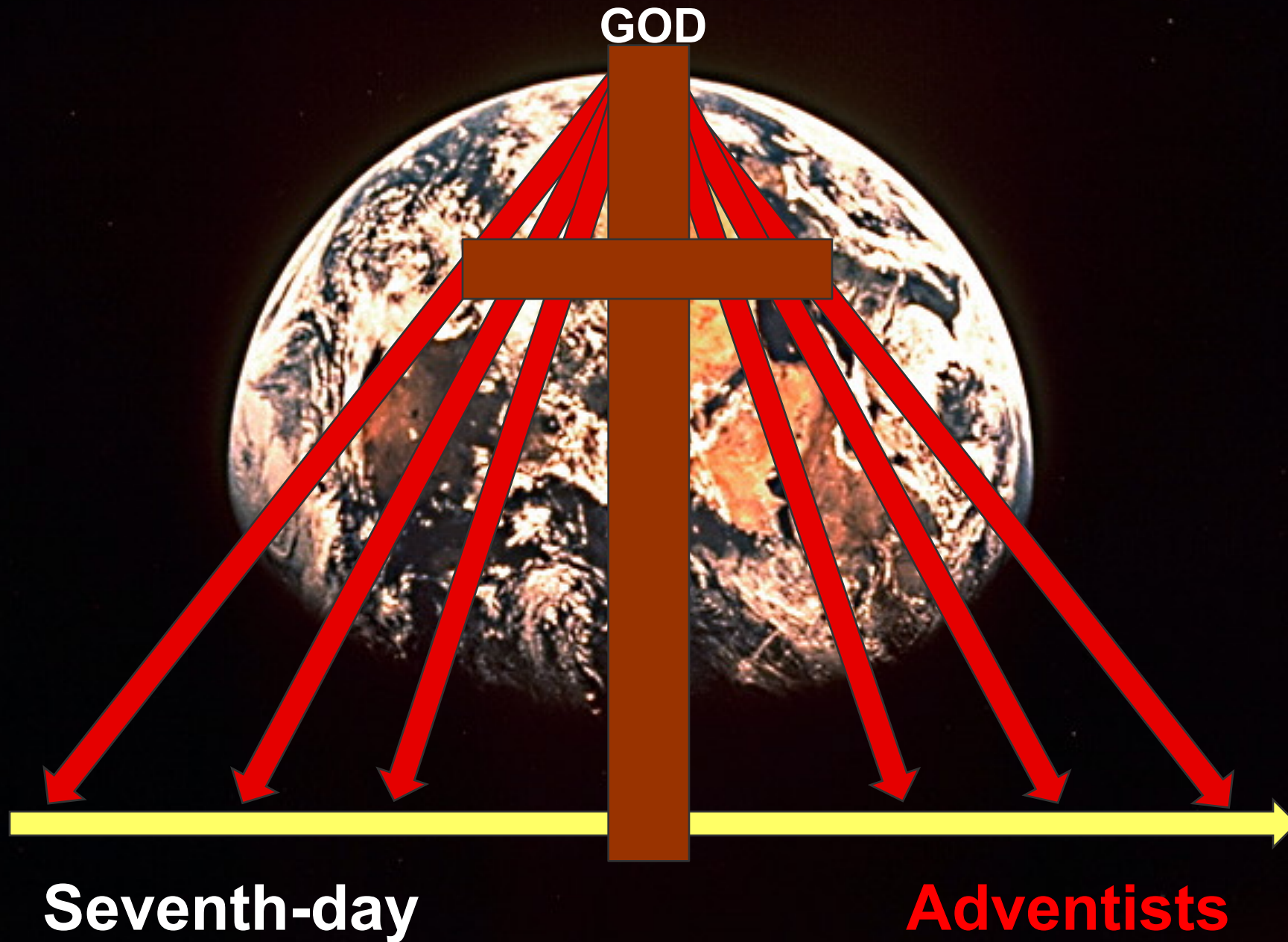
- ⦿ “Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.”
- ⦿ Fourth commandment
- ⦿ Faith of Jesus: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

GOD



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Acts of the Apostles, p. 593

- “By the co-operation of the divine Spirit, the apostles did a work that shook the world. To every nation was the gospel carried in a single generation.”

How then Shall We Live?











Selected Messages, Vol. 1, p. 121

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