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WHY ARE THESE SEVEN CHURCHES MENTIONED IN REVELATION?

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Thyatira
- Pergamum
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea





WHY ARE THESE PROMENANT CHURCHES NOT MENTIONED?

- Corinth
- Thessalonica
- Philippi
- Galatia
- Colosse
- Antioch
- Lystra





Revelation 1:1–3(ESV)

Prologue

1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.





We have focused heavily on the current themes and application of what the letters to the Seven Churches teach us. It's appropriate. However, because these letters are housed in the Book of Revelation, we must know that there is higher prophetic significance in the messages of the letters and the Churches they were addressed to.





1. THERE IS NOTHING RANDOM WITH OR ABOUT GOD

Revelation 13:7–9

And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear:



2 Peter 3:1–10

The Day of the Lord Will Come

3 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.





4 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.





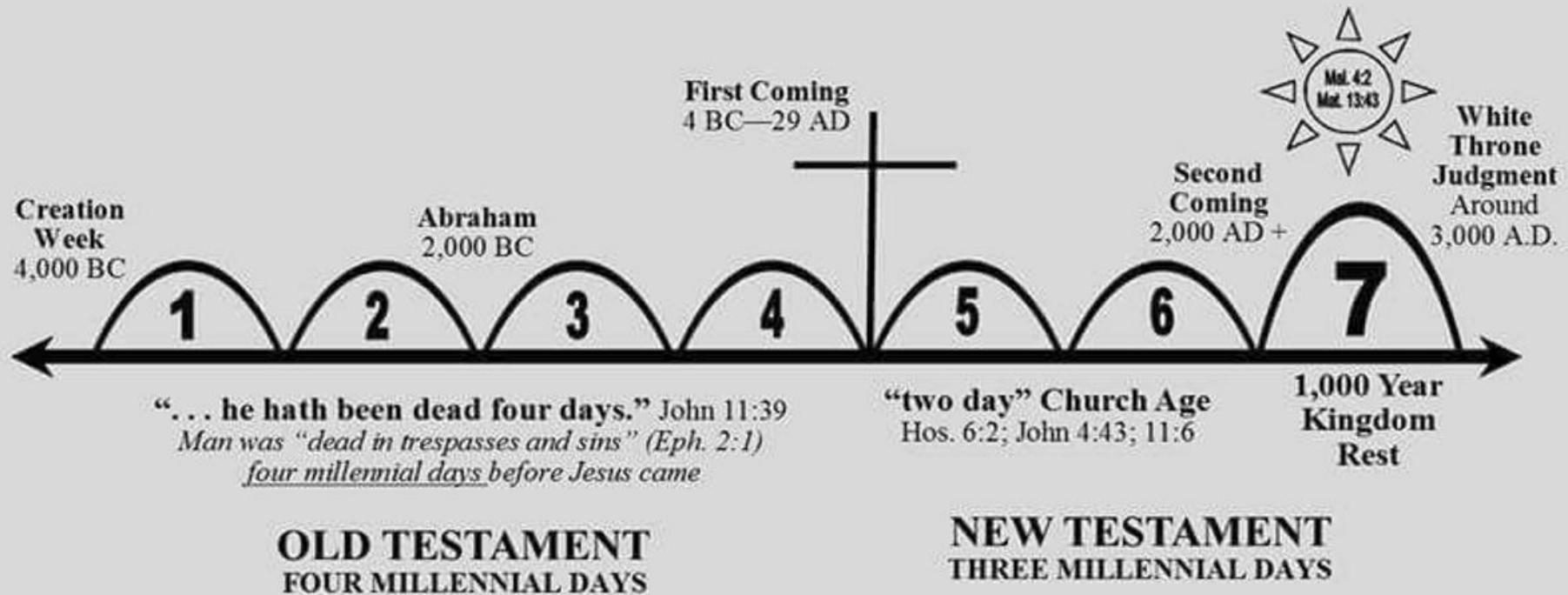
8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.





God's 7,000 Year Plan

“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” II Peter 3:8

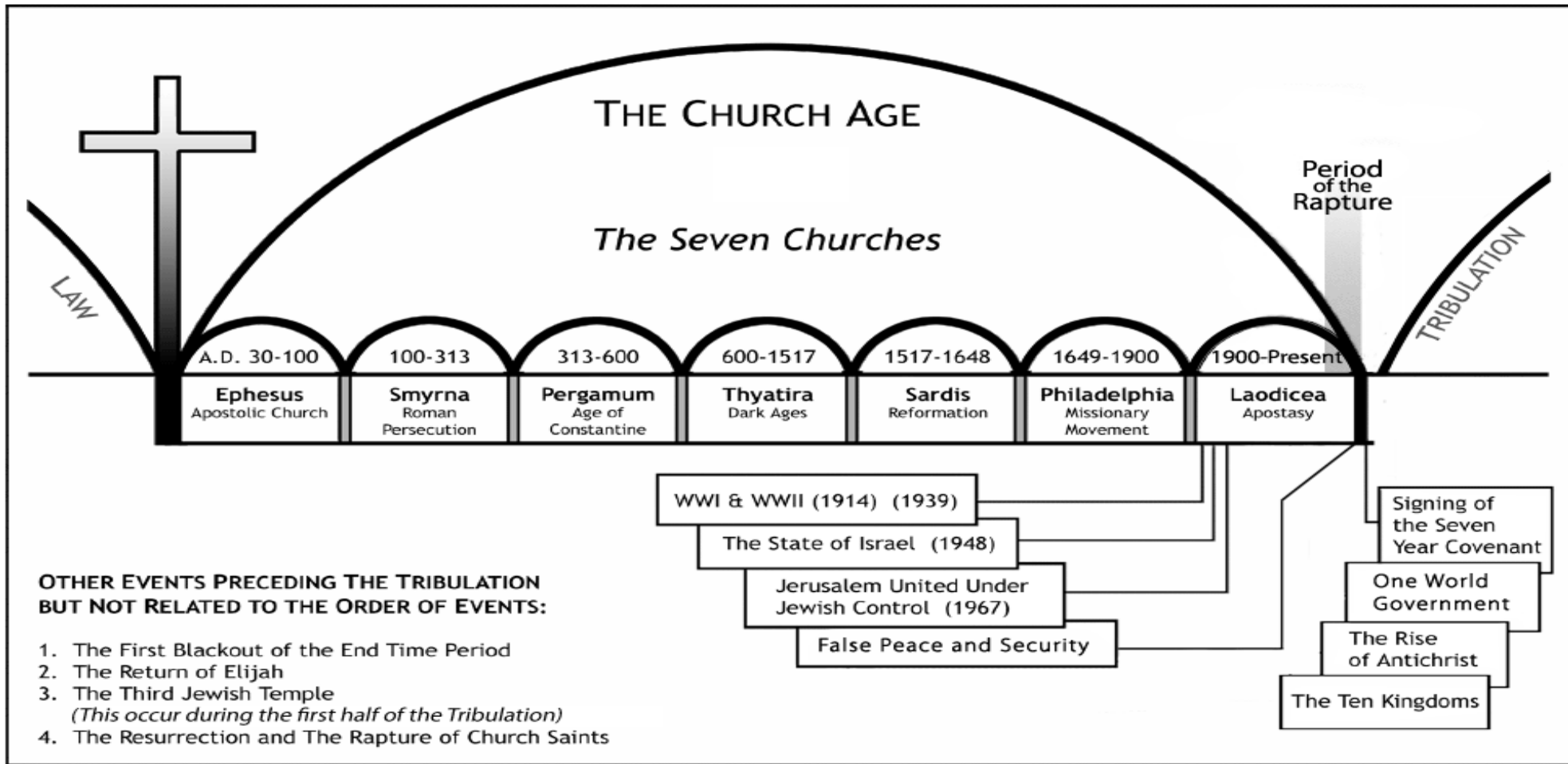




2. WHICH MEANS, THE MESSAGES OF THE LETTERS AND THE CHURCHES THEY WERE WRITTEN TO, WERE NOT JUST A RANDOM OCCURRENCES EITHER

The content in these letters, to these seven specific churches, carried a significant representation of the “things that must take place” in the seven different predetermined time periods covering the entire 2000-year church age.





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3. GOD'S NEXT INTERACTION WITH MAN WILL NOT BE RANDOM EITHER.

Amos 3:7 ESV

7 “For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secrets to his servants the prophets.





Genesis 1:14

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

Seasons - מועֵד 4150 - mo'ed, AV translates as “congregation” 150 times, “feast” 23 times, “season” 13 times, “appointed” 12 times, “time” 12 times. The greatest general meaning is “an appointed time” a time when God intersects with man.





1 Thessalonians 5:1–5

The Day of the Lord

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, (67.1 καιρόσα - points of time consisting of occasions for particular events) brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 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. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day.





Matthew 24 32-36 - The Lesson of the Fig Tree

32 “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. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 36 “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.





4. GOD'S MAJOR PROPHETIC EVENTS AND THE JEWISH FEAST DAYS

Fulfilled to the day.

- Passover – Jesus was crucified at the very hour of Passover
- Unleavened Bread – Messiah's sinless life was the acceptable sacrifice
- First Fruits – Jesus was resurrected from the dead
- Shavuot – Pentecost – The harvest of many souls, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the beginning of the Church and the Church age.

Yet to be fulfilled

- Rosh HaShana – Feasts of Trumpets – The rapture of the Church
- Yom Kippur – The day of atonement - the 7 year tribulation begins
- Tabernacles – Jesus (rests) tabernacles with man for 1000 yrs.



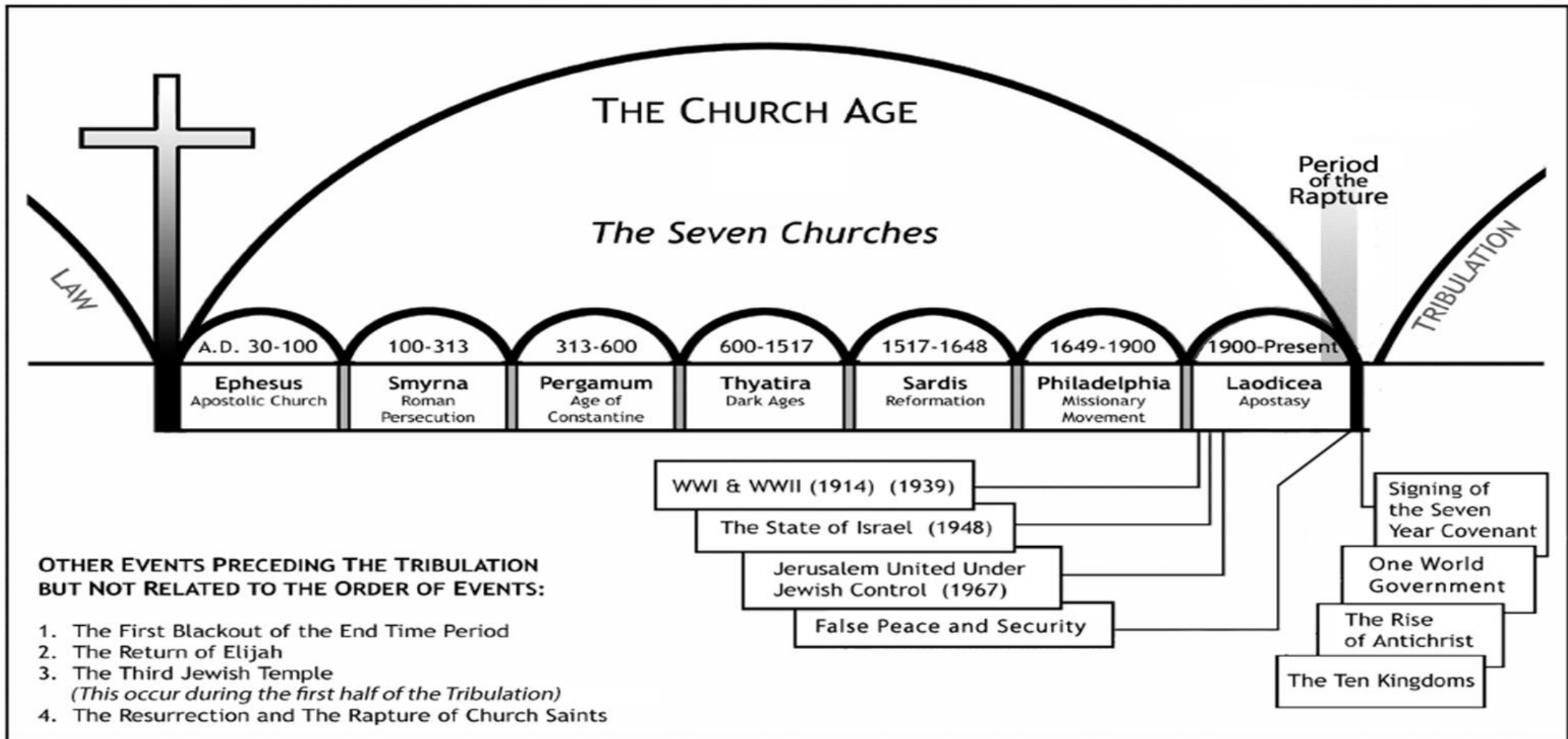


Let's put it this way...there will be a lot of people who are watching and studying that won't be that surprised when the Church is pulled out of here before the tribulation starts. It will be more of a satisfying fulfillment for them rather than a complete surprise.





5. SO WHERE ARE WE NOW?





EZEKIEL 38 – 39 - GOG – MAGOG WAR WITH ISRAEL

Ezekiel 38 – 39 Prophecy Against Gog

38-1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 “Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him 3 and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 4 And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. 5 Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.





10 “Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme 11 and say, ‘I will go up against the land of unwallled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,’ 12 to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth. 13 Sheba and Dedan and the merchants of Tarshish and all its leaders will say to you, ‘Have you come to seize spoil?’

18 But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger.



21 I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. 23 So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

Ezekeil 39 - 8 Behold, it is coming, and it will be brought about, declares the Lord GOD. That is the day of which I have spoken.

9 "Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and make fires of the weapons and burn them, shields and bucklers, bow and arrows, clubs and spears; and they will make fires of them for seven years,





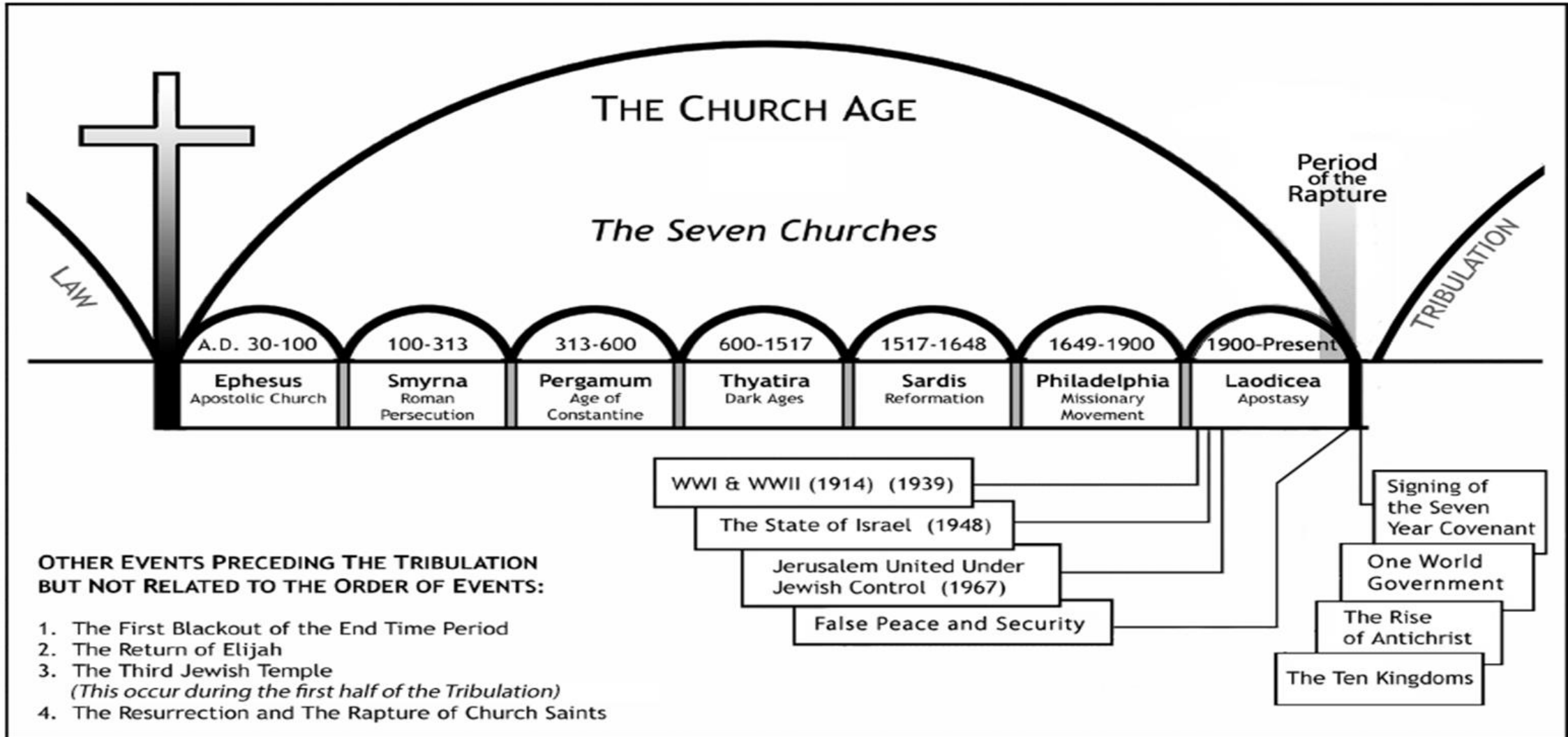
ARE YOU WATCHING THE NEWS?

ALIGNMENT OF ANTI-ISRAELI NATIONS





5. SO WHERE ARE WE NOW?





6. WHAT TO WATCH FOR AND HOW TO LIVE DURING THIS TIME

1. Keep watching Israel...and know what your Bible says about Israel
2. Things will get worse in the world and for the Church. **2 Timothy 3:1-10**
3. The Church will get stronger as things get worse. **Joel 2**
4. Spiritual warfare will intensify – corporately and personally. **2 Thes. 2:9-12**
5. The tension between Israel and Iran will intensify
6. Watch for open antagonism towards Israel nationally. **Zechariah 12:2-3**
7. Wars, earthquakes, disasters, and plagues will intensify. **Matthew 24:3-8**
8. Understand that God's ordinances are in play whether we abide by them or not.
9. Live with expectancy of Christ coming for the Church anytime. **Matthew 25;1-13**
10. Make living for Jesus your ultimate priority & refuse to live for lesser loyalties.
Lk. 9:57-62





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