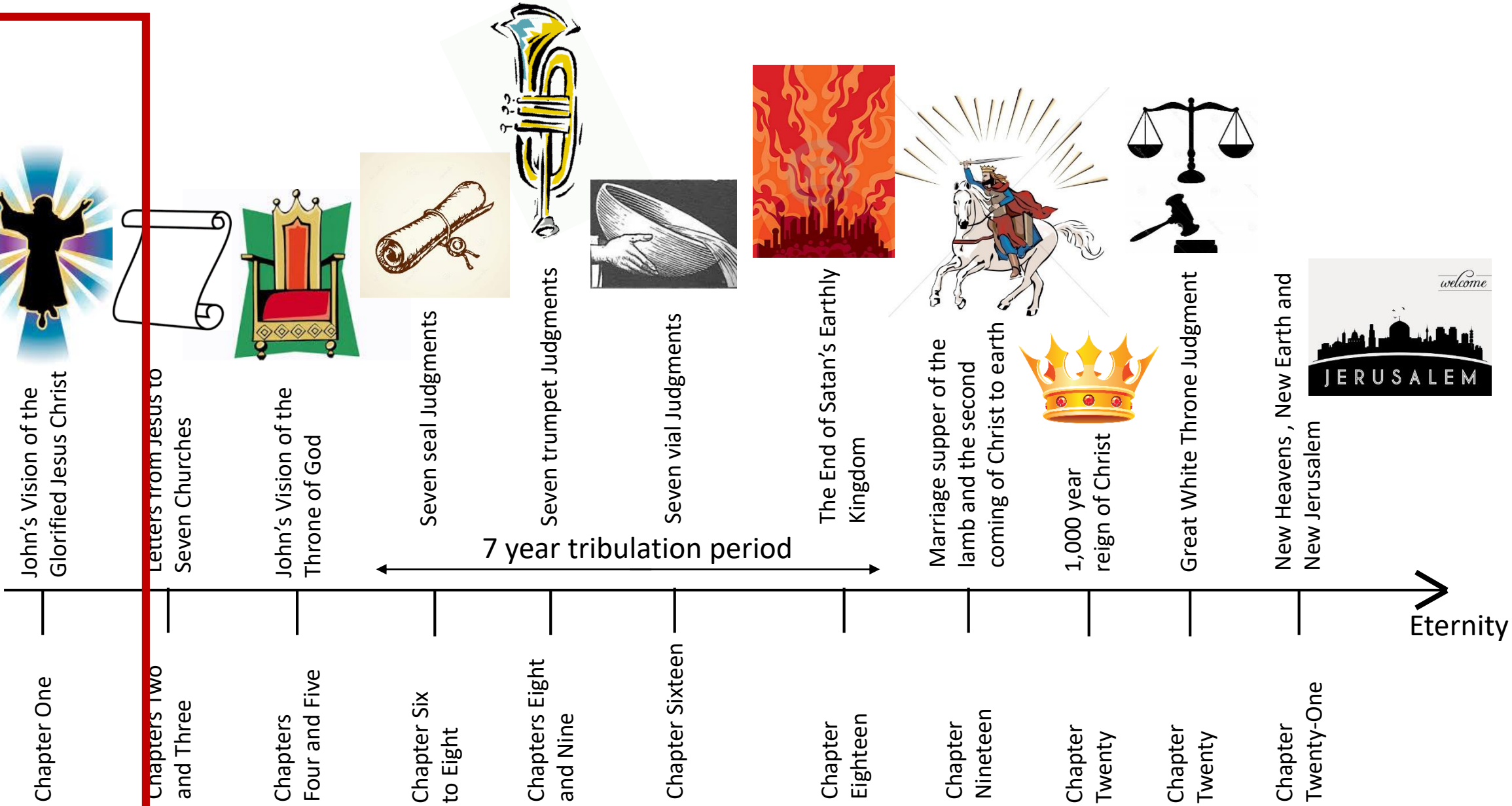


Revelation
Chapter 1
The Risen King

Chronological Timeline of Revelation



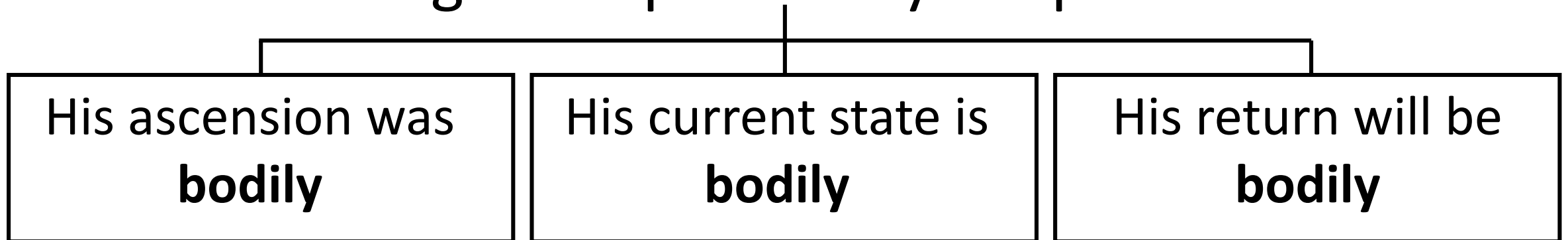
Acts 1:9-11

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Where did Jesus go?

Jhn 16:10 I go to my Father, and ye see me no more.

Did Jesus go to a place only of spiritual bliss?



What is Jesus doing in heaven right now?

- ONE He is interceding for us (*Rom 8:34*)
- TWO He is preparing a place for us (*Jhn 14:3*)
- THREE He is securing God's mercy for us (*1Jo 2:1*)
- FOUR He is dwelling among His churches and holding their pastors in His right hand (*Rev 1:20*)

...which must come to pass shortly

2Pe 3:4 *Where is the promise of his coming?*

2Pe 3:8 *...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

The tense of verse one in Greek is that the events will occur rapidly one after another, rather than that the events will occur soon after John's vision

...blessed is he that readeth...hear...keep

The parable of the ten virgins in Mat 25:1-13

"...Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

The 7 Beatitudes of Revelation

- 1** *Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein*
- 2** *Rev 14:13 Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord*
- 3** *Rev 16:15 Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments*
- 4** *Rev 19:9 Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb*
- 5** *Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection*
- 6** *Rev 22:7 Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book*
- 7** *Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city*

Verses 4-6

The book was written to seven historical and geographical churches. They represented churches in the known world at that time

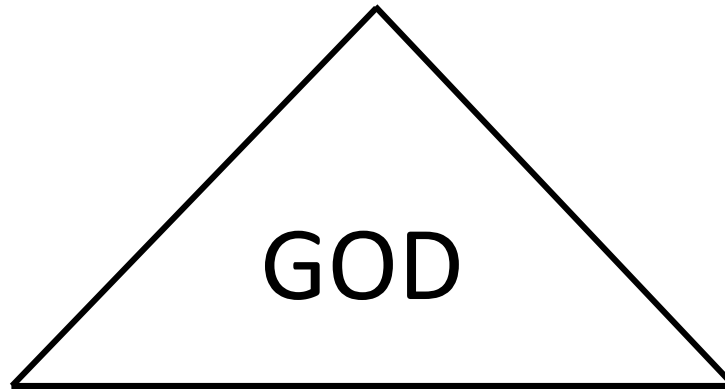


Verses 4-6

The Holy Trinity depicted

The Father

“him which is, and which was, and which is to come”
unchangeable nature



The Son

“faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth”

The Holy Spirit

“the seven Spirits which are before his throne”

Isaiah 11:2-3 indicates the seven-fold nature of the Holy Spirit

Verses 4-6

The preeminence of Christ set forth

⇒ A major theme of Revelation

“He is the prince of the kings of the earth; from him they have their authority; by him their power is limited and their wrath restrained; by him their counsels are overruled, and to him they are accountable”

Verses 7-8

⇒ Not a reference to the Rapture

⇒ A reference to His second coming

⇒ The whole world will see Him

⇒ The Jews will finally recognise Him as
Messiah

Verses 9-11a

Gospels ⇒ Emphasis on Jesus' humanity
(birth, death, resurrection)

Revelation ⇒ Emphasis on Jesus' eternality

Verses 11b-20

John's vision of Jesus is as He now is

- His purity

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow

- His piercing judgment of sin

His eyes were as a flame of fire

- His sovereign possession of the churches

in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man

- The authority of His word

out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword

- His fearsome nature

I fell at his feet as dead

- His headship of the churches

he had in his right hand seven stars