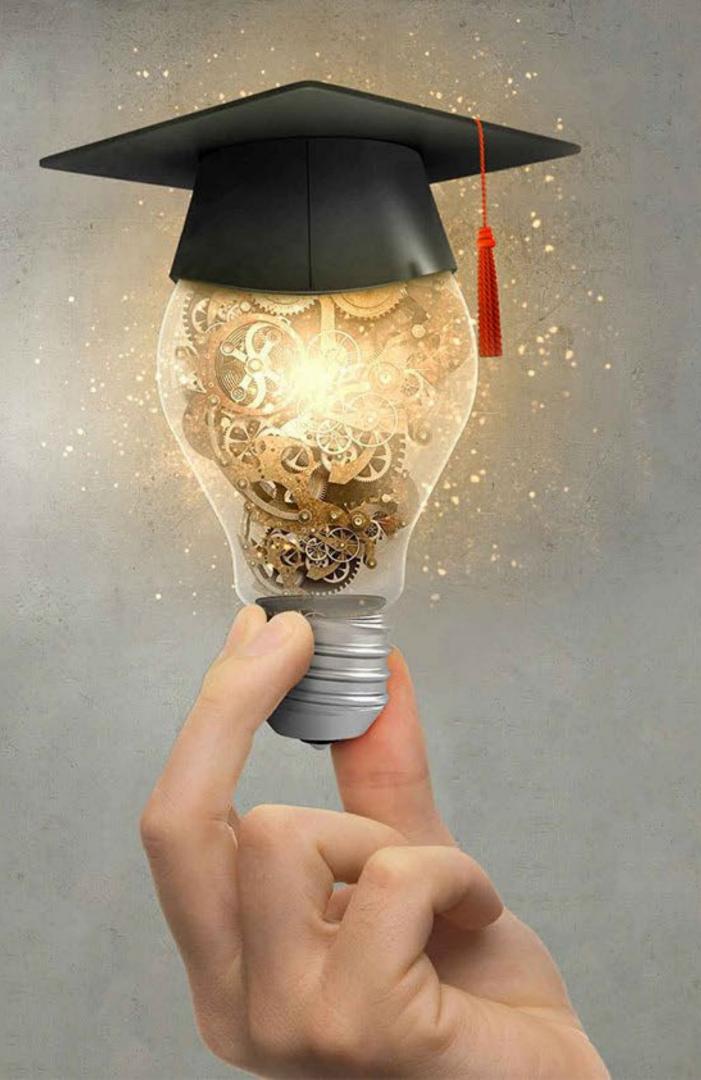
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### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [ktisis - creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new [having become new are all things].

# Ephesians 3:1-6

1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If [first class - since] you have heard of the dispensation [oikonomia house rules, dispensation, stewardship] of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when you read, you may understand my knowledge [sunesis - putting things together, understanding] in the mystery of [the] Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; 6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

# Ephesians 2:15

Having abolished [katargeo - rendered inoperative] in [en - by] his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances [dogmas - requirements]; for to make [ktizo - create] in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

## Ezekiel 28:15-18

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you. 16 By the multitude of your merchandise [trade (peddled); traffic] they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness [splendor]: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you. 18 You have defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your traffick [trade (peddled); traffic]; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of you, it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you.

#### **Genesis 10:8-11**

**8** And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. **10** And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. **11** Out of that land went forth Asshur, and built Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

#### **Matthew 10:5-8**

**5** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter you not: **6** But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.

# Ephesians 2:11

Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

# Ephesians 4:17-18

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

#### **Romans 1:26**

For this cause God gave them up [paredoken -- to give something to someone for usage; to give surrender one over to their enemies or tormentors] unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

### Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

# Deuteronomy 7:6

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

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For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness [porosis - stony concretion, to petrify, to become callous, unimpressible] in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

#### Daniel 2:37-40

37 You, O king, are a king of kings: for the God of [from] heaven [heavens (plural)] has given you a [the] kingdom, [the] power, and [the] strength, and [the] glory. 38 And wheresoever the children [sons] of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven [heavens (plural)] has he given into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold. 39 And after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and subdues all things: and as iron that breaks all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise [crush, shatter].



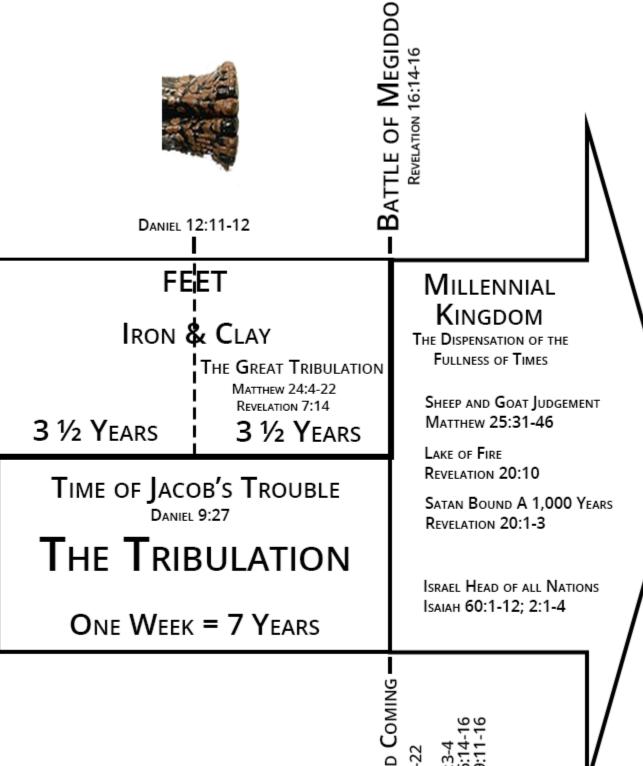
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#### Daniel 2:44-45

44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven [heavens (plural)] set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever [olam - into an age, into perpetuity]. 45 Forasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure [aman - steadfast; unmoveable; can be counted upon no matter the circumstances].

# Daniel 9:24-27

24 Seventy weeks are determined upon your people and upon your holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. 25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. 26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate [desolator]."

### Daniel 4:17

This matter is by the decree [gezerah - decree; determination made by the watchers] of the watchers, and the demand [shehaylaw - judicial decision or mandate] by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom [malkuth kingdom but is also translated "realm" denoting the sphere in which men operate] of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will [tseba - to desire, be inclined, pleased], and sets up [causes to stand] over it the basest [shephal - the lowest] of men.



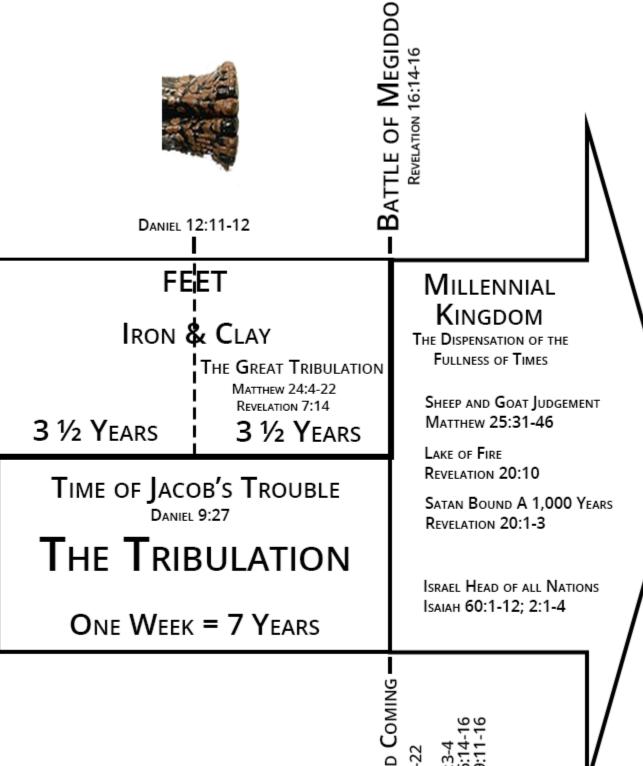
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### Matthew 13:21

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation [thlipsis - many sided pressures due to life circumstances] or persecution [diogmos - to pursue in a hostile manner so that one will flee] arises because of the word, by and by [euthos - immediately] he is offended [skandalizo - stumbled or tripped up].

# Matthew 13:10-14

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why do you speak unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries [plural] of the kingdom of heavens, but to them it is not given. 12 For whoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever has not, from him shall it be taken away even what he has. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which says, By hearing you shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see, and shall not perceive:

### Matthew 13:34-35

**34** All these things spoke Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spoke he not unto them: **35** That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

#### Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be turned around, and I should heal them.

# Isaiah 6:9-13

9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 "Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed." 11 Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He answered: "Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, the houses are without a man, the land is utterly desolate, 12 The LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 But yet a tenth will be in it, and will return and be for consuming, as a terebinth tree or as an oak, whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."

## Mark 4:9-12

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. 11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery [singular] of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are outside, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be turned around, and their sins should be forgiven them.

# Matthew 13:16-17

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them.

### Matthew 13:24-30

24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heavens is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 And while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 And when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? from where then has it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy has done this. The servants said unto him, do you desire that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, No; lest while you gather up the tares, you root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather you together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

## Matthew 13:31-36

31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. 33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. 34 All these things spoke Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spoke he not unto them: 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. 36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

## Matthew 13:37-43

37 He answered and said unto them, He that sows the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world [kosmos - world system]; the good seed are the children [huios (plural) - sons] of the kingdom; but the tares are the children [huios (plural) - sons] of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world [aion - age]; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be at the end of this world [aion - age]. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity [anomia - lawlessness]; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who has ears to hear, let him hear.

# Ephesians 2:2

Wherein in times past you walked according to [measured by] the course [aion - the age] of [belonging to] this world [kosmos - world system], according to [measured by] the prince [archon - ruler] of the power [exousia - authority] of the air [aer - atmosphere], the spirit that now works [energeo - to operate in (energizing)] in the children [huios - sons] of disobedience [apeitheia - unpersuadable]:

# Matthew 13:44-52

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man has found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. 47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. 49 So shall it be at the end of the world [aion - age]: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 51 Jesus said unto them, Have you understood [syniemi - to put together in your mind] all these things? They said unto him, Yes, Lord. 52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which brings forth out of his treasure things new and old.

#### Matthew 5:10

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

#### Matthew 6:9-10

**9** After this manner ['along these lines' not verbatim and repetitiously] therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. **10** Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

#### Matthew 11:12

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# John 19:10-12

10 Then said Pilate unto him, Speak you not unto me? know you not that I have power to crucify you, and have power to release you? 11 Jesus answered, You could have no power at all against me, except it were given you from above: therefore he that delivered me unto you has the greater sin. 12 And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If you let this man go, you are not Caesar's friend: whosoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar.