

GOD

WITH US

ADVENT 2021

WEEK #6 : AGAIN



1 Thessalonians 5

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, 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. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.



⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.



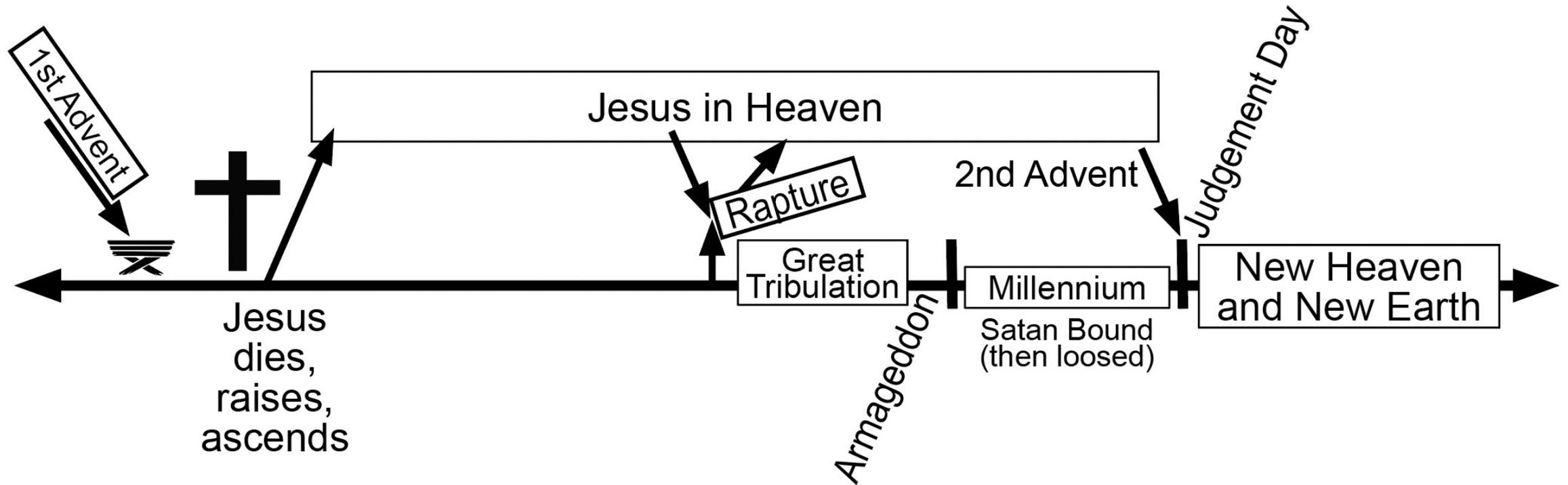
- What it is
- What it Doesn't Mean
- Why it Does Means



Two Main Views

PreMillennial View

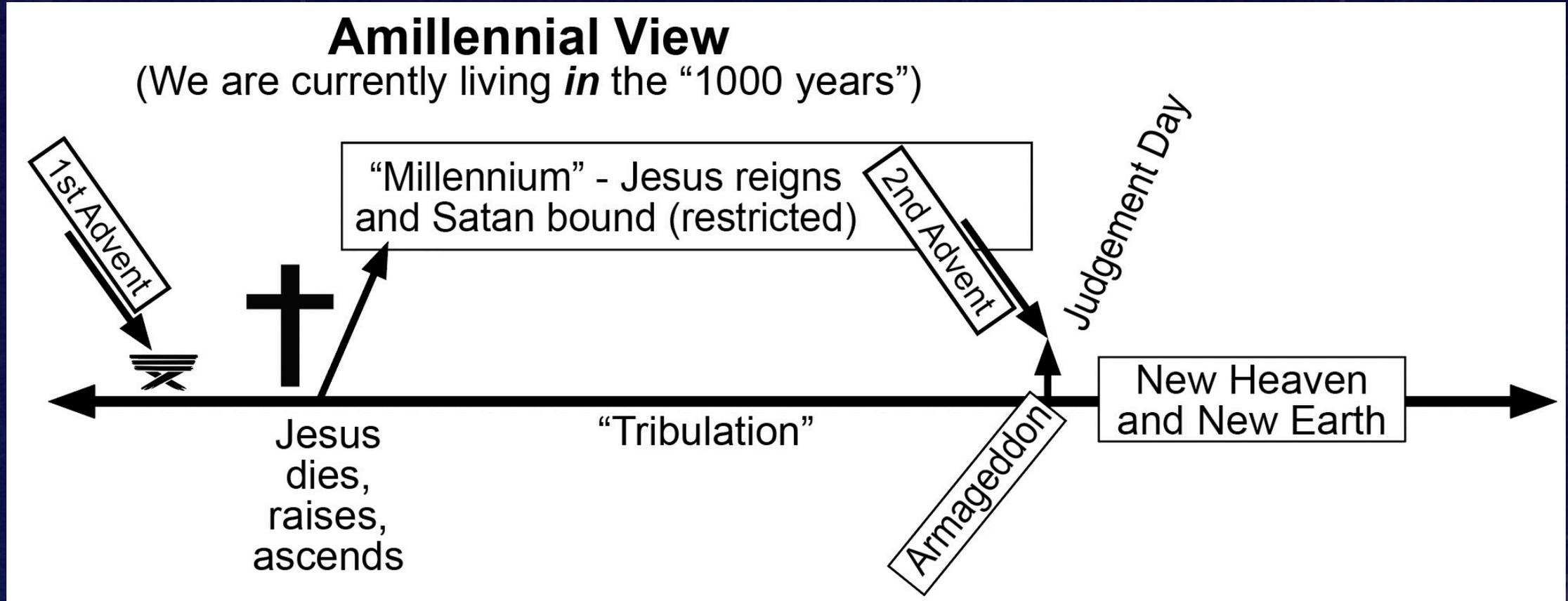
(We are currently living *before* the “1000 years”)



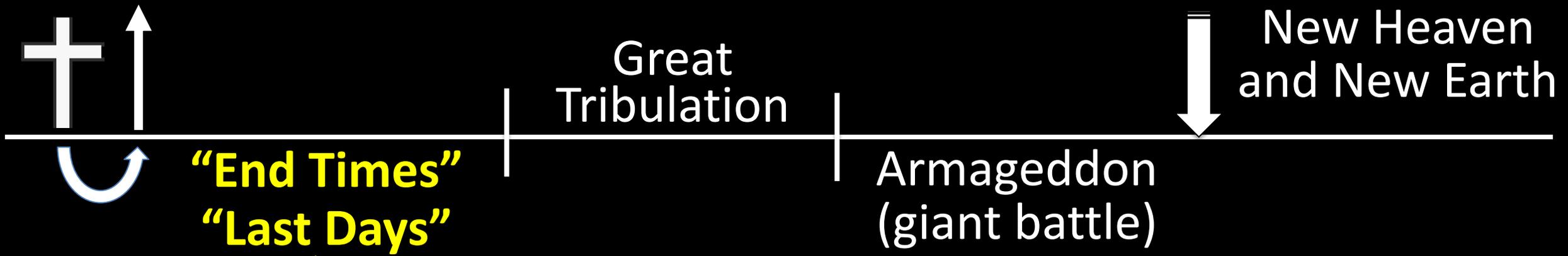
The Nation of Israel will reign again.

The book of Revelation is mostly during the Tribulation

Two Main Views



All Believers are the Israel (rather than a literal geo-political Israel)
Revelation mostly happens between the cross and the 2nd Advent



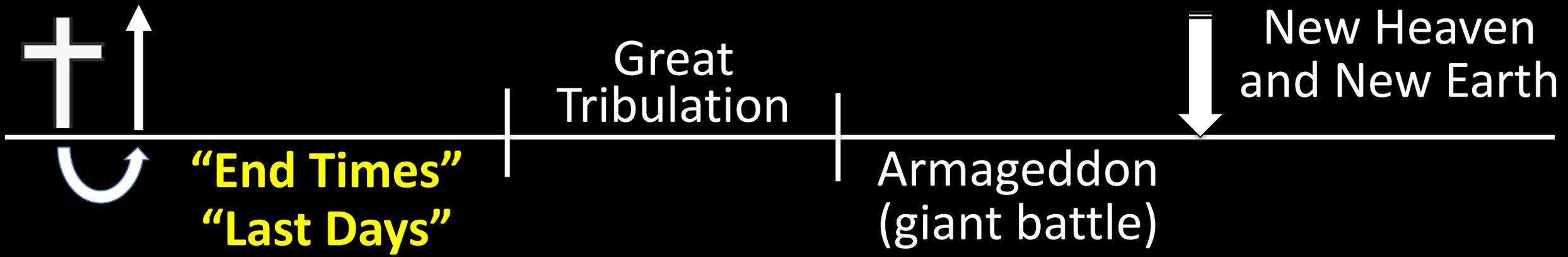
1 Peter 1:20

He was chosen before the creation of the world,
but was revealed in **these last times** for your sake.

Acts 2:17

And in **the last days** it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh



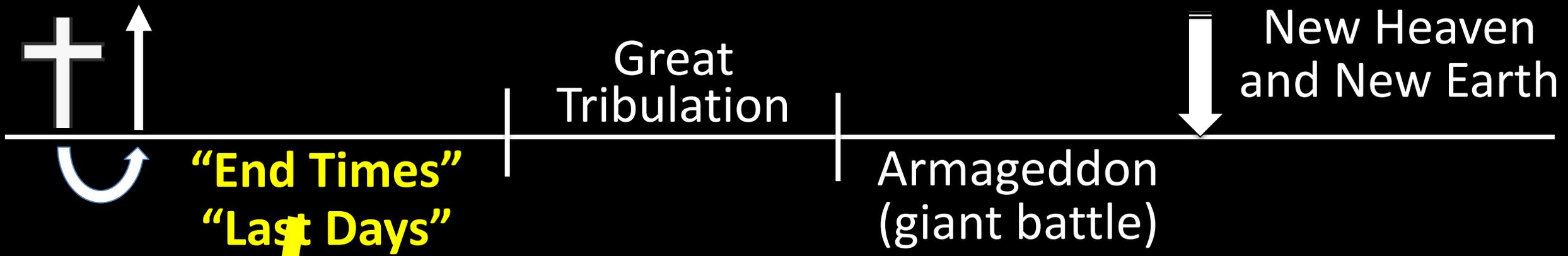


The time between
Jesus' ascension
and return

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."





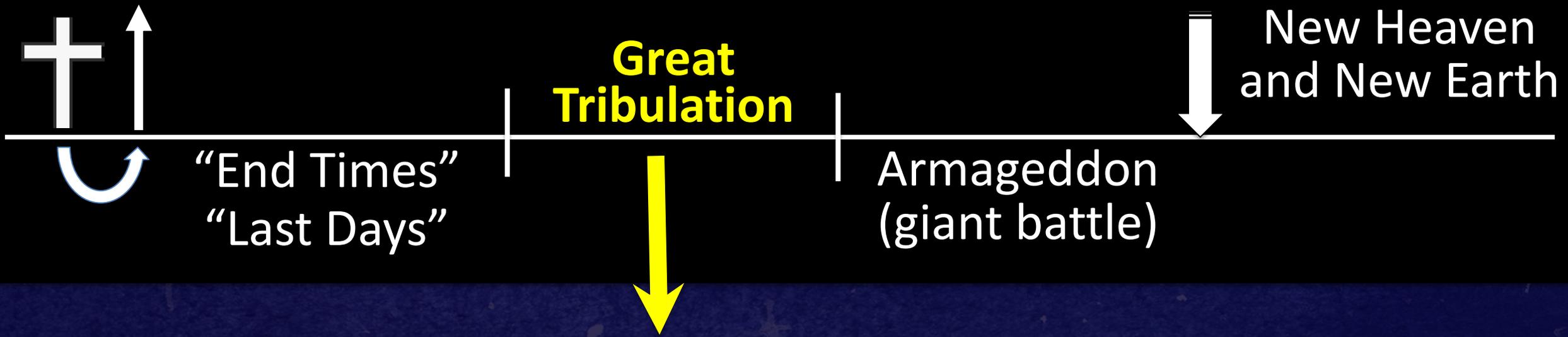
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and return

2 Peter 3:4

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."

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.





Mark 13:19

For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be.





2 Thessalonians 2

¹ Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed...For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

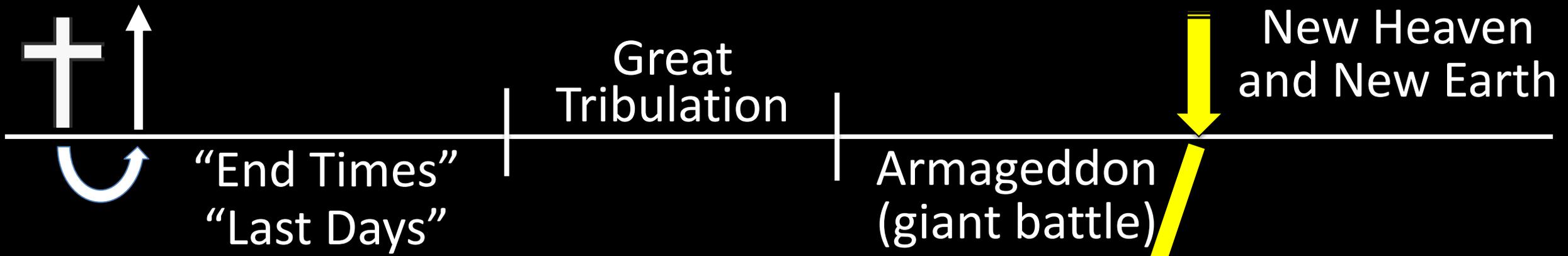




2 Thessalonians 2

²⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

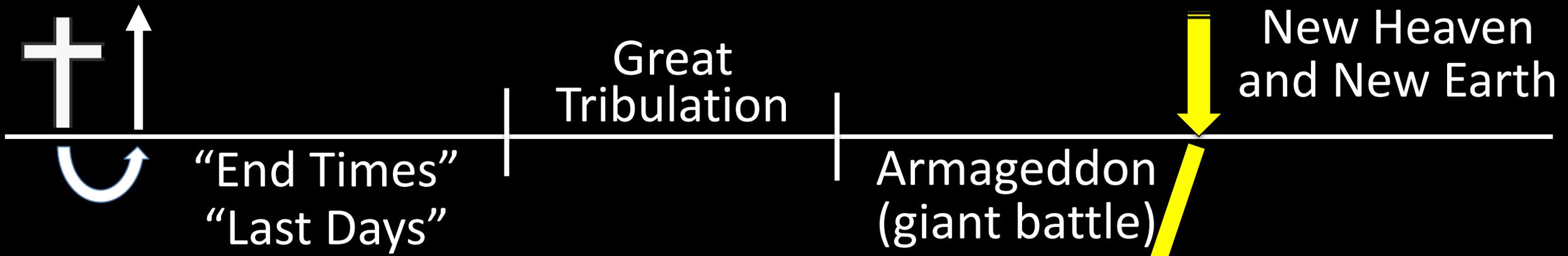




Mark 13

²⁴ "But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

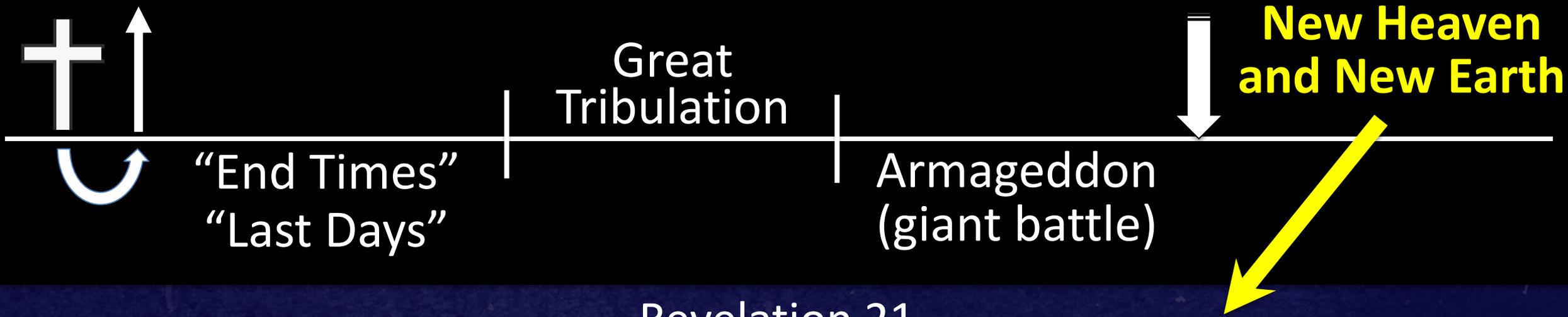




(Last Judgement)
Matthew 25

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²
Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.





Revelation 21

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ^{5a} And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."



What it *doesn't* mean?

Fear:

The Thessalonians were afraid that people that die before Jesus comes again will miss out

Details:

This has been a very debated topic, which has mostly made of our focus on theoretical details instead of the truth that Jesus is coming back victorious



What it *does* means

Comfort and Encouragement

1 Thessalonians 4

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be *with* the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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All will be made right

The best is yet to com

Matthew 23

¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’



What it *does* mean?

Stay Awake

Matthew 25

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’



What it *does* mean?

Stay Awake

2 Peter 3

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

Mark 13:32

But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
³³ Be on guard, **keep awake**. For you do not know when the time will come.

What is truly important?



What it *does* mean?

Hope and Anticipation

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

2 Peter 3

¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for **new heavens and a new earth** in which righteousness dwells.

