

LIVING IN

HOSTILE TERRITORY

BY THE GRACE OF GOD



Lesson 1 • 1 Peter 1:1, 2



Survival Guide for Hostile Territory

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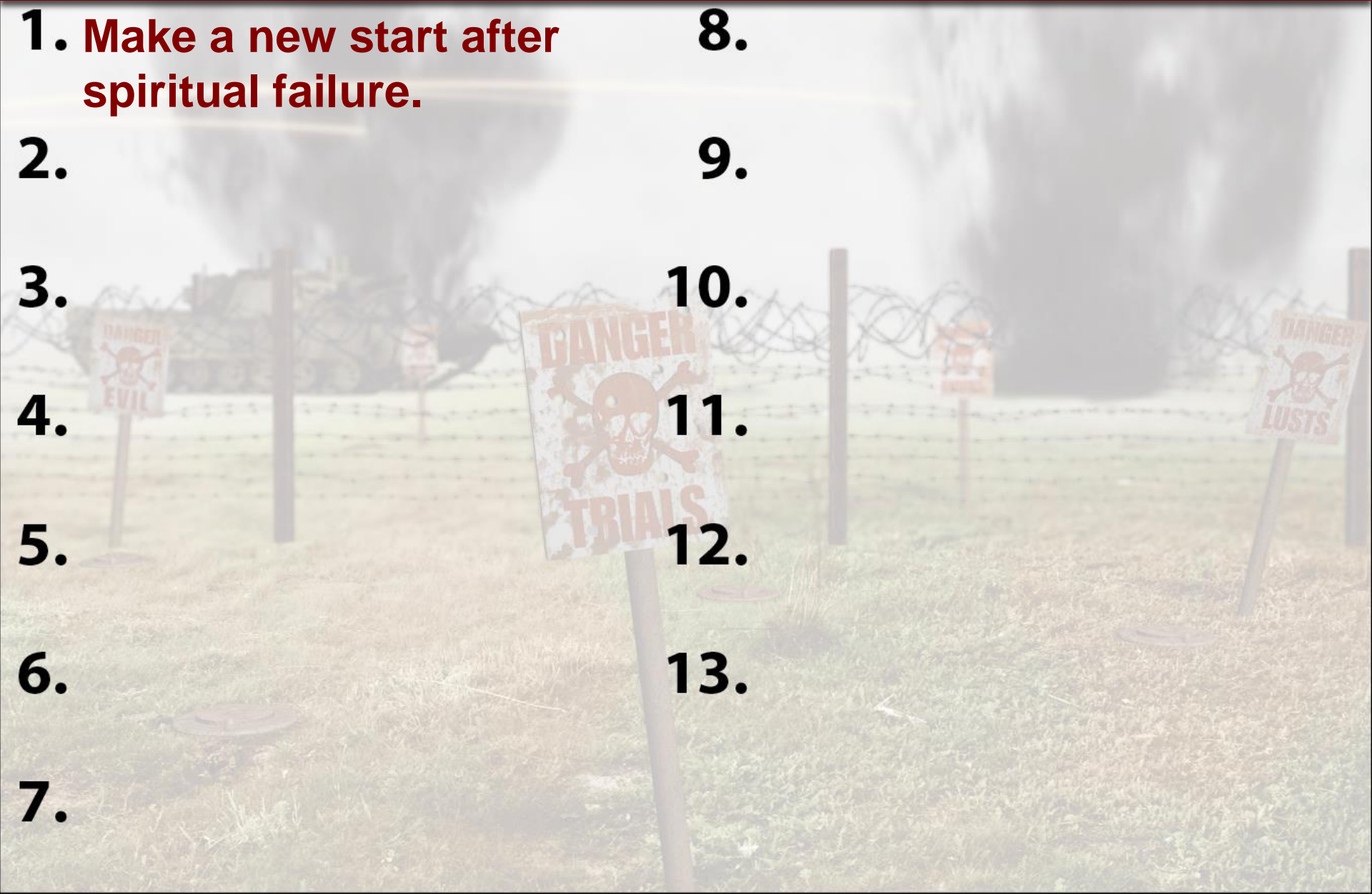
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DANGER
EVIL

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TRIALS

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LUSTS

“Sometimes It Hurts”

Lesson 2 • 1 Peter 1:3–12

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SUMMARY:

The people Peter wrote to were displaced believers who were being singed by the flames of persecution. Their circumstances were the bleakest imaginable. Yet Peter didn't try to pump them up with positive thinking. Instead, he gently touched his hand to their chins and lifted their faces skyward — so they could see beyond their circumstances to their celestial calling.



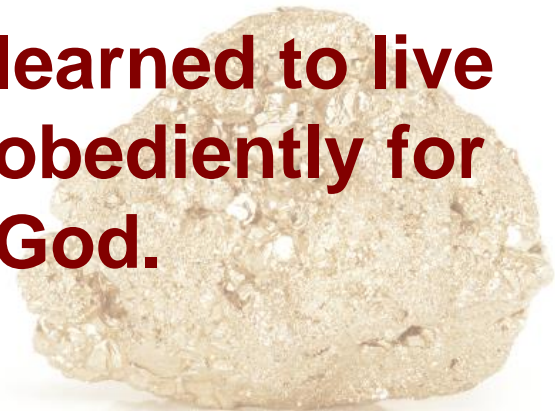
Peter's Purpose 1 Peter 1:7

Purpose:

To help believers face and correctly handle life's trials and persecutions.

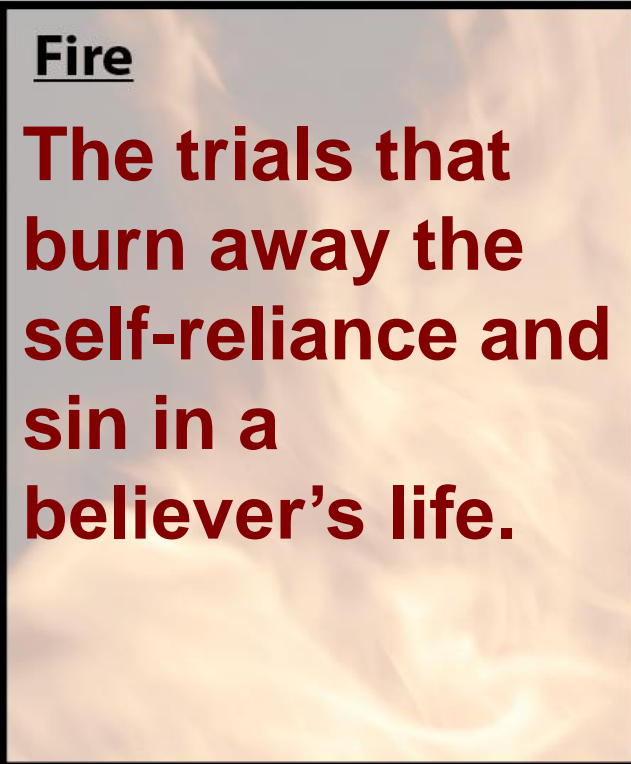
Impure Gold

The believer who has not learned to live obediently for God.



Fire

The trials that burn away the self-reliance and sin in a believer's life.



Pure Gold

The believer who has learned to depend on and obey God.



First-Century Lands



Troas

Chalcedon

Heraclea

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

ASIA

Gordion

Ancyra

GALATIA

CAPPADOCIA

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Philadelphia

Antioch in
Pisidia

Iconium

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Laodicea

Colosse

Lystra

Derbe

Miletus

Mediterranean Sea

ROMANS 8:28-30

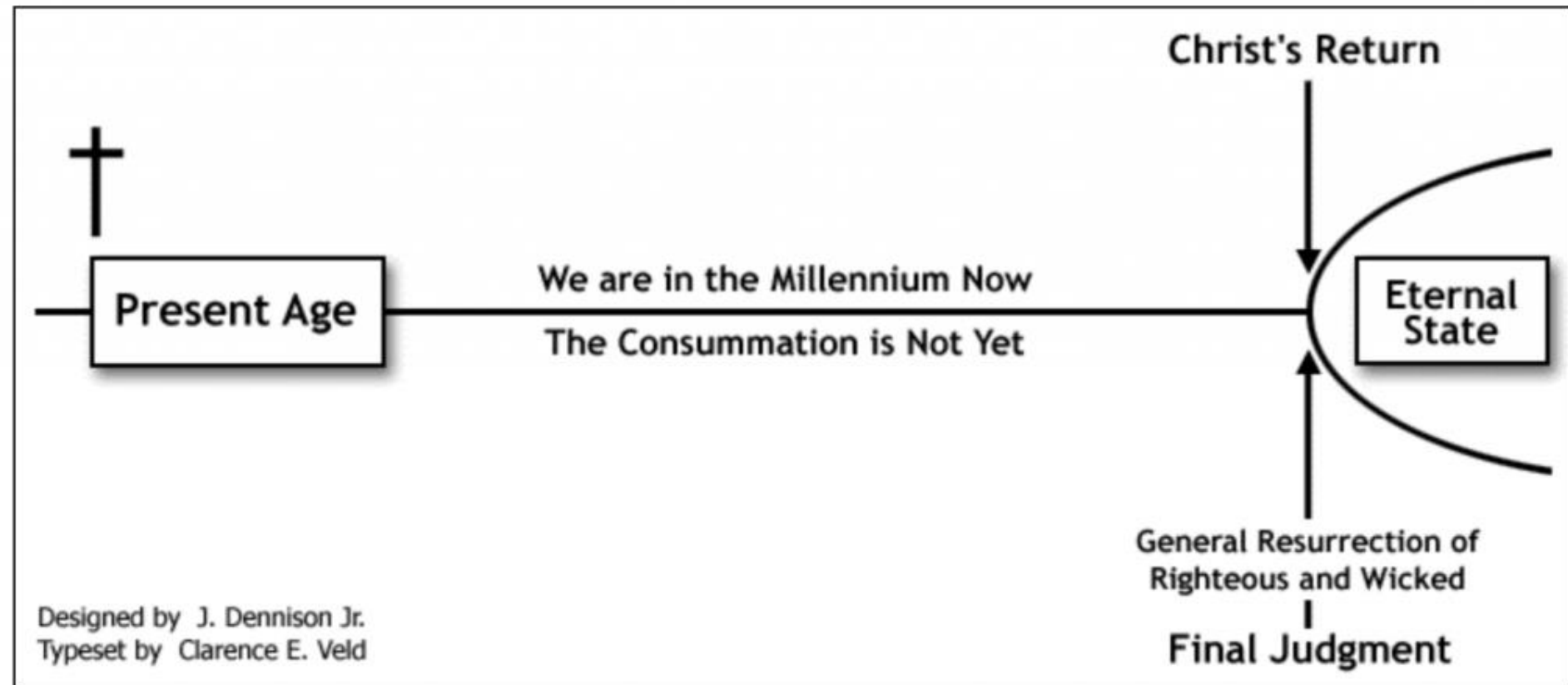
ROMANS

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”

Amillennialism:

(perhaps better termed Nunc-Millennialism or Inaugurated Millennialism)

Use of chart graciously provided by James T. Dennison



OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS' VIEW OF CHRIST

Mount Olivet
"Glories to follow"
Christ's Second Coming

Mount Calvary
"Sufferings of Christ"
Christ's First Coming

Isaiah 61:2b, 3

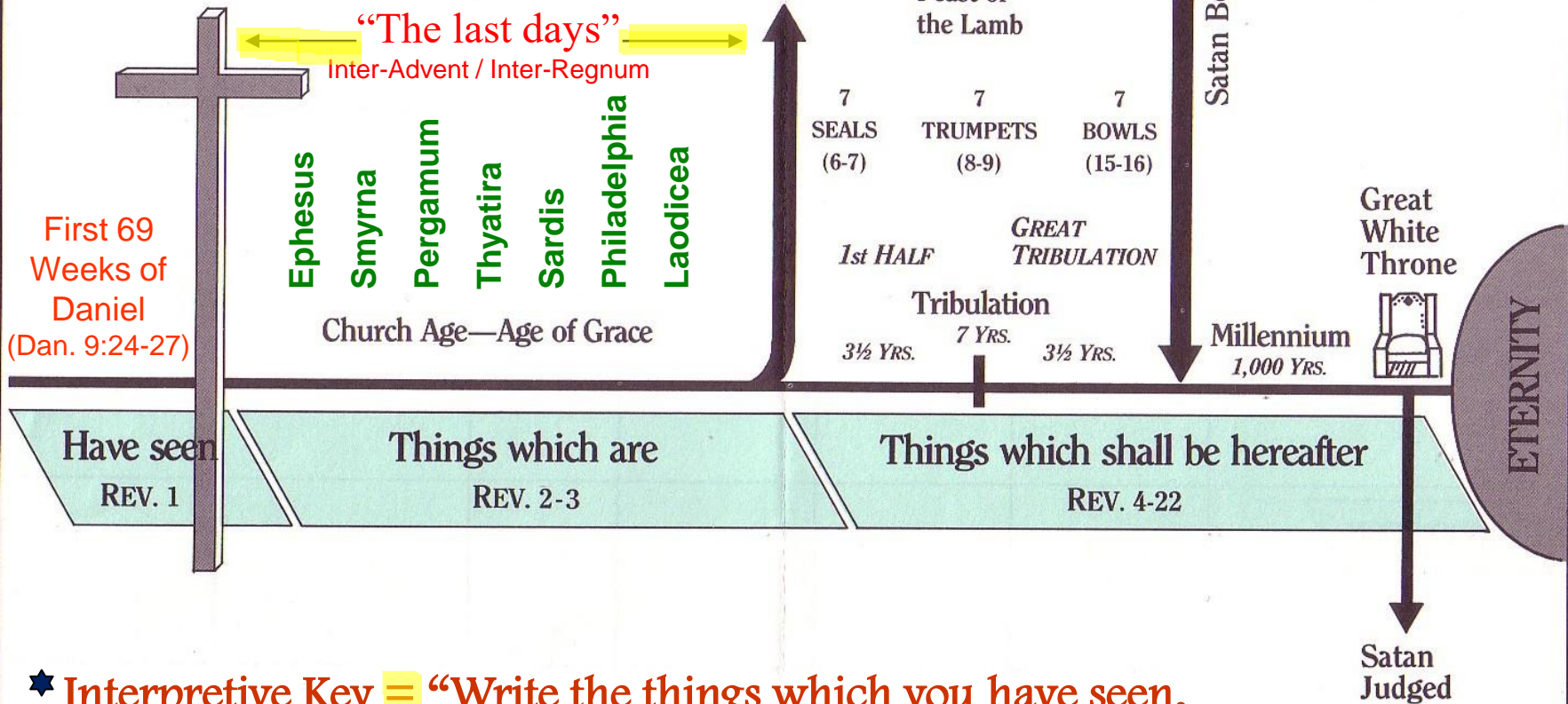
Church Age
A.D. 30 - Present

Isaiah 61:1, 2a

I see one
coming of
Christ.



“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, **but in these last days** he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.” - Hebrews 1:1-2



★ **Interpretive Key** = “Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things.” (Revelation 1:19, NASV)

Biblical Distinctions

Descendants of Jacob

Origin

Coming of the Holy Spirit
on the Day of Pentecost

Covenants

Basis of Existence

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

People-group/nation

Makeup

People from all nations

Descendants of Jacob
Obedience to the law
Faith in God

Relationship
to God

Faith in God

End of the Millennium

Culmination

The Rapture

Israel



The Church





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