

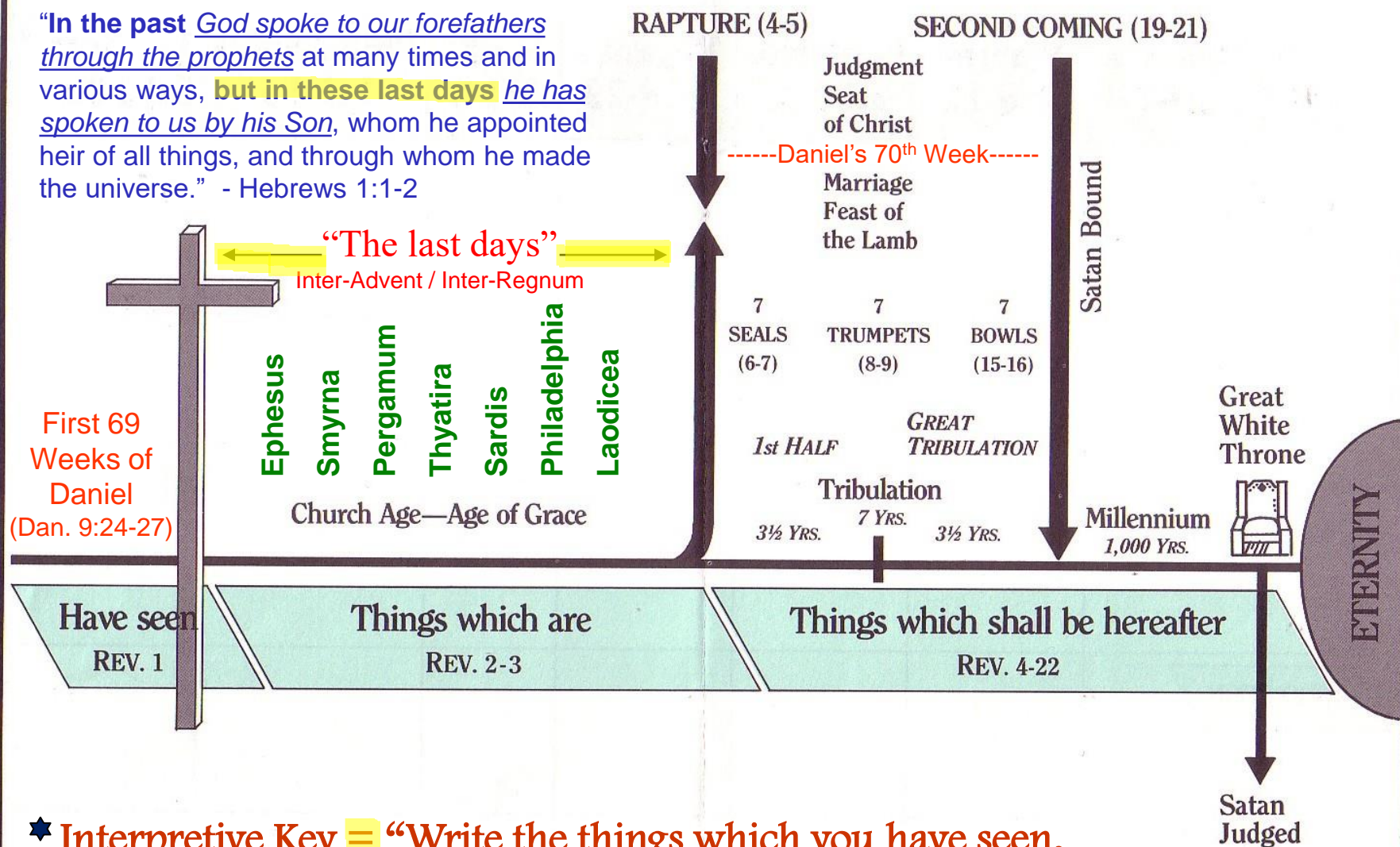


# From Forgiven to Faithfulness



Lesson 11 • Faithfulness and Apostasy • 2 Timothy 3

"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)



# FIRST-CENTURY BIBLE LANDS

Paul in Prison







A.D. 59-61



# TIME LINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

## Historical Books

Gospel–Acts						post–Acts		
A.D. 0	A.D. 30	A.D. 48	A.D. 50	A.D. 53	A.D. 60	A.D. 62	A.D. 67	A.D. 95

## Pauline Epistles

		Galatians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	
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## General Epistles

		James				1 Peter 2 Peter	Hebrews Jude	1 John 2 John 3 John Revelation
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“Who is intended by this expression is not explained. It may be a general term for every Christian, since the words themselves mean no more than ‘the man who belongs to God’ (NEB). On the other hand, it was an Old Testament title of respect applied to some of God’s spokesmen like Moses (Dt. 33:1), David (2 Ch. 8:14), and Elijah (1 Kgs. 17:18), and Paul specifically addressed Timothy by this phrase in his first letter (6:11). It may therefore refer here to men called to positions of responsibility in the church, and especially to ministers whose task it is, under the authority of Scripture, to teach and refute, to reform and discipline. At all events, it is only by a diligent study of Scripture that the man of God may become ‘complete, equipped for every good work’.” - John R. W. Stott





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