



Jacopo Vignali [Public domain] - Artist impression of John receiving Revelation

Today:

1) the **purpose of “revelation”** regarding End Times is **to know, not be confused**

2) Brief **overview** of human history incl. Things to Come

- Eras and Key Events

3) Answer the no-interest and news-based folk

Next time, look at End Times in Particular

Cf Harmony of the End Times Passages PDF

“Revelation”

Daniel 2:28

Matthew 24:3-4

Mark 13:3-5

Luke 21:7-8a

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 18

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2a, 11

Revelation 1:1-3

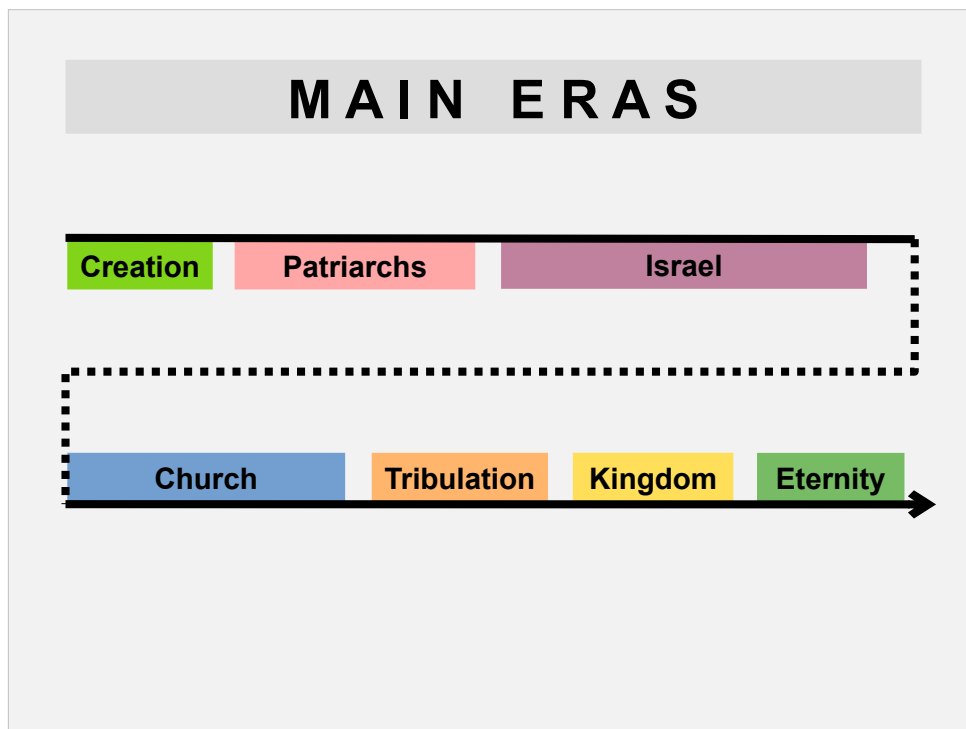
READ following verses on **need to know** and **clarity of info** on End Times

Dan 2:28 reveals mysteries so we can know, nor keeps mysterious

Matt 24:3-4 / Mark 13:3-5 / Luke 21:7-8a can know with simple certainty

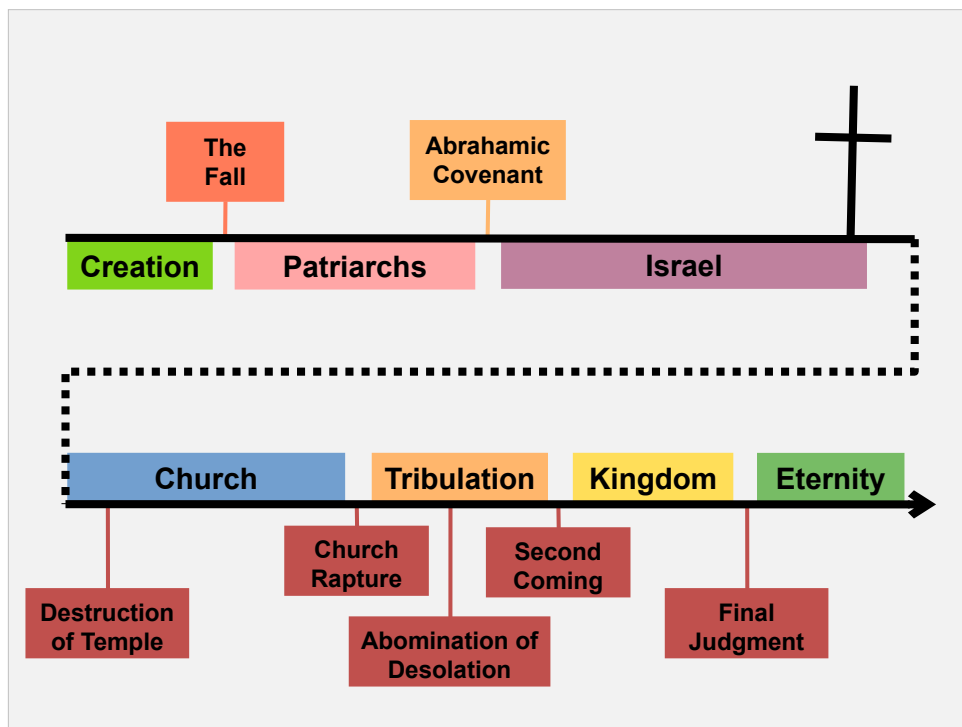
1 Thess 4:13, 18; 5:1-2a, 11 do not be uninformed & encourage

Rev 1:1-3 Revelation (clarification, not hiddenness) & Blessing



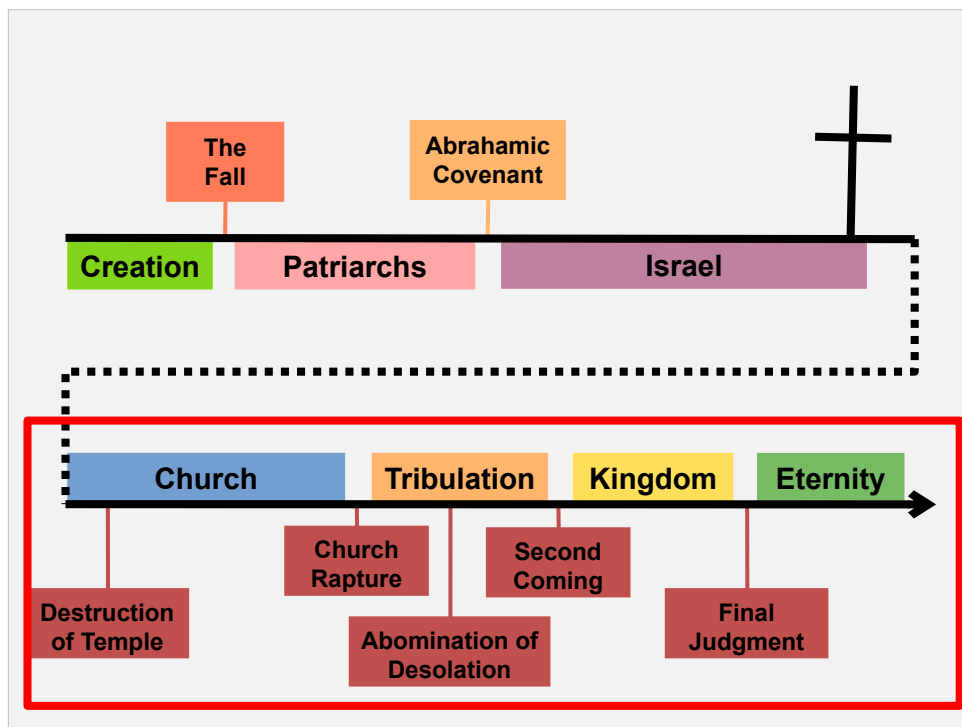
MAIN ERAS of God's Plan for Creation and especially mankind.

1. Creation
2. Patriarchs
3. Israel
4. Church (time of the Gentiles)
5. Tribulation
6. Jesus' Millenial Kingdom
7. Eternity



Key Events that separate these Eras of God's Plan for Creation and especially mankind.

1. Creation > **Fall**
2. Patriarchs > **God's choice of Abraham**
3. Israel > Cross / **Jesus' First Coming**
4. Church (time of the Gentiles)
Symbolised with **AD 70**
5. Church era ends with **Rapture**
6. Tribulation
Notable mid-event: **Abomination of desolation**
7. **Return of Christ** ends Tribulation and begins Jesus' Millennial Kingdom
8. Revolt from Satan at the end, **Final Judgments** ending all and beginning Eternal State



Next time

Focus on this part, specifically the time to come from the departure of Christ to His return

“Revelation”

Do not ignore what is revealed

Do not go beyond what is revealed

Response to End Times Revelation

1) Ignorance and ambivalence is not right. Remember it is revealed because we must know, and therefore it is not any more difficult than the rest of Scripture

2) Obsession is also not right. Current world events might CORRELATE to End Times prophecies, but correlation is not the same as fulfillment. The next event is the Rapture, all other perceived links between the news and Revelation are at best previews of how easily the Revealed events can take place. Do NOT believe those who go beyond what is revealed.