

BIBLE DAY CONFERENCE

# REVELATION

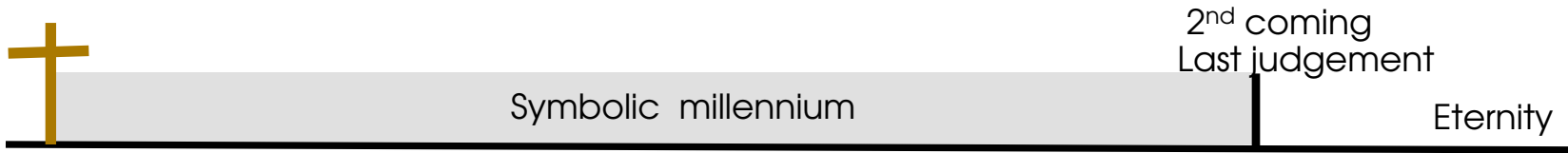
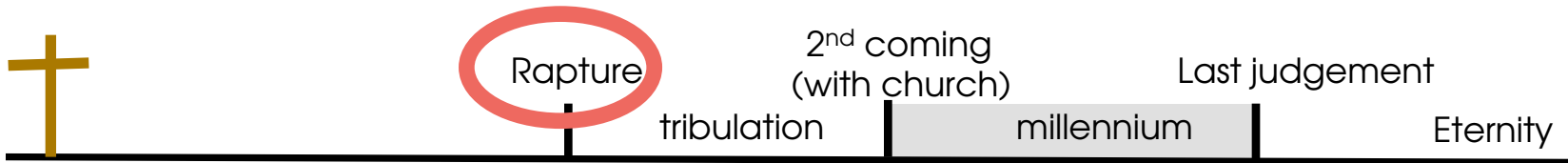
THE BOOK OF

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19-22

- chs 1-3 7 churches
- chs 4-8 7 seals
- chs 8-11 7 trumpets
- chs 12-14 woman, dragon & beast
- chs 15-16 7 bowls of wrath
- chs 17-19 Fall of Babylon & beast
- chs 20-22 New heaven & New earth





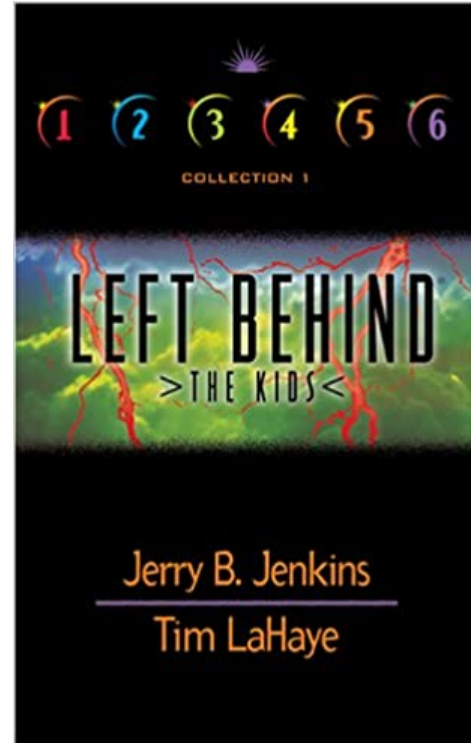
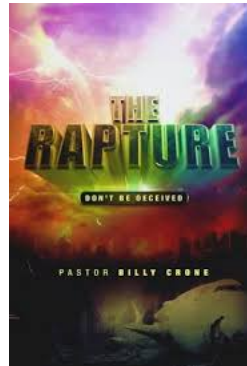
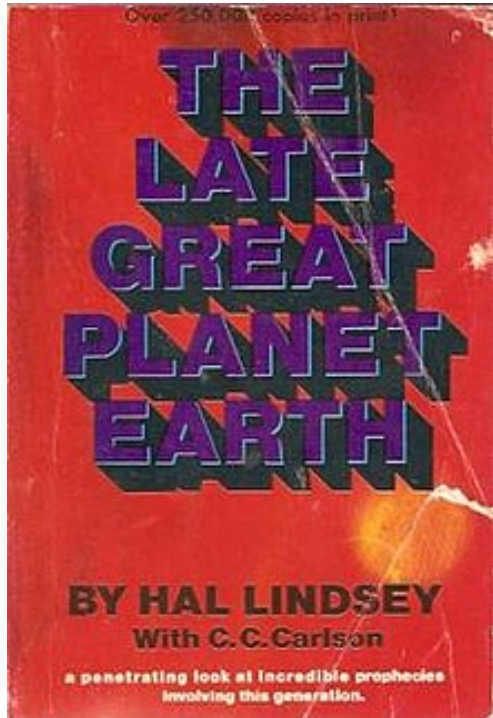


“People often get upset when you teach them what is in the Bible rather than what they presume is in the Bible.”



N. T. Wright

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John Nelson Darby 1800 - 1882






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<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.



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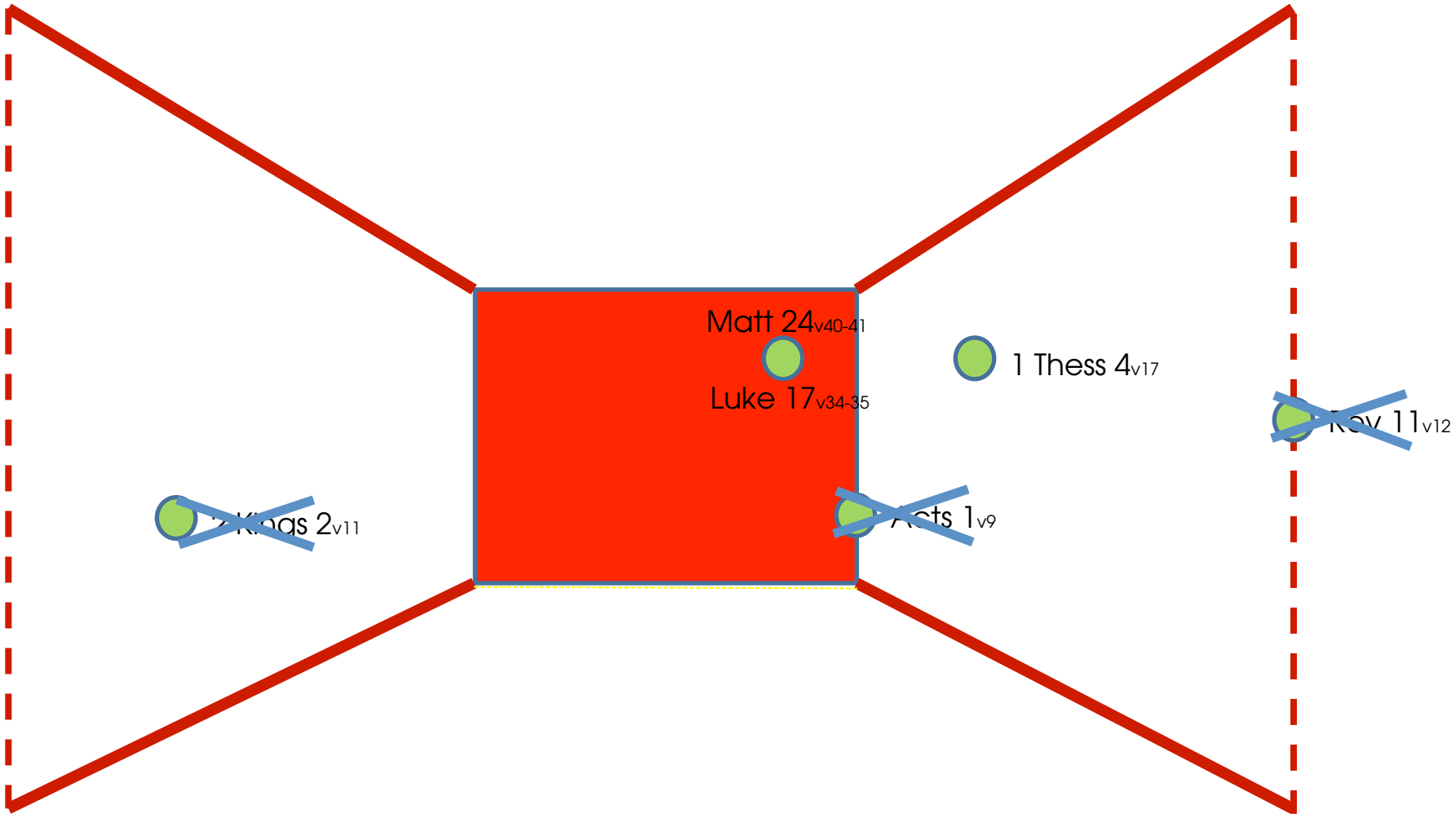
<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.



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<sup>17</sup> After that, **we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.








## Matthew ch 24 (NIV)

<sup>36</sup> “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah



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entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> **Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.**



## Matthew ch 24 (NIV)

42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.



## Luke ch 17 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever

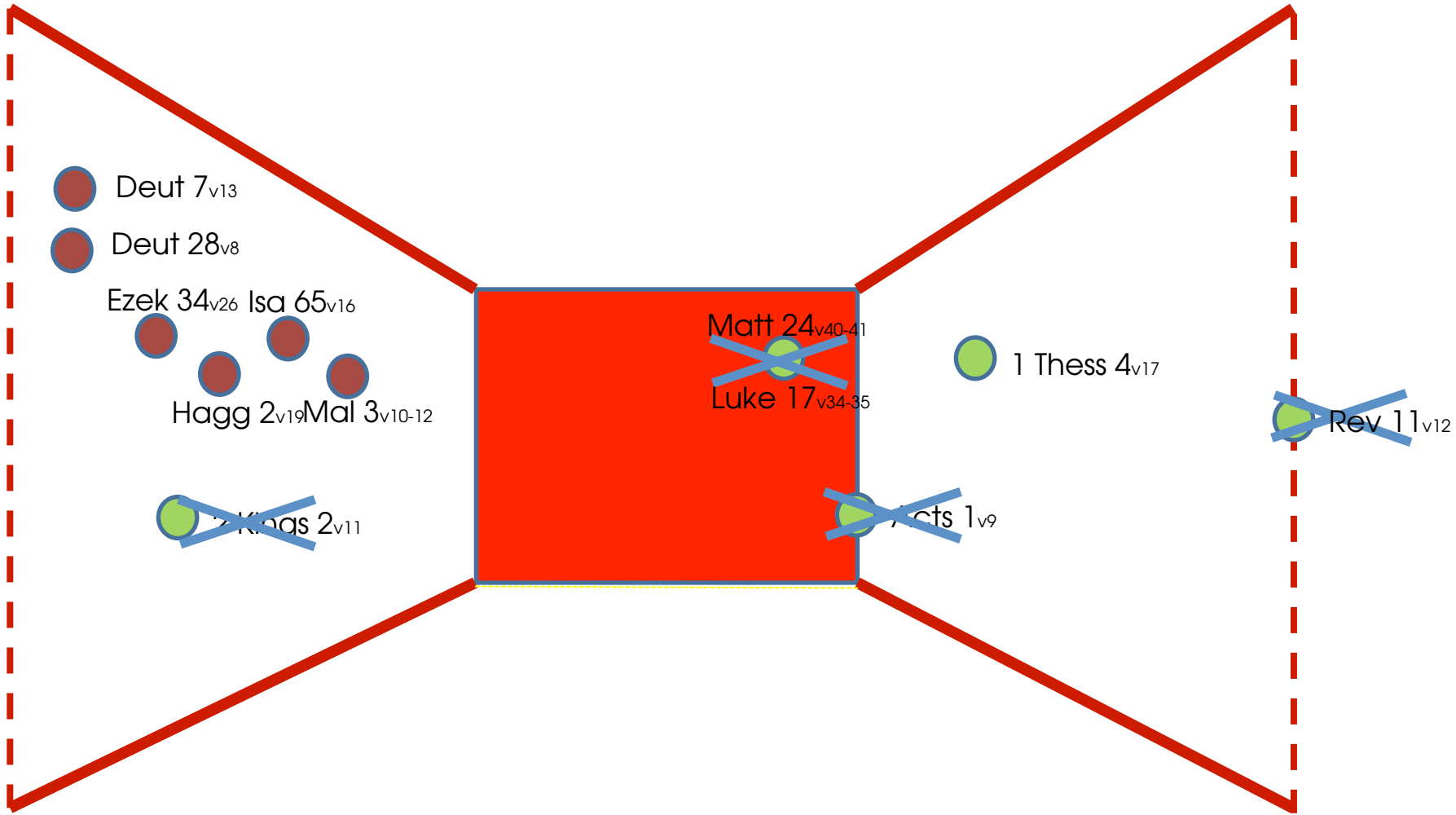




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loses their life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night **two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.** <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”





## 1 Thessalonians ch 4 (ESV)

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in	[the] clouds	for	[the] meeting	of the	Lord	in

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***What would C1 Jews have understood by ‘the clouds’ ?***

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**Clouds can be more than a metrological phenomenon:**

Carriers of God’s promise (the rainbow) Gen  
9.13

The guidance of God, and a **symbol of the presence of God** (the pillar of cloud) Ex 13.21 “The Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud...”





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**Definition of *Shechinah* .....** the presence of God in Jewish theology

- \* Jehovah came down upon Sinai in a cloud ( Exodus 19:9 )
- \* The cloud filled the court around the tabernacle in the wilderness so that Moses could not enter it ( Exodus 40:34-5 )
- \* At the dedication of the temple also the cloud "filled the house of the Lord" ( 1 Kings



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**The Shechinah** the presence of God

*A theological understanding rather than a metrological understanding*

If you were a C1 Jew, what would this make you think if you read “ **we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord** ” ?



aera

ἀέρα

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*What would C1 Jews/Greeks have understood by 'the air' ?*

*"The aeroplane is flying through the air at 30,000 feet"*

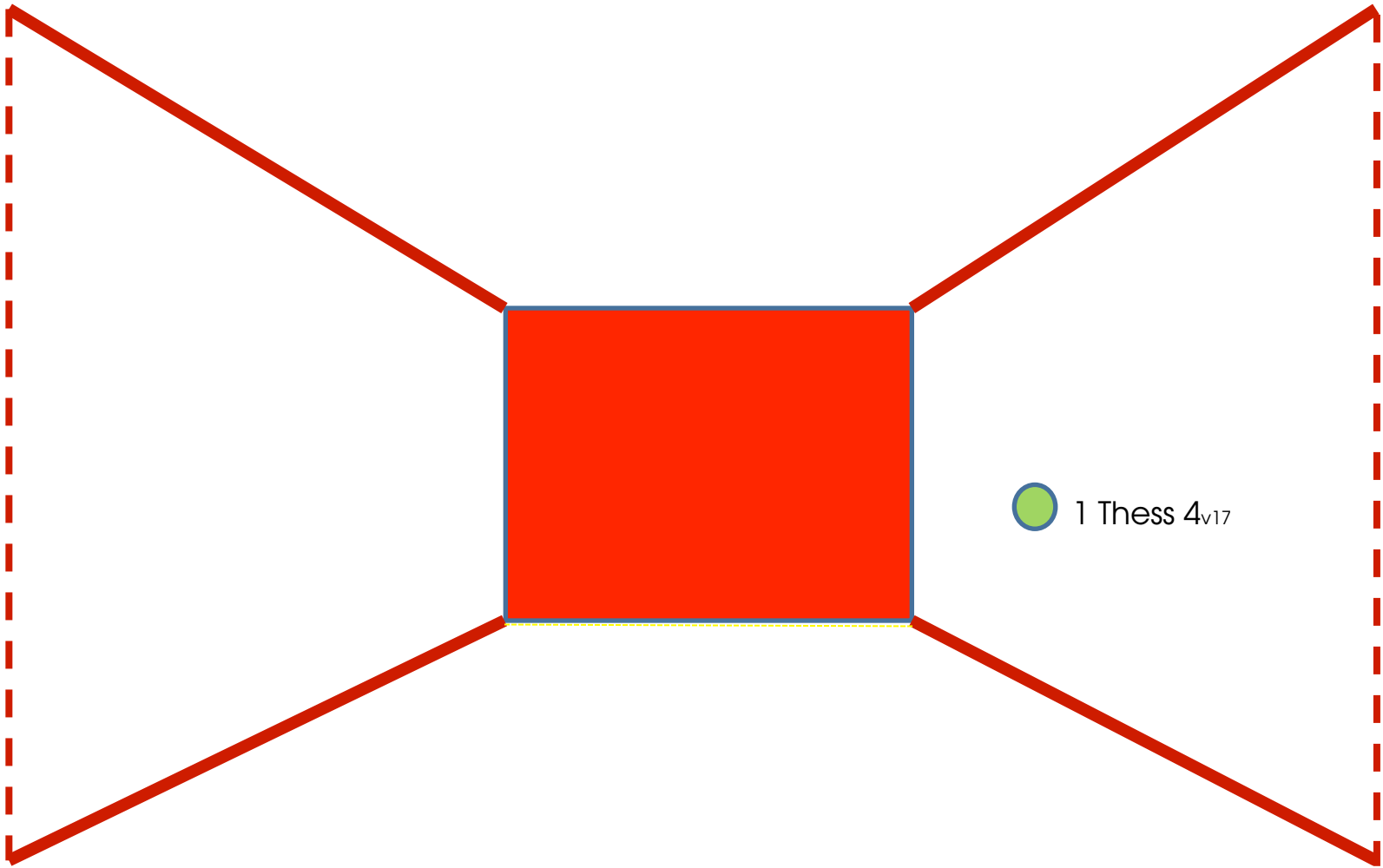
*"I am breathing air here whilst I am sitting in this room "*

**"...to meet the Lord in the air."**

**COULD** mean at 30,000 foot (sky / atmosphere)

**COULD** equally mean whilst you are sitting in this room  
i.e. breathing air and 'in the air' rather than 'under the ground' (i.e.  
dead – in Hades (Greek / Roman ) or Sheol (Jewish) ) **continuing the  
alive/dead thread in verses 13, 14, 15 & 16)**






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**Romans 8 . 18-26**

**1 Corinthians 15 . 20-28**

**The dead will be raised**

**Death will be no more**

**The lamb's people  
share in his victory**

**The lamb wins**



**Rev 1.8**

**AΩ**

**Rev 1.18**

1st and the last

“the living one ... I  
was dead and  
now I am alive for  
ever”

**Rev 21.6**

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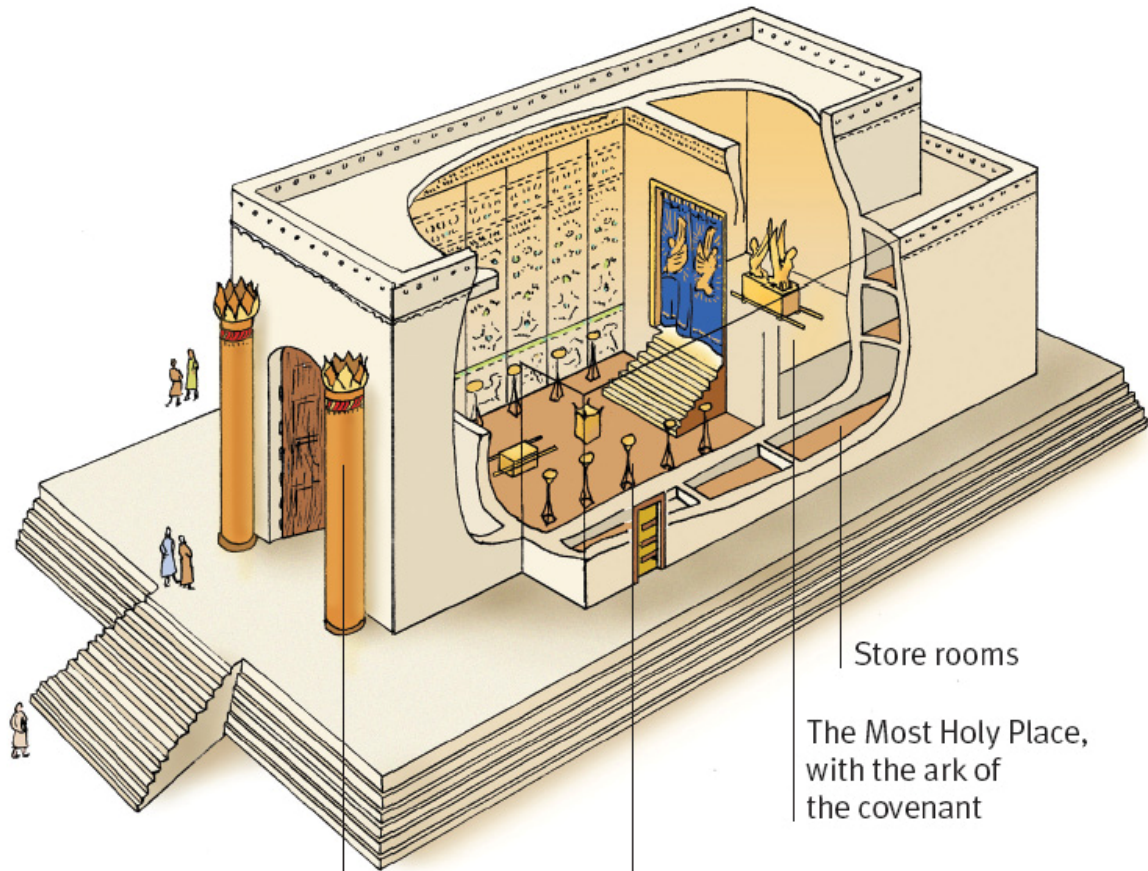
Beginning and the end

**Rev 22.13**

**AΩ**

Beginning and the end  
1st and the last





Store rooms

The Most Holy Place,  
with the ark of  
the covenant

The Holy Place, with the table for  
bread of the Presence, ten golden  
lampstands and altar of incense

Two giant  
bronze pillars







