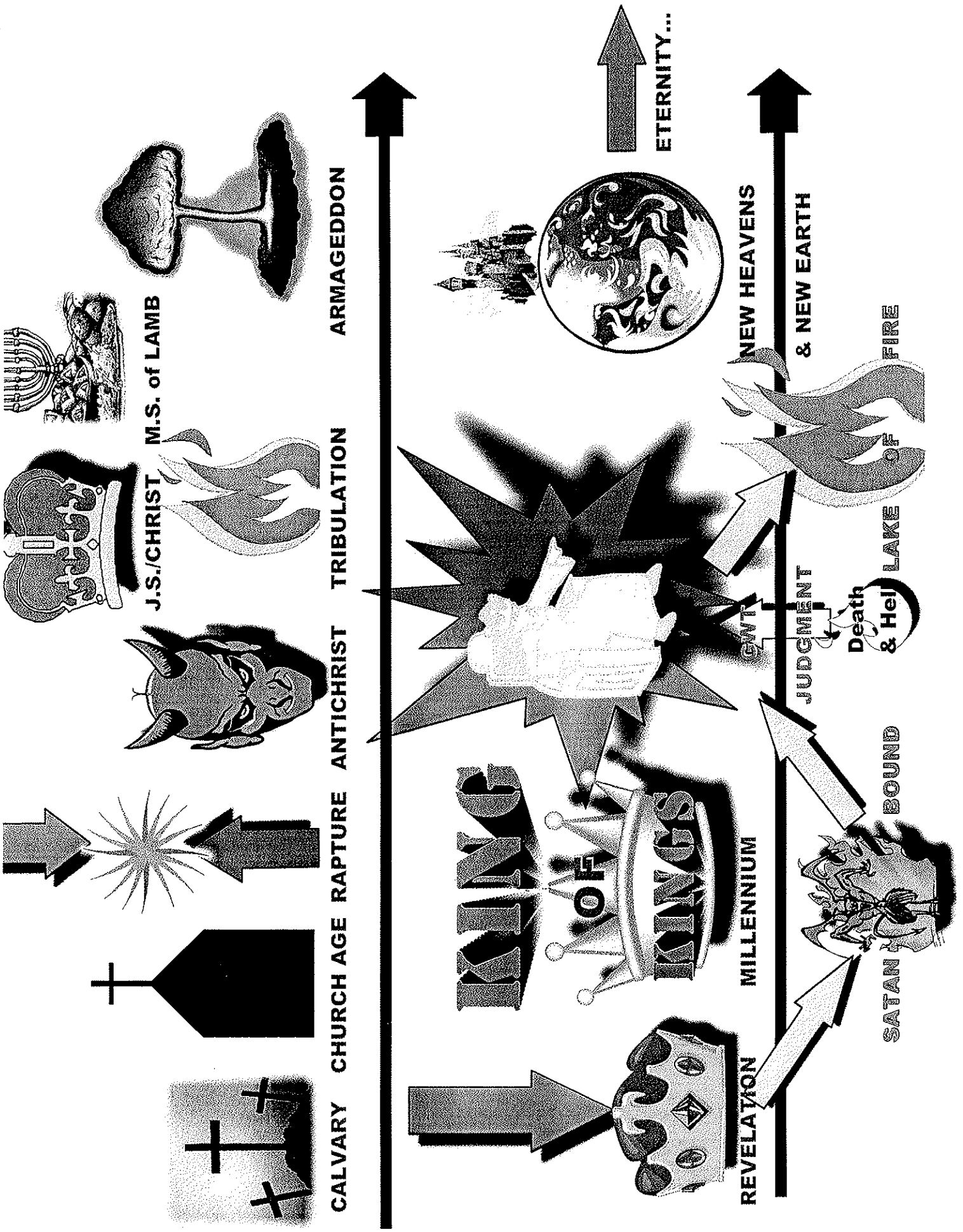


THE PREDICTIVE PRINCIPLE IN THE STUDY OF YOUR BIBLE:

1. This is the principle whereby the Word of God is spoken or written.
2. There is a difference between prophecy and prediction.
 - a. A prophet was essentially God's spokesman, and his sole mission was to speak the Word of God and only the words which God gave him to speak.
 - b. A prophet is not only a foreteller, but a forth-teller of God's Word. Foretelling deals primarily with future events, but a prophet was to instruct, reprove, rebuke, correct and judge in God's behalf.
 - c. The N.T. prophet is simply a forth-teller of what God has already spoken in His written Word; in that sense he is not equal to the O.T. prophet who may have been the direct recipient of God's Word and will. No one is receiving direct revelations from God today apart from His Word.
 - d. Prophecy is speaking forth the Word of God; predictive prophecy is speaking forth the Word of God regarding future events revealed directly from God. No one has this gift or fulfills this office today. The canon of Scripture is closed. The N.T. prophet is simply a preacher of what has already been revealed and written.
 - e. An O.T. prophet was a man whose function primarily was that of a revivalist and patriot, speaking on behalf of God, to the national conscience." - C.I. Scofield
 - f. A prophet was always sent by God in a time of apostasy and declension.
 - g. The prophet was always appointed and anointed by God.
 - h. O.T. prophets spoke of such subjects as the 70 years captivity of Israel, Israel's restoration, Jesus' first coming, the worldwide dispersion of Jews, the Tribulation, and the Millennium.
 - i. N.T. prophets (preachers) preach the Gospel, future events recorded in the Word of God, the "mystery" of the Body of Christ (the Church, consisting of Jews and Gentiles), heaven, hell and Church Age doctrine.
 - j. The criteria to determine a true prophet of God was that his predictions always came true (Deut. 18:20-22), they are always clear and specific, and spoke about seemingly paradoxical things.
 - k. Prophets often spoke symbolically: the valley of dry bones, Nebuchadnezzar's image, etc.





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