5. SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KING & 6. RETURN OF THE KING

Session 6

Acts – fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my <u>witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.</u>

Acts 1:8

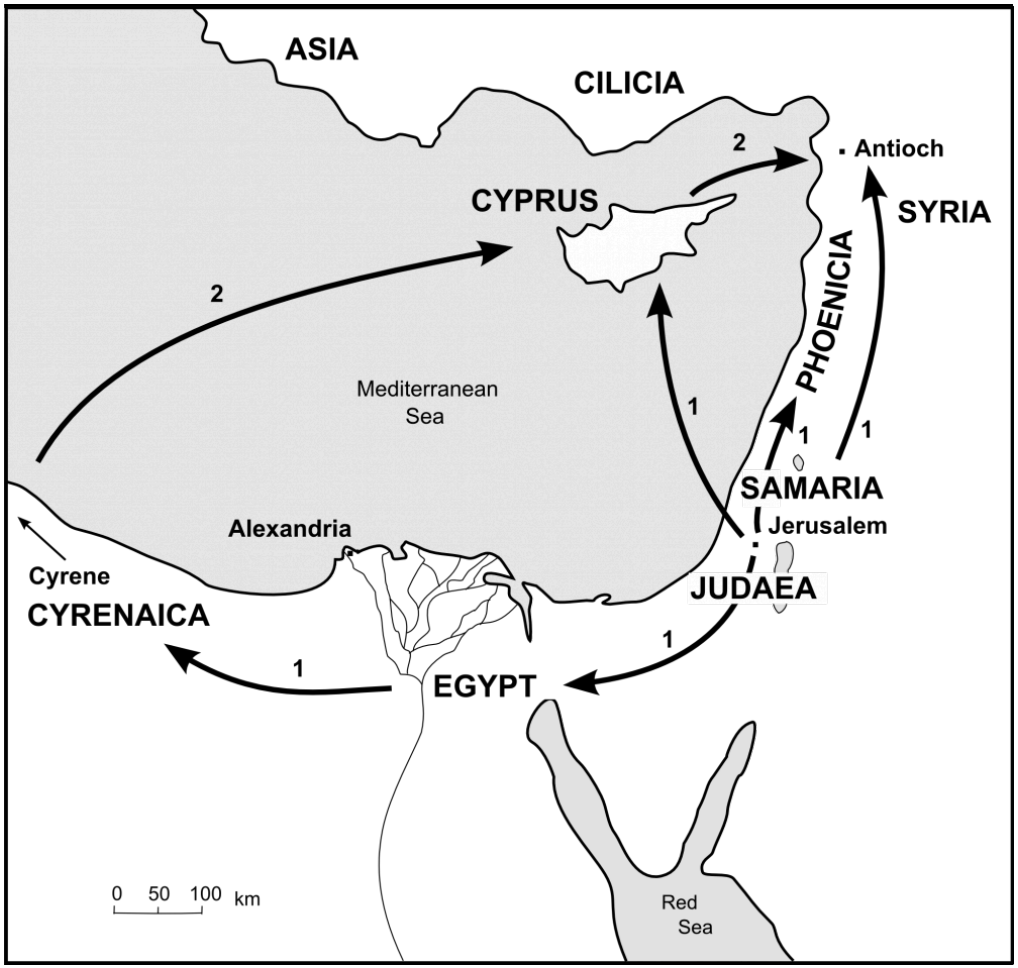
The start of fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant

Response of the Jews

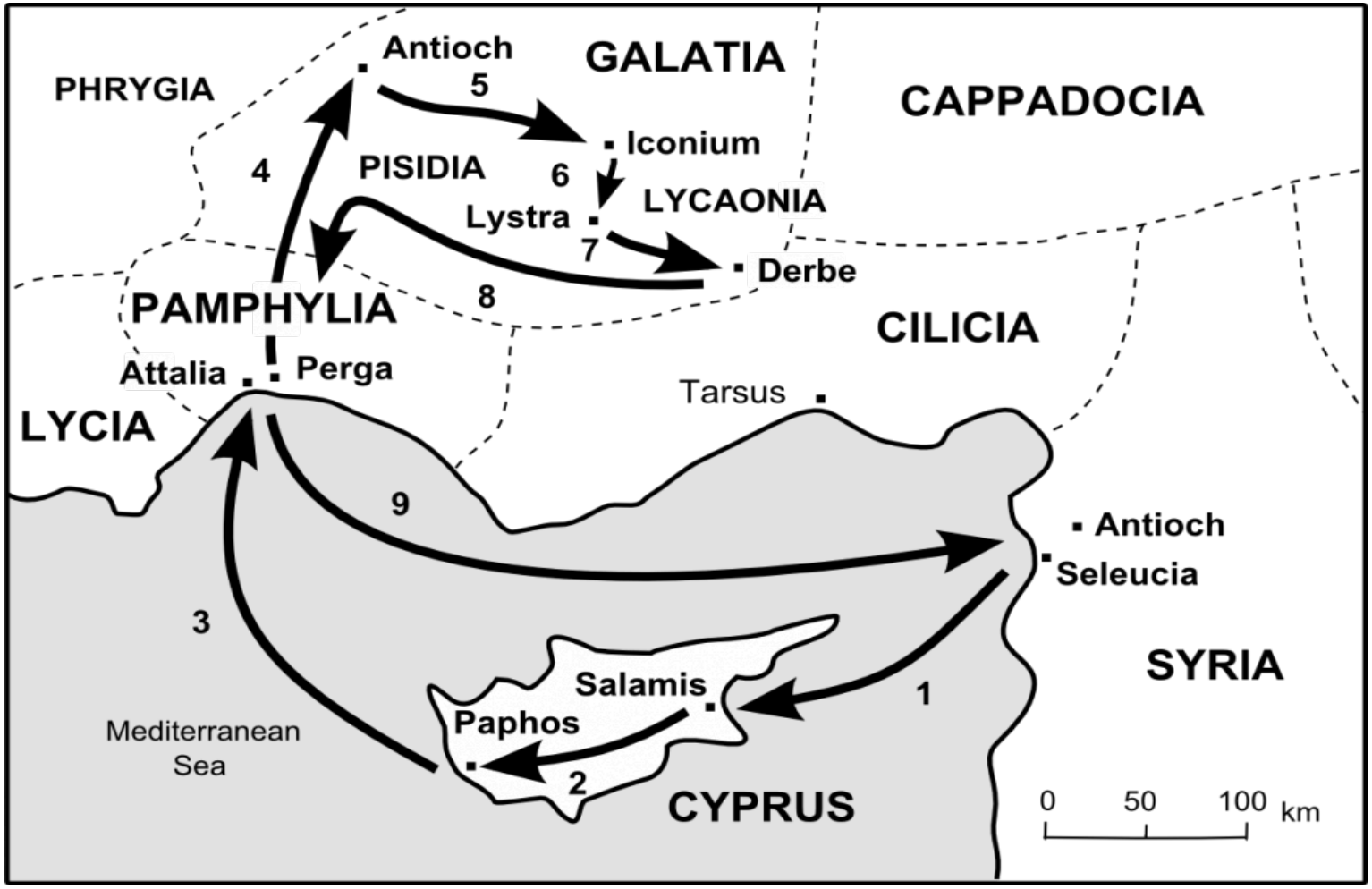
First rejection – crucified the Messiah

Second rejection – Acts 1-12

Rejection of Jews in dispersion – Acts 13-28



Paul's first missionary journey



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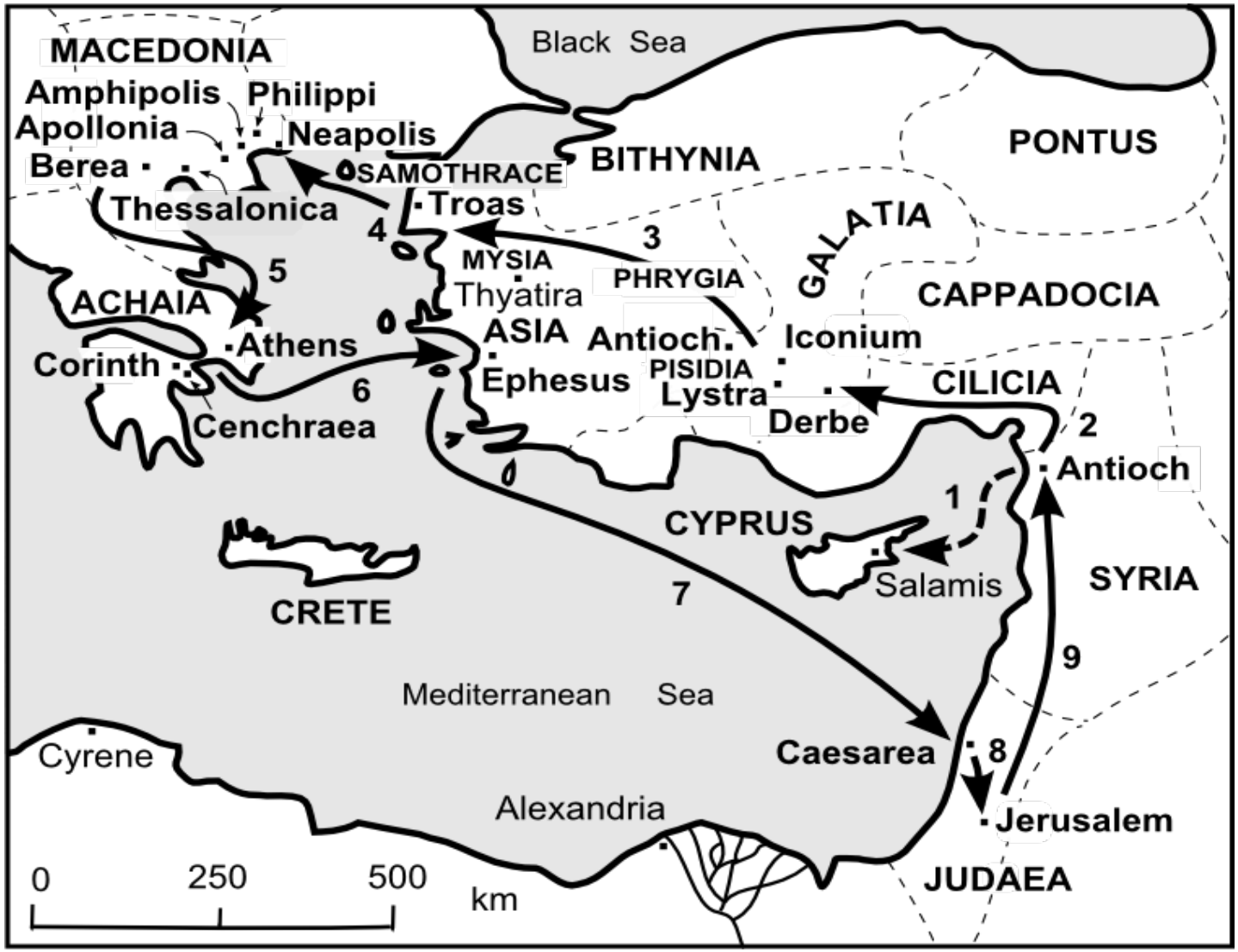

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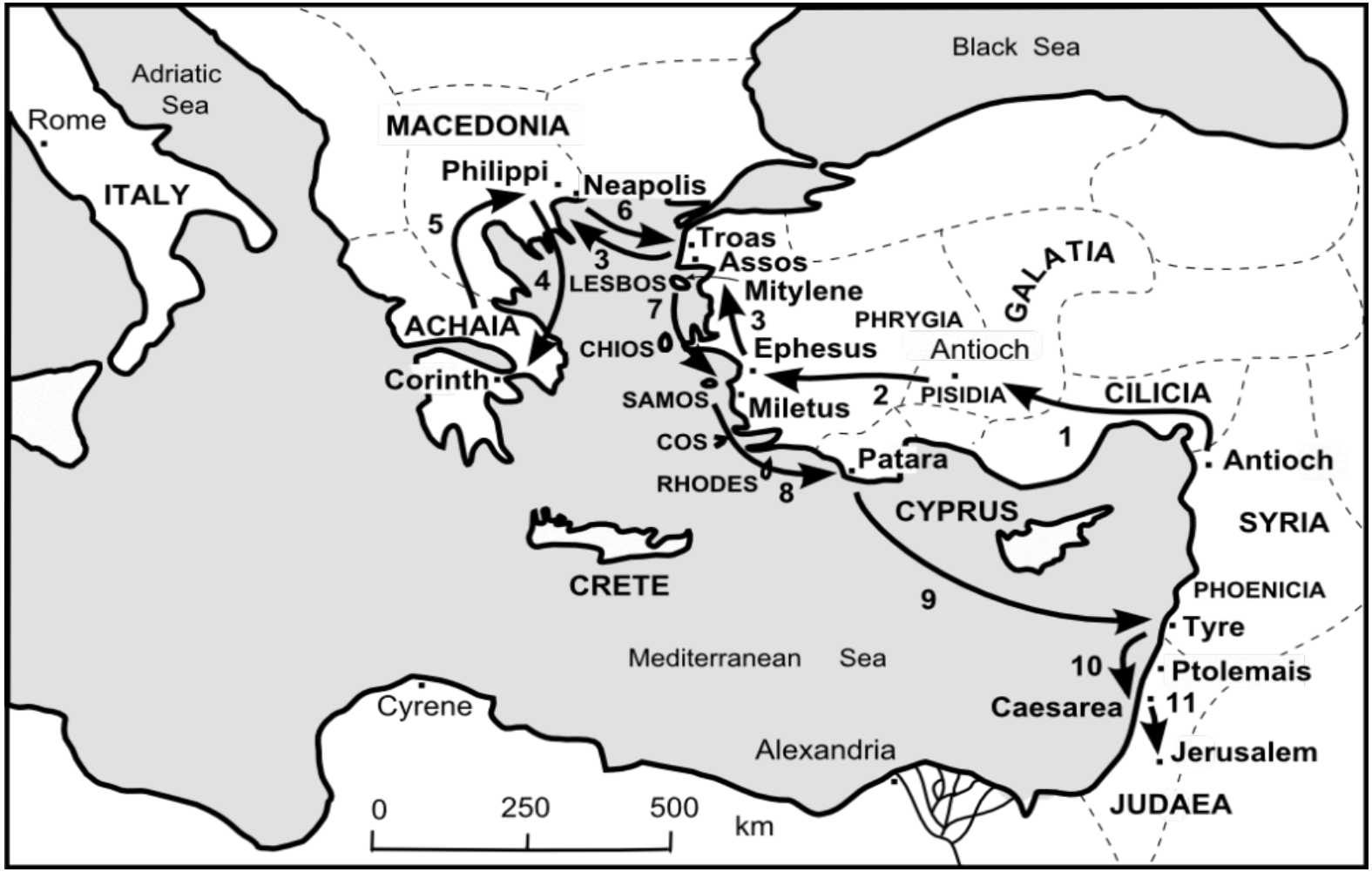


Mission of the Church

- Mt 28:18-20 – make disciples
- Mk 16:15 – preach the good news
- Luke 24:48 – be witnesses
- John 20:21 – continue Jesus' mission

Empowerment for the work

- Exalted Christ – All authority has been given to Christ
- Outpouring of Spirit – anointing for the work

RETURN OF THE KING

6. Return of the King

"the whole of the biblical story has been moving toward this one thing: the restoration of the whole creation and the whole of human life to again live under the reign and rule of God. In other words, the coming of the kingdom of God. The renewed, restored, reconciled creation."

Goheen, M. W. (2013). BI201 The Story of the Bible. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

How it will end

- Christ, the King returns
- Dead resurrected
- Final judgment
- Renewed kingdom of God on earth

When will it end???

Olivet discourse

(Mt 24, Mk 13, Luke 21)

Daniel

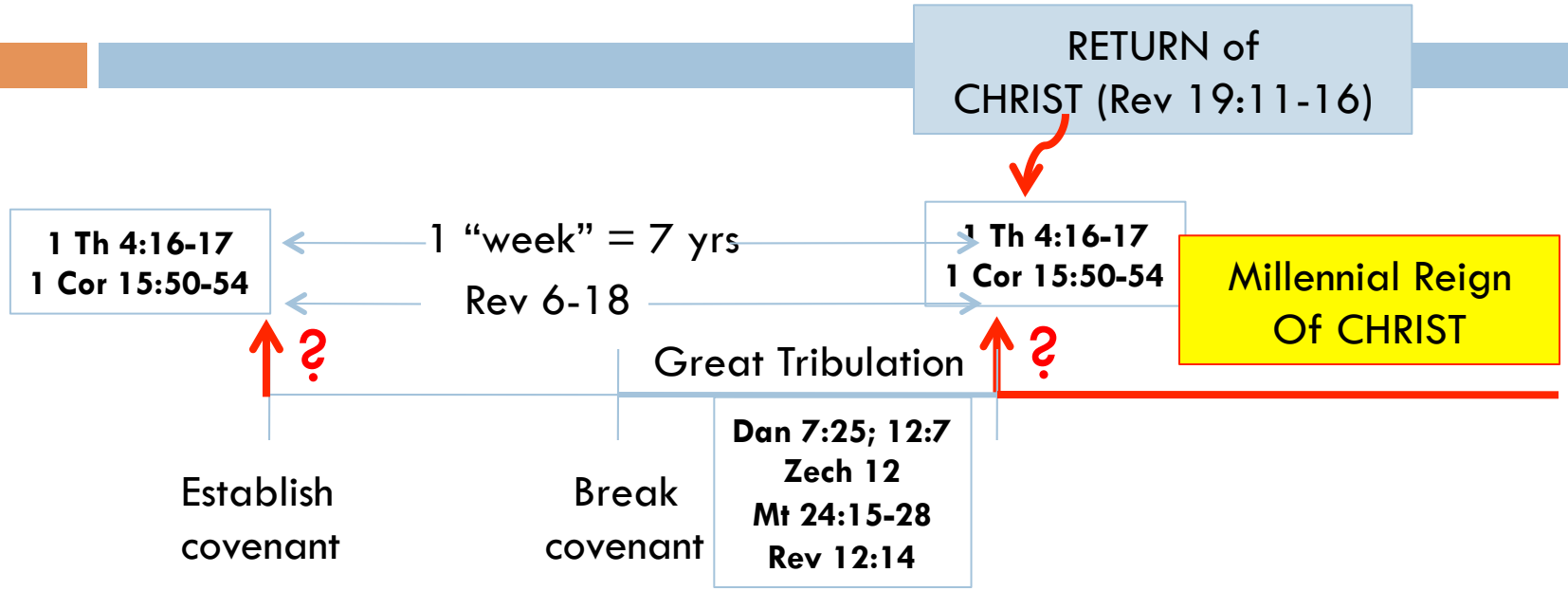
(Dan 7, 9, 12)

Thessalonians

(1 Thess 4:13-17; 2 Thess 2)

Revelation

The final "week" of Daniel



He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." *Dan 9:27*

Zechariah 12

"I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves. *v2-3*

On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. *v9*

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. *v10*

Matthew 23:37-39

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. <u>For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'</u>

How it will end (Rev 20-23)

RETURN of CHRIST (Rev 19:11-16)

OT prophecies concerning millennium Pss. 2; 24; 72; 96; Isa. 2; 9:6–7; 11–12; 63:1–6; 65–66; Jer. 23:5–6; 30:8–11; Dan. 2:44; 7:13–14; Hos. 3:4–5; Amos 9:11–15; Mic. 4:1–8; Zeph. 3:14–20; Zech. 8:1–8; 14:1–9 (from A biblical theology of NT by Zuck, RB)

Dead ressurected for Judgment of the Great White Throne

Millennial Reign Of CHRIST

Rev 20

New Heaven
New Earth
Eternal Reign
of Christ

Rev 21-22

Beast (AntiChrist) and False Prophet thrown into the lake of fire. Satan bound 1000 years. Rev 19:20; 20:2

Final rebellion and defeat of Satan. He is cast into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:7-10)

Restored Kingdom of God on earth

- Resurrected bodies
- Renewed creation
- Restored to fullness of life (blessing)
- Reign and dwelling of God

"Come Lord Jesus, come quickly!"

Questions

1. Share with one another key lessons you have learnt in the course and how they may have helped you walk more faithfully with God, in love and service.
2. How does the hope of Christ's return affect the way you live? In what ways do I need to realign my life in light of Christ's return?