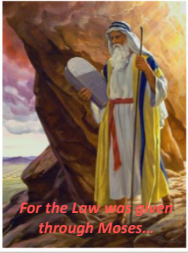


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For the Law was given through Moses...



...but grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ - John 1:17

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Law and Grace

OUR PURPOSE, AIM AND OBJECTIVE



...is to Compare and Contrast **Law** and **Grace** so as to properly understand these two important themes and *how they are related to the life of the New Testament Believer.*

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C. I. Scofield, D. D.

The Grace of God, The Fundamentals Vol. 3, Chapter VII, p. 98

We have, most of us, been reared and now live under the influence of **Galatianism**. Protestant theology, alas, is for the most part, thoroughly **Galatianized**, in that neither law nor grace are given their **distinct** and **separated** places, as in the counsels of God, but are mingled together in one incoherent system.

The law is no longer, as in the Divine intent, a ministration of death (2 Cor. 3:7), of cursing (Gal. 3:10), of conviction (Rom. 3:19), because we are taught that we must try to keep it, and that by Divine help we may.

Nor, on the other hand, does grace bring us blessed deliverance from the dominion of sin, for **we are kept under the law as a rule of life despite the plain declaration, "Sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Rom. 6:14).** (emphasis mine)

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William R. Newell

Romans Verse-by-Verse (p. 274).

Grand Rapids, MI: Christian Classics Ethereal Library.



It is because Reformed theology has kept us Gentiles under the Law,—if not as a means of righteousness, then as “a rule of life,” that all the trouble has arisen. **The Law is no more a rule of life than it is a means of righteousness. Walking in the Spirit has now taken the place of walking by ordinances. God has another principle under which He has put his saints: “Ye are not under law, but, under grace! (Rom. 6:14)”** (italics mine)

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Henry Ironside


The Continual Burnt Offering: Daily Meditations on the Word of God (p. 265). Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers.

In Romans 7 we have a man renewed by the Spirit of God, but **struggling under law, hoping thereby to subdue or find deliverance from the power of the old Adamic nature**. In chapter 8 we have God's way of deliverance through the death and resurrection of Christ with which the believer is **identified** before God. The chapter begins with “no condemnation” and ends with “no separation.” All who are in Christ Jesus are **accepted** in the Beloved and as free from every charge of guilt as He is Himself. He paid our penalty on the cross. **Now we are linked up with Him in resurrection, not under law but under grace.**

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Matthew's 3-Fold Purpose





To explain:

1. that Jesus in whom they had believed was the long-awaited **Jewish Messiah**
2. why the kingdom had been **postponed** despite the fact that the king had arrived
3. the **interim** program of God during the kingdom's absence


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Matthew and the Kingdom



1. **offered**




2. **rejected**



3. **postponed**

- **Interim program**




4. ultimately **accepted**

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Matthew's Message

- Jesus is the predicted Jewish king who ushered in an interim program by building the sons of the kingdom into the Church in between Israel's past rejection and future acceptance of her king.



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THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE



GENTILES



ISRAEL



ISRAEL

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	GENTILES	ISRAEL	CHURCH
ALSO CALLED	nations, peoples	Hebrews, Jews	body & bride of Christ
BEGAN IN	Genesis 1-11	Genesis 12-50	Acts 2-28
PRIMARY STEWARD (S)	Adam, Noah	Moses	Christ
REIGNING PRINCIPLE	Law of Conscience	Law of Moses	Grace
WHOSE WORKS	Self	Self	Christ's
CHRIST DIED FOR	all	all	all
SAVED	Some, by faith	Some, by faith	All, by faith
IDENTIFICATION, BAPTISM, & PHRASING IN SCRIPTURE	In Adam, with Noah, "among the nations"	Baptized into Moses, "in Israel"	Baptized into Christ, "In Christ"

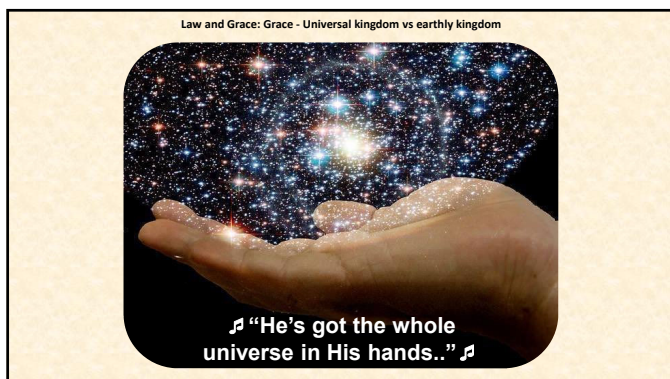
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	GENTILES	ISRAEL	CHURCH
NATURE OF BLESSINGS	Initial blessings for Adam & Noah; earthly reproduction	Conditional, earthly	Unconditional, heavenly
EARTHLY DIFFICULTIES	Fall; the limitations are to cause mankind to seek God	Curses for disobedience	Trials for conformity to Christ or for discipline
GRACE	Partial	Partial	Reigning principle
SPIRIT'S ROLE	Will be poured out on all of mankind, in the kingdom	New Covenant promise in the coming kingdom	Indwells each believer all of the time
CHRIST'S KINGDOM TITLE	King of kings & Lord of lords (over the Gentile nations)	King of Israel, Messiah	The Bridegroom, with Whom we reign
GOSPEL (S)	Substitution	Kingdom & substitution	Substitution

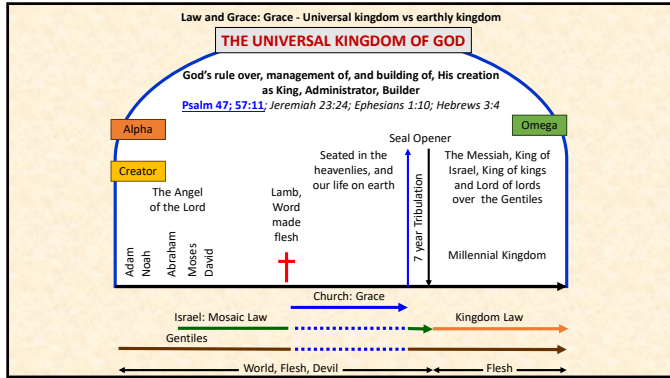
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THE UNIVERSAL KINGDOM OF GOD

God's rule over, management of, and building of, His creation as King, Administrator, Builder
Psalm 47; 57:11; Jeremiah 23:24; Ephesians 1:10; Hebrews 3:4

Psalm 47:1-4

¹ O clap your hands, all peoples; Shout to God with the voice of joy. ² For the LORD Most High is to be feared, A great King over all the earth. ³ He subdues peoples under us And nations under our feet. ⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, The glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah.

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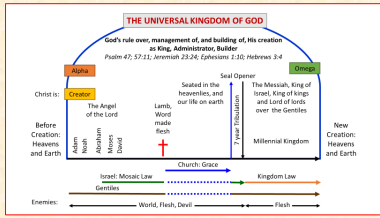

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; ² He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. ³ For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

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- The term 'Universal Kingdom of God' is God's rule, building and management of the present heavens and earth (this world).

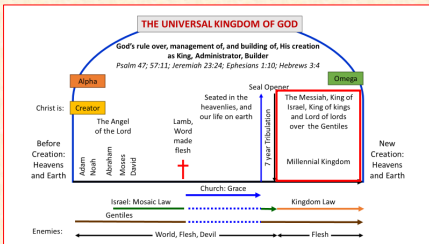



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- The Kingdom of God on earth (aka kingdom of heaven, or millennial 1000-year kingdom) is the final phase.



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- In that last and final phase, Christ will reign on earth, on David's throne, in Jerusalem, as the Messiah, the King of Israel, and the King of kings and the Lord of lords over the Gentiles.



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- The Bible indicates that during the Millennial (1000 year) reign of Christ, Israel's land will expand well beyond its present small size.

The map shows the current borders of Israel in green. A larger blue-shaded area represents 'THE PROMISED LAND' as described in Genesis 15:18, extending from the Mediterranean Sea in the west to the Persian Gulf in the east, and from the Taurus mountains in the north to the Gulf of Aden in the south. Key geographical features labeled include Cyprus, Lebanon, Syria, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, the Euphrates River, the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, the Suez Canal, and the River of Egypt (El Anish). Distances are marked: 200 miles from the Taurus to the Mediterranean, 350 miles from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, and 850 miles from the Red Sea to the Persian Gulf. A note mentions 'Haran (Numbers 12:2)' and 'Fulfilling God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:18), this is the area the Jews will occupy in the 1000 year Millennial reign of Christ.'

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DIVISION OF THE LAND (EZEKIEL 48)

The map shows a rectangular territory divided into horizontal strips. The strips are labeled from north to south: Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Ruben, Judah, Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun, and Gad. The eastern boundary is the Euphrates River, and the western boundary is 'The River of Egypt'. The southern boundary is 'The Portion for the Prince'. The northern boundary is 'The River of Egypt'. The central area is labeled 'THE PORTION FOR THE PRINCE'. The 'Old Border' is indicated by a dashed red line. The 'New Creation: Heavens and Earth' is indicated by a dashed blue line.

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God's rule over, management of, and building of, His creation as King, Administrator, Builder
Psalms 47: 57:11; Jeremiah 23:24; Ephesians 1:10; Hebrews 3:4

The diagram shows a large blue archway representing the 'Universal Kingdom of God'. Inside the archway, a red box contains the text 'God's rule over, management of, and building of, His creation as King, Administrator, Builder' with the same scriptural references. Below the archway, a timeline shows the progression from 'Before Creation: Heavens and Earth' to 'New Creation: Heavens and Earth'. The timeline includes 'Israel: Mosaic Law' and 'Gentiles' (represented by a dotted line) leading to 'Church: Grace' and 'Kingdom Law'. A 'Seal Opening' is indicated, leading to 'The Messiah, King of Israel, King of kings and Lord of lords over the Gentiles' and the 'Millennial Kingdom'. The timeline ends with 'World, Flesh, Devil' and 'Flesh'.

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Ephesians 1:9-10
EXPANDED AND EXPLAINED

⁹ He, the Father, made known to us in the Church, through the apostles and prophets, the previously unrevealed **mystery** of His will, according to His kind intention which He, the Father, purposed in [the] Christ ¹⁰ from the plan and perspective of **God's administration of all things**, which we now know includes the Church, toward **the full completion and final stage of the earthly times, that is, the summing up and bringing into submission of all things in [the] Christ in the Millennial Kingdom, including all the things in the heavens and things on the earth.**

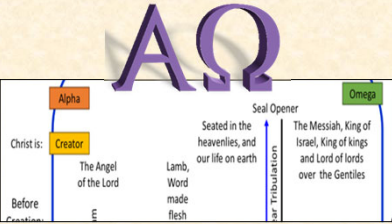


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CHRIST IS...

- This excerpt from the chart shows that Christ has varying roles and titles throughout the span of this present heavens and earth.



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CHRIST IS...

- But the full chart only has a partial list. Christ is also called:
 - Prince of Peace
 - The Bread of Life
 - The Door
 - The Good Shepherd
 - Mediator
 - Lion of Judah, Etc.
- Christ's roles and titles are not all of equal duration: Christ will be the Lamb forever.

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GOD DOES TIME MANAGEMENT



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GOD DOES TIME MANAGEMENT

- An aspect of God's managing of all things in the heavens and on the earth (the universal kingdom of God) is that God selects spans of time and points of time.

Acts 1:6-7

⁶ So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority..."



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GOD DOES TIME MANAGEMENT

- God would have the Israelites in Egypt for centuries, then select when they would leave Egypt.



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GOD DOES TIME MANAGEMENT

- Christ didn't die at just any time, He died for our sins at the right time.

Romans 5:6
"...at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

Galatians 4:4
"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son...:"



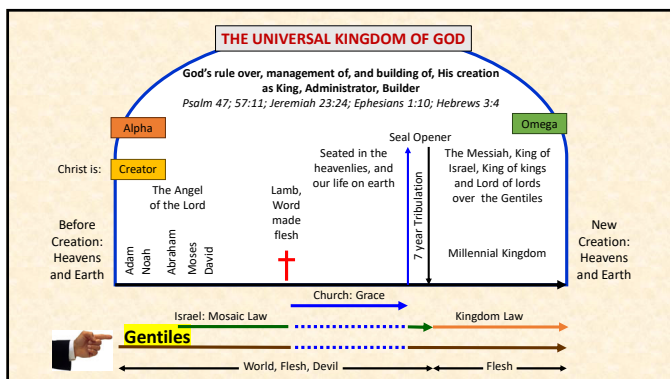
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GENTILES: NON-JEWS

- The Gentiles, all having begun in Adam, can all be saved by faith, *but not all are*. Those who are saved by faith between the time of Acts 2 and the Rapture, are part of the Church.

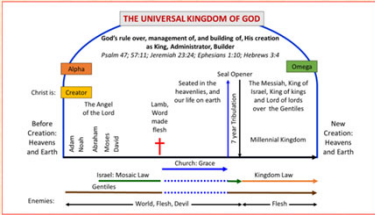


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GENTILES: NON-JEWS

- When the Church is raptured, the identification of Gentiles as a critical ethnic distinction will continue until the end of this present heavens and earth and on into the New Heavens and the New Earth.



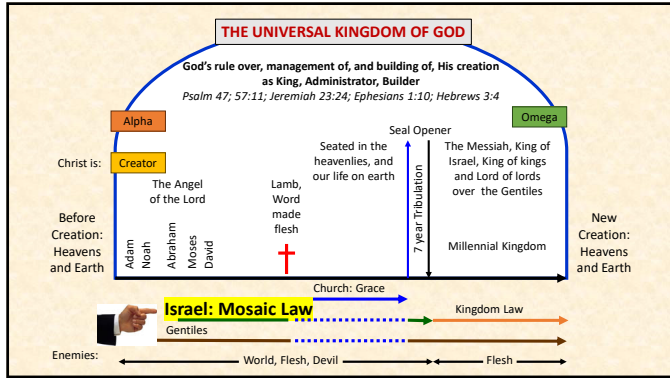
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ISRAEL: HEBREWS OR JEWS

- The Israelites, God's chosen, ethnic, people, could be saved by faith, before the Cross, (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, the prophets, etc.) **but not all of them were saved.**

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ISRAEL: HEBREWS OR JEWS

- Between the founding of the Church at Pentecost, in Acts 2 until the Rapture, Israelites saved by faith, **are part of the Church.**

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ISRAEL: HEBREWS OR JEWS

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The diagram illustrates the timeline of God's kingdom. It starts with 'Before Creation: Heavens and Earth' and 'Creation: Heavens and Earth'. Key figures include Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David. The 'Church' is shown as a period of 'Grace' that begins with the 'Seal Opener' (The Messiah, King of Israel, King of kings and Lord of lords over the Gentiles) and ends with the '7 year Tribulation'. The 'Millennial Kingdom' follows the tribulation. The timeline is divided into 'Israel: Mosaic Law' and 'Gentiles: Church: Grace'. The 'Enemies' are listed as 'World, Flesh, Devil' and 'Flesh'.

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This diagram is similar to the one on page 40, showing the timeline of God's kingdom. It includes the same key figures and events, but with a slightly different layout. The 'Church: Grace' period is highlighted in yellow. The 'Millennial Kingdom' is shown as a period of 'Kingdom Law'. The 'Enemies' are listed as 'World, Flesh, Devil' and 'Flesh'.

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THE CHURCH: A SPIRITUAL BODY

- The Church, a spiritual body composed of ethnic Gentiles and Jews, is not under the Law of Moses.


Romans 6:14-15

¹⁴...not under law but under grace.
¹⁵...not under law but under grace...



Galatians 3:27-28

²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

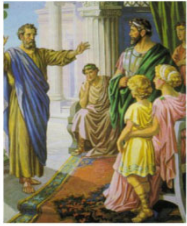


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THE CHURCH: A SPIRITUAL BODY

- The Church consists of those Gentiles and Israelites who have believed in Christ, from Acts 2 to the Rapture.




Peter, the Jew, presenting the gospel in the Gentile house of Cornelius!

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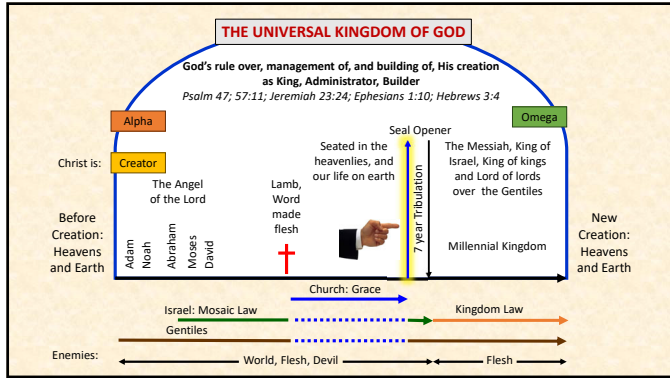
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THE CHURCH: A SPIRITUAL BODY

- The Church, even now, has its blessings in the heavenly places in Christ, which include a heavenly seating and citizenship - you can set your mind and hope on that!



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WHY DOES THE CHURCH DEPART BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

- The Gentiles and Israel can both be shown to be subject to God's wrath.


Psalms 78:59

When God heard, He was filled with wrath and greatly abhorred Israel.



Jeremiah 10:25

Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You and on the families that do not call Your name; For they have devoured Jacob...



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WHY DOES THE CHURCH DEPART BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

- But the Church is promised to be saved from God's wrath.


Romans 5:9-10

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.



1 Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9-10

¹⁰...and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come. ^{5:9-10} For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...



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WHY DOES THE CHURCH DEPART BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

- The beginning of the seven-year Tribulation period (cf. Revelation 6), begins God's wrath for those on the earth, so the Church has to have been taken out of the earth prior to that point.

Revelation 6:16-17

¹⁶...and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the **wrath** of the Lamb; ¹⁷ for the great day of their **wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?"



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WHY DOES THE CHURCH DEPART BEFORE THE TRIBULATION?

- For us who are in the Church, grace is the one reigning principle (Romans 5:17; 21).

GRACE

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BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON

- Once the seven-year Tribulation period begins or perhaps shortly before, Israel will rebuild their Temple, reinstitute the Mosaic Law, and begin offering sacrifices.



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BUT THERE'S ANOTHER REASON

- While the mention of the Church on earth ends, once the seven-year Tribulation period begins, the language and focus of the Book of Revelation returns to the 12 Tribes of Israel and the Gentile nations.

Revelation 7:4-5

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵ from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand...



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WHO'S IN AND WHO'S OUT?

- [Only unbelievers](#) will enter the Tribulation because the Church will have been removed at the Rapture and [only believers](#) will enter the Millennial kingdom because no unbelievers will be left on Earth at that point.

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7 year Tribulation

The Messiah, King of Israel, King of kings and Lord of lords over the Gentiles

Millennial Kingdom

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WHO'S IN AND WHO'S OUT?

7 year Tribulation

The Messiah, King of Israel, King of kings and Lord of lords over the Gentiles

Millennial Kingdom

- All those (Gentiles and Jews), who enter the Millennial Kingdom, will have become **believers** during the Tribulation and will have survived all of its plagues and persecutions.

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