

2 THESSALONIANS

THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN US!

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Ecclesia 2 Thess 2:1-12

**Body of Christ & wine
Great & not-great
Considerations of timespace
'watch out for deception'
Don't you remember
Countering counterfeit**





Luke 22:17-20
Matt 26:26-28
Mark 14:22-24

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him.

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you



Luke 22:17-18

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

“I Rebecca Lee Chehade, take you, Benjamin Paul Bonython, to be my wedded husband”

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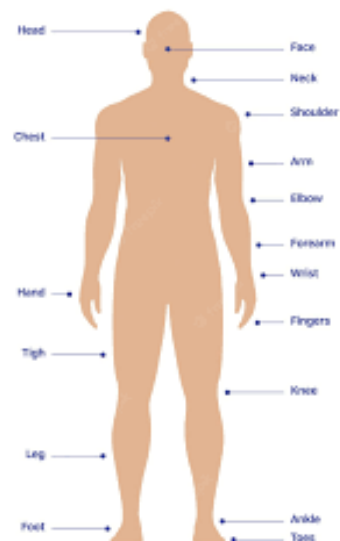
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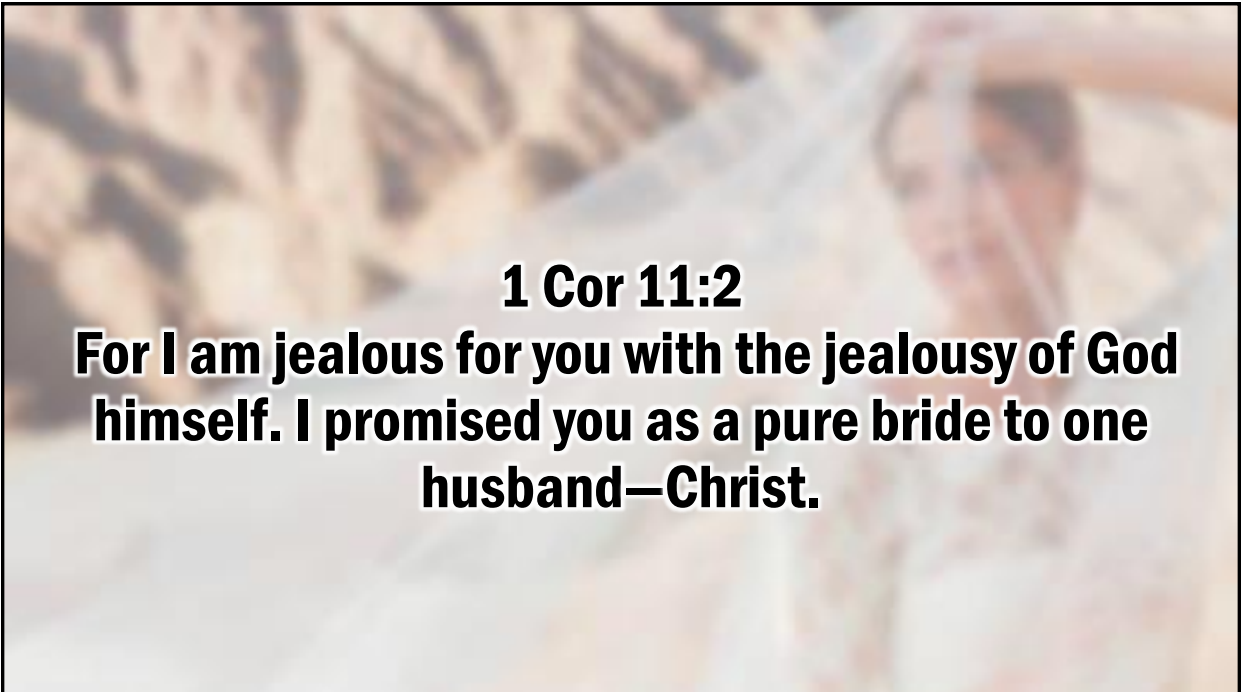
1 Cor 12:12,27

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body...so it is with the body of Christ.

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

Human Body Parts





1 Cor 11:2

For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ.



John 14:1-4

...My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am...

Gen 2:24

This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Mark 10:8

and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one,



Ephesians 5:25-32

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

Ephesians 5:25-32

And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.

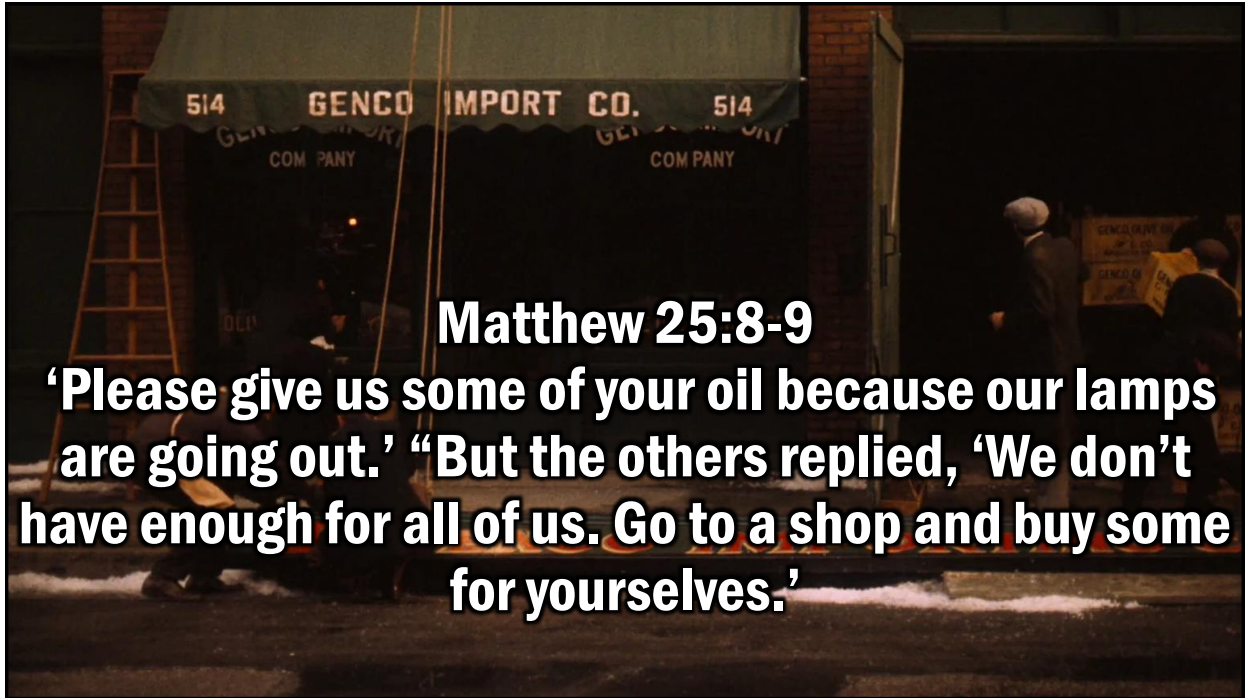
1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.



Matthew 25:5-8

“When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight they were roused by the shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and meet him!’ “All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. Then the five foolish ones asked the others,

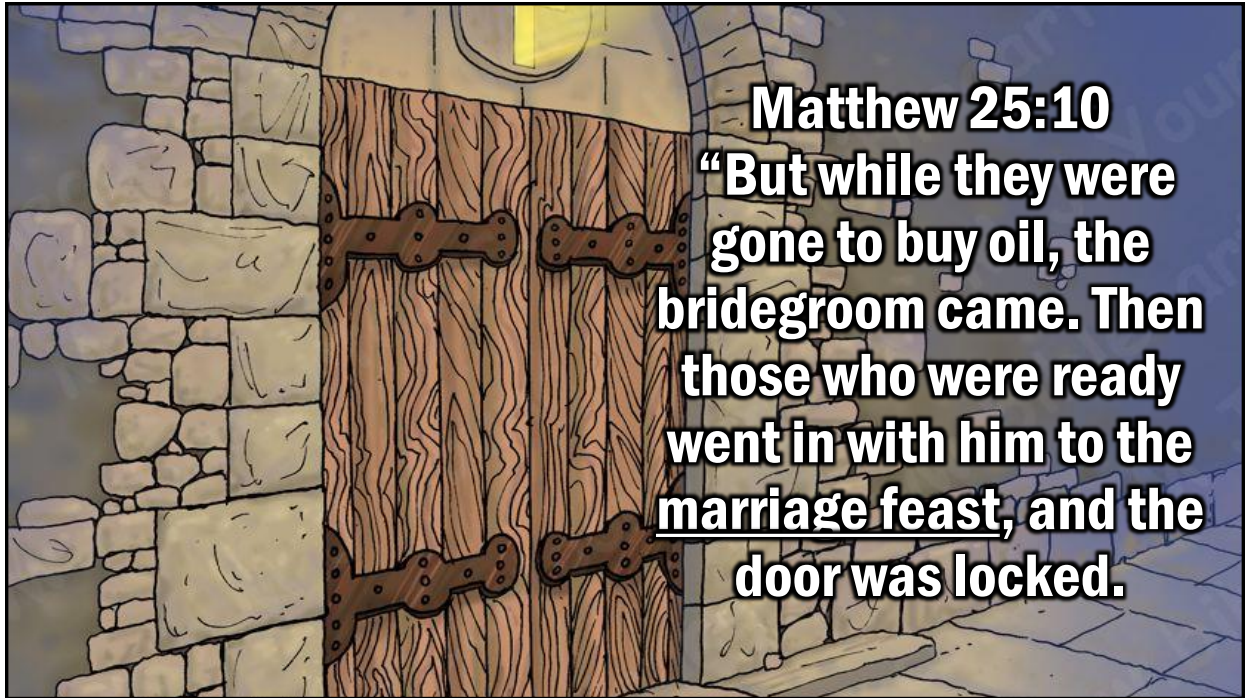


Matthew 25:8-9

'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.



Revelation 19:7-9

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; with fine linen, bright and pure” —for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

“But while they were gone to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Then those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was locked. (Matt 25:10)



...his Bride has made herself ready; with fine linen, bright and pure” –for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (Rev 19:7-8)

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath... (Eph 2:3)

For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph 2:10)

It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying...he was known as a person who pleased God. (Heb 11:5)

...a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” (Matt 17:5)

(Pleased - 2Pe1:17,Ps2:7,Is42:1,Eph1:6,Col1:6,1Jn5:9)

Church’s Great Mystery Character

One body, Sharers, Promises (Eph 3:3-6)

Indwelling every believer (Col 1:26-27)

Bride of Christ (Eph 5:22-32)

Heavenly body (“Rapture”) (1 Cor 15:35-58)

One “New Humanity” (Eph 2:15)

Not Jewish or Gentile (1 Cor 10:32)

Pleases God (1 Thess 4:1-12)

Great lights (Gen1:14;1:16)

Great flood (Gen9:28;10:1,32;11:10)

Great nation (Gen12:2;18:18;26:24;35:11)

Great nation (Gen17:20;21:18)

Great sin (Gen20:9;39:9,Dt9:18,1Kg12:30;13:34)

Great mystery (Eph 5:32)(1Tim3:16)

Great tribulation (Rev 3:10;7:14)

(Great - one of the words for...194 times in NT)

Stirling 5152 is heaven?

70AD Jerusalem

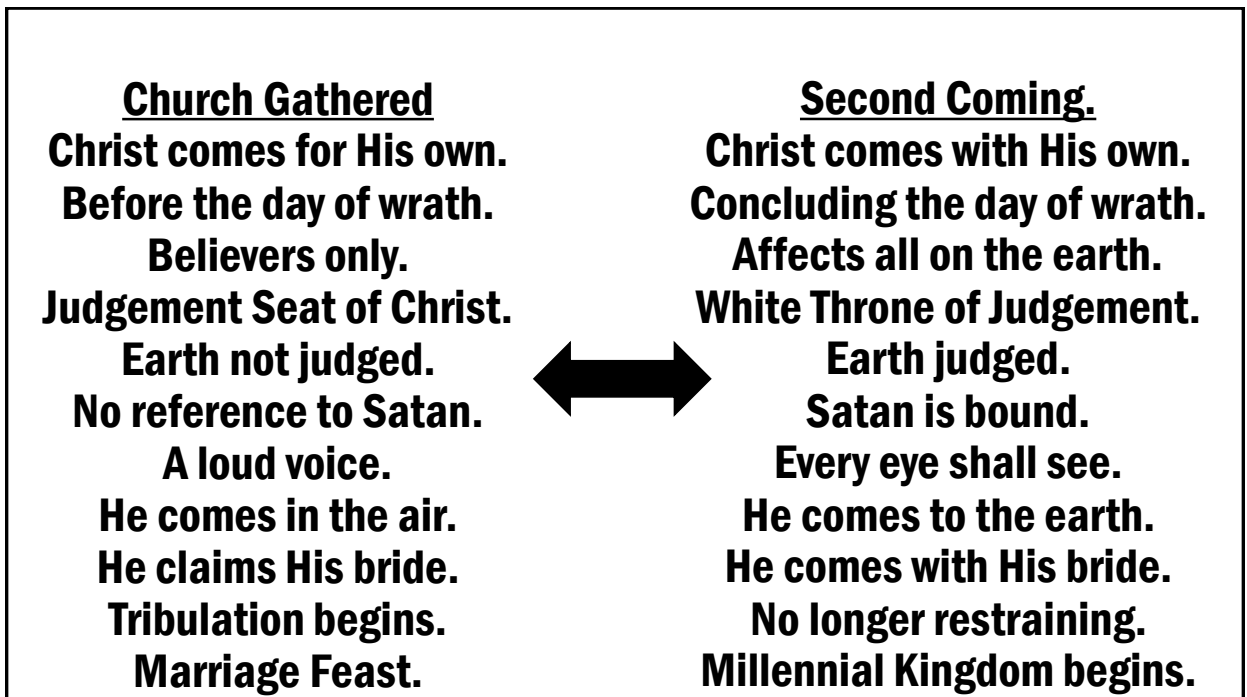
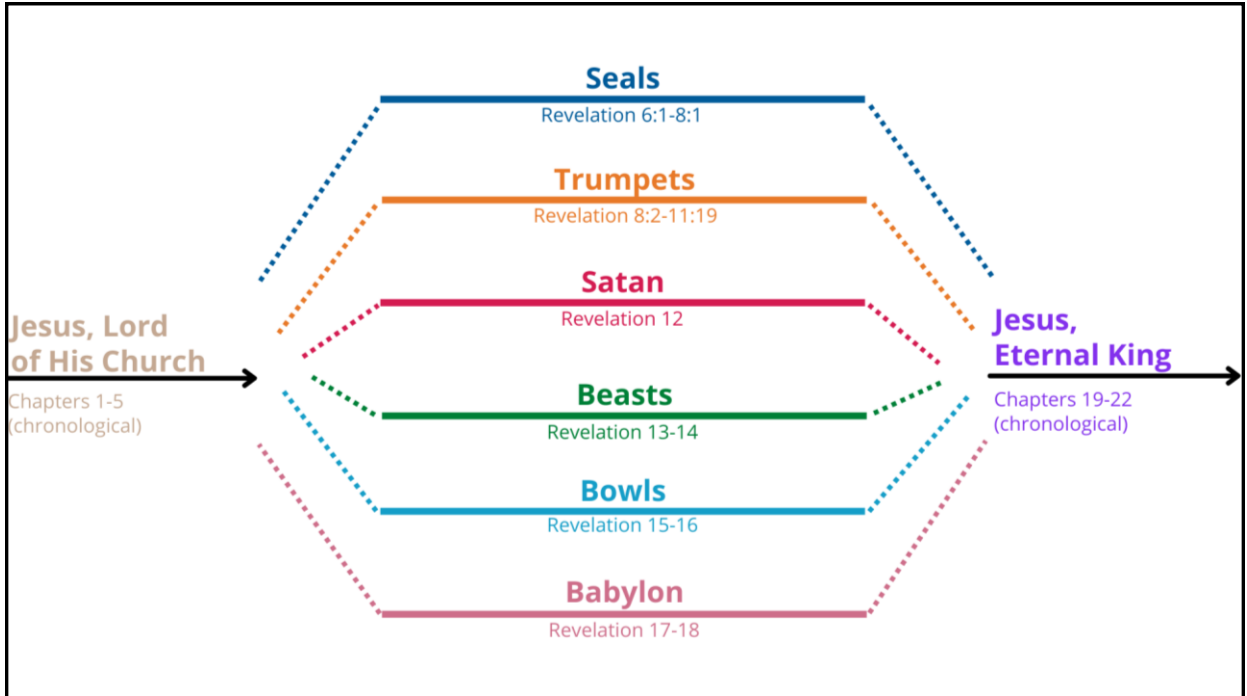
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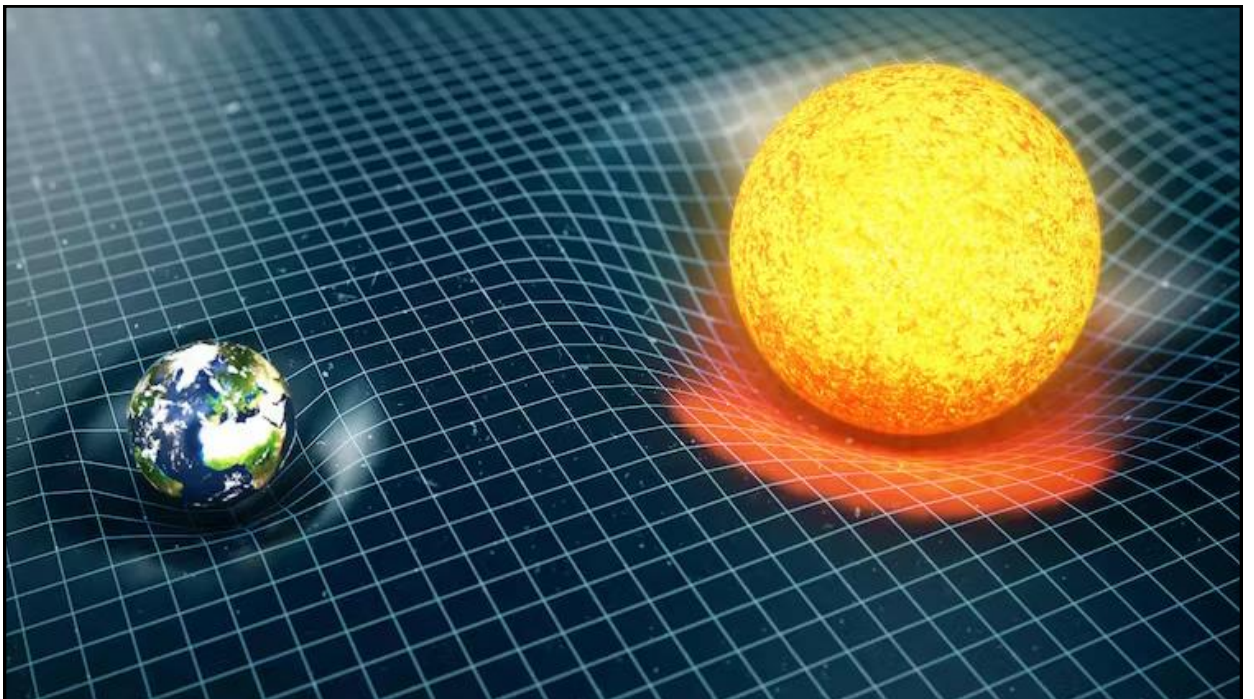
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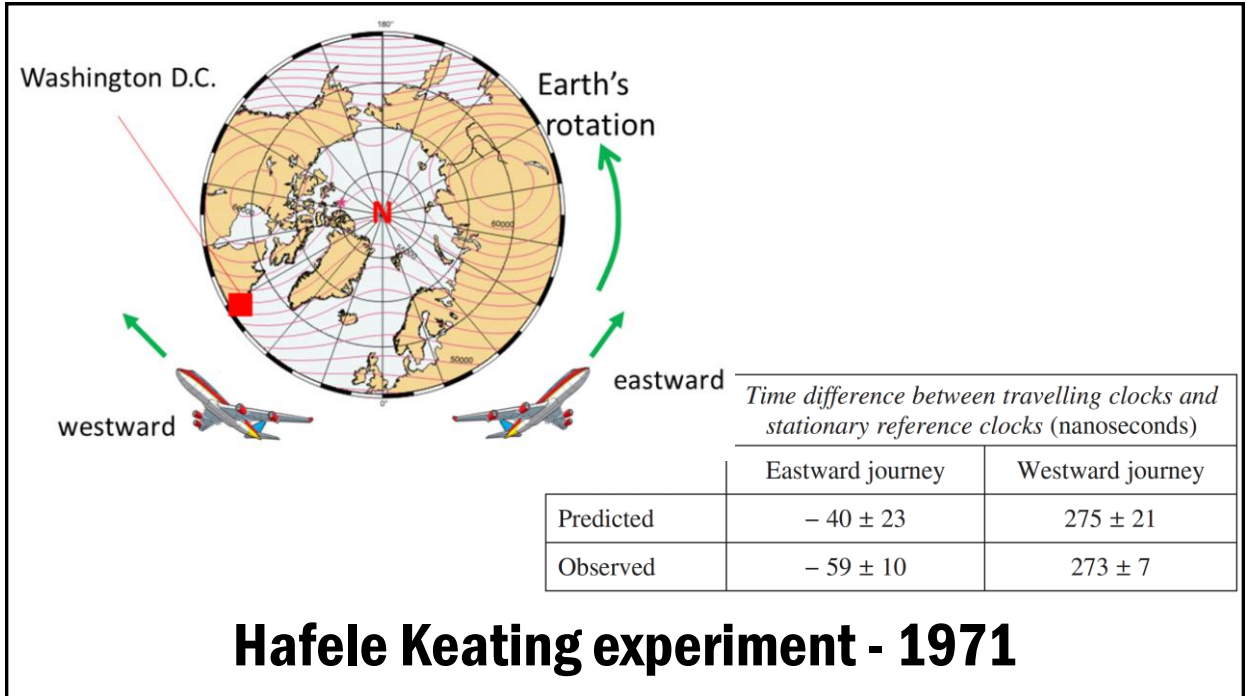
Armenian Genocide - 1.5m

Pol Pots Genocide - 3m

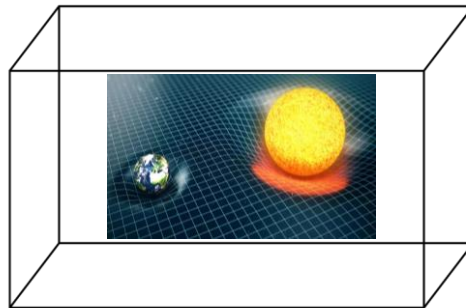
Rwanda - 800k Sudan - 500k







God – in time, and timeless



Ps 91:2, Heb 7:3, Rev 1:8, Heb 13:8, 2 Tim 1:9
Is 57:15, Ecc 3:14, Mic 5:2, Hab 1:12, Lk 12:33
Is 46:10, Is 40:28, Ex 3:14

**Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you...When you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’ spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand”
(Matt 24:4,15)**

Don’t you remember...Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed... (2 Thess 2:5a,1-2a)



Colossians 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him...