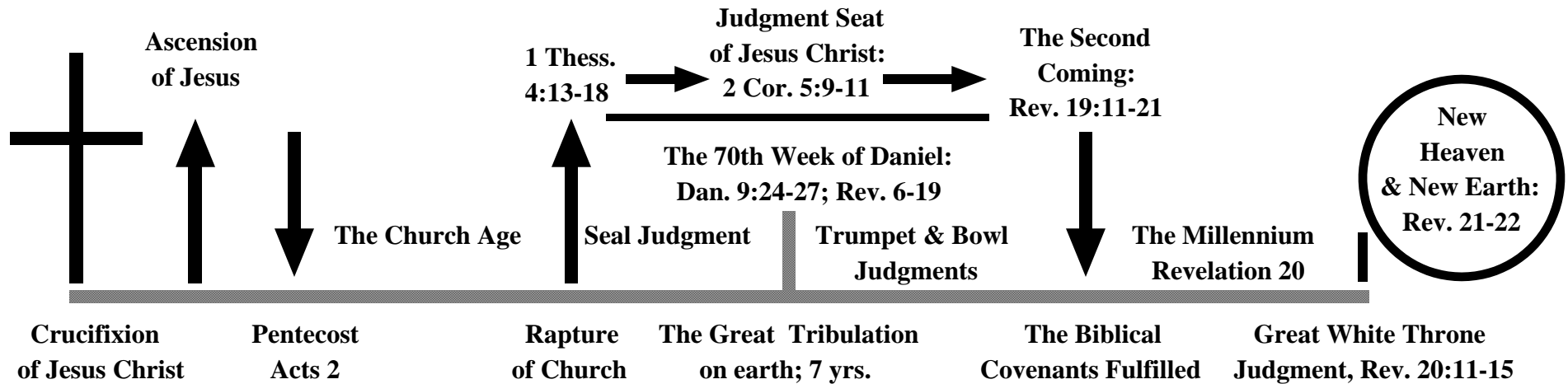


The Pretribulational Promise of Revelation 3:10



Revelation 3:10: *“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”*

The phrase, “keep you from” (*tereo* [keep you] *ek*[from]) is a form of *tereo*, “I keep, preserve”). Used with “*ek*” it means “keep you from” or “out of.” This is carefully described in the Greek which clearly teaches the pretribulational rapture of the church. The justification: The Greek words for “keep from” means “out of.” If this is not what is meant, then John would have used the following:

1. ***Tereo en* = “to keep in”:** This would be a promise of preservation in the Tribulation (e.g., posttribulational perspective).
2. ***Tereo dia* = “to keep through”:** This would be a promise to keep us through the Tribulation (e.g., posttribulational perspective)
3. ***Aireo ek* = “to take out” or “*sozo ek*” = “to save out”:** This could mean that believers would go into the Great Tribulation & then be taken out of it (e.g., midtribulational perspective).
4. ***Aireo apo* = “to take from”:** This would mean that believers would go into the Tribulation then would be taken out of the Tribulation (e.g., midtribulational perspective).