

1 KINGS 19

A SNAPSHOT OF THE ARMAGEDDON PROCESS

Now I am come to make thee understand
what shall befall thy people in the latter days:
for yet the vision *is for many days.*

Daniel 10:14 KJV

Armageddon Is Complex

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. — Revelation 16:16 KJV

So complex and peculiar will be the conflict of this Day of Vengeance that no one symbol could describe it. In the Scriptures, accordingly, many forceful symbols are used, such as battle, earthquake, fire, storm, tempest and flood. (D527.1)

Also known as:

The Battle of Armageddon

The Day of Vengeance

The Time of Trouble

Thus the Prophet Isaiah refers to that period which Daniel (12:1) describes as "a *time of trouble* such as never was since there was a nation"; of which Malachi (4:1) says, "Behold, the day cometh that shall *burn as an oven*; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble"; wherein the Apostle James (5:1-6) says the rich men shall *weep and howl* for the miseries that shall come upon them; the day which Joel (2:2) describes as a *day of clouds* and thick darkness; which Amos (5:20) says is "darkness and not light, even very dark and *no brightness in it*"; and to which the Lord refers (Matt. 24:21-22) as a time of "*great tribulation*," so ruinous in its character that, if it were not cut short, no flesh would survive its ravages. (D11.1)

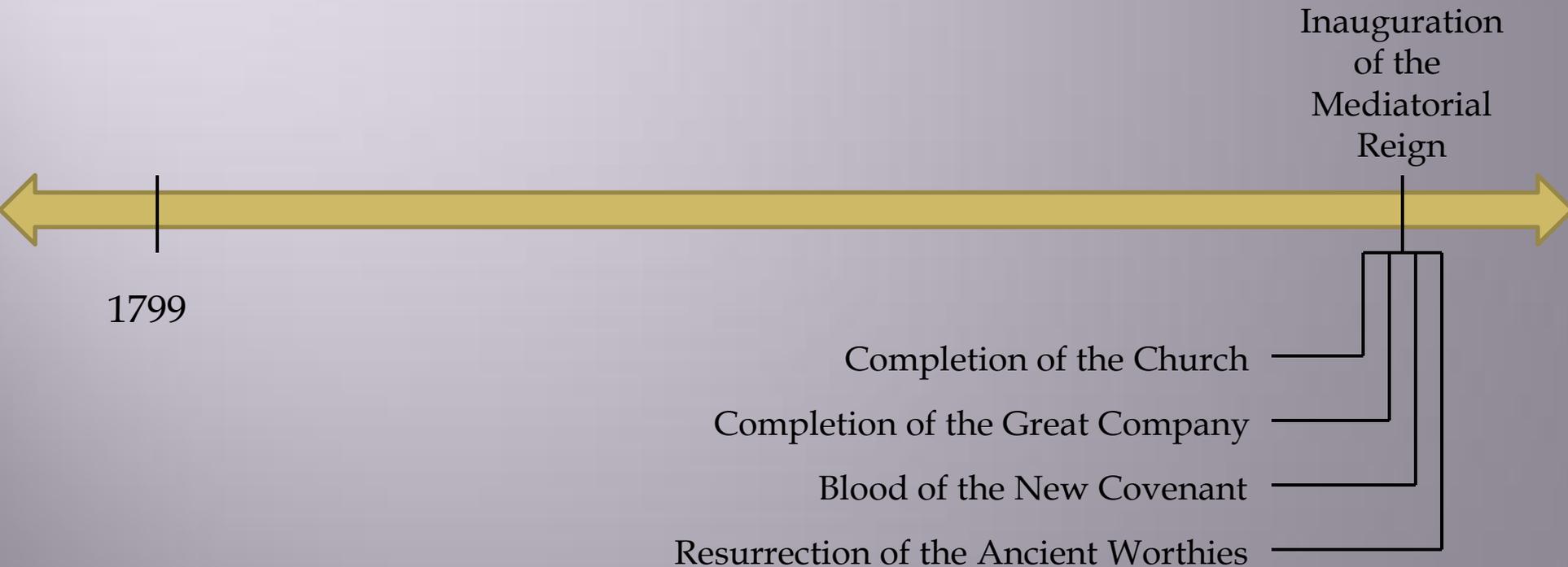
Our Basic Timeline



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The “You Are Here” Point



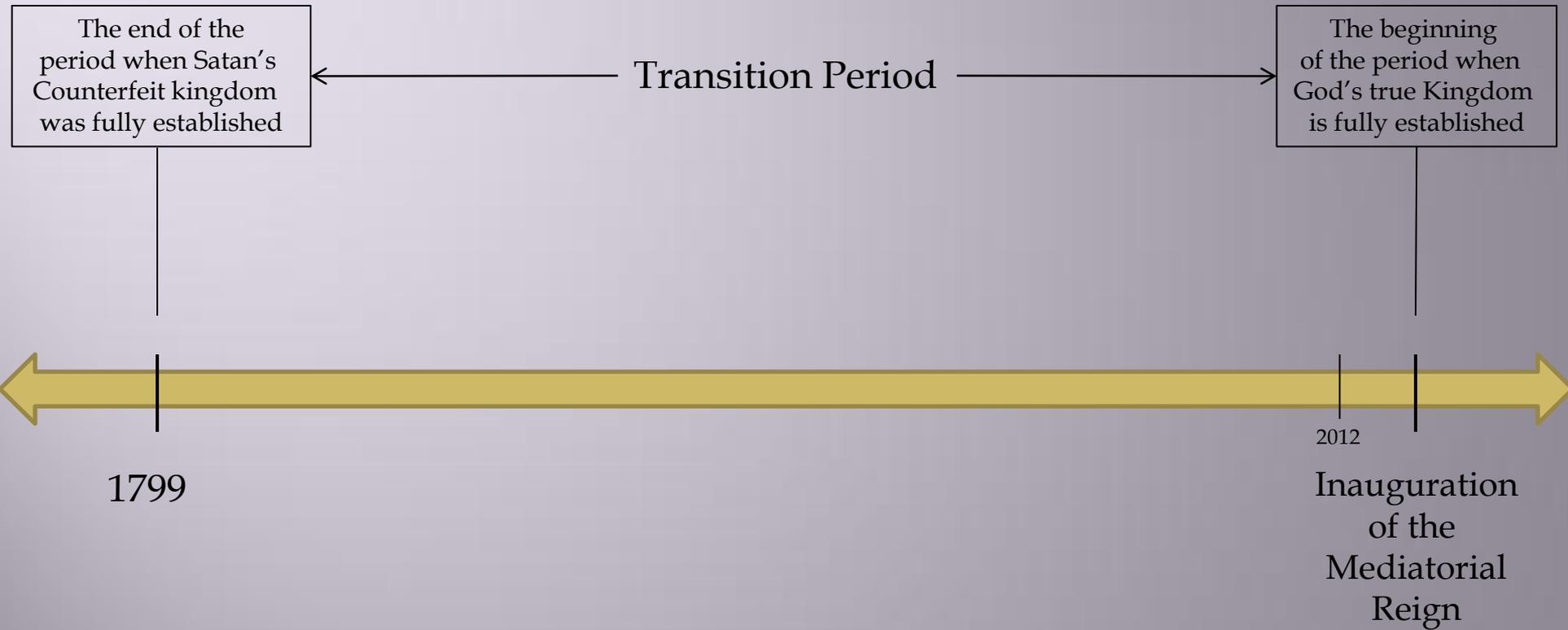
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*"I always avoid prophesying beforehand.
It is much better to prophesy
after the event has already taken place."
— Winston Churchill*

The Transition Period



Running To And Fro

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BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

Classic Literature

AS WRITTEN

Beowulf was king in that Danish castle,
Shild's son ruling as long as his father
And as loved, a famous lord of men.
And he in turn gave his people a son,
The great Healfdane, a fierce fighter
Who led the Danes to the edge of his long
left them for children,
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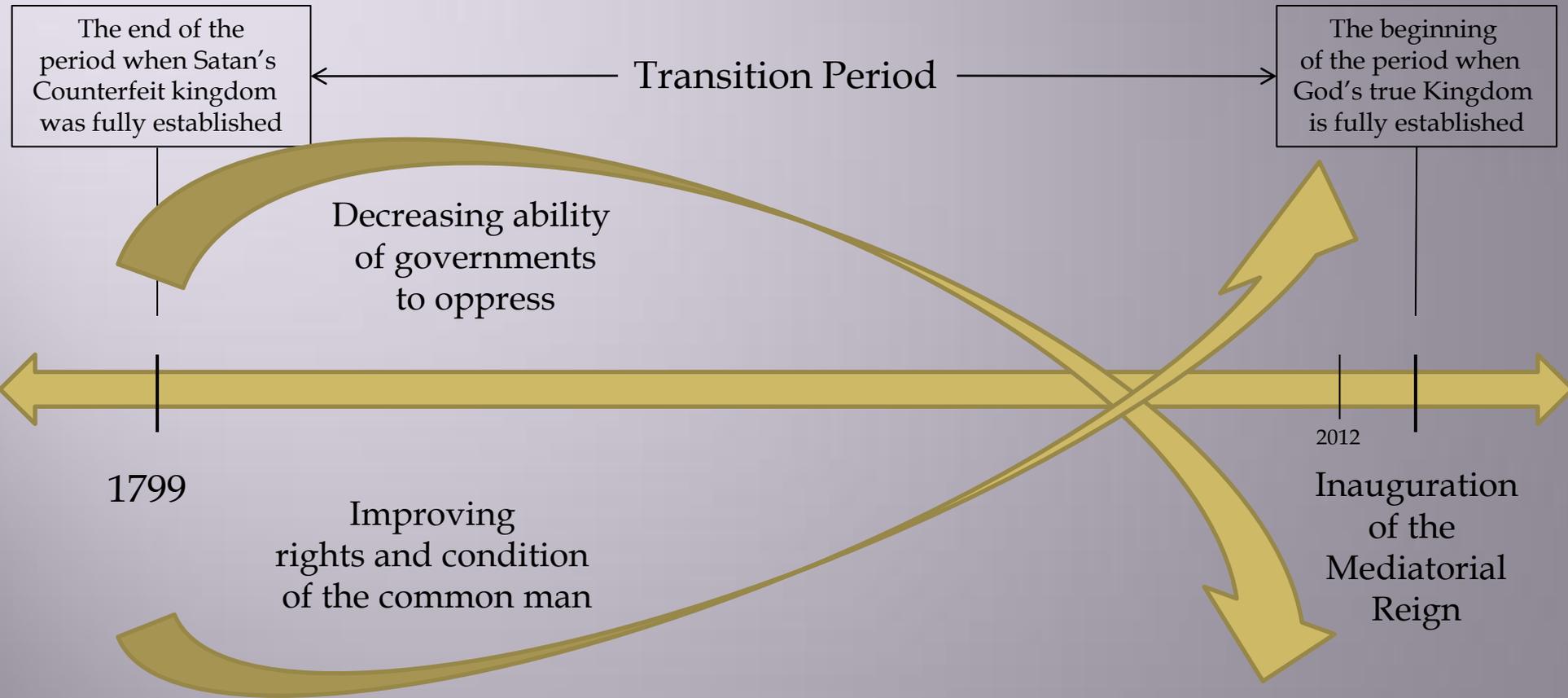
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But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

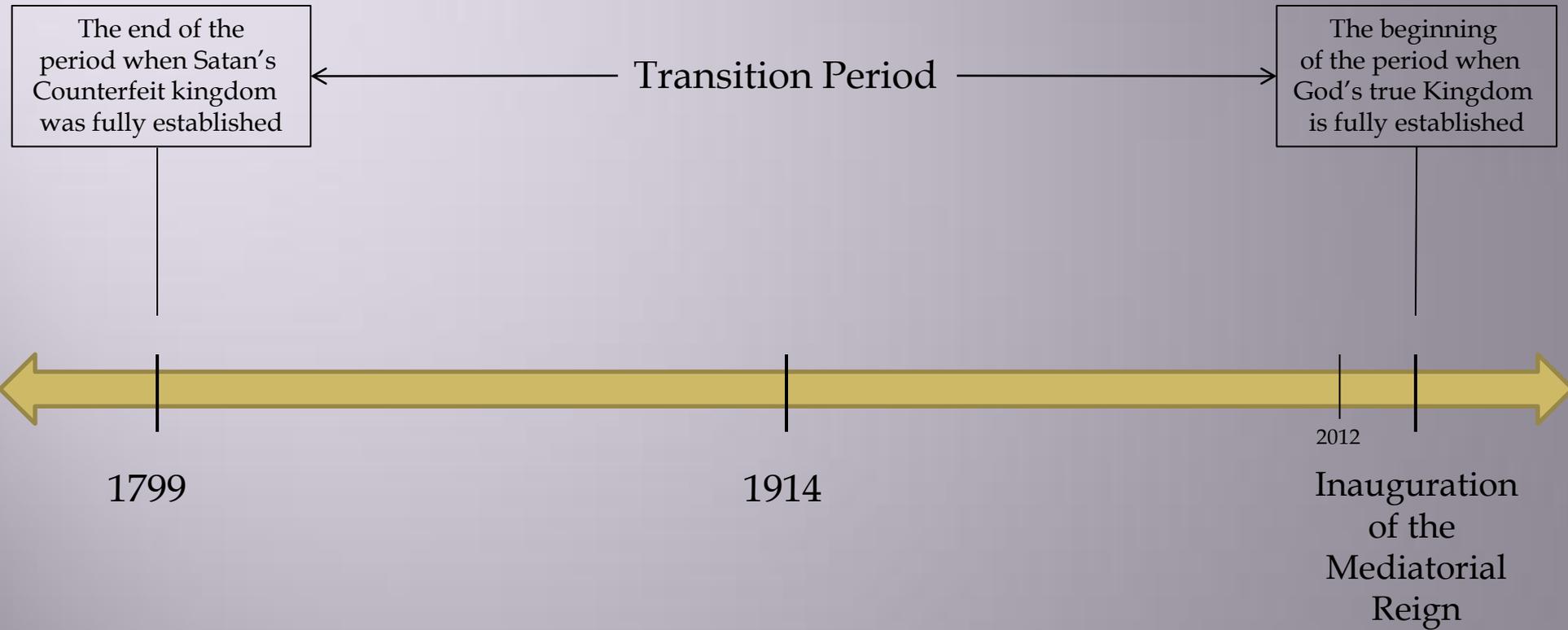
— Daniel 12:4 KJV

Two Opposing Trends

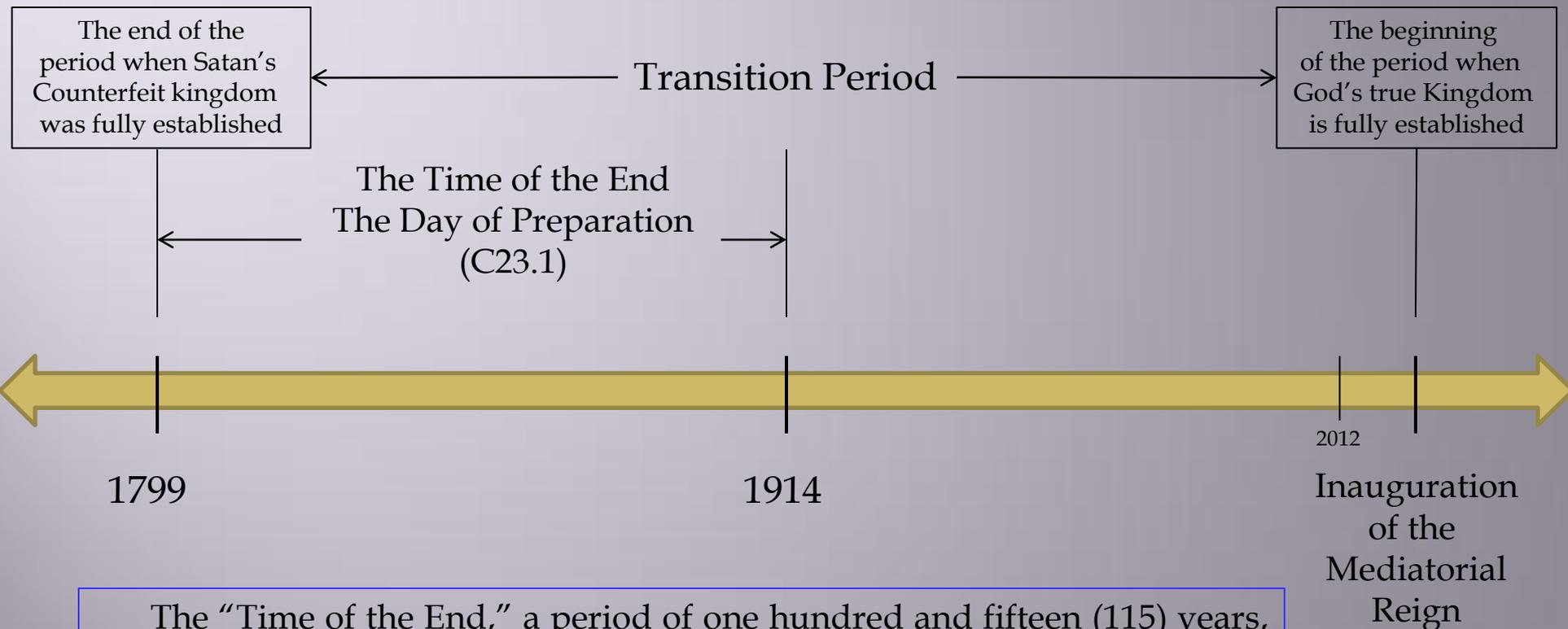


I will make a man more precious than fine gold;
even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
— Isaiah 13:12 KJV

The Center Point on Our Timeline

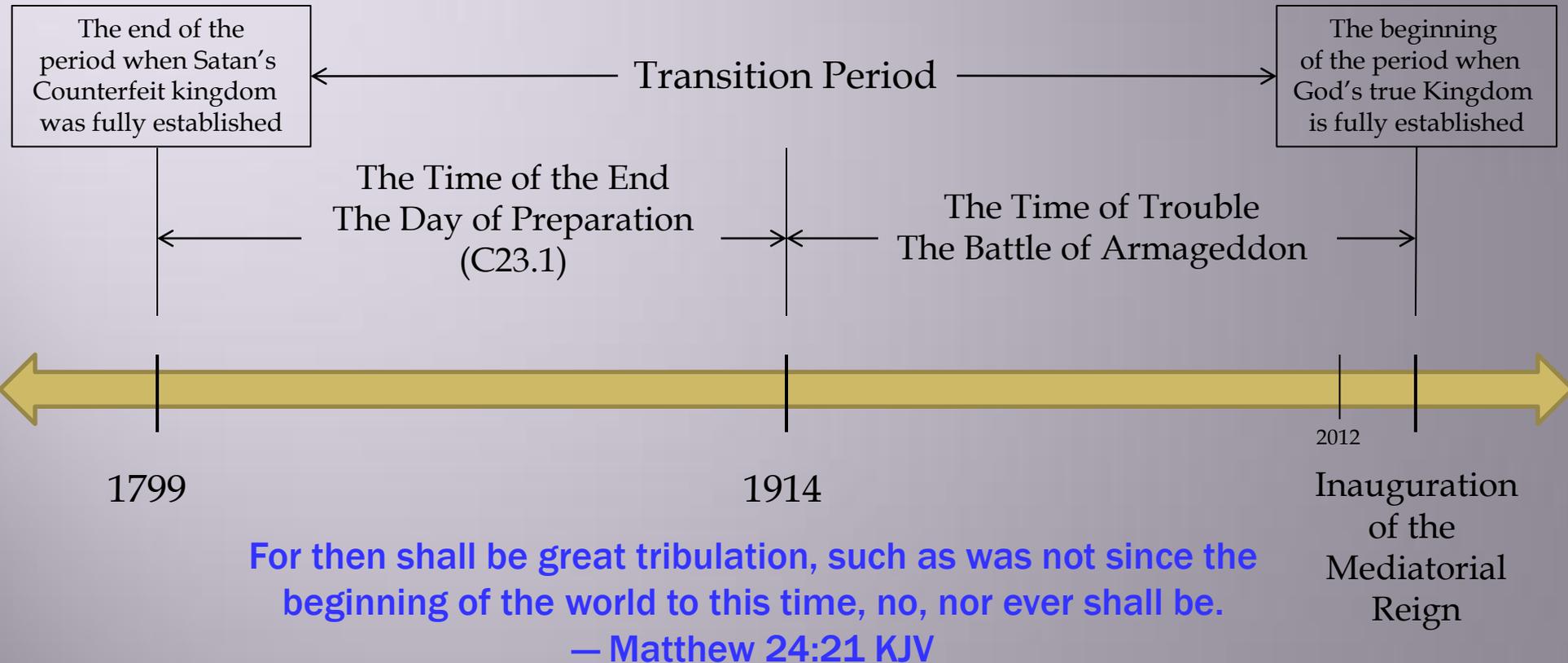


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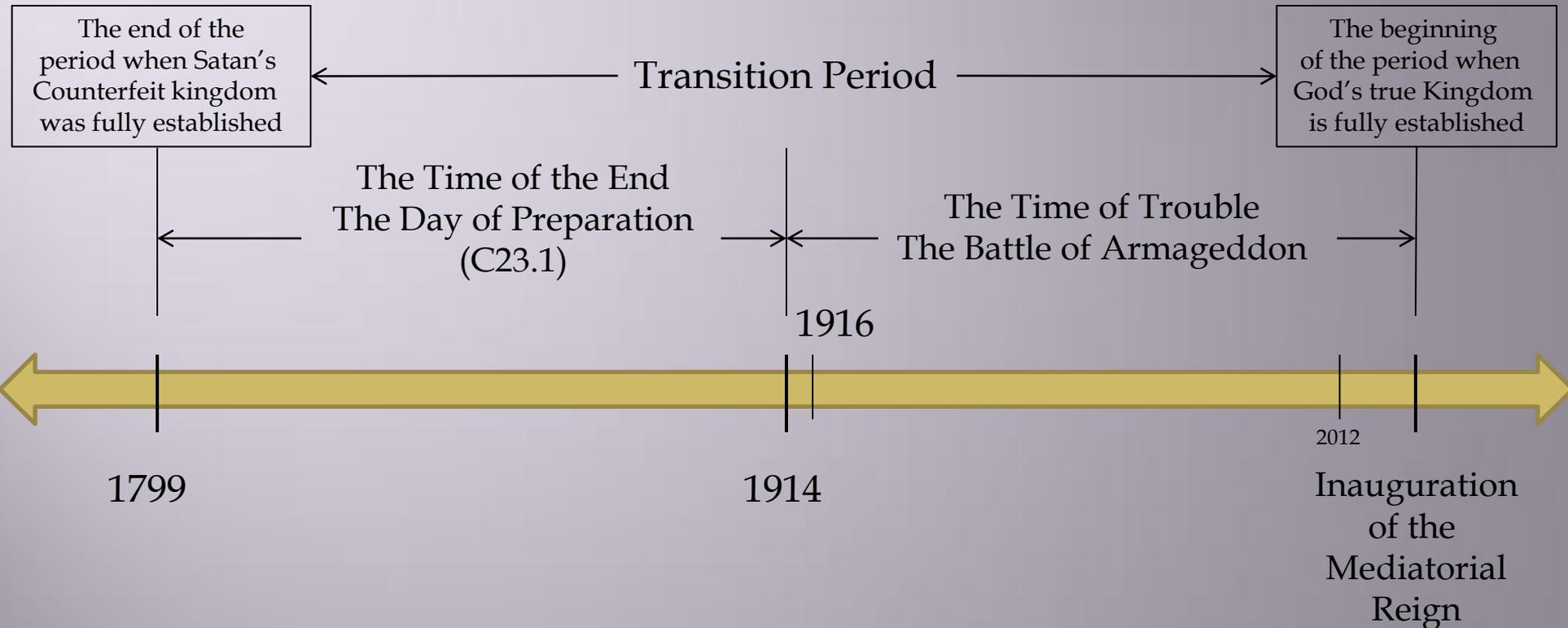
The "Time of the End," a period of one hundred and fifteen (115) years, from AD 1799 to AD 1914, is particularly marked in the Scriptures. "The Day of His Preparation" is another name given to the same period, because in it a general increase of knowledge, resulting in discoveries, inventions, etc., *paves the way to the coming Millennium of favor, ... (C23.1)*

The Post-1914 Transition Period



The day of vengeance stands naturally related to the benevolent object of its divine permission, which is the overthrow of the entire present order of things, preparatory to the permanent establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth, under Christ, the Prince of Peace. (D14.2)

Adding 1916 to Our Timeline



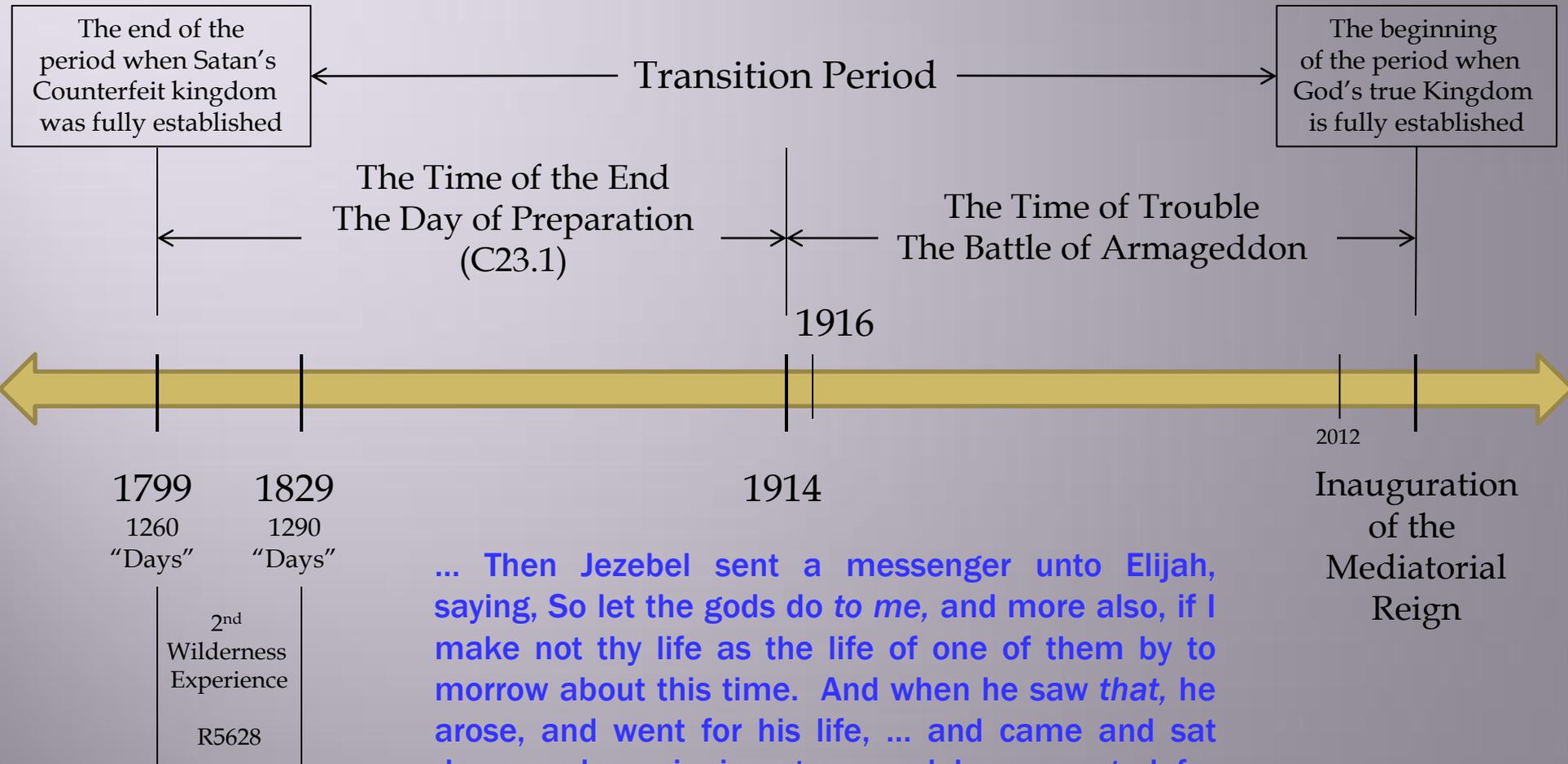
And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.
— Ezekiel 9:11 KJV

Elijah: a Type of the Church

ELIJAH -----	THE CHURCH -----
<p>Elijah was persecuted for fidelity to truth and righteousness.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The Church was persecuted for fidelity to truth and righteousness.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>His principal persecutor was Jezebel, the wicked queen of Israel, who is mentioned by name as the type of the enemy of the saints. Rev 2:20</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The principal persecutor was the apostate Church of Rome, which claims to be a "queen" and ruler over spiritual Israel. Rev 18:7</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>Jezebel's persecuting power was exercised through her husband, Ahab, the king.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>Papacy's persecuting power was exercised through the Roman Empire, to which she was joined.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>Elijah fled from Jezebel and Ahab, into the wilderness, to a place prepared of God, where he was miraculously nourished. 1 Kings 17:5-9</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The true Church fled into the symbolic wilderness—or condition of isolation—to her place, prepared of God, where she was sustained. Rev 12:6,16</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>Elijah was "three years and six months" in the wilderness, and during that time there was no rain, and a great famine was in the land. James 5:17; 1 Kings 17:7; 18:2</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The Church was three and a half symbolic years (a day for a year— 1260 literal years) in the wilderness condition, during which there was a spiritual famine because of the lack of truth—the living water. Comp. Rev 12:6; 11:3; Amos 8:11.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>After the three and a half years, 1260 days, when Elijah returned from the wilderness, the errors of Jezebel's priests were manifested, the true God was honored, and copious rains followed. 1 Kings 18:41-45</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>At the end of 1260 years the power of the truth and its witnesses was manifested (AD 1799); and since then the truth has flowed at the rate of millions of Bibles every year, refreshing the world and bringing forth fruit.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>The king and the people at first rejoiced, and Elijah and his God were honored; but the spirit of Jezebel was unchanged. She still sought Elijah's life, and he was again compelled to flee into the wilderness. 1 Kings 18:40,45,46; 19:1-4</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>The Bible has brought such blessings that the empires of earth recognize the Lord's hand; yet the principles of Papacy—Jezebel—in so-called Protestant sects compel the saints again to flee into the wilderness condition.</p> <p>-----</p>
<p>Elijah's career ended by his being taken from the earth.</p>	<p>The saints will be changed from earthly to heavenly conditions.</p>

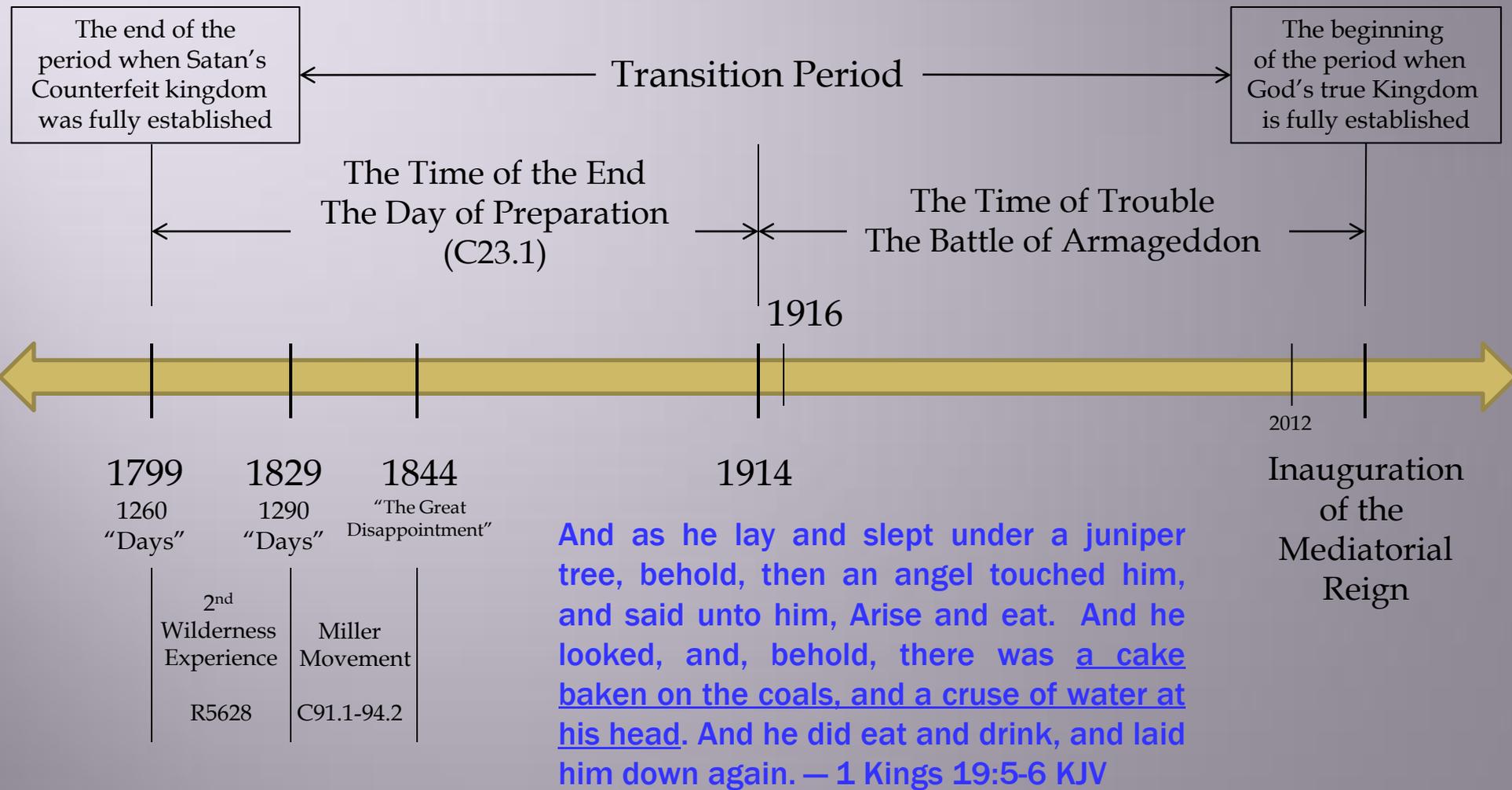
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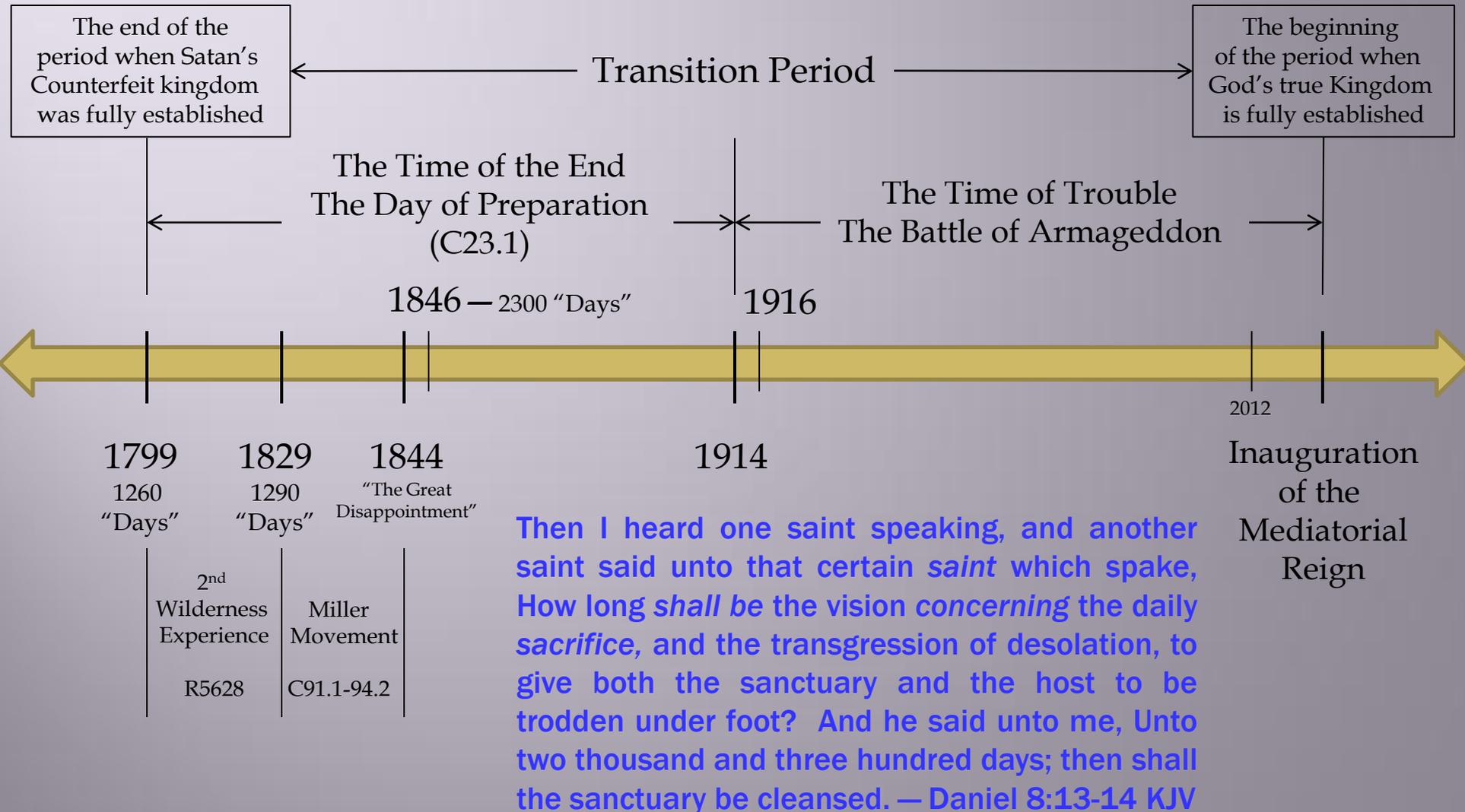


... Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw *that*, he arose, and went for his life, ... and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers. — 1 Kings 19:1-4 KJV

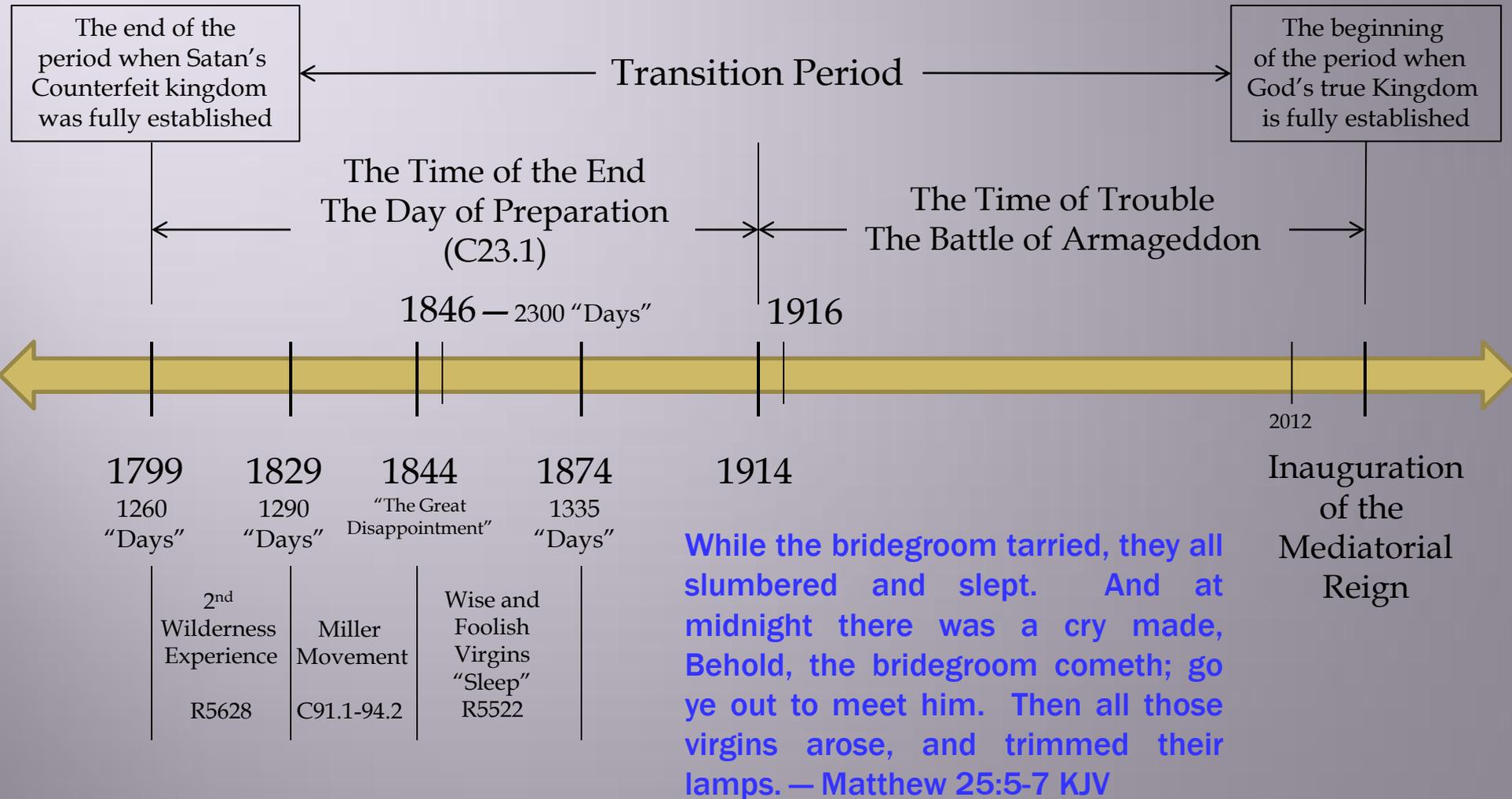
The Miller Movement



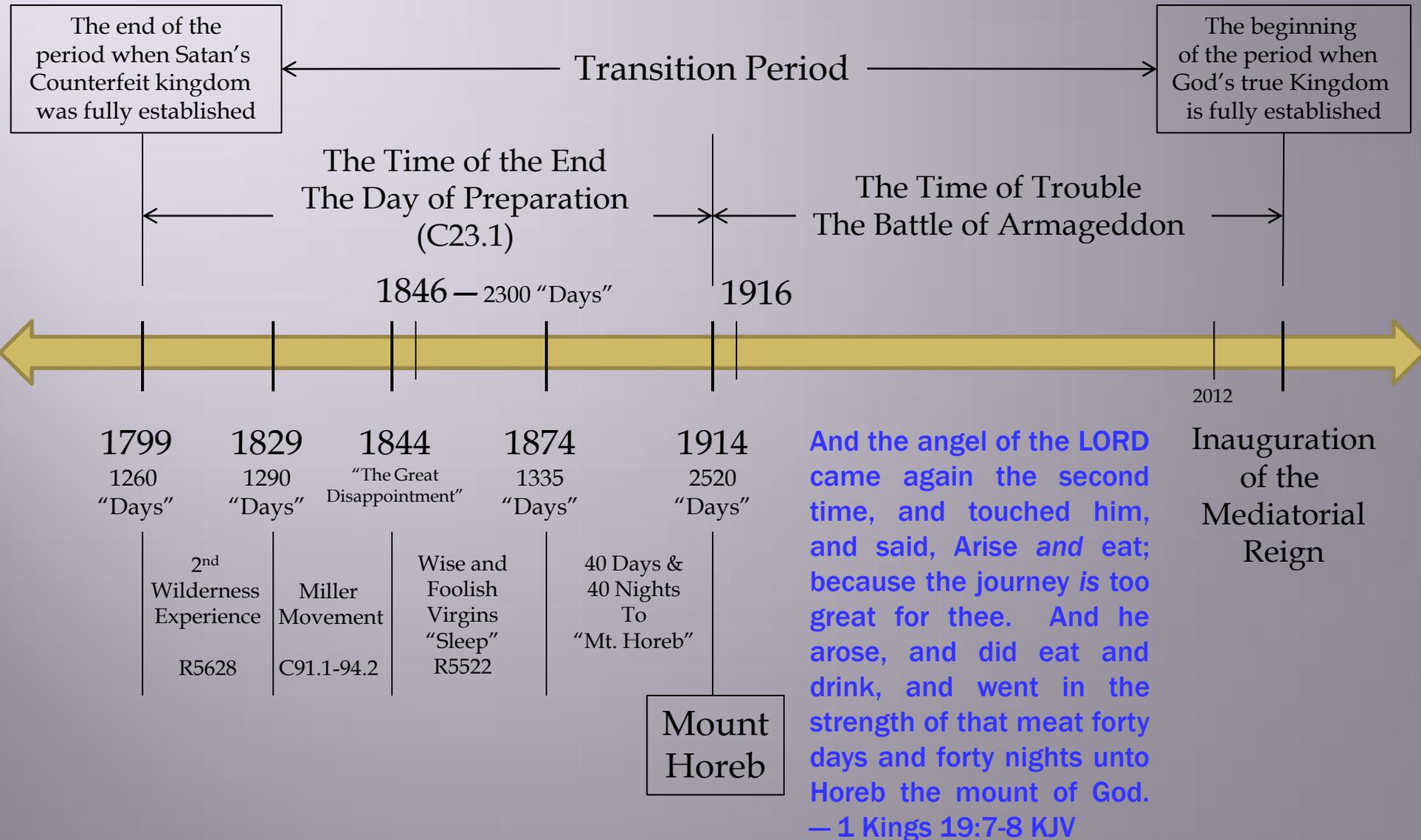
The Cleansing of the Sanctuary



Wise And Foolish Virgins



The Journey to Mt. Horeb



Mount Horeb

Q. In what sense was 1914 the “Kingdom of God”?

A. The Kingdom of God was set up in 1914 in the sense that it was the establishment of the 5th universal empire.

Mt. Horeb is another name for Mt. Sinai.
The cave to which Elijah fled was on the same
mountain where Moses received the Law.

I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more,
until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

— Ezekiel 21:27 KJV

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,
The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his
Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. — Revelation 11:15 KJV

See also Psalms 2:1-6

The Vision At Mt. Horeb

... and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? ... And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: And after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: And after the fire a still small voice. – 1 Kings 19:9, 11-12 KJV

While in this condition Bible students the world over have been receiving of the Lord a special vision of the future. That is to say, through Bible study they have been learning that Messiah's Kingdom is to be inaugurated in a Time of Trouble such as was not since there was a nation—no, nor ever shall be afterward. ... (R5753.2)

As our own eyes of understanding have opened, we have sought to show to the Church, and to the world as far as possible, the great Divine Plan of the Ages ... To our understanding the present war is pictured in the Bible, as due to begin in 1914. It is a great "wind." (R5697.8)

Following the great war, the Bible teaches, a great earthquake—social revolution—will take place. ... Speedily the symbolic "fire" of the Bible will consume the earth—anarchy. Following the anarchy quickly will come the long-promised Kingdom of God, for which Christians have prayed, ... (R5697.9)

The experiences of Elijah in the closing of his ministry showed us how the Great Day of the Lord will be ushered in: first, the wind rending the rocks, representing the present war; secondly, the great earthquake, representing the Revolution that will follow the present war; thirdly, the fire, representing the Anarchy that will follow the Revolution; fourthly, "the still, small Voice" of God—which will follow the anarchy in the world—through Messiah's Kingdom speaking, "Peace! be still!" ... (R5601.2)

The Same Symbols Used Differently

1 Kings 19:11-12 uses three symbols to represent **three parts of one whole**.

In other passages, those same three symbols describe the **entire** period by themselves . For example, consider the following :

WIND

Nahum 1:3 ... the LORD
hath his way in the whirlwind
and in the storm, ...

Isaiah 17:13
Isaiah 26:18
Jeremiah 4:11-13
Jeremiah 25:29-33
Jeremiah 51:1
Revelation 7:1-3

EARTHQUAKE

Haggai 2:6-7 ... And I will
shake all nations, and the
desire of all nations shall
come ...

Psalms 46:3
Psalm 60:2
Isaiah 2:19-21
Isaiah 13:11-13
Ezekiel 38:19-20
Luke 21:26

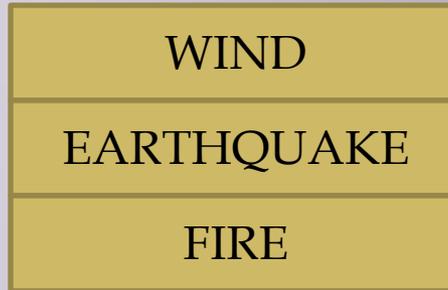
FIRE

Zephaniah 3:8 ... for all the
earth shall be devoured with
the fire of my jealousy.

Psalms 21:8-10
Psalm 50:3
Isaiah 9:18-19
Isaiah 66:15-16
Micah 1:3-4
Nahum 1:3-6

The Timing Of The Three Symbols

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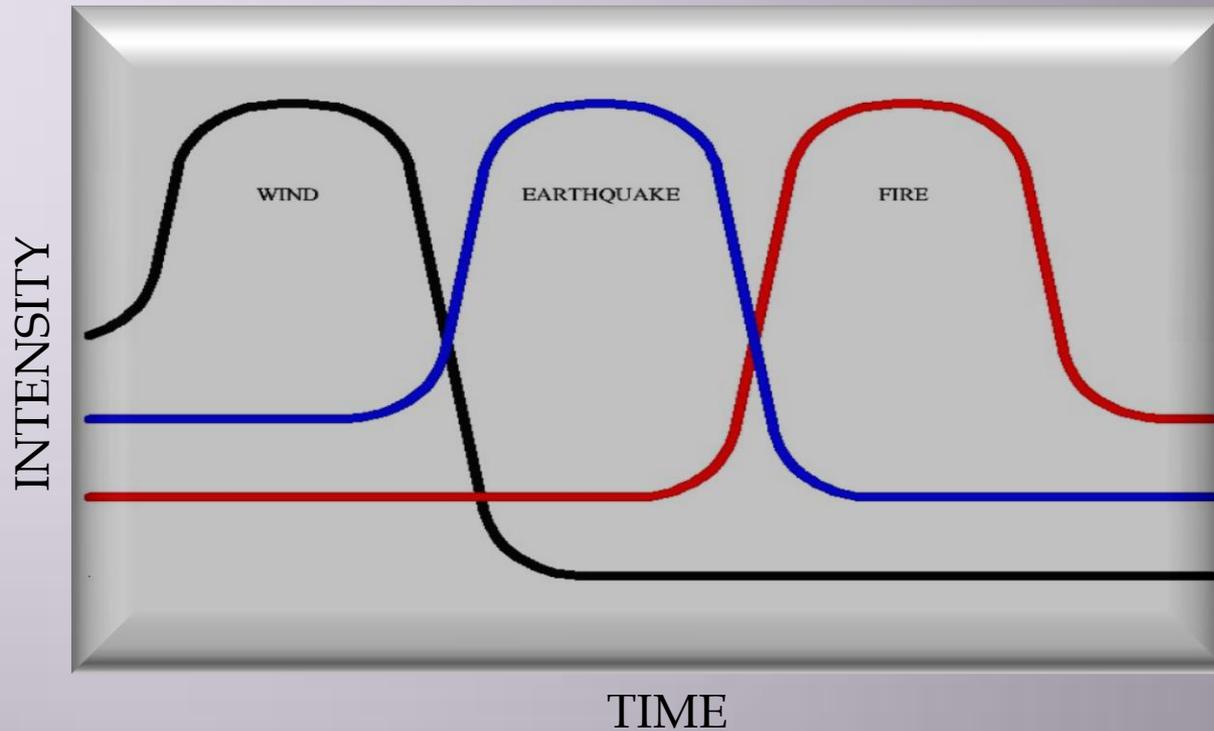
2. As Serial (or Sequential) Events:



3. As Some Combination of Parallel and Serial:



Serial Predominance



When Elijah got to Mt. Horeb the Lord gave him three witnesses. (1 Kings 19:1-18.) The wind rending the mountains represents the present war. The great earthquake symbolically represents a social revolution, the like of which was never before in the world, and which we believe is due to come very soon. This will not come as soon as the war begins, but the war might continue while the earthquake is on. This was not all. The third demonstration was a great fire, which consumed everything before it. This represents *wide-spread* anarchy, which will prevail in the world, following the social revolution. Then after the fire Elijah heard the "still, small voice," representing the Divine Power, which will bring the blessings to the world. (R5629.4)

God's Purpose for the Wind

... the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind **RENT THE MOUNTAINS**, and **BRAKE IN PIECES THE ROCKS** before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: ...
– 1 Kings 19:11 KJV

... And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: ... – Daniel 2:35, 44 KJV

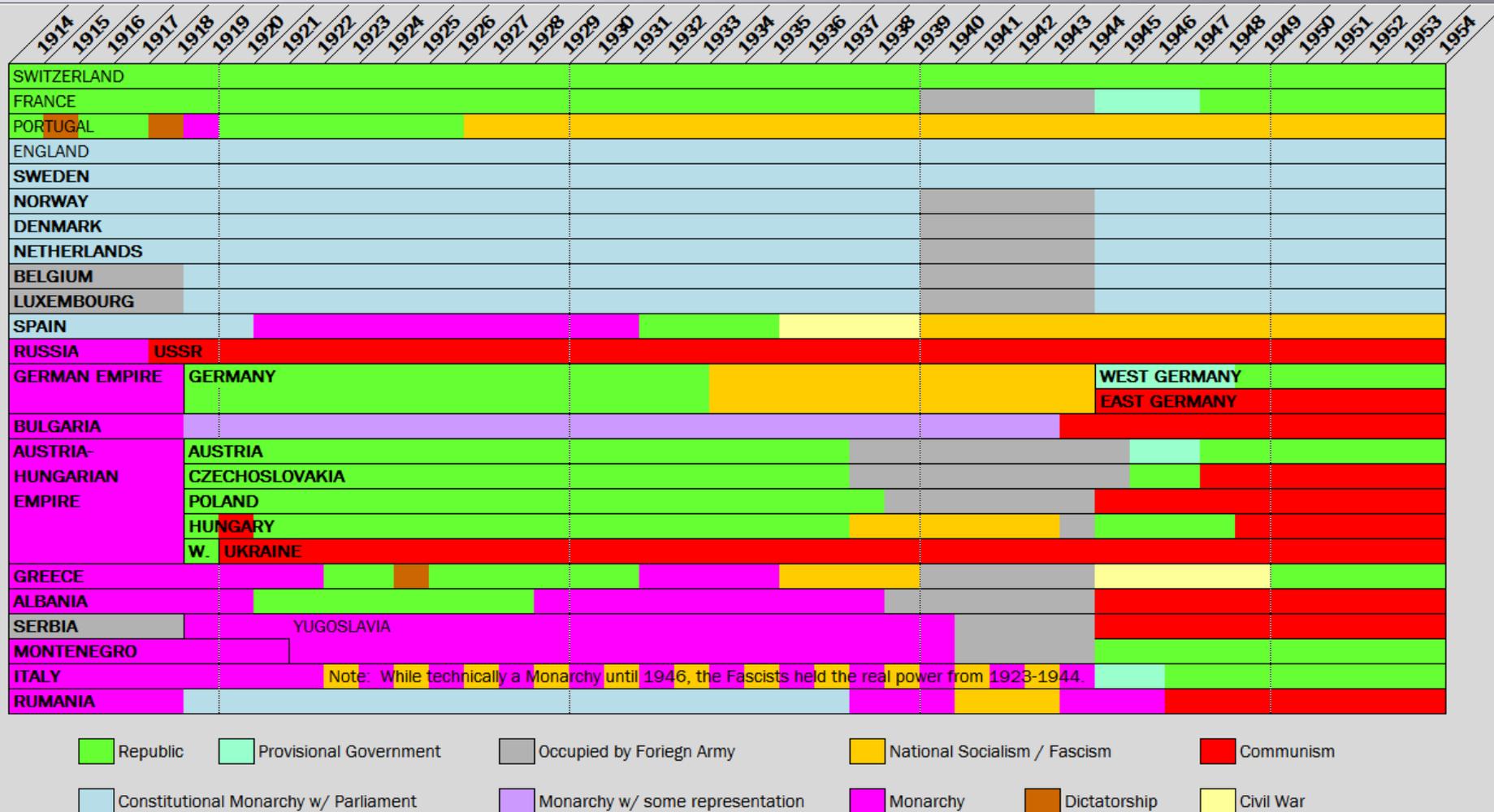
And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. – Revelation 16:19 KJV

... The hills (the less high, less autocratic governments) are already melting like wax; they still retain their form, but as the earth (society) gets hot they yield to its requirements, little by little coming **down to the level of popular demand.** ... (D551.1)

... our Lord says, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." These continued all through the Age. **We are not to think of wars as being the particular thing that the Master had in mind when He referred to the great trouble with which this Age will close.** ... (R5526.2)

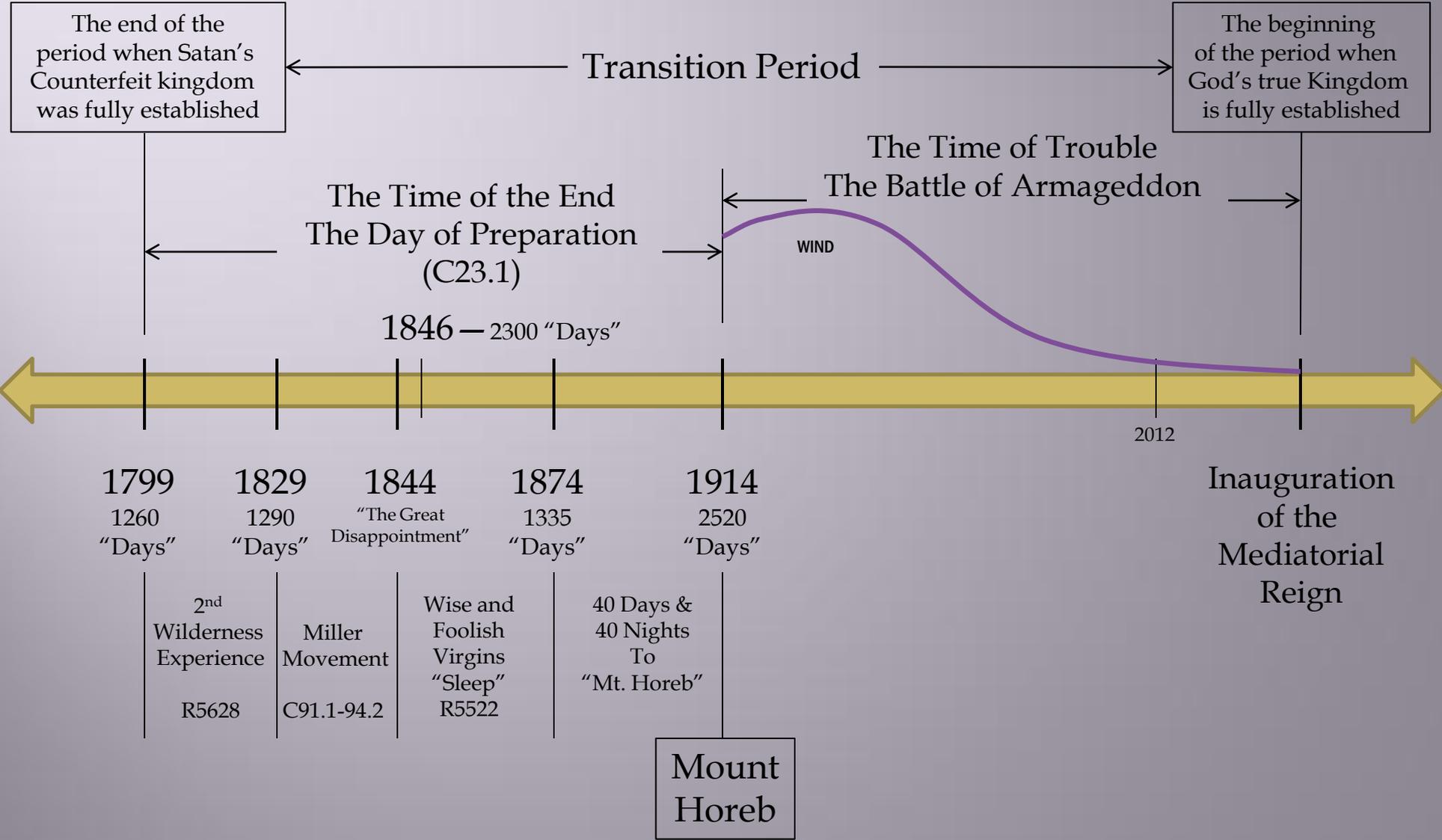
... The winds of strife are not needed here **to weaken the kingdoms, preparatory to their fall,** for we have no kingdoms. (R5854.2)

The End of "Divine Right of Kings"



Type of Government by Country (1914-1954)

The "Wind" Phase



God's Purpose for the Earthquake

**Earth = Religious, Law-abiding, order-loving, stable, society.
Quake = to shake.**

In a literal Earthquake, the Earth moves—realigns to a new arrangement.

In a symbolic Earthquake, the law-abiding, stable, element of society changes to some other condition.

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

— Hebrews 12:26-27 KJV

Socialism v. Social Revolution

Br. Russell interprets the Earthquake in two primary ways:

1. Social Revolution (upheaval, unrest, shock, revolt), or
2. Socialism (all forms, including Communism).

Q. Which is the proper interpretation?

A. Both. Social upheaval is the goal and Socialism contributes to the change in the social structure.

Should we expect that the Lord would reveal Himself the very moment Gentile Times end? No. The Bible declaration is that He shall be revealed in "flaming fire." Just how long after the Gentile Times close will be the revealment in "flaming fire" we do not know. Seemingly, following this great war will come the greatest "earthquake" that ever occurred – a revolution that will involve all the civilized nations. (Revelation 16:18.) Then Socialism may loom up, but will be short-lived and develop into anarchy. That anarchy will be the "flaming fire" revealing the new Kingdom, taking vengeance, bringing retributive justice upon the world – preceding its blessing. (R5567.1)

The Earthquake Phase: Socialism

Socialism, the coming power in the world, when it later shall turn to anarchy, will be like dynamite to the whole civilized structure, political, social, financial and religious. Many of its theories are good, but wholly impracticable under present selfish conditions: because organized wealth will permit anarchy rather than allow Socialists to carry out all their schemes. (R3671.9)

Meantime many well-meaning and fairly intelligent men are lending their voices and influence to Socialism, not seeing the outcome – not having the light of God's Word on the subject. It is not for us to oppose these, however, for two reasons: (1) We have a more important work – the proclaiming of the good tidings and assisting in the perfecting of the saints. (2) We incline to think that Socialists are “the Lord's great army,” though not soldiers of the cross nor followers of the “Captain of our Salvation.” (R3671.10)

As the Lord has all along permitted the wrath of men and of devils to work out features of his plan, so we believe he will permit men now to delude themselves into the greatest calamity which ever befell humanity: “a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.” O, how glad we are that God will make man's extremity his opportunity for bringing in the Golden Age – the Kingdom of his dear Son! (R3671.11)

... The present step is the war of the nations. The next step will be Socialism – an attempted Socialism – among the people. Then the third step, Anarchy, will gradually come on. ... (R5632.2)

Why Socialism Will Fail

... any system of laws that the majority of men might enact, which would deprive men of the opportunities for exercising their acquisitive and selfish propensities, would sap the life of progress and rapidly turn civilization back toward improvidence, indolence and barbarism. (D517.2)

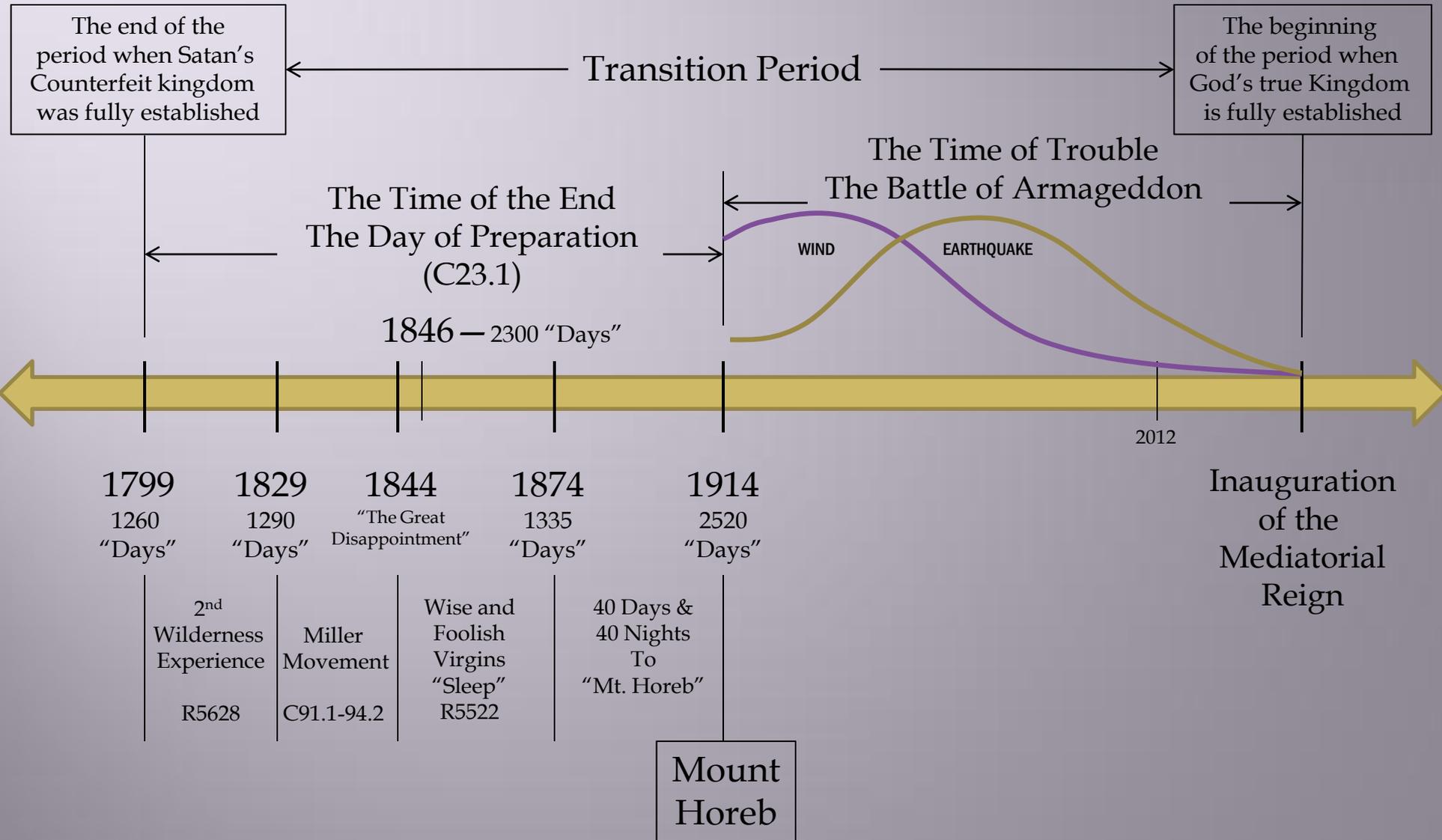
MACAULAY'S PREDICTION

The Paris *Figaro* quotes the following extracts of a letter written in 1857 by Mr. Macaulay, the great English historian, to a friend in the United States: (D441.4)

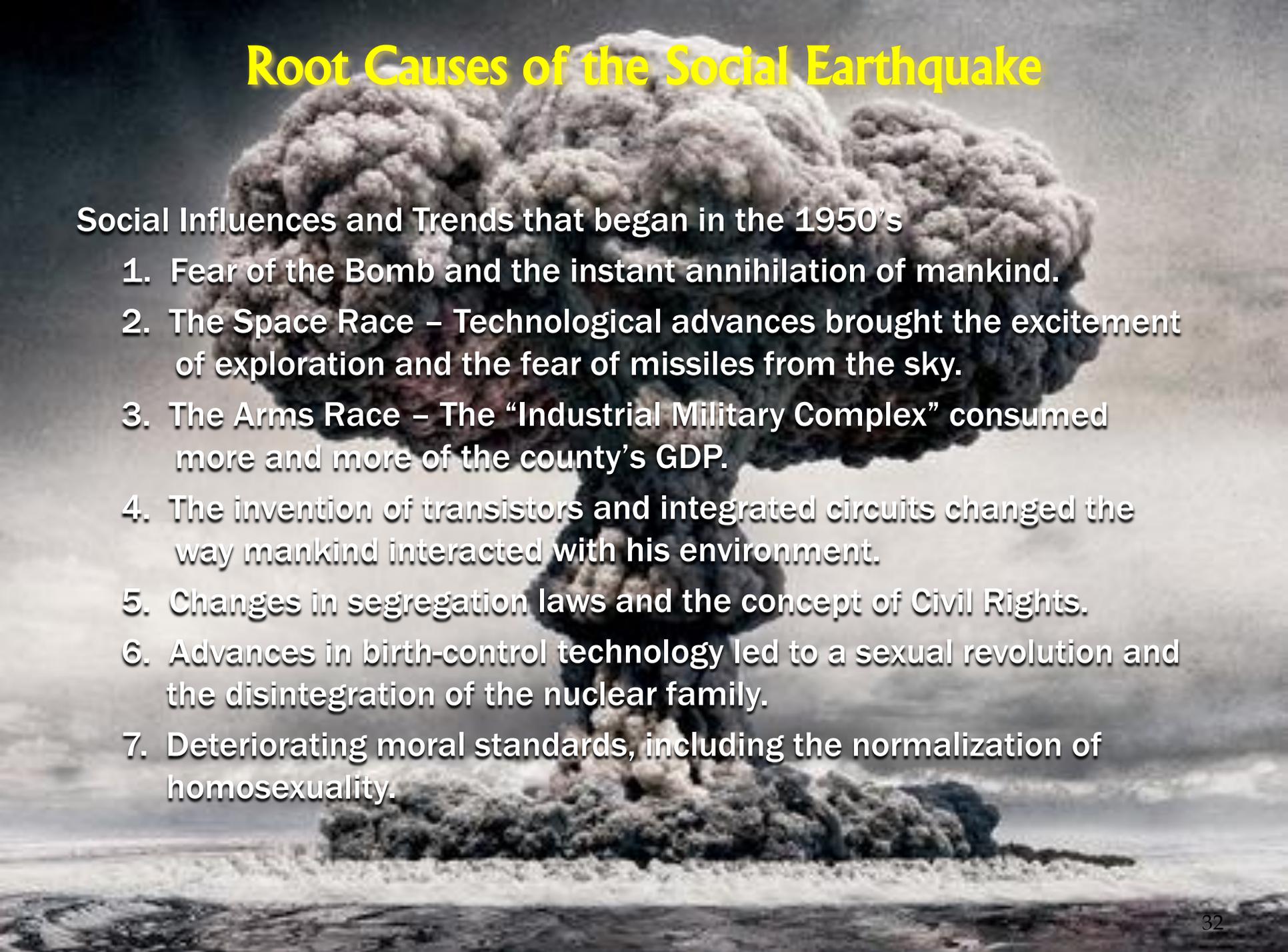
“It is clear as the daylight that your government will never be able to hold under control a suffering and angry majority, because in your country the government is in the hands of the masses, and the rich, who are in the minority, are absolutely at their mercy. A day will come in the state of New York when the multitude, between half a breakfast and the hope of half a dinner, will elect your legislators. Is it possible to have any doubt as to the kind of legislators that will be elected? (D441.5)

“You will be obliged to do those things which render prosperity impossible. Then some Caesar or Napoleon will take the reins of government in hand. Your Republic will be pillaged and ravaged in the twentieth century, just as the Roman empire was by the barbarians of the fifth century, with this difference, that the devastators of the Roman empire, the Huns and Vandals, came from abroad, while your barbarians will be the natives of your own country, and the product of your own institutions.” (D442.1)

The "Earthquake" Phase



Root Causes of the Social Earthquake

A large, dark mushroom cloud from a nuclear explosion rises from the ground, filling the sky. The cloud has a thick, billowing base and a large, rounded top. The background is a hazy, overcast sky.

Social Influences and Trends that began in the 1950's

1. Fear of the Bomb and the instant annihilation of mankind.
2. The Space Race – Technological advances brought the excitement of exploration and the fear of missiles from the sky.
3. The Arms Race – The “Industrial Military Complex” consumed more and more of the country's GDP.
4. The invention of transistors and integrated circuits changed the way mankind interacted with his environment.
5. Changes in segregation laws and the concept of Civil Rights.
6. Advances in birth-control technology led to a sexual revolution and the disintegration of the nuclear family.
7. Deteriorating moral standards, including the normalization of homosexuality.

The Civil Rights Movement



Racial Segregation vs.
The Civil Rights Movement

1965 Watts Riot

The Changing Moral Landscape

The Comstock Act, 17 Stat. 598, enacted March 3, 1873, was a United States federal law which amended the Post Office Act and made it illegal to send any "obscene, lewd, and/or lascivious" materials through the mail, including contraceptive devices and information. In addition to banning contraceptives, this act also banned the distribution of information on abortion for educational purposes. Twenty-four states passed similar prohibitions on materials distributed within the states. These state and federal restrictions are collectively known as *the Comstock laws*. (source: Wikipedia)



"Fifty years ago, on July 21, 1959, Grove Press won permission to publish D.H. Lawrence's novel 'Lady Chatterly's Lover.' Two days later, G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical company, sought government approval for Enovid, the birth control pill. *These two events, both welcome, were, however, pebbles that presaged the avalanche that swept away America's culture of restraint and reticence.*"

– George F. Will (July 20, 2009)

Significant Court Rulings:

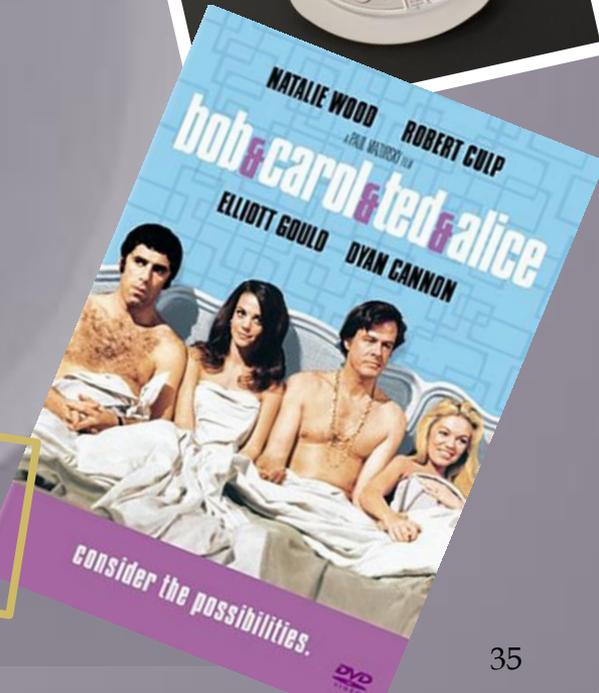
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The Earthquake Phase: Social Revolution

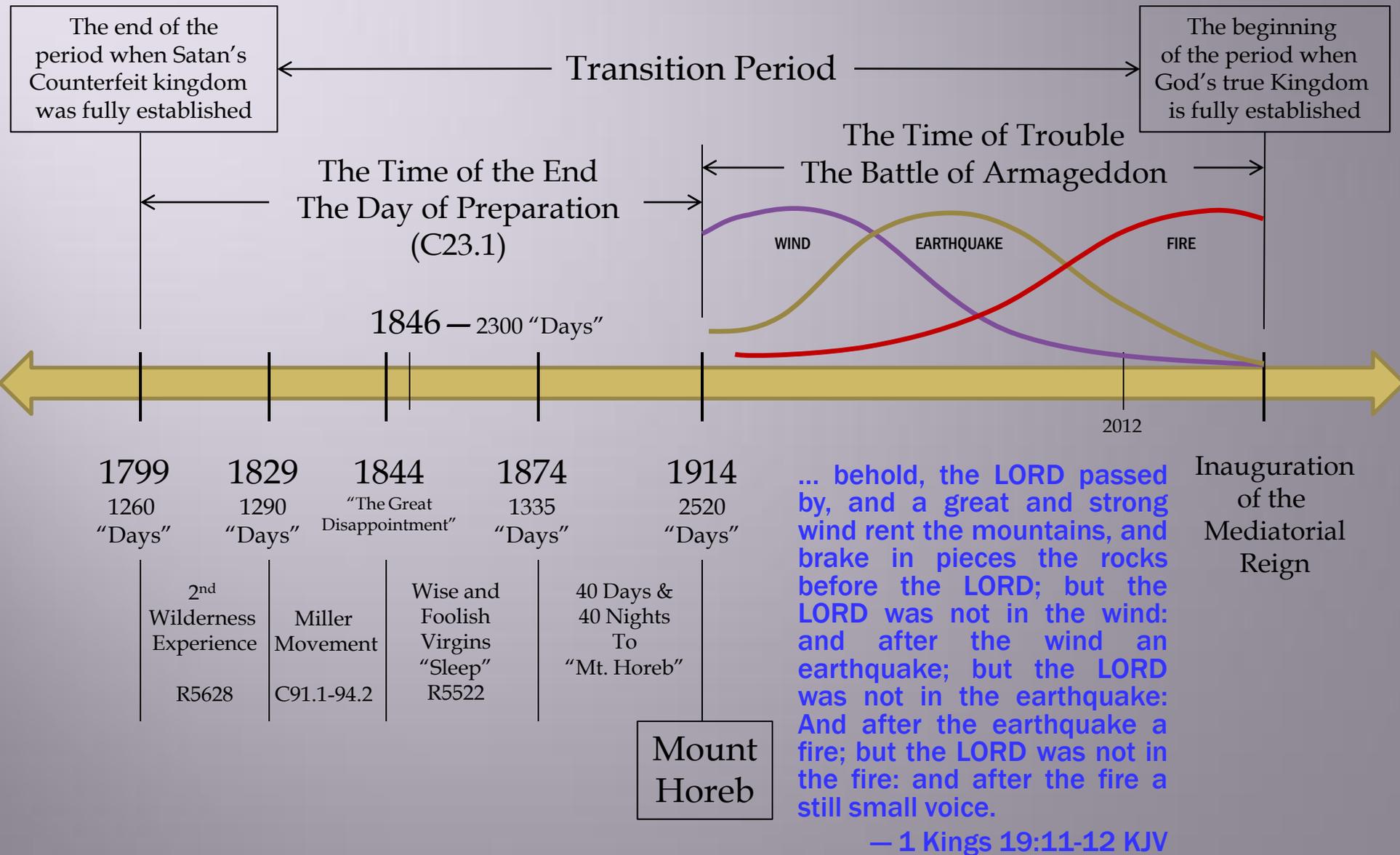
"... When finally the pill reached the market, U.S. News & World Report wondered whether it would be considered 'a license for promiscuity' and 'lead to sexual anarchy.' ..." George F. Will (July 20, 2009)



U.S. Supreme Court's landmark abortion case *Roe v. Wade*. (1973)



Armageddon Snapshot: 1 Kings 19



The Fire Phase

Political Terrorism

- El Al Airlines hijacked by PLO (1968-1972)
- Bombing of Alfred P. Murrah Building (1994)
- World Trade Center Bombing (2001)

Religious Terrorism

- Suicide Bombers in Mideast (1970's to present)
- Islamic Jihads

Ethnic Cleansings

- Massacre of Rwandan Tutsis (1994)
- Bosnia-Serbian Conflict (1990's)

Widespread Corruption

- By politicians and corporate executives
- Wall Street manipulations

Economic Uncertainties

- Housing Crisis (2008)
- Lehman Brothers/ AIG collapse (2008)
- Unsustainable debt

... selfish hearts and the spirit of the world are at variance with the spirit of love, and no compromise will avail. Education, "knowledge increased," among the masses is bringing the social crisis and its ultimate result, anarchy. (D449.4)



Conclusion

- ❑ Armageddon is complex—no one symbol could describe it.
- ❑ The transition from Satan’s counterfeit kingdom to the true Kingdom of God began in AD 1799.
- ❑ **1 Kings 19** follows what happens to the antitypical Elijah class during that transition.
- ❑ **AD 1914** divides the transition period. A preparatory work is done before **1914** and the actual tearing down is accomplish after **1914**.
- ❑ **Verses 11-12** show the progression of the Time of Trouble after **1914**. They show the trouble is divided into three successive, yet overlapping stages.
- ❑ The purpose for Wind phase is to tear apart the symbolic mountain of Christendom—to remove the kings who ruled by “Divine Right.”
- ❑ The purpose for the Earthquake phase is to destabilize the once-stable Earth class.
- ❑ The purpose for the Fire phase is to make all mankind ready to hear the “still, small voice” of the Mediatorial Kingdom.

Conclusion

... With much long-suffering he has permitted the long reign of sin, selfishness and death because it could be overruled for the trial of his elect Church, and in teaching all men “the exceeding sinfulness of sin.” But seeing that the world in general despises his law of love and truth and righteousness, he purposes a general discipline before giving the next lesson, which will be a practical illustration of the benefits of righteousness, under the Millennial Kingdom of his dear Son. (D548.3)

The LORD *is* slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: ... The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

— Nahum 1:3-9 KJV

For Further Study

- B249 STUDY VIII, ELIAS MUST FIRST COME
- R2333 A DISCOURAGED REFORMER
- R3406 "IF THE LORD BE GOD, FOLLOW HIM"
- R3407 "FAINT NOT BECAUSE OF EVIL DOERS"
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