

The background of the slide is a photograph of a rugged, light-colored rock cliff face on the right side. To the left of the cliff, a wide valley stretches out, featuring a winding road, green fields, and a body of water (likely a lake or reservoir) in the distance. The sky is a pale blue with some light clouds.

Heb-Rev

General Epistles & Revelation

By Ray Mondragon

REVELATION

I. Introduction



Patmos

“Even a casual reader of the book of Revelation is impressed with the tremendous scope of its prophecies. Here is obviously an important book, one intended by God to be a final word to man.”

JF Walvoord

“The Hallelujah Chorus of the Redeemed”

SL Johnson

**“The goal and
consummation of all
the Bible”**

WG Scroggie

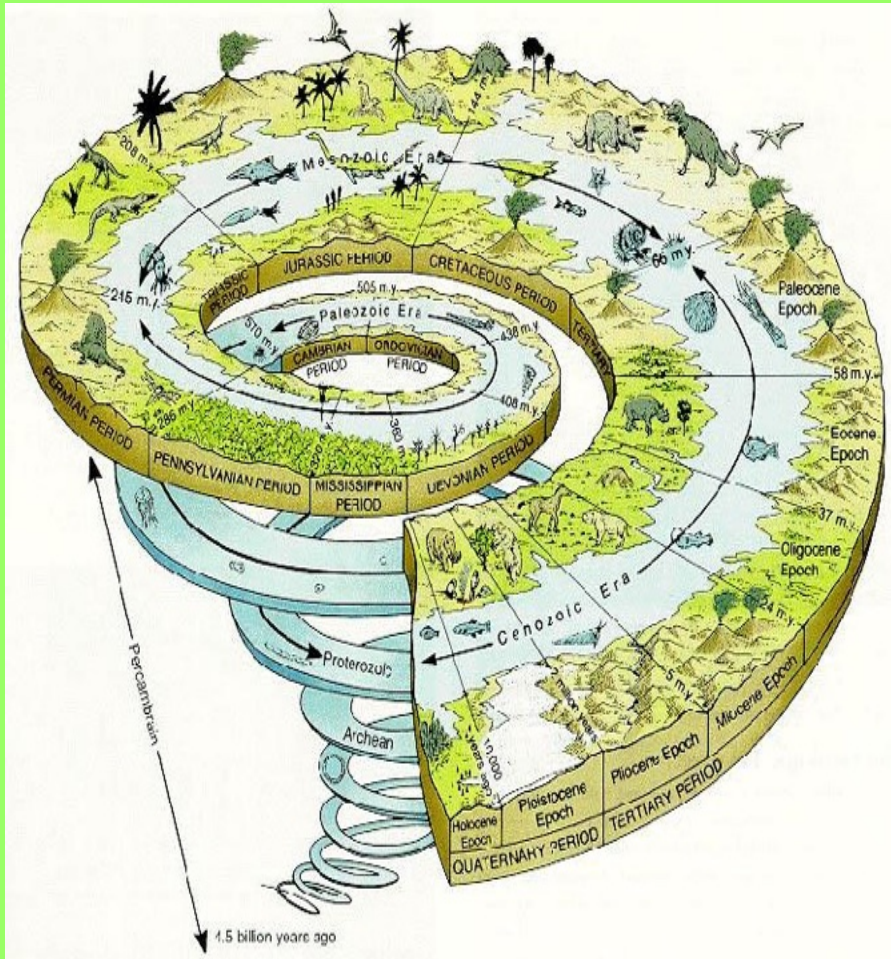
IMPORTANCE

- **Importance of Prophecy** **22:7**
- **NT Incomplete** **21:6**

THEOLOGY

- ✓ **Theology Proper**
- ✓ **Christology**
- ✓ **Anthropology**
- ✓ **Soteriology**
- ✓ **Angelology**
- ✓ **Eschatology**

PERSPECTIVE



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BEGINNING



IMPORTANCE

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- **God's Perspective** 21:6
- **Resolution of Evil** 21:4
- **5th Gospel** 22:16
- **God's Glory** 22:3

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REVELATION

➤ **Author -**

Apostle John

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 4,9, 22:8**
- 2. Similarities with Gospel**
- 3. Continuity with John's writing**
- 4. Familiarity with Asia**
- 5. Prophet familiar with OT**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. Apostolic Fathers - Polycarp, Papias**
- 2. 2nd century - Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian**
- 3. 3rd century - Origen, Hippolytus, Victorinus**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

REVELATION

- **Author -** **Apostle John**
- **Occasion -** **95-96**

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

➤ **POLITICALLY - PERSECUTION**





Emperor Domitian

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

➤ **POLITICALLY - PERSECUTION**

➤ **SOCIALLY -
PROSPEROUS**

➤ **RELIGIOUSLY -
IDOLATROUS
& EMPEROR WORSHIP**



REVELATION

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- **Location -** **Patmos**



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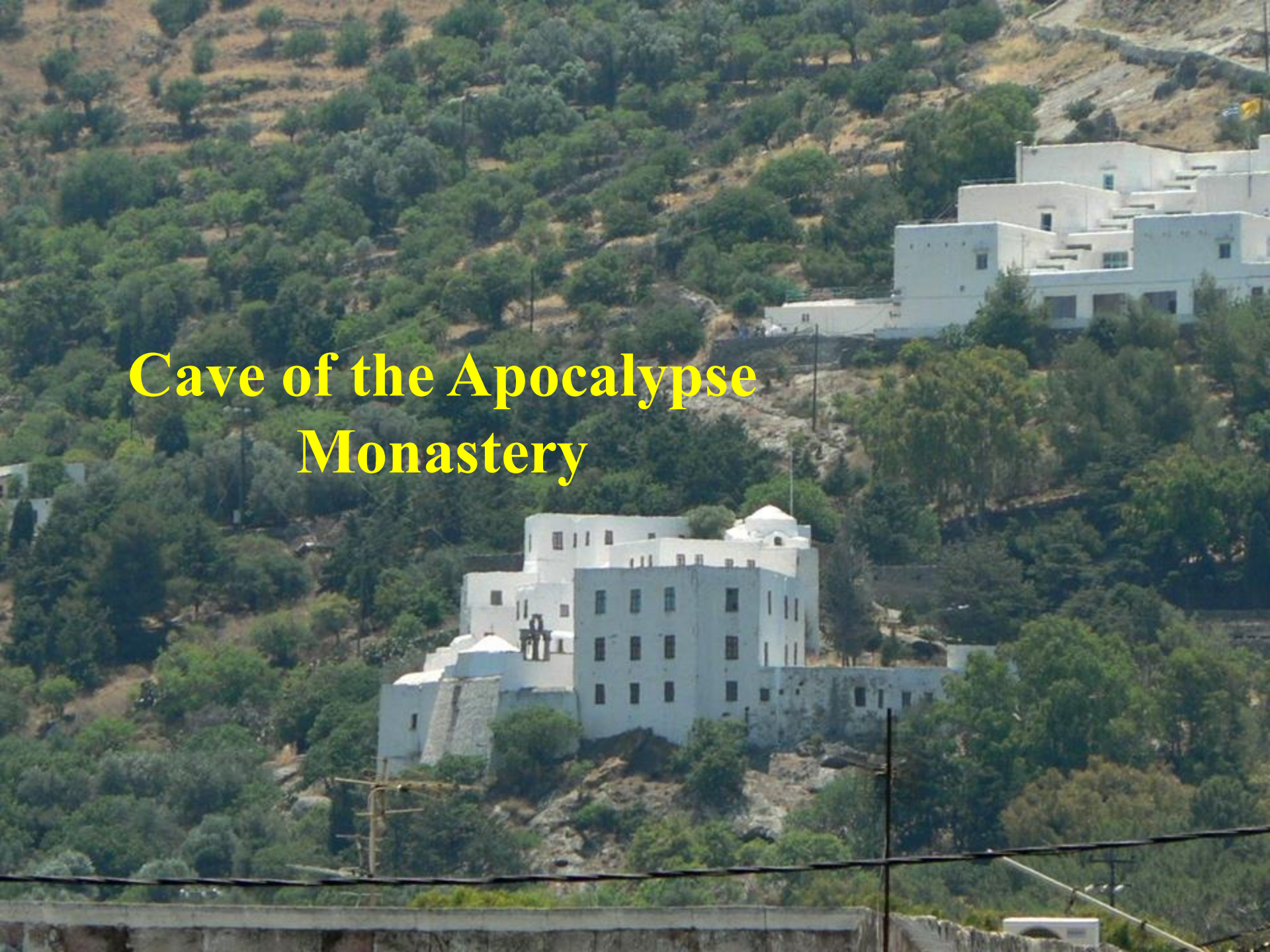
Ephesus →







Cave of the Apocalypse Monastery



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Thyatira

Pergamum

Smyrna

Ephesus

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea



Pergamum

Thyatira

Manisa

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Izmir

D-550
O-32

D-300

O-30

Ephesus

O-31

Laodicea

D-320

Aydin

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- **Audience -** **Asian Churches**
- **Purpose -** **Prophetic**

PURPOSE



**To encourage persecuted
Christians (1:3, 22:7)**

**To complete God's
Revelation (22:18-19)**

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ATTITUDES



❖ **Puzzle**

Like Churchill on USSR

**“A riddle wrapped in a mystery
inside an enigma”**

“A famous book in which St John the divine concealed all that he knew. The revealing is done by the commentators who know nothing.”

Ambrose Bierce

ATTITUDES



❖ **Puzzle**

❖ **Masterpiece**

HERMENEUTICAL POSITIONS

**“The book of Revelation
isn’t hard to understand
—
it’s hard to BELIEVE!”**

APPROACHES

- **Preterist - 1st Century**
- **Historicist - Church Age**
- **Idealist - Symbolic**
- **Futurist - Prophetic**

PRETERISM

**Most prophetic events
taking place in 1st Century**

AD 70 = wrath on Israel

EXTREME PRETERISM

Christ's
Return

TRIBULATION



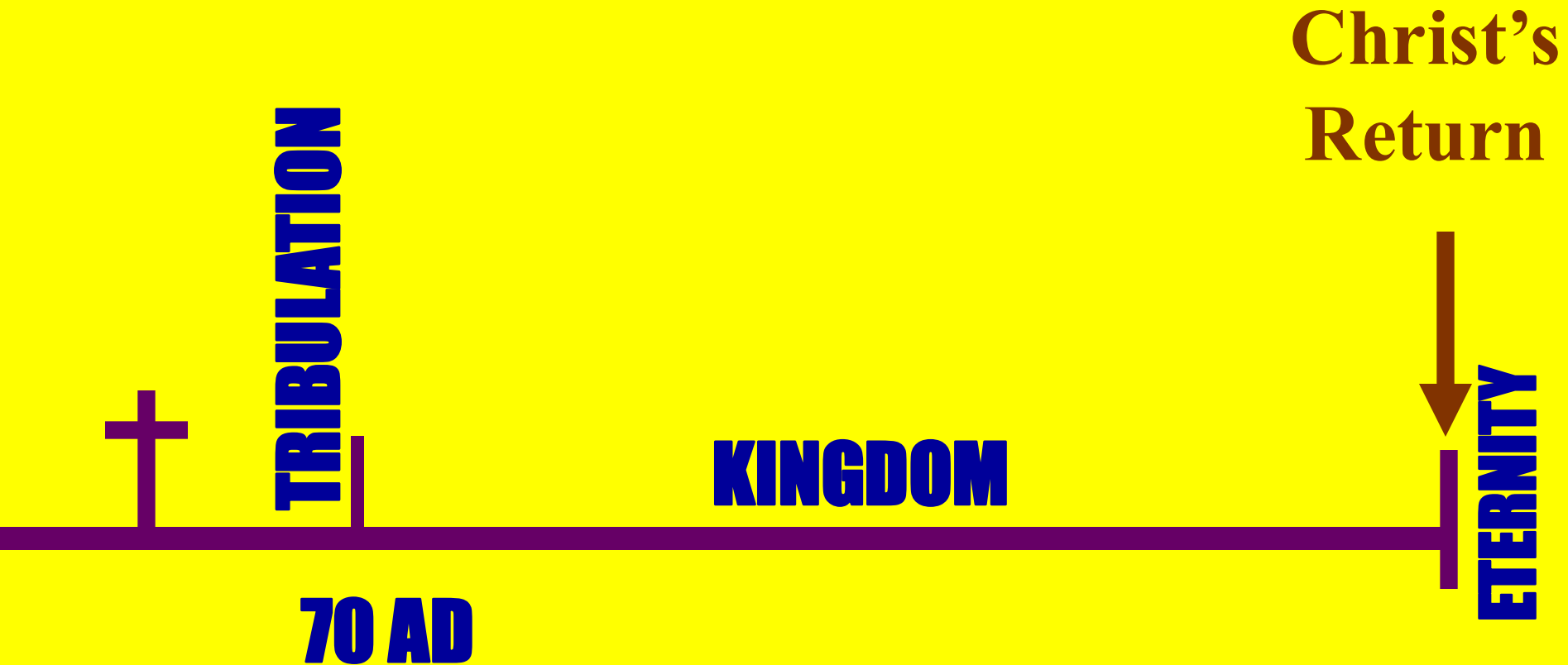
KINGDOM

70 AD

ETERNITY



MODERATE PRETERISM



PRETERIST

- **Proponents -**
 - HB Swete**
 - RH Charles**
 - RC Sproul**
- **Strengths -**
 - Historical Background**
 - Original Readers**

HISTORICISM

Prophetic events taking
place in **History**,
from 1st Century to the End

HISTORICISM

Wheat &

Tares

Leaven

Pearl

Smyrna

Thyatira

Philadelphia

Rapture?

Sower

Mustard

Treasure

Dragnet

Eph

Pergamum

Sardis

Laodicea



CHURCH AGE = Tribulation



ETERNITY

Church Growth & Increasing Apostasy

Seals

Trumpets

Bowls

HISTORICIST

- **Proponents -**
 - H Alford**
 - Reformers**
 - Postmillennialists**
- **Strengths -**
 - makes book**
 - somewhat prophetic**

IDEALIST

A picture in symbolic
form of **Eternal Principles**

“While the Apocalypse thus embraces the whole period of the Christian dispensation, it sets before us within this period the action of great principles & not special incidents; we are not to look in the Apocalypse for special events, but for an exhibition of the principles which govern the history both of the world & the church.”

W Milligan

IDEALIST

➤ **Proponents - Wm Hendrickson**
RCH Lenski

➤ Strengths - Bible contains Eternal Principles

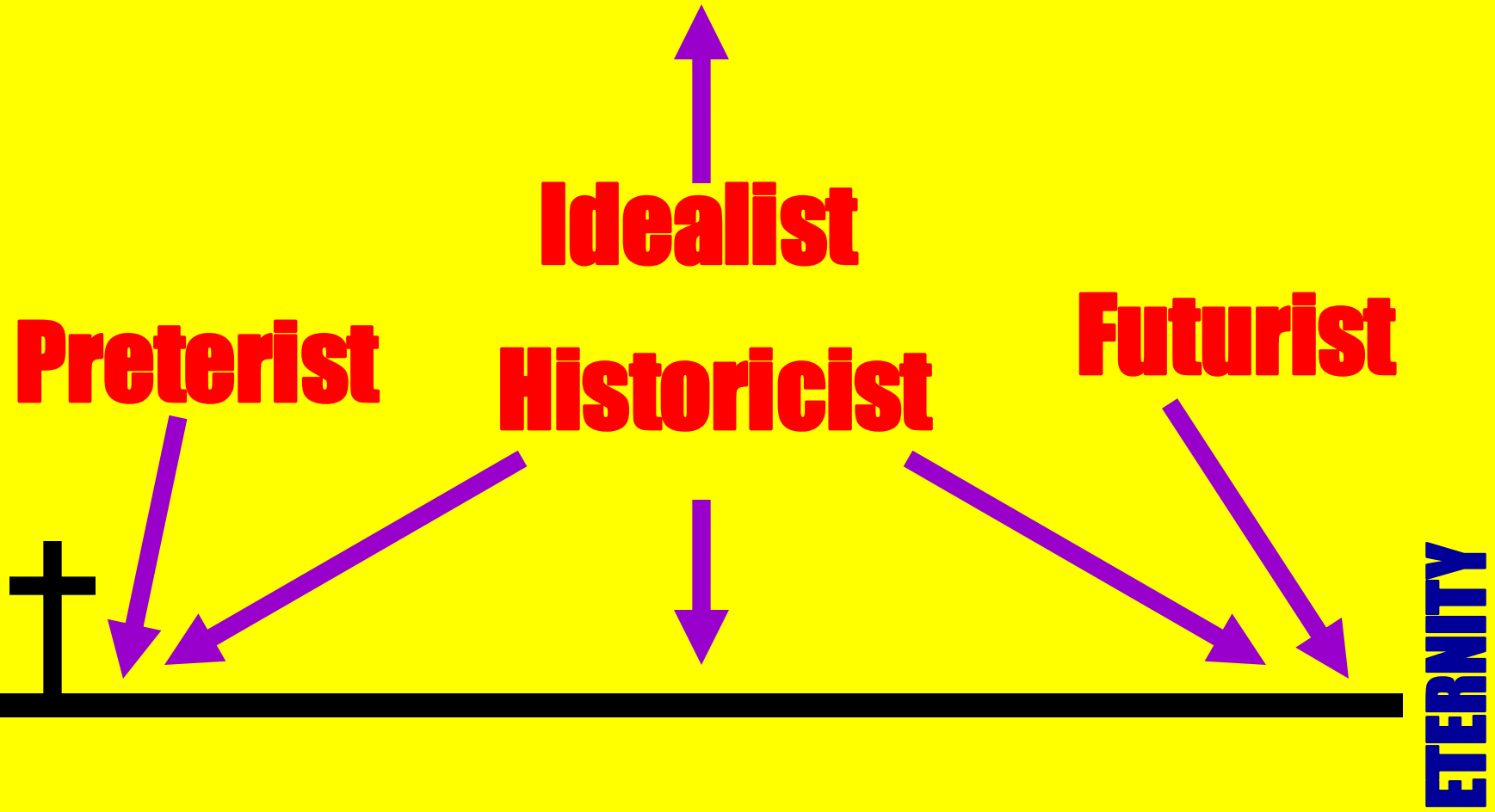
FUTURIST

**Most events taking place
in the Future**

FUTURIST

- **Proponents -**
 - JF Walvoord**
 - JD Pentecost**
 - CL Feinberg**
- **Strengths -**
 - Consistent**
 - Hermeneutic**

APPROACHES



ECLECTIC

Combine more
than One View

ECLECTIC

➤ **Proponents -**

L Morris

RH Mounce

GR Osborne

➤ **Strengths -**

**Combines best
of Views**

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IV. Characteristics

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