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Landon Dowden, Exalting Jesus in Ezekiel

God refuses to be consulted by those who continue to ignore sin in their lives. Our pursuit of sin reveals that His will is not our priority. His counsel is not to be an add-on to our life, but His words are to be our very life.

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## James 4

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**2** You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

**3** And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

**4** You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.

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## 2. Your Dreams Will Not Come True (v32-34)

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God is not a genie in a lamp who is bound to grant our wishes. We cannot prance into His presence and make our petitions known without any regard for His perspective on our lives.

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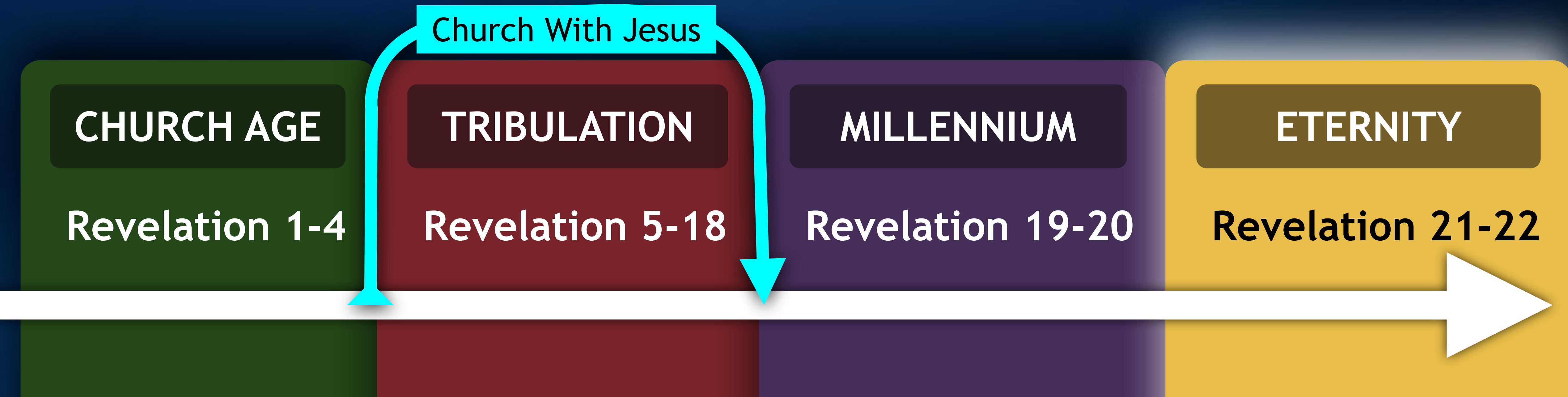
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**3. I Will Purge You Of All Rebellion**  
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This pictures a shepherd holding out his rod and forcing the sheep to pass under it single file for counting. The shepherd would let those sheep that were actually his enter the fold, a place of protection.

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## Hebrews 12

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**6** For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

**7** As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?

**8** If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all.

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Warren Wiersbe, With the Word Bible Commentary

Repeated rebellion against God's will is serious. The Lord is long-suffering, but we must never take this for granted.

Eventually He must chasten His rebellious children for His name's sake. If we do not glorify Him by obeying His commandments, we must glorify Him by submitting to His chastening.

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## 4. I Will Display My Holiness Through You (v39-42)

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

What God did not want from Israel was a divided heart. When they brought Yahweh worship from hearts also given to idols, it profaned God and His name. In New Testament phrasing, God called Israel to be hot or cold, but no longer lukewarm.

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**CHURCH AGE**

**Revelation 1-4**

**Church With Jesus**

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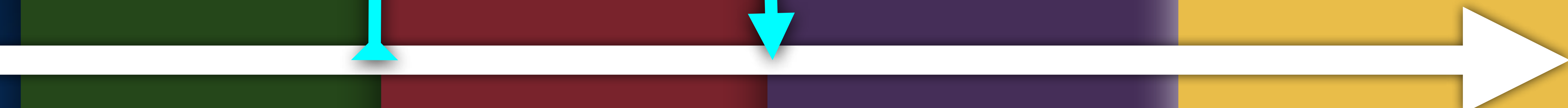
**Revelation 5-18**

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## Philippians 1

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**6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

**7** So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.

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## 2 Corinthians 7

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**1** Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

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**5. I Will Treat You Mercifully To Honor My Name**  
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Leslie C. Allen, Word Biblical Commentary

From their new vantage point they would be able to survey both the depths to which they had earlier sunk and the heights to which Yahweh's redeeming grace had lifted them.

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**8** Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

**9** Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

**10** Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.



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