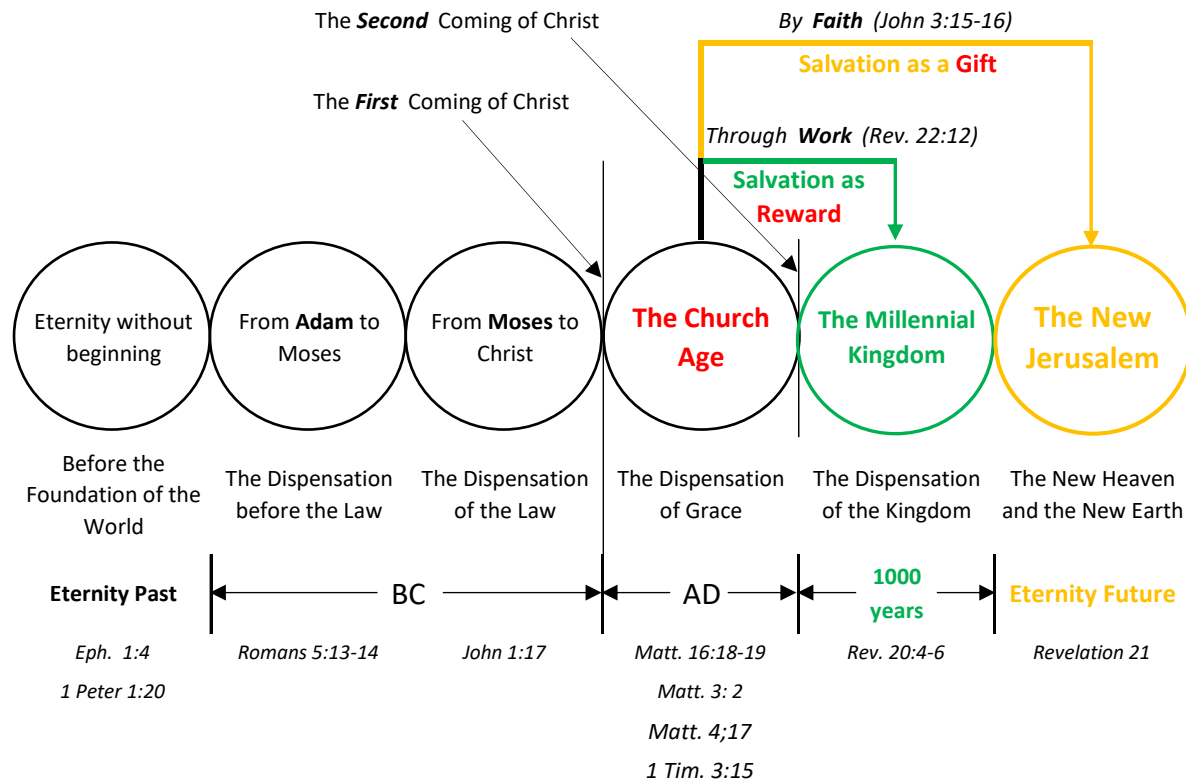


# THE CHURCH IN REGINA - The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the Heavens

1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."



## John 3:15-16

"That everyone who **believes** into Him may have **eternal life**."

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who **believes** into Him would not perish, but would have **eternal life**."

## Revelation 22:12

"Behold, I come quickly, and My **reward** is with Me to render to each one as his **work** is."

## Romans 5:13-14

"For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not charged to one's account **when there is no law**."

"But death reign **from Adam until Moses**, even over those who had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a type of Him who was to come."

## John 1:17

"For the **law** was given through **Moses**; **grace and reality** came through **Jesus Christ**."

## Matt. 3:2

"And saying, Repent, for the **kingdom of the heaven**s has drawn near."

## The Kingdom of the Heavens and the Kingdom of God

The **Kingdom of the heavens** is a specific term used by Matthew, indicating that the Kingdom of the heavens differs from the kingdom of God, the term used in the other three Gospels. The **kingdom of God** refers to God's reign in a general way, from eternity past to eternity future. It comprises eternity without beginning before the foundation of the world, the paradise of Adam, the chosen patriarchs, the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, the church in the New Testament, the coming millennial kingdom with its heavenly rule (the manifestation of the Kingdom of the heavens), and the new heaven and the new earth with the New Jerusalem without end for eternity. The **Kingdom of the heavens** is a special section within the kingdom of God, **composed only** of the church today and the heavenly part of the coming millennial kingdom. Hence, the Kingdom of the heavens, a section of the kingdom of God, is also called the kingdom of God in the New Testament, especially in the other three Gospels. While the kingdom of God **already existed** with the nation of Israel in a general way in the Old Testament (21:43), the Kingdom of the heavens had still not come in a specific way, but only drew near when John the Baptist came (3:1-2; 11:11-12).