

1st Peter 5v4

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Feed the flock of God which is among you

- Willingly
- Selflessly
- as good examples

They receive a crown
not because they were called Elders!
but because they served
willingly and selflessly as elders
and became good examples to the sheep

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The Lord Jesus is this shepherd: He is called a Shepherd:

By Himself: John 10:11: I am the good shepherd	(in the Past)
By Paul - Hebrews 13:20: that great shepherd of the sheep	(In the Present)
By Peter - 1 Peter 5:4: and when the chief Shepherd shall appear	(in the future)
By God - Zechariah 13:7: Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd	(at Calvary)
By David - Psalm 23:1: The Lord is my Shepherd	(true everyday for the believer)

The 2nd coming of Christ will be in 2 phases

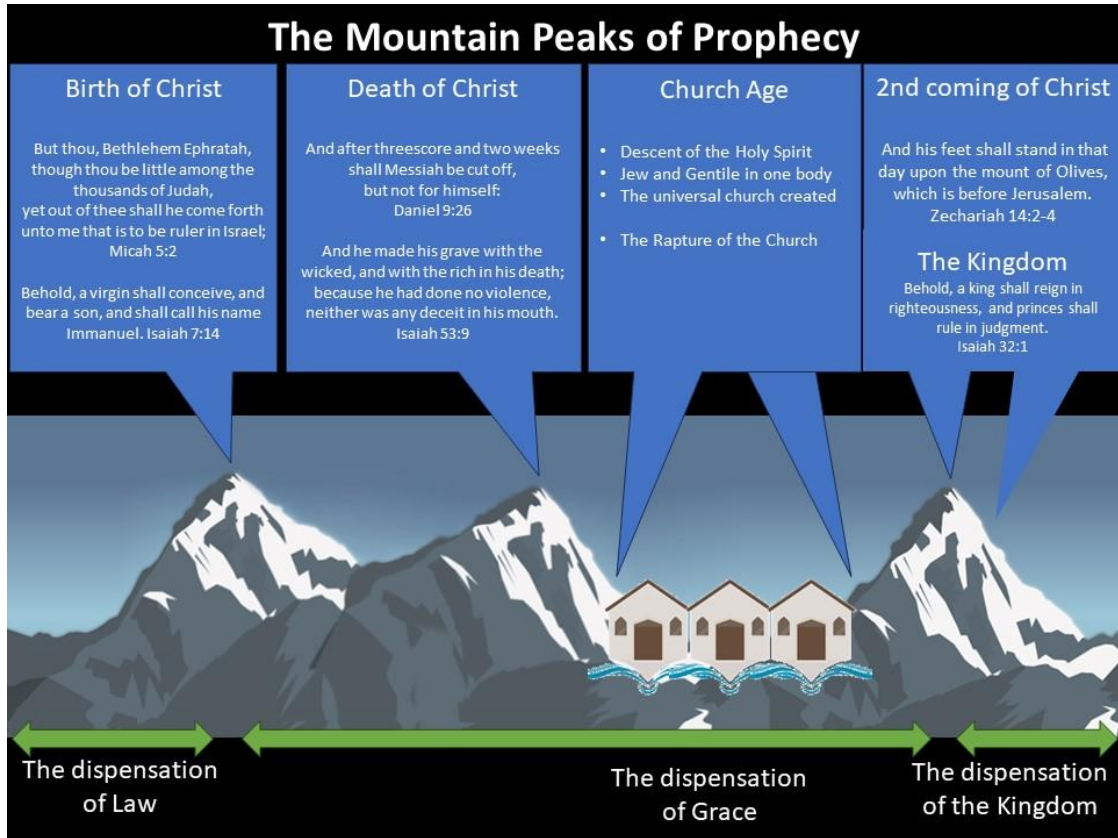
1st phase = The Rapture:

He is coming to the air for Christians in the universal church – 1 Thess 4v16

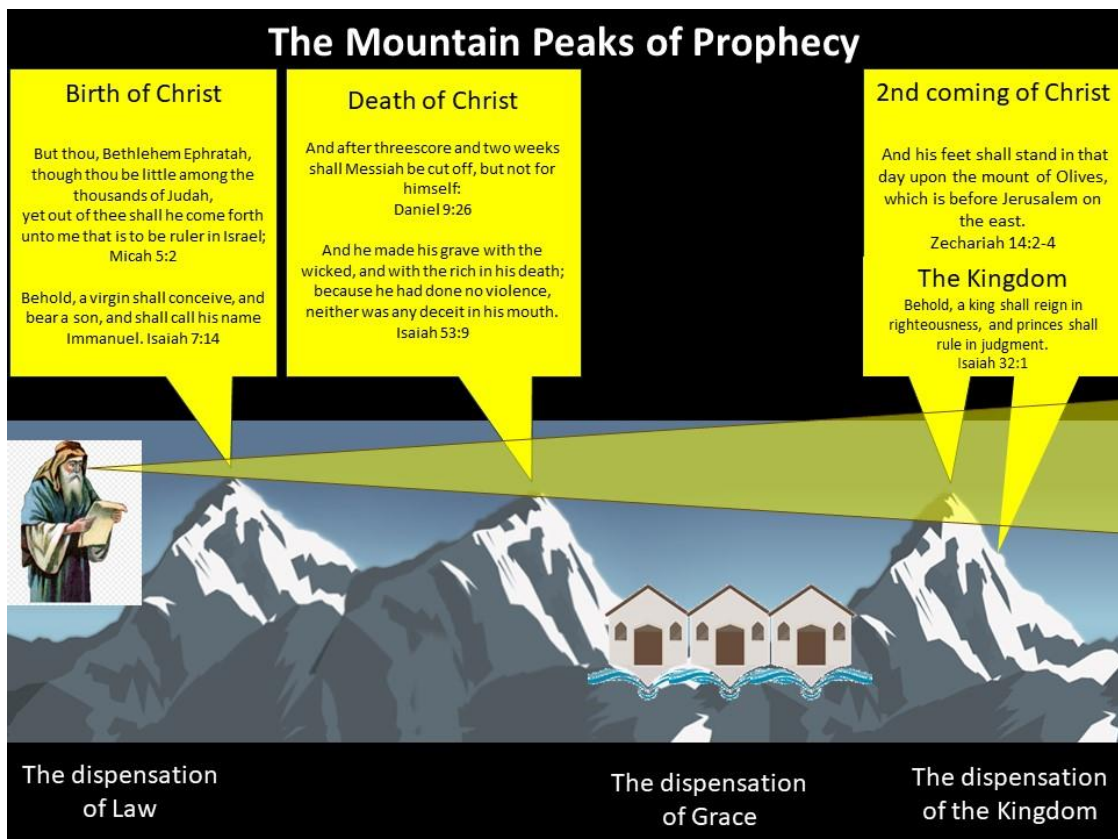
2nd phase = The Manifestation:

He is coming to the Earth to deliver Israel and to reign – 2 Thess 1v7

We can see the mountain range from the side showing all the details in between the peaks



But the prophets of old only had a side view



Rewards

The rewards that will be received
are described in 3 ways:

- Crowns** (recognition of work done)
- Clothing** (character of lives lived)
- Control** (authority for responsibility taken)

Principles which govern the giving of rewards

Rewards will be given at the judgement seat of Christ:

Judgement does not mean condemnation: It's an evaluation of your service not your sins

It's an individual judgement for performance not punishment

2 Corinthians 5:10: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ;

Rewards will be conditional on how well you have served the Lord:

Getting into heaven is not conditional on works (Eph 2v8)

1 Corinthians 3:12-14: if any man build... gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble...
the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire;

If any man's work abide... he shall receive a reward.

It is not how well we think we have served but it is the Lord's evaluation of our work

Rewards are commensurate (in keeping with) with how well you have lived for the Lord:

2 Corinthians 5:10: that every one may receive the things done in his body,
according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Desires as well as actual works will be evaluated:

1 Cor 3v15 Some will suffer loss, others will receive reward

Rewards can be lost or taken away:

Revelation 3:11: Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

2 Timothy 2:5: And if a man competes (strives), yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Crowns

An Incorruptible crown: For exercising self-discipline

1 Corinthians 9:25:

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.
Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

A Crown of rejoicing: The soul winner's crown

1 Thessalonians 2:19:

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?
Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

A Crown of Righteousness: For those found waiting on his return

2 Timothy 4:8:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

A Crown of life: For patient endurance in trials

James 1:12:

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,

A Crown of Glory: The elder's crown

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We receive the inheritance simply
because we have trusted Christ
and are saved



But we don't receive rewards
simply because we are saved:
**Rewards are conditional
on how we live as Christians**