



The Tribulation

Ezekiel 36–39

Matthew 24–25

Zechariah 12–14

Revelation 6–16

Chronology of the 70th "Week"

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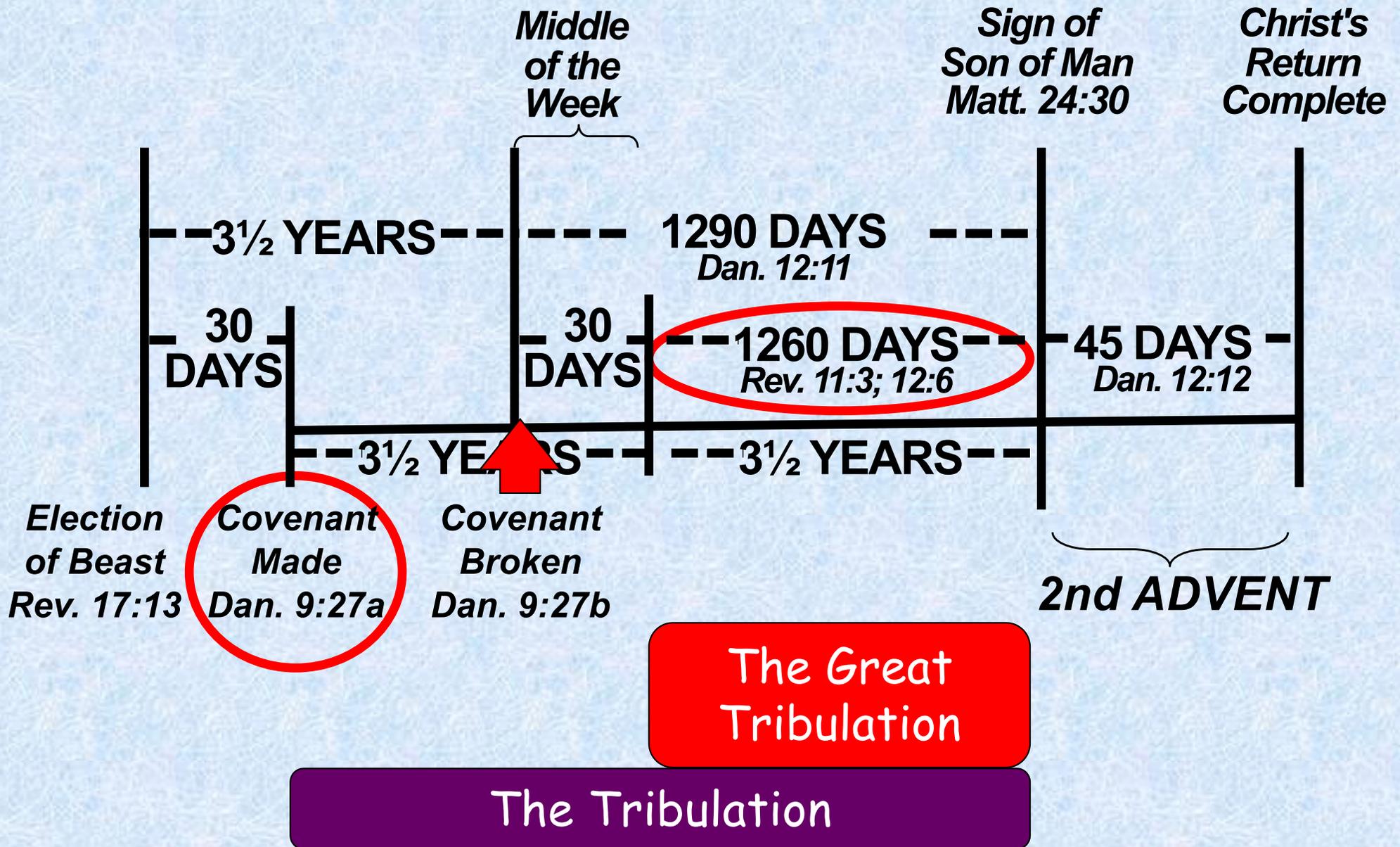


Chart of Ezekiel

Sovereign Departing and Return of Glory

Glory Departs 1-24		Nations Judged (No Glory) 25-32			Glory Returns 33-48	
Exile		Sovereignty Vindicated			Restoration	
Judgment of Judah		Judgment of Nations			Blessing of Israel	
Judah's Fall		Judah's Foes			Judah's Future	
Before the Siege		During the Siege			After the Siege	
Call in glory 1-3	Pre-exile Hopelessness 4-24	Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia 25	Tyre and Sidon 26-28	Egypt 29-32	New Life 33-39	New Order 40-48

Babylon (592-570 BC)

Restoration of the Lord's People

- **Re-gathering of Israel back into their own land**
- **Reuniting of two nations into one**
- **Ruling of Israel under one king**
- **Rescuing of Israel from her sins**
- **Recommitment of Israel to obey Yahweh's laws**
- **Reestablishing covenant of peace with Israel**
- **Residing of Yahweh in Israel's midst**
- **Recognition of Yahweh's holiness by all**

Restoration of Peace & Security

- **Yahweh will bring Gog against Israel**
- **Gog will execute his evil scheme to invade Israel**
- **Gog and his army will come from the north**
- **Yahweh will display His might against Gog**
- **Israel will plunder and bury Gog's fallen army**
- **The birds and beasts will feast on the fallen army**
- **Israel will enjoy peace and security in the land**

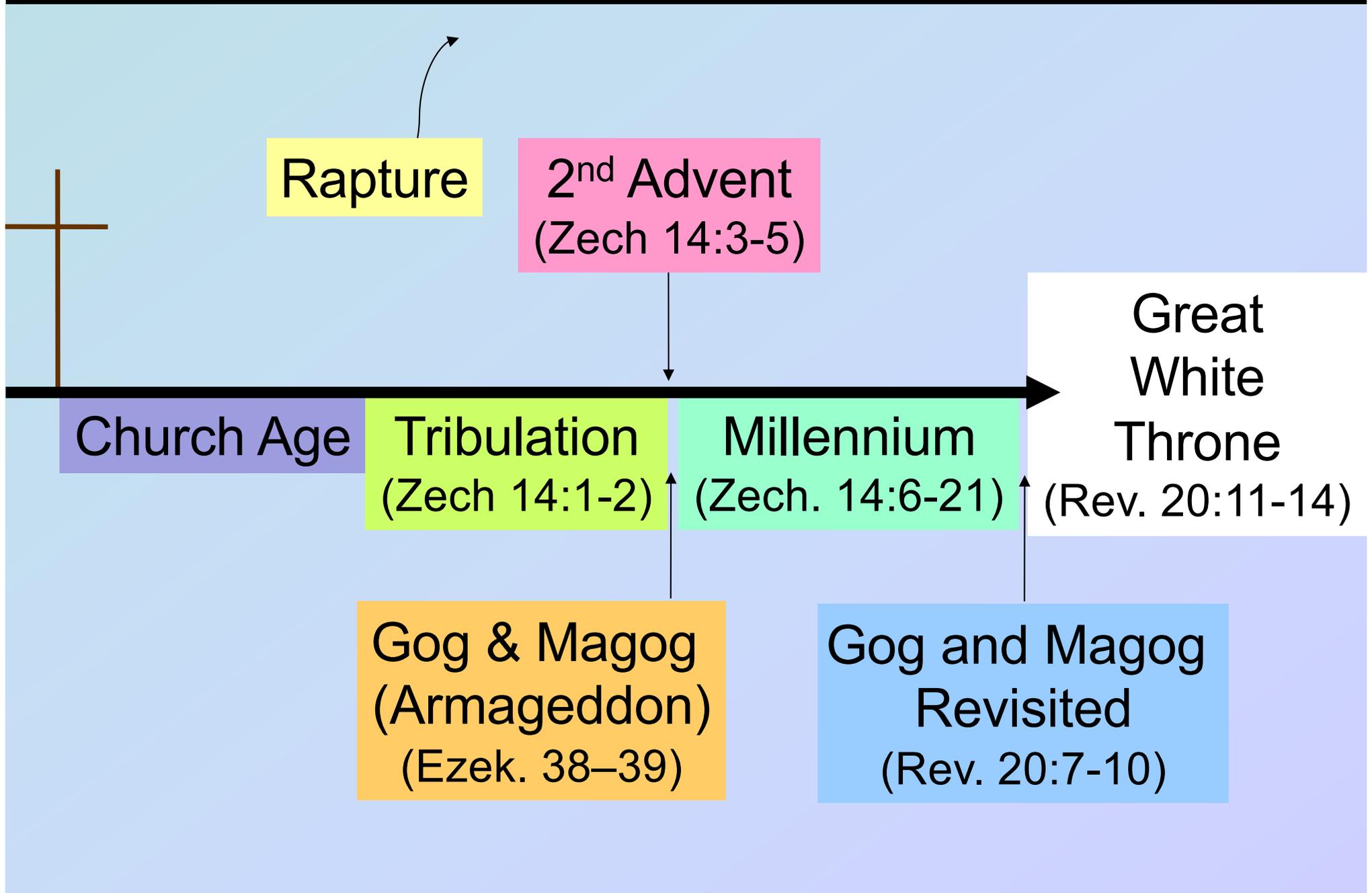


Who is Gog?

- Many suggestions have been made.
- Land areas of Meshech and Tubal – cover areas in Turkey, Russia and Iran
- Is Gog and Magog in Ezek 38–39 the same as the Gog and Magog in Rev 20:8?

Ezekiel 38–39

A Dispensational Timeline



Reasons Ezekiel's Gog & Magog is different from John's Gog & Magog in Revelation 20:7-10

Ezekiel 38:2
Gog = Prince
Magog = Land

Ezekiel 38:16
Gog against Israel

Ezekiel 39:17-20
Great feast of corpses

Ezekiel 38:39
Events fit before restored
millennial temple (ch. 40)

Revelation 20:8
Gog & Magog = nations

Revelation 20:8
Gog & Magog v. Messiah

Revelation 20:10
Satan cast into lake of fire

Revelation 20:7-10
Events fit after millennium in
20:1-6

Differing Views:

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1. Passage entirely symbolic
 2. Before Tribulation
 3. Middle of Tribulation
 4. End of Tribulation
 5. Between end of Tribulation & Millennium
 6. After Millennium
 7. Combination of 4th and 6th views

When Will Gog's Invasion Occur?

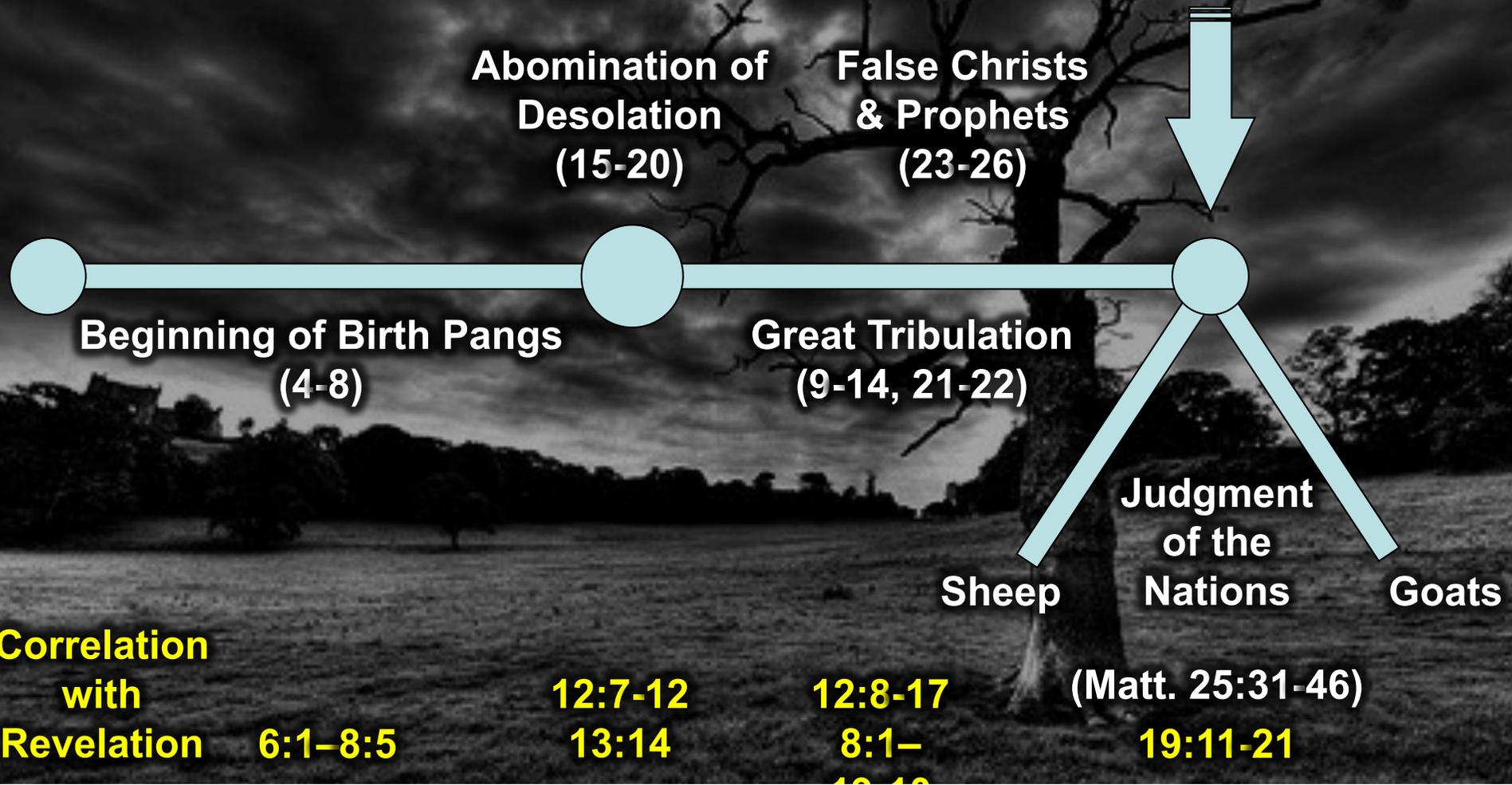
The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24–25)

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Adapted from Mark L. Bailey, DTS class notes, 1986

Second Coming (27-31):

- Signs in the Heavens (29-30)
- Coming of the Son of Man (27, 30)
- Bird Supper (28)
- Salvation of Elect (31)



Aren't Sheep & Goats the Same?



Judgment of the Nations

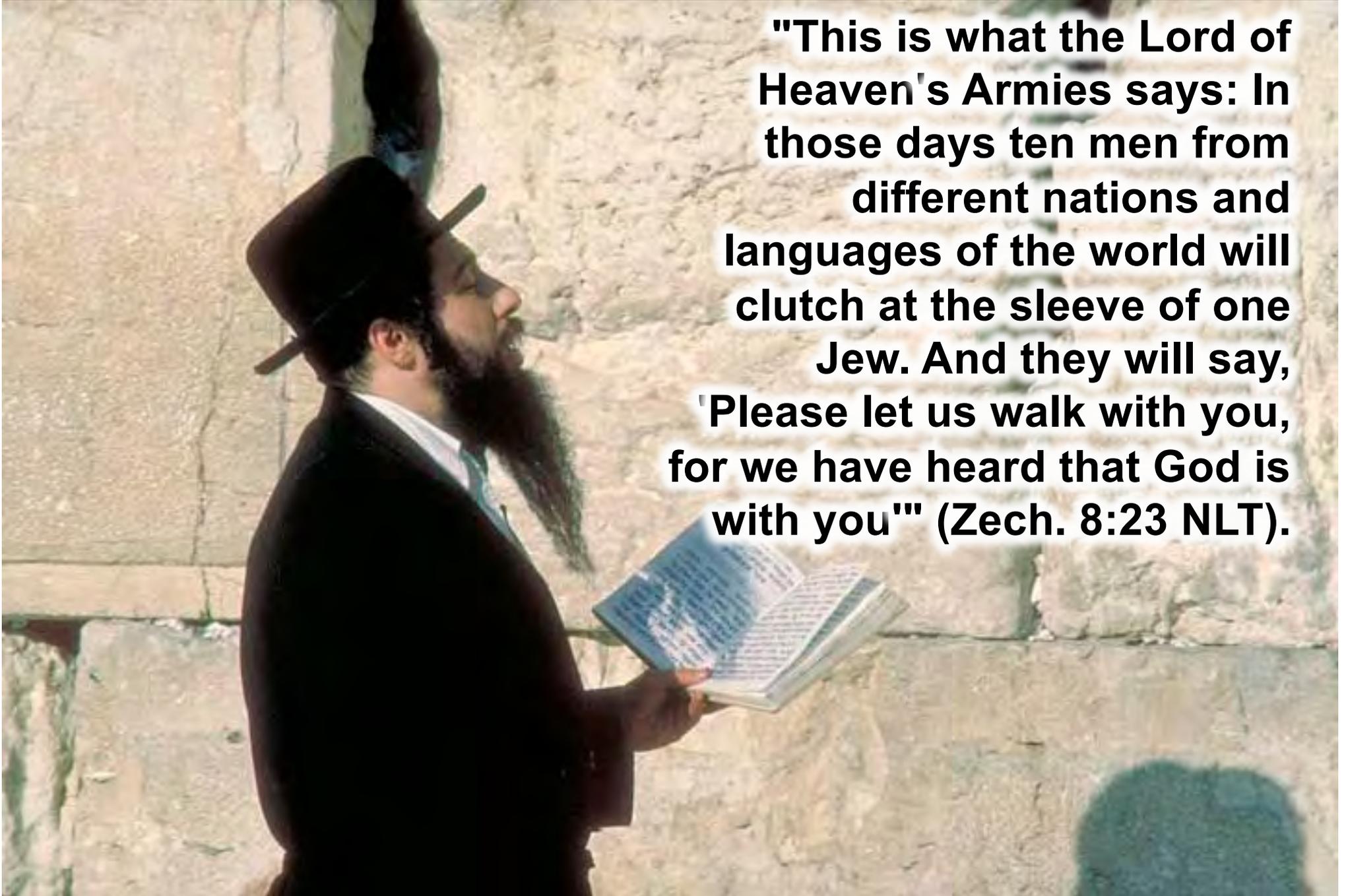
"All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left" (Matt. 25:31-32).



Jews will be sought out

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"This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: In those days ten men from different nations and languages of the world will clutch at the sleeve of one Jew. And they will say, 'Please let us walk with you, for we have heard that God is with you'" (Zech. 8:23 NLT).



"All Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:25-27)

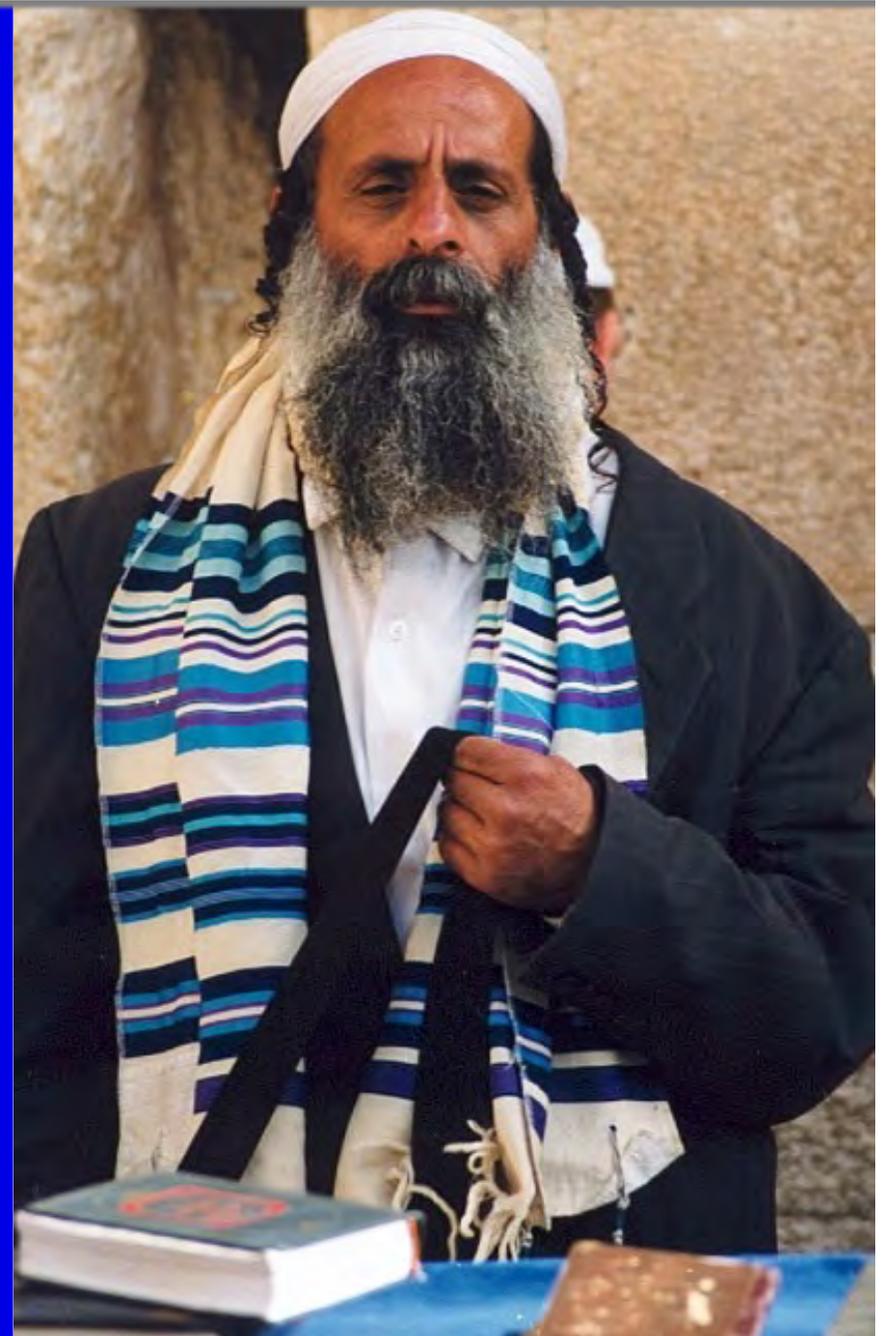
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25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so **all Israel will be saved**, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

27 **And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."**



Zech. 9:9

Triumphal Entry



The Repentance of Israel

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"Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died" (Zech. 12:10 NLT).

Tribulation Results

**"They will look on the one they have pierced..."
(Zech. 12:1-10; esp. v. 10)**

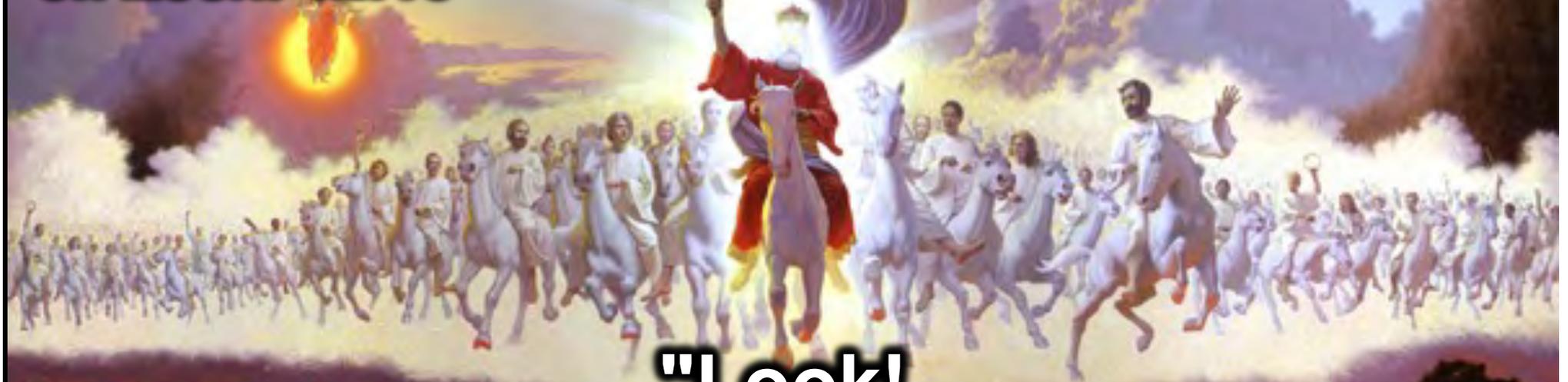


"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins" (Isa. 59:20)

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(Rom. 11:26b)**

"And so all Israel will be saved" (Rom. 11:26a)

Rev. 1:7 NLT
cf. Zech. 12:10



"Look!

He comes with the clouds of heaven.

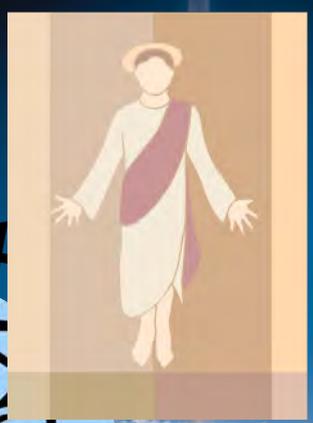
**And everyone will see him—
even those who pierced him.**

**And all the nations of the world will
mourn for him.**

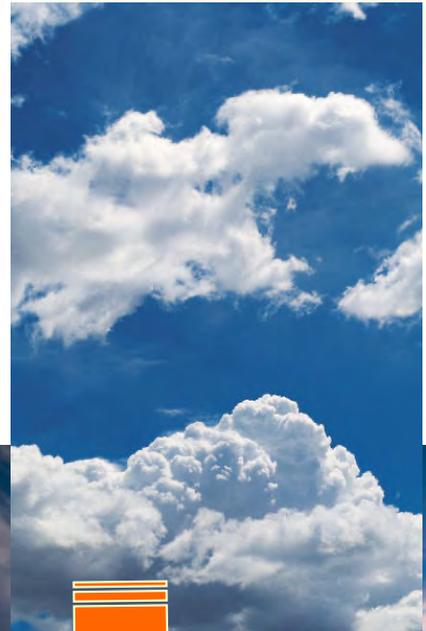
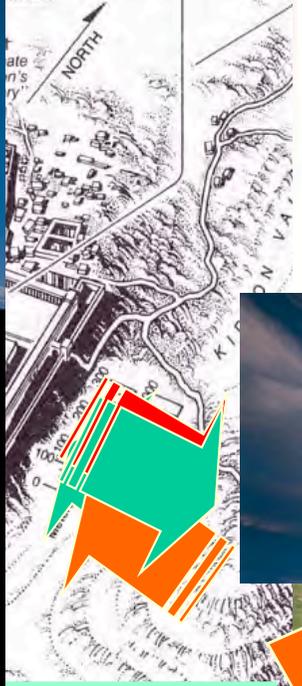
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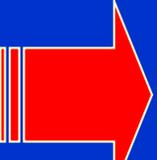
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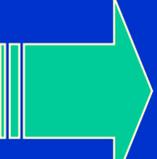
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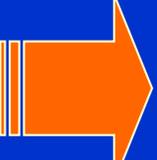


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 Ezek. 8:4; 9:3; 10:4; 10:18-19; 11:23

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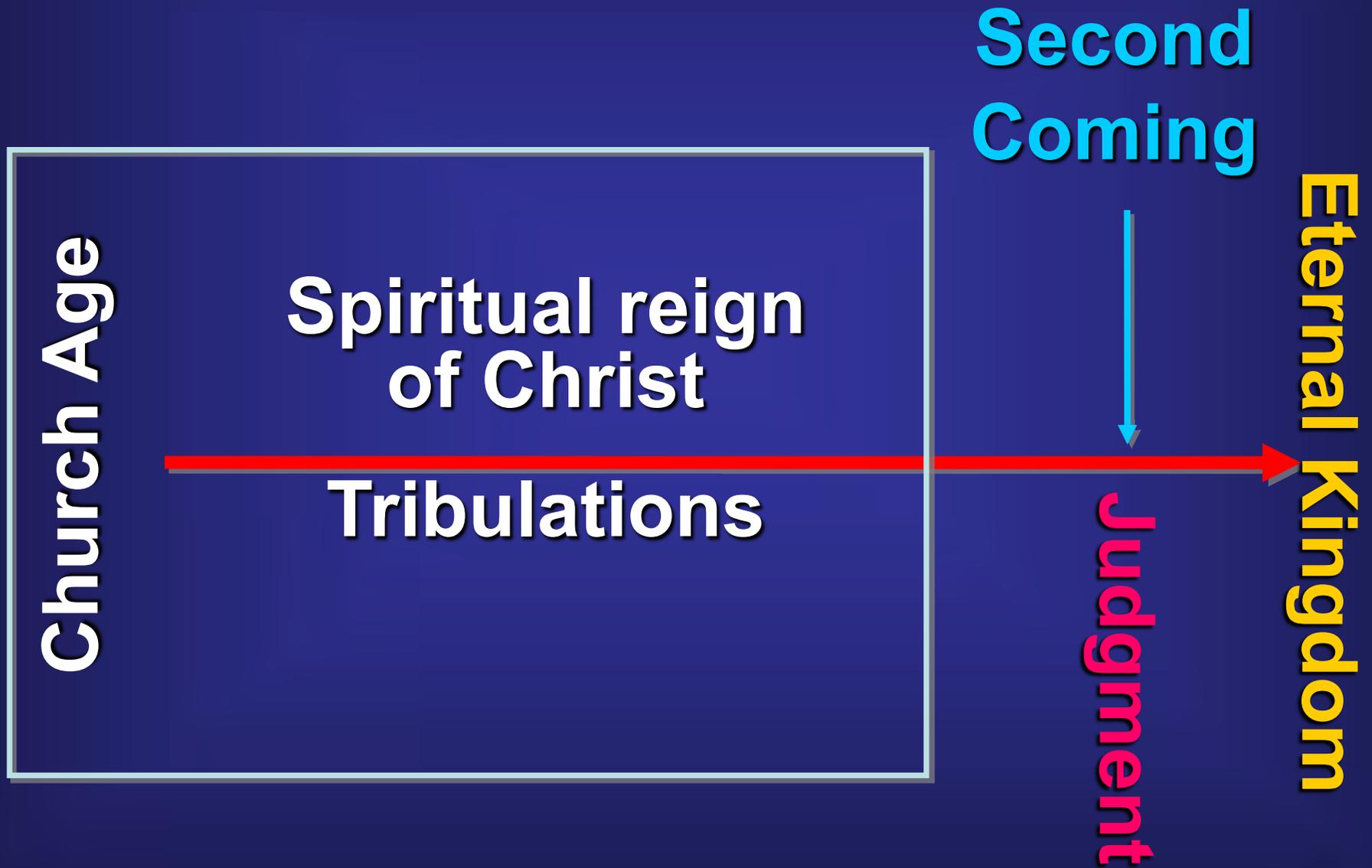


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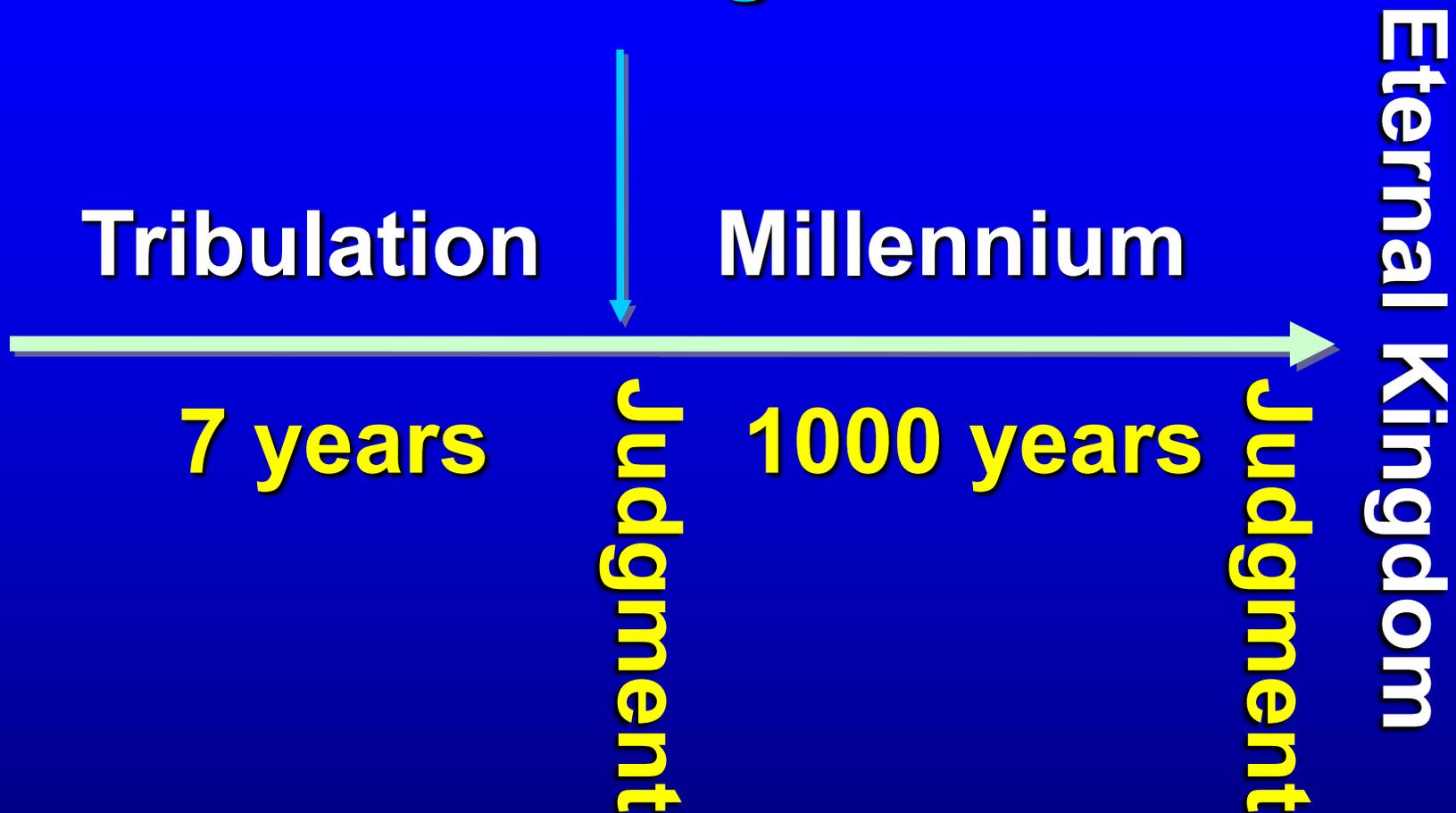
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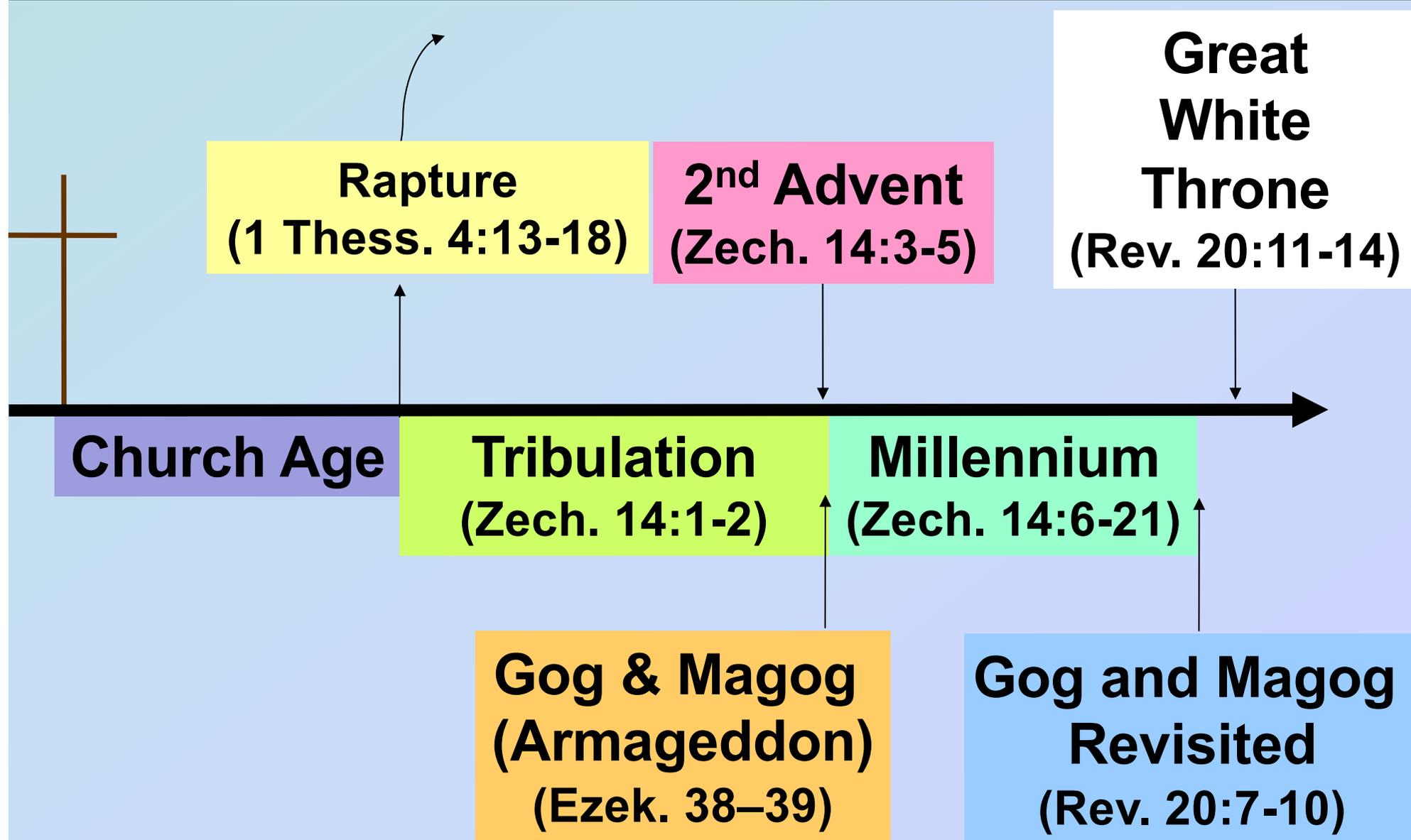
Premillennialism

Second Coming = Second Advent

Church Age



A Dispensational Timeline



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19) ↓
 Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4) ↓
 God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6) ↓
 Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule ↓
 Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39) ↓
 Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13) ↓
 Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27) ↓
 Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3	land	Land Covenant Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises: •Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12) •Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration •Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)	ISRAEL (National Focus)	CHURCH The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15) Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)	MESSIANIC Millennial Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28) Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)	KINGDOM Eternal New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)
	seed	Davidic Covenant 2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises: •Sons ("house" never wiped out) •Kingdom (political dynasty) •Throne (right to rule by descendants) •Temple (son to build it)		Christ is Head over his Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)	Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)	Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)
	blessing	New Covenant Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises: •Forgiveness •Indwelling Spirit •New heart, nature, mind •Reunification of Israel and Judah •No need for evangelism		Mosaic Law is replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)	All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)	All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

The Law was fulfilled and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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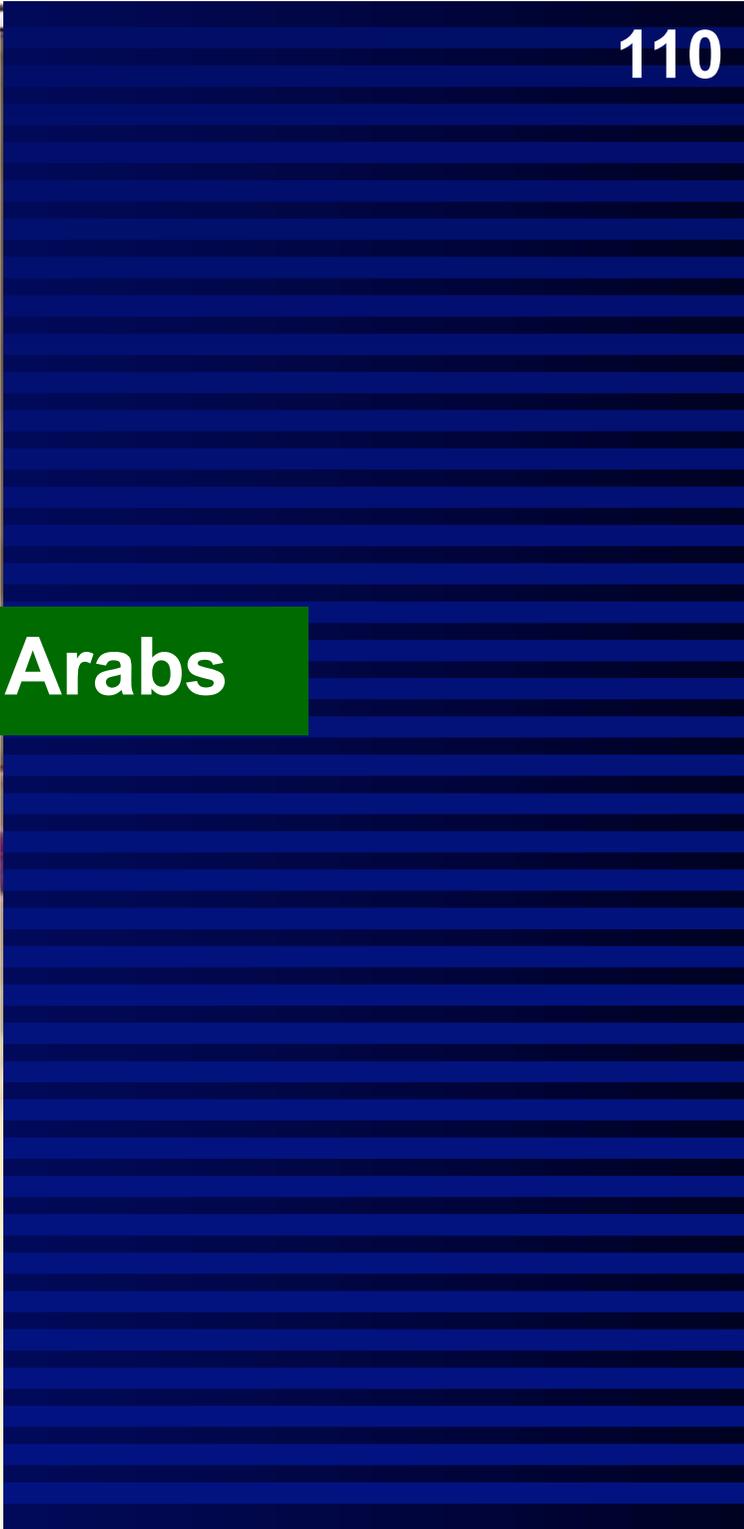
Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Jerusalem Population (2002)



East = Arabs

West = Jews



**"Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming
when your possessions will be plundered
right in front of you!"
(Zech. 14:1).**

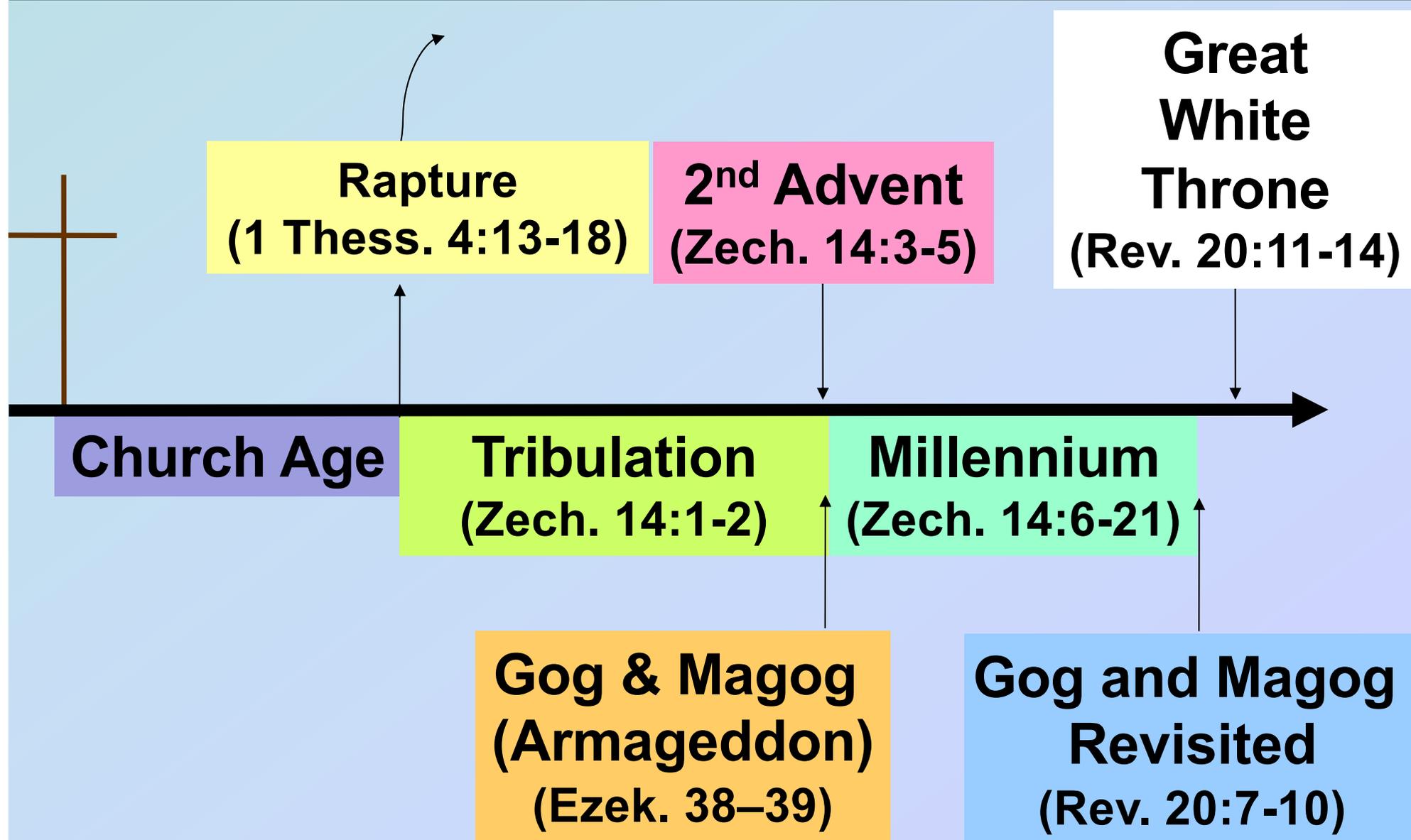
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The Plundering

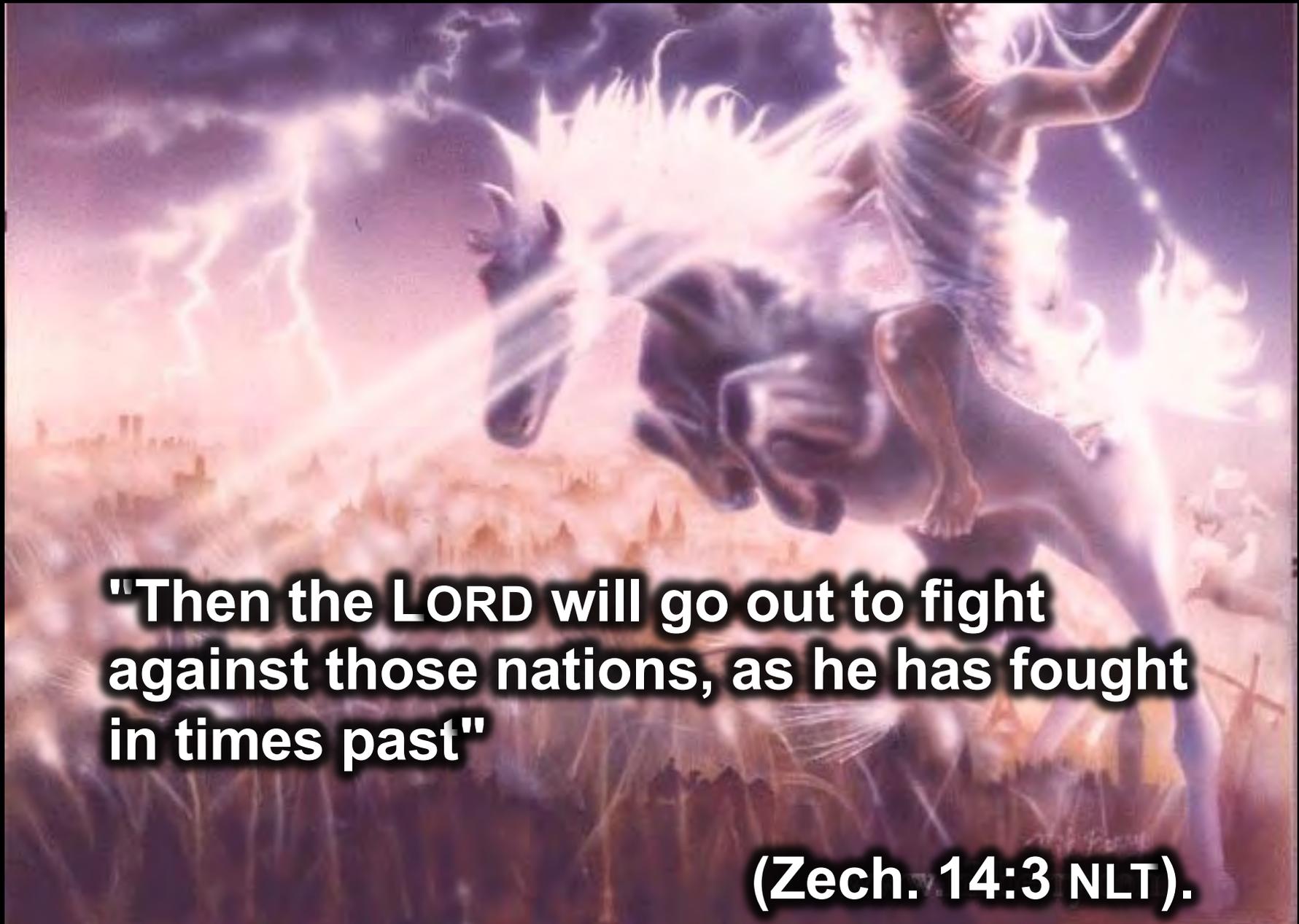


"I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city" (Zech. 14:2 NLT).

A Dispensational Timeline



Christ's Return



**"Then the LORD will go out to fight
against those nations, as he has fought
in times past"**

(Zech. 14:3 NLT).

The Second Coming

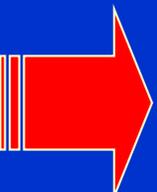
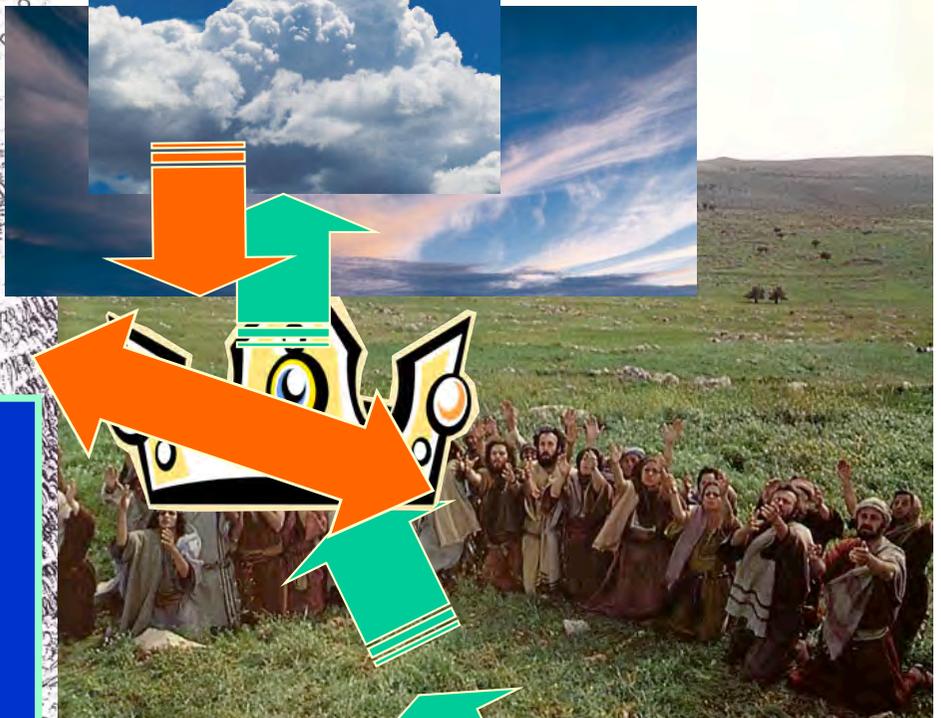
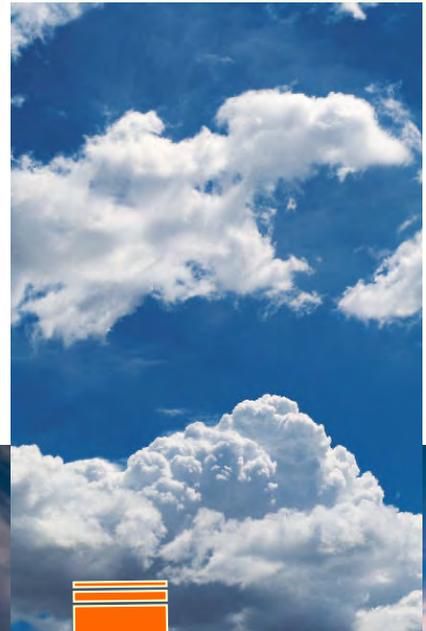
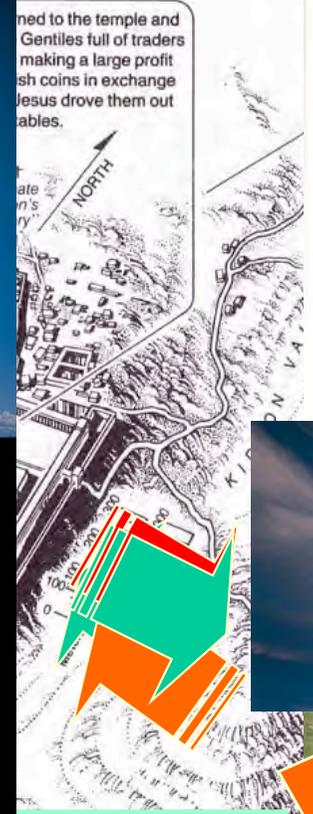
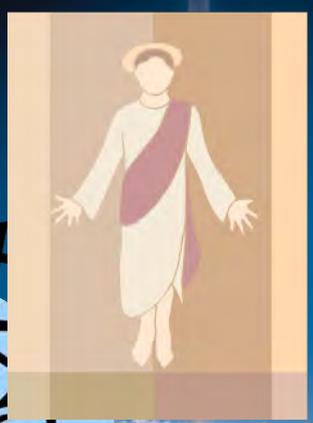
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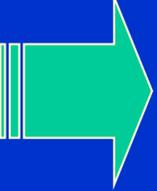
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Passion Week

Bethany, the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem



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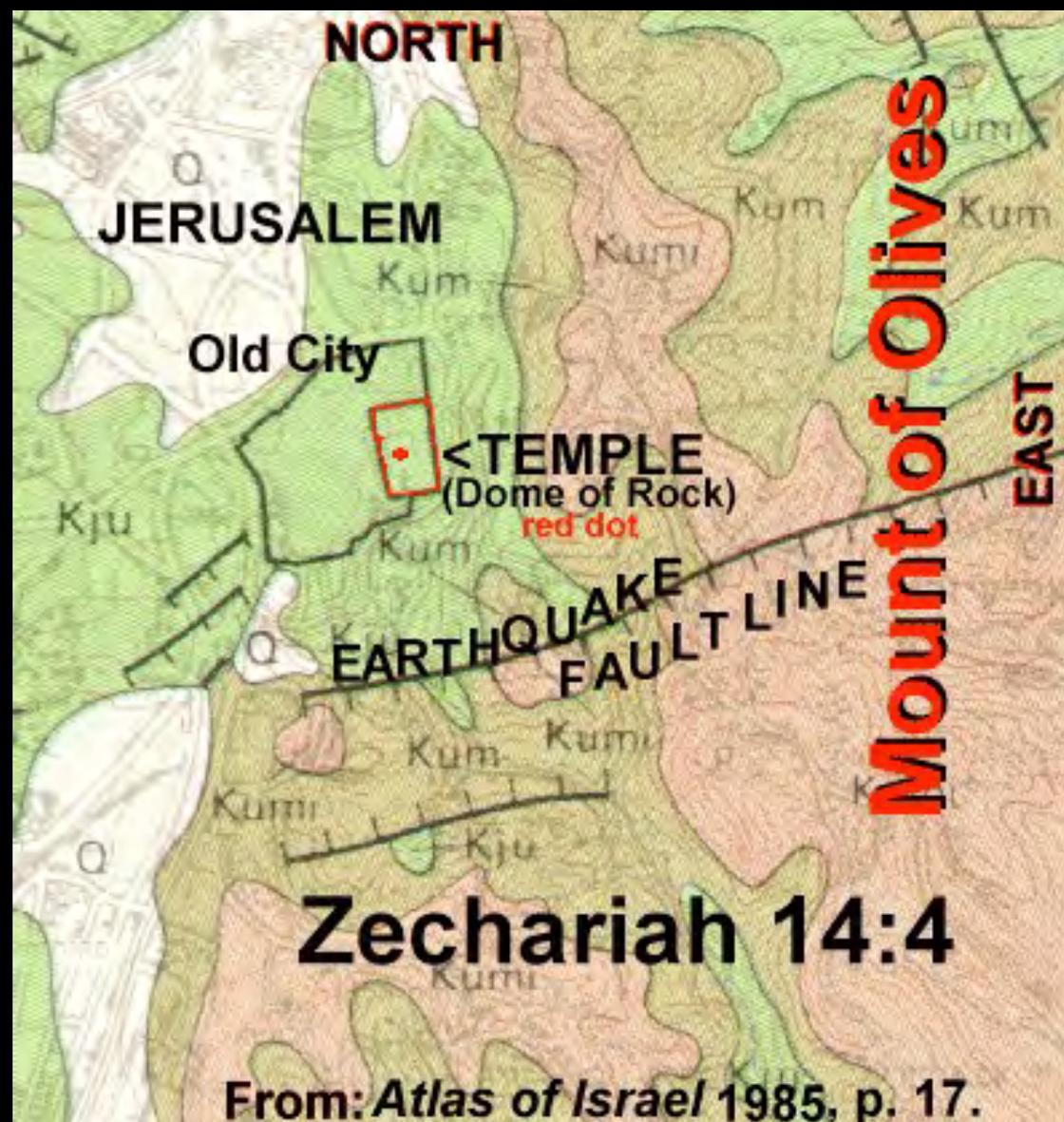
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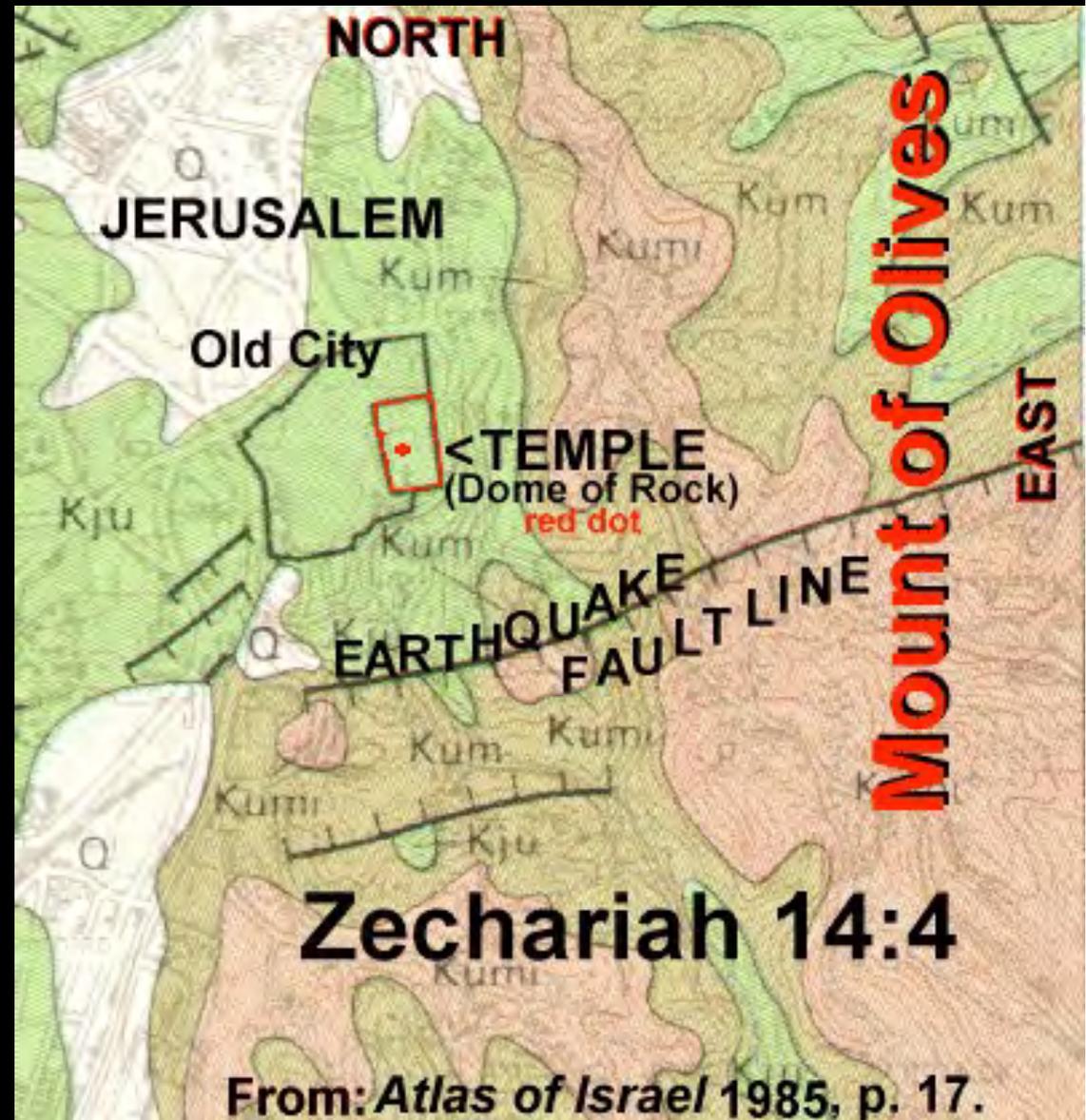
The Second Coming

"...And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south" (Zech. 14:4b NLT).

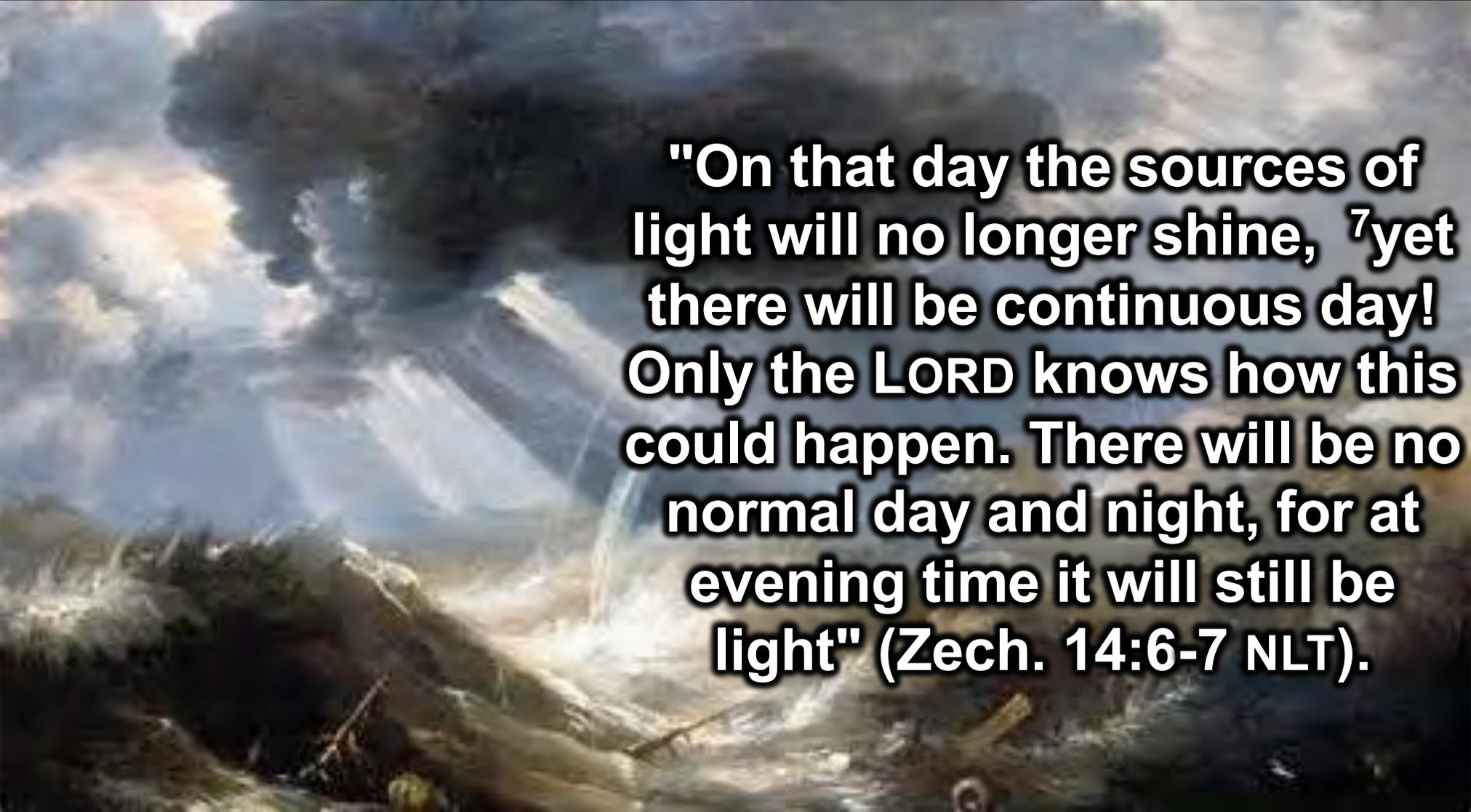


"You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him" (Zech. 14:5 NLT).

The Second Coming



The Second Coming



"On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, ⁷yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light" (Zech. 14:6-7 NLT).

Living Water!



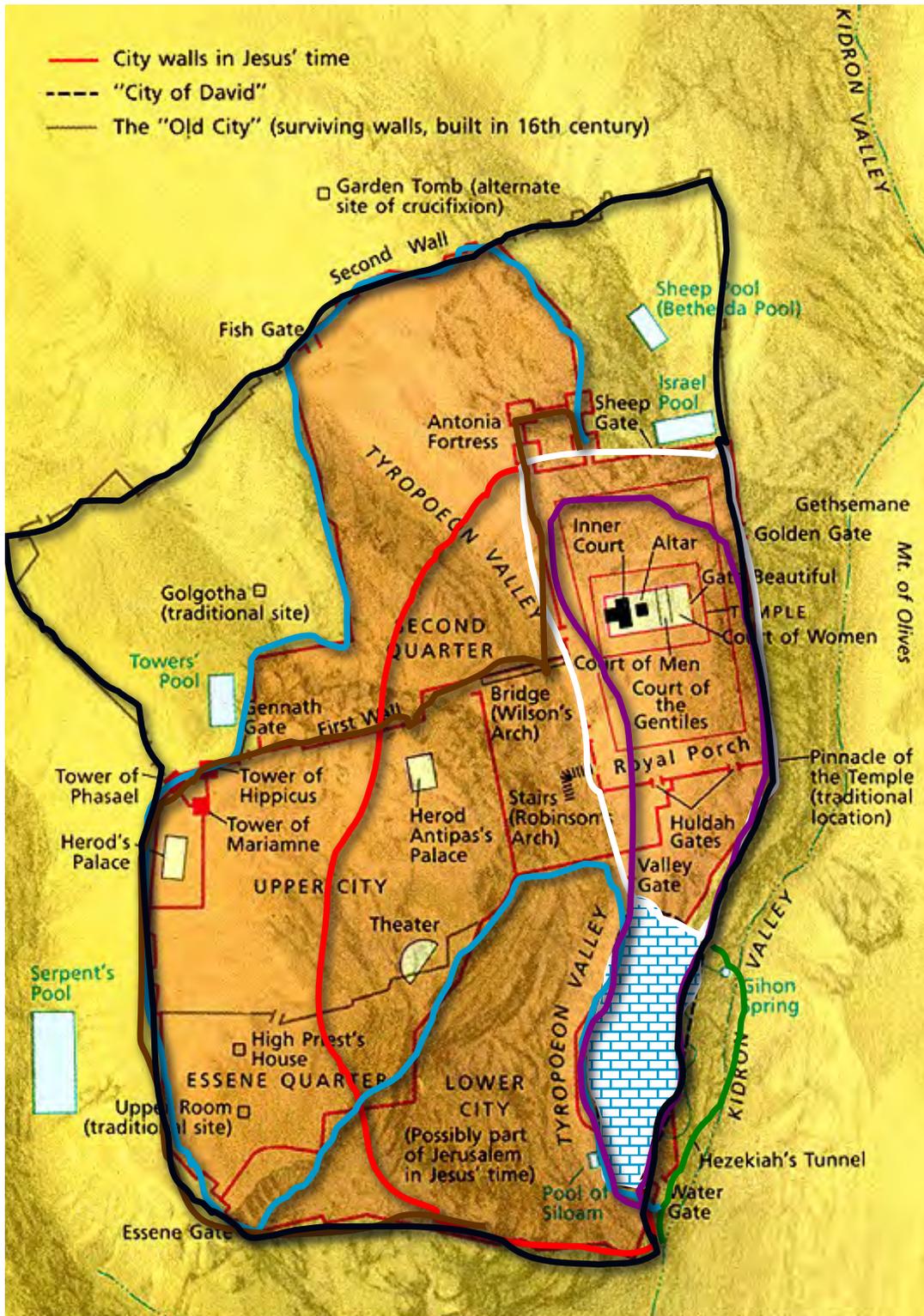
"On that day life-giving waters will flow out from Jerusalem, half toward the Dead Sea and half toward the Mediterranean, flowing continuously in both summer and winter" (Zech. 14:8 NLT).

The Second Coming

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**"And the LORD will be king over all the earth.
On that day there will be one LORD—
his name alone will be worshiped"
(Zech. 14:9 NLT).**

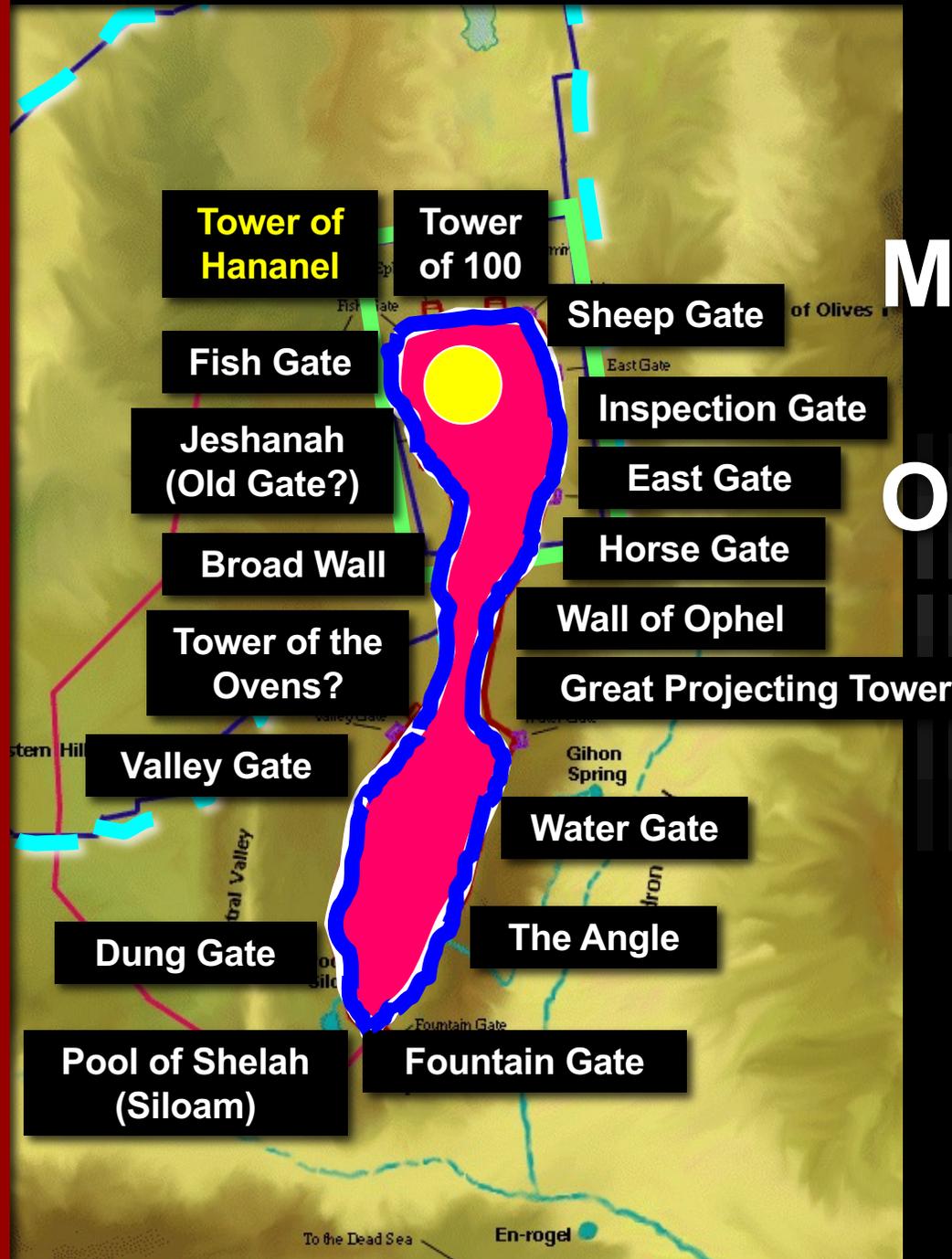


Jerusalem Stages of Development

-  Jebusite (1500 BC)
-  Solomon (971 BC)
-  Hezekiah (700 BC)
-  Hezekiah (700 BC) **586 BC**
-  Nehemiah (444 BC)
-  Hasmonean (100 BC)
-  Herod the Great (20 BC)
-  Modern Walls

Jerusalem Repopulated

¹⁰ All the land from Geba, north of Judah, to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become one vast plain. But Jerusalem will be raised up in its original place and will be inhabited all the way from the Benjamin Gate over to the site of the old gate, then to the Corner Gate, and from the **Tower of Hananel** to the king's winepresses. ¹¹ And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed" (Zech. 14:10-11 NLT).



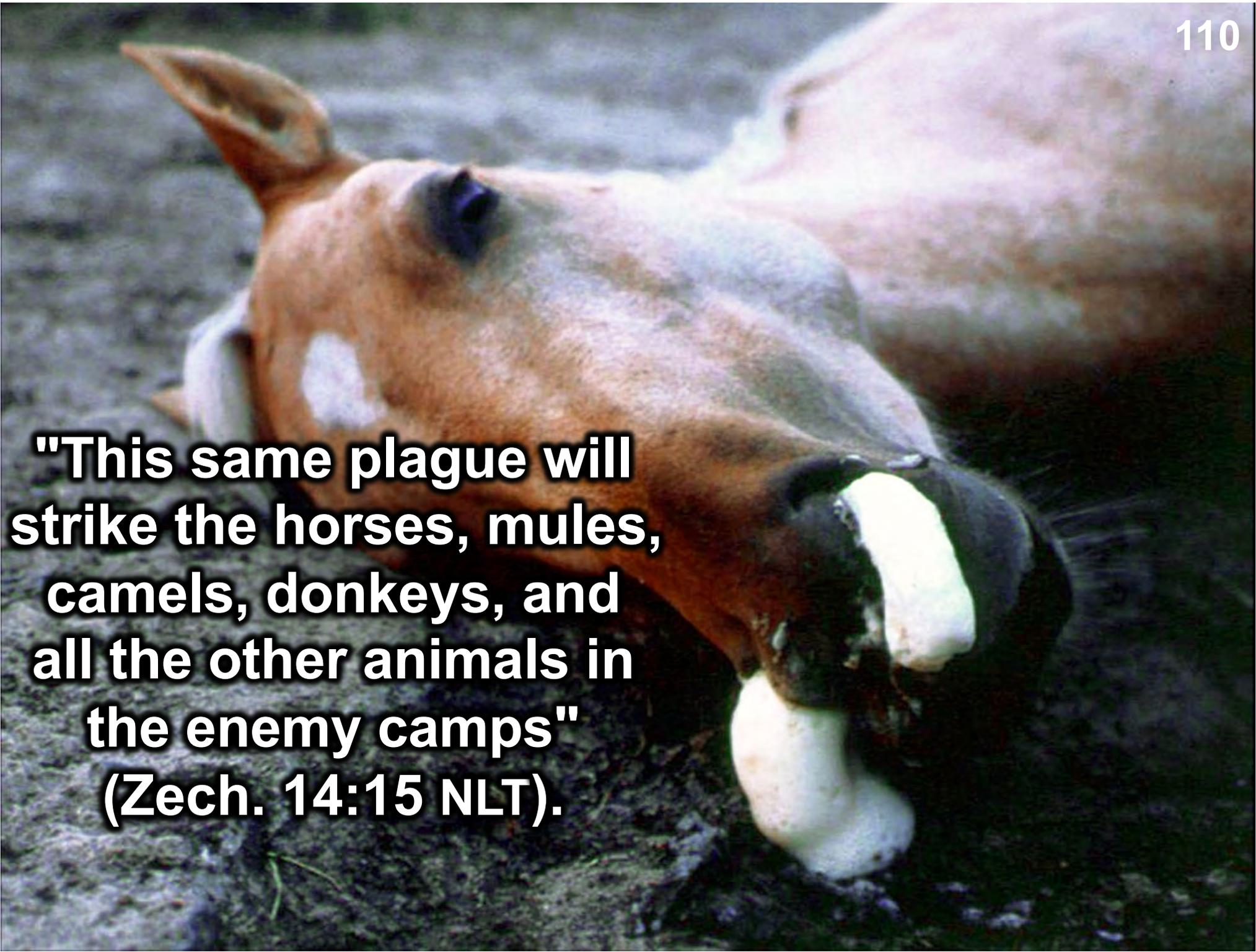
Mount
of
Olives

"And the LORD will send a plague on all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their people will become like walking corpses, their flesh rotting away. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths" (Zech. 14:12 NLT).



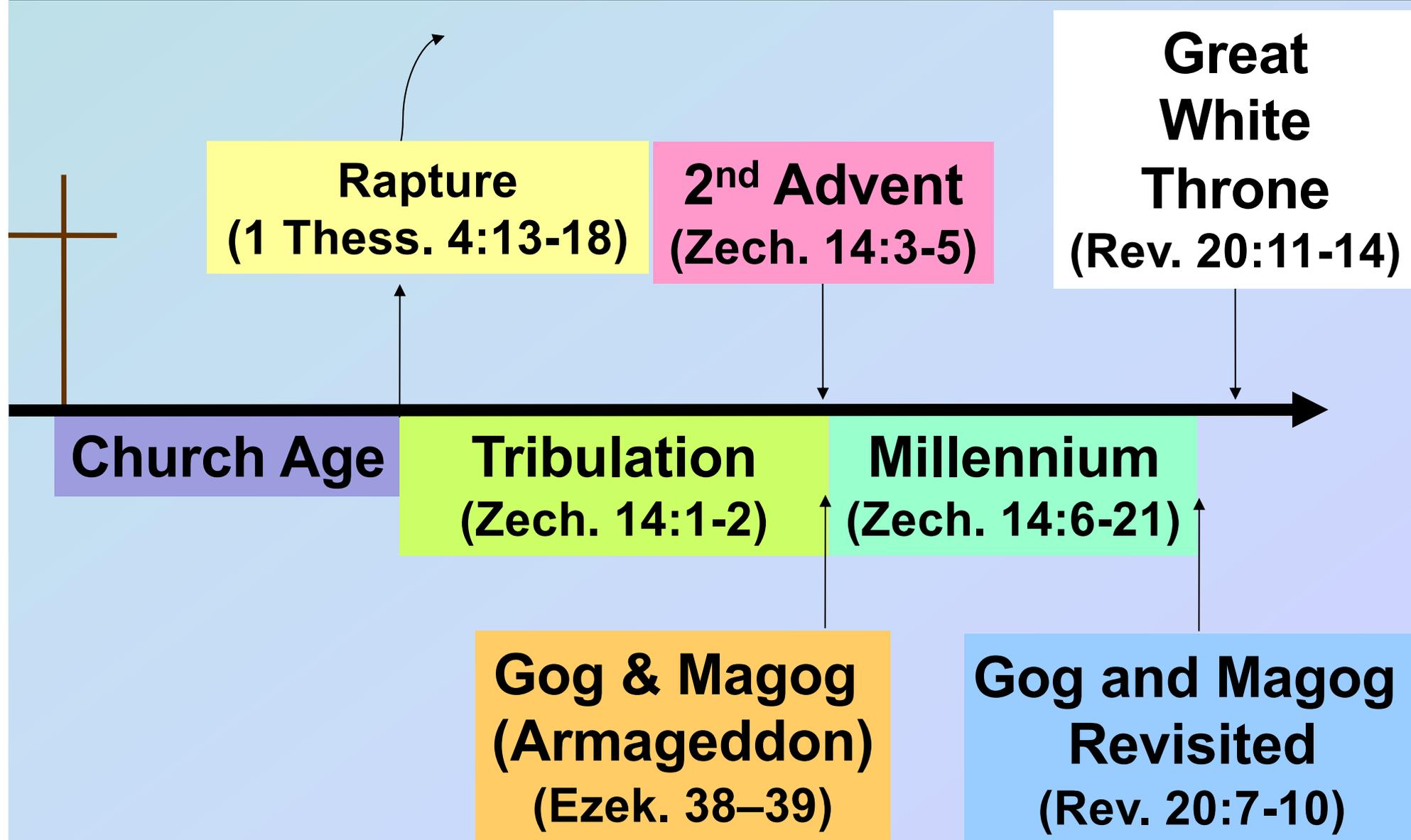


"On that day they will be terrified, stricken by the LORD with great panic. They will fight their neighbors hand to hand. ¹⁴Judah, too, will be fighting at Jerusalem. The wealth of all the neighboring nations will be captured—great quantities of gold and silver and fine clothing" (Zech. 14:13-14 NLT).



"This same plague will strike the horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the enemy camps" (Zech. 14:15 NLT).

A Dispensational Timeline



Millennial Worship

"In the end, the enemies of Jerusalem who survive the plague will go up to Jerusalem each year to worship the King... and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters. ¹⁷Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King... will have no rain. ¹⁸If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the Lord will punish them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. ¹⁹Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters"

(Zech. 14:16-19 NLT).

Millennial Holiness



²⁰ "On that day even the harness bells of the horses will be inscribed with these words: Holy to the LORD. And the cooking pots in the Temple of the LORD will be as sacred as the basins used beside the altar.

²¹ In fact, every cooking pot in Jerusalem and Judah will be holy to the LORD... All who come to worship will be free to use any of these pots to boil their sacrifices. And on that day there will no longer be traders [Heb. Canaanites] in the Temple of the LORD of Heaven's Armies."

(Zech. 14:20-21 NLT)



Tribulation Teaching in Revelation 6–16



4 Interpretive Principles

Principle #1:

Follow the normal sense unless it's nonsense

- 144,000 witnesses of Israel (Rev. 7:4)
- 1000 years of saints' reign (Rev. 20:4)
- 1260 days of prophesying (Rev. 11:3)
- 3 and 1/2 days of death (Rev. 11:9)
- Euphrates dries up (Rev. 16:12)

Interpretive Views on Revelation

View & Advocates	Millennial View	Rev. 1–3	Rev. 4–19	Rev. 20–22
Idealist Beale Hendriksen Hughes	Postmillennial (or Amillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of the non- historical conflict between <u>good & evil</u>	Victory of good over evil (Church over the world)
Preterist Sweete Ellicott DeMar	Apocalyptic	Historic Churches	Symbolic of Events in <u>First Century</u> (Nero, Mt. Vesuvius eruption)	Symbolic of heaven and victory
Historicist Luther Newton Elliott	Amillennial (or Postmillennial)	Historic Churches	Symbolic of events in the <u>Church Age</u> (fall of Rome, rise of Islam & Catholics, Reformation, etc.)	Present age (amil) or future millennium (postmil), general judgment, heaven
Futurist Thomas Walvoord Ryrie Ladd	Premillennial	Historic Churches &/or seven stages of church history	<u>Future Tribulation</u> judgments on apostate church and Antichrist, return of Christ	Future millennium, judgment, heaven

What time is it?

(Revelation 6-18 depicts which era?)



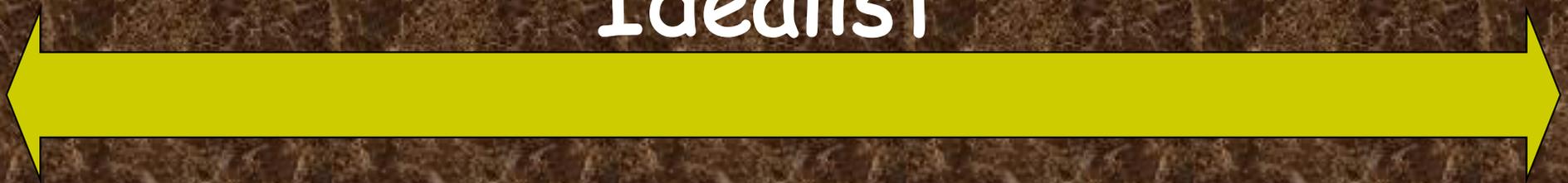
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The Recapitulation Approach

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Christ in the Midst of the Seven Lamp Stands (1-3)

The Vision of Heaven and the Seven Seals (4-7)

The Seven Trumpets (8-11)

The Persecuting Dragon (12-14)

The Seven Bowls (15-16)

The Fall of Babylon (17-19)

The Great Consummation (20-22)

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The Four Most Common Approaches

PRETERIST - about 1st cent. AD history

FUTURIST - about history to the end of time

HISTORICIST - about Church history to the present

IDEALIST - about spiritual stuff in all times

Dr. Henry Baldwin's - Combo #1, #2 & #4

Modified Recapitulation Approach

VERIFICATION & BLESSINGS
EPISTOLARY GREETINGS
VISION OF CHRIST

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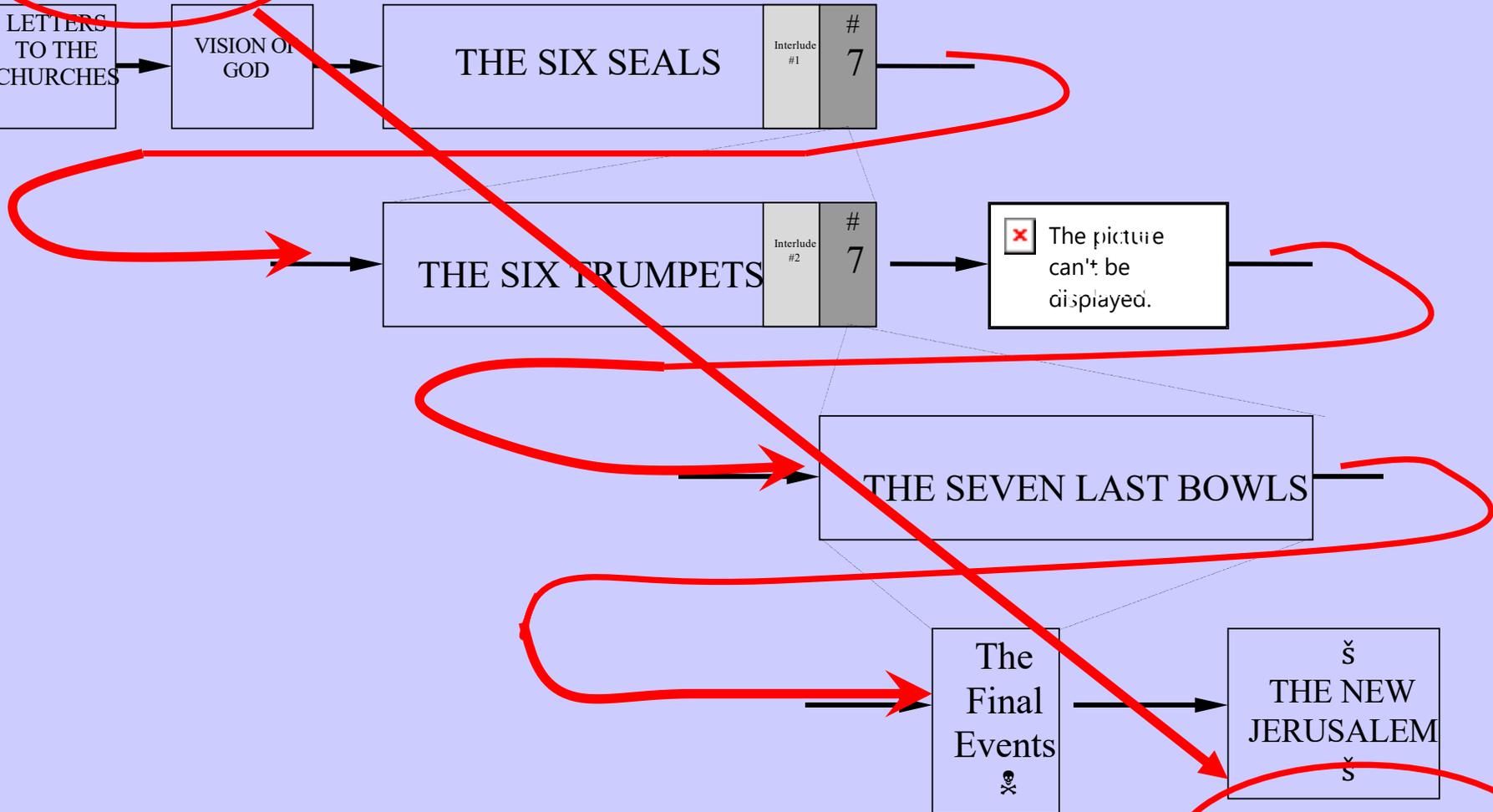
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Revelation 11

A Test Case in Hermeneutics

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

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Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
<p>1 "measure" (11:1)</p> 	<p>"the infallible promise of God's future presence"; "the protection of God's eschatological community"; "until the parousia"</p>	<p>"preservation of the saints spiritually in the coming great persecution"; "a prophetic anticipation of the final victory of the church"</p>	<p>"a mark of God's favor"</p>

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2 "the temple (<i>naon</i>)" (11:1)	"the temple of the church"; "Christians"; "the whole covenant community"; "the community of believers undergoing persecution yet protected by God"	heavenly temple depicting "the church, primarily the saints of this final period but secondarily the church of all ages"	"a future temple in Jerusalem during the period just before Christ returns"



Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
3 "the altar" (11:1)	"the suffering covenant community"	the [heavenly] altar of incense"	"the brazen altar of sacrifice in the court outside the sanctuary"





Revelation 11



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Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
8 "the Gentiles" (11:2)	"the Gentiles and Jews"	"the church handed over to the Gentiles/nations for a time"	"a group [of non-Jews] in rebellion against God who will oppress the Jewish remnant"

Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
10 "the holy city" (11:2)	"the initial form of the heavenly city, part of which is identified with believers living on earth"	"the people of God"	"the literal city of Jerusalem on earth"



Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic- Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
11 "forty-two months" (11:2)	"figurative for the eschatological period of tribulation"; "attack on the community of faith throughout the church age"	"the great tribulation at the end of history"	"the last half of Daniel's seventieth week"



The Two Olive Trees (11:4)



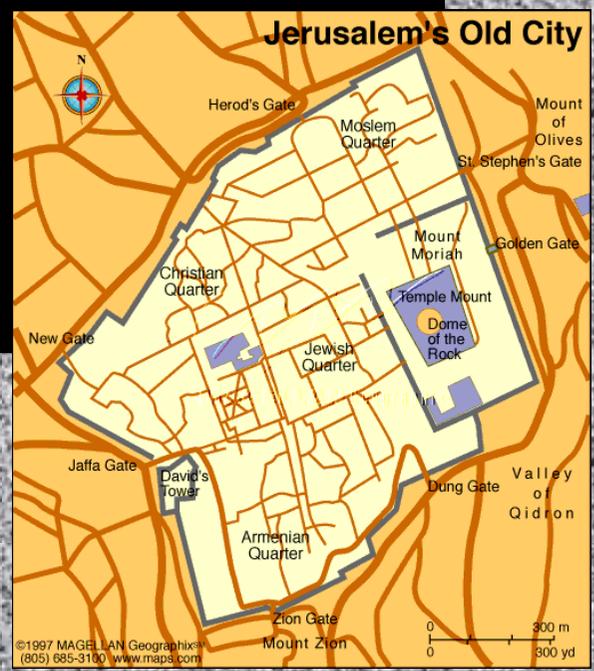
Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
12 "the two witnesses" (11:3)	the church; "the whole community of faith"	"two major eschatological figures... as a symbol for the witnessing church"	two future prophets, probably Moses and Elijah



Revelation 11

Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
<p>13</p> <p>"the great city"</p> <p>(11:8)</p>	<p>"Babylon"</p> <p>= "Rome"</p> <p>= "the ungodly world"</p>	<p>Jerusalem</p> <p>and Rome;</p> <p>secondarily,</p> <p>all cities</p> <p>that oppose</p> <p>God</p>	<p>Jerusalem</p>



Revelation 11

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Term or Expression	Beale <i>Symbolic</i>	Osborne <i>Symbolic-Literal</i>	Thomas <i>Literal</i>
14 the resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses (11:11-12)	"divine legitimization of a prophetic call"	"A proleptic anticipation of the 'rapture' of the church"	the resurrection of the two witnesses 

Let's now put each
view into paragraph
form like the passage

Revelation 11 - Beale (Symbolic)

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¹ I was given a reed symbolizing the infallible promise of God's future presence and was told, "Go and protect God's eschatological community (which is the temple of the church) until the parousia and protect the suffering covenant community and count the believers worshiping together in the temple community.

² But exclude God's true people, including Gentiles; do not protect this suffering covenant community of Gentiles and Jews because they are not protected from various forms of earthly harm (physical, economic, social, etc.). They will attack and persecute the whole community of faith throughout the church age which is the initial form of the heavenly city, part of which is identified with believers living on earth for the eschatological period of tribulation.

³ And I will give power to the church, and this whole community of faith will prophesy for the eschatological period of tribulation... [but after being killed] ⁸ their bodies will lie in the street of Babylon or Rome which means the ungodly world [then they will receive] ¹¹⁻
¹² divine legitimization of a prophetic call.

Revelation 11 - Osborne (Symbolic-Literal)

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¹I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and preserve the saints spiritually in the coming great persecution (but secondarily the church of all ages) in anticipation of their final victory and measure (preserve?) the [heavenly] altar of incense, and count the individual believers in the church or at the altar. ²But exclude the saints who are persecuted... because they have not been protected from Gentiles/nations as God delivers his followers into the hands of sinners for a time. The saints will suffer incredibly in a physical sense in the people of God for the 'great tribulation' at the end of history. ³And I will give power to my witnessing church, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth... [but after being killed] ⁸their bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem and Rome which secondarily refer to all cities that oppose God [then they will receive] ¹¹⁻¹² a proleptic anticipation of the 'rapture' of the church.

Revelation 11 - Thomas (Literal)

¹ I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure as a mark of God's favor the future temple in Jerusalem during the period just before Christ returns and the brazen altar of sacrifice in the court outside the sanctuary, and count the future godly remnant in Israel in the rebuilt temple. ² But do not measure as a mark of God's favor the wicked without God... because they have been excluded from God's favor [and are] a group [of non-Jews] in rebellion against God who will oppress the Jewish remnant. They will trample ³ on Jerusalem for the last half of Daniel's seventieth week. ³ And I will give power to my two future prophets (probably Moses and Elijah), and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth... [but after being killed] ⁸ their bodies will lie in the street of Jerusalem [then three and a half days later will] ¹¹⁻¹² be resurrected.

4 Interpretative Principles

Principal #2

Be consistent with Daniel's parallel prophecy

Daniel

- 7-year covenant
- 1290/1260-day trial
- Ten-horned Beast



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4 Interpretative Principles

Principal #3

Use Revelation's inspired outline

Revelation 1:17-19 ¹⁷When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. ¹⁹Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things."

have seen



are



will take place

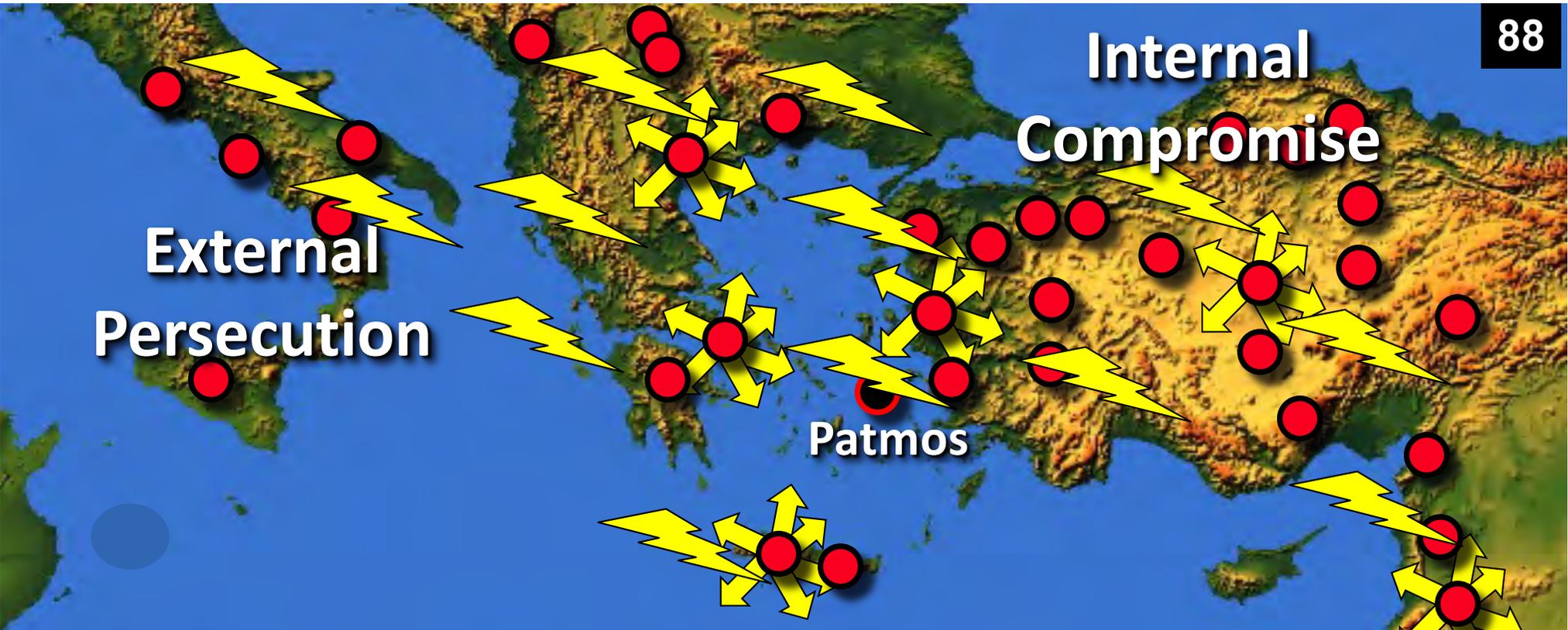
Sovereignty of Christ in Future Victory

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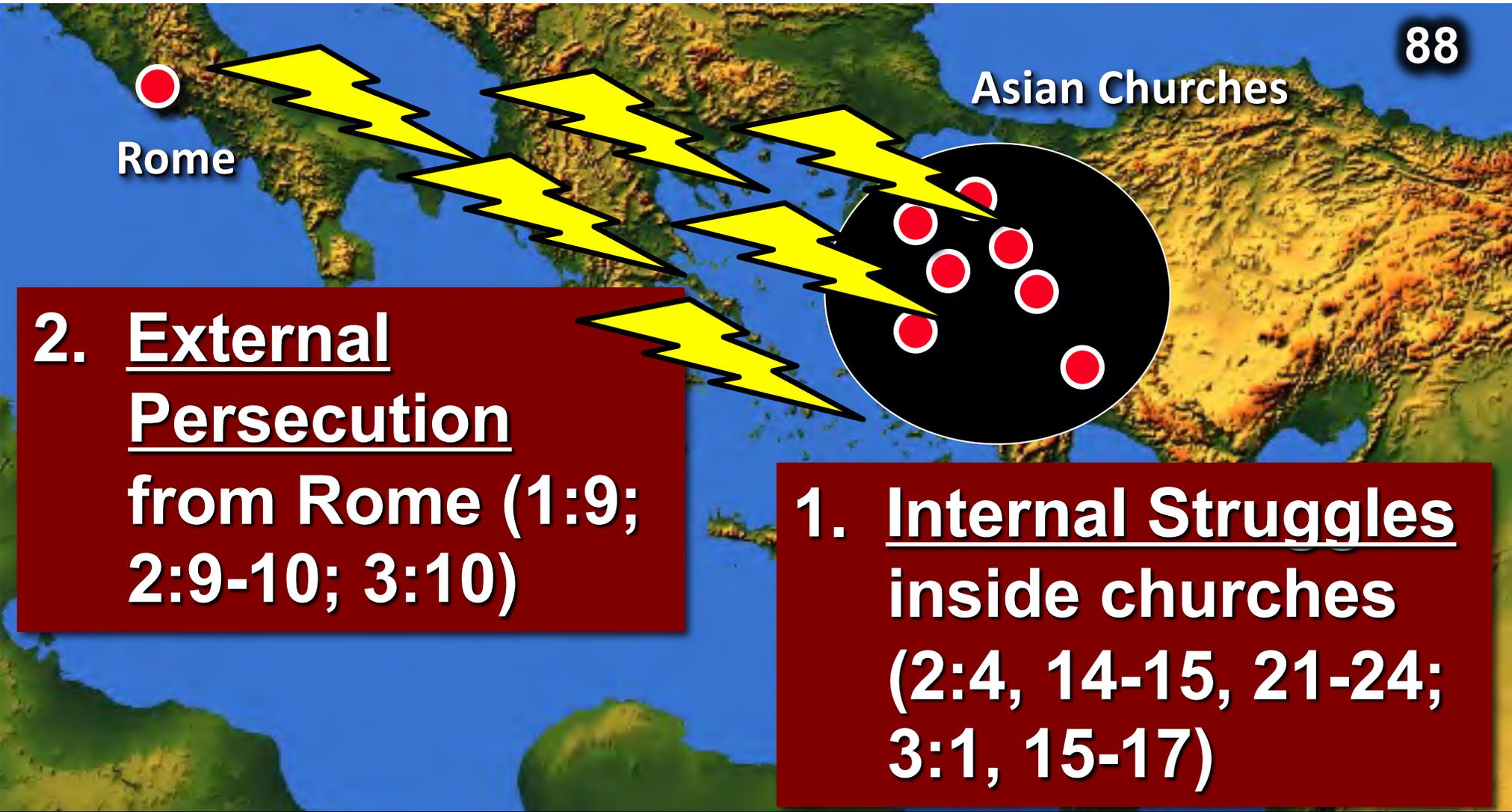
Sovereignty in His Person			Sovereignty over Churches	Sovereignty in End-Time Events				
Chapter 1			Chapters 2–3	Chapters 4–22				
"What you have seen" (1:19a)			"What is now" (1:19b)	"What will take place later" (1:19c)				
Past			Present	Future				
Christ Unveiled			Churches Unveiled	Consummation Unveiled				
God on Earth			God's Ambassadors on Earth	Hell on Earth to Heaven on Earth				
The Judge			The Assignments	The Judgments & Rewards				
Subject 1:1-3	Worship of Trinity 1:4-8	Glorified Christ 1:9-20	Seven Churches of Asia: Ephesus Smyrna Pergamum Thyatira Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Tribulation 4:1–19:10	Second Coming 19:11-21	Millennium 20	Eternal State 21:1–22:5	Closing: Imminency 22:6-21

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"I, John, am your brother and your partner in suffering and in God's Kingdom and in the patient endurance to which Jesus calls us. I was exiled to the island of Patmos for preaching the word of God and for my testimony about Jesus"
(Rev. 1:9 NLT)

The Twofold Context of the Book



Rome

Asian Churches

2. External Persecution
from Rome (1:9;
2:9-10; 3:10)

1. Internal Struggles
inside churches
(2:4, 14-15, 21-24;
3:1, 15-17)

Revealing the sovereignty of Jesus Christ helped convince the seven churches in Asia that Christ could conquer their internal compromise and external opposition



The Lamb alone can judge (Rev. 4-5)

The Scroll Sealed with Seven Seals...



is firmly in the right hand of the Father (5:1)!

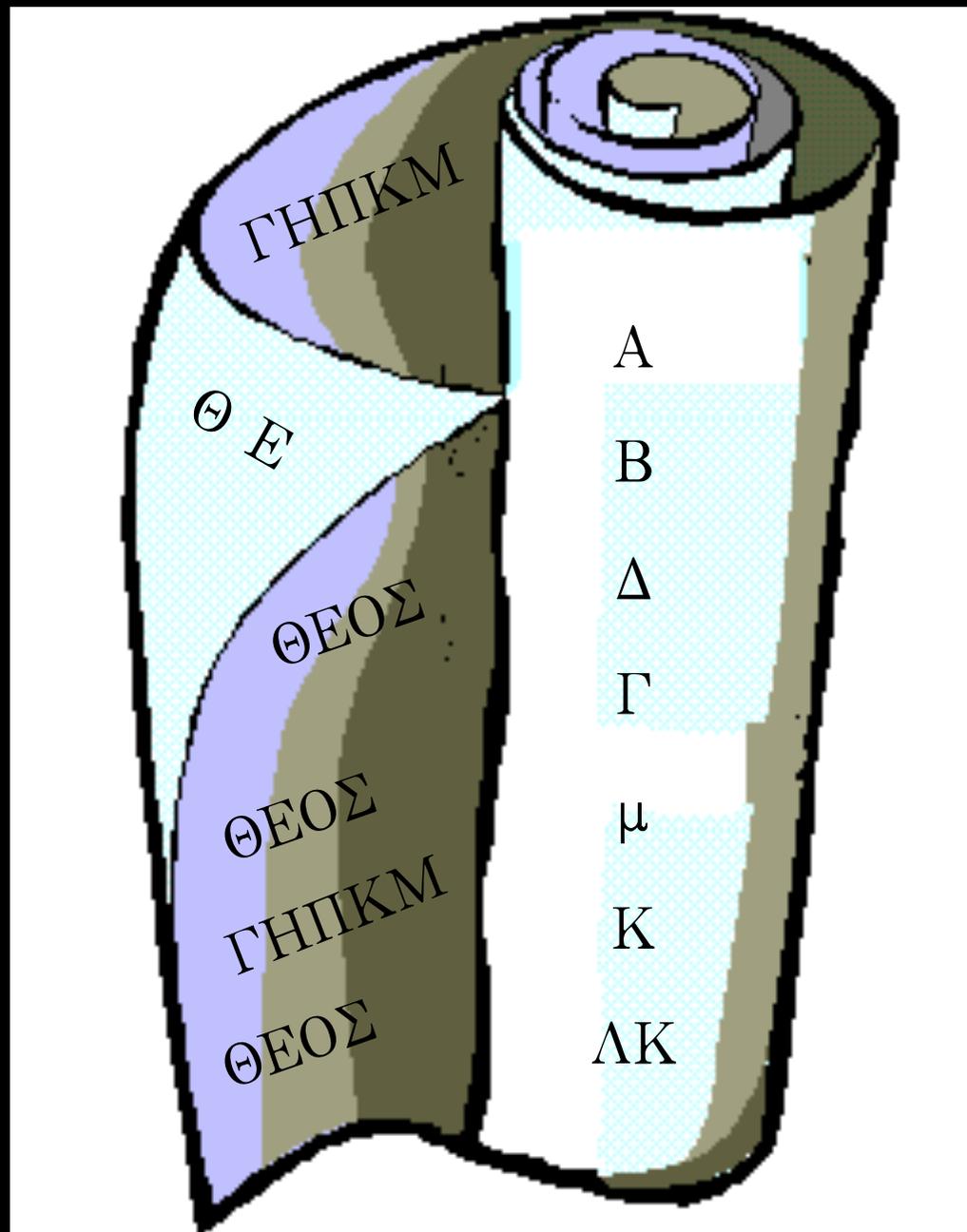
Significance of a Seal

- **Authority**
- **Ownership**
- **Ability to Act**



The Scroll of Revelation 5

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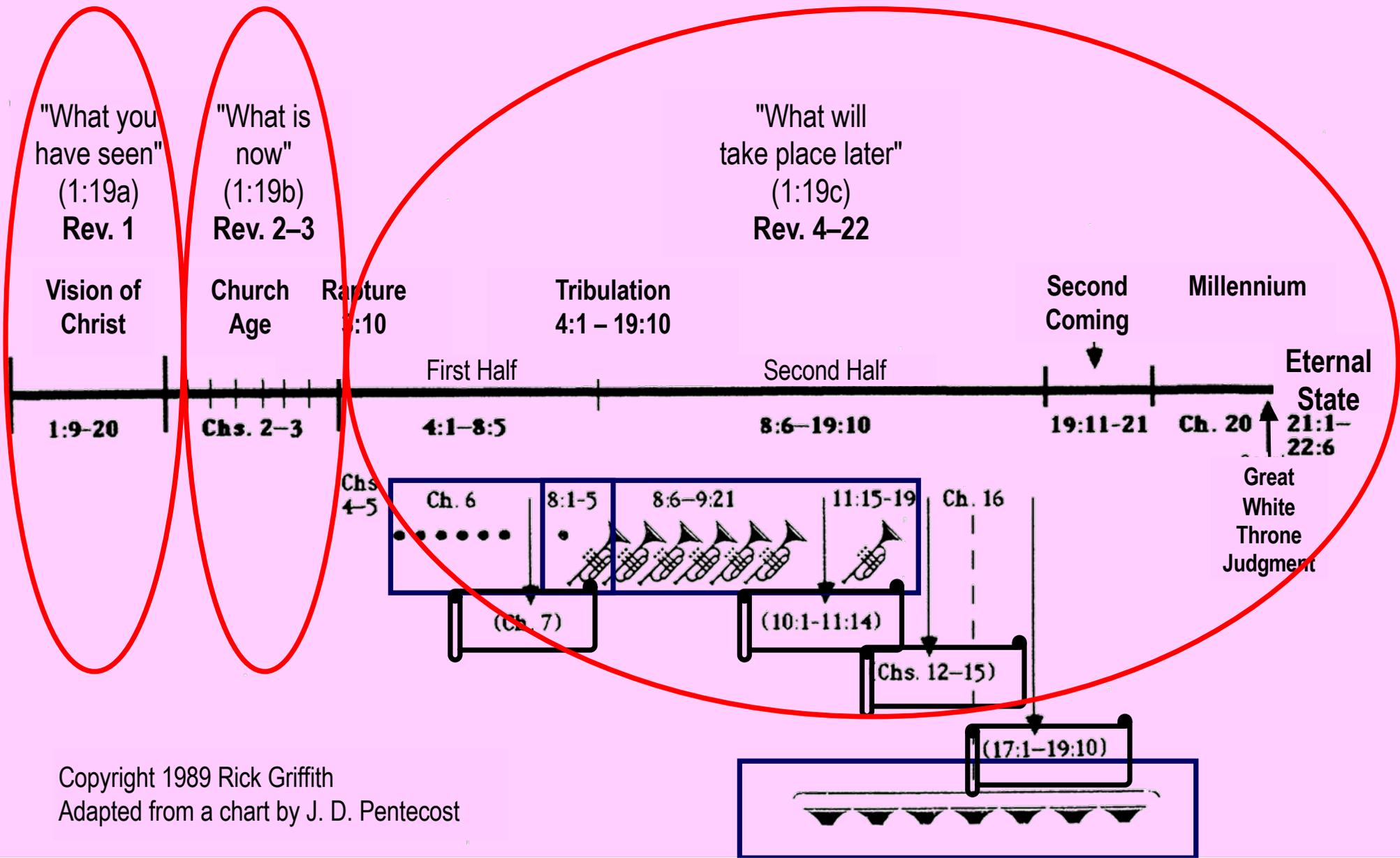
**The seal
judgments
were from
a scroll
written on
the inside
and out....**

Required of the Worthy One

- **Near of Kin**
- **Willing to Redeem**
- **Able to Redeem**



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Purposes of the Tribulation

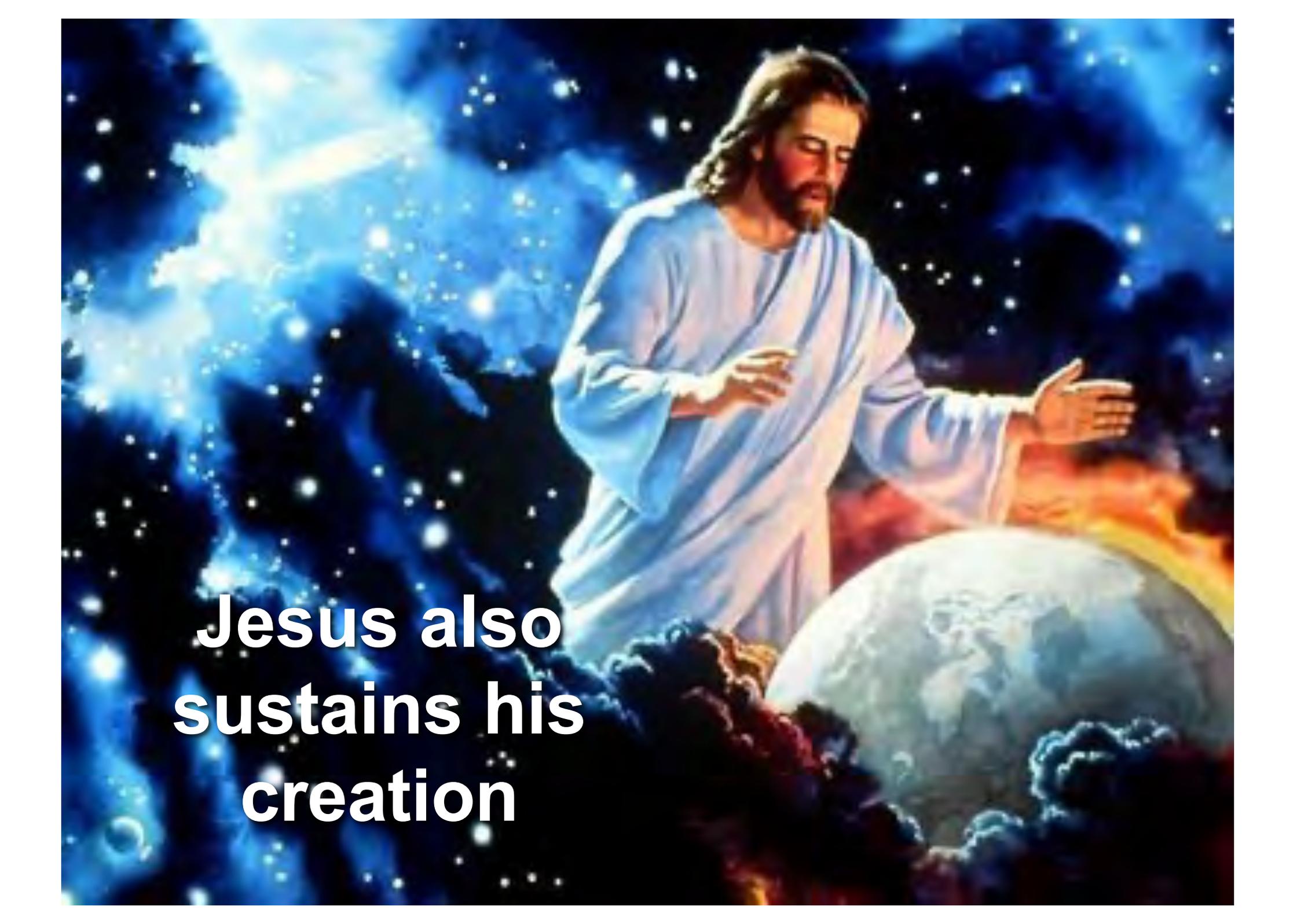


1. To Judge the Nations

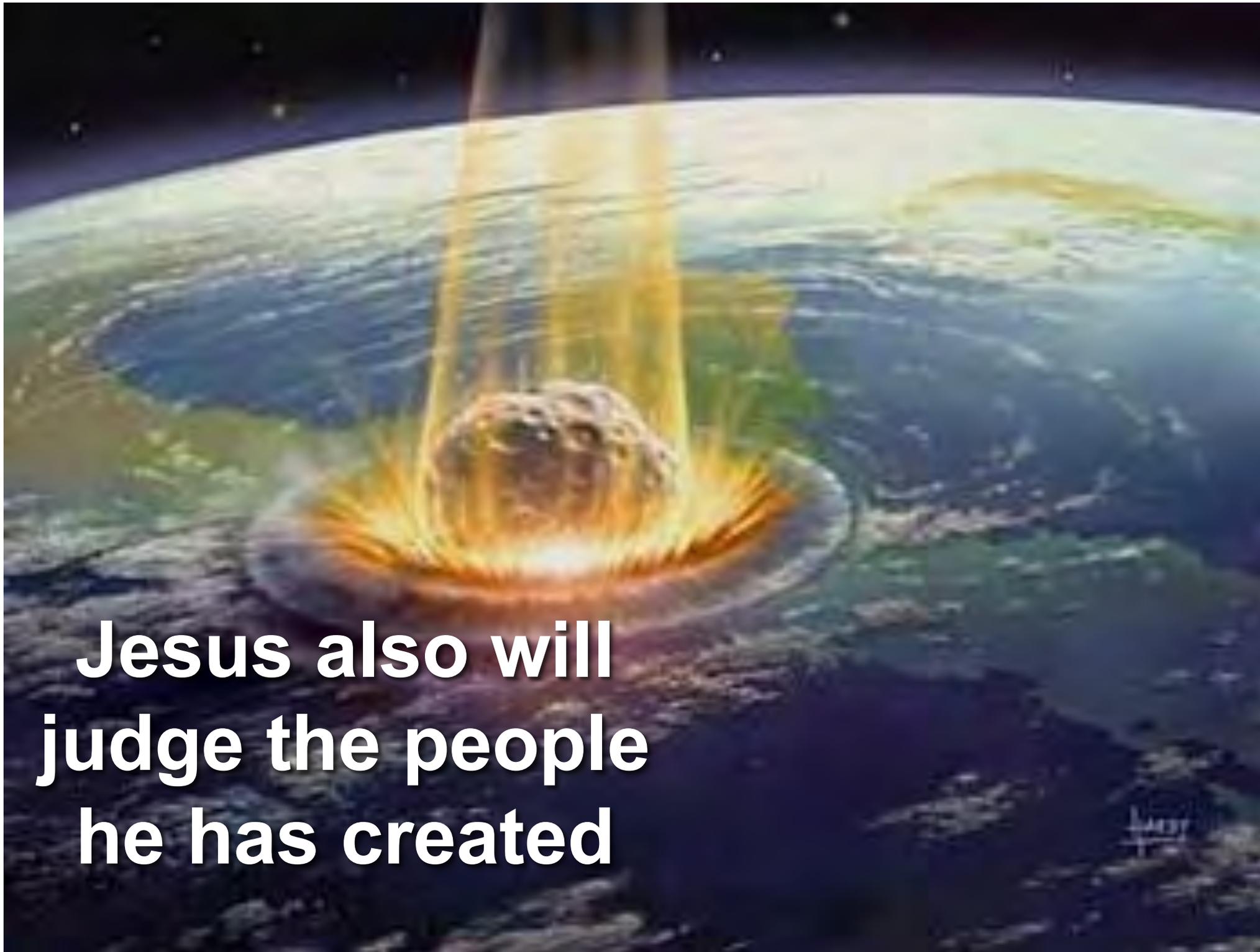




**Jesus is the
source of all
things
existing
today**

A religious illustration of Jesus Christ with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a light blue robe. He is standing in a cosmic space filled with stars and nebulae. His right hand is raised in a gesture of blessing or creation, while his left hand is extended downwards towards the Earth. The Earth is shown as a globe with a rainbow arching over it. The overall scene is set against a dark blue background with bright, glowing celestial elements.

**Jesus also
sustains his
creation**



**Jesus also will
judge the people
he has created**



Purposes of the **Tribulation**

- 1. To Judge the Nations**
- 2. To Discipline Israel**
- 3. To Save Israel**
- 4. To Establish the Millennial Kingdom**

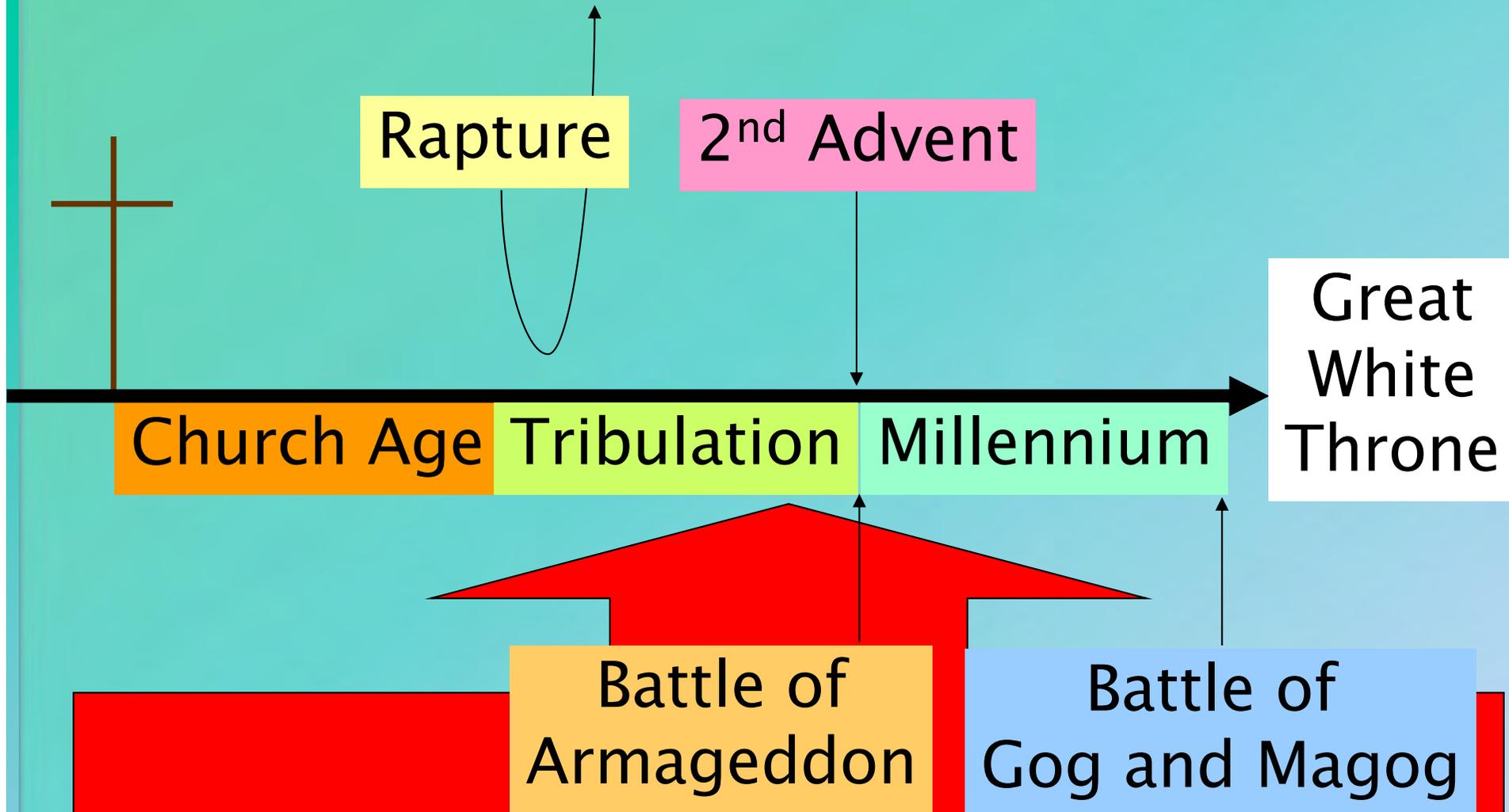


Names for the Tribulation



- "Day" or "**Day of the LORD**"—Isa. 30:23-25; 34:1-8; 35:1-10; Joel 2:28-32; 3:1-21; Zeph. 3:8, 16-20; Zech. 14:1-21)
- "**Tribulation**"—Deut. 4:30; Matt. 24:9, 21, 29; Rev. 7:14
- "**Time of Jacob's trouble**"—Jer. 30:7
- "**Wrath of God**"—Zeph. 1:15; 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 11:18; 15:1; 16:1
- "**Seven**"—Dan. 9:27

A Dispensational Timeline



"How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of Jacob's trouble but he will be saved out of it"
(Jer. 30:7)



The Seal Judgments (Rev. 6)



Four Horses (6:1-8)

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The Dream of the *Perfect* Leader (6:1-2)

The 1st Seal

¹Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

²And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.



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Seal #1 The White Horse Rider Depicts the Antichrist

How do we know this?

- i. Different from the Lamb
- ii. "White" also refers to evil
- iii. Many differences with Christ
in 19:11-16



Different Horsemen

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6:1-2



Purposes

Equipment

Names

Fellow Riders

Time

Context

Crown

19:11-16



Daniel K. K. Wong, "The First Horseman of Revelation 6,"
Bibliotheca Sacra 153 (April-June 1996): 212-26

Different Horsemen

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6:1-2



"The word for crown in Revelation 6:2 is *stephanos*, which means 'the victor's crown.' The crown that Jesus Christ wears is *diadema*, 'the kingly crown' (Rev. 19:12). Antichrist could never wear the diadem, because it belongs only to the Son of God" (Wiersbe).

19:11-16



The 2nd Seal

³When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." ⁴Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.



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The Third Seal Black Horse (6:5-6)

The 3rd Seal

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⁵When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

⁶And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

7When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

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8So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.



The 4th Seal

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Tragedies of the Four Horses (6:1-8)

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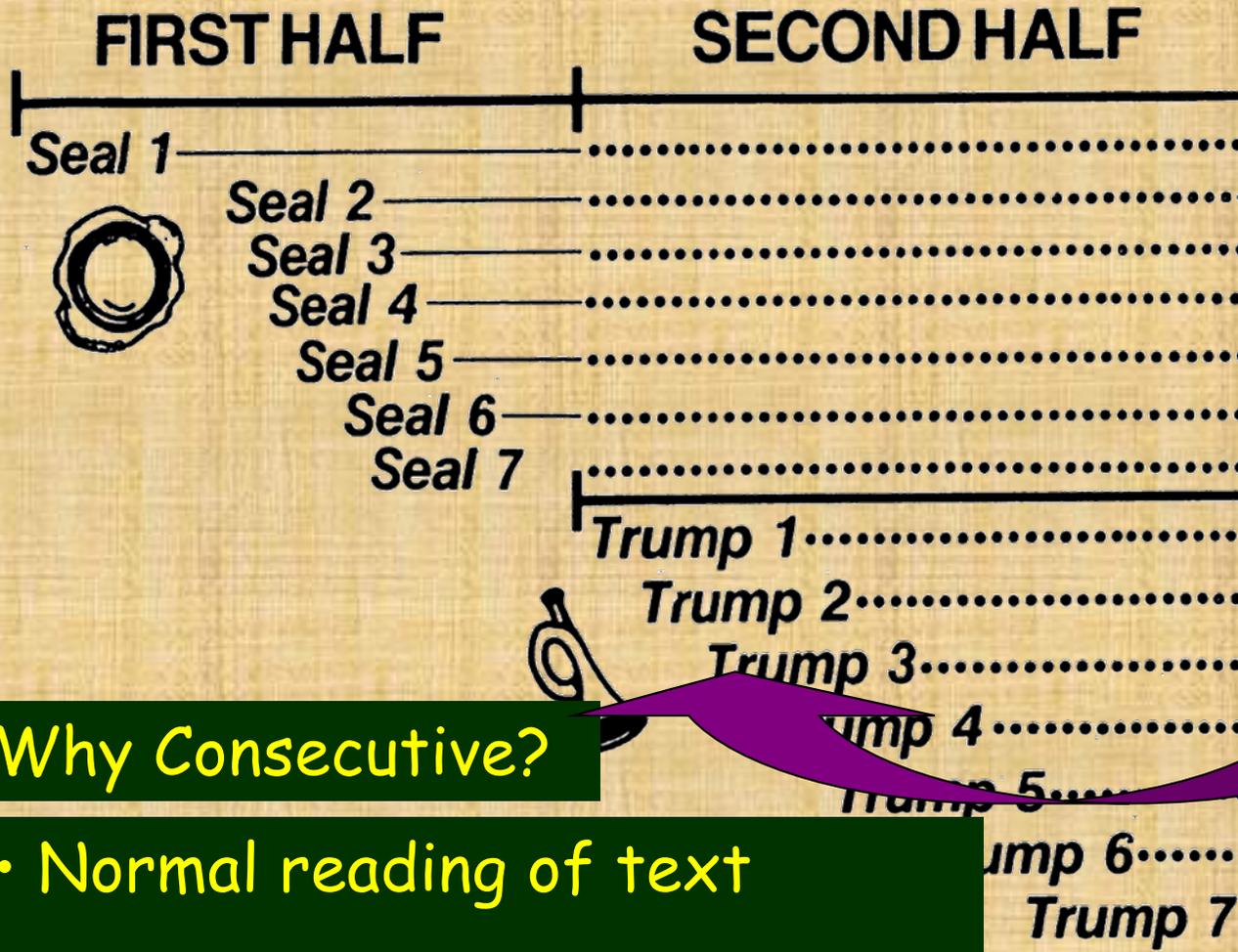
Conquest

War

Famine

Death

Judgments of the 70th Week



Revelation 8:7
The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up

Why Consecutive?

- Normal reading of text
- 1260 days (Rev. 12:6)
- Trump 1 begins after Seal 6
- Unrepeatable judgments



Content of the Judgments

	SEALS	Matthew 24:5-9 Seal Parallels:	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Deceivers (24:5)	Sores
2	Red: war	Wars (24:6-7a)	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Famines (24:7b)	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Death (24:9)	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Martyrs (24:9)	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, sign	Earthquakes & worldwide chaos (24:7c, 10-13)	
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trumpets 8-10 mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail

Four Horses (6:1-8)

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Seal #5: Martyrs Assured under the Altar (6:9-11)

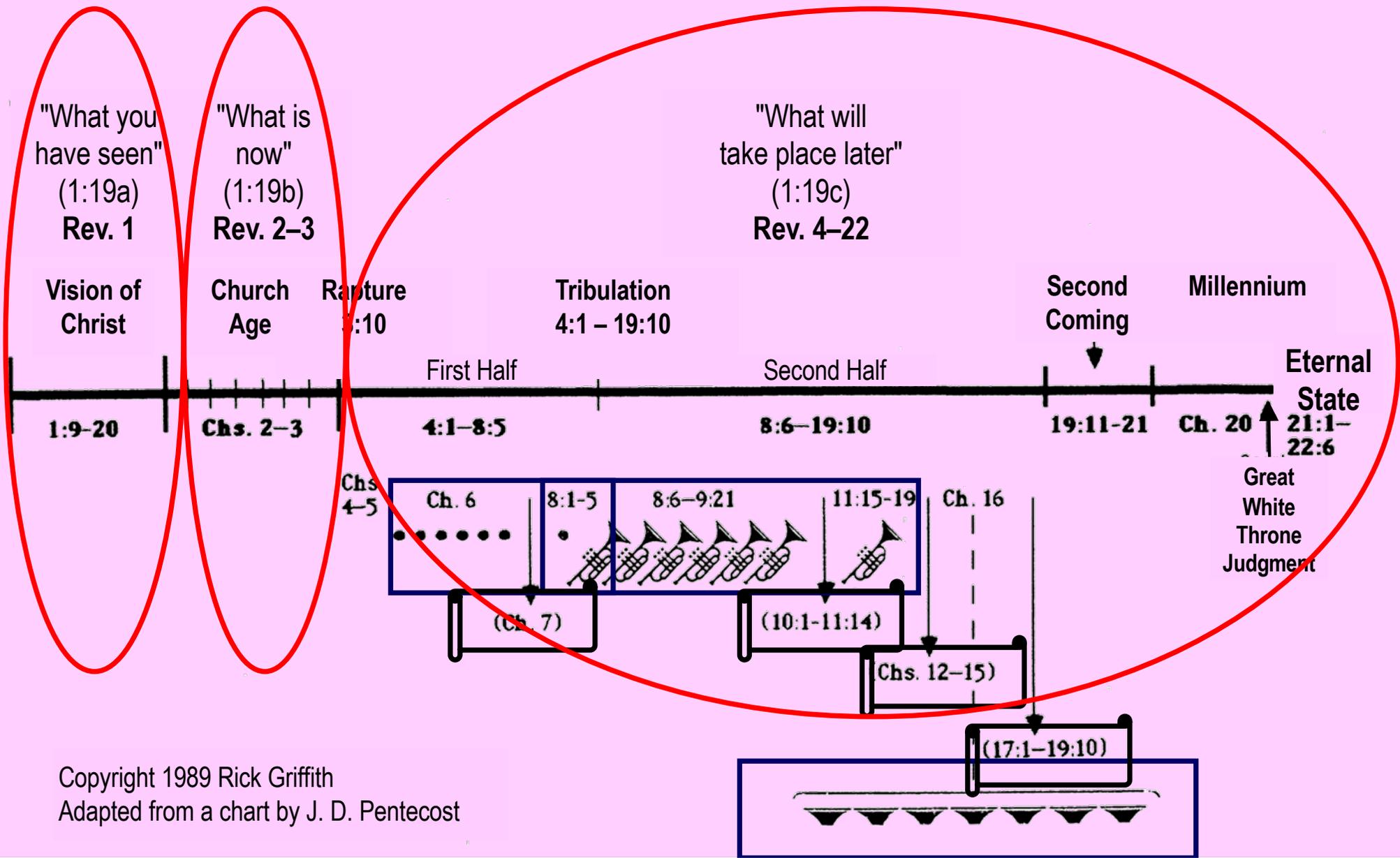


"The moon turned blood red" (6:12)

"...Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!" (6:16 NIV)



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And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—
144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:

⁵from Judah 12,000

from Reuben 12,000

from Gad 12,000

⁶from Asher 12,000

from Naphtali 12,000

from Manasseh 12,000

⁷from Simeon 12,000

from Levi 12,000

from Issachar 12,000

⁸from Zebulun 12,000

from Joseph 12,000

from Benjamin 12,000

144,000 sealed
(7:1-8)

144,000 Jews Saved is Miraculous!



God still has plans for Israel



Israel is considered by most nations to be a pain to the world today but...

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"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come" (Matt. 24:14 NLT).

God will evangelize many Gentiles through these 144,000 Jews!

Two Saved Groups Contrasted



144,000	Great Multitude
7:1-8	7:9-17
Jews	Gentiles from all nations
Numbered	Cannot be counted
Listed by tribe of Israel	From every nation, tribe, people and language
"seal of God on their foreheads" (7:3-4)	"washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white" (7:14)
On earth	Standing in heaven

The Multi-Racial People

**"From every tribe, nation, language
and people" (7:9)**

The elders fall before the throne (7:11)



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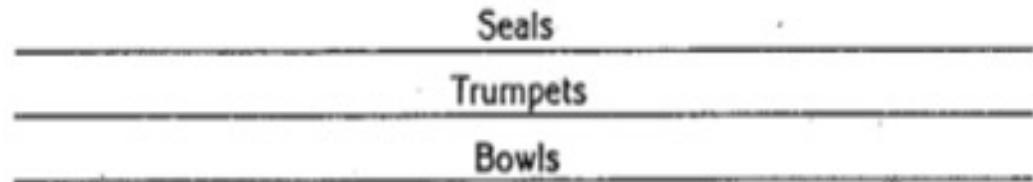
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Theories of Literary Structures of Revelation

	SEALS			TRUMPETS			BOWLS				
	1-6	()	7	1-6	()	7	()	1-6	()	7	()
A parenthesis between 6th and 7th judgments' in each series:		7:1-17			10:1-11:14				16:13-16		
A parenthesis between the trumpet judgment and the bowl series:						12:1-14:20					
A parenthesis between the bowl series and the description of the second coming of Jesus											17:1-19:10

Suggested Interrelationships of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls

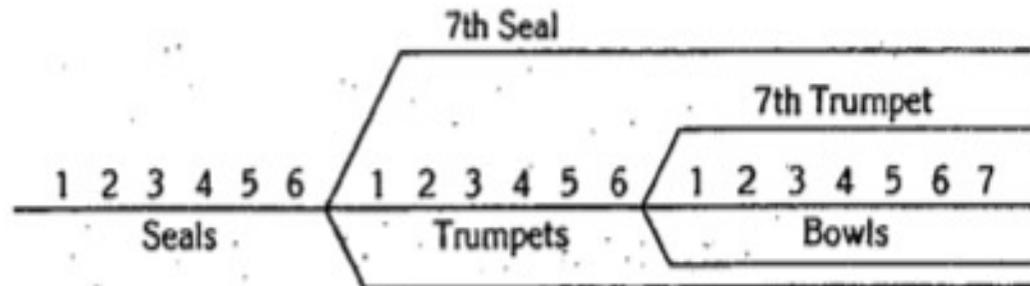
Judgments are seen as occurring simultaneously, with repetition showing the intensification of the judgments.



This consecutive arrangement envisions a total of twenty-one judgments.



This telescopic arrangement has the seventh seal introducing the trumpet series and being explained by it, and the seventh trumpet introduces the bowl series and is explained by it. So, the seven bowls equal the seventh trumpet and the seven trumpets are the seventh seal.

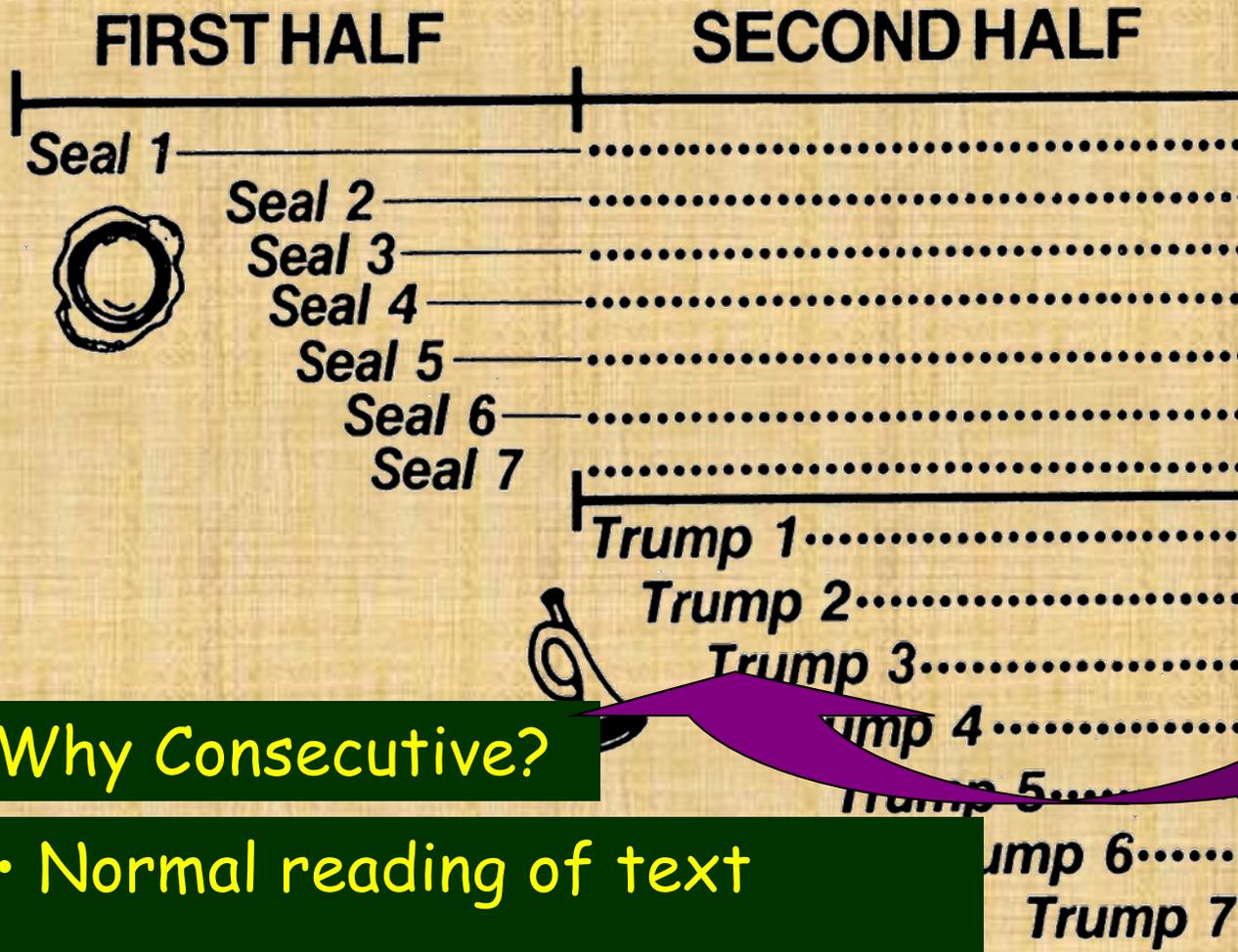


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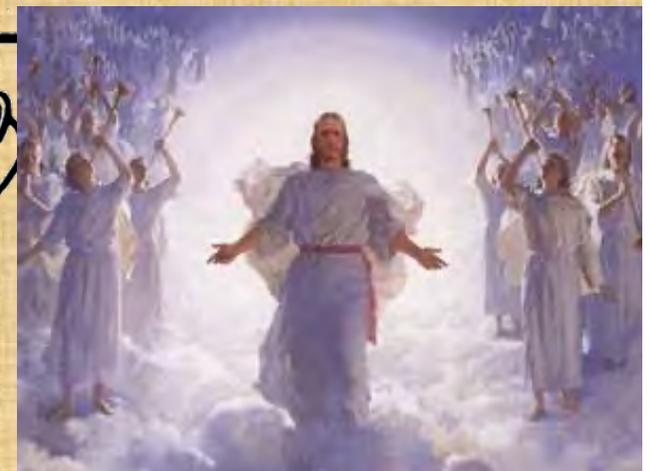
Judgments of the 70th Week



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"Unveiling"



Christ's Sovereignty in Revelation

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1. In His Person (1)
2. Over Churches (2–3)
3. Over All Creation (4–22)

Christ's Sovereignty in Revelation

The Incense (Rev. 8:3-5)

"Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God's people as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. ⁴The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out. ⁵Then the angel filled the incense burner with fire from the altar and threw it down upon the earth; and thunder crashed, lightning flashed, and there was a terrible earthquake."
(Rev. 8:3-5 NLT).



Judgment Day on 21 May 2011



Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	TRUMPETS	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Hail & fire: 1/3 vegetation	Sores
2	Red: war	Fire: 1/3 sea creatures	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Star: 1/3 fresh water	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Dark: 1/3 sun, moon, stars	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Woe #1: locusts	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, signs	Woe #2: Euphrates prep	Euphrates dries up
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trump #7 = mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail

**"When the Lamb
broke the seventh
seal on the scroll,
there was silence
throughout heaven
for about half an
hour. ²I saw the
seven angels who
stand before God,
and they were
given seven
trumpets"
(Rev. 8:1-2 NLT).**

Seven Trumpet Judgments (8:6–11:19)



Trumpet #1 (8:7)

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The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth.

One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned (8:7).



Trumpet Judgments 2- 4

- #2 **Fire:** 1/3 sea creatures
- #3 **Star:** 1/3 fresh water
- #4 **Dark:** 1/3 sun, moon, stars



The Great Star

(Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)

**"Then the fifth
angel blew his
trumpet, and I saw
a star that had
fallen to earth
from the sky..."
(9:1a NLT).**



"...and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

²When he opened it, smoke poured out as though from a huge furnace, and the sunlight and air turned dark from the smoke"
(9:1b-2 NLT).

The Bottomless Pit (Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)



Locusts

(Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)

- "Then locusts came from the smoke and descended on the earth, and they were given power to sting like scorpions" (9:3).

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Locusts

(Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)



**They were told not to harm the grass or plants
or trees, but only the people who did not have
the seal of God on their foreheads
(9:4 NLT)**



Locusts

(Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)

They were told not to kill them but to torture them for five months with pain like the pain of a scorpion sting. ⁶In those days people will seek death but will not find it. They will long to die, but death will flee from them! (9:5-6 NLT)



Locusts

(Trumpet #5 = Woe #1)

"The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. They had what looked like gold crowns on their heads, and their faces looked like human faces. ⁸They had hair like women's hair and teeth like the teeth of a lion" (9:7-8 NLT).

Literal?



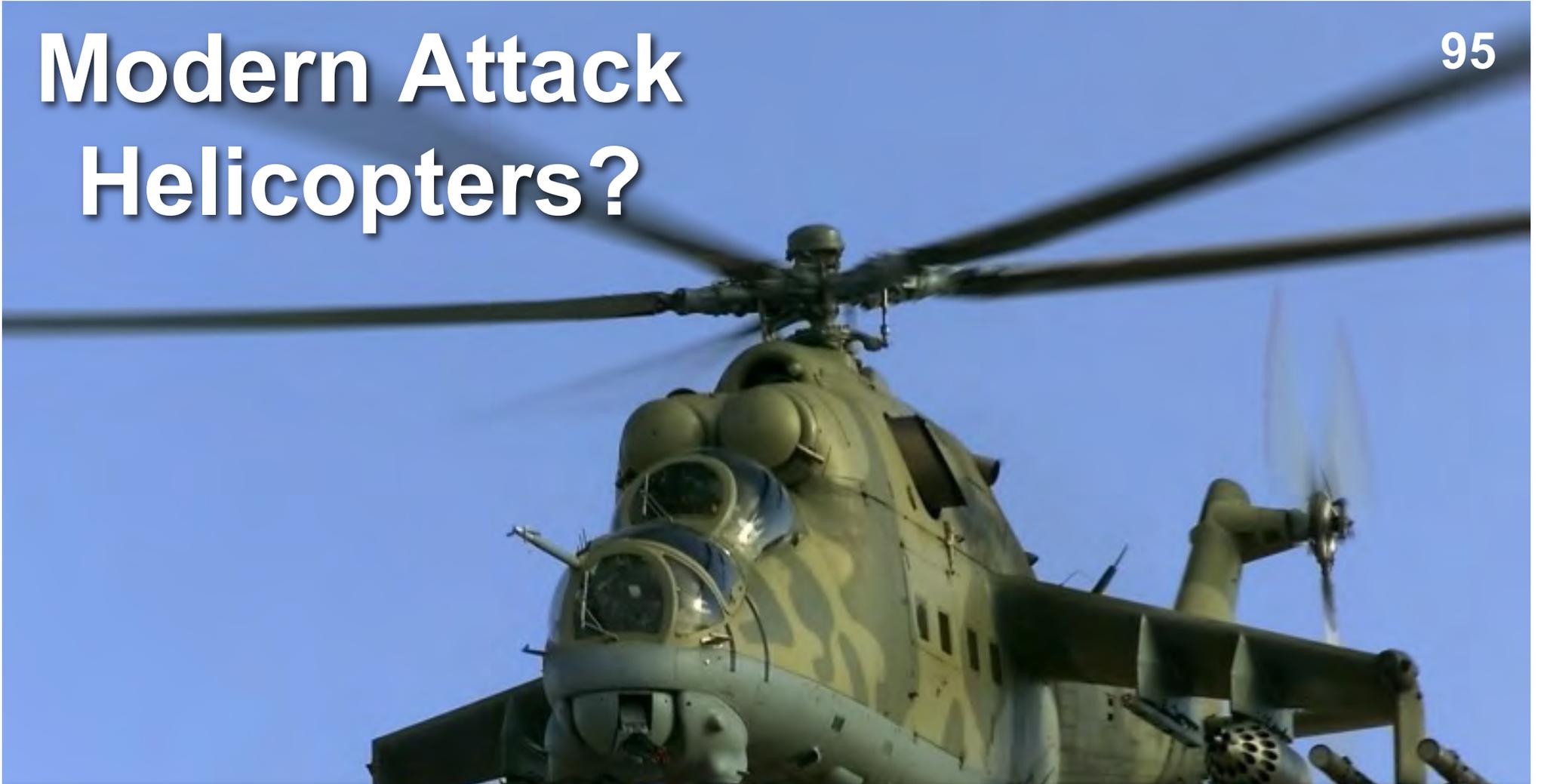
Figurative? ⁹⁵



**"They wore armor made of iron, and their wings roared like an army of chariots rushing into battle.
¹⁰They had tails that stung like scorpions, and for five months they had the power to torment people"
(9:9-10 NLT).**

Modern Attack Helicopters?

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The bad news is I couldn't die when I was bitten 6000 times by the flying scorpions from hell.

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The good news is we will most likely die by the next plague.



Trumpets #5-#6
(9:1-12)

Euphrates Angels (Trumpet #6)

I heard the size of their army, which was 200 million mounted troops (9:16)

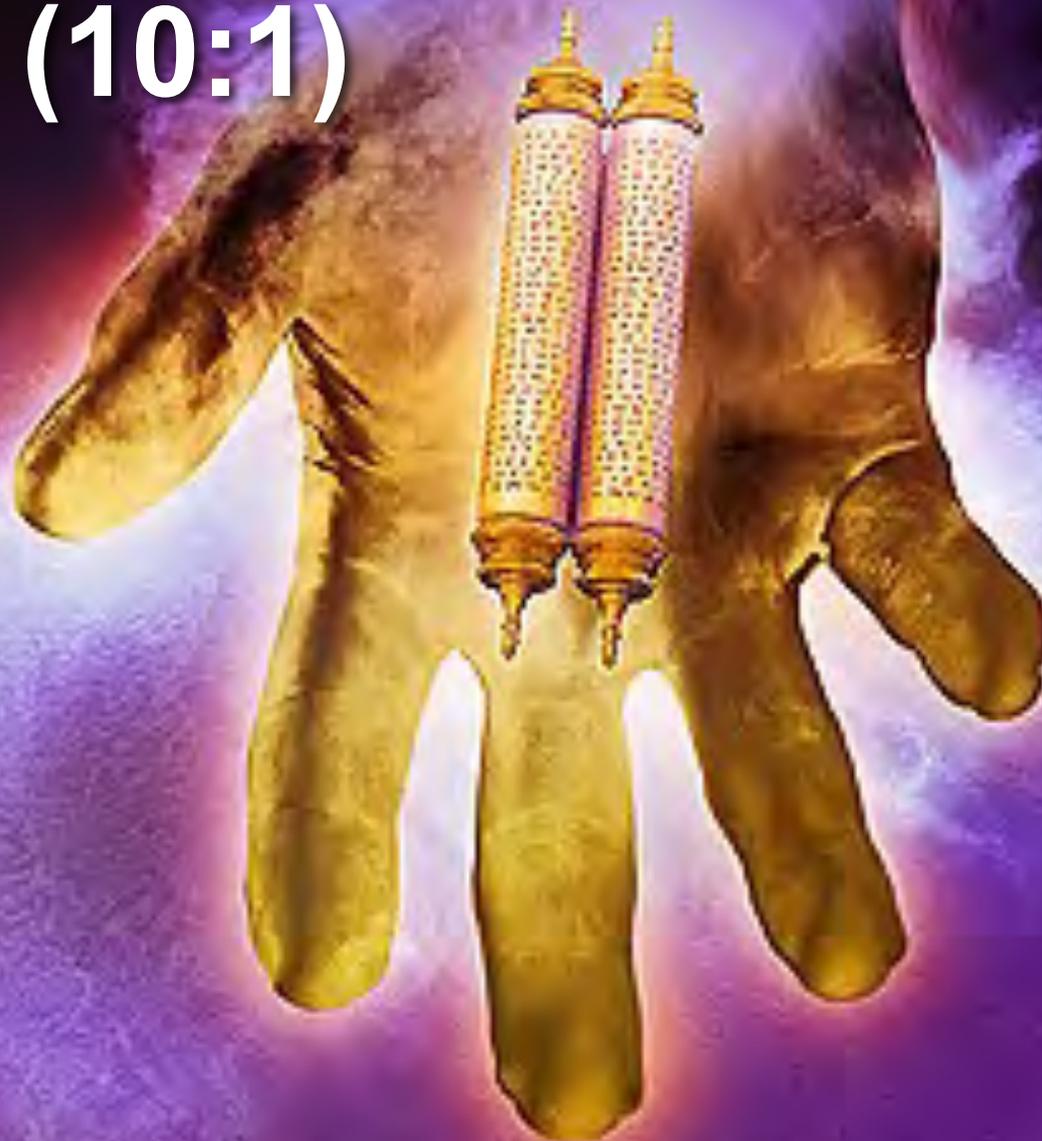
Then the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth (9:15)

Revelation 9:14 NLT
And the voice said to the sixth angel who held the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River."

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The Angel with the Little Scroll (10:1)



The Two Witnesses (11:3)



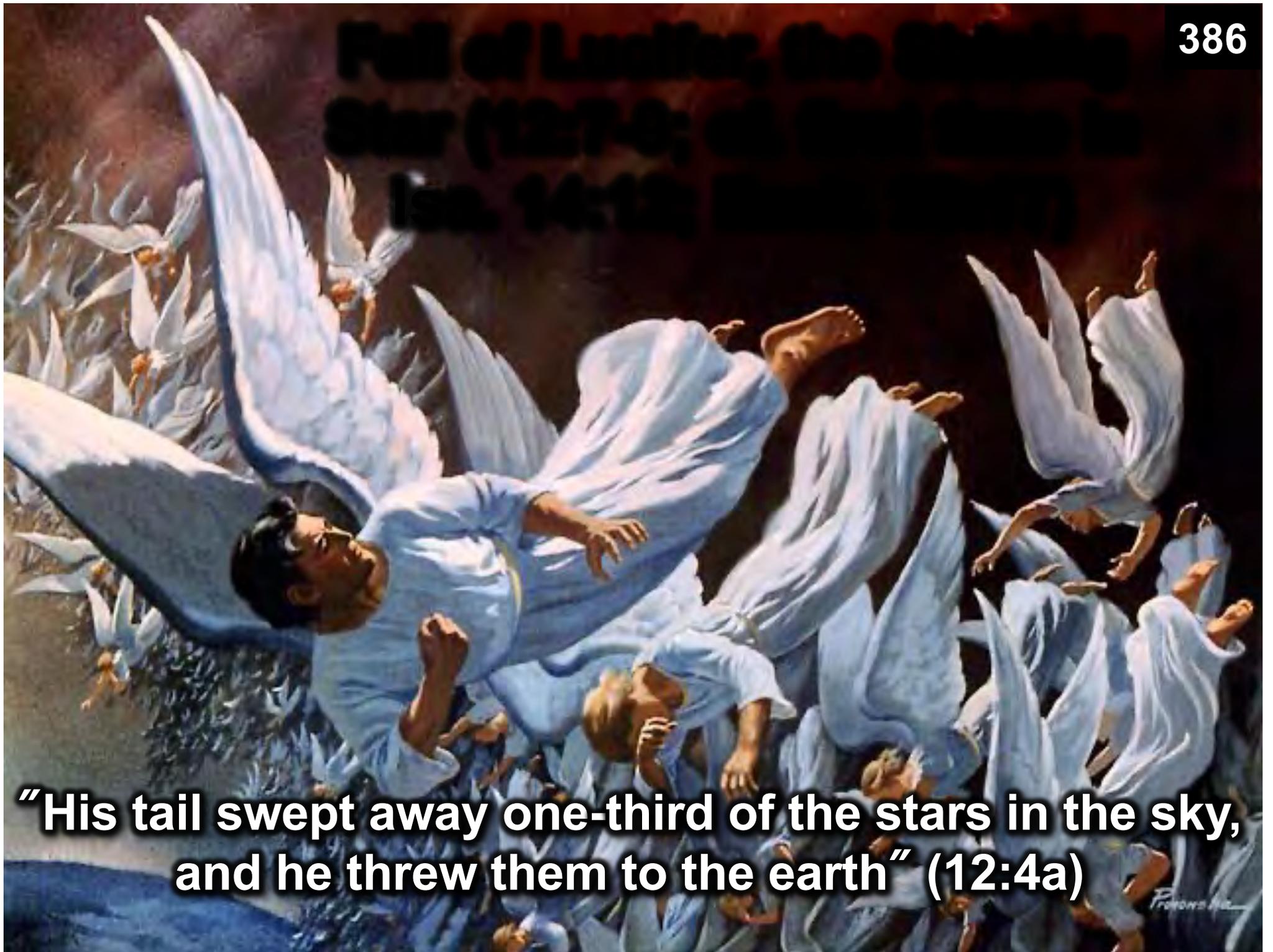
**And I will
give power to
my two
witnesses,
and they will
be clothed in
burlap and
will prophesy
during those
1,260 days.**



The Dragon (12:3)

“Then I witnessed in heaven another significant event. I saw a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns, with seven crowns on his heads” (12:3).





**"His tail swept away one-third of the stars in the sky,
and he threw them to the earth" (12:4a)**

Beasts of Rev. 13



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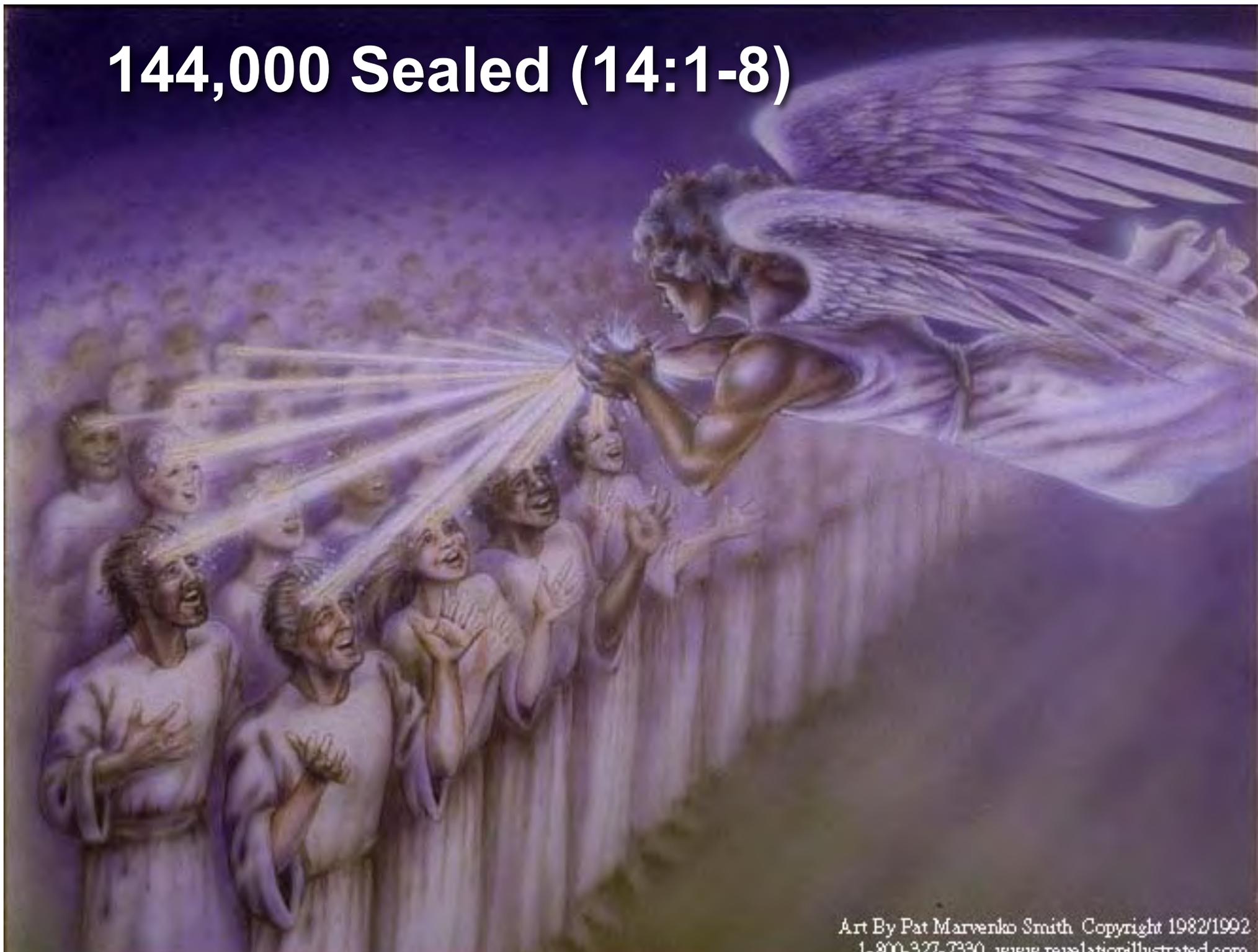
The Mark

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:16, 17



144,000 Sealed (14:1-8)



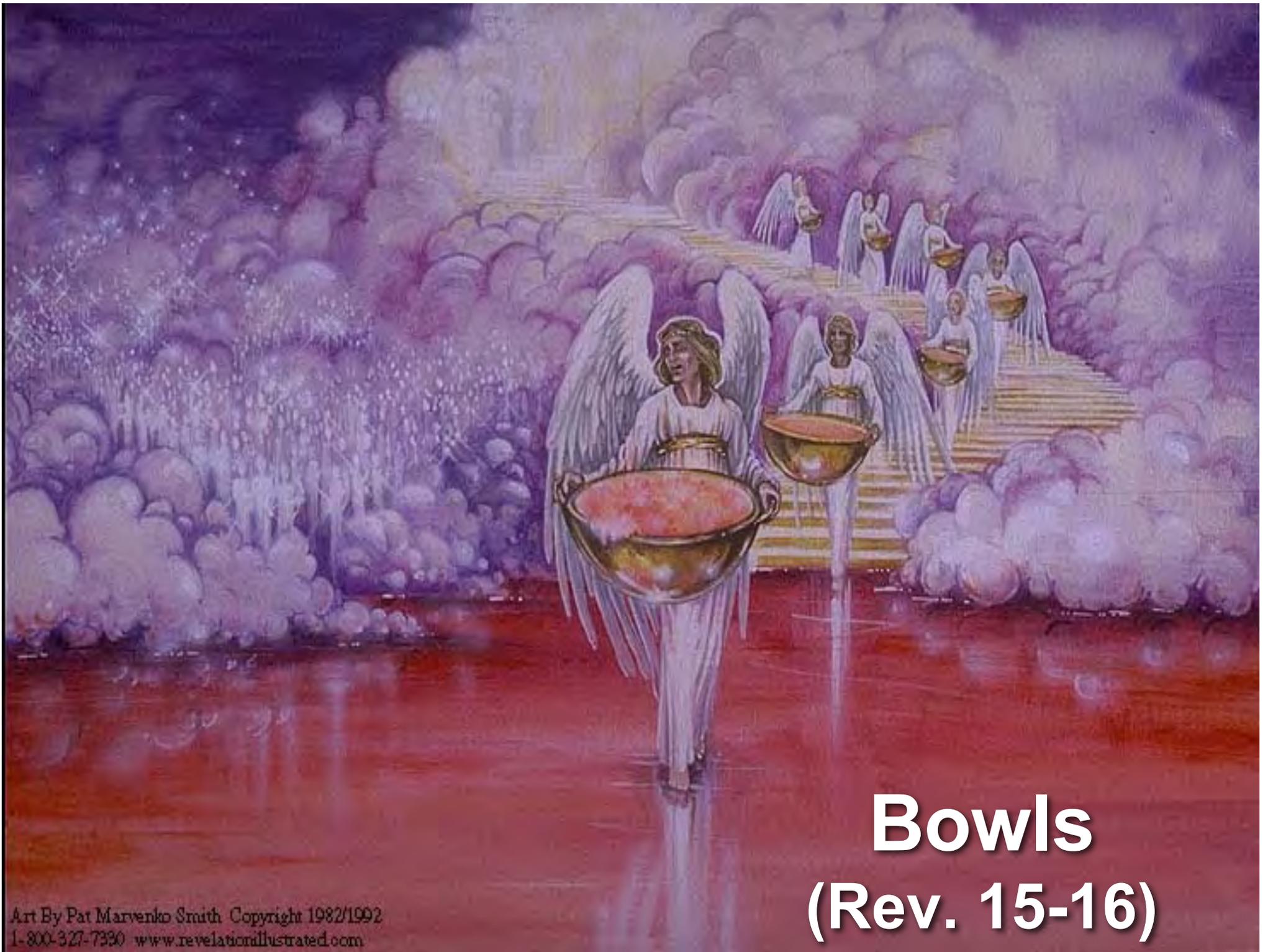
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"So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath. ²⁰The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse's bridle" (14:19-20 NLT)

14:19-20 NLT





Bowls (Rev. 15-16)

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The Bowl Judgments (Rev. 15–16)

expectations.



Bowls Introduced (15:2)

"I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them" (15:2 NLT).

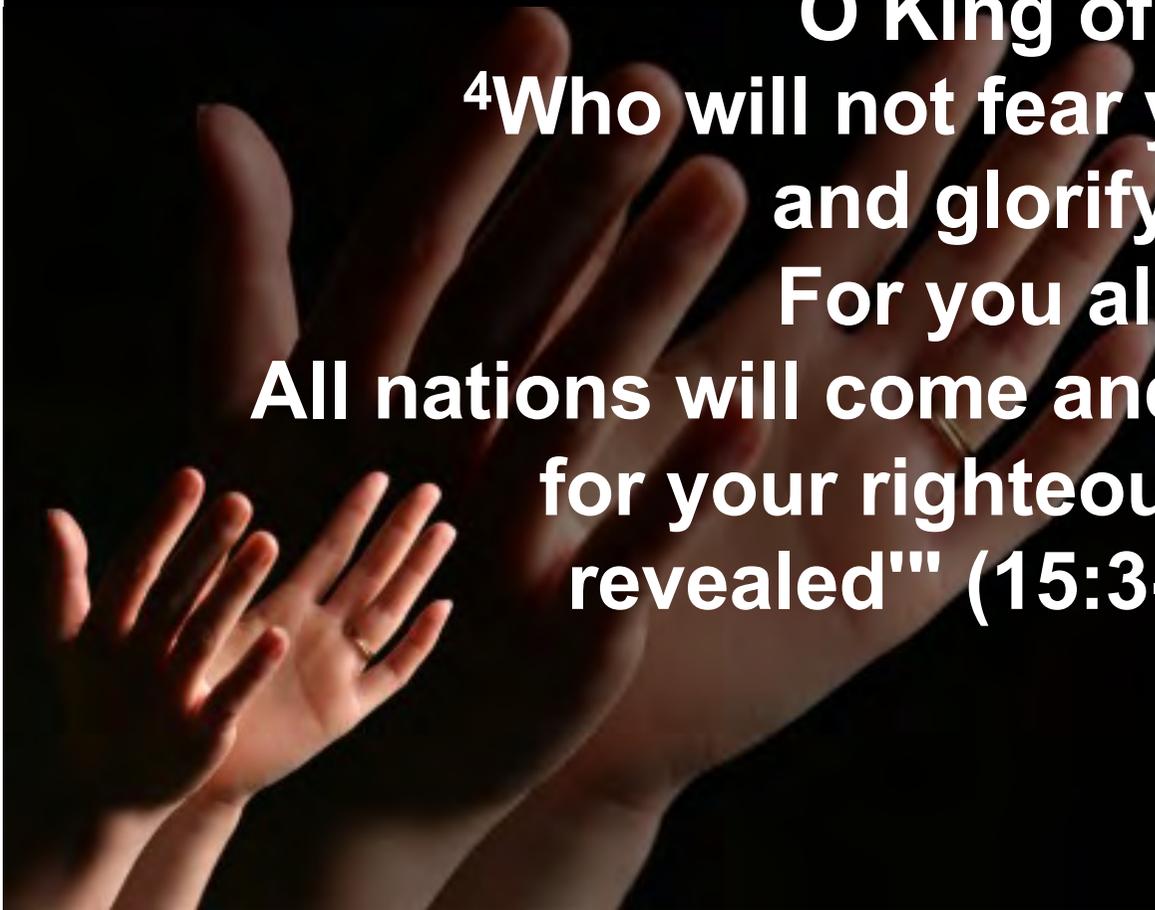


**"And they were singing the song of Moses,
the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:**

**'Great and marvelous are your works,
O Lord God, the Almighty.
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations.**

**⁴Who will not fear you, Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.**

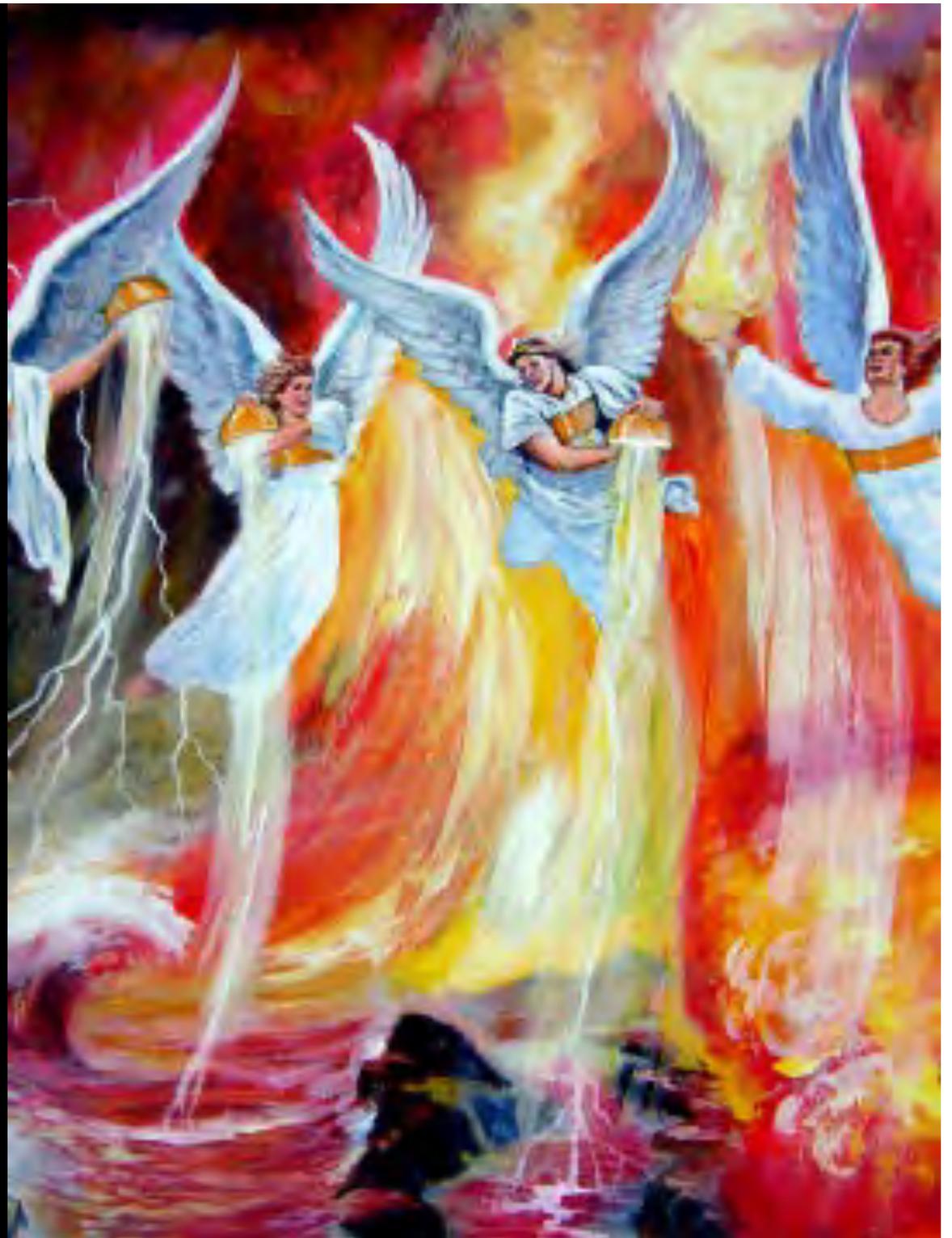
**All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous deeds have been
revealed" (15:3-4 NLT).**



**"Then I looked
and saw that the
Temple in
heaven, God's
Tabernacle, was
thrown wide
open"
(15:5 NLT).**



"The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests" (15:6 NLT).



"Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever" (15:7 NLT).



"The Temple was filled with smoke from God's glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues" (15:8 NLT).



The Seven Bowls (Rev. 15–16)

1st



Sores afflict those who accepted the mark of the Beast (16:2)

2nd



Sea turns to blood; all sea creatures die (16:3)

3rd



Rivers turn to blood (16:4-7)

4th



Mankind scorched by the sun, blasphemes God (16:8-9)

5th



The Beast's seat of government is afflicted (16:10-11)

6th



The Euphrates is dried up; world armies gather to Armageddon (16:12-16)

7th



The earth is utterly shaken (16:17-21)

Discerning the Trumpets & Bowls



Beale, 808, on Trumpets & Bowls

"Both trumpets and bowls present the plagues in the same order: plagues striking

(1) the earth,

(2) the sea,

(3) rivers,

(4) the sun,

(5) the realm of the wicked with darkness,

(6) the Euphrates (together with influencing the wicked by demons), and

(7) the world with the final judgment (with the same imagery of 'lightning, sounds, thunders, and earthquake' and 'great hail')"



Content of the Judgments

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	SEALS	TRUMPETS	BOWLS
1	White: conqueror	Hail & fire: 1/3 vegetation	Sores
2	Red: war	Fire: 1/3 sea creatures	Sea to blood
3	Black: famine	Star: 1/3 fresh water	Fresh water to blood
4	Pale: death	Dark: 1/3 sun, moon, stars	Sun burns men
		(Trumpets 5-7 are woes)	
5	Martyrs reassured	Woe #1: locusts	Beast's kingdom dark
6	Wrath: earthquake, signs	Woe #2: Euphrates prep	Euphrates dries up
	(144,000 sealed)	(Trump #7 = mystery)	
7	1/2 hour silence	Woe #3: victory imminent	Earthquake & hail

Bowl Judgments (Rev. 16)



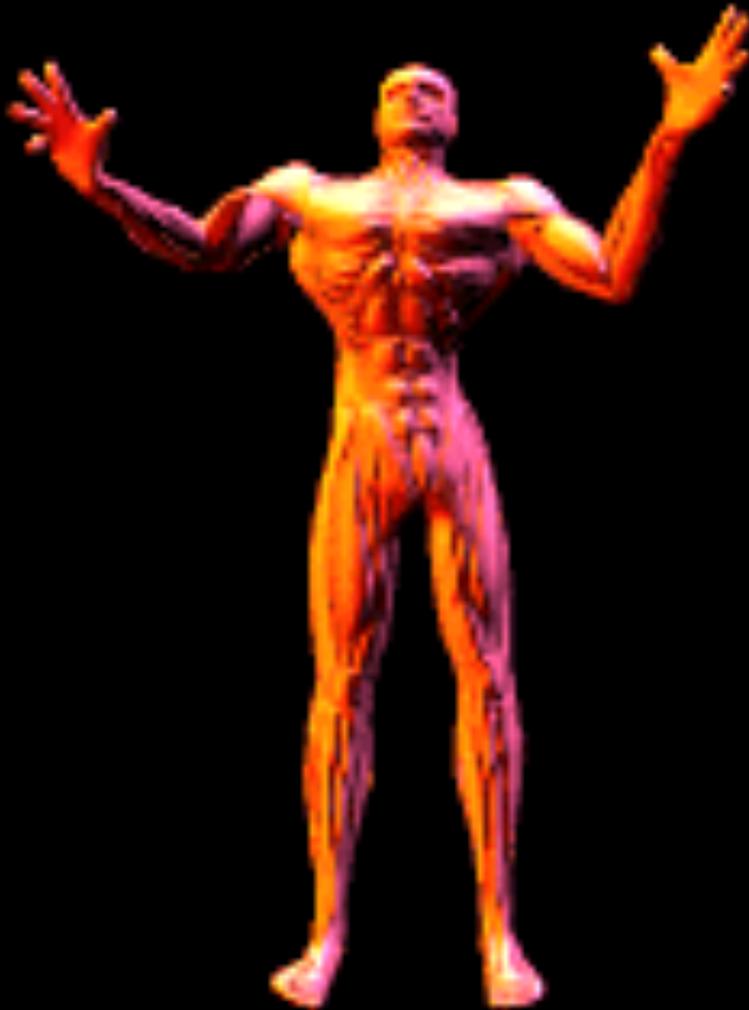
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Bowls #1 & #2 (16:1-3)

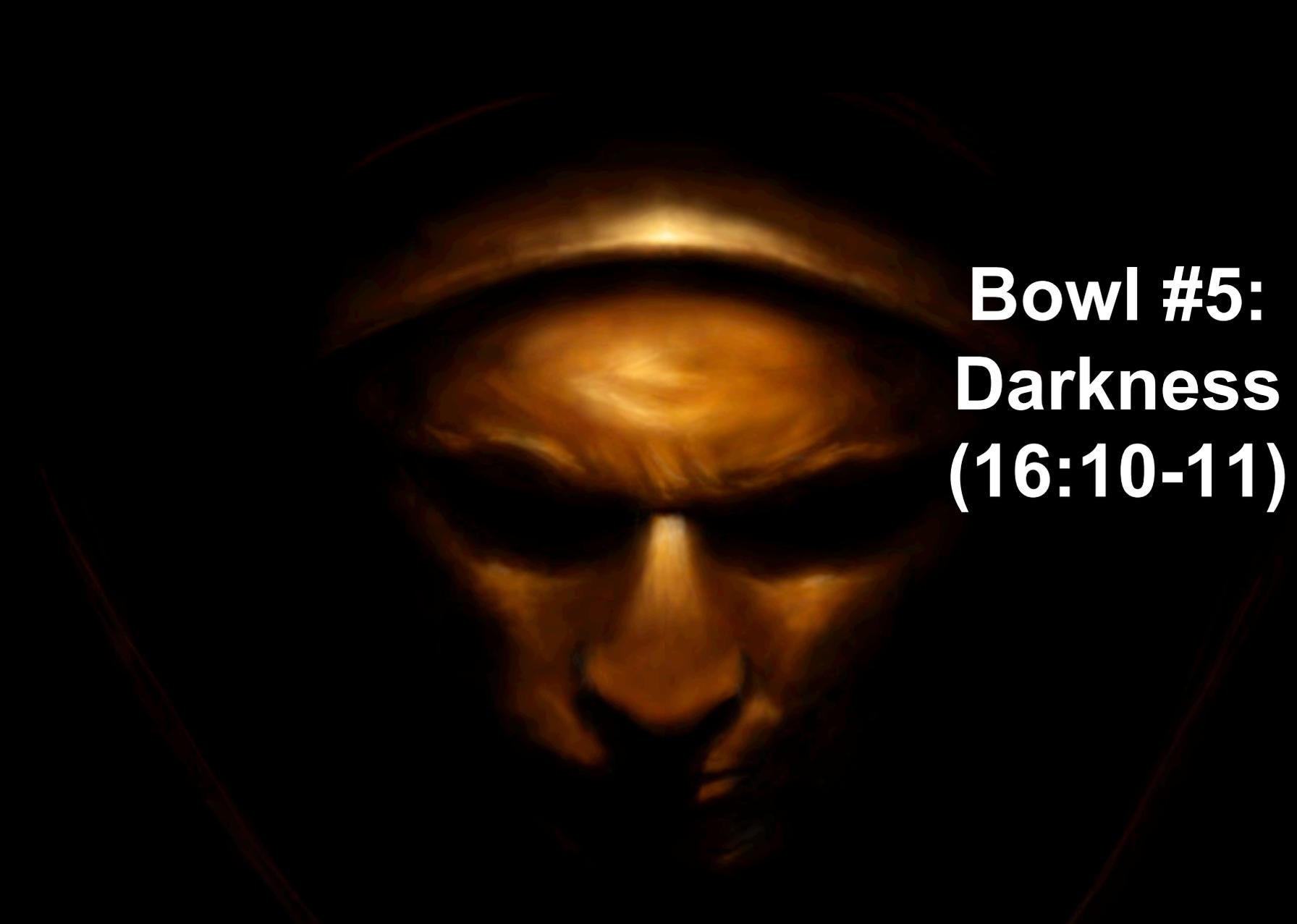




**Bowl #3: All
Fresh Water
Turns to
Blood (16:4-7)**



**Bowl #4: The
Sun Burns
Men (16:8-9)**



**Bowl #5:
Darkness
(16:10-11)**



The Dried Euphrates (Bowl #6)

Who are the kings of the East?

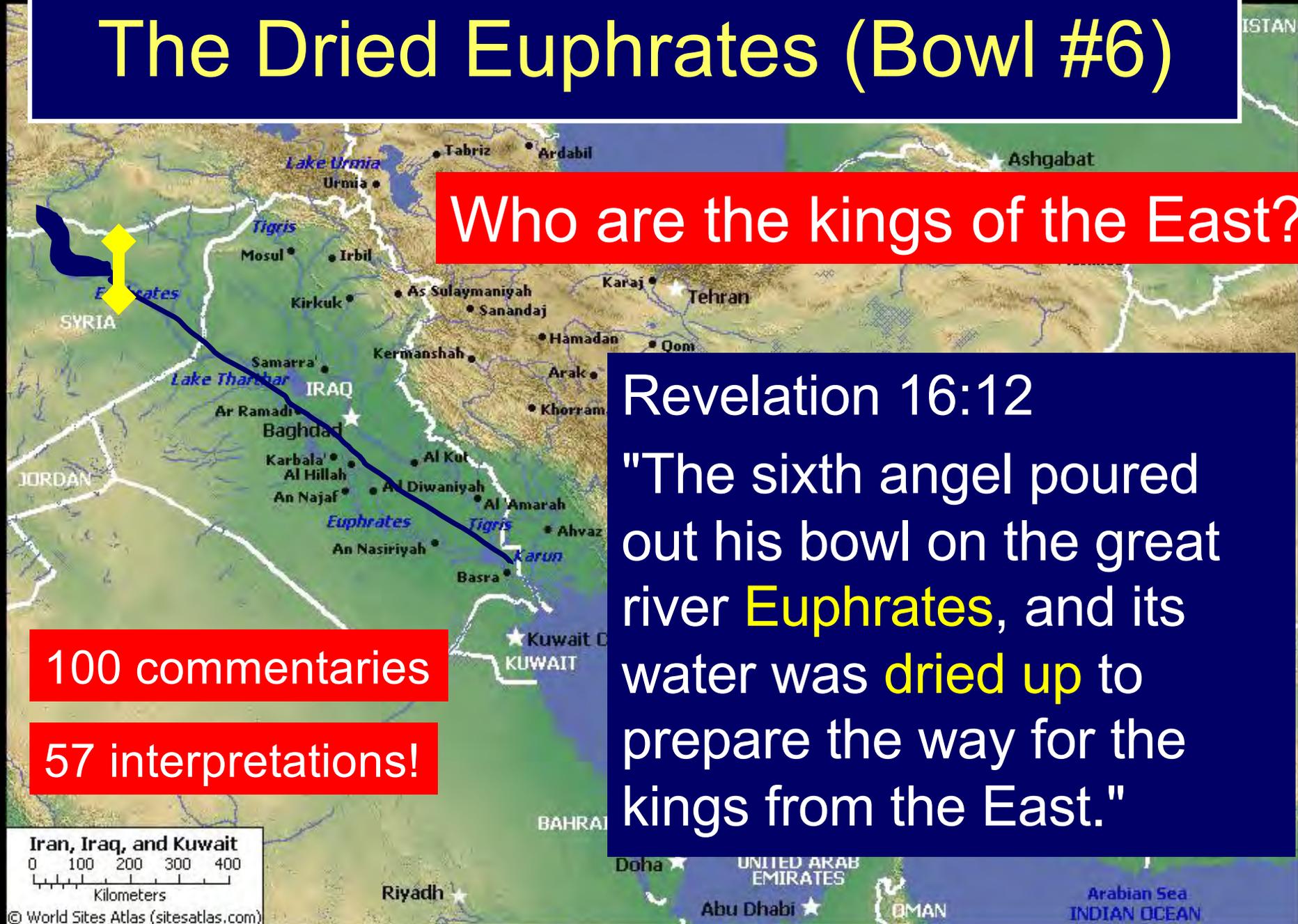
Revelation 16:12

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was **dried up** to prepare the way for the kings from the East."

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Who are the Kings of the East?



Russia?



China?



North Korea?



Myanmar?



South Korea?



Iran?



Pakistan?



India?



The Campaign of Armageddon (16:16 NLT)

Har (hill)
Megiddo

"And the demonic spirits gathered all the rulers and their armies to a place with the Hebrew name Armageddon (*Har-magedon* NAU)"

Bowl #7

(Rev. 16:18-19a)



"Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And a great earthquake struck—the worst since people were placed on the earth. ¹⁹The great city of Babylon split into three sections, and the cities of many nations fell into heaps of rubble."

75-Pound Hailstones

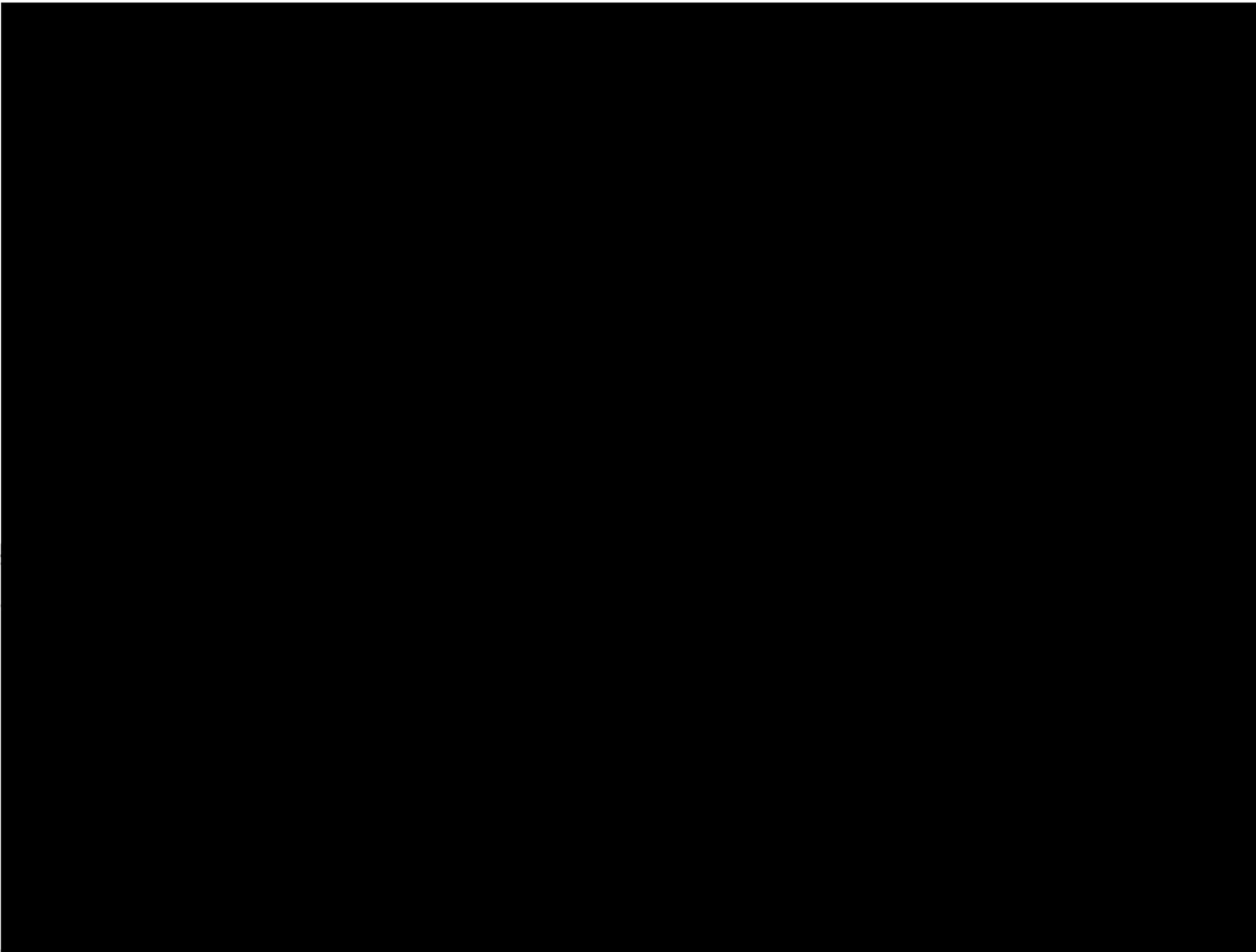
Revelation 16:21 (Bowl #7)

There was a terrible hailstorm, and **hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell** from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.



The largest single hailstone ever recorded in the United States was 7" in diameter, 18.75" around, and weighed in at just under 1 pound. Imagine a large cantaloupe falling from the sky at nearly 100 miles per hour! That hailstone fell during a storm in Aurora, Nebraska. The heaviest hailstone in the U.S. was 1.67 pounds and fell in Coffeyville, Kansas in 1970.





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