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**Zech. 6:1, “Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze.**

**Zech. 6:2, “With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,**



**Zech. 6:3, “with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds.**

**Zech. 6:4, “Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’**



**Zech. 6:5, “And the angel answered and said to me, ‘These are four spirits [winds] of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth.’”**



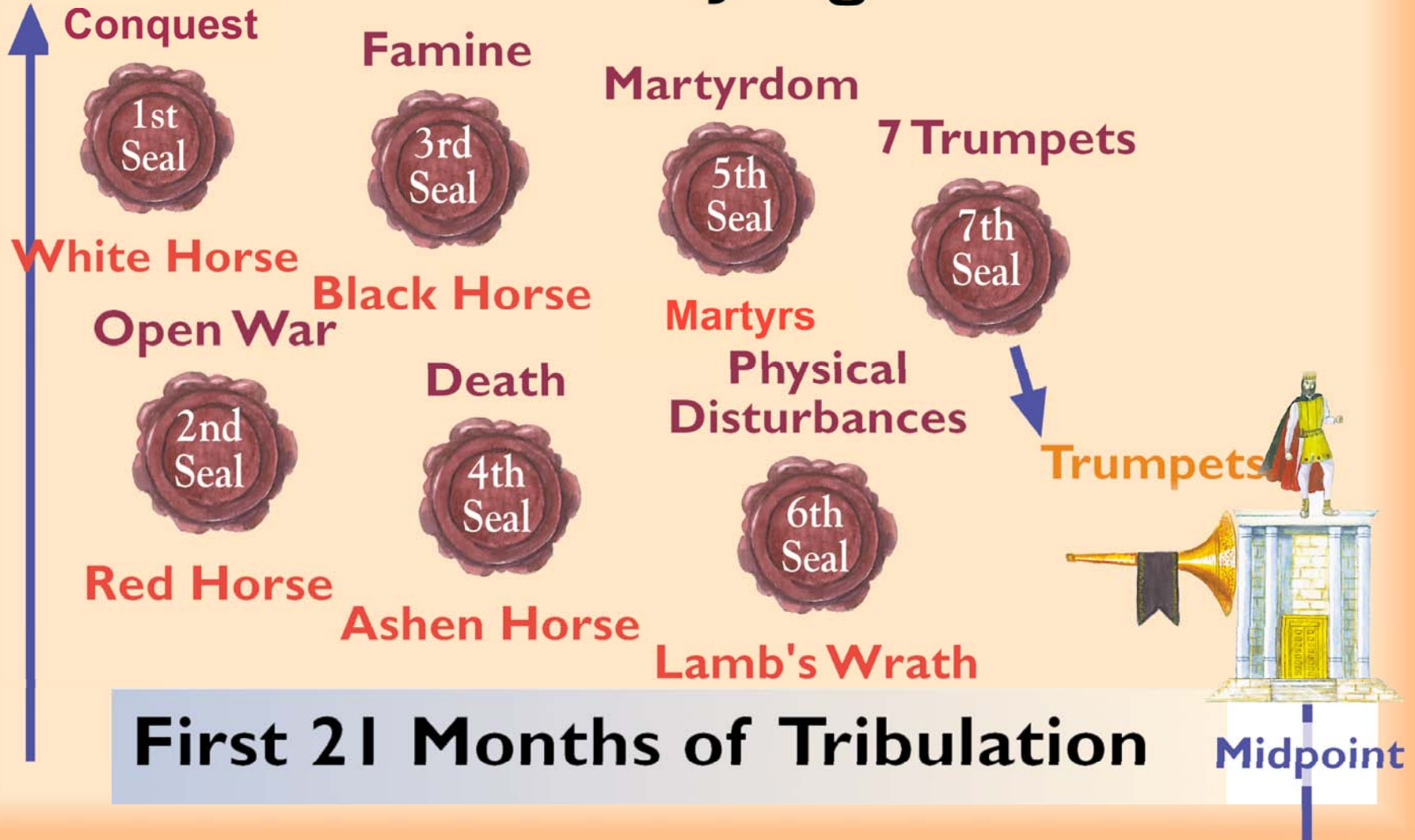


**Rapture  
of the  
Church**



# Heaven

## Seal Judgments



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**‘And I looked,  
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bow; and a  
crown was  
given to him;  
and he went  
out conquer-  
ing, and to  
conquer.’  
(6:2)**



# First Seal–Conquest

- Rider with a bow
- Crown (στέφανος, *stephanos*) “victor’s wreath”
- Went out conquering and to conquer
- Personification of the Antichrist’s conquests



**2 Th. 2:1, “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,**

**2 Th. 2:2, “not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.**

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ἀποστασία *apostasia*: “departure”

This word indicates the Rapture takes place before the Antichrist is revealed.

**2 Th. 2:5, “Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?”**

**2 Th. 2:6, “And now you know what is restraining [the Holy Spirit], that he may be revealed in his [the antichrist] own time.**

**2 Th. 2:7, “For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains [HS] will do so until He is taken out of the way.**

**2 Th. 2:8, “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.**

**2 Th. 2:9, “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,**

**2 Th. 2:10, “and with all **unrighteous deception** among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

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2 Th. 2:12, “that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

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- 1. Jesus warned of false Messiahs and false prophets as two distinct categories.**

**Matt. 24:24, “For false Christs [Messiahs] and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.”**



**2. “Antichrist” is a term used 1x, but has become the most common title for the first “beast” of Revelation.**

1 John 2:18, “Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that **antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.”

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ἀντίχριστος, *antichristos*: a substitute Christ, not one who is against Christ; someone who claims to do what only the Messiah can do: world peace, end hunger and poverty, universal healthcare