

God's Plan for the Ages Series

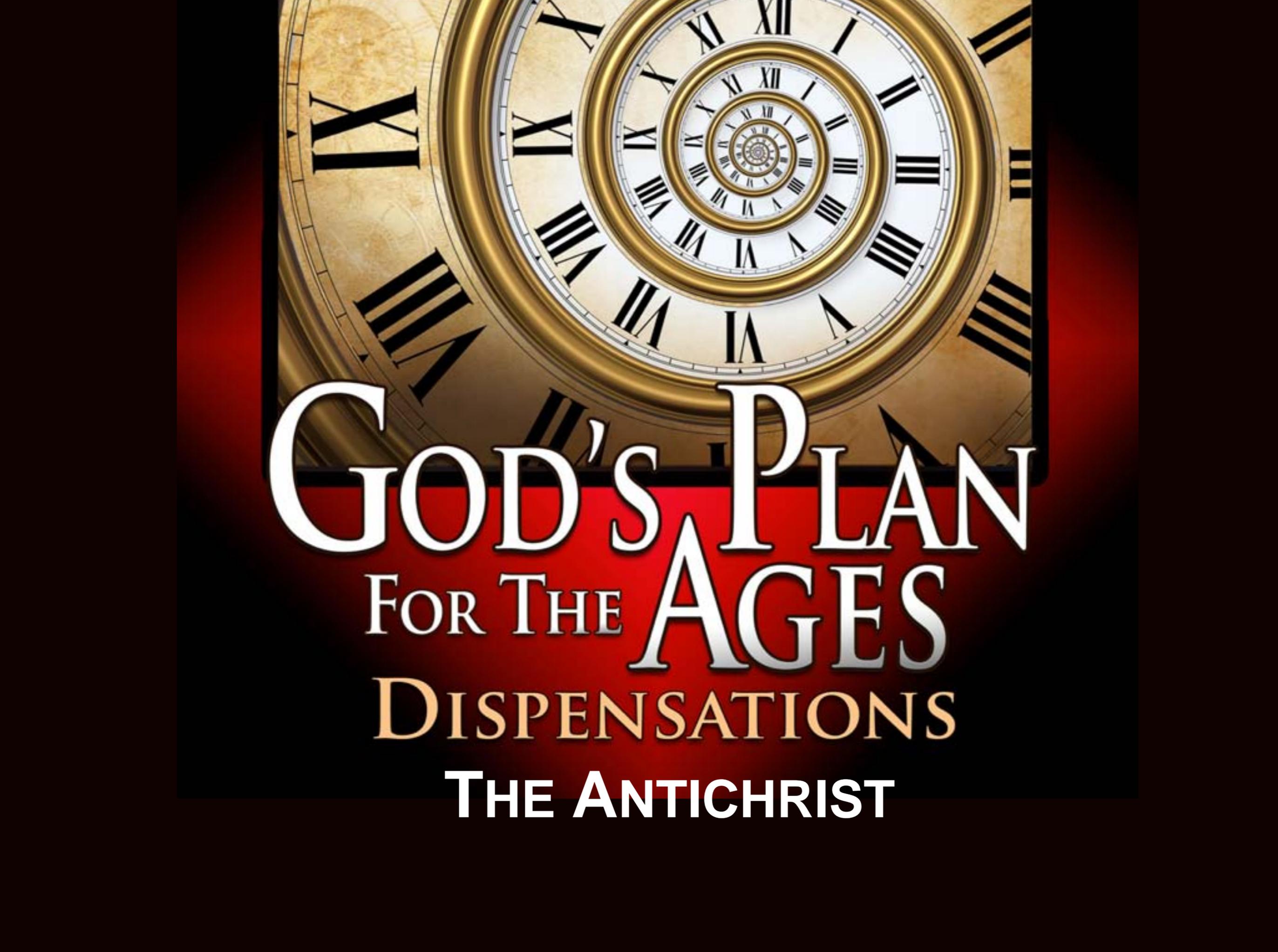
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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS
THE ANTICHRIST

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

(Daniel 9:24-27)

The Decree to Restore

Messiah the Prince

The Coming Prince

Messiah Returns

69 Weeks

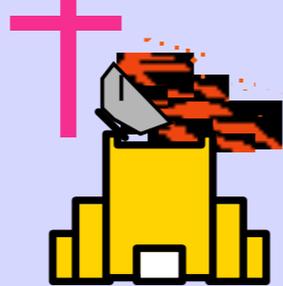
March 5, 444 B.C.

Artaxerxes' Decree
Neh. 2:1-8

March 30, A.D. 33

Triumphal Entry
Luke 19:28-40

Messiah "cut off" Apr. 3, A.D. 33



City & Temple destroyed Aug. 6, A.D. 70

Church Age



1 Week

1/2 Week

1/2 Week

Timeframe for the Tribulation

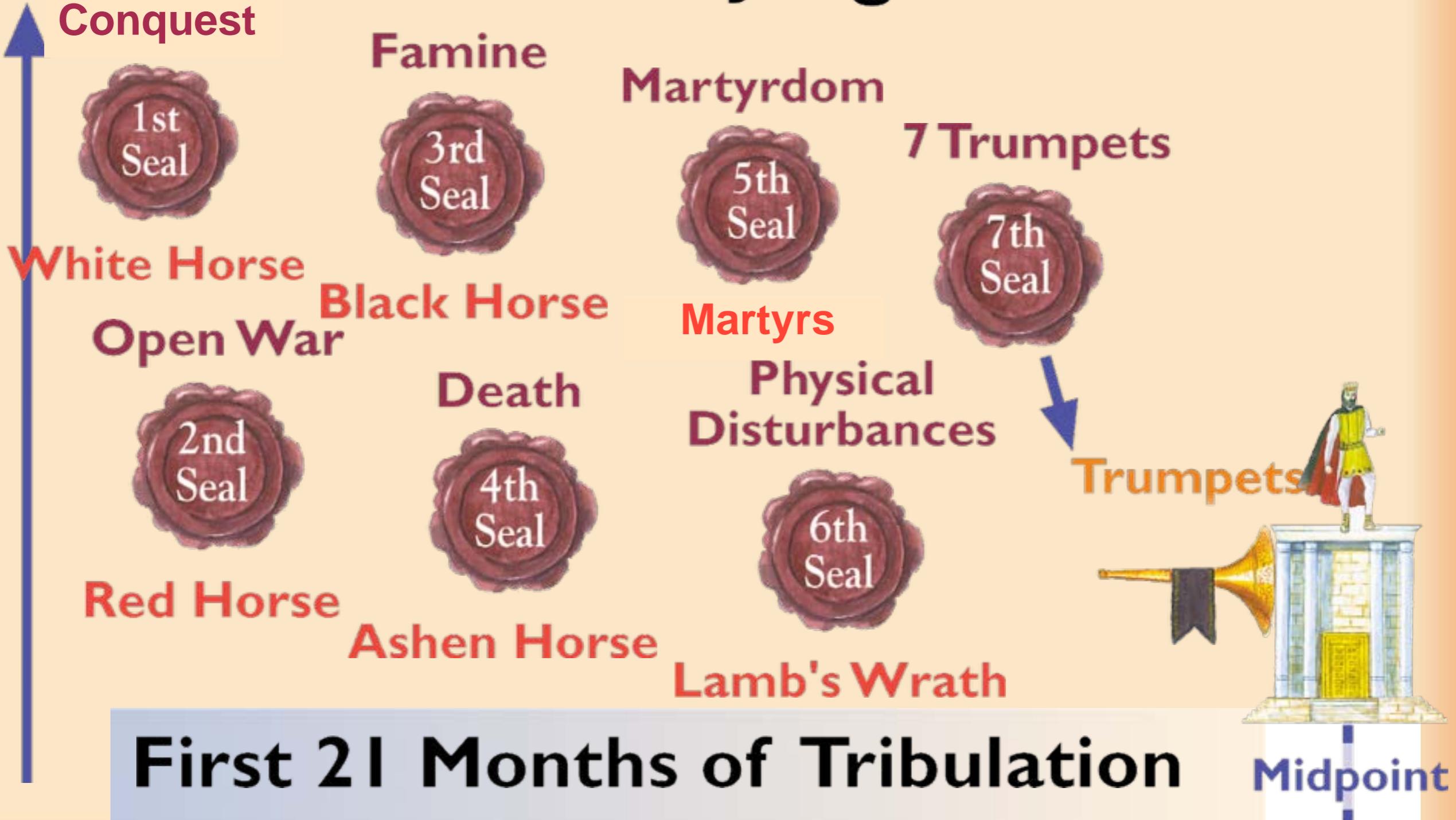


Rapture of the Church



Heaven

Seal Judgments





Heaven

Trumpet Judgments



Rapture of the Church

Hail, Fire



upon earth

Sun, Moon, Stars



upon heavens

Announces Seven Bowls



Bowls

Burning Mountain

Demonic Locusts



upon sea



upon people

Wormwood

Horsemen



upon waters



upon people



Second 21 Months

First Half of the Tribulation

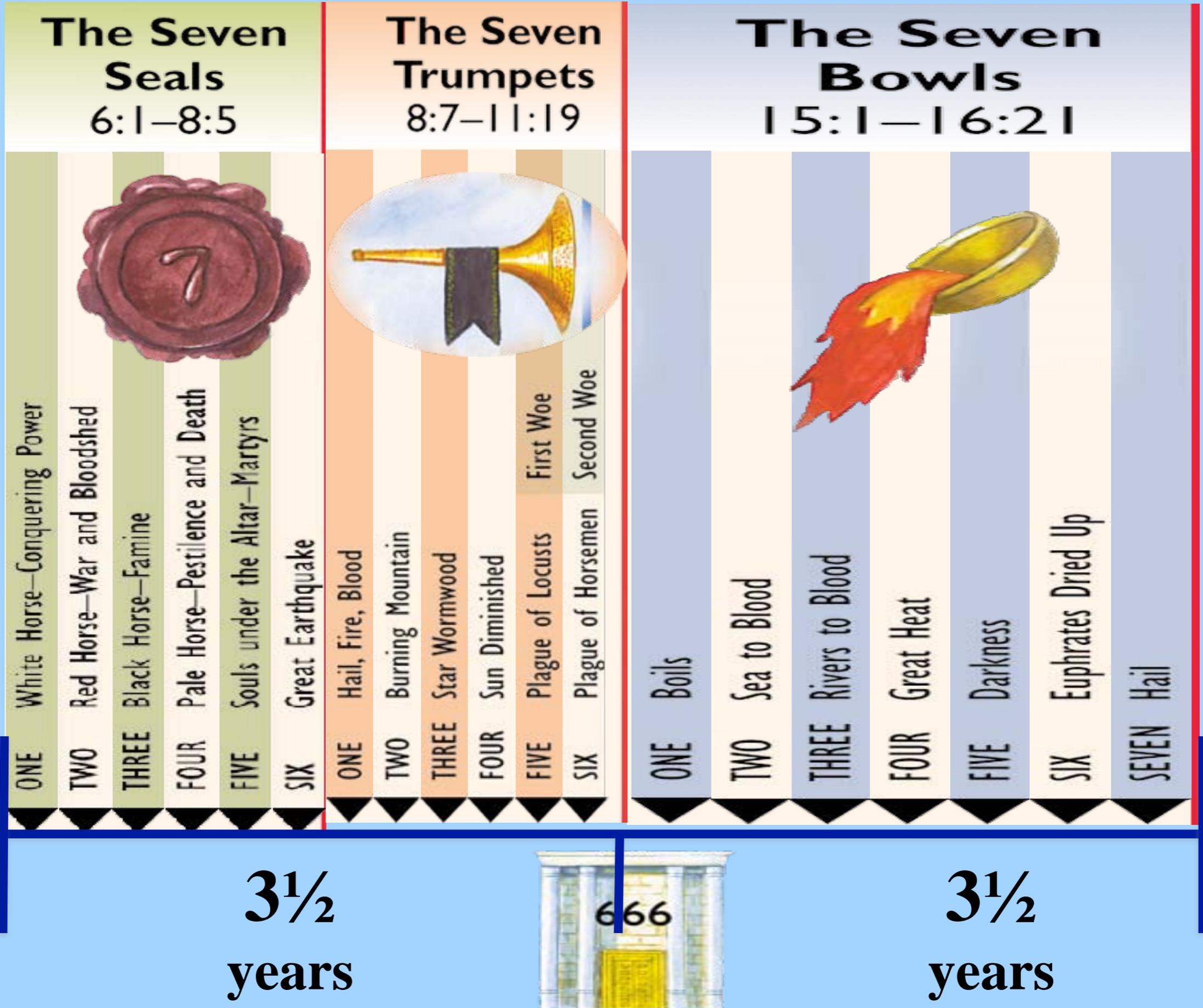
Midpoint

RAPTURE

1 Ths 4:16-17

The Heavenly Vision

4:1-5:14



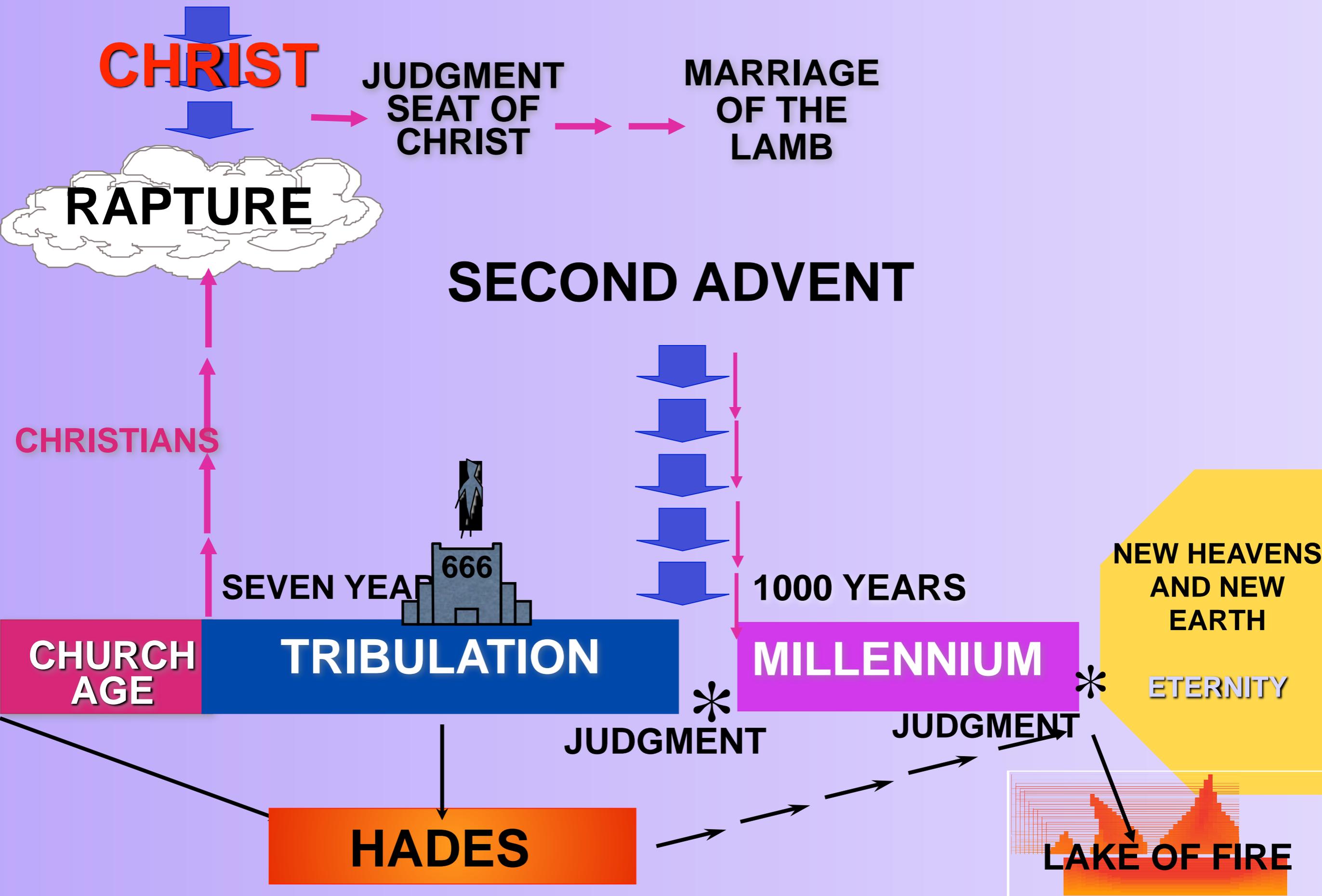
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The Beginning and Length of the Tribulation

PROPHETIC PANORAMA

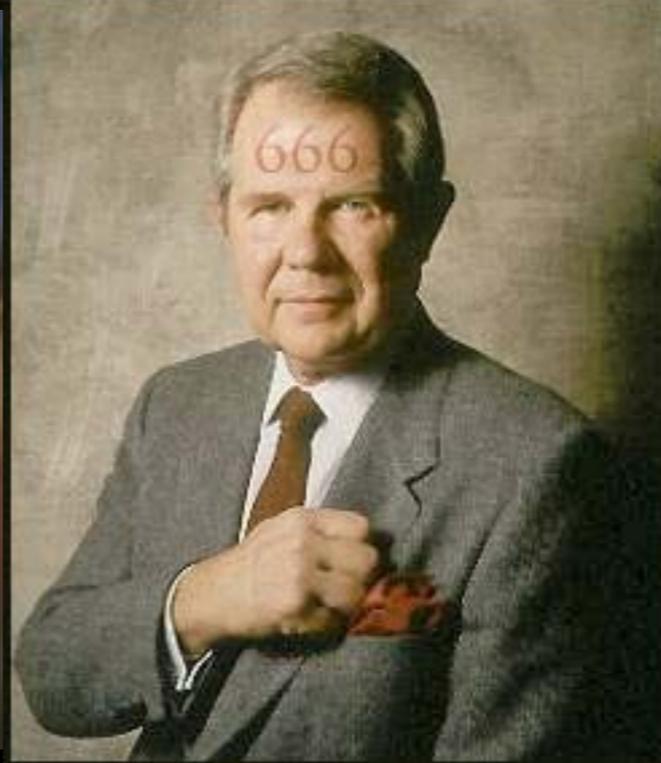
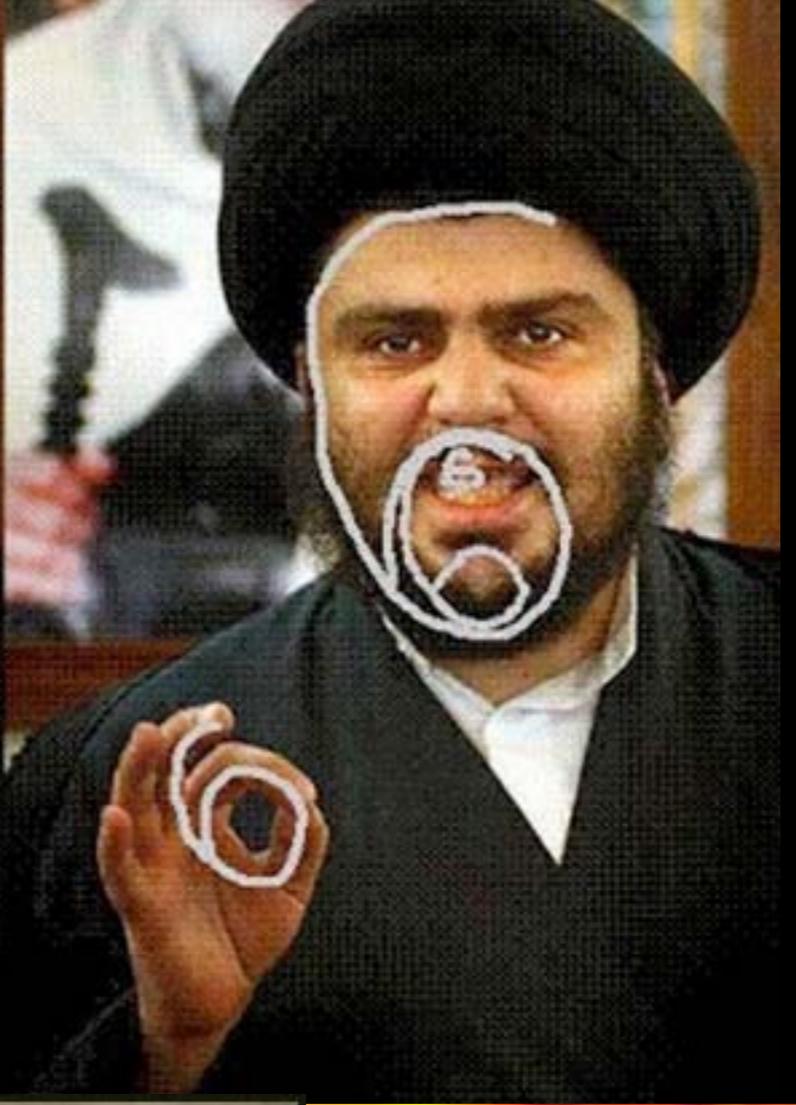


Key People in the Tribulation

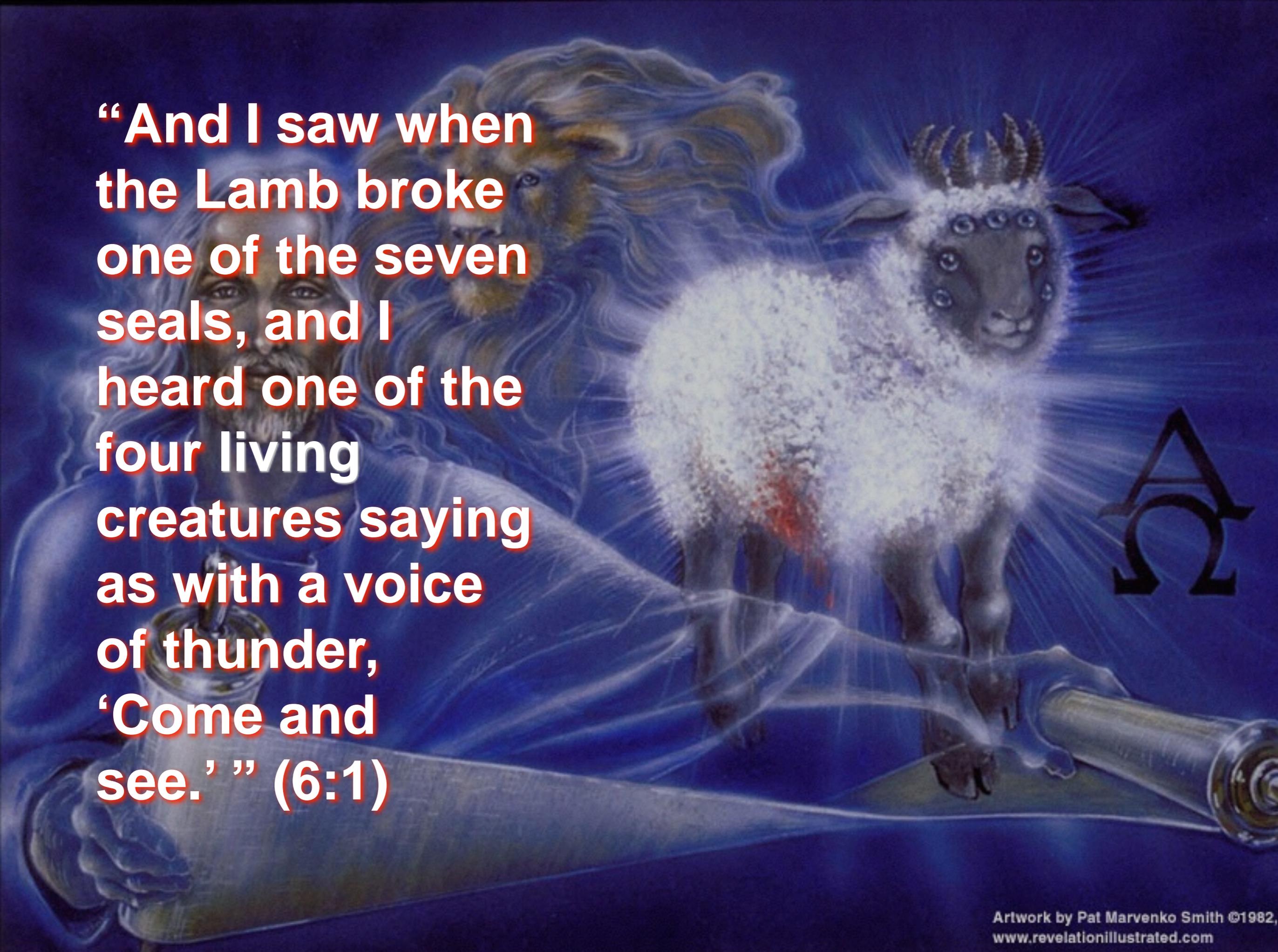
The Antichrist

The First Beast

The First Conqueror



“And I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, ‘Come and see.’” (6:1)





“And I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him; and he went out conquering, 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 Thess. 2:1–9: Summary

- 1. We are not to be deceived: only TRUTH applied can protect from deception. (2 Thess. 2:10)**
- 2. The Tribulation will not come until the “departure,” i.e., the Rapture. (2 Thess. 2:3; cf., 1 Thess 4:15–17)**
- 3. The Holy Spirit, “the One who restrains,” is removed before the lawless one is revealed. (2:8)**
- 4. The man of sin is revealed after the Rapture.**

2 Thess. 2:1–9: Summary

- 5. The son of perdition opposes and exalts himself over God and replaces God. (2:4)**
- 6. “Lawless one” = rejects the law of God.**
- 7. “Antichrist” means a substitute or pseudo-Messiah.**

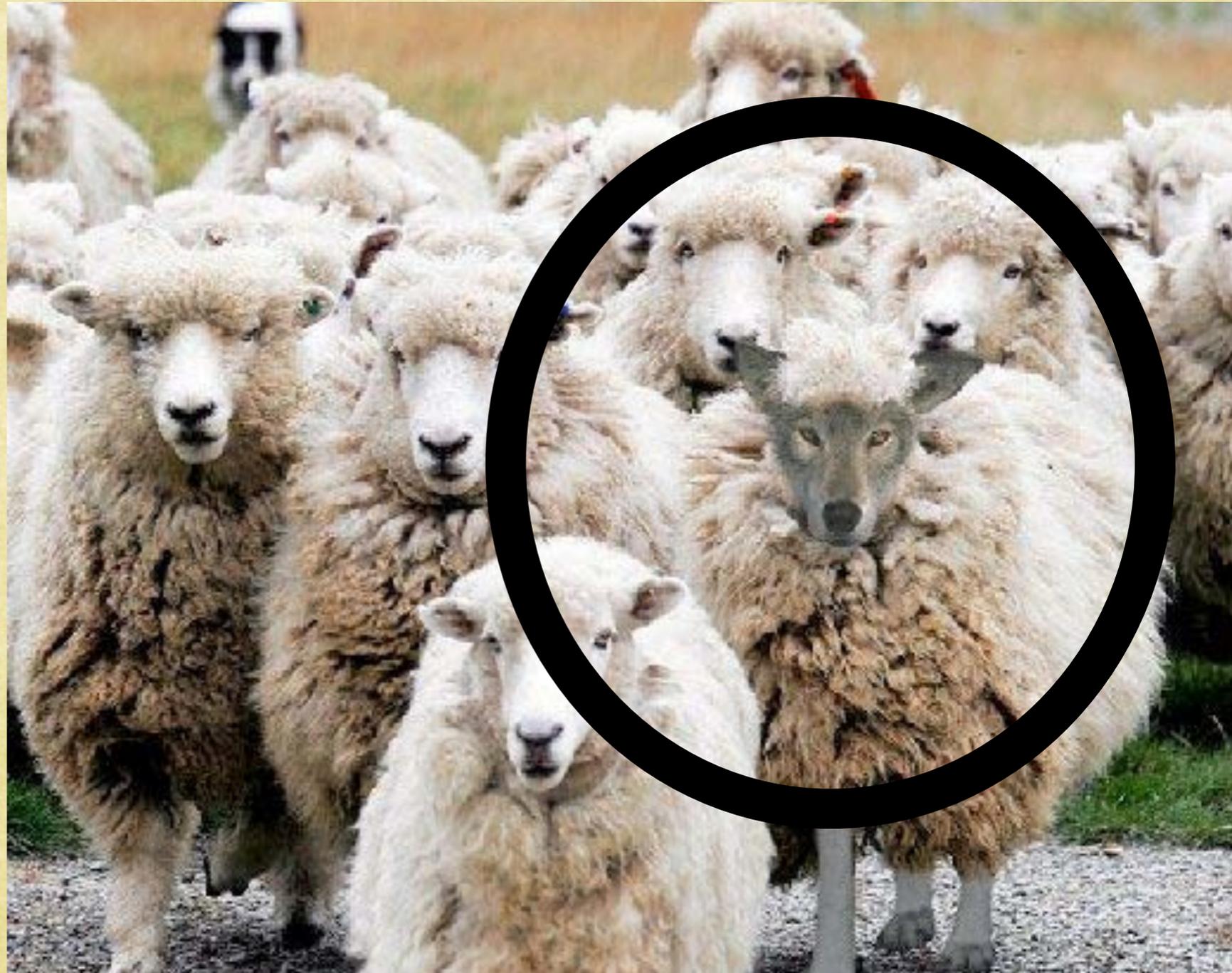
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“The choice of the anti-Christ is not to be the choice of the rulers only or of the popular leaders, the multitude being unwilling, silent and passive, it is the act of the peoples, the direct or indirect expression of popular will. It is the voluntary declaration of Christiandom, ‘*We will not have this man rule over us, not this man but Barabas, that’s who we want.*’ ”

~Samuel J. Andrews, *Christianity and Anti-Christianity the Final Conflict*, 1898.

“We may know here that a democracy looking upon its leader as its representative willingly gives him a power even greater than the largest measure of its political prerogatives. The sovereign multitude, the people, which sees in their leader not so much the ruler who commands them as the one who is the exponent and the executor of their will, that people yields to their ruler such a full and unreserved obedience as no despot could ever attain. Democracy headed up in one who can sway its forces has such elements of aggression and strength as no form of government hitherto existing has ever had.”

“The laws and institutions are no longer revered as having sanctions when having gone through continual change after change after change. When various institutions are continually changed they – have no root in the traditions or love of the people. When rulers by popular election prove themselves incapable, when no surety or stability of legislation exists and all are uncertain and anxious as to the future, then there arises a general cry for a man. In a general disintegration it is only about a man that men can rally, not about abstract principles or written constitutions, all cry for one with a brain, inflexible will and a strong arm who can serve as a center of unity and bring order out of confusion.”

**Who is the Antichrist
and
What will he do?**

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 1×, 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.”

1 John 2:22, “Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the **antichrist**, the one who denies the Father and the Son.”

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

3. A wide variety of titles are given this individual:

The little horn (Dan. 7:8, 9, 19–26)

The insolent king (Dan. 8:23)

The prince who is to come (Dan. 9:26, 27)

**The one who makes desolate; (Dan. 9:27;
11:31; Matt. 24:15)**

The man of lawlessness (2 Thess. 2:3)

The son of destruction (2 Thess. 2:3)

The lawless one (2 Thess. 2:8)

**The beast (Rev. 11:7; see also 13:1; 14:9; 15:2;
16:2; 17:3, 13; 19:20; 20:10)**

The despicable person (Dan. 11:21)

The strong willed king (Dan. 11:36)

The worthless shepherd (Zechariah 11:16, 17)

4. He rises to power during the transition between the Rapture and the beginning of Daniel's seventieth week. Dan. 9:27; Dan. 7:24, 25.

Dan. 9:27, “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

5. He is the head of a confederation of western powers related to the revived Roman Empire, during the tribulation years.

**“...and behold,
there was a single
great statue...”**

Daniel 2:31



**You are the
head of gold.**

Daniel 2:38

**“And after you there
will arise another
kingdom...”**

Daniel 2:39

**“...then another
third kingdom of
bronze...”**

Daniel 2:39

**“Then there will be
a fourth kingdom as
strong as iron...”**

Daniel 2:40



Persia

Rome

Greece

Babylon

The Image of Daniel 2

Gold

605–539 B.C. – Babylon

Silver

539 B.C.–331 B.C. – Medo-Persia

Brass

331 B.C.–146 B.C. – Greece

Iron

146 B.C.–A.D. 1453 – Rome

Iron/Clay

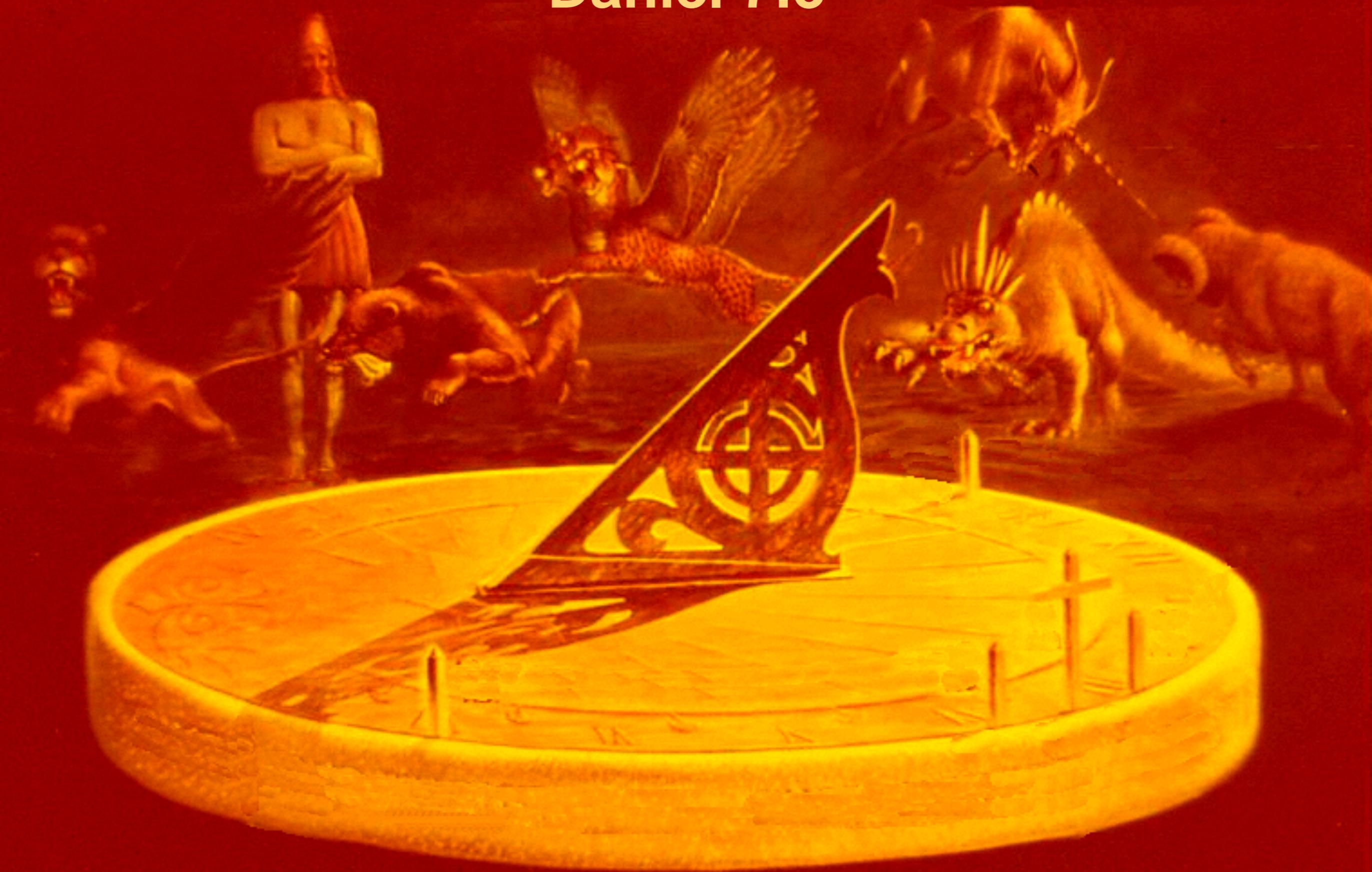
Revived Roman Empire



6. The Antichrist rises to power following the confederation of ten nations. He assumes control by force and subdues three of the ten members (Dan. 7:24).

“And four great beasts came up from the sea...”

Daniel 7:3



The 4 Beasts of Daniel 7



Dan. 7:7, “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Dan. 7:8, “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.”

Dan. 7:19, “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its **teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet;**

Dan. 7:20, “and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.”

Dan. 7:23, “Thus he said: ‘The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces.’ ”

Dan. 7:24, “ ‘As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

Dan. 7:25, “ ‘And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.’ ”



The Antichrist in Dan. 7

- 1. The final kingdom is the second stage in the Roman Empire (Dan. 7:7–9, 19–25).**
- 2. The Antichrist is the “little horn” that arises after a 10-horn (nation) alliance develops, an “11th” horn (7:24).**
- 3. The Antichrist overthrows 3 kingdoms and assumes control of the alliance (Dan. 7:24).**
- 4. The Antichrist is arrogant (7:8), menacing and terrifying (7:19–20); militarily powerful, victorious (7:23), persecutes believers (7:25).**

Antiochus Epiphanes

The Antichrist

Foreshadowed

Daniel 8



Character: Brilliant, arrogant, insolent, cunning, deceptive, manipulative, and wins

Culture: Destroy all Divine viewpoint influence; attacks truth, the saints, desecrates the Temple

Control: Taxation, power, deification

Daniel 9

- 1. He is European, Dan. 9:26**
- 2. He enters into a peace treaty with Israel, Dan. 9:27**
- 3. He will desecrate the Temple and set himself up as god, Dan. 9:27**

Daniel 11:36ff

- 1. He is arrogant, exalts himself above all deities, Dan. 11:36, 37**
- 2. He is on the historical scene just prior to the end of wrath, 11:36**
- 3. He is empowered by a foreign god (Satan), 11:39**
- 4. At the end he will be drawn into a military engagement in Israel with the king of the north and the king of the south, 11:40, 44**
- 5. He will control the economic resources of the Middle East, 11:43**
- 6. He will be destroyed by God, 11:46**