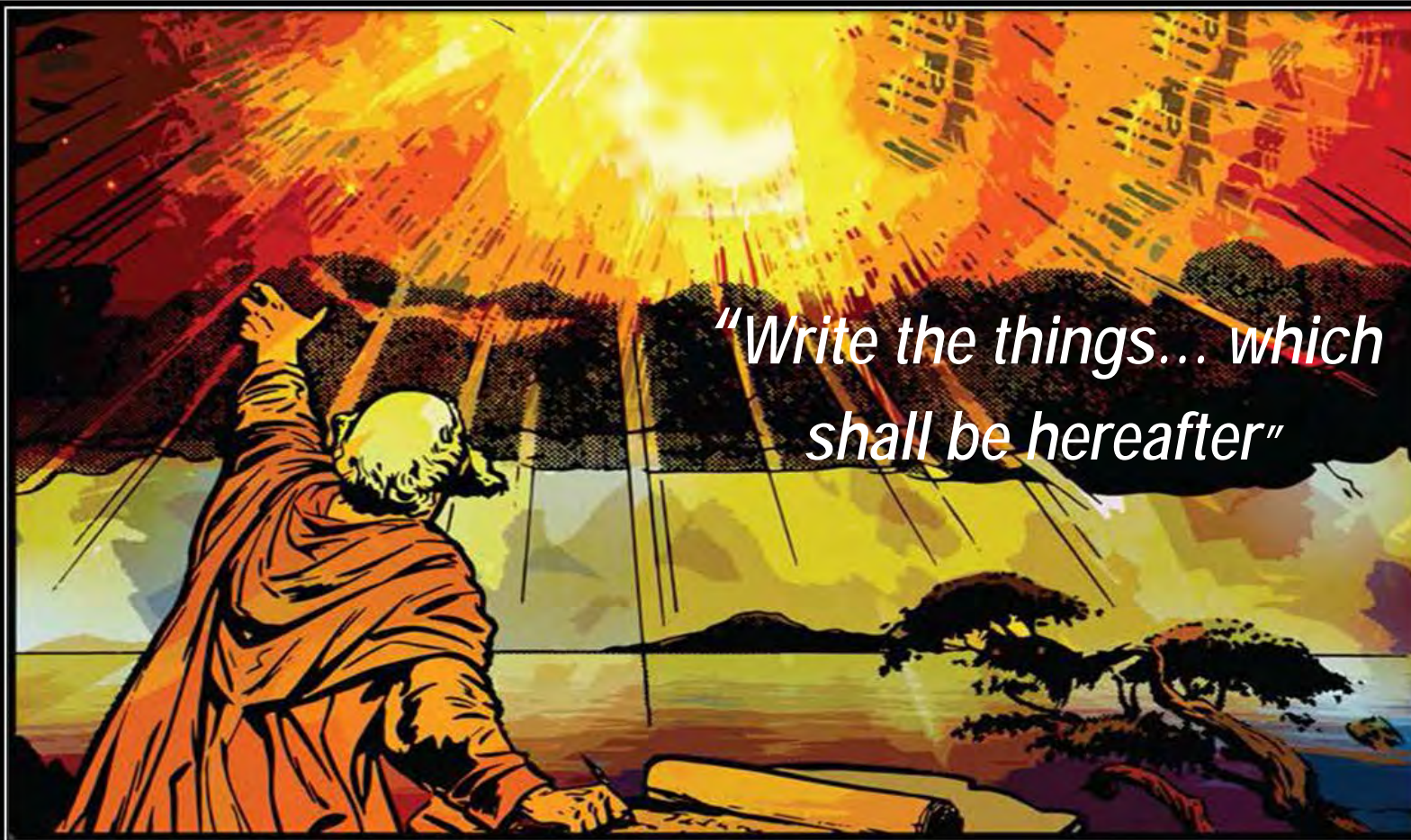


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REVELATION



*"Write the things... which
shall be hereafter"*

BOOK 1

Revelation

chapter 1-13

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This book is dedicated to the missionaries who are out there in the fields “already white unto harvest”, who daily give their lives and time to fulfill our Lord’s command to “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” Jesus said to Peter and to all of us: “Do you love Me? Then, feed My sheep!” May this book be a blessing and make it easier for you to share the Word.

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Revelation chapter 1 verse 3.

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Acknowledgments and Prologue:

Most people and even many Christians know very little about the book of Revelation: they either feel it is too hard to understand or that it will make them fearful of the future. But that is not what the Bible says; on the contrary it says: ***“Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”*** (Rev.1:3) We are then blessed, not frightened, when we read and study the book of Revelation! With the world being in such a mess with so many international problems, wars, terrorism, violence, weird viruses, climate changes, financial crises etc., many sense that a storm is brewing and they are more than ever looking for answers. ***“...and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth...”*** (Lk.21:26)

I started this project almost two decades ago and first used this series of classes with my own teenagers and then eventually translated them into Spanish for our weekly Bible classes in Mexico. My goal was to shed more light into this remarkable book of Revelation and the idea from the beginning was to go through the whole book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, and search, find and choose Bible cross references, fitting commentaries, pictures and charts that would catch the imagination of the reader, keep his interest as well as make it easier to grasp and visualize God’s mysterious revelations.

Although some of the comments are mine as well as the creation of some of the timeline charts, I also used a number of resources which are listed at the end of this book. Each verse or group of verses is either introduced or followed by commentaries from excerpts of these authors and books. The quotations were sometimes copied word for word but most often, they were rephrased and edited to fit each verse, as well as to keep the classes compacted. I have kept on updating and adding new clarifications every so often.

To Bible Teachers:

I like to call these classes, “*Ready-made and Ready-to-go*”, meaning you can use them and give them right away--the work is already done for you. They do not cover every detail, as a whole book could be written for each chapter, but you could use them as a good base to start with. Depending of the need of your students and, as you are reading with them and giving the classes, you can add your own comments as the Lord leads. Although most classes are made so it could be given in one meeting, it’s important to remember that most people have never studied End Time Bible prophecies and it is often a lot to absorb and digest in one sitting alone; so the classes will often need to be given through more than one session.



Many parts of End Time prophecies are pretty clear and easy to understand, while some are not. These classes were compiled in order to give people a general idea of the End Time...plus a bit more. Of course, depending on your situation, it will be up to you to decide how deeply you will go in your studies with those you teach. Something else to keep in mind is that it is always wise to avoid coming across too dogmatically or seeing everything as either “***black or white***”, and to instead stick with the plainest and simplest understanding of the text as possible. For some of John’s descriptions are to be taken literally and other descriptions are meant to be taken symbolically, and so I have tried to show the difference in these classes. Nevertheless, there are still many things in the book of Revelation that will continue to be mysterious and topics of speculation. But we can be sure that as future events develop, Jesus will help us to understand more. We have been given so much about this subject and since the times are so turbulent and the world is changing so fast, we have the responsibility to share the knowledge of these prophecies with others now! Now is the time! May God bless you as you shared His Word.

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INTRODUCTION:

At first reading, the book of Revelation is not only mysterious but it also appears to be confusing. But understanding how the book is structured helps it to become clearer. We will fly through the Book of Revelation rapidly and show you how simple it can be, how well laid-out it is and how it is possible to understand large portions of it! Of course, not everything is easy to comprehend, there are still some mysteries in there that God has hidden from us, and He deliberately did so. But again, He made most of it fairly easy to understand, believe it or not. We can look at the book of Revelation as being divided into three divisions of exactly seven chapters each—plus one extra, the 22nd chapter, a glorious and beautiful chapter about Heaven that is in a class all by itself! Each group of chapters, each set of seven chapters, has to do with a different focus of the End.

The first set of seven chapters is in itself a sort of review, a synopsis of the history of man from the Apostle John's Day right to the End, a general introduction to the End time. There are the famous letters to the seven churches in Asia and we also have what are known as the seven seals. The Lord Himself, the Lamb, receives this book of seven seals, a scroll actually, with seven seals. He breaks open each seal and as He does, a different period of history happens, a different event in history after which the End occurs, and we'll study that in detail later.

In the second set of seven chapters, instead of just flying across the whole history of man for the past 2000 years, which John was predicting in the first seven chapters—some of which has been fulfilled or is being fulfilled—we circle around and fly a little bit closer to the End time, the very End of these 2000 years of history which he is predicting by the Spirit of Christ. We find that the second seven of chapters, from the 8th through the 14th, have to do with a famous, very great and important final period of man's history known as the reign of the Antichrist



and the Great Tribulation period. It ends with the marvelous coming of Christ and the Rapture of His saints in the 14th Chapter! We have a stunning picture of the End in that set of seven chapters with the seven great Trumpets of Tribulation and all the terrible things that will happen during the Great Tribulation period.



Finally, the third set of seven chapters, chapter 15 through 21 and 22, is both a terrible, awful picture, as well as a beautiful, gorgeous picture of the End Time. First comes the bad news, but then followed by the good news! And the sooner it gets worse, the sooner it is going to get better. In those last seven chapters, plus one, we find a detailed description of this very End period, including details about the Wrath of God, the great destruction of Babylon, the World System, and the final great Battle of Armageddon in which the forces of God fight against the forces of Satan. The forces of God defeat Satan at this Battle along with his Antichrist Devil-man, his False Prophet, and his whole kingdom. They gain a glorious victory as Jesus comes back again to set up His Kingdom here on Earth, a time that is called the Millennium because it lasts a thousand years! Then at the end of the Millennium comes the final war of all, the Battle of Gog and Magog followed by the great White Throne Judgement of the unsaved. Then God creates a New Heaven and a New Earth and the Heavenly City, New Jerusalem, finally comes down from God to be on Earth. A lot happens in that last set of seven chapters! So that's how this amazing book goes!

I believe that the book of Revelation is not a book written in exact chronological order. I don't believe it is possible to fully understand Revelation if it is read with the approach that everything within this book happens in a perfect sequential order from the beginning to the end. The book of Revelation is steadily progressing in greater detail all the time, but there are constant flashbacks and some flash-forwards. Like in a movie, they sometimes have several flashbacks to some past events that provide important details, clarifications to help us better understand the story. Or occasionally at the very beginning of a movie, we are shown a partial scene of some future happenings and then it

returns to the beginning. In the same way, the Lord keeps going back and forth like that and a little further ahead each time.

This is how it is possible, for example, to read about multiple accounts of the Rapture or the Battle of Armageddon or other events taking place within the pages of Revelation - and still understand that there will only be one Rapture, one Armageddon. We are simply reading about these happenings from different angles and vantage points, thus gaining a greater understanding all the time. I believe it is the only way Revelation can make any sense, and this way it does. Otherwise, it's really a scrabble.

Some have said, *"Oh, Revelation is just a jibber-jabber, it doesn't seem to mean anything! It's just a bunch of wild tales of dragons and monsters and all kinds of crazy things, nobody can understand it!"* Some theologians even say, *"It's just sort of allegorical, it's a mystery, we don't understand it."* About the best they can say about it is, *"It's just something put in there to kind of show you the final victory of good over evil, but you're not supposed to understand the details."* We have to wonder then what they think God put it there for and why He gave us all these infinite and intricate details from the very beginning to the very End. Don't tell us God threw in all those intricate details just for the purpose of mystifying and confusing us! The book of Revelation has a beautiful order, deep meaning, and a detailed prediction of specific events exactly the way they are going to happen. So you can count on it. If all the rest of the Bible has happened and hundreds of prophecies have already been fulfilled exactly the way they were predicted, then certainly we can trust this last book of Revelation to mean what it says!

We hope you will enjoy the classes and will understand them. As time marches on and we enter these various periods and events, we will understand them even more clearly and know even more surely which Scriptures actually do apply





to the particular time we are undergoing or the event we are participating in. God does not always reveal every detail in advance, but often gives you a general description--or even sometimes a specific description--which you will not completely understand or recognize until you actually see it beginning to happen. This will be your cue to know where you are at on God's timetable and on His schedule. You will be assured and reassured that you know exactly what is happening, what to expect next and how to be prepared.

This of course is the purpose of the Bible's prophecies, to prepare you for the future, so that you will not be in ignorance or found in darkness, as the Apostle Paul said. But rather you are the children of light and these things will not come upon you as a thief in the night, unexpected or by surprise. (1Th.5:4, 5) You will have no mighty widening of the eyes, as those who are not aware of the signs of the times, but you will see them in advance, you will recognize these events because you have prepared for it in your heart for years with your study and knowledge of His Word. This is what Bible Prophecy is all about, what the book of Revelation is for, that God in His mercy is telling you in advance what is going to happen so you will not be in fearfulness of the unknown.

"See, I (Jesus) have told you ahead of time." (Mt. 24:25)

"...But the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many...and he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." (Dan. 11:32-33; 12:9-10)

A brief run-down of the contents of each Chapter:

Chapter 1--The introduction to things which must shortly come to pass.

Chapter 2 and 3--Letters to seven Churches that existed in that day in Asia, as well as types of churches to come.

Chapter 4 and 5--Heavenly Throne Scene with the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who opens the 7-sealed Book of the Future! There are some things in these two chapters where we get some of our ideas about Heaven that aren't mentioned in the last two Chapters 21 and 22.

Chapter 6--The opening of the six seals of world history! By the way, this goes right up to the very End of the Wrath of God. We have the great earthquake and all that cosmic stuff happening there that even happens after the Battle of Armageddon. So the 6th Chapter goes from the time of Jesus right to the End!

Chapter 7--The sealing of the saints before the Great Tribulation! The major emphasis here, of course, was put on the 12 Tribes of Israel, but that doesn't mean they were the only saints. That's obvious as he had already seen a number of saints that no man could number. So the first seven chapters are very nicely nearly all introductory, and include a review of history.

Chapter 8 and 9--The seven great trumpets of the Tribulation. The angels are warned to hurt only those who do not have the seal of God in their foreheads but have taken the seal of the Antichrist instead, the Mark of the Beast!

Chapter 10--Then, like in almost every sermon, sooner or later the preacher has to stop to make announcements and several big statements are made now by the angel! Mostly he is announcing the End of all these things.

Chapter 11--In chronological sequential order within the chapter, it goes right up to the End. Just like that 6th Chapter back there goes right up to the very End with the Wrath of God and the great earthquake, so does the 11th chapter. There are the Two Witnesses and their Rapture, more details of the end of the Tribulation and also a summary again of the Wrath of God.

The book of Revelation reaches the End several times, so don't get confused! It's not all in exact chronological order. It's in a very nice order, but just like you've seen in many movies, He gives a general overall view, then He comes in closer for a closer look at this

and that period and keeps giving flashbacks. It's a very common literary and movie method of telling a story, to give you the whole story in a nutshell in a way, or a preview of it, and then to go back over the details, and that's exactly what Revelation does.

Chapter 12--We have the battle between the Great Red Dragon, Satan, and the Church in the Tribulation period.

Chapter 13--It gives great details for the first time in this book of Revelation, about the Beast. But is this Beast the same as the Red Dragon? They have a Red Dragon in this story and a Red Beast, both of them have seven heads and ten crowns, oddly enough. But the Great Red Dragon in the 12th Chapter is the Devil, Satan. And the Red Beast in the 13th Chapter is the Antichrist. --Showing they're very similar and in a sense, one and the same, because the Antichrist is eventually possessed by the Red Dragon.

Chapter 14--We again have the End. We have the fall of Babylon, we have the Rapture and we have the Wrath of God, all those major events in the 14th Chapter, the Gospel preached to all the World as well. See, the Lord keeps going over it and over it, review, review, and review, to try to remind us and to get these things straight in our minds!

Within the chapters you will find that the order of events is very clear and they are chronological and they are sequential, but then He'll go back in another chapter and vision and go over it again in some other way or from some other angle, stressing or emphasizing some other phase or some other point or some other personality. But it's very important that you understand, that just like those movies with flashbacks, Revelation is constructed in the same way, usually going each time into greater detail about an event which has already been described or mentioned briefly.

Chapter 15 and 16--Now we are getting the Wrath of God in detail. Six Vials of Wrath are poured out here, also the 7th Vial in the 16th Chapter. We've got Armageddon mentioned and the fall of the cities including Babylon. You'll notice how you come down to the End again in the Wrath of God, all the same description of the events. Time and again it speaks of the End as being a very great earthquake, great hail from Heaven, a great shaking of the Earth etc., men howling, crying for fear, running for the caves of the Earth and crying to the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the face of the Lamb and the Wrath of God etc. Every time, it all ends the same way, so it's very consistent.

It is worth noting that we're still inclined to get those two periods of the Tribulation and Wrath confused. They are very similar, but distinct events. They both have a lot of wrath, curses, a lot of horrors and woes, but the Wrath is even worse than the Tribulation because it's strictly on these people who are left behind, the unsaved. The saved have already been raptured by that time.

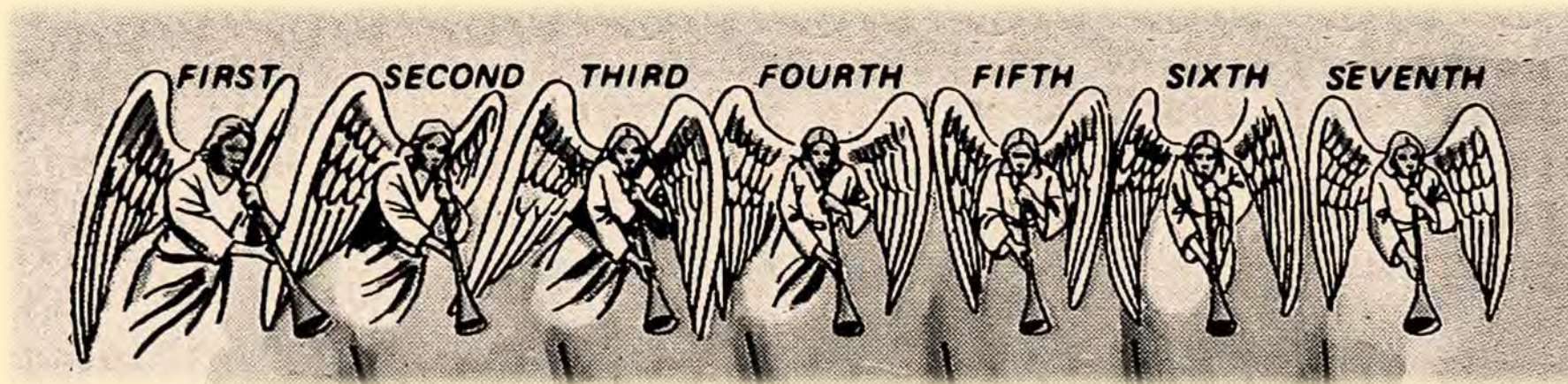
Chapter 17--John or the angel describes Babylon and as good as tells us who she is. Modern Babylon today is a type of Ancient Babylon and it is pictured here as a great whore, very rich, promoted by the Beast. She's always been promoted by the Devil. In all of his empires, in all of his kingdoms all through history, he has promoted Babylon. And in the broadest sense of the term we have said Babylon really represents the materialism of the World, the worship of Mammon, the worship of things, money.

Chapter 18--We have another flashback and we are given exactly how Babylon is destroyed, in one hour of one day! What does that sound like? It would just about have to be an atomic war!

Chapter 19--The Marriage Supper of the Lamb; Armageddon, that final great battle of this time period of earth and the marvelous victory of Jesus Christ over Satan, his Devil-man and his False Prophet! --Party Upstairs, Hell Downstairs!

Chapter 20--We have three major events: the Millennium and the Battle of Gog and Magog following it, in which Satan and all of his hosts and the wicked are completely wiped out forever! Then comes the Great White Throne Final Judgement of the unsaved.

Chapters 21 and 22--This is really the only detailed specific description in the whole Bible of what Heaven is like, and to our surprise we find out that Heaven is on Earth! The Heavenly City is coming down to a New Earth! A New Earth, even more beautiful than the first one! There will be no more curse, nothing deadly, nothing harmful, everything beautiful! Most people think that Heaven is going to be somewhere way out there in Space away from this World. But God's not going to be defeated, He's going to remake the Earth back into the Garden of Eden again and regenerate man into what he should have been.



REVELATION

CHAPTER 1, VERSES 1-11

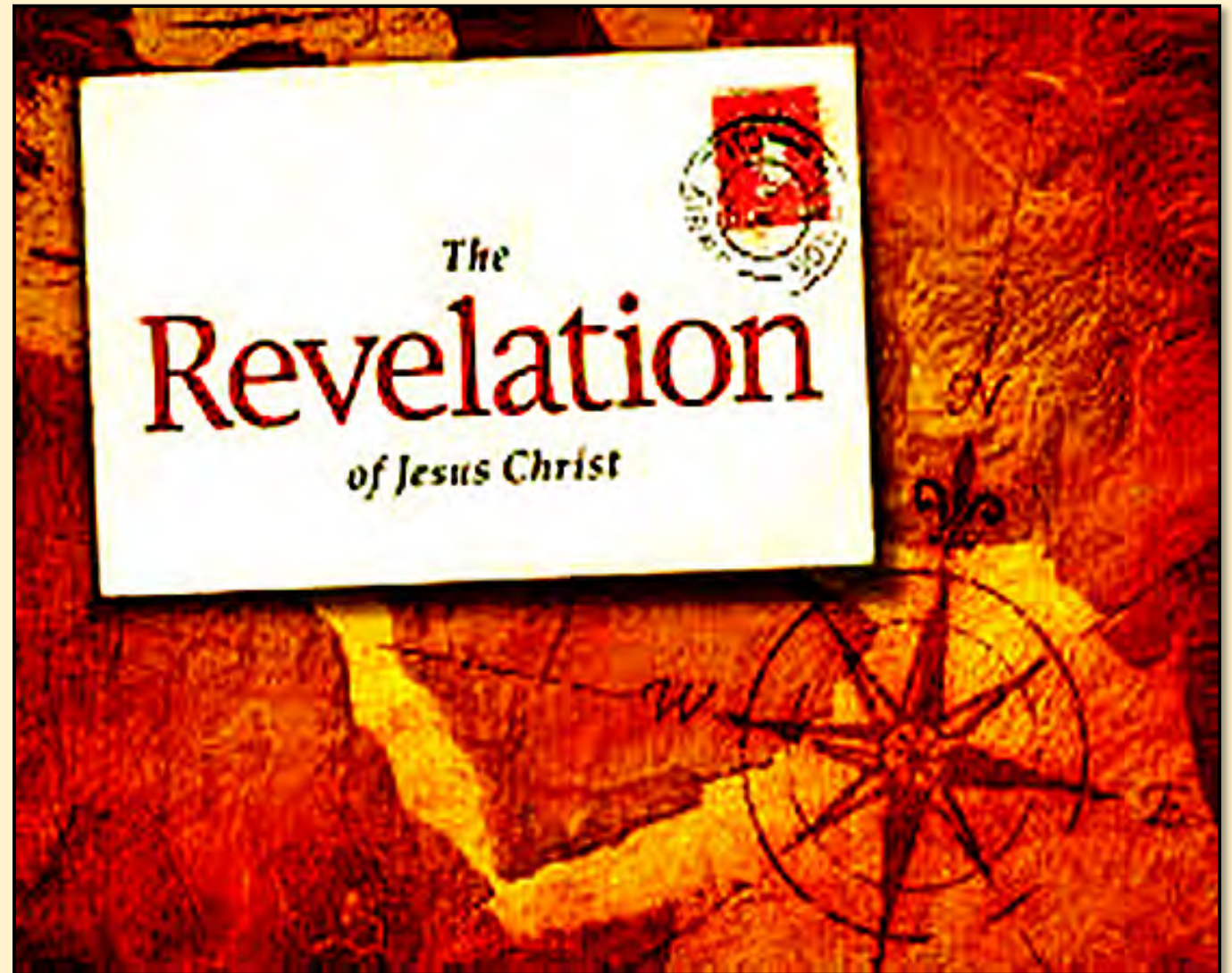
"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

Compilation of prophetic commentaries by Gaetan

Right above "*chapter one*" in most Bibles, the title reads "*The Revelation or Apocalypse of St. John the Divine.*" However, this title, which was added by someone years later, was not necessarily inspired because the first line of the prophecy says it is the "*Revelation of Jesus Christ.*"

REV.1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which **God gave unto him**, to show unto his servants **things which must shortly come to pass**; and he (Jesus) sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Now in almost every case of the prophets there was some spiritual agent or an angel or someone helping them. Time and again when the prophets revealed something, they said the angel of the Lord or someone else was there showing them. So here we have a good example of how God communicates in an orderly manner: the Revelation came from Him and He gave it to Jesus who then sent it by an angel to John who was able to see the revelation and pass it on to the people. (*Ez.40:3; Dan.7:16; 8:15; 9:21; 10 all; 12:5-7; Zech.1:9; Mt.1:20; Lk.1:11 etc.*)



REV.1:2 who bare record of the word of God, and of **the testimony of Jesus Christ**, and of all things that he saw.

REV.1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: **for the time is at hand.**

It takes an effort; it is work to try to understand Bible prophecy and to study to figure these things out! It sometimes takes years of study, working at it, comparing Scripture with Scripture, going back and forth through the Word of God to arrive at the most likely interpretations. But God says you're blessed if you do!



REV.1:4 John to the **seven churches** which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him **which is, and which was, and which is to come**; and from the **seven Spirits** which are before his throne;

Some people seem so afraid of the familiar evil spirits against which we are warned, but they seem to have forgotten that there are also many good spirits, including the Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of God and the Seven Stars or Angels or Spirits of the Seven Churches in this book of Revelation, the Four Spirits of the Heavens of **Zech.6:5**, and the many other celestial messengers, angels or spirits of God mentioned in the Bible which are obviously all good spirits. *"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" He. 1:14.*



These are they of whom Paul speaks in *Hebrews 12:1* as a great cloud of witnesses which compass us about--here and now! Thank God for His Spirit! Thank God for His angels! Praise God for all His spirits! God himself is spoken of as the father of spirits in *Heb.12:9*, and the God of spirits in *Numbers 16:22 and 27:16* and who maketh His angels spirits in *Ps.104:4*. And in *Heb.12:22, 23*, He speaks of an innumerable company of angels and the spirits of just men made perfect!

**** *REV.3:1*** And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; these things said he that hath **the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;**

**** *REV.4:5*** and out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are **the seven Spirits of God.**

REV.1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the **faithful witness**, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

"...the faithful witness"--Jesus Himself was a faithful witness--"and the first begotten of the dead".





He was the first one to rise from the dead, and then immediately after He rose from the dead three days after His crucifixion, many of the Old Testament saints also rose from the dead! It's in the Bible. You can read it in the book of Matthew. (*Mat.27:52, 53.*) It says that when He rose from the dead, that these other people rose from the dead too. But He was the first one that rose, *"first begotten of the dead."* *"And the Prince of the Kings of the Earth."* He is the King of kings!

"Unto Him that loveth us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood."-- Who did that? Jesus! He died on the cross for our sins. He took our punishment for us so we could be saved just by believing on Him, receiving Him as our Savior into our hearts, loving Him and His Father God, the Holy Spirit, and loving others, our neighbors as

ourselves, and preaching the Gospel in all the World to every creature!

**** REV.7:14** And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have **washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**** 1JN.1:7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ** his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

REV.1:6 and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**** 1PE.2:9** But ye are **a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people.**

**** REV.5:10** And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**





During the millennium, it will be a reign of Jesus Christ and His children over what is left of this World and its unsaved populations. We, the born-again, saved, resurrected saints will be in our new supernatural bodies, but the rest of the World, those who have been spared and blessed enough to survive into the Millennium, are going to still be in their old natural bodies. Therefore, life is sort of going to go on as usual in a lot of ways for them, but there will be quite a few big differences! Mainly, that we're going to be running the World instead of them, and we're going to have a lot of supernatural help and advantages! We'll have supernatural bodies, wisdom, skill, power, protection and we'll change a lot of things for the better!

**** *REV.20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they **shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*****

Then and only then under the supreme and powerful rule and reign of Christ and God's children, will all wars finally cease. The World will at last be governed fairly and well with true justice, liberty, peace, plenty and happiness for all!

"And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore!" (Is.2:4) Complete disarmament at last! That will be the World's first real genuine disarmament, beating their weapons into instruments of peace!

REV.1:7 Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. (Acts1:9-11)

When Jesus comes back to rapture His saints, He's going to come back in the clouds just the way He went away on the day of Ascension. And just like His disciples watched Him go up in the clouds. So they're going to see Him come down in the clouds.

*"Every eye shall see Him"--no secret Rapture--
"and they also which pierced Him and all
kindreds of the Earth shall wail because of Him".*



The whole Earth is going to see Jesus come when He comes back to rescue us, His children, out of this wicked old World. (See also Dan.7:13)



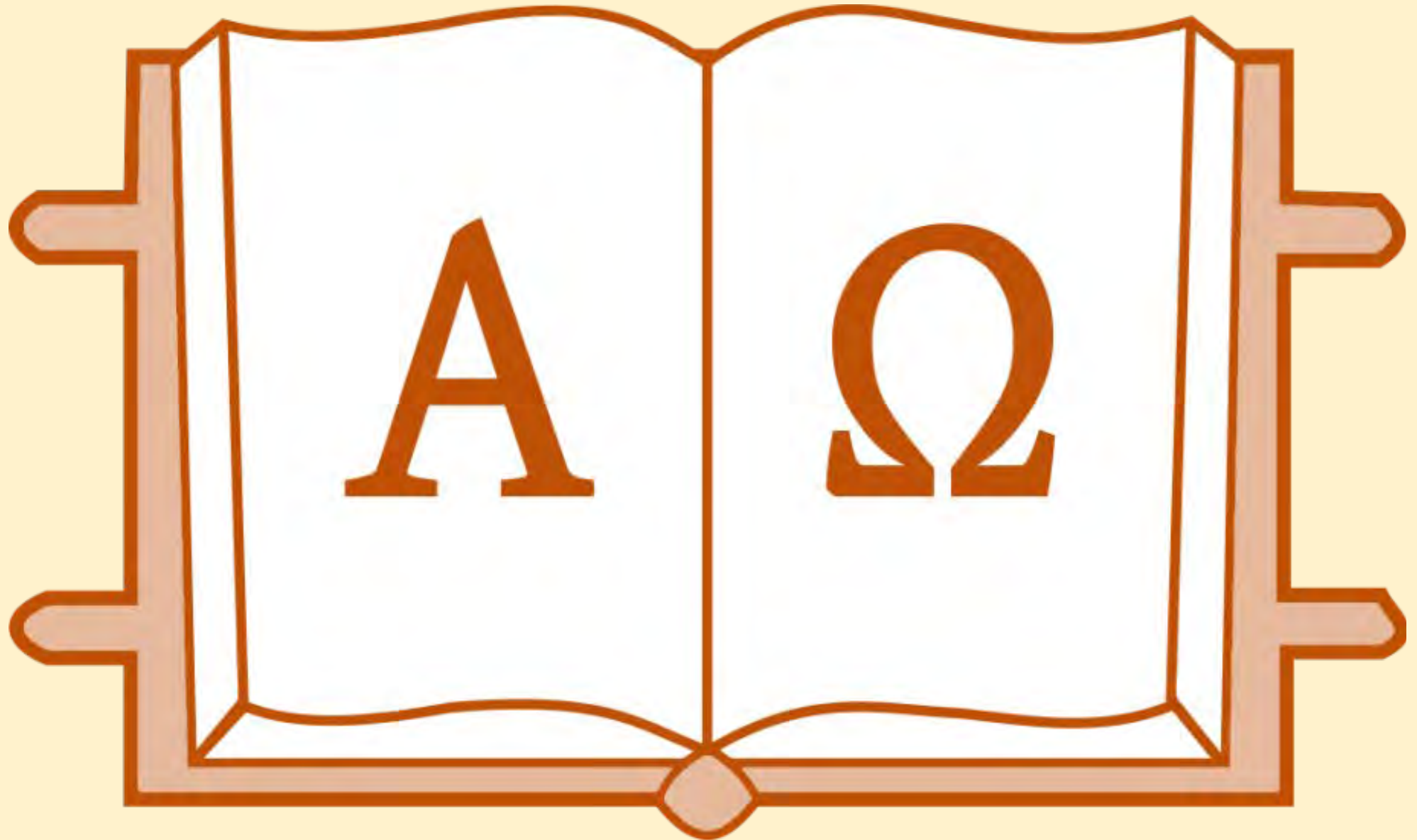
**** MAT.24:30** and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall **all the tribes of the earth mourn**, and they shall **see the Son of man coming in the clouds** of heaven with power and great glory. (**MK.13: 24-27, LK.21:27-28, Rev.6:12, 13**)

**** 1TH.4:15-17** ...that we which are alive and remain unto **the coming of the Lord** shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself **shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

REV.1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, **the beginning and the ending**, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and **which is to come**, the Almighty.

You folks down there in Greece will understand what Alpha and Omega mean, because those are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet: Alpha, our "A", and Omega, something we don't have in the English alphabet.

So Jesus is here saying He is the *"Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty!"* He's been here a long time.





REV.1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, **was in the isle** that is called **Patmos**, **for the word of God**, and **for the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

He was literally in exile; he was kind of a prisoner. They were trying to get rid of this guy who had caused them so much trouble, talking about God all the time and preaching Jesus to these unbelieving, pagan, idol-worshipping Romans. But he wouldn't stop talking about Jesus, so you know what they did? Tradition says that they tried to boil him in oil to make him shut up, but he wouldn't boil, because he wasn't done!

So therefore, they finally said, *"What can you do with such a man! We can't shut him up, stop his mouth from preaching, and we can't kill him! We'll just have to ship him off to the Isle of Patmos in exile where there are so few people to preach to, he surely couldn't do much damage there!"*



So what did he do? He got a marvelous Revelation from God that has preached to literally billions of people ever since! Think of that! Down through almost 2000 years of World history from his day, about AD 90, until today.

On that little deserted island with so few people, a few farmers, he preached the greatest sermon he ever preached, the Book of Revelation, that he got from Jesus through an angel, that has reached more people than all of his other sermons ever reached, aside from the Gospel of John and his letters. So you can't get rid of a guy like that!

So never think that just because you're out there alone, some place or in some lonely prison cell that God can't work or use you because He may be preparing you for something in which you'll be a greater witness than you ever dreamed.

REV.1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, **as of a trumpet (loud voice)**,

REV.1:11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, **the first and the last**: and, **what thou seest, write in a book**, and **send it unto the seven churches** which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

REV.1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw **seven golden candlesticks**; (*see verse 20.*)

REV.1:13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks **one like unto the Son of man**, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and **girt about the paps with a golden girdle**.





REV.1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

REV.1:15 and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

**** DAN.10:5, 6** *Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with **fine gold** of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and **his eyes as lamps of fire**, and his arms and his feet like in colour to **polished brass**, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.*

**** DAN.7:9** *I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was **white as snow**, and **the hair of his head like the pure wool**.*

If you want to know what Jesus looks like in Heaven, it says here that He was "clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle." It doesn't say He had robes on His arms and shoulders!

That is really an amazing description there! His hair was white. That means His beard would be white too. Also His dress, according to that description, is amazing!

REV.1:16 And he had in his right hand **seven stars**: and **out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword**: and his countenance was **as the sun** shineth in his strength.

**** REV.19:15** *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron:*

This is, of course,
symbolic of the Word of
God which He compares to
a two-edged sword of God.

**** HEB.4:12** *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*





REV.1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

REV.1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Jesus died, was crucified and rose again from the dead, and now He lives for evermore! “...and have the keys of Hell and of death,” so that He is able to unlock the gates of Hell itself to release its prisoners from the very jaws of death!

**** REV.20:14 and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is *the second death*.**

**** 1CO.15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.**

REV.1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

After the Lord had helped John to recover his senses a bit, He told him that the vision he was about to receive would span the entire panorama of history. The general pattern for the book of Revelation is a progressive preview of history *"from the things which are,"* or were in John's Day, to the *"things which shall be hereafter."* However, frequently, sometimes even in the middle of a chapter, the Revelation goes back into the past to give some background into whatever subject it's dealing with before showing you their future and how they wind up.





REV.1:20 the mystery of the **seven stars** which thou sawest in my right hand, and the **seven golden candlesticks**. The **seven stars** are the **angels of the seven churches**: and the **seven candlesticks** which thou sawest are the **seven churches**.

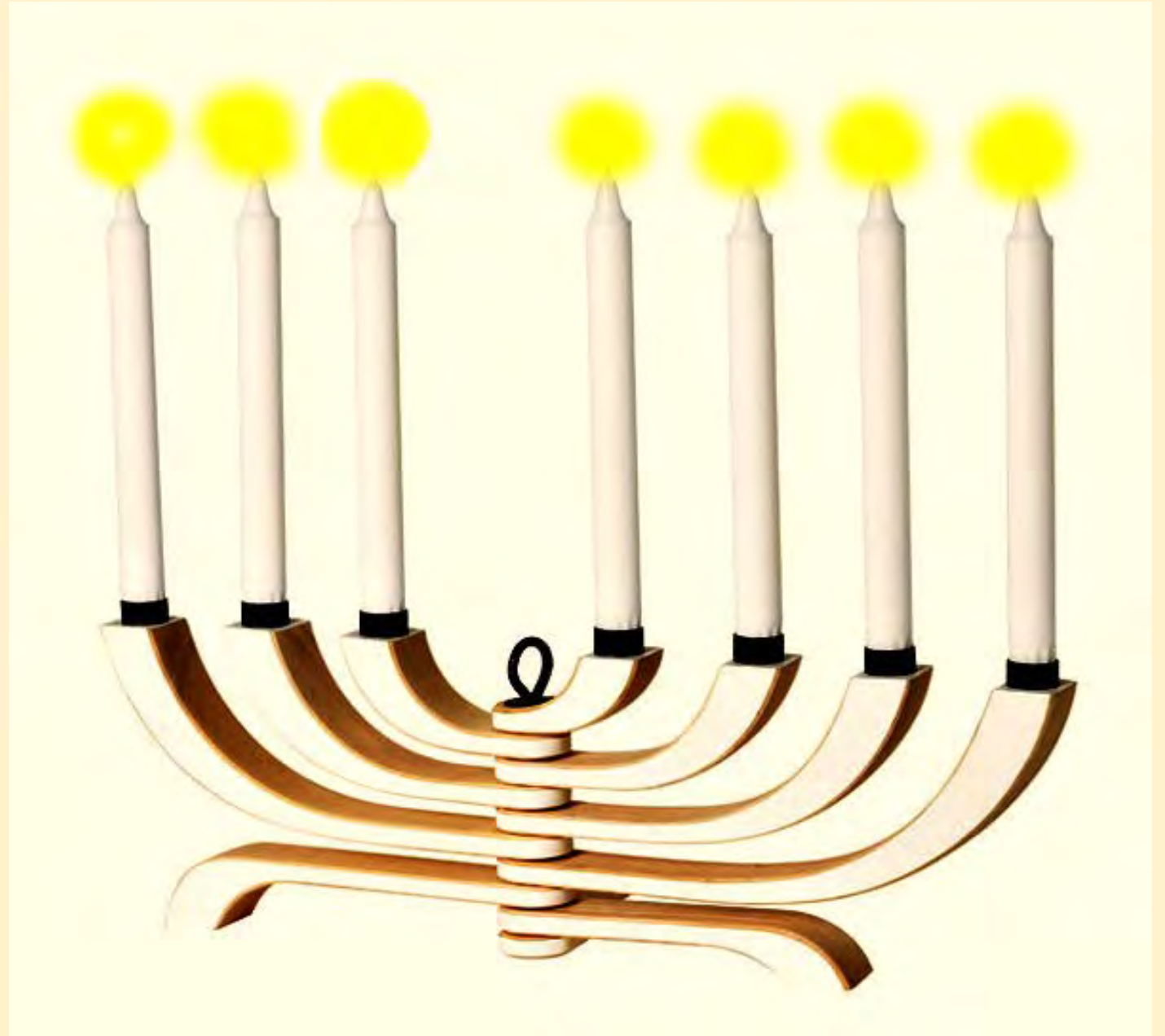
He sees the seven churches of Asia Minor, or what is now Turkey, the principal churches of that area, he sees them as seven beautiful candlesticks. Why candlesticks? Because His followers were then, and are also today, to be a light to the world. What more magnificent task and privilege could be given to any church on earth than the task of standing there, aflame with light, witnessing in a dark world to the blessed glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**** MAT.5:14, 15 *Ye are the light of the world.* A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid, neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a **candlestick**; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.**

**** JOHN.8:12 *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am the light of the world**: he that followeth me **shall not walk in darkness**, but shall have **the light of life**.***

And then he sees their seven guardian angels as seven beautiful stars. The churches, seven beautiful candles standing before God, and above each one, a guiding star, its guardian angel! What a beautiful picture of the churches to whom John is writing this very epistle of this revelation of the marvels that God is about to show to him of their future, the future that they are to face, so they'll know what's coming! Praise the Lord!

The Lord does not want us to be ignorant, brethren, but that we shall know the things which must shortly come to pass.



And this is what He was telling to the Apostle John in that day, nearly 2000 years ago now, about 90-94 AD on the Isle of Patmos, exiled and banished there by the Romans, because they were afraid of his Gospel of love, afraid of his mighty supernatural miracle-working power.

You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9). Please say this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"



STUDIES ON THE BOOK OF

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Chapter 2 part 1

verses 1-11

Letters to the Churches in
Ephesus and Smyrna

Compilation of prophetic commentaries by Gaetan



In verses 4 and 11 of chapter one, John named seven churches (groups of believers, not buildings) which existed in seven Asian cities: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. All of these were names of explicit, definite cities of Asia Minor, today known as Turkey. They were all within close distance of each other and only a short distance from the isle of Patmos. The Lord undoubtedly told John to write to these particular seven churches because he wasn't far from them. Also, being one of the oldest disciples and an apostle of the Lord, these churches no doubt looked to John for guidance and leadership, even in exile.

The letters reveal churches in different levels of obedience and/or apostasy, and give rebukes, guidance and promises from the Lord to each one.

Though written to literal churches in Asia, we can read the letters today as warnings, advice and counsel regarding any situation existing in our selves or in our church and take it to heart. The churches themselves do not symbolize different so-called church ages, but are examples of various kinds of churches which have existed throughout the entire church age. In other words, any one of the things spoken of in these seven letters could be true of a lot of different churches, even today.

In this sense then, even though these churches were in Asia in John's Day and are part of ***"the things which are,"*** or were in 90 A.D., they typify all the churches which shall come ***"hereafter."*** Read them all and see where you fit!





REV.2:1 Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write; These things saith he that holdeth the **seven stars** in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the **seven golden candlesticks**;

**** REV.1:20...***The seven **stars** are **the angels** of the seven churches: and the seven **candlesticks** which thou sawest are the **seven churches**.*

*“...who walketh in the midst of the **seven golden candlesticks...**” This shows that the Lord is ever present among His churches and people. “And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” (Mt.28:20)*

REV.2:2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them **which say they are apostles**, and are not, and hast found them liars:

**** 2PE.2:1** But there were **false prophets** also among the people, even as there shall be **false teachers** among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

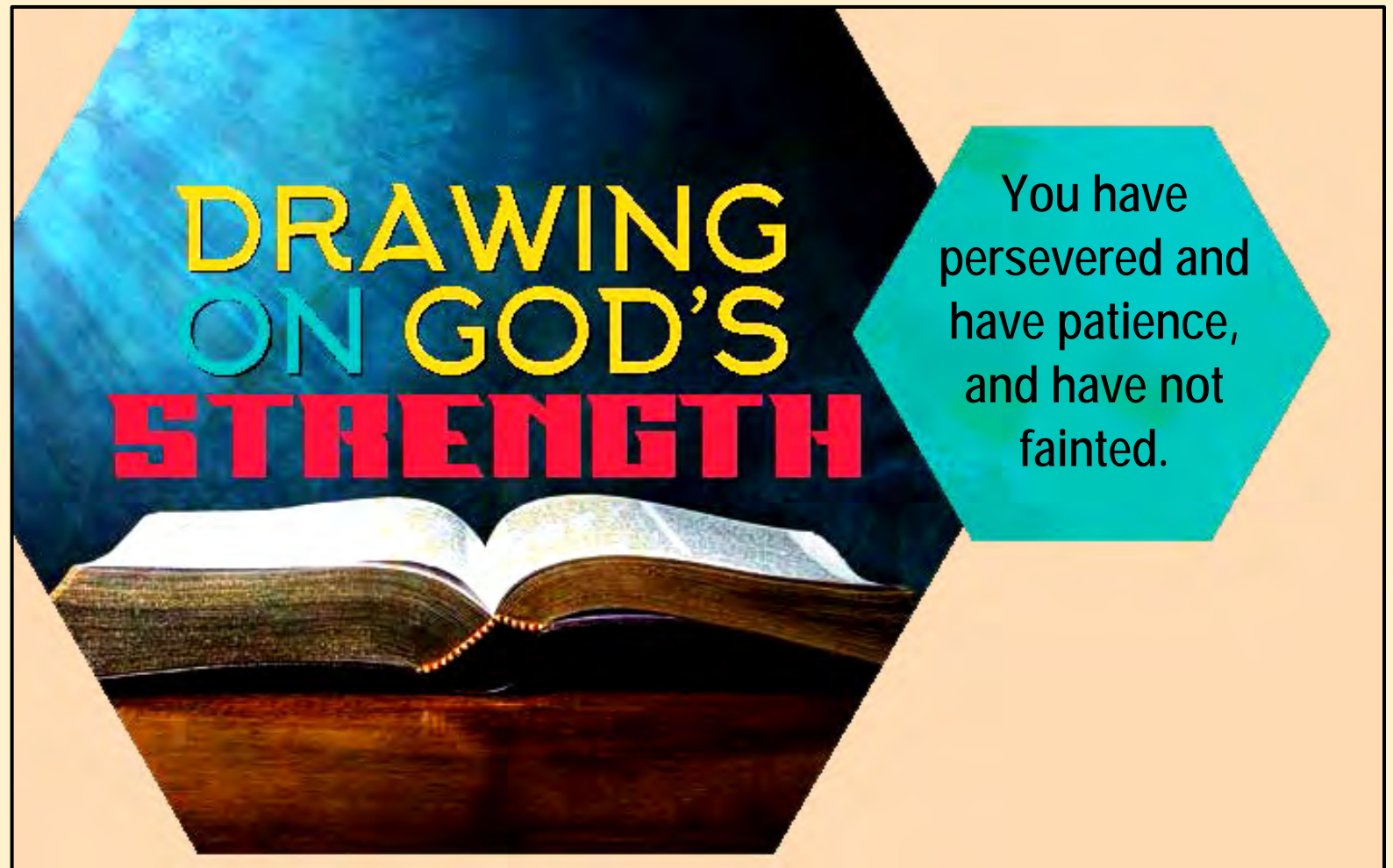
**** 2CO.11:13-15** For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be **transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.

REV.2:3 and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and **hast not fainted**.

**** 1CO.13:7** beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, **and endureth all things**.

**** LUK.18:1** And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and **not to faint**.

REV.2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy **first love**.





The first love which characterized the Ephesians (and all new believers) was the zeal and ardor with which they embraced their salvation as they realized they loved Jesus because He first loved them (*1 John 4:19*) and that it was, in fact, His love for them that had made them ***“alive together with Christ.”*** (*Eph.2:5*)

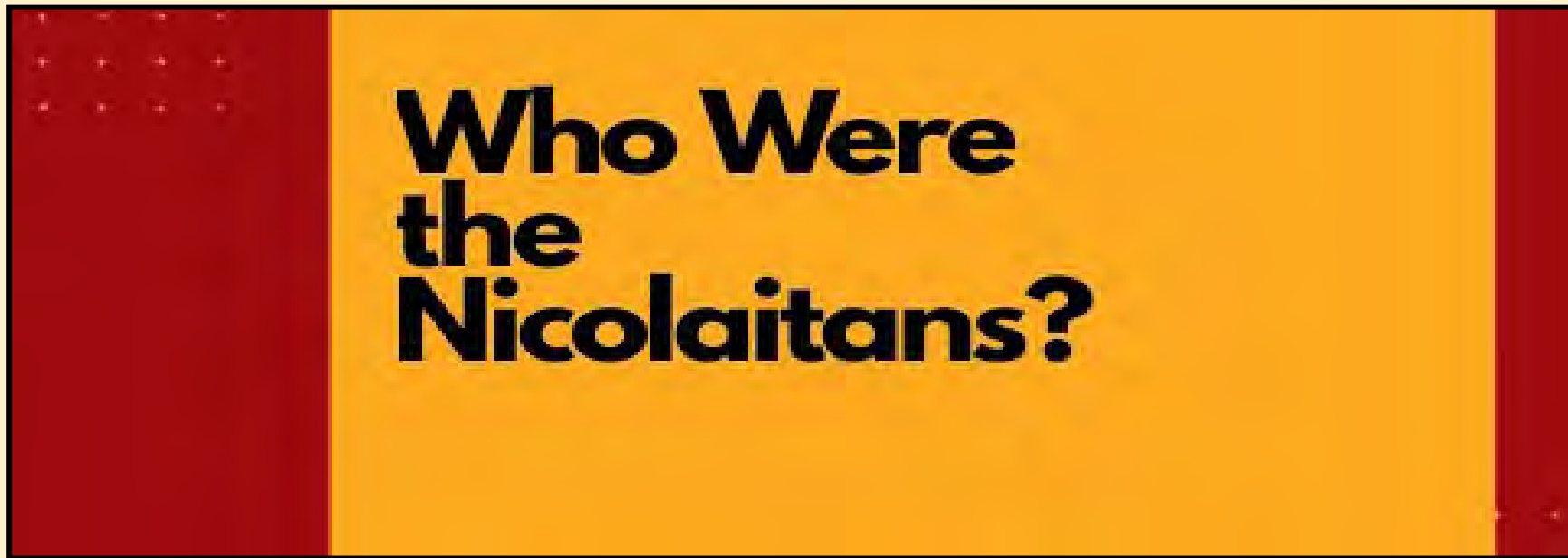
So overwhelmed were they by the joy that came from understanding their former state—dead in trespasses and sins—and their new life in Christ, that they exhibited the fruit of that joy. But with time they had lost their warmth and zeal for Him, and when that happened, they began to ***“go through the motions”***

of good works, motivated not by the love of and for Christ, but by the works themselves. What was once a love relationship cooled into mere religion. Their passion for Him became little more than cold ideology. This is still a warning to all of us.

**** MAT.22:37, 38** Jesus said unto him, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.*

REV.2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, **and repent**, and **do the first works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

REV.2:6 But this thou hast, that **thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes**, which I also hate.



The Bible doesn't explain who the Nicolaitanes were. What was this thing God hated but man loved and would not stop doing? Who are these Nicolaitanes? Maybe we'll understand it when we know what the name means. The word comes from two Greek words: "*nikao*" which means "*to rule over or to conquer*," and "*laos*" which means "*the laity or the people*."



Put these definitions together and you get a domineering ruling class within the body of Christ whose main agenda is to get the upper hand, conquer, subordinate, and subdue those whom they consider "*less gifted,*" "*less knowledgeable,*" and "*less qualified*" than themselves! Such an administrative system later became a hierarchy of priests and clergy lording over the flock. Could it represent any domineering Pharisaical leadership lording over God's people down through the ages?

**** MAT.20:25, 26** *But Jesus called them unto him, and said, ye know that the princes of the Gentiles **exercise dominion over them**, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But **it shall not be so among you**: but whosoever will be great among you, **let him be your minister**;*

**** 1PE.5:2, 3** *Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being **lords over God's heritage**, but being ensamples to the flock.*

REV.2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; **to him that overcometh** will I give to eat of **the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**** GEN.3:22, 23** *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, **lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:** Therefore, **the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.***

**** REV.22:2** *In the midst of the street of it, and **on either side of the river**, was there the **tree of life**, which bare **twelve manner of fruits**, and yielded her fruit **every month:** and **the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.***





When God gave Adam the job of keeping the garden and tending it, Adam was going to live forever—he could have lived forever if he'd eaten of the tree of life! He didn't forbid them to eat from the Tree of Life, think of that, He only forbade them to eat from the Tree of Education, the Knowledge of good and evil. They could have eaten from the Tree of Life and lived forever!

But because they sinned, disobeyed and ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil, then He had to remove the Tree of Life from the Garden so they wouldn't live forever and do any more damage. Just think if wicked unregenerate cruel man had immortality, look how much damage he could do!

REV.2:8 And unto the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write; these things saith the first and the last, **which was dead, and is alive;**

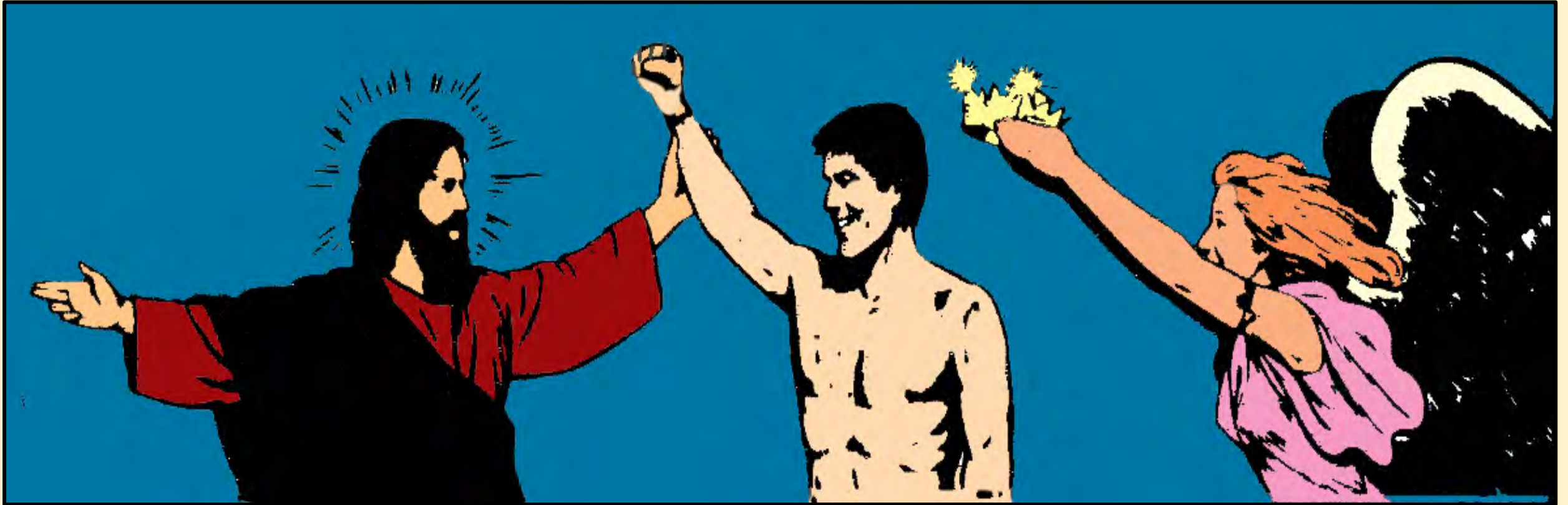
REV.2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. **A real believer may be poor materially, but the Lord indicates that, spiritually, he is rich.**

**** REV.3:17, 18** Because *thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich...*



**** LUK.12:21** So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is **not rich toward God**.

**** ROM.2:28, 29** For **he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly... (JOHN.8:44)



REV.2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful** unto death, and I will give thee a **crown of life**.

**** JAM.1:12** Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the **crown of life**, which the **Lord hath promised to them that love him**.



But remember, these crowns have nothing to do with your salvation! Rewards are something you work for and earn by your faithfulness, your diligence, your hard work and soul-winning! A lot of people get confused by the Bible verses on rewards and crowns and apply them to Salvation, thinking they've got to work for their salvation. --But you can't work for your salvation! --It is a free gift of God! (See *Eph.2:8, 9; Tit.3:5; Mt.16:27; Rev.22:12.*)

We don't earn salvation; we can't work for salvation—it's a gift! But we can work for rewards and we can earn special praise and special commendation from the Lord! A special, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!*" (*Mt.25:21.*)



He says that some He'll make rulers over one city, some over a few cities, and some over many cities! *"For he that is faithful in that which is least is also faithful in that which is much."* (Lk.19:17; 16:10) So although your works in this life aren't going to help you get into Heaven, they'll have a great deal to do with your reward, the way you shine, a great deal to do with your position once you're there. So *"be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life!"*

REV.2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh **shall not be hurt of the second death.**

If you are born twice, first time physically, second time spiritually—you will only die once! Because you will only die the physical death once and your spirit will never die, because Jesus died in that torment so your spirit would not have to die. But He says for the sinners, the one who does not receive Jesus and his sins are not forgiven, that in the end of the world they are going to be raised from the dead at the Last Judgment and judged according to their works, some in the Lake of Fire and some are going to be living outside the Heavenly City.

"And this is the second death!" (Rev.20:14.) Why? Because they were only born once and they never got saved, they never received Jesus, they were never born again. When you receive Jesus, this is a new birth for your spirit, you're a new inner man. So, if you're born twice, you only die once--death to the body but the spirit is free, the spirit doesn't die. But if you're only born once and you're not born again, you die twice! One for the body and one for the spirit!

So that's what Jesus was doing on the cross when He died for us: He not only died in the body but He suffered even the feeling that the sinner has in the death of the spirit. Now what this death is of the spirit we don't really know, Jesus calls it Hell, for some, like fire! It's a terrible, terrible thing whatever it is, some kind of suffering for your sins. After all, if you don't believe in Jesus' suffering for your sins, then you have to suffer for your own sins.



You don't have to be hurt of the second death. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)



Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Chapter 2 part 2

verses 12-29

Letters to the Churches in

Pergamos and Thyatira

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Pergamos was a church faithful to the name of Christ, even unto martyrdom but sometimes tolerant of false teachers.

REV.2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'these things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword (He.4:12):

REV.2:13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and **did not deny My faith** even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.



**** LUK.4:5, 6** Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him **all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.**



El ángel de Jehová enfrenta a Balaam.

REV.2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold **the doctrine of Balaam**, who taught **Balac** to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Balaam knew God and carried out his commands, but he was an evil man, driven by money rather than the love of God. The angel threatened Balaam because Balaam was obeying God in his actions, but in his heart he was rebelling, thinking only of the bribe.

****JUD.1:11** *Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after **the error of Balaam for reward**, and perished in the **gainsaying** of Core.*

Numbers 31:16 reveals that Balaam enticed the Israelites to turn from God and worship idols:

**** Nu. 31:16** *“They were the ones who followed **Balaam’s advice** and were the means of **turning the Israelites away from the LORD** in what happened at Peor, so that a plague struck the LORD’s people.*

Balaam, the son of Beor, was from Pethor in Mesopotamia (*Deut.23:4*). He was a very influential sorcerer who, although aware of the true God, made his services available on a freelance basis. Near the end of their Wilderness Journey, as the Israelites under Moses were advancing north into Moab, King Balak of Moab sent



messengers to Balaam to hire him and to get him to put a curse on the Israelites. (*Num.22-24*) The Lord however appeared to Balaam and warned him not to do it. King Balak then sent other messengers to Balaam with an offer of great riches if he

would curse the Israelites. This time The Lord allowed Balaam to go with them to Moab, but on the condition that he do only what The Lord told him. Then came the famous incident with Balaam's talking donkey on the journey to Moab. Centuries later, Peter referred to the incident:

**** 2PE.2:15** *which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who **loved the wages** of unrighteousness;*

When Balaam arrived in Moab, King Balak greeted him, but Balaam warned the king that he could only say what God allowed him. King Balak's strategy was about to backfire. Balaam's prophecies then followed, all of which blessed the Israelites instead of cursing them. By the time that he was done, the Holy Spirit had caused Balaam to speak a rich blessing upon Israel.

Despite that he should by then have known better, although he could not directly curse the Israelites, He later on still advised King Balak how to tempt the Israelites into disobeying God:

"Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice immorality". (Rev.2:14) Balaam was killed in a later battle between Israel and the Midianites.



REV.2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, **which thing I hate.**

REV.2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with **the sword of my mouth (His Word).**

REV.2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh **will I give to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give him a **white stone**, and in the stone a **new name** written, which no man `knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

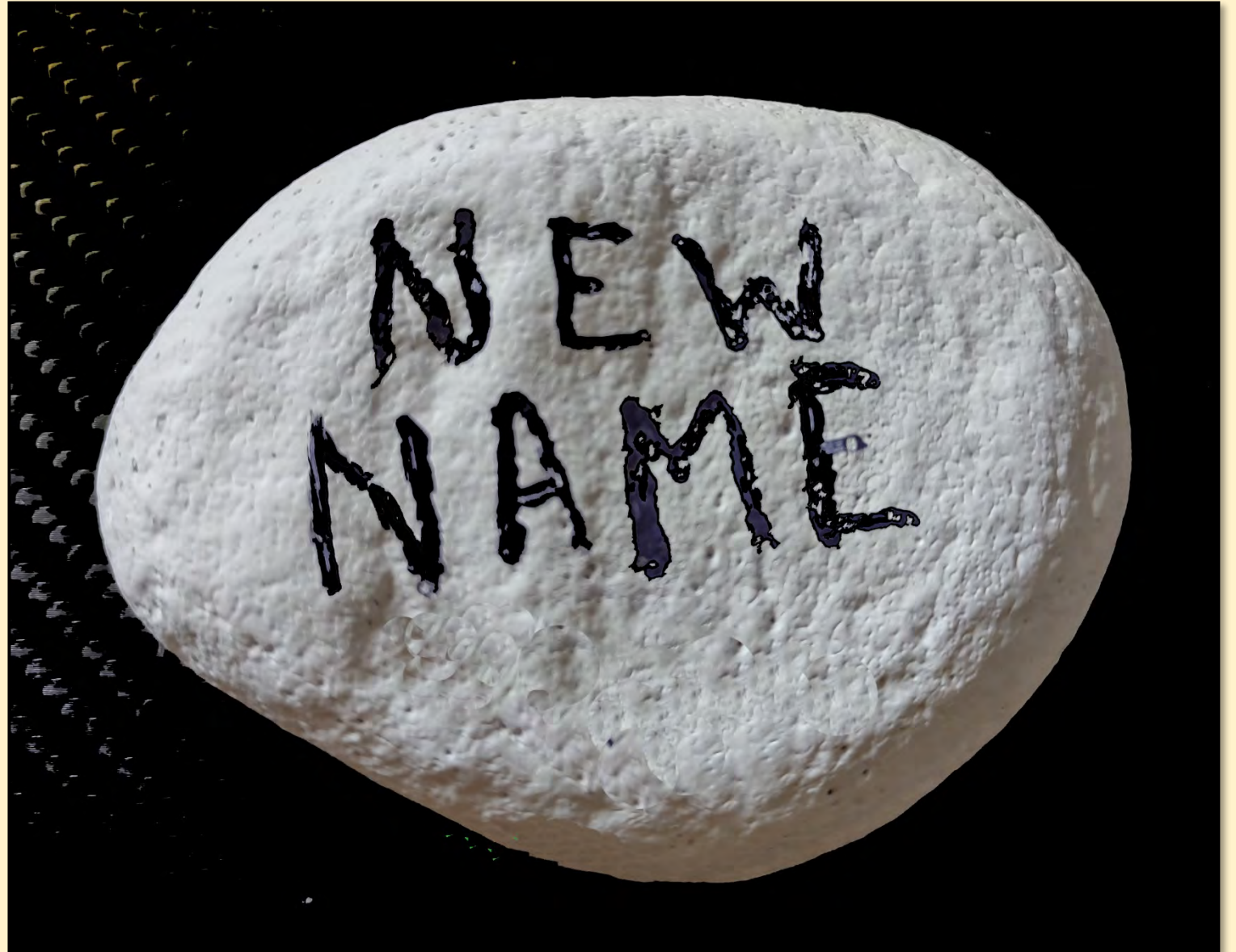
Most Bible scholars readily agree that this 'hidden manna' is Jesus Himself.

****Jn.6:32,33,35a** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven, but My Father giveth you **the true bread from heaven**. For the bread of heaven is He which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world...**I am the bread of life.***



The second gift spoken of in this verse, is the white stone with our new name. Apparently, various ancient cultures, to this day, still practice the giving of a small stone to someone whom they highly value as a lasting friend. It is a custom that shows heartfelt honor, respect and gratitude towards another person. It is likely that such was the custom in parts of Asia at the time of John's writing to the seven churches.

The Scottish author George Macdonald explained it this way:
“The giving of the white stone with the new name is the communication of what God thinks about the man...The true name is one which expresses the character, the nature, the meaning of the person who bears it. It is the man's own symbol—his soul's picture, in a word—the sign which belongs to him and to no one else. Who can give a man this, his own name? God alone. For no one but God sees what the man is...”





The church in Thyatira had some good qualities. They were distinguished for their *“love and service, and faith, and patience.”* **They were increasing in zeal, “their last works to be more than the first” just the opposite of Ephesus, which had lost its first love. But like Pergamos, they were open-minded of false teachers.**

REV.2:18 And unto the angel of the church in **Thyatira** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

REV.2:19 **I know** thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

REV.2:20 Notwithstanding **I have a few things against thee**, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, **to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication**, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. (1Kg. 16; 2Kg. 9)

REV.2:21 And **I gave her space to repent** of her **fornication**; and she repented not.

REV.2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit **adultery** with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

REV.2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: **and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

Although Jesus condemned physical adultery, the Lord and the prophets condemned spiritual adultery as the worst of all! --The wickedness of spiritually committing adultery with the Devil and his idols and materialism!





The Lord says, "I am broken with their whorish heart which hath departed from Me, and with their eyes, which go awhoring after their idols! Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of this world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God!" (Eze.6:9; Jam.4:4). (Also Psa.106:39; Eze.20:30-32; Jer.3:6-10.)

The Lord even depicts the world materialistic System as "the great whore with whom the kings of the Earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the Earth are made drunk with the wine of her fornication!" (Rev.17:1-2). Spiritual adultery and fornication with the idolatrous and whorish System of this world is an abomination that most people never even give a second thought about.



You'd better watch out that you're not guilty of spiritual adultery also. You say, "*What is spiritual adultery?*" It's running around and loving the things and the material of this world when you're supposed to be the Bride of Christ! You can even do that walking through a shopping center if you don't watch your mind and your step! What do people worship today? Do they actually still worship the idols of ancient days? Some people do in some countries. But what have you seen people worship mostly in this supposed advanced civilization? Car, money, latest gadgets etc.

Ours is a high calling, the highest calling, to be His servants in an adulterous and wicked generation. What is their adultery? Their adultery is that they have gone awhoring after other gods, and they have neglected their first Husband [the Lord], and gone after the rudiments of the world. This is what the Lord is telling us here what He considers real adultery! --That some of God's children have left Him, the One Who is supposed to be their First Love, and put many other gods before Him!

REV.2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in **Thyatira**, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

REV.2:25 But that which ye have already **hold fast till I come**.

REV.2:26 And **he that overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him **will I give power over the nations**:

REV.2:27 and **he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers**: even as I received of my Father.

**** DAN.7:18** *But **the saints** of the most High shall **take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom** for ever, even for ever and ever.*

**** PSA.2:8, 9** *Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt **break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel**.*





**** DAN.2:44** *And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it **shall break in pieces** and consume all these kingdoms, **and it shall stand for ever.***

Every day, millions of Christians all over the world pray, "**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven!**" But do most of us really appreciate the tremendousness of that statement in the Lord's Prayer and how literally it is going to come true and be fulfilled? It's actually going to be like Heaven, Heaven on Earth, with God's Will being done and His Kingdom come--on Earth as it is in Heaven!

And we will be His officers, enforcing His Will as we rule and reign over the Earth with Him! We will return with the Lord, triumphant, after the days of wrath and the battle of Armageddon in which He wipes out the Antichrist and his kingdom and restores the whole Earth--something the Antichrist tried to do but couldn't. Then there will be genuine peace on Earth and good will toward men throughout the World, and ***"righteousness shall cover the Earth as the waters cover the seas!" (Isa.11:9)***

How do the waters cover the seas? -- Completely! So, the World will be completely covered with the righteous Kingdom of Jesus Christ! Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ is going to set up His throne in Jerusalem and make it His capital. ***"He shall rule the nations,"*** it says, ***"with a rod of iron!"*** It's going to be an enforced rule, a strong iron absolute rule over the wicked. It has to be, otherwise the wicked would never obey. Everyone will be compelled to obey whether they like it or not!-- Absolutely no freedom of wicked man and no more wicked governments and wicked rulers in a wicked World--but a completely total rule of the righteous with Jesus Christ as King!





REV.2:28 And I will give him **the morning star**.

**** REV.22:16** *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and **the bright and morning star**.*

REV.2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

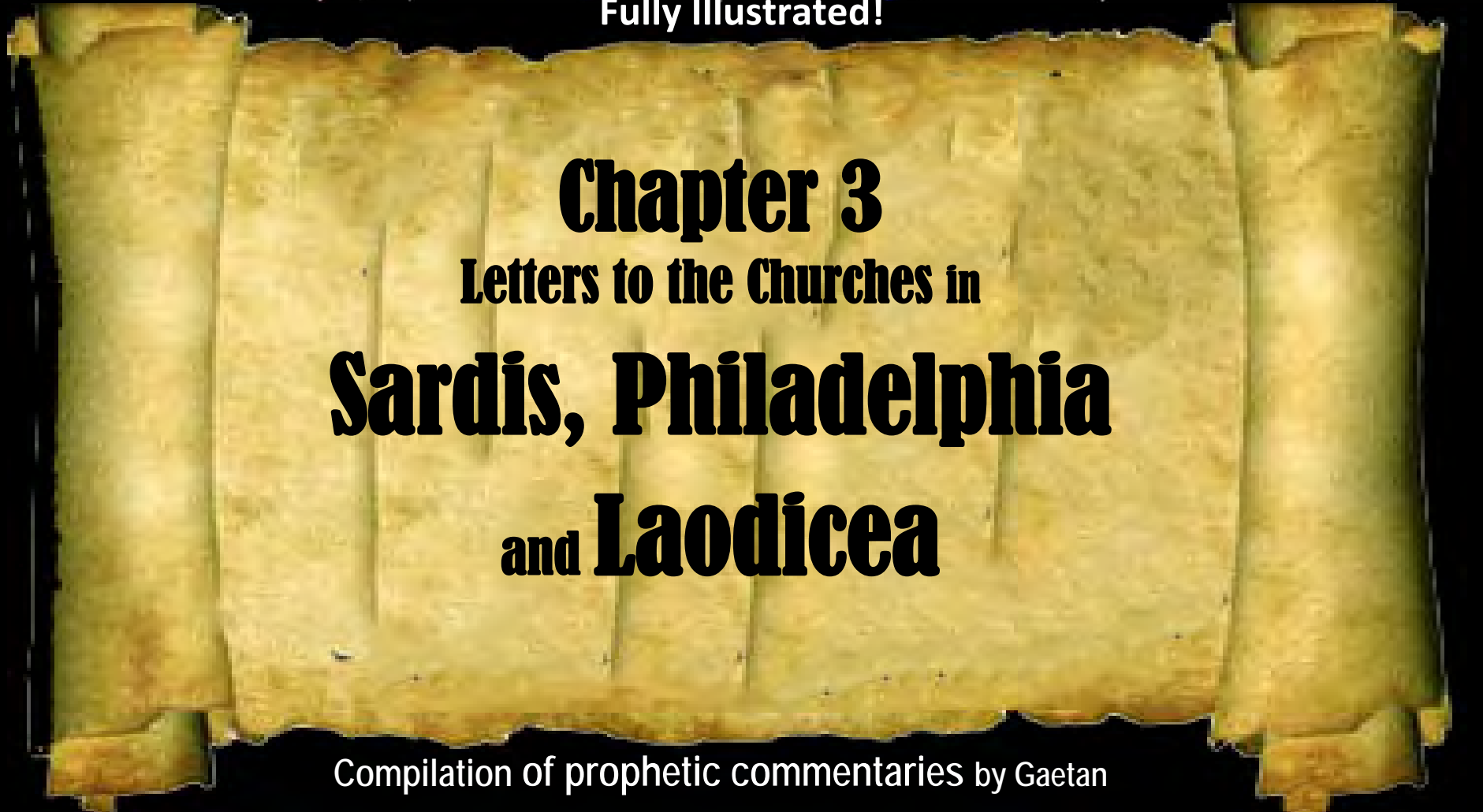
You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9). Please say this simple prayer: "Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Chapter 3

Letters to the Churches in

Sardis, Philadelphia

and **Laodicea**

Compilation of prophetic commentaries by Gaetan

Sardis, the “**dead**” church, alive in name only. In Roman times, she was a rich and famous city. Its conversion to Christ, though largely nominal, seems to have made a profound impression on the region.

REV.3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things says he that hath the **seven Spirits of God**, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

**** Eph.2:1** And you *hath* he quickened, who were **dead** in trespasses and sins.

REV.3:2 be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have **not found thy works perfect before God**.

**** 2CH.25:2** and he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but **not with a perfect heart**.



REV.3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not **watch**, I will come on thee **as a thief**, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

**** 1TH.5:4** *but ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a **thief**. Ye are all the **children of light**, and the **children of the day**: we **are not of the night**, nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch** and be sober.*

REV.3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled **their garments**; and they shall walk with me in **white**: for they are worthy.

Jesus inserts a warning here to you and me and anyone who wants to escape these horrors: "Watch out, I come as a thief! --You'd better be ready for the Rapture, the Resurrection, when I come before all this, if you want to escape all this Hell!" And He says you're to watch and keep your garments. --What garments are these? --That suit, coat and tie you're wearing? --That lovely dress you're wearing? --Of course not! He's talking about the **"robe of righteousness and the garments of Salvation"** (Is.61:10), not natural clothing! He says, **"lest ye be found naked"**. That means lest you be found without His Salvation, without His robes of righteousness, without being saved!



(See also Zech.3:4; Mt.22:10-13; Rev.3:5, 18; 19:8.)

REV.3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in **white raiment**; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but **I will confess his name before my Father**, and before his angels.

**** MAT.10:32** *Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him **will I confess also before my Father** which is in heaven.*

QUESTION: Is it saying that those who are not overcomers will have their name blotted out of the book of Life? This verse has troubled me for years. It also talks of overcomers not being hurt of the second death ... the lake of fire. What is "**overcoming**"? Just keeping your faith in Christ as your only hope ... or a process of good works?

ANSWER: *Eph.2:8-9 still stands: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

You can't earn or work for your Salvation! It's a free gift that you receive by faith! --So how can you lose it? --You only earn or work for rewards--special added blessings or honors above and beyond your salvation--of which rewards there'll be all kinds of degrees, levels and/or classes! --In fact, this very Scripture promises you'll never be blotted out! You already have overcome Satan through Christ! (*Jn.1:12; 3:16; 5:24, 17:3; Ro.3:23; 6:23; Ti.3:5; He.7:25*)



REV.3:6 He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit says** unto the churches.

Next is Philadelphia, a humble but faithful church, content to exemplify the life of Jesus in the midst of a pagan and corrupt society. **Lovers of God's Word**, and intent on keeping it. Greatly beloved of the Lord. Not a word of reproof.

REV.3:7 And to the angel of the church in **Philadelphia** write; These things says he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the **key of David**, he that **openeth**, and **no man shutteth**; and **shutteth**, and **no man openeth**;

**** ISA.22:22** *And the key of the **house of David** will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open,*

and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

REV.3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an **open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou **hast a little strength**, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

**** COL.4:3** *...praying also for us, that God would **open unto us a door** of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ...*

When I Am Weak, Then I Am Strong

Power perfected in weakness.

**** 2CO.12:10** *Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for **when I am weak, then am I strong.***

REV.3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, **which say they are Jews, and are not,** but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

**** ROM.2:28, 29** *for he is **not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter...*

**** ACT.14:2** *but **the unbelieving Jews** stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren. (Act. 13:50; 14:5, 19; 17:5)*





REV.3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I **also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world**, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

**** MAR.13:19** *for in **those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation** which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

**** DAN.12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be **a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

How will the Lord keep us “from the hour of temptation” -- meaning the period of the great tribulation? Let’s take the example of Israel in the Land of Goshen (Ex.7-11) during the plagues of Egypt at the time of Moses: Israel was protected and was not affected by any of the plagues at all.

There was light in the Land of Goshen, there were no locusts, no diseases, no plagues in Goshen at all. The plagues only affected their persecutors.



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

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The thing that Israel was suffering was the persecution of man, not being persecuted by God. The Egyptians were being persecuted by God.

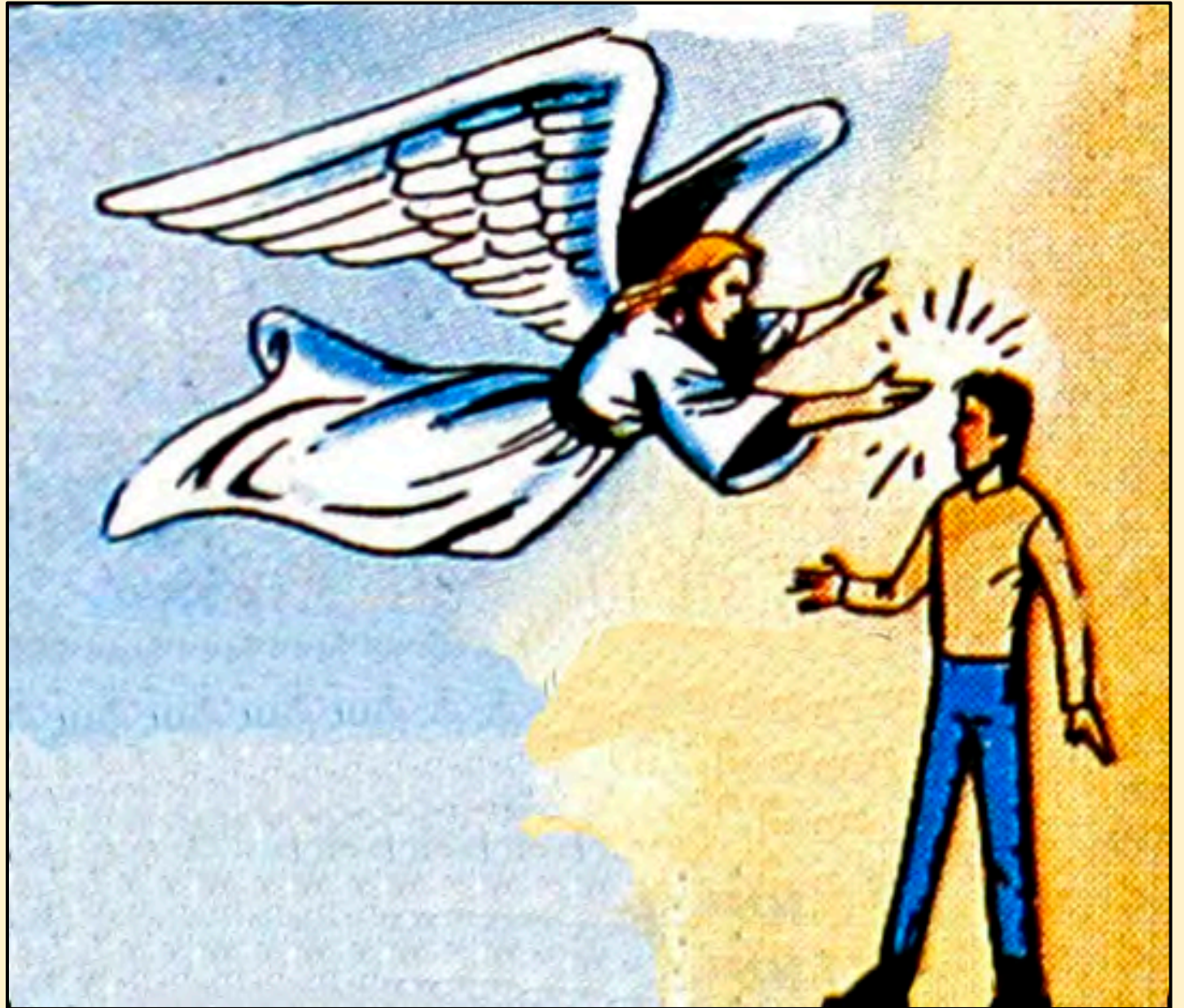
From all the sound of the whole description of the things that are going on during the Tribulation, although the church is being persecuted by the Antichrist government, the Antichrist world is suffering horrible plagues, curses and all kinds of horrors which God's Word definitely says will not touch the people who have the Seal of God in their forehead! (**Rev.7:3**) So we think that's what the escape means when Jesus said that you'll be counted worthy to escape all these things that befall them:

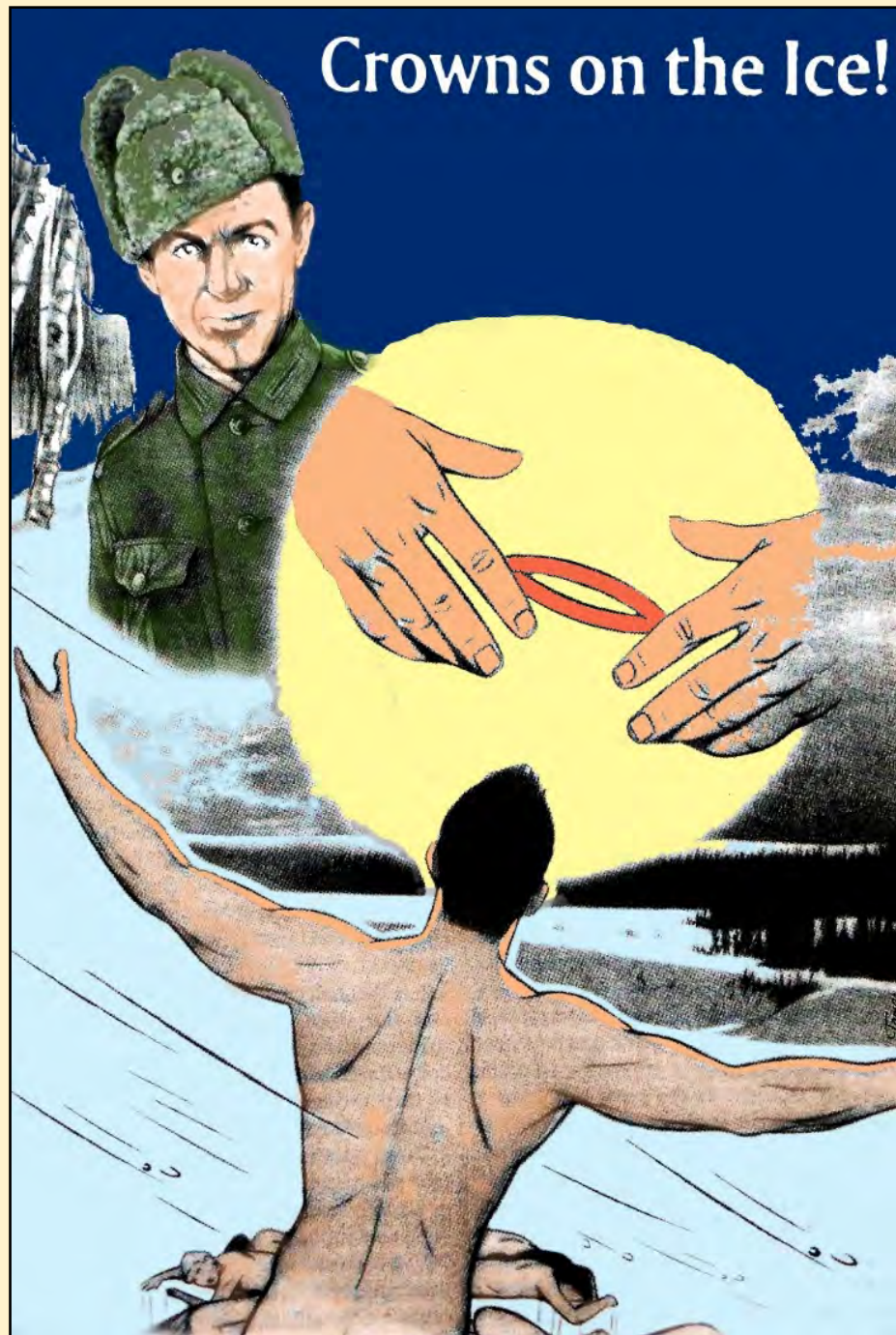
“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Lu.21:36)

We don't think any of those diseases are going to affect us, none of those plagues, none of those horrors described in the Tribulation, none of them! The only thing that we have to suffer is the persecution of the Antichrist and his Mark of the Beast people. We will be suffering their persecution, but God will see to it that they are suffering His retribution. And He says definitely in the opening passage about the horrors of the Tribulation: first wait until we seal the people of God, don't touch them, so that they'll not be touched by all these horrors that God is going to send on the Antichrist system! We will be free of all those horrible things.

**** REV.7:3** *Saying, **hurt not** the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed** the servants of our God_in their foreheads.*

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





It was supposed to have happened in communist Russia during the early days when they were persecuting the Christians so badly. They put this bunch of Christians out on the ice naked to die because they wouldn't renounce their faith. The guards told them if any of them wanted to save themselves, all they had to do was run back to the guards and renounce their faith and they wouldn't have to die. So, they all froze and dropped one by one, till this last fellow finally couldn't take it. He saw all these other people dying and he was left alone, the last one, so he ran screaming across the ice toward the guards and said he couldn't stand it any longer, he'd deny his faith. But suddenly one soldier said, *"Here, quick, take my uniform, take my gun, put them on! I'm going out there to die in your place! I was standing here watching and as each one dropped, I saw a crown placed on his head! But just as the hand was coming down from Heaven to place a crown on your head you ran! So here, take my uniform, my gun! I want to take your place! --I want that crown!"* So praise the Lord! Do you want a crown? There's no crown without a cross, no testimony without a test no triumph without a trial, no victory without a battle, no rose without a thorn! Praise God, that's what you joined the army for--to fight and to win!

**** REV.2:10** ...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a **crown of life**.

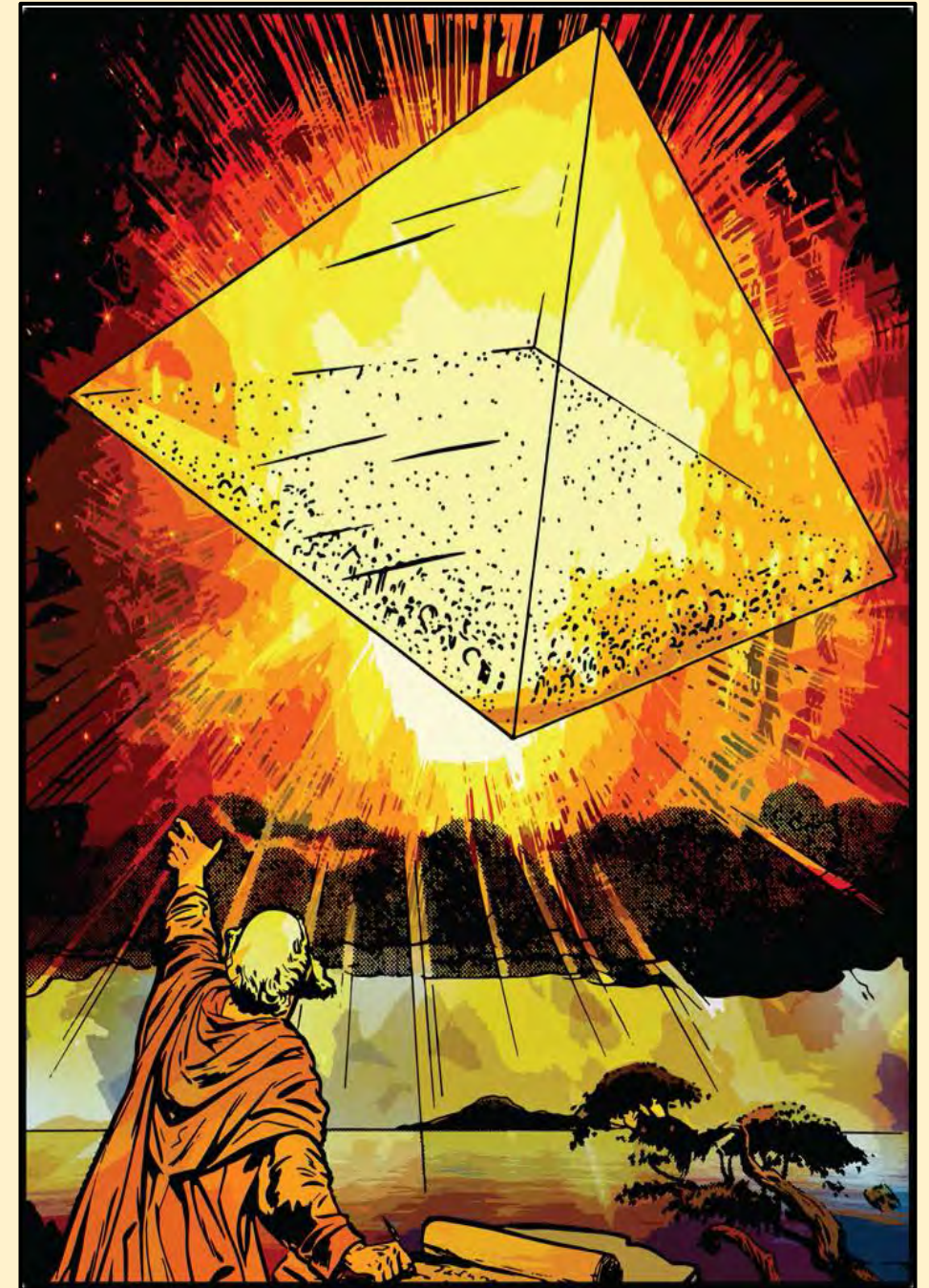
Losing your crown does not mean losing your salvation at all! Your salvation is not your crown, salvation is your gift from God! You don't work for that or earn that at all! But your crown is your reward. Somehow or another you could lose some reward of some kind of glory. "They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars," but some shall be raised to everlasting shame and contempt! (Dan.12:2, 3)

REV.3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will **write upon him the name of my God**, and the name of the **city of my God, which is new Jerusalem**, which **cometh down out of heaven** from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

**** REV.14:1** And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having **his Father's name written in their foreheads**.

**** REV.21:2** And I John saw **the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (see also 1CO.2:9)

REV.3:13 He that hath an ear, **let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches.



REV.3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the **Laodiceans** write; these things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

The **lukewarm** Church, **Laodicea** was a banking center, proud of its wealth and beautified with resplendent temples and theatres. It was noted for its making of rich garments of black glossy wool.

REV.3:15 I know thy works, that thou art **neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold or hot.

REV.3:16 So then because thou art **lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

When it comes to zeal for Jesus then nothing but extreme will satisfy Him. Like Demas who served with Paul and Barnabas, but then when the battle got hot he went back, and Paul said, "*Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present World*" (2Tim.4:10). The Lord can't stomach people like that! He hates to see people's backs! (Heb.10:38). They make Him sick at His stomach!



He said, "*I wish you were hot or cold*", in other words, I would you were a saved Christian on fire and witnessing, burning for Christ, or a cold, unsaved sinner that never heard the Gospel rather than to be lukewarm! I cannot stand, says Christ, people that try to take a middle position. I wish you were cold, not pretending to be a believer, or else I wish you were boiling hot, not in the middle—neither hot nor cold. I cannot stand it, says the Lord.

REV.3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

**** REV.2:9** I know thy works, and tribulation, **and poverty, (but thou art rich)** ...

**** LUK.12:21** so is he that layeth up treasure for himself, **and is not rich toward God.**

Material possession has its place, but true wealth is from knowing and loving God.





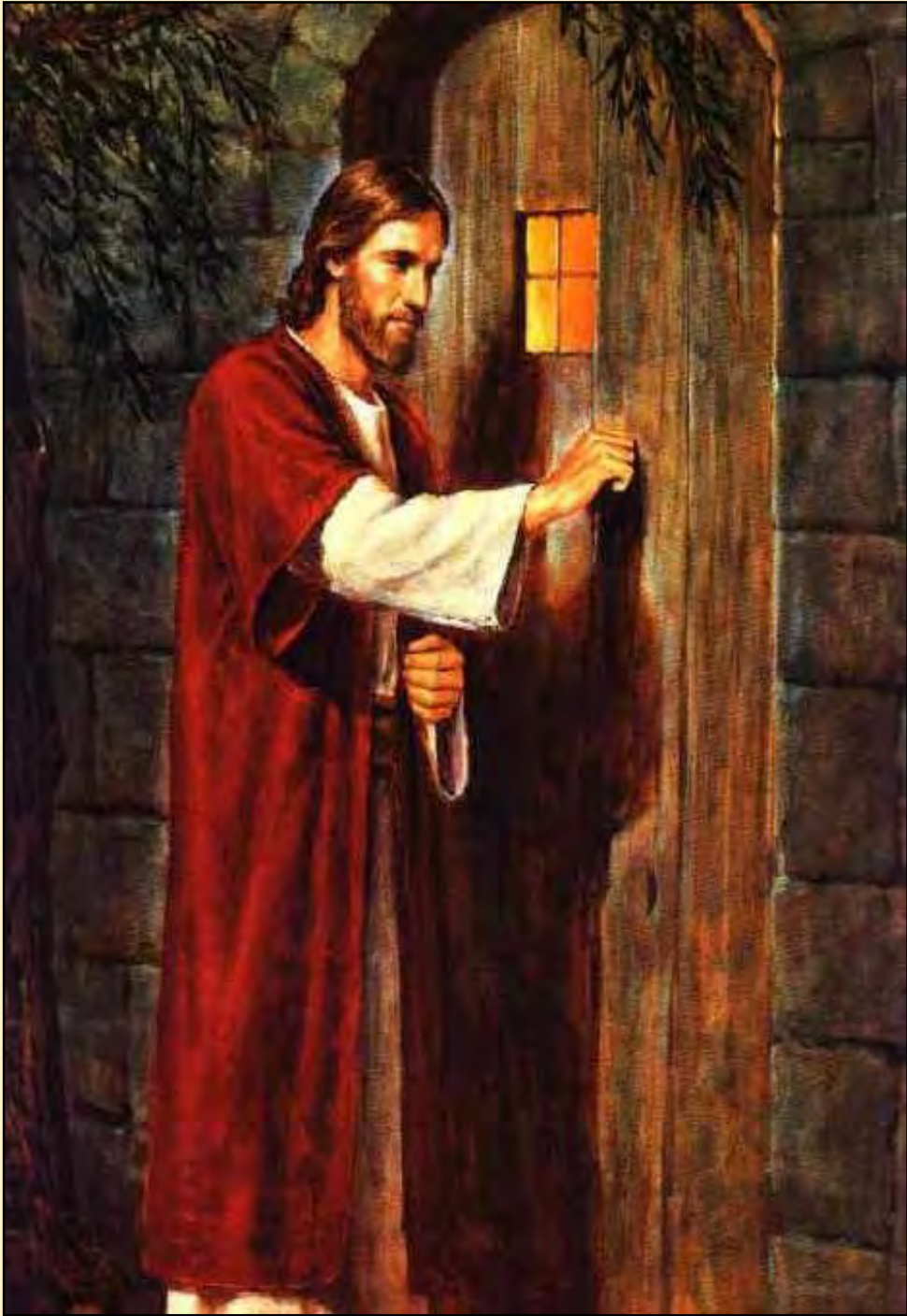
*chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: For **whom the LORD loveth he correcteth**; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.*

REV.3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me **gold tried in the fire**, that thou **mayest be rich**; and **white raiment**, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

God tests our faith to see if it is real 'gold' faith and we'll still believe and obey Him no matter what happens! Real gold--no matter how hot the test or how long it lasts--will still come out gold--even finer gold! Because the fire burns all the dross and the impurities away! --If it doesn't go through the fire, it's not faith. If it doesn't come out as pure gold, it's not faith! Because real faith stands the test whatever it may be!

REV.3:19 as many **as I love, I rebuke and chasten**: be zealous therefore, and repent.

**** PRO.3:11, 12** *My son, despise not the*



REV.3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Salvation is so powerful, but God will not force it on you. His Love is all-powerful, but He won't make you receive it. Jesus knocks at the door; He doesn't kick it in! He could break it down or pulverize it with one look, but He refuses to force His way into your heart. He simply asks to come in and you have to invite Him. That is the limitation He has set and the condition He requires. You have to let Him come in, but if you won't invite Him willingly, He won't force His way in.

So please take Him now! He wants to save you, but He can't do it unless you want Him to. You have to ask Him to come in. Gentle Jesus stands there, meek and mild, in loving patience, perhaps has been for years, waiting at your heart's door.

REV.3:21 to him that overcometh will I grant **to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.



**** MAT.19:28** *And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne** of his glory, **ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Jesus has sat down with His Father on His Father's throne and we're going to sit down with Jesus on His throne when His Kingdom comes! It means we're going to have thrones of power like Jesus! Anywhere in the World all through history there have been thrones and who was it that sat on them? —Emperors, kings and Caesars. God is the King of everything and He's got a very mighty throne, and Jesus has sat down with Him on His throne, meaning He shares that power! The throne is a symbol of power, and He has sat down on the right hand of the Father on His throne, the right hand usually meaning the powerful hand with most people

REV.3:22 He that hath an ear, **let him hear what the Spirit saith** unto the churches.

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The Throne Scene

Revelation Chapter 4 The Throne Scene

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REV.4:1 After this I looked, and behold, **a door was opened in heaven:** and the first voice which I heard **was as it were of a trumpet** talking with me; which said, **come up** hither, and I will show thee **things which must be hereafter.**

In chapter 1 we found out that Jesus had a voice *"as a trumpet"* (1:10), so this is Jesus talking to John. Some scholars have actually interpreted this verse as the resurrection and rapture of the church but it isn't. It is simply Jesus telling John, not the whole church, to come up so that He can show him the things which must be *"hereafter."* So far the Revelation has dealt only with *"the things which are,"* or were in John's day; but now Jesus tells John He is going to show him the future.

John was *"in the Spirit"* or tuned-in to God's Spirit, but here the Lord tells John to *"come up"* into the realm of the Spirit World to literally take a spirit trip into that mysterious dimension of eternal realities, so that John could get the whole view of that little island called time and see its future!

REV.4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

REV.4:3 and he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: (like diamonds, etc. In other words, the Lord glows like a diamond!) and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

A green emerald rainbow--think of that! Beautiful! The rainbow is a reminder of the promise of mercy given to Noah (*Genesis 10:13*).





REV.4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw **four and twenty elders** sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads **crowns of gold**.

These are elders, a term that speaks of comparative age. It seems inescapable that they must be human. Could that be so? Would God Almighty share his throne with humans? Well, yes, of course he would. (*Dan.7:27; Mt.19:28; Luk.22:30*)

These two chapters, the fourth and fifth chapters, are what we call the Throne Scene. You never saw the like before! And He caught John up into that place to see some of God's scenery and He showed him into the Throne Room! These two whole chapters are about what happened in that Throne Room, and will give us a pretty good little introduction to what is about to occur, the time of His final judgements and rewards.

This description not only tells us how majestic it is, but it also tells us the nature of the government that stems from this throne, and that will bring us to appreciate the very character of the divine King who sits there enthroned.



REV.4:5 and out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings** and voices: and there were **seven lamps of fire** burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**.



If you notice in that fifth verse, it even capitalised the word "**Spirits**." The strict theologians say, "*Now wait a minute, there's only one Spirit of God; the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost.*" Well, right here it says there are seven Spirits of God! (*He. 12:9*)

But what is the point of these symbols? You have a torch, blazing with fire, to dispel the gloom and the darkness that are all around. The Holy Spirit is a spirit of light: the very opposite of darkness. (See *Eph.5:8*). Satan uses darkness, lies and deceptions. Not God; he rules by enlightening. He has brought us '*out of darkness into his most marvellous light*' (see *1 Pet 2:9*).

REV.4:6 and before the throne there was a **sea of glass like unto crystal**: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were **four beasts full of eyes** before and behind.



A **"sea of glass"** symbolising peacefulness lies before it. Have you ever been on the ocean when it is like glass, utterly still, with the light reflecting from its surface? That is maybe what we are **"seeing"** at this moment. All is at peace.

Some theologians have suggested that the sea of glass could be representing of the laver, a bronze basin in Old Testament worship, (**Ex.30:18-21; 38:8**). The washing symbolically represented cleansing of the sins. Before entering God's presence, the Levitical priests had to continually wash to ready themselves for the presence of God.

But Jesus Christ fulfilled all the Law when He died, and His people were cleansed once for all time by His blood shed on the cross.

(Mat.5:17) We no longer need a ritualistic washing with water to come before God **(He.1:3)**. Now we can **"approach the throne of grace with confidence"** being sure that we are acceptable to Him because we are spiritually clean. **(He.4:16)** Thank God for Salvation in Jesus.



REV.4:7 and the first beast was like **a lion**, and the second beast like **a calf**, and the third beast had a face as **a man**, and the fourth beast was like **a flying eagle**.

REV.4:8 and the **four beasts** had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And “in the midst of the throne...four beasts”, a lion, calf, flying eagle, and some strange beast with a man's head, “full of eyes before and behind.” We've never heard any of this explained to our satisfaction yet. Most of these things are just beyond our understanding. It was beyond John's for sure. He just described what it looked like and that was all he could do.

Therefore, we are not going to try to interpret this more than to say it is the throne of God. We'll probably just have to wait till we get there ourselves to find out who the twenty-four elders and the four beasts are.

It is interesting to note that the prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel also saw similar visions of God's throne and of beasts in heavenly places! There were even the four creatures, the four beasts of God around His throne! Now they were heavenly, they were God's beasts, but they were some kind of animals according to the prophets. They looked like animals to them! Maybe they are some kind of powerful creatures that God owns!

**** ISA.6:1-3** *In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the **LORD** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the **seraphims**: each one had **six wings**; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain **he did fly**. And one cried unto another, and said, **Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD** of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*



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**** EZE.1:1, 5, 10, 26, 28** Now it came to pass... that the **heavens were opened**, and I saw **visions of God**. Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of **four living creatures**... As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of **a man**, and the face of a **lion**, on the right side: and they four had the face of **an ox** on the left side; they four also had the face of an **eagle**... And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a **throne**, as the appearance of a sapphire stone... As the appearance of the



(rain)bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

It was a mark of distinction and power in the ancient courts of the ancient kings and queens to have huge chained lions or tigers around the throne, sort of symbolic that they had conquered creation, you know, and had conquered these huge beasts. When Solomon began to reign, he built himself a throne eventually. *(1 Kings 10:18–20)*



This was no ordinary throne: it was made of ivory, covered with gold etc. It was meant to impress anybody that came up to that throne, not merely with the wealth of it or the artistry of it; the lions were there to show something of the power of that king, so that people might come worthily to him, and in the right frame of mind.

REV.4:9 and when **those beasts give glory and honour and thanks** to him that sat on the throne, who **liveth for ever and ever**,

REV.4:10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and **cast their crowns before the throne**, saying,

REV.4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive **glory and honour and power**: for thou **hast created all things**, and **for thy pleasure** they are and were created.

In that tremendous heavenly throne scene, it appears like the main yearning of the 24 elders and the four living creatures or beasts is to be continually praising God, giving Him glory, honor and thanks! Of course, we're going to fall down before the Lord and cast our crowns before Him like the 24 elders! Every time we start praising the Lord, we're going to forget all about that crown and it's going to tumble off right at His feet. --When we bow down and give Him the glory, casting our crowns at His feet!

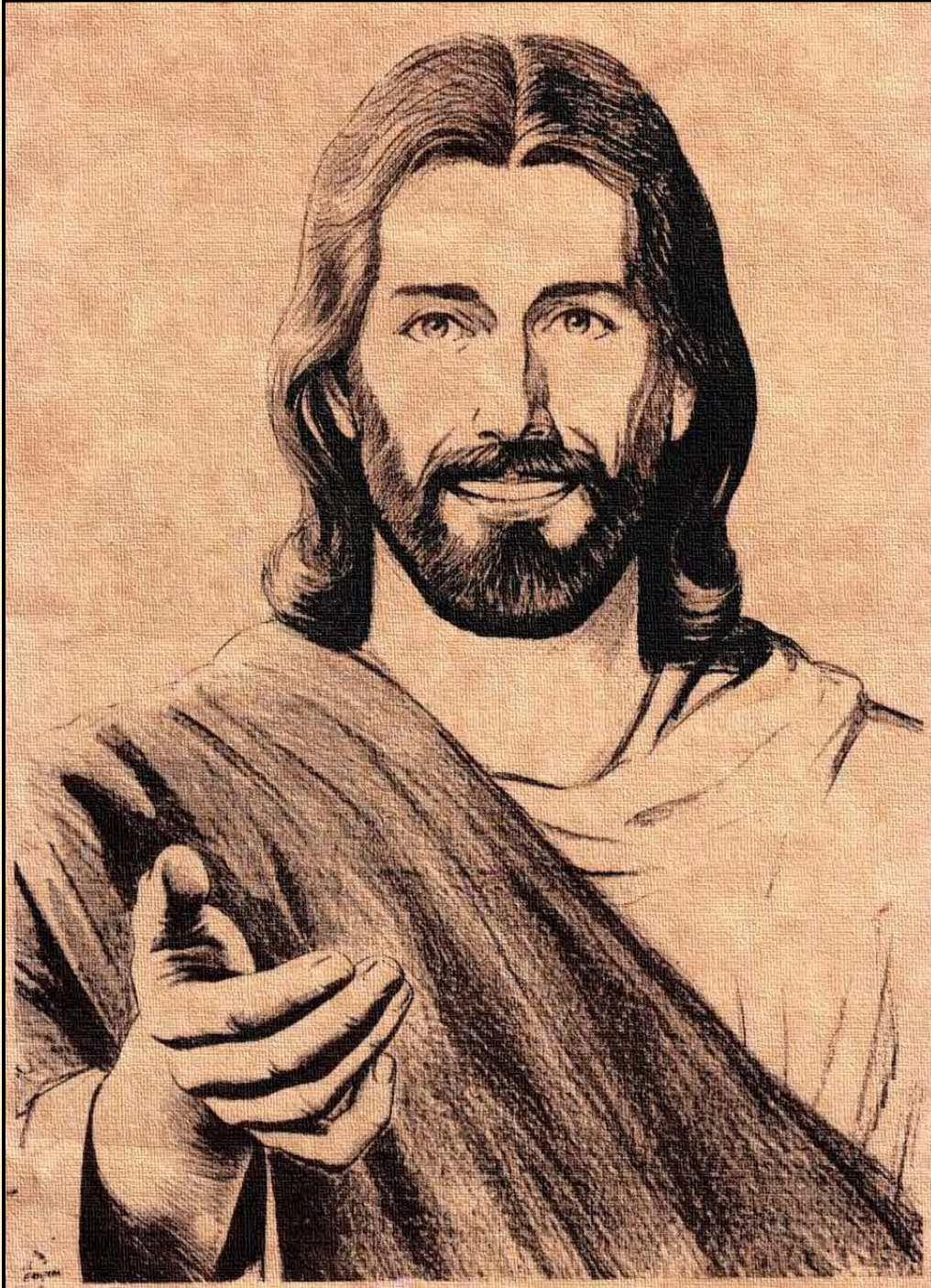


But anyhow, He gave it to us, so we'd better pick it up again and wear it, because that's the one He gave us. We wouldn't throw away a thing like that, would we? A bride doesn't throw away her ring if she still loves her husband, and that's sort of the ring He's going to give us! That's what's going to show what we have done for the Lord. Isn't that beautiful?



“And for thy pleasure they are and were created”. God created all things. That’s the very simple, but enormous statement in Genesis 1:1 ***“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”*** We only exist because God delights in giving us life. It is because of His ***“will”*** that we exist ***“and were created.”*** (Col.1:16) We are created for the Lord's pleasure! When you think of having pleasure, what do you think of? Yes, enjoyment, fun. And we delight in Him and enjoy Him. So that's not having a long face and being serious and sober all the time, but that's enjoying Him and His creation and the life He's given us, and that gives Him pleasure.

***** JOH.1:1, 3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.***



You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. If you haven't done it yet, please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REV.5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a **book** written within and on the backside, **sealed with seven seals**.



REV.5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, **who is worthy to open the book**, and to loose the seals thereof?

REV.5:3 And **no man** in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, **was able** to open the book, neither to look thereon.

REV.5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

REV.5:5 and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Juda**, the **Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Jesus is called the Lion of the Tribe of Judah as well as the Root of David!

**** GEN.49:9 *Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up...he couched as a lion...***

**** ISA.11:1 *and there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:***

**** REV.22:16 *I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star.***

REV.5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a **Lamb as it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent forth into all the earth.



REV.5:7 And he came and took **the book** out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

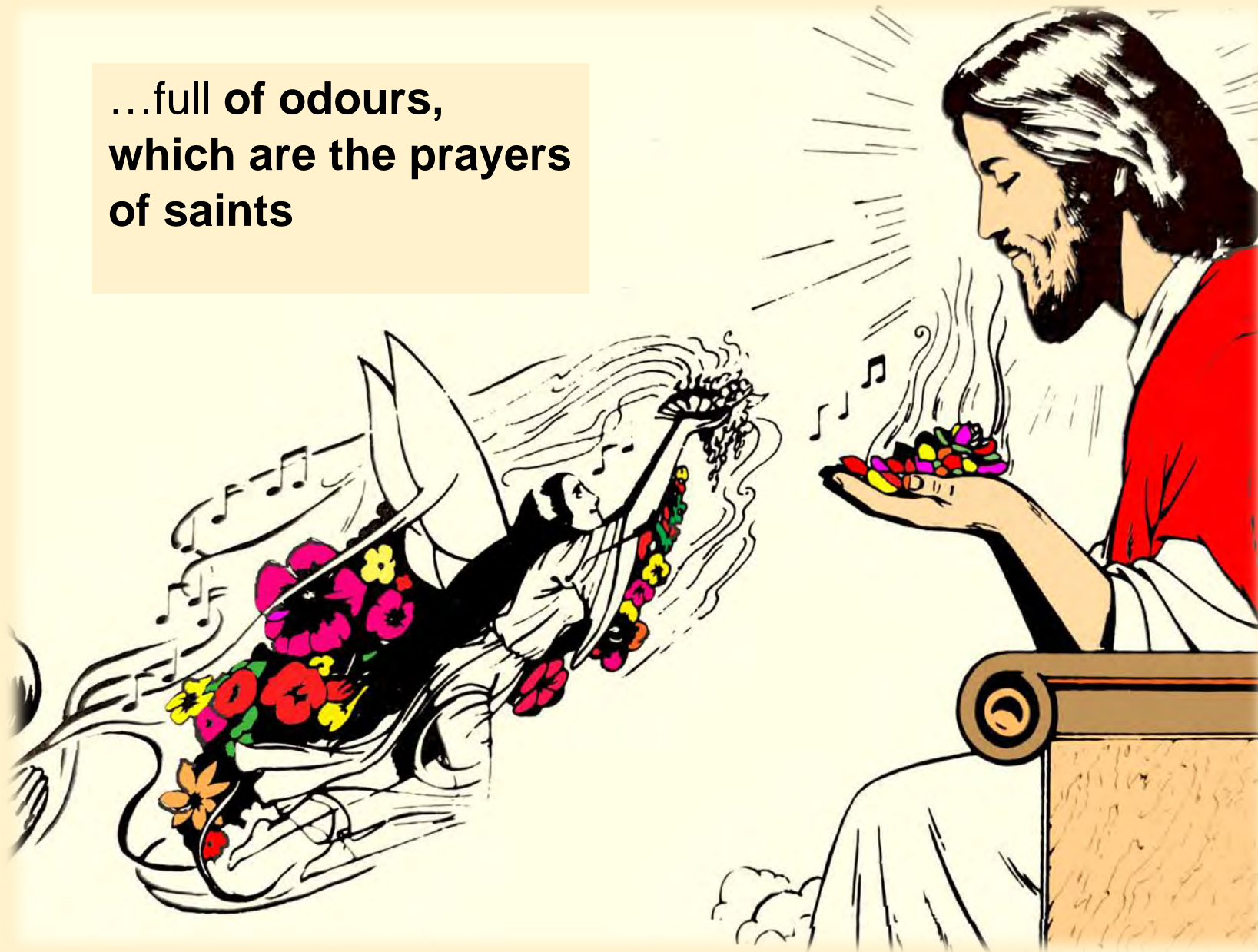
This is just a little bit of background to introduce the future, because when the Lord begins to open the seals of this book in the next chapter, the future begins to be revealed, the entire future of the world! The book is sealed and, except by prophecy, the future is in a sense sealed and the only one who can unseal it or reveal it is Jesus.

A very mysterious passage to some, but after all, when you understand who the Lamb is, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, then it's not difficult to understand.



And if you realise that this seven-sealed book--called book, actually a scroll--was actually the Book of the Future, the Book of the Revelation which God had promised to give to John, and

...full of odours,
which are the prayers
of saints



herein, in this marvellous throne scene, we find Jesus. When no other man could be found worthy to open the Book of Prophecy, only Jesus, the Lamb of God who was upon the throne was found worthy to open the Book.

REV.5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them **harps**, and golden vials full of **odours (incense)**, which are the prayers of saints.

**** PSA.141:2** Let my **prayer** be set forth before thee **as incense...**

REV.5:9 and they sung a new song, saying, thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for **thou was slain,** and **hast redeemed us** to God **by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;



Salvation is for all, anybody and everybody who receives and believes in Jesus, it doesn't matter your country or nationality.

**** EPH.1:7** *in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace...*

The “harps” of verse 8 speak of praise to our God, for we see all the creatures and elders burst into songs of praise before the Lamb of God. Those who sing at the moment of this verse, simply LOVE the Lord, and for a very good reason: Millions who would have been lost eternally through sin, have been **“redeemed”** (saved) by Jesus Christ, who became sin for us (2 Co.5:21) and gave His blood (was slain) that we might live. But not just that, there is something more:

REV.5:10 and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

The world is such a mess and there are such “*messers*” running it! It'll be a wonder the Lord and His people will ever be able to straighten things out in the Millennium, but we will, and there shall be a new world! The restoration of all things shall surely come, and we are in training for it; for one day we shall reign on the earth and share the government with Christ, according to His Word.

We shall rule and reign over the whole Earth, as His kings, queens and priests in the Kingdom of God that Christians pray for to come, as they pray every Lord's Prayer: *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven!"* And we give all the glory to Jesus, *"for Thine be the Kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever!"* (Mt.19:16-22; Mt.6:9-13)



REV.5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**



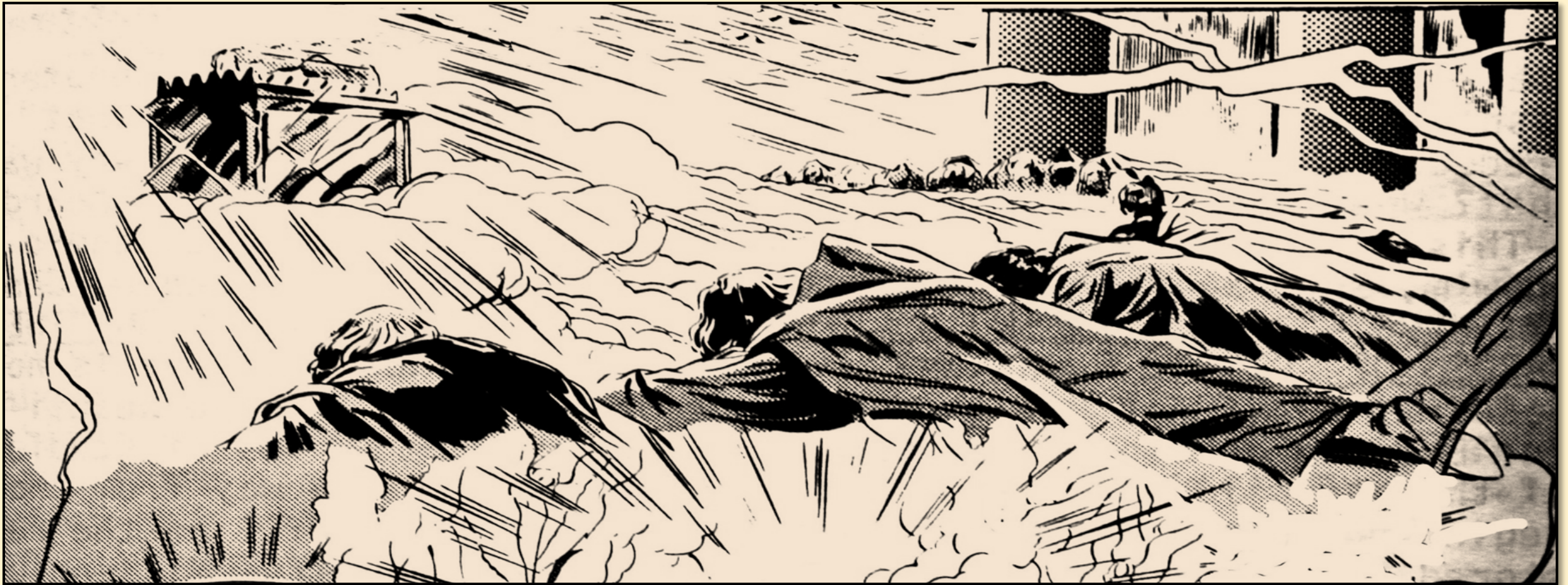
REV.5:12 saying with a loud voice, **worthy is the Lamb** that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

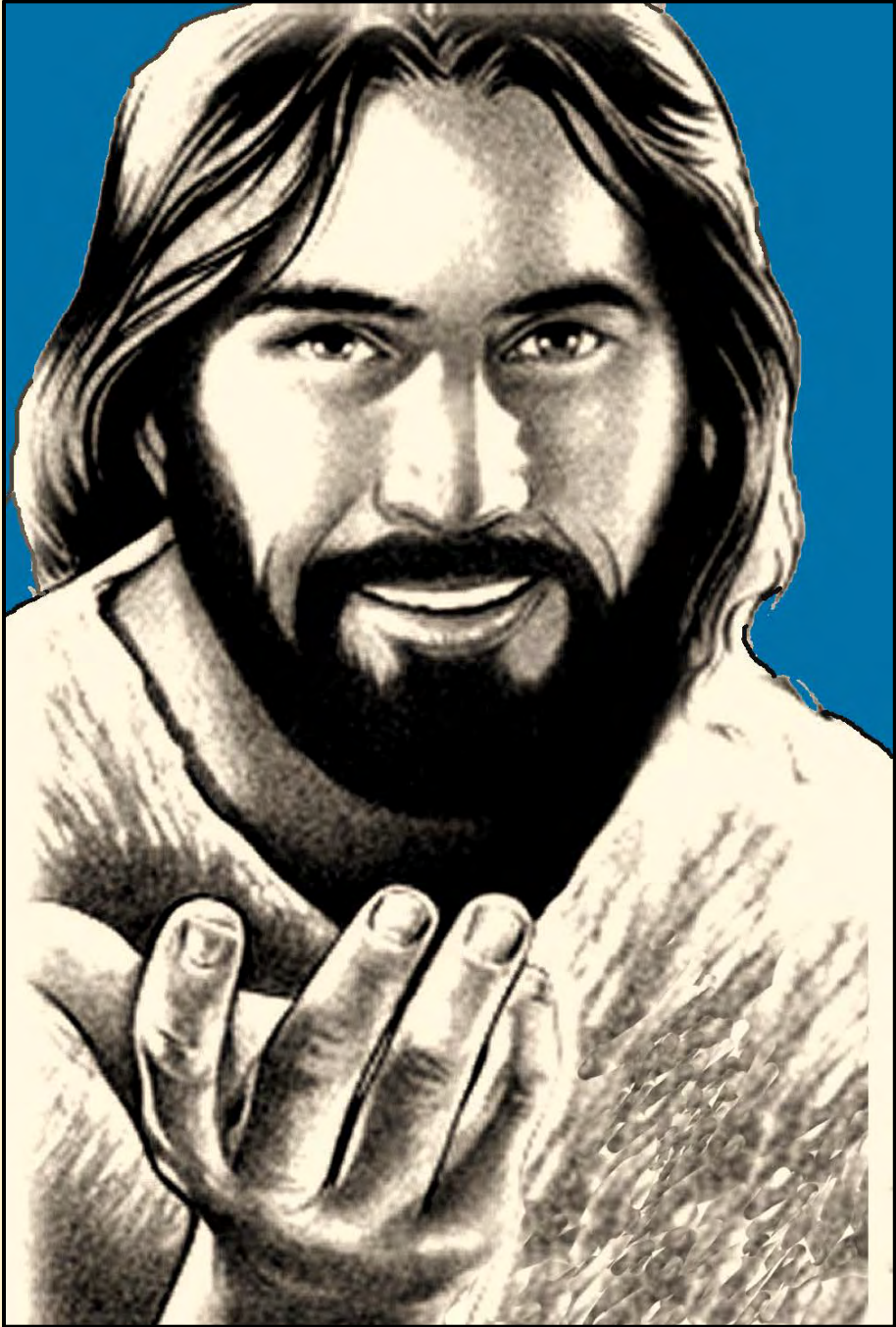
REV.5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, **Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb** for ever and ever.

REV.5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And **the four and twenty elders** fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

The phrase ***“thousands of thousands”*** represents a very large undefined number; the largest single number used in the Greek language. It is very likely there were millions or perhaps what we would consider an ***“infinite”*** number of beings present at that moment. In the center of them all, is the Lamb who has redeemed us to God by His blood. Those present are addressing and worshiping the Lamb, Jesus Christ. He is the center of all that is.

What is the center of your life? Is it your work? Something to do with athletics? Your health? Another person? Money? A hobby? Fear? Or is it the Lord?





The Bible tells us, "God so loved the World (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believes in Him, should not perish but have Everlasting Life."--John 3:16.

All you have to do now to come into a full and living personal relationship with the God of Love is to simply believe on Jesus and accept His free gift of Eternal Life! You can receive Him at this very moment, please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

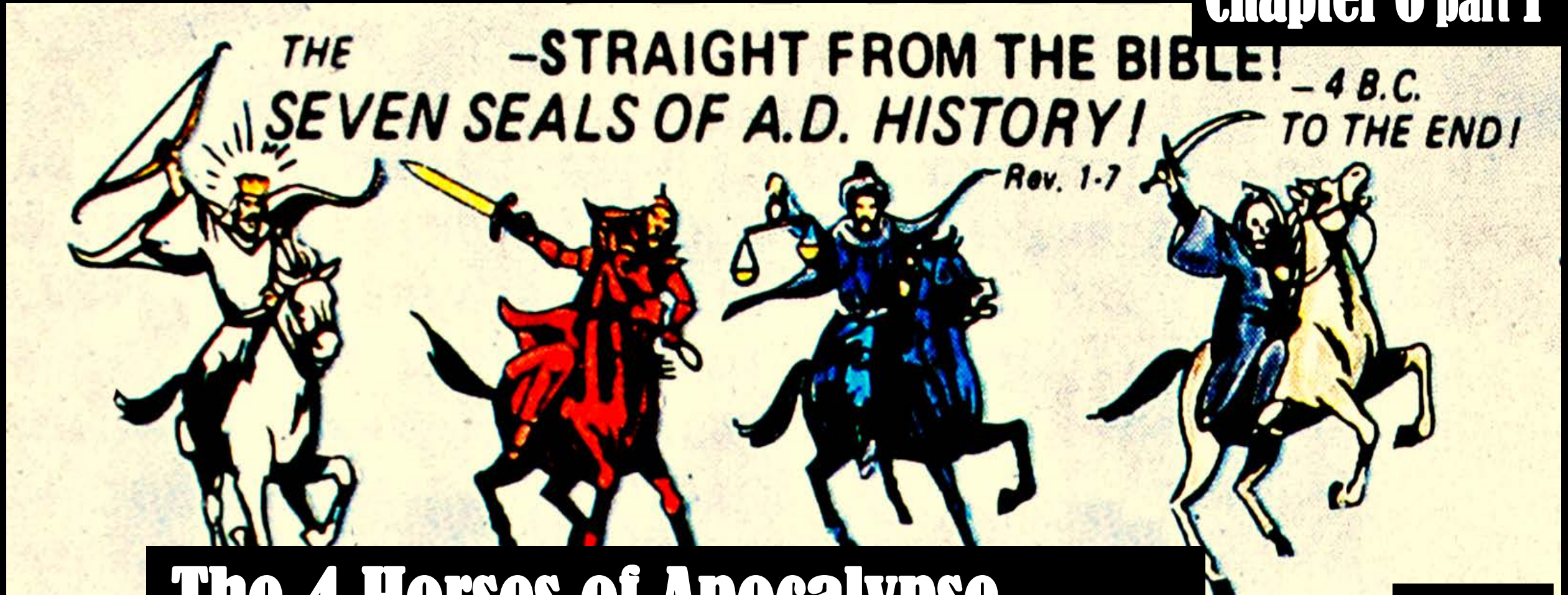
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The 4 Horses of Apocalypse verses 1-8

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Revelation Chapter 6 part 1 The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse

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Another name for the book of Revelation is the **Apocalypse**, which means *“a revelation concerning the future.”* The four horsemen of the Apocalypse reveal the truth about religion, war, and economics, and set the stage for what is soon to come. Jesus opens the book of the future, which was sealed. Each one of these six seals are really only capsule histories on events that the vision is yet to cover, or rather uncover, in greater detail throughout the remainder of the book of Revelation.

In other words, these first six seals are a "*Table of Contents*" for the rest of the vision. This chapter is telling you the history of mankind, the history of the World. Then of course, if it's the history of the World, it is going to wind up with the End of the World. You have the great earthquake and all those cosmic signs happening there that also happens at the Battle of Armageddon. So the 6th Chapter goes from the time of Jesus right to the End!

REV.6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, come and see.

REV.6:2 And I saw, and behold a **white horse**: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth **conquering**, and to conquer.

It doesn't say here who the first horseman is. Most scholars believe that it is the beginning of the Christian era when Jesus is conquering the World. What was happening at this time in world history, in about 90 AD? From the spiritual realm, the resurrected Jesus was going forth to "**conquer**" the world with the Gospel through His apostles and the early Christians – and they would eventually conquer the mighty Roman Empire. Jesus' message of love and forgiveness would prove more powerful than all the legions of Rome!





We find another picture of "a white horse" in the 19th chapter of this same book, "and He that sat upon him (the white horse) was called Faithful and True... and His name is called the Word of God", who of course is Jesus Christ. (Jn.1:14) And following Him are the armies of Heaven (the resurrected saints) who are also riding white horses as they come down from heaven to defeat the forces of the Antichrist and take over the world at the Battle of Armageddon (Rev.19:11-14). Jesus' weapon is His bow or His Word.

**** PSA.7:11, 12** God judges the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he does not turn back, He will sharpen **His sword**; He bends **His bow** and makes it ready.

**** HAB.3:8-9** Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? ...was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine **horses** and thy chariots of **salvation**? Thy **bow** was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy **word**. (See also Psa.45:3-5)

And He is the One Who has the **"crown"** or right to rule this world and will soon defeat His enemies who are resisting it and usurping His throne. *"Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"* (1Jn.5:5) And the Lord with His children will eventually physically conquer the world and rule it for a thousand years! (Rev.5:10; 20:4)

(Note: From the first century until about 100 years ago, most theologians held that the rider of the white horse was the Lord Jesus and Christianity, riding in strength to conquer the world. More recently, however, there are different opinions: some hold that this rider was representative of the various Roman emperors and/or the many political and military power-hungry figures throughout history; and others, that he is the imitation messiah better known as the end time Anti-Christ.)



REV.6:3 And when he had opened the **second seal**, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.



REV.6:4 And there went out another horse that was **red**: and power was given to him that sat thereon **to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another**: and there was given unto him a great sword.

What takes "peace from the earth"? -- WAR! This red horse symbolizes war, the military and their war machines. The horse's colour is

very appropriate, representing all the bloodshed in man's hellish wars, for which God is not responsible, but which come from the pride, prejudices and avarice of man's own greedy heart.

"From whence come wars and fightings among you?" James asks, "Come they not hence, even of your lusts." (Jam.4:1)

Certainly nothing could have been predicted truer of the centuries, and yea, two millenniums of history which followed from John's Day to ours! There has seldom been a day in the World's history that there has not been a war going on somewhere with slaughter and massacre, killing,



wounding, maiming and the horrors of Hell! The "great sword" given to him certainly symbolizes the great "improvements" in war machines and the greater frequency and greater extent of wars since the prophecy was given.

***** MAT.24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.***



REV.6:5 And when he had opened the **third seal**, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a **black horse**; and he that sat on him had a pair of **balances** in his hand.

REV.6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, **a measure of wheat for a penny**, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not **the oil and the wine**.

***** Mat.20:1-2** For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers **for a penny a day**, he sent them into his vineyard.*

The value of a "penny" in John's day represented an entire day's labour, as is seen in the parable of Jesus where all the labourers worked for "a penny a day." A "measure" equals about one quart and ordinarily a penny could have purchased fifteen to twenty measures.

Therefore, food being sold in such small quantities for an entire day's wages indicates food shortage or famine, and also resultant poverty for the buyer, as it is costing him everything he has just to buy his daily bread. Even the colour of the horse itself represents famine. *"Our skin was black like an oven"* Jeremiah said, *"because of the terrible famine."* (Lam.5:10)

"Oil and wine," however, throughout scripture are synonymous with abundance or luxury. The fact that they were to *"hurt not"* indicates a situation where wealth and luxury are existing alongside famine and poverty; not an unusual situation to say the least.



Could this black horse's rider with the *"pair of balances in his hand"* symbolise these rich merchants and the multinational big corporations? Only one other verse in all the Bible pictures a man holding balances in his hand:

"He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loves to oppress." (Hos.12:7)



Another Prophet, Amos, also said that these merchants *"set forth wheat, making the ephah (or measure) small, and the shekel (or price paid) great, and falsifying the balances by deceit...that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail."* (Am.8:4-6)

The black horse, then, represents famine and poverty maintained by the rich who refuse to share with those in need. This horse is responsible for today's economic situation.



REV.6:7 And when he had opened the **fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

REV.6:8 And I looked, and behold **a pale horse**: and his name that sat on him was **Death**, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to **kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death**, and with the beasts of the earth.

In the original Greek the word *“pale”* also means a sickly yellowish-green colour like the very colour of death itself, which is the Devil's due, and hell follows it for all his children. According to God's laws, because of the disobedience of all from Adam on down, we all have to die because of disobedience and sin. But the moment we as Christians die, we are instantly freed spiritually, for we have been redeemed by Christ! At death the Devil's children go to Hell to be with their father, and we go to Heaven to be with ours.

**** 1CO.15:20-22** *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has **become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep**. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as **in Adam all die**, even so **in Christ all shall be made alive**.*

This pale horse of the fourth seal, then, represents Death by every means--hunger, famine, pestilence, plague, everything!

**** MAT.24:7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines, pestilences, and earthquakes** in various places.

Though the characters under each of the first five seals(horses) were around before the Ascension of Christ, the Biblical picture both here and elsewhere is that each of these forces took on greater power sometime after the Ascension. The followers of Jesus received greater power

on the day of Pentecost, after the Ascension when they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Just as Jesus had told them, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Ac.1:8) The forces of evil also received greater power at this time, as Paul said, "Evil men and seducers (the Red, Black and Pale horsemen) shall wax worse and worse." (2Tm.3:13)



Only within the last 70 years has the human race developed the potential to destroy itself. The military (Red Horse) have their nuclear bombs, satellites and intercontinental missiles. In fact, they right now have enough atomic bombs to over kill the earth's entire population several times. The rich (Black Horse) in their pursuit of the almighty dollar are finally succeeding in polluting the entire earth--a by-product of technology! The rich have often been majorly responsible for starting the last century's great wars as well as the most recent ones, and their hoarding and wasting of their riches is threatening another one! And it is their unchecked greed which will be responsible for the worldwide famine that even the scientists are predicting!

Jesus predicted in His famous End time discourse of **Mt.24** that there would be an increase in war, famine, pestilence and earthquakes, leading eventually to *"affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation."*





Jesus said that these calamities would get so bad that *"except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom He (God) hath chosen, He hath shortened those days."* (Mt.24:7, 21, 22; Mk.13:19, 20)

In other words, Jesus was saying that one day man would reach such an impasse that letting him continue unchecked would result in the destruction of everyone on Earth. However, when man finally reaches that suicidal point, He said God would shorten the days, which in the Greek literally means to stop the days, or stop those days of man's attempts to destroy the Earth. And the way God will stop it, Jesus said, was by His own Second Coming to punish the evil doers, take over the world, and rule it the way God wants.

There is a happy ending! Thank God!

To be continued in part 2 with the opening of the 5th and 6th seals of Apocalypse!

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THIRD SEAL
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MATERIALISM

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SIXTH SEAL
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REV.6:9 And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar **the souls of them that were slain for the word of God**, and **for the testimony which they held**:

REV.6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long**, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and **avenge our blood** on them that dwell on the earth?

REV.6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season**, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Although God does not always answer prayer exactly the way we want Him to, we know that He does always answer. --Usually either with a "yes," a "no," or a "wait!" So even when He doesn't seem to immediately answer prayer the way we want Him to, we

know that "He doeth all things well," and that He will answer our petitions in His good time. His wheels of judgement grind exceeding fine, but they also sometimes grind exceeding slow.

Even when the Saints in Heaven cried out to Him, beseeching Him to judge and avenge their persecutors on Earth, they were told to wait and *"rest yet for a little season"* until God's purposes were fully accomplished. So just wait, their day is coming! Right now God is showing the World how far they can go, how vile, filthy, cruel and wicked they are. But their cups of iniquity are beginning to run over, and God's about to clobber them! So just wait. Be patient. Their time is coming.

He's going to avenge His wrath on those who are persecuting them. This is *'avenge'*, not *'revenge'*. It is not a question of *'revenging'* them. The meaning is simply this: there is a God in heaven, and he cares for justice.



**** Luk.18:7,8** And shall not **God avenge his own elect** which cry to him day and night, though he takes a long time to do it? I tell you that **he will avenge them...**

**** Rev.16:4-7** And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became **blood**. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and was, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus. **For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.** And I heard another out of the altar

say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are Thy judgements!**

And the angel says they're worthy of it because they shed the blood of God's prophets and His children and His people, so they deserve to drink blood!

How the blood of the martyrs is avenged! Justice will be done.



We cannot be completely dogmatic and always exact to the nth degree in the application or interpretation of some of these scriptures. Because often the Prophet saw distant events like ranges of mountains one after the other in which only the mountaintops and peaks were outstanding, whereas the valleys were somewhat obscure. If you've ever noticed as you view mountains at a distance, you cannot always distinguish between the ranges, and sometimes two or three ranges can look like one range at a distance.



This is particularly true in consigning periods or events which are sometimes so similar that the prophet could be speaking of either or both. From the following 12th verse till the end of this chapter, those Scriptures could easily apply and describe any one of these major periods of the Rapture, the Wrath of God and the battle of Armageddon.

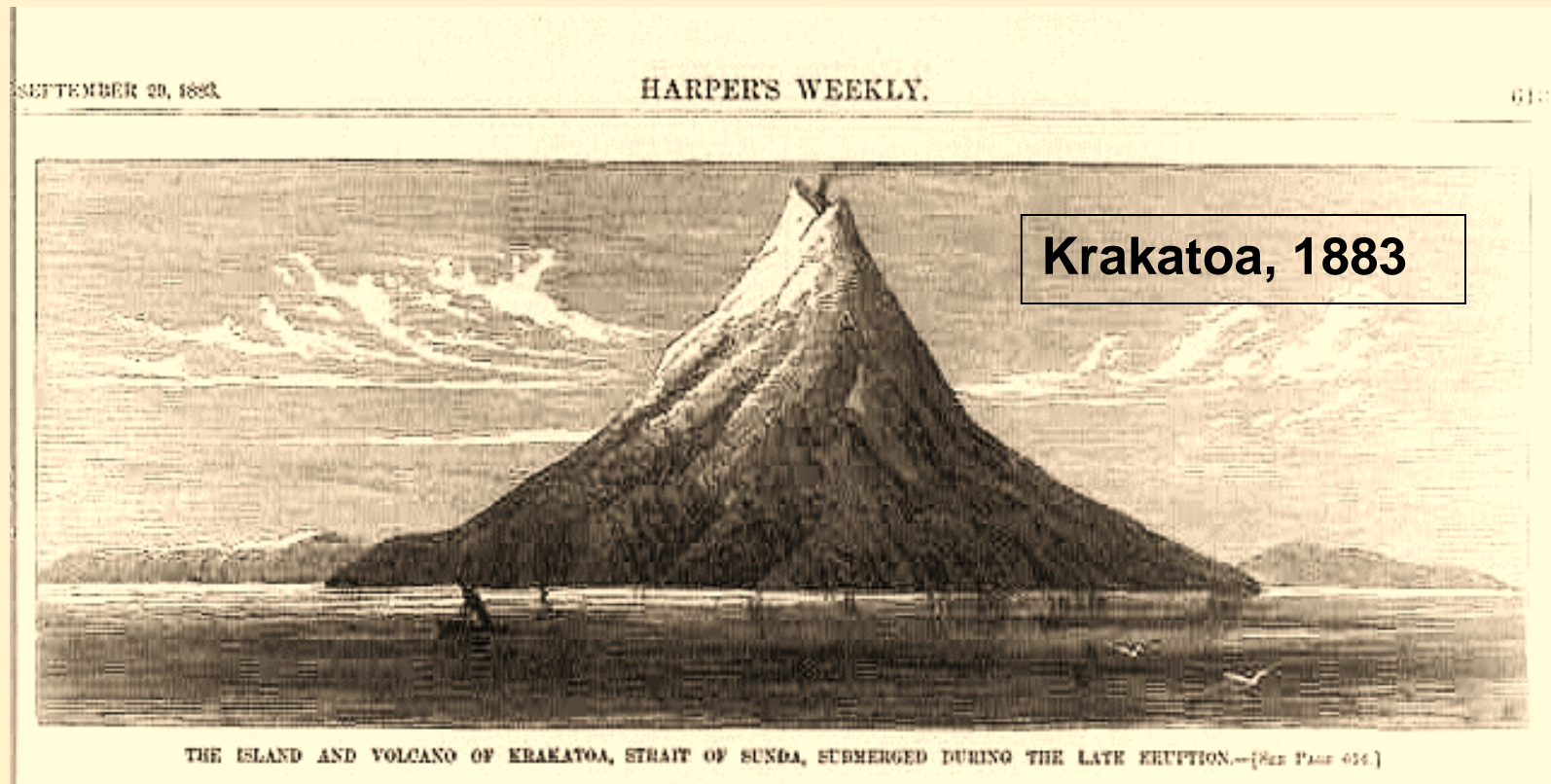
Many of these descriptions sound very much alike and are somewhat fused or confused sometimes, so that it is difficult to see where the one ends and the other begins. They sort of blend together, sometimes overlap, so that the same Scriptures could be applied to any one of them or a number of them, because they are all battles and periods of the Wrath of God on the Earth and of the End.

REV.6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the **sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon became as blood**;

It doesn't mean that God is going to destroy the earth itself, neither the great Outer Space heavens beyond the atmosphere. These will not be destroyed, there's no purpose in destroying them. You might say, "*Well, didn't Jesus say that 'the Sun shall be darkened and the Moon will not give its light', doesn't that mean they're going to be destroyed?*" (Mt.24:29)



--No! We don't know for sure and here is a speculation, it could just mean that there's going to be so much smoke and ashes in the atmosphere on Earth from all these cataclysmic final judgments of God, that even before the Millennium, during the Tribulation and the period of the Wrath of God, the Sun's going to be darkened and the Moon's not going to give its light or be **"turned to blood!"** The atmosphere is going to be so horribly polluted to the point that it's going to actually be dark in some places, as it was in some of the great volcanic explosions of the past.



In the explosion of Krakatoa back in 1883 on the island of Java, for three days the city of Batavia became so dark they had to carry around lanterns in the daytime! And as far away as London and Paris, the sun looked orange and the moon looked blue! There were so many ashes in the upper atmosphere and stratosphere from that tremendous explosion which was actually heard 2,000 miles away! Think of that!!

**** Joel 2:30-31** *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, **blood, and fire,** and pillars of smoke. The **sun shall be turned into darkness,** and **the moon into blood,** before the **great and terrible day of the LORD** come.*



**** Mat.24:29-31**

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the **sun be darkened**, and the **moon** shall not give her light, and the **stars shall fall from heaven**, and the powers of the heavens **shall be shaken**: And **then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven** with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a **trumpet**, and they **shall**

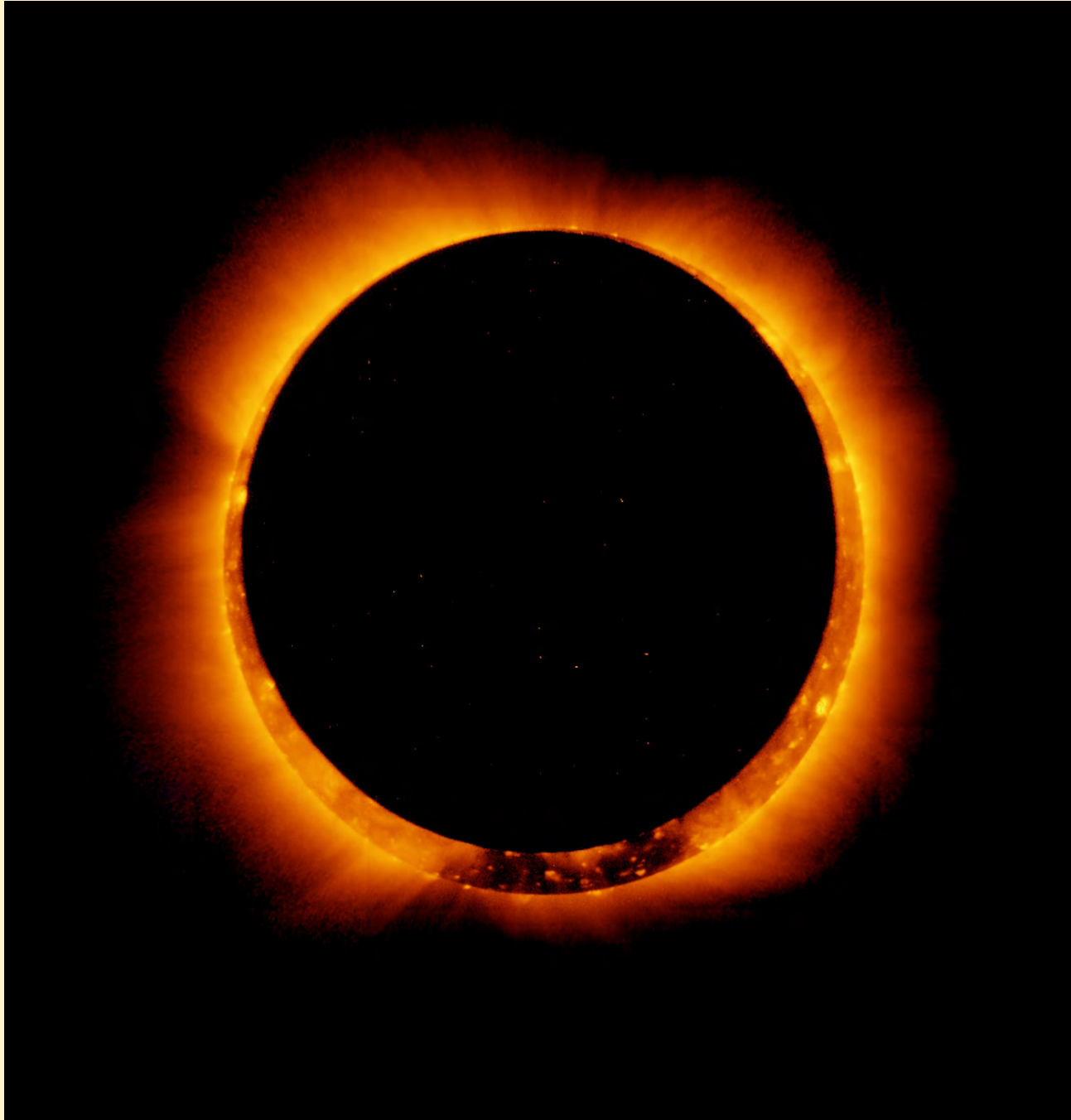
gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**** Rev.16:18** And there were **voices, and thunders, and lightning**; and there was a great **earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Here we have the ultimate goal of 6,000 years of history: the glorious second coming of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ (*Jn.1:29*) to rescue the saints of all ages by the miracle of the resurrection and rapture and to mete out His violent wrath upon the wicked. Despite all the persecution of bestial man against the children of God in the Tribulation, the day is coming

"when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2Th.1:7, 8)





The prophet Isaiah and Joel in the Old Testament both saw something similar:

**** Isaiah 13:10-11** *For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: **the sun shall be darkened** in his going forth, and **the moon shall not cause her light to shine**. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

**** Joel 2:10** *The **earth quakes** before them, the **heavens tremble**; the **sun and moon grow dark**, and the **stars diminish their brightness**.*

REV.6:13 And the **stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree drops her **untimely figs**, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.



the time they hit the ground and the buildings, they're going to be the weight of a talent and on fire like a bomb! --Great balls of fire that look like stars falling, and so the Bible calls them stars. In the ancient world, they had never heard of meteors! They hadn't yet discovered what meteors were and they looked like stars to them.

A possible interpretation here is that the earth is going to have showers of meteors, meaning the stars of Heaven falling to Earth, and over in Revelation chapter 16 it says by the time they get here, the Lord said they'll be the weight of a talent, that's the equivalent of about 75 pounds!

**** REV.16:21** And great hail from heaven fell upon men, **each hailstone about the weight of a talent.** Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

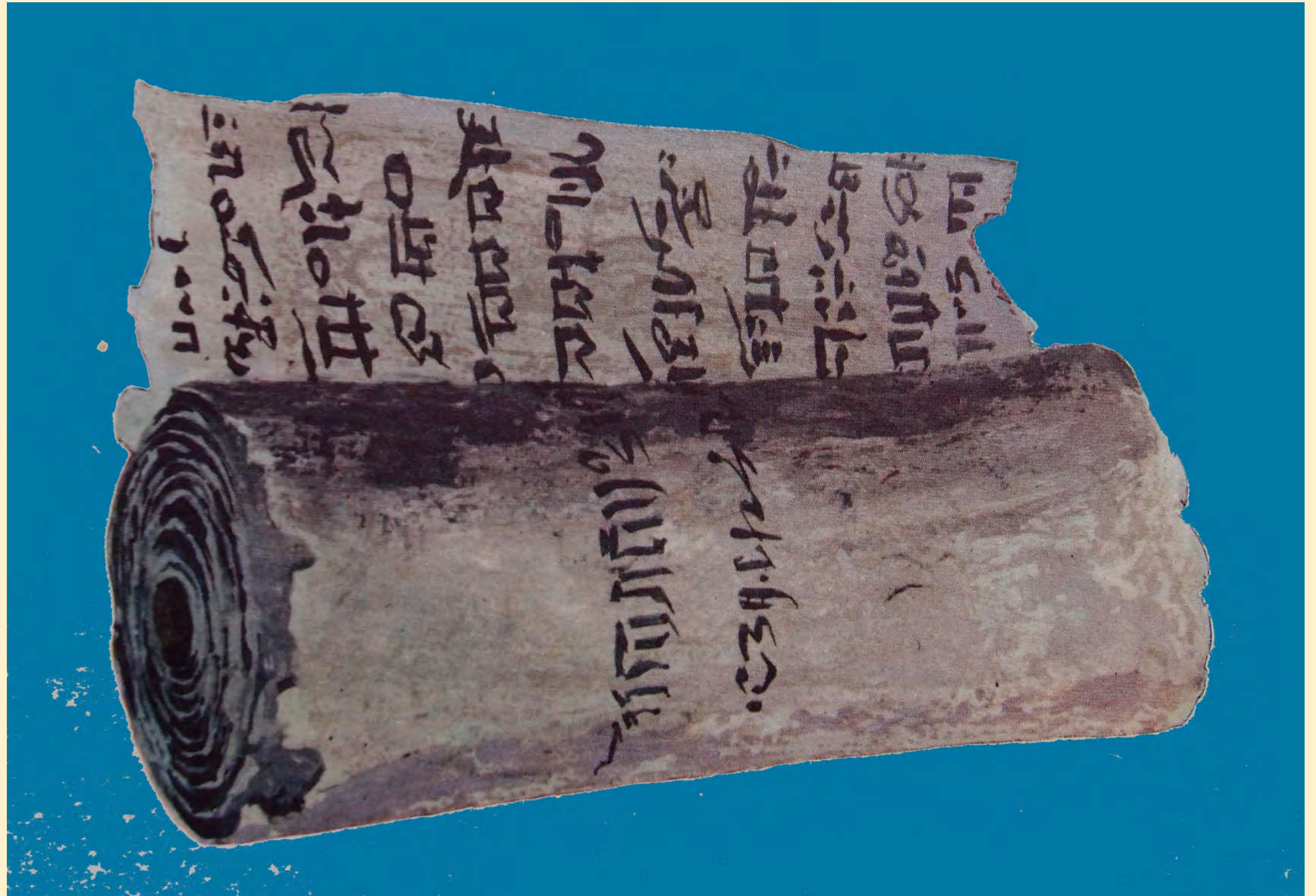
They come through the atmosphere so fast they're going to catch fire, and yet be so big that by

REV.6:14 And the **heaven** departed as a **scroll** when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island** were moved out of their places.

The meaning of this verse is unclear at this time. The prophet Isaiah saw something similar and these verses almost always describe the Wrath of God before the Millennium but are sometimes also used for the final wrath of God at the battle of Gog and Magog.

**** ISA.34:4 ...And the heavens shall be *rolled up like a scroll*; All their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as *fruit falling from a fig tree*.**

**** REV.16:20** Then **every island fled away**, and the mountains were not found.



REV.6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves** in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;



**The great day
of his wrath
is come!**

REV.6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and **from the wrath of the Lamb:**

REV.6:17 for the great **day of his wrath is come**; and who shall be able to stand?

**** Luk.21:25-26** *And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for **the powers of heaven will be shaken.***

**** LUK.23:30** *"Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "**Fall on us!**" and to the hills, "**Cover us!**"*



**** ISA. 2:19** *They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.*

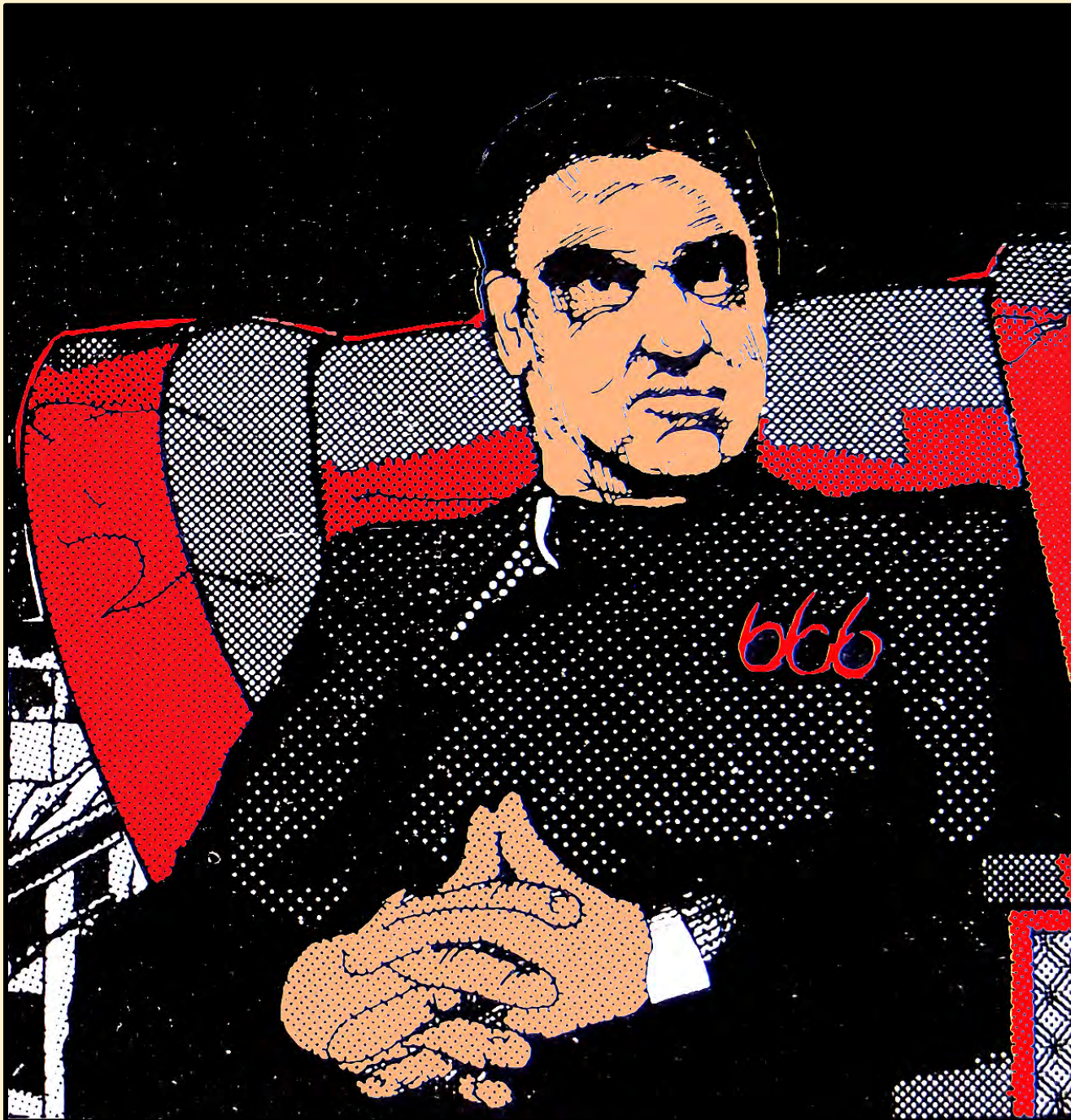
During the tribulation and the wrath of God, God's Word says that some are going to beg to die and wish to die and cannot! They cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the Wrath of the Lamb, Jesus, who has come to wreak His judgments on them! The time's going to come when men will wish they could die! Death will be easier than the suffering, the torture, the torment and the Tribulation they're going to have to go through! --Not us who are saved! (Read 1Th.5:9) Thank the Lord He's going to take care of us!



Since these first six seals present the whole span of history from the Ascension to the Second Coming, they are in a sense like God taking a camera and doing a real quick "*shot*" of history from the beginning to the very end, just like they often do in movies to give the setting for the story they are about to tell us.

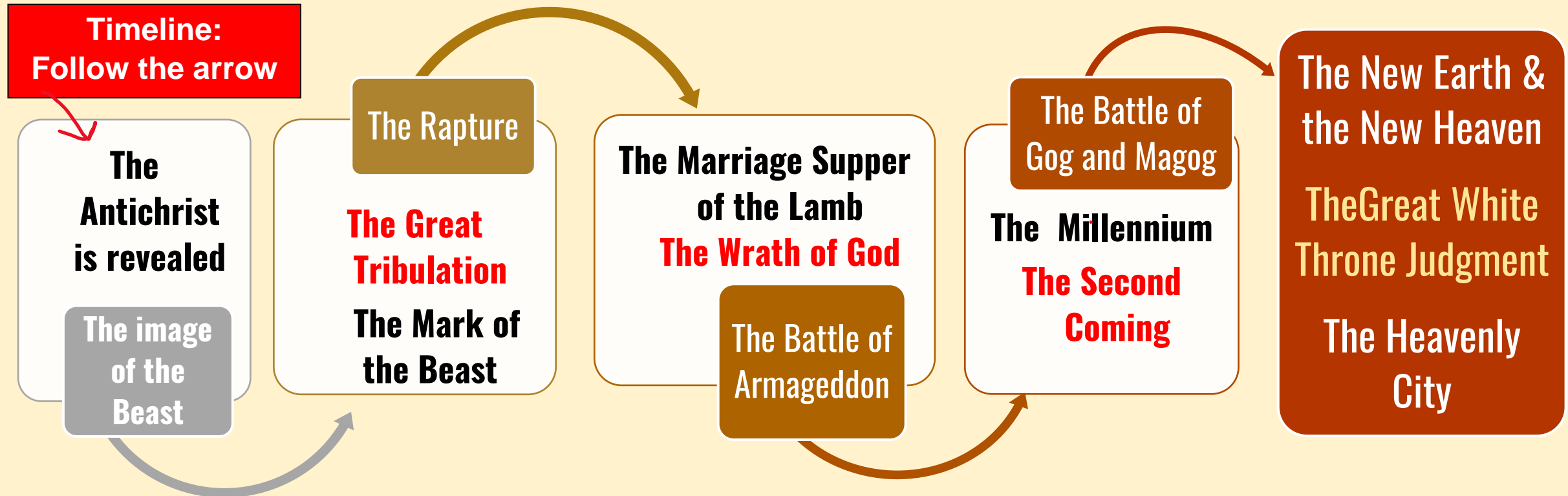
Then, at the second coming of Christ, the white horse and the resurrected martyrs emerge as victors over the other three horsemen: the kings (pale horse), the rich men (black horse), and the captains (red horse). This is also presented in more detail in *Rev.16 and 19*.

However, the worst is not here yet. There are some definite specific events that have to take place before Christ can come back.



**** 2TH.2:3, 4, 8-10** Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** And then shall **that Wicked be revealed,** whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy **with the brightness of his coming:** even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;** because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

The Antichrist, the man of sin, the world dictator has yet to arise to place the Abomination of Desolation (*Mt.24:15*), the image of the Beast, the imposition of his 666 mark, all this resulting in 3 1/2 years of Great Tribulation for the Church. (*Rev.13*) These events must happen before the events described under the sixth seal, the Second Coming and the Wrath can occur. All of this have been covered in the Daniel classes and will be covered again in the next chapters.



PS. It is important to note that it can sometimes be difficult to differentiate between passages applying to the Great Tribulation and those applying to the Wrath of God, or the battle of Armageddon and the battle of Gog and Magog, the Millennium and the New Earth periods, since some of these events are so very similar.

There can even be confusion between some of the final judgments, the Judgment Seat of Christ for the saved at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb after the rapture and the Great White Throne Judgment of the Wicked, the Second Resurrection, of those who are unsaved and not raised until after the Millennium. Do not let this discourage you as in the next chapters, each of these events will be explained.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please PRAY this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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Chapter 7

The Sealing of God's Servants

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REVELATION CHAPTER 7



The Sealing of God's Servants

REV.7:1 And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, **holding the four winds** of the earth, **that the wind should not blow** on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

**** DAN.7:2** Daniel spoke and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, **the four winds** of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

**** ZEC.6:5** And the angel answered and said unto me, these are **the four spirits** of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the LORD of all the earth.

The four winds are spiritual forces that God uses to manipulate the physical world to do His will. "For

the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." (Dan.4:25) These are the winds of God's judgements upon man--sinful wicked idolatrous man--for refusing the Love and Laws of God and His Saviour Jesus Christ.



REV.7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, **having the seal of the living God**: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom **it was given to hurt the earth and the sea**,

REV.7:3 Saying, **Hurt not** the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, **till we have sealed the servants of our God** in their foreheads.

**** Rev. 9:4** *They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, **but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.***

**** Eze. 9:4** *and said to him, “Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and **put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it.**”*

**** Rev.14:1** *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his **Father's name written in their foreheads.***

There were four angels being prepared to execute the judgements of God upon sinful man and his corrupted Earth. But this angel came first, who had the seal of God in his hand, and he said to the four angels of judgement:

"Hurt not the Earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

He said, *"Wait! Don't mete out the judgements of God yet on evil men until we have sealed the good men--the servants of God--with the seal of God in their foreheads."*

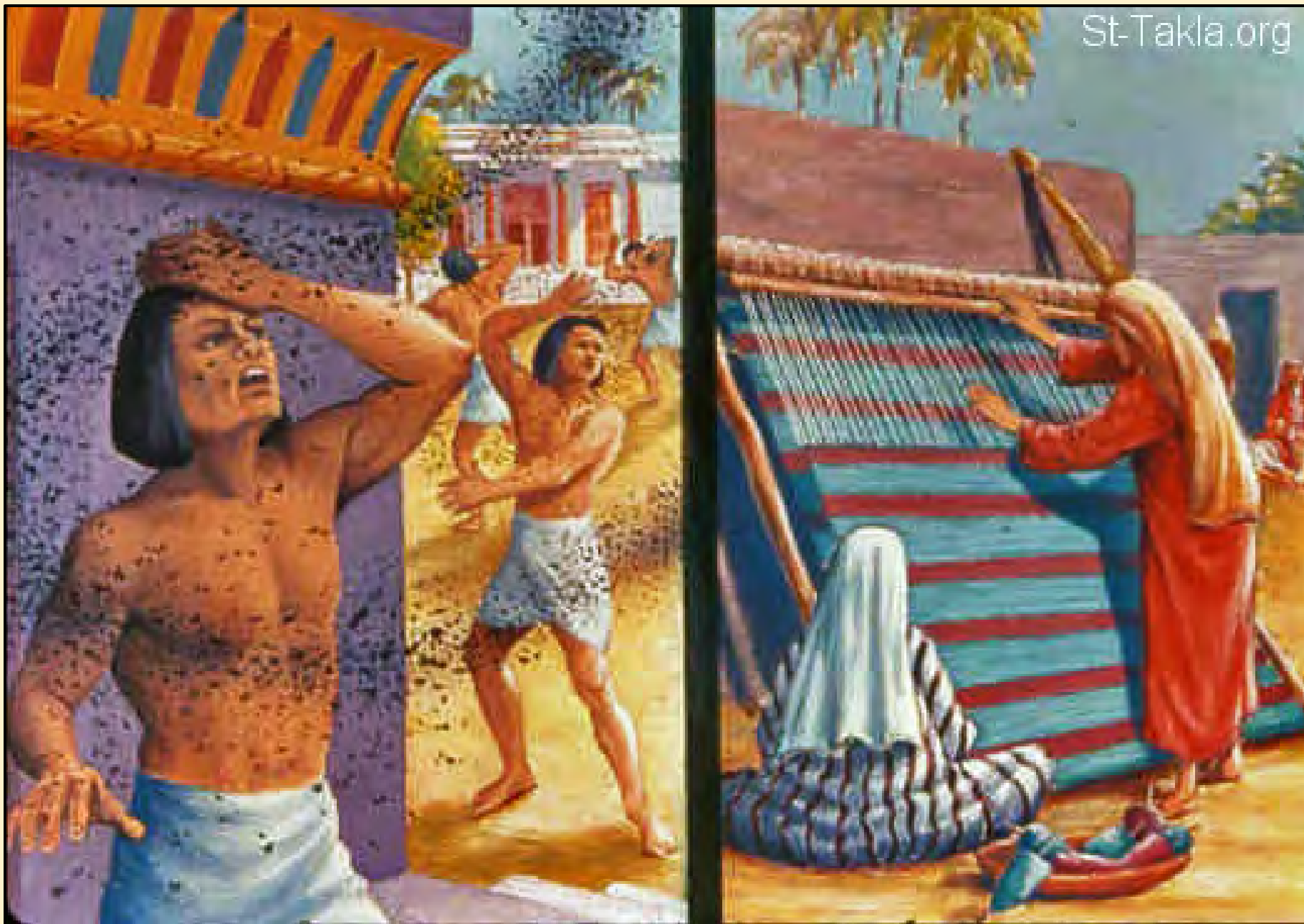
QUESTION: Are Christians going to escape all the horrors of the tribulation? Christians are going to go through some of the horrors, aren't they?



ANSWER: There's a verse that the pre-Tribulation "*rapturists*" use all the time, "*that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things*" (Lu.21:36).



They use that verse to try to prove that they're going to escape the Tribulation entirely in a Pre-Trib Rapture. We don't think the writer, the Holy Spirit, meant that there was going to be an escape by a Pre-Trib Rapture, but that's how many churches teach it today. So what does that verse mean?



As already mentioned in chapter 3, our interpretation is that it's quite evident from reading the description of the Tribulation that if you want to take a prototype of Israel and the Land of Goshen during the plagues of Egypt, Israel was not affected by any of the plagues at all. (*Ex.7-11*)

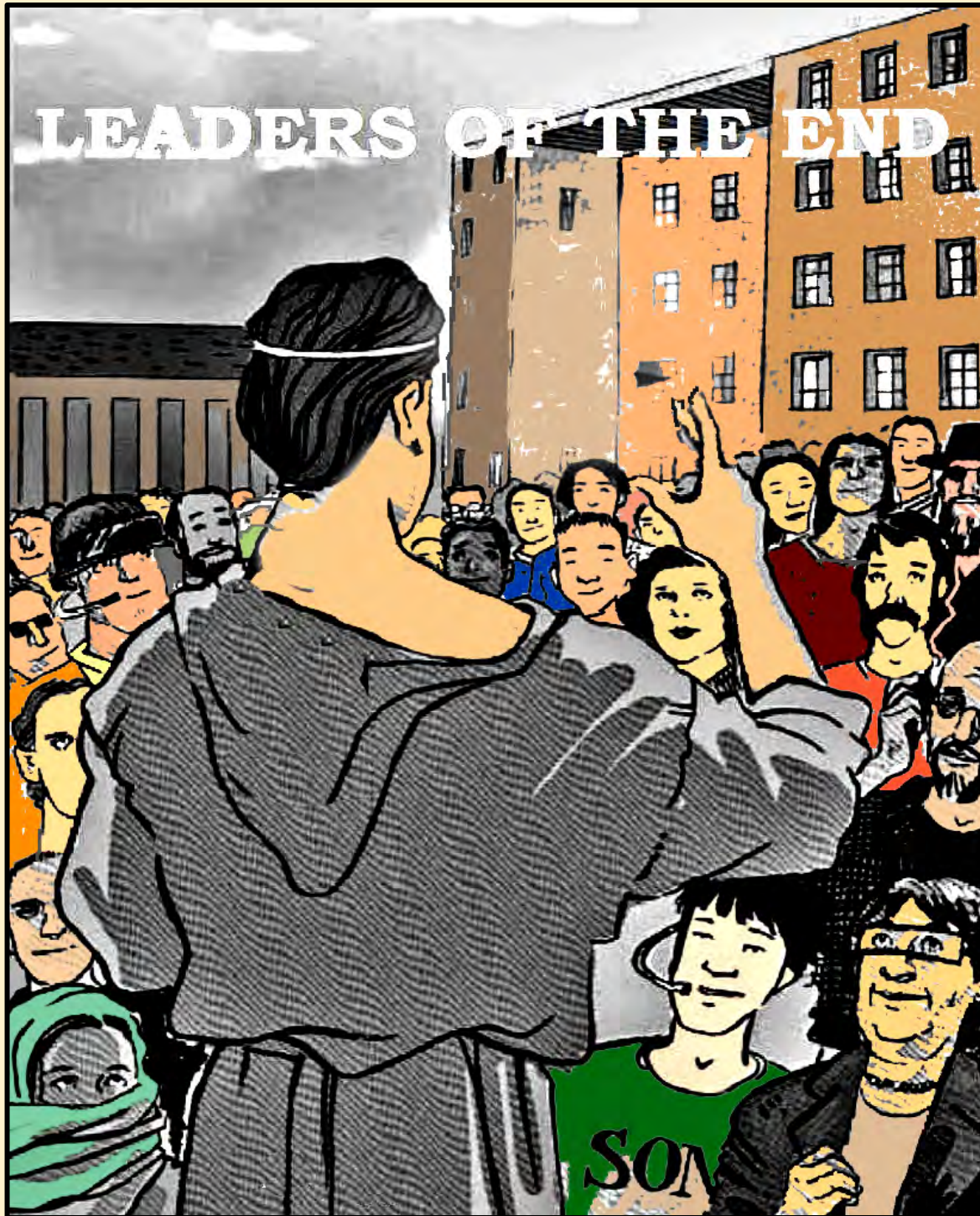
There was light in the Land of Goshen, there were no locusts, no diseases, and no plagues in Goshen at all. The plagues only affected their persecutors. The thing

that Israel was suffering was the persecution of man, not being persecuted by God. The Egyptians were being persecuted by God.

From the description of the things that are going on during the Tribulation, although the Church is being persecuted by the Antichrist Government, the Antichrist and his people are suffering horrible plagues, curses and all kinds of horrors which God's Word definitely says will not touch the people who have the Seal of God in their forehead! They'll have so much on their hands defending themselves from these plagues that they won't have much time to persecute you and me! So, you don't need to fear the coming tribulation if you love the Lord! God can be a much greater Enemy to them than they could ever be to us! *(1Jn.4:4)*

So we think that's what the escape means: that you'll be counted worthy to escape all these things that befall them. We don't think any of those diseases are going to affect us, none of those plagues, none of those horrors described in the Tribulation, none of them! The thing that we have to suffer is the persecution of the Antichrist and his Mark of the Beast people.





It's important to note that there is a difference between the Great Tribulation and the Wrath of God. They are two separate events. First comes the seven trumpets of Tribulation followed by the rapture of the saints at the last trumpet. After we have left this earth, then the seven Vials of the Wrath of God are poured out upon the wicked. The Church is already gone! 1 Thes.5:9 says: "For God hath not appointed us to wrath."

REV.7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an **hundred and forty and four thousands** of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Whether the 144,000 is a symbolic or literal number we don't know, but we do know this: they are going to be God's people during that horrible tribulation period to guide the rest of the church through it and to stand up and witness against the Antichrist regime unto the very end.

The devil, who is the great counterfeiter, is going to be out sealing his children too at this time, putting a mark in their right hand or forehead, which is the famous 666 mark of the Beast, the Antichrist dictator and his government. (Rev.13:15)



And all those who refuse to bow down to him will be killed.

So, though the 144,000 are going to be sealed against being hurt by God's judgments on the wicked, the wicked are going to be hurting them and even killing some of them.

But to die for Christ is gain and they shall stand *"before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple...and they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more...and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."* (Rev.7:15-17)

REV.7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a **great multitude**, which no man could number, of **all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and **palms** in their hands;

The major emphasis here, of course, was put on the 12 Tribes of Israel, but that doesn't mean they were the only saints. It should be obvious because John then saw a number of saints that no man could number, that God could number but no man could number.

From **verses 9 and 14**, it certainly appears these are saved or sealed just before and/or during the **tribulation!** *“And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation” (v.14)*



It's either symbolically Spiritual Israel, children of Abraham by faith (*Ho.1:10, 11; Jn.11:52; Rom.9:6-8; Gal.3:26-29; 4:28; Eph.2:12-19.*), or a special class of Jewish Christians of Jewish



heritage or background. This seventh chapter names them tribe by tribe of ***"the children of Israel"***, 12,000 of each tribe, which sure sounds literal! If so, if these are flesh Jews as some contend, that certainly isn't many of the millions of Jews in the World today! And it takes the Antichrist and Tribulation to finally drive them to Jesus!

That certainly would be a ***"remnant"*** (*Isa.1:9; 10:21,22;*

Jer.23:3; Rom.9:27; 11:5) --Not even one out of 100! As this literal interpretation seems too exact and incredible, it seems to us to be symbolic of the most dedicated witnesses of the Tribulation and would refer to any Christian! We believe that the New Testament is more inclined, in the case of these particular passages, to the spiritual and symbolic interpretation.

Verse 9 is the great hosts of Heaven and earth who believe in Jesus Christ--be they Jews or Gentiles, be they Israelites or goyim--because there's no longer any Jew or Gentile in Christ Jesus, no male nor female, no black or white, no rich or poor, no difference in the Kingdom of Christ now! We're all the same to Jesus, all brothers and sisters in the one great Family of God!



REV.7:10 And cried with a **loud voice**, saying, **Salvation** to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the **Lamb**.

**** REV.12:10** *And I heard a **loud voice** saying in heaven, now is **come salvation**, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of **his Christ**...*

REV.7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

REV.7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



REV.7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, what are these which are **arrayed in white robes**? And whence came they?

REV.7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, **thou knowest**. And he said to me, these are they which **came out of great tribulation**, and **have washed their robes**, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.

Their white robes represent their salvation made possible only in Christ.

**** Re. 22:14** *“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the **right to the tree of life** and **may go through the gates into the city**. (New International version)*

**** REV.3:4** *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled **their garments**; and they shall walk with me **in white**: for they are worthy.*



**** ISA.61:10** *I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the **garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness** ... (Mt.22:11-13)*



John said, “You know!” Yes, he knew, he was just asking a rhetorical question, he wanted to see if John knew.

“He said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Those who are saved! This is the great mighty host of God in Heaven, the saints, the millions of the saved that are getting this Mark of God in their foreheads.

REV.7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne **shall dwell among them.**

REV.7:16 They shall **hunger no more, neither thirst** anymore; **neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.**

REV.7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne **shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:** and God **shall wipe away all tears** from their eyes. **700 years earlier, the prophet Isaiah had said something very similar:**



**** ISA.49:10** *They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even **by the springs of water** shall he guide them.*

**** ISA.25:8, 9** *He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD **will wipe away tears** from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, lo, **this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.***

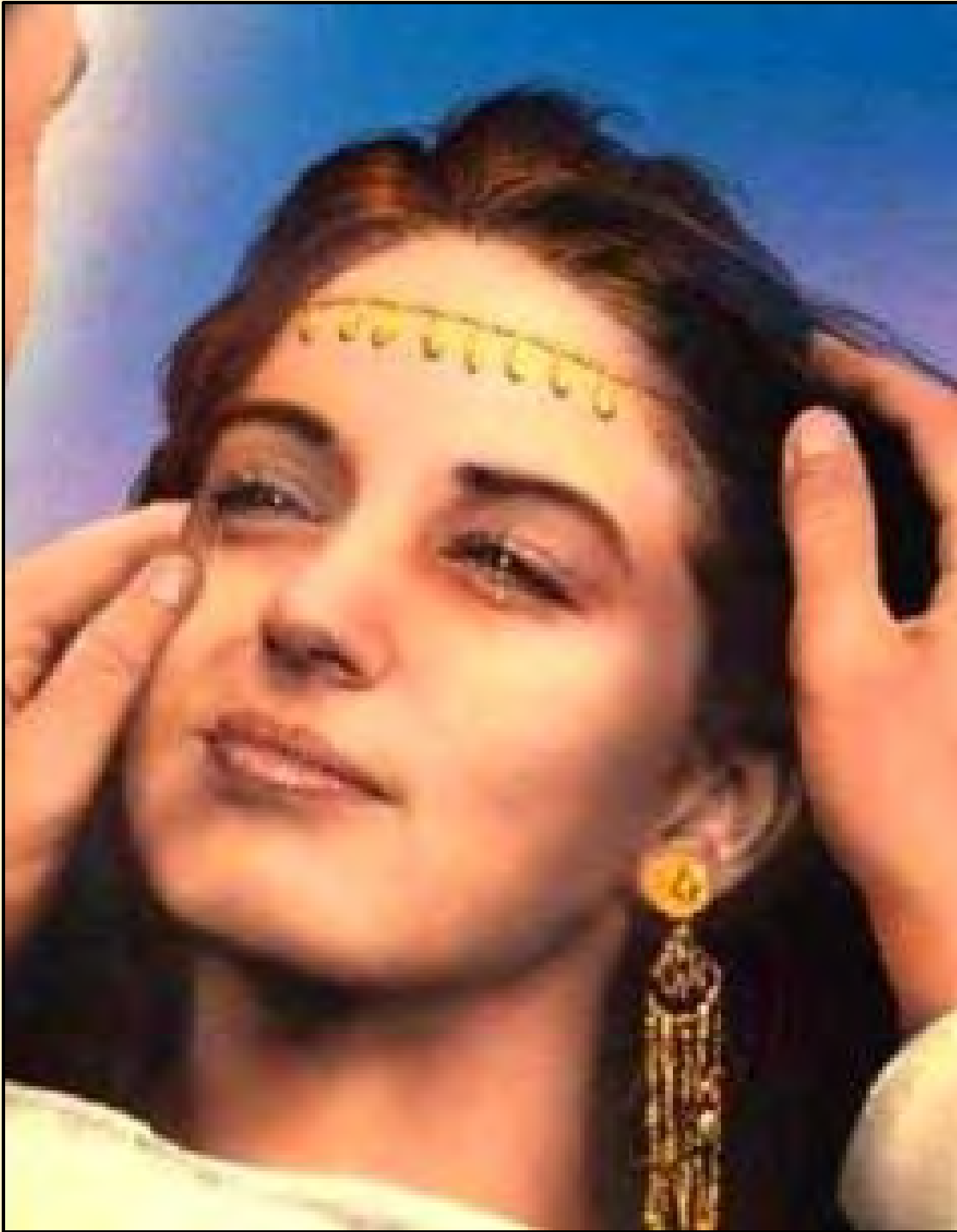


**** REV.21:3-4** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

**** PSA.23:1, 2** The LORD is my shepherd; **I shall not want.** He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he **leadeth me** beside **the still waters.**

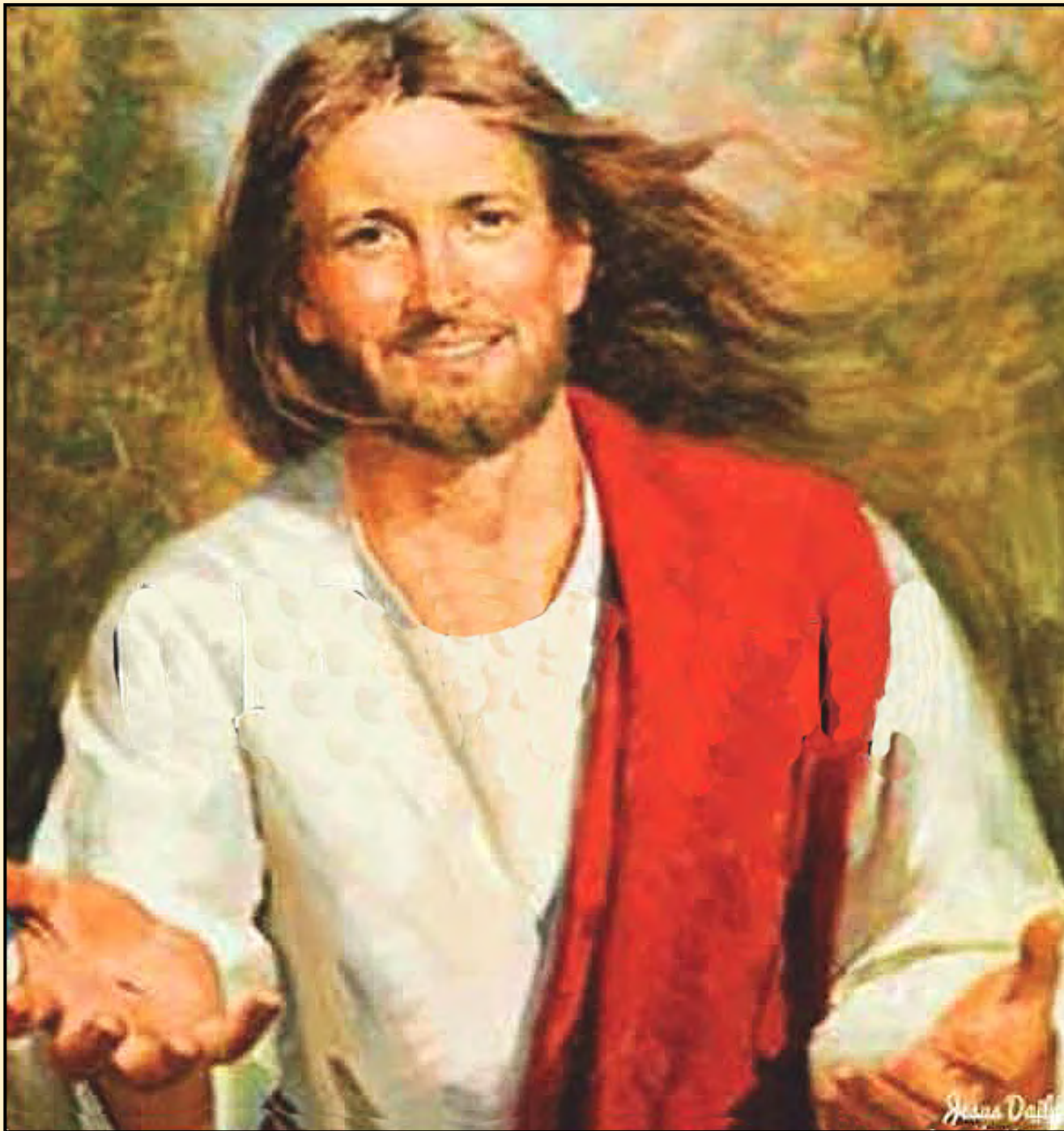
Here this seventh chapter ends with a beautiful vision of heaven--the raptured saints and the vision of Heaven!

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat." They lived in a hot country there where they didn't always appreciate sunshine, they liked the clouds better than the sunshine!



God doesn't say there aren't going to be any tears. A lot of people when they get to Heaven and face the Lord are going to cry and weep over their sins, their failures and faults and be ashamed, but nevertheless forgiven and saved. But isn't the Lord wonderful, loving and merciful? He says He's going to wipe away all those tears, and He's going to wipe away all that memory of those evil years, no more pain, no more death, no more sorrow, no more tears, only eternal, wonderful happiness, joy and paradise on Earth like this, only better, forever and ever and ever.

You see how these first seven chapters cover the whole history of man from the days of John until the days of our final heaven on earth! It is a kind of a “*résumé*”, a preview of the history of man. Now in our next study we're going to get into the details of the End time, the last time, when He opens the Seventh Seal, the very End time seal, and he gives you the details of what happens in this End time period, in the eighth Chapter.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Please pray this simple prayer:

“Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen”

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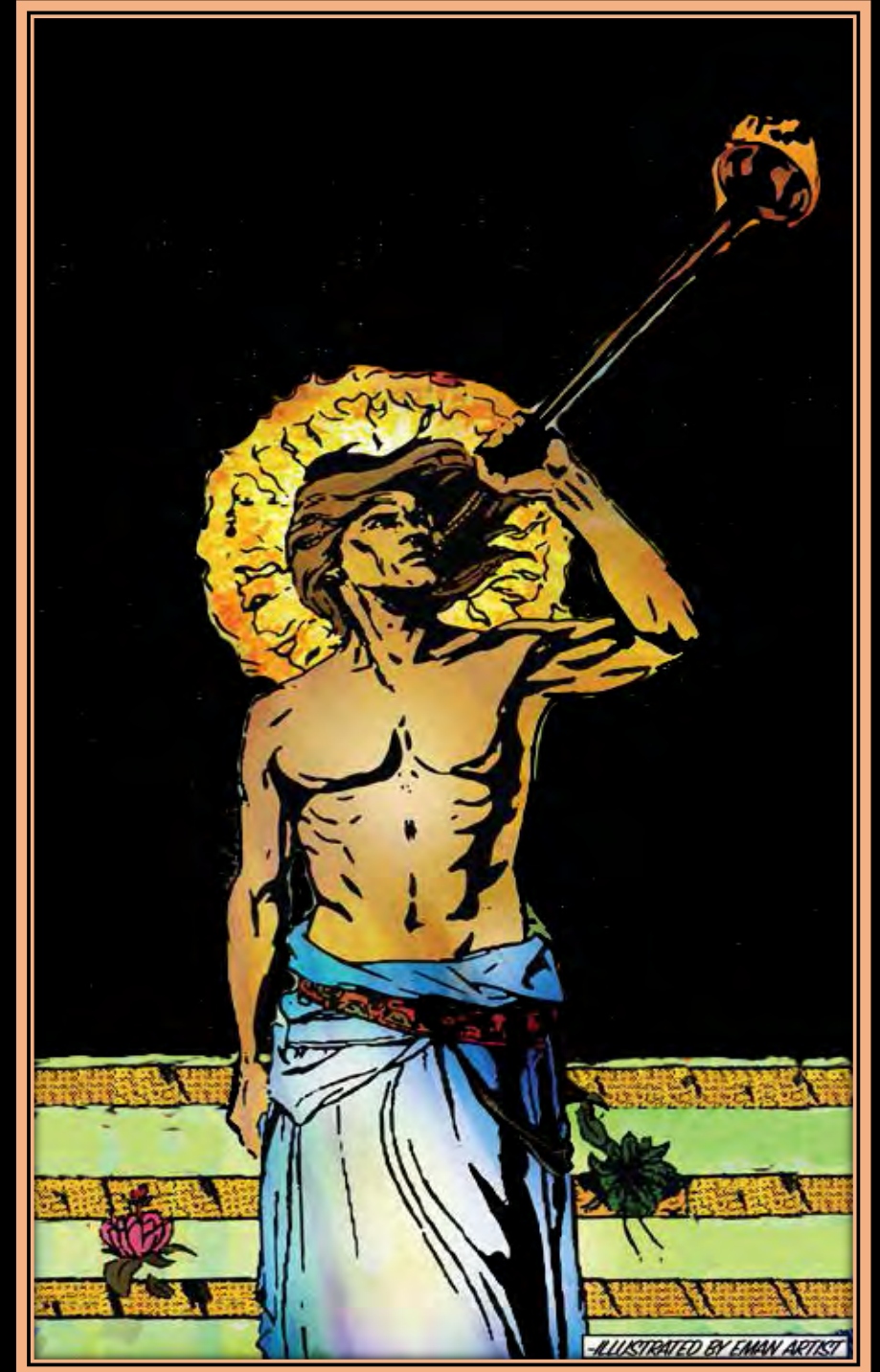
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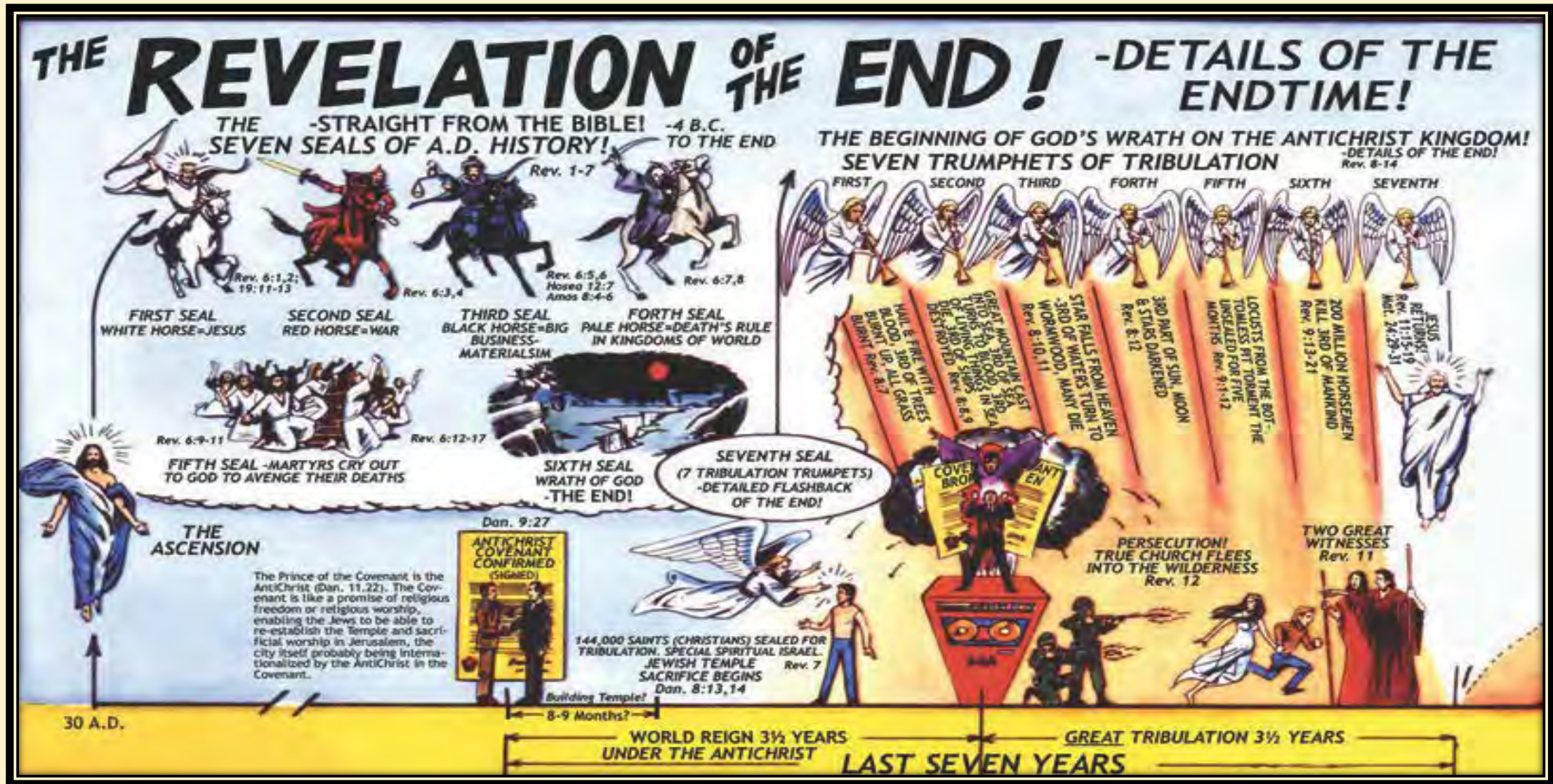
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REVELATION CHAPTER 8 Basic and General Study of Revelation *compiled by Gaetan.*

The Book of Revelation follows a beautiful, harmonious, almost mathematical design – a pattern of three sevens. The first seven chapters give an overall view of the New Testament era. They include an introduction, the letters to the Churches and the first Six Seals, history in advance.





The next seven chapters zero in on the Seven Trumpets of the Tribulation.

And the last seven chapters (plus one extra, the 22nd chapter) focus on the complete end of the empires of this ***“present evil world”***, which makes way for the arrival of God’s Kingdom on Earth. (***Galatians 1:4***)

The first seven chapters have given us a resume of world history from the time of John unto Heaven itself. Now, as the Lord opens the Seventh Seal, we’re going to zoom in for a bird’s-eye view of what happens specifically at the very End, just before the Rapture of the saints.

These are called the seven trumpets of the Tribulation, that final 3½-year period of man's history, the last half of the Antichrist's reign of terror against all religions, all faiths, all gods, in which he tries to set himself up as if he were God Himself and abolish all religions except the worship of himself and/or his own Image! And he sits in the Temple of God pretending, even claiming that he is God! (***2Thes.2:4***)

This is the last horrendous tribulation period of which the Scriptures have spoken for generations, yea, for millenniums! For thousands of years, God by His prophets, has predicted this last terrible period of Earth's torment, Jacob's trouble, the Gentiles' trouble, tribulation, a terrible period, and the worst in all the Earth's history! As Jesus Himself said, *“then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”* (Mt.24:21.) --The end of the rule of evil men in the Earth!

REV.8:1. And when he had opened the **seventh seal**, there was **silence** in heaven about the space of **half an hour**.

When Jesus opens this seventh seal to reveal to us what is going to happen, it is so awesome, dreadful that a stunned silence overwhelms Heaven for a full half-hour before anything else happens, before anything else is said, before anything else is shown! Before John hears anything else, there is an eerie half-hour of stunned silence, as though all Heaven and Earth were overcome with awe at the magnitude of the catastrophes that are about to be revealed and let loose! That's the scene that's being set.



REV.8:2 And I saw the **seven angels** which stood before God; and to them were given **seven trumpets**.

These Seven Trumpets bring on the catastrophes that are featured in that fearsome era of the Great Tribulation which Jesus said would come just before His Second Coming.

"For then shall be Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," and "immediately after the tribulation of those days ... they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory." (Mt.24:21, 29-31)



REV.8:3 And **another angel** came and stood at the altar, having a **golden censer**; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with **the prayers** of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

REV.8:4 And the smoke of **the incense**, which came with the **prayers of the saints**, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

**** PSA.141:2** *Let **my prayer** be set forth before thee as **incense**; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

**** REV.5:8** *And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials **full of odours**, which are the **prayers** of saints.*

The smoke rises, flows, just like a beautiful stream. It revolves around and around while it goes up. The Lord takes a deep breath and it smells so good like flowers, like incense. It's our prayers! It's just like smoke, the incense of the sacrifice and the offerings that rise to God. We burn, we consume, we pour out our heart and it pours up to Him.



REV.8:5 And the angel took **the censer**, and filled it with fire of the altar, and **cast it into the earth**: and there were **voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake**.



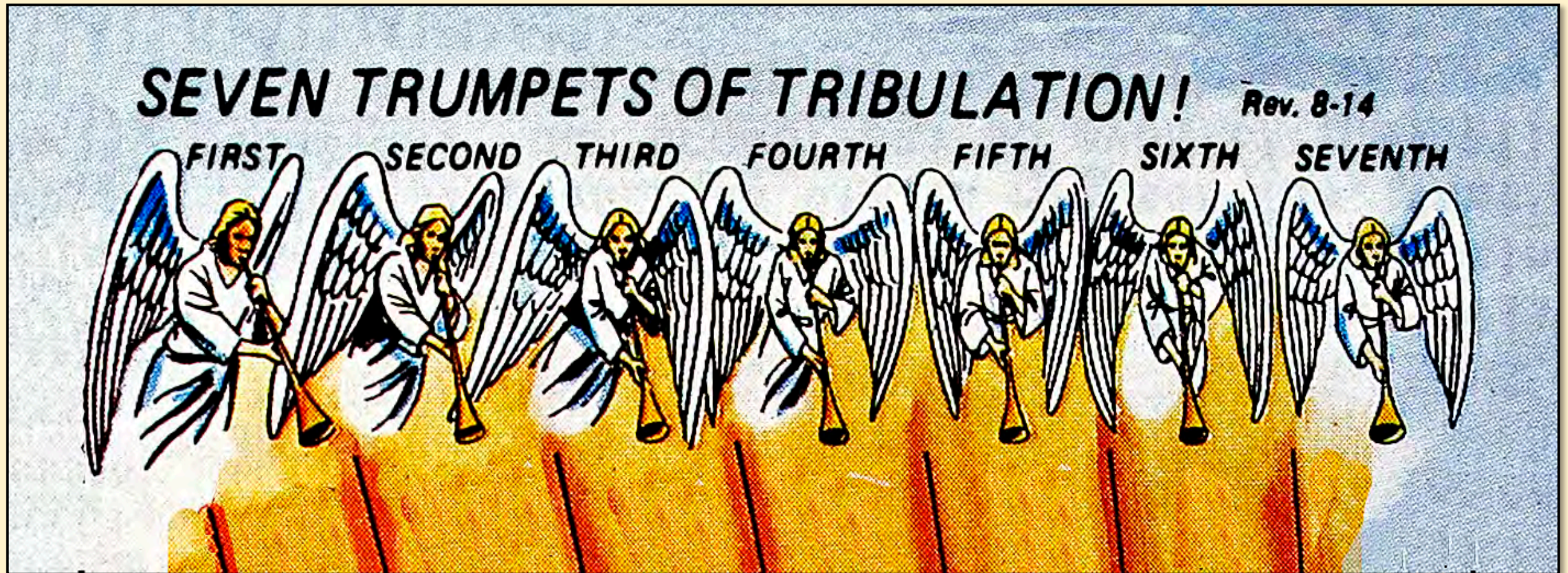
All Heaven and Earth await in awed silence in anticipation of this climactic and catastrophic period in human history. And to announce this final era, with all its dread and suffering, an angel takes the incense holder from the Throne of God and casts it down into the Earth, and there are voices, thunderings and lightnings--symbolic of the judgements of God, symbolic of the horrors to come! Some very supernatural things are about to take place. The final days of human history will try men's souls, and this censer cast into the Earth serves as an indication of the dreadful things that are about to come.

But at the same time, the prayers of the saints are ascending unto the Lord! --An encouragement, a brief glimpse of the efficacy of our prayers, that God is listening. And though we're suffering through this period, the Lord hears our cries, He hears our prayers, He's not deaf, He will help us through this terrible period of the last 3½ years of man's history, the Great Tribulation!

REV.8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

(It is important to note here that the explanations we will provide for the different plagues that occur when each trumpet sounds are hypotheses – speculations. They are educated guesses based on Scripture and the events that seem likely to occur. Only when that time comes will we get a fully accurate understanding of these Scriptures.)

REV.8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.



Possible explanation:

People used to say, *"Oh, how could that ever happen--a third of the trees and all the earth's grass burnt up--how could that happen?"* But now we know that it is certainly possible for atomic, hydrogen and cobalt bombs to do this!



If a multi-megaton bomb was to explode just over New York City or Chicago or any major city, it would literally suck up hundreds of thousands of tons of debris, including thousands of bodies, into its raging inferno, casting them back on the earth as debris and fallout, many of the heavier pieces of concrete falling as gigantic hail stones as written here:

"hail and fire mingled with blood were cast upon the earth."

REV.8:8 And the **second angel sounded**, and as it were a **great mountain burning with fire** was **cast into the sea**: and the third part of the **sea became blood**;

REV.8:9 And the **third part** of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the **third part** of the **ships** were destroyed.

Possible explanation:

This great mountain could be the literal sinking of some great land mass into the ocean (such as Southern California falling in the ocean?)

This second trumpet could trigger massive earthquakes such as this world has never seen! Where there are earthquakes these days, there's always fire from bursting gas mains, etc., and one on such a scale as this may even result in volcanic activity.





"And the third part of the sea became blood." How could a great land mass falling into the ocean turn a third part of it into blood, causing many creatures in the sea to die and destroying a third of the ships? The huge tidal waves resulting from such a catastrophe - over two and three hundred feet high - could do that for sure.

About the water turning to blood, something similar happened in Egypt, at the time Israel was being released from slavery. The streams and rivers of Egypt were turned to ***"blood"*** and became undrinkable (***Ex.7:1-25***). Not all of the water was affected, however, because they were able to access drinkable water by digging under the ground near the river. And with this 2nd trumpet there is a similarity; for two thirds of the Earth's waters remain unaffected.

The intention of the Exodus plagues was

- 1) To rescue Israel from slavery in Egypt,
- 2) To show the sovereignty of God and
- 3) To reveal His love to a people in need.

Something similar to what happened then will happen once more, on a much grander scale, during the Great Tribulation.

REV.8:10 And the **third angel sounded**, and there **fell a great star from heaven**, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and **upon the fountains of waters**;

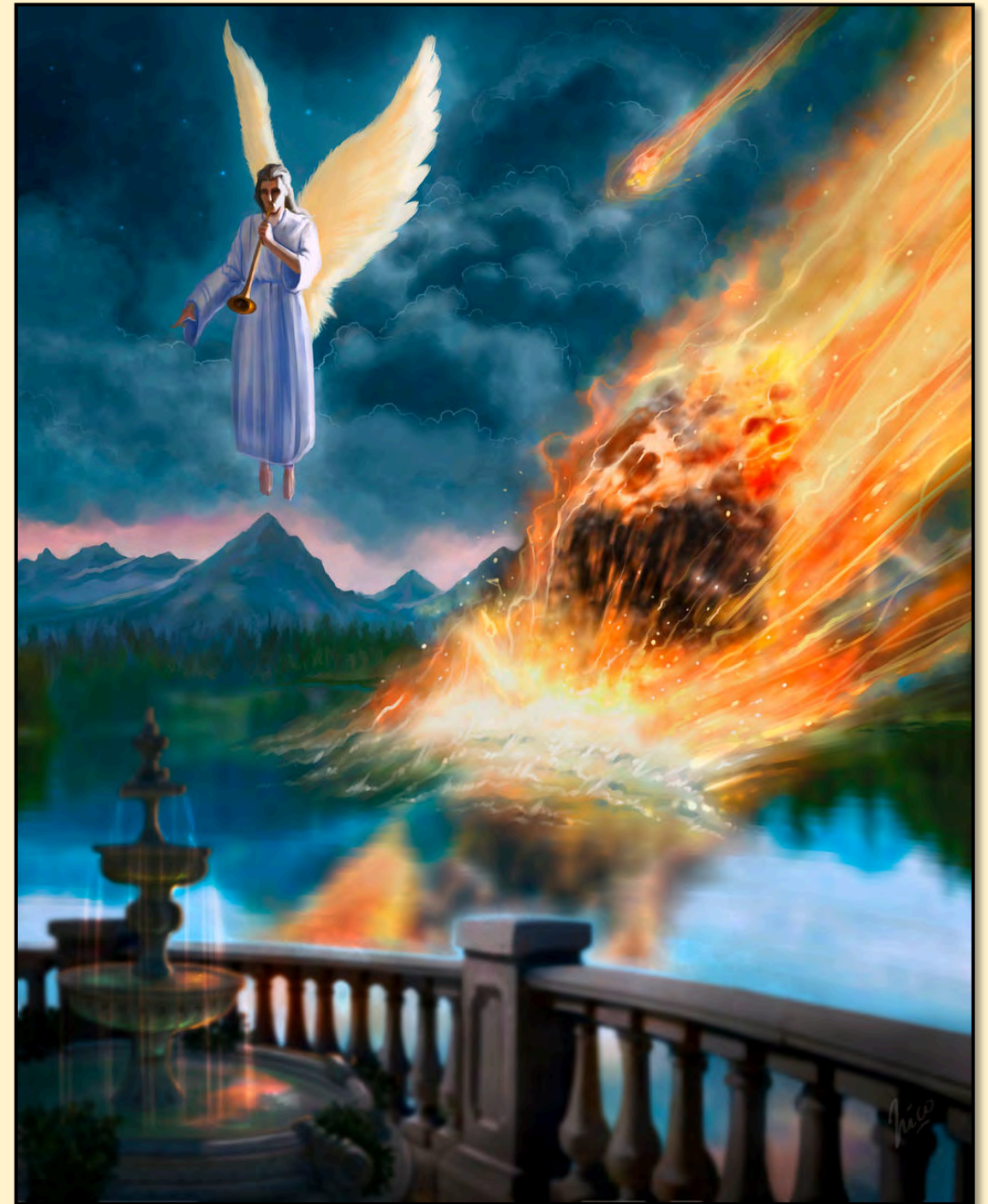
REV.8:11 and the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because **they were made bitter**.

Two possible interpretations:

(1) It is likely that much of the description of what these trumpets bring is symbolic: it is wise to let Scripture interpret Scripture, and in this case, Stars often symbolize angels. (*Rev.1:16, 20*) The falling star here may be Satan himself.

**** ISA.14:12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**

Satan's expulsion from the Celestial Domain is described in another chapter and seems to happen at this particular time. (*Rev.9:1, Rev.12:3, 4, 7-9*)



“...and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter.” —Could this be poison of the Serpent? You might understand that Satan’s fall would cause a physical poisoning of the world’s sources of water, but we are inclined to believe that, if the “Star” is Satan, then his fall would have a spiritual effect in the Earth – opposite to the effect that Jesus and His “living water” have:

***** John.4:10, 14 Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.***

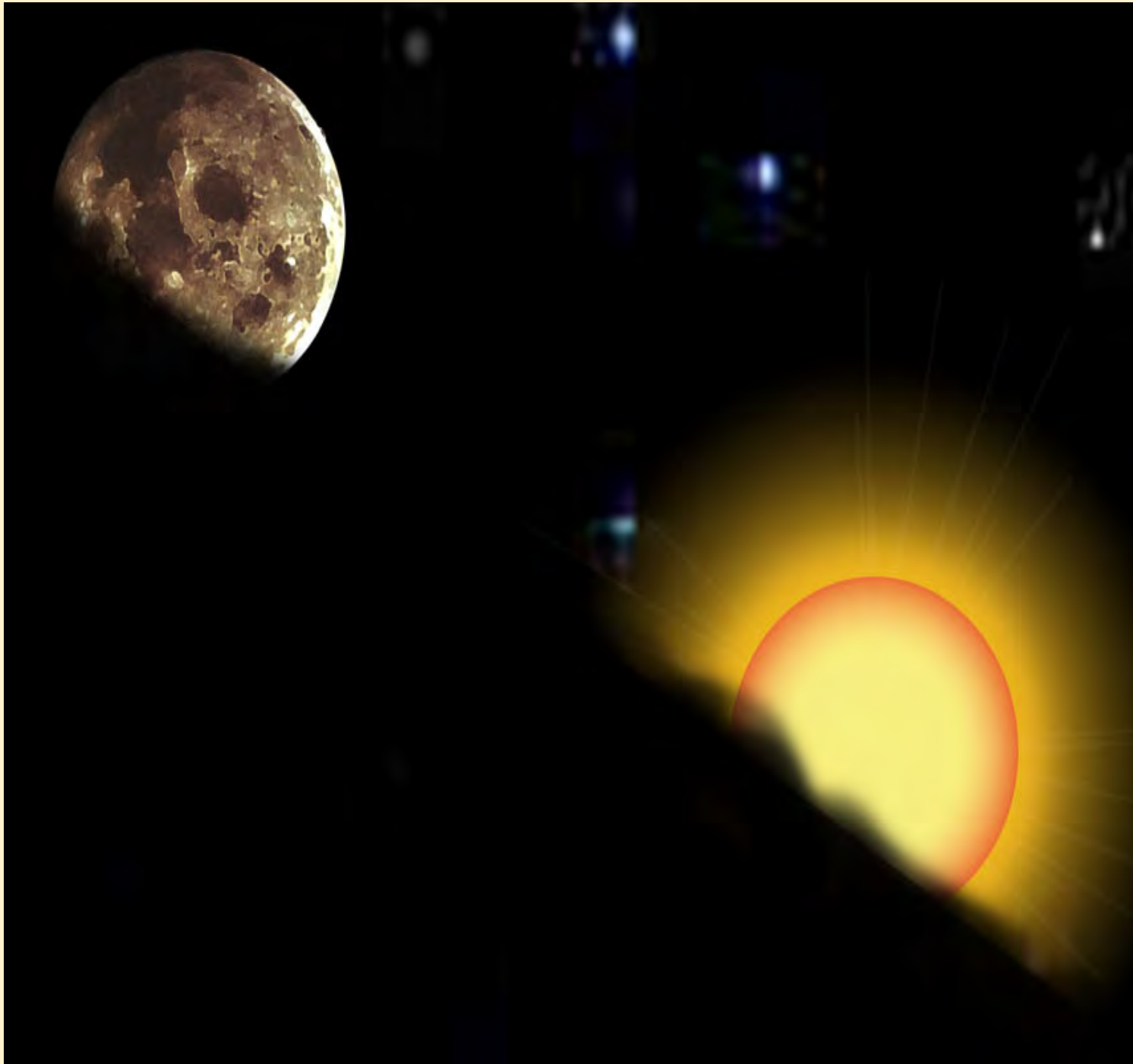




Satan, on the other hand, poisons the sources of information, causing rivers of propaganda to flow, falsifying historical truth. He distorts through the media; Satan poisons humanity through his bitter waters. And multitudes die spiritually, if not physically, as a result of being poisoned with his propaganda, his lies, his half-truths, his distortions, his deceits, "*with lying wonders*", as God's word refers to it in **2Thes.2:9**. Which water are you choosing and drinking?

(2) We can also take this literally: the "*star*" could simply be a comet or a meteor falling on the earth, causing the waters to be poisoned (perhaps by the gases of its tail?)

REV.8:12 And the **fourth angel sounded**, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the **third part of them was darkened**, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. (see also **EZE.32:7, 8**)



Possible Explanation

In a world where tons of debris have been sucked up into the atmosphere by atomic blasts, and in a world where all the ***"green grass is burnt up"*** (or parched brown by the intense heat), the resulting gigantic, worldwide dust storms might cause the type of visibility and darkness that is the main feature of this fourth trumpet.

Science realised, only at the beginning of the atomic age in 1945, that this type of global destruction was possible. But John saw it nearly 2,000 years ago--and other Prophets envisioned it before him! Two passages in the Old Testament predict something like an atomic war as one of the signs to occur before or at the ***"Day of the Lord."***

**** ZEC.14:12** *And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; their **flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.***

This is exactly what happened to the poor, innocent civilians at Nagasaki and Hiroshima: thousands vaporized on the spot as they stood upon their feet. Hundreds more were permanently blinded, even at considerable distance from the blast, as the prisms of their eyes focusing on the fireball acted like tiny magnifying glasses, so intensifying the heat that their eyeballs literally cooked in their sockets, or as the Prophet said, "consumed away in their holes!**"**

****JOEL 2:30-33** *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, **blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD** come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered...*



What's the result of all of this? --Darkness! What's the result, whether you think it's literal or symbolic, of this poisoning of the rivers and the waters, or the sources of information, the sources of propaganda, the media information of the world? --Darkness!



****ISA.13:10** *For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: **the sun shall be darkened** in his going forth, and **the moon shall not cause her light to shine.***

Further thoughts on the subject of disinformation and the spiritual Darkness it leads to:

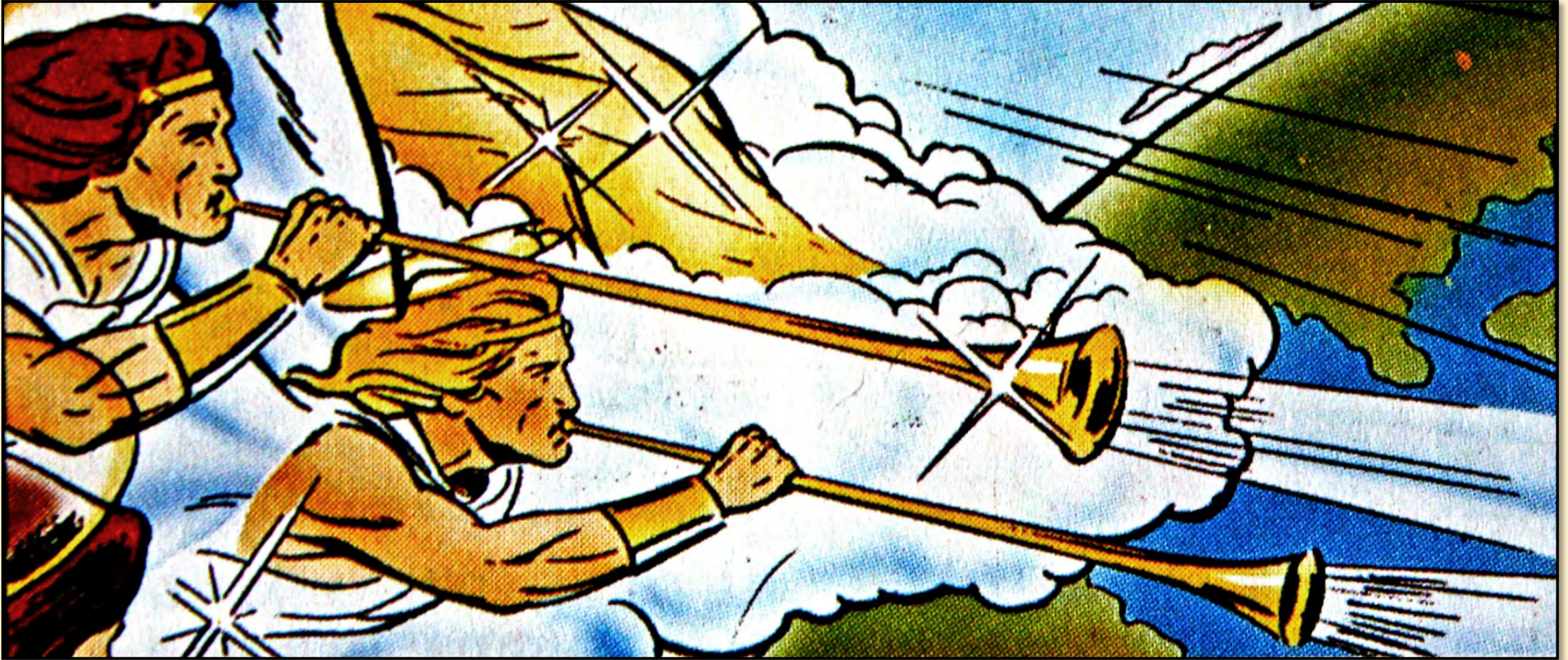
As people are fed poison water, poison disinformation, poison news, their minds and hearts are darkened, just as the apostle Paul explains: if we stray away from Him, we become ***“darkened in our understanding, alienated from the life of God and past feeling”!*** (Eph.4:18) Those committed

to their evil ways in these Last Days of the terrible Tribulation period, will not turn to God. In spite of all the catastrophes and horrors, most of the Earth’s population, it seems, will not turn to God!

They will believe the lies of the Devil and this Devil-man, Satan incarnate in the flesh, the Antichrist, and as he poisons the waters of information and propaganda, their hearts will become more darkened, their minds even more lacking in understanding as he darkens the world! Or if you want to take it literally, the very heavens are darkened, the skies are darkened, and the sun and moon are darkened. Either way, it sounds pretty bad.



REV.8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of **the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**



These first four trumpets mainly show the effect of God's judgments on nature, though, of course, many men die as a result. In order, the Trumpets affected: 1) the earth, 2) the sea, 3) the rivers, and 4) the heavens.

Each of these trumpets is like a herald; one by one, the angels sound, heralding a new stage of this terrible era of the Tribulation. If you're here and still alive then, you'll know exactly the progress of the Tribulation period by what's happening, whether you're under the first trumpet, the second, the third, the fourth, and so on. You'll know and understand clearly then and will be prepared and will be glad you have studied the Scriptures.

(Rev.1:3)

**** DAN.12:9-10** *And he said, go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed **till the time of the end**. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: **and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.***

**** Rev.3:10.** *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. He says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* (Rev.3:20)

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I want to know You personally, so I invite You to come into my life, into my heart. Thank you for giving Your life for me so I could be forgiven of my sins, find peace of heart and mind here and now and receive God's gift of eternal life. Amen."

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"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." Mat.24:21

REV.9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

REV.9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

In many other Bible versions, it says *"had fallen."* This *"fallen star"* may point us back to Revelation 8:10, where we saw a *"great star"* that *"fell from heaven,"* polluting much of the earth's drinking water. You notice it calls this star a *"him and he"*. In other words, it's an

angel. God often uses the words interchangeably. He calls angels stars, and He calls stars angels. (Rev.1:20) And this falling star opened the bottomless pit. We will see later in this class who this fallen angel might be.

**** LUK.10:18 and he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

REV.9:3 And there came out of the smoke **locusts** upon the earth: and **unto them was given power**, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

REV.9:4 And it was **commanded them** that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but **only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

This reminds us of what the Judgement angels were told in Revelation 7:3, “Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”



God is going to protect us and God is going to keep us, at least a lot of us, if not most of us, supernaturally, miraculously, powerfully, in many ways, and the message will get out all the more in spite of everything the Antichrist and his forces try to do! Those are going to be the worst days the World has ever suffered and the worst time the people of faith have ever endured, of horrible persecution, suppression and even slaughter. But some of us will survive! The Lord has promised supernatural protection!

Here in chapter 9 we are told about two of the terrible Trumpets of Tribulation and the mighty



judgements, plagues and monsters that they unleash from ***"the bottomless pit"*** to torment the ungodly, the corrupt and evil-minded. And He gives them a strict command not to hurt those who have the seal of God in their forehead. In other words, they were to pass over those who had the seal of God!



Has anything like this happened before? Yes. It is clearly recorded (*in Exodus 11-13*) that the death angel, who came to afflict the Egyptians, “*passed over*” the Children of Israel. To this day that remarkable event is celebrated amongst Jewish people worldwide in their Passover festival.

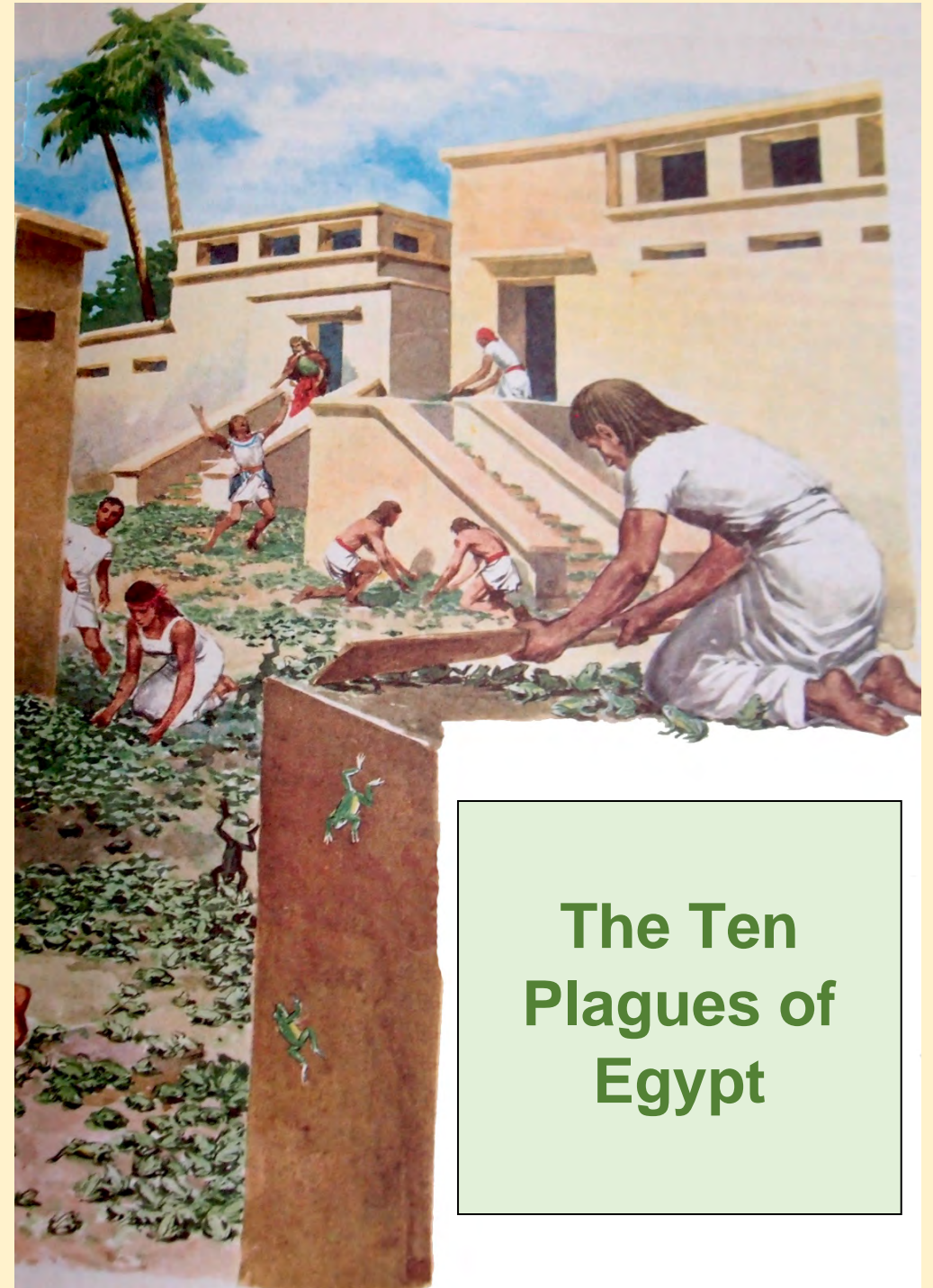
During this tribulation period when the Antichrist and his followers are attacking the true followers of Jesus Christ, God is going to let loose pestilences, plagues and beasts to attack the kingdom of Satan and the wicked! --So they'll have so much on their hands defending themselves from these monsters and these plagues that they won't have much time to persecute us! As His Word has said, “*It is a righteous thing with*

God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you!” (2Th.1:6.)

This is very similar to the days of Moses, you remember, when he went in to rescue the Children of Israel. --And when Pharaoh persecuted the Jewish slaves and wouldn't let them go, Moses called on God and He sent terrible plagues upon the Egyptians--not the Israelites!

When the Egyptians were having these horrible plagues, over in the land of Goshen where Israel lived, all was well! When great darkness fell upon all of the rest of Egypt, it was light in the land of Goshen! When the frogs were everywhere and even in their beds in Egypt, no frogs in Goshen! When the cattle were slaughtered by great hail from Heaven, no hail in Goshen! When the horrible sores fell upon the Egyptians, no sores on the Israelites! God was giving the worldly people, the Kingdom of Satan, lots of trouble, to make them stop causing so much trouble to God's servants.

So that's exactly what He's going to do during the Tribulation--the last great hour of trouble and persecution for the saints of God. God is going to send great plagues upon the Earth to protect us, to attack the wicked, to make them take their hands off of us!



REV.9:5 And to them it was given that they **should not kill them**, but that they **should be tormented five months**: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

REV.9:6 And in those days **shall men seek death**, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and **death shall flee from them**.

REV.9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto **horses prepared unto battle**; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were **as the faces of men**.

REV.9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were **as the teeth of lions**.

REV.9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates **of iron**; and the sound of their wings was as the **sound of chariots of many horses running to battle**.

**** JOEL 1:6** *For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are **the teeth of a lion**, and he hath the cheek **teeth of a great lion**.*



**** JOEL 2:4-5** *The appearance of them is as **the appearance of horses**; and as horsemen, so shall they run. **Like the noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*



REV.9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and **there were stings in their tails**: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Like much in the book of Revelation, this passage is cryptic; It is important to note here that the explanations we will provide for the different plagues are hypotheses – speculations. They are educated guesses based on Scripture and the events that seem likely to occur. Only when that time comes will we get a fully accurate understanding of these Scriptures.

Possible explanation:

Now, what does that sound like to you? Doesn't that sound a bit like helicopters or war planes with guns? Because John was seeing something in a vision from God, a revelation of the future of



things which he had never seen before, so he had to describe them in a language that the people of his day could understand.

In this passage it is not God or an angel speaking; it is just John the apostle, who seems to be having a sort of “*time travel*” experience. And if that is the case, then, of course, he would be unable to use the proper technological terms for these modern inventions. He had to describe these creatures he was seeing as well as he could, by the things that he was already familiar with, because he had never seen such beasts before!

He had never seen tanks or planes or guns, nor ever heard the roar of their explosions and bombs, nor the roar of their engines and motors. He said they look a little bit like locusts, they fly, and we could speculate that he might have been seeing a helicopter or a plane at that time? And yet they were like horses prepared to battle. Well, perhaps he was watching one of these steel chariots like a tank, and it rumbled along across the earth and it reminded him of the rumble of horses' hoofs--war horses running rapidly in wartime.

He said, *"On their heads were as it were crowns like as gold."* Did you ever notice that every tank has a turret? And the old bombers of World War II had revolving gun turrets which looked like crowns on top of the plane, gun turrets which revolved sort of like crowns on the top and so on. He said, *"Their faces were as the faces of men."*--Perhaps he saw them peering through the windows, so that it looked as if the windows had eyes.



"Their teeth were as the teeth of lions." What could the teeth be? He must have seen them firing guns? Or perhaps he saw the bombs or the missiles hanging down underneath and they looked like lions' teeth. "And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron." They were made of metal, so they looked like iron shields.



"And the sound of their wings as they flew, was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle." Doesn't that sound like a jet roaring overhead? --A great big jumbo jet roaring past overhead? Doesn't that

sound like many horses running to battle? The prophet just described these things he was seeing, that he'd never seen before, the best he could. "And they had tails like unto scorpions, and stings in their tails", like tail gunners and machine guns?

REV.9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is **Abaddon**, but in the Greek tongue hath his name **Apollyon**.

"Apollyon" and "Abaddon" both mean destruction or destroyer, a strong hint and indication of who this angel is! There are however two schools of thought among scholars: some say it's the Devil himself or one of the Devil's archangels who came down to Earth to cause a lot of trouble to man and God's Creation. And its fall to Earth as part of the judgements of God, both upon Satan and his followers, and upon humanity. In contrast, some interpret it as an angel not of Satan but of God, performing his work of destruction at God's bidding. An example of this was the last plague on the first born in Egypt:

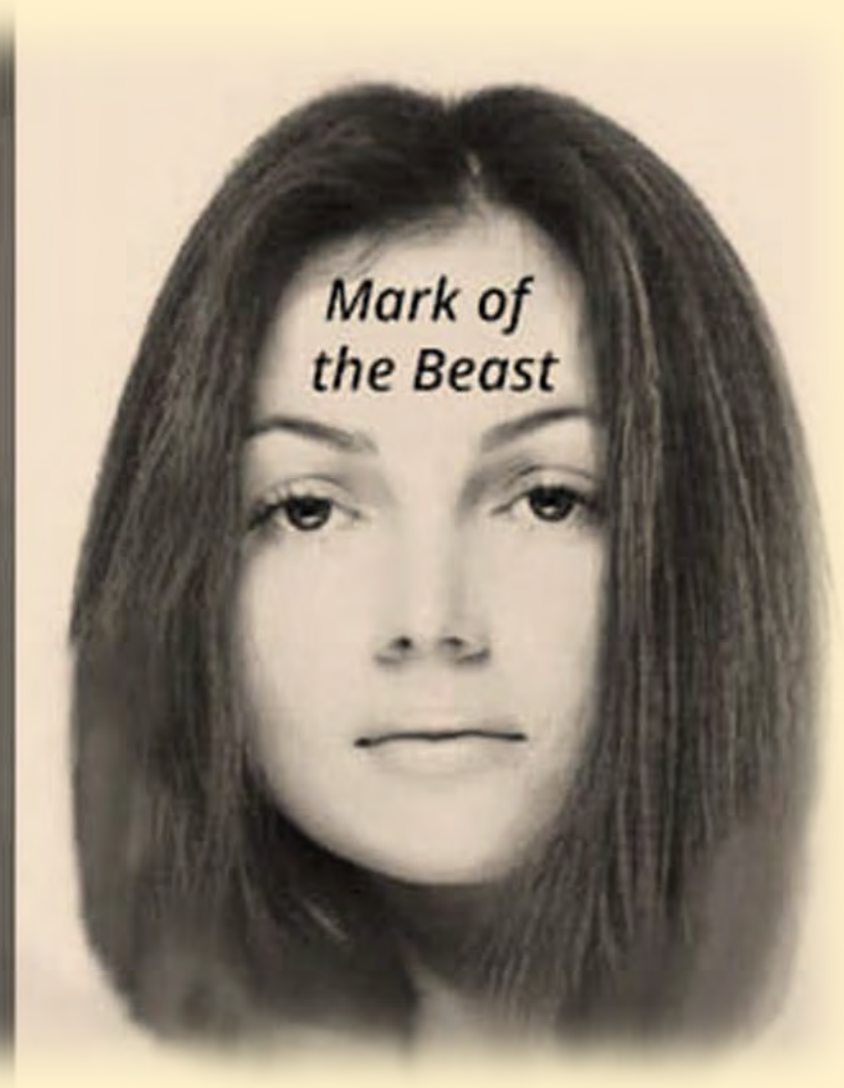
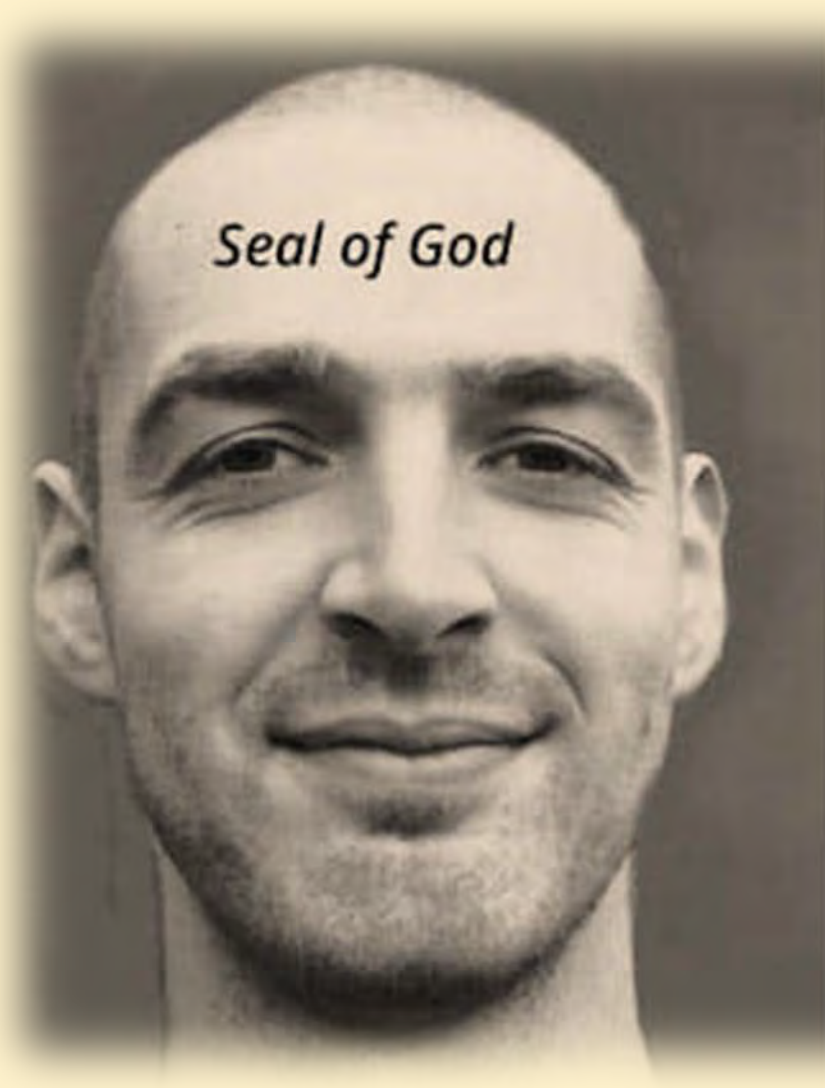
"For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the DESTROYER to come into your houses to strike you." (Exo.12:23) Whether angels or devils, they are ultimately under the control of the Lord.



In any case, this will be a horrible time of torment for those not sealed with God's seal. But these horrible monsters, whatever they may be, are not going to hurt us! God is going to protect us even in warfare from these planes, tanks, guns, bombs and bullets or even monsters, if it's a new kind of weapon or creature that's never been seen before!

They're not going to hurt us, He said, just the evil-doers who have the Mark of the Beast on them instead of the Mark of the Lord in their forehead.

REV.9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, **there come two woes more** hereafter.



REV.9:13 And the **sixth angel sounded**, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

REV.9:14 saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, **Loose the four angels** which are **bound in the great river Euphrates**. **(We will cover in more detail this subject of the Euphrates River in chapter 16)**

REV.9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which **were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men**.

REV.9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen **were two hundred thousand thousand**: and I heard the number of them. **(Two hundred million!)**



REV.9:17 And thus I **saw the horses** in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of **their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.** (*Rev.16:12-16*)

REV.9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which **issued out of their mouths.**



REV.9:19 for their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and **with them they do hurt.**

Now wait a minute, horses don't do things like that, and they don't issue fire and brimstone out of their mouths. Well, then if they're not real horses, then maybe they're tanks with guns issuing fire and brimstone, maybe that's the best way he could describe them.

"For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails."--That big mouth, that big gun belches smoke and shells! And their tails, did you ever notice out of the little gun slots, the little barrels of machine guns sticking out firing bullets that sting? "...and with them do they hurt." They do hurt! So, maybe he's describing tanks!

And they had heads like lions-- have you ever seen the turret on the top of a tank revolving like a head? It looks like the head on a monster because it revolves and looks different directions and its gun revolves with it, and out of its mouth it spits fire, brimstone, smoke, and even worse, or maybe it's something we've never even seen yet or seen before. Whatever it is, these engines of war that John saw appear to be the modern equivalent of the feared war horses of ancient times! Since that's what John could relate to, he uses that in his description of these battle forces of modern times.



REV.9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet **repented not** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

REV.9:21 neither **repented they** of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

**** REV.16:11** And *blasphemed the God of heaven* because of their pains and their sores, and **repented not** of their deeds.

So did the evil-doers repent when the plagues were poured out upon them and these horrors, these wars and all the rest during this horrible Tribulation period? --No. God's Word says,

"Let mercy be shown unto the wicked, and yet he will not learn righteousness." (Is.26:10.)

Even those that were not killed by these plagues still refused to repent. Even though later on it says they even gnawed their tongues for pain, yet would they not repent of their wickedness! And that's so true of the genuinely thoroughly wicked who hate God and hate Christ, and who curse Him and blame all their troubles on God up until they die!



Only He says here they're going to pray for death and not be able to find it! --The horrors of Hell let loose on the Earth--Pandora's box opened at last, all of these horrible creatures and monsters of God or the Devil or both, to torment the wicked! --Not us who love the Lord.



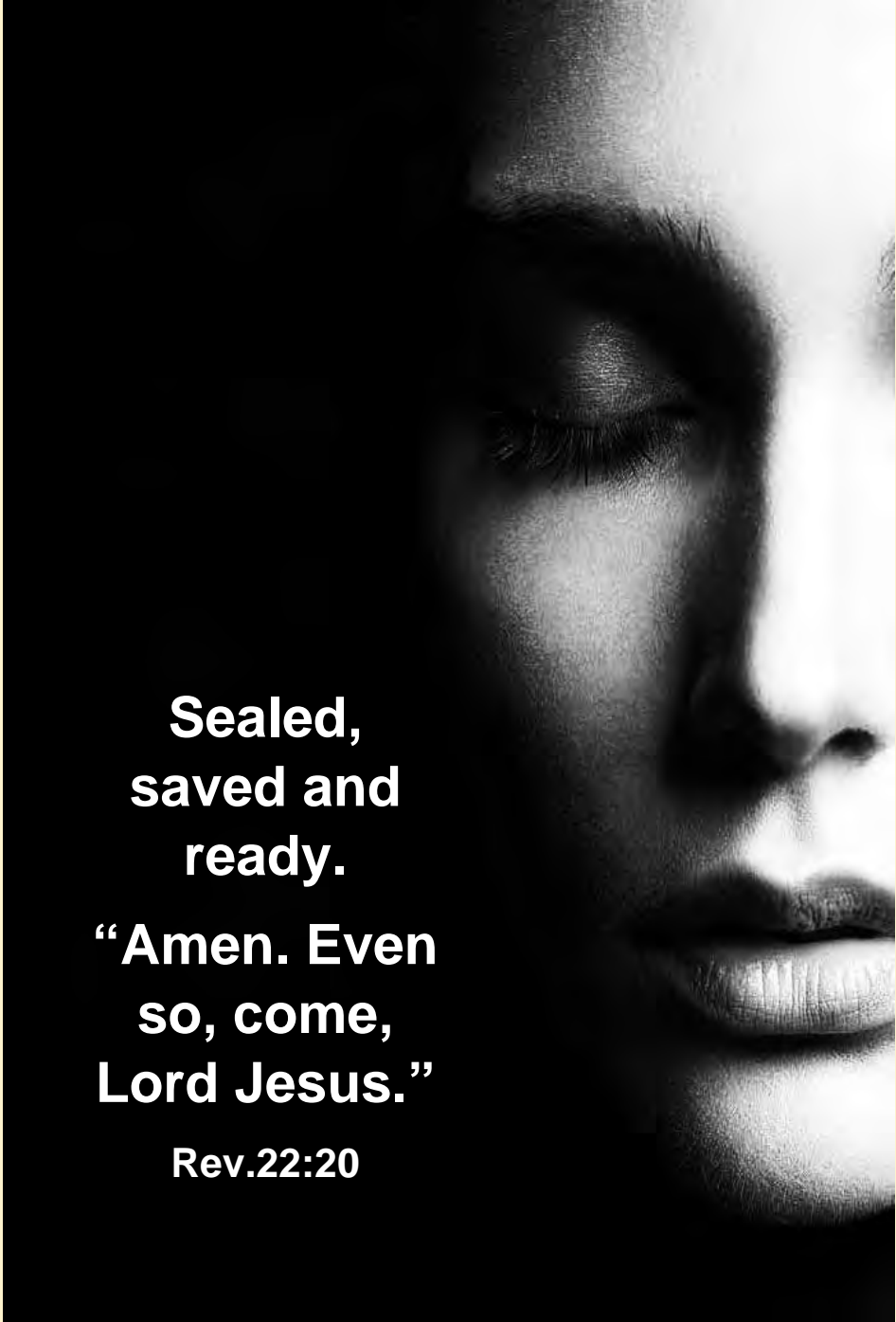
Because so many people confuse these Trumpets of Tribulation with the Vials of God's Wrath in Revelation chapter 16, we would like to now compare these two periods. Just to state it briefly, the main difference is that in the Wrath of God you find that ALL the seas turn to blood, ALL the rivers and fountains of waters are turned to blood, ALL the sun is darkened, ALL life in the sea died, and so on. Everything seems to be total destruction when the seven vials of God's Wrath are poured out. But here under the tribulation trumpets there is only a partial death, and a partial cursing, and a partial woe: a third part of the trees burnt, a third part of the seas become blood, etc. The Wrath of God is much more severe in falling upon the wicked who are left behind when the Church is taken away at the Coming of Christ at the end of the Great Tribulation. We, the believers in Christ, will go through the Tribulation but we will not be on earth during the period of the Wrath of God!

**** 1TH.5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

CONCLUSION:

When the awesome, apocalyptic, earthshaking events described in this lesson soon begin to unfold, will you be ready? Will you know what to do? Will you be prepared to survive, and will you know how to help others to do so, as well as continue to worship God and encourage others in the Faith during days not unlike those of the Catacombs Church of martyrs under Roman persecution?

Only those who have the seal of God in their foreheads, His own children, the true followers who have the genuine Jesus in their hearts, will be hidden and spared by the miracles of God until the Coming of Christ, when they will join Him in the air! --The only way out will be up! All those who have had the supernatural, regenerative rebirth of the Spirit of God's Love in Jesus, being born again by accepting Him into their hearts! --Have you? If so, you might as well get ready right now. Prepare now for the things God says are going to happen during the Tribulation. --And the best training you could possibly have for surviving that kind of situation is to learn now to live by faith, learn now to survive under difficult conditions, and learn now how to live in a survival situation.



**Sealed,
saved and
ready.
“Amen. Even
so, come,
Lord Jesus.”**

Rev.22:20

Are you ready? Probably not! --But you can get ready now by reading, studying and learning His Word, and giving your full attention to the Lord, your whole worship, serve and love the Lord with all your heart, strength, and mind, everything you've got, starting right now! --Until the very End! Amen?

You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"



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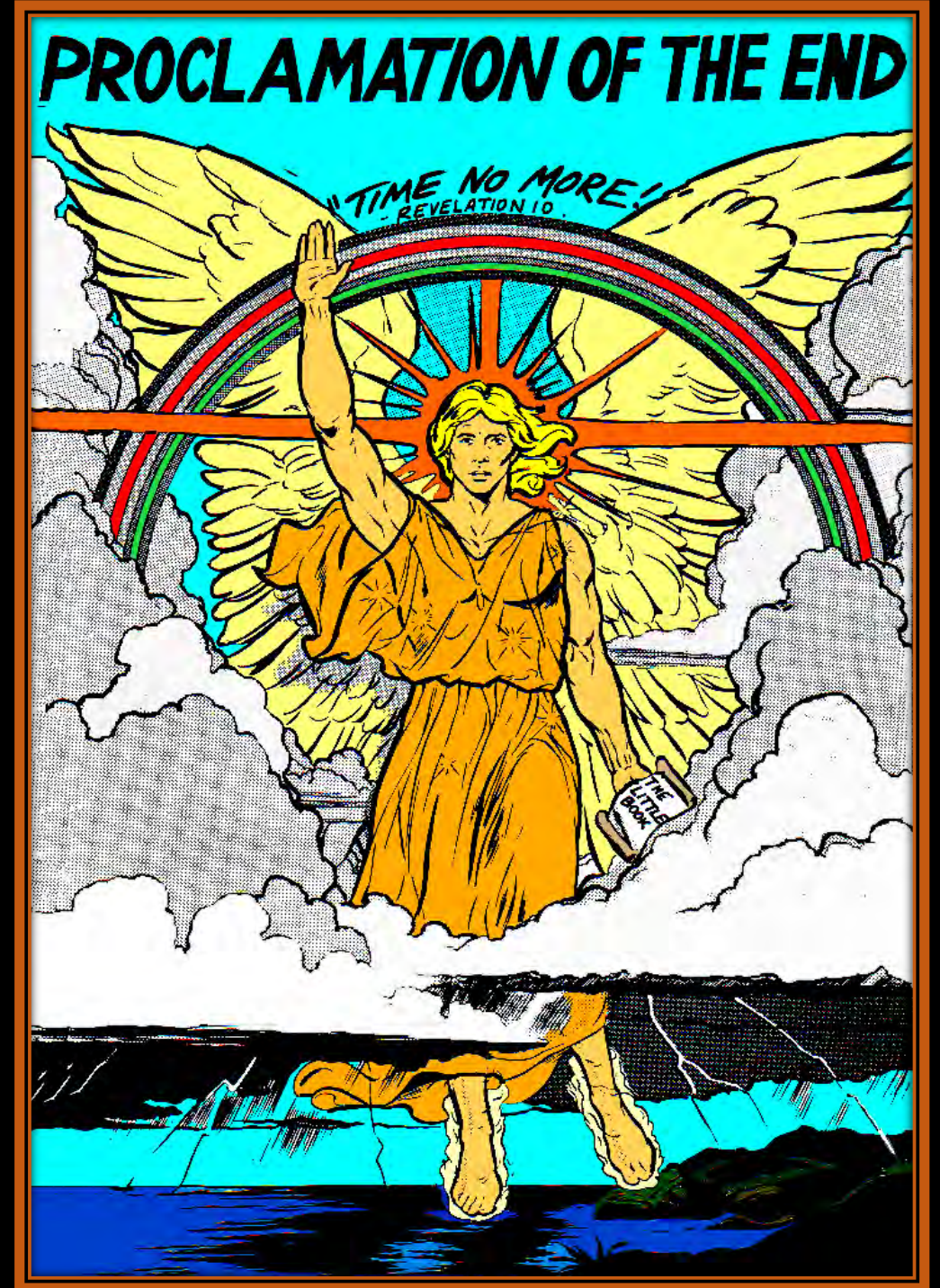
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This chapter is like an interlude or intermission. The curtain closes temporarily on the vision of the future, and an angel enters the scene to make a big announcement. He is quite impressive, coming down from Heaven, clothed with a cloud, a rainbow on his head, face like the sun, and feet like pillars of fire. He has a little book open in his hand and sets his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth. In almost every sermon, sooner or later the preacher stops to make announcements. Likewise, here in the 10th chapter, the angel makes some grand announcements. And he's announcing what? --The End of all these things. (In addition, he interacts briefly with John the apostle.)

REV.10:1 And I saw **another mighty angel** come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and **a rainbow was upon his head**, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

REV.10:2 and he had in his hand **a little book open**: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,





REV.10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, **seven thunders** uttered their voices.

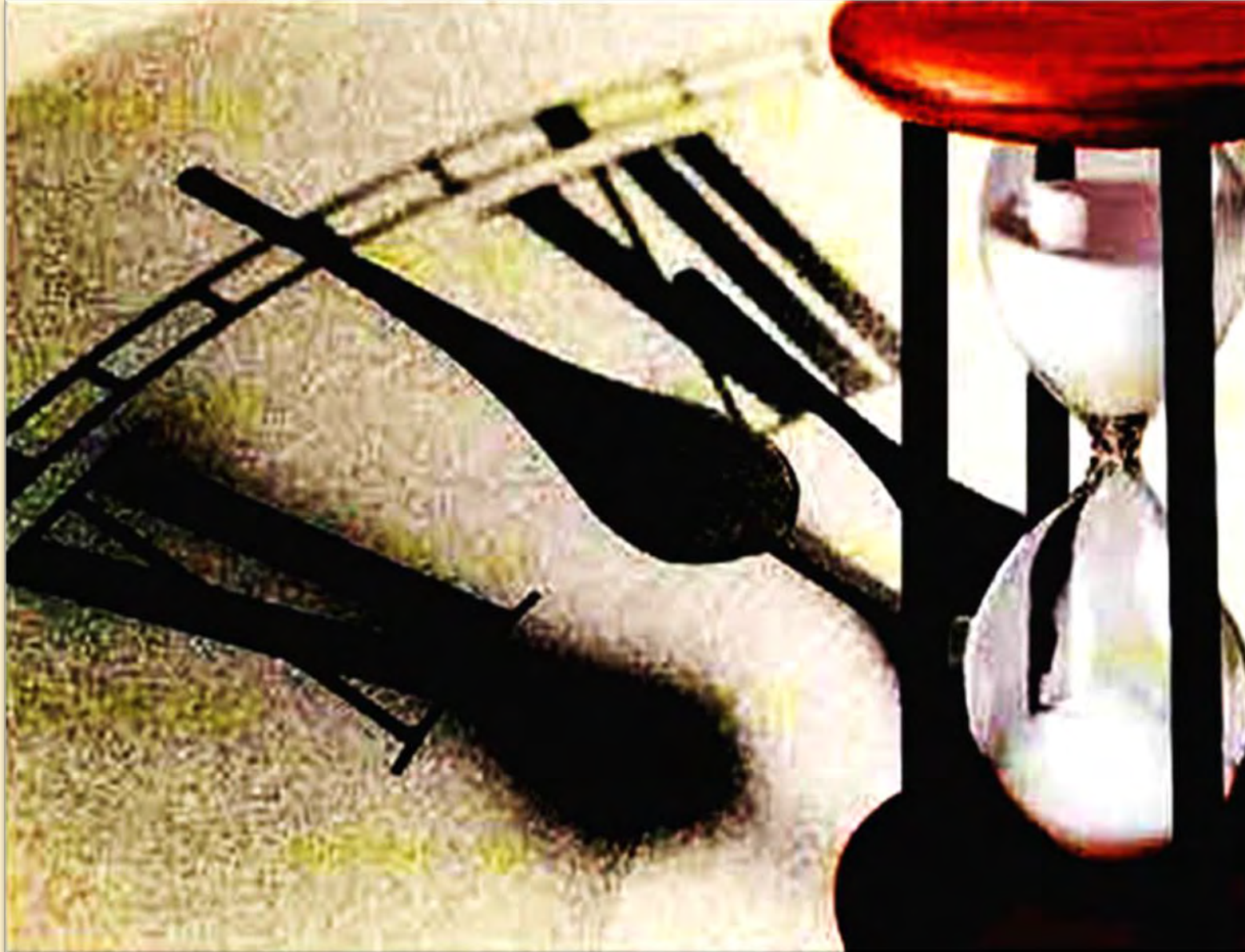
Reminds us of

Rev.4:5. And out of the throne proceeded **lightnings and thunderings** and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God**.

REV.10:4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, **seal up those things** which the seven thunders uttered, and **write them not**.

Reminds us of DAN.12:4, “**but thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book**, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.”

We have heard Bible Prophecy teachers trying to explain what the seven thunders said. If God wanted us to know, He would have told us, right? He might yet tell us! But He wasn't going to let John say anything then, and there must have been some reason for it. There are certain secrets in this book that we do not know now and we can't expect to know until it's God's time to tell us! So anybody who thinks they understand everything in the Book of Revelation, we have reason to be skeptical of what they say!



REV.10:5 and the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

REV.10:6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, **who created heaven**, and the things that therein are, **and the earth**, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:**

Two thoughts:

1. Most Bible versions translate this passage as ***“there would be no more delay.”*** That is to say, time’s up, the Second Coming of Jesus and the judgments of God are about to happen.
2. Still, it is interesting to speculate about the concept of time and a literal view of this translation ***“that there should be time no longer”***. In order for something to have a beginning and an ending what does it have to have in-between? --Time! What happened in the beginning? It was not only the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth, but also the beginning of Time!



Time itself is a creation of God and was a part of the Creation. -- ***"In the beginning (Ge.1:1)!"*** God had to create Time first in order for material things to exist. What did Einstein teach? --That matter not only has to have three dimensions--length, breadth, height, some kind of volume--but has to have a fourth dimension, time, in order to exist. So, in order for the material creation to exist, it had to have a beginning and it had to have time and it will also have an end.

Jesus is the great ***"I AM"***, who dwells in the Eternal Now where there is no past nor future and



"time shall be no more". In the spirit it's like the past, present and future are all one! It all looks the same to God, and He can easily reveal the mysteries of the Future to His prophets and seers:

"For surely the Lord God will do nothing, but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the Prophets! (Amos 3:7)"

REV.10:7 But in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, **the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

This Seventh Trump is not blown in this Chapter and nothing about the future happens here. This is merely an announcement, that when this last Trumpet is sounded, time has run out, there will be no more delay, and the mystery of God shall be finished.

This "*mystery*" which is to be finished at the seventh trump refers to the Church. Paul called it: *"The mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God!"* And it was that *"ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ, which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs (with the Jews), and of the same body...For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. ... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church."* (Ep.3:9; 3:4-6; 5:30, 32)

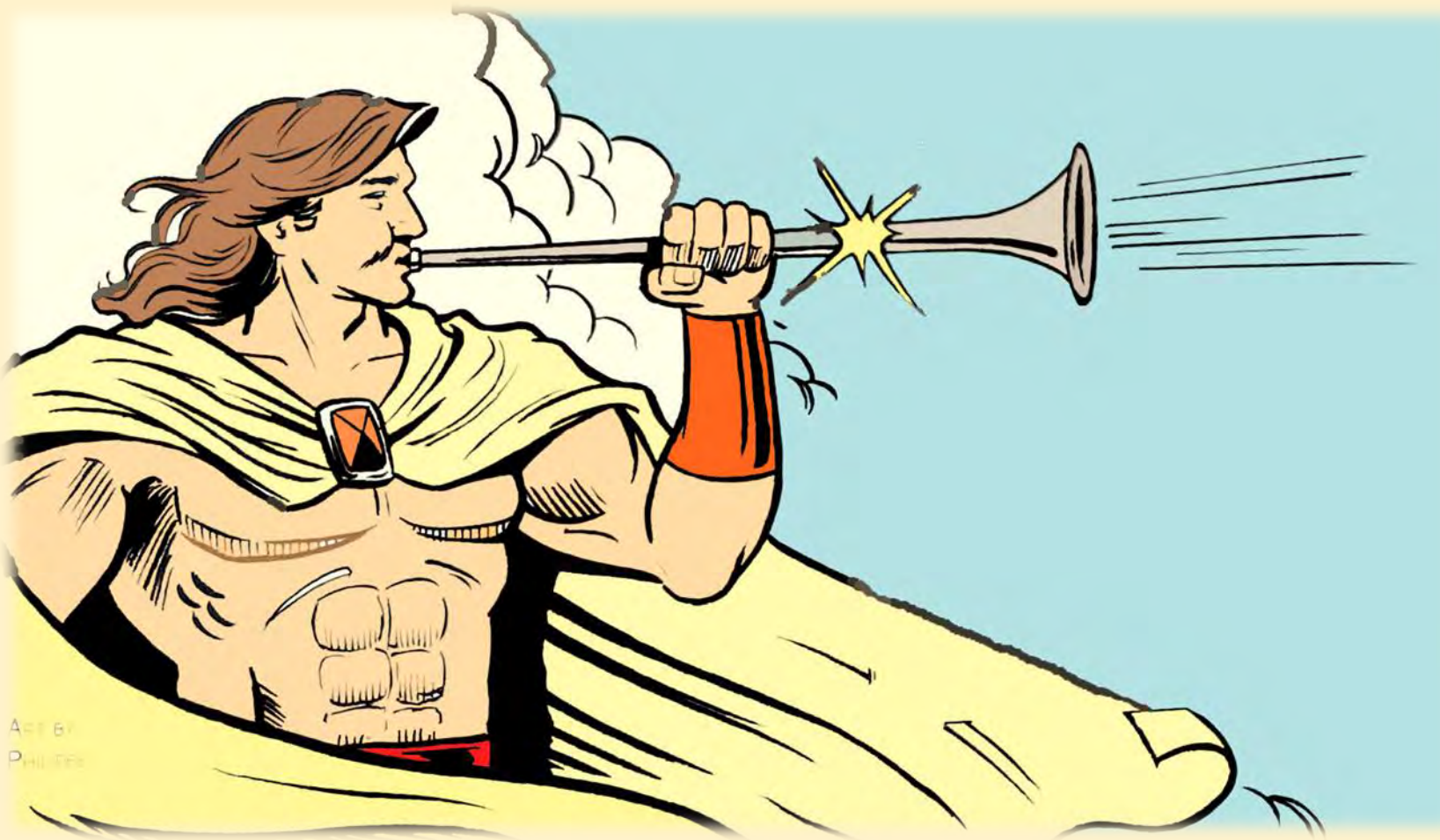


The **"mystery of God"** being finished probably means the completion of the Church at the Second Coming of Christ when He gathers together His Church by the awesome grand miracle of the Resurrection and Rapture. In **Matthew Chapter 24**, the Lord said that his Coming to **"gather together"** His Church would be accompanied by a trumpet.

"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect (or the saints)." (Mt.24:31)

And Paul, in another of his predictions, is very specific as to which trump it will be when the gathering together takes place and the mystery of God, the Church, is completed:

***** 1Cor.15:51, 52 I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep (die and remain in the grave), but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the LAST TRUMP (or Seventh Trump): for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (We will receive immortal bodies)***



This mystery of God then is you and me, the church, and at the last or seventh trump, it is going to be finished. At one sudden, supernatural, miraculous mighty stroke of God, His Church will be instantly and supernaturally completed! God will wave His rod of power and presto! --The finished Church will be caught up into Heaven in the Rapture!

**** MAT.24:29-31 ...immediately after the tribulation of those days...and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: ...and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**



REV.10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, **Go and take the little book** which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

REV.10:9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, **Give me the little book.** And he said unto me, **Take it, and eat it up;** and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth **sweet as honey.**

REV.10:10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, **and ate it up;** and it was in my mouth **sweet as honey:** and as soon as I had eaten it, **my belly was bitter.**



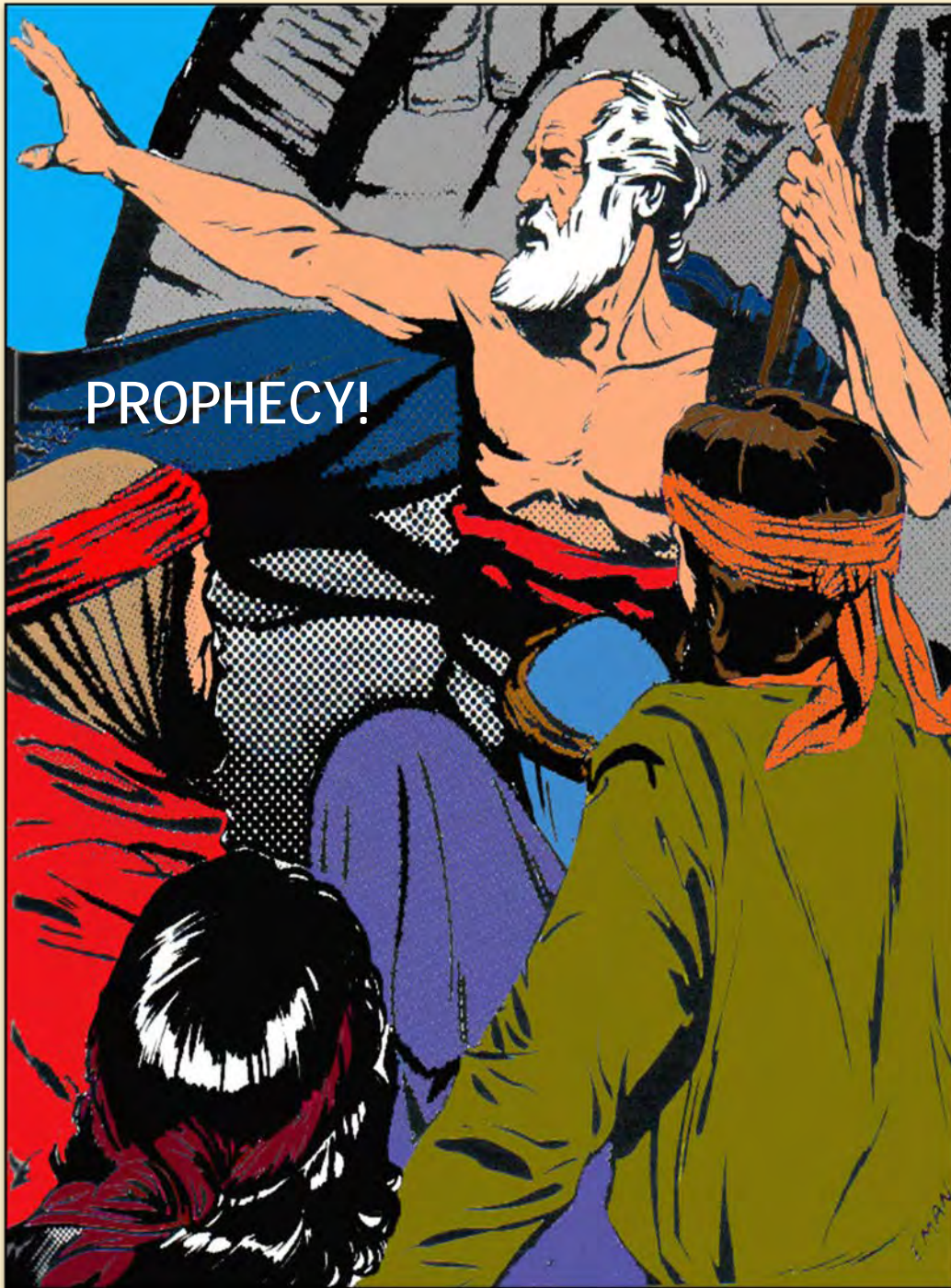
Reminds us of certain Scriptures:

**** JER.15:16** Thy words were found, and **I did eat them**; and **thy word** was unto **me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart**: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.



**** EZE.3:1-3** Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; **eat this roll**, and **go speak unto the house of Israel**. So I opened my mouth, **and he caused me to eat that roll**. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth **as honey for sweetness**.

**** PSA.119:103** How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**



REV.10:11 and he said unto me, **thou must prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

So this little book must be a book of prophecy, possibly referring even to *this Book of Revelation* which was meant to be an "open" book:

"Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand." (Rev.22:10)

This Book has certainly prophesied to millions of people of all nations and tongues throughout history. A lot of people are interested in the future. Nearly everybody wants to know what's going to happen! What is the future? What is the prophecy all about? They have a great desire for prophecy, and in their mouth, it tastes so sweet, mmm, delicious, all these juicy prophecies about the future! But then when they get down to where they are trying to digest it, understand it, comprehend it and interpret it, it gives them a real bellyache, a real tummy-ache, a real case of acute indigestion of prophecies, the Words of God which can only be understood by the leading of God's own Holy Spirit!



John took the little book of the prophecy of the future and it tasted like honey in his mouth, but when he tried to digest it, it was a little tough! And so it is for us too, we're going to find out in a lot of these Scriptures that we read, that some parts are going to be a little difficult for interpretation and digestion as we go along!

We often try to offer you several different possibilities of interpretation which many men of God and Bible students have accepted, several alternatives usually. We say, well, it could be this or could be that or the other, but we won't know completely until it happens.

We know generally what it's all about and there is a lot that can be understood, but we just don't know some of those details yet; we probably won't know until we see them and when they begin to happen, because we don't have to know everything right now!

But He has told us in advance so that when we begin to see those events unfolding, we'll recognise them and say, *"Oh, this is what John was talking about in his Book of Revelation! He described that thing to a tee and now there it is, it really is, it really happened!"* And it will strengthen our faith then and we will be prepared if we have been faithful to study His word. In similar fashion while on Earth, Jesus told His disciples a few things in advance which they did not understand at the time but were meant to strengthen their faith later:

"And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe." (John 14:29, 13:19)



Now, today several of Daniel's prophecies are understood, because they are now past history! But others in the same book are yet to be fulfilled in the future. The whole realm of human political history from the days of Babylon up until the very End, the final World government of the Antichrist, are described in the Book of Daniel! They are also described here in this Book of Revelation and we will be getting into that in the coming chapters.

Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Jesus says: *"Behold, I stand at the door (of your heart), and knock: if any man hears my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."* Rev.3:20

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults and sins. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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REVELATION CHAPTER 11 part 1

THE TWO END TIME WITNESSES!

Basic and General Study of Revelation

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The 11th chapter, like previous chapters, outlines from a different perspective the era of the Great Tribulation. Like the 6th Chapter it goes right up to the very End with the Wrath of God and the great earthquake. But it covers a different aspect of the Tribulation era.

The book of Revelation reaches the End several times, so don't get confused! It's not all in exact chronological order. It's in a very nice order, but just like you've seen in many movies, the director, in this case the Lord, gives a general overall view, then He zooms in for a closer look at this and that period, and then that other event, etc., and keeps giving flashbacks. We call them flashbacks, that's what they are called in the movies.



It's a very common literary and movie technique for telling a story, to give you the whole story in a nutshell in a way, or a preview of it, and then to go back over the details. And that's exactly what Revelation does. So, in the 11th Chapter we read again about the Tribulation and the Wrath of God. Then in the 12th Chapter there again there are more detailed flashbacks.

REV.11:1 And there was given me a **reed like unto a rod**: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and **measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.**

REV.11:2 But **the court** which is without the temple **leave out**, and measure it not; for it is **given unto the Gentiles**: and the **holy city** shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

In many places in the Bible, we find that the real temple is composed of people, not buildings. His true temple consists of those who love Him - as expressed, for example, in

1Corinthians 2:16-17 “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.”





Regarding the act of measuring, a typical device used in that era was taken from the reeds of cane that grew along rivers, such as the Jordan River. This act of measuring speaks of God's regard for His people, for it was well known at the time that to publicly measure the temple was a way of praising its magnificence. God really delights in His people and He KNOWS them. The act of measuring indicates a separation between a portion which God recognizes, His true children and worshipers, "***them that worship***" in the temple's inner court, versus a portion he doesn't recognize, the unbelievers, represented by "***the court which is without***". It seems to parallel the sealing of God's people in ***Rev.7:3***, illustrating the difference between those who follow the Light of Christ and those who turn away.

The "***altar***" could represent the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for you and me.



A literal Jewish temple made of stone may well get built before the Great Tribulation that is to come upon this world. However, as stated, such a place often symbolized in the sight of God a much larger dimension – namely, that of His chosen people, meaning those who have given their hearts, minds and lives to the Lord.

The Gentiles will tread the holy city of Jerusalem under foot for forty and two months, three-and-a-half years during the Tribulation period in which the Antichrist rules supreme. Here's a likely scenario: during the first half of this last seven

years period--the Antichrist has made a deal or a holy Covenant (*Dan.9:27*), a pact with the religions of the World to make Jerusalem an open city, an international city --at least the holy places internationalized--probably under the UN or his World Government, so that they're supposed to have equal access and equal representation of temples and so on. The Jews have rebuilt their temple, re-instituted sacrificial worship and the Pact seems to be going well, except it doesn't solve all the problems.



The religionists still bicker and argue and fight amongst each other until finally the Antichrist gets fed up with it all and decides to just have one World religion as well as one World government. Their squabbling and non-adherence to the covenant terms provide the excuse that he's been waiting for all the time! So, he abolishes all other religions and demands that the whole World worship him as God as he sits in the temple of God, pretending to be God! (2Th.2:4) And this will go on for “*forty and two months*” as written in this second verse. But here comes some good news:

REV.11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

When the **“abomination of desolation”** enters the temple at Jerusalem, in the midst of that seven-year covenant period, then will begin the Great Tribulation period. The Scriptures give us the exact time span several times and in different ways so that you cannot *possibly misunderstand it*:

3-1/2 years (Dan.7:25; 9:27; 12:7; Rev.12:14),
42 months (Rev.11:2; 13:5), **1,260 days**
(Rev.11:3; 12:6).

It is repeated so often --days, months and years--to make sure you will know exactly how long it's going to last!



Why do you think the Lord was so clear on that? --Because it's going to be such a terrible time that we're going to be counting the days! That's one thing that will help keep you going, to know that it is not going to last much longer! The fact that you're able to count the days is going to encourage you tremendously! *"Just one more day, one more day, one more day!"*



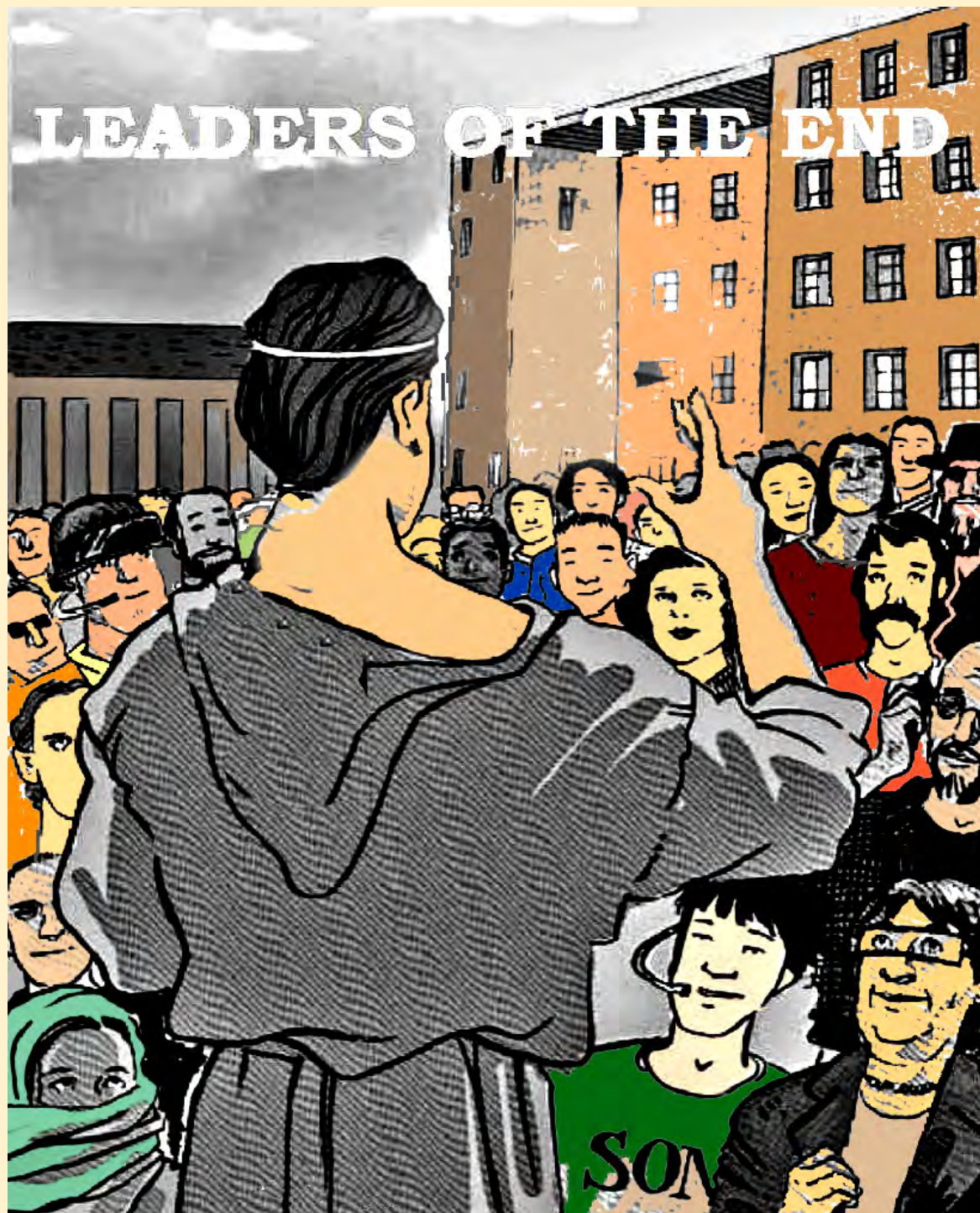
If you were lost on a desert isle and didn't know whether you were ever going to get rescued, it would be pretty hard to endure. But if you knew exactly what day, or at least mighty close to it, that you were going to be rescued, you'd fight to live and survive until that day! Well, those last days of the Antichrist's reign during the Great Tribulation are going to be so rough, the Lord wanted us to know the exact times so that we wouldn't give up. ***"Look up!"*** He says, ***"For your redemption draweth nigh!"*** (Lk.21:28.) What a wonderful encouragement!

REV.11:4. These are the **two olive trees**, and the **two candlesticks** standing before the **God** of the earth.

These final two great witnesses are pictured as two olive trees-- because they're fruitful, and as two candlesticks because they give light. There is an obvious reference here to an Old Testament prophecy in the book of Zechariah:

ZEC.4:11 ...What are these **two olive trees** upon the right side of **the candlestick** and upon the left side thereof? Then said he, these are **the two anointed ones that stand by the LORD** of the whole earth.





And of course, there is **MAT.5:14-16** “Ye are the **light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a **candlestick**; for it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let **your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father...”

Throughout scripture, the term “**anointed one**” referred to the prophets and kings whom God anointed with His Spirit to lead His people. But what is a candlestick? **Revelation 1:20** states, “**The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches!**” So, it could mean that those two prophets won’t be alone witnessing but that the churches, or bodies of believers, will also be involved. Like Moses and Aaron long ago, they will be ordained to lead and protect the body of believers in Israel, and throughout the world.

REV.11:5 and if any man will hurt them, **fire proceedeth out of their mouth**, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

REV.11:6 These have **power to shut heaven, that it rains not** in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters **to turn them to blood**, and to **smite the earth with all plagues**, as often as they will.

**This reminds us
of a passage in the
Old Testament: 1st
KI.17:1**

*“And Elijah... said
unto Ahab, As the
LORD God of Israel
liveth, before whom I
stand, **there shall
not be dew nor rain
these years, but
according to my
word.**”*

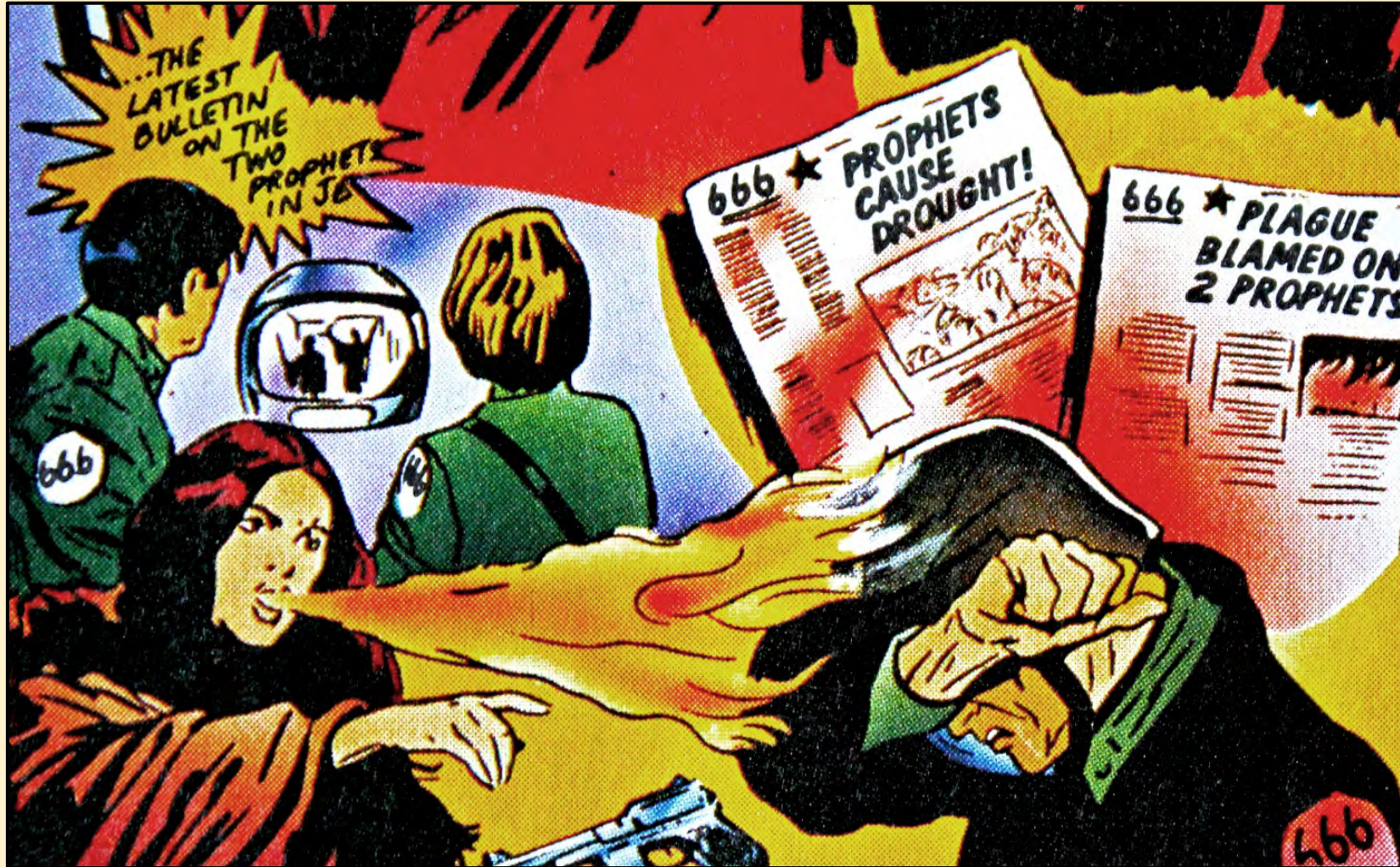


No one will be able to stop them until they have finished their witness for the full three-and-a-half years of that great terrible Tribulation period in which we're all going to be witnessing right to the End! These two greatest witnesses, right there in the Holy City, will be witnessing against the Antichrist, the Beast, against his image and against his claims to be God, his blasphemy against God! But nobody will be able to stop them, not the Antichrist himself nor all his forces until they're finished!



Because if anybody tries to even approach them to stop them, fire comes out of their mouth and devours their enemies--like as it did in the days of Elijah when the king sent soldiers in bands of fifty to try and capture him! Elijah called down fire from God out of Heaven and devoured each two bands of soldiers as they came to arrest him! (The third band was spared because the captain had enough sense to plead for mercy)

**** 2KI.1:10** And Elijah answered and said **to the captain of fifty**, If I be a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And **there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.**



Some say the fire here is symbolic, that it symbolises their fiery words, as the Lord said of Jeremiah, "***I will make My Words in thy mouth fire.***"

**** JER.5:14** ...thus saith the LORD God of hosts, because ye speak this word, behold, I will ***make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.***

They'll be able to keep right on going and witness to the very End! They not only have power to bring fire down from God out of Heaven and fire out of their mouths to devour their enemies, but also to turn the waters into blood and to smite the Earth with all kinds of plagues like in the time of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt!



**** EXO.7:20** *And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and **smote the waters** that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in **the river were turned to blood.***

Anything they want to do against their enemies, God will give it to them, and no one will be able to stop them during those days! They will preach and prophesy the Word of God with such mighty power of God that it will be the greatest witness the World has ever seen! Not only the Antichrist will see it, not only the Jews, the Christians and the Muslims will see it, but the whole World will be watching on television, beamed by satellite, the internet, YouTube, Instagram, or whatever new means of communication will exist then! It will be a witness to the whole World against them, the wicked World!

REV.11:7 and when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and **shall overcome them, and kill them.** (Dan.7:21, Rev.13:1, 7)

When they have finished their testimony, not a moment before! They will be able to testify and witness the full 1,260 days, forty-two months, three-and-a-half years of the total Tribulation period and nobody will be able to stop them.

No matter what the Devil, all his henchman, all his cohorts, conspirators and cruel wicked followers of the Beast, of Satan--no matter what they try to do they cannot even touch them until they've finished their testimony! They will have tremendous God-given power over the elements and tremendous protection from their enemies, but finally they are killed.



This beast that kills them is the Antichrist and his forces, his bestial government. In Revelation it doesn't call the beast the Antichrist; that terminology is mentioned only in one of the epistles of John (see 1Jn.2:18, 22). Daniel refers to him as the *"little horn"*, *"fierce king"*, *"vile person"* (Dan.7:8; 8:23; 11:21); Ezekiel calls him *"Gog"* (Ezk.38:2); Paul calls him the *"son of perdition"* and *"that Wicked"* (2Thes.2:3, 8). And John simply refers to him throughout Revelation as *"the beast."* But whatever title is used, they all describe one person who is to appear at the End of the Age to



rule the earth and persecute the saints just before the coming of Christ.

REV.11:8 and their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the **great city**, which spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also our Lord was crucified.

This is not the only occasion when God referred to Jerusalem in such terms:

**** Jer. 23:14** But in the prophets of **Jerusalem** I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery and walk in lies; they strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his evil; **all of them have become like Sodom to me, and its inhabitants like Gomorrah.**"

**** ISA.1:9-10** Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as **Sodom**, and we should have been like unto **Gomorrah**. Hear the word of the LORD, **ye rulers of Sodom**; give ear unto the law of our God, **ye people of Gomorrah**.

**** LUK.13:33-34** ...for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!

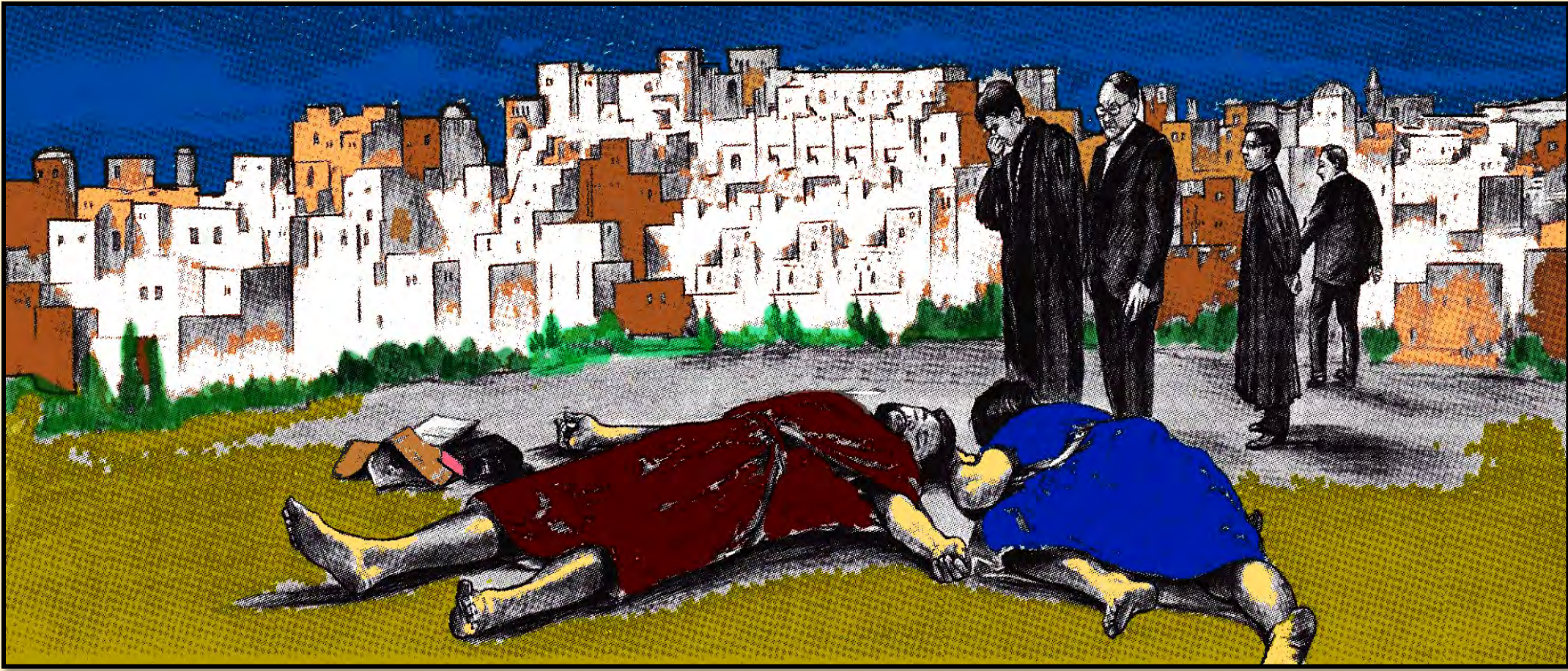


Daniel 11: 45 tells us, "He shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the Glorious Holy Mountain." The Antichrist is the false messiah and he makes Jerusalem his capital. That Jerusalem is not the Holy City, it is not the Heavenly Jerusalem; it is not the Bride of Christ! We know what the Holy City is and who the Bride of Christ is: John describes it in the last couple of chapters of Revelation, he describes her and the City.



That city of old Jerusalem, the Lord Himself describes it as Sodom and Gomorrah and the place where all the prophets were killed, including Jesus! He makes old Jerusalem virtually symbolic of all the most ungodly cities in the World! That's not the Holy City! But according to Jewish beliefs, their messiah is to take over Jerusalem, rule and reign from Jerusalem, which also happens to be the second most holy city to the Arabs. So, he tries to unite them all by actually moving down there, putting his palace in Jerusalem, ruling and reigning over the World from Jerusalem itself, imitating the Messiah and trying to unite again the Arabs, the Jews, the East, the West, North and South. But does he make it? What does it say?

***"He shall come to his end and none shall help him!"
(Dan.11:45)***



REV.11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

REV.11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

We find a foreshadowing of this event in PSA.79:2-3 “...the dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.”

**** MIC.7:8 ...rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.**

They are going to be so happy that they are dead and no longer convicting them of their sins, preaching the Gospel to them constantly in the news, on radio, on television and the newspapers, their pictures plastered all over the World and on the web! These two miracle-workers will be top headlines, top news and their message, the top message to the World! How could the whole world see their dead bodies? Not many years ago it was impossible to fulfill that prophecy, but today it could happen at any moment. Only in recent history has human society had that capacity to communicate through television, to broadcast through cable TV, the internet, YouTube, etc., all that transmission technology! The world is going to be so happy they are dead that they're going to give presents to each other like they do on Christmas!





REV.11:11 And after three days and a half **the spirit of life from God entered into them**, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

REV.11:12 and they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither**. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud**; and their enemies beheld them.

REV.11:13 and the same hour was there **a great earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

This happens at the very end of the Tribulation, obviously, because they prophesy, it says specifically in the third verse, 3½ years. What's happening?! They're being resurrected! Suddenly those bodies come to life before they've been buried! Why? Jesus is coming in the sky and all the dead in Christ are rising to meet Him in the air! Including these Two Witnesses! So, it seems that their resurrection and rapture occur at the same time as everybody else's: at the end of the Great Tribulation when Jesus returns!

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

There are many allusions to the Rapture in Revelation dealing with the End Time period: in the sixth Chapter, tenth Chapter, here in the eleventh Chapter, and finally it is described again in the fourteenth Chapter. However, it is only one great Resurrection and Rapture; there are just many facets of it. Revelation follows a definite, orderly sequence of events, but it frequently takes one aspect and gives us the entire history of the subject from beginning to end, then jumps back into the main flow and continues with the story. This is what it has done here with the two witnesses and here the story gets back into the mainstream in the fifteenth verse.

To be continued in part 2 when the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, which brings on the Rapture and Resurrection of the entire Church.

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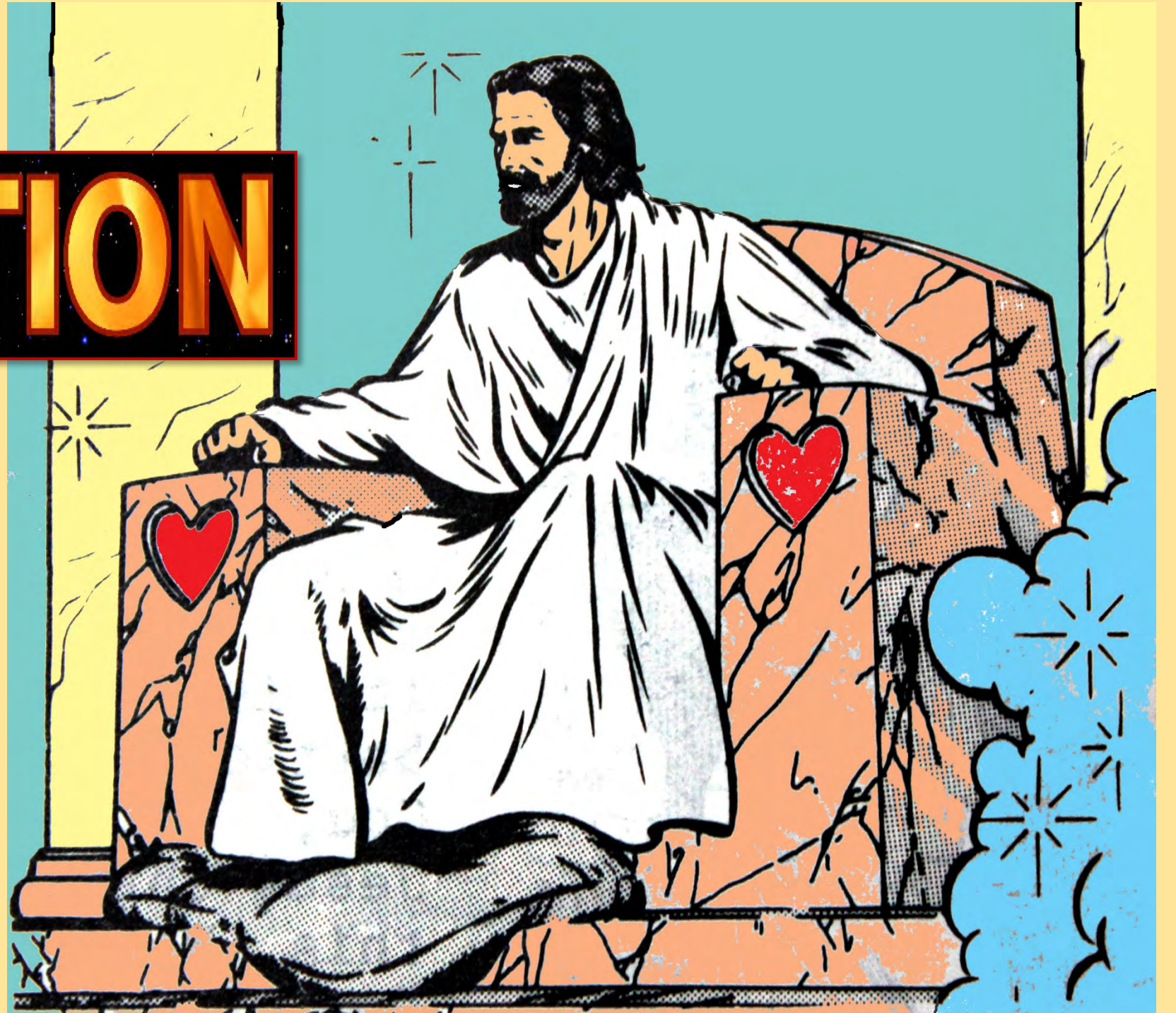
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REVELATION CHAPTER 11 part 2 -- *THE 7th Trump!*

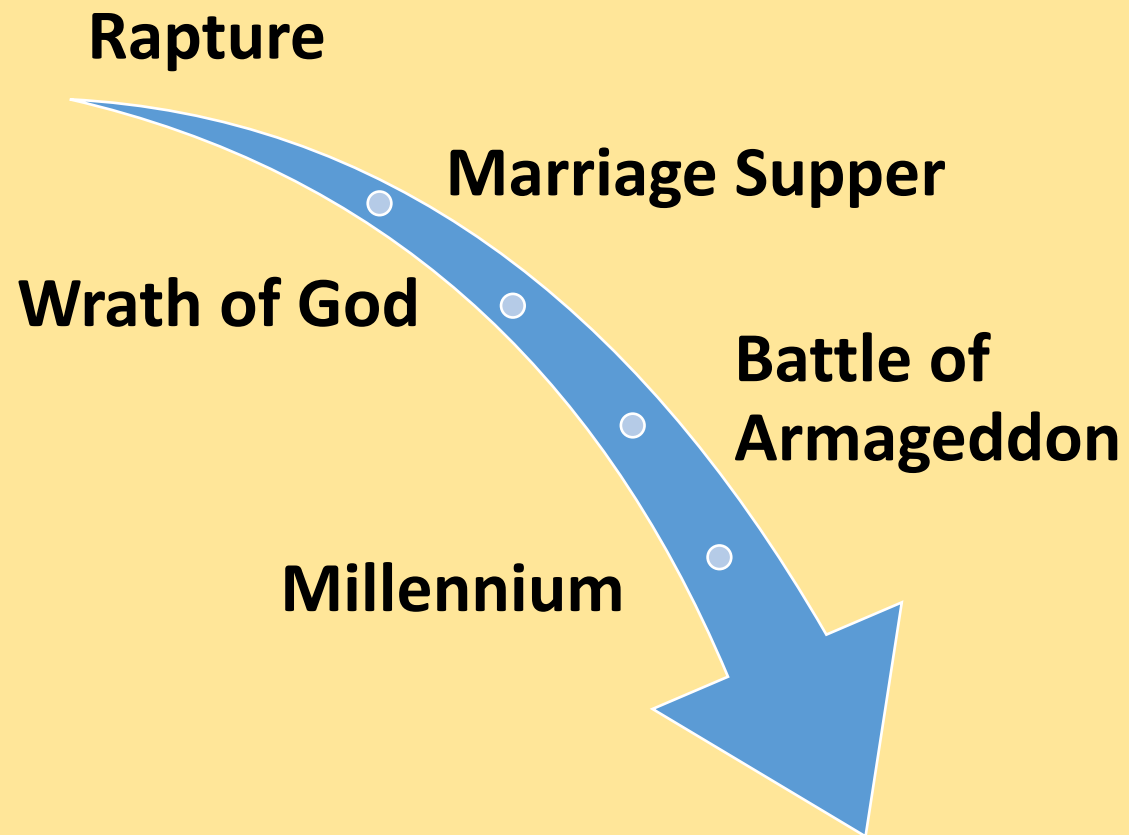
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REV.11:14 The **second woe** is **past**; and, behold, the **third woe** cometh quickly.

REV.11:15 And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world **are become the kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and **he shall reign for ever and ever**.

Here it is going back, reversing a bit, a sort of flashback to show us where we are in the progression of events. *“The second woe”* refers to the 6th Trumpet from chapter 9, and now comes the final 7th, Trumpet. And when it sounds, the two witnesses suddenly come to life and jump to their feet!





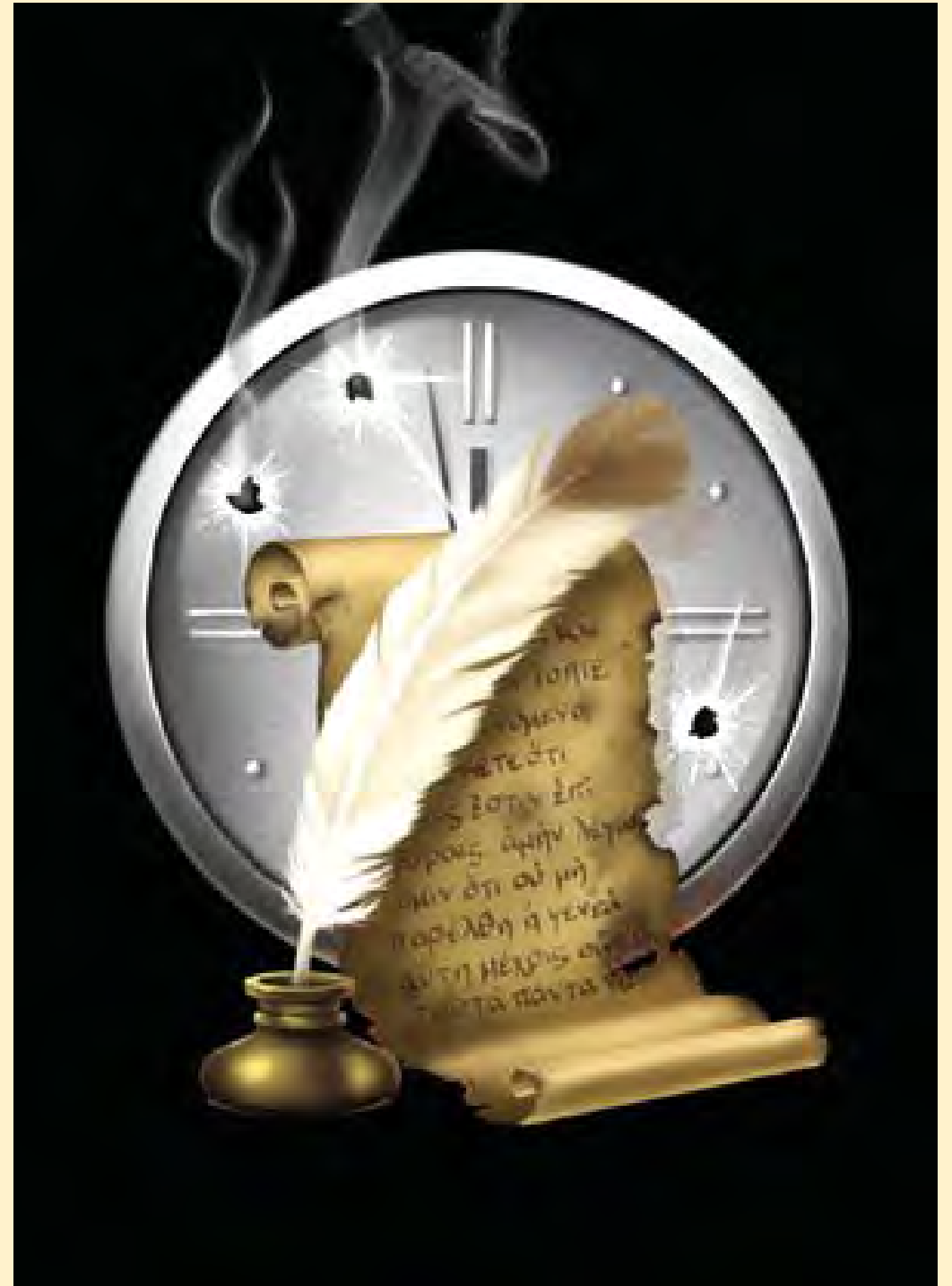
Now this trumpet is the Last Trump, and under this trumpet come a whole series of events. It sounds like Jesus has come immediately and it's all over. But no, this trumpet is another herald of God! This is to usher in this very last period of the Tribulation era when Jesus comes! But it's all the same moment to God. There is no past, no present, and no future to the Lord! It's all one great Eternal Now! It all looks the same to Him.

When the Lord catches us out of this World at the Rapture, as far as the Lord's concerned, the reign of evil in the Earth is finished. You could say this is the End if you wanted to, the End of the End time, and most people do. But that End does not just come at a certain hour of a certain day. The End includes several events: there's a definite period of God pouring out His Wrath, there is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and then there is the Battle of Armageddon. When all this is done, then begins the Millennium.

See, so many of these events overlap, so many of them happen at the same time. Some follow one after the other, some overlap, some are right on top of each other, so you can't possibly just describe it all, you'd have to put it all in one verse or all in one chapter. There's a succession of events, and then there are other simultaneous events that are occurring but He tries to deal with each subject one at a time, even though they may overlap each other, just like the events of history.

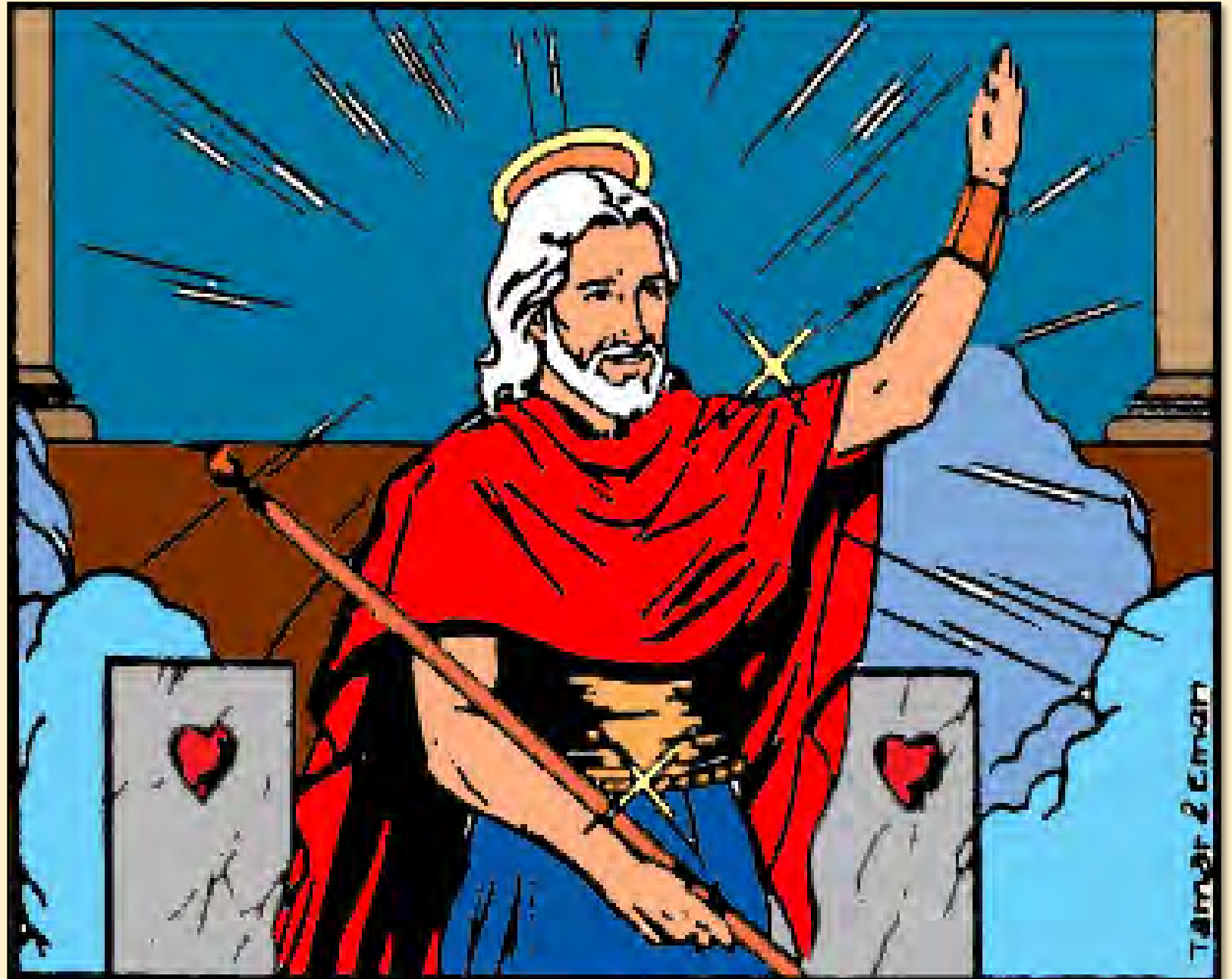
REV.11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

REV.11:17 Saying, we give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, **which art, and was, and art to come**; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and **hast reigned**.



It is not that He didn't reign before, for 'the **Most High** rules in the kingdom of men' **all the time** (Dan 4:17; 5:21) and has never vacated his throne. But there is coming a day when God shall take this world by the scruff of the neck, and He shall establish his authority, and His will shall be "**done on earth**, as it is in heaven."

**** Dan.7:13-14** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days... And there **was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom**, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: **his dominion is an everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.



**** DAN.2:44** And in the days of these kings shall **the God of heaven set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, **and it shall stand for ever.**

**** PSA.10:16** The **LORD is King for ever and ever**: the heathen are perished out of his land.

REV.11:18 And the nations were angry, and **thy wrath is come**, and the **time of the dead**, that they **should be judged**, and **that thou shouldest give reward** unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest **destroy them which destroy the earth.**

In other words, it's time for God to take over! It's time for Jesus to come! And in the mind of God and in the minds of the elders, it was already done as far as they were concerned! For He says,

"...which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned"



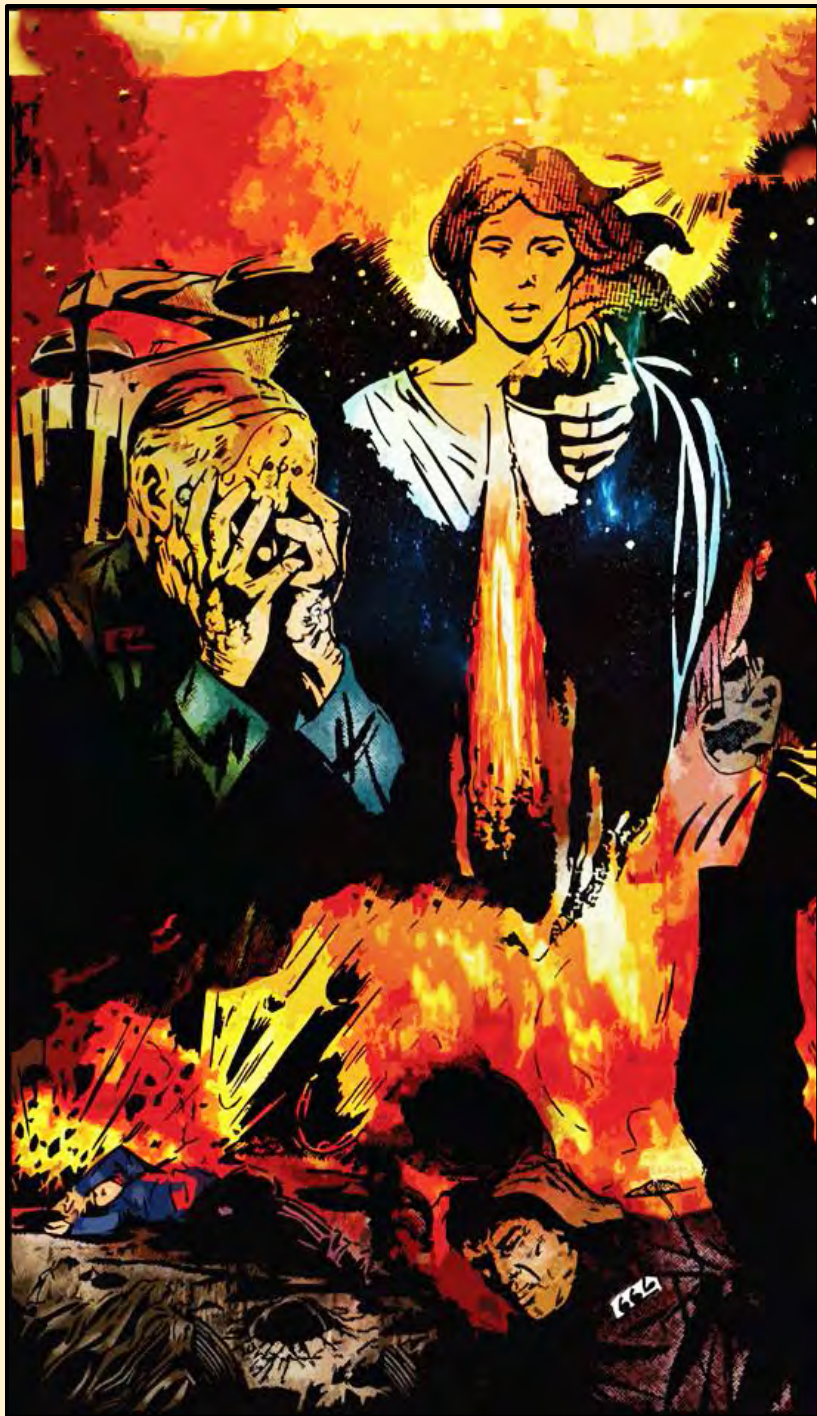
The Resurrection was about to occur, of which you already had a little preview in the account of those two witnesses. Praise God, the time is coming when everybody's going to get theirs! If



you're wicked, you're going to get yours. If we're good, we're going to get ours, good things. --The time when the dead will be judged, God's servants, the Prophets and the saints, all the saved, all of God's children everywhere, all the great Family of Jesus, are all going to get their reward then. We hope you were faithful so He can say to you,

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!" (Mt.25:21)

***** REV.22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Mat.5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.***



**** ISA.13:9-11** Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both **with wrath and fierce anger**, to lay the land desolate: and **he shall destroy the sinners** thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And **I will punish the world for their evil**, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. **Rev.14:9-10**

When the kingdoms of this world start to experience the wrath of God, that shows He's the Boss! God's in control and He's got more power than all of them. The wicked, who are left behind on earth after the resurrection, really get it. God's Wrath fall at last on the Anti-Christ nations, those who have polluted the earth with their wars, factories, and bestial governments!

Then and only then, under the all-powerful rule and reign of Christ and God's children, will all wars finally cease and the people will **"beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and they shall learn war no more!"** (Isa.2:4) The cruel, wicked men of war will be stopped and God will **"destroy them that destroy the Earth"!**

Man's corrupt, unjust governments will all be swept away and there will be no more oppressed poor. It will truly be one World, ruled in Love by the King of Love, Jesus Christ Himself, a beautiful, glorious, just and merciful reign of Heaven on Earth! Jesus promised to all of His faithful children who **"overcome"** this corrupt World by believing in and loving Him,

"To him that overcometh will I give power over the nations, and He shall sit with Me in My Throne!" (Rev.2:26; 3:21; 1Jn.5:4, 5)

Are you one of His saved children who will sit with Jesus, ruling and reigning on the Earth?

Take a moment to study the sequence of End time events from the beginning of the last seven years and beyond! Don't worry if you don't understand it all, it will be expounded again in the next several chapters.



DETAILS OF THE ENDTIME!

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S WRATH ON THE ANTICHRIST KINGDOM! SEVEN TRUMPETS OF TRIBULATION

-DETAILS OF THE END!
Rev. 8-14



FIRST GREAT PLAGUE: 1/3 OF ALL MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN DIED.
Rev. 8:7

SECOND 1/3 OF THE SEAS TURNED TO BLOOD.
Rev. 8:8,9

THIRD 1/3 OF THE TREES AND ALL GRASS BURNED UP.
Rev. 8:10,11

FORTH 1/3 OF THE SUN, MOON & STARS DARKENED.
Rev. 8:12

FIFTH LOCUSTS FROM THE BOTTOMLESS PIT TORTURED THE UNBELIEVERS FOR FIVE MONTHS.
Rev. 9:1-12

SIXTH 200 MILLION HORSEMEN KILLED 1/3 OF MANKIND.
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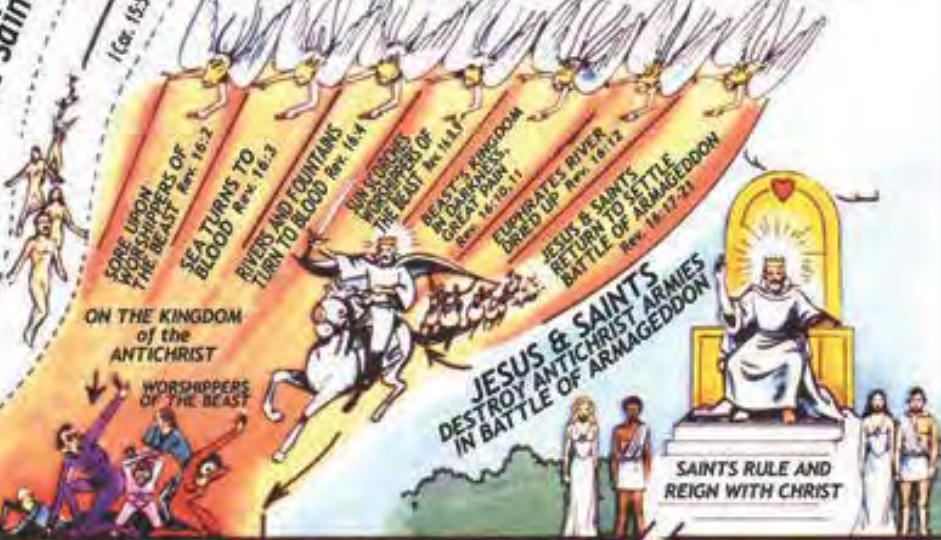


SAINTS IN HEAVEN
While
UNSAVED IN HELL ON EARTH

THE SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH

Rev. 15-22

FIRST **SECOND** **THIRD** **FORTH** **FIFTH** **SIXTH** **SEVENTH**



THE RESURRECTION & THE RAPTURE of the Saints!

SIXTH SEAL
WRATH OF GOD
-THE END!

SEVENTH SEAL
(7 TRIBULATION TRUMPETS)
-DETAILED FLASHBACK OF THE END!

Dan. 9:27



144,000 SAINTS (CHRISTIANS) SEALED FOR TRIBULATION. SPECIAL SPIRITUAL ISRAEL. JEWISH TEMPLE SACRIFICE BEGINS.
Rev. 7
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PERSECUTION!
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Rev. 12

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GREAT TRIBULATION 3½ YEARS

LAST SEVEN YEARS

75 DAYS OF WRATH ON THE UNSAVED LEFT BEHIND
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THE PEACEFUL PLENTIFUL MILLENNIUM

THE THOUSAND-YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST ON THE EARTH
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ANTICHRIST REIGNS OVER THE WHOLE WORLD!

SACRIFICE CEASES. DEVIL POSSESSES ANTICHRIST. IMAGE OF ANTICHRIST (ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION) IS SET UP. MARK OF THE BEAST IS GIVEN.
Dan. 9:27; II:31; Mat. 24:15, 21; Rev. 13:14-18

-SATAN RULES THE WORLD!



THE GREAT RED DRAGON-SATAN
Rev. 12:9

WRATH OF GOD on the WICKED WORLD!



THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ON EARTH!

-Paradise on Earth

REV.11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple **the ark of his testament:** and there **were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**



Now, that's a remarkable statement, because the Ark, even in John's Day, had long ago disappeared! That has been one of the great mysteries of Jewish history, what happened to the Ark? When Jesus died on the cross, at the moment He was killed there on the cross, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain! --A huge veil, four inches thick, heavy, one of the thickest pieces of carpeting or woven ware the World has ever known! This thick heavy veil which separated the Holy Place of the Temple from the Holy of Holies was completely torn apart! In the Holy of Holies had stood the ark of the covenant of God: that wooden box covered with gold over which two golden angels hovered, between whose wings the Shekinah Glory of the presence of God shone like a brilliant light...

Could the Ark have disappeared at that time? And the next time we see the Ark in the Bible, where is it? John wrote that he saw it In Heaven!

And here in this same **verse 19**, we hear of *lightnings, voices, thunderings, an earthquake and great hail!* In **verses 13 and 15**, the great earthquake and voices are also mentioned. This is almost always associated with judgement, wrath and/or the coming of the Lord.

Verse 13 *And the same hour was there a great earthquake...*

Verse 15 *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven*



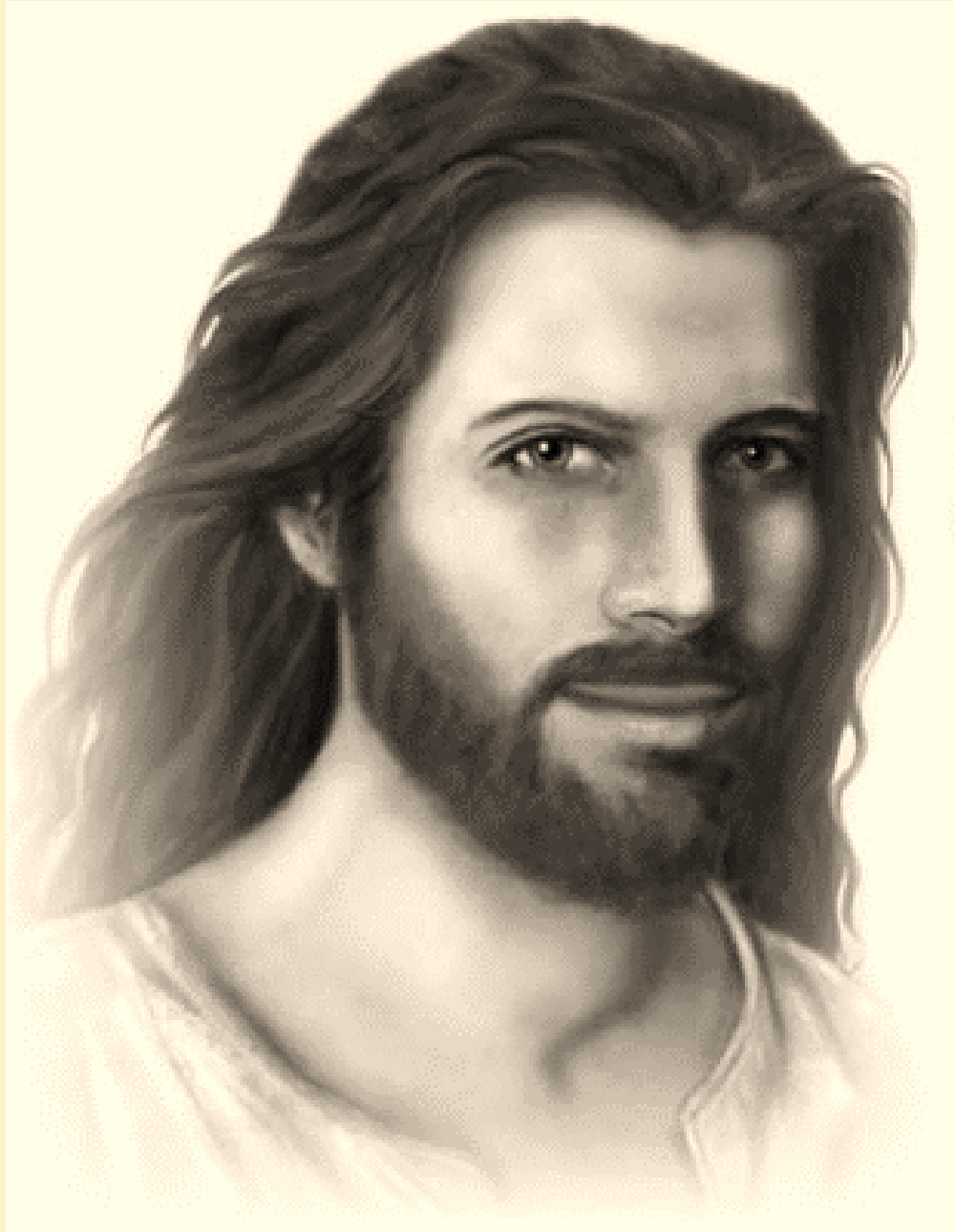
Similar disasters take place at the end of the Wrath of God, just before Christ and the saints invade to take over planet Earth in the Battle of Armageddon. So there are several repeating references to these events in the Revelation Book.

REV.6:12 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was **a great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

REV.16:18 *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was **a great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*

Notice that there are many references to those cataclysmic events long before they actually happen. Throughout the Bible, the Lord keeps referring to events that are to happen at the End of the Age. It's all the same in the mind of God, to Him it's already happened! He lives in the great “Eternal Now,” and these events are already as good as done in the mind of God, the future is already accomplished, it's that certain, that sure! You don't have to worry about whether it's going to happen or not, and even if it takes longer than we might be expecting, it's going to happen, God said so!





Who or what the Creator is stretches far beyond what our human minds can ever comprehend. But if He does exist, and if He cares for the human race, would it not seem right that He should come to us in human form? Then we can know what He is like and what He desires from us, our love for one thing, as well as our loving interactions with others... Indeed, that is who Jesus Christ was and what He showed to us human beings during His sojourn in our earthly realm. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. Please pray this simple prayer:

"Dear God. I know I need a change in my life. And if it's true that Jesus Christ was the expression of Your love to us, and the One who rose from the dead, then I invite His Spirit to enter my heart and life. And let this be the start of an exciting, fulfilling, love-filled journey as I venture forth into Your Heavenly Realm... here and now, and in the Hereafter. Amen."

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The *WOMAN* AND THE *DRAGON*!

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REVELATION CHAPTER 12 PART 1

THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON!

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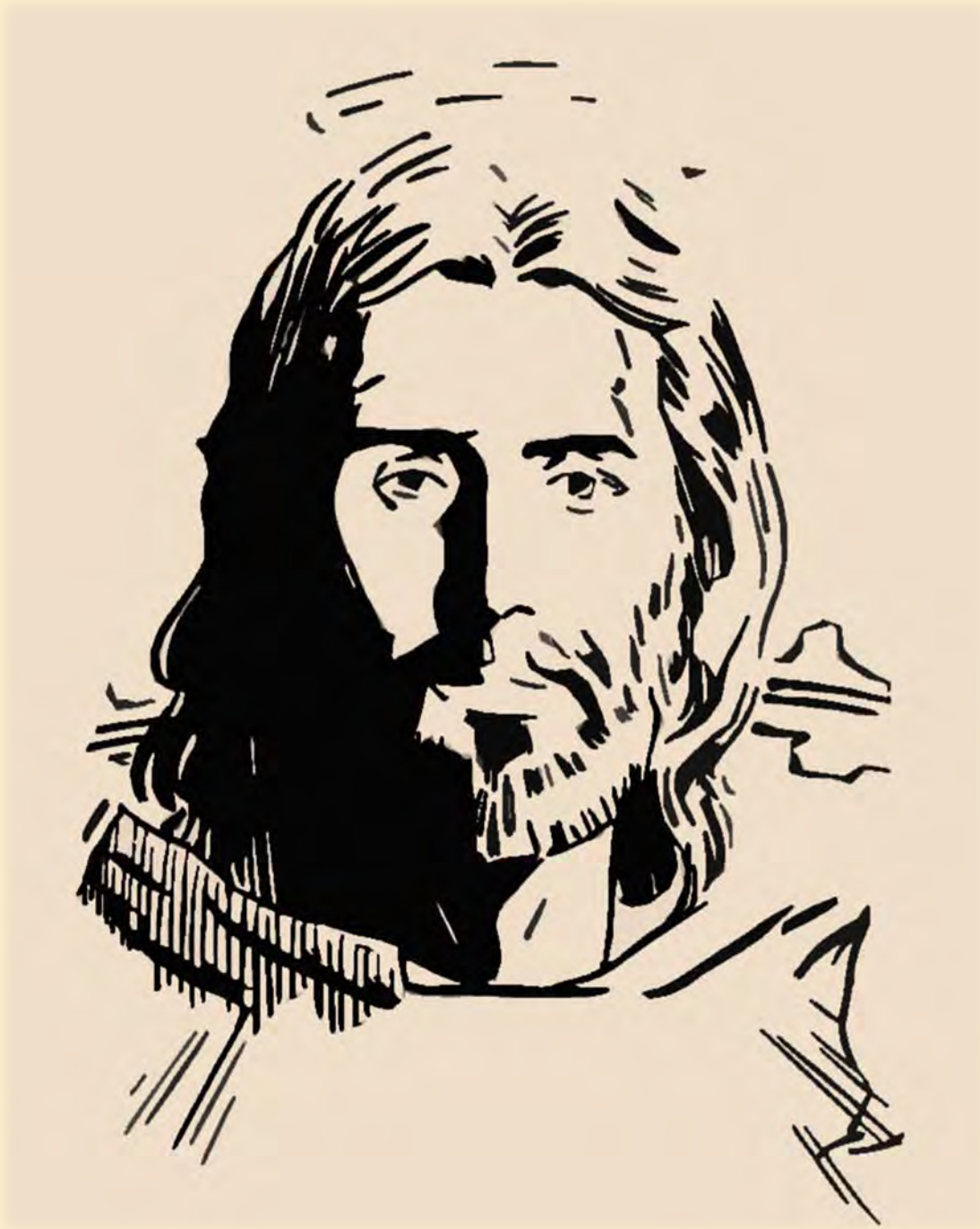
REV.12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

REV.12:2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

REV.12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. *(Dan.7:7, 24) (Rev.13:1)* We will explain the symbolism of the heads, horns and crowns later in Chapter 13.

REV.12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.





REV.12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Now, here's a good place to pause for a moment while we begin to understand the passage which we have just read! Likely, as you read this fifth verse, you began to catch on who this was and who this Child was. That's the key, that's the clue to who the Woman is!

"For she brought forth a MAN Child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron."

Now this is something which the scripture says about Jesus several times, that He is going to come someday and rule the World, rule all nations, even rule over the wicked who refused to love and obey Him voluntarily. --He's going to rule them with a rod of iron by force!

**** PSA.2:9** *Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.*



**** REV.2:27 And he [Christ] shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (See also Rev.19:15)**

These passages are talking directly about Jesus! You say, "Ah, then I know who His mother is! It was Mary!" The literal fulfillment happened when Mary was used by God to bring forth Jesus, the man Child. Immediately after His birth the Dragon or Devil through King Herod tried to devour Him by ordering the slaughter of all children under two years old. (Mt.2:16) And Jesus has been caught up to God's throne to rule all nations.

**** MAR.16:19 ...then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was *received up into heaven*, and sat on the right hand of God. (Ac.1:9)**

But things get a bit confusing with this interpretation when, in the next verse, we read

***"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."* (Rev 12:6)**

The Bible refers to the second half of the Antichrist's seven-year reign as the Great Tribulation. It even tells us several times how long this Tribulation period will last, using several different terms: *"three and a half years," "42 months," or "1,260 days."*



If these 1,260 days, when *"the woman"* flees into the wilderness, are the Tribulation period—which it seems they are—then the identity of this woman must have also a figurative interpretation. If the woman symbolises some greater figure than just Mary herself, who could that be? Some say, *"Well, of course, it was the nation of Israel, that's the woman! And the twelve stars in her crown, of course, are the twelve greatest Patriarchs or the twelve apostles! It was after all the great nation of Israel, typified here by a woman who brought forth Jesus!"*

We think it goes far beyond just the Jewish nation of Israel whom God rejected and replaced with the followers of the of Christ!

Since this chapter is dealing with the End Time, then the woman, in her ultimate fulfillment, must represent the ultimate body of believers, the vast company of Christ-followers who will carry on during this last period of tribulation and persecution. And not only that, she represents the entire complete Church of Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end, from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation, from the Beginning to the End, all those who are true believers, who loved God, followers of Christ, all those who are married to the Bridegroom, from the Garden of Eden to the Revelation! She is the bride of Christ Himself, wife of the King of Kings! No other woman could be so glorious, shining like the sun with the moon under her feet and twelve stars in her crown!

**** ISA.54:5** *For **thy Maker is thine husband**; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.*

**** HOS.2:19-20** *And **I will betroth thee unto me for ever**; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. **I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness**: and **thou shalt know the LORD**.*





**** EPH.5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church**, and gave himself for it;*

**** REV.19:7** *Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for **the marriage of the Lamb is come**, and **his wife hath made herself ready**.*

The stars in her crown? --Well, we can only theorise because it doesn't say who they are, we don't really know. But we believe they're probably going to be the twelve most important leaders of the Church that God has ever known. Or you may say they're actual angels, they could be the twelve angels of the Church, because stars are frequently used interchangeably in the Word of God as a name for angels!

“The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand...the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches” (Rev.1:20)

Who is the Dragon?

REV.12:9 *And the **great dragon was cast out**, that old serpent, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which **deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and **his angels were cast out** with him.*

Satan was God's own archangel, Lucifer, the light bearer! He was an Archangel of God! But apparently God gave the Angels free will. God even allowed division to come between the Angels!



They have choice! They were given choice, free will, and Satan rebelled against God! He wasn't satisfied with being God's right-hand man, he wasn't satisfied with being next to God. He wanted to be God! So, God had to demote him. And ever since then he's still trying to be God, run the World and rule over humanity. And if he can't rule, he'll do his best to ruin the World and human society! And how many of the angels have followed him? One third. It says so right here in verse 4. One-third of the Angels rebelled along with Satan, think of that! God gave them their choice and they fell, along with Satan!

REV.12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

This verse proves that this woman or Church is living in the End Time. Just as specifically as it could possibly be, there is your three-and-a-half years of Tribulation again. And there in places of refuge, she will be miraculously fed and cared for during those entire 3-1/2 years! Others of His children will boldly witness and openly preach and prophesy against the Antichrist, miraculously empowered and protected by God! (*Rev.11:3-6*)





**** REV.11:2-3 ...and the holy city shall they tread under foot *forty and two months*. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a *thousand two hundred and threescore days*, clothed in sackcloth.**

Where in the world do you think the Lord is going to hide us when He says "*in the wilderness*"? Where is this wilderness? What forest is deep enough? What jungle is deep enough to hide us Christians and to help the Church survive during the Tribulation period? He's not just talking about jungles, forests or deserts, He's talking about the wilderness of this whole World!

There are going to be whole nations who rebel against the Antichrist and whole religions! --Catholics, Jews, Muslims and others! There will be hundreds of millions who are going to refuse to worship the Antichrist or take his Mark or fall down and worship his Idol! Whole nations who are going to fight wars against him as indicated in portions of *Daniel 11*. There will be lots of countries who don't like the Antichrist, who will sympathize with us, hide us and take care of us.



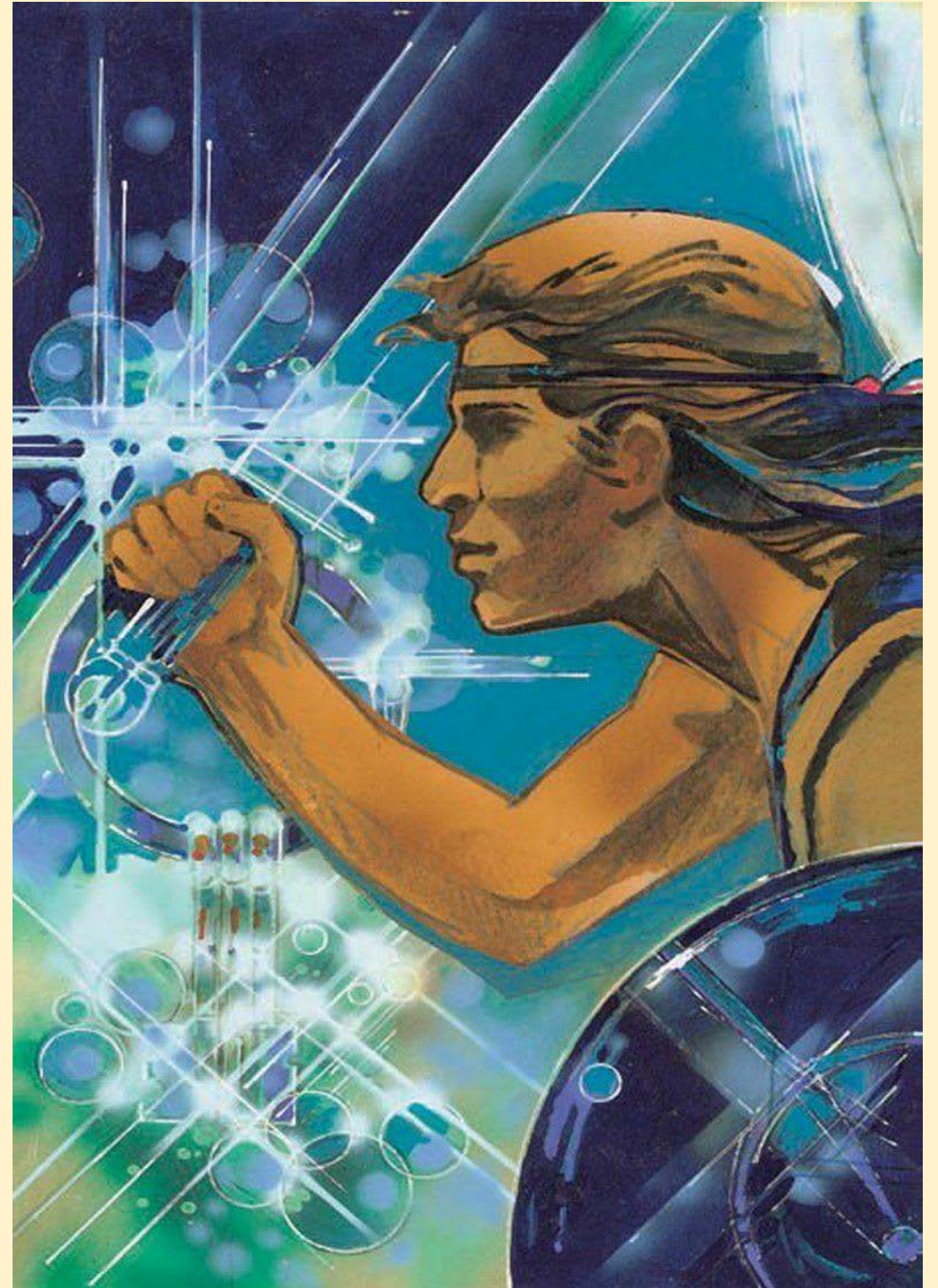
REV.12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

**** DAN.12:1** And *at that time shall Michael stand up*, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

**** EPH.6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, **against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

What spiritual powers are there besides the one true God? Well, there are spiritual powers and principalities who dwell in spiritual realms - kings, princes and powers, spiritual powers. Who are they? --Angels! --Both good and evil. Michael is like a god. Who is the one that announced to Mary that she would give birth to the Messiah? --Gabriel! --He is also an archangel. Even Satan himself is like a god and his archangels are like little gods. They are spiritual gods spelled with a little "g"; nothing like our God, of course, the God, the Father. There is only one God in that sense, only one supreme God, one Supreme Being, but there are many lesser spiritual powers, dominions and principalities, princes and rulers spoken of all through the Bible. There were princes of different countries, demonic princes, spiritual rulers over countries who wrestled with the angels of God and tried to prevent the work of God. It's all in the Bible. Read about it in passages like these: *Dan.8:16; 9:21; 10:12,13,21; 12:1; Lk.1:19,26; Eph.6:12; Jude 9.*

REV.12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.



REV.12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Several Scriptures allude to what the Dragon is doing in the Earth and to this great event of his stunning defeat:



**** JOH.12:31** Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

**** LUK.10:18** And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

**** JOH.8:44** Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was **a murderer** from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

**** 2TH.2:9-10** *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying wonders**, and with all **deceivableness of unrighteousness** in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

**** REV.20:7-8,10** *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and **shall go out to deceive the nations** which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog... And the devil that deceived them **was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...***





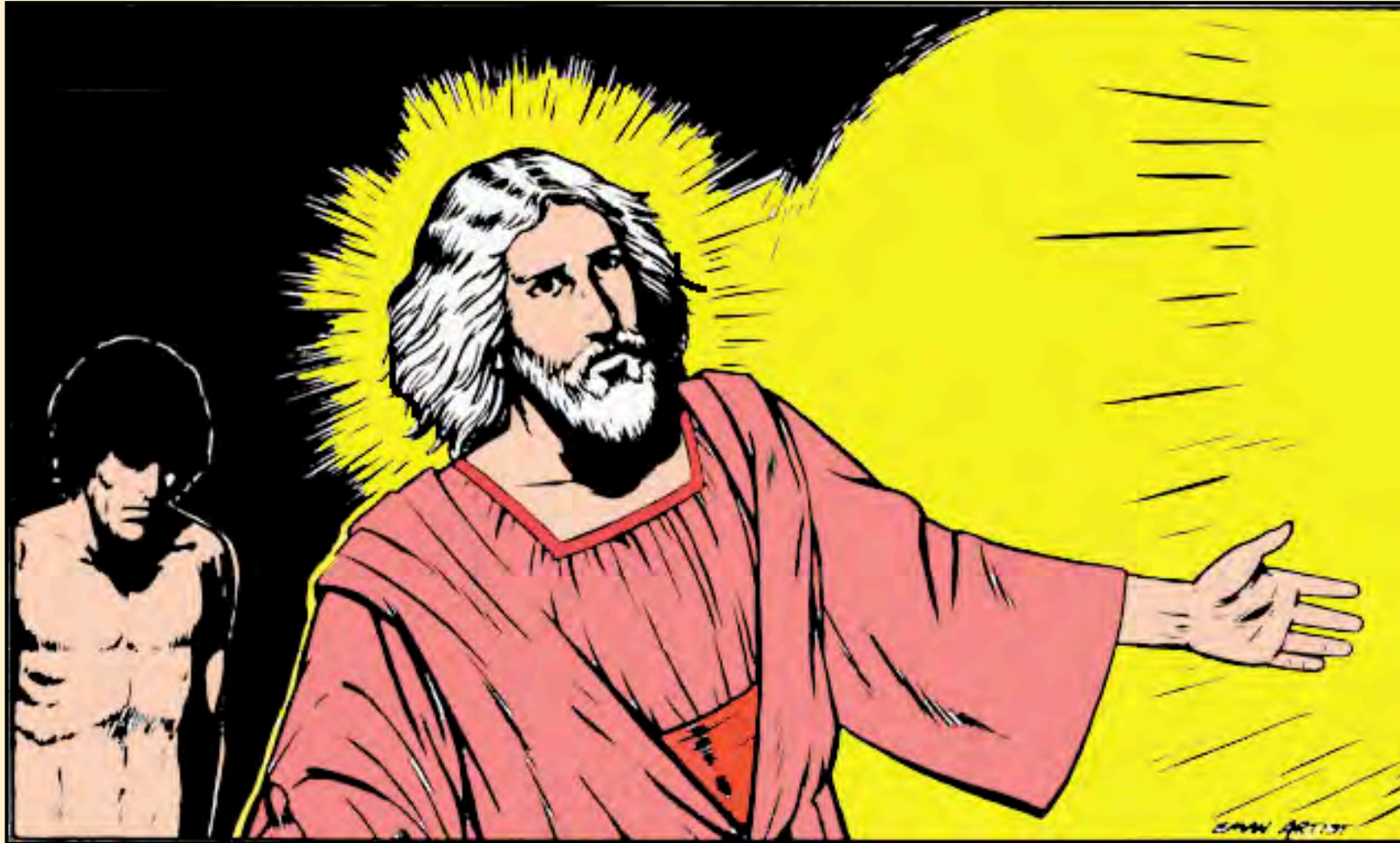
REV.12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for **the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.**

A scene similar to this is described in

**** ZEC.3:1** *And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand **to resist (accuse) him.***

The scriptures teach that Satan and his followers fell from their first estate or position at the beginning of creation. (For how the Devil fell, see *Ezekiel Chapter 28 and Isaiah Chapter 14.*)

However, Satan still continued to have access to Heaven and the Lord's throne. In the Book of Job, written a couple of thousand years after Creation, we read *"the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them."* He then began to accuse Job to the Lord like a prosecuting attorney. (See Job 1:6-11.)



Don't worry, if you are saved, then Jesus is your defense attorney.

Although Satan is in rebellion against God, he still appears before Him in the courts of Heaven, accusing the saints day and night. But now, at the very End, he finally gets the boot and he's cast out of Heaven to the earth. He comes down and

possesses and empowers the Antichrist, who will then become the Devil in the flesh, accusing the saints face to face and making war against them.

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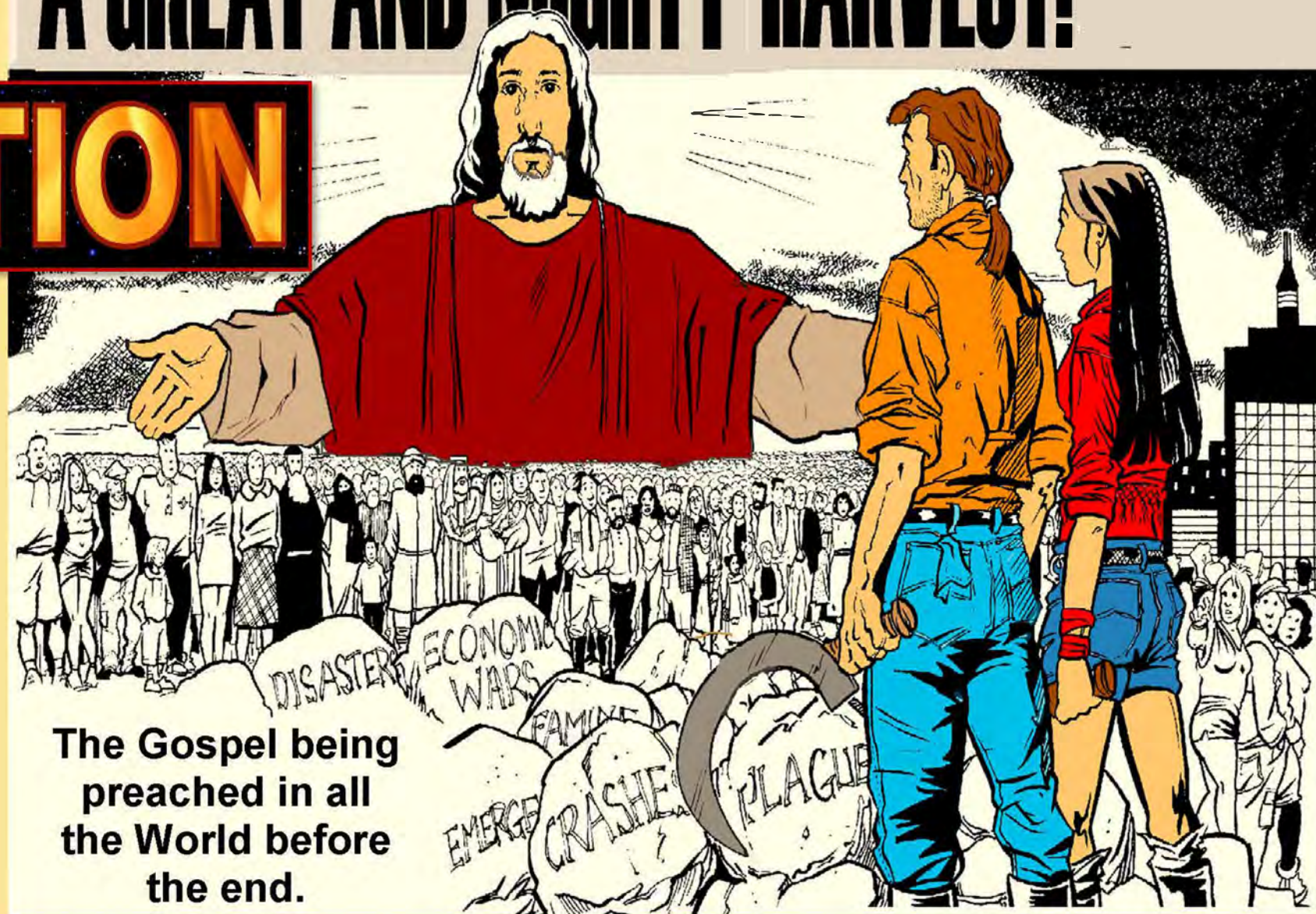
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*More than
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I SET BEFORE YOU
A GREAT AND MIGHTY HARVEST!



The Gospel being
preached in all
the World before
the end.

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REV.12:11 And they **overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and **they loved not their lives unto the death.**

Further ahead we read in Rev.20:4 *"...and I saw the souls of them that **were beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they **lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**"*

And even though the Antichrist will be allowed to overcome the Church physically, by destroying the organised temporal power of the Church, he will not and cannot overcome us spiritually!



The Lord says, "And they"--the Church--"overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death!"

The only power we're going to have left will be God's power, the greatest power the Church has ever had! We believe we are going to have a time of greater influence than even the early church had, with mightier works and mightier witnessing than has ever been done before! The Gospel is



going to be preached in all the World for a witness unto all nations! (Mt.24:14) In the World's darkest hour of greatest iniquity, even then we're going to supernaturally, miraculously witness and shine brighter than we have ever shone before! (Rom.5:20) God's Word says that during this time,

"The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits!" (Dan.11:32)

The people who really know Jesus are going to be strong!

The worse things get, the more God's Spirit is going to be poured out from on High to help us withstand the Dark evil forces that will be warring against us! The Lord has promised power for the hour,

*"For as thy days, so shall thy strength be!"
(Deut.33:25) "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many!"
(Dan.11:33)*

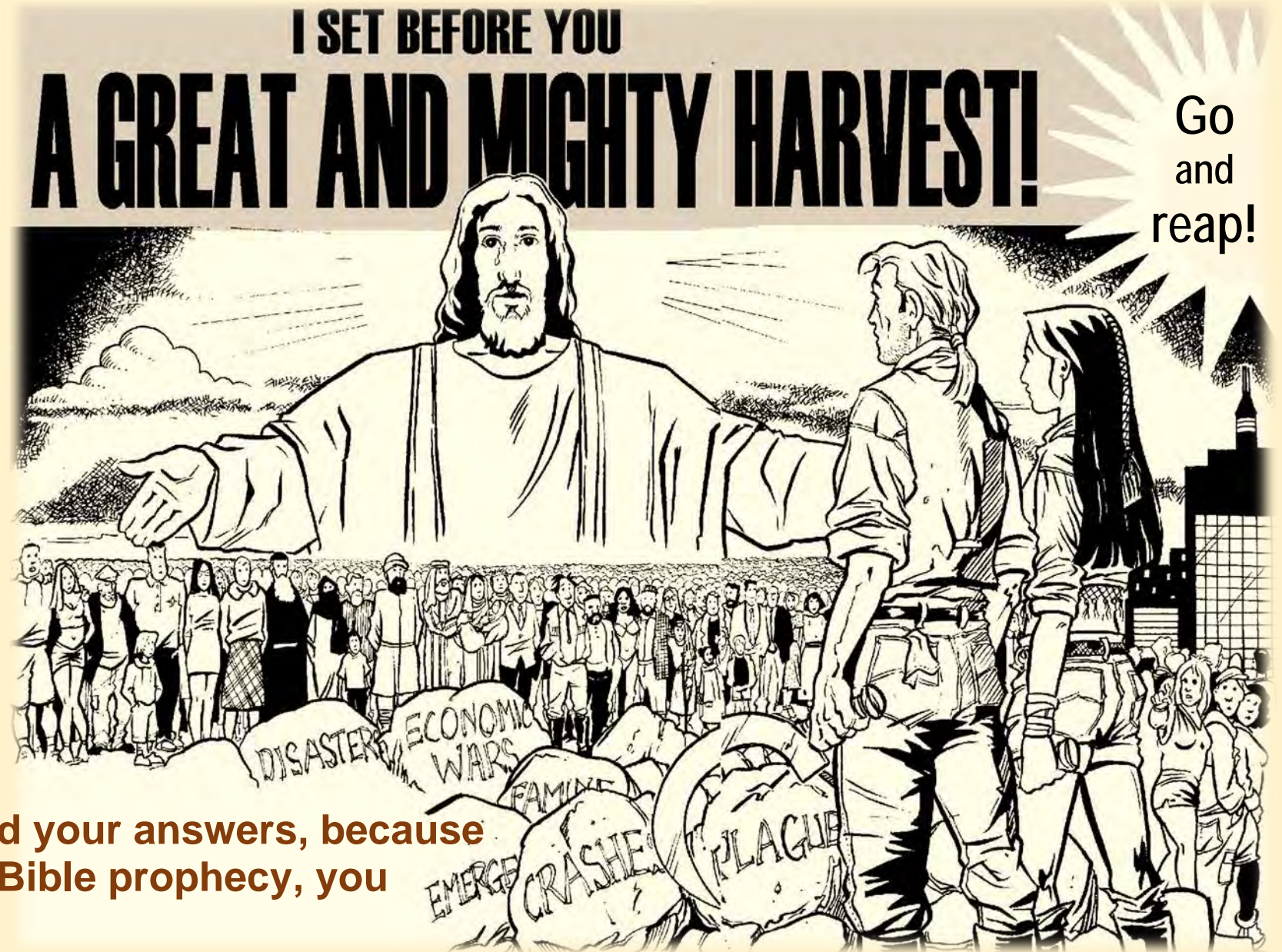
Our major job will be to stand up as God's witnesses before the whole World to explain to them what's happening and to lead, encourage and to feed God's children till the very End!



There are going to be so many people streaming and screaming to us for instruction and information: *"What's happening? What's going to happen next? What shall we do?"*--As they cried unto the Apostles of old, *"What shall we do to be saved?"* (Ac.2:37; 16:30)

People are going to be more desperate than ever then, and you who are faithful witnesses and know God's Word are going to win a lot of souls in that day! Because a lot of people are going to believe you then, a lot of people are going to need salvation and need the Good News you have to tell them. And you're going to be a great encouragement to millions of people throughout the Earth.

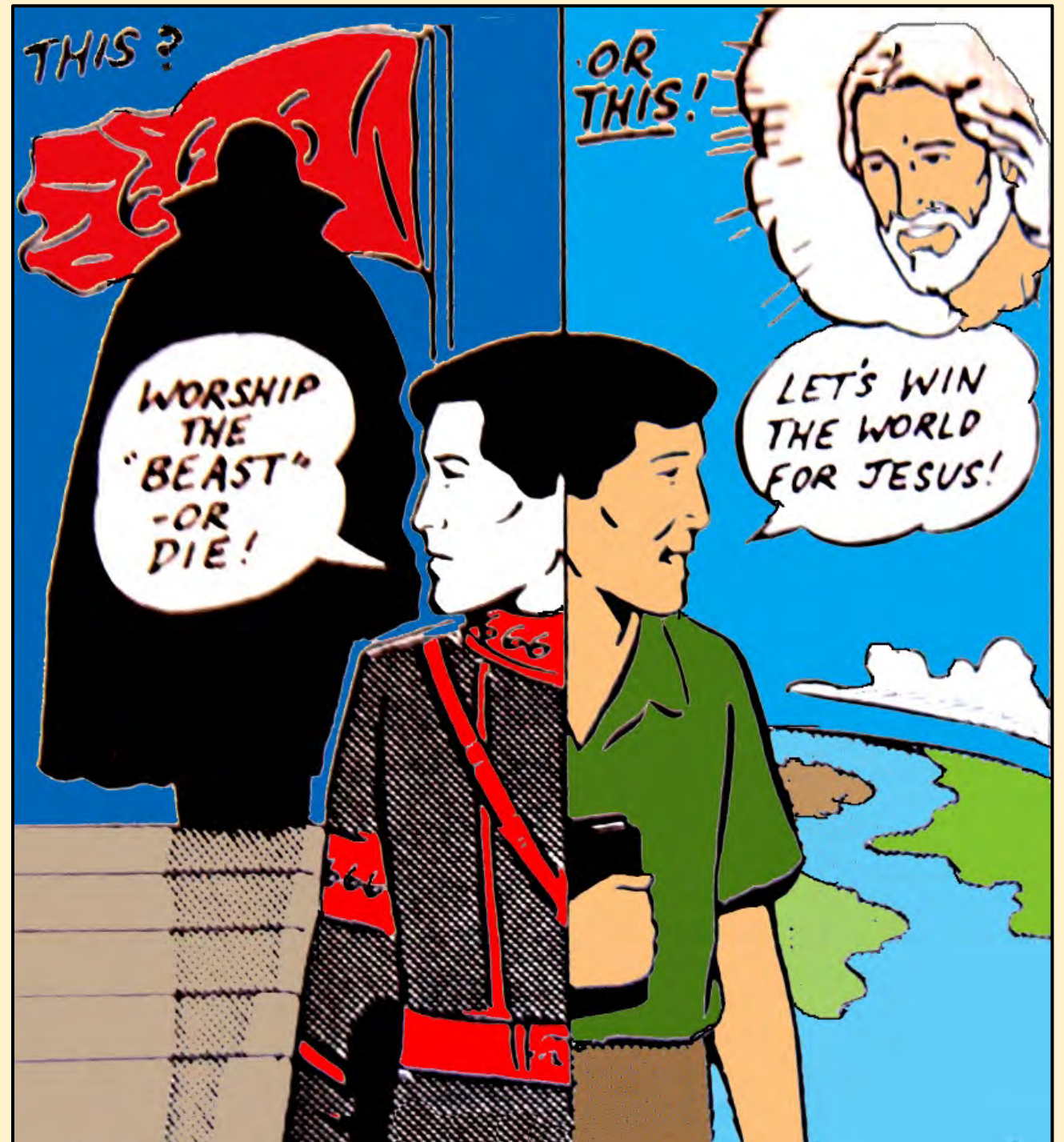
They are going to seek you and your answers, because they know that you understand Bible prophecy, you know what's happening!



It costs something to witness, and in that day, it is definitely going to cost some of us our lives. The Antichrist is going to try to wipe us all out because we'll be telling the truth and exposing him. We're going to be *"instructing many"*, warning them of who he really is! He pretends to be the Messiah, the Saviour of the World, but we'll be telling them that he is the Antichrist, the Devil in the flesh! We'll say, *"Don't take the Mark of the Beast, you'll go to Hell! Don't become a part of his kingdom! Don't be one of his subjects! Don't fall down and worship him!"*

And he and his forces are going to be furious with us!

REV.12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For **the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**, because he knoweth that he **hath but a short time**.



It's at that time that the Antichrist breaks the Covenant. At this time the Devil himself and all his angels, one third of the forces of Heaven, are cast out of Heaven, cast down to the Earth and confined here for a while. And therefore, that last period of World history, three-and-a-half years of



Great Tribulation, is the worst in all World history, when the Devil rants and raves and rages across the face of the Earth!

He is no longer able to soar into the heights of Heaven and accuse us before God, but is cast out of his place amongst the “sons (created Angels) of God”, cast down to the Earth, confined here, and eventually will be chained and confined to the very darkness and flames of Hell in the heart of the Earth! *(Rev.19:20)* But he knows his time is short, only three-and-a-half years, and he makes the best (or worst) of those few years! He inspires the Antichrist, he possesses him, Satan himself possessing him.

And instead of bringing the promised Heaven on Earth of the Messiah, he brings hell, and the Earth soon sees he is not the Messiah!

REV.12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he **persecuted the woman** which brought forth the man child.

REV.12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that **she might fly into the wilderness**, into **her place**, where she is **nourished for a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.

So, although this bestial Antichrist commands that no one can buy or sell without his mark and that anyone who refuses to worship him or his Image should be killed, we will refuse! We will refuse both the Mark and the worship of the Antichrist and his Image; therefore, we will not be able to buy nor sell food or clothing or shelter or the necessities of life and they will try to kill us. God's Word says that many of us will "**flee into the wilderness**" for survival, to prevent our being killed for not worshipping the Beast or his Image, and to survive without being able to buy or sell. --But God is going to take care of us!



This tribulation period will be the end of any kind of association with the systems of this world whatsoever for true Christians. It will be impossible to survive except by miracles of God and



faith, living by faith, totally and entirely independent from the Antichrist System, without its Mark, its approval and without its benefits. Many of us will have to go completely underground and do the best we can to survive and continue to witness, much like the Early Christians did from the catacombs during the Roman persecutions.

REV.12:15 And the **serpent** cast out of his mouth **water as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

REV.12:16 And the **earth** helped the woman, and the **earth** opened her mouth, and **swallowed up** the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

REV.12:17 And the **dragon** was wroth with the woman, and **went to make war** with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and **have the testimony of Jesus Christ**.

**** Dan.7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the most High, and **shall wear out the saints** of the most High...and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

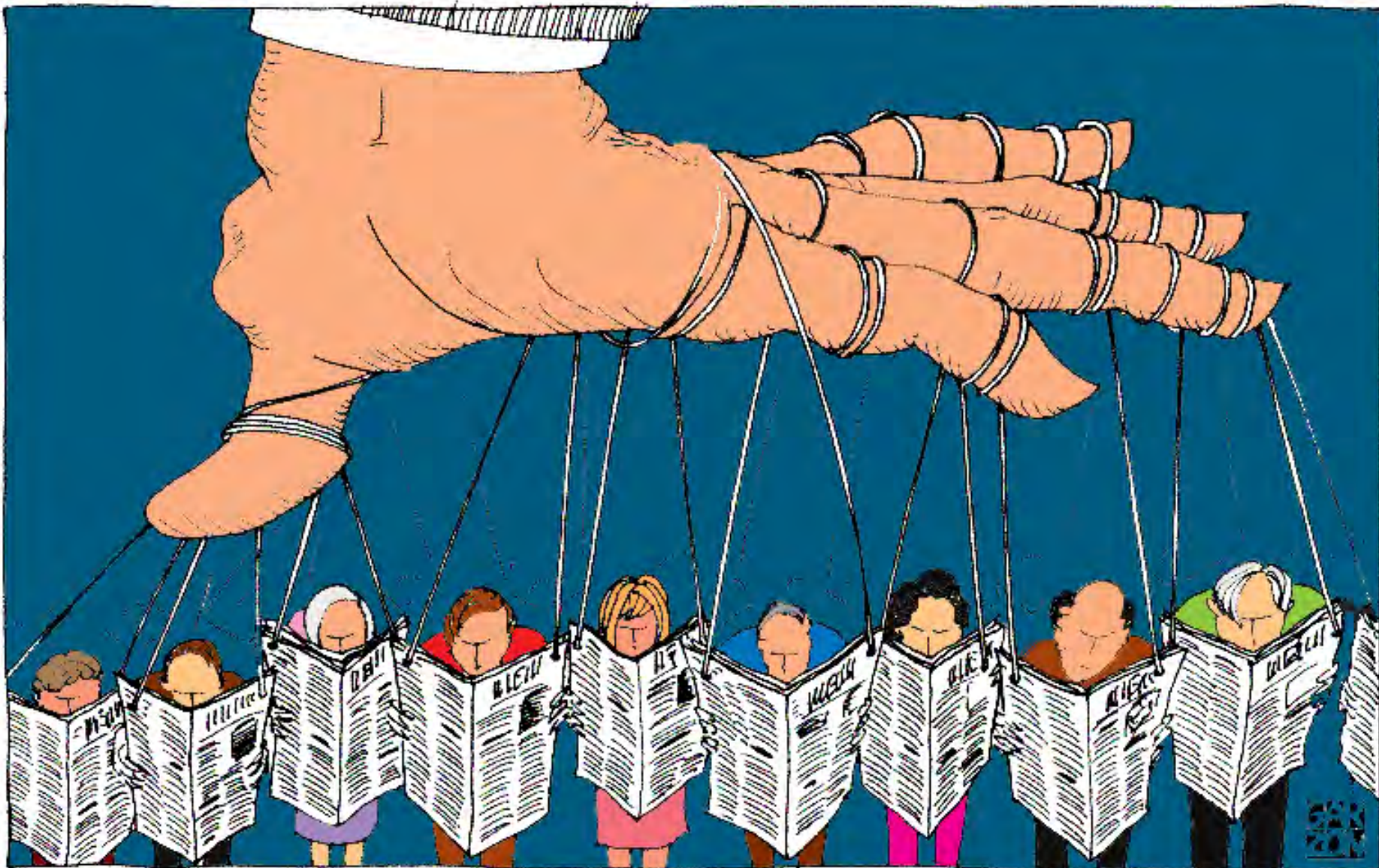
**** Rev.13:7** *And it was given unto him **to make war with the saints**, and to overcome them...*



He cast a big flood of water out of his mouth! What is this symbolic of? Obviously, the Devil himself is not an actual dragon, this is all very symbolic. What is this flood the Devil casts out of his mouth? What is the Devil's major business from the Beginning in the Garden of Eden to the

End? What does the Devil, Satan, that old Serpent cast out of his mouth and flood the World with? Lies! Lies, lies and more lies and deceit!

He casts these lies into the earth to try to drown the woman in all of these lies of evolution, lies of every kind and every sort! He tries to drown the Church of Jesus Christ in his propaganda! But what happens? Who saves the Church?



The world—typified here by the earth, the members of Satan's kingdom, members of the Antichrist government, followers of the Beast, receivers of his Mark, worshippers of his Image, will swallow all his propaganda and his lies while the Church escapes into the wilderness, hidden and protected by God as though she had two wings to fly above and away from that awful time to the very coming of her Husband, her Bridegroom from the sky, to rescue and take her out of this horrible Hell on Earth!

Are you ready? Are you one of the believers in Jesus? Are you a part of His great Bride? Are you the Wife of Christ? Have you accepted Him as your Husband, your Bridegroom and your Saviour? Then you don't have to worry! He'll take care of you right on through the Tribulation, even if He has to give you wings! He'll hide you in the wilderness, even if He has to miraculously make you disappear.



He'll feed you there and take care of you just like He says here, all the way through that 1,260 days or three-and-a-half years of Great Tribulation! So that the devil can't lay a claw or a fang on you, he can't inundate you or drown you with his lies because you don't believe him, you just believe the Word of God! And you will be saved and brought through and live and survive till Jesus' coming!



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REVELATION

Seven Heads of the Beast

Chapter 13 part 1
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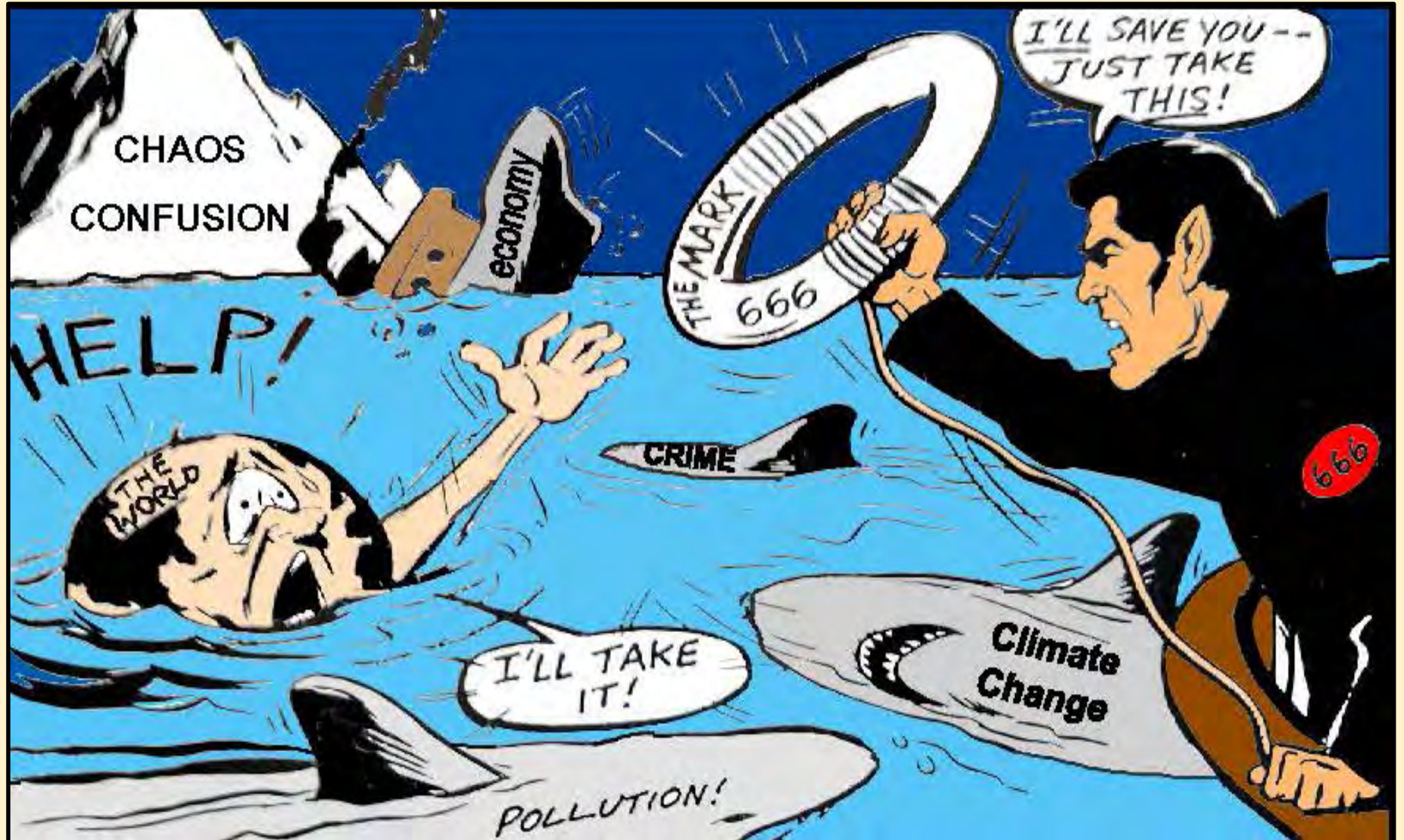


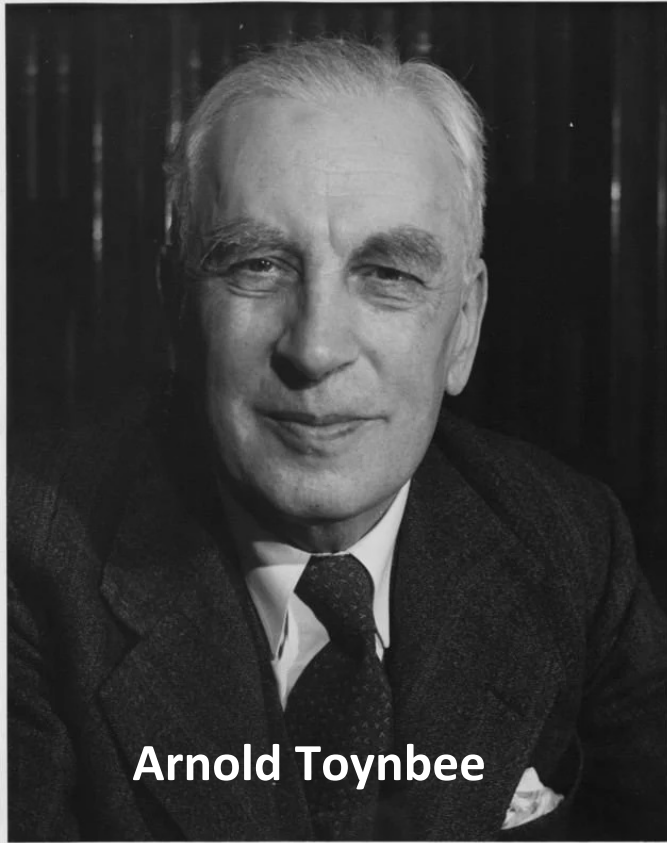
Revelation Chapter 13 part 1 -- Seven Heads of the Beast

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The 13th chapter of the **Book of Revelation** introduces us to two Beasts, also known as the Antichrist and False Prophet.

The World is desperate, waiting for a superman, a god-man who can solve all their problems and answer their questions, heal their economic ills, unite their politics, end their religious squabbles, stop the wars and bring permanent peace and union to all nations.





Arnold Toynbee

--A one-World government, one-World leader, one-World dictator--a Superman! Arnold Toynbee, the famous historian, expressed this need perfectly when he said:

"By forcing on mankind more and more lethal weapons, and at the same time making the World more and more interdependent economically, technology has brought mankind to such a degree of distress that we are ripe for the deifying of any new Caesar who might succeed in giving the World unity and peace."

The former Secretary General of Nato, Paul Spaak, adds, "We do not want another committee; we have too many already. What we want is a man of

sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all people and to lift us out of the morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, be he God or the Devil, and we will receive him!"

Well, they won't have to wait much longer, because the Bible predicts that there is going to be such a person, or two persons really, in the last days of man's rule on earth who, in the guise of appearing to save the World, will bring it to the brink of total destruction just before Christ Himself returns to rule it and truly save the world.





To the World the Antichrist is going to appear as an angel of light, the most perfect man, the most powerful man, the greatest leader the World has ever known outside of Jesus Christ!--Smart and clever enough to solve all the World's problems--economic, political and finally religious.

For awhile it will seem that utopia has come at last, but the price to pay will end up, not only with compliance to the World government, the total control of freedom and personal religion and so on, but the eventual aim of the Enemy will be (paraphrasing *Luke 4:5-7*):

"Fall down and worship me or you cannot enjoy this great Heaven on Earth that I have created!--Behold, I give you all the kingdoms of the Earth, but the price is, fall down and worship me!" --And that's where the rub's going to come!



The details that are covered in this chapter are fascinating, but at the same time, it may seem complicated as we try to decipher what the heads and horns and crowns of this Beast represent. However, please don't be put off by all these details. The main thing to understand is that the Antichrist is the ultimate embodiment of the Beast. We don't have to hang a label on every head and horn—and at the moment we can't—but we do understand a considerable amount of what this vision represents, and so we will try to unravel at least some of the mystery here.

REV.13:1 And I stood upon the sand of **the sea**, and **saw a beast rise up out of the sea**, having **seven heads** and **ten horns**, and upon his horns **ten crowns**, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

The sea or waters in the Bible are often a symbol of the peoples of the World. (*Rev.17:5*) So that beast comes out of the masses of the people and empires of man.

REV.13:2 And the beast which I saw was **like unto a leopard**, and his feet were as the **feet of a bear**, and his mouth as the **mouth of a lion**: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

This beast looks *"like unto a leopard"* with *"feet like a bear"* and a *"mouth as the mouth of a lion."* Does this Beast's description resemble anything we may have heard before? Yes, the beasts that Daniel saw in his vision representing different great empires of man. If you read the 7th Chapter of the Book of Daniel, you'll again see this great beast of Revelation 13 in its various forms, and learn that it represents various World empires that have ruled the Earth:



**** DAN.7:3-7** And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was **like a lion**, and had eagle's wings...And behold another beast, a **second, like to a bear**, and it **raised up itself on one side**, and it had **three ribs in the mouth** of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, **like a leopard**, which had upon the back of it **four wings** of a fowl...After this I saw in the night visions, and behold **a fourth** beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had **great iron teeth**...and it had **ten horns**.



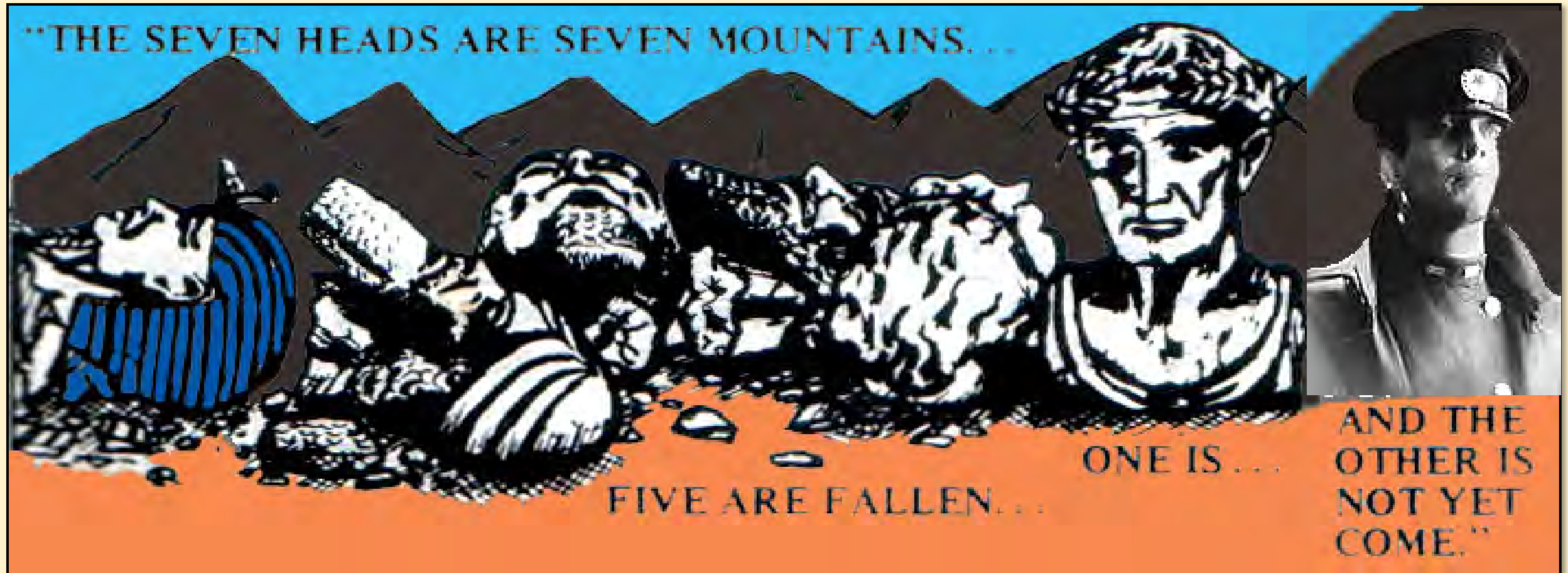
In Daniel 7 there came up a lion and that was the Babylonian empire, then a bear, Medo-Persia, after the bear, a leopard, which was Greece. So what does this mean, if the Beast in **Revelation 13** is part lion, part bear and part leopard? God is literally painting a picture for the Apostle here to show that this final empire, the Beast, is going to combine attributes from all these Empires. So you might say that the central part of the Antichrist empire will encompass these former empires, including the fourth beast, Rome.

According to many scholars, this Beast will be some kind of revival or similar to the old Roman Empire.

“Seven heads” In Revelation Chapter 17, we learn some important details:

**** REV.17:7,9,10** *And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of ...**the beast** ...which hath **the seven heads and ten horns**. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The **seven heads are seven mountains...** and there are **seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.***





"The seven heads are seven kings"--or kingdoms--"five are fallen"--Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece had all come and gone--"one is"--the Roman Empire was in power when John wrote this--"and the other is not yet come."--The Antichrist's final World empire!--"And when he cometh, he must continue a short space." (The one "week" or seven years of Daniel 9:27)

-THE 7 GREAT WORLD EMPIRES OF HISTORY !-



So these seven heads are the seven great World empires that come and go on the stage of History from the days of earliest Egypt to this last great Antichrist empire which is rising even now. God is showing us by this Beast with seven Heads that the Antichrist government has always been in existence from the beginning. It's all the same Beast, although it has manifested its ugly head in the seven major governments that have ruled, and will rule, over the nation of Israel and the Middle East: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the final Antichrist empire. All these empires are part of the same beast, and they all get their power from the Dragon (the Devil).



EGIPTO

ASIRIA



BABILONIA

MEDO-PERSIA



GRECIA

ROMA



It helps to remember that the Bible is a book to, for, and about God's people. And so the events described in Revelation are directly related to them. In the Old Testament the Jews were God's people, but now in the days of the New Testament, God's people include everyone who has chosen to follow Jesus. The Jewish people lived at times as an independent nation, but often they were dominated and ruled by the successive empires listed in *Revelation 17:7-10* - the five who had already "**fallen**" (In order: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and then the Empire of Alexander the Great and his successors) They were followed by the Roman Empire, which was officially declared an empire in 27 BC, and so, being in power when John wrote this, it was listed as the "**one is**" empire.

"The Dragon gave [the Beast] his power, his throne, and great authority" (verse 2). The power behind the throne in all these empires that bore temporary rule over God's people and often cruelly persecuted them through the millennia, is none other than that great red Dragon, Satan (*Rev.12*). But now he is cast down to the earth, and he intends not just to be the power behind the throne but the very power himself in the person of the Antichrist.

Things get a little complicated because the Beast is a seven-headed monster, and the Antichrist is represented by the seventh head. Yet the Antichrist is referred to in Revelation as the Beast, not just as one of the Heads. The Antichrist is the incarnation of the seven-headed Beast in the Last Days, and the whole Beast has been anti-God, anti-Christ, since it first manifested itself in the ancient Egyptian Empire. But when the Beast is referred to in this chapter, it is focusing specifically on the final Antichrist ***“Head”***. Through history there have been some good personalities associated with and sometimes even ruling those ancient empires.



Pharaoh



Cesar



Alexander



Antichrist

Nevertheless, their underlying foundation was anti-Christ. *“The beast... shall ascend out of the bottomless pit.” (Rev 17:8)* No surprise then that these empires have often mounted persecution against God’s people.

You’ll have noticed that the Dragon and the Beast described in *Revelation 12 and 13* bear some remarkable similarities. They both have seven heads and ten horns, but they differ in that the Dragon has seven crowns upon his seven heads, whereas the Beast has ten crowns upon its ten horns.

**** REV.12:3** *And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*



The
Dragon and
the Beast



That great red Dragon whom we just saw in the previous Chapter 12 is Satan himself who has been cast out of Heaven and who, in great wrath, persecutes and wars against the Church for 3½ years of Great Tribulation. He gives the 7th head, the Antichrist emperor of this last World empire, great authority!

The old serpent is not the Beast, but he possesses this monster, this Beast, this Antichrist man! For we learn in the second verse of this Chapter that *"the dragon*

gave "him" (the beast) his power, and his seat, and great authority." So they are two distinct but similar personalities. In other words, the Anti-Christ government of this world is practically one and the same with the Devil himself.

**** Dan.8:23-25** *In the Latter Time, when the transgressors are come to the full, a **king of fierce countenance**, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And **his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power (by Satan's power)** and he **shall destroy wonderfully**, shall prosper, practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also **he shall cause craft to prosper** in his hand; and he **shall magnify himself in his heart**, and **by peace shall destroy many**.*

Who are the ten Horns?



**THE
BEAST**

They symbolize ten kings of the End who cooperate with the Antichrist for a short time and **"receive power as kings one hour with the beast."** (Rev.17) The fact that the ten horns are wearing crowns shows that this prophecy is dealing with the time when these kings are in power--that is, with the final Antichrist government itself. Most Bible scholars believe these kings represent the major countries in Europe. It is still not clear at this time who are those 10 kings.

(Some believe they represent the 10 nations that received their independence after the collapse of the Soviet Union but remained in association with Russia through the organization of the Commonwealth of Independent States.)

**** REV.17:12** And the **ten horns** which thou sawest **are ten kings**, which have received no kingdom as yet; but **receive power as kings one hour with the beast**. These have one mind, and **shall give their power and strength unto the beast**.

**** DAN.7:24** And the **ten horns** out of this kingdom (**Rome**) are **ten kings that shall arise...**

Who are the 10 kings of the Endtime??



Because these ten kings, kingdoms or powers had ***"received no kingdom as yet"*** during John's day, at the time of the 6th head, the Roman Empire, it's evident that these ***"ten horns"*** are all on the final seventh head, the Antichrist! ***"These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the Beast."*** (Rev.17:12-13) In the Book of Daniel, these same 10 World powers who cooperate with and help put the Antichrist into power are described in further detail in ***Daniel 2:41-44 and Daniel 7:7, 8, 20-24.***

To summarize what we've learned, these seven heads represent seven of the great world empires, who had or will have control over Israel, from Egypt on down to the final AntiChrist empire. The ten horns are ten kings and/or nations of the End, who cooperate with the Antichrist for a short time and receive power as kings one hour with the beast. The crowns point to the fact that those kings are in power during the time of the Antichrist.



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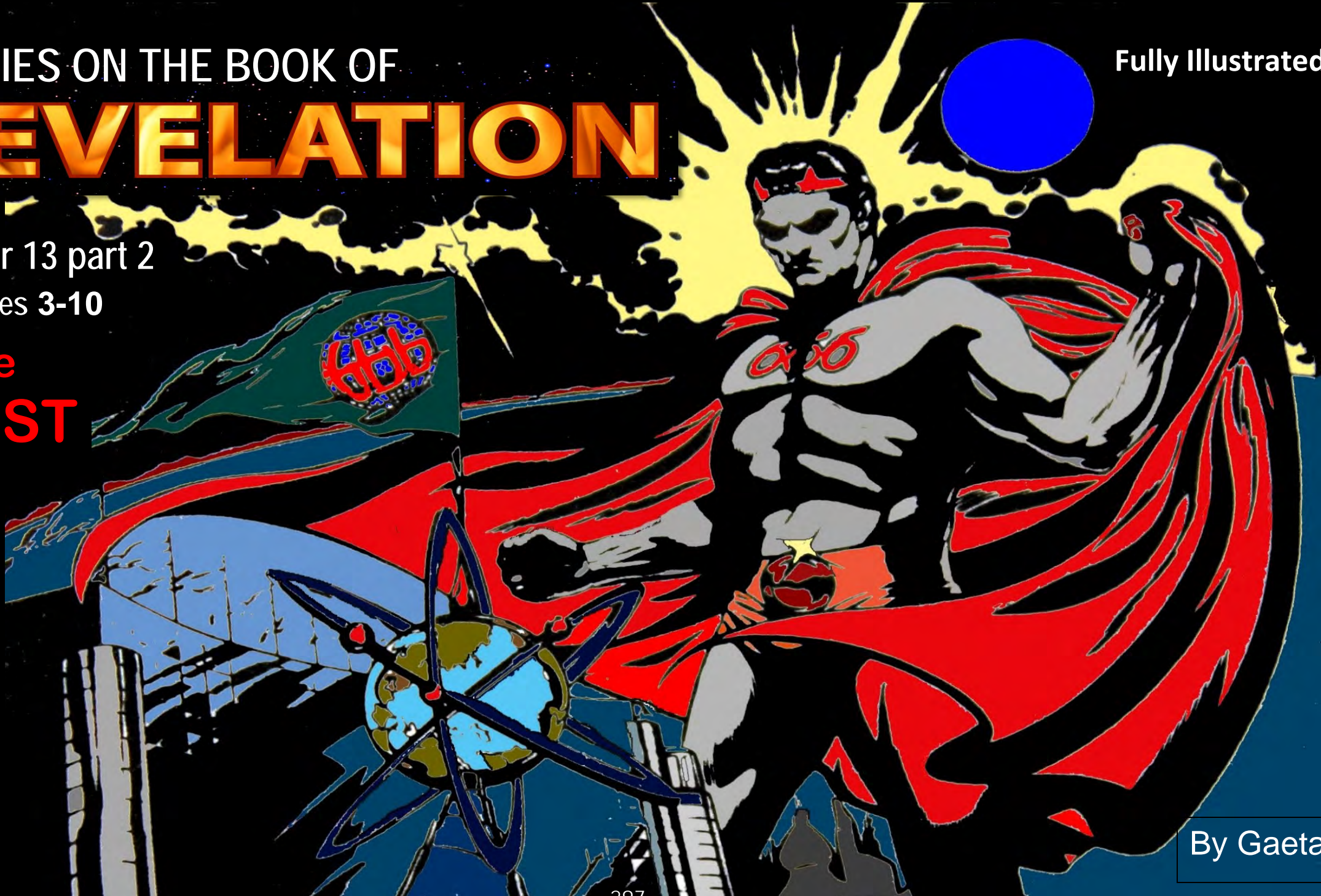


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Revelation Chapter 13 part 2 -- The Beast

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**In this part 2, we will focus on the first Beast,
the Antichrist.**

REV.13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Now, what is meant by this statement, "One of his heads was wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed"? We know that this is referring to the seventh head, the Antichrist, because later on in this same chapter we see that the Antichrist has a false prophet, a promoter, who

"...causeth the Earth and them which dwell therein to worship the Beast, whose deadly wound was healed... saying to them that dwell on the Earth, that they should make an Image to the Beast, which had the wound by a sword and did live!" (Verses 12 to 14)

So it seems like the Beast received a deadly wound but came back to life.

Two possible interpretations for the *“wounded to death”* phrase:

When the Antichrist first rises to power and confirms the seven-year Covenant, (*Dan9:27*) he is the head of the seventh great empire. But he is not yet really completely anti-Christ; he hasn't yet been fully possessed of the Devil.

But *“in the middle of the week,”* three and a half years after confirming the Covenant, he is killed and resuscitated. This *“resurrection”* would serve as his credentials to divinity. How is he revived, we don't know at this moment, but it seems that it is at this point the Antichrist becomes possessed completely by the Devil. He looks like the very same man, the seventh head, only he is different, now the eighth? (See *Rev.17:11*)





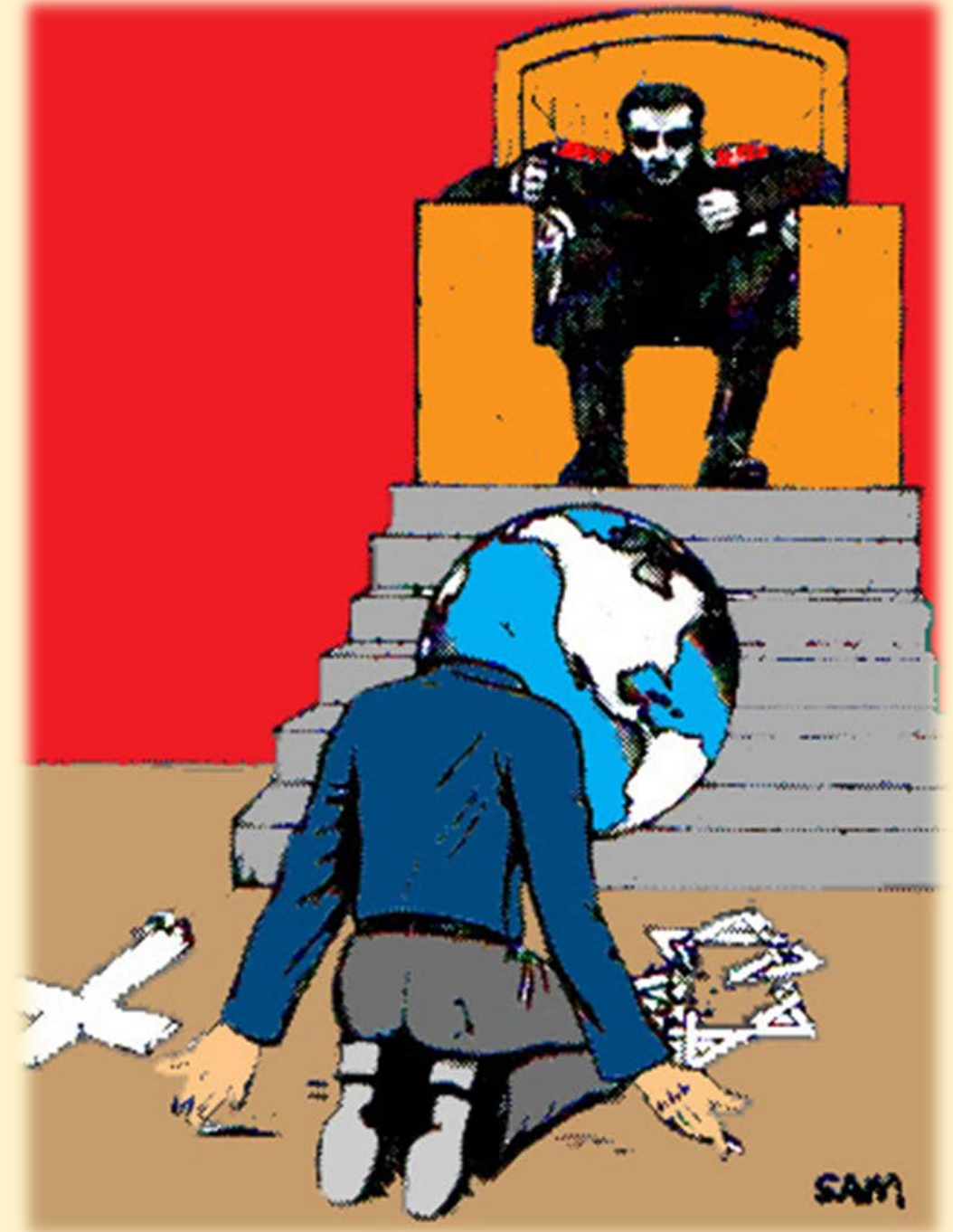
The World won't know the difference really, they'll think it's the same government, the same man--but the Devil will take him over!

This would explain the tremendous change, why he suddenly breaks the Covenant, profanes the altar, places the Abomination of Desolation, the Image of the Beast, and causes himself to be worshipped--which sounds just like the Devil all the way!

The Bible records a significant behavior change at this point. Now Satan has always wanted to be worshiped as God. He even tried to get Jesus to “*fall down and worship [him]*” (Matthew 4:9). Satan in the form of a man is finally going to get what he’s been after all the time, kingship of the world, and to be worshiped as God.

**** 2TH.2:8-12** *And then shall **that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all **deceivableness** of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall **send them strong delusion**, that they should believe a lie...*

(2) Others believe that it symbolizes the decline and apparent death of the ancient Roman Empire, and then the resurgence of a type of new Roman Empire in the Antichrist World government.



EV.13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, **Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**



They're literally worshipping the Devil in the Antichrist! The people who love him and worship him are going to say, "Who is like him? There's nobody in the World like him! Who is able to make war with him?"

No wonder the Antichrist is so powerful and such a superman and wonder-worker! Satan has at last been

cast out of Heaven, as we learn in *Revelation 12:7-10*, and in his fury, knowing that his time is short, he possesses this Antichrist, this Beast, and makes him a Superman, the Devil in the flesh, like Jesus was God in the flesh!

He will be the Devil in the flesh who will run the World and command all to worship him and attempt to slaughter all who refuse! The Devil, the **"god of this World"!** (2Co.4:4) That's what he always wanted: the whole World to worship him! And he's going to get it for awhile! Except from us and others who love the Lord and will dare to defy and resist him!

**** DAN.11:36** And the king shall do according to his will; and he **shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak**

marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.



**** 2TH.2:3-4** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and **that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.***

REV.13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months.**

The end of this age is going to see a worldwide propaganda of deceit unleashed, and it will deceive millions. The Book of Revelation indicates that the time span for the proliferation of this deceit will be short, **forty and two months.**





REV.13:6 And he **opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**

This description of the Antichrist having a big mouth was also used by Daniel in various passages. (*Dan. 7:8, 11, 20, 25 ; 11:36*) He's going to be a big mouth! He's going to roar like a lion!--Speak with the roars of Satan himself and say great things, great blasphemies against God!

REV.13:7 And it was given unto him **to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him** over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (*Dan.7:25; Dan.8:24; Dan.12:7; Rev.12:11, 17*)

What?!—You mean to say this Antichrist prevails against the Saints?—He wins? Well, during the cold war, did it look like the Communists won, had actually prevailed against the Church in Russia and the East Block? Does it look like the Communists have prevailed against the Church in China?

Does this mean the Church is absolutely dead and gone there?—No! Only the political and economic power had been destroyed!





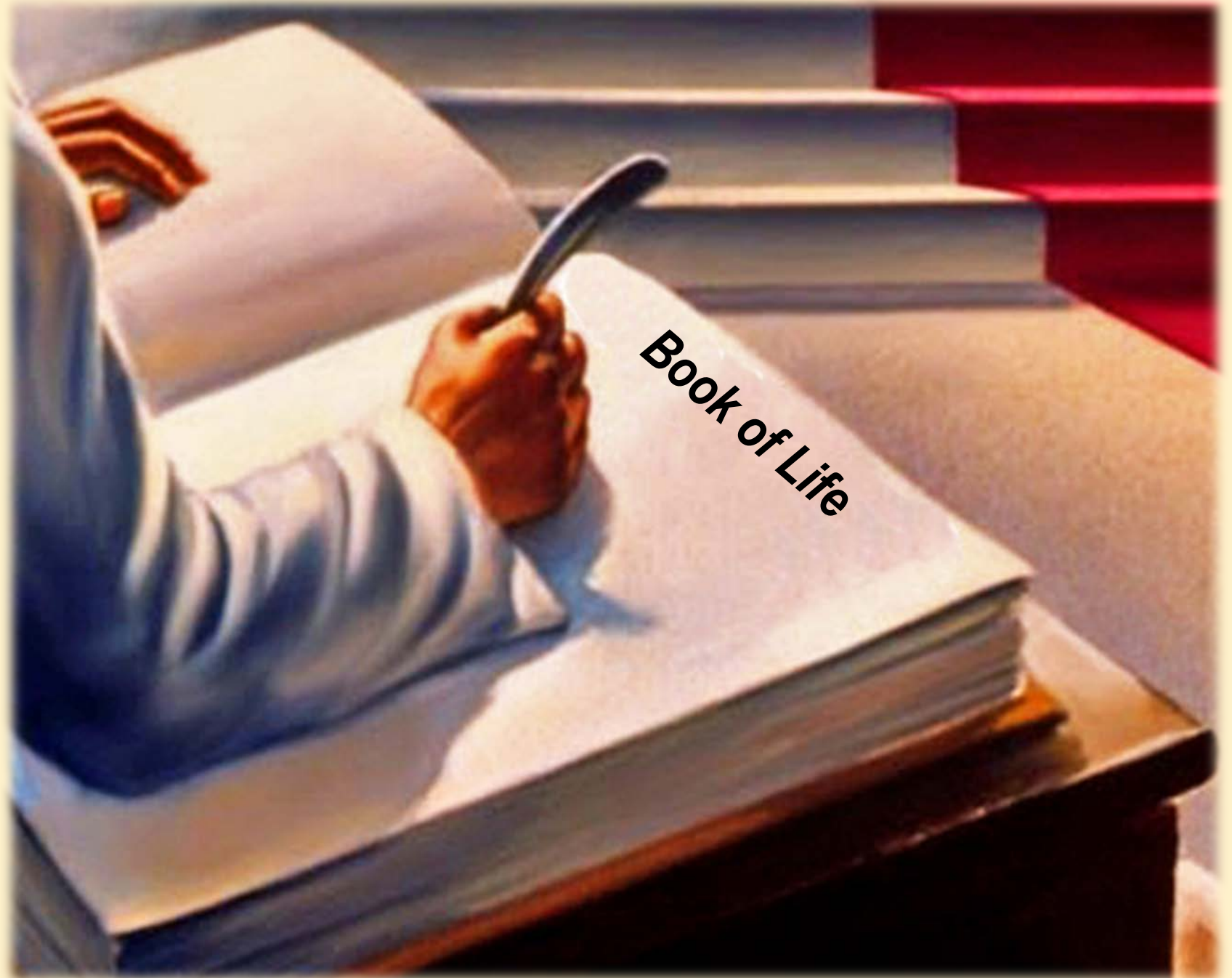
But it's been beneficial for them because it has strengthened them spiritually and brought revival, and this is why the Lord allowed it to happen! China has millions of Christians in house churches in spite of all the persecutions of the past 70 years.

Even though the Antichrist will be allowed to overcome us physically, obviously destroying the organised temporal power of the Church, he will not and cannot overcome us spiritually!

REV.13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth **shall worship him**, whose names are **not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

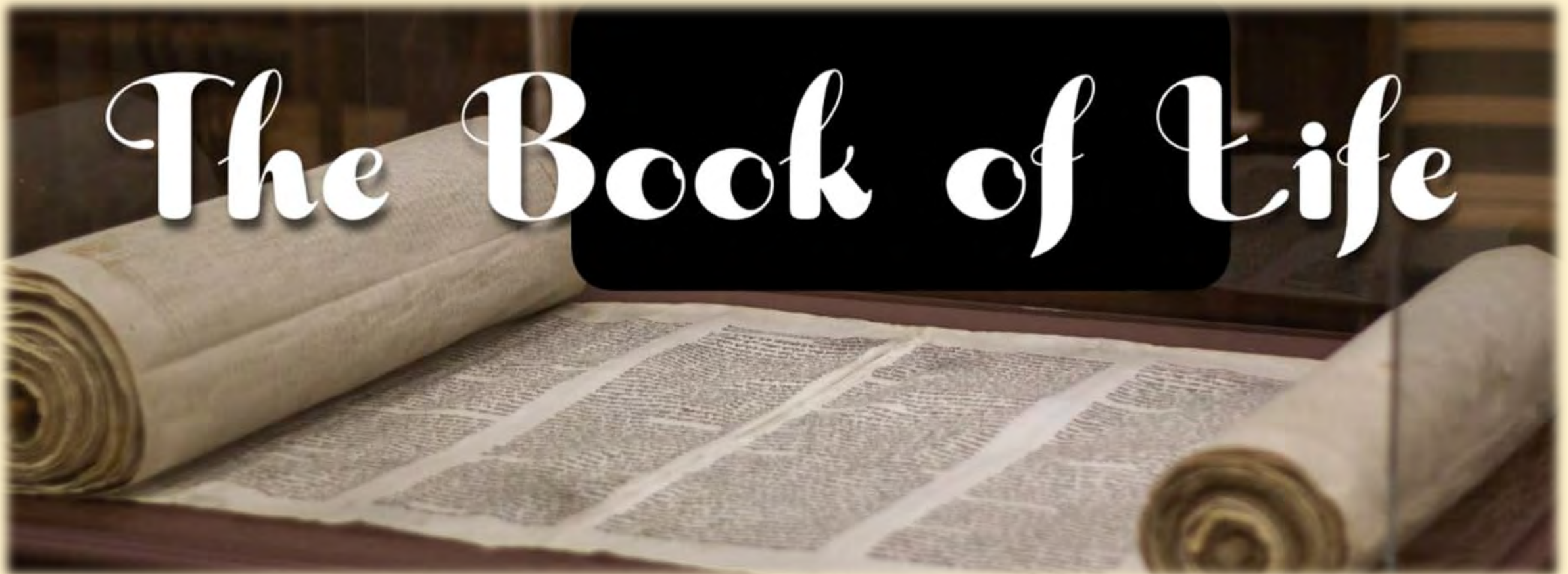
"The Book of Life" is God's book or record in which are listed all the children of God.

**** DAN.12:1** *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and **there shall be a time of trouble**, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be **found written in the book.***



**** 1PE.1:19-20** *But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,*

**** REV.17:8** *The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, **whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*



REV.13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

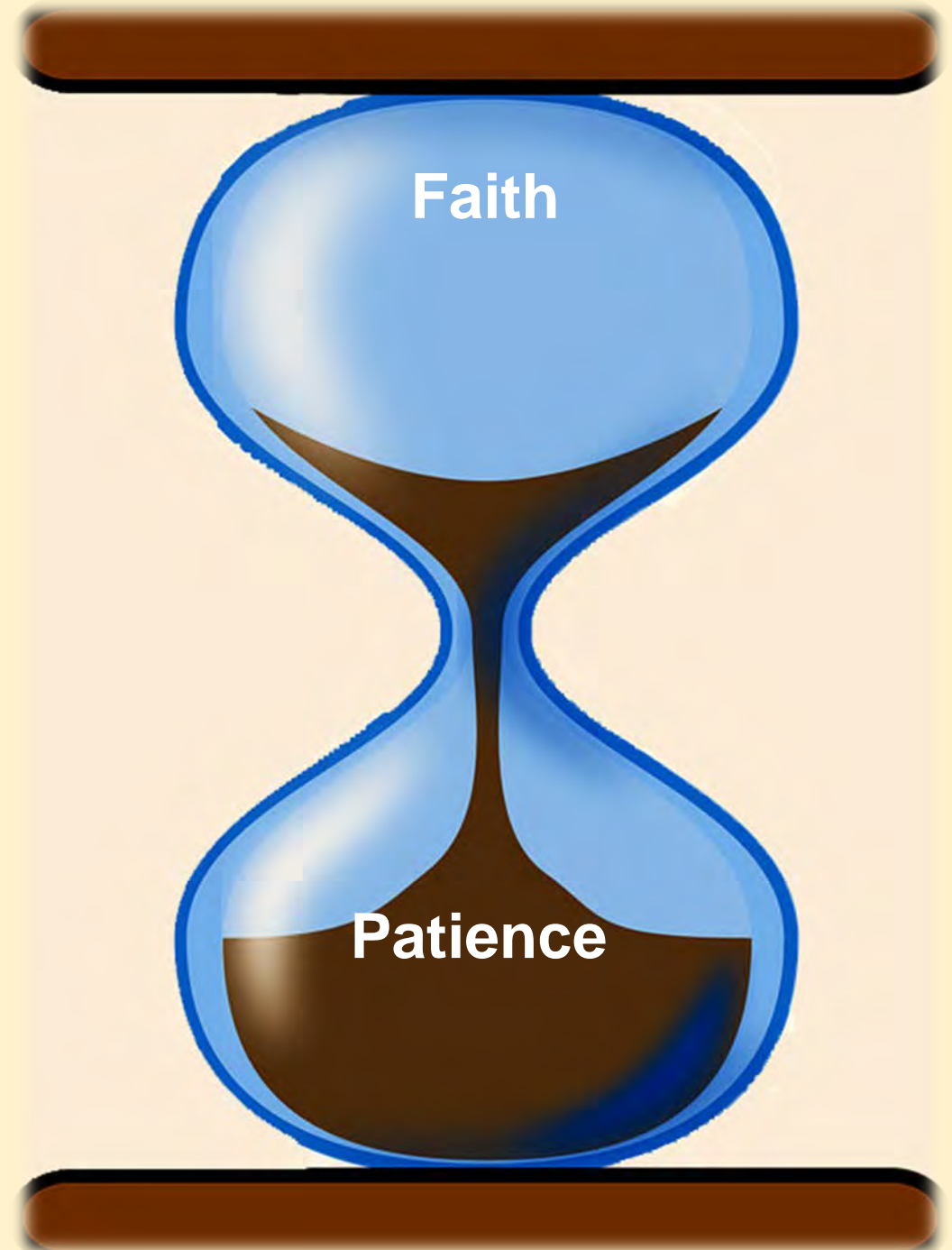
More than just hearing, this expression about '*an ear*' refers to having the capacity to understand what one hears.

REV.13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that **killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword**. Here is the **patience** and the **faith** of the saints.

**** HEB.6:12** *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience** inherit the promises.*

**** MAT.26:52** *Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for **all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.***

Don't miss part 3 about the Beast of the earth, the False Prophet.



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Revelation Chapter 13 part 3

Verses 13:11-18

THE FALSE PROPHET

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REV.13:11 And I beheld **another beast** coming up out of the **earth**; and he had two horns **like a lamb**, and he **spake as a dragon**.

REV.13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Now here comes the false prophet! He looks like a lamb but he speaks like the Dragon, and who's the Dragon? Satan! He's got the voice and the words of Satan, the Devil! He's the False Prophet of the Antichrist. This has sometimes been compared to the Trinity. And although that word is not in the Bible, it's a word used to describe Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Trinity is just a technical, theological church term meaning the Three-in-One.



The devil has his imitation of almost everything! The Antichrist is the imitation Messiah, the son of the Devil! Satan is the god of this World, his son is going to be the Antichrist, and this False Prophet is symbolic of his spirit, the one who gives forth his words. He even tells the World that they should make the Image! He will point people toward a false worship system, namely that of worshiping the Antichrist.



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*“And he had **two horns**.”* The horns are symbolic of power, but not to the degree of the first beast who had ten horns. The False Prophet Beast appears *“like a lamb”*, charming, with persuasive words that prompt allegiance and good will from others. Now, since the lamb is a religious symbol, a symbol of sacrifice, this beast may be a religious figure, a preacher or speaker whose demonically empowered words will deceive the multitudes.

Jesus is called the Lamb of God. This Beast, with its lamb-like façade, only pretends, trying to look good and innocent on the surface. The Antichrist, this Devil-man, wants to be worshiped, so he needs a prophet, this one with the lamb-like façade who becomes his propaganda master, his False Prophet who promotes him and his worship.

A wolf in sheep's clothing, that's what he is! In fact, he is worse, because when he opens his mouth, he doesn't just growl like a wolf, he roars ***“as a dragon.”*** Like the first beast, this beast gets his power from Satan and his mouth is the very voice of the Devil! *(Verse 4)* Remember, the Bible identifies the great dragon as ***“that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world...”*** *REV.12:9*



REV.13:13 He performs **great signs**, so that he even **makes fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men.

The False Prophet will have the power to counterfeit the miracles of God, such as calling down fire from heaven. How much is literal, how much is a modern “*miracle of science*”, and how much is symbolic is for now uncertain. In any case, calling down fire from heaven was associated with the power of God in the *Old Testament* (Ge.19:24; Lev.10:1-2; 1 Kg. 18:38; and in Re.11:3-6).



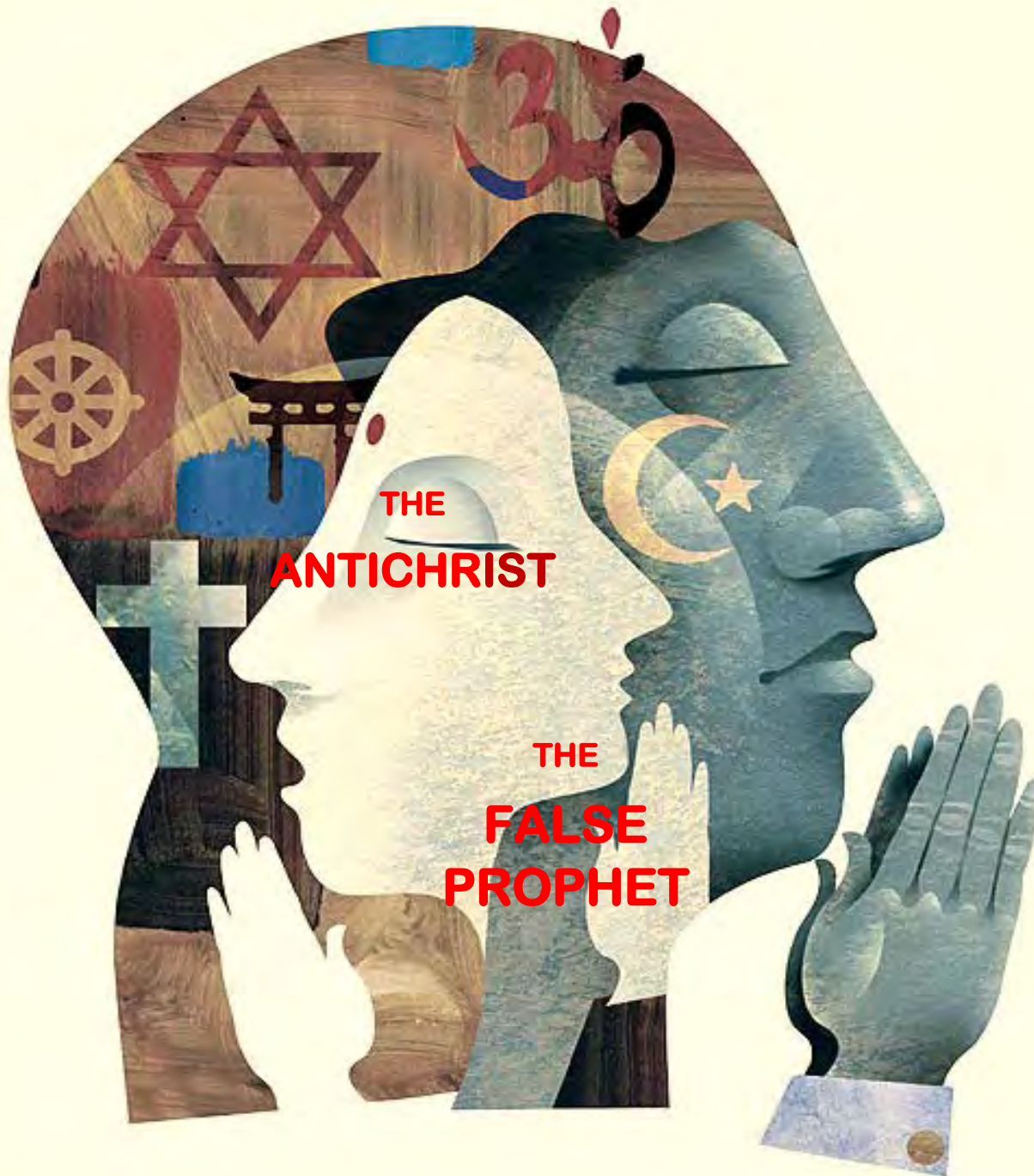
Satan is not very original and likes to imitate what God does; he is the master counterfeiter. Since God often revealed Himself by fire, the False Prophet uses fire to validate his own works.



REV.13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that **they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.**

The term ***“false prophet”*** is nearly always used in the Bible to refer to someone who claims to speak on behalf of the one true God, but he does so falsely. In general, it is not used to refer to leaders of openly pagan religions or of unbelievers.

When Jesus spoke about the End Times in ***Matthew 24:24***, he said ***“For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders”***. These terms, false Christs, false prophets, would likely mean people who are faking some form of Christianity or religions of the one true God. ***Matt 24:24*** continues with ***“so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.”***



The idea that this deception would, if possible, mislead the very elect, those who truly follow Jesus, surely points to a religion that resembles Christianity, especially its ideal of sharing the wealth. In the last century, that ideal caused atheist Communism to appeal to masses of people all over the world. It would not be surprising then to see some new version of this same political-economic philosophy re-emerge and re-enter the stage of history.

Regarding the “*great signs and the miracles*”, whatever they may be, they will have a lot to do with the strong deception of those days, which will be hard to resist for those distant from the Lord and not able to discern what is going on.

**** *REV.19:20*** *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image...*

**** MAT.24:24** *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

No, of course it is not possible to lead astray ‘*the very elect*’, but such will be the strength and the persuasiveness of this almost universal propaganda and deceit, that multitudes shall be deceived as a result. So did Christ warn us.

REV.13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.



The False Prophet causes the image to be made. Somehow it becomes possessed with the very spirit of the Beast, speaking and giving orders as if it were the Antichrist himself. It is likely that the False Prophet and his “*priests*” will be scientists, technocrats, or at least they will use and worship science. The old speculation was that the image of the beast would be a statue that would be given the appearance of life. But the apostle John could just as easily have seen a television image, a hologram, a cyborg, or some other new technology.

We can imagine people gathering every day to hear what the image has to say. The media will carry the content of the image’s words in the news, becoming the focal point of every person’s day. If so, the Antichrist’s speeches against his enemies and non-worshipers will foster the kind of hostile climate that results in them getting rounded up and killed.



Could the
Image of
the Beast
be a
Hologram?



This Image is most likely the **"Abomination of Desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet"** which Jesus mentioned in

**** Matthew 24:15, 21** *"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place ... then there will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."*

Daniel 11:31 says the Antichrist **"places the Abomination of Desolation."**

Daniel 12:11 says that **"the Abomination of Desolation is set up."** He places it, he sets it up and it stands there, so it's some kind of standing object. And here in this 13th chapter, we find out that it can very well be an image of the Antichrist himself.

The placing of the Abomination of Desolation introduces the Great Tribulation period, the second three and a half years of the Antichrist's reign. When you see it standing there, you'll know it has begun. The killing of all those who refuse to worship the

Image of the Beast is obviously the beginning of the Great Tribulation.

REV.13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, **to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

REV.13:17 And that **no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

The time is soon coming when paper money will no longer be used as a medium of exchange! The money medium of exchange will be replaced by a very remarkable credit system in which every person in the World who belongs to the Beast's regime will bear a credit number, without which he can neither buy nor sell, and by which he is accredited in his governmental account with the value of whatever goods or services he produces, to which he can charge the goods and services that he himself needs.





NO CASH ACCEPTED

Men will no longer buy nor sell with money as a means of exchange, but with a number, a number which will be given them permanently, without any possibility of counterfeit, change, manipulation or forgery, because it will be branded on each person:

"A mark in their right hand or in their foreheads."

Every man will have his own number, every member of the World System will be branded or tattooed with the Mark of the Beast like cattle for the slaughter, and will be forced to worship the Beast and his Image or be killed! The False Prophet will use this mark as a means to force people to worship the Antichrist. One can only imagine the pressures of having to own a mark in order to ensure the necessary food for his family.



For millennia, what John described as this new way of buying and selling, essentially conducting commerce, seemed fanciful. It is the amazing technological advances of recent years that have made the implementation of what John cryptically called the Mark of the Beast possible.

That...

“no man may buy or sell”

also signifies a total control situation. The technical infrastructure that could impose this type of financial uniformity is already in place

in developed countries. If universally adopted, this could evolve into the very economic system foretold in this chilling passage of John's. The recent health crisis as well as the war in Europe have brought rapid changes, changes that would facilitate the coming Antichrist new World order and economic reset.

REV.13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath **understanding** count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is **six hundred threescore and six.**



So what of the number 666? For now, speculating on what that could be is still in the realm of guesswork, but it is likely to have something to do with people being assigned a unique number, much like many countries have today, such as Social Security Numbers.

The Bible cryptically tells us that it is apparently going to take

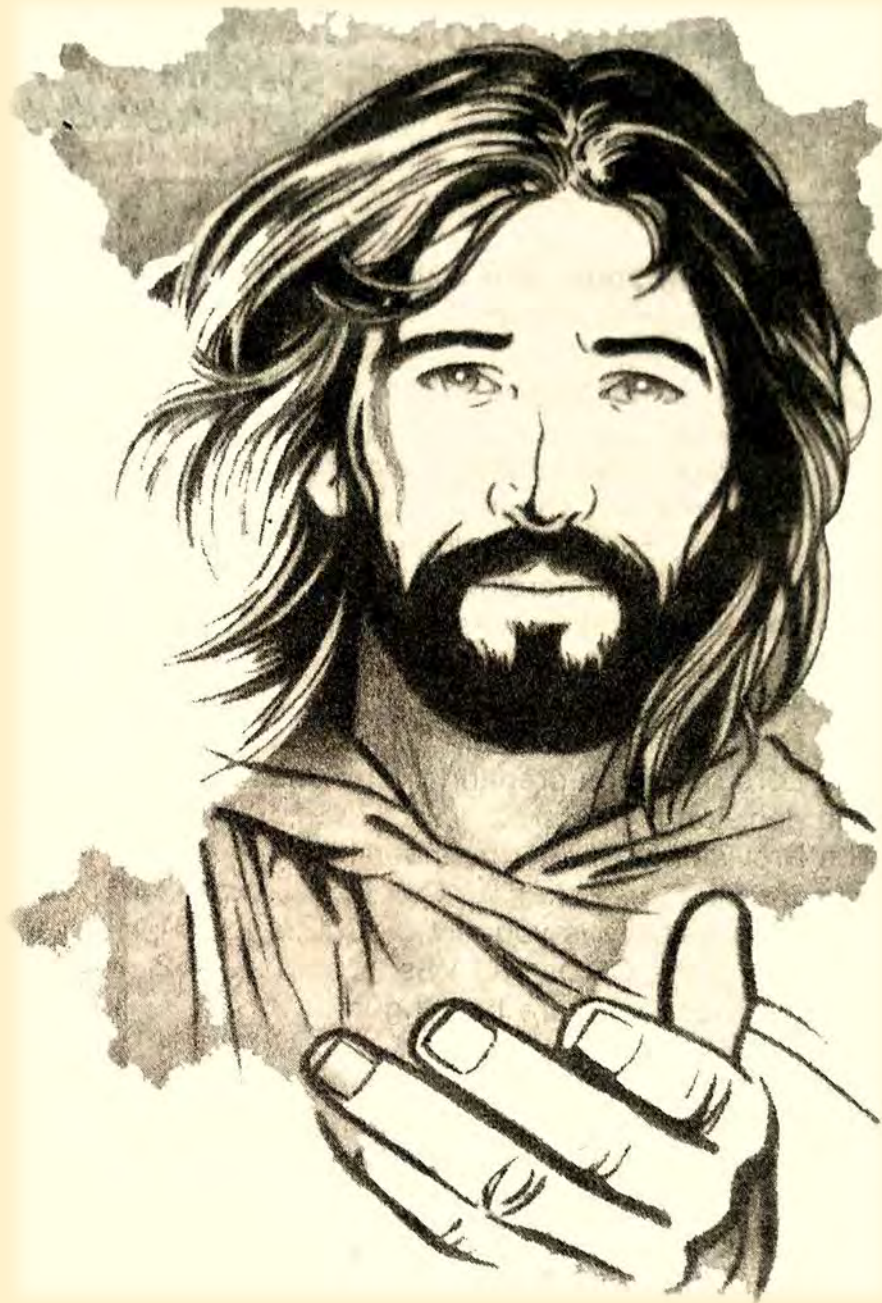
“wisdom and understanding” to decipher how this number plays into this scheme, but when it does become apparent,

it will confirm the dire predictions associated with it. John, later on in his Revelation, foretells a horrifying doom for those who bear this mark and worship the Antichrist.

“If anyone worships the Beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the Beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” (Revelation 14:9-11)



There are two components to this damnation, accepting the Mark and worshipping the Beast. Perhaps it is okay to accept the Mark as long as you don't become a worshipper of the devil-man behind it. But is that too great a risk to take? The comforting thought is that although the Beast will rant and rampage against those who refuse to accept him and his system, his time is short and his doom is sealed. He is the ultimate loser. Jesus Christ and those who love and follow Him will emerge from the Great Tribulation as the glorious and eternal winners, as can be seen in the following chapter.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God.

Please pray this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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