


WHAT THE
BIBLE
IS ABOUT



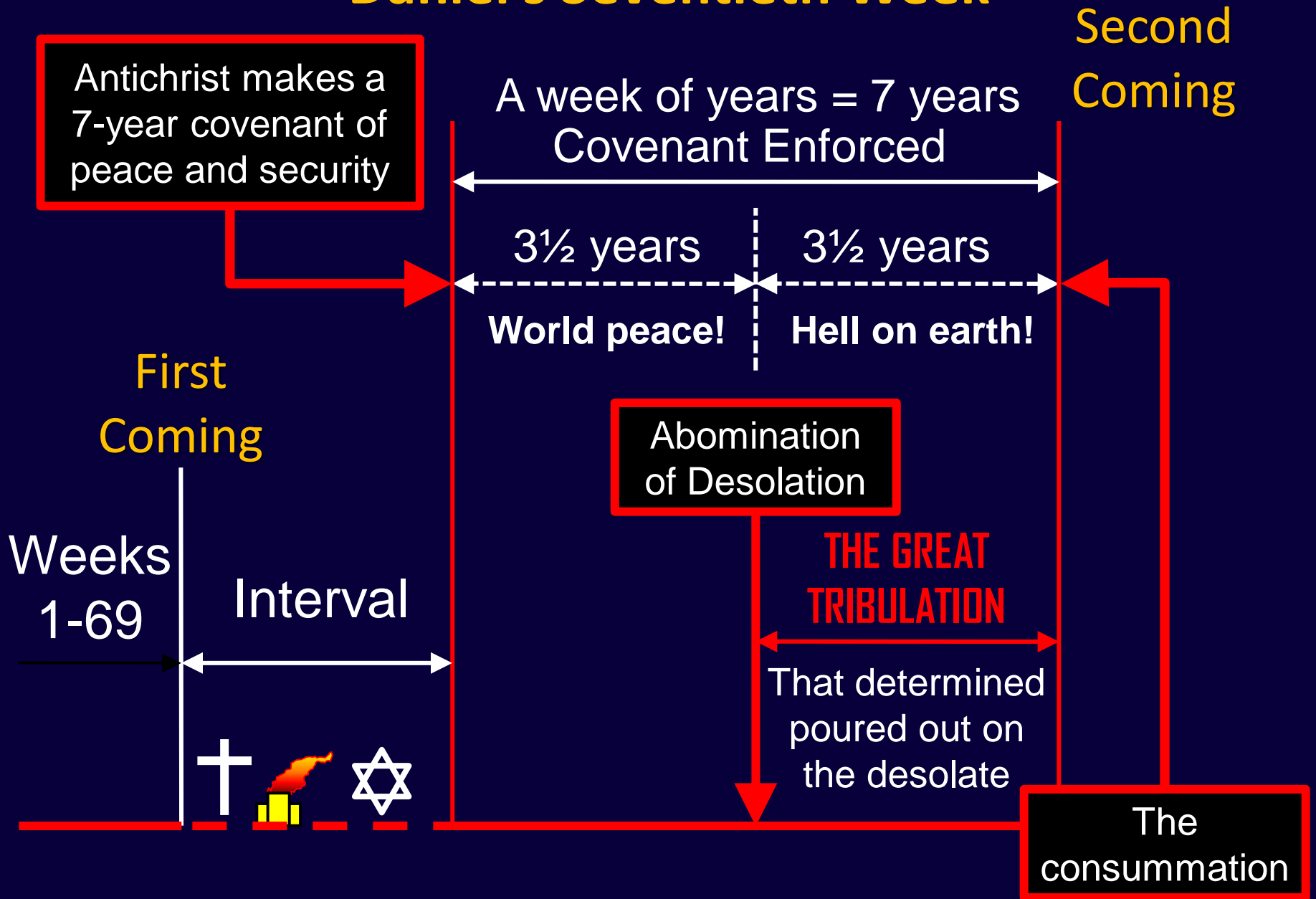
Heaven will open;
there will be a voice and
the sound of a trumpet;
and the saints will be
caught up to heaven!

1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)

**GOD'S
JUDGMENT
OF THE
THE EARTH
WILL BEGIN.**



Daniel's Seventieth Week



HOSEA 5:15

And then....

I WILL GO AND RETURN
TO MY PLACE
TIL THEY ACKNOWLEDGE
THEIR OFFENSE
AND SEEK MY FACE

IN THEIR AFFLICTION
THEY WILL SEEK ME
EARNESTLY

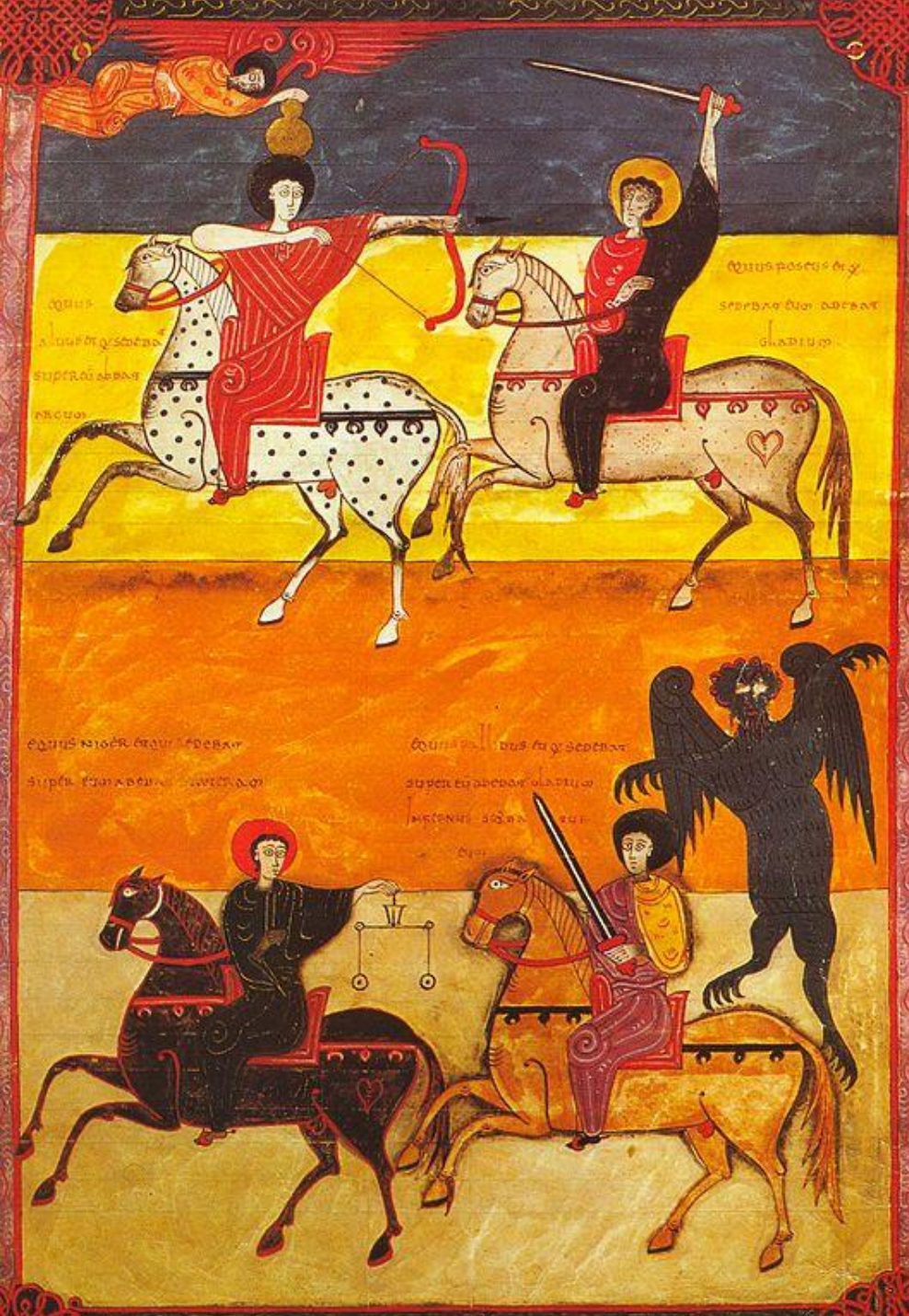
Christ will return to earth.





Progress Chart

Daniel's 70 Weeks	Revelation (General)	Revelation (Specific)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan. 24-25 Weeks 1-69 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 1 (things you have seen) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 1
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 4-5 (Throne room)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan. 27 Week 70 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 4-5 (which shall be hereafter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 6-9 – 1st 3½ yr Peace & security
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 10-14–Middle Abomination
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 15-19–2nd 3½ Great Tribulation
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 19-20 The King and His Kingdom
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rev. 21-22 All things new



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The Seals and the Sealed

Revelation Chapter 6-7

Beatus de Facundus: "Les quatre Cavaliers.
Apoc. VI" (c. 1047)

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Victor Mikhailovich Vasnetsov (1848-1926). *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*, 1887.



1

White Horse

Political (conquest)

Covenant of

Peace and Security

2

Red Horse

War

Take peace from

the earth

3

Black Horse

Famine

But hurt not the

powerful wealthy

4

Pale Horse

Pestilence (death)

Death of ¼ of people

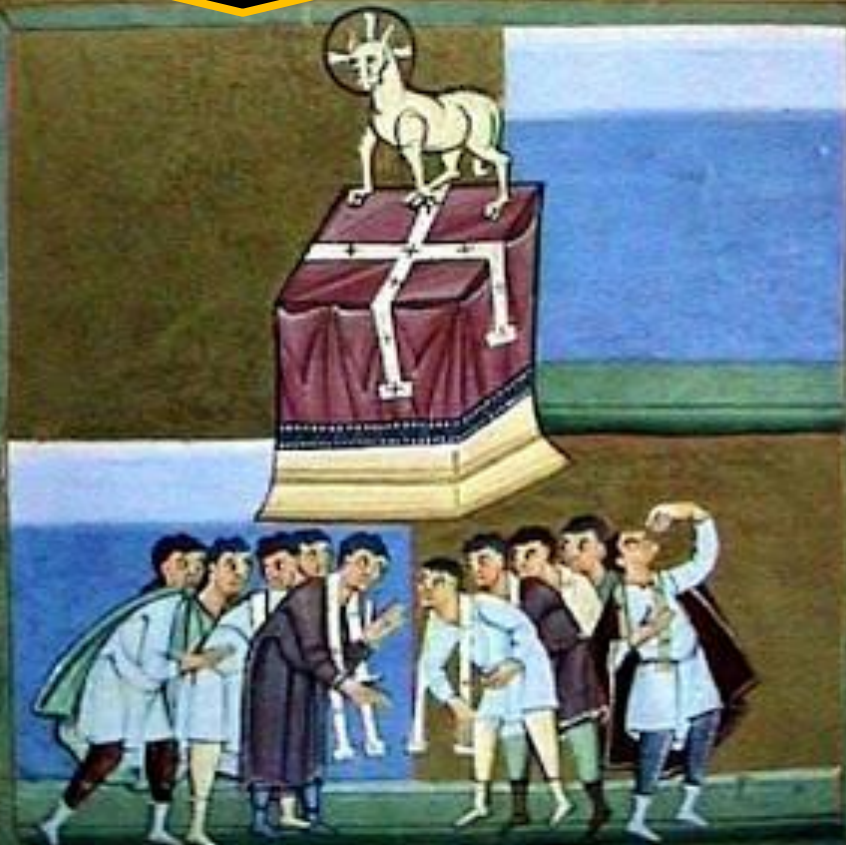
by war, hunger, disease

The Fifth and Sixth Seals



The Cries of the Martyrs

“How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” (Rev. 6:10)

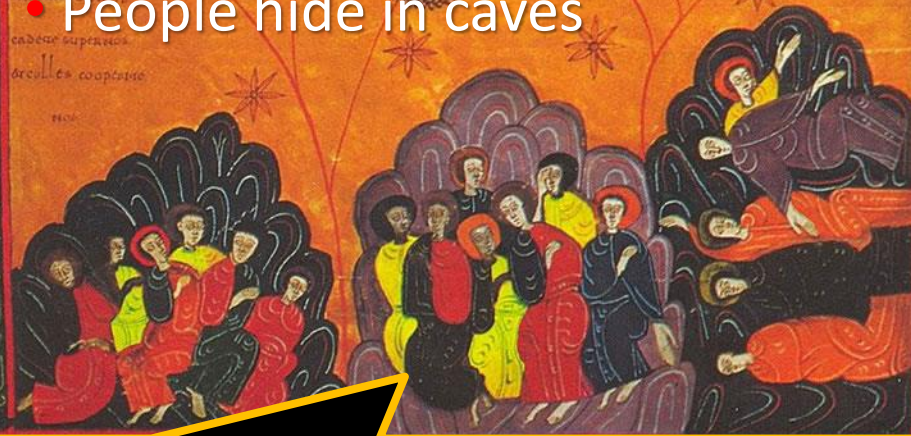


The *Bamberg Apocalypse*, 11th-century



Cosmic Changes

- Sun
- Moon
- Stars
- Global shift
- People hide in caves

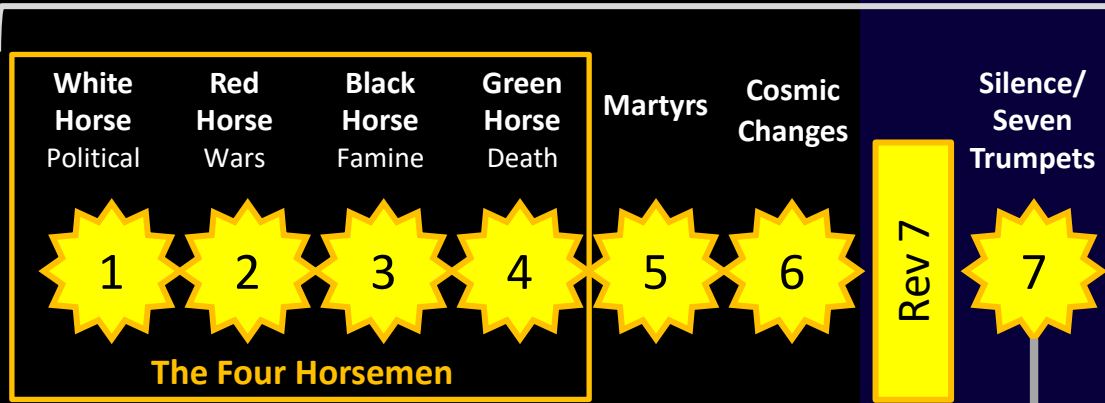


“Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and **who is able to stand?**”

Revelation 6:16-17

Order from Chaos in Daniel 9:27 (Rev. 6-19)

The Seven Seals - Revelation Chapters 6-7



Interval 1: Sealing of the 144,000 of the 12 tribes of Israel (Revelation Chapter 7)

Interval 2: Mighty Angel with the Little Book; Seven thunders; Two witnesses (Revelation Chapters 10-14)

Interval 3: Three Demon Spirits like Frogs; Gathers for Battle of God Almighty (Revelation 16:13-16)

The Seven Trumpets

Revelation Chapters 8-15

The first six Trumpets are the "Judgments of the Thirds"



The Seven Bowls of Wrath

Revelation Chapter 16

The Seven Thunders?

(See Dan. 12:9; Rev. 22:10)



Comparison of Matthew 24 and Revelation 6

Matthew 24 (Jesus' prophecy)

- False Christs (vv. 4–5)
- Wars (v. 6)
- Famines (v. 7a)
- Death (vv. 7b–8)
- Martyrs
(v. 9)
- Worldwide chaos
(vv. 10–13)

Revelation 6

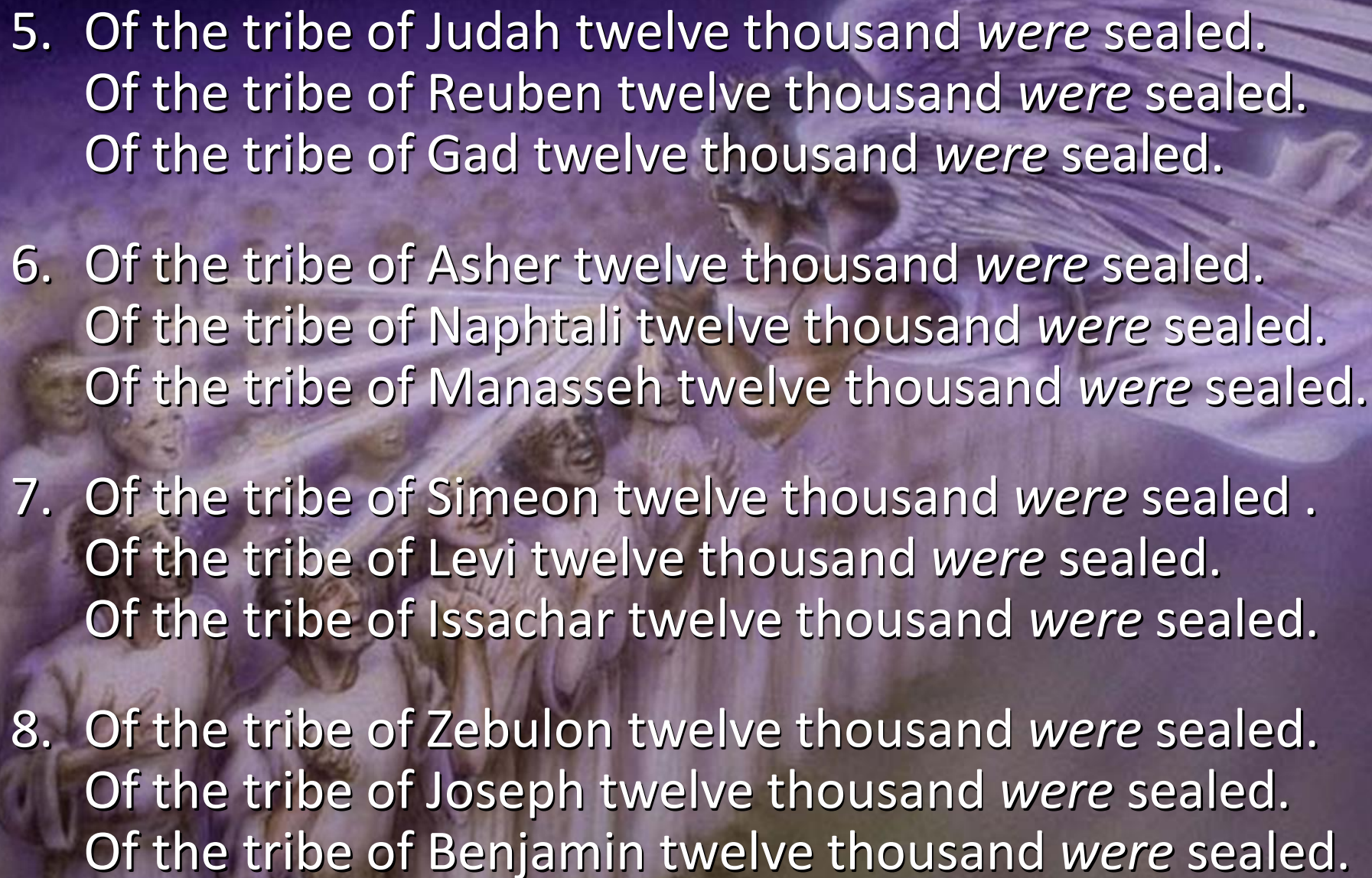
- White horse rider (vv. 1–2)
- Red horse—war (vv. 3–4)
- Black horse—famine (vv. 5–6)
- Pale horse—death (vv. 7–8)
- Martyrs under the altar
(vv. 9–11)
- Worldwide chaos
(vv. 12–17)

Revelation 7

1. After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree.
2. Then 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 granted to harm the earth and the sea, ³ saying,

“Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.”

- ⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred *and* forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel *were* sealed:

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5. Of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand *were* sealed.
6. Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand *were* sealed.
7. Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand *were* sealed .
Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand *were* sealed.
8. Of the tribe of Zebulon twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand *were* sealed.
Of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand *were* sealed.

The Twelve Tribes of Israel

Abraham

(Hagar)

Ishmael

(Sarah)

Isaac

(Rebecca)

Esau

(twins)

Jacob

(Zilpah)

(Leah)

(Rachael)

(Bilhah)

Gad

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Joseph

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The Twelve Tribes of Israel sealed in Rev. 7

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The Twelve Tribes

Why not Dan?

- There were several prophecies against Dan:
 - Moses (Deut. 33:22): “He shall leap from Bashan.”
 - Jacob (Deut. 49:16-17): “Dan shall be a serpent....”
- They left their land allocated by God (Judges 18).
- Per Deborah, Dan were in ships in Judges 5:17.
- Dan is omitted from genealogies in 1 Chronicles 1-8.
- Dan is not sealed in the Tribulation (Revelation 7).

However:

- Dan will judge the people as one of the tribes (Gen 49:16)
- Dan will inherit in the Millennium (Ezekiel 48:1)

So who are the 144,000 sealed, exactly?

There are three basic differing views:

- The Bible says that they are the Twelve Tribes of Israel.
- Denominations which claim that the “Church” has replaced Israel say that they are (1) specific saints or (2) representative of all believers.
- Some posit that the numbers represent both the 12 Tribes of Israel (Jews) and the 12 Apostles (Christians) and therefore $12 \times 12 = 144$ while 1000 represents “many people”, and therefore the 144,000 are the true people of God (both Jewish and Christian believers) who will go through the Tribulation.

Most holding any of the above views tend to see the number as representing people sealed through the Great Tribulation, even if their definitions of “sealed” and “which people” vary a bit.

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes***, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 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. 6:9-11: “How long?”; given white robes and told, “Wait until the *full number* are killed.”

¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.

¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Hymn 6: Revelation 7:9, 10

- Recognition of great salvation has been given to God's people, and this should be attributed to both God and the Lamb.

After this I **looked**, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, **standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.** They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God *who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"*

Hymn 6: Revelation 7:9, 10

- Chapter 6 has the breaking of the first six seals. This serves as a prophetic vehicle for the things that were to take place in the future. The opening of the seventh seal is delayed for the resumed worship scene of chapter 7.
- This hymn has been called a "Proclamation of Victory."
- "Salvation," then, may not just be a spiritual deliverance but could be military conquest. The conquest is celebrated by the saved from all the nations of the earth.
- This great multitude reminds us of the immense throng of the fifth hymn. As in that hymn, the celebration includes both God on the throne and the Lamb.
- No Worship is now complete without inclusion of the Lamb.

Hymn 7: Revelation 7:11, 12

- Now a final, unified song of all the cast of heavenly characters attributes to God a seven-fold blessing.

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, **and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God**, singing,

"Amen!

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Hymn 7: Revelation 7:11, 12

- The "Amen" brings a sense of finality, and appropriately is used to begin and end the last hymn of this section.
- This final hymn of the section also has a seven-fold ascription of attributes to God in a doxological fashion. The seven are identical to those of the third hymn with the exception that "wealth" has been replaced by "thanksgiving."
- The singers of this hymn retrace the progression of the earlier hymns.
- Worship began with the four living creatures, passed to the twenty-four elders, expanded to the combined creatures and elders, progressed to the angel throngs, and climaxed with the chorus of all creation. Chapter 7 narrows to an uncountable human multitude for the sixth hymn.
- The final hymn has the angels, elders and living creatures represented. This is almost like a rough chiasmus, walking into the content then walking out to the original position. This indicates that the music of this section of Revelation is now complete.

What is our message from Revelation 4-7?

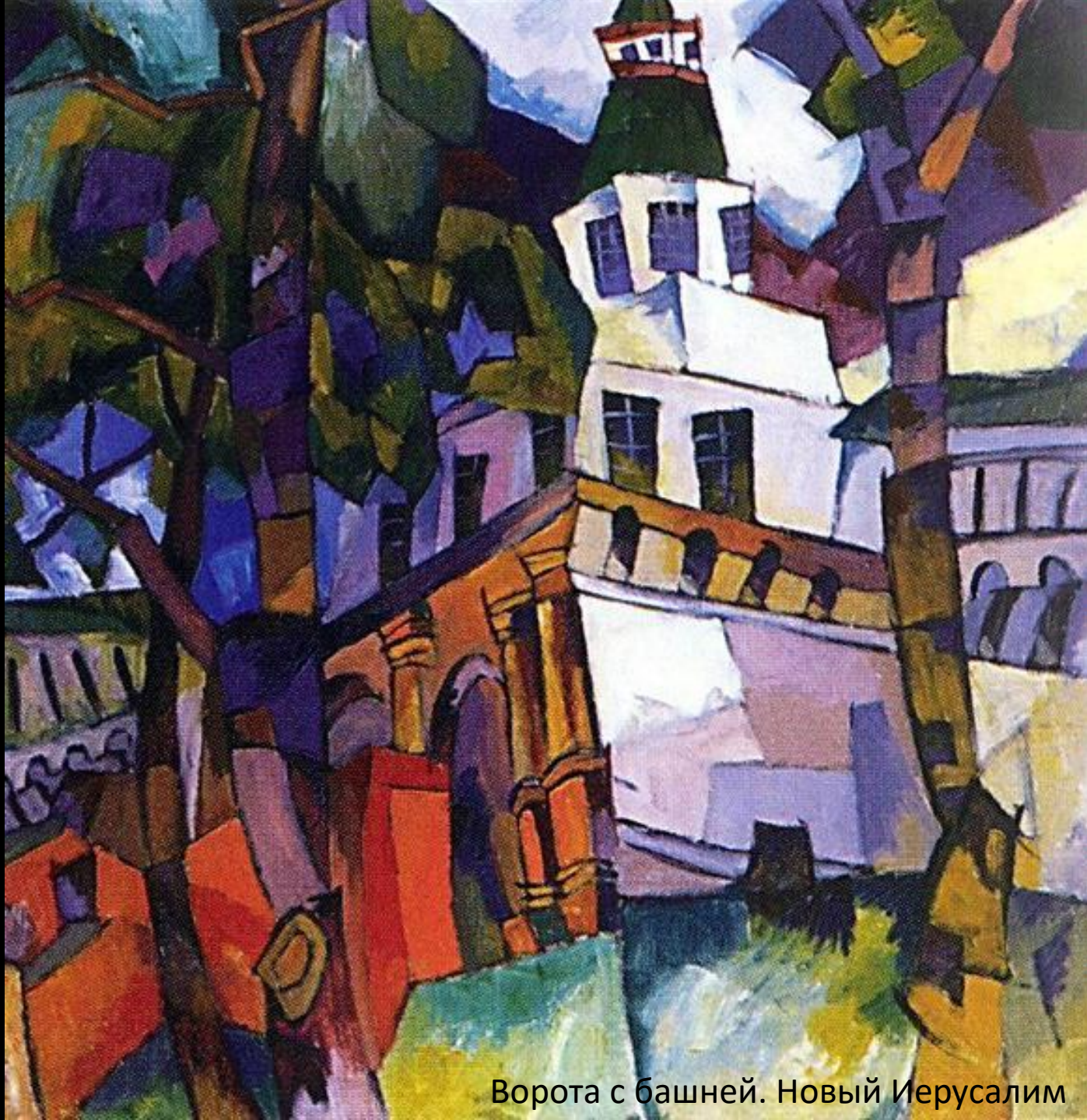
- Having witnessed **true worship**, we **must not tolerate** or sanction **false worship** in any way.
- Singing is a form of worship (but not the only one). **Doctrine in songs is important!** Doctrine cannot be separated from worship. We must **sing what we believe**, and **believe what we sing**.
- The ultimate test is **who do we worship?** Is who we worship worthy? Is he/she worthy by a **heavenly** reality, not an earthly standard?
- The **Lamb is worthy** of our worship!

Worship songs inspired by Rev 4-5

- 4-5 "How Great Is Our God" ("the Lion and the Lamb" ... "beginning and the end"), by Christ Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves (2004, worshiptogether.com)
- 4:8 "Holy, Holy, Holy," words: Reginald Heber (1826); music: "Nicaea, John B. Dykes (1861)
- 4:8; "Revelation Song" ("Holy, holy, holy ... Worthy is the Lamb") by
5:12 Jennie Lee Riddle (2004, Gateway Create)
- 4:11 "Thou Art Worthy," by Pauline Michael Mills (1963, 1975, Fred Bock Music Co.)
- 5:5 "It's Rising Up," by Martin Smith and Matt Redman (1995, Thankyou Music)
- 5:6- "You are Worthy" by Esther Mui (2014, Scripture Songs for
10 Worship)
- 5:11 "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," words: Charles Wesley (1739), music: "Azmon," Carl G. Gläser (1828)
- 5:12 "Worthy," by Rich Cook (© 1977, John T. Benson Publ Co.)

Worship songs inspired by Rev 4-7

- 5:12 "Worthy Is the Lamb," by Robert C. Clatterbuck (1988, Hope Publishing Company)
- 5:12 "Worthy Is the Lamb," by Don Wyrzten (1973, Singspiration Music / ASCAP)
- 5:12 "Worthy Is the Lamb," by Darlene Zschech (2000, Hillsong)
- 5:13 "Agnus Dei," Michael W. Smith (1990, Sony/ATV Milene Music)
- 5:12 "I Will Praise Him" ("praise the Lamb for sinners slain"), words and music by Margaret J. Harris (1898)
- 5:13 "Lamb of Glory," by Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh (1982 River Oaks Music / Shepherd's Fold Music)
- 7:9 "Behold a Host," by Hans Adolph Brorson (1760) translated by Gracia Grindal, traditional Norwegian folk melody, ca. 1600)
- 7:14 "Are You Washed in the Blood," words and music: Elisha A. Hoffman (1878)
- 7:14 "There's Power in the Blood," words and music: Lewis E. Jones (1899)



Ворота с башней. Новый Иерусалим

Structure of the book of Revelation

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11
John on Patmos, Vision of Christ in Glory	Letters to the 7 Churches of Asia		Vision of the throne room of God	Seven Seal Book opened by the Slain Lamb	6 Seals opened	Sealing of the 144,000 Great multitude of Tribulation Saints	Tribulation Trumpets, 7 th Seal opened		The Mighty Angel with the Little Book 7 Thunders	Two Tribulation Witnesses, 42 months, 1260 days (3 rd Woe) 7 th trump
	Ephesus	Sardis			6 Seals; Horsemen;		4 Trumps; 1/3 Grass, Sea, Waters	2 Trumps; 2 Woes, Locusts, 200 million man army; 1/3 people killed		
	Smyrna	Philadelphia			Wrath of God (preview)		Wormwood			
	Pergamos	Laodicea					Sun, moon, stars			

Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 19	Chapter 20	Chapter 21	Chapter 22
Woman with Child; Red Dragon; Woman in Wilderness Time, Times and half a Time	7-headed Beast AC govt. 42 months Lamb/Dragon False Prophet	3 Angels Christ reaps the Harvest	7 vials given to 7 angels Victorious saints Song of Moses	7 vials of wrath (Full judgements): <i>Sores Seas Rivers Sun Darkness Armageddon Earthquake and Hail</i>	Mystery Babylon the Great	Babylon the Great is Fallen, is Fallen!	Marriage Supper of the Lamb War Armageddon	Millennium Satan bound 1000 years Battle of Gog and Magog Lake of Fire White Throne Judgement	New Jerusalem New Jerusalem New Heaven and New Earth <i>Eternity</i> Eternity with Christ	



The Bible says...

...He's the King of Kings...

and He is the Lord of Lords...