

The Seven Trumpets Timeline – Part 1



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**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Sunshine: UV Radiation

Taking steps to protect yourself from the sun is a year-round responsibility. UV radiation is a form of [non-ionizing](#) radiation that is emitted by the sun and **Artificial sources**: Tanning beds, Mercury vapour lighting (often found in stadiums and school gyms), some halogen, fluorescent, incandescent lights and some types of lasers. **UV radiation is classified into three primary types**: ultraviolet A (UVA), ultraviolet B (UVB), and ultraviolet C (UVC). These groups are based on the measure of their wavelength, which is measured in nanometres.

Wavelength UVA 315- 399 nm UVB 280-314 nm UVC 100-279 nm

All of the UVC & most of the UVB radiation is absorbed by the earth's ozone layer, radiation received on Earth is UVA. Sunburn is a sign of short-term overexposure, while premature aging and skin cancer are side effects of prolonged UV exposure, **more common in people who**:
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Have light-colour skin, hair, and eyes. **Have a family member with skin cancer.** **Are over age 50.**

The UV Index

The UV index is a simplified measurement system for the sun's damaging rays and a guideline to protection.

0	LOW	 
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3	MODERATE	   
4		
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6	HIGH	    
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9	VERY HIGH	    
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11+		
11+	EXTREME	     



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Yes we Can!



Rome

Romans 1:7



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Let us examine the interpretations that exists today:

With regards to the trumpets, there are two main futurist schools today. One school sees the fulfilment of the trumpets in post-probationary time. The other school sees their fulfilment as future from our time but occurring before the close of probation.

“The literary structure divides the book of Revelation into two major sections:

- 1. Historical section** (Rev 1-14) experience of the church and related events during the Christian Era.
- 2. Eschatological (end time) section** (Rev 15-22) that focuses particularly on end-time events and the end of the world.”

The series of the seals and of the trumpets occur in the historical section of Revelation. Consequently, their fulfilment should be sought for in historical time, the Christian Era.



The Pen of Inspiration

“There have been one and another who in studying their Bibles thought they discovered great light, and new theories, but these have not been correct. The Scripture is all true, but by misapplying the Scripture men arrive at wrong conclusions. We are engaged in a mighty conflict, and it will become more close and determined, as we near the final struggle. Some will take the truth applicable to their time, and place it in the future. Events in the train of prophecy that had their fulfilment away in the past are made future, and thus by these theories the faith of some is undermined.” 2SM p. 102



The Prophetic Words

There is a study of **history** that is not to be **condemned**. **Sacred history** was one of the studies in the **schools of the prophets**. In the record of His dealings with the nations were **traced the footsteps of Jehovah**. So today we are to consider the dealings of God with the nations of the earth. **We are to see in history the fulfillment of prophecy**, to study the **workings of Providence** in the **great reformatory movements**, and **to understand the progress of events** in the marshalling of the nations **for the final conflict of the great controversy**. {8T 307.2}



Review of Revelation

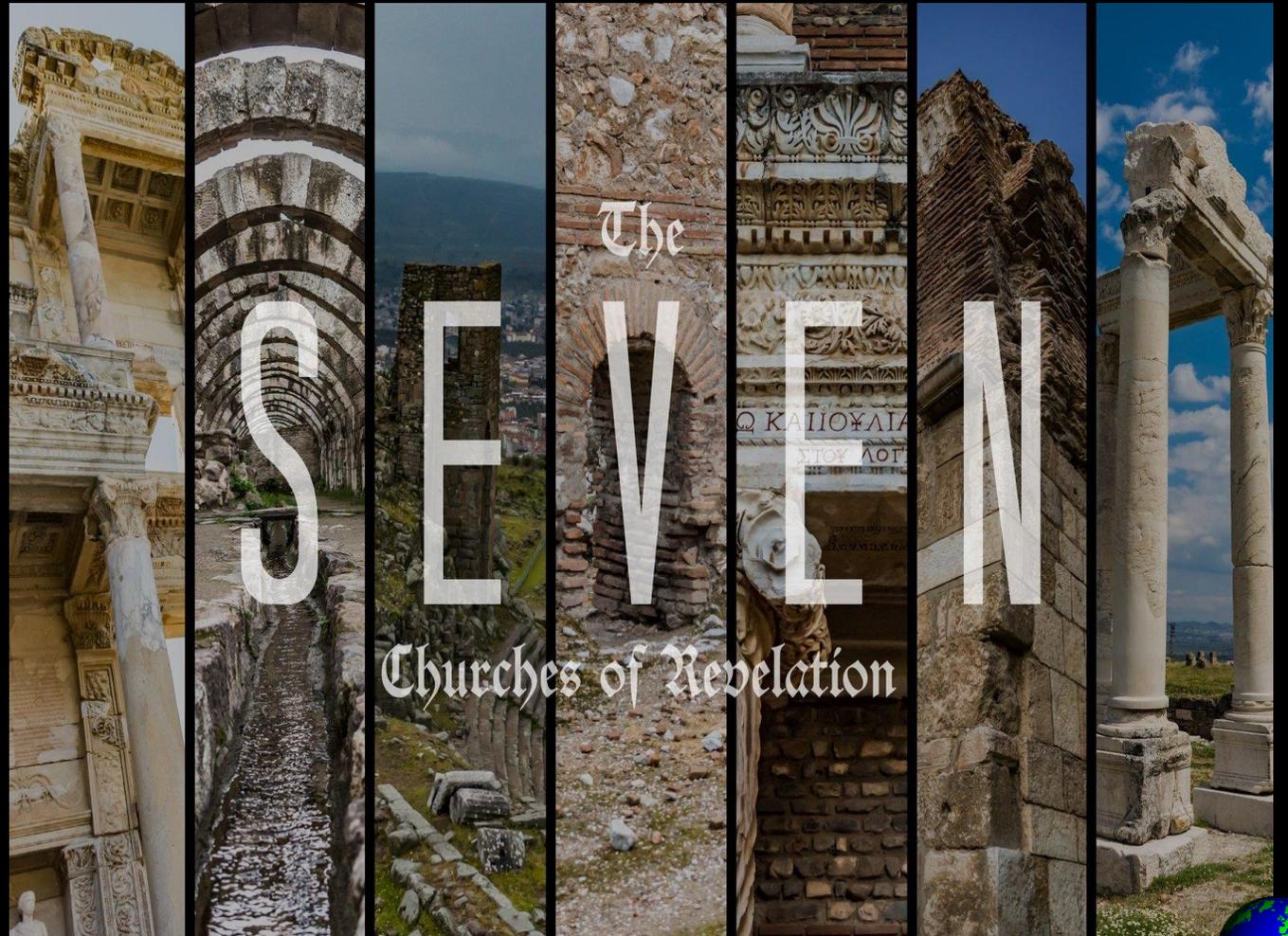
- Jesus has given us in Revelation a unique three-fold view of history from Apostolic days until the end of time. These three views are given by Jesus in the:

1. **Seven Churches.**
2. **Seven Seals.**
3. **Seven Trumpets.**



The Seven Churches

• In the messages to the **Seven Churches**, Jesus unfolds the religious history of the Christian era. He reveals His love to His people in each phase of church history, pointing out their faults and promising victory to overcomers. Jesus makes it clear that His church is very precious to Him and that it will come through triumphantly.



The Seven Seals

- Unfolds the social history of the Christian era and traces especially the great apostasy which was largely influenced by secular forces. The seals comfort God's people by pointing out that God is in control of human history and that He will bring an end to sin and suffering.

Heaven to the Rescue!!



Revelation 6:1~17, 8:1~2

The Seven Seals



The Seven Trumpets, which we will study -

- **Depict the military history of the Christian era as it affects the church. They present Revelation's pageant of conquest and defeat.**



Jesus is controlling the history of the 7 Seals

The Prelude to the 7 Seals

Revelation 3:21 describes the beginning and ending point of the seals. Revelation 4 portrays the Father on the Throne and in Revelation 5 Jesus joins His Father on the throne. After the seven seals have been opened, the redeemed join Jesus on the throne (Revelation 7:9-17). Revelation 5:12, 13 provides a prolepsis of the moment when the redeemed stand before the throne.



Jesus is controlling the history of the 7 Trumpets

The Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

Revelation 8:2-5 gives the starting point and ending point of the trumpets series. The starting point is the when the intercessory work of Jesus begins. The ending point is when the censer is cast to the ground, probation closes, and the temple is filled with smoke (Revelation 15:5-8). After this the plagues are poured out culminating with the earthquake, lightning and thunder (Revelation 16:17-21). The phenomena that occur in the seventh plague are very similar to the phenomena in the introduction to the trumpets.



Interlude before the 7th Seal

Revelation Chapter 7 Summary

- John sees 4 angels at the 4 corners of the earth
- Angels are given power to harm
- The Lord's people are sealed
- Sealed believers are in Heaven
- Sealed believers, angels, elders, and creatures praise god for his victory



Interludes before the 7th Trumpet

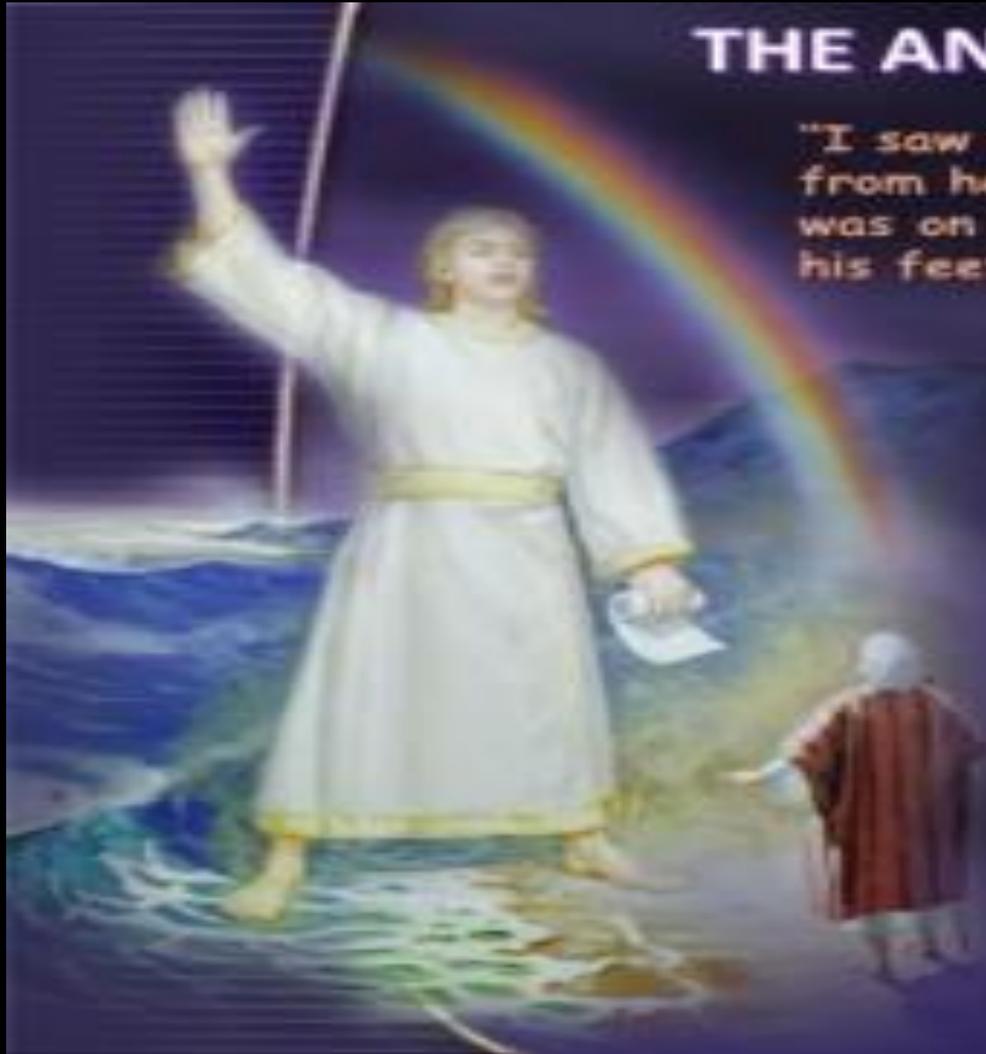
THE ANGEL WITH THE LITTLE BOOK

"I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire." (Revelation 10:1)

There's an explanatory interlude between God's judgments on the wicked and the 7th trumpet.

God explains how He's called people to Him during the 1,260 years of persecution and before the end of grace. He used the Remnant (chapter 10) and the Bible (chapter 11).

The aspect of the mighty angel in Revelation 10 reveals that He is Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:13-16; 5:5; Ho. 11:10; Am. 3:8).



Jesus is revealing Himself before each series

Like the letters and the seals, this symbolism comes from the sanctuary:

THE SEVEN LETTERS

Jesus, the Shepherd, among the candlesticks, gives us light:

« [I saw] in the middle of the 7 candlesticks One like to the Son of man. (...) The 7 candlesticks which you saw are the 7 churches.» (Revelation 1:13,20)



THE SEVEN SEALS

Jesus, the Lamb, on the altar of offering, gives His life for us:

« In the middle of the throne (...) stood a Lamb as it had been slain (...). "You are worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof: for You were slain." » (Rev. 5:6,9)



THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

Jesus, the Priest, at the altar of incense, intercedes for us:

«Another angel (...) stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it (...) on the golden altar which was before the throne.» (Rev. 8:3)



The 7 Churches, 7 Seals & 7 Trumpets Timelines

The seven churches unfold at the seven-branched candlestick – Revelation 2:1

The seven seals unfold at the Table of Shewbread – Revelation 5

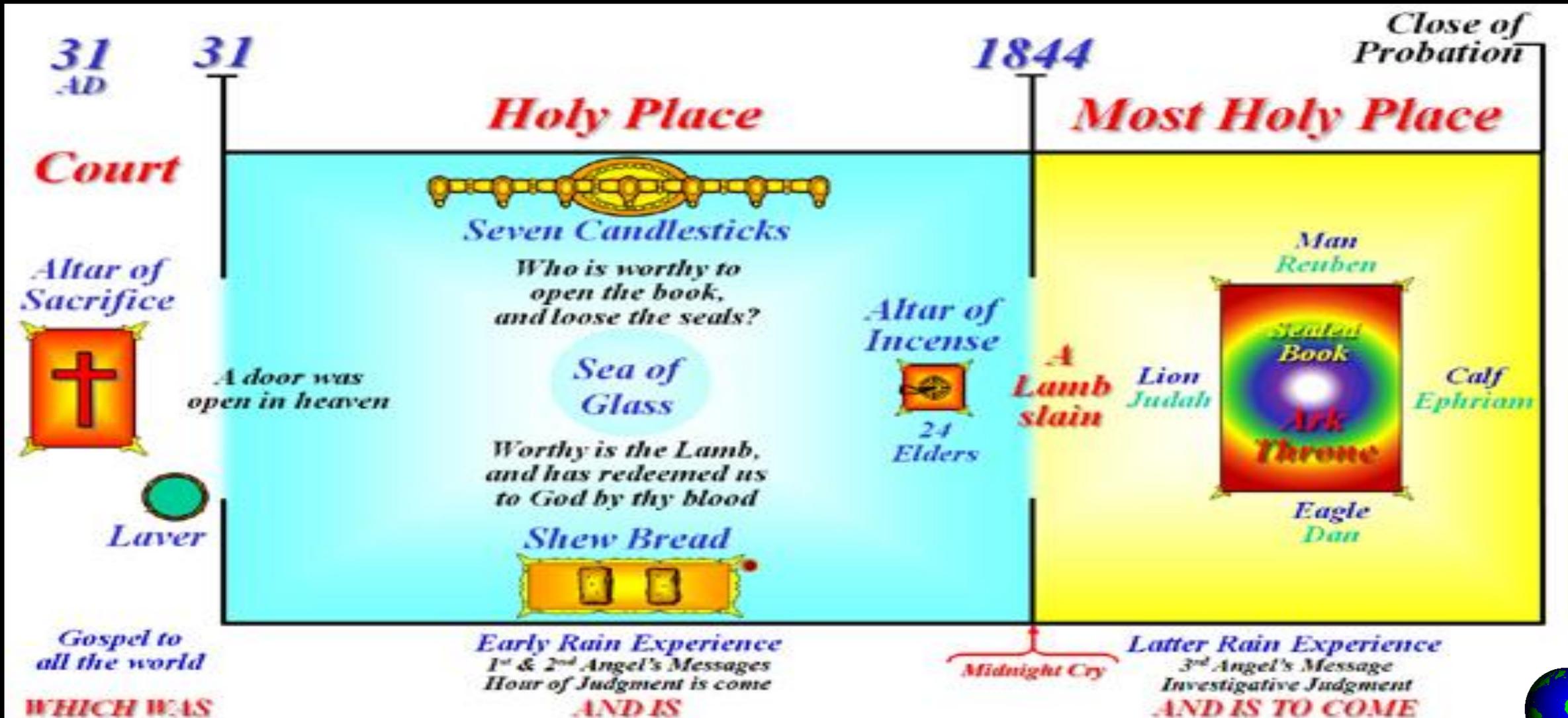
The seven trumpets unfold at the altar of incense – Revelation 8:3

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of *God*.

7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: - Hebrews 9



The & Seals and the Sanctuary



The Literary Pattern of the Seals and the Trumpets

Seals

Trumpets

The four horsemen-----	First four trumpets
The fifth and sixth seals-----	First and second trumpet woes (fifth and sixth trumpets)
The interlude (Rev. 7: Sealing)-----	Interlude (Rev. 10, 11: Little book)
The seventh seal (Silence in heaven)-----	Seventh trumpet (third woe) God's people rewarded

There is also a very important connection between Revelation 9:14, 16 (sixth trumpet) and Revelation 7:1-3 (parenthesis in the sixth seal). In both you have binding and loosing relating to four angels, in both groups of people are being numbered. In Revelation 7:1-3 God's people are being numbered while in Revelation 9 their evil counterparts are being numbered. These are the only two places in Revelation where the expression "I heard their number is used." If probation remains open through the sixth trumpet and then closes with the sounding of the seventh, the sixth trumpet is the exact historical counterpart of Revelation 7:1-8.



WRATH is the Common or Shared Event of the 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets & 7 Plagues

7 Seals



7 Trumpets



7 Bowls of WRATH



The Relationship between the trumpets and the plagues

The trumpets and the plagues fall upon the same things and in the exact same order:

- First trumpet and plague: Afflict the earth
- Second trumpet and plague: Afflicts the sea
- Third trumpet and plague: Afflicts the rivers and fountains of waters
- Fourth trumpet and plague: Afflict heavenly bodies
- Fifth trumpet and plague: Heavenly bodies darkened
- Sixth trumpet and plague: Mention of the Euphrates
- Seventh trumpet and plague: Kingdom

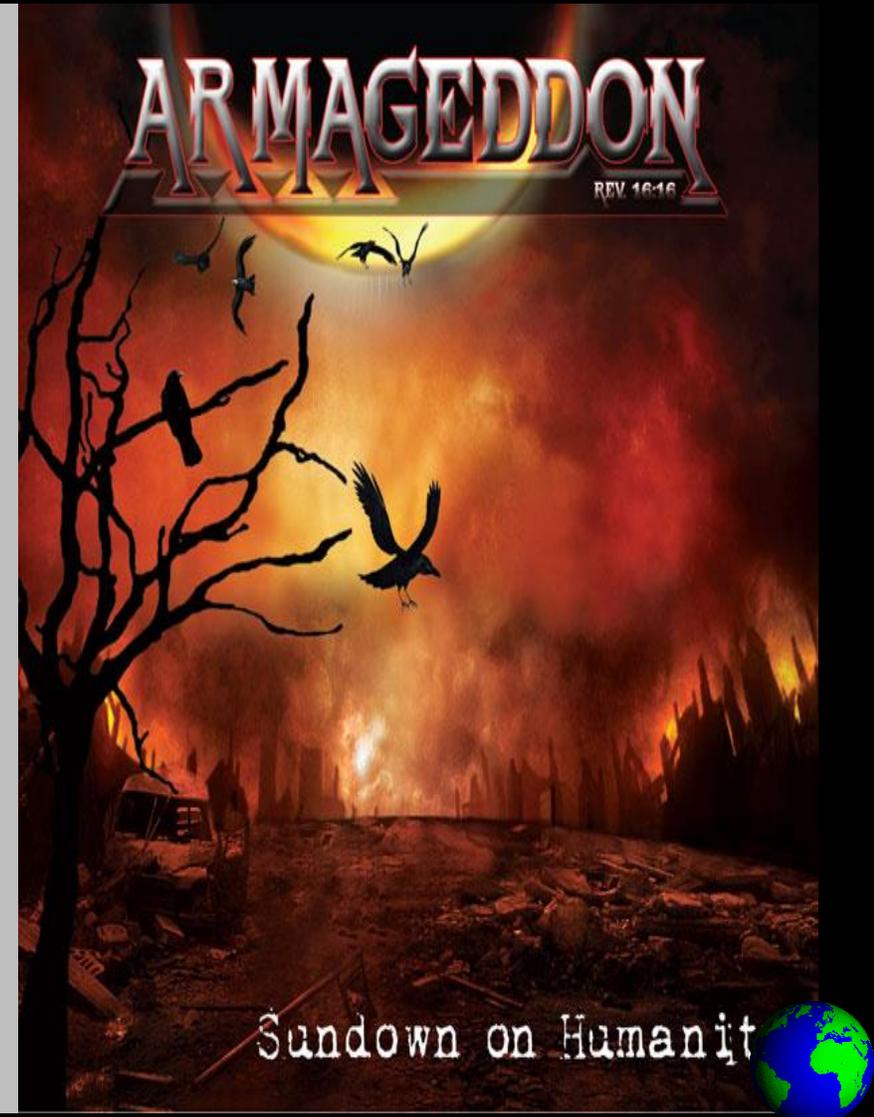
The trumpets represent preliminary and partial judgments that fell upon the oppressors of God's people beginning with the destruction of Jerusalem and ending with the setting up of Christ's everlasting kingdom.

The plagues, on the other hand, describe final and total judgments of God upon end time Babylon after the close of probation. Each plague is God's judgment upon some particular sin that Babylon has committed.



The trumpets foreshadow the plagues

“The battle of Armageddon will be fought. And that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded; vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us and these things will be sure indications of the presence of Him who has directed in every aggressive movement, who has accompanied the march of His cause through all the ages, and who has graciously pledged Himself to be with His people in all their conflicts to the end of the world. He will vindicate His truth. He will cause it to triumph. He is ready to supply His faithful ones with motives and power of purpose, inspiring them with hope and courage and valour in increased activity as the time is at hand.” 3SM p. 426



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

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

1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for *it is nigh* at hand; - Joel 2

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? – 1 Corinthians 14

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, - Revelation 1



In scripture, trumpets are used at the following occasions:

1. **To announce disaster** because of sin, **Isaiah 58:1, Jeremiah 4:4-6, 6:1,16-19, 51:25-29, Ezekiel 33:1-8, Hosea 7:16, 8:1, Amos 3:6.**
2. **To announce the coming of God to Mt. Sinai, Exodus 19:16**
3. **Calling the people together, having the camp move on, Num.10:2**
4. **To announce the start of a battle, and feast days, Num.10:9-10.**
5. **When the Israelites entered Jericho, Joshua 6:3-9**
6. **To announce the coronation of the king (Solomon), 1Kings 1:34.**
7. **To announce the winning of a battle 1 Samuel 13:3**
8. **Gideon and his 300 men, enemy fought each other Judges 7:22**
9. **To announce the second coming, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Zephaniah1:14-18, Matthew 24:31, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52.**
10. **To announce the day of atonement, Leviticus 25:9.**
11. **Dedication of the temple, 2 Chronicles 5:12-13.**
12. **To announce the arrival of the ark of the covenant into Jerusalem, 1 Chronicles 15:24.**



Important to remember:

The word “trumpet” is used only 6 times in the New Testament **OUTSIDE** the book of Revelation. In **FOUR** of those times it refers to the **LAST** trumpet... or the trumpet that is blown at the **return of Jesus!**

(I Corinthians 15:52 –2x, Matthew 24:31, I Thessalonians 4:16)

The other two – Hebrews 12:19 refers to the O.T. trumpet blown on Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Law and the other... I Corinthians 14:8, refers to speaking in “intelligible” tongues as opposed to “gibberish” or “ecstatic utterances”.



Important to remember:

AND...The ONLY place in the New Testament where a “series” of Trumpets is mentioned that would include a “LAST TRUMPET” is in Revelation! If we let the Bible interpret the Bible, then the “last trumpet” of the Second Coming mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament would have to correspond with the 7th trumpet of Revelation, and indicate the second Coming of Jesus!

(Interesting note: the ONLY other place in the Bible where 7 TRUMPETS are mentioned is in Joshua – when at the blowing of the 7th trumpet – God’s people took and defeated JERICHO (the world) and ENTERED THE PROMISED LAND! (Heaven)



THE LAST TRUMPET

The End of Time...

Resurrection of the Dead...



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

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.

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.

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. – Revelation 8



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

1. What age are we in?
2. Are we in the age of pagan Rome?
3. Are we in the age of papal Rome?
4. Or are we in the age of atheism?
5. Or are we in the time of the end?
6. Or are we in the Millerite Movement?
7. Where are we in history right now... in this?



The Prophetic Chain

The history which the great I AM has marked out in His word, **uniting link after link in the prophetic chain**, from **eternity** in the **past** to **eternity** in the **future**. All that prophecy has foretold as coming tells us where we are today in the procession of the ages, and what may be expected in the time to come. to pass, until the present time, has been traced on the pages of history, and we may be assured that all which is yet to come will be fulfilled **in its order.** {Ed 178.3}



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- Revelation 8:3-4



The Sanctuary – In heaven only Holy and Most Holy (Hebrews 9:11-10:12)

Heavenly

Earthly

Most Holy Place

Holy Place

Courtyard

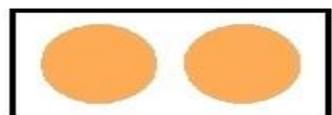
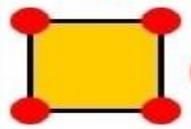
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**Altar
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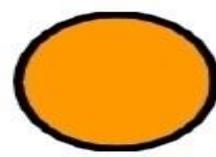


**Table of
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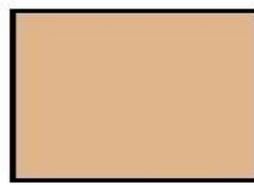
**7 Lamps
Candlestick**



Laver



Altar of



Sacrifice

Sins Removed

Forgiveness

Confession

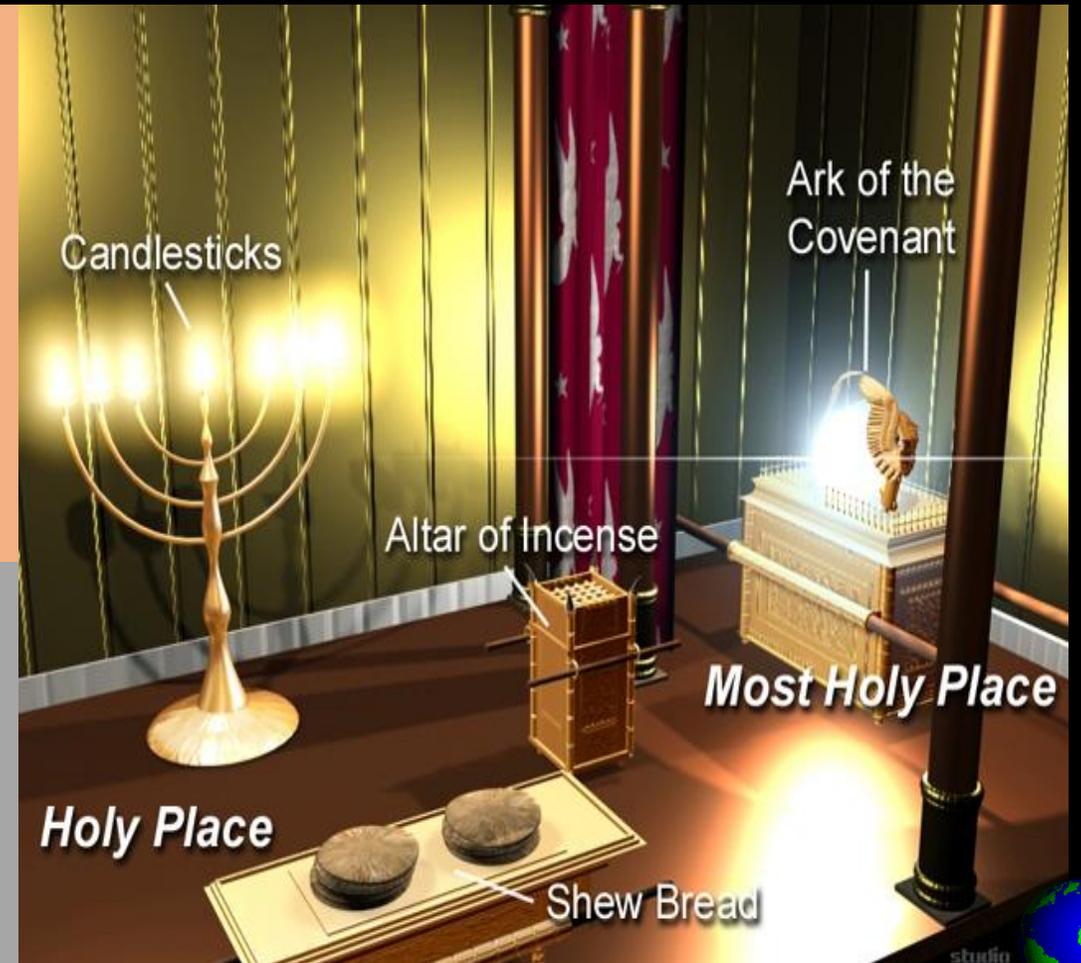


The Meaning of the Incense

Only the high priest was to burn incense on the Golden Altar (Exodus 30:7, 8)

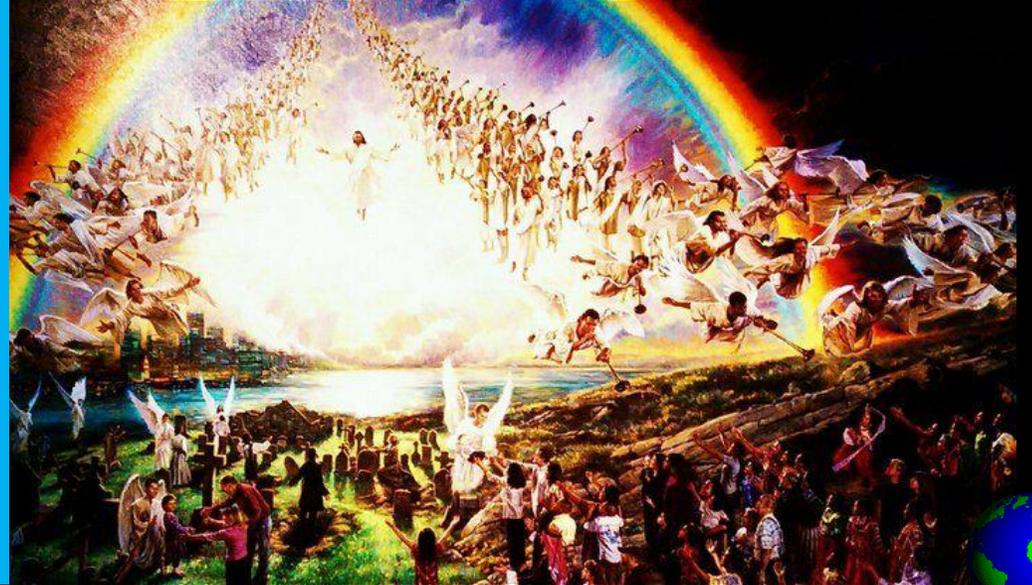
Only Holy Fire was offered on the golden altar. The fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit and the incense represents the prayers of the saints mingled the merits of Jesus. The embroidered on the veil represented the fact that the angels bear our prayers to God and bring God's answers back.

The golden altar was nearest to the throne. In fact, it focused upon the most holy place (Exodus 30:6) because we are told that it was to be placed before the mercy seat. This is where God met with His people.



The Meaning of the Censer

This introductory scene gives two points of reference: What Jesus is doing at the beginning of the trumpets and what He will do at the end. The two events do not take place in immediate succession. There are centuries in between. Notice that the censer is thrown down (Revelation 15:5-8) and there is thunder, lightning, voices and an earthquake (Revelation 8:5; 16:17-21). Revelation 15:5-8 describes the moment when the seventh trumpet begins to sound and the mystery of God is finished (Revelation 10:7). Revelation 16:17-21 describes the moment when the seventh trumpet ends its sound and the kingdoms of the earth are taken over by Jesus (Revelation 11:15-17).



Only the Jesus is the Mediator for us

“The incense, ascending with the prayers of Israel, represents the merits and intercession of Christ, His perfect righteousness, which through faith is imputed to His people, and which can alone make the worship of sinful beings acceptable to God. Before the veil of the most holy place was an altar of perpetual intercession, before the holy, an altar of continual atonement. By blood and by incense God was to be approached--symbols pointing to the great Mediator, through whom sinners may approach Jehovah, and through whom alone mercy and salvation can be granted to the repentant, believing soul.” PP p. 353



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

there was given unto him much incense....

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offer *it* with the prayers of all saints

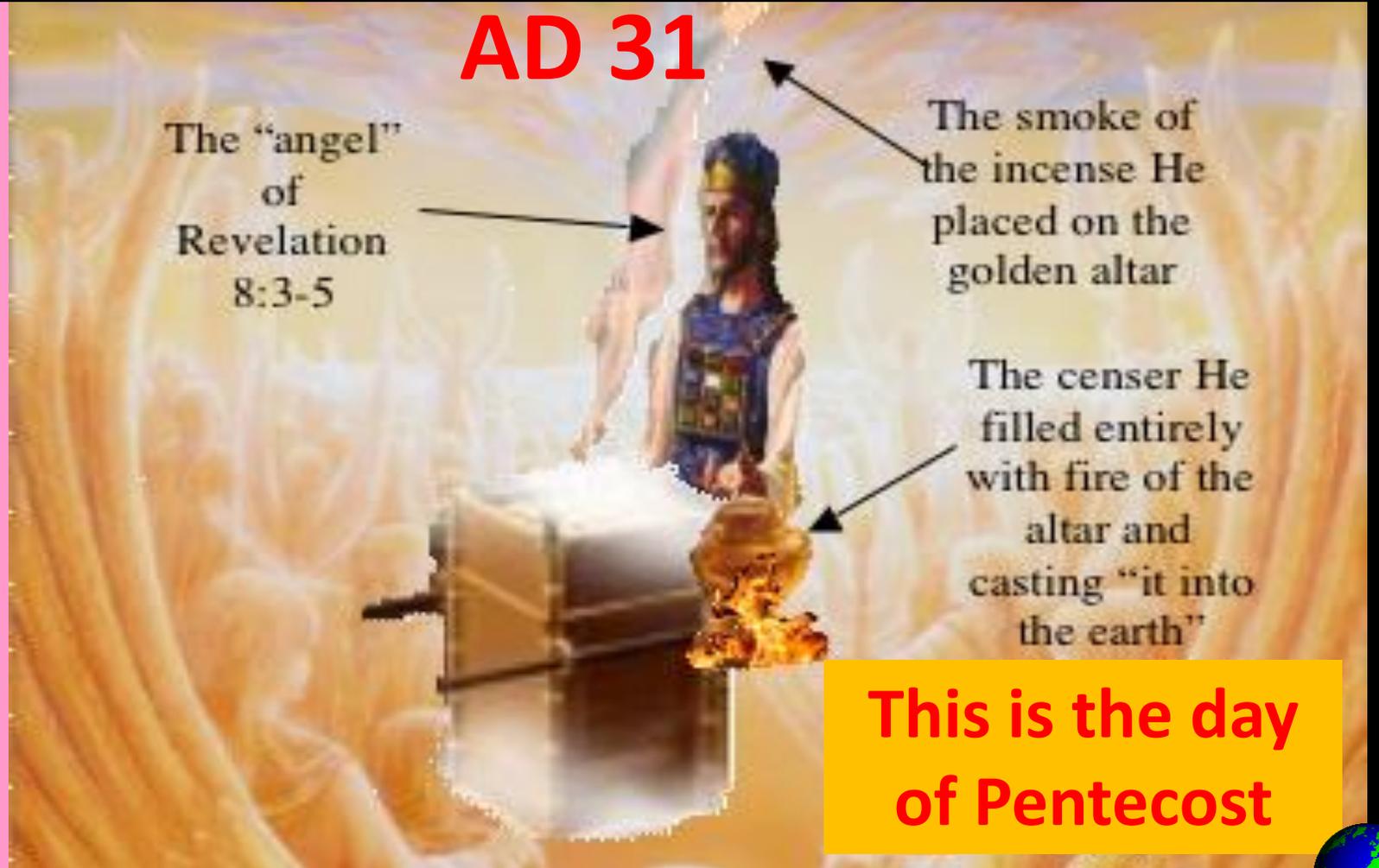
2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. – Ephesians 5

12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. – Hebrews 13



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

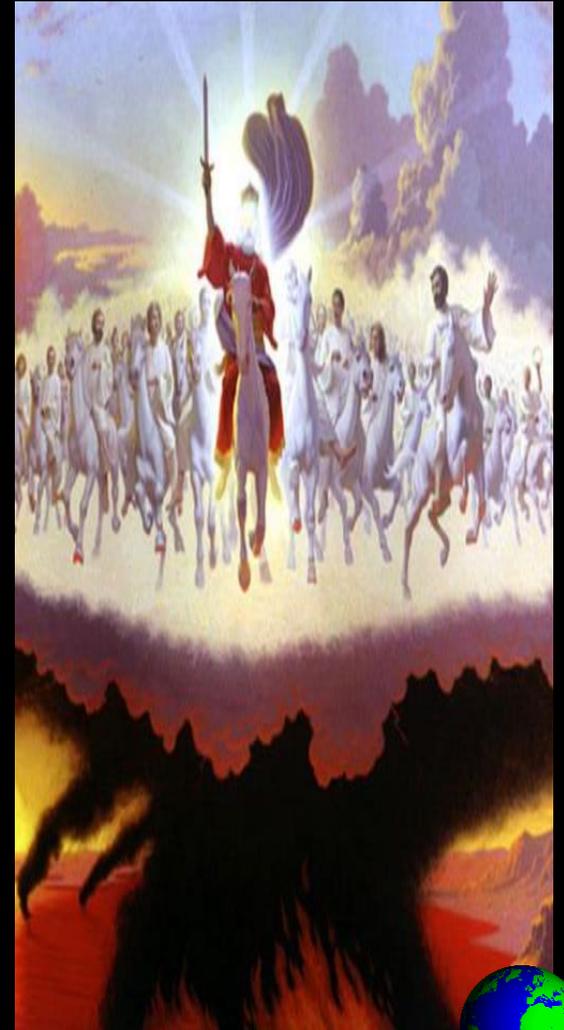
And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. – Revelation 8:5



The Meaning of the Censer

This is a very important glimpse of an event yet future but which gets closer every day. Soon, no one knows how soon, the intercessory ministry of our High Priest in heaven, Jesus Christ, will come to its close. There is a time pointed out in various parts of the Bible when His work is finished. He has done all that can be done to ransom the lost race. This is when He makes His solemn announcement- "He that is righteous; let him be righteous still and he that is unjust, let him be unjust still." (Rev. 22:11)

Just before this time there will be a lot happening on earth--the 'voices, thunderings, and earthquakes' mentioned here indicate messages being sounded— upheavals and wars—terrible trouble as man makes his final decision. The faithful will be still under the care of Jesus and the heavenly angels and although they will experience distress, they will not be left to the rule of darkness.



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. – Acts 2

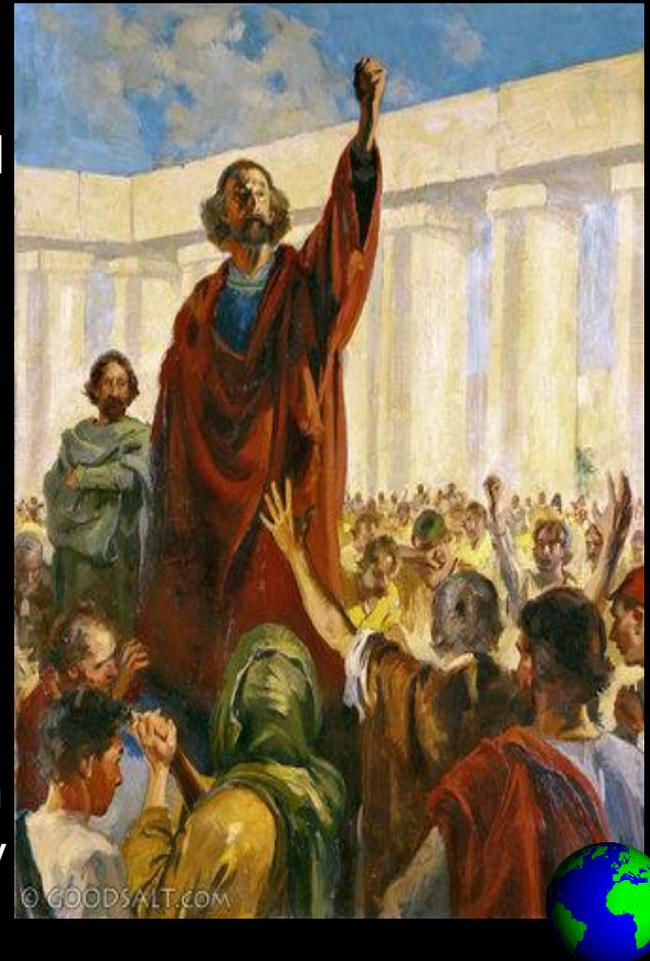
And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices:... – Revelation 4:5



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; - Acts 2:15-16

“There were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.” During the dispersion the Jews had been scattered to almost every part of the inhabited world, and in their exile they had learned to speak various languages. Many of these Jews were on this occasion in Jerusalem, attending the religious festivals then in progress. Every known tongue was represented by those assembled. This diversity of languages would have been a great hindrance to the proclamation of the gospel; God therefore in a miraculous manner supplied the deficiency of the apostles. The Holy Spirit did for them that which they could not have accomplished for themselves in a lifetime. They could now proclaim the truths of the gospel abroad, speaking with accuracy the languages of those for whom they were labouring. This miraculous gift was a strong evidence to the world that their commission bore the signet of Heaven. From this time forth the language of the disciples was pure, simple, and accurate, whether they spoke in their native tongue or in a foreign language. - AA 39.2



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets

In [Joel 2:1-17](#), God used Joel to warn Israel of its upcoming destruction at the hands of the Assyrians.



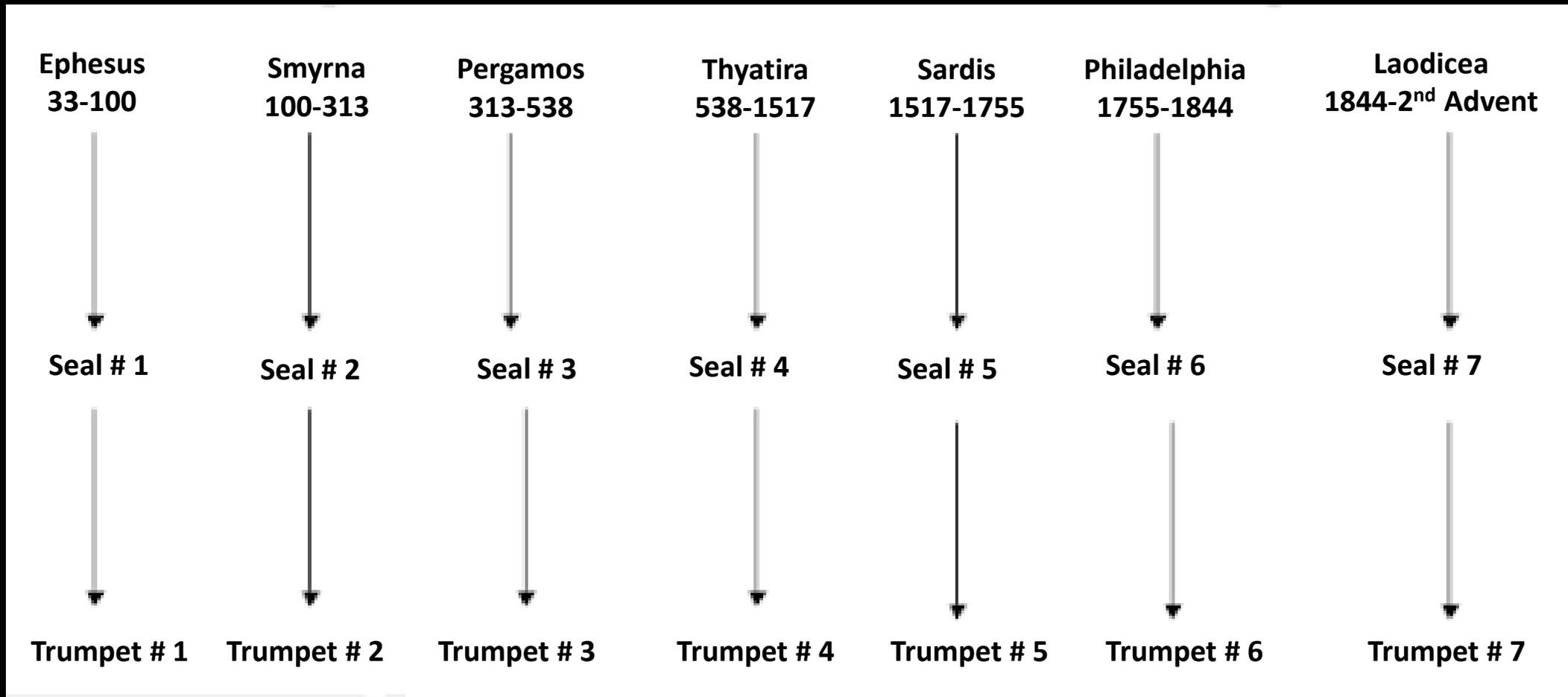
3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. – Joel 2



The 7 Trumpets – God's judgements



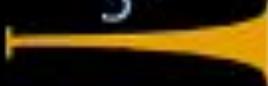
The 7 Churches, Seals & Trumpets Timelines



He that has an ear, Let him hear



THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

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Green grass and 1/3 of the trees are burned up. Rev. 8:7	1/3 of sea becomes blood; 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed. Rev. 8:8-9	1/3 of waters turn bitter. Rev. 8:1-11	1/3 of sun, moon, and stars do not shine. Rev. 8:12	"Locusts" wield the Beast's military power. Rev. 9:1-12	200-million-man army; a third of mankind killed. Rev. 9:13-21	The Kingdom of God is declared. Rev. 11:15-19



Prelude to the 7 Trumpets



“And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.” (Revelation 8:6)

Trumpets = Alarms, War/Battle, Judgment



**Trumpets = Signify the Fall of a great city
Joshua 6: 13-20**



The Three Enemies of Jesus

Jews (His Own) - When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. – John 19:6

Rome (Imperial/Pagan Rome) - Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: – John 19:6

Rome (Papal Rome) - 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. – 2 Thessalonians 2:4

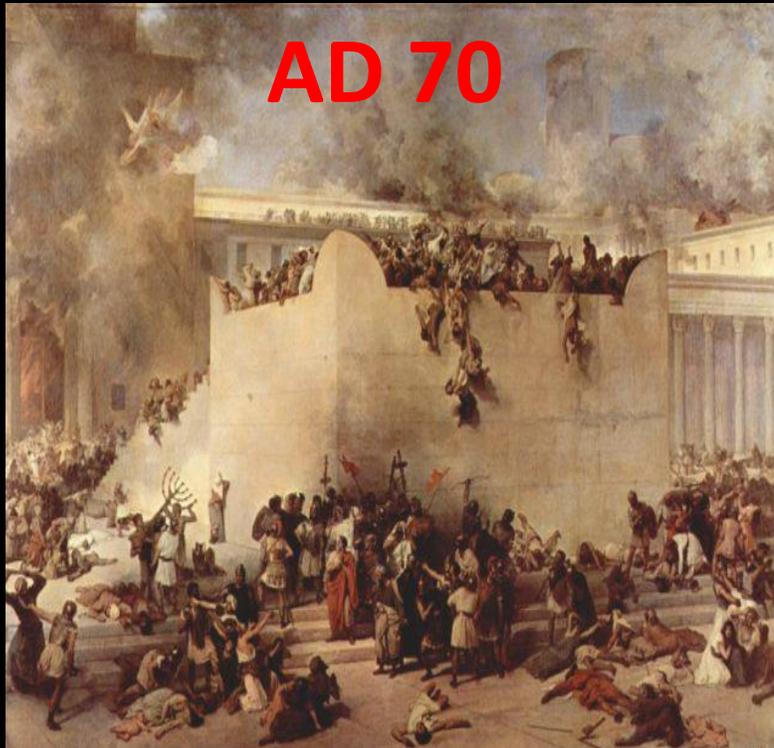


7 Trumpets & The Three Enemies of Jesus

1st Trumpet – Destruction of 1st Enemy: **Jews**

2nd Trumpet – Destruction of 2nd Enemy: **Imperial/Pagan Rome**

3rd to 7th Trumpet – At 2nd Coming Destruction of 3rd Enemy: **Papal Rome**





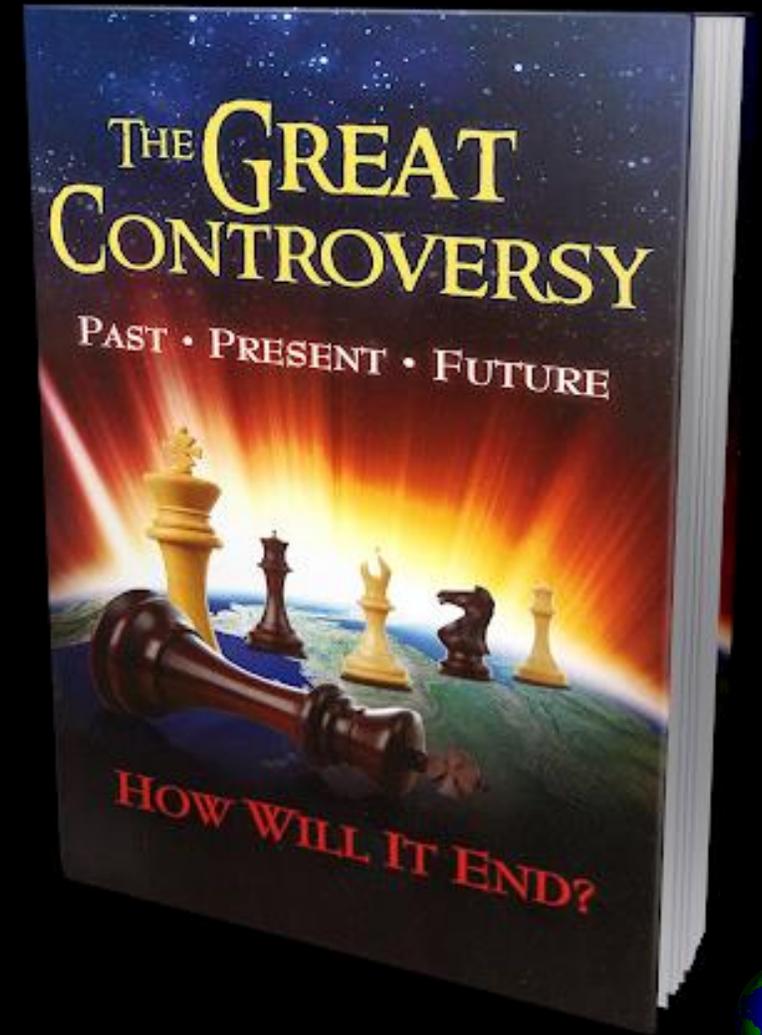
Destruction of Jerusalem: Jesus 1st enemy



The book - The Great Controversy

It is significant that God reveals to Ellen White to begin The Great Controversy book with the chapter on the destruction of Jerusalem.

We are told that judgment must begin at the house of God (I Peter 4:17) so the judgment must begin with the Jewish nation. In Ezekiel 9:6, the destroying messengers were told to begin the destruction at God's sanctuary. Jerusalem was destroyed with fire and the blood of God's apostate people was shed. The divine punishment against Jerusalem is portrayed as a censer being thrown down and the city being burned with fire (Ezekiel 10:2, 6, 7, 22, 2 Chron. 36:14-23).



Now the scene turns to the first of the seven trumpets



***“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.”
(Revelation 8:7)***



Blood and Fire Symbolism

Mingled with Blood = Mingled with Mercy (Blood signifies mercy, See Leviticus 16:14, 15)

Signifies that the judgment did not happen world-wide or across all of imperial Rome

“...All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmixed with mercy.”
(GC, p. 628)

*Hail, Fire, Burnt Up =
an act of judgment coming from God*

*Psalm 21:9; Psalm 148:8, Isaiah 4:4;
Isaiah 28:2, 17; Isaiah 30:30*





Revelation 8:7

And there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast on the earth.

Exodus 9:23,24

And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along on the ground.

And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt.

So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail.

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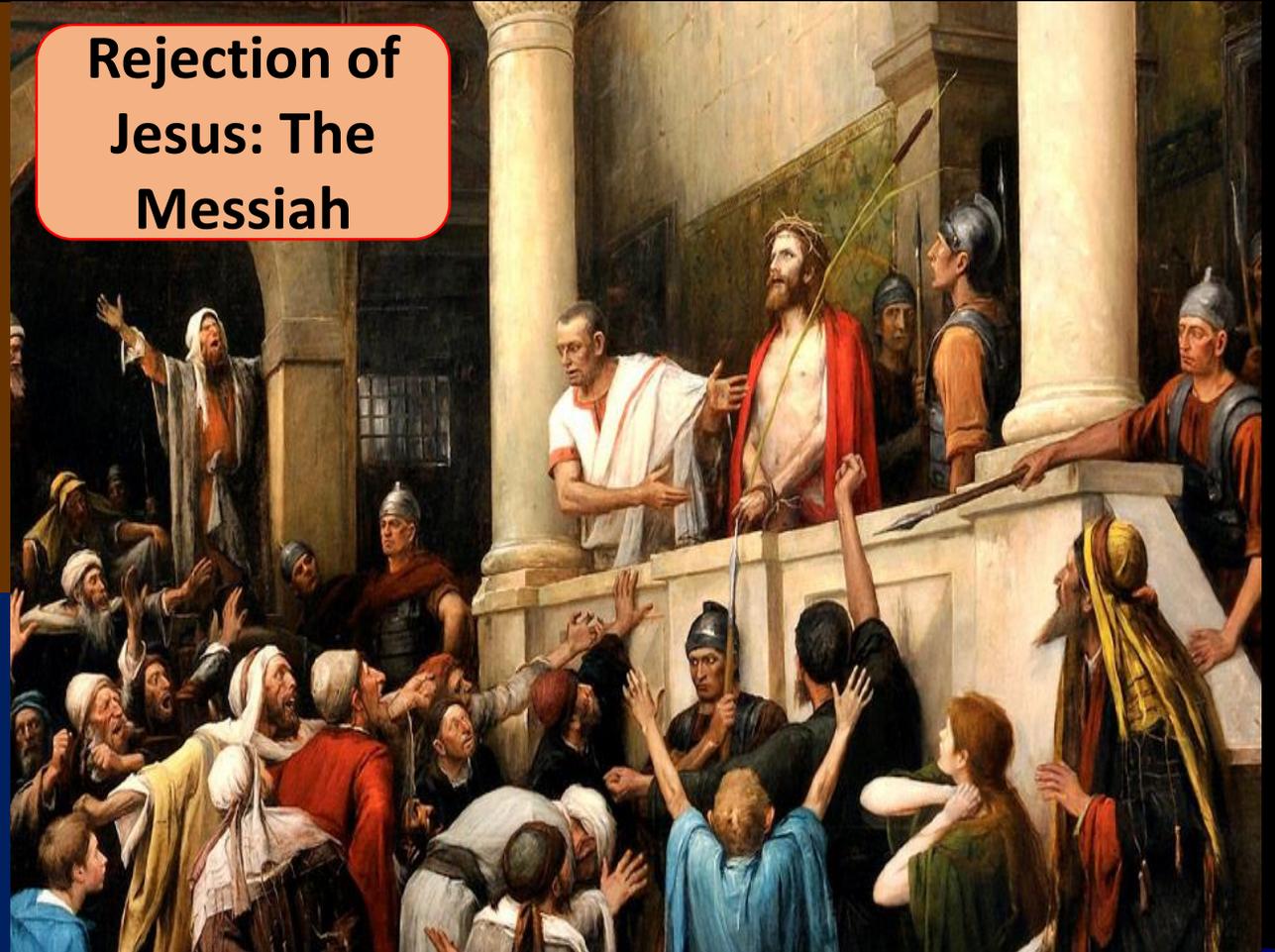
With the picture of hail mingled with fire, the first trumpet's symbolism goes even further, calling to mind one of the ten plagues inflicted upon Egypt.



Matthew 27:25: His blood be upon us and our children

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, **Gabbatha**. – John 19:12-13

Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew **Golgotha**: - John 19:16-17



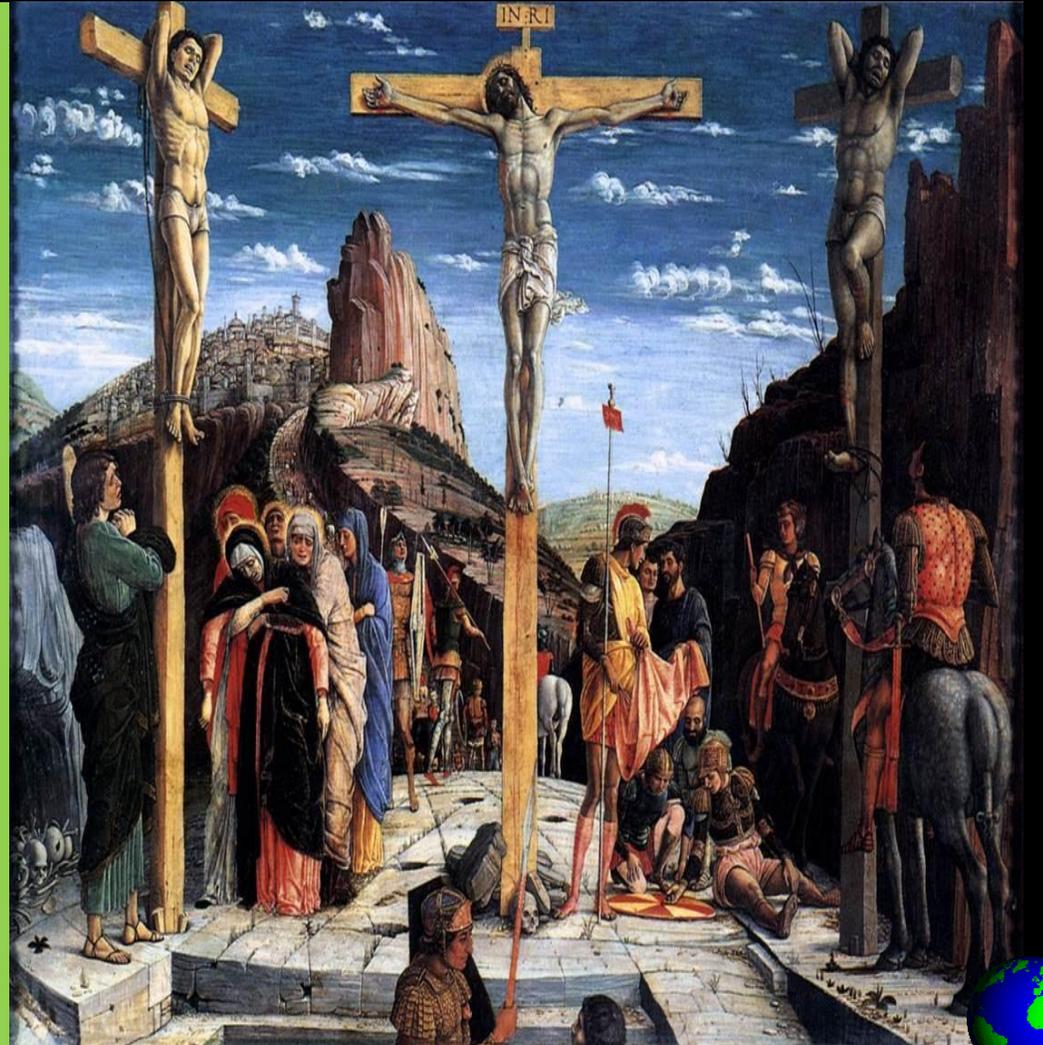
Why Jerusalem is the first enemy of Jesus?

The sin of Jerusalem was in the rejection of her then present mercies and warnings. As a tender father pities a loved but erring and rebellious son, so had Jesus compassion upon Jerusalem. He had sent prophets and wise men with counsel, entreaties, and warnings of threatened judgments if she refused to forsake her sins. Sacrificial blood had flowed continuously for centuries, symbolizing the great atonement of the Son of God, to be offered for the salvation of man. But though the sacrifices of beasts had been abundant, they could not supply the place of true sorrow for sin and obedience to God. A broken heart and contrite spirit would have been of far more value in the sight of God than multitudes of offerings without true repentance.



Why Jerusalem is the first enemy of Jesus?

Jerusalem had not improved her privileges; she had rejected the warnings of the prophets, and slain the holy representatives of God. But the generation that Jesus denounced was not responsible for the sins of their fathers, only so far as they followed their evil practices, and thus made themselves accountable for their course of hatred and revenge in persecuting the ancient messengers of God. It was the present mercies and warnings which that generation were rejecting that fastened upon them guilt which the blood of bulls and goats could not wash away. Proud, self-righteous, and independent, they had separated farther and farther from Heaven until they had become willing subjects of Satan. The Jewish nation for centuries had been forging the fetters which that generation were irrevocably fastening upon themselves. SoP V3 p9



Judgement on God's chosen who rejected Him

King Solomon built the temple 833-827 BC (7years)

On the tenth of Tevet, 425 BC, Nebuchadnezzar began the siege of Jerusalem. Nebuzaradan killed the members of the Great and Small Sanhedrins, then he killed youths and maidens, and then school-children. Altogether, he killed 940,000 people (Talmud, Gittin 57b). The 1st destruction of temple began on the ninth day of Av, toward evening, the Holy Temple was set on fire and destroyed. The fire burned for 24 hours.

When Nebuzaradan entered the Temple he found the blood of Zechariah seething. He asked the Jews what this phenomenon meant, and they attempted to conceal the scandal, but he threatened to comb their flesh with iron combs. So they told him the truth: "There was a prophet among us who chastised us, and we killed him. For many years now his blood has not rested."

PUNISHMENT FROM GOD



God said - Go through the city
and kill without compassion or pity.
Slaughter the old men, the young
men and women, the mothers and children!

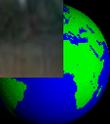
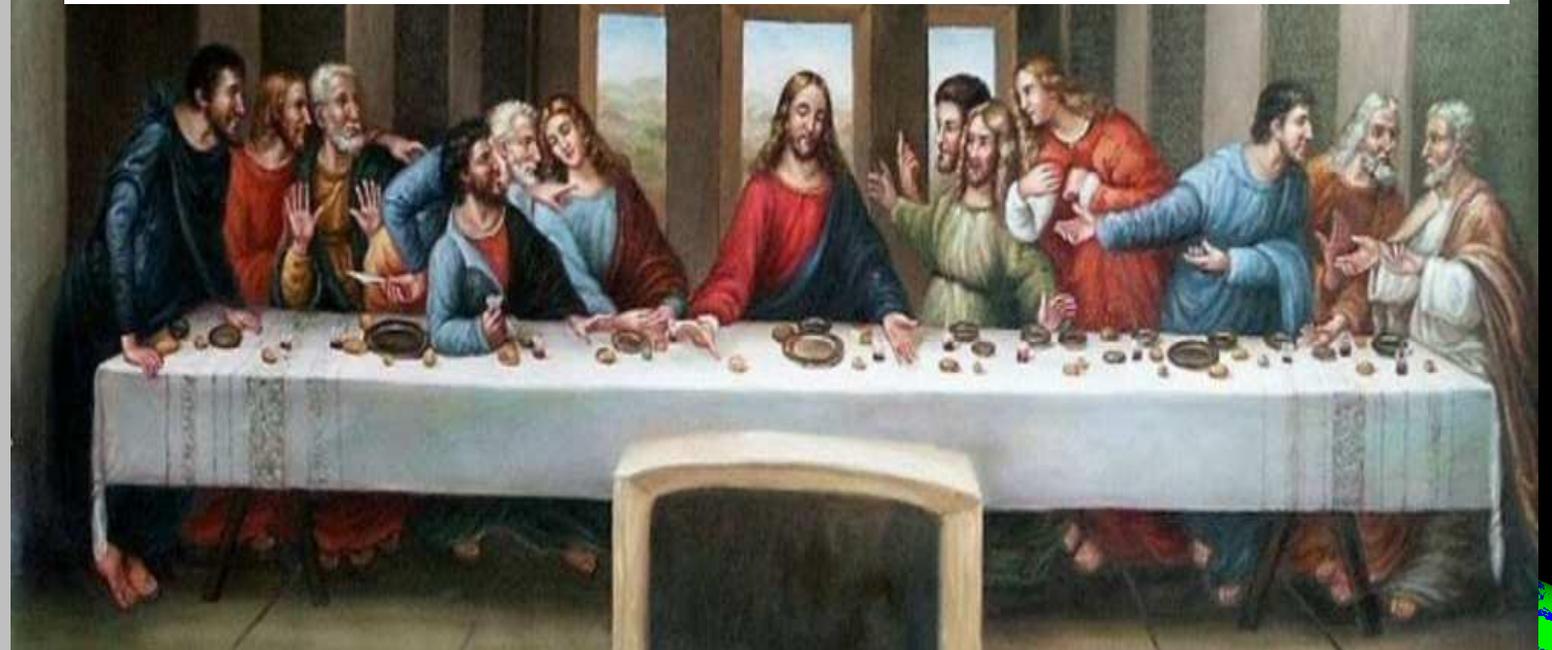
Ezekiel 9:4-6



Matthew 27:25: His blood be upon us and our children

Matthew 23:30-36: I will send you prophets and you will kill them and then the judgment will come upon you because you did not know the hour of your visitation. They killed Jesus and the apostles and therefore she made herself worthy of what happened in the year 70. The close of probation is related directly to the persecution of God's people.

The instances in which the apostles were persecuted by the Jews: Jesus, Stephen, Peter, John, and Paul –
Acts 9:22-25; 12:1-3, 11; 13:45, 50; 14:1-6, 19; 16:20-23; 17:5,13; 18:4-6, 12; 21:10, 11, 27, 28; 22:30; 23:12, 13; 24:5, 27; 25:1-3, 7, 15, 24; 26:2, 7, 21

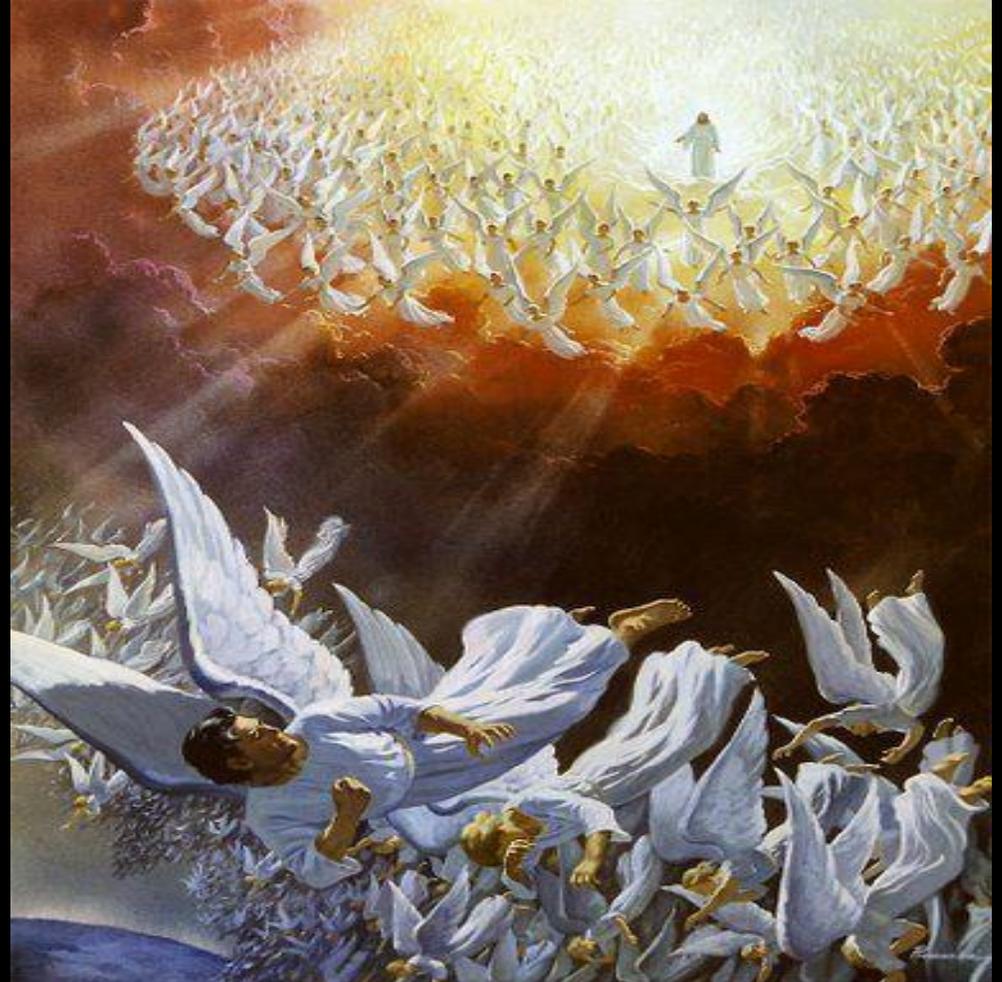


The Symbol of Thirds

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:... - Revelation 12:4

A third of the trees would mean that this was a partial judgment that points forward to a greater judgment in the future. The trumpets foreshadow the plagues.

“The prophecy which He uttered was twofold in its meaning; while foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem, it prefigured also the terrors of the last great day.” GC p. 25



Tree and Grass Symbolism

“The long-suffering of God toward Jerusalem only confirmed the Jews in their stubborn impenitence. In their hatred and cruelty toward the disciples of Jesus they rejected the last offer of mercy. Then God withdrew His protection from them and removed His restraining power from Satan and his angels, and the nation was left to the control of the leader she had chosen.” GC p. 28

GRASS & TREES = BOTH PEOPLE & FOOD SUPPLY

Trees:

1 Peter 1:24; Isaiah 40:7;
Mark 8:24; Genesis 1:29;
Deuteronomy 20:19

Grass: Isaiah 40:6-8; Psalm 37:2;
Psalm 90:5-7; Psalm 92:7



In the Word of God, trees often symbolize people:

«Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain. (...) [They are] trees whose fruit wither, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.» Jude verses 11 and 12)

«But Jesus turning to them said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. (...) For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?”» Luke 23:28,31)



Chosen Jewish nation rejected the Messiah!

“Terribly was it realized in the destruction of Jerusalem. Terribly has it been manifested in the condition of the Jewish nation for eighteen hundred years,--a branch severed from the vine, a dead, fruitless branch, to be gathered up and burned. From land to land throughout the world, from century to century, dead, dead in trespasses and sins!” DA p. 739



I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5 (KJV)



Symbolism of the judgement at the end:

“Jesus, looking down to the last generation, saw the world involved in a deception similar to that which caused the destruction of Jerusalem. The great sin of the Jews was their rejection of Christ; the great sin of the Christian world would be their rejection of the law of God, the foundation of His government in heaven and earth. The precepts of Jehovah would be despised and set at nought. Millions in bondage to sin, slaves of Satan, doomed to suffer the second death, would refuse to listen to the words of truth in their day of visitation. Terrible blindness! Strange infatuation! GC p. 22

GENERATION

NET GENERATION

CONNECTED

DIGITAL NATIVES

GEEKS

ECONOMIC DECLINE

ONLINE PRESENCE

INSECURITY / TOLERANCE / GLOBAL



PLURALIST

MESSENGING

SOCIAL CIRCLES

CAREER ORIENTED

FASHION

MULTI-TASK



Titus appeals with respect for God's Sanctuary

“Like one entranced, he [Titus] looked from the crest of Olivet upon the magnificent temple and gave command that not one stone of it be touched. Before attempting to gain possession of this stronghold, he made an earnest appeal to the Jewish leaders not to force him to defile the sacred place with blood.” GC p. 32, 33



The destruction of Jerusalem

“The Roman leaders endeavored to strike terror to the Jews and thus cause them to surrender. Those prisoners who resisted when taken, were scourged, tortured, and crucified before the wall of the city. Hundreds were daily put to death in this manner, and the dreadful work continued until, along the Valley of Jehoshaphat and at Calvary, crosses were erected in so great numbers that there was scarcely room to move among them. So terribly was visited that awful imprecation uttered before the judgment seat of Pilate: "His blood be on us, and on our children." Matthew 27:25.” GC p. 32



The destruction of Jerusalem

“In the struggle [of the Jews against Titus], a firebrand was flung by a soldier through an opening in the porch, and immediately the cedar-lined chambers about the holy house were in a blaze. Titus rushed to the place, followed by his generals and legionaries, and commanded the soldiers to quench the flames. His words were unheeded. In their fury the soldiers hurled blazing brands into the chambers adjoining the temple, and then with their swords they slaughtered in great numbers those who had found shelter there. Blood flowed down the temple steps like water. Thousands upon thousands of Jews perished. Above the sound of battle, voices were heard shouting: **"Ichabod!"--the glory is departed**. GC p. 33



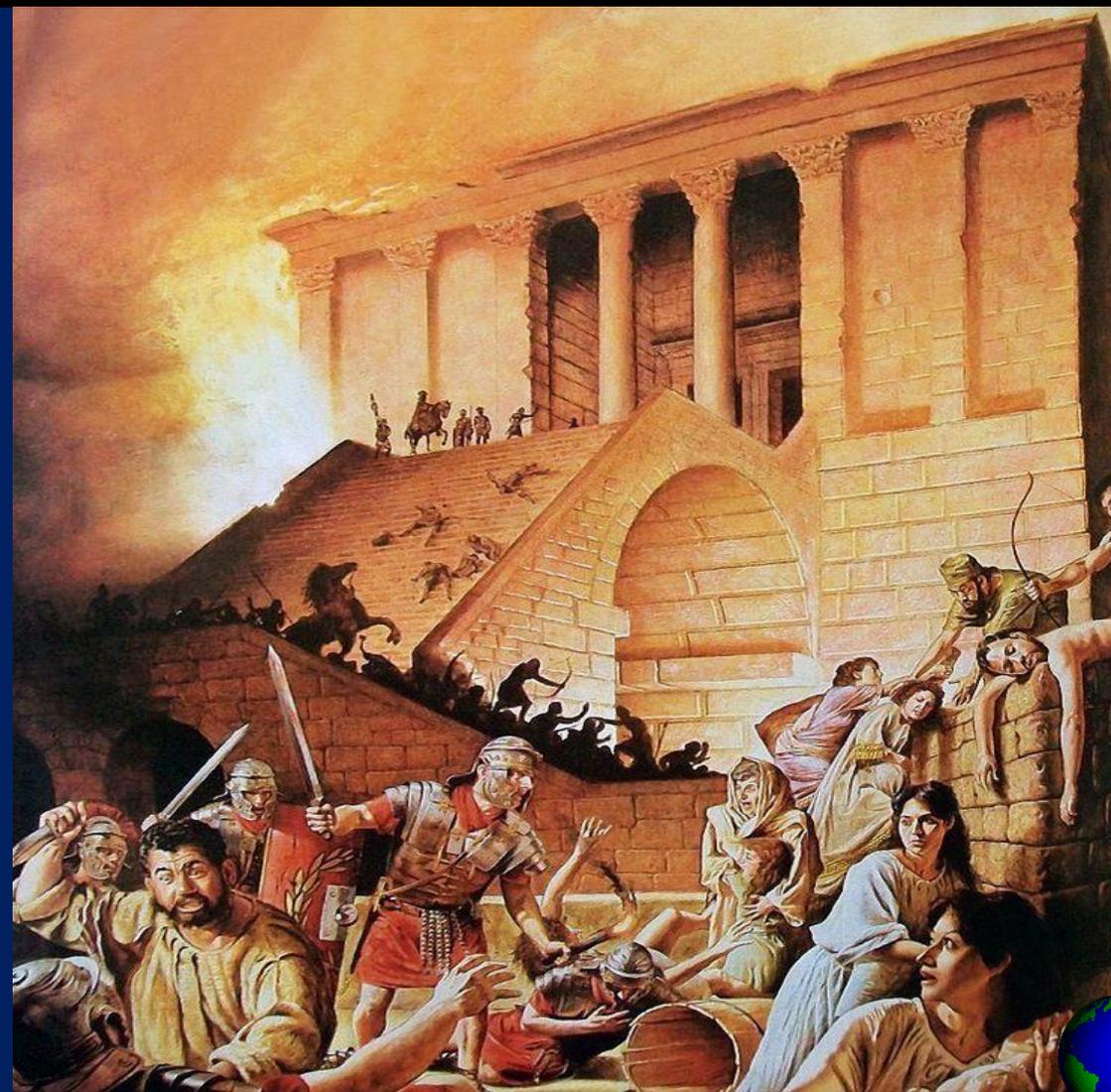
The destruction of Jerusalem

“The whole summit of the hill which commanded the city, blazed like a volcano. One after another the buildings fell in, with a tremendous crash, and were swallowed up in the fiery abyss. The roofs of cedar were like sheets of flame; the gilded pinnacles shone like spikes of red light; the gate towers sent up tall columns of flame and smoke.” GC p. 34



The destruction of Jerusalem

"The slaughter within was even more dreadful than the spectacle from without. Men and women, old and young, insurgents and priests, those who fought and those who entreated mercy, were hewn down in indiscriminate carnage. The number of the slain exceeded that of the slayers. The legionaries had to clamber over heaps of dead to carry on the work of extermination." --Milman, *The History of the Jews*, book 16. GC p. 35



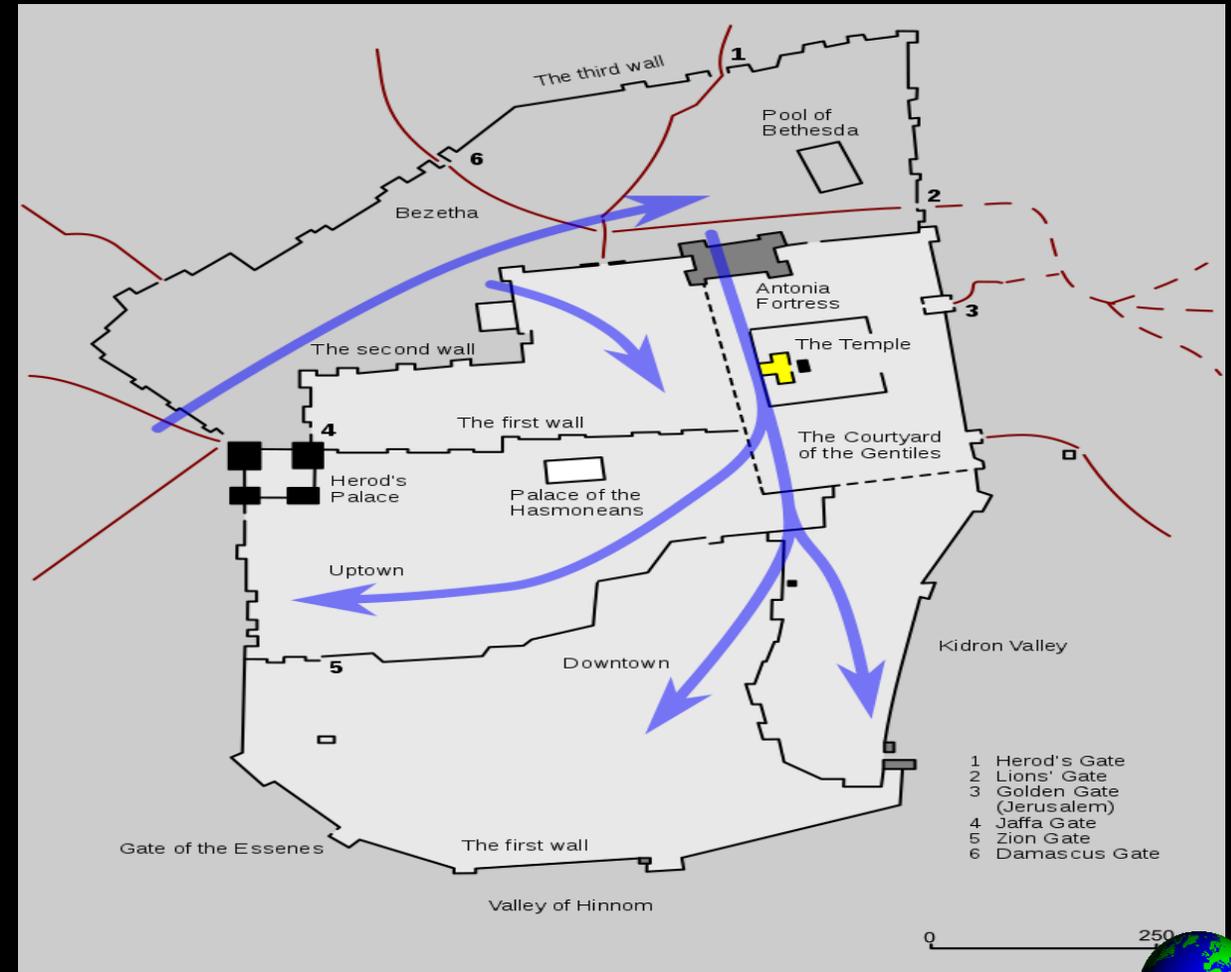
The destruction of Jerusalem

“In the siege and the slaughter that followed, more than a million of the people perished; the survivors were carried away as captives, sold as slaves, dragged to Rome to grace the conqueror's triumph, thrown to wild beasts in the amphitheatres, or scattered as homeless wanderers throughout the earth.” GC p. 35



The destruction of Jerusalem

- The siege of the city began on 14 April 70 AD, three days before the beginning of Passover that year. **The siege lasted for about four months;** it ended in August 70 AD on Tisha B'Av with the burning and destruction of the Second Temple. - <https://en.wikipedia.org>
- The **castle's store was to contain four months' supplies at all times.** - Lemosos: A History of Limassol in Cyprus from Antiquity to the Ottoman Conquest.



Summary of the destruction of Jerusalem: 70 AD

- In AD 66 the Jews rebelled against Imperial Rome.
- The Roman general Cestius Gallus surrounded Jerusalem with the 12th Legion.
- They pushed to the temple gates before retreating.
- The Jews destroyed the retreating 12th Legion.
- **The Christians fled to Pella and not one Christian died in 70 AD.**
- Jews from all lands gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover.
- **No way to escape for the Jews – Titus surrounds and destroys all.**
 - Arrows were shot at those escaping from the city.
 - Syrian forces met and disemboweled escapees looking for gold coins
- **A million Jews were crucified** and 97,000 taken captives.



What is it for us today? Why study this?

“From the fall of Jerusalem the thoughts of Jesus passed to a wider judgment. In the destruction of the impenitent city He saw a symbol of the final destruction to come upon the world. He said, "Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" By the green tree, Jesus represented Himself, the innocent Redeemer. God suffered His wrath against transgression to fall on His beloved Son. Jesus was to be crucified for the sins of men. What suffering, then, would the sinner bear who continued in sin? All the impenitent and unbelieving would know a sorrow and misery that language would fail to express.” DA p. 743

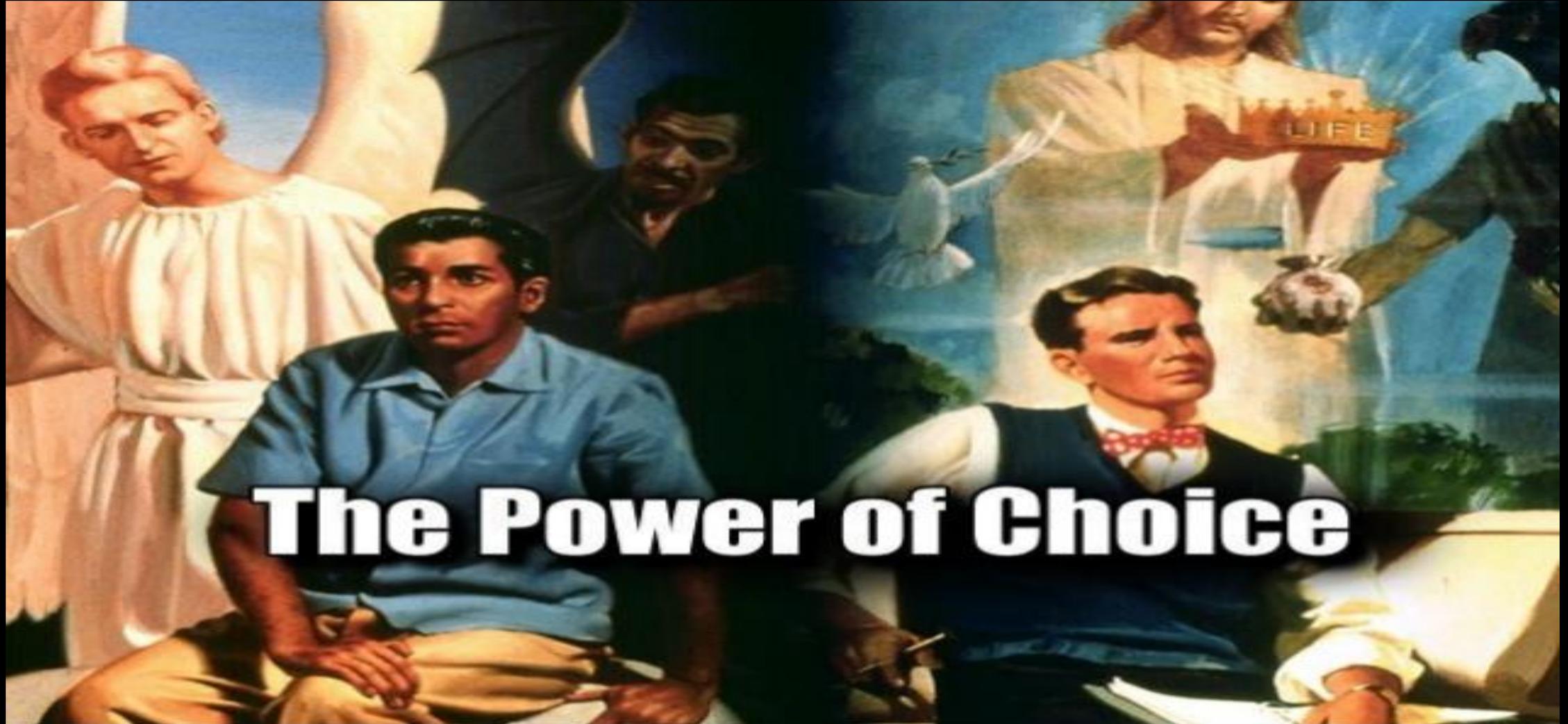


Concluding remarks

The overcomer is the individual Christian who enjoys special benefits in eternity for refusing to give up his faith in spite of persecution during life on earth.

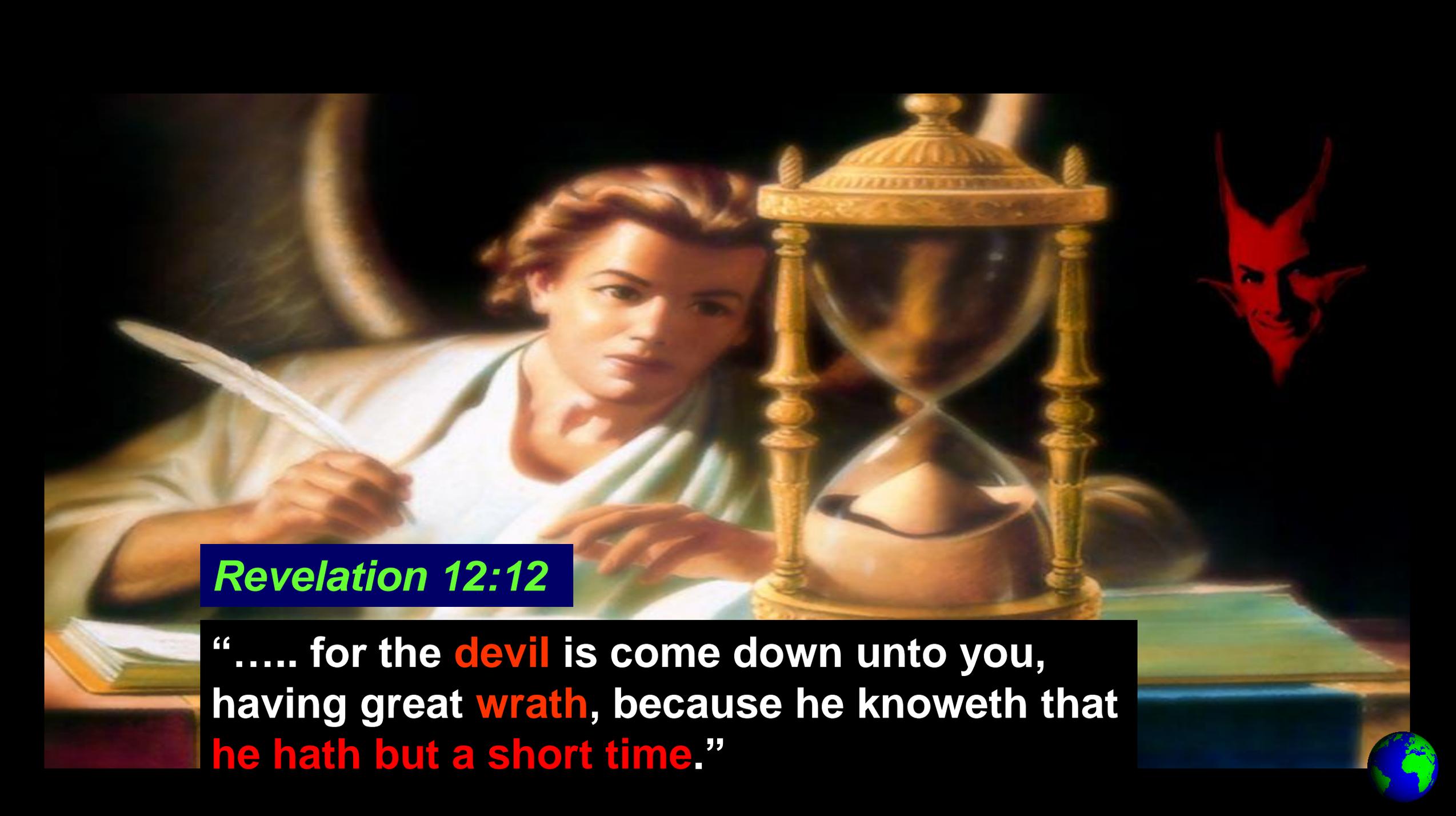


God has given all:



The Power of Choice



An angel with a halo and wings is shown writing in a book with a quill pen. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate golden hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns is visible. The scene is set in a dimly lit room with a book on a desk.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



Enter The Ark of Hope

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16



The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13

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. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?