

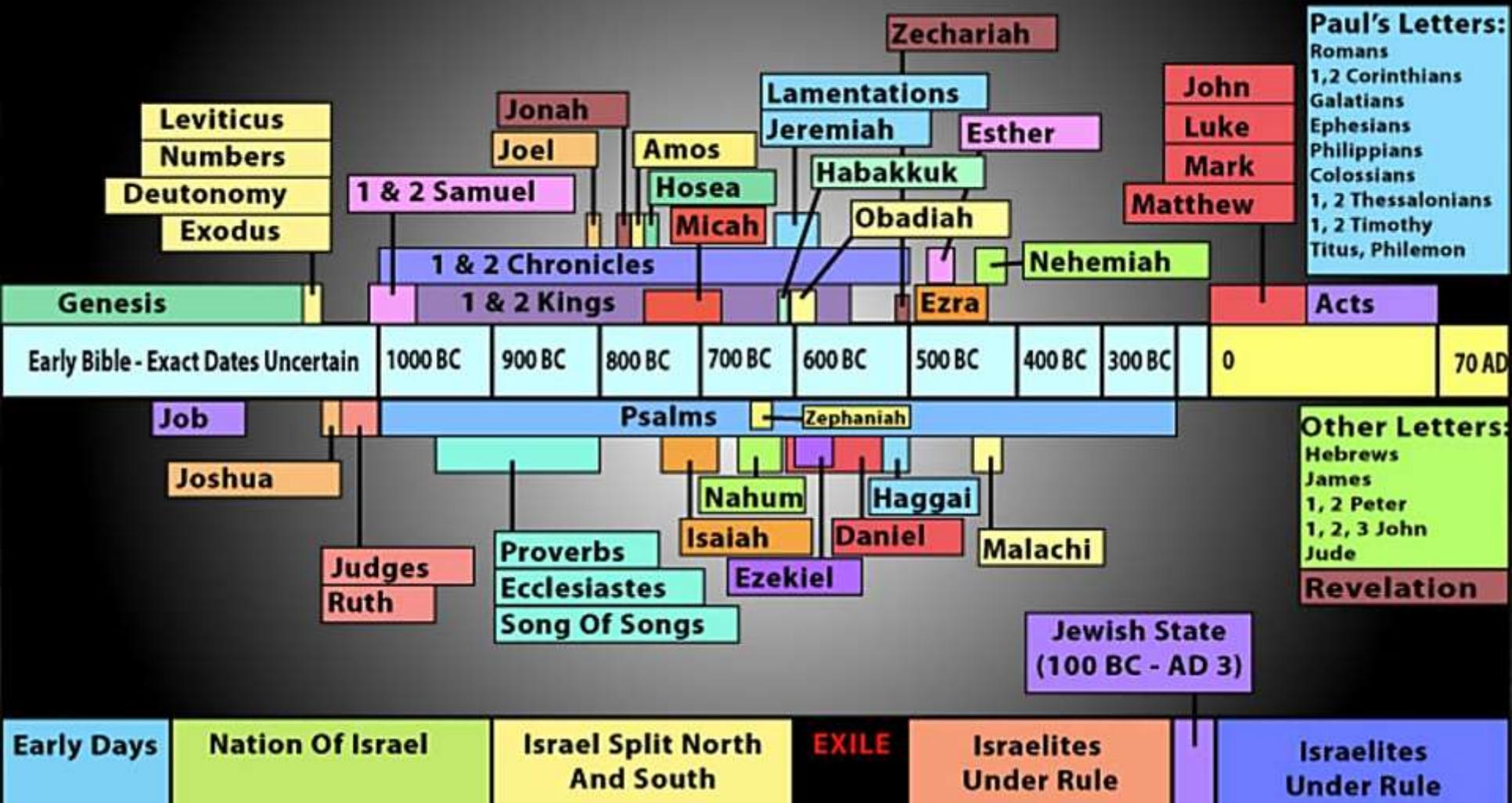


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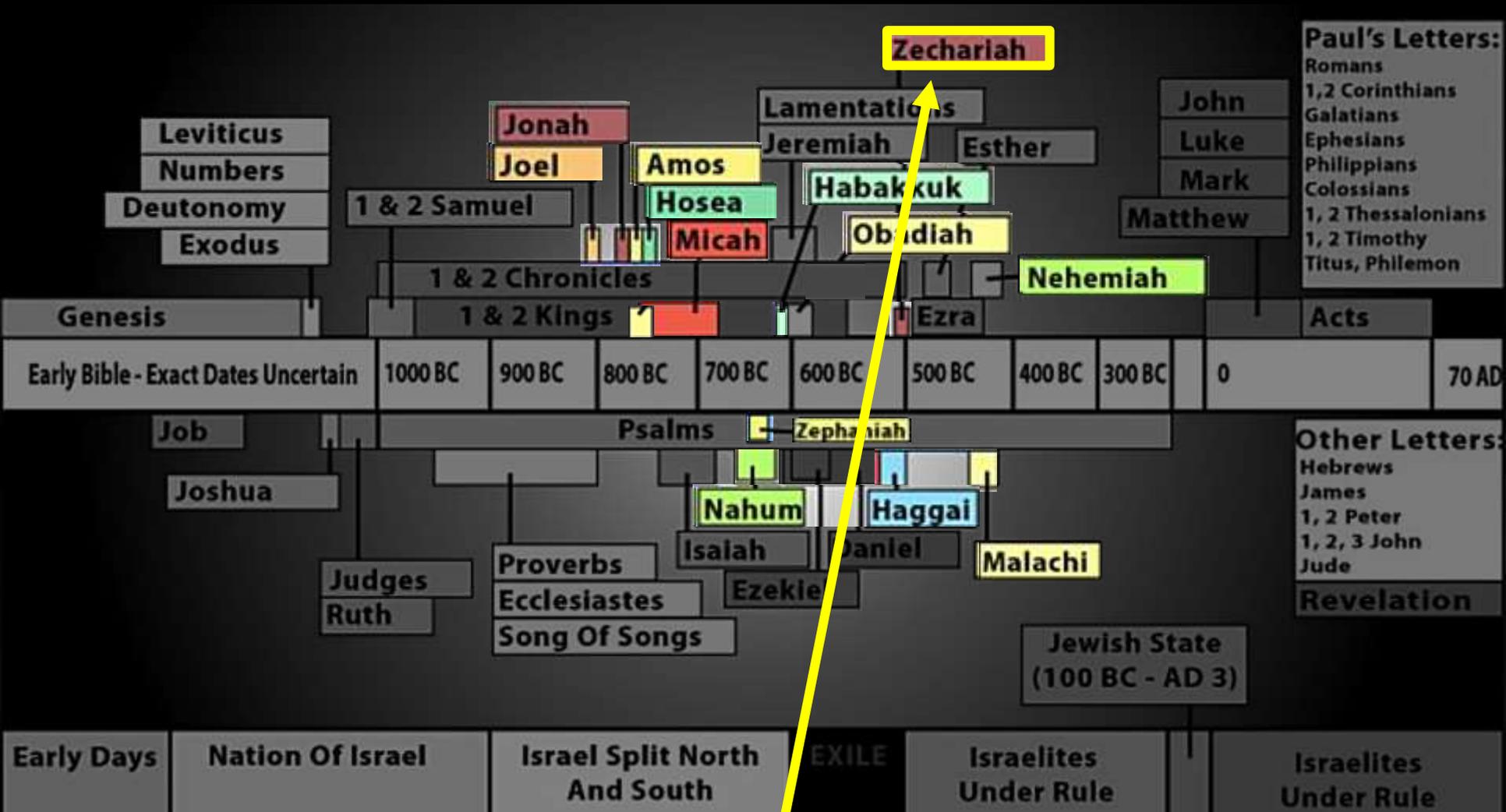
Zechariah

A verse by verse study

Chronology of the Bible Books



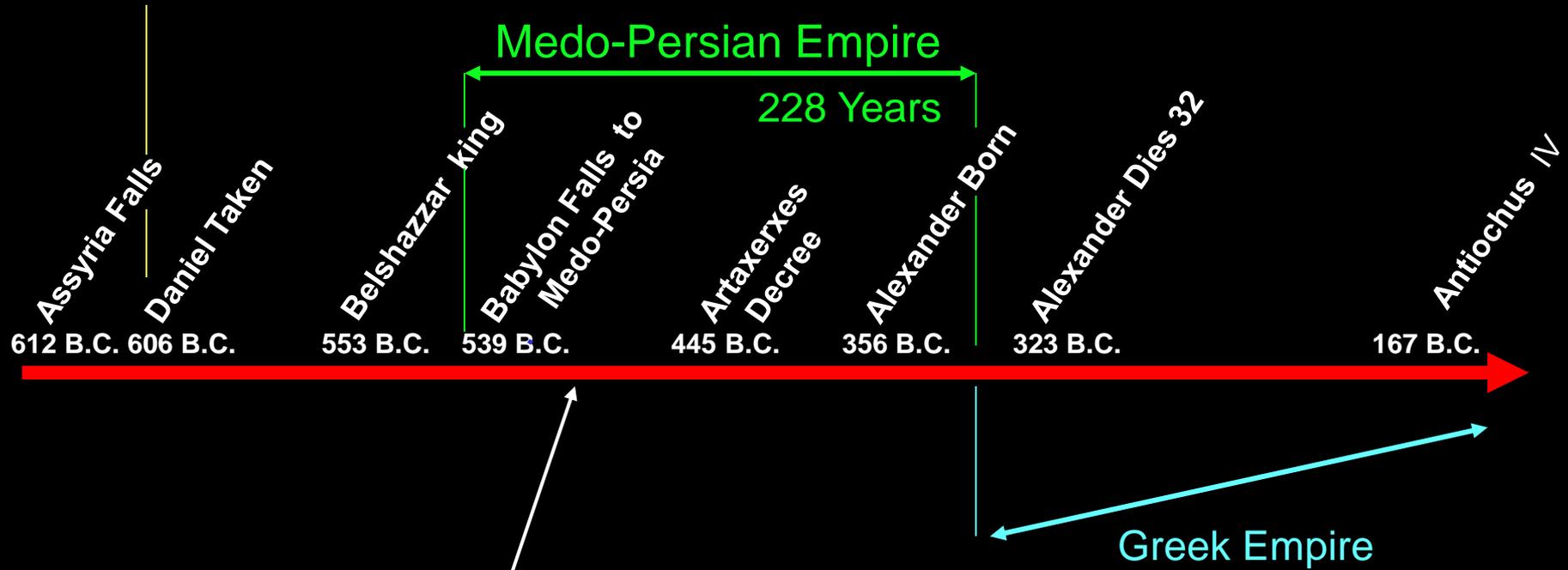
Ministry of the Minor Prophets



Zechariah: c.518 B.C. (after the return from Babylon)

History of the Times

Times of the Gentiles Luke 21:24



History



Ezra / Nehemiah / Esther

Prophetic



Haggai / Zechariah / Malachi

Zechariah

- Second of the post-exile prophets
 - Written from 518 B.C.
- He had returned from the Babylonian captivity as young man (c.17yrs old)
- He was a contemporary of
 - Haggai the prophet,
 - Zerubbabel the governor, and
 - Joshua the high priest
- Zechariah was a Levite & Prophet

Zechariah

- Haggai had preached four sermons in four months and then disappeared from the scene.
- Two months after Haggai delivered his first sermon, Zechariah began his prophetic ministry (cf. Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1),
- Haggai encouraged the people to *physically* rebuild
- Zechariah encouraged the people to *spiritually* rebuild.

Zechariah

- Zechariah gives Israel some of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible
- They span history from the time of Israel's return from Babylon...
- ...to the first advent of Messiah...
- ...to the Second Coming of Messiah
- ...and a powerful summery of all that is in betwen!

Zechariah

- The most Messianic of the minor prophets
- Often called the Apocalypse of the OT, it presents Israel's Messiah:
 - The Branch who will remove iniquity;
 - The Stone;
 - His Throne;
 - His Temple;
 - The Coming King;
 - The Shepherd;
 - The Triumphal Entry, on a donkey;
 - His Betrayal for 30 pieces of silver;
 - His Crucifixion, and
 - His Second Coming: “looking upon me whom they pierced.”

Zechariah

- This book is the largest of the Minor Prophets
 - 14 chapters
- He is quoted or alluded to 71x in the NT
- Zechariah was a member of the 'Great Synagogue'
 - a council originated by Nehemiah and composed of 120 members.
 - Ezra is said to have been the president of this council, which was later succeeded by the Sanhedrin

Zechariah - Overview

- Exhortation to repentance and obedience,
 - Don't repeat the mistakes of the past! 1:1–6
- Eight Visions (some count 10 visions)
 - To encourage the rebuilding 1:7–6:8
 - 1. Man Riding on a Red Horse 1:7–17
 - 2. Four Horns and Four Craftsmen 1:18–21
 - 3. Man with a Measuring Line Chap. 2
 - 4. Joshua the High Priest Chap. 3
 - 5. The Golden Lampstand & 2 Olive Trees Chap. 4
 - 6. The Flying Scroll 5:1–4
 - 7. The Woman in a Basket 5:5–11
 - 8. The Four Chariots 6:1–8

Zechariah - Overview

- Joshua crowned as high priest
 - Messianic type 6:9–15
- Jews from Bethel inquire re the fast Ch. 7, 8
 - In captivity they had fasted during the 5th and 7th month
 - Should this be continued?
 - Zechariah challenges the motives

Zechariah - Overview

- The first oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's first advent Ch 9–11
 - Gentile Nations Will Be Judged 9:1–8
 - First Coming of Messiah to Zion 9:9
 - Disarmament and Universal Peace at the Second Coming of Christ 9:10
 - Return of Captives to Jerusalem from Exile 9:11,12
 - Triumph of All Israel over Greece 9:13
 - Intervention of Jehovah to Protect His People 9:14–17
 - People Exhorted to Ask for Rain from the Lord, Not from Idols 10:1, 2

Zechariah - Overview

- The first oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's first advent Ch 9–11
 - God Will Punish the Leaders of Judah,
Raise Up the Messiah,
and Give Victory to the People 10:3–5
 - Israel and Judah Will Be Regathered and Restored 10:6–12
 - Unfaithful Rulers Will Be Punished 11:1–3
 - Messiah will be the true Shepherd 11:4–8a
 - Messiah will be Rejected by His people 11:8b–14
 - God Delivers them over to the Idol Shepherd
(Antichrist) 11:15–17

Zechariah - Overview

- The second oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's Second advent Ch 12–14
 - Jerusalem will be a burdensome stone 12:1–3
 - The Lord will destroy the enemies of Judah 12:4
 - The Jews will know God as their strength 12:5
 - The victory of Judah over its enemies 12:6–9
 - National mourning over rejection of Messiah 12:10–14
 - Provision made for cleansing from sin 13:1
 - Idols and false prophets will be banished 13:2–6
 - Messiah will be slain and Israel scattered 13:7
 - A remnant of the nation will return to the Lord 13:8, 9
 - Gentiles will gather against Jerusalem 14:1, 2

Zechariah - Overview

- The second oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's Second advent Ch 12–14
 - The Lord himself will intervene 14:3–5
 - Changes in weather and in illumination 14:6, 7
 - River of living water 14:8
 - Christ will reign as king 14:9
 - Geographical changes in the land 14:10
 - Jerusalem inhabited and secure 14:11
 - Plague and panic will afflict the gentile foes 14:12–15
 - Gentile survivors will worship at Jerusalem or be under penalty of the plague 14:16–19
 - Merchants will not trade in the house of the Lord 14:20–21



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Chapter 6:1-8



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*Zechariah's 8th Vision
The Four Chariots*

Two Mountains : Four Chariots

- ¹ And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.
- ² In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;
- ³ And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

Zachariah 6:1-3

Two Mountains

- Some commentators suggest Mt. Zion and Mt. Olives
 - *“The valley between them set forth as the theatre of divine judgment”.*
 - Eusebius and Jerome identify this as the ‘Valley of Jehoshaphat’ (“Jehovah Judges”)
 - Today this valley is known as the Kidron valley
- Mountains in Scripture represent kingdoms
- Is this two opposing kingdoms?
 - As when the Israelites stood opposing the Philistines

Two Mountains

¹ Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. ² And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. ³ And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them.

1 Samuel 17:1-2

The Valley of Elah



Two Mountains

¹ And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass.

Zachariah 6:1

- Brass is idiomatic of Judgment
 - It is a metal that can hold heat well, so was used for the Brazen alter etc.
- Are we here witnessing the climactic showdown on Earth, ushering in the Millennial reign of Christ?

The Four Chariots

² In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses;

³ And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses.

Zachariah 6:2-3

- *“The horsemen of Zechariah 1 were observers on reconnaissance. These four chariots and their horses seem to be hostile agents of God's judgment, emissaries of His war against the earth”.*

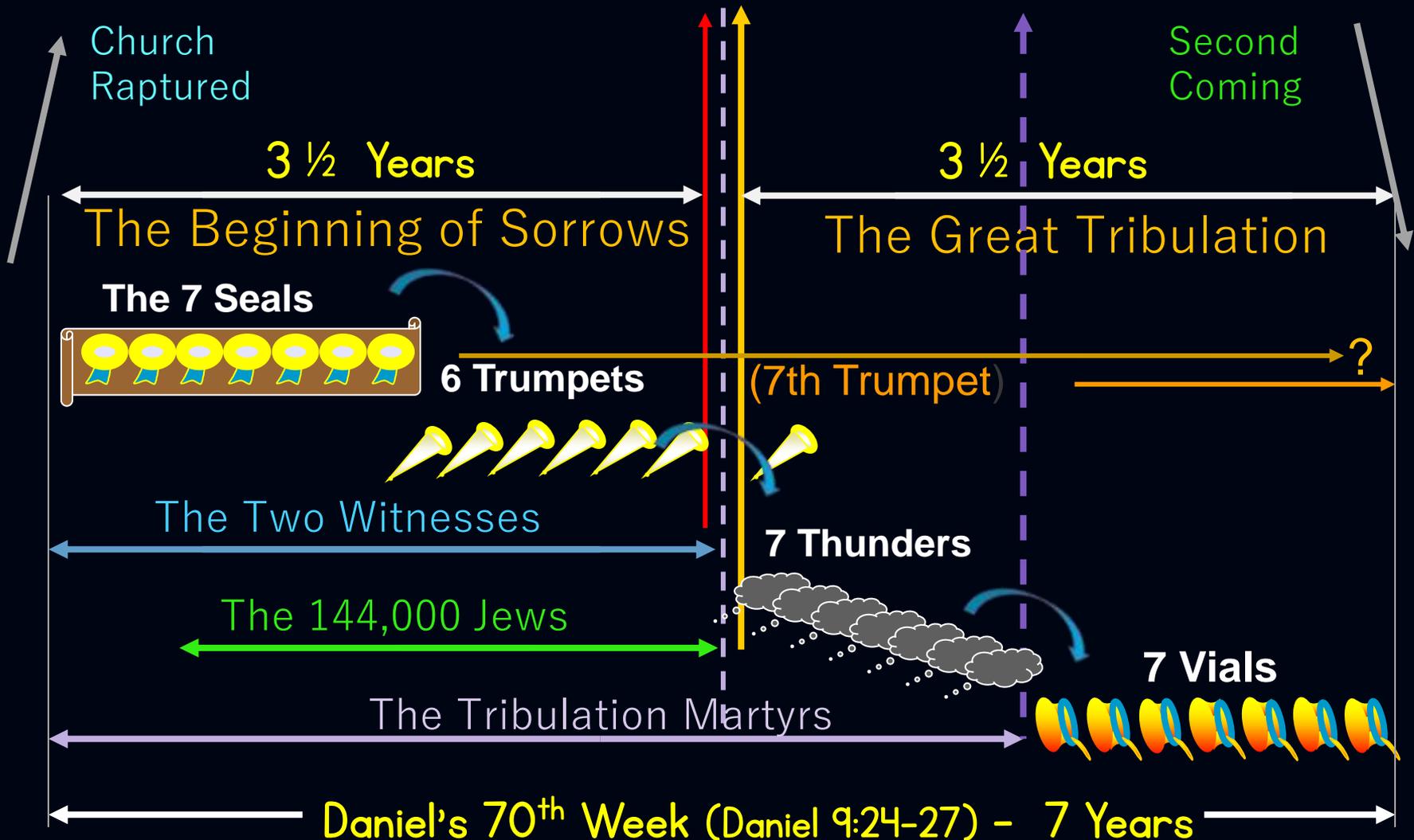
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The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse



Revelation Chapter 6

Overview of The Tribulation - Rev 6-19



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.

Revelation 6:1

- Lamb = Jesus
 - The most commonly used title of Jesus in Revelation 25x
- The Lamb is holding the title deed to the Earth
- The Scroll is sealed with 7 seals
- John sees the removal of each seal



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.

Revelation 6:2

- Many confuse the rider of this white horse with the rider we see in Rev 19
- In Rev 19 it is clearly Jesus returning to Earth
- In Rev 6 the rider is seemingly imitating Christ
 - In the place of Christ, 'Anti-Christ'
- This rider comes to conquer ...with a bow
- He is crowned – receives authority

Genesis 9

¹² And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

¹³ I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Gen 9:12-13

- The bow here is the token of a covenant

Antichrist's False Covenant

27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27

- A seven-year 'covenant' with Israel and her neighbours will commence the Tribulation
- Antichrist will break the covenant after 3 ½ years

The Seven Seals

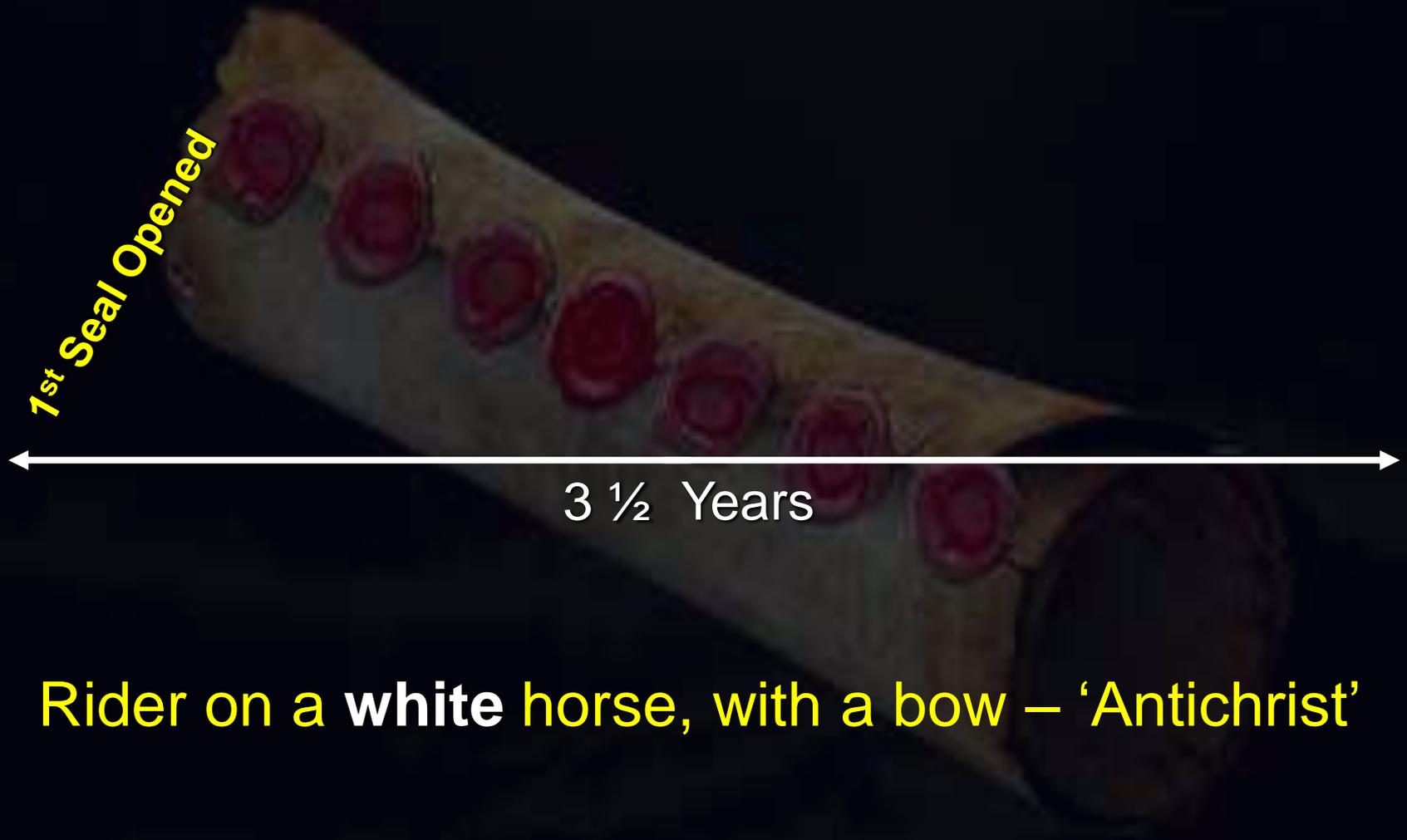


3 1/2 Years

The First Seal



The First Seal



Rider on a **white** horse, with a bow – ‘Antichrist’

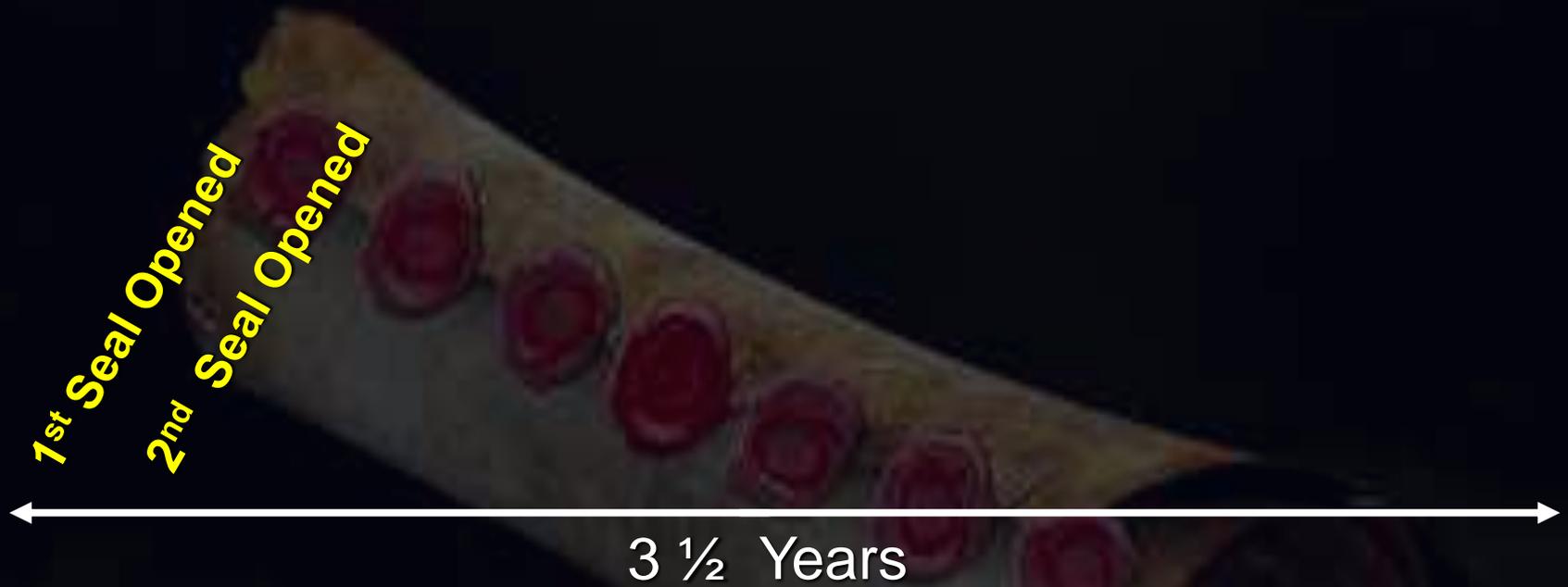
The Second Seal



- 3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
- 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.

Revelation 6:3-4

The Second Seal



Rider on a **red** horse - 'World War breaks out'

The Third Seal



1st Seal Opened

2nd Seal Opened

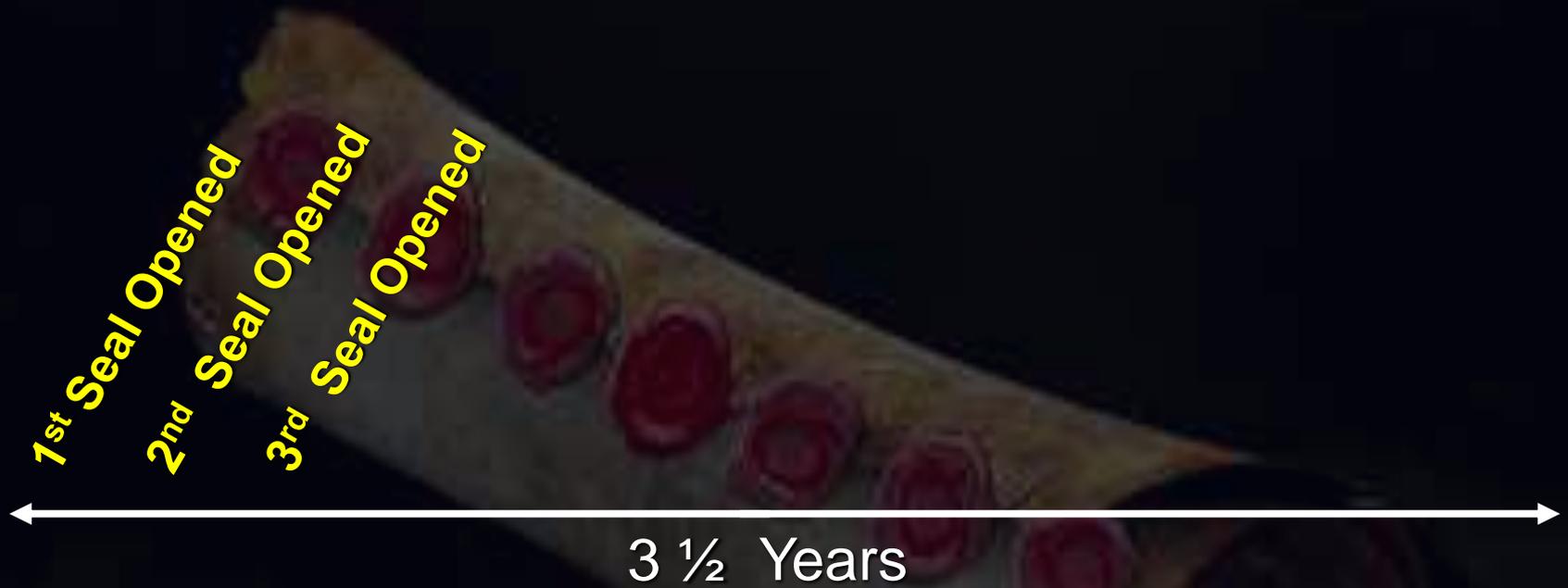
3rd Seal Opened

3 1/2 Years

- 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.
- 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.

Revelation 6:5-6

The Third Seal



Rider on a **black** horse - 'World wide famine'

The Forth Seal



1st Seal Opened

2nd Seal Opened

3rd Seal Opened

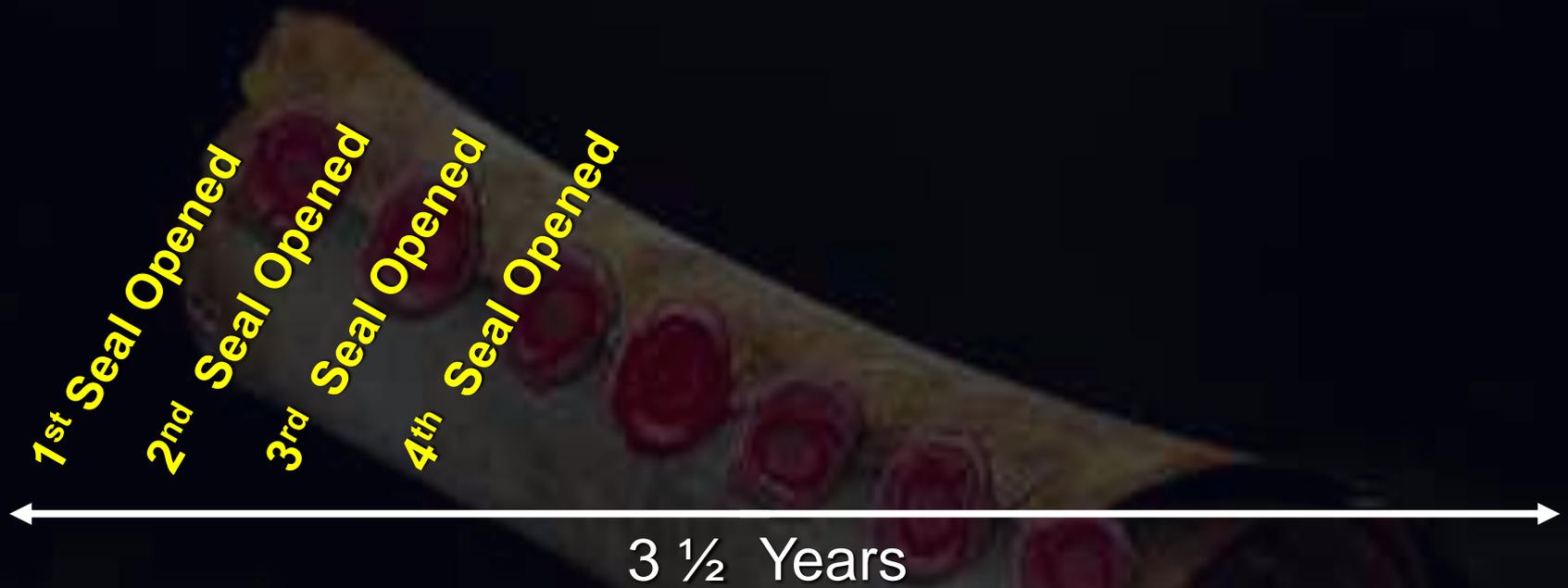
4th Seal Opened

3 1/2 Years

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

Revelation 6:7-8

The Forth Seal



Rider on a **Pale** horse – $\frac{1}{4}$ of the population dies

Approx 1.5 Billion people

The Four Chariots

⁴ Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord?

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.

Zachariah 6:4-5

- Four spirits?
- Four spiritual powers/angelic beings
 - Rev 7:1-3 / Rev 9:14-15
- Can deceiving spirits go forth from Heaven?

Deceiving Spirits

¹⁹ And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

²⁰ And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

²¹ And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

Deceiving Spirits

22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

1 Kings 22:22-23

The Coming Deception

- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.
- 8 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:
- 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

II Thessalonians 2:7-12

The Coming Deception

- 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

II Thessalonians 2:7-12

The Four Chariots

⁶ The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

⁷ And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth

Zachariah 6:6-7

The Four Chariots

⁸ Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

Zachariah 6:8

- The North was typically the direction of Israel's enemies.
- It seems to be that Israel's (God's) enemies have been quieted
 - Judgement has been meted out
 - What follows is the Crowning of the Yehoshua!

The Four Chariots vs The Four Horseman

Zechariah 6:1-8

- Red Horses
 - Unexplained
- Black Horses
 - To the North
- White Horse
 - Also to the North
- Pale Horse
 - To the south and then
'To and fro in the Earth'

Revelation 6:1-8

- White Horse
 - False Covenant
- Red Horse
 - War
- Black Horse
 - Famine
- Pale Horse
 - Death

- There is no direct correlation in terms of colour and order, but the same four-spirits that sequentially being increasing judgment in Revelation 6 are seen in Zechariah 6 as bringing God's judgment



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Chapter 6:9-14



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*The Crowning of Joshua the High Priest
(a foreshadowing of the Messiah's reign)*

The Coronation of Joshua

⁹ And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

¹⁰ Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah;

¹¹ Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest;

¹² And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying,

The Coronation of Joshua

¹² Behold the man whose name is The Branch;
and he shall grow up out of his place,
and he shall build the temple of the Lord:

¹³ Even he shall build the temple of the Lord;
and he shall bear the glory,
and shall sit and rule upon his throne;
and he shall be a priest upon his throne:
and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Zachariah 6:12-13

The Coronation of Joshua

¹⁴ And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the Lord.

¹⁵ And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Zachariah 6:14-15

Kings & Priests

- In Israel, the royal line was Judah
- The Priestly line was Levi
 - When Saul tried to intrude on the office of priest he lost the kingdom also!
- Only 4 occasions where we see the office of king and priest combined:
 - Genesis 14: Melchizedek (1000y in Jerusalem)
 - Exodus 19:6 Israel at Sinai (subsequently separated)
 - Zechariah 6: Joshua (Receiving back the kingdom)
 - Hebrews 7: Yeshua (Jesus) (The fulfilment)
 - Rev 1:6: The Church (will rule and reign with Christ)



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To be continued ...