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**The Revelation of  
Jesus Christ**

**Chapters 1-11**

*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*



# The Book of Revelation

- The book is the Revelation of Jesus.
- It 'unveils' Jesus in all His glory and majesty.
- Without this book the Bible would not be complete.
- As Genesis is the book of beginnings, so Revelation is the book of endings.
- It foretells the end of this order of things – i.e. the way the world is at present.
- The only book in the Bible that promises a blessing for reading it.

# The Book of Revelation

- It foretells:
  - the end of Satan's rule on planet earth
  - the end of the world's false religious systems
  - the end of the world's political systems
- It clearly shows:
  - the destiny of the Church,
  - the destiny of the nation of Israel
  - the destiny of all unbelievers



# The Book of Revelation

- It ties together all the Old & New Testament prophecies
  - There are 800 allusions to the Old Testament in the 404 verses of this book
- The book leads us into an eternity with Jesus enthroned as the universal KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

# The Book of Revelation

- There are two books in the Bible that have been more attacked than any other:
- Genesis:
  - because it is the book of beginnings and exposes Satan as the deceiver of the human race, and predicts that the Saviour will be victorious over him;
- Revelation:
  - the last and concluding book because it records in advance his destiny and ultimate defeat.

# The Book of Revelation

Four common views of this book:

- Preterist
  - ‘all recorded here has already been fulfilled (prior to AD70)’
- Historical
  - ‘All has been (and will continue to be) fulfilled throughout history, no need for a literal millennium, or physical return of Christ
- Spiritual
  - Allegorises the text, it merely illustrates spiritual truths, and does not require a literal fulfilment
- Futurist
  - The majority of this book is as yet unfulfilled prophecy



# The Book of Revelation

- There are more names/titles given to Jesus in this book than in the whole of the NT.
- Written about 96AD while John was in Exile on Patmos.
- 17 scene changes from heaven to earth.
- 44 separate visions.
- The word 'like' appears 22 times to describe something 'like wool' (i.e. not wool but resembles wool).

# The Book of Revelation

- The word 'as' appears 65 times
  - to describe something for example 'as dead'
- John said 'I saw' 35 times
  - lots of imagery (things being seen).
- 'Behold' is found 26 times
  - 'this is important so look, or listen!'
- 'Great' appears 72 times
  - the magnitude, overwhelming experience.

# Chapter Overview

- Introduction / John's vision of Jesus 1
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# Chapter Overview

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# Chapter Overview

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# Chapter 1

## John's Vision of Jesus

המלך אמר לי  
הוא חדש טבת  
המלך את אסתר  
לפניו פכל הבתולות  
וימליכה תחת ושלי  
לכל שיהיו עבדי  
למדינות ועשה חתונה  
כתולדות שלשת וסר  
אסתר כמדת  
עליה מרדת  
כאשר היה נאמן  
הקיסר ומרדכי יושב  
ותרש שני סריסים  
לשלח יד במלך  
ויגד לאסתר המסכנת  
מרדכי ויבקש חסד  
על עין ויכרתם  
המלך

המלך וישנה ואת לערותיה לטוב בית הנשים לא  
הגידה אסתר את עמה ואת מולדתה כי מרדכי  
צוה עליה אשר לא תגיד וככל יום ויום מרדכי  
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אסתר ומה יעשה בה ובהניג על תר וערה ועערה  
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ועשה חדשים כשלמן המרו ועשה חדשים כשלמים  
ובתמרוקי הנשים וכזה הנערה באה אל המלך ארז  
כל אשר תאמר יתן לה לכוא עמה כבית הנשים  
עד בית המלך בערב היא באה ובבקר היא שכרה  
אל בית הנשים שני אל ידי שושני סריס המלך  
שמר הפילגשים לא הבוא עוד אל המלך  
כי אם חסין בה המלך ונקראו בשם וברזעו  
אסתר בה המלך דר כרדנו אשר לקח לו לכת  
לכוא אל המלך לא בקשה דבר כי אם את אשר  
יאמר הני סריס המלך שמר הנשים ותהי אסתר  
נשאת חן בעיני כל ראה ותלקח אסתר אל

את מלכותו ויקבצו את  
אל שושן הבירה אל  
המלך שמר הנשים  
תובטב בעיני המלך  
הדבר בעיני המלך  
איש יהודי היה  
דמי בן יאיר בן שמעיבן  
נה מירושלים עם הנגלה  
אלך יהודה אשר הגלה  
אמן את הדסה היא  
היא אב ואם והנערה יסתר  
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# Chapter 1

I The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Revelation 1:1

- The title is not 'Revelations'!
  - This is the 'unveiling' of Jesus
    - What would your impression of Jesus be without this revelation?
- This book is given that we might know!
  - It is not clouded in mystery and obscure!
- Lit: 'Rendered it into signs'

# Chapter 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.

Revelation 1:1

- The only book of the Bible that promises a blessing for simply reading it!
- Hear: To listen audibly?
- To perceive!
- This is not a book of *predictions*, but *prophecy*!
- This is a book for now!

# Chapter 1

- <sup>6</sup> And hath **made us kings and priests unto God** and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- <sup>7</sup> 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.

**Revelation 1:6-7**

- They which pierced Him were the Jews.
- This verse necessitates that Israel have a unique part in God's plan. They will see Him.



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**Revelation 1:6-7**

- Why do all the kindreds (families) of the earth wail?
- Wait and see!

# Chapter 1

II Saying, **I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last:**  
and, What you see, 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.

**Revelation 1:11**

- cf. Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, 48:12,
- 11a is omitted from most modern versions



Black Sea

MOESIA

BITHYNIA

PONTUS

THRACE

Constantinople

Philippi

Macedonia

Thessalonica

3 Pergamos

GALATIA

Turkey  
(Asia Minor)

Caesarea

Aegean  
Sea

ASIA

Berea

4 Thyatira

5 Sardis

Delphi

2 Smyrna

6 Philadelphia

Tarsus

Greece

Corinth

1 Ephesus

7 Laodicea

Athens

CILICIA

Antioch

Sparta

Patmos

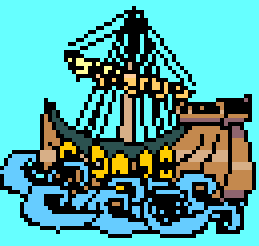
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Damascus

Crete

Rhodes

Syria



Mediterranean Sea  
(the Great Sea)

Cyprus  
(Kittim)

Lebanon

Tyre

SAMARIA

Acre

Mt. Tabor

Caesarea

ISRAEL

Cyrene

Joppa

Gaza

Libya

Abukir Bay

Rosetta

Damietta

El Arish

JORDAN

Egypt

Alexandria

CAIRO

# Chapter 1

<sup>19</sup> Write the things which....

1) thou hast seen, ➤ Ch 1

2) and the things which are, ➤ Ch 2-3

3) and the things which shall be hereafter; ➤ Ch 4-22

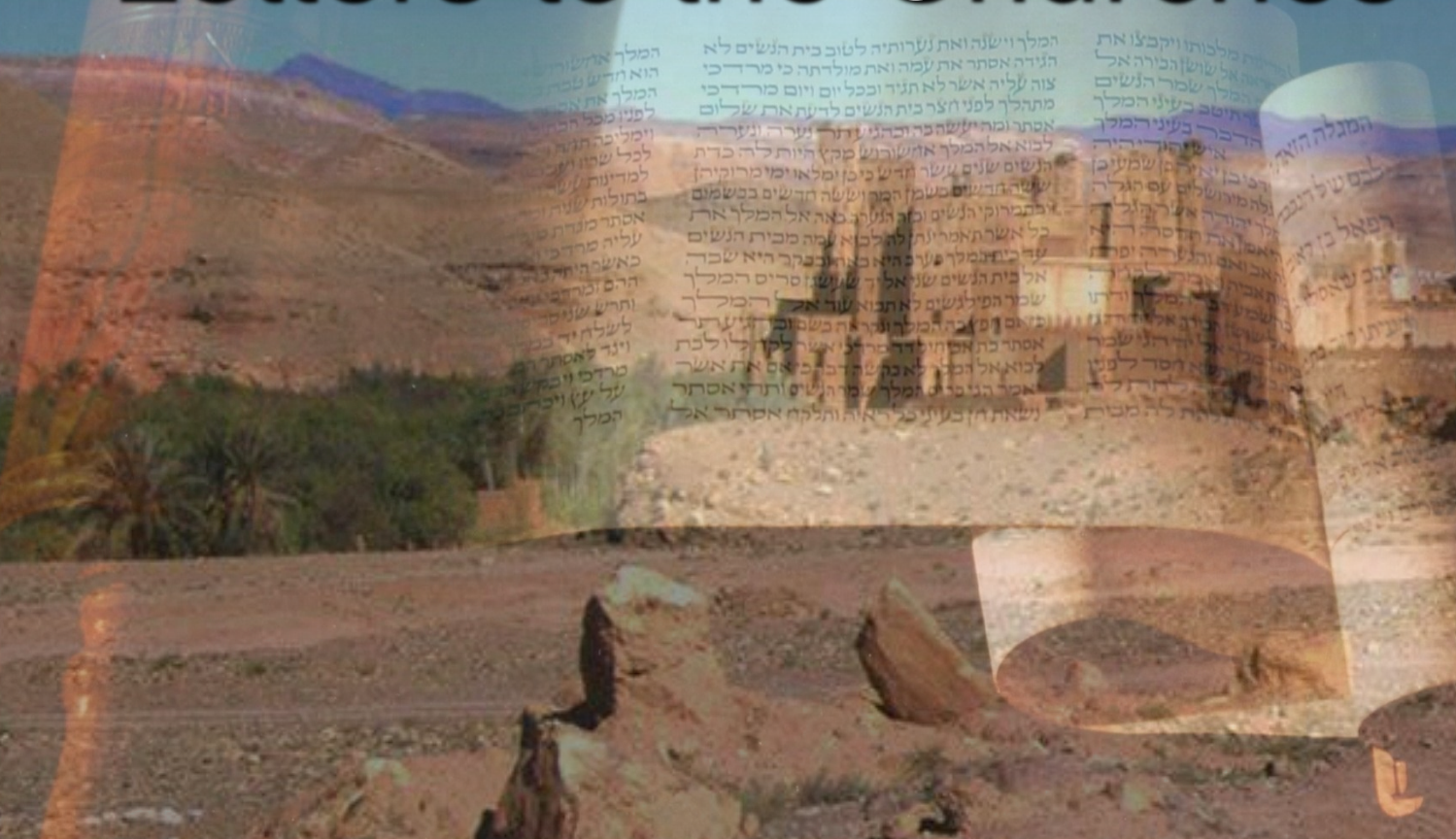
Revelation 1:19

- We are given a divinely inspired outline for the book



# Chapters 2&3

## Letters to the Churches



המלך אחינעם  
הוא חרש שבת  
המלך את אבי  
לפני ספר הכתוב  
וימליכה תגיד  
לכל שבני ישראל  
למדוע לא  
בתולות ישראל  
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המגלה הוא  
לכמה של רומב  
רפאל בני ראה  
אשר הנשים יסרת





# Letters to the Churches

*Four levels of meaning*

# Letters to the Churches

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- Local

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- Local

1:11

“write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches”

# Letters to the Churches

*Four levels of meaning*

- Local
- Personal

# Letters to the Churches

*Four levels of meaning*

- Local
- Personal

Rev 2:7

He that hath an ear.....,

# Letters to the Churches

*Four levels of meaning*

- Local
- Personal
- Message to all Churches



# Letters to the Churches

*Four levels of meaning*

- Local
- Personal
- Message to all Churches

Rev 2:7

“let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches”

# Letters to the Churches

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- Personal
- Message to all Churches
- Prophetic – 7 church ages

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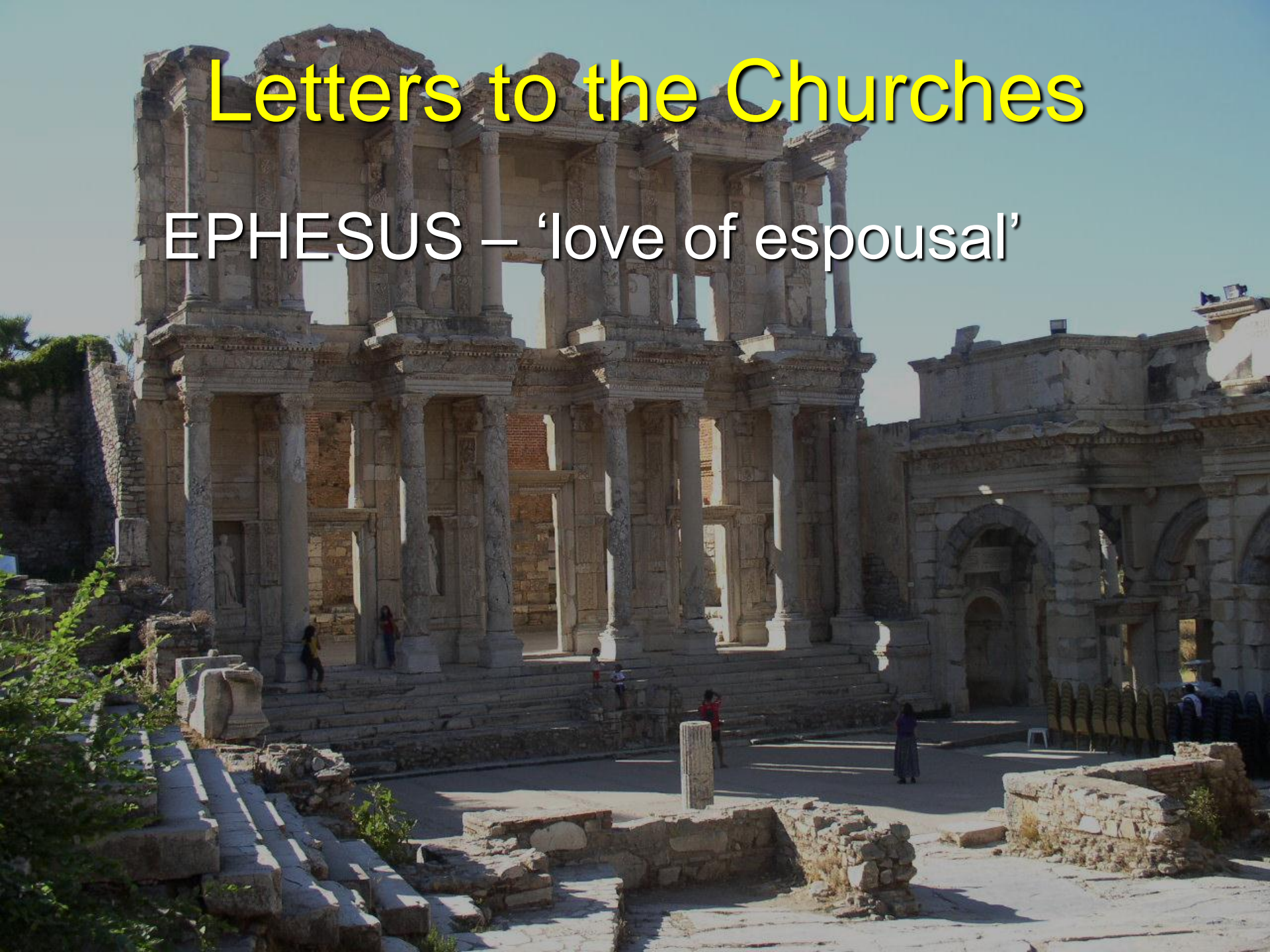
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Rev 1:3

“.....the words of this prophecy”

# Letters to the Churches

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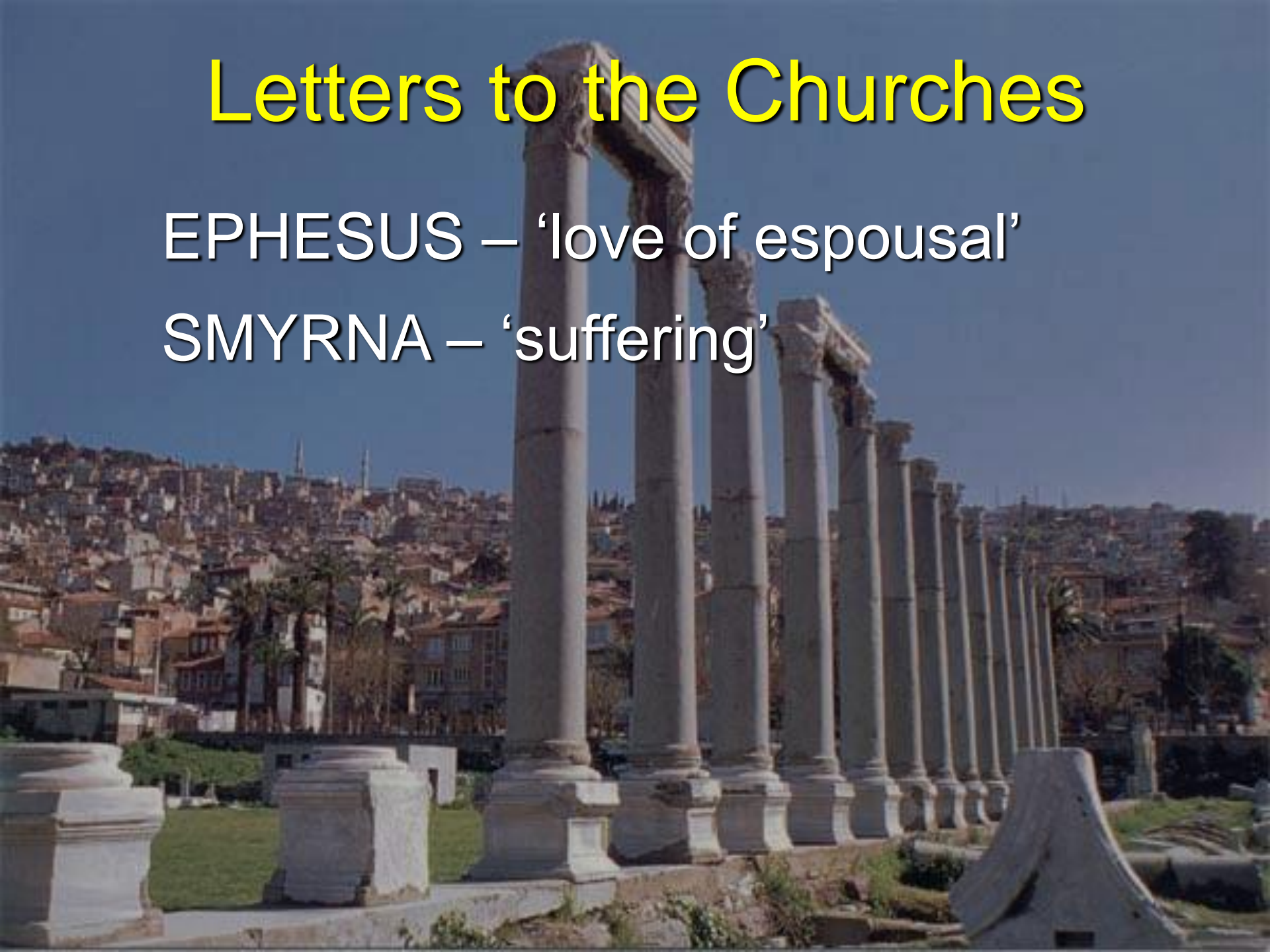




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SMYRNA – ‘suffering’



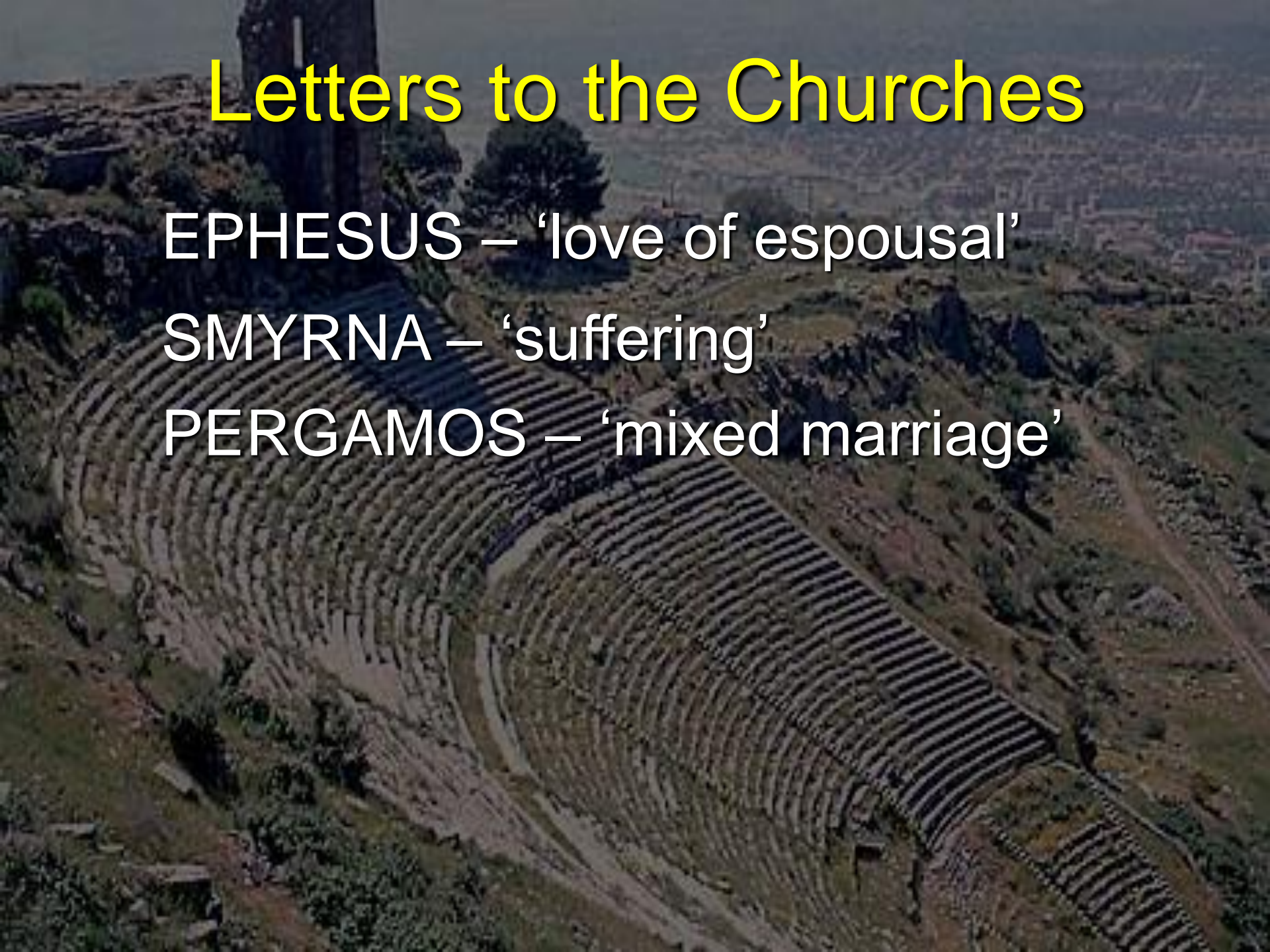


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THYATIRA – ‘continual sacrifice’

SARDIS – ‘remnant’

PHILADELPHIA – ‘brotherly love’

LAODICEA – ‘the rule of the people’



# The Prophetic History of The Church

EPHESUS  
'love of espousal'

1<sup>st</sup> Church Age

The early Church

32AD – 100AD

'The Seed is Sown'

(Cf: Matt 13:3-9)

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to thee quickly, and will remove thy candle stick out of his place"

Rev 2:5



# The Prophetic History of The Church

SMYRNA  
'suffering'

2<sup>nd</sup> Church Age

The persecuted Church

100 AD - 313 AD

'Tares sown among the wheat'

(Cf: Matt 13:24-30 / Jude / Acts 20:29-30)

"Be faithful unto death"

Rev 2:10



# The Prophetic History of The Church

PERGAMOS  
'mixed marriage'

3<sup>rd</sup> Church Age - The 'Constantine Church'  
313 AD - 590 AD

'Mustard Seed'

(Cf: Matt 13:31-32)

"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will  
fight against them with the sword of my mouth"

Rev 2:16

# The Prophetic History of The Church

THYATIRA  
'continual sacrifice'

4<sup>th</sup> Church Age - Roman Catholic Church  
590 AD - Tribulation

'The Woman & The Leaven'

(Cf: Matt 13:33)

"And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation"

Rev 2:21-22



# The Prophetic History of The Church

SARDIS  
'remnant'

5<sup>th</sup> Church Age - The Reformation Church  
1517 AD - Tribulation

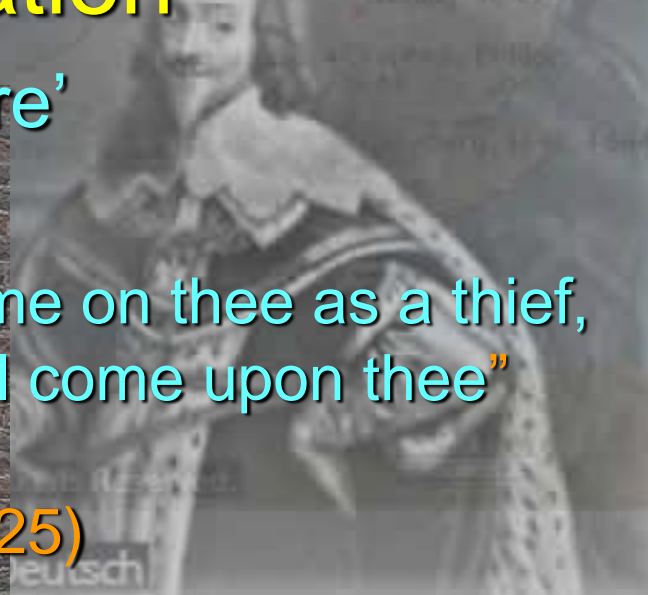
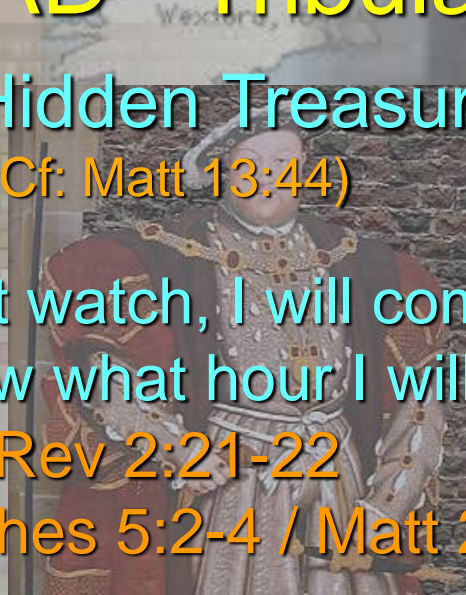
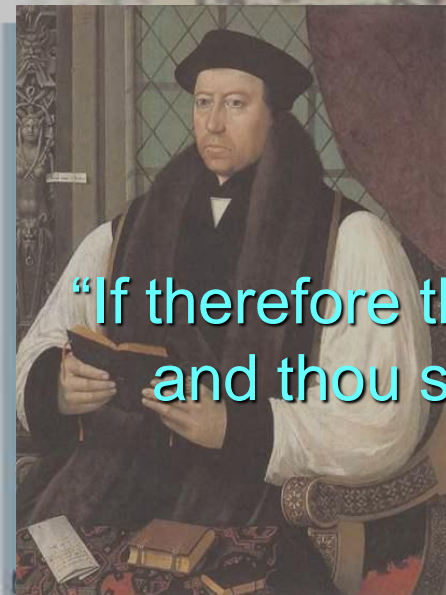
'The Hidden Treasure'

(Cf: Matt 13:44)

"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"

Rev 2:21-22

(Cf: 1 Thes 5:2-4 / Matt 25)



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# The Prophetic History of The Church

PHILADELPHIA  
'brotherly love'

The 6<sup>th</sup> Church Age - The faithful Church  
1750 AD - Rapture

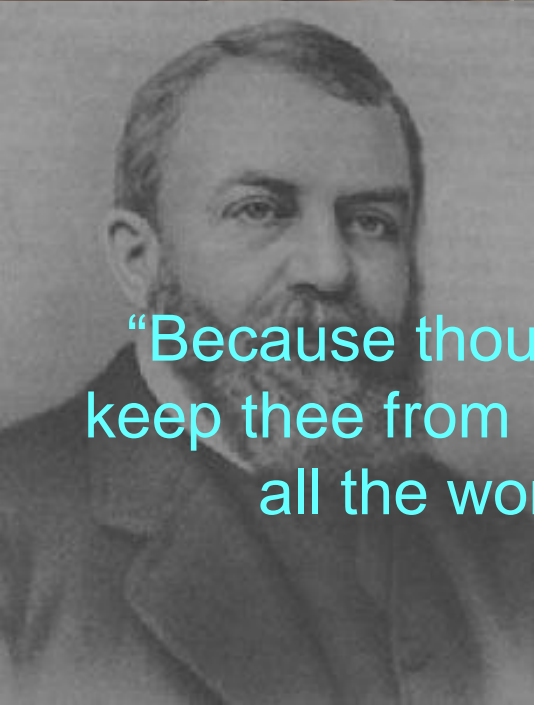
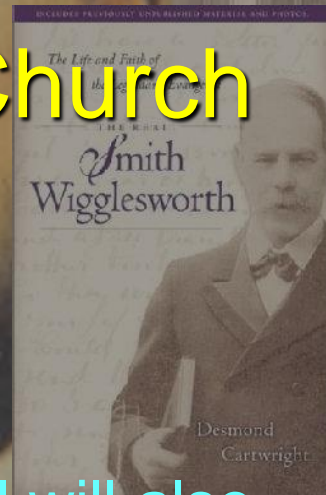
'The Pearl of Great Price'

(Cf: Matt 13:45-46)

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

Rev 3:10

(Cf: 1 Thes 1:10 / Luke 21:36)





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# The Prophetic History of The Church

LAODICEA

‘the rule of the people’

The 7<sup>th</sup> Church Age - The apostate church  
1900 AD - Tribulation

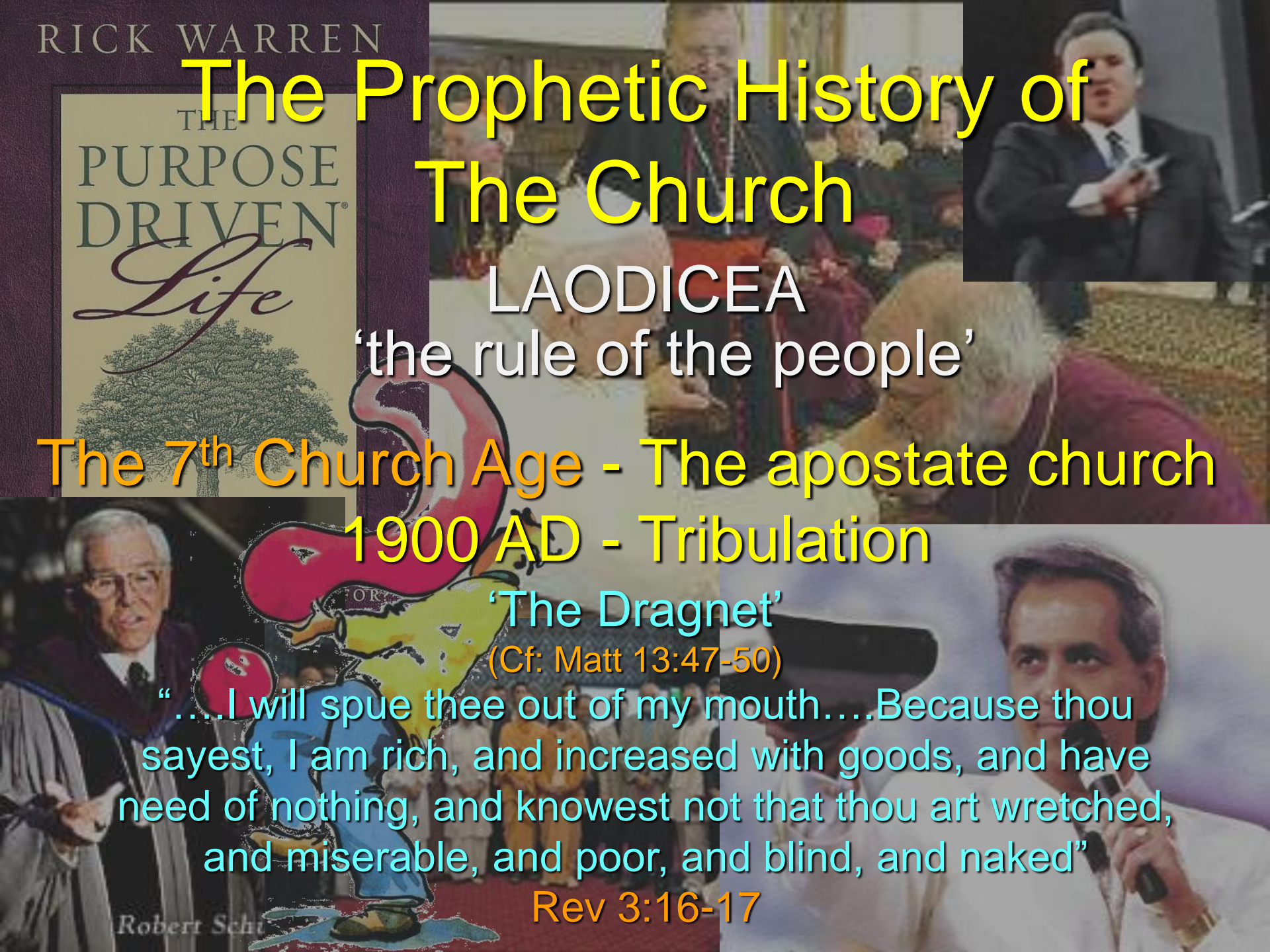
‘The Dragnet’

(Cf: Matt 13:47-50)

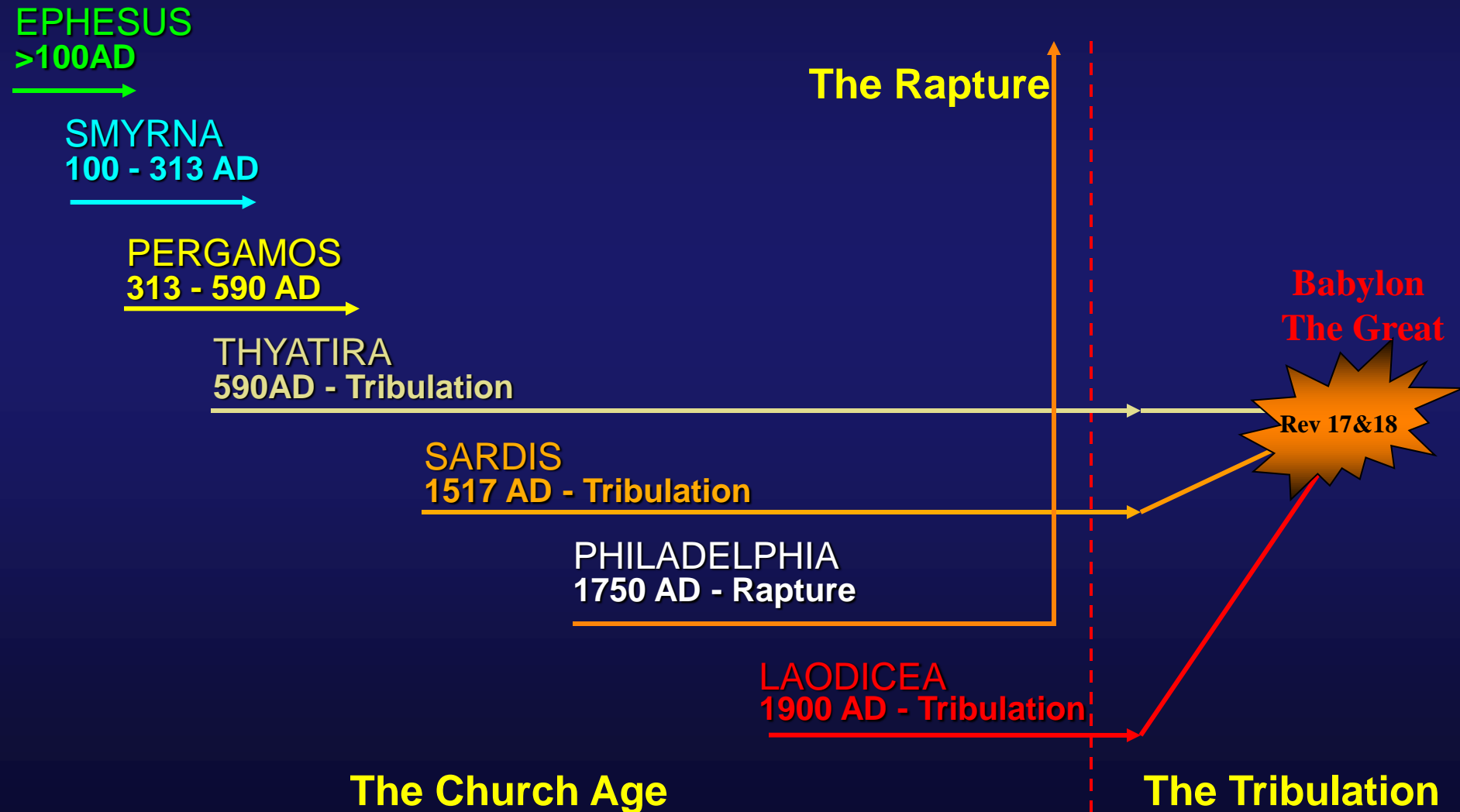
“....I will spue thee out of my mouth....Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked”

Rev 3:16-17

Robert Schi



# Prophetic view of the Churches





# Jesus' Warning

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven

Matthew 7:21-23

- What is God's will?

# God's Will?

*For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication...*

1 Thessalonians 4:3

- God's will is that we be 'set apart' from the world
- We are to be married to Christ **2 Cor 11:2**

# How are we sanctified?

*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

John 17:17

# Sanctified by His Word

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word

Ephesians 5:25-26

# Jesus' Warning

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Matthew 7:21-23

# Jesus' Warning

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Matthew 7:21-23



# Jesus' Warning

*And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:  
depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

Matthew 7:21-23

# Chapter 4&5

## The Throne Room of Heaven



# Chapter 4&5

*I 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 shew thee things which must be hereafter.*

Revelation 4:1

- Intentionally designed to allude to the Rapture?

# Chapter 4&5

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

**3** And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Revelation 4:2-3

# Chapter 4&5

*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.*

Revelation 4:4

- Under David, the priesthood was divided into 24 courses, representative of the whole
- The 24 Elders are representative of the Church (a Royal priesthood)



# 24 Elders = The Church

- Firstly, the elders are clothed in white raiment – which is specifically given to the Church (Rev 3:4-5 / 3:18 / 19:8 / 19:14)
- Secondly, they have crowns of gold on their heads – which are only promised to the Church in scripture (1 Cor 9:24-25 / 1 Thess 2:19 / 2 Tim 4:7-8 / James 1:12 / 1 Peter 5:1-4).
- Thirdly, they are redeemed to God by the blood of the Lamb (Rev 5:9).
  - This can only be the Church, as Christ's blood was not shed for any angel or any created being except man, and it is the Church who are the redeemed

# 24 Elders = The Church

- Fourthly, they are from every kindred, tongue, people and nation (Rev 5:9), which proves them to be the Church – and clearly shows that the ‘24’ is used as in the OT, to be representative of the whole.
- Fifthly, they are kings and priests to God and shall reign on the earth – as again is only promised to the Church (1 Peter 2:9 / 2 Tim 2:12 / Rev 20:6 / Rev 22:5).

# 24 Elders = The Church

- Sixthly, in the other recorded visions of Heaven found in the Old Testament, (Isaiah 6 /Ezekiel 1 etc), we observe that the other heavenly creatures are found (the Cherubim and Seraphim and Angels etc.), but the 24 elders are not seen Heaven at that time.
  - Given the fact that both Isaiah and Ezekiel give us so much detail about what they saw, we must conclude that the 24 elders were not in heaven at that time.
  - This confirms what Jesus said in Matthew 13, and what Paul said in Ephesians 3, that the Church was a 'mystery' hidden in ages past

# 24 Elders = The Church

- Seventhly, the 24 elders are sitting on *thrones*. (The word translated 'seats' in the King James is the Greek word 'thronos', which is better translated as 'throne' (as it is at the beginning of verse 4).
- Rev 3:21 states: *"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."*
- This promise is not given to any angel.

# 24 Elders = The Church

- Finally, the term 'elder' (Greek - Presbuteros) is used sixty-six times in the new testament, twelve times in this book, and it is *always* used to describe older, senior, or elder in connection with seniority / maturity in the church.
- The term is never applied to any other being except man.



# Chapter 4&5

**IO** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that lives for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**II** 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

Revelation 4:10-11

- How interesting that we praise Him for all He has created, to praise Him for all He allowed to evolve through chance mutations over millions of years doesn't quite have the same ring, does it?!

# The Second Coming

Why is Jesus coming back anyway?

## Summary:

- God made everything 'very good' Gen 1:31
- Gave man dominion over earth Gen 1:26
- Satan = perfect angel, in Eden Ezek 28:13
- Satan's sin was pride 1 Tim 3:6
- Satan wanted to be 'like God' Is 14:14
- Only man made 'like God' Gen 1:26
- Man deceived, forfeits title to earth Gen 3
- Satan gains the title to the earth 2 Cor 4:4

# The title deed of the earth

**1** 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.

**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?

Revelation 5:1-2

# The title deed of the earth

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

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

Revelation 5:3-4

- The title of the Earth had been given to a man...
- Only a kinsman could redeem it!



# The Right of Redemption

*† If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.*

**Leviticus 25:25**

- Adam lost the title to the Earth
- Jesus, being a 'redeeming relative' was legally entitled to purchase it back

# The title deed of the earth

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Revelation 5:3-4

- John seems to grasp the seriousness of this issue – if a man cannot be found, Satan would retain the title to the Earth

# The title deed of the earth

5 And one of the elders said to me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Revelation 5:5

- Finally! There One who is worthy!

# The Second Coming

Why is Jesus coming back anyway?

## Summary (cont'd):

- Satan has the title to the earth      Luke 4
- Only kinsman of Adam can redeem it  
Ruth / Lev 25:25
- No man is found worthy      Rev 5:4

**UNTIL....**



# The Second Coming

Why is Jesus coming back anyway?

## Summary (cont'd):

- Satan has the title to the earth      Luke 4
- Only kinsman of Adam can redeem it
- No man is found worthy      Ruth / Lev 25:25
- Jesus steps forward!      Rev 5:4
- Jesus takes the scroll & and claims the title to the earth!      Rev 5:5
- Jesus will return to reign on David's throne      Rev 10:6
- Luke 1:32

# Chapter 4&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;  
10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:9-10

## Note on Revelation 5:9-10

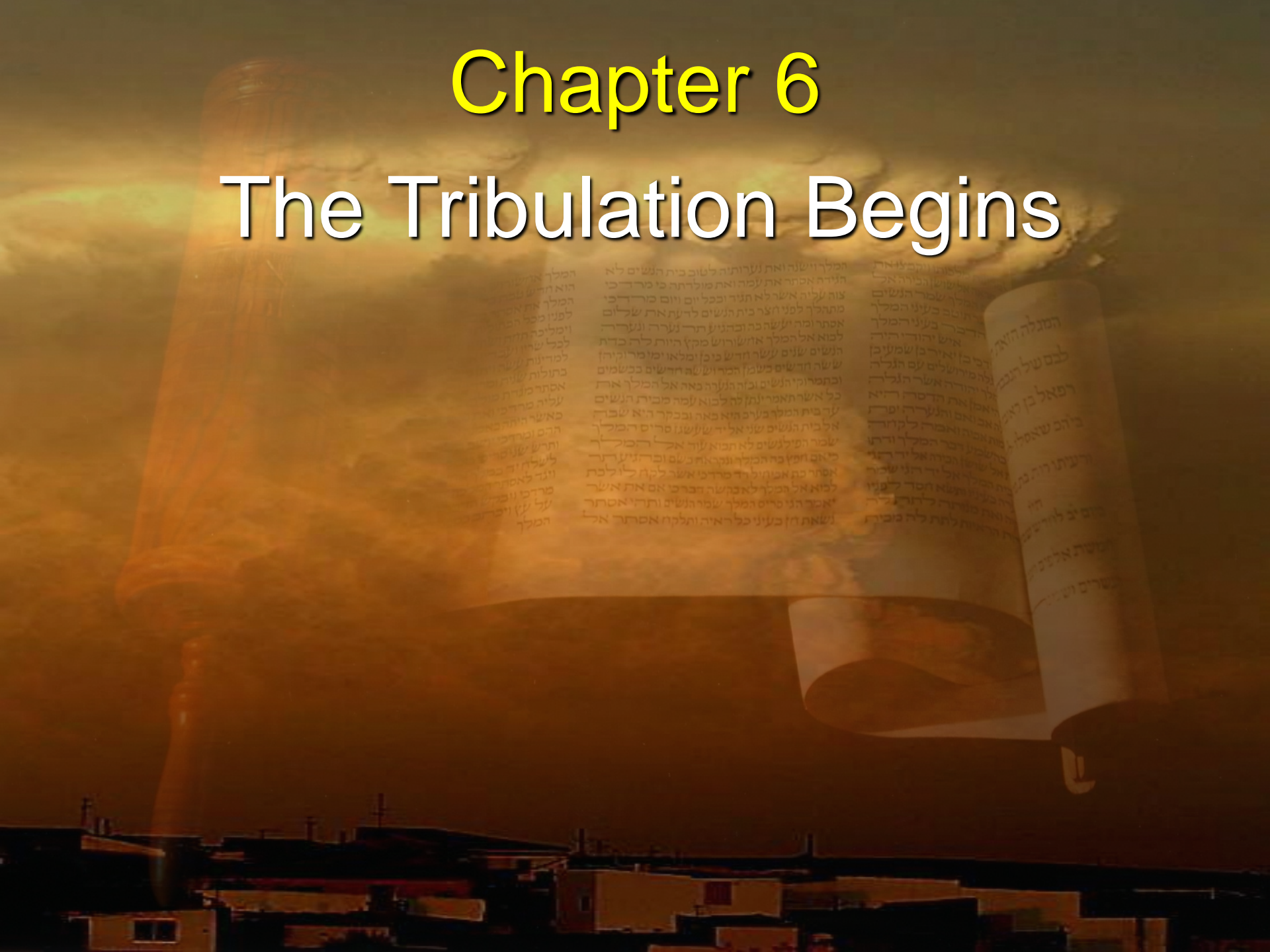
Verses 9 & 10 have caused some controversy in the past. The NIV, RSV and others have a note in the margin saying that the ‘best manuscripts’ or ‘the most ancient manuscripts’ or ‘the most authoritative manuscripts’ say: ‘them’. This is important because if it’s ‘us’ then the Church is in Heaven before the Tribulation starts. If it’s ‘them’ then it doesn’t necessarily mean that the Church is in Heaven at this time.

The English translation we have for the book of Revelation was actually done from 95 Greek manuscripts – not all of them were complete.

Now scholars will be quick to tell you that only 23 of the 95 manuscripts say ‘us’ in verses 9-10 of chapter 5. On the surface this appears to be a problem, but as they say: ‘a little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing’; because we find out that out of the 95 Greek manuscripts used, only 24 manuscripts have chapter 5 verses 9-10 in them, and out of those 24, 23 of them say ‘Us’ – the only Greek manuscript that says ‘them’ is the Alexandrinus, from Alexandria in Egypt – the home of the Gnostics! Even the Siniaticus says ‘Us’! This means that over 95% of the earliest manuscripts say ‘us’ – placing the Church firmly in Heaven before the Tribulation. There is just one manuscript, from a place that was renowned for false doctrine, says ‘them’. Sadly, most modern versions follow this corrupt manuscript.

# Chapter 6

## The Tribulation Begins



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# The Tribulation

*6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:*

*8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

**Isaiah 13:6-13**

It is vitally important that we understand what the Tribulation is! It is God's wrath on this World

# The Tribulation

- 9 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.
- 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.

Isaiah 13:6-13

# The Tribulation

**11** 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.

**12** I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

**13** Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

# The Tribulation

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

<sup>15</sup> That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Zephaniah 1:14-18



# The Tribulation

*16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.*

*17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.*

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

# The Tribulation

**18** Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

**Zephaniah 1:14-18**

# The Tribulation

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:7-8

- Jesus gives us this title

# The Tribulation

**22** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

**23** Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

**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 deceiue the very elect.

Matthew 24:21-24



# The Tribulation

Church  
Raptured

Second  
Coming

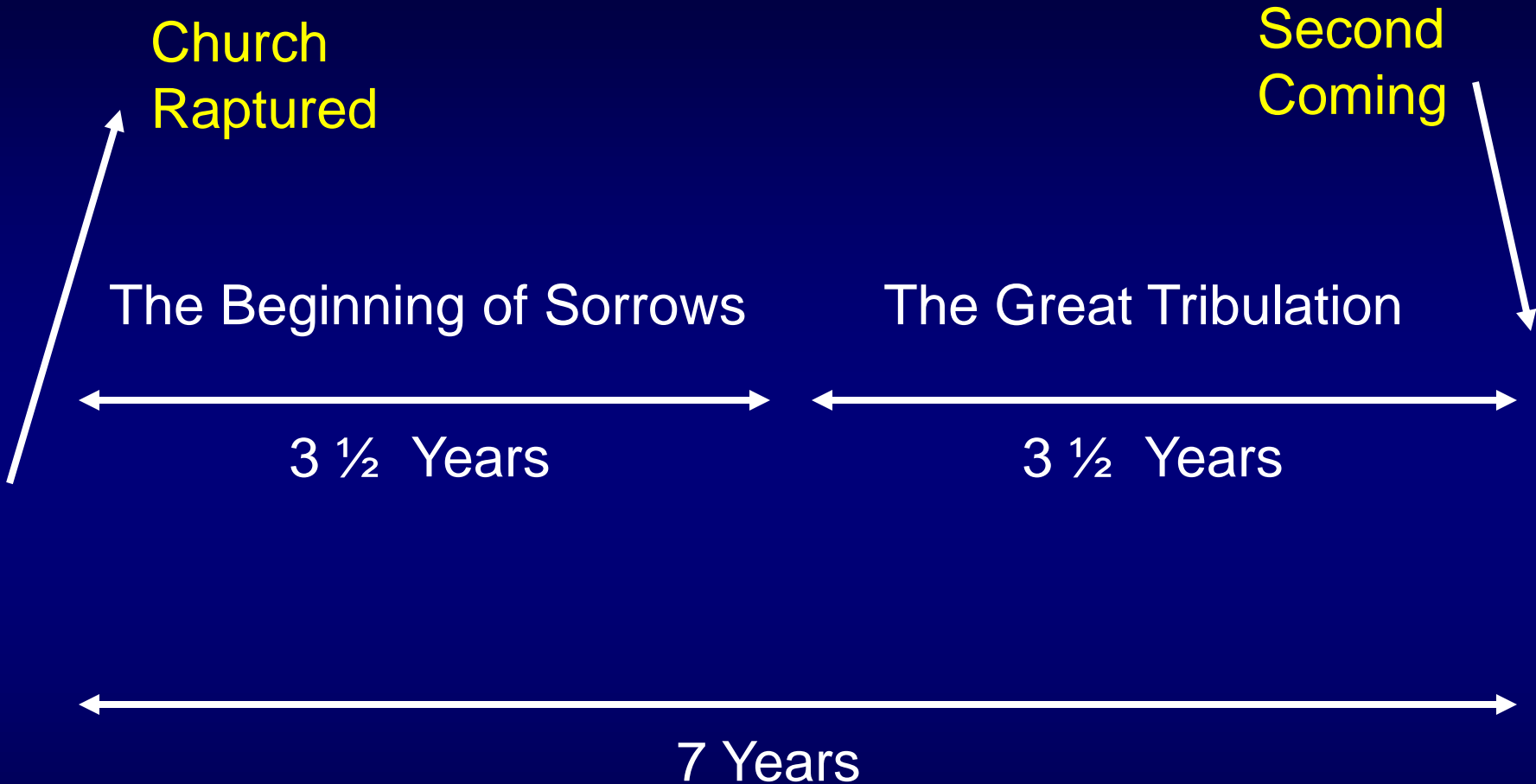
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The Great Tribulation

3 ½ Years

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7 Years



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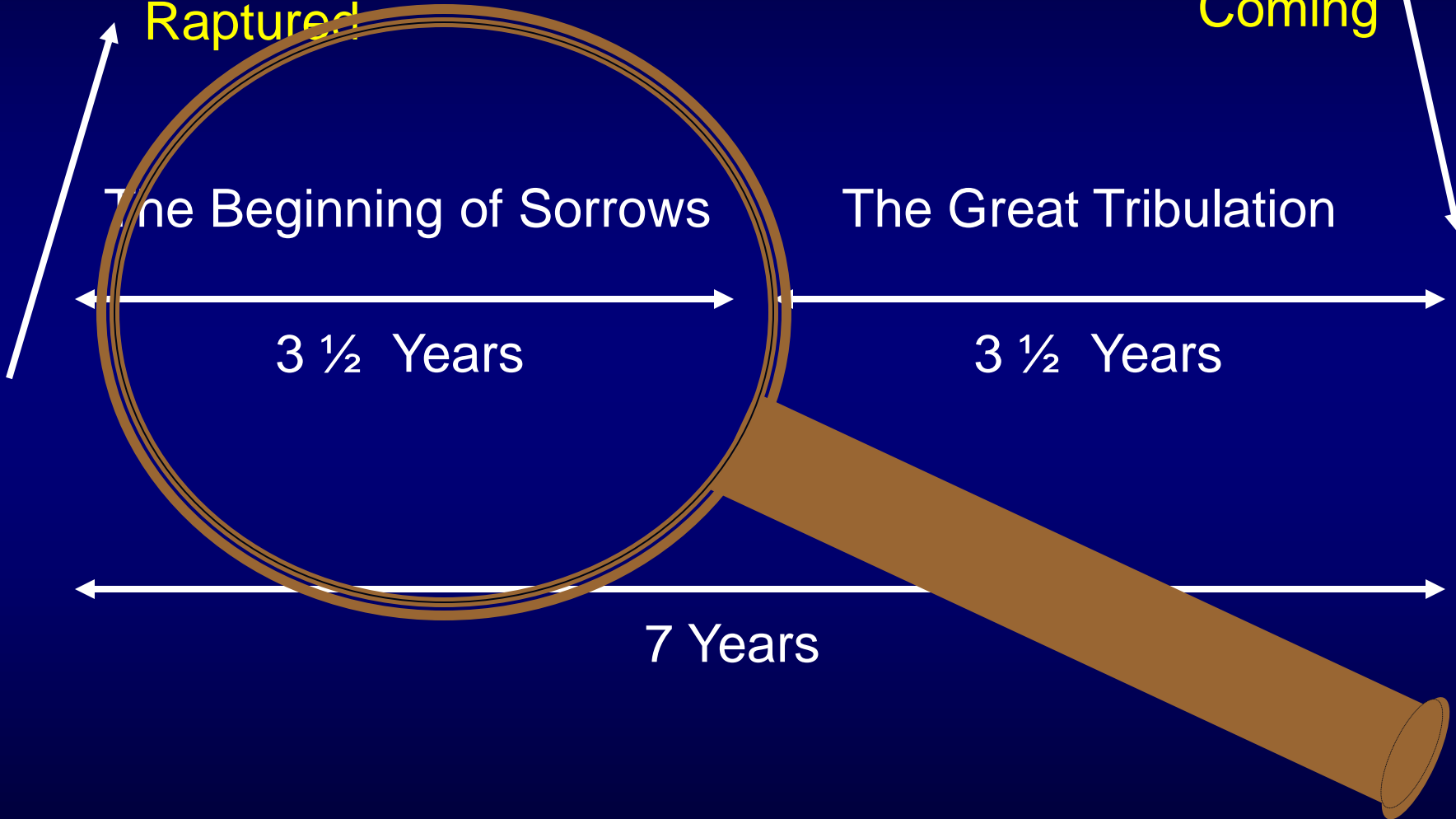
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# The Seven Seals



# The First Seal





# The First Seal



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

# The Second Seal



# The Second Seal



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

# The Third Seal



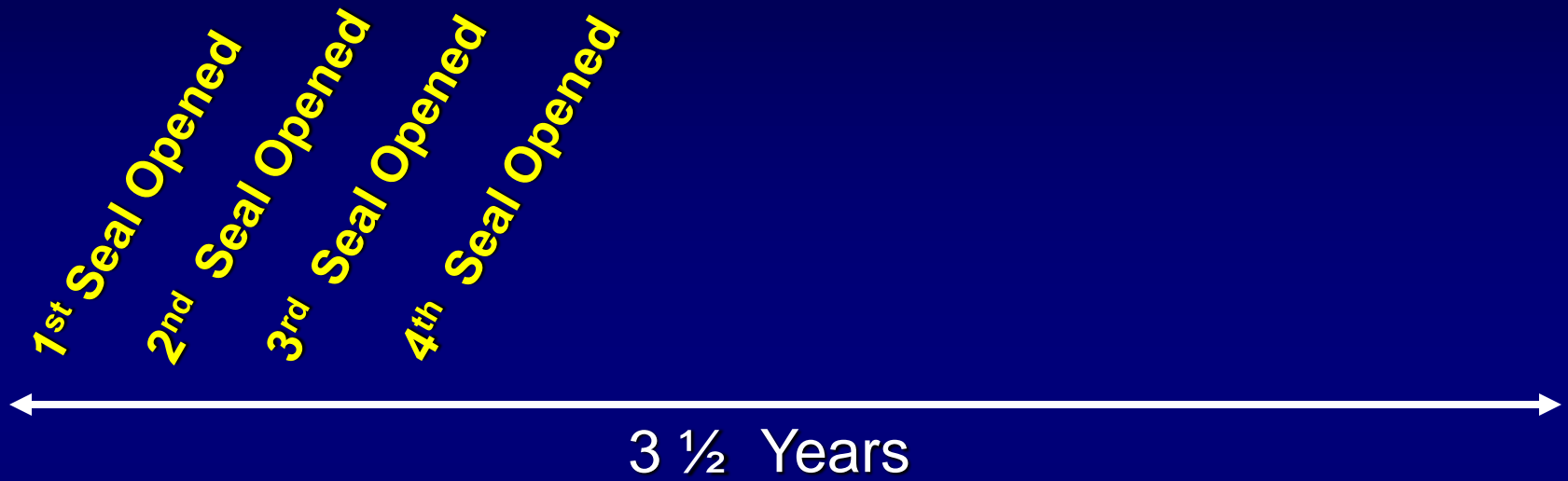


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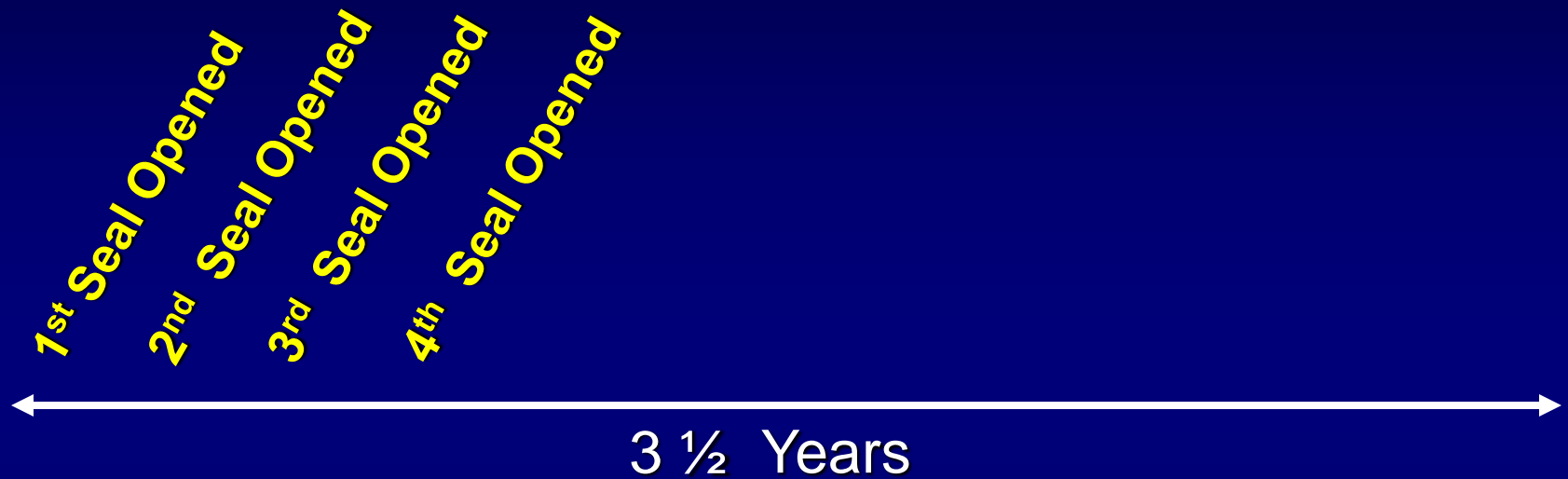


Rider on a **black** horse - 'World wide famine'

# The Forth Seal

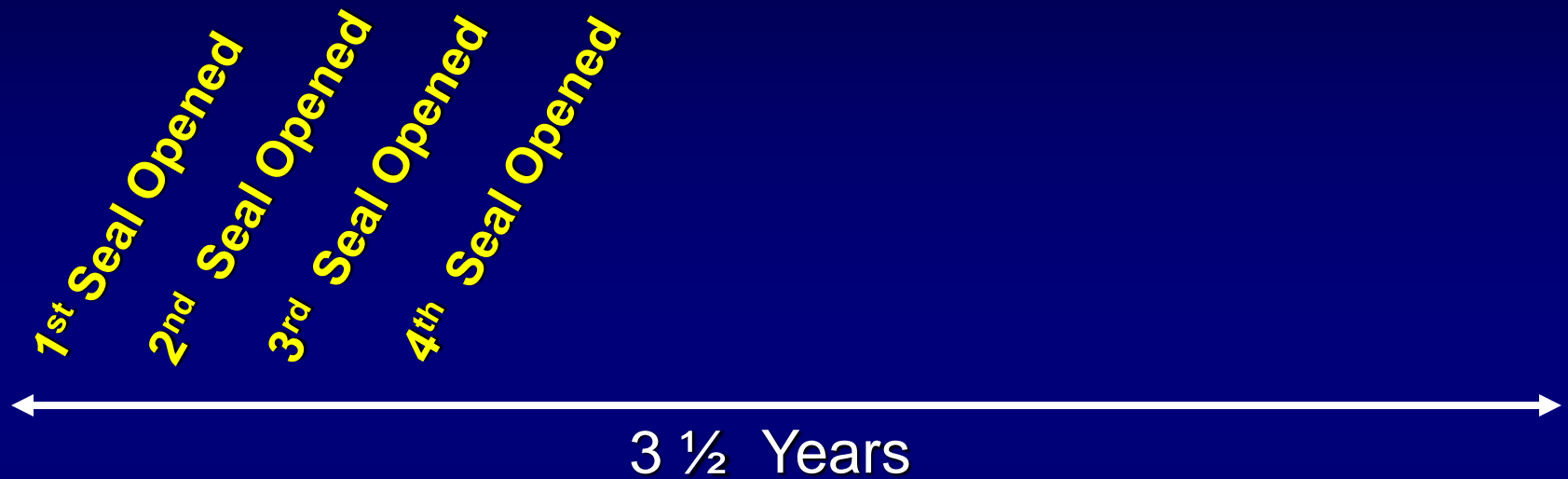


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Rider on a **Pale** horse –  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the population dies

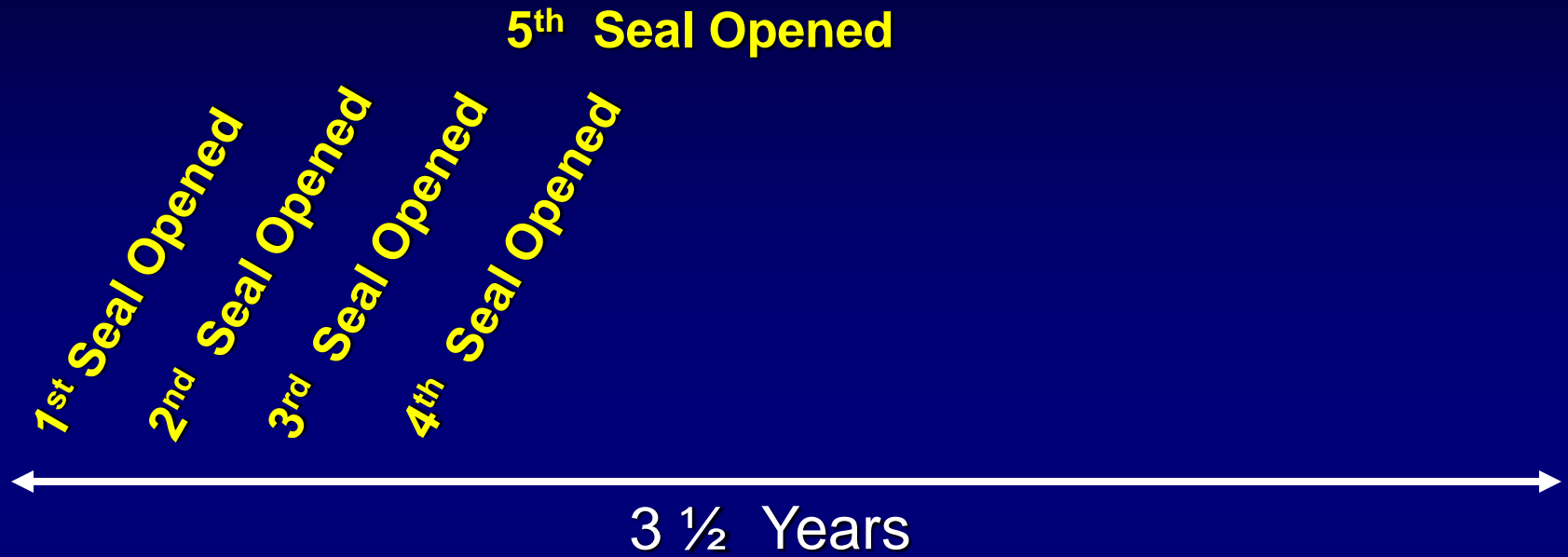
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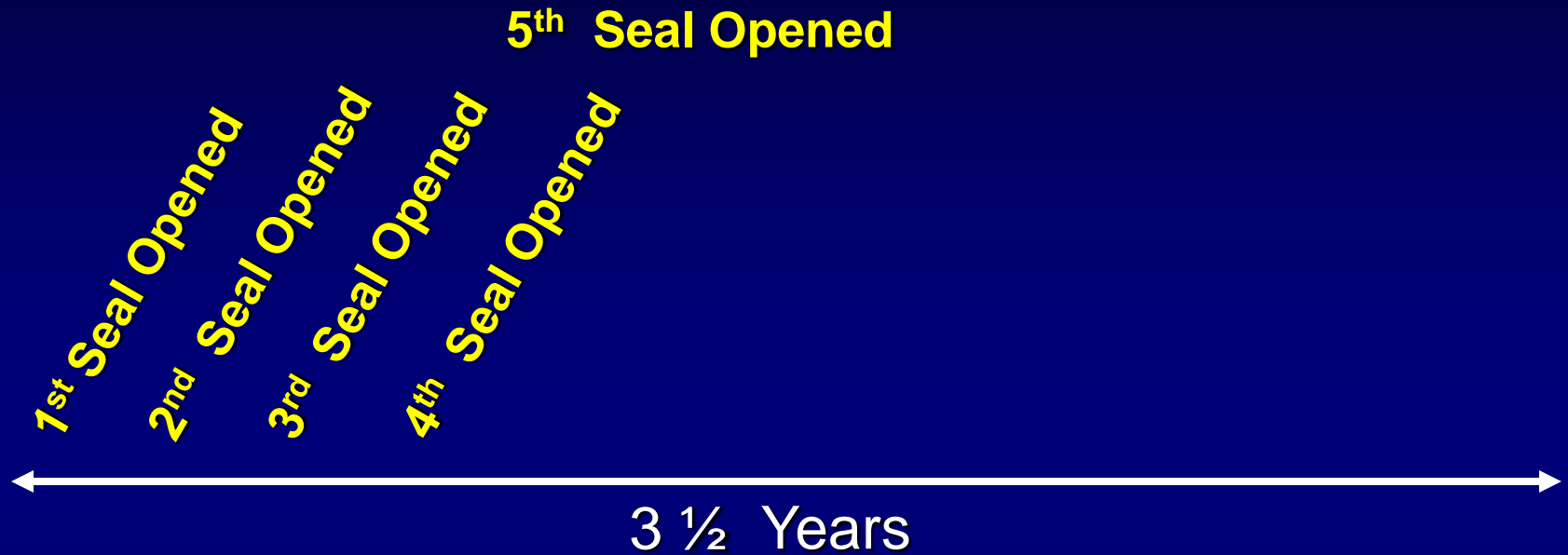
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# The Fifth Seal



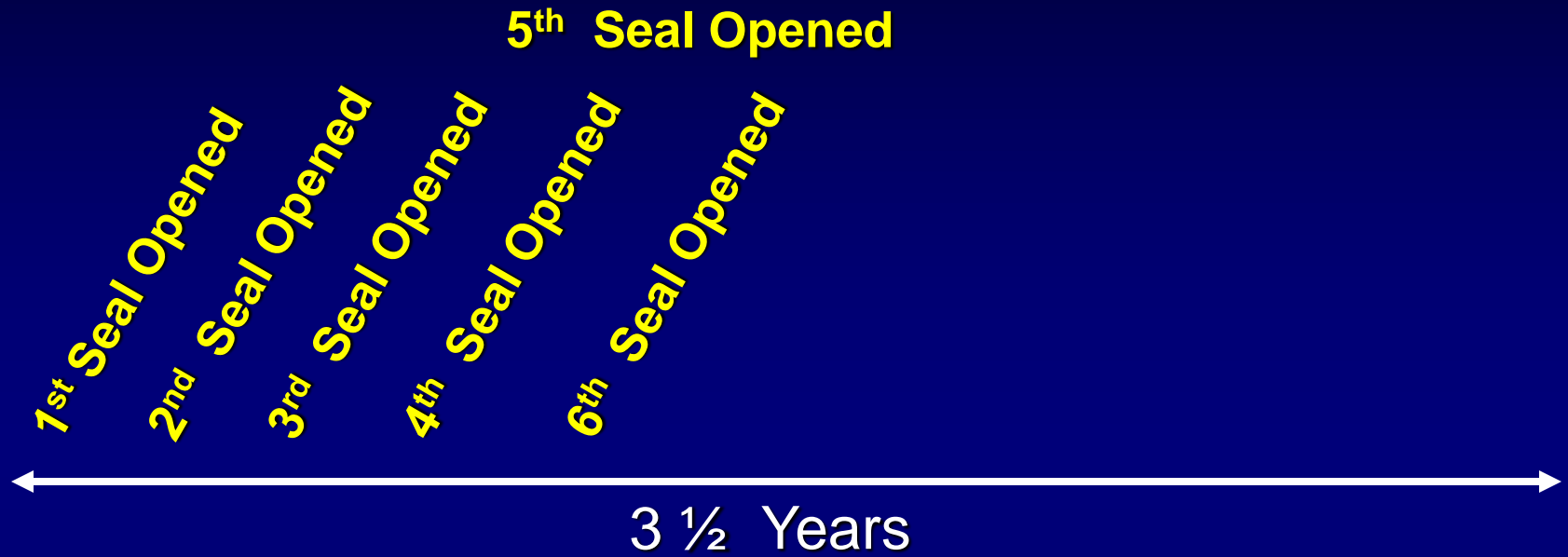


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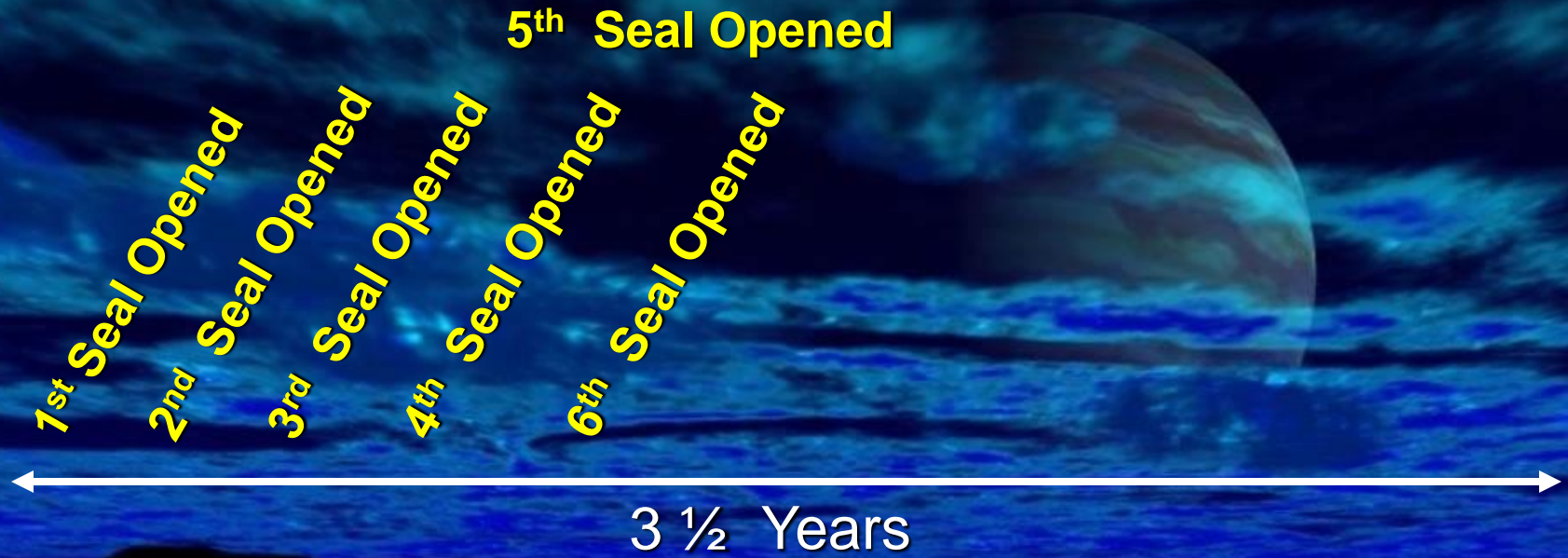


John see martyred saints in Heaven  
(given 'wedding garments' to wear)

# The Sixth Seal



# The Sixth Seal



Great Earthquake & Sun Darkened

# The Sixth Seal

**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;

Revelation 6:15-17

# The Sixth Seal

**16** And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

**17** For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 6:15-17



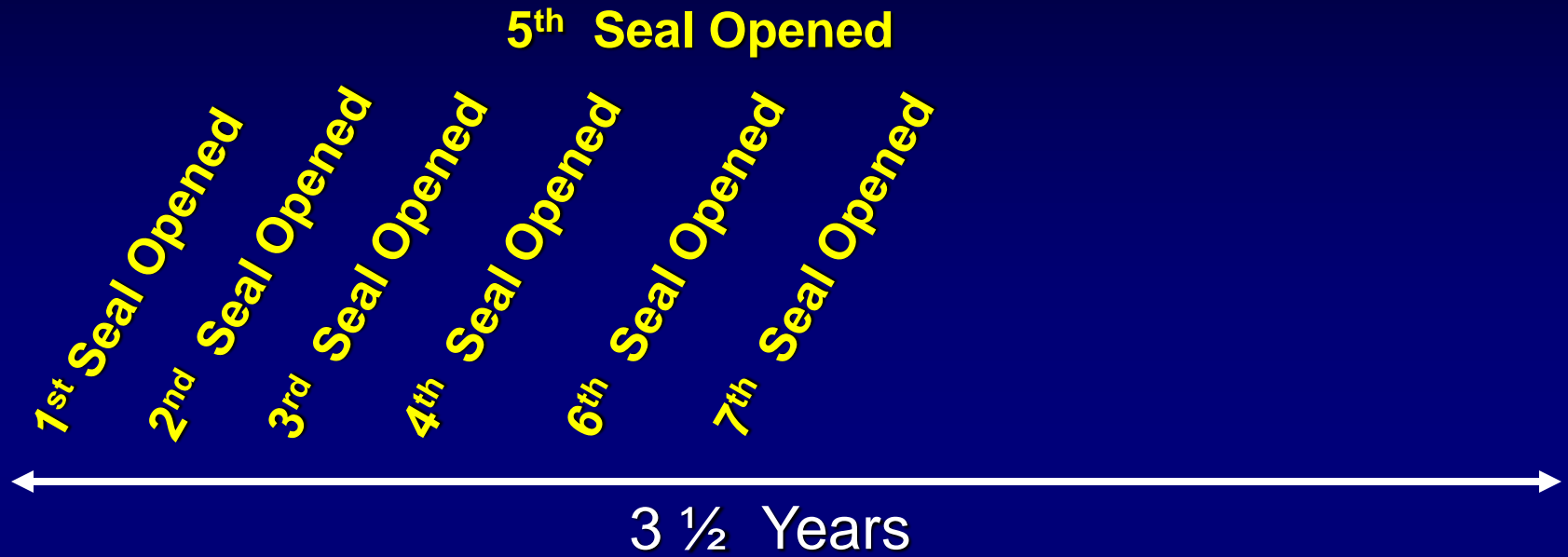
# Chapter 7

- 144,000 Jews supernaturally protected so that they can preach the Gospel during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.
  - 12,000 from each tribe, with a new song
- A 'great multitude' are seen in Heaven who have come out of the Tribulation
- They are also given 'wedding garments' to wear.
  - These are the wedding guests

# Chapter 8

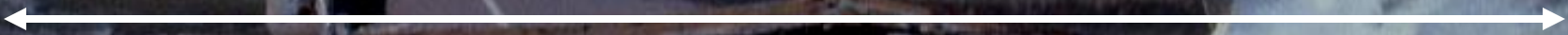
- The Seventh Seal is opened
  - Followed by silence in Heaven for half an hour
- This is then followed by the first 4 Trumpet Judgments

# The Seventh Seal



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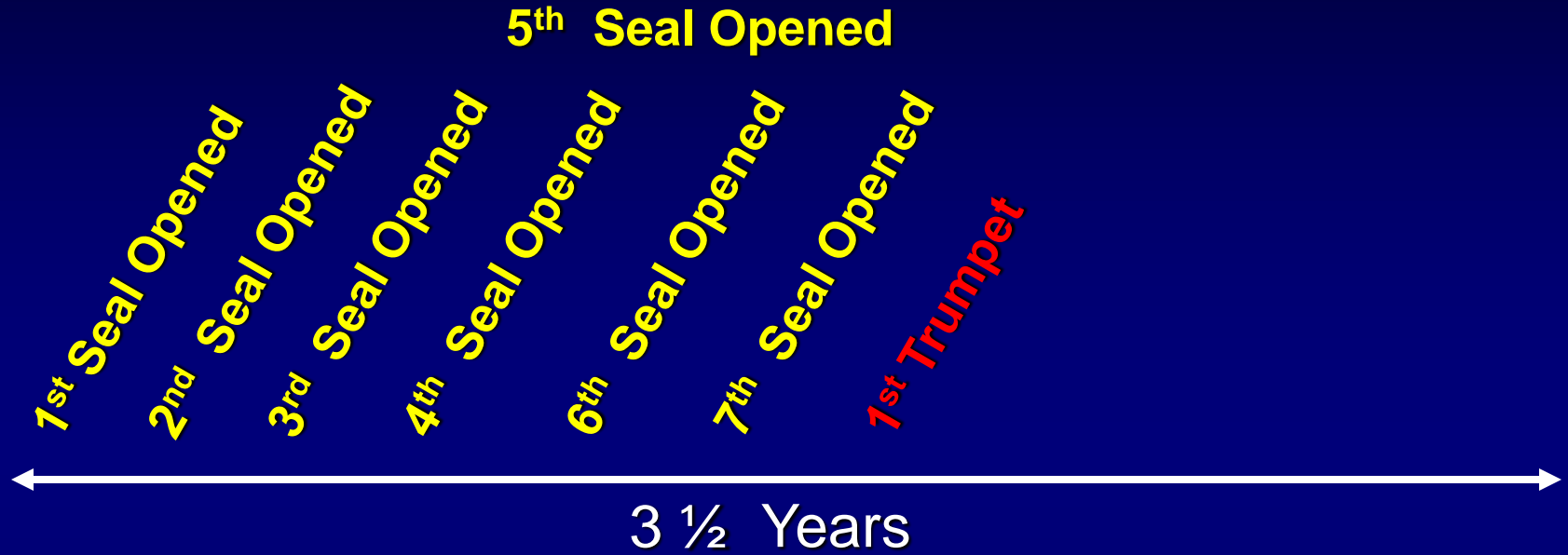
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3 ½ Years

**Another Earthquake & Lightning  
(The Trumpets Prepare to Sound)**

# The First Trumpet



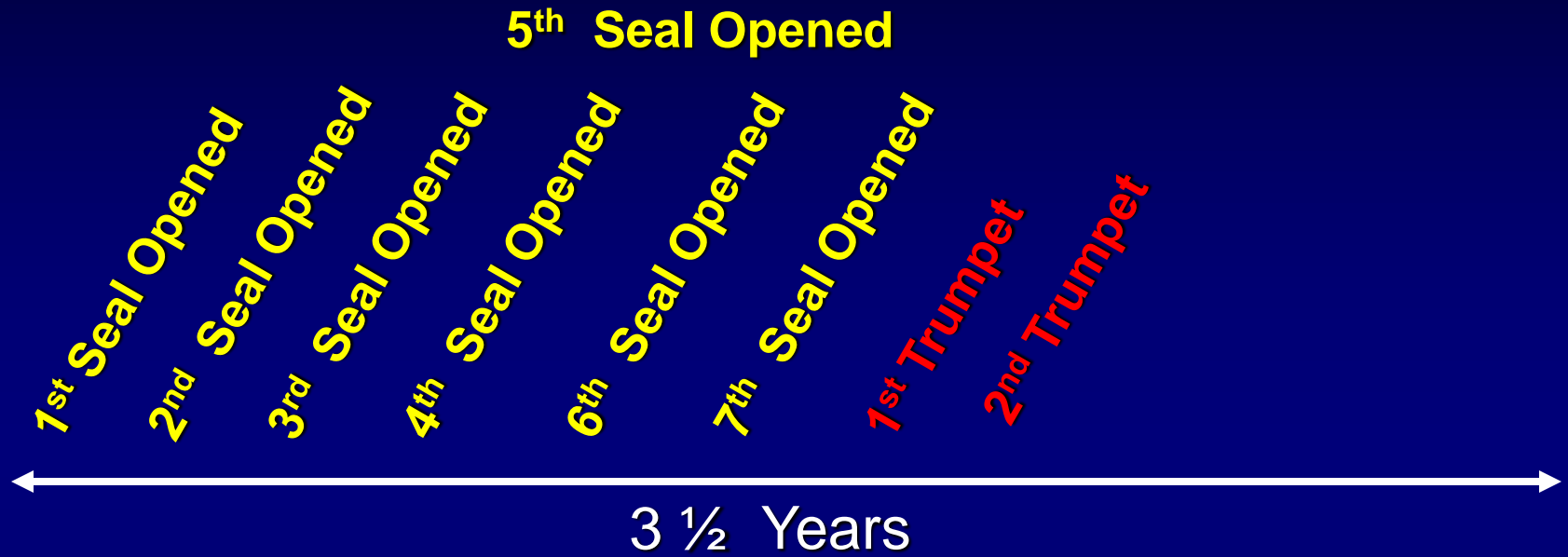


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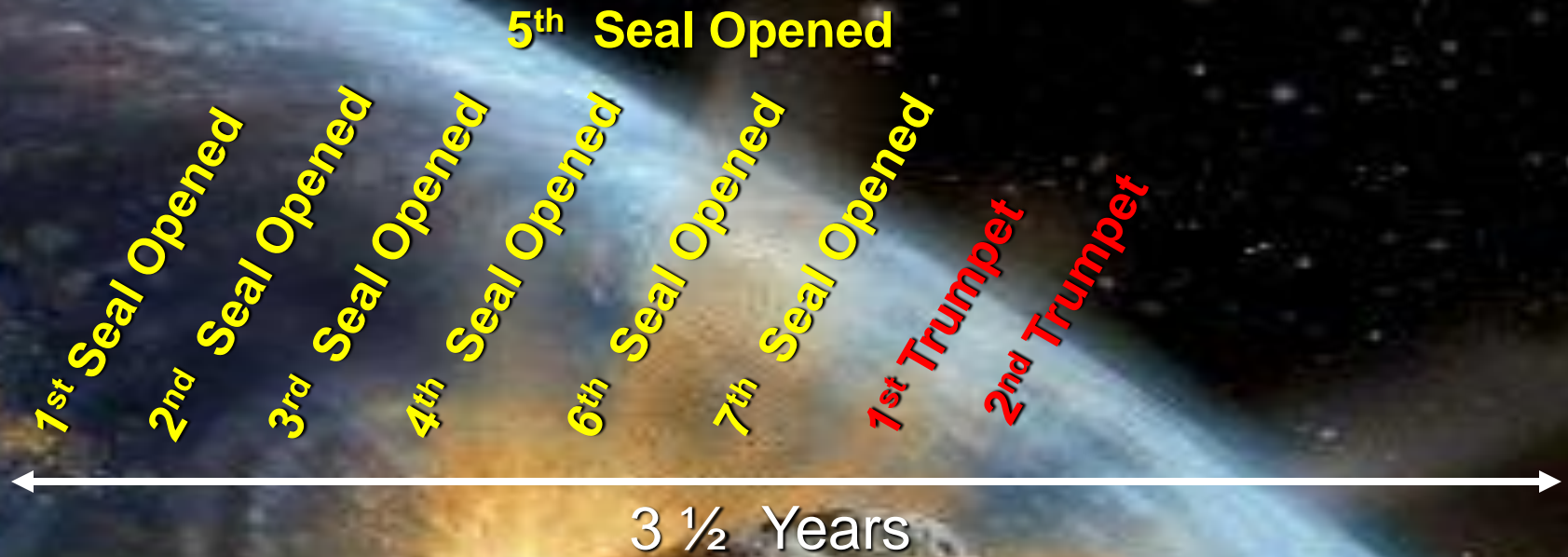


**Hail, Fire & Blood rain down,  
1/3 trees/green grass burnt up.**

# The Second Trumpet



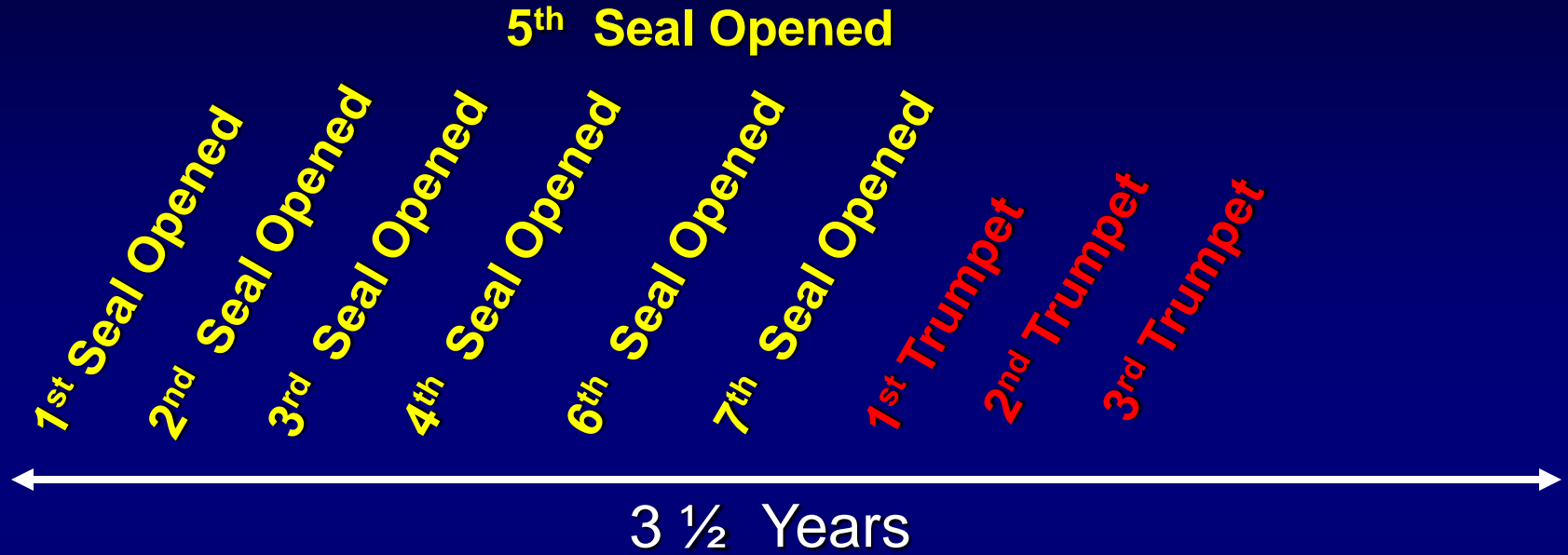
# The Second Trumpet



Massive meteor hits the ocean

1/3 of all marine life dies & 1/3 ships destroyed

# The Third Trumpet





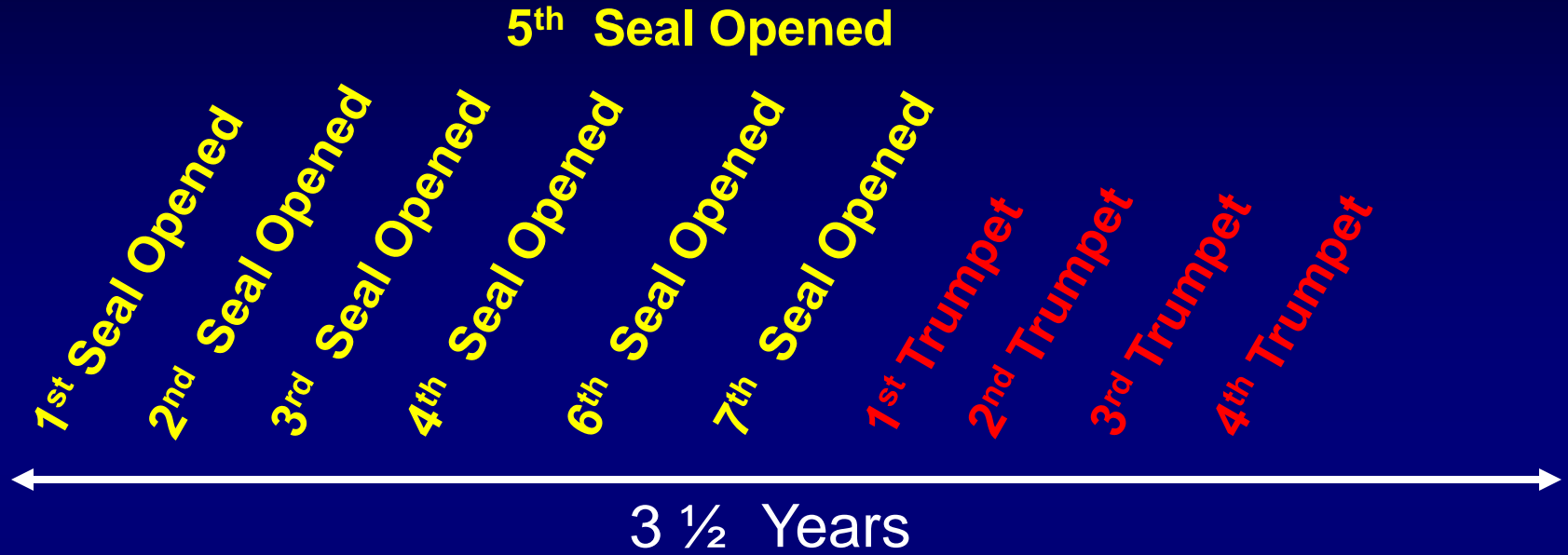
# The Third Trumpet



**Another 'star' hits the rivers and contaminates  
1/3 of the rivers – 'many men died'**



# The Forth Trumpet



# The Forth Trumpet



**1/3 Sun & Moon turns to darkness**

# **Woe, Woe, Woe**

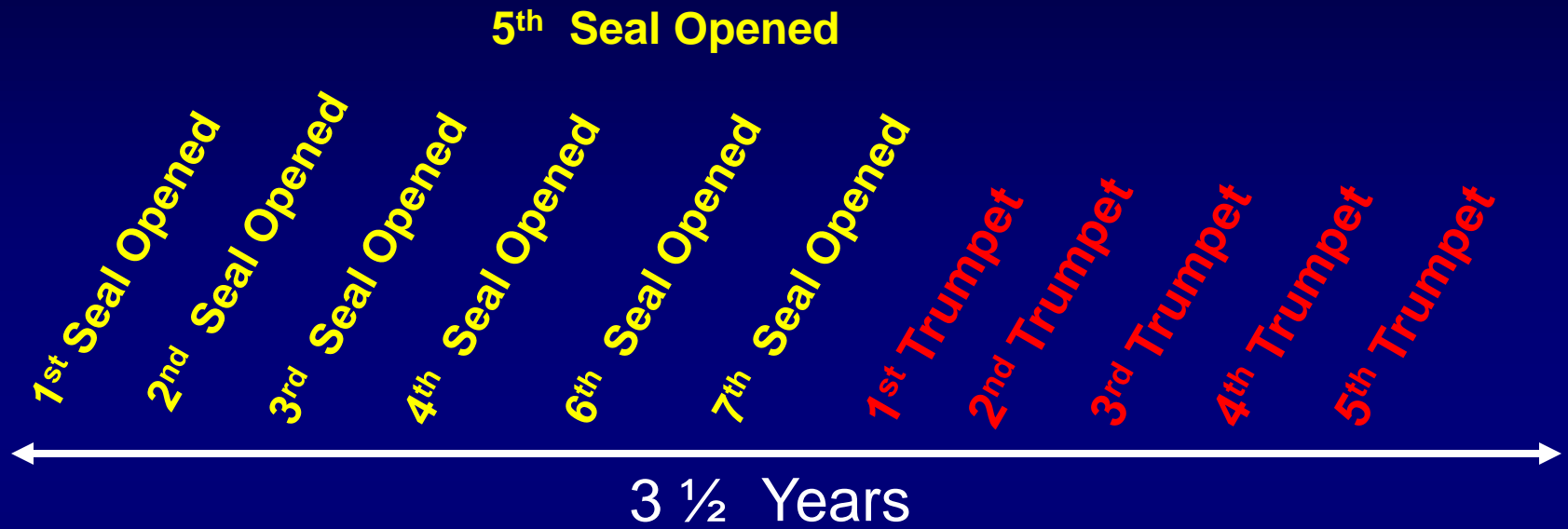
**Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! (Rev 8:13)**

**you 'aint seen nothing yet!**

# Chapter 9

## The Trumpet Judgments (5 & 6 )

# The Fifth Trumpet





# The Fifth Trumpet

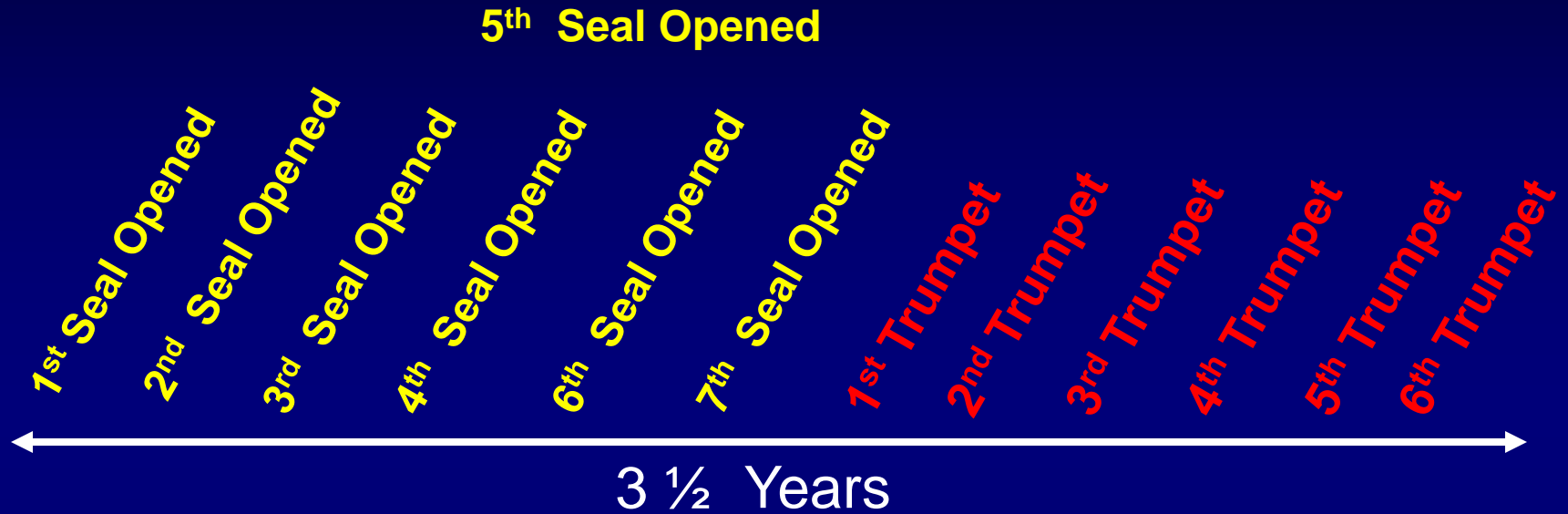


**Demonic Locusts released from the  
bottomless pit – to torture men for 5 months**

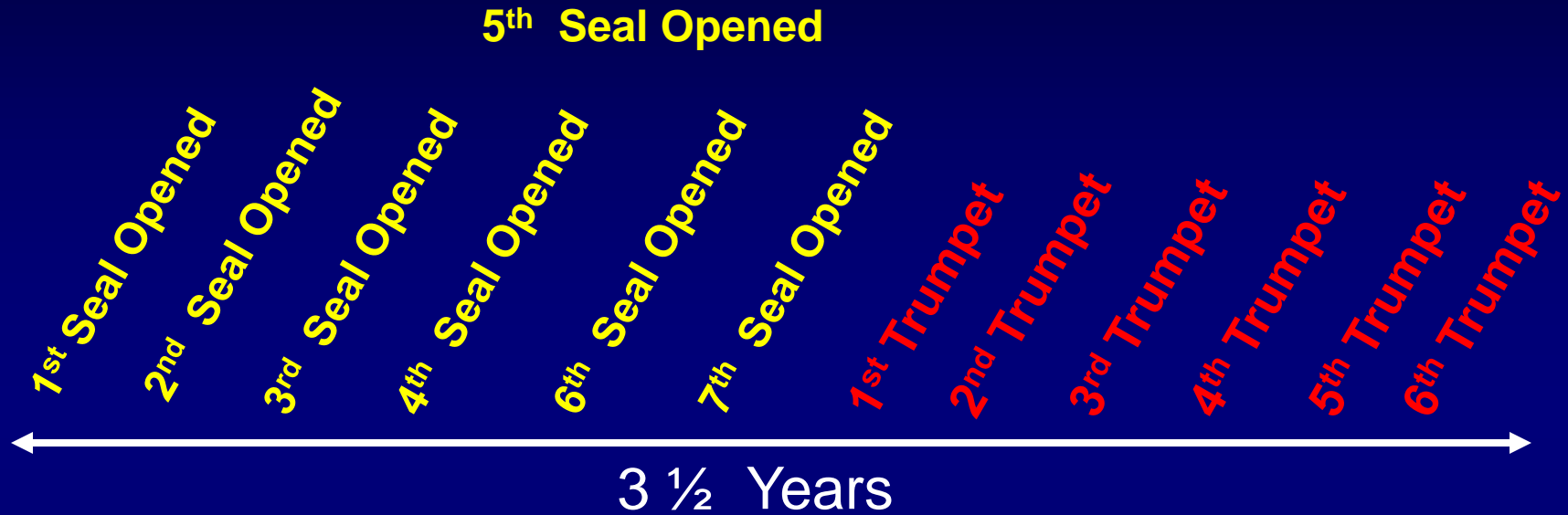




# The Sixth Trumpet



# The Sixth Trumpet



200 Million 'Demonic Army' released to kill  
one third of men

# The Fall Feasts

## Prophetic Fulfilment ?

- Trumpets – Joel 1:1-2:11 / Rev 8 & 9
  - A blowing of trumpets
  - Fire symbolizing judgment
- Atonement – Joel 2:12-2:32 / Rev 12
  - Repentance & reconciliation
  - Scapegoat flees to the wilderness
- Tabernacles – Joel 3:1-21 / Rev 16 & 19
  - The feast of ingathering
  - The dwelling together in unity



# The Sixth Trumpet

<sup>6</sup> 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 1:6

# The Sixth Trumpet

*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.*

*4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.*

**Joel 2:3-4**

# The Sixth Trumpet

5 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.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

# The Sixth Trumpet

<sup>8</sup> Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

<sup>9</sup> They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

<sup>10</sup> The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

# Chapter 10

- Time is up!
  - The warning signs have been given...
  - The 'Great Tribulation' is about to begin
  - God will now dispossess the usurpers from the Earth and reclaim the title to the Earth



# 'Time No Longer'

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

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:

Revelation 10:5-7

- Time is up!

# The Seventh Angel

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.

Revelation 10:5-7

# The Seventh Angel

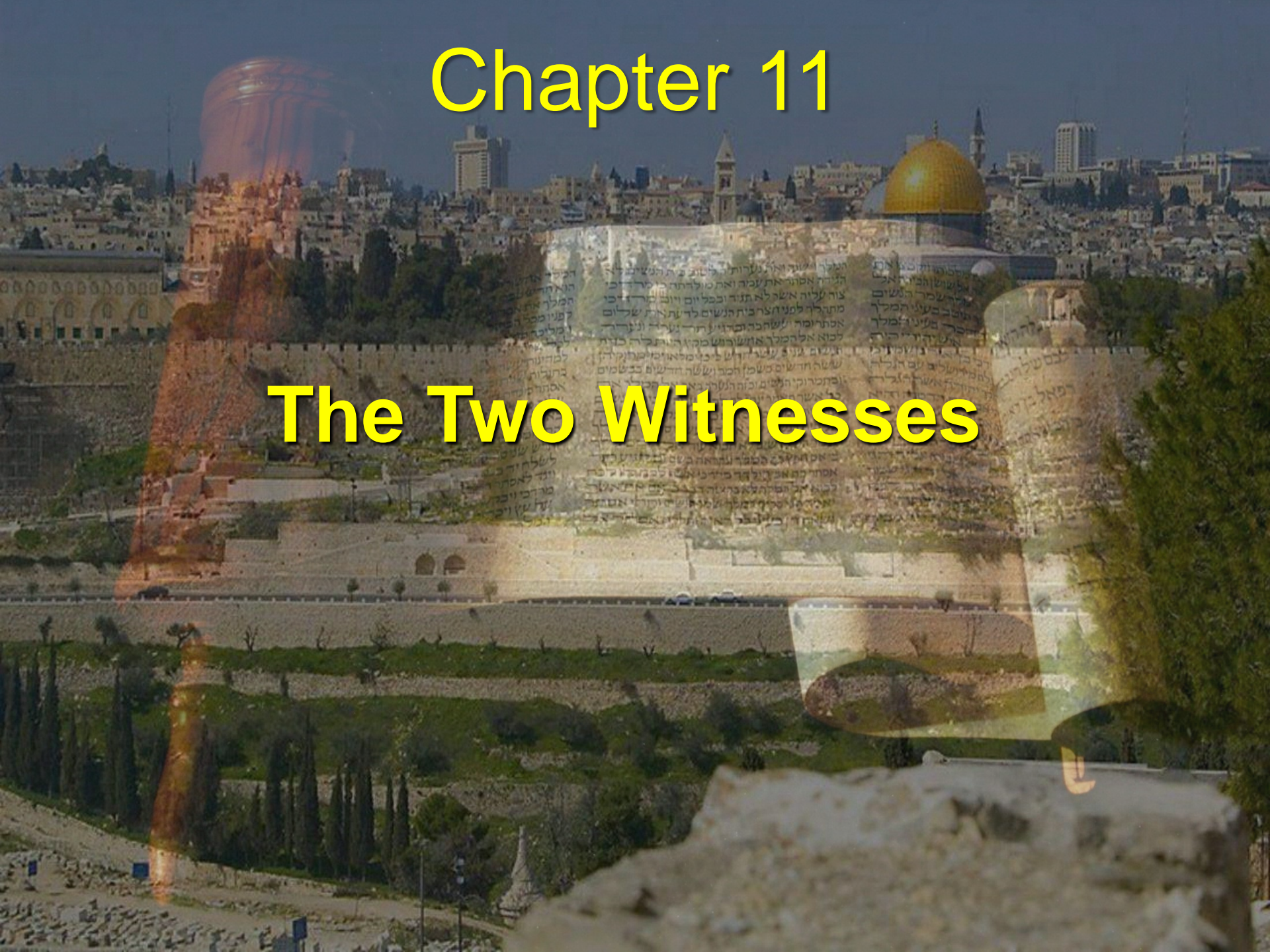
**15** And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 11:15



# Chapter 11

## The Two Witnesses



# The Two Witnesses

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

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

Revelation 11:3-6



# The Two Witnesses

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.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain 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.

Revelation 11:3-6

# The Two Witnesses

- God's two great witnesses are the Law and the Prophets
  - The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.
    - Luke 16:16
  - They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
    - Luke 16:29

# The Two Witnesses

- The two greatest representatives of the Law and the Prophets were Moses & Elijah
  - Moses typified the Law
  - Elijah typified the Prophets
- Malachi 4:5 / Matt 17:11 both confirm that Elijah will come again
- Significantly, Elijah never died!
- It would seem that Elijah will be one of these two individuals

# The Two Witnesses

- The Jews also believed (because of a prophecy in Deut 18:15) that Moses would also return
- Both Moses & Elijah appear at the Mt of Transfiguration
- We see two men clothed in white at the tomb & ascension
- And Jude tells us that Satan had a particular interest in the body of Moses!

# The Tribulation

Church  
Raptured

Second  
Coming

The Beginning of Sorrows  
3 1/2 Years

The Great Tribulation  
3 1/2 Years

The 7 Seals



6 Trumpets



(7th Trumpet)



7 Vials



The Two Witnesses

The 144,000 Jews

The Tribulation Martyrs

7 Years

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# The Longsuffering of God

**12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved — Jesus Christ

Acts 4:12

# The Longsuffering of God

**30** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,  
**31** because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

# The Longsuffering of God

9 ...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

# The Longsuffering of God

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



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