

An hourglass with a wooden frame and glass bulbs is positioned on the left side of the image. In the background, a scroll of text is unrolled, showing Hebrew or Aramaic script. The entire scene is set against a dramatic sunset or sunrise sky with warm orange and red tones. The text is overlaid on the image in a bright yellow color with a black outline.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The Great Tribulation

Introduction

- Following on from the parenthetical chapters (11-14) we now re-join the time-line where we left off, at the mid-point of the Tribulation.
 - Antichrist's world Government is now established
 - Israel has fled to the wilderness of Edom (modern day Jordan) to escape the world-wide persecution
 - the world government will have no jurisdiction there.
 - The remaining believers (those who have converted since chapter 6) have come under extreme persecution,
 - The false religious system that has dominated and manipulated the world for so long has been destroyed by Antichrist's 10 'kings'.

Introduction

- This is Satan's moment of glory, when the world has all but eradicated the God of the Bible.
 - Ref Adonijah's claiming the title to the throne of Israel in 1 Kings.
- Remember where we left off in chapter 10?
- A mighty angel, with one foot on the land and one in the sea, declared that time was up! (Rev 10:6)

Introduction

- In chapter 11 we had the great declaration:
 - *“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever”* (Rev 11:15).
- As with Adonijah, Satan will have his tenure rudely interrupted when the Rightful King returns to establish the Throne of David.
- In preparation for that, the earth will now be purged and made ready for the Coming King!

Introduction

- This is now one of the most anticipated moments in scripture.
 - This is the beginning of the Day of the LORD.
 - This is the Great Tribulation.
- This is the moment when God's wrath will be poured out on this world without restraint, and the wickedness of man will be punished in God's righteous anger.
- The blood of the millions of His children who have been killed throughout the ages will be avenged.

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 Thunders



The Two Witnesses

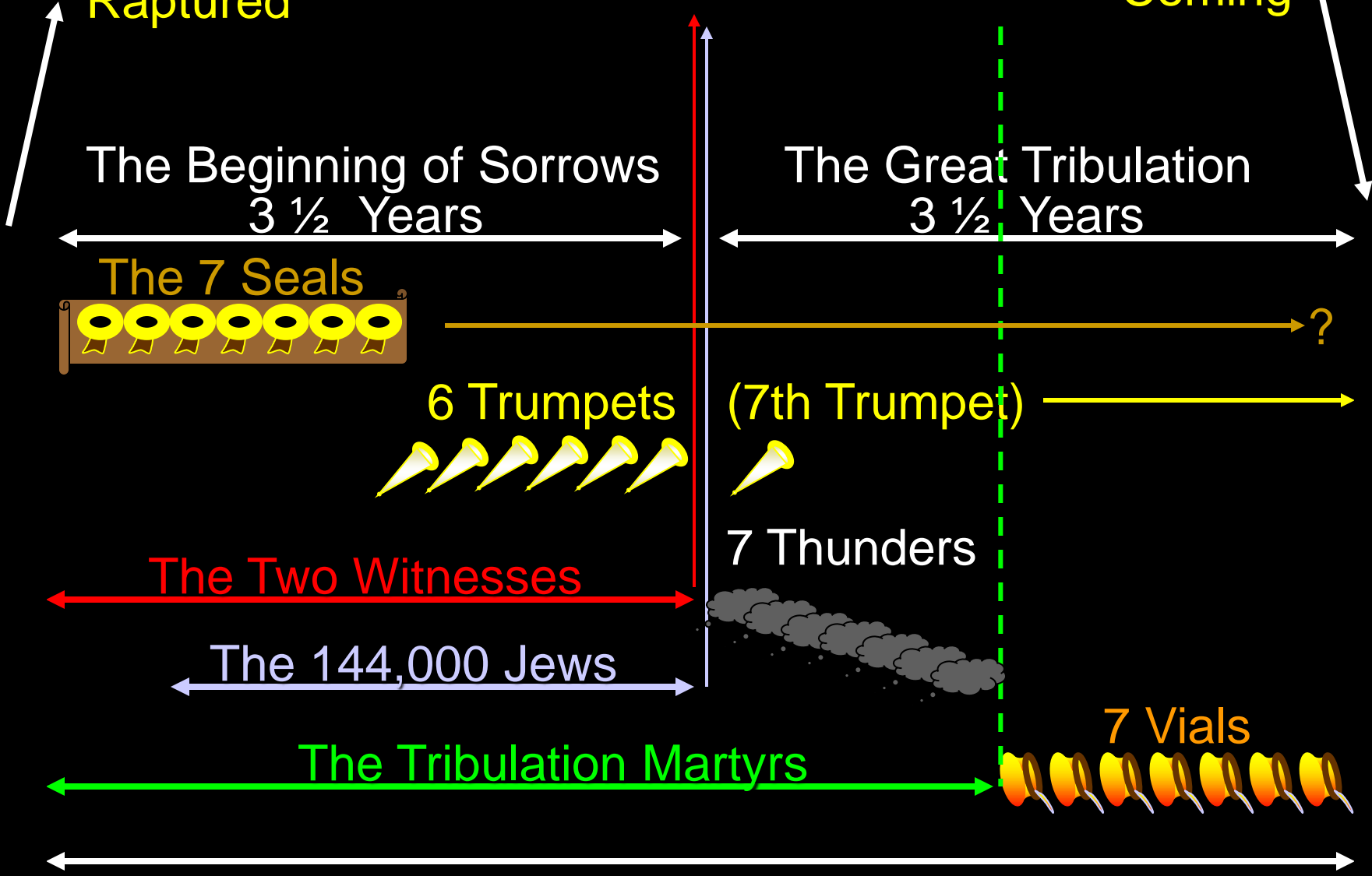
The 144,000 Jews

The Tribulation Martyrs

7 Vials



7 Years



The background features a sunset with warm orange and red tones. On the left, a brass hourglass is visible, with sand falling from the top bulb to the bottom bulb. On the right, a scroll of parchment with Hebrew text is unrolled, resting on a wooden surface. The overall scene is symbolic of time and prophecy.

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Chapter 15

The Great Tribulation

¹ And I saw another sign in heaven, **great and**
marvellous, seven angels having the seven last
plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:1

- The Greek words here are *megas thaumastos*, which literally translated could be rendered ‘exceedingly great and to be wondered at’.
- Even though we are all too well acquainted with the wickedness of man, the ferocity of the judgments to be poured out will cause us to stop to catch our breath.

A God of Faithfulness

- Just as God's mercy is unfathomable to us, so is His wrath.
- *"God is good and does good"* Psalm 119:68
- The judgment meted out is in direct proportion to the crime.
 - We also have the tendency to play down sin, i.e. make it out to be not so bad. But God is Holy.
 - Read Leviticus! see just how abhorrent sin is to a Holy God.
 - Remember too, that God has gone to extraordinary lengths so that no one would have to endure what is about to follow.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 15:2

- We are now formally introduced the harpers of ch 14 - they are the Tribulation martyrs
- All those who are God's are now removed
- The fullness of the Gentiles has now come in

The Fullness of the Gentiles

⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 11:25

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 15:3-4

- 5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
- 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Revelation 15:5-6

- The Greek word is 'eido' which carries the implication of understanding
- It is as if John now sees the Tabernacle in heaven open and what he now observes and records for us suddenly makes sense

- 5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the **temple** of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
- 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Revelation 15:5-6

- Temple is mentioned 15x after ch4
- The Temple speaks of God's dwelling with man
- Compare Exodus 25-31 with Genesis 1-2
- *"And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it"* **Rev 21:22**

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Revelation 15:5-6

- Tabernacle of Witness
- What is this heavenly Temple a witness to?
- What were these 7 angels doing in there?
- Could it be they were consulting God's records?

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Revelation 15:5-6

- Other than this reference, white linen is only seen being worn by the saints / man
- In Revelation 19:8 we are told that fine linen represents the righteousness of the saints.
- Are they acting as representative of the saints?

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Revelation 15:7-8



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Chapter 16

The Bowls of Wrath

¹ And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

Revelation 16:1

- Much of what we have seen up to this point has been a warning – coupled with the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom
- God has done everything possible to allow people to repent
 - God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11)
 - He has been ‘longsuffering toward [mankind] not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9)

The Great Tribulation

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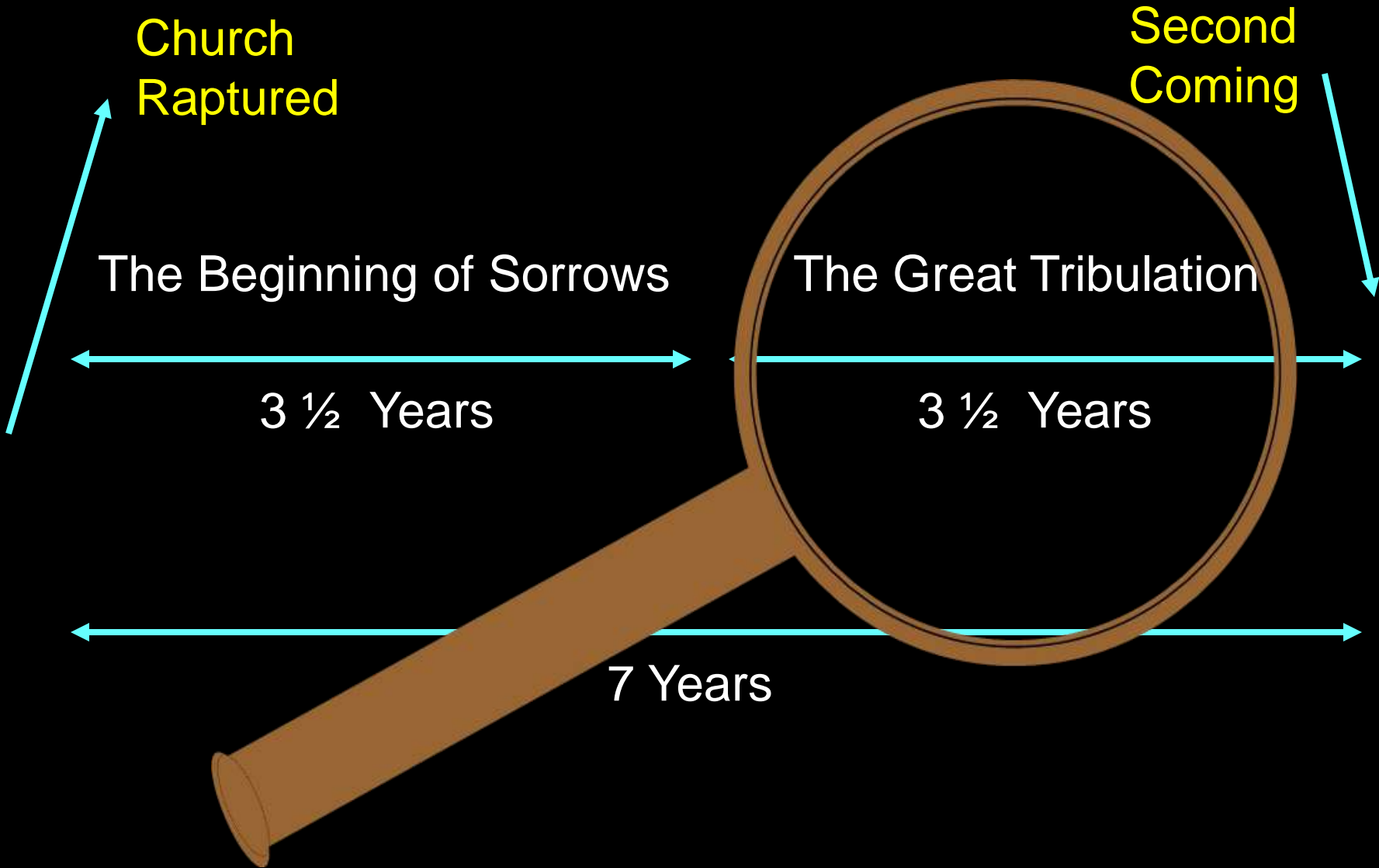
The Beginning of Sorrows

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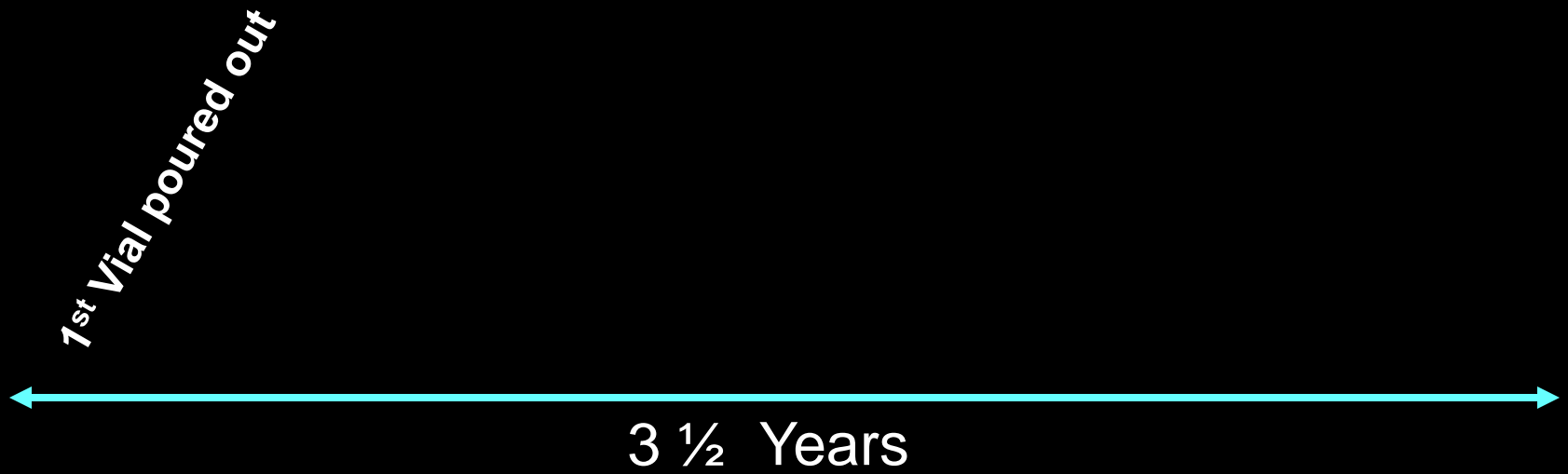
3 ½ Years

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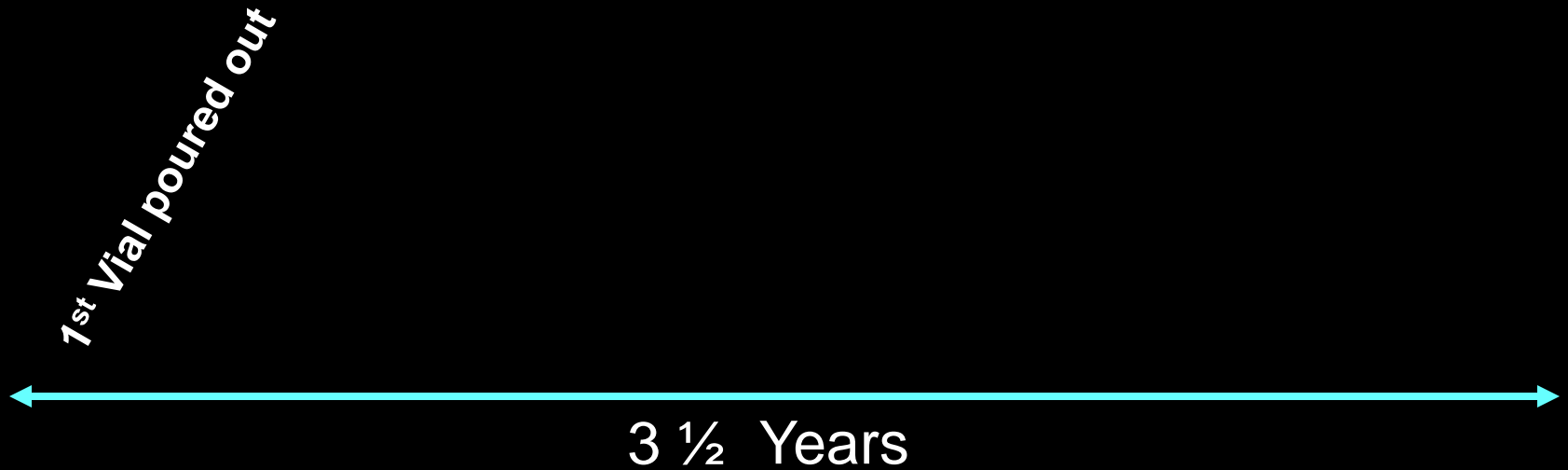
7 Years



The 7 Vials



The 7 Vials



**Grievous sore on those who
received the mark of the beast**

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

Revelation 16:2

- **Noisome = injurious**
- **Medically, boils and sores are usually a sign of an inward corruption, a problem under the surface.**
- **The same is true in a spiritual sense for all those who have rejected Christ and chosen Antichrist.**



Fig 8b

Bowen's disease

This plaque of Bowen's disease is more raised and nodular than the lesion in fig 8a.



Fig 8c

Bowen's disease

These two lesions show bulky and plaque forms of Bowen's disease.



Fig 8d

Bowen's disease

This fleshy nodule of Bowen's disease on the skin showed early dermal invasion. This lesion looks similar to the squamous cell carcinoma shown in Fig 8g.



Fig 8e

Bowen's disease

This isolated scaly patch could be easily mistaken for psoriasis. However, there were no other lesions to be seen, and close examination shows some suspicious areas of thickening.



Fig 8f

Basal cell carcinoma

This 15mm diameter basal cell carcinoma has no obvious edge and mimics a patch of Bowen's disease.



Fig 8g

Bowen's disease

This thickened scaly Bowen's disease is clinically indistinguishable from the squamous cell carcinoma shown in Fig 8c.



The 7 Vials



The 7 Vials

1st Vial poured out

2nd Vial poured out



3 1/2 Years

Sea turned to blood – all in it dies

³ And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

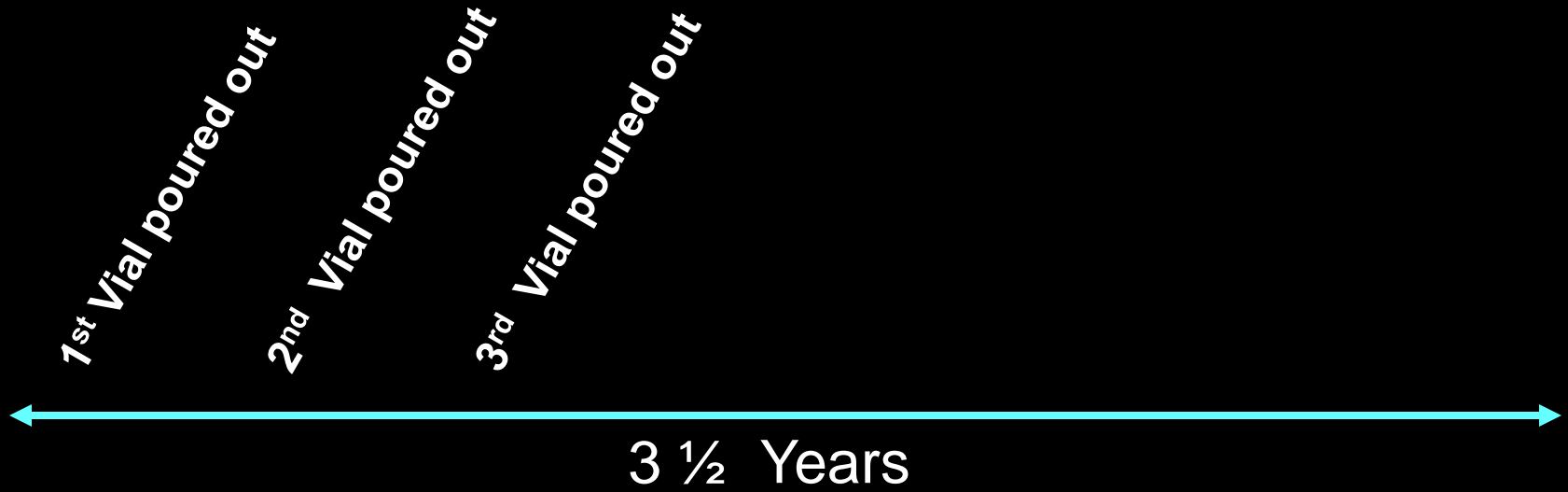
Revelation 16:3

- Why the sea?
- Ever since the earliest times the sea has been essential for trade and the moving of goods and produce around the world.
- Materialism has become one of the greatest obstacles to men seeking after God.

The Death of Trade

- The sea has become essential to world economy carrying the bulk of international trade.
- 80% of the world's import-export trade in terms of tonnage is carried by sea.
- The sea now becomes blood.
- This will have a major impact on Oxygen!
- Up to 85% of our Oxygen comes from the oceans!

The 7 Vials

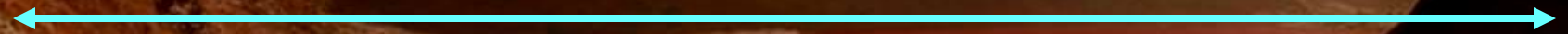


The 7 Vials

1st Vial poured out

2nd Vial poured out

3rd Vial poured out



3 1/2 Years

Rivers turned to blood – all in them dies

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

Revelation 16:4

- If the sea is the heart of commerce, then the rivers are the arteries!

Dr Chuck Missler

- “On its own merit, [the Port Of South Louisiana] is the largest port in the United States by tonnage and the fifth-largest in the world. It exports more than 52 million tons a year, of which more than half are agricultural products: corn, soybeans and so on. A large proportion of U.S. agriculture flows out of the port.”

Dr Chuck Missler

- “Furthermore, almost as much cargo, 17 million tons, comes in through the port – including not only crude oil, but chemicals and fertilizers, coal, concrete, etc. The commodity chain of the global food industry starts here, as does that of American industry. If these facilities are gone, more than simply the price of goods shifts: The very physical structure of the global economy will have to be reshaped”

Arterial Rivers

- The Thames feeds London (40M tonnes)
- The Seine feeds Paris
- The Tiber feeds Rome
- The Rhine flows through six countries –
 - Switzerland, Principality of Liechtenstein, Austria, Germany, France and the Netherlands before flowing into the North Sea at Rotterdam
- Out of the 20 largest cities of Russia, 11, including its capital Moscow are fed from the Volga.



River turns blood RED overnight in
mystery baffling entire Chinese city



**LEBANON'S BEIRUT RIVER
MYSTERIOUSLY TURNS BLOOD RED!**

God Is Just!

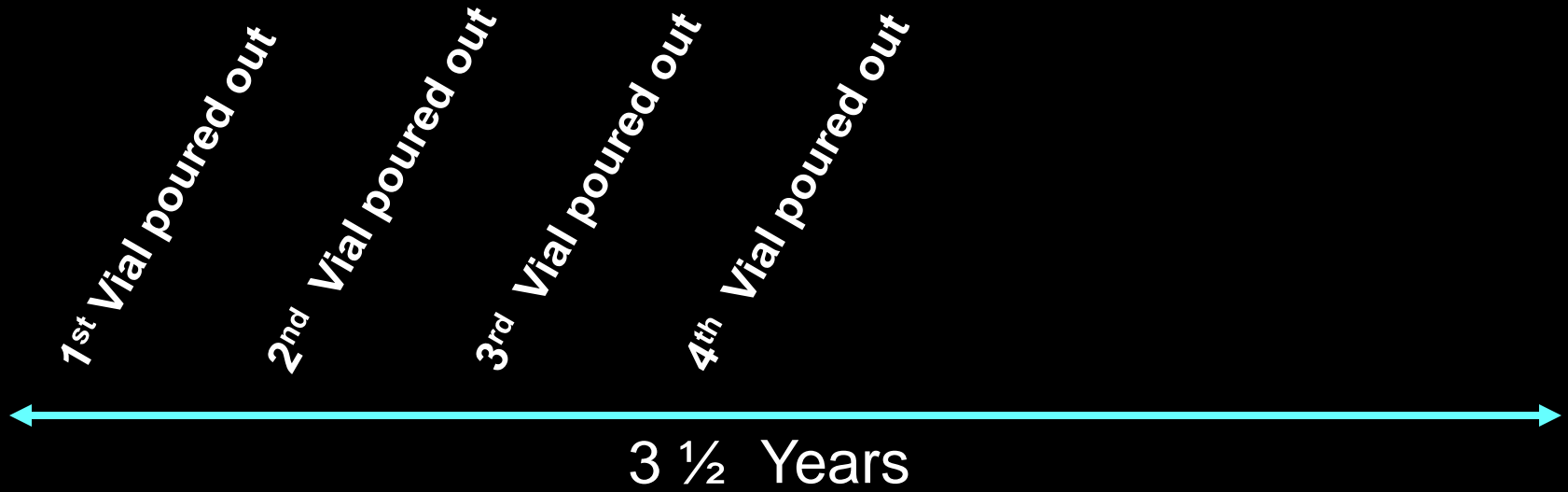
- 5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.
- 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Revelation 16:5-6

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so,
Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy
judgments.

Revelation 16:7

The 7 Vials



The 7 Vials

1st Vial poured out

2nd Vial poured out

3rd Vial poured out

4th Vial poured out

3 ½ Years

Sun heats up & men are scorched

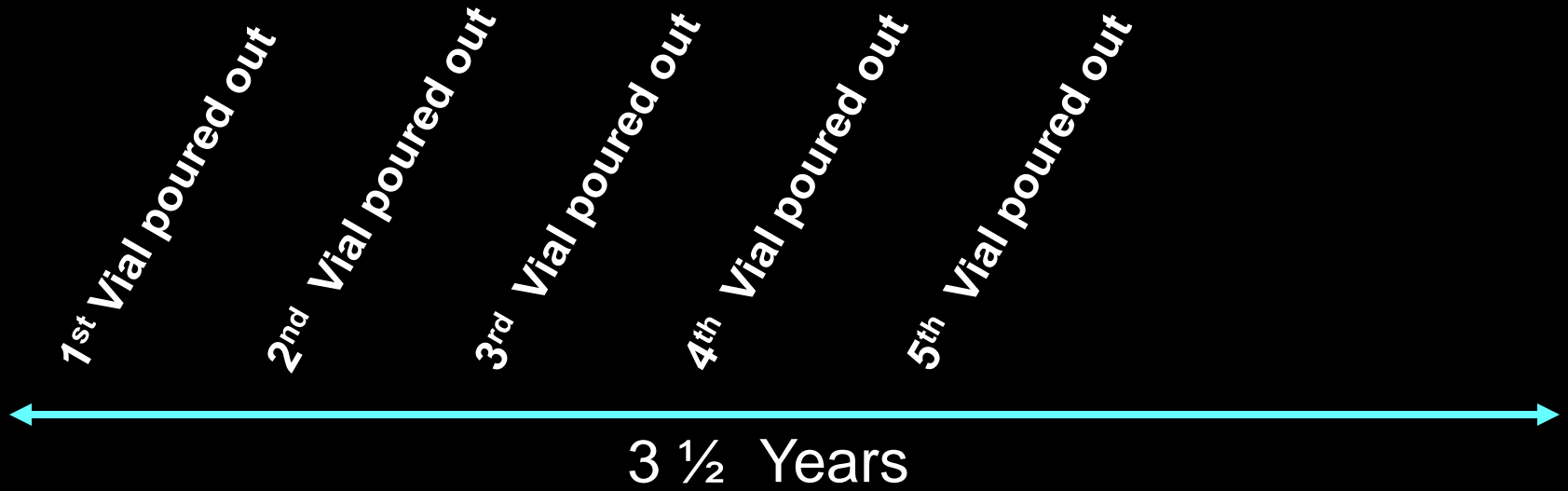


- 8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.
- 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Revelation 16:8-9

- **Global Warming!**
- **See Malachi 4:1**

The 7 Vials



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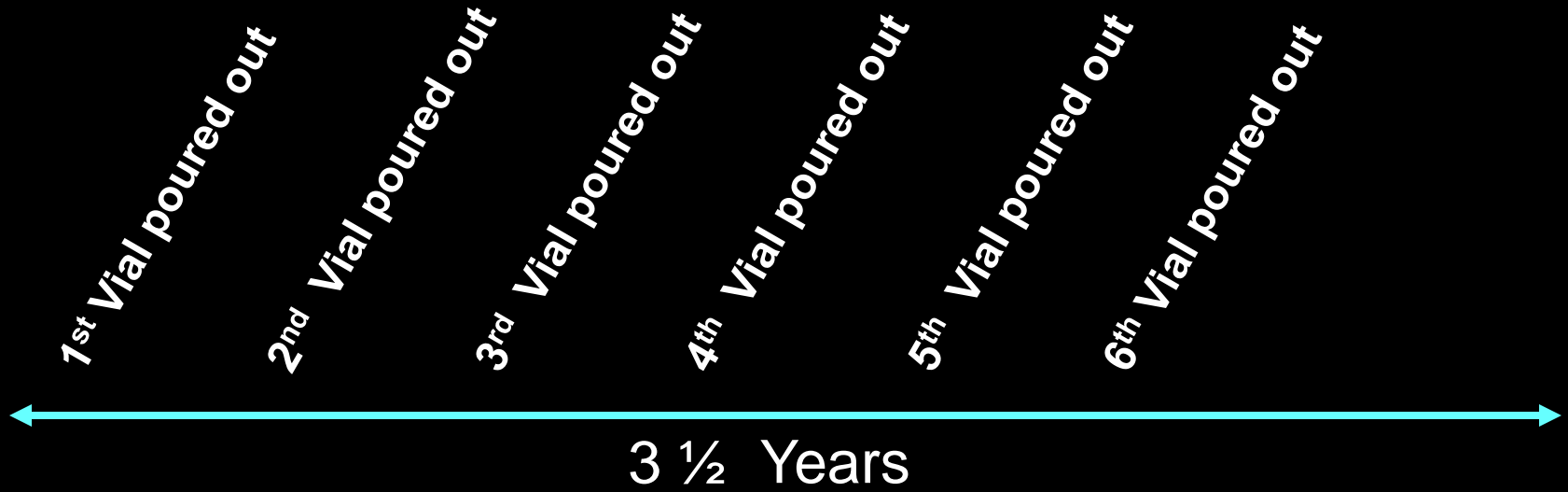
'Painful' Darkness

- 10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,
- 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Revelation 16:10-11

- **Note the Parallel with Exodus 10:21**
 - **The account of the Exodus was a dress rehearsal for this!**

The 7 Vials



The 7 Vials

1st Vial poured out

2nd Vial poured out

3rd Vial poured out

4th Vial poured out

5th Vial poured out

6th Vial poured out

3 ½ Years

**River Euphrates dried up – To make way
for the kings of the east**

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Revelation 16:12

- Who are the kings of the east?
- Almost all scholars seem to agree that they will be the communist nations
 - (China, North Korea, etc)
- They will come at the request of Antichrist to fight against what they perceive to be their common enemy.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Revelation 16:13-14

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 16:15

- Who is being addressed?
- Who are those who scripture identifies as 'watching'?
- The Church!
- This is a wake-up reminder call for us!

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16

Armageddon

- Very Familiar Term
 - Linked to the “end of the world”
 - Not associated with any specific place
- From two Hebrew words:
 - “Har” = Mountain
 - “Meggido” = “rendezvous” or “place of crowds”

Armageddon



Armageddon

MEGIDDO
AT THE CROSSROADS



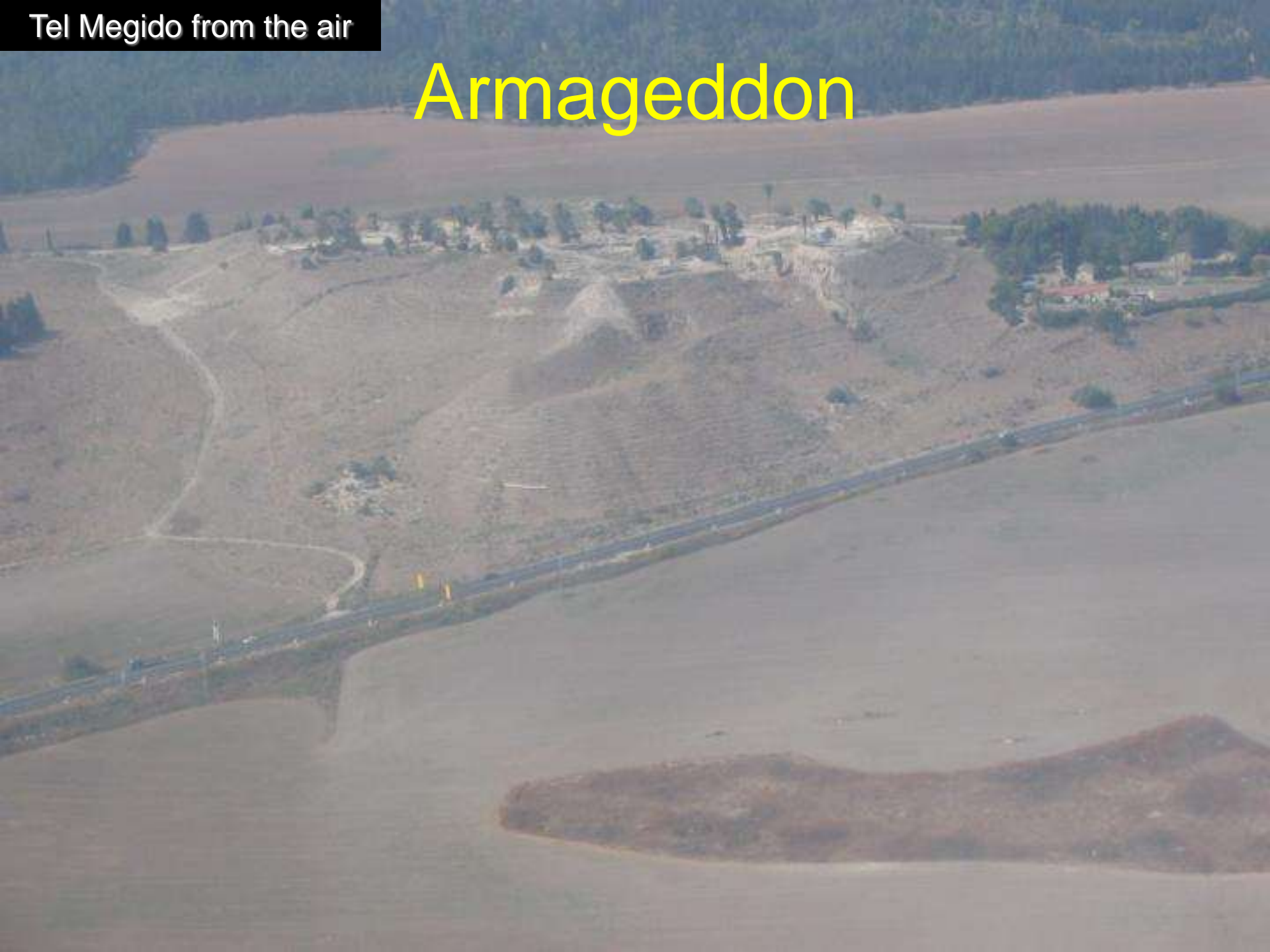
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Armageddon



Tel Megido from the air

Armageddon



Armageddon



Isaiah 63:1-6

Joel 3

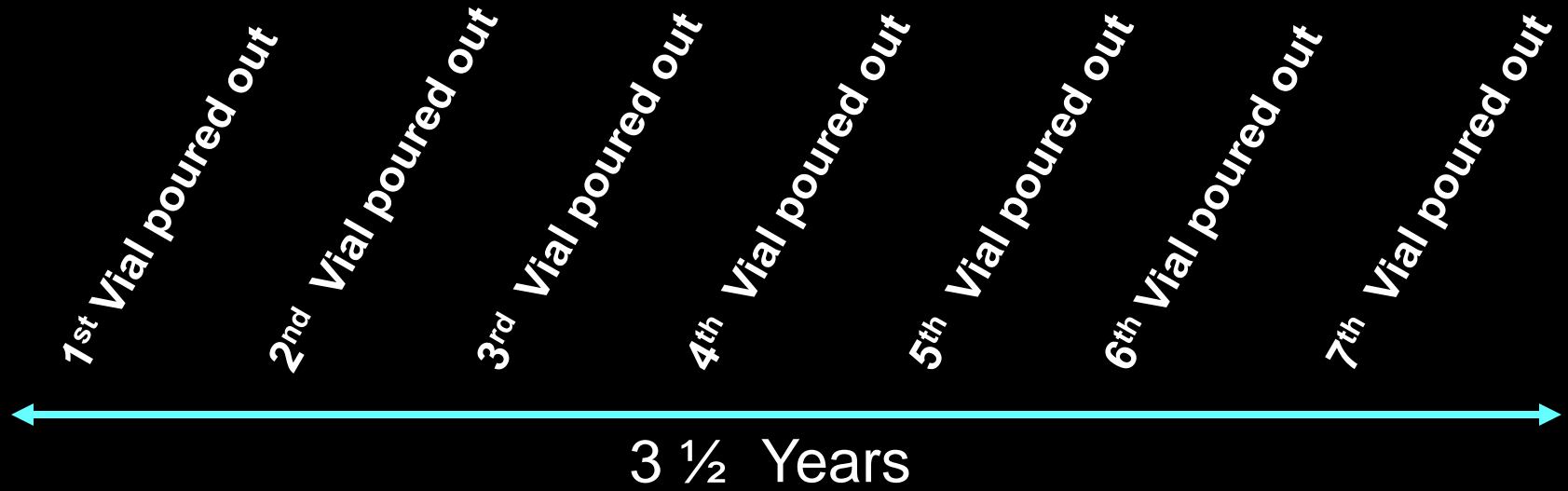
Zechariah 14

Revelation 14:14-20 / 16:12-16 / 19:11-18

Megiddo

- Jabin + 900 chariots were overwhelmed
- Gideon's 300 defeated Midianites
Amalekites & children of the east
- Samson triumphed over the Philistines
- Barak & Deborah defeated
- Sisera; Saul slain by Philistines
- Ahaziah slain by arrows of Jehu
- Pharaoh Necco slew King Josiah

The 7 Vials



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1st Vial poured out

2nd Vial poured out

3rd Vial poured out

4th Vial poured out

5th Vial poured out

6th Vial poured out

7th Vial poured out

3 ½ Years

**Great hail & major earthquake
(100lb hailstones)**

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**

Revelation 16:17

- This time the angel pours the vial into the air.
- Why the air?
- One answer may be that it is because the air is Satan's domain for now? (cf: Eph 2:2).

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

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Revelation 16:18-19

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Revelation 16:20-21

- Many are trying to reduce the population of the earth;
 - it seems more appropriate to reduce the population of hell!
- Judgment cannot produce repentance
 - It was never intended to
 - God changes hearts through His grace and mercy
- This book was sent to the seven churches:
It was given to us in order to change our lives right now!

An open scroll with Hebrew text, glowing with a golden light, set against a dark, textured background. The scroll is unrolled, showing two pages of text. The background is a dark, mottled brown and black, suggesting a cave or a hidden place. The scroll is the central focus, with its pages illuminated by a bright, golden light that creates a strong contrast with the dark surroundings. The text on the scroll is in Hebrew, and the overall scene has a dramatic, almost mystical atmosphere.

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To be continued...



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