

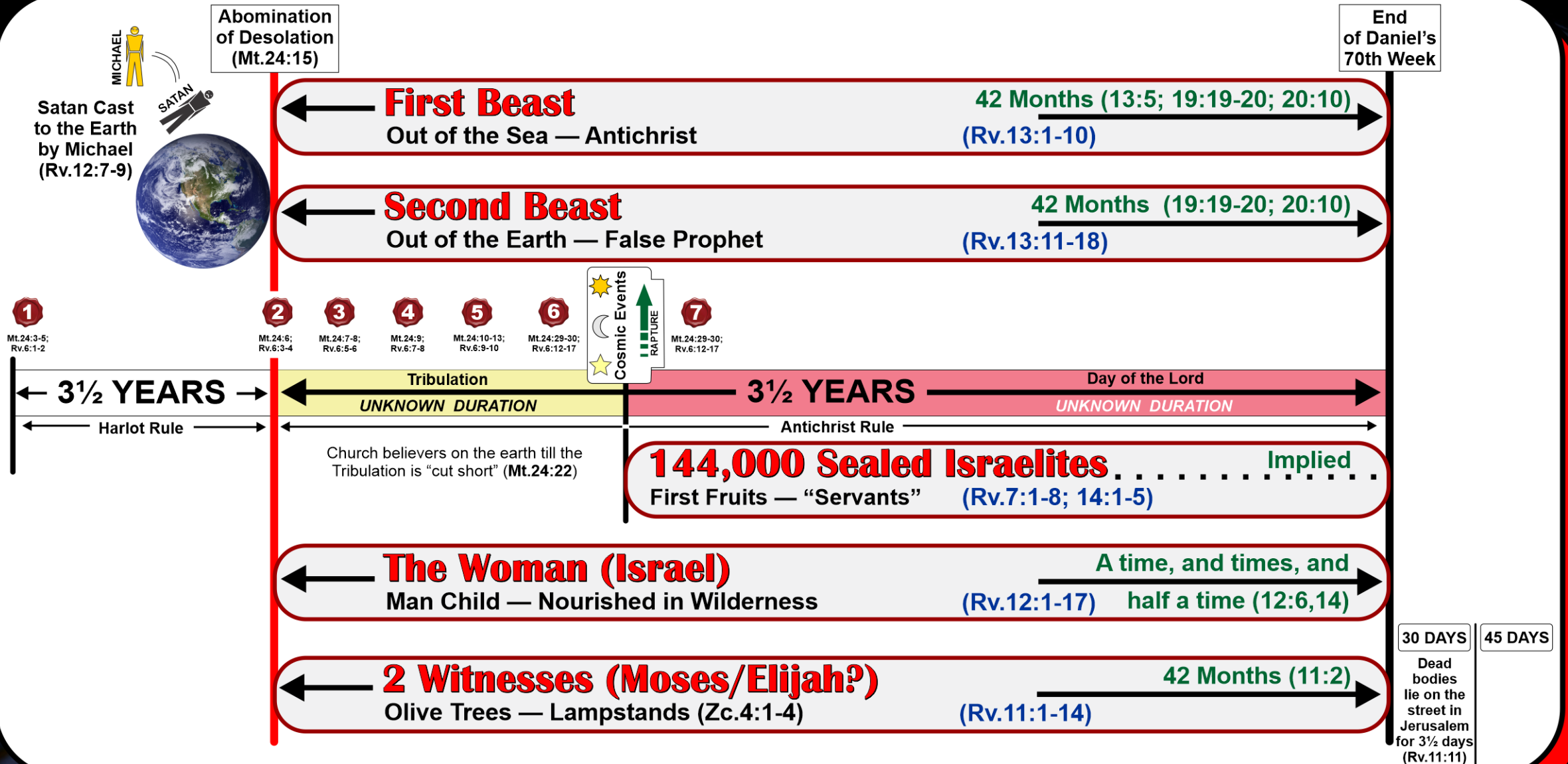
144,000

SEALED

ISRAELITES

Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5

FAMOUS PROPHETIC PEOPLE



HEBREW TRIBES

01: Judah

02: Reuben

03: Gad

04: Asher

05: Naphtali

06: Manasseh

07: Simeon

08: Levi

09: Issachar

10: Zebulun

11: Joseph

12: Benjamin

- Levi is not an independent tribe.
- Joseph is not officially a tribe of Israel.
- Dan is replaced by Levi.
- Ephraim is replaced by Joseph.

TWO MISSING TRIBES

DAN

- > **DAN is replaced by Levi.**
- > **Levi is not an independent tribe. Levi Shares inheritance with the other tribes.**

- Tribe of Dan is the first to go into idolatry (Jd.18:30-31)
- Man from tribe of Dan is the first to blaspheme the name of Yahweh (Lv.24:10-11)
- Tribe of Dan guilty of slaughtering an innocent city (Jd.18:27-29)
- False Prophet who forces Beast worship on Israel may be from the trib of Dan (Ge.49:16-17).

EPHRAIM

- > **EPHRAIM is replaced by Joseph.**
- > **Joseph is not formally a tribe. He has two sons who are tribes, namely, Ephraim and Manasseh.**

- Jeroboam, from the tribe of Ephraim, established idolatry in Northern Israel (1Ki.11:26; 12:28-31; 2Ch.11:14-15)
- God gave half the kingdom of Solomon to Jeroboam promising blessing (1Ki.11:29-38). But Jeroboam rebelled and rejected the Law (1Ki.12:28-31)

The exclusion of the tribes of Dan and Ephraim does not mean anyone from those tribes cannot trust Jesus as their Savior during that time. It does mean no one from among those tribes will be part of the firstfruits of God.

144,000 TIME FRAME

Antichrist
Confirms
the Covenant
with Israel
for One Week
(7 Years)
[Da.9:24-27]

Abomination
of
Desolation
[Mt.24:15; 2Th.2:1-4]

Antichrist
Breaks the
Treaty with
Israel [Da.9:27]



Coming
of Christ
in the Air

Coming
of Christ
to the
Earth

(3 1/2 Years)

- The first half of Daniel's 70th Week will be characterized by "peace" (Ek.38:8,11,14; 1Th.5:3) for Israel under a covenant guaranteed by the Antichrist. During that time, the Antichrist will be focused on conquering the Gentile world (Da.7:7-8).

Relative Peace For Israel - War Upon Gentiles

Reign of the Antichrist (42 Months, Rv.13:5)

Unknown Period of Time
"Cut Short" (Mt.24:22)

Tribulation Period

144,000 seen as firstfruit
converts (Rv.7:1-8; 14:1-5)

Day of the Lord Wrath

Daniel's 70th Week or 1 Week (7 Years)

REVELATION 7:1-8

SCENE ON EARTH

REVELATION 7:9-17

SCENE IN HEAVEN

REVELATION 7:1-8

- **If a rapture had just taken place, we would expect the narrative to describe (1) the condition on the earth (Rv.7:1-8) and (2) the raptured saints in Heaven (Rv.7:9-17). Chapter 7 gives us this very description.**
- **“Seal of the living God” — Since the beginning of the Church, the seal of salvation and divine ownership has been the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (Ep.1:13-14; 1Co.6:19-20; 2Co.1:22; 5:5). This is not something that is physically visible.**
- **“Till we have sealed the servants of our God” — It is at this point that God returns to Israel as the designated evangelistic agent to represent Him to the world.**

REVELATION 7:9-17

- **The focus is on the timing of the rapture which takes place during the reign of the Beast. The emphasis is on those who have been victorious against the Beast, and come out of the Tribulation.**
- **“stood before the throne” — We see the raptured saints standing. At Rv.4:6 John sees in Heaven a sea of glass before the throne, but appears to be empty. Now in Rv.7:9 we see the saints standing before the throne. This seems to indicate that they are standing on the sea of glass.**
- **These in Heaven are given white robes (Rv.6:11), but have to wait a bit longer before they can wear them. They have not been resurrected yet. But by Rv.7:9 we find resurrected saints since they are now wearing the robes.**

REVELATION 14:1-5

- **“Having his Father’s name” — God does not leave Himself without representation here on the earth since the rapture just recently occurred.**
- **“new song” — Both of these passages (Rv.14:2-3; 15:2-4) tell us that they sang a new song. It is one song not two. (v.3). This song can only be learned by the 144,000 evangelists.**
- **“firstfruits” — The 144,000 are the first ones to trust Christ after the church has been removed by the rapture (v.4). They are the first fruits of the Day of the Lord, and of Israel.**