

BEGINNING OF SORROWS

- Many coming in Christ's name (v.5)
- Wars (and rumors) (v.6)
- Nation against nation (v.7)
- Kingdom against kingdom (v.7)
- Famines (v.7)
- Pestilence (v.7)
- Earthquakes (v.7)

&

THE SEALS



Matthew 24:4-8

Revelation 6,8

SEALS

(Revelation
6:1-17; 8:1-2)



**SETTING
CONDITIONS
BEFORE THE
WRATH OF GOD
BEGINS**

SEALS: THE CONDITIONS

- ⚡ The seals are not God's wrath.
- ⚡ These are conditions that have to be met before the scroll is opened.
- ⚡ All 7 seals have to be opened before God's wrath begins.
- ⚡ The seals are natural events.



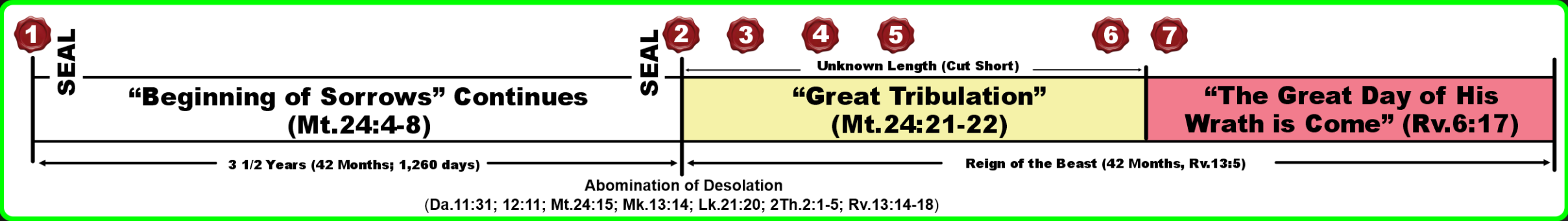
HISTORIC TRENDS: BEGINNING OF SORROWS

- The wars will continue till THE Covenant is Made (Da.9:26).
- The Covenant will interrupt the historical trend of “wars and rumors of wars” and bring a period of peace (Da.11:21,34).

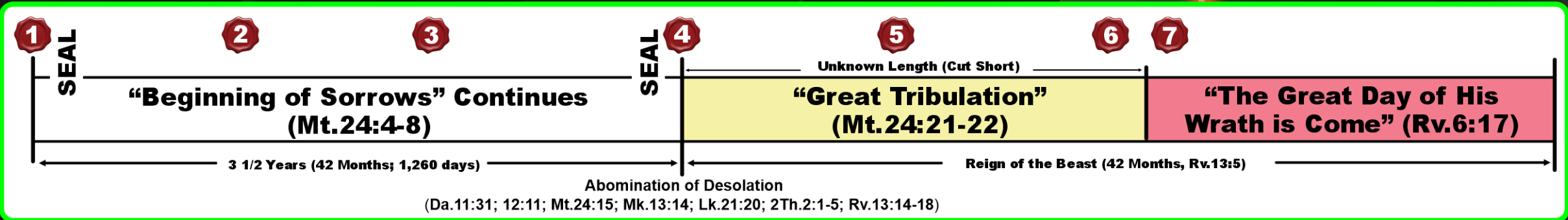
1. False Christs
2. Reign of Evil Leaders
3. Economic Problems
4. Death
5. Martyrdom

SEALS MODELS – TIMING

MODEL 1



MODEL 2





PERSECUTION & THE GOSPEL

**“The world hates you”
(John 15:19)**



THE SEALS OF REVELATION

SEAL 1 — The Antichrist

Rv.6:1-2

Daniel's 70th Week begins (Da.9:24-27)

- This is the activity of a specific person (the Prince) that appears to dominate the world of politics by going out to conquer politically (Da.8:21-25; Rv.6:1-2).
- For 3½ years he will be a benevolent dictator appearing to solve economic, social, and military issues in the world, at least partly through a 7-year peace covenant made with Israel (Da.9:24-27) and other nations.
- Israel, as a nation, will attempt to realize Messianic promises through a human agency (Da.9:27; 2Th.2:4; Mt.24:15). Notice sacrifices and the Temple presence.
- “And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space” (Rv.17:10).
- This 7th kingdom will become the 8th kingdom at Seal 2 (Rv.17:10-11).

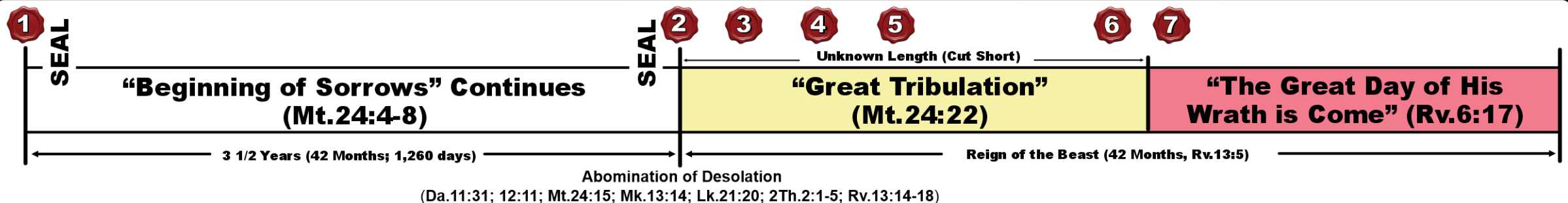
FALLEN:

1. Egypt
2. Assyria
3. Babylon
4. Persia
5. Greece

ONE IS:
6. Rome

NOT YET COME:

7. Antichrist (Prince, Da.9:26-27)
8. Antichrist (Man of sin, 2Th.2:3)



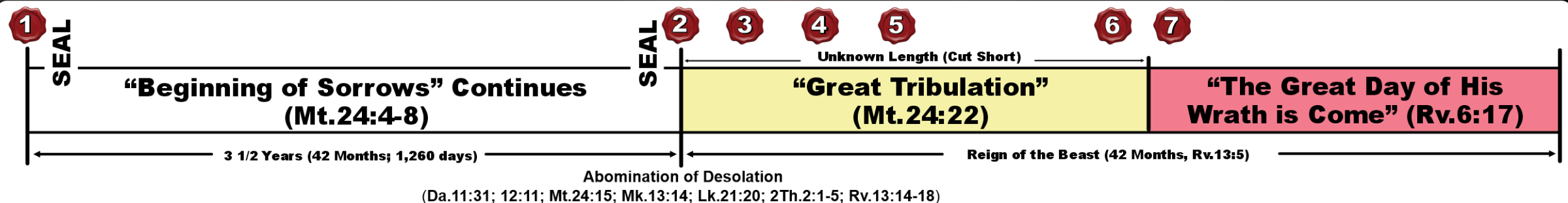
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SEAL 2 — The Beast

Rv.6:3-4

The Tribulation begins
(Je.30:4-7; Da.12:1; Mt.24:21; 2Th.2:4-10)

- This is the midpoint of Daniel's 70th Week (Da.9:27).
- When he interrupts THE peace, this deceitful world leader becomes known as the man of lawlessness (2Th.2:3) and the Beast (Rv.13:1-2).
- The daily sacrifice shall be taken away (Da.8:11; Mt.24:15).
- He will declare himself to be God (2Th.2:4; Da.11:36-37).
- Along with this broken treaty, the conquering one will become empowered by Satan (2Th.2:9). He will demand that everyone worship him. He will become very oppressive.
- The middle of Daniel's 70th week (Da.9:27; 12:1,6-7; Mt.24:9-15) is the beginning of the Tribulation. This is also the beginning of the reign of the beast (Antichrist, Rv.13:5, i.e., 42 months).
- Revelation 17 tells us this ruler is the SEVENTH ruler who becomes the EIGHTH. So this SEVENTH ruler is represented by Seal 1, and the EIGHTH ruler is represented by Seal 2. This is why two Seals are used to symbolize the same person.



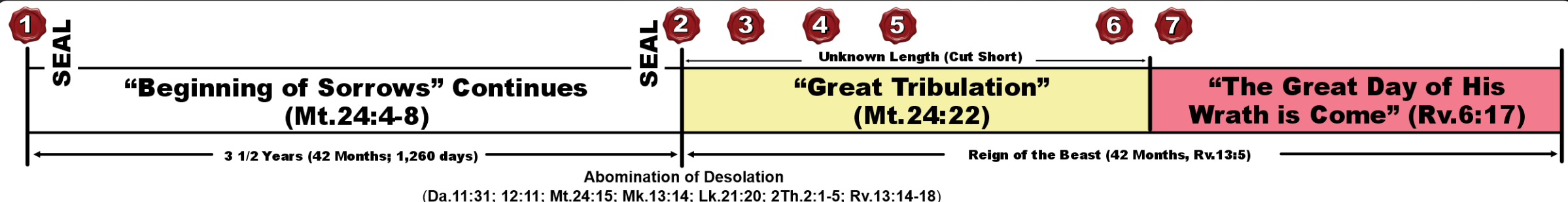
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SEAL 3 — Condition: Beast Economy

Rv.6:5-6

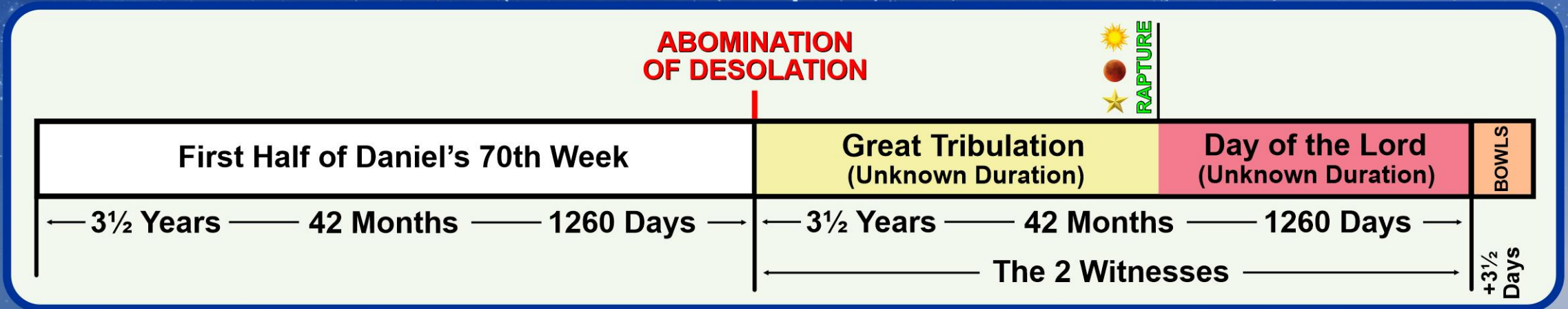
Beast Control Over Economy

- This seal involves famine caused by the strict economic control by the Beast.
- Seal 3 represents some kind of economic control. Because the Beast takes control of resources, he has the ability to restrict who can buy and sell based on whether or not they have the Mark of the Beast.
- The use of “scales” represents control over the money system.
- The “penny” is the Roman denarius which was one days work wage. To buy one measure of wheat is to eat one meal for that day. To buy the cheaper grain, barley, is to eat three meals a day.
- There appears to be massive food shortages for anyone not working within the Beast system.
- For those working under the Beast system things may appear to function “normally” (Rv.13:17). That is, they will be able to buy and sell the oil and wine.
- The Beast will offer “peace” and safety to those who accept Beast worship and take the mark of the beast. This time of safety is short lived as it will be cut short as the Day of the Lord arrives, and shall catch them by surprise like a thief (1Th.5:1-3)



TIMING — 2 WITNESSES

- The 42 months, 1260 days and 3 1/2 years all refer to the same period of time.
- It would be quite confusing if people “arbitrarily” choose different halves of the week for those designations. That is, if 1260 days in Re.11:3 meant something different from 1260 days in Re.12:6.
- This will be from the midpoint of the week until the end of the week, which will be indicated by the sounding of the 7th trumpet.
- The fact that God gives us the duration (1260 days) of their ministry, makes this more important than who they are.



THE

MARK

OF THE

BEAST

Rv.13:15-18; 14:9,11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4

THE MARK

- Some kind of identification device to secure worship during the Great Tribulation (Rv.13:11-18).
- This mark is not simply a card people will carry, because it is placed in the hand or forehead (Rv.13:16).
- This end-times identification will be required by the Antichrist in order to buy and sell (Rv.13:17).
- This mark begins after the Beast starts his reign at the mid-point of the 70th Week of Daniel.
- The False Prophet is the one who causes people to take this mark.
- It will be difficult for the unbeliever to resist Antichrist's claims (2Th.2:9,11), and the False Prophet's deceptions (Rv.13:13).
- Taking the Mark seals their eternal destiny (Rv.14:9-13).

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- **The number 666 identifies a person (Antichrist)**
 - **That this number must be counted implies the physical or visual mark itself is not 666. This calls for wisdom (Rv.13:18)**

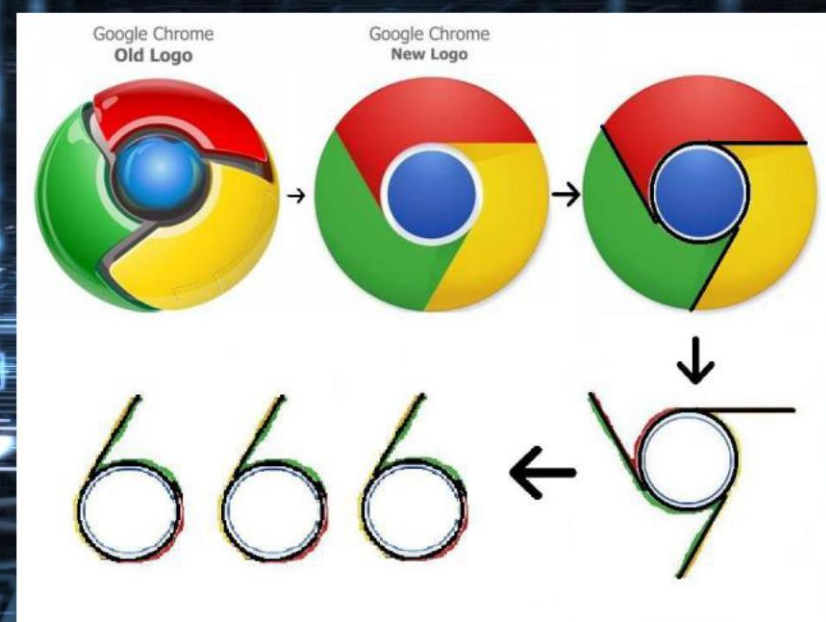
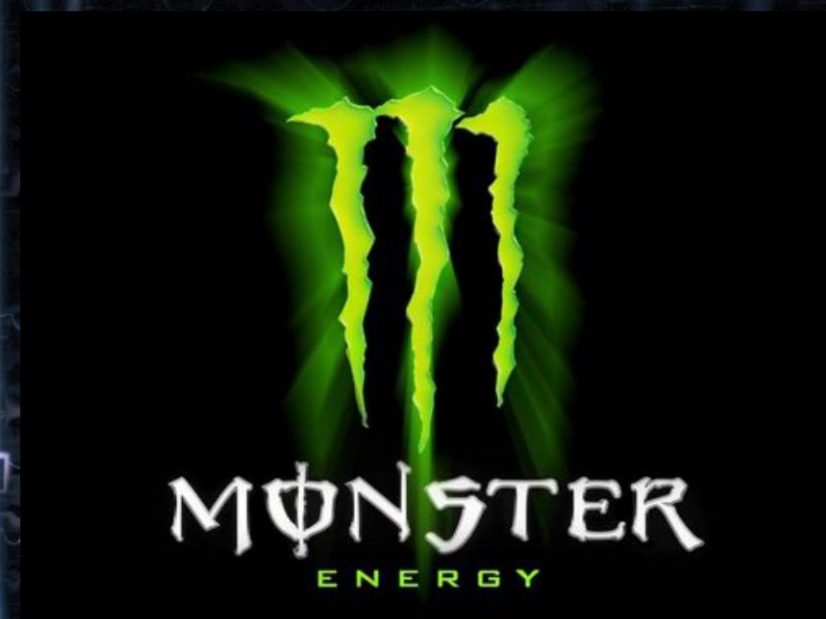
BEFORE THE 70TH WEEK

- The Church today will not likely be able to “count” the number before Daniel’s 70th Week.
- This is specific to the group of believers during the 70th Week.
- This passage seems to imply those of the church, before the public revealing of the beast, may be able to identify him before he takes a seat in the Temple of God.

BEFORE THE 70TH WEEK

- When we see the covenant allowing Israel to have a sanctuary, and offer animal sacrifices, then we should be able to “count” the number and ID the beast.
- These seem to suggest that his identity will not be known until that time that he breaks THE peace (Mt.24:15; 2Th.2:3-4; Rv.13; Da.9:27).

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Anatomy of a Barcode



WHY PEOPLE WILL WORSHIP THE ANTICHRIST

- 1.** People are “awed” by the healing of the fatal head wound (Rv.13:3-4)
- 2.** The many “great wonders” performed by the false prophet (Rv.13:13-14; 2Th.2:9-12; Mt.24:24-25)
- 3.** They want the economic “security” the mark provides (Rv.13:17).

SOME WILL NOT RECEIVE THE MARK

- 1. Those individuals who choose to not receive the Mark and worship the Beast will be killed with the sword (Rv.13:15).**
- 2. The land areas not under the Beast's authority will suffer economic hardship, and experience famine from limited resources. It appears the Beast system will extend to 3/4 of the world land mass (Rv.6:8).**

ECONOMIC CONTROL

- 1. Failure to take the Mark will prevent one from participating in the Beast's economic system (Rv.13:17).**
- 2. They will not be able to “buy and sell” forcing them to operate outside the system to physically survive.**

SALVATION SECURITY

- **A believer who is SEALED in union with Christ can not be lost.**
- **God will not allow a member of His family to take a mark that “reverses” HIS sovereign decision to save that person.**
- **Sometime prior to actually taking the mark, the weak and unprepared believer will be taken “home” by God through physical death.**
- **True believers will not want to take the mark.**

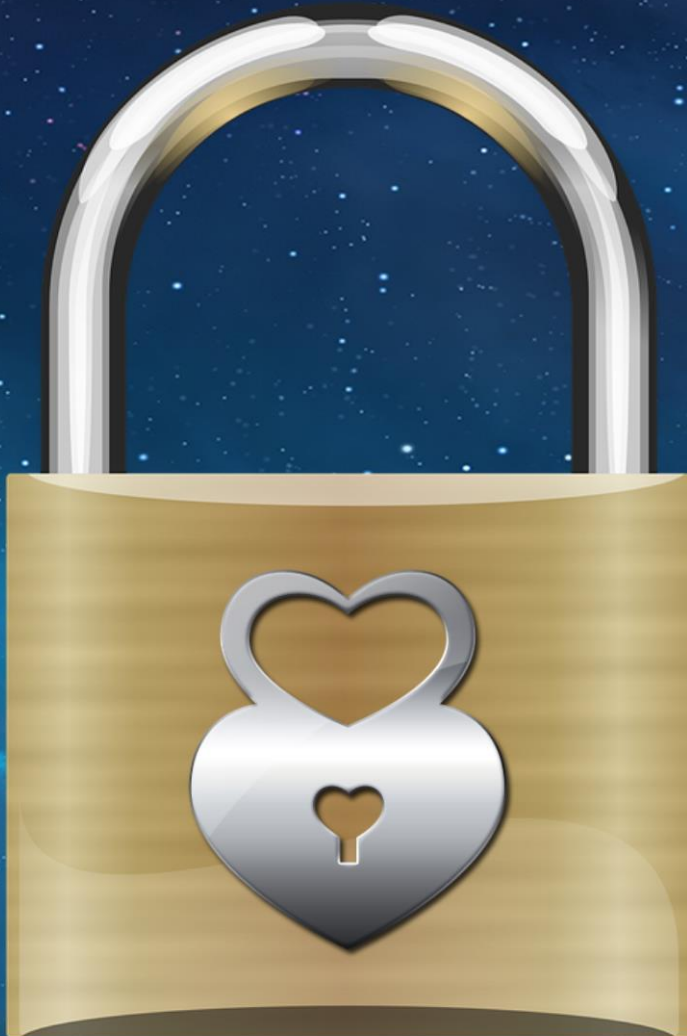
DIVINE DISCIPLINE

(God's “family” grace to His children)

- > Anannias and Saphira at Acts 5**
- > Man public immoral life (1Co.5:5)**
- > Those who “sleep” (1Co.11:30)**
- > “Sin unto death” (1Jn.5:16-17)**

BELIEVER'S SECURITY

**Sealed Unto The Day of Redemption
(Ephesians 4:30)**



**Being confident of this very thing, that
he which hath begun a good work in
you will perform it until the day of
Jesus Christ (Ph.1:6)**

**Of them thou gavest me have
I lost none (Jn.18:9)**

ASSURANCE

³⁷ All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. ³⁸ For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. ³⁹ And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (Jn.6:37-40)

ETERNAL SECURITY - GOD'S VIEW OF THE BELIEVER

- 1. Believers have been given to the Son by the Father (Jn.6:37), and the Son will not cast out anyone who comes to Him.**
- 2. It is the Father's will that none who have been given to the Son will be lost (Jn.6:37), and Jesus will raise them on the last day (Jn.6:40,44).**
- 3. Eternal life's security is based on Jesus doing the will of the Father (Jn.6:39). Jesus always does the will of the Father (Jn.8:29).**
- 4. Since salvation is not by the will of man (Jn.1:13), man cannot "will" himself out of that salvation. This way of thinking shifts the burden from Christ to the believer.**
- 5. If someone given to the Son by the Father ends up being lost, then the Father failed because His will is that none be lost.**

ASSURANCE

Confidence of spiritual identification with Christ, given by the Holy Spirit. Believers may doubt their salvation, usually because of sin they commit. This is when a true believer needs assurance. Repentance and asking for forgiveness will restore the fellowship with the Lord (1Jn.1:9).

ASSURANCE - BELIEVER'S VIEW OF GOD

1. Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

2. John 10:27-30

No one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand

3. 1 John 3:19-21

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart

4. 2 Timothy 1:12

He is able to keep what He has committed to Him until that Day

5. 1 John 5:11-13

That you may know that you have eternal life

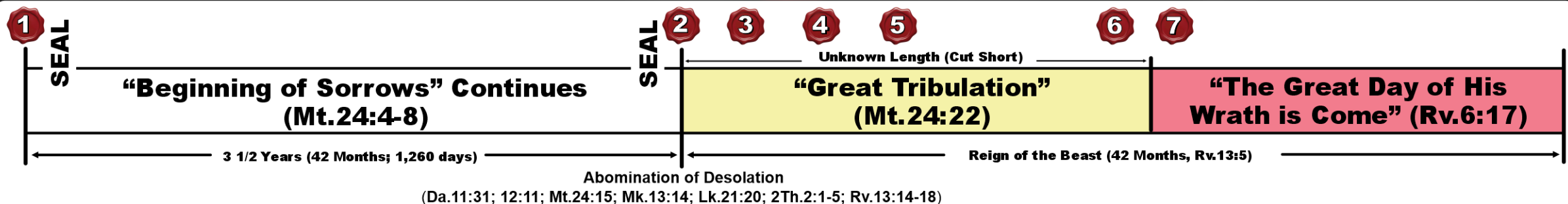
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SEAL 4 — Condition: Death

Rv.6:7-8

Much Death Everywhere

- There will be much death coming from multiple sources.
 1. Death from the sword. The Beast will try to kill anyone who will not take the mark.
 2. Death from famine. Since the Beast controls resources, he can allow shortages for those outside his domain.
 3. Death from disease. The natural result of massive food shortages (famine) is death from starvation and disease.
 4. Death from animals. Hungry wild animals will encroach civilized areas seeking food for their survival. These appear to be predator and scavengers.
- The killings appear to be the result of the Beast's attempt to control the world.
- One quarter (1/4) of earth's land area will be subject to physical death (Rv.6:8). This is not 1/4 of the earth's population. This suggests that the Beast's authority extends to 3/4 of the earth.

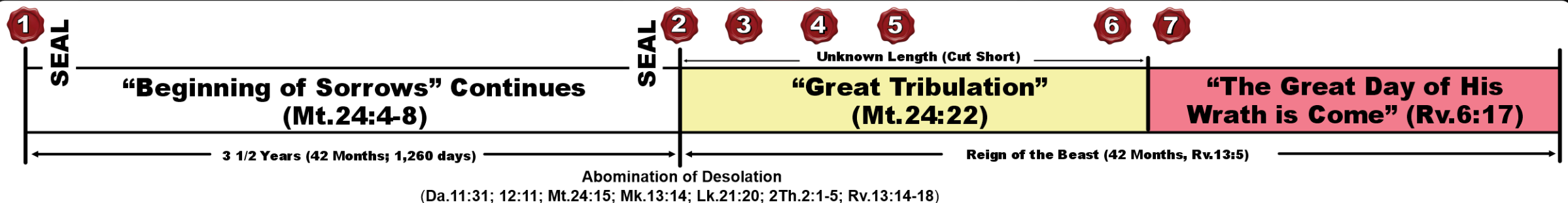


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SEAL 5 — Condition: Martyrs

Rv.6:9-11
Martyrs in Heaven

- This seal recognizes all believers who have been killed for their faith. Many will die as martyrs.
- These martyrs are already in Heaven. Thus, it is not next in a chronological sense.
- This is a representative group for all martyrs throughout history. This is a symbolic image for the vision.
- These are not simply recent martyrs who are hanging out underneath the altar waiting (Rv.6:9) for justice to be poured out on the world.
- When we die we are brought face to face with our Lord. They are experiencing peace and joy in Christ's presence.
- These martyrs are called “souls” (6:9). That is, they do not yet have bodies. After the sixth seal these martyrs are in heaven wearing “white robes” (7:9) because they have already been resurrected (raptured). The martyrs do not consider their martyrdom to be God’s wrath upon them (Rv.6:10). They believe the wrath is still future (v.10).



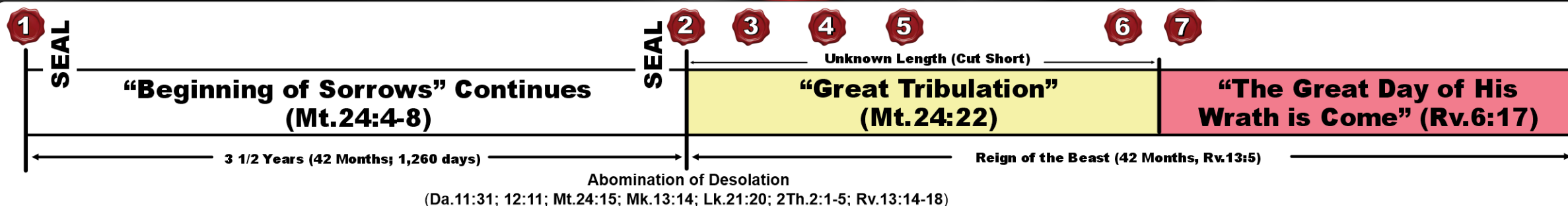
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SEAL 6 — Day of Christ

Rv.6:12-14

Cosmic Signs (Jl.2:30-31; Mt.24:29)
then Resurrection (Rv.7:9-17)

- The Day of Christ is the arrival of Christ to gather all believers (2Th.2:1).
- **AFTER** the Tribulation of those days, Christ comes in the clouds. He does not come all the way to the earth. Believers are gathered together with Christ in the clouds (1Th.4:13-18; 2Th.2:1-2; Ti.2:13).
- This Seal interrupts the oppression of the Beast and ends the Tribulation by being “cut short” (Mt.24:22).
- The signs in the Sun, Moon, and stars will be followed by darkness (Jl.2:10, 30-31; 3:15; Am.5:20; Mt.24:29). Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear (Mt.24:30a). Believers will respond with expectation, and unbelievers will panic, mourn (Mt.24:30b) and try to hide from the face of the Father and Jesus Christ (Is.2:12-21; Rv.6:15-17).
- The arrival of Christ and the rapture occur after Revelation 6:14. The vision does not mention the arrival of Christ (Mt.24:30), nor the rapture (2Th.4:13-18). But the vision does show the response of the earth dwellers (Rv.6:15-17).
- 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. John sees the raptured saints **STANDING** before the throne as if they just got there.



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SEAL 7 — Day of the Lord

Rv.6:15-17; 8:1-2

Wrath of God (Judgment, Rv.6:17)

- Between the 6th and 7th seal the narrative is broken.
- The content of the 7th Seal are the 7 Trumpets (Rv.8:1-6).
- The wrath of God begins to fall upon the earth dwellers via the 7 Trumpet judgments.
- This will be a judgment upon all the proud (Is.2:12-22).
- In Rv.6:17, the verb “is come” is an aorist active of *erchomai*, which indicates that the Day of wrath has NOW arrived. It speaks of the cosmic signs that just occurred.
- The 7 Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls are connected together and are three succeeding series. The 7th Seal introduces the 7 Trumpets. And the 7th Trumpet introduces the 7 Bowls.

7 SEALS

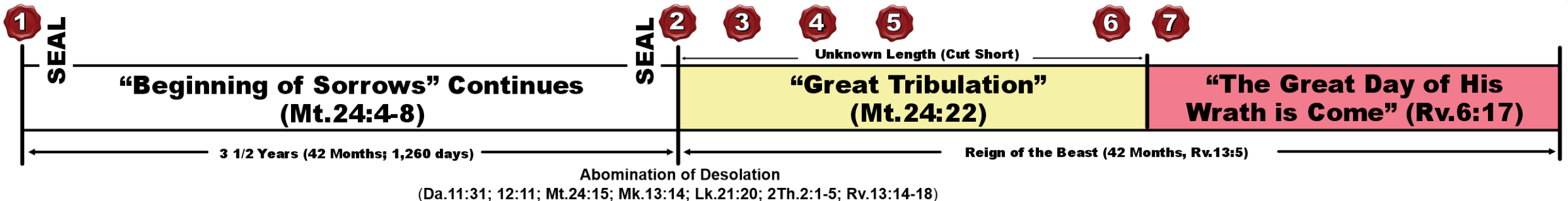
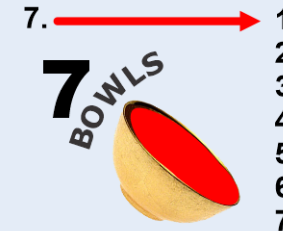


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7 TRUMPETS



7 VIALS



REVELATION 'SEALS' BRIEF

THE PRINCE - BEAST

CONDITIONS AFTER BREAKING COVENANT

BLESSING THEN WRATH

Daniel's 70th Week Begins

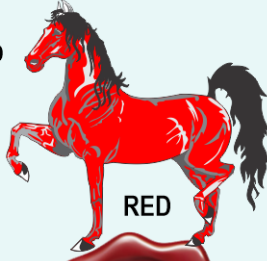


SEAL

This person will dominate politically (Rv.6:1-2). He will establish a peace treaty with Israel for 7 years (Da.9:24-27).

Rv.6:1-2

Tribulation Begins



SEAL

The person of SEAL 1 breaks his treaty with Israel 3½ years after it was confirmed (Da.7:8, 20; 8:23). This begins the reign of the Beast (Rv.13:3-7) and the start of the Great Tribulation (Mt.24:15-28).

Rv.6:3-4

Economic Controls

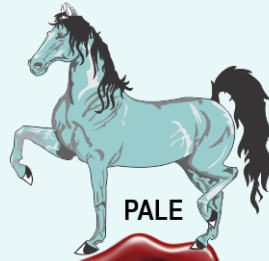


SEAL

The Beast will use a Mark (666) to control economic currency (Rv.6:5-6; 13:16-18). He will have control over resources so he has the authority to restrict buying and selling.

Rv.6:5-6

Much Death

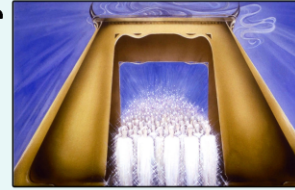


SEAL

There will be death from the sword, famine, disease, and wild animals (Rv.6:8). For the most part the deaths are from natural causes.

Rv.6:7-8

Represents All Martyrs



SEAL

Martyrs from all ages are represented as being under an altar (Rv.6:9; 13:7; Da.7:21). This is direct persecution from the Antichrist.

Rv.6:9-11

Christ Coming for Believers



SEAL

Signs in the heavens appear as Christ comes to rescue believers (Rv.6:12-17). This interrupts the Great Tribulation (Mt.24:22, "shortened"), and begins the Day of the Lord's soon coming wrath upon the earth.

Rv.6:12-14

TRUMPETS: Wrath of God



SEAL

The wrath of God falls upon the earth dwellers through the 7 TRUMPET judgments (Rv.6:12-17). The 7th SEAL is the half hour of silence in Heaven (Rv.8:1-6), and becomes the first TRUMPET.

Rv.8:1-2