

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)

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THE SEALS



Matthew 24:4-8

Revelation 6,8

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.



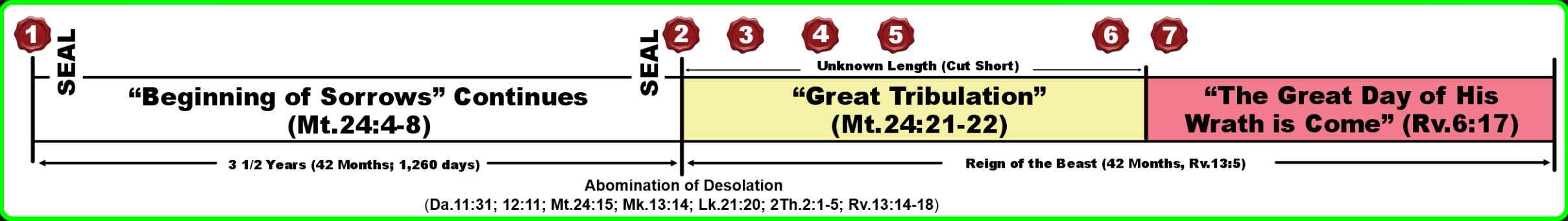
HISTORIC TRENDS: BEGINNING OF SORROWS

- 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).

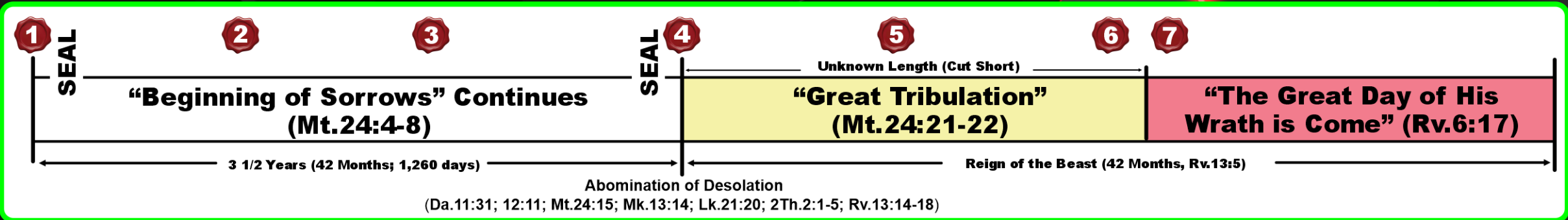
1. False Christs
2. Reign of Evil Leaders
3. Economic Problems
4. Death
5. Martyrdom

SEALS MODELS – TIMING

MODEL 1



MODEL 2



BEGINNING OF SORROWS

BIRTH PAINS — Mt.24:4-8

BEGINNING OF CHURCH

RETURN OF CHRIST

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Natural Historical Trends
Normal Evidences of Sin

Approximately 2,000 Years

3 1/2 Years

Unknown Length



32AD 70AD

CHURCH AGE

1

FIRST 1/2 OF 70th WEEK

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GREAT TRIBULATION

DOTL

Beginning of
Daniel's 70th Week

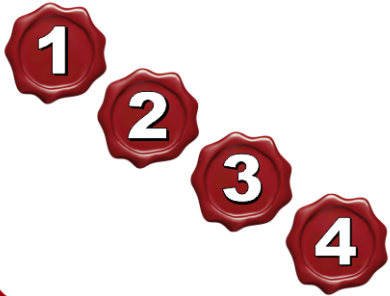
The Covenant
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Middle of
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The Covenant
Broken

PROGRESSION OF GOD'S WRATH

1-4 Seal

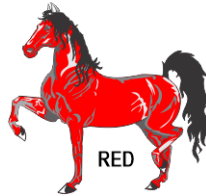


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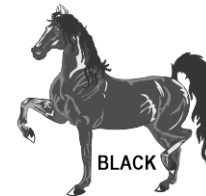
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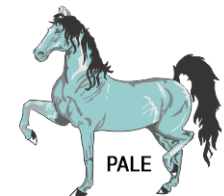
“come and see” (v.3)



“come and see” (v.5)



“come and see” (v.7)



5th Seal



PROMISES God's Wrath (Rv.6:9-10)

“¹⁰How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? ...¹¹rest a little while longer” (Rv.6:10-11)



6th Seal



PORTENDS God's Wrath (Rv.6:17)

“For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” (Rv.6:17) **2 Remnant Groups PROTECTED (Rv.7, 144K & Church)**



7th Seal



PRONOUNCES God's Wrath (Rv.8–9; 15–16)

“there was silence in heaven for about half an hour” (Rv.8:1)



PROGRESSION OF GOD'S WRATH

1-4 Seal

PROVES The Guilt for God's Wrath (Rv.6:1,3,5,7)

God wants us to “come and see” the condition on the earth that will prove the guilt of the inhabitants

5th Seal

PROMISES God's Wrath (Rv.6:9-10)

The martyred saints ask how long before God will bring judgement. God promises them to just “rest a little while longer”

6th Seal

PORTENDS God's Wrath (Rv.6:17)

It is announced that judgment is inevitable and “who is able to stand” when it comes. The implication is no one.

7th Seal

PRONOUNCES God's Wrath (Rv.8–9; 15–16)

The wrath of God is starting specifically through the trumpet then bowl judgments

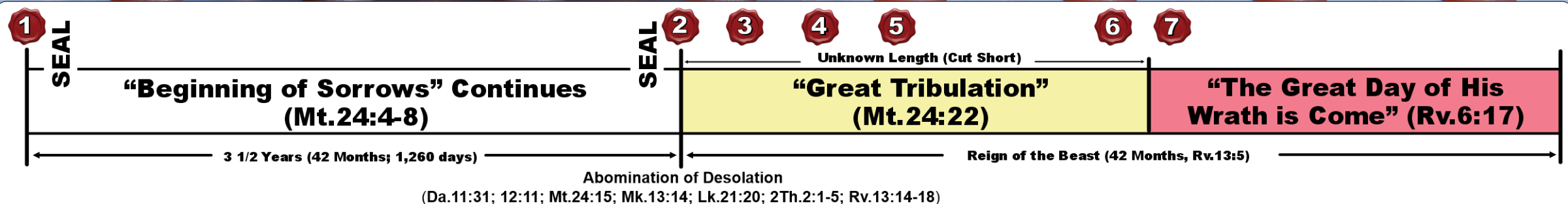
THE SEALS OF REVELATION

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).**
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| FALLEN: | 1. Egypt | ONE IS: | NOT YET COME: |
| | 2. Assyria | | |
| | 3. Babylon | | |
| | 4. Persia | | |
| | 5. Greece | | |
| | 6. Rome | | 7. Antichrist (Prince, Da.9:26-27) |
| | | | 8. Antichrist (Man of sin, 2Th.2:3) |
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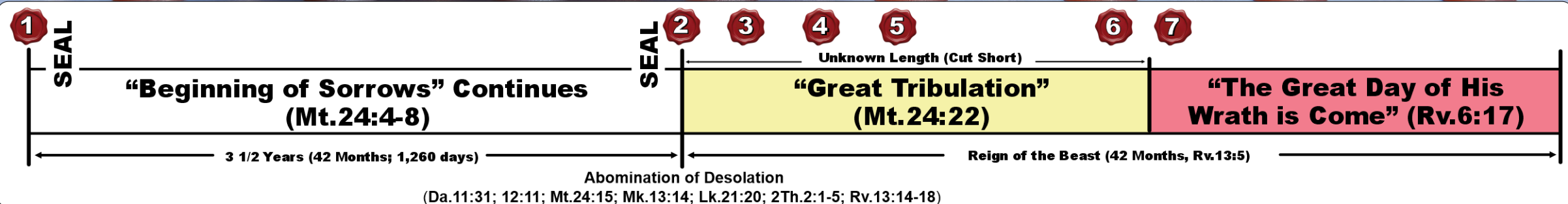
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SEAL 2 — The Beast

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.





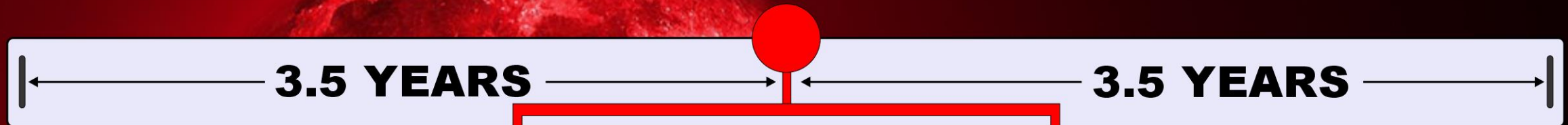
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MATTHEW 24:9-12; LUKE 18:8; 1TIMOTHY 4:1; REVELATION 12:17; 13:7

APOSTASY

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

MID-POINT OF DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK



01. The Beast appears to be resurrected (Rv.13:3-4,14; 17:8)

02. The Prince becomes the Beast (Rv.17:11)

03. Antichrist Breaks His Covenant (Da.9:27)

04. Great persecution will begin (Da.8:10; Mt.24:15-19)

05. He will stop the daily sacrifices (Da.8:10-12; 9:27; 11:31)

06. The abomination of Desolation (Da.9:27; Mt.24:15; Rv.13:14-15)

07. THE Apostasy (2Th.2:3; Mt.24:10-11; Lk.18:8)

08. Antichrist has authority for 42 months (Rv.13:5)

09. Peace and Safety taken away (1Th.5:3)

10. "THE peace" (Rv.6:4) is taken from the earth

11. Abolishes all religion (2Th.2:4)

12. He will promote himself as God (Da.11:36; 2Th.2:4)

13. He will use the 10-nation confederacy to destroy the religious harlot (Rv.17:12-13)

14. The 7th king becomes the 8th king (Rv.17:11)

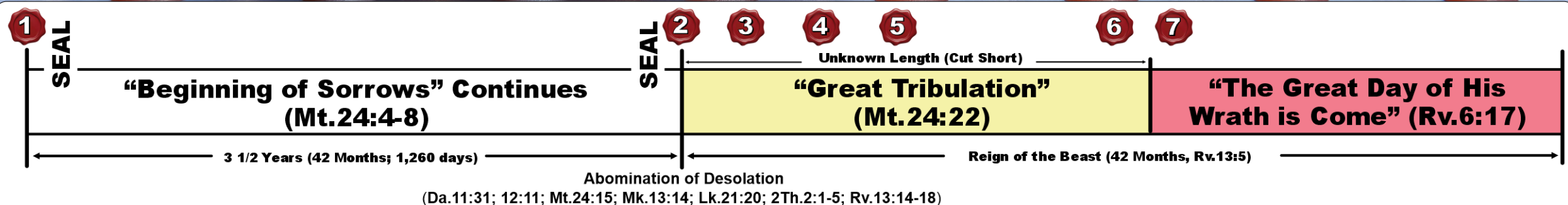
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SEAL 3 — Condition: Beast Economy

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)



THE

MARK

OF THE

BEAST

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

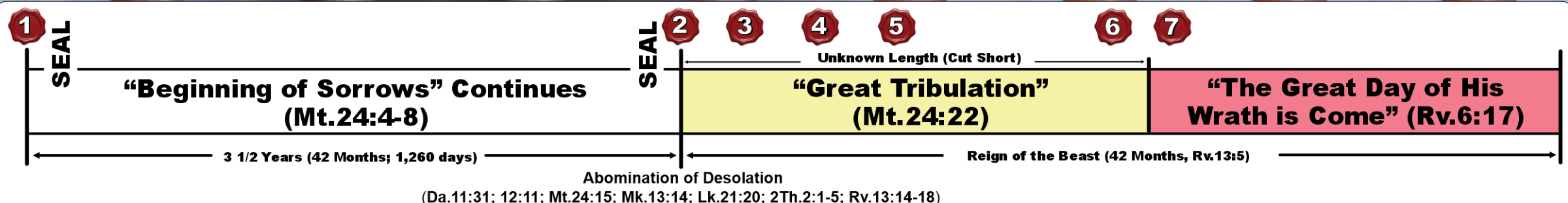
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SEAL 4 — Condition: Death

Rv.6:7-8

Much Death Everywhere

- There will be much death coming from multiple sources.
 1. Death from the sword. Individuals using violence to obtain items from the famine.
 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.
- ‘Death’ claims the material part of the person and ‘Hades’ the immaterial part.
- One quarter (1/4) of earth's land area (“fourth of the earth”) 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.



SWORDS FROM THE SEALS



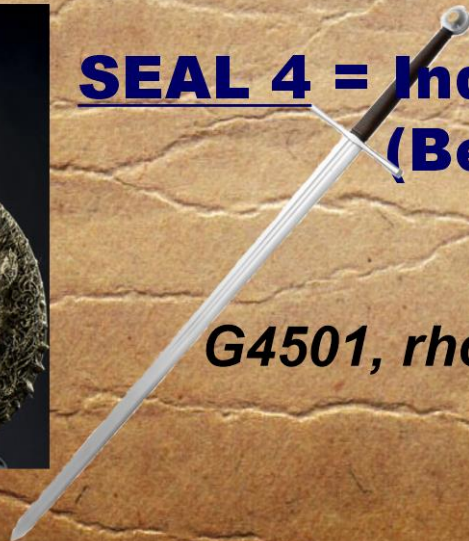
SEAL 2 = Antichrist killing for non-compliance



G3162, machaira, a slaughter knife, figuratively for judicial punishment



**SEAL 4 = Individuals killing to obtain resources
(Because of the famine of Seal 3)**



G4501, rhomphaia, a long and broad cutlass

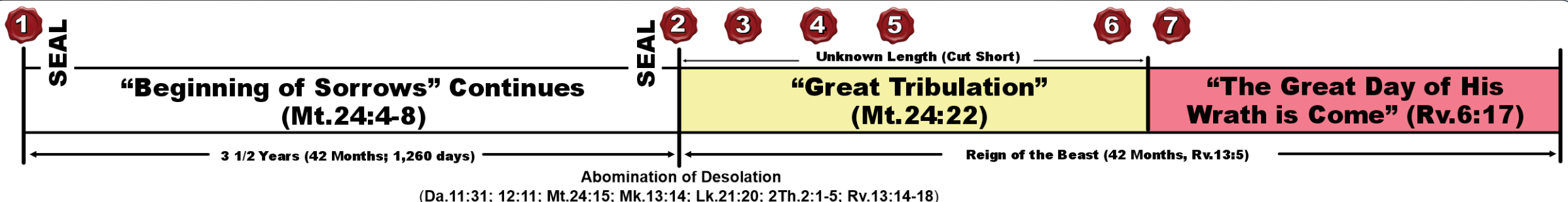
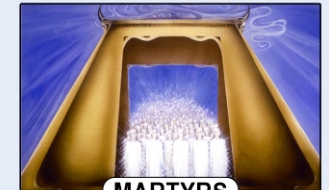


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SEAL 5 — Condition: Martyrs

Rv.6:9-11
Martyrs in Heaven

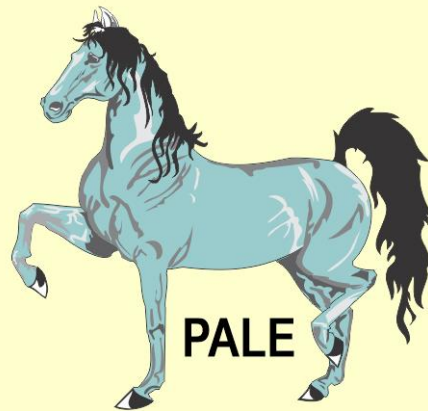
- This seal recognizes all believers who have been killed for their faith. Many will die as martyrs.
- These martyrs are already in Heaven. It is not saying that they are being killed. So, it is not next in a chronological sense.
- This is a representative group for all martyrs throughout history.
- 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. We experience 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.17).



NATURAL DEATH SEEN

Scene on Earth

SEAL 4

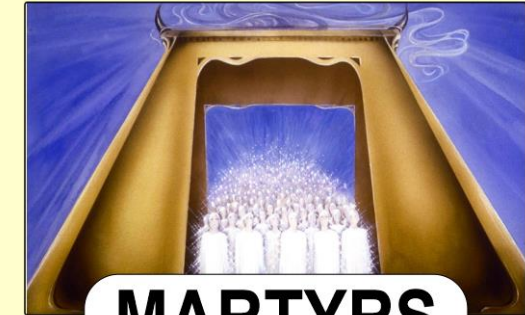


PEOPLE ARE KILLED BY:

- **Sword:** Seal 2 are those who do not comply with beast worship. Here it refers to using violence to obtain items from the famine.
- **Hunger:** Result of famine
- **Death:** Result of disease
- **Beasts:** Attacks by wild animals
("My four severe judgments," Je. 15:2-3; 24:10; 29:17-18; Ek. 5:12; 5:17; 14:21)

Scene in Heaven

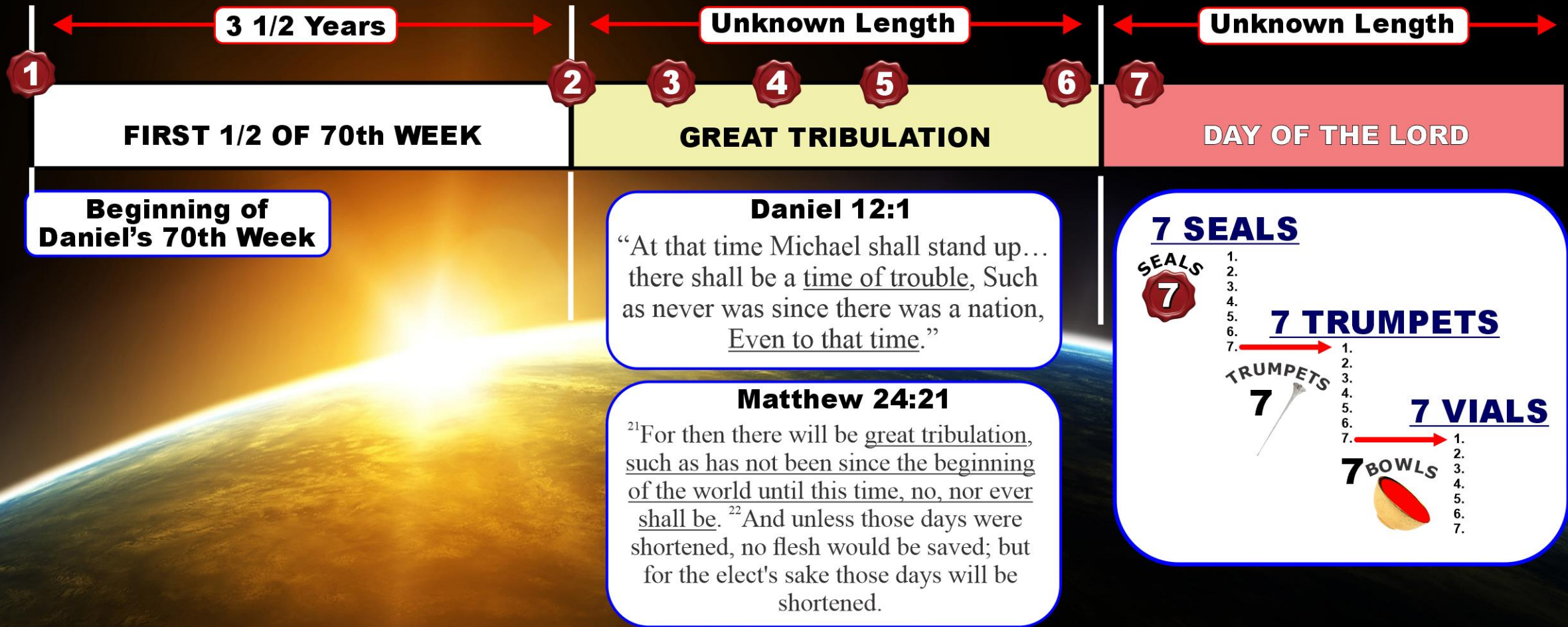
SEAL 5



- These are representatives of all believers who have been martyred for their faith, from both the Old and New Testaments.
- These martyrs recognize that their fate is not the result of the Lord's judgment which they affirm is still future (v.10,17).
- These martyrs are called "souls". That is, they do not yet have bodies. They were given "white robes" and told to rest a little longer before they can wear them.

UNPARALLELED PERIOD OF TIME

THE UNPARALLELED PERIOD



EVENTS REVOLVING AROUND THE COSMIC EVENTS



SUN



MOON



STARS

JOEL 2:30-31

1

SIGNS



SUN



MOON



STARS

**SIGN That the DOTL
is About to Start**

2

DOTL

**THE
DAY
OF THE
LORD**

Is.13:6-10

Ek.30:3

Jl.1:15; 2:11

Am.5:18

Zc.14:1

MATTHEW 24:29-31

1

TRIBULATION

**Source,
Antichrist**

Mt.24:15-28

2

SIGNS

Cosmic Events



Mt.24:29-30

3

DELIVERANCE

**Sign of Son of
Man in Heaven
to Gather Elect**

Mt.24:30-31

LUKE 21:25-28

1

SIGNS



- SKY: Sun, Moon, Stars
- Earth: “fear” (v.26)

2

DELIVERANCE

- Look up...redemption draws near

3

DOTL

WRATH

- “Expectation” of wrath that is “coming” (v.26)

REVELATION 6:12-17

1

SIGNS



2

DOTL

WRATH

COSMIC EVENTS OVERVIEW

Joel 2 Acts 2		SIGNS		DOTL
Mt.24	TRIBULATION	SIGNS	DELIVERANCE	
Lk.21		SIGNS	DELIVERANCE	DOTL
Rv.6-7		SIGNS	DELIVERANCE (Rv.7)	DOTL

COSMIC EVENTS SUMMARY

1

Tribulation

2

Signs

3

Deliverance

4

DOTL

ORDER SURROUNDING COSMIC EVENTS

1

Tribulation

²¹For then there will be great tribulation... ²²And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened... ³⁰then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven... ³¹angels...shall gather together his elect" (Mt.24:21-22,29-31, selected)

2

Cosmic Events



Is.13:9-10; Jl.2:30-31; Mt.24:29;
Lk.21:25-28; Rv.6:12-14

In every case in Scripture these signs are to warn the world about the wrath that is about to come on the ungodly.

3

Day of the Lord

³⁰And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come." (Jl.2:30-31)

☀ **Cosmic event will occur AFTER the Great Tribulation (Mt.24:29-31)**

☀ **Cosmic event will occur BEFORE the Day of the Lord (Jl.2:30-31)**

Cosmic event will produce polar responses (Lk.21:25-28)

Unbelievers: Faint

FEAR

Believers: Hope

JOY

POLAR RESPONSES

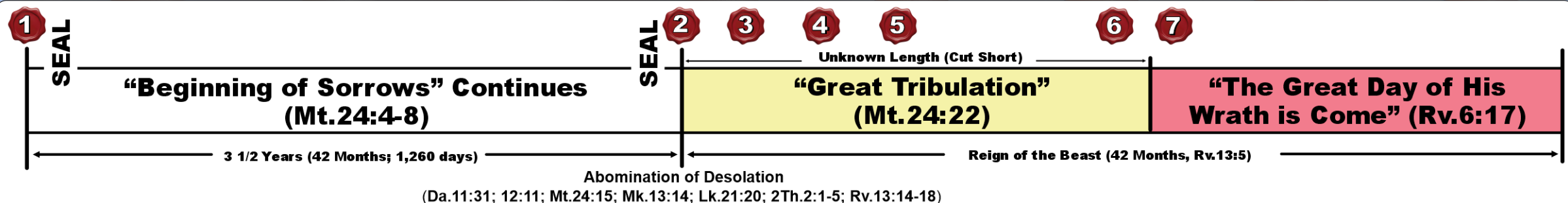
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SEAL 6 — Day of Christ

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.



THE SEALS OF REVELATION

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). Technically, the 7th Seal is the half hour of silence.
- 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

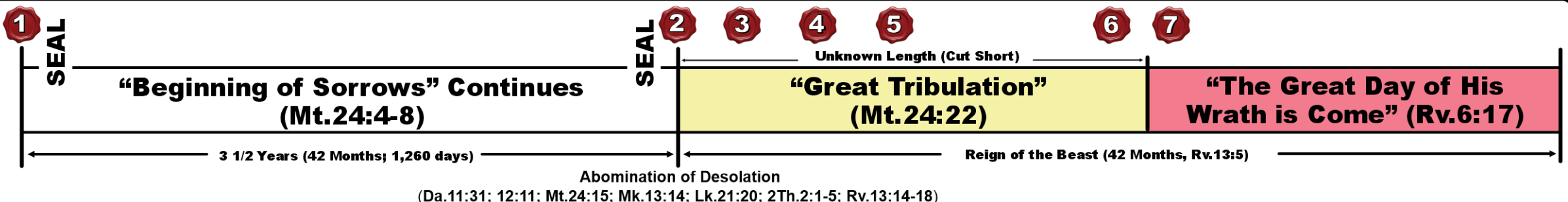


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7 VIALS



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REVELATION 'SEALS' BRIEF

THE PRINCE - BEAST

CONDITIONS AFTER BREAKING COVENANT

BLESSING THEN WRATH

Daniel's 70th Week Begins

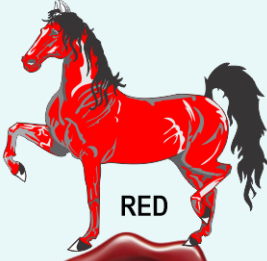


SEAL

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

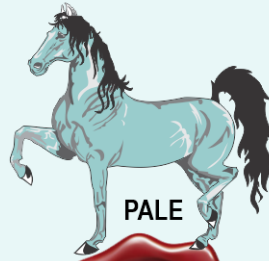


SEAL

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

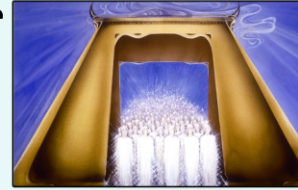


SEAL

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