

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

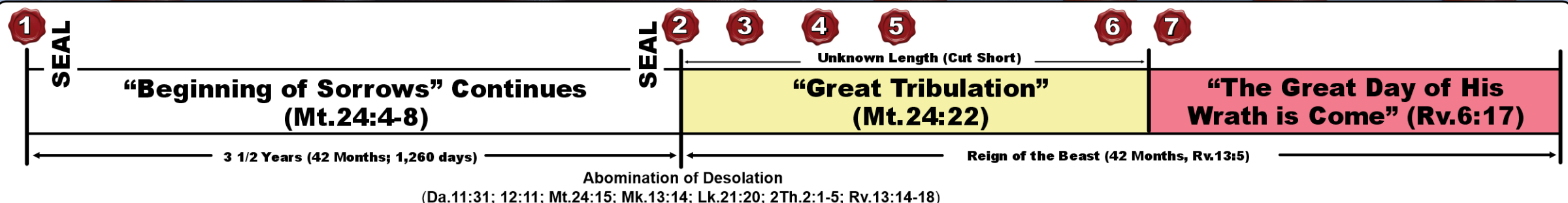
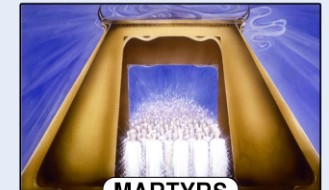
Revelation 6,8

THE SEALS OF REVELATION

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).



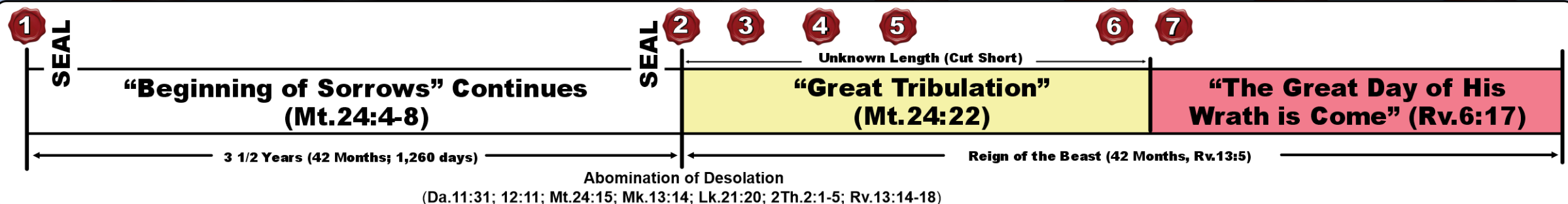
THE SEALS OF REVELATION

SEAL 6 — Day of Christ

Rv.6:12-14

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

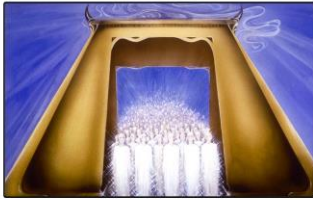
- The Day of Christ is the arrival of Christ to gather all believers (2Th.2:1).
- **AFTER** the Tribulation of those days, Christ comes in the clouds. He does not come all the way to the earth. Believers are gathered together with Christ in the clouds (1Th.4:13-18; 2Th.2:1-2; Ti.2:13).
- This Seal interrupts 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.



6TH SEAL ORDER OF EVENTS

Mt.24:29a	Immediately AFTER the Tribulation The time God has determined to cut it short (Mt.24:21-22)	— <i>Tribulation Cut Short</i> 
Mt.24:29b	The Cosmic Signs (Sun, Moon, Stars) Joel 2:30-31; Rv.6:12-14	— <i>Darkness</i> 
Mt.24:30a	The SIGN of the Son of Man Appears in the Sky Mt.24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven”	— <i>Glorious Brightness</i> 
Mt.24:30b	The Earth Dwellers Mourn and Panic Lk.21:25-26, “men's hearts failing them from fear”; Rv.6:15	— <i>Unbelievers Fearful</i> 
Mt.24:30c	They See the Son of Man Coming On The Clouds Lk.21:27, “Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud”	— <i>Believers Joyful</i> 
Mt.24:31	The Elect Saints Are Gathered Lk.21:28, “your redemption draws near”	— <i>Believers Rapture</i> 
Rv.6:15-17	Many Earth Dwellers Will Try To Hide Rv.6:15-17, “hide us from the face of Him”	— <i>Unbelievers Hide</i> 

THE RESULT OF THE 6TH SEAL



Rv.6:9-11

(Scene in HEAVEN)

- These are called “souls” because they have not yet received their resurrected bodies.
- Their question, “how long” is not personal revenge, but vindication of God’s holiness, and the desire to establish God’s justice.
- They are given “white robes” and asked to “rest” or wait a little longer. More will be martyred first.



Rv.6:12-17

(Scene on EARTH)

- The first 6 seals were consecutive and uninterrupted.
- The events of Revelation 7 is a delay between the 6th & 7th seals.
- What is so important that it breaks the continuity between Christ’s Coming (6th) and the start of the wrath of God (7th) Seal?

(REVELATION 7)

(Scene on EARTH, v.1-8)

(Scene in HEAVEN, v.9-17)

Before the 7th seal is opened two groups are delivered:

- 144,000
- The Church



Rv.8:1-5

(Scene on EARTH)

- The scroll is opened and the wrath of God begins as the trumpets.
- There is silence in Heaven for a half hour (Zp.1:7). Something huge (DOTL) is about to take place.



THE BODY AT DEATH

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it (Ec.12:7)

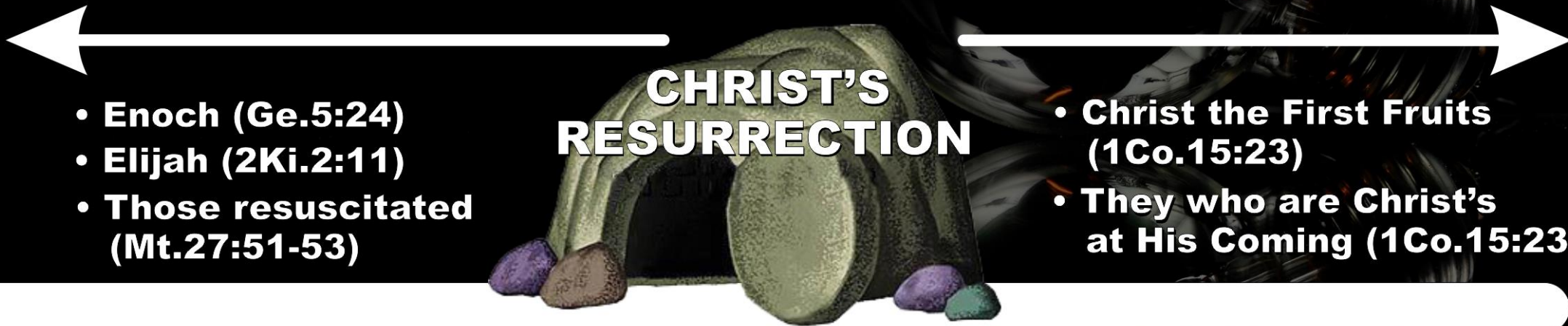


Ge.3:19
Jb.34:15
Ps.90:3
Ps.104:29

CHRIST ALONE RESURRECTED

■ No one received a resurrection body before Christ
(1Co.15:23)

■ No one has received a resurrection body since Christ.

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- Enoch (Ge.5:24)
 - Elijah (2Ki.2:11)
 - Those resuscitated (Mt.27:51-53)

CHRIST'S
RESURRECTION

- Christ the First Fruits (1Co.15:23)
- They who are Christ's at His Coming (1Co.15:23)

■ No one will receive a resurrection body until Christ Returns

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

²²Then He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed. (Lk.17:22,26-30)

- Jesus taught the deliverance of the saints, and the judgment of the wicked as "the same day".
- The deliverance of the rapture, and the judgment of the Day of the Lord occur on the same day. The Day of the Lord starts the same day, but is an extended period of time.

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. ¹²And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark (Ge.7:11-13)

- On the very same day—within 24 hours—of Noah and his family entering the ark, the floodwaters began rising on the earth.
- God preserved Noah through the trials of living as a righteous preacher in the midst of gross depravity. God also rescued him by removing him from the punishment of the wicked during the flood.

NOAH AND THE GREAT FLOOD

Wickedness increased on the earth (Ge.6:5), so God determined to destroy the human race except for the few people He extended His grace toward. There are two reasons given for the flood: (1) the sins of the sons of God (Ge.6:1-4), and (2) the sins of humankind (Ge.6:5-8). The deluge came from rain falling and water erupting from under the earth (Ge.7:11). The ark was planned by God and was His invention, not man's. The fact of the flood is (1) provided by the Genesis account, and (2) stated by Christ Himself (Mt.24:37-39; Lk.17:26-27), and (3) by the Apostles (1Pe.3:20; 2Pe.2:5; 3:6). Around the world the historical stories of a world-wide flood, even between peoples who could not have had contact, is quite evident. To deny a universal flood demonstrates an obvious bias.

If we count the year of Adam's Creation as year 1, then Noah was born in the year 1056.

NOAH OVERVIEW
(Genesis 6)

-  **Year 1** ➡ The year of Adam's Creation (Ge.1:26, 4004 BC*)
-  **Year 1056** ➡ Noah was born (compare Ge.7:6,11, 2948 BC*)
-  **Year 1536** ➡ Noah started building the ark at age 480 (Ge.7:11, 2468 BC*)
- (120 years)** ➡ God gave Noah 120 years to build the ark (Ge.6:3) and to preach (1Pe.3:20).

It Was Not
Raining When
Noah Built
the Ark



ARK

The 'ark' was a sign against the unrepentant, and Noah's 'voice' testified against the unrepentant.

THE FLOOD
(Genesis 7-8)

 **Year 1656** ➡ Noah completed the ark at the age of 600 (Ge.7:6) ➡ THE FLOOD started (2348 BC*)

Day #	Month / Day	Days Later	
01	 02 / 17	07 Days Later	- Noah entered the Ark & the floods came (Ge.7:1-18) [‡] The floods came the same day Noah entered the ark (Ge.7:4,11,13; Lk.17:26-30)
40	 03 / 27	40 Days Later	- The heavy rains stopped (Ge.7:12)
150	 07 / 17	110 Days Later	- The ark rested on an Ararat Mountain (Ge.8:1-4); Waters prevailed for 150 days (Ge.7:24)
224	 10 / 01	74 Days Later	- The family could see the tops of the mountains (Ge.8:5)
264	 11 / 11	40 Days Later	- Noah opened the window, sent out a raven and a dove. Dove returned (Ge.8:6-9)
271	 11 / 18	07 Days Later	- Noah sent out a dove which returned with a leaf (Ge.8:10)
278	 11 / 25	07 Days Later	- Noah sent out the dove a third time which did not return (Ge.8:12)
300	 12 / 17	22 Days Later	- The water continues to recede (Ge.8:3); End of the 150 days started on day 150

GLOBAL
FLOOD



The Flood came the
same day Noah
entered the Ark
(Ge.7:4,11,13)

DRY LAND
(Genesis 8)

-  **Year 1657** ➡ Noah and his family back on dry land (Ge.8:13, 2347 BC*)
- 314**  01 / 01 14 Days Later - Noah removed the covering of the ark and surveyed the earth (Ge.8:13)
- 370**  02 / 27 56 Days Later - The land completely dry, and they all left the ark (Ge.8:14-19)

= 1 Year and 10 days in the ark using 360 day calendar

* James Ussher, *The Annals*.

‡ God told Noah he had "seven more days" to corral the animals (Ge.7:2-4), then the floods came (Ge.7:11,13).

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

LOT

²⁰See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live." ²¹And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. ²²Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. ²³The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. ²⁴Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. ²⁵So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. (Ge.19:20-25)

- On the very same day Lot and his family arrive in Zoar—within 24 hours of fleeing Sodom—God pours out his judgment on the region, utterly destroying the cities.

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

⁶since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2Th.1:6-10)

- The Thessalonians were concerned for friends and family who had already died (1Th.4:13), that they would not be resurrected because they would not live to see the rapture. Because of persecution some thought they were in the Day of the Lord.
- God will bring judgment to those who trouble believers (v.6). This will happen “when” (v.7) Jesus is revealed from heaven.
- The “rest” of believers, and the “repay with tribulation” occur within one day.

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

The Great Tribulation

Noah lived among a corrupt and violent people. They were unconcerned and unprepared for God's judgment.

The corrupt generation Noah lived among is likened to the Great Tribulation.

The Rapture

Noah and his family boarded the ark to safety.

Entering the ark can be likened to the rapture.

The Day of the Lord

Noah and his family floated safely above the waters, while the waters destroyed the world of his day.

The flood waters from the deep and the sky can be likened to the Day of the Lord.

On “the same day” God delivered Noah in the ark, judgment followed!

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

The Great Tribulation

Lot lived among a corrupt, perverse, and arrogant people. They were unconcerned and unprepared for God's judgment.

The evil generation Lot lived among is likened to the Great Tribulation.

The Rapture

Lot and his family fled to a nearby town for safety.

Fleeing Sodom can be likened to the rapture.

The Day of the Lord

Lot and his daughters were safe in the nearby town, while God rained down burning sulfur upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The fire and sulfur that pours out from heaven can be likened to the Day of the Lord.

On “the same day” God delivered Lot by fleeing, judgment followed!

**GENERATION BEFORE
JESUS RETURNS**

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

The Great Tribulation

Christians will live among the worst generation in the history of mankind. They will reject God and worship Satan and the anti-Christ.

The evil generation Christians will live among will be in the Great Tribulation.

The Rapture

Jesus will return and will “catch away” (rapture) Christians to safety. We will be with Christ forever.

Christians will be raptured. This “cuts short” (Mt.24:22) the Great Tribulation by rescuing the “elect”.

The Day of the Lord

While Christians are rewarded in heaven, and having new bodies, God will pour out judgment upon the earth.

Immediately following the rapture of the church, the Day of the Lord judgment will begin.

On “the same day” God will deliver Christians by the rapture, judgment will follow!

DELIVERANCE & JUDGMENT SAME DAY

	The Great Tribulation	The Rapture	The Day of the Lord
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Days of Lot Lk.17:22,26-30 Ge.19:20-25	The evil generation Lot lived among is likened to the Great Tribulation.	Fleeing Sodom can be likened to the rapture.	The fire and sulfur that pours out from heaven can be likened to the day of the Lord.
Generation Before Jesus Returns 2Th.1:6-10	The evil generation Christians will live among will be in the Great Tribulation.	Christians will be raptured. This “cuts short” (Mt.24:22) the Great Tribulation by rescuing the “elect”.	Immediately following the rapture of the church, the Day of the Lord judgment will begin.

TWO SIDES
OF
ONE COIN

FOR BELIEVERS

RETURN
OF
JESUS

BLESSED HOPE

FOR UNBELIEVERS

DAY
OF
THE
LORD

THIEF

JESUS: RETURN IS VISIBLE

(Mt.24:30; 26:64; Mk.13:26; 14:62; Lk.21:27; Ac.1:9; 1Th.4:17; Rv.1:7; 14:14-16)

- **Mt.24:30**, And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- **Mt.26:64**, Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- **Mk.14:62**, And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
- **Lk.21:27**, And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- **Ac.1:9**, And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
- **Rv.1:7**, 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.

“Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him” (Ps.68:4)

THE COMING IS OUR EXPECTATION

Believers Are Waiting For The Second Coming of Jesus

2 Thessalonians, 1:6-10

Believers Rest When Jesus is Revealed

1 John 2:28

When Jesus Appears Believers May Have Confidence or Shame

1 Timothy 6:14

Believers Are To Preserve The Truth Until The Lord's Appearing

2 Timothy 4:8

At That Day Believers Who Love His Appearing Receive A Crown of Righteousness

Titus 2:13

Believers Are Looking For Blessed Hope and Glorious Appearing

Hebrews 9:28

Believers Look For Christ To "Appear the Second Time"

BELIEVER'S REST WHEN HE COMES

⁶Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; ⁷And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; ⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10

Believers Are Looking For Blessed Hope Even The Glorious Appearing

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ

Granville

Sharp Rule

- Two nouns (same case) connected by *kai* (“and”)
- First noun has definite article [τὴν] (second noun does not)
- Then the second noun refers to the same as the first noun
- The second noun gives further description of the first noun

The blessed hope IS the glorious appearing

“Looking for that blessed hope, even the glorious appearing...”

TITUS 2:13

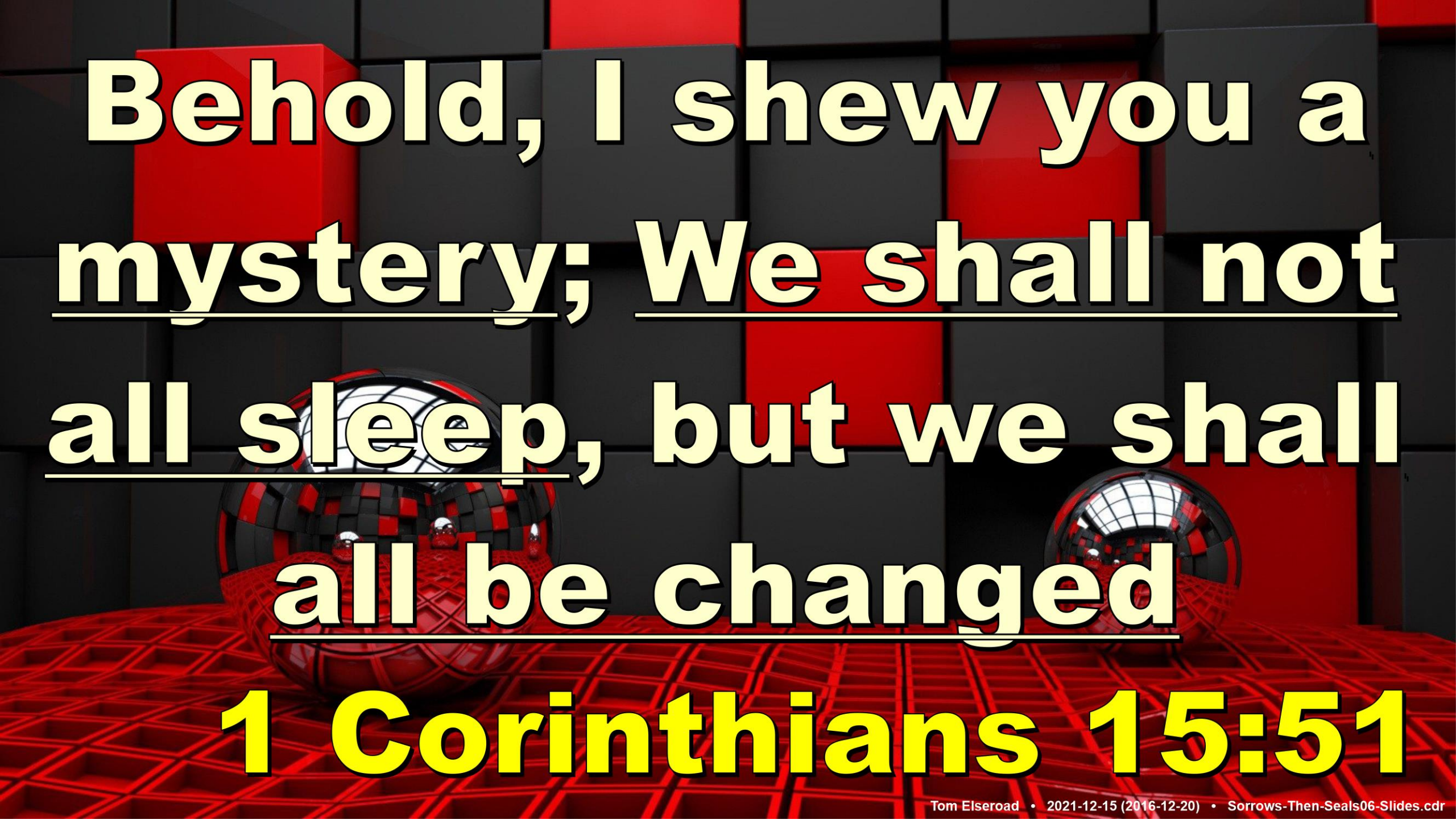
The

Rapture

As a

Mystery

1 Corinthians 15:51-52



**Behold, I shew you a
mystery; We shall not
all sleep, but we shall
all be changed**

1 Corinthians 15:51

NATURE OF THE “MYSTERY”

1 Something about the future resurrection of believers is considered a “mystery”

2 The “mystery” aspect is NOT resurrection itself
(Jb.19:25-26; Da.12:2)

3 The resurrection will include “living” believers (those who have not died physically)

4 When Christ returns He will resurrect believers who have died, and those still alive at the time

COMPARISON OF PASSAGES LIKE A THIEF

Mt.24:40-44

⁴³If the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched... ⁴⁴for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

1Th.5:2

“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”

2Pe.3:10

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night”

Rv.16:15

“Behold, I am coming as a thief”

PEACE AND SAFETY — 1Th.5:2-3

²For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. (1Th.5:2-3)

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COVENANT

PEACE & SAFETY

Wars and Rumors of Wars — Beginning of Sorrows (Mt.24:6-8)

First 3 1/2 Years

Tribulation

WRATH

- Da.9:26, “the people of the prince ... shall destroy the city and the sanctuary”.
- Da.9:26, “the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war”.

- “He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week” (Da.9:27)
- This interrupts the historical trend of “wars and rumors of wars” (Mt.24:6).

PEACE AND SAFETY

- Just prior to the Day of the Lord there will be a general condition of peace and safety.
- There will be economic comfort for those following the Beast System (those who receive the Mark of the Beast).
- This sense of peace will lull them to spiritual sleep making them unprepared for Christ’s return (1Th.5:3; Mt.24:38-39).

DAY OF THE LORD

Sudden Destruction

COMPARISON OF PASSAGES

DAY OF THE LORD

Jl.2:31

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD”

Ac.2:19-21

¹⁹Wonders in the heaven; signs in the earth; Blood and fire ²⁰Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord

1Th.5:2

“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”

2Th.2:1-3

¹Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him; that Day will not come unless... falling away... man of sin revealed

2Pe.3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night

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

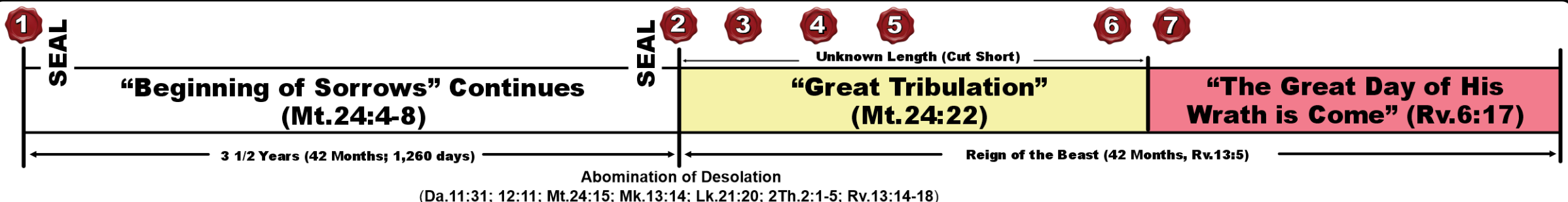


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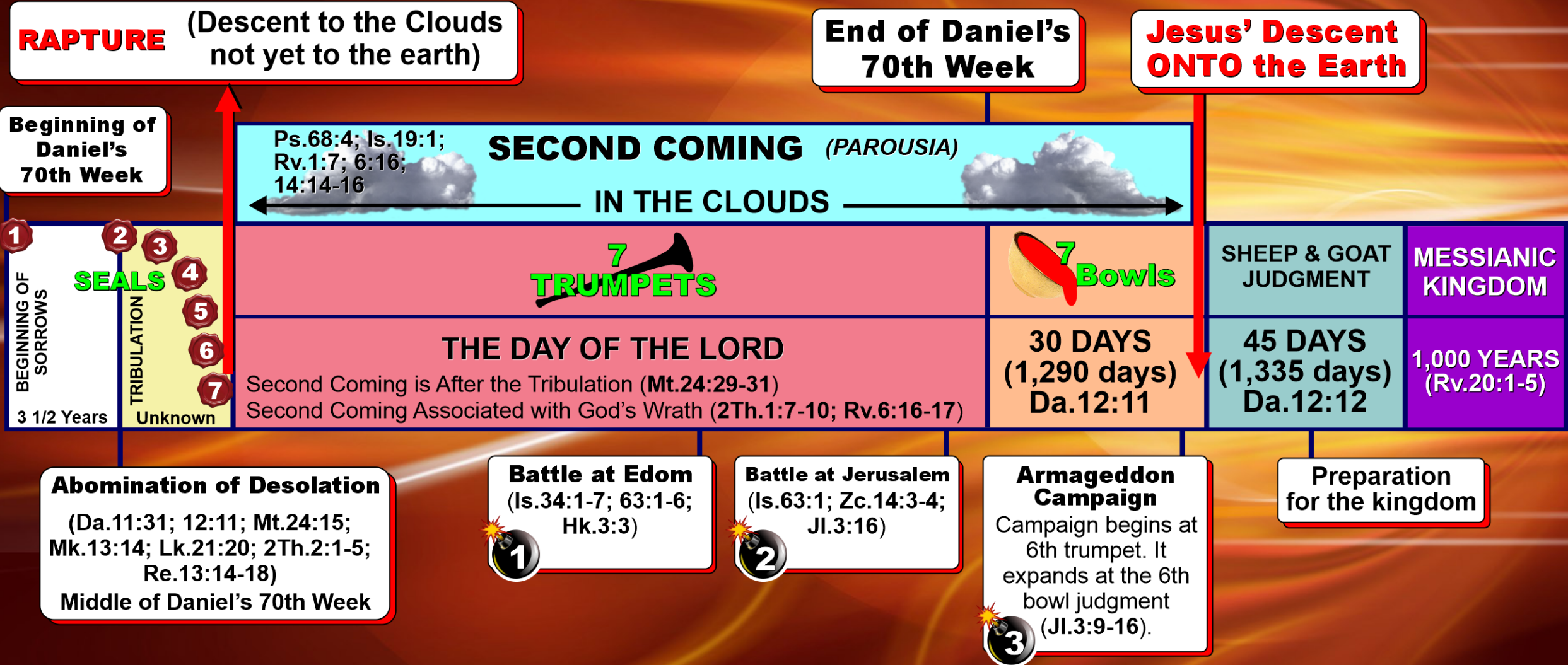


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FUTURE PERIODS OVERVIEW

THERE IS ONLY ONE SECOND COMING WHICH CONSISTS OF MULTIPLE EVENTS INCLUDING WRATH AND BATTLE



The 7 Seals of Revelation



REVELATION 'SEALS' BRIEF

THE PRINCE - BEAST

CONDITIONS AFTER BREAKING COVENANT

BLESSING THEN WRATH

Daniel's 70th Week Begins

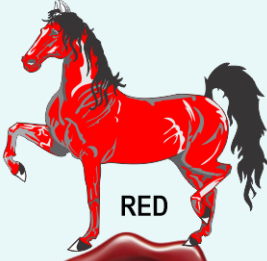


SEAL

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

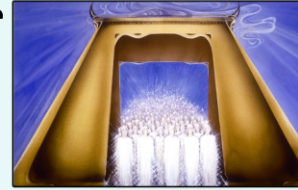


SEAL

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.6:12-17

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