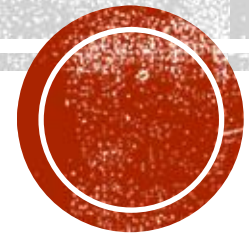


ESCHATOLOGY – WEEK 5

THE TRIBULATION PART 3: REV. 10-13 - THE MIDPOINT

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REVIEW

- **The Rapture** will be Worldwide, Unexpected and Instantaneous.
- All believers, both dead and alive, will be gathered together to meet Christ in the air, and will receive their glorified bodies during transit.
- Many Evangelicals believe the Rapture will occur ***before*** the 7–year Tribulation and will precipitate the end of restrained evil on earth. (2 Thess. 2:7)



REVIEW

- **Revelation 4** – The Throne Room in Heaven
 - 24 Elders
 - 4 Living Creatures
- **Revelation 5** – The Scroll and the Lamb
 - Christ alone is worthy, and the only source of salvation
 - Worship is our appropriate response
- **Revelation 6** – Seals 1-6 are Opened
 - The ‘Four Horsemen’ of the Apocalypse
 - Martyrs under the Altar in Heaven
 - Mankind’s response to the tribulation
 - Seal #6 brings cataclysmic impact to earth - Re-**READ** Rev. 6:12-14



REVIEW

- **Revelation 7**

- 144,000 Sealed
- The Great Multitude

- **Revelation 8**

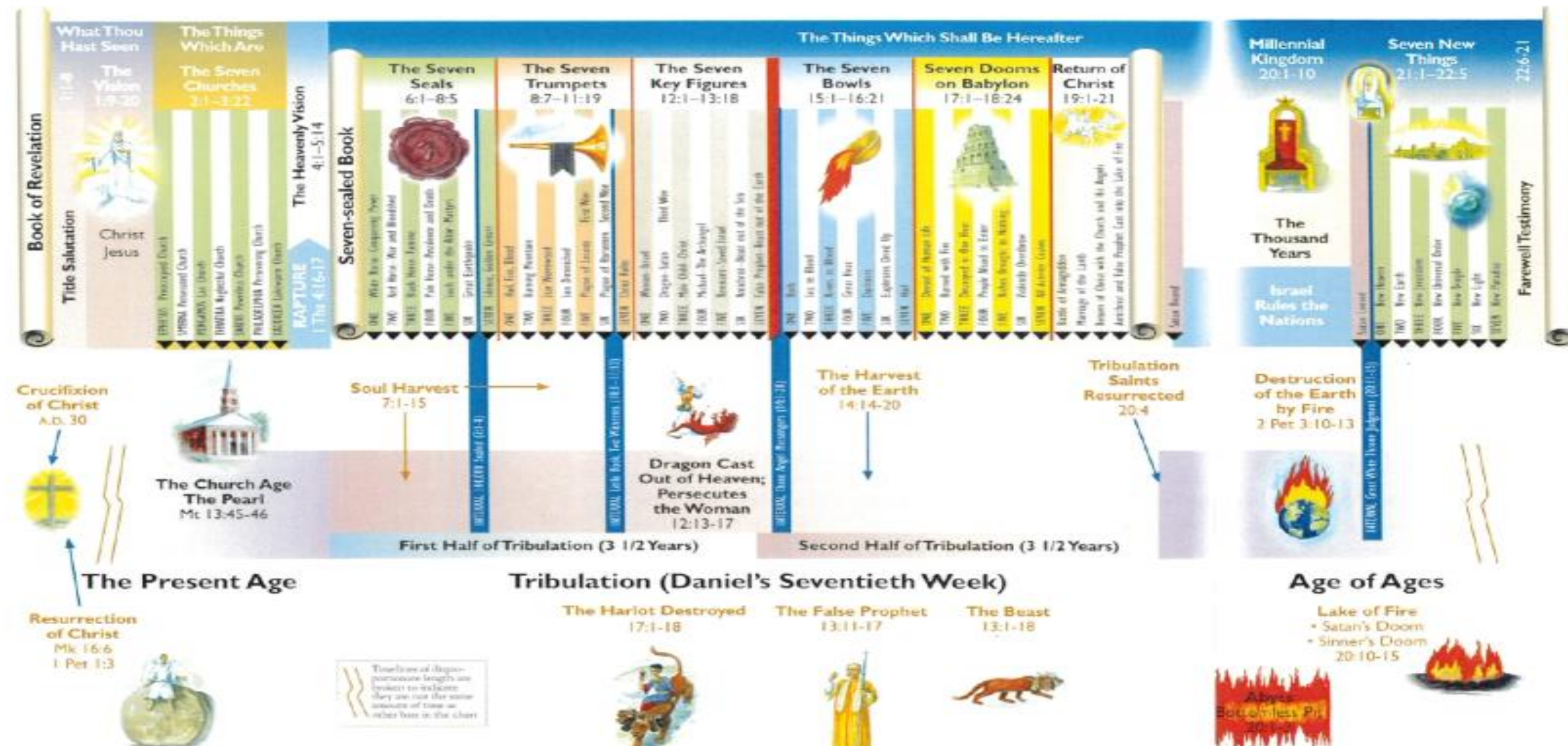
- The 7th Seal Judgment and the Golden Censer
- The Trumpet Judgments. (1-4)

- **Revelation 9**

- Trumpet Judgments 5-7
 - Also referred to as The Three Woes
- Terror on Earth
 - Locusts with power to torture
 - 200 million mounted troops – 1/3 of mankind killed



REVIEW – TIMELINE OVERVIEW



REVELATION CHAPTER 10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

- John describes ‘another mighty angel’ with intimidating characteristics
- Upon shouting, the voices of the seven thunders speak. John is cautioned to ‘seal up’ what he has recorded of their speaking.
- This *straddling* Angel then pronounces “No more delay!” (Rev.10:7)
- John now instructed to take the scroll that lay open in the angel’s hand and eat it. It has a sweet taste but turns sour in his stomach. Now told that he will prophesy again.



REVELATION CHAPTER 10

CIRCLING BACK – ‘THE MYSTERY OF GOD’

“But in the days when the **seventh angel** is *about to* sound his **trumpet**, the **mystery** of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

- This is where some see a potential connection to the **Rapture** of the Church!
- ***Could this be*** the ‘last trumpet’ of **1 Cor. 15:51-52**?

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a **mystery**: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the **last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

- I still generally see more evidence in Scripture for a ‘pre-Trib’ rapture event, but this passage certainly gives me ‘pause.’ 😊



REVELATION CHAPTER 11

THE TWO WITNESSES

- Strange vision - John now given a measuring rod to measure the temple and the altar, and to count the worshippers there.
- **Two Witnesses**, wearing sackcloth, given power to prophesy for 1,260 days.
 - These are the **two olive trees & two lampstands** that stand before the Lord. (more on this in a minute)
 - Anyone who tries to harm the Witnesses will be devoured by fire from their mouths.
 - They are given almost *carte blanche* power, to turn off the rain, turn the waters to blood, and cause any plague that they please, as long as they are prophesying.



REVELATION CHAPTER 11

THE TWO WITNESSES – Two Olive Trees & Two Lampstands?

- Does the Scripture elsewhere furnish any clues as to their identity?
 - **Popular Theories:**
 - **Moses & Elijah** – in light of their appearance on the Mount of Transfiguration
 - **Enoch & Elijah** – in light of their never tasting death
 - **Other Possibilities:**
 - Some see it as an allusion to the Faithful Church of today, who will stand as witnesses
 - 2 Olive Trees – House of Israel, House of Judah, from [Jer. 11:16-17](#), [Ez. 37:16-22](#)
 - **One More Observation/Mystery:** [Rev. 11:8](#)
 - Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is Sodom and Egypt, where Christ was crucified (which was outside Jerusalem).
 - So which street is this?? It is NOT inside the city of Jerusalem?



REVELATION CHAPTER 11

THE TWO WITNESSES – THE CONCLUSION

- When they have finished their prophetic assignment, the Beast will kill them, and they will lie dead in the streets of Jerusalem.
- Their dead bodies will be left there for 3½ days while mankind gloats over them.
- Then the breath of God resurrects them in plain view, and they ascend to heaven in a cloud, while all watch in terror.
- After their ascension, a severe earthquake strikes the city, collapsing 1/10 of Jerusalem. 7,000 die, survivors glorify God.
- This is the ***Second Woe***.



REVELATION CHAPTER 11

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET

- Foretold by the 'straddling angel' previously in Rev. 10:7
- Loud voices are heard from heaven, ascribing accolades to Christ.
- The 24 Elders fall to their faces in worship, announcing that the time for God Almighty to reign has now come.
- Possible Evidence of 'raptured saints' being welcomed home here:
 - (vs.18) "for rewarding your servants... and your saints..."
- God's Temple in Heaven is opened, lightning, thunder, and earthquake and a hailstorm ensue.



REVELATION CHAPTER 12

THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON – Great Signs / Figures

- This vision is unique in this apocalyptic book in that it seems to reference something from the past.
- **A Pregnant Woman** clothed with the Sun with a crown of 12 stars
 - Could have several potential references: The 12 Tribes of Israel, the Church, or the Virgin Mary
 - All have merit
- **The Red Dragon** – with 7 heads, 10 horns, 7 crowns – Satan/Antichrist
- **War in Heaven** – Angels vs. Angels, Satan & his angels ***hurled down!***



REVELATION CHAPTER 12

THE WOMAN AND THE DRAGON – Great Signs / Figures

- The battle depicted between the dragon and the woman represent things of the past, or things yet to come.
- War in heaven – likely depicts past events, as it seems to agree with other biblical teachings regarding Satan being cast out of heaven.
- When the dragon realizes his own defeat in his war against the woman, he turns his ire towards ‘the rest of her offspring.’
 - God’s People – These are identified as those who obey God and hold to the Testimony of Jesus. Israel & The Church
- The last part of Chapter 12 is quite cryptic!



REVELATION CHAPTER 13

The Beast out of the Sea – the Antichrist (human)

- This 'beast' has 10 horns, 7 heads, 10 crowns on his horns, and 7 blasphemous names on his heads.
- Resembled a leopard, with the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion.
- From the Dragon, this Beast receives his power, throne and authority.
- The Beast's one head has a mysterious 'fatal wound' that had been healed.
- The whole world was led astray by the Beast. They worshipped both the Beast and the Dragon.
- It seems the Beast comes to power at the midpoint of the Tribulation.



REVELATION CHAPTER 13

The Beast out of the Sea – the Antichrist

- The Beast was also given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies, as well as to exercise his authority for 42 months.
- He utters blasphemy against God, slanders his name, his dwelling place, and those who live in heaven.
- He was given authority over **every** tribe, people, language and nation. This suggests worldwide rule.
- All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast – those whose names are **not** written in the Book of Life.
- Saints are warned that they will need to exercise patience and faithfulness.



REVELATION CHAPTER 13

The Beast out of the Sea – ‘Then I saw *another* beast’ – The False Prophet

- This Beast has 2 horns like a lamb but speaks like a dragon.
- He is exercising all the same authority of the first beast and begins forced worship of the Antichrist.
- This Beast has power to perform great and miraculous signs, such as fire coming down from heaven.
- The False Prophet deceives the whole earth, and sets up an image of the Antichrist, giving it power to speak and kill those who refuse to worship.
- The False Prophet also institutes the infamous ‘mark of the beast’ on the forehead or right hand of all people, as a means of buying and selling.
- This is where we read the number ‘666’ associated to the Beast/Satan.
- **NOTE:** It’s hard not to read most of this as literal!



CONCLUSION – Q&A

What are your questions??

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