

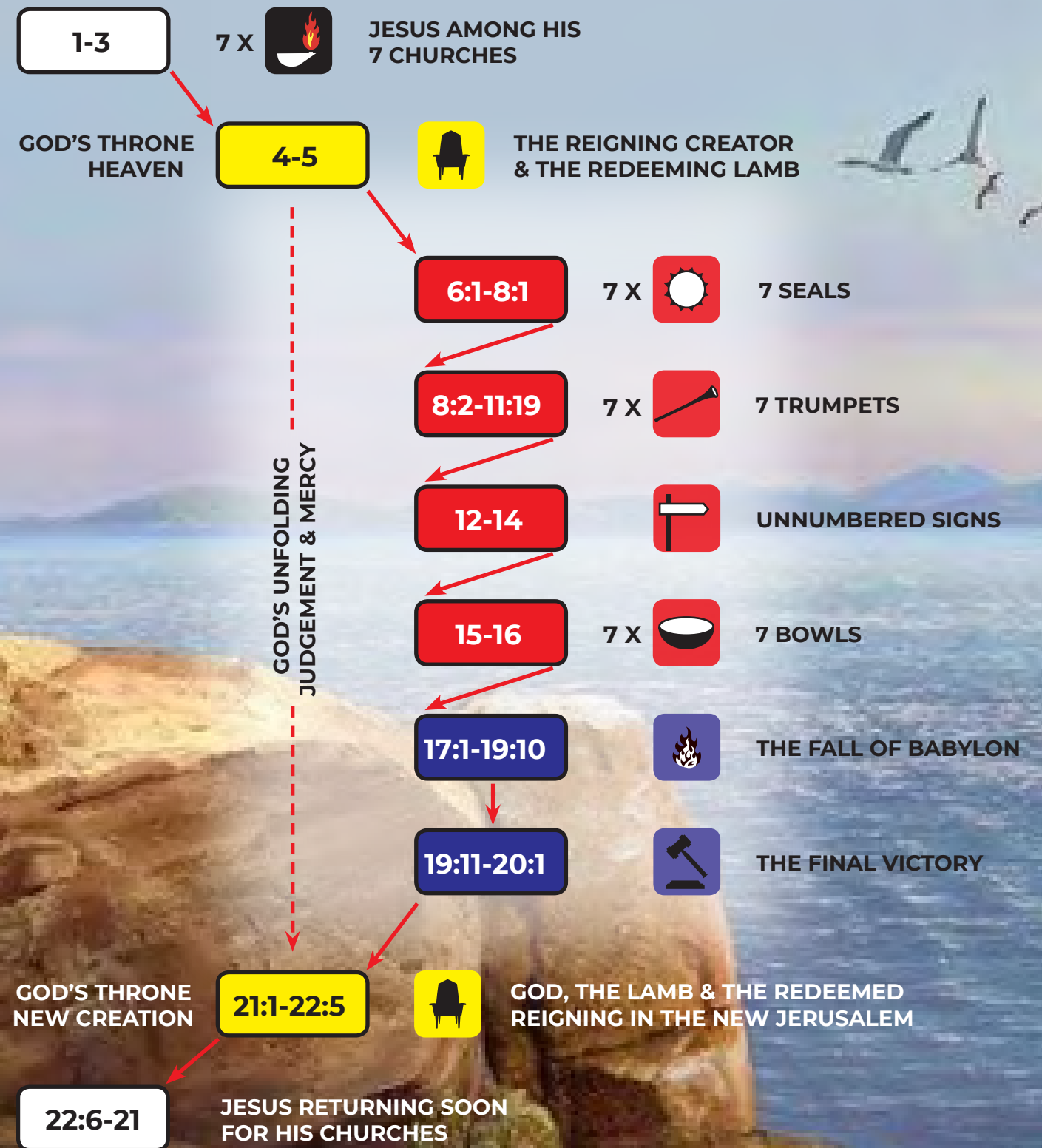
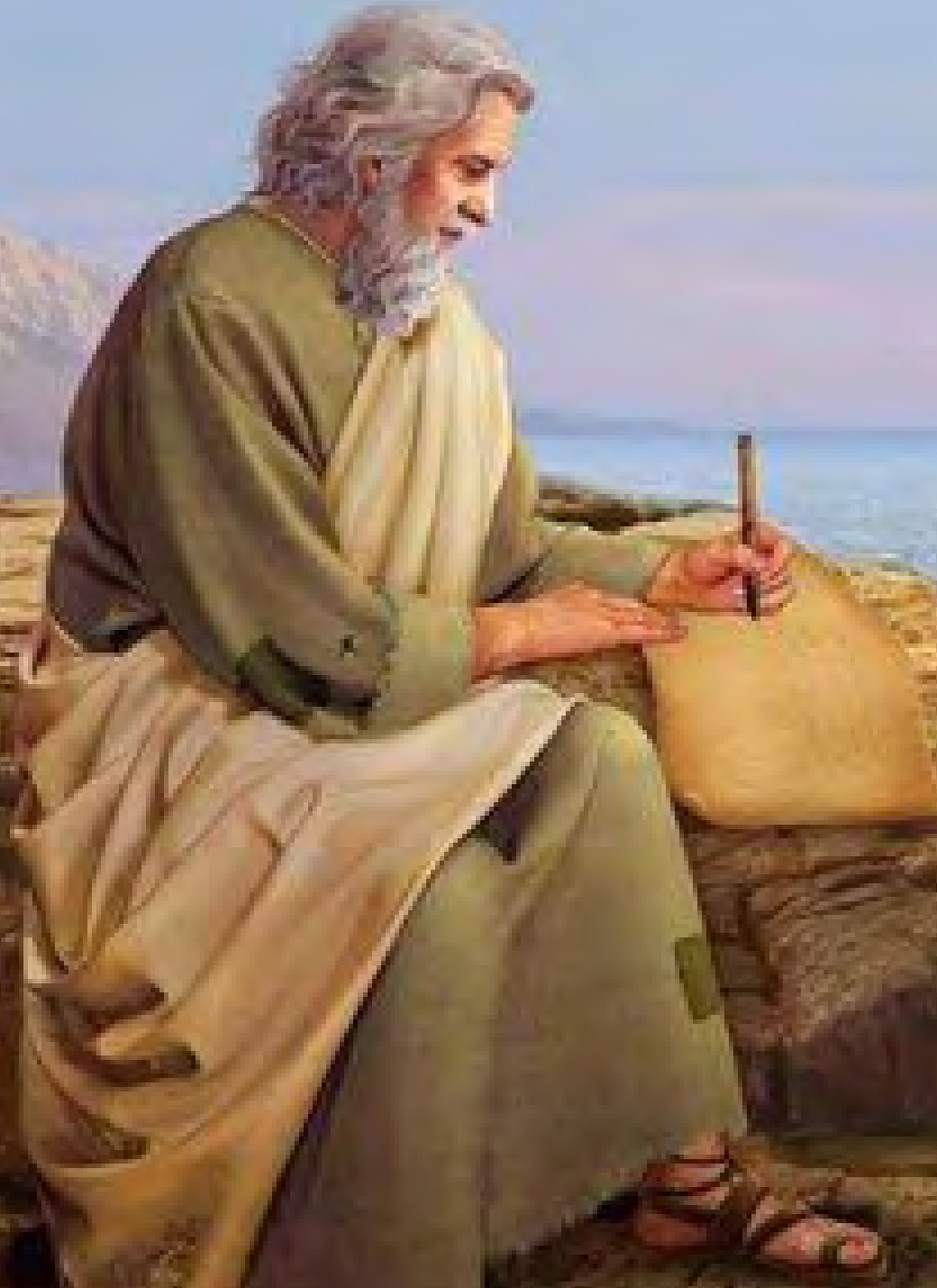
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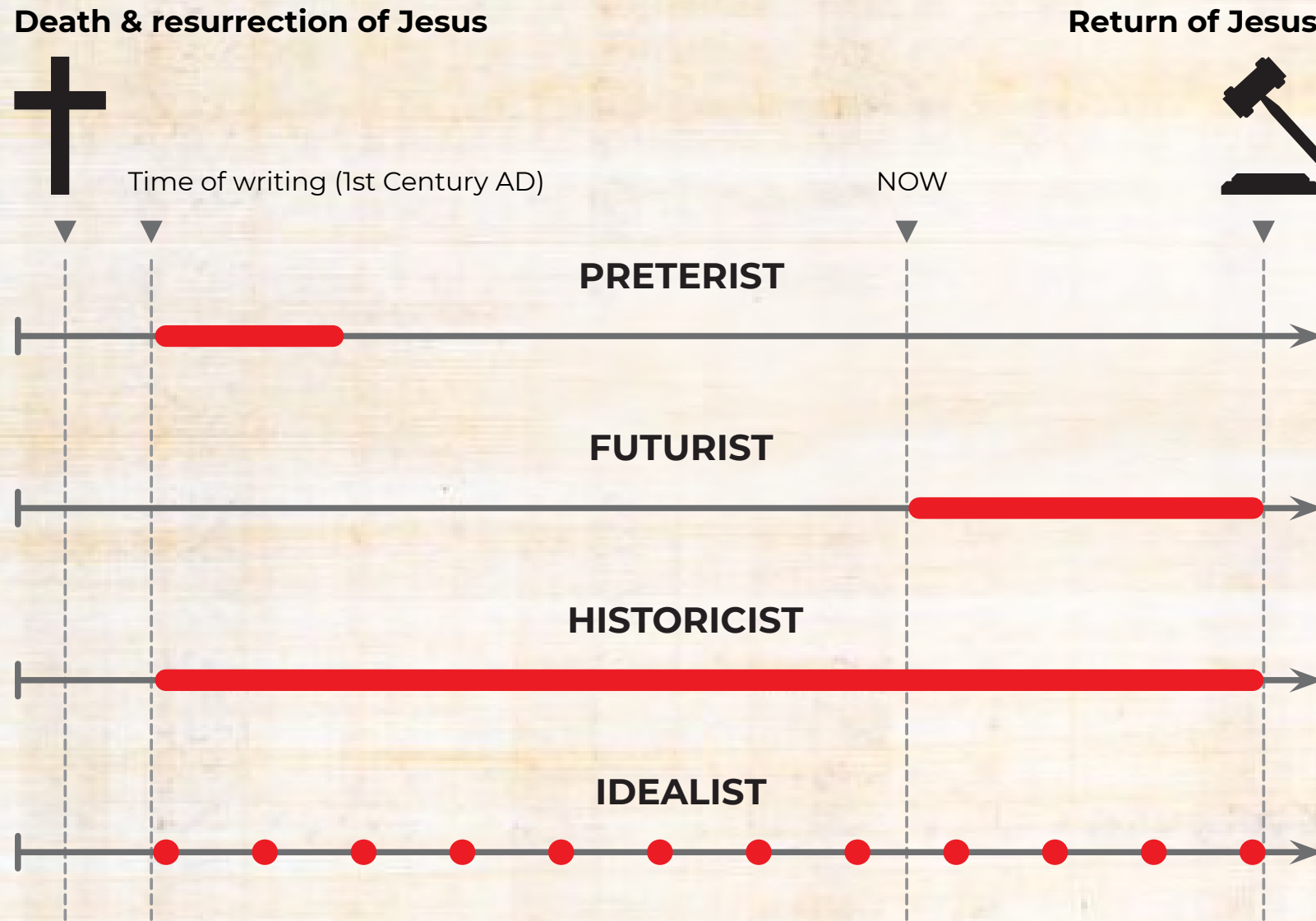
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STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION



FOUR WAYS TO READ REVELATION



1. PRETERIST: Revelation is about events in the past

The events described in Revelation all took place around the time of the letter's writing and should be read with that historical context in mind. In other words, the letter was written first and foremost to Christians in the first century, under Roman rule and persecution. As such, we need to understand how they would have originally read it, before applying it to ourselves.

2. FUTURIST: Revelation is about events in the future

The events described in Revelation were predicted to take place in the far distant future, at least from the point of view of the original readers. So, the focus is on events that are still to come, including times like "the tribulation" and "the millennium."

3. HISTORICIST: Revelation is about all of history

Revelation describes the key events of history stretching from the death and resurrection of Jesus to his return as judge. It can be seen as a timetable, by which we can interpret "the signs of the times." In other words, world events today are described in Revelation.

4. IDEALIST: Revelation is about timeless principles

Revelation isn't talking about a specific time. It is talking about a pattern of events or trends that will be repeated throughout history, as an encouragement to God's people of all times who face persecution. In that sense, it is a "timeless" message.

THE VISION OF JESUS IN REVELATION 1



I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands ... (12)



... and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man,[d] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. (13)



The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow ... (14)



... and his eyes were like blazing fire. (14)



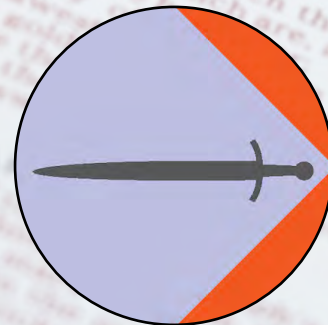
His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace ... (15)



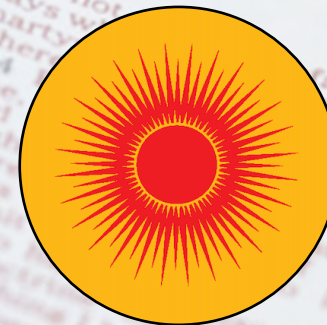
... and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. (15)



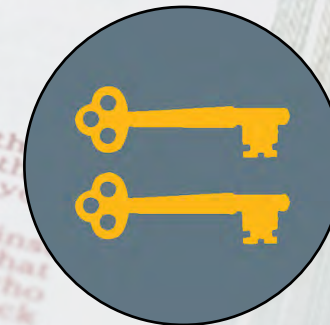
In his right hand he held seven stars ... (16)



... and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. (16)



His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: ... (16-17)

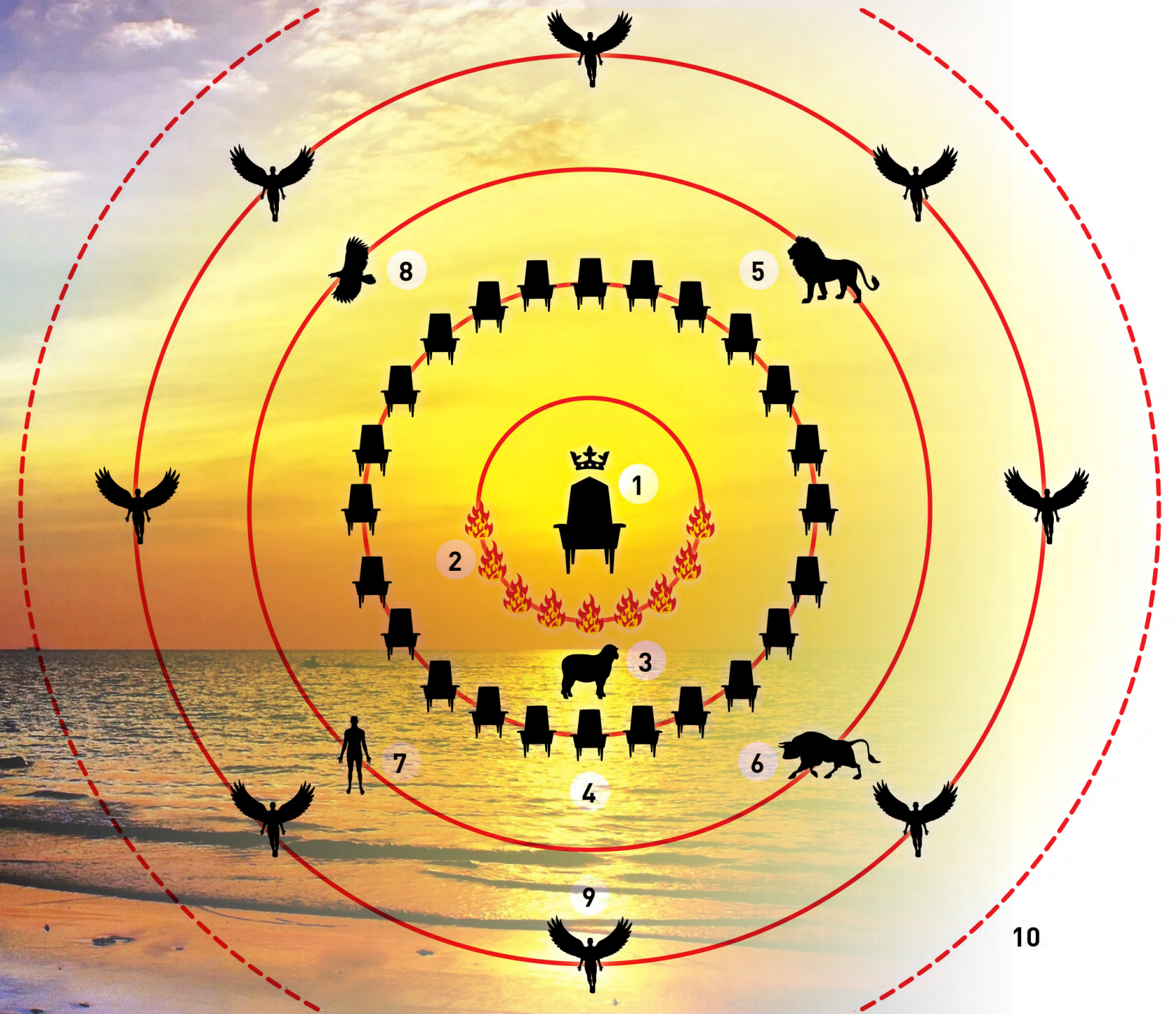


“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.” (17-18)

THE VISION OF HEAVEN IN REVELATION 4

- 1 God the Father's throne at the centre of heaven, around which is a rainbow like an emerald and from it comes flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder (4:2-3, 5).
- 2 7 torches of fire, which are the 7 spirits of God (4:5).
- 3 The conquering Jesus, announced as 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David' and appearing as a slain Lamb with 7 horns and 7 eyes, which are the 7 spirits of God. Jesus takes the 7-sealed scroll from God the Father on the throne (5:1-7).
- 4 The 24 elders sitting on thrones, dressed in white, wearing golden crowns and holding harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. The elders worship God, cast their crowns before his throne and sing a 'new song' praising the worthiness of Jesus to open the scroll (4:4, 10-11; 5:8-10, 14).

- 5-8 The 4 living creatures, each with 6 wings and full of eyes all around and within, holding harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. The living creatures perpetually praise the Creator God and sing a 'new song' praising the worthiness of Jesus to open the scroll (4:7-9; 5:8-10, 14).
- 5 The 1st living creature looks like a lion (4:7).
- 6 The 2nd living creature looks like an ox (4:7).
- 7 The 3rd living creature has the face of a man (4:7).
- 8 The 4th living creature looks like an eagle in flight (4:7).
- 9 1000s of 1000s of angels praising the worthiness of Jesus (5:11-12).
- 10 Every creature in heaven and on earth, under the earth and in the sea, praising Jesus and God the Father (5:13).



TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

The Great Tribulation = 3.5 years



First Four Seals



Fifth Seal



Sixth Seal



Seventh Seal



Seventh Trumpet

Seventh Trumpet contains Seven Plagues

7 Seals

1. **Religious deception** (Revelation 6:1-2; Matthew 24:4-5)
2. **War** (Revelation 6:3-4; Matthew 24:6-7)
3. **Famine** (Revelation 6:5-6; Matthew 24:7)
4. **Disease epidemics** (Revelation 6:7-8; Matthew 24:7)
5. **Tribulation** (Revelation 6:9-11; Matthew 24:8-12, 21-22)
6. **Heavenly signs** (Revelation 6:12-17; Matthew 24:29)
7. **Seven trumpets** (the "Day of the Lord")

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1. **Destruction of vegetation** (Revelation 8:7)
2. **Devastation of oceans, sea life** (8:8-9)
3. **Devastation of rivers, fresh water** (8:10-11)
4. **Sun, moon and stars darkened** (8:12)
5. **Torturous human afflictions** (9:1-12)
6. **Enormous military destruction** (9:13-19)
7. **Seven last plagues** (15:1; 16:1-21)



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Seven Last Plagues

7 Last Plagues (the 7th Trumpet)

1. **Sores on beast worshipers** (Revelation 16:2)
2. **Oceans become blood** (16:3)
3. **Rivers and fresh water become blood** (16:4)
4. **The sun scorches the earth** (16:8)
5. **Thick darkness in the beast kingdom** (16:10)
6. **Euphrates River dried up** (16:12)
7. **Massive final destruction** (16:17-21)

Events at Seventh Trumpet

1. **Satan is bound** (John 12:31; Revelation 20:2-7)
2. **God's people raised** (Romans 6:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52; Revelation 20:6)
3. **Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives** (Zechariah 14:4)

Events After Seventh Trumpet

4. **Satan is bound** (John 12:31; Revelation 20:2-7)
5. **1,000 YEAR REIGN OF JESUS CHRIST BEGINS** (Revelation 20:2-7)

THE 7 SEALS OF REVELATION

The four horsemen

1



6:1-2 1ST SEAL = WHITE HORSE = CONQUEST

A rider holding a bow, wearing a crown and riding out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

2



6:3-4 2ND SEAL = RED HORSE = WAR

A powerful rider on a fiery red horse, holding a sword and taking peace from the earth.

3



6:5-6 3RD SEAL = BLACK HORSE = FAMINE

A rider on a black horse, holding a pair of scales and bringing famine (indicated by the grossly-inflated crop prices).

4



6:7-8 4TH SEAL = PALE HORSE = DEATH

Death riding on a pale horse, with Hades following behind, having power over a quarter of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague and by wild beasts.

5



6:9-11 5TH SEAL = THE SOULS OF MARTYRS

The souls of the martyrs calling out to God for justice, given white robes and told to wait a little longer.

6



6:12-17 6TH SEAL = CREATION UNCREATED

A great earthquake strikes, the sun turns black, the moon turns red, the stars fall to earth, the heavens disappear, every mountain and island is removed. The day of the Lamb's wrath has come!



7:1-17 PAUSE = THE REDEEMED ARE SEALED

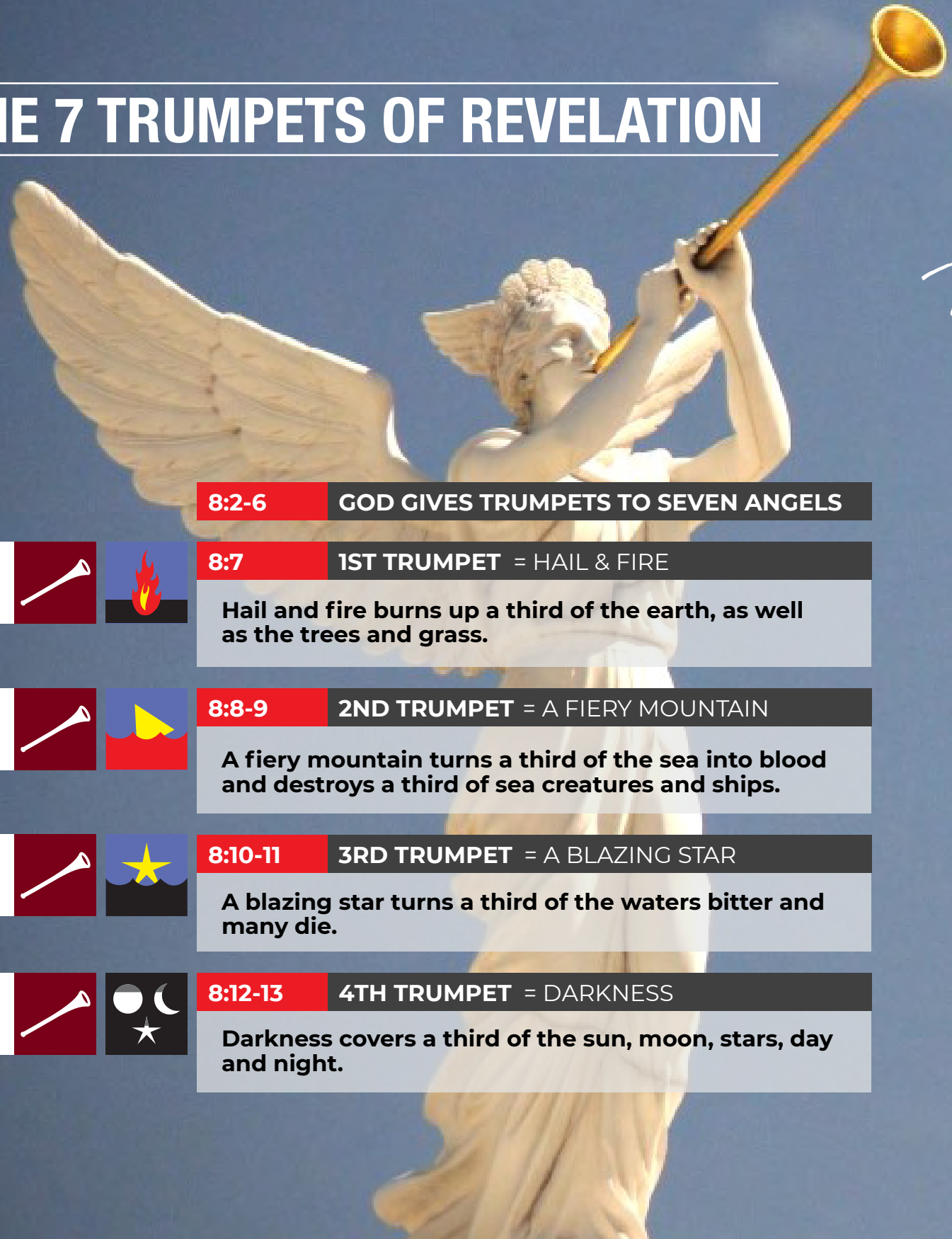
The redeemed, those whose robes are washed in the blood of the Lamb, are sealed against destruction.

7







8:1 7TH SEAL = SILENCE IN HEAVEN



THE 7 TRUMPETS OF REVELATION





8:2-6 GOD GIVES TRUMPETS TO SEVEN ANGELS




1   **8:7** **1ST TRUMPET = HAIL & FIRE**
 Hail and fire burns up a third of the earth, as well as the trees and grass.




2   **8:8-9** **2ND TRUMPET = A FIERY MOUNTAIN**
 A fiery mountain turns a third of the sea into blood and destroys a third of sea creatures and ships.

3   **8:10-11** **3RD TRUMPET = A BLAZING STAR**
 A blazing star turns a third of the waters bitter and many die.


4   **8:12-13** **4TH TRUMPET = DARKNESS**
 Darkness covers a third of the sun, moon, stars, day and night.

The three woes

5    **9:1-12** **5TH TRUMPET = TORMENTING LOCUSTS**
THE 1ST WOE: Locusts with the power of scorpions are released by an angel from the abyss to torment people without God's seal.

6    **9:13-21** **6TH TRUMPET = MOUNTED WARRIORS**
THE 2ND WOE: Four angels, commanding 200 million mounted warriors, are released to kill a third of humanity.

  **10:1-11** **PAUSE = THE ANGEL & THE LITTLE SCROLL**
 An angel gives John a scroll of prophecy against the nations to eat

 **11:1-14** **THE TWO WITNESSES**
 God's witnesses are killed by the beast, but raised by God.

7    **11:15-19** **7TH TRUMPET = GOD REIGNS IN HEAVEN**
THE 3RD WOE: The kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of the Lord and his Christ. God's servants are rewarded and his enemies destroyed.

THE 7 BOWLS OF GOD'S WRATH



1



16:2 1ST BOWL POURED ON THE LAND

People who bear the mark of the beast and worship its image are afflicted with sores.

2



16:3 2ND BOWL POURED ON THE SEA

The sea is turned into blood and everything that lives in it dies.

3



16:4-7 3RD BOWL POURED ON RIVERS & SPRINGS

Rivers and springs are turned into blood.

4



16:8-9 4TH BOWL POURED ON THE SUN

The sun scorches people with fire. They curse God, and refuse to repent and glorify him.

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16:10-11 5TH BOWL POURED ON THE THRONE OF THE BEAST

The kingdom of the beast is plunged into darkness. People curse God, and refuse to repent.

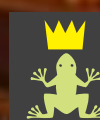
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16:12 6TH BOWL POURED ON THE RIVER EUPHRATES

The river is dried up to make way for the kings of the East.

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16:13-16 PAUSE = KINGS GATHERED FOR BATTLE

Three demonic frog spirits gather kings for battle at Armageddon.

7



16:17-21 7TH BOWL POURED INTO THE AIR

From the throne comes a voice, thunder, lightning and a great earthquake that splits 'the great city' and collapses the cities of the nations. Islands and mountains disappear and huge hailstones rain from the sky.

THE 7 CHURCHES



Black Sea

Turkey

Italy

Greece

Malta

Thank you!

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