



When Christ Returns



As Christians,
we long for the day when Christ returns.



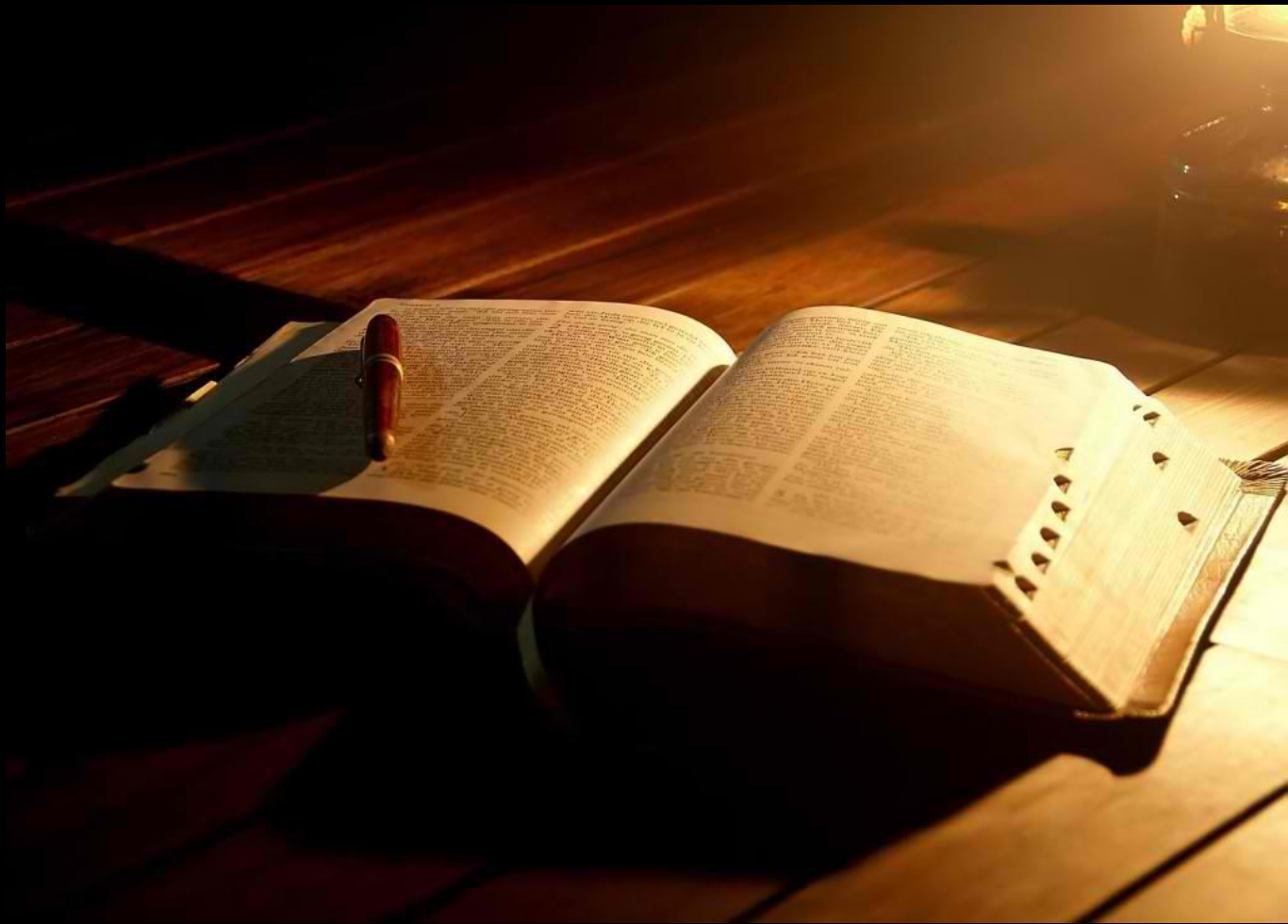
We know this is a glorious day when the powerful Christ returns with host of His angels, and brings with Him the reward for the faithful.



Upon His return, Christ will set up a Kingdom
that shall never end.



This Kingdom will be characterized by peace,
justice and equity, because the spirit and
wisdom of the Lord will fill the earth as waters
cover the seas.



The return of Christ is an event prophesied throughout the scriptures - from the Old to the New Testament.



It is an event that the Apostles waited and longed for.



In one occasion, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”



The response of Jesus became known as the
Olivet Prophecy.



In this prophecy, Jesus gave the general condition leading to His second advent.

Olivet Prophecy

The discussion is recorded in Matthew 24. Before the second advent of Christ, the world will enter a period of unprecedented turmoil and cataclysms, which were never heard of since time began. And Jesus said that “unless those days are shortened no flesh will remain alive”.

Matthew 24:1-22

1. Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.
2. “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”
3. As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

4. Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you.
5. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
6. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

7. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
8. All these are the beginning of birth pains.
9. "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

10. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,

11. and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

12. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

13. but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

14. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

15. "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—

16.then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17.Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house.

18.Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

19. How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

20. Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

21. For then there will be great distress,
unequaled from the beginning of the world
until now—and never to be equaled again.

22. If those days had not been cut short, no one
would survive, but for the sake of the elect
those days will be shortened.



Now, the Olivet prophecy has become the subject of many speculations.



We have always maintained that the Olivet prophecy can be best understood in the light of the Book of Revelation.



In the Book of Revelation, Jesus revealed more specific details concerning the events leading to His second coming.

Revelation 1:1-3

1. The revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John
2. Who Testifies to everything he saw that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ

3. Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near.



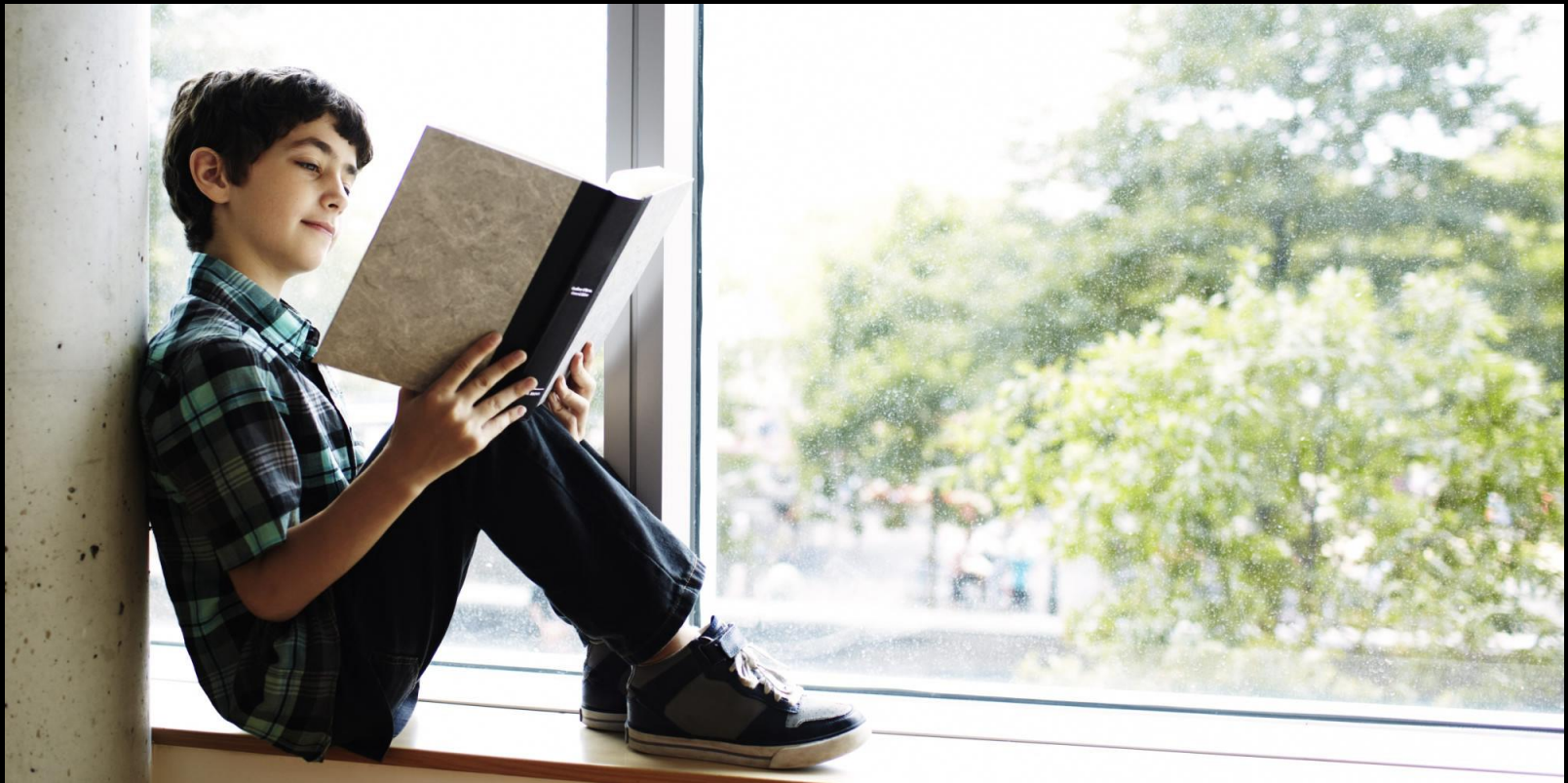
The Book of Revelation is Jesus' personal testimony. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:10

10. At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”



We are then assured that the prophecies - the testimony of Jesus - are trustworthy and will certainly come to pass as detailed.

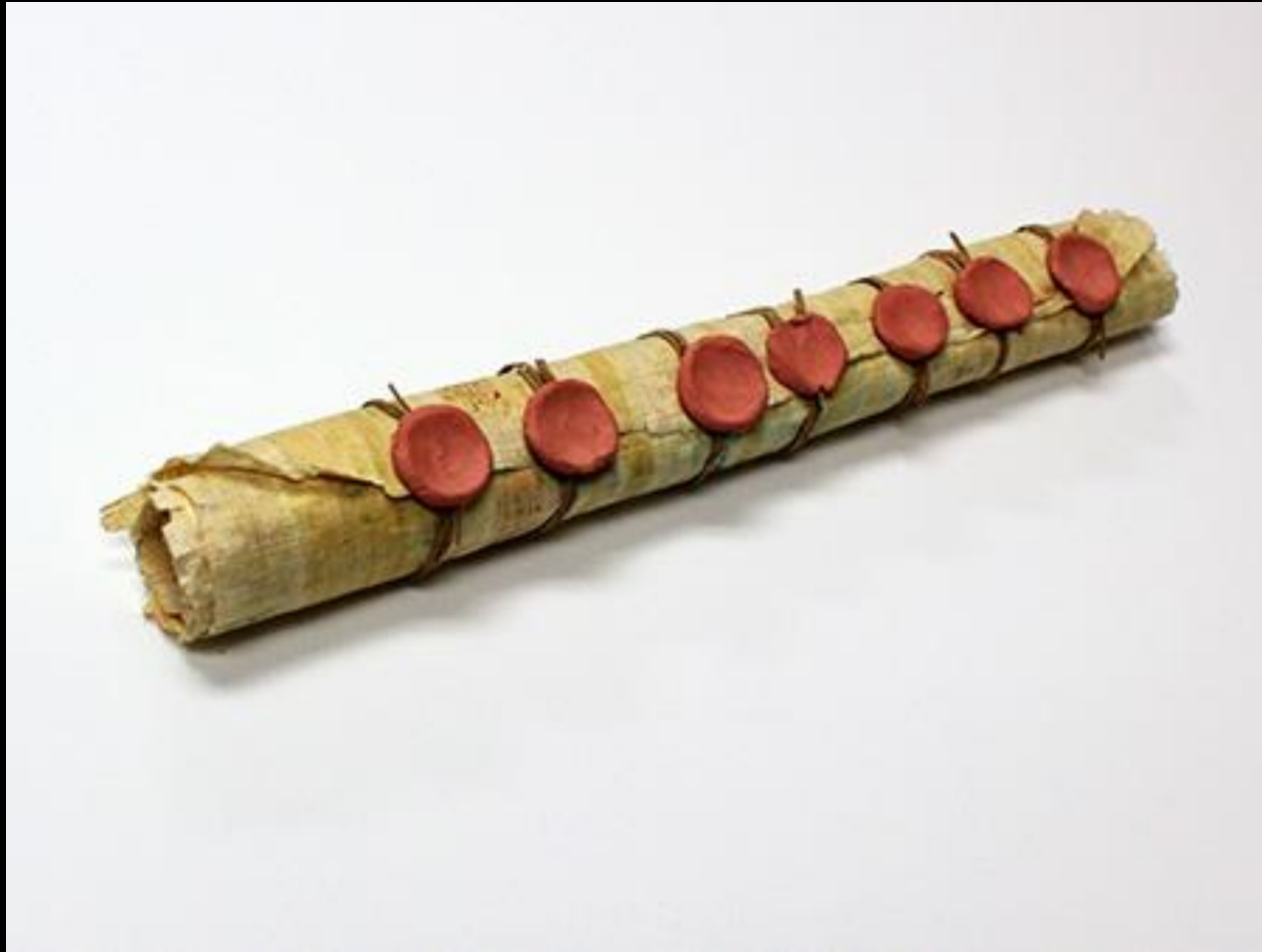


The Book of Revelation is not difficult to understand. Read it sequentially and the prophetic timeline is established.

The Book of Revelation essentially comprises three (3) sets of sevens (7).

1. 7 Seals
2. 7 Trumpets
3. 7 Plagues

7 SEALS



7 TRUMPETS



7 PLAGUES






This is exactly what we will do today.
We will identify the events described in the
Book of Revelation leading to the return of
Christ.

Prophetic Timeline

Today, we will talk about the sequential events leading to the return of Christ:

Sequence of Events



The time order of things that happened in the story.

First...

Later that day...

Next...

Finally...

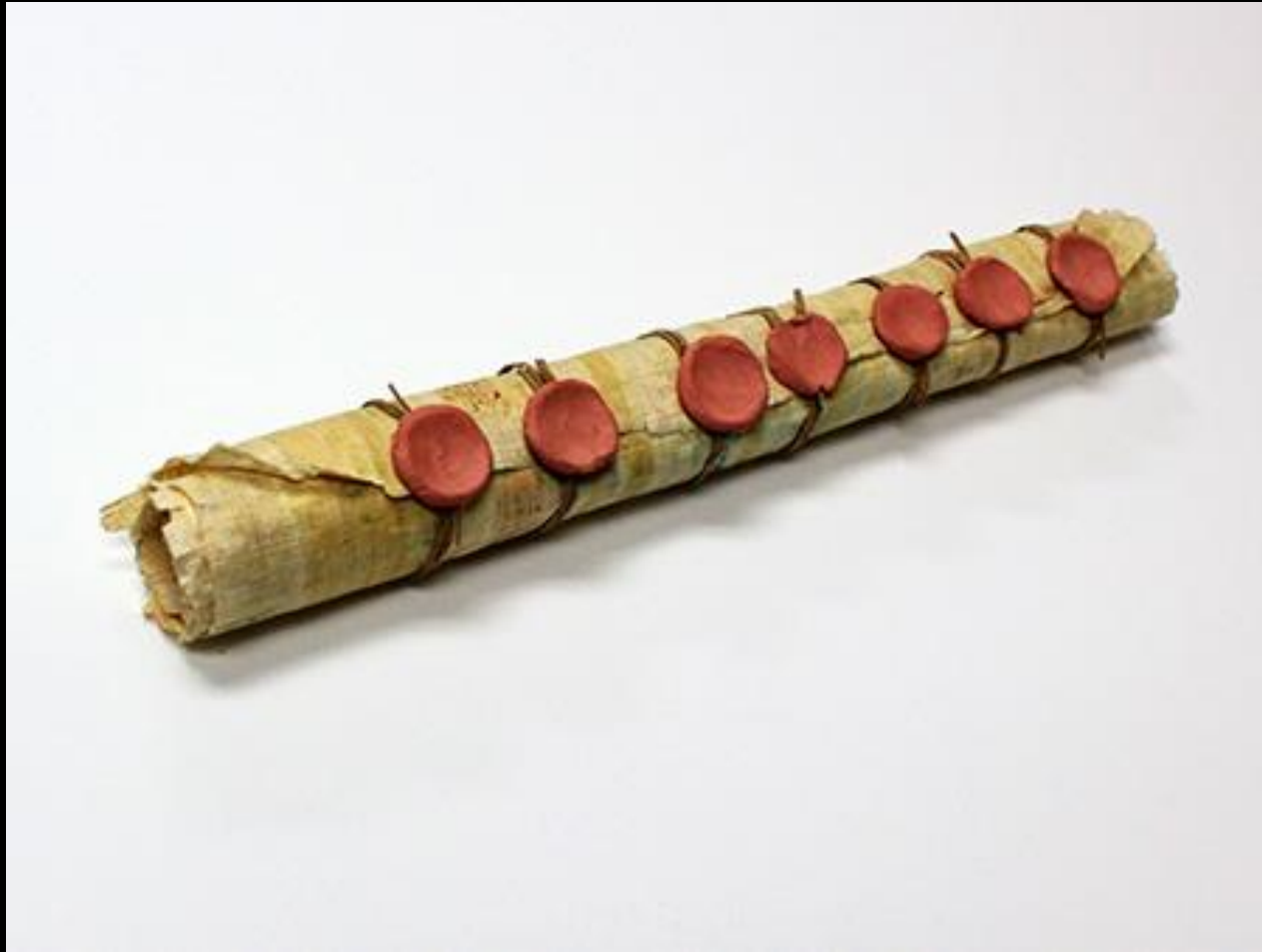
Secondly...

Meanwhile...

Then...

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1st Set of Sequence 7 SEALS



The First Seal

First Seal	Matthew 24 4-5, 11, 23-25	Revelation 6 1-2
Religious Deception	<p>“Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.</p>	<p>I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.</p>

The Second Seal

Second Seal	Matthew 24 6-7	Revelation 6 3-4
War, Rumors of War	You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.	When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

The Third Seal

Third Seal	Matthew 24 7	Revelation 6 5-6
Famine Earthquakes	There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.	<p>When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.</p> <p>Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"</p>

The Fourth Seal

Fourth Seal	Matthew 24 7	Revelation 6 7-8
Disease, Epidemics (consequences of famine and pestilences)	There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.	When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal	Matthew 24 8-12, 21-22	Revelation 6 9-11
<p>Persecution of the true church</p> <p>The Fifth Seal</p>	<p>All these are the beginning of birth pains. “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold</p>	<p>When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.</p>

Sixth Seal	Matthew 24 29	Revelation 6 12-14
<p>Natural disaster</p> <p>The Sixth Seal</p>	<p>“Immediately after the distress of those days” ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’</p>	<p>I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.</p>

Sixth Seal	Matthew 24 29	Revelation 6 12-17
<p>Natural disaster</p> <p>The Sixth Seal</p>	<p>“Immediately after the distress of those days” ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’</p>	<p>Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”</p>

Sealing of the 144,000



The sealing of the 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel and the great multitudes will precede the opening of the 7th seal and the blowing of the seven (7) trumpets.

Sealing of the 144,000



These people will receive special protection from God during the time of tribulation.

Revelation 7:3-8

- 3 “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”
- 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed:
144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.
- 5 From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
- 6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
- 7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
- 8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

The Opening of the 7th Seal start of Blowing of the Trumpets



The 1st Trumpet

First Trumpet	Revelation 8:7
<p>1/3 Of the land destroyed</p>	<p>The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.</p>

The 2nd Trumpet

Second Trumpet	Revelation 8:8-9
<p data-bbox="359 479 807 636">1/3 Oceans And Sea Life destroyed</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1676 865">The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed</p>

The 3rd Trumpet

Third Trumpet	Revelation 8:10-11
<p data-bbox="291 479 875 636">1/3 Of Rivers and Fresh Water life destroyed</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1696 976">The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.</p>

The 4th Trumpet

Fourth Trumpet	Revelation 8:12-13
<p data-bbox="432 479 736 629">Heavenly Signs and natural disaster</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1696 865">The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.</p> <p data-bbox="977 936 1696 1265">As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"</p>

The 5th Trumpet

Fifth Trumpet	Revelation 9:1-12
<p data-bbox="305 479 861 632">Great Human Afflictions and Diseases 1st Woe</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1705 1210">The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. (Revelation 9:1-3)</p>

The 5th Trumpet

Fifth Trumpet	Revelation 9:1-12
<p data-bbox="305 479 861 632">Great Human Afflictions and Diseases 1st Woe</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1705 1203">They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.</p> <p data-bbox="977 1218 1325 1268">(Revelation 9:4-6)</p>

The 5th Trumpet

Fifth Trumpet	Revelation 9:1-12
<p>Great Human Afflictions and Diseases 1st Woe</p>	<p>The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. (Revelation 9:7-9)</p>

The 5th Trumpet

Fifth Trumpet	Revelation 9:1-12
<p data-bbox="305 479 861 632">Great Human Afflictions and Diseases 1st Woe</p>	<p data-bbox="977 479 1707 865">They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.</p> <p data-bbox="977 936 1707 1093">The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come. (Revelation 9:10-12)</p>

The 6th Trumpet

Sixth Trumpet	Revelation 9:13-18
<p>1/3 Mankind perish caused by plagues 2nd Woe</p>	<p>The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. (Revelation 9:13-15)</p>

The 6th Trumpet

Sixth Trumpet	Revelation 9:13-18
<p>1/3 Mankind destroyed by plagues 2nd Woe</p>	<p>The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.</p> <p>The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts. (Revelation 9:19-21)</p>

The temple at Jerusalem will be re-established before the blowing of the 7th trumpet and the appearance of the 2 witnesses on the world scene.

Revelation 11:1

Restoration of Temple Worship

I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the worshipers there."



Revelation 11:2

Jerusalem Under Siege

But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

Revelation 11:3-4

The Two Witnesses

And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Revelation 11:5-6

The Two Witnesses

If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Revelation 11:14

The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

Revelation 11:15

Blowing of the 7th Trumpet

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:
“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

Revelation 12:7-8

War in Heaven

And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.

Revelation 12:8-9

War in Heaven

The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Revelation 12:13

True Church Persecuted

When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

Revelation 12:14

True Church Persecuted

The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

Revelation 13:1-2

The Beast

And the dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. He had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

Revelation 13:3-4

The Beast

One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast. Men worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?"

Revelation 13:5-7

The Beast

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for forty-two months. He opened his mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

Revelation 13:8

The Beast

All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

Revelation 13:11-12

The False Prophet

Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

Revelation 13:13-14

The False Prophet

And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Revelation 13:15-17

The False Prophet

He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:18

The False Prophet

This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

The 7th Trumpet
signals the impending return of
Christ

Revelation 15

The 3rd Woe, The Seven Plagues

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed. (Revelation 15:1)

Revelation 15

The 3rd Woe, The Seven Plagues

After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests.

(Revelation 15:5-8)

Revelation 15

The 3rd Woe, The Seven Plagues

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

(Revelation 15:5-8)

Revelation 16:1

The Seven Angels commanded
to Pour Out The Seven Plagues

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple
saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the
seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth.”

The 1st Bowl of Plague

The First Plague	Revelation 16:2
<p>Painful Sores</p>	<p>The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.</p>

The 2nd Bowl of Plague

The Second Plague	Revelation 16:3
<p>100% Of sea life destroyed Sea Becomes Blood</p>	<p>The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.</p>

The 3rd Bowl of Plague

The Third Plague	Revelation 16:4-7
<p>Rivers and Springs Becomes Blood</p>	<p>The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments."</p>

The 4th Bowl of Plague

The Fourth Plague	Revelation 16:8-9
<p>Scorching, Fiery Sun</p>	<p>The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.</p>

The 5th Bowl of Plague

The Fifth Plague	Revelation 16:10-11
Total Darkness	<p>The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.</p>

The 6th Bowl of Plague

The Sixth Plague	Revelation 16:12-14
Madness for War	<p>The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.</p>

The 6th Bowl of Plague

The Sixth Plague	Revelation 16:15-16
<p>Madness for War</p>	<p>“Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.” Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.</p>

The 7th Bowl of Plague

The Seventh Plague	Revelation 16:17-18
<p>Natural Disasters Earthquakes Hailstones</p>	<p>The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.</p>

The 7th Bowl of Plague

The Seventh Plague	Revelation 16:19-21
<p>Natural Disasters Earthquakes Hailstones</p>	<p>The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.</p>

Revelation 17:16
The False Prophet Betrayed
The Beast consolidates his power

The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

Revelation 18:4-5

Final Call to Repentance

Then I heard another voice from heaven say:
"Come out of her, my people, so that you will
not share in her sins, so that you will not receive
any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to
heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.

Revelation 11:7-8

The Death of the Two Witnesses

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:9-10

The Death of the Two Witnesses

For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

Revelation 11:10-12

The Death of the Two Witnesses

But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Revelation 19:1-2

The Coming of the Christ

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants."

Revelation 19:3-4

The Coming of the Christ

And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: "Amen, Hallelujah!"

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

The Coming of the Christ

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

The Coming of the Christ

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

The Coming of the Christ

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Revelation 17:14

The Coming of the Christ

“They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

Revelation 19:19-21

The Battle at Har Megiddo (Armageddon)

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 20:1-3

The Binding of Satan

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

Revelation 20:4

The Reign of Christ and His Saints

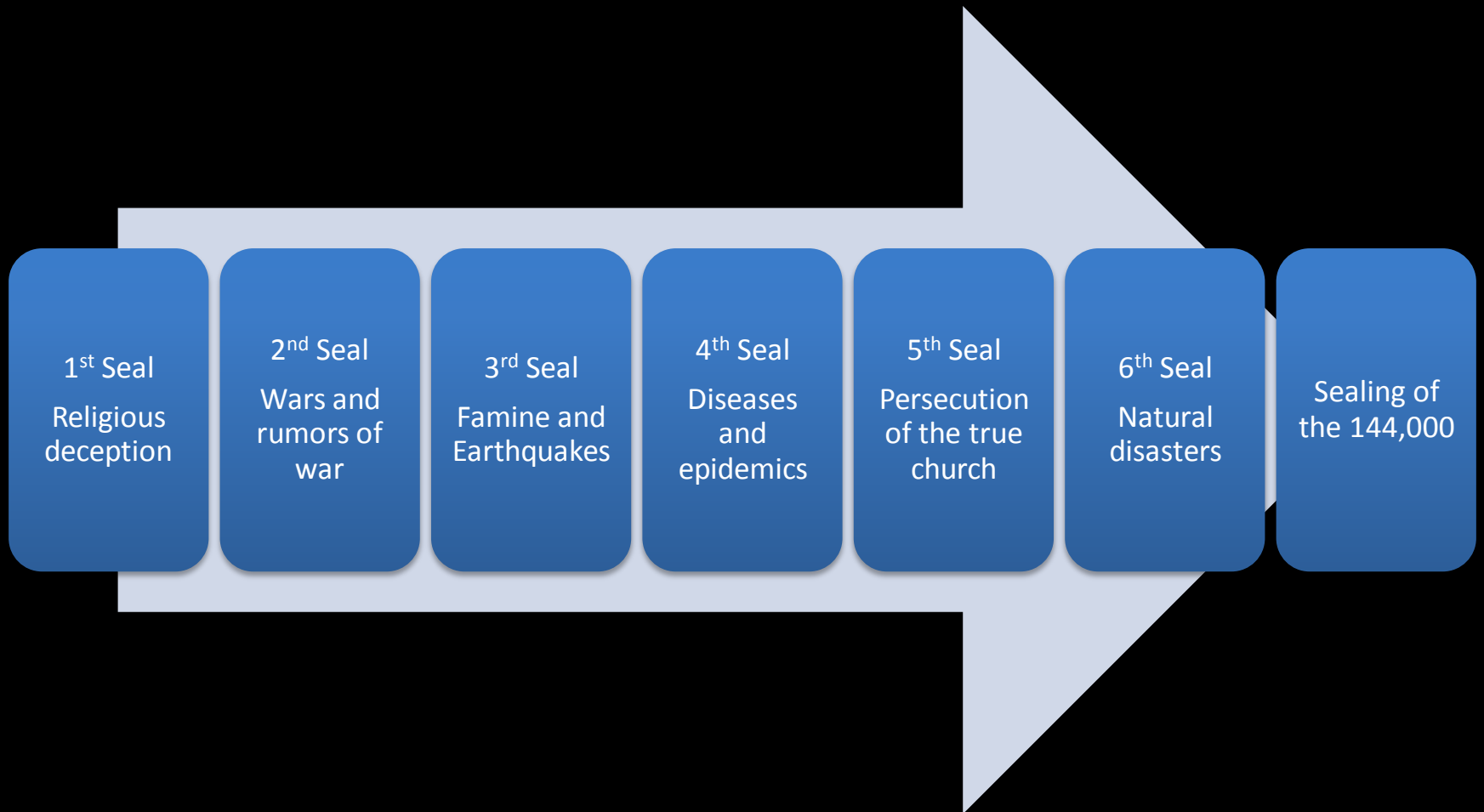
I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Revelation 20:4-5

The Reign of Christ and His Saints

(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

The Seals



7th Seal

The Trumpets

1st Trumpet
1/3 of land
destroyed

2nd Trumpet
1/3 of
ocean life
destroyed

3rd Trumpet
1/3 of the
fresh water
life
destroyed

4th Trumpet
Natural
disaster

5th Trumpet
Human
affliction
and
diseases

6th Trumpet
1/3 of
mankind in
the plagues

7th Seal

The Trumpets



Rebuilding
of the Holy
Temple in
Jerusalem

Jerusalem
under siege
by armies

Appearance
of the two
witnesses

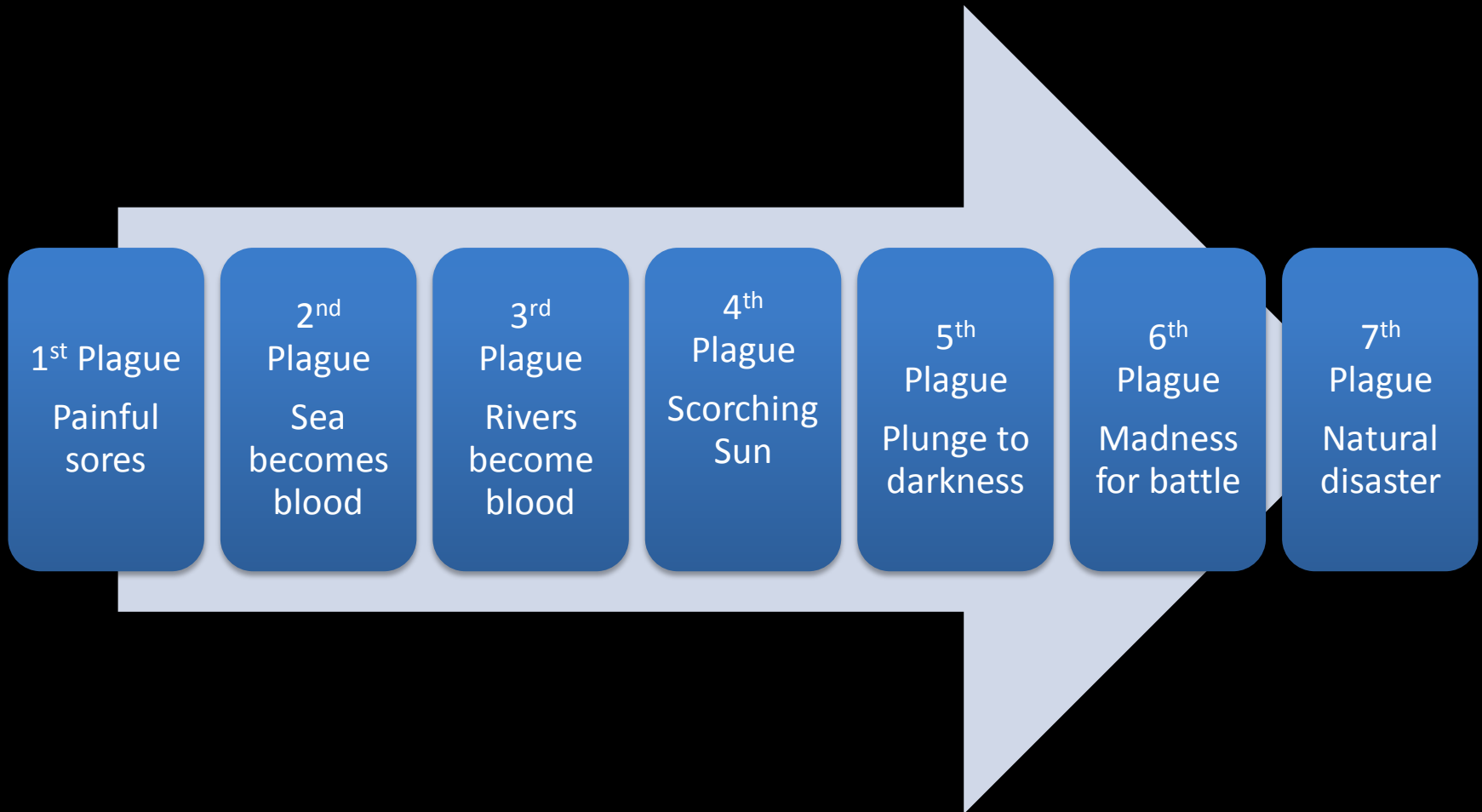
War in
heaven
final revolt
of Satan

True church
persecuted

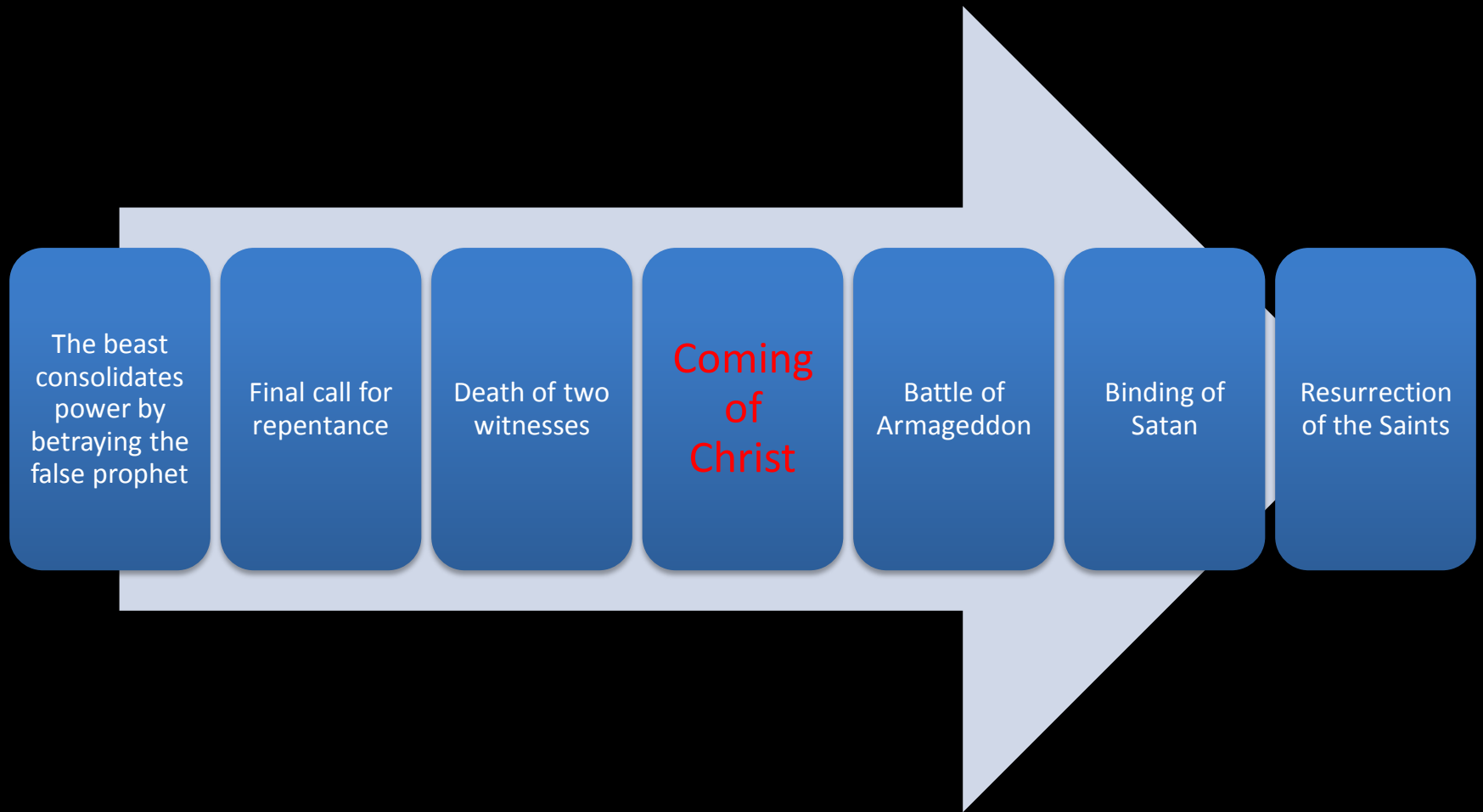
Appearance
of the beast
and the
false
prophets

7th Trumpet

Period of the Plagues



The Coming of Christ



Summation

The testimony of Christ is true and trustworthy.
These are the events that will happen before
and upon the immediate return of Christ.

BASED ON A
TRUE STORY

2 Peter 3:8-13

The Lord is Not Slow in Keeping His Promise

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends:
With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and
a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not
slow in keeping his promise, as some
understand slowness. He is patient with you, not
wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come
to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come
like a thief

2 Peter 3:8-13

The Lord is Not Slow in Keeping His Promise

The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Next Month:

Where are the Dead?

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