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Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

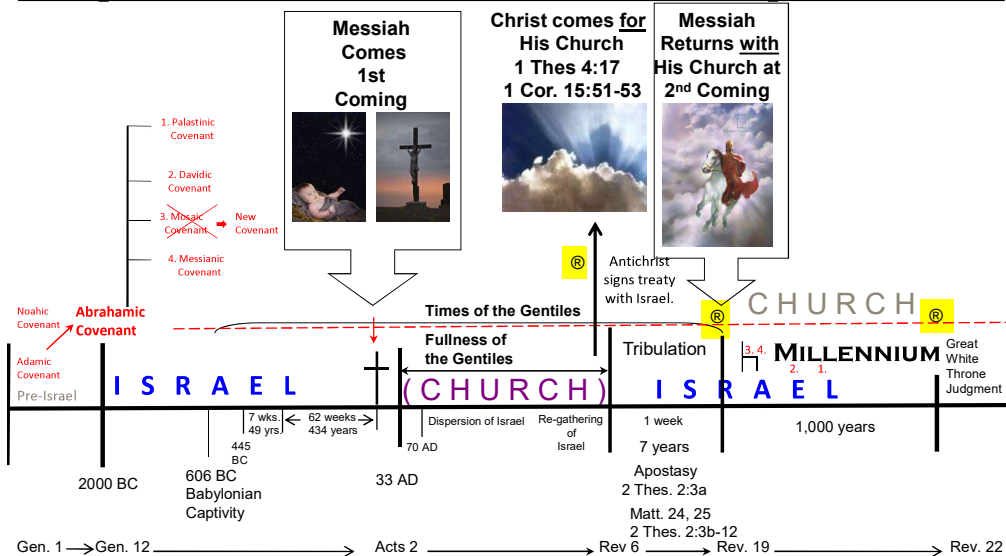
"The Judgment of the Great Harlot"

Part 1

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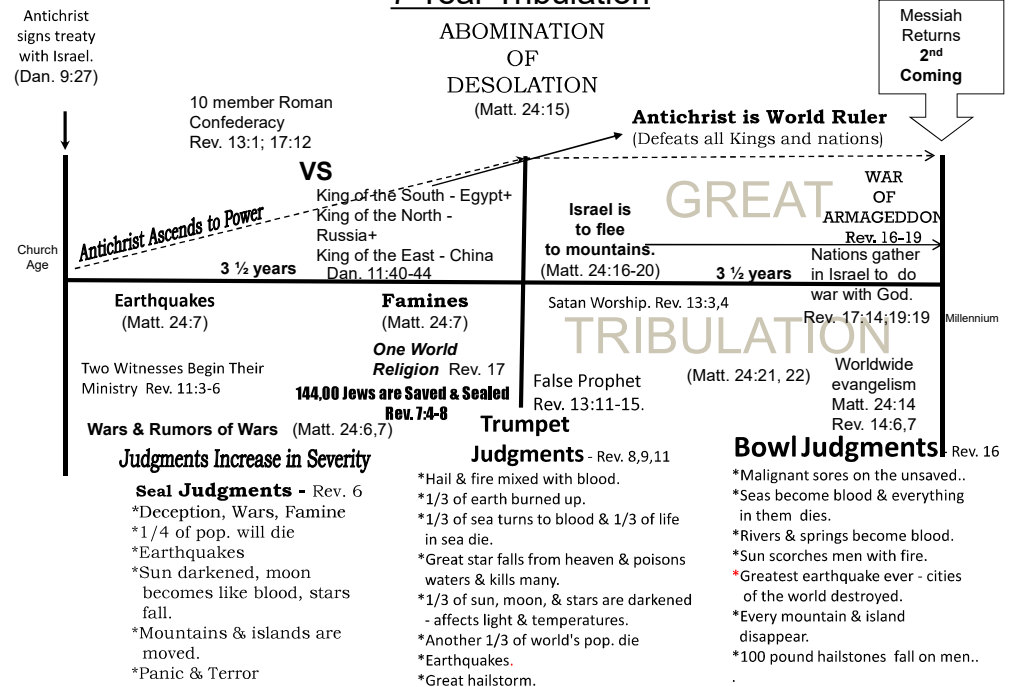
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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



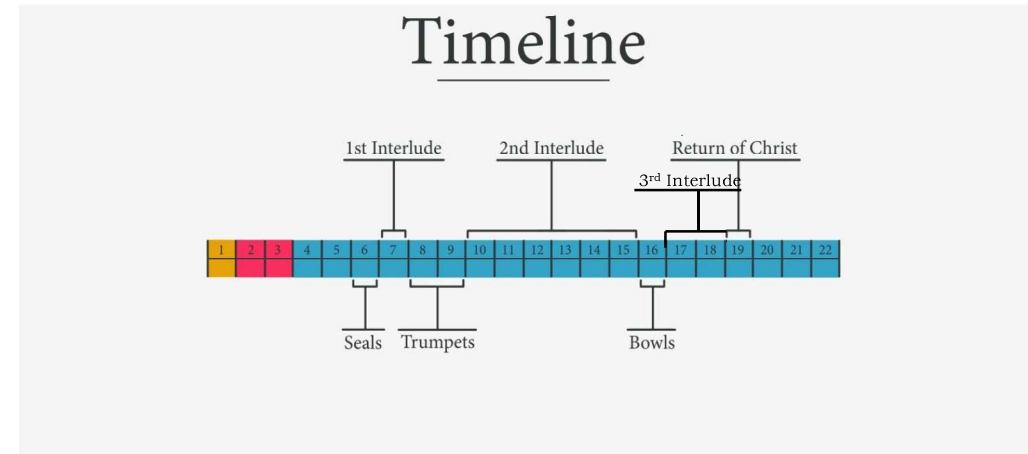
® = Resurrection

7 Year Tribulation



Quiz

1. T or F: The church at Laodicea had lost their first love.
2. T or F: The 144,000 have the ability to breath fire from their mouths.
3. T or F: When Israel sees the Abomination of Desolation occur, they are to flee to Egypt.
4. T or F: The Tribulation begins with the Rapture of the Church.
5. T or F: The number of Elders around the throne in heaven is 24.



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- Babylon comes from the Hebrew *Bab-el* which is a Hebrew form of the Assyrian *Bab-ili*, which meant "Gate of God," and is used of the ancient city on the banks of the Euphrates River. However, in Hebrew *Bab-el* means "confusion."
- Babylon is mentioned 260 times in Scripture, and is second in importance only to Jerusalem.

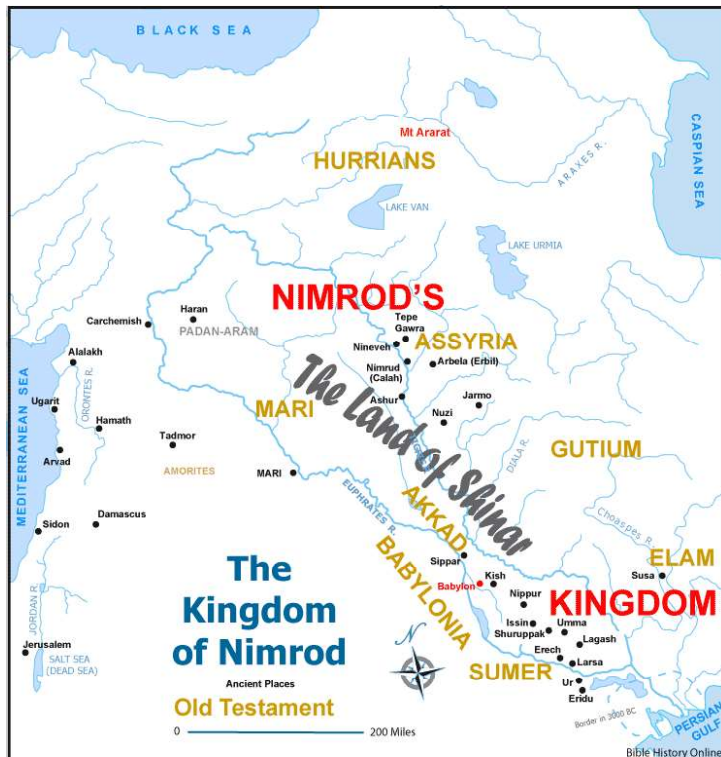
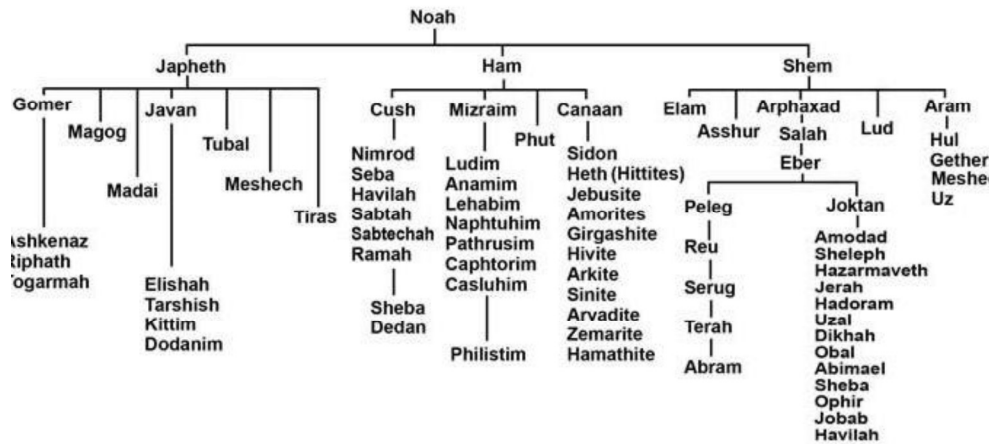
Gen 10:8-10

8 Now Cush became the father of Nimrod; he became a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord."

10 The beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Accad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

*Nimrod is the founder of Babel (Babylon).





Gen 11:1-9

- 1 Now the whole earth used the same language and the same words.
- 2 It came about as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.
- 3 They said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and burn them thoroughly." And they used brick for stone, and they used tar for mortar.
- 4 They said, "Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and let us make for ourselves a name, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."
- 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.
- 6 The Lord said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them.
- 7 "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech."
- 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city.
- 9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.



“It has a solid central tower, one furlong square, with a second erected on top of it and then a third, and so on up to eight. All eight towers can be climbed by a spiral way running around the outside, and about halfway up there are seats for those who make the journey to rest on.”

- Historian Herodotus in 440 B.C.

- The tower of Babel tower stood for rebellion against God. God's will was for man to be fruitful and multiply and scatter throughout the earth.

Gen 9:1

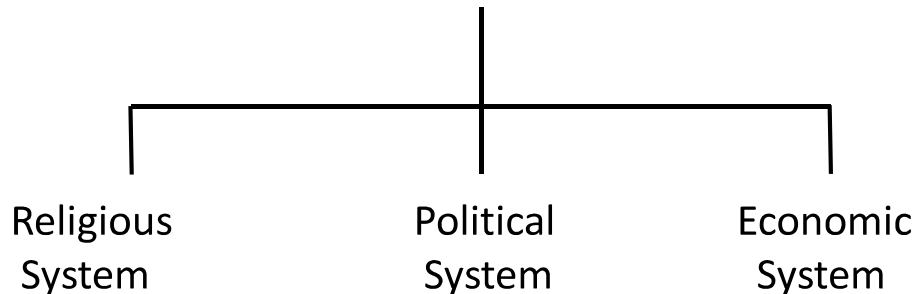
9 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.

- So this is a rebellion against God's plan for nationalism. Man was to establish nations with geographical boundary's.
- This was man's first attempt at world unity.
- So when God confused them and scattered them, they took with them this same philosophy and rebellion against God and with it established every false religion known to man down through the centuries.
- Babylon is the source and became the mother of every false religious system.
- She is the mother of all harlot religions which court the world, which commit spiritual fornication with world leaders, governments, and peoples.
- Spiritual Babylon has and continues to run a brothel of immoral, filthy religions which desire to unite the world and send it all to hell.

Babylon is alive and well in the world today –

- There roughly 4,200 religions in the world today. With the exception of one, biblical Christianity, all are false, spawned by the harlot of Babylon.
- Texe Marrs in his book *Dark Secrets of the New Age* lists nearly 30 rituals and beliefs found in ancient Babylon that are practiced today in the New Age Movement! Everything from reincarnation to occult meditation was commonplace 3,000 years ago.

BABYLON



History of ancient Babylon.

- Βαβυλων - Babylon is the Greek word.
- בָּבֶל - Bab-el is the Hebrew word.
- Founded by Nimrod (2,300 B.C.) – “to rebel”.
- Babel represented rebellion against God.
- All idols of the world originate from Babylon.
- All false religious systems originate from Babylon.
- Nebuchadnezzar built the city for his glory (600 B.C.) -

Dan 4:30

30 "The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

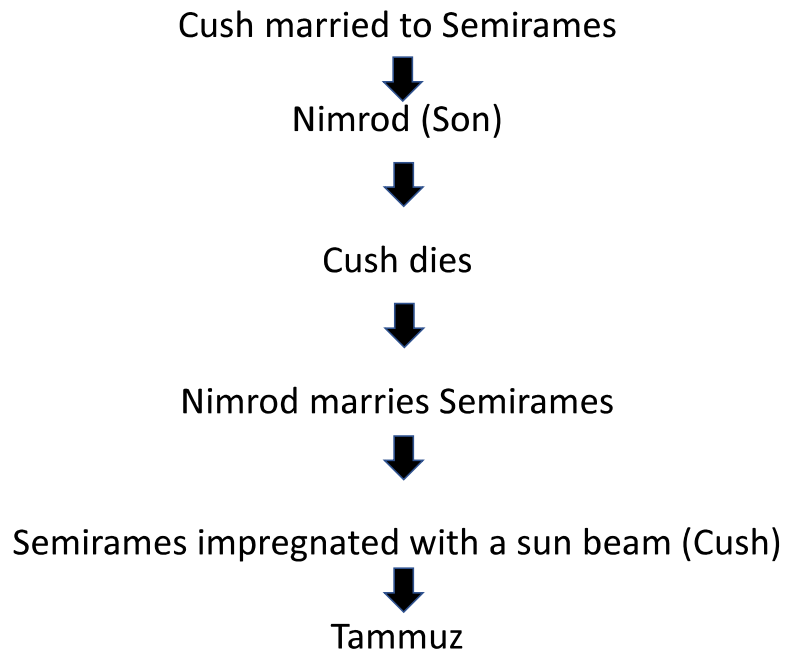
- Like "Hollywood" the name represents the world system as well as being the name of a particular city.

1 Peter 5:12-13

12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

- **Babylon is the fountainhead for all idolatry and pagan religious systems.**



So begins the mother/child cult



Spreads throughout the world:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Child</u>
Egypt	Isis	Osiris
India	Isi	Iswara;
Asia	Cybele	Deoios;
Ephesus	Diana	Child in arms
Rome	Fortuna	Jupiter
	Venus	Cupid
	Mary	Jesus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
	Ceres	With the babe
	Irene	Plutus
Tibet, China, and Japan	Shing Moo	Child in her arms

Ezek 8:14

14 Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for **Tammuz**.

Jer 7:18

18 "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the **queen of heaven**; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me.

Jer 44:15-19

15 Then all the men who were aware that their wives were burning sacrifices to other gods, along with all the women who were standing by, as a large assembly, including all the people who were living in Pathros in the land of Egypt, responded to Jeremiah, saying,

16 "As for the message that you have spoken to us in the name of the Lord, we are not going to listen to you!

17 "But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to **the queen of heaven** and pouring out drink offerings to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food and were well off and saw no misfortune.

18 "But since we stopped burning sacrifices to the **queen of heaven** and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine."

19 "And," said the women, "when we were burning sacrifices to the **queen of heaven** and were pouring out drink offerings to her, was it without our husbands that we made for her sacrificial cakes in her image and poured out drink offerings to her?"



How can you assimilate all religions under 1 roof?

1. Drop doctrine - Creeds, Statement of Faith, denominational distinctives, etc.
2. Unlimited compromise.
3. Universalism.
4. Reduce belief system to lowest common denominator.
 - Hope
 - Faith
 - Love
5. Common spiritual experience.
6. Dominant cult leader.
7. Emphasize unity above truth.

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- ***Water supply for a city was everything.***
- ***Babylon could never have existed apart from water.***
- ***So you find great cities located by a sea or a river, lake, or springs.***
- ***Babylon was built by the banks of the Euphrates.***

Jer 51:12-13

- 12 Lift up a signal against the walls of Babylon;
Post a strong guard,
Station sentries,
Place men in ambush!
For the Lord has both purposed and performed
What He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 13 O you who dwell by many waters,
 - ***Babylon had canals, trenches, marshes.***

- When a city was built by a great waterway it brought trade from everyplace.
- It meant peoples and nations and tribes and tongues would come to that place.

Rev 17:15

15 And he said to me, "The waters which you saw where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

- So this gives Babylon authority. It gives her sovereignty.
- She is able to command the peoples, nations, tribes and tongues who would come to her.

- **“immorality”** - **πορνευω** - to prostitute, practice prostitution or sexual immorality generally, but also used figuratively to denote the practice of idolatry.
- So the kings of the earth spiritually fornicate with her.
- They unite with her. They become one with her.
- They sell themselves out to her.
- They become “putty” in her hands.

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- It is the earth dwellers (unbelievers) in the Tribulation which are her final drinking partners.
- “drunk” - μεθυσω – methuo - to drink until you are intoxicated. You don’t know what they are doing.
- Her wine is:
 - idolatrous religion
 - self-righteous religion
 - work-righteous religion
 - man-made religion
 - ecumenism
 - cultism
 - universalism
 - internationalism

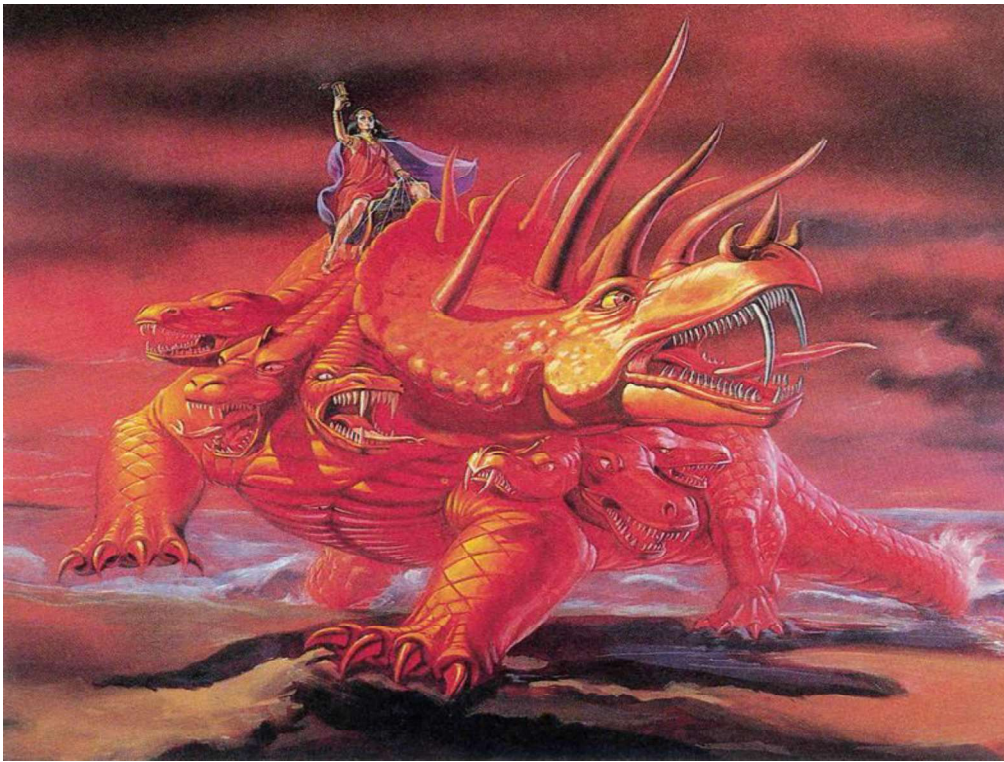
- John is being transported by the Spirit in his vision.
- “into a wilderness” - Babylon is a wilderness. A barren, God-forsaken place. A desert place, a lonely place, a place of desolation, a wasteland.
- It has nothing to offer. Worthless.
- That’s what the Babylonian system has to offer – nothing. This is where the harlot and the beast rule.
- Wherever there is spiritual harlotry, there is desolation and desert.
- It is in stark contrast to the new Jerusalem of Rev 21 &22.

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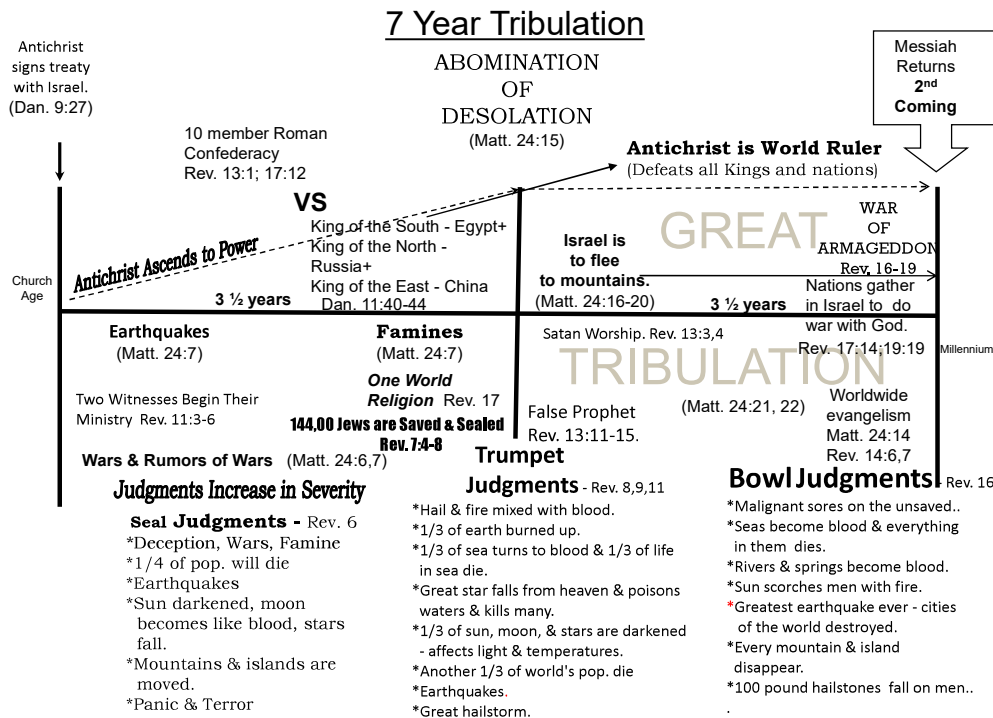
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- The beast is scarlet, because it is closely related to the fiery red dragon which empowers it. Since the rider is in control she is controlling the Antichrist by the seductive speech of her false religion.
- It is a two-way street – she controls him, he supports her.
- The beast has the ability (political and economic) to take the rider wherever she want to go.
- She does not realize that, one day, she will be unable to control such a powerful beast.
- The religious system controls the world in the first half of the Trib.
- It pulls the whole world together.
- It controls the world because the whole world is coming apart, so they run to her. Bow down before her. Worship her. And the Antichrist supports it.
- But only until he ascends to world power. He then says no more religion apart from the beast, and then he devours that religious system. He makes the whole world worship the Antichrist. World government will eventually put down world religion



Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Thomas Ken was orphaned in childhood. He was raised by his older sister, Ann, and her husband, Izaak Walton.

In 1651, Ken became a scholar of Winchester College and, in 1661, received his B.A. at New College, Oxford.

In adulthood, Ken held various church and academic positions. He even served as chaplain to Princess Mary until he stood firmly against, in George Crawford's words, "a case of immorality at the Court."

Later, Ken became chaplain to Charles II. But he would not let his house be used to lodge the royal mistress. This time, instead of being dismissed, Ken was rewarded for his courage.



**Thomas Ken
(1637–1711)**

In 1674 Ken wrote a simple song of praise for his students at England's Winchester College. Although the understated lyrics expressed praise to God for His wonderful blessings, he was careful to warn the boys to only sing the hymn in the privacy of their dorm rooms during their personal devotions. Why all the secrecy? At that time, the church believed hymns should only include words directly from the Bible. Using your own lyrics was like adding words to scripture itself. The hymn he wrote shouted its praise to the source of all our blessings, announced with a joy and passion for all God's glory. Fortunately this hymn was soon taken from the shadows and its popularity quickly spread. Do you catch the irony here? This hymn, first used in secret, quickly became the most frequently sung piece of music used in public worship!



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In 1674, Ken also published *A Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Scholars of Winchester College*. In it, he charged his readers to “be sure to sing the Morning and Evening Hymn in your chamber devoutly.” In the 1695 edition, the words to these hymns (and a “Midnight Hymn”) were published as an appendix. This hymn we sing today was the closing stanza of each of these three hymns (“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun,” “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night,” and “My God, I Now from Sleep Awake”). The name of this hymn is . . .

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.