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REVELATION 13

# REVELATION 12

- 🗨️ Revelation 13 continues the reasons why John must prophesy against “peoples, nations, tongues and kings” (Rv.10:11).
- 🗨️ He will now focus on the kings who form the power base of the final restored Beast Empire.



# REVELATION OUTLINE BRIEF

## THE REVELATION

- Chapter 1 - Prologue - Vision of the Son
- Chapter 2 - The Seven Churches, Part 1
- Chapter 3 - The Seven Churches, Part 2
- Chapter 4 - Throne in Heaven
- Chapter 5 - Seven-Sealed Scroll & Worthy Lamb
- Chapter 6 - Conditions: Seals 1-6

## (PARENTHESIS 1: RESCUE BEFORE DAY OF THE LORD)

- Chapter 7:1-8 - 144,000 Sealed
- Chapter 7:9:17 - Great Multitude in Heaven

## THE DAY OF THE LORD BEGINS

- Chapter 8 - 7th Seal Opens Trumpets 1-4
- Chapter 9 - 5th Trumpet (*Woe1*); 6th Trumpet (*Woe2*)

## POST 70TH WEEK EVENTS

- Chapter 10 - Little Scroll; Mystery of God Completed
- Chapter 11:1-13, Ministry 2 Witnesses Completed
- Chapter 11:14-19, 7th Trumpet (*Woe3*); Kingdom Reclaimed

## (PARENTHESIS 2: COSMIC CONFLICT HIGHLIGHTED)

- Chapter 12 - The Woman & the Dragon
- Chapter 13 - The Beast & False Prophet Reign Begins
- Chapter 14 - The 144,000; Impending Judgments; Harvest

## THE DAY OF THE LORD COMPLETED

- Chapter 15 - Prelude to Bowl Judgments
- Chapter 16 - Bowl Judgments 1-7

## (PARENTHESIS 3: DESTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTED)

- Chapter 17 - The Scarlet Woman & Beast
- Chapter 18 - The Great City Babylon Fallen

## PRELUDE TO MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

- Chapter 19:1-5, Great Multitude in Heaven Rejoice
- Chapter 19:6-10, Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- Chapter 19:11—20:3, 3 Adversaries of God Judged

## THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST

- Chapter 20:4-6, Types of Resurrection
- Chapter 20:7-15, Satan and the Ungodly Perish
- Chapter 21:1-8, New Heavens & New Earth
- Chapter 21:9—22:5, New Jerusalem

## THE CONCLUSION

- Chapter 22:6-21, Epilogue - The River of Life



# INTERLUDES

## SEALS Rv.6



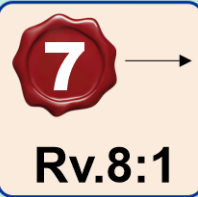
INTERLUDE

Rv.7

Rapture

(Rv.7:9-17)

## TRUMPETS Rv.8-9

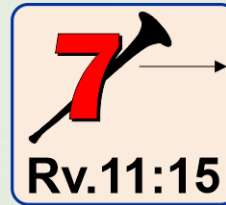


INTERLUDE

Rv.10-11

End of the  
70th Week  
(Rv.11:15)

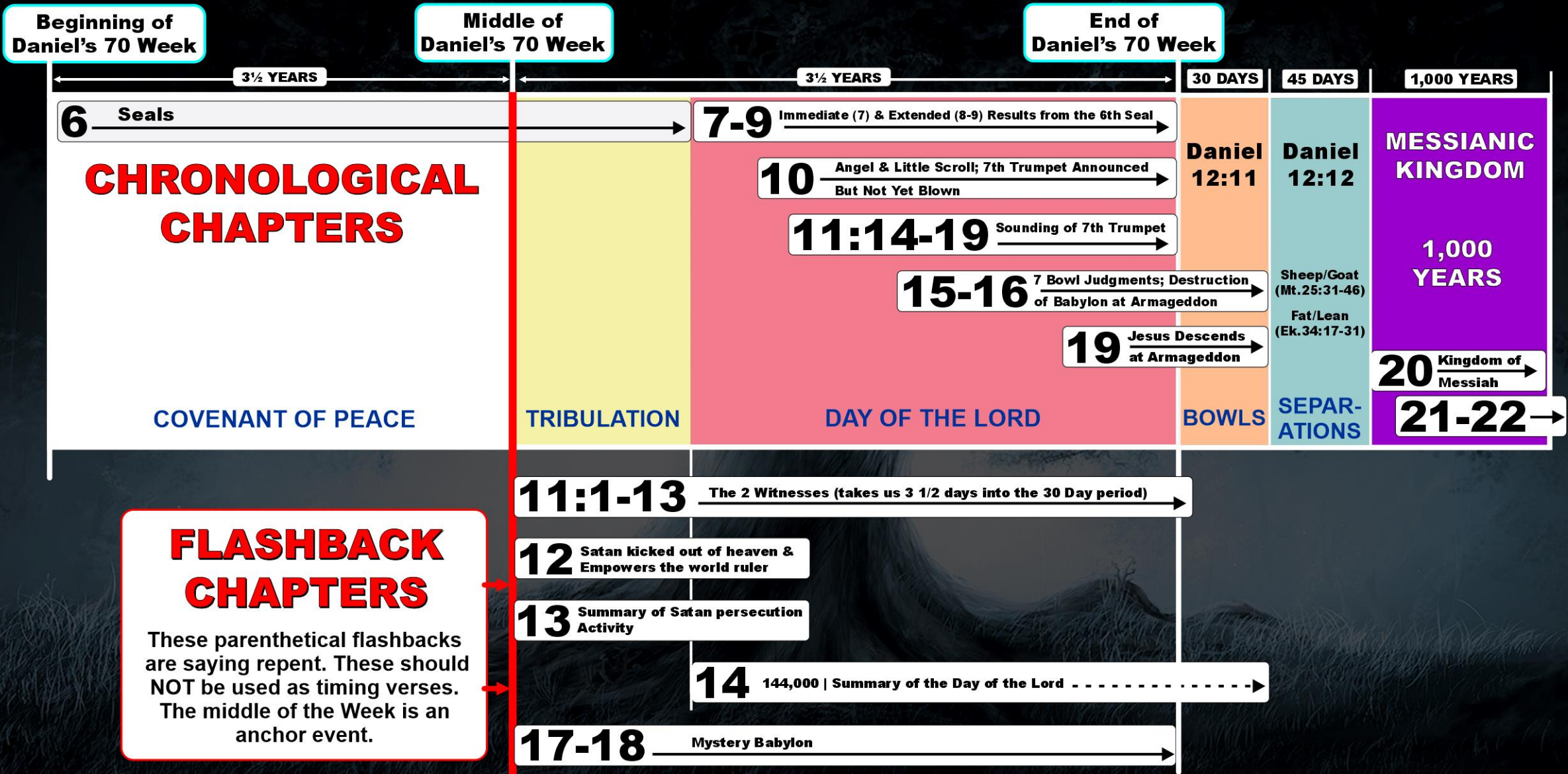
## BOWLS Rv.15-16



Rv.12 - Begin of Tribulation  
Rv.13 - Begin of Tribulation  
Rv.14 - Begin of DOTL



# REVELATION — CHRONOLOGICAL CHAPTERS



ETERNITY FUTURE



**Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.**

**REVELATION 13:1**





# “a beast rising out of the sea” (Rv.13:1)



## “a beast”

- ☞ This beast (individual) appears to be familiar to the readers. He seems to be mentioned in passing.



“When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them” (Rv.11:7).



- ☞ The beast is formally introduced in Revelation 13.
- ☞ It is assumed the readers at least understand his role Rv.11. In both Rv.11 and Rv.13 his name is not known.



**“having seven heads and ten horns,  
and on his horns ten crowns” (Rv.13:1)**



**“seven heads... ten horns... ten crowns”**





-  In Revelation 12 it opens with the composite dragon as here (Rv.13) with the composite beast.
-  The composite beast is a personification of the final beast (Antichrist) as was the composite dragon of Satan.



# **“on his heads a blasphemous name” (Rv.13:1)**



## **“blasphemous name”**

-  The blasphemous name is a new characteristic for the composite beast.
-  The blasphemous names are not provided.
-  These names indicate that they violate the name of the one true God.
-  Since the 7 empires failed to kill the male-child, the blasphemous names likely express the contempt they have for God.



# COMPOSITE SYMBOLS

## Revelation 12

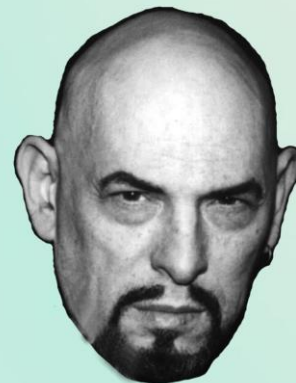
### Composite Dragon

*7 heads; 10 Horns; 7 Crowns*

Emphasis: The 7 kingdoms that intend to prevent the reign of the Son by killing Him



...or...



**SATAN**  
Anton LaVey

## Revelation 13

### Composite Beast

*7 heads; 10 Horns; 10 Crowns*

Emphasis: The 10 kings that arise out of the final Beast Empire



**COMPOSITE BEAST**

...or...



**ANTI-CHRIST**



**Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.**

**REVELATION 13:2**





# “the beast... his” (Rv.13:2)



## “the beast”

- 🗨️ The Greek word (*tharion*) is neuter in gender. So the beast is not masculine nor feminine.
- 🗨️ Thus, the pronouns should reflect that neuter gender. This changes at verse 8.
- 🗨️ This composite beast is the sum total of the previous kingdoms that are hostile to the rule of God.



# “leopard... bear... lion” (Rv.13:2)



## “leopard... bear... lion”

These animal-like-characteristics are not literal but symbolical.

Daniel 7:1-9 recounts a vision involving four king/kingdoms:



**BABYLON**



The LEOPARD is known for its speed.

**Speed**

**MEDO-PERSIA**



The BEAR is known for its powerful feet to kill.

**Power**

**GREECE**



The LION for its sound of terror.

**Terror**

**ROME**



An indescribable iron teeth beast

**Devours**

**FUTURE**



10 kings + 1 Little Horn = 11 Then - 3 = 8 Horns

**All**



# “the beast” (Rv.13:2)



## “the beast”

- John's composite beast does not refer to Daniel's 4th kingdom with feet of iron and clay.
- Daniel's 4th beast empire with 10 horns is John's composite beast with 7 heads and 10 horns with crowns.
- Daniel emphasized the 4th beast kingdom and John emphasizes the 10 horns.
  - Daniel emphasized the original beast kingdom (Rome)
  - John emphasizes the restored beast kingdom, which is evidenced in the 10 kings



# “the beast” (Rv.13:2)






## “the beast”

- ☞ The composite beast and the beast/Antichrist are synonymous.
- ☞ What John ascribes to the composite beast is what actually happens to the beast.
- ☞ After the beast/Antichrist subdues 3 kings, he and the remaining 7, become one in purpose (Rv.17:17).

**“The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (Rv.13:2)**



**“the dragon gave him”**

-  The source of the composite beast's power is the dragon.
-  The dragon (singular) empowers the composite beast.
-  All that the composite beast is, he owes it to the dragon.



“And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish” (Lk.4:6).

-  What was promised to Jesus, he gives to the composite beast.



**And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

**REVELATION 13:3**








**“one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded” (Rv.13:3)**



## **“mortally wounded”**

-  The phrase, “as if it had been mortally wounded” is the same phrase used for the Lamb (Jesus) in Revelation 5:6.
-  As Jesus was truly put to death, so one of the heads of composite beast will be killed.
-  The text does not tell us how the head was wounded.



# “his deadly wound was healed” (Rv.13:3)



## “deadly wound”

- ☞ Literally, it says, “the wound of his death was healed”
- ☞ This confirms that a literal death occurred.
- ☞ The possessive pronoun, “his” does not refer to the head, but to the beast.
- ☞ The beast was healed.
- ☞ The issue is the fact that the composite beast lived after death.



**7 Heads**  
**10 Horns**



## Revelation 13:1-3

“And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast” (Rv.13:3)

“...the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived” (Rv.13:14)

# The Beast

**The Beast Out of the Sea — Antichrist**



# ASSASSINATION

**7 Heads**  
**10 Horns**



## Revelation 17:8,11

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition.

...when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Rv.17:8)

The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition (Rv.17:11)

# The Beast



# ASSASSINATION

**7 Heads**  
**10 Horns**



## Summary

**Satan is kicked out of heaven  
down to the earth (Rv.12:7-9)**

**One of the heads of the  
7th kingdom is mortally  
wounded (Rv.13:3)**

**The head that is wounded  
is the 7th and the healing  
produces the 8th (Rv.17:11)**

**Satan will empower the  
dictator to carry out his  
evil intents (Rv.13:2)**




# The Beast



**“all the world marveled and followed the beast” (Rv.13:3)**



**“followed the beast”**

-  That the world follows him confirms something supernatural happened.
-  The whole world is a figure of speech. It does not mean every single individual.
-  The majority of the living earth-dwellers will be amazed by the composite beast's coming back to life.

# DANIEL'S PAST & FUTURE KINGDOMS

**CONSECUTIVE**  
Beasts Kingdoms Follow One After the Other

## Phase 1: Past

## Phase 2: Future



Da.2:32-43; Da.7:2-8



10 Horns + 1 Little Horn = 11 Horns  
11 Horns - 3 Horns = 8 Horns  
Da.7:8,24

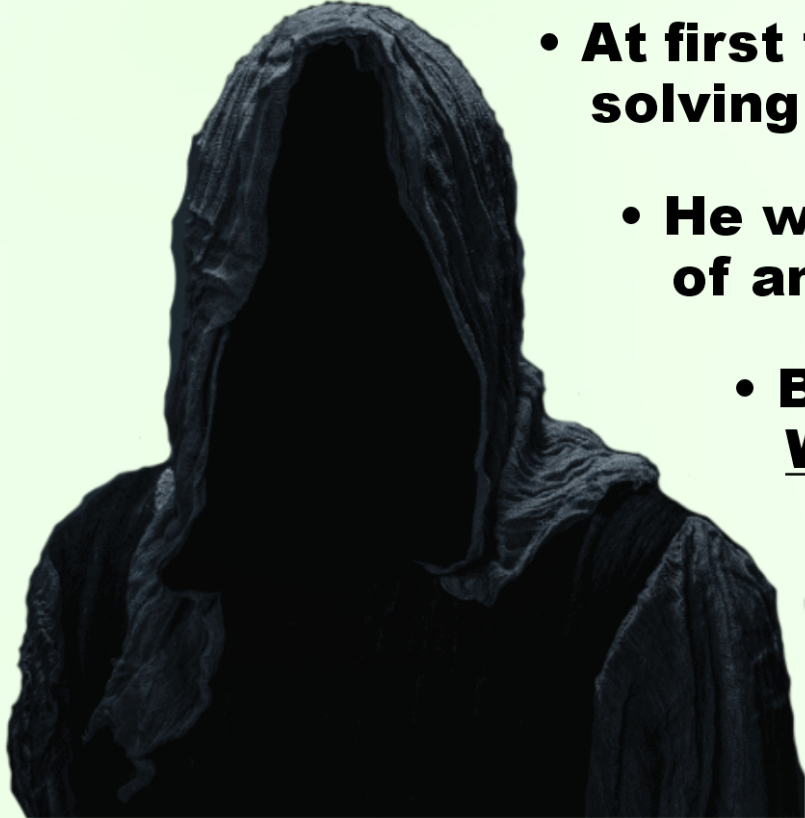
The 10 Horns (Kings) Rule at the Same Time  
**CONCURRENT**



# DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK: FIRST HALF

## The Prince (7th King) Who Becomes the Beast (8th King)

*(Beast out of the Sea • 7th King Becomes 8th • Little Horn • Antichrist)*



Deadly Wound Was Healed

- **At first the Prince will appear as a benevolent dictator, solving the world's problems.**
- **He will grow in power like a horn grows out of the head of an animal over time (Da.7:7-8).**
- **Because of the covenant, the beginning of the 70th Week will be characterized by 'peace' for Israel. The Prince will be focused on conquering Gentile nations politically (Da.7:7-8; Rv.6:1-2).**
- **He is the 7th king that becomes the 8th king (Rv.17:10-11). As the 7th king he rules for a "short space" (Rv.17:10).**

- **Assassination: Because the 8th king comes out of the bottomless pit, it suggests he is raised from the dead (Rv.17:8).**

**So they worshiped the dragon  
who gave authority to the  
beast; and they worshiped the  
beast, saying, "Who is like the  
beast? Who is able to make  
war with him?"**

**REVELATION 13:4**







**“So they worshiped the dragon ” (Rv.13:4)**



**“worshiped the dragon”**



-  They worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast.
-  The dragon gave the rule of earth to the beast and the people respond with worship to it.



**“So they worshiped the dragon ” (Rv.13:4)**



**“worshiped the dragon”**

-  The composite beast also received worship from the people of the earth.
-  He is at least worshipped for his sovereignty.



**“Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Rv.13:4)**



**“Who is like the beast?”**

- The rhetorical question suggests no one is like the composite beast.
- Since the composite beast is restored from the dead who would wage war with it?
- An enemy that cannot be killed cannot be defeated.
- The pronoun is neuter so the composite beast is referred to here not the beast/king (would be “he”).



**And he was given a mouth  
speaking great things and  
blasphemies, and he was  
given authority to continue  
for forty-two months.**

**REVELATION 13:5**





# “mouth speaking great things” (Rv.13:5)



“<sup>8</sup>I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words. <sup>20</sup>and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.” (Da.7:8, 20).

- 🗨️ The little horn is given a mouth so it can speak blasphemous things.
- 🗨️ In Revelation 13 the composite beast has a mouth like a lion so he can terrorize people.
- 🗨️ Since the dragon gave the composite beast everything, it is likely he also gave him the blasphemous language as well.

# **“he was given authority to continue for forty-two months” (Rv.13:5)**



**The dragon gave the composite beast 42 months to perform.**



**The dragon is only able to grant 42 months because that is the limit God set.**



**Notice these all occur at the same time:**

**(1) The composite beast (Rv.13:5)**

**(2) The beast/king from the abyss (Rv.11:7)**

**(3) The protective work for the woman (Rv.12:6)**

**(4) The ministry of the two witnesses (Rv.11:2)**



**Then he opened his mouth  
in blasphemy against God,  
to blaspheme His name, His  
tabernacle, and those who  
dwell in heaven.**

**REVELATION 13:6**









**“he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God... His tabernacle” (Rv.13:6)**



**“against God... tabernacle”**

-  The height of the composite beast's arrogance.
-  To blaspheme God's name is to break the third commandment— “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain” (Ex.20:7)
-  Speaking God's name in vain is to use it for evil purposes.
-  To blaspheme God's temple is clarified by “those who dwell in heaven.” Tabernacle symbolically refers to God's holy ones (angels).



**It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

**REVELATION 13:7**





# **“make war with the saints and to overcome them” (Rv.13:7)**



## **“overcome them”**

- There does not seem to be a general protection from the composite beast.
- He will be victorious over the saints.
- The saints were earlier defined as the woman's children who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus (Rv.12:17)
- The realm of the composite beast's authority is global.



**All who dwell on the earth will  
worship him, whose names  
have not been written in the  
Book of Life of the Lamb slain  
from the foundation of the  
world.**

**REVELATION 13:8**





# “him” (Rv. 13:8)



## “him”

- 🗨️ The Greek text now uses the masculine pronoun.
- 🗨️ This is the first time the composite beast is referred to in the masculine.
- 🗨️ This seems to indicate the relationship between the kings (part of composite beast) and the final beast can be spoken of interchangeably.
- 🗨️ Also, the tense of the verbs go from past in time to future in time.
- 🗨️ The elect do not worship the beast. Thus, they will not take his Mark, making them the objects of his wrath.



**<sup>9</sup>If anyone has an ear, let him hear. <sup>10</sup>He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**

**REVELATION 13:9-10**



# “If anyone has an ear, let him hear” (Rv.13:9)



## “let him hear”

- Revelation 13:9-10 is a commentary on the conduct of the saints.
- This formula concluded each of the messages concerning the seven churches of Asia.



<sup>9</sup>And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' <sup>10</sup>"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed." (Is.6:9-10).

- God refused to give His Word to those who despised it. So He gave it in parabolic language where the believer could understand.



# “into captivity... killed with the sword” (Rv.13:10)



## “captivity... killed”

- God has destined certain ones to captivity during the reign of the composite beast.
- The captivity will probably include severe persecution, but not necessarily death.
- Those so destined must seek no other route. It is God’s perfect will.
- While some saints are destined for captivity, others are destined for martyrdom.
- Those God has destined to captivity, PERSEVERANCE will be realized.
- Those destined for physical death, FAITH will be realized.



**Then I saw another beast  
coming up out of the earth,  
and he had two horns like  
a lamb and spoke like a  
dragon.**

**REVELATION 13:11**





# “beast... two horns like a lamb” (Rv.13:11)



## “horns”

- ☞ This is the only occasion where John will call this person a beast.
- ☞ He will later be identified as “the false prophet”.
- ☞ Lambs do not have horns, but rams do. So some believe it is best to see this as a ram with two horns.
- ☞ Horns symbolically represent power and authority.
- ☞ That he spoke like a dragon indicates he also spoke arrogantly with blasphemies.



**And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.**

**REVELATION 13:12**








**“he exercises all the authority  
of the first beast” (Rv.13:12)**



**“all the authority”**

-  The second beast operates, having been empowered and authorized by the first beast.
-  This second beast makes the earth-dwellers to worship the first beast.
-  He clarifies that the first beast is the one who had the deadly wound that was healed.



**He performs great signs,  
so that he even makes fire  
come down from heaven on  
the earth in the sight of men.**

**REVELATION 13:13**





# “great signs... fire” (Rv.13:13)



## “signs”

- “Signs” is plural indicating more than one sign is performed.
- How he is able to do these miracle is not indicated.
- The fire coming down from heaven seems to indicate the limit of the beast's power.



**And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.**

**REVELATION 13:14**





# “signs which was granted... make an image” (Rv.13:14)



## “signs... make an image”

- ☞ The first beast authorized (empowered) the second beast with the ability to do great miracles.
- ☞ The result of the convincing miracles was for the earth dwellers to make an image to the first beast.
- ☞ The text does not tell us what the image will be.



# “who was wounded by the sword and lived” (Rv.13:14)



## “wounded by the sword”

- ☞ This is third time John refers to the identity of the beast referring to his deadly wound.
- ☞ This time he tells us the sword was the cause of the death of the beast.
- ☞ The sword is the instrument of death in capital punishment.



**He was granted power to give  
breath to the image of the  
beast, that the image of the  
beast should both speak and  
cause as many as would not  
worship the image of the beast  
to be killed.**

**REVELATION 13:15**





**“granted power to give breath to the image” (Rv.13:15)**



**“breath to the image”**

 **Humans and angels certainly do not have the ability to give life to inanimate objects.**



 **This is likely some demonic deception.**



**“and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed” (Rv.13:15)**



**“to be killed”**

-  The second beast causes as many as do not worship the image of the first beast to be killed.
-  The order of execution is given by the second beast not the image itself.



**<sup>16</sup>He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**


**REVELATION 13:16-17**



**“small... great... rich... poor...  
free... slave” (Rv.13:16)**



**“small”**

 **No segment of society will  
escape the notice of the  
beast.**



**“mark on their right hand or on their foreheads” (Rv.13:16)**



**“mark...hand... foreheads”**



**The place indicates the intent is for the mark to be easily seen.**



# “no one may buy or sell” (Rv.13:17)



## “buy and sell”

- 🗨️ The purpose of the mark is at least economic.
- 🗨️ Economic sanctions will be a major issue during the persecution by the beast of the people of God.
- 🗨️ Starvation or worship of the beast will be the only alternatives for those who inhabit the earth.



**Here is wisdom. Let him who  
has understanding calculate  
the number of the beast, for  
it is the number of a man: His  
number is 666.**

**REVELATION 13:18**





# “His number is 666” (Rv.13:18)



## “666”

- ☘ This is the essential number of a man. The number six falls one short of God's perfect number, seven, and thus represents human imperfection.
- ☘ Antichrist, the most powerful human the world will ever know, will still be a man, i.e., a six.
- ☘ Identifying this particular mark is not as important as identifying the purpose of the mark.
- ☘ Those who accept it show their allegiance to Satan, and their willingness to operate within the economic system he promotes.



# THE MARK

- **Some kind of identification device to secure worship during the Great Tribulation (Rv.13:11-18).**
- **This mark is not simply a card people will carry, because it is placed in the hand or forehead (Rv.13:16).**
- **This end-times identification will be required by the Antichrist in order to buy and sell (Rv.13:17).**
- **This mark begins after the Beast starts his reign at the mid-point of the 70th Week of Daniel.**
- **The False Prophet is the one who causes people to take this mark.**
- **It will be difficult for the unbeliever to resist Antichrist's claims (2Th.2:9,11), and the False Prophet's deceptions (Rv.13:13).**
- **Taking the Mark seals their eternal destiny (Rv.14:9-13).**

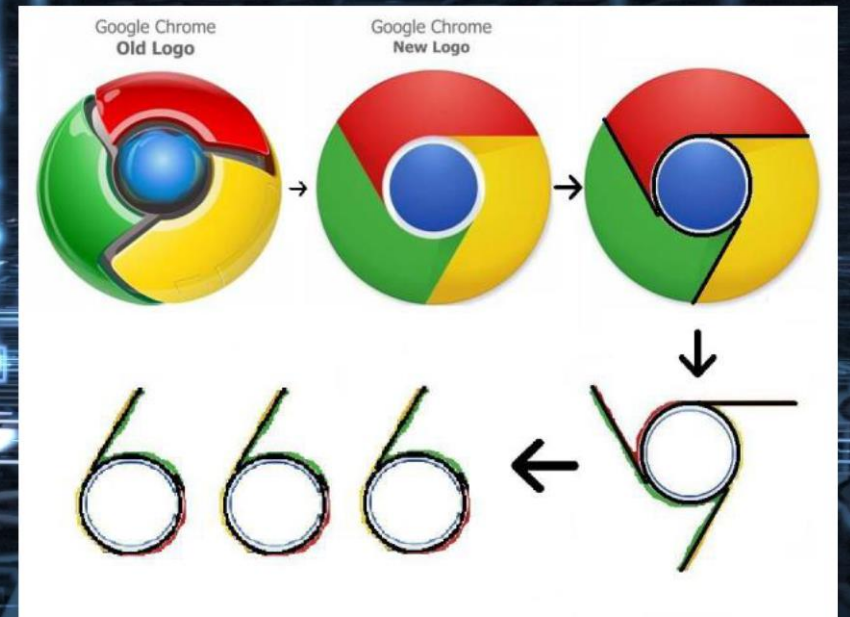


- **The number 666 identifies a person (Antichrist)**
- **That this number must be counted implies the physical or visual mark itself is not 666. This calls for wisdom (Rv.13:18)**



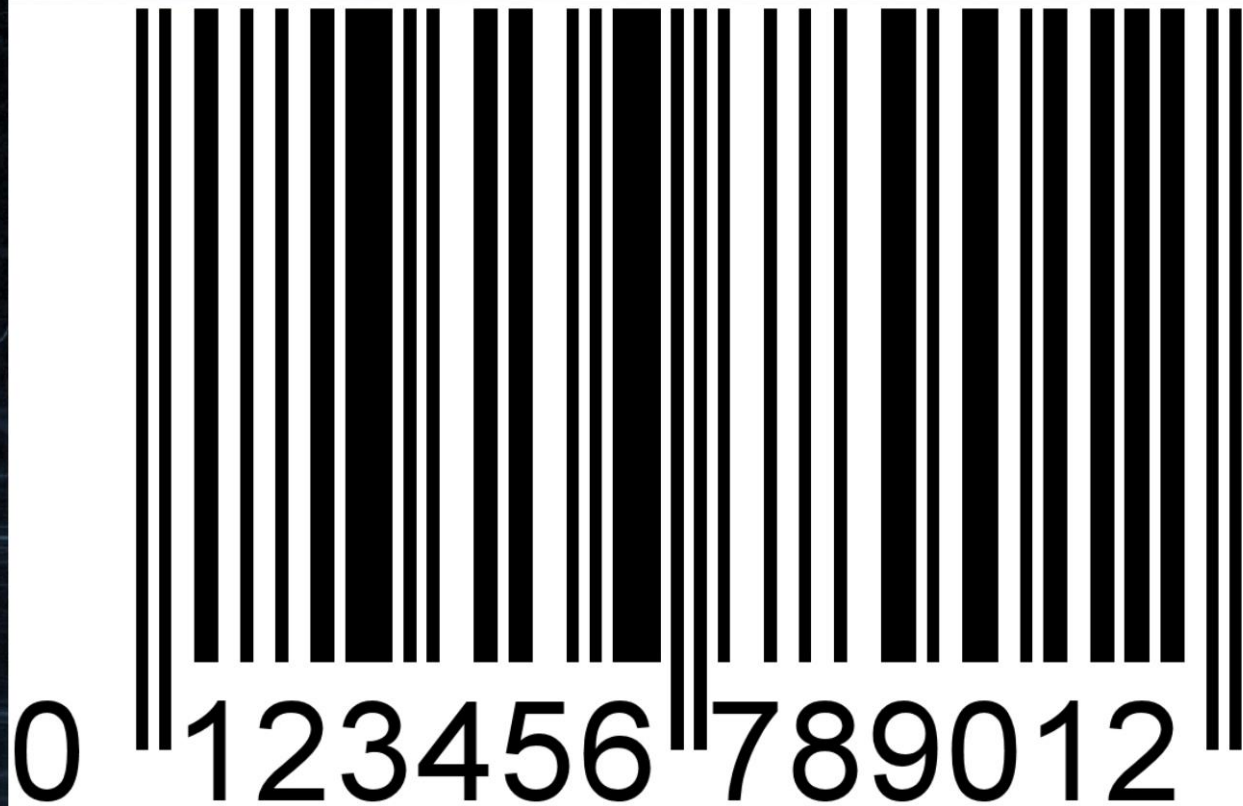
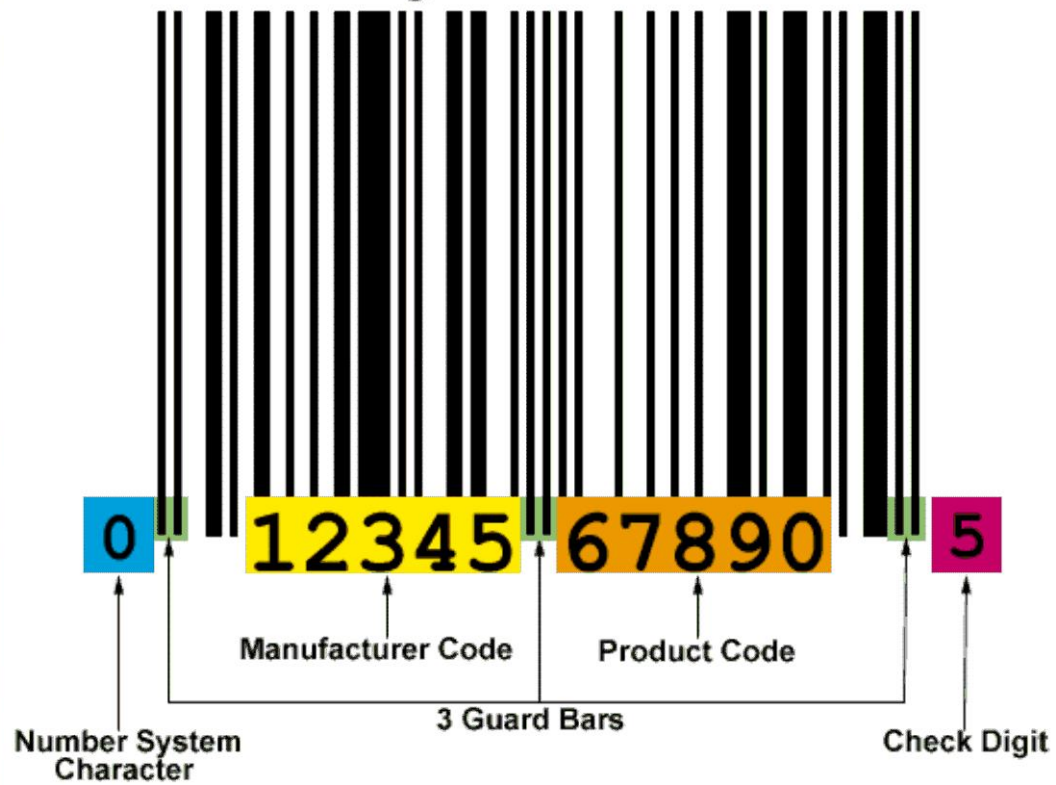


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# Anatomy of a Barcode





# SALVATION SECURITY

- A believer who is SEALED in union with Christ can not be lost.
- God will not allow a member of His family to take a mark that “reverses” HIS sovereign decision to save that person.
- Sometime prior to actually taking the mark, the weak and unprepared believer will be taken “home” by God through physical death.
- True believers will not want to take the mark.

## DIVINE DISCIPLINE

(God's “family” grace to His children)

- > Anannias and Saphira at Acts 5
- > Man public immoral life (1Co.5:5)
- > Those who “sleep” (1Co.11:30)
- > “Sin unto death” (1Jn.5:16-17)



# ASSURANCE - BELIEVER'S VIEW OF GOD

## 1. Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God

## 2. John 10:27-30

No one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand

## 3. 1 John 3:19-21

For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart

## 4. 2 Timothy 1:12

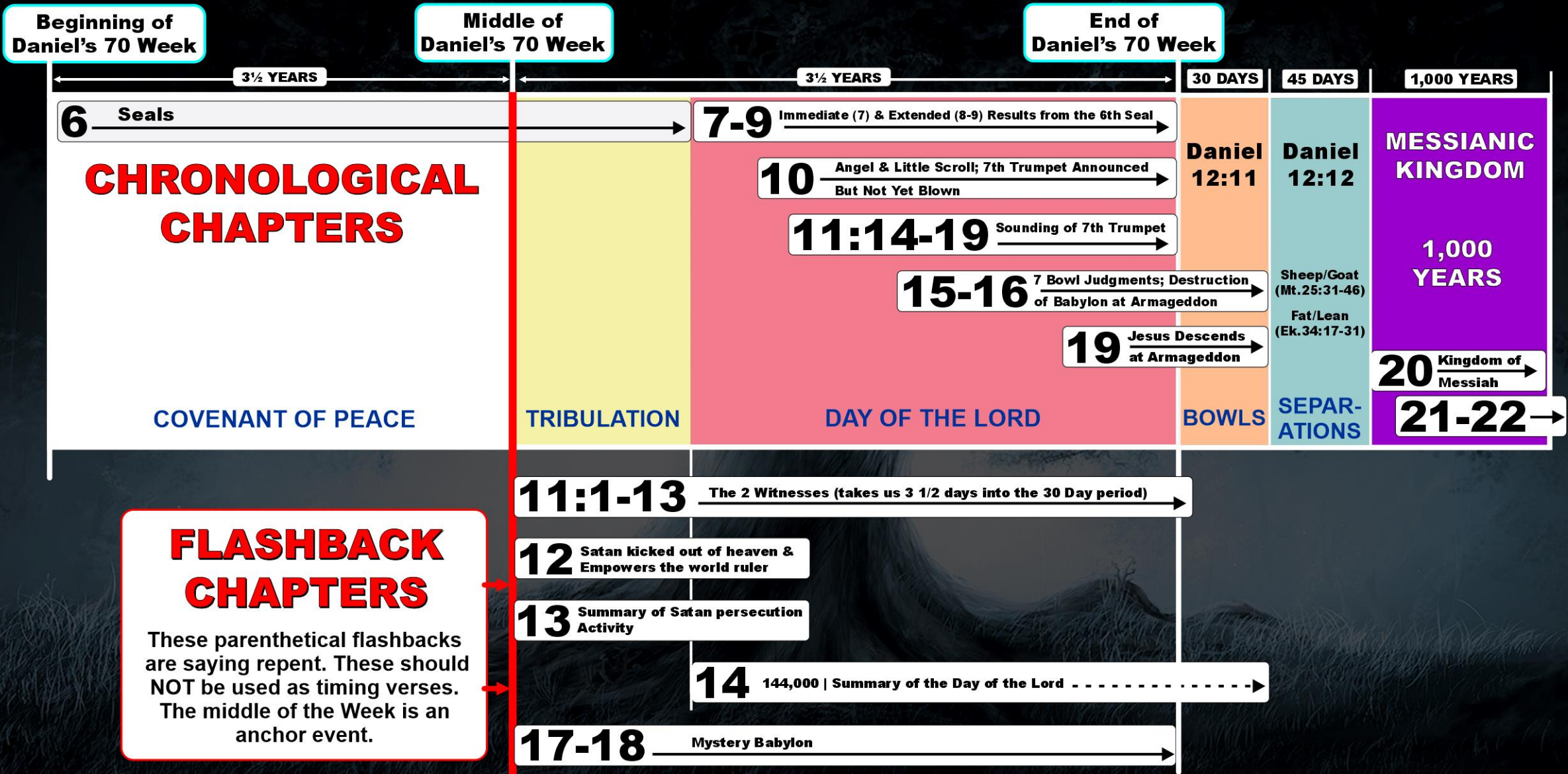
He is able to keep what He has committed to Him until that Day

## 5. 1 John 5:11-13

That you may know that you have eternal life



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