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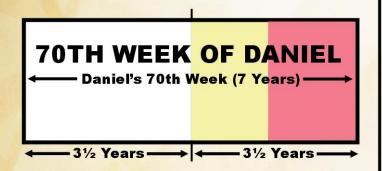


"but in the days of the sounding of the <u>seventh</u> <u>angel</u>, when he is about to sound, the <u>mystery</u> <u>of God would be finished</u>, as He <u>declared</u> to His servants the <u>prophets</u>" (RV10:7).

"Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"" (RV11:15).

REVELATION 10:7; 11:15

REVELATION CHAPTERS



6-11 12-13 (mid) 14 (DOTL) 17-18 (mid)



15-16 19 (end)



20-22

Rv.10:7 Rv.11:15

- Revelation 11:15 is God's reclamation of the earth at the end of Daniel's 70th Week (7th Trumpet, Rv.10:7)
- Revelation 19:11 actually begins teaching concerning the Millennial kingdom.

1,000 YEARS

DANIEL 30 & 45 DAYS

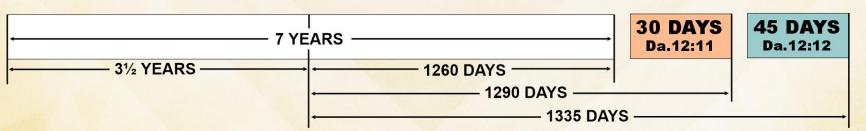


¹¹And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be <u>one thousand two</u> <u>hundred and ninety days</u>. ¹²Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the <u>one thousand three</u> <u>hundred and thirty-five days</u>. (**Da.12:11-12**)

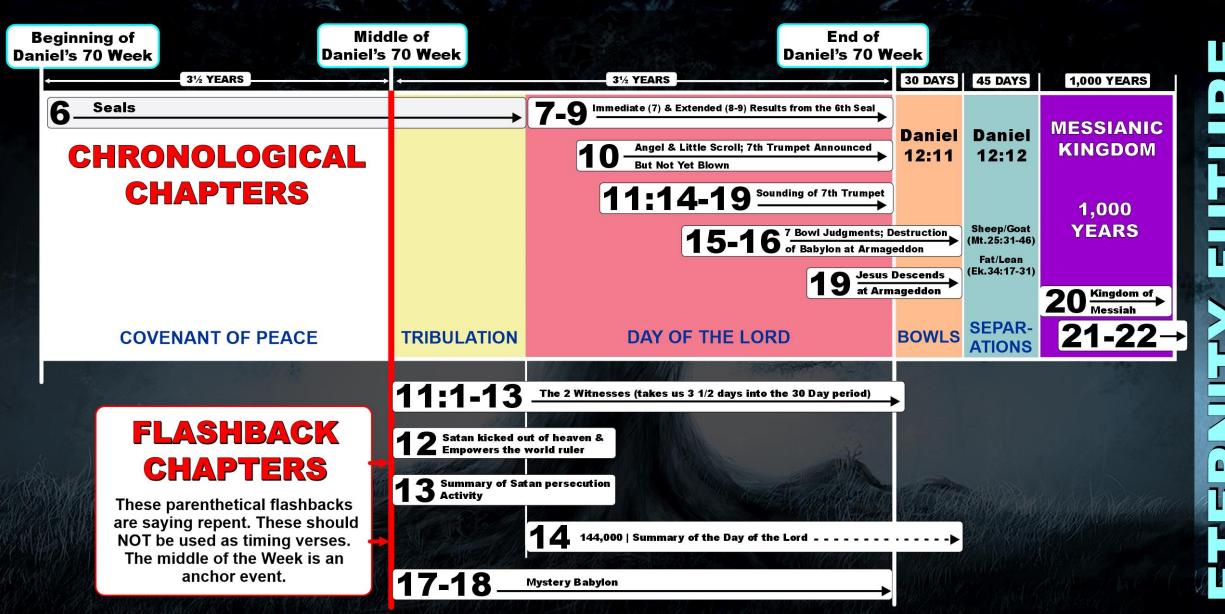


- These 30 days follows the 70th Week of Daniel and is where Jesus is taking over the earth (Rv.11:15-19; Ps.2; 110).
- During these 30 days there's gonna be bowl judgments poured out from heaven on the earth (Rv.15-16).
- Jesus is protecting the Jews and bringing them back into the land.

- Mt.24-25 gives us the Sheep and Goat judgments.
- Those who do not know Christ will go to Hell (Fat and lean sheep).
- Those who know Christ will enter into the Millennial kingdom in their mortal bodies.



REVELATION — CHRONOLOGICAL CHAPTERS



Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.



"Then I saw another sign in heaven" (Rv.15:1)

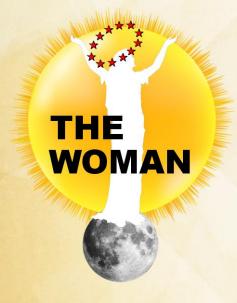


"Another sign"

SIGN 1

SIGN 2

SIGN 3



Rv.12:1 = Israel



Rv.12:3 = Satan



Rv.15:1 = Bowls

"seven angels having the seven last plagues" (Rv.15:1)



"seven last plagues"

- Like the previous two heavenly signs John offers a summary before a detailed outline is presented.
- Since in verse 6 we see the seven angels emerge from the temple, it shows us verse 1 is a summary statement.
- Like the <u>Trumpet judgments</u> (Rv.9:20) and the <u>Bowl</u> <u>judgments</u> (Rv.16:1), the final expression of God's wrath is <u>characterized as "plagues."</u>

"seven angels having the seven last plagues" (Rv.15:1)



"seven last plagues"



"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the <u>plagues</u> that are written in this book" (**Rv.22:18**).

- The "plagues" of this book are defined as Trumpets (Rv.9:20) and Bowls (Rv.16:1).
- The seals are never called plagues. They are simply conditions the world will experience leading up to the Day of the Lord. We will never experience the wrath ("plagues") of God (1Th.1:10).

And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

REVELATION 15:2

"I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire" (Rv.15:2)



"sea of glass"

We have <u>seen</u> this <u>"Sea of glass" earlier</u> in God's Word (Ex.24:10; Ek.1:22; Rv.4:6, here it is <u>empty</u>).



"Before the throne there was a <u>sea of glass</u>, like crystal. And in the <u>midst of the throne</u>, and around the throne, were <u>four living creatures</u> full of eyes in front and in back" (**Rv.4:6**).

- There is no literal sea or fire. This is figurative.
- Since people are described as standing on the 'sea' there is a something physical they are standing on.

"those who have the victory over the beast" (Rv.15:2)



"victory over the beast"

- There are four obstacles to faithfulness on the part of believers.
 - **Over the beast**
 - Over the beast's image
 - Over the beast's mark
 - Over the number of the beast's name
- The exact nature of their victory is not clear.

"standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God" (Rv.15:2)



"sea of glass... harps"

- These harpers on the sea of glass represent the raptured body of Christ in Heaven (Rv.14:2-3; 15:2-4)
 - They are "before the throne" (Rv.14:3)
 - They are "before the four living creatures" (Rv.14:3)
 - They are "before the elders" (Rv.14:3)
 - They sang a "new song" (Rv.14:3)
- These harpers are clearly distinct from the elders and four living creatures.

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!



"They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb" (Rv.15:3)



"song of Moses... song of the Lamb"

- The song (3b-4) does not align with the song of Moses in the Old Testament (Ex.15:1-18; Du.31:30-32,40; Ps.90).
- The song of the Lamb is either a second song that accords to both Moses and the Lamb. We do not have explicit knowledge of this song.
- It may be that the song of the Lamb (3b-4) is a new song now introduced to us.

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."



"Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?" (Rv.15:4)



"Who shall not fear You"

- There are two rhetorical questions that focuses on God's power.
 - Who shall not "fear You"?
 - Who shall not "glorify Your name"?
- The expected answer to both questions, is "none."
- Unbelievers cannot resist God, but believers can resist the Beast. Even if it means dying for Christ.

After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.



"After these things...tabernacle of the testimony" (Rv.15:5)



"tabernacle of the testimony"

- This is a <u>new vision in heaven</u>, where the <u>"temple" is opened</u> allowing the <u>7 angels to exit</u>.
- The allusion to a temple in heaven seems to be the heavenly counterpart of the earthly temple (He.8:5; 9:23).
- This imagery brings us back to the time of the Exodus in the wilderness when the Ark of the Covenant (symbol of God's presence among his people) resided in the Tabernacle (Nu.10:11).

And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.



"out of the temple came the seven angels" (Rv.15:6)



"seven angels"

- The pure bright linen and the golden bands are a reminder that God's judgment is always pure and righteous.
- The golden bands (sashes) show the special status of these 7 angels.
- The exact nature of the wrath is not yet provided.

Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever.







The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.



"temple was filled with smoke...no one was able to enter the temple" (Rv.15:8)



- That the temple was filled with smoke suggests this is where the final wrath will be executed upon the earth-dwellers.
- Smoke is a biblical motif that appears with manifestations of God (Ex.19:18; 40:34-35; Lv.16:12-13; Is.6:4).
- That no one was able to enter the temple is a common response to God's glory / presence (Ex.40:16-38; 1Ki.8:1-66).

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



"I heard a loud voice from the temple" (Rv.16:1)

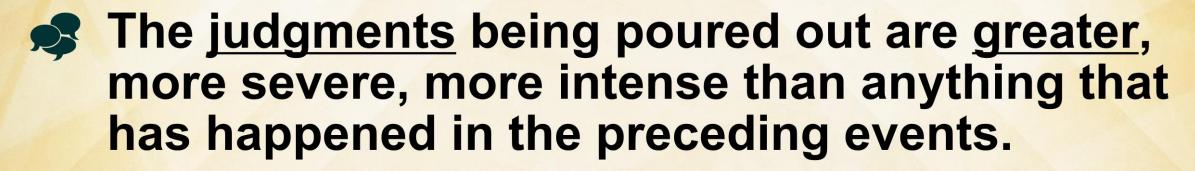


- If no one could enter the temple, then the voice from the temple is <u>God Himself</u>.
- God is giving the command to initiate these judgments.
- God is strictly controlling the timing of the execution for the final phase of His wrath.

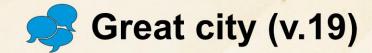
"I heard a loud voice from the temple" (Rv.16:1)



"loud voice" — (G3173, megas)



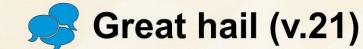












Great earthquake (v.18)

Hail exceeding great (v.21)

So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.



"a foul and loathsome sore" (Rv.16:2)



"sore...mark...image"

When the first angel poured out his bowl of wrath, it produced ugly and painful sores on those who had the beast's mark and worshiped

his image.



"men who had the mark...worshiped his image" (Rv.16:2)



"mark...image"

- The beast-marked worshipers are the target of the first bowl judgment.
- "Men" is used in a generic sense. For women and children are not excluded from the punishment of God for taking the mark.

7 BOWL JUDGMENTS

1	Sores afflict those who accept the mark of the Beast.						
2	Sea (Salt water) turns to blood, all sea creatures die.	Rv.16:3					
3	Rivers (fresh water) turn to blood.	Rv.16:4-7					
4	Mankind scorched by the sun, blasphemes God. They did not repent.	Rv.16:8-9					
5	The Beast's kingdom afflicted with darkness, sores, and pain. They did not repent.	Rv.16:10-11					
6	The Euphrates is dried up; World armies gather to Armageddon.						
7	The earth utterly shaken. Jerusalem divided into 3 parts. Every island & mountain not found. Great hail. Men blasphemed God.	Rv.16:17-21					
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TRUMPETS AND BOWLS COMPARED



SEALS ARE CONDITIONS NOT THE WRATH OF GOD TRUMPETS AND BOWLS ARE THE WRATH OF GOD

						AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON		
	SEALS	White Horse: Peace established. Time of Peace & Security.	Red Horse: Peace broken. Tribulation begins.	Black Horse: Economic controls under Beast system.	Pale Horse: Much death by sword, famine, and disease.	Altar: Martyrs (believers) die for Christ.	Cosmic Signs: Sign of Christ. Tribulation cut short. DOTL begins	7 Opens Trumpets: Wrath of God begins.
WENT WRITE	"plagues" (Rv.9:20)	1/3 of trees, grass burnt	1/3 of sea into blood	1/3 of fresh water bitter	1/3 of sun, moon & stars dark	WOE:1 Locusts sting humans for 5 months	WOE:2 1/3 humans killed	WOE:3 Equals the 7 Bowls
年 第 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	"plagues" (Rv.16:1)	Sores afflict those who accept the mark of the beast.	Sea turns to blood, all sea creatures die.	Rivers turn to blood.	Mankind scorched by the sun, blasphemes God. They did not repent.	The Beast's seat of government is afflicted. They did not repent.	The Euphrates is dried up; World armies gather to Armageddon.	The earth utterly shaken. Jerusalem divided into 3 parts.

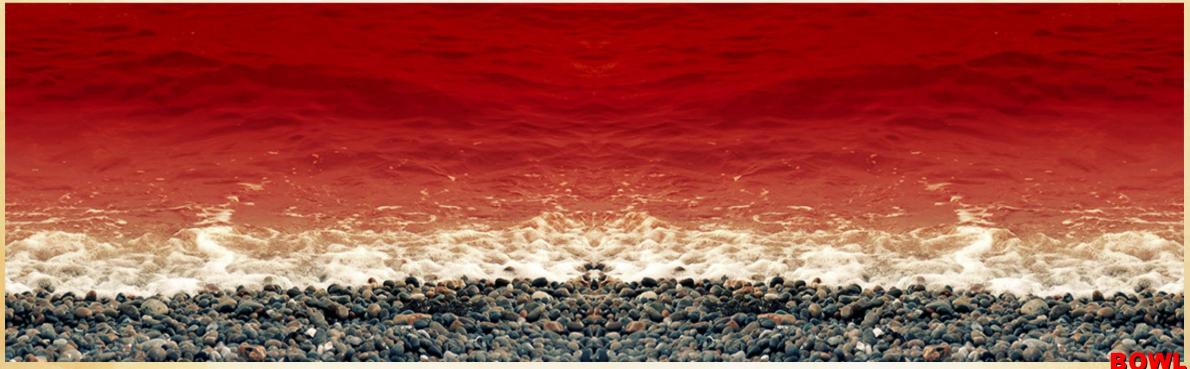
Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

"poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood" (Rv.16:3)



"sea...blood"

- The second judgment moves from man to nature.
- All salt-water sources turn to blood.
- The blood of a dead man is no longer capable of supporting life.



Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

"the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood" (Rv.16:4)



"rivers and springs...blood"

- All fresh-water sources are afflicted.
- We are not told that all life died as in the case of the salt-water, but that is the natural conclusion.



And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.



"I heard the angel of the waters saying" (Rv.16:5)



- COMMENTARY: The 2nd and 3rd bowl judgments are connected with unbelievers treatment of believers.
- The job description of "the angel of the waters" is not given.
- The angelic being gives us the reason for the previous bowl judgments. The <u>subject</u> of the <u>judgment</u> are those who <u>worship the beast</u> and have <u>taken the mark</u>.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due."

And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

"fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun" (Rv.16:8)



"sun"

- The sun was temporarily darkened at the sixth seal.
- A third of the sun was darkened by the fourth trumpet.
- At this fourth bowl the heat of the sun is extra hot so that it scorches men.
- The reference to men is generic. It includes men, women and children.

And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.



"men were scorched...and they did not repent" (Rv.16:9)



"scorched...blasphemed"

- The idea here is <u>not burned up</u>, but <u>scorched</u> or caused to <u>suffer</u> because of the heat.
- This, along with the <u>lack of water</u>, makes the suffering worse.
- They blasphemed the name of God by taking His name in vain (3rd commandment)
- The worst expression of God's wrath does not bring repentance of the wicked.

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

"fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast" (Rv.16:10)



"throne of the beast"

- The throne of the beast was mentioned in Revelation 13:2.
- The beast received this throne from the dragon.
- This is a figure of speech. It represents the sovereignty of the beast much like the 'White House' represents the authority of the United States.

"kingdom became full of darkness" (Rv.16:10)



"darkness"

- It is not clear whether this darkness is literal or figurative. It appears to be literal.
- Literal darkness or judgmental darkness produces suffering for the living beast-marked earth-dwellers.



"For behold, the <u>darkness shall cover the earth</u>, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you" (**Is.60:2**).

They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

"They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains" (Rv.16:11) "blasphemed"

- We know that the <u>people realize</u> that these <u>judgments come from God</u> because they curse him for sending them.
- Instead of saying, "We are sorry. We should not have done that." They say, "You are a horrible God."
- This is the second time (Rv.16:9,11) the wicked take God's name in vain. They will do this one more time (Rv.16:21)

Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

"so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared" (Rv.16:12) "be prepared"

- The Euphrates River was a natural protective boundary against the empires to the east (Babylon, Assyria, Persia). If it dried up, nothing could hold back invading armies.
- The purpose of this event is for God to prepare the way for the kings of the East. Since there still are kings it shows there still are individual nations.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

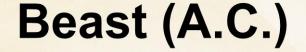


"three unclean spirits like frogs" (Rv.16:13)



"three unclean spirits"

Dragon (Satan)



False Prophet





"three unclean spirits like frogs" (Rv.16:13)



"three unclean spirits"

- These "unclean spirits" are demonic spirits who work to accomplish their objective of gathering the kings of the world to war.
- Through the deception of Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet all the Kings of the world are gonna assemble north of Jerusalem to come and try to fight Jesus.

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."



"Behold, I am coming as a thief" (Rv.16:15)



"coming as a thief"

- Six of the bowl judgments have been poured out, and yet Jesus says He comes as a thief. The book of Revelation warns us BEFORE (Rv.1:7), DURING (Rv.16:15), and AFTER (Rv.22:12,20) the narrative.
- Today there is such emphasis on the surprise (thief) idea that they have created a "secret rapture."
- This is a parenthetical warning which should not be used to give a temporal indicator as to when the Lord will return.

"Behold, I am coming as a thief" (Rv.16:15)



"coming as a thief"

- This warning, as well as similar warnings in the Bible is a means by which God preserves his people by warning them to be vigilant.
- The false believer is the one who will lose his clothes and walk around naked and in a shameful condition.

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

"And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon." (Rv.16:16)



"Armageddon" [Har-Magedon]

- This is the only place in the Bible where the word occurs.
- John likely understood a literal location, and that his audience was familiar with the term.
- Armageddon is gonna to be short. It is gonna to be a slaughter and Jesus Christ and his saints are gonna be victorious.

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

"loud voice came out of the temple of heaven...saying, "It is done!"" (Rv.16:17)



"It is done"

- Since the temple is empty, this <u>voice</u> must be God Himself.
- The destruction of the city and kingdom of the Beast will be given in detail.
- At the 7th Trumpet Jesus announced His arrival with intent to rule. But the nations raged. At the 6th Bowl He officially rules.

And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.



"great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth" (Rv.16:18)



"great earthquake"

- Having poured his bowl upon the air, lightning and thunder rock the air.
- The outcome of the 7th angel's bowl is an unparalleled earthquake in all of human history.

Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great **Babylon** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

REVELATION 16:19

"the great city was divided into three parts" (Rv.16:19)



"great city"

- Jerusalem is identified in Revelation 11:8 as "the great city."
- The destruction of Jerusalem will be highlighted in Revelation 17-18.



"And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives," Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south." (Zc.14:4).

Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

REVELATION 16:20

And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

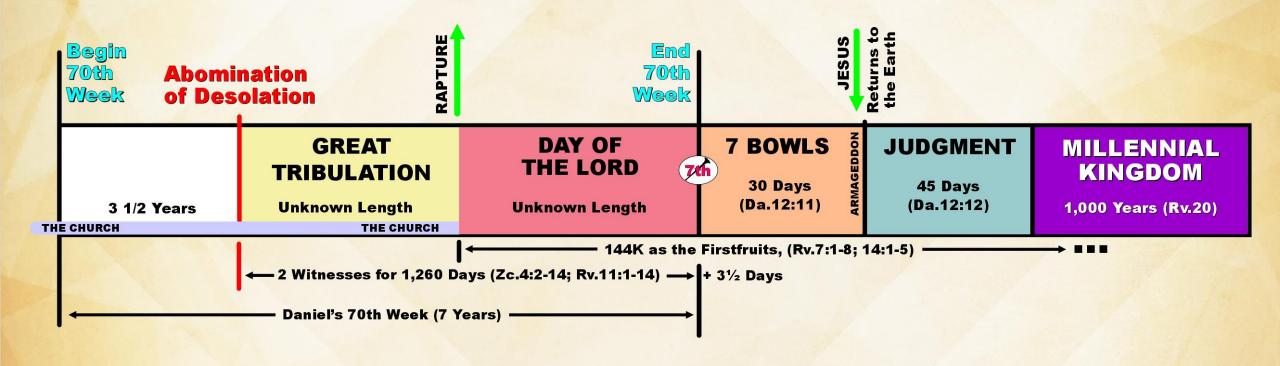
"great hail from heaven fell upon men...Men blasphemed God" (Rv.16:21)



"Men blasphemed God"

- The great hail weighed about 100 pounds each.
- Men blaspheme God during the **Bowl judgments three times** (Rv.16:9,11,21).

SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S FUTURE



REVELATION — CHRONOLOGICAL CHAPTERS

