

# The Book of Revelation

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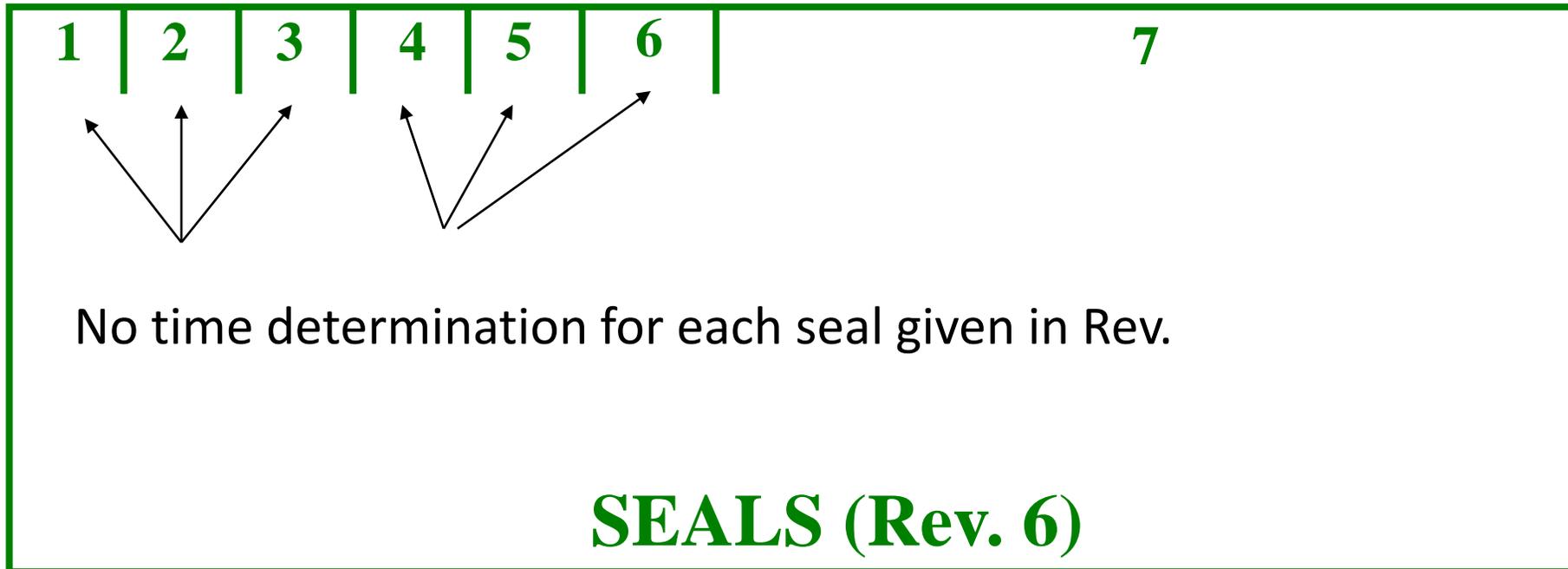
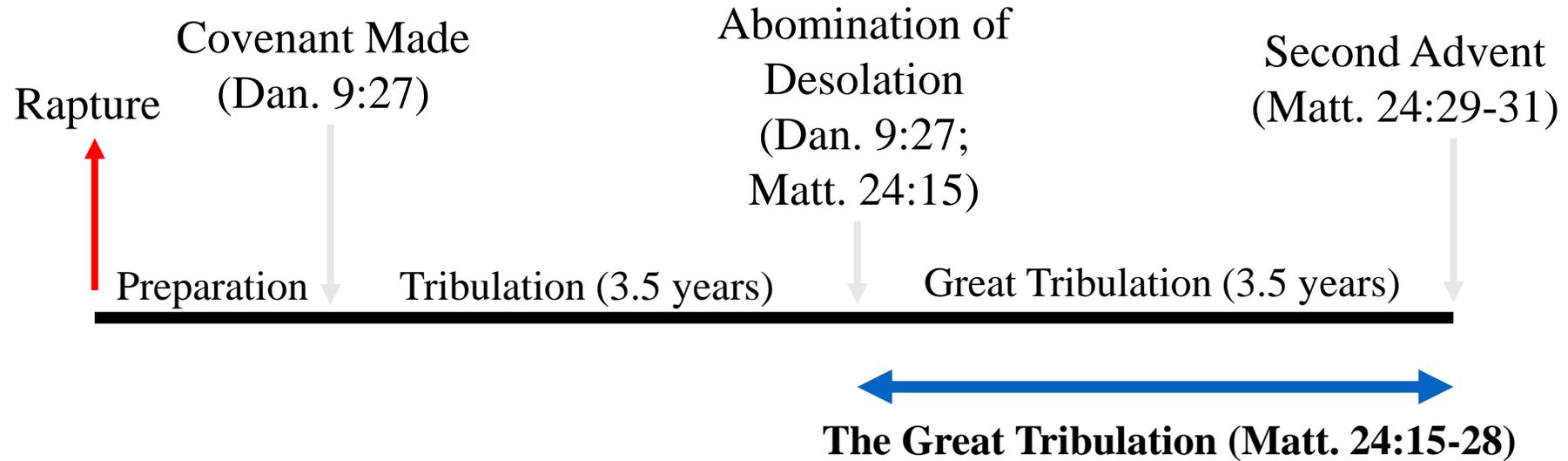
# The 7-Year Tribulation

- Completes Daniel's "70 weeks," or 490 years (Dan. 9:24-27)
  - First 69 fulfilled (483 years); last "seven" yet future
- *Time of Jacob's trouble* (Jeremiah 30:7)
- *A time of wrath* (Zephaniah 1:15-18)
- *A time of indignation & punishment* (Isaiah 26:20-21)
  - Church will be rescued from; no mention of Church in Revelation 6-19, the duration of Tribulation

# Seven Seals (Rev. 6) “things that will be”

1. **White horse:** world peace w/o war; Antichrist
2. **Red horse:** Antichrist granted authority to take peace from the earth; war
3. **Black horse:** Wars lead to famine
4. **Pale horse:** Death of 25% of world's population
5. **Prayers** for revenge by Tribulation martyrs
6. **Earthquake & cosmic disturbances**
7. Seven “**trumpet**” judgments

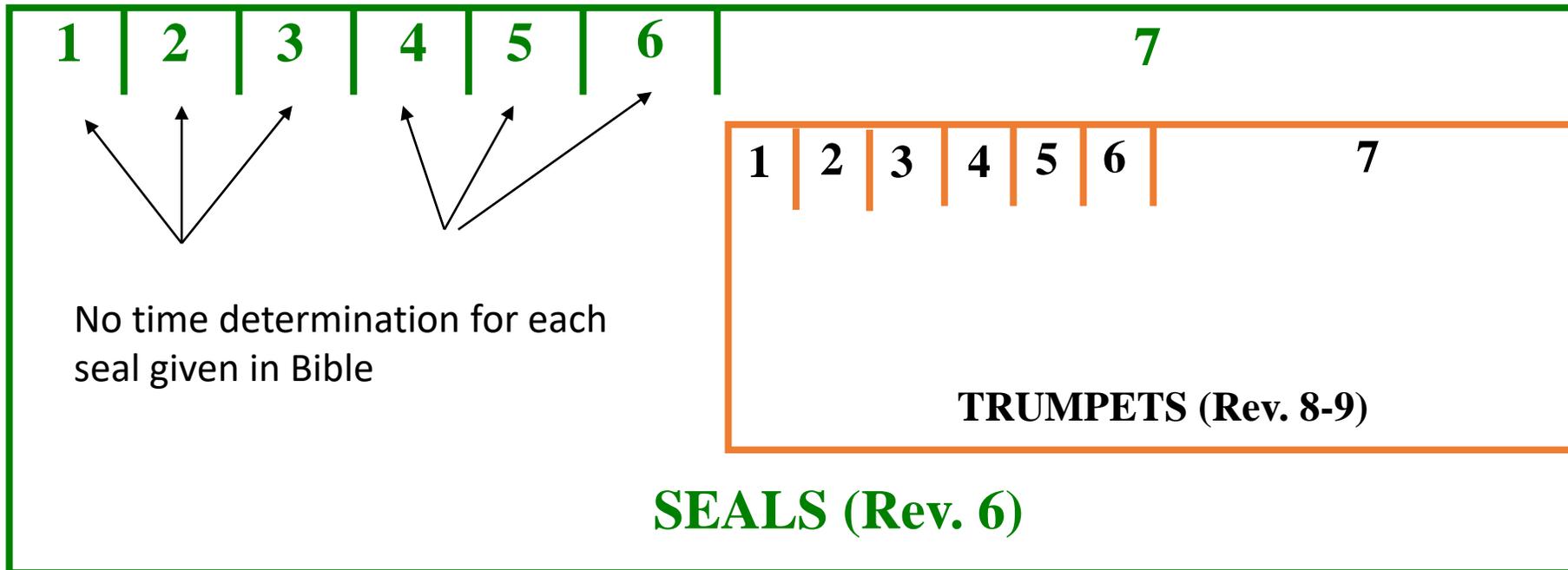
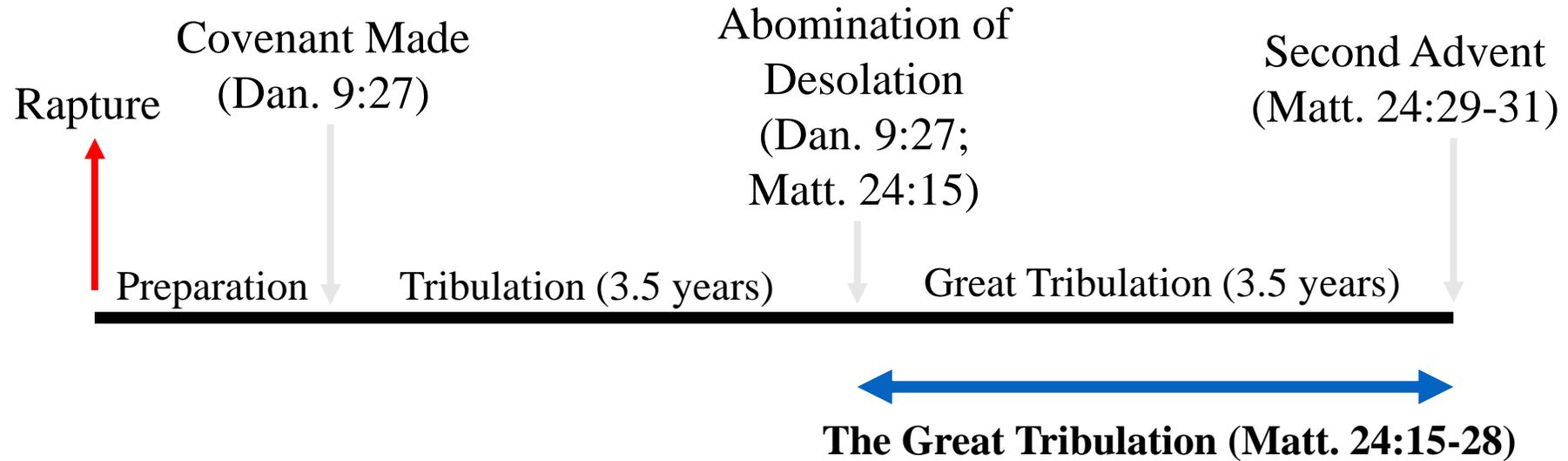
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# Trumpet Judgments (Rev. 8-9)

- 1. *Third* of earth is burned up**
- 2. *Third* of sea turns to blood**
- 3. *Third* of the fresh water is poisoned**
- 4. *Third* of sun, moon, & stars darkened**
- 5. Woe #1: locust-like creatures invade the earth for five months**
- 6. Woe #2: four unique demons sent to kill 1/3 of the earth's population**
- 7. Woe #3: seven "bowl" judgments poured out on earth as God's final wrath on man**

# THE TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS



# Seven Key Figures (Revelation 12-13)

1. The woman (represents **Israel**)
  2. The dragon (**Satan**) persecutes Israel
  3. Male child (**Jesus**) who ascends to heaven
  4. Michael (the **archangel**)
  5. Remnant (**redeemed Israel**)
  6. Beast out of the sea (**Antichrist**)
  7. Beast out of the earth (**False prophet**)
- Israel hides at Tribulation mid-point; Satan goes to persecute the rest of God's people.

# Revelation 13

- Beast from the sea = Antichrist (aka, *lawless one, man of sin, son of perdition*).
  - 7 heads = Israel's persecutors: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, kingdom of Antichrist
  - 10 horns = AC's 10 nation alliance
  - Beast suffers fatal head wound; later resurrected
- Beast from the earth: False Prophet who looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon—appears gentle but is murderous
  - Directs worship to image of AC; kills those who refuse
  - Gives mark 666 to all subjects of beast/Antichrist

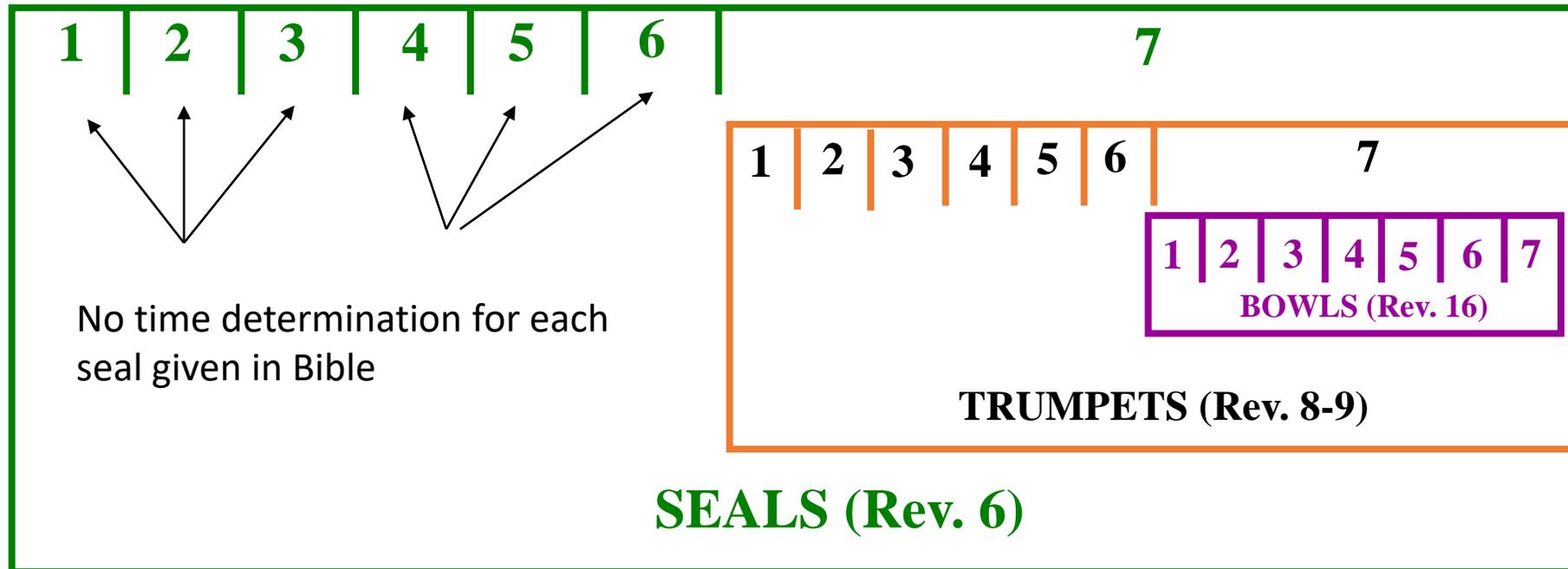
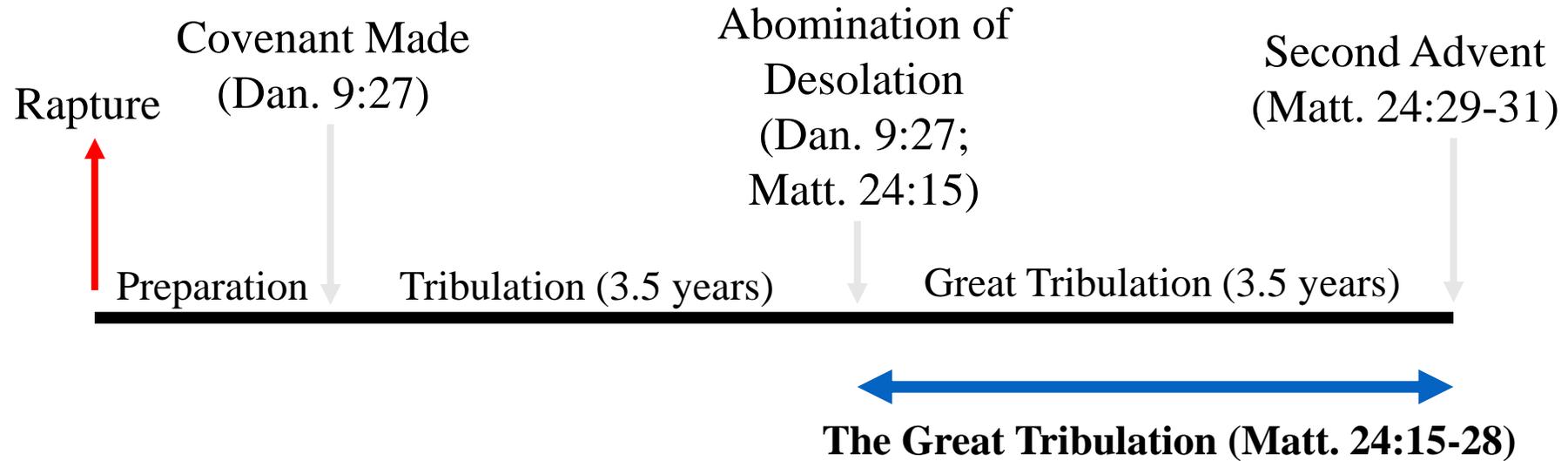
# Revelation 14

- Announcement that Babylon the Great be destroyed—the world religion and kingdom of Antichrist
- In the final hour of judgment of the end-times, the harvest of the earth is reaped as the ungodly are judged through the prayers of the saints
- This event is depicted as a slaughter with 200 miles of bloodshed—*the battle of Armageddon*.

# Bowl Judgments (Rev. 16)

- 1. Those w/ mark of beast suffer painful, malignant sores**
- 2. Sea life completely destroyed; water turned to blood**
- 3. Fresh water totally contaminated; rivers turned to blood**
- 4. Earth's climate altered; sun severely scorches people**
- 5. Unusual darkness cast upon Antichrist's throne**
- 6. Euphrates River dries up in preparation for the eastern kings to travel to Armageddon**
- 7. Worst earthquake in history, complete w/ hailstones of over 100 pounds**

# THE TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS



# Revelation 17

**A Closer Look At Babylon's Fall**

# Revelation 17:1–2 (NASB95)

- <sup>1</sup> *Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,*
  - Verse 18: *The woman... is the great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth.*
  - Verse 15: *The waters...where the harlot sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.*
- <sup>2</sup> *...with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality.*

# Revelation 17:3 (NASB95)

- <sup>3</sup> *And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.*
  - Same beast from Rev. 13 (Antichrist); “scarlet” (cf. Rev. 6:4)
  - Verses 9-12: *The seven heads are seven mountains,...they are seven kings... The ten horns...are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom...*
- The woman, *the great harlot*, represents all false religion
- The beast she rides is the political system she influences

# Clues To Identifying the Woman's Identity

1. She is a **harlot**—one who is unfaithful, seducing others
2. She has universal influence over those in authority
3. She is wealthy:
  - *<sup>4a</sup>The woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls,*
4. She is immoral:
  - *<sup>4b</sup>having in her hand a gold cup full of abominations and of the unclean things of her immorality,*

5. Her name is **Babylon**
  - Verse 5a: *and on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT"*
  - represents false religion, from the Tower of Babel (Gen 11) to the end-times religion
6. She is the mother of prostitutes
  - Verse 5b: *"THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."*
7. She persecutes & murders God's people
  - Verse 6: *I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.*
8. She governs through kings, kingdoms, etc.
  - Verses 9-10: *The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,<sup>10</sup> and they are seven kings*



**Sculpture in front of the EU's Parliament building in Strasbourg, France.**



Located outside the EU office in Brussels — A  
WOMAN RIDING A BEAST!

- Revelation 17:10a: *and they are seven kings; five have fallen,*
  - Five “have fallen” refers to the five nations who oppressed Israel up to that time: **Egypt** (1850-1450 BC), **Assyria** (1365-612 BC), **Babylon** (612-539 BC), **Medo-Persia** (539-334 BC), **Greece** (334-63 BC),
- Revelation 17:10b: *one is,*
  - The one that “is” refers to the nation ruling during the time John wrote Revelation, namely **Rome** (63 BC-1453)
- Revelation 17:10c: *the other has not yet come;*
  - The seventh king that “has not yet come” refers to the future kingdom of the Antichrist—*the beast* (i.e., *man of lawlessness*)
- Rev. 17:10d: *when he comes, he must remain a little while.*

# The Beast the Harlot Rides

- Revelation 17:7–8: *<sup>7</sup> And the angel said to me... I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. <sup>8</sup> The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction.*
  - He **was** (he will reign during the first half of the Tribulation)
  - He **is not** (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14 says he dies of a fatal head wound)
  - He **will be**: *He is about to come up out of the abyss...*, the haunt of demons (latter half of Tribulation)
- Note Christ: *I am the Alpha and the Omega...who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty* (Rev. 1:8).

# Revelation 17:11 (NASB95)

- <sup>11</sup> *The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.*
  - The seven kingdoms that have oppressed Israel are: **Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, & AC's kingdom**
  - As an “eighth” but “one of the seven” refers to him reigning as the seventh king (or kingdom) in the first half of the Tribulation, dying of a fatal head wound just prior to the midpoint, **and then coming back to reign as an eighth** for the final 1260 days (*42 months; time, times, half a time*)

# Revelation 17:12–13 (NASB95)

- <sup>12</sup> *The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.* <sup>13</sup> *These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast.*
  - Whereas the seven kings are **consecutive** kingdoms through time,
  - The ten (future) kings will reign **concurrently** with one another.

**Egypt**

**Babylon**

**Greece**

**Assyria**

**Persia**

**Rome**

**Globalism**

*The seven nations move consecutively*

*The ten kings  
reign concurrently*

*...out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings (Dan. 7:24).*

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# Revelation 17:16–17 (NASB95)

- Just prior to the final battle between Christ & His enemies...
- <sup>16</sup> *And the ten horns which you saw, and the beast, these will hate the harlot and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire. <sup>17</sup> For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.*
  - Like all harlots, cast aside after being used, the false church will ultimately be exposed & destroyed by the beast

# Revelation 17:14 (NASB95)

- <sup>14</sup> *These [ten nations & the beast] will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful.*
  - The war is Armageddon (Rev. 16:12, 16)
  - Armies come together to fight w/ Christ whom they apparently believe is coming to do battle
  - Christ comes w/ His saints, “the called and chosen and faithful,” and He is victorious. We win!

# Summary of End-Times Events

- Globalism is on the horizon—ten nations
- A world ruler will appear on the scene bringing peace, even in the Middle East with Israel and her neighbors
- The world ruler will die 1260 days after the peace treaty he signs; he will be resurrected and receive global worship for 1260 days while two witnesses preach from Jerusalem
- There will be a one-world religion, compared to a harlot
- The world's armies will gather to war with Christ
- Christ returns, slays His enemies, reigns w/ His people

# Thoughts on Revelation 17

1. False religion has plagued mankind since Babel. It will continue, however, *until the words of God be fulfilled* (Rev. 17:17b). It will ultimately be exposed & doomed.
2. All of God's people (those called, chosen, & faithful) will ultimately recognize Christ as the Lord and Savior
3. Only unbelievers, those "who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come."
4. Christ is Lord of lords & King of kings; *salvation is in Him*