

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

**KEY PEOPLE IN
THE TRIBULATION**



**Rapture
of the
Church**



Heaven

Seal Judgments





Heaven

Trumpet Judgments



Rapture of the Church

Hail, Fire



upon earth

Sun, Moon, Stars



upon heavens

Announces Seven Bowls



Bowls

Burning Mountain

Demonic Locusts



upon sea



upon people

Wormwood

Horsemen



upon waters



upon people



Second 21 Months

First Half of the Tribulation

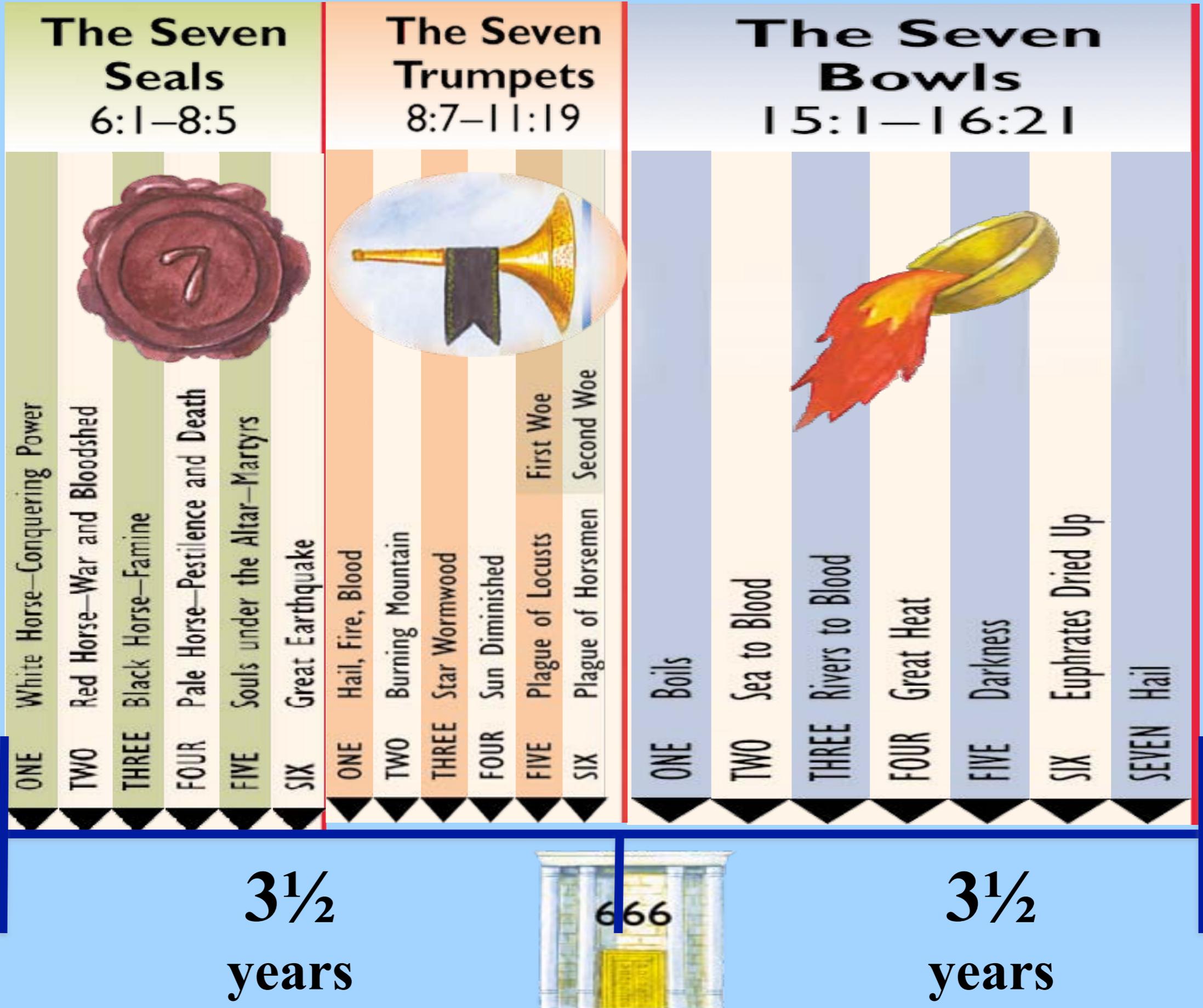
Midpoint

RAPTURE

1 Ths 4:16-17

The Heavenly Vision

4:1-5:14



The Seven Seals 6:1-8:5



- ONE White Horse—Conquering Power
- TWO Red Horse—War and Bloodshed
- THREE Black Horse—Famine
- FOUR Pale Horse—Pestilence and Death
- FIVE Souls under the Altar—Martyrs
- SIX Great Earthquake

The Seven Trumpets 8:7-11:19



- ONE Hail, Fire, Blood
 - TWO Burning Mountain
 - THREE Star Wormwood
 - FOUR Sun Diminished
 - FIVE Plague of Locusts
 - SIX Plague of Horsemen
- First Woe
Second Woe

The Seven Bowls 15:1-16:21



- ONE Boils
- TWO Sea to Blood
- THREE Rivers to Blood
- FOUR Great Heat
- FIVE Darkness
- SIX Euphrates Dried Up
- SEVEN Hail

3 1/2 years

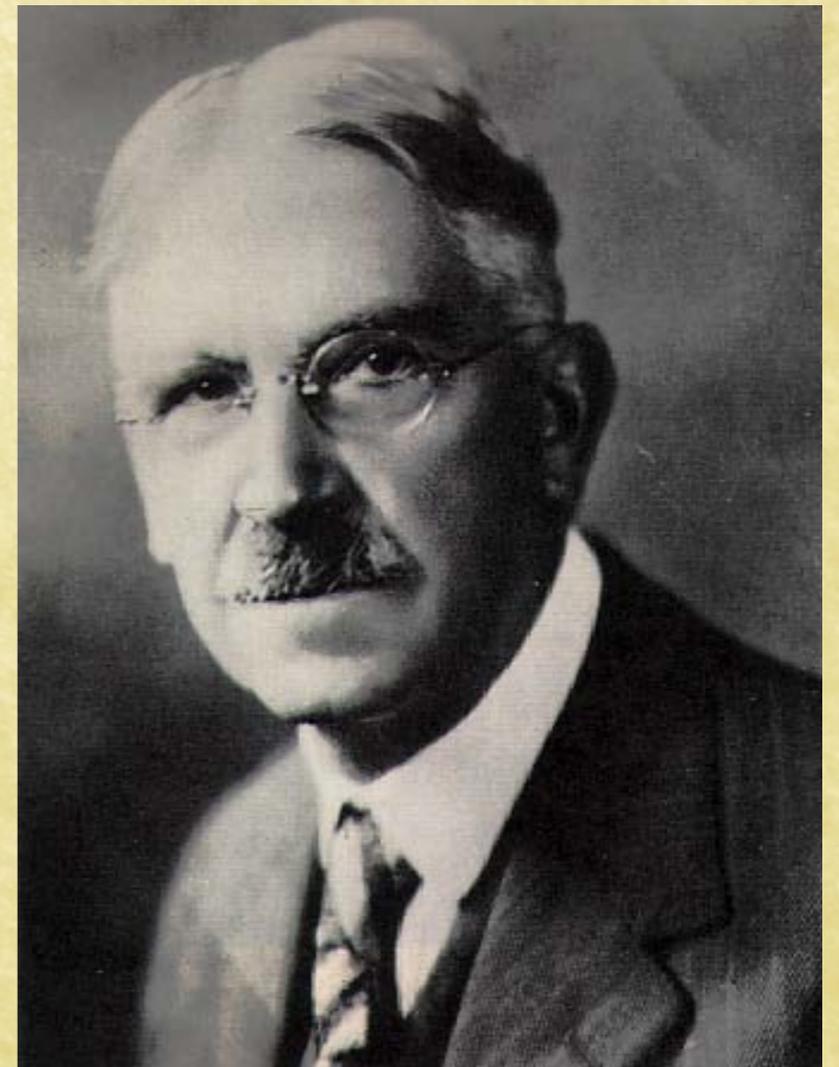


3 1/2 years

6. The Antichrist rises to power following the confederation of ten nations. He assumes control by force and subdues three of the ten members (Dan. 7:24).

“I cannot understand how any realization of the democratic ideal as a vital, moral, and spiritual ideal in human affairs is possible without surrender of the conception of the basic human division to which Christianity is committed.”

~John Dewey, *A Common Faith*



Dan. 7:24, “ ‘As for the ten horns, 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. 7:25, “ ‘And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.’ ”

Daniel 7

➤ **What we learn about the Beast,
or Little Horn:**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **1. He rises to power from within the fourth empire, in an empire made up of 10 nations**
- **• A revival of the Roman empire**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **2. When he arises the 10 Kings are already in place.**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **3. There is some unique quality about him (7:28)**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **4. He is arrogant and challenges the most High with “great” or boastful words (7:8, 11, 20).**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **5. He persecutes Tribulation saints.**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **6. Rev. 13:7, 8, “He was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast. . .**
- **= Truly global government**

Daniel 7

- What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:
- 7. Rev. 13:16–18, “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. . . If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.”

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **8. He gains control of the world for only 3-1/2 years**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **9. He precipitates a war so ferocious that “If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive”
(Matt. 24:22)**

Daniel 7

- **What we learn about the Beast, or Little Horn:**
- **10. He seeks to change the Jewish ceremonial calendar.**

Dan. 11:36, “Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god, and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.

Dan. 11:37, “And he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.”

2 Thess. 2:9, “that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

2 Thess. 2:10, “and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.”

Dan. 11:37, “And he will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.”

Dan. 11:39, “And he will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him, and he will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.”

7. Antichrist establishes a mark which signifies religious allegiance to him, without which there is no buying or selling.

Rev. 13:16, “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,

Rev. 13:17, “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 14:9, 11

9 “Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, ‘If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,’ ”

11 “And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

8. At the midpoint of the Tribulation his statue is erected in the Holy of Holies of the Tribulation temple.

9. He is usually pictured in the Bible as a warrior. He pursues peace and wages war. He operates on deceitful tactics.

10. He is personally indwelt by Satan.

11. The first 3.5 years represent his rise to power. He persecutes Christians and other opponents in a reign of terror that goes beyond any persecution, pogrom, or holocaust ever before experienced in human history.

12. In the second 3.5 years, his worldwide coalition begins to fragment, an army from the east invades in concert with one from the south, which culminates in the campaign of Armageddon.

13. His destiny is to be sent to the Lake of Fire with the False Prophet. Rev. 19:11–21

14. Jewish or Gentile?

The First Beast is a Gentile!

Rev. 13:1, “out of the sea...”

Key People in the Tribulation

The Second Beast

The False Prophet

1. Rev. 13:11–18: He is a distinct personage from the Antichrist and is also portrayed as the second beast, “another beast”. He is a prophet or spokesman for the Antichrist.

He is a Jew, arising from the earth, i.e., the land

He is religiously influential

He is motivated by Satan

He has a delegated authority

He promotes worship of the first beast

He performs signs and miracles

He deceives the unbelieving world

He promotes idolatrous worship

He has the power of death over people who do not worship the beast

He has great economic power

He will establish the mark of the beast

The 144,000

Rev. 7:4, “And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:”

1. They are Jews, from every tribe of the sons of Israel (7:4) and 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes (none are lost).

2. They are “bond servants of our God” (Rev. 7:3), they are believers who become the evangelistic corps for the Tribulation.

3. They are sealed, which suggests they cannot be harmed.

4. They are all martyred.

Rev. 14:1, “Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads.”

Rev. 14:3, “They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.”