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Welcome!

- **Please make sure you have the handouts.**
- **Finish 'Seals, Trumpets, & Bowls' section**

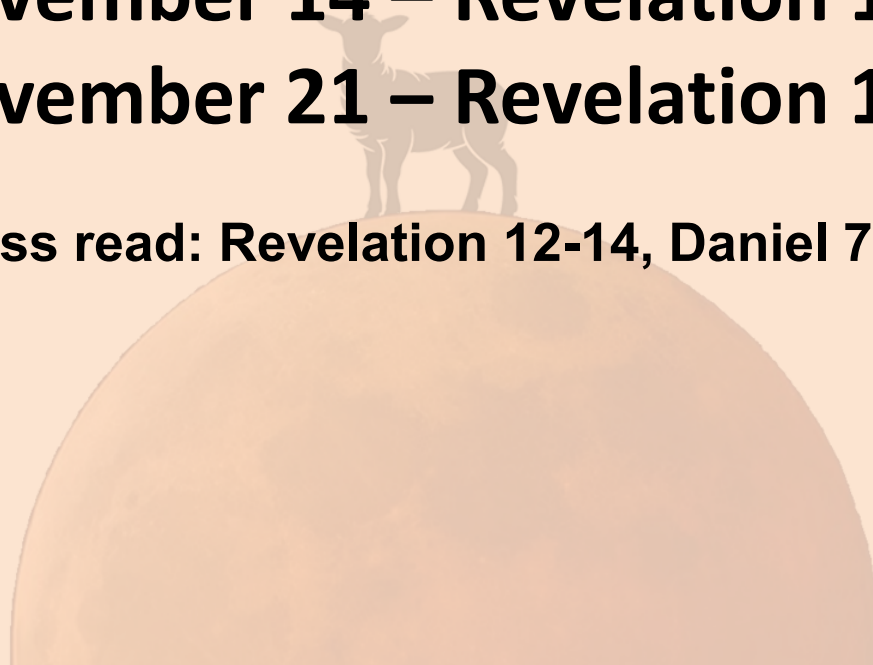
With a person next to you, discuss:

- 1.What is the craziest thing you read?**
- 2.Did you see an influence from Exodus?**
- 3.If you were under persecution, how would that affect your reading of these chapters?**

Class Schedule:

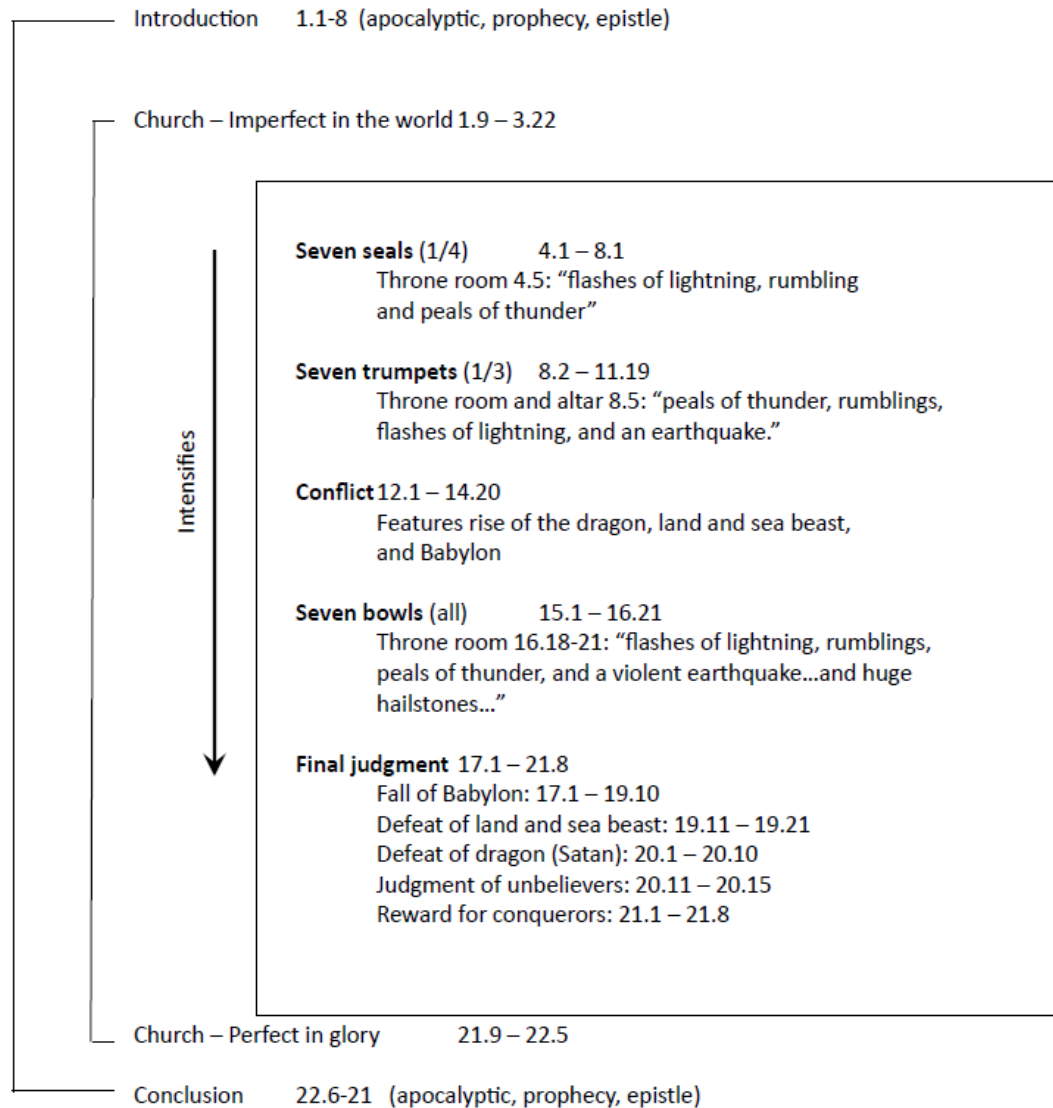
- **October 24 – no class**
- **October 31 – no class**
- **November 7 – Revelation 12-14**
- **November 14 – Revelation 15-16**
- **November 21 – Revelation 17-22**

For next class read: Revelation 12-14, Daniel 7



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Breakdown of Revelation



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Seal Seven: Silence

“When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.”

-Revelation 8:1

- Zephaniah 1:7 “Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand.”
- Habakkuk 2:20, “But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!”
- Zechariah 2:13, “Be silent, all people, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.”

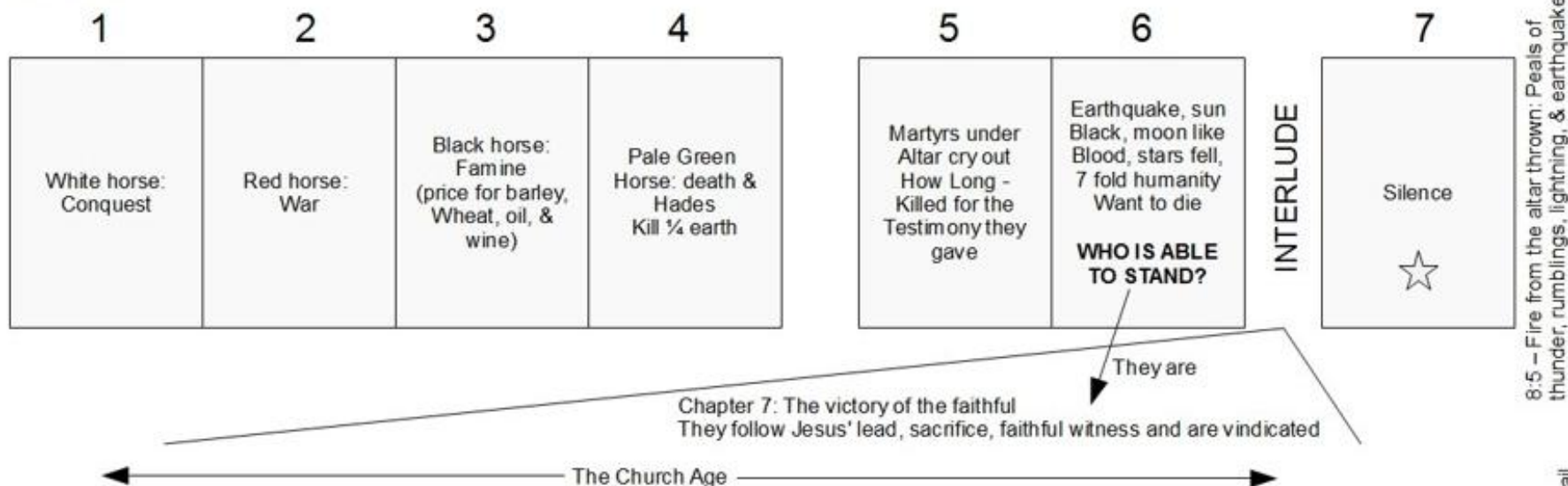
The Seven Trumpets:

“Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets made ready to blow them.”

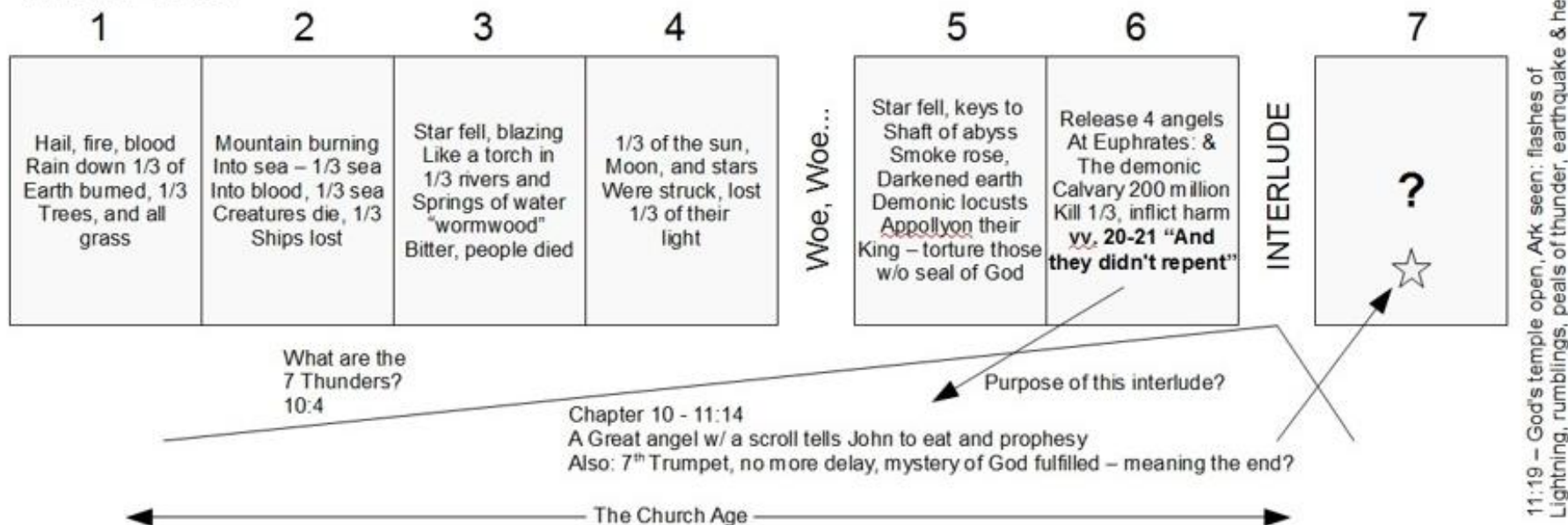
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Trumpets	8:7 Hail and fire mixed with blood 1/3 earth burned up 1/3 trees burned up All green grass burned up	8:8-9 Great mountain burning w/fire thrown into <u>sea</u> ; 1/3 sea became blood 1/3 living sea creatures died 1/3 ships destroyed	8:10-11 Great star from heaven “Wormwood” Onto fresh water 1/3 of waters became bitter and many died from water	8:12 1/3 sun struck 1/3 moon 1/3 stars 1/3 light darkened – 1/3 of day kept from shining	8:13 Eagle – “Woe, woe”	9:1-12 Star fell from heaven, key to bottomless pit Smoke = demonic locusts Only damage people w/o seal of God. Their king: Abaddon or Apollyon	9:13-21 Release the 4 angels at the Euphrates. To kill 1/3 of humankind – cavalry was 2 hundred million Demonic 9:20-21 – did not repent!	10-11:14 Mighty angel – little scroll for John to eat. 2 Witnesses testify 1/10 city falls, 7,000 <u>die</u> ; the rest give glory to God	11:15 Praise of God – the time for judging has come “ <u>destroying</u> those who destroy the earth” Throne <u>roome</u>	11:19- flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, earthquake, heavy hail

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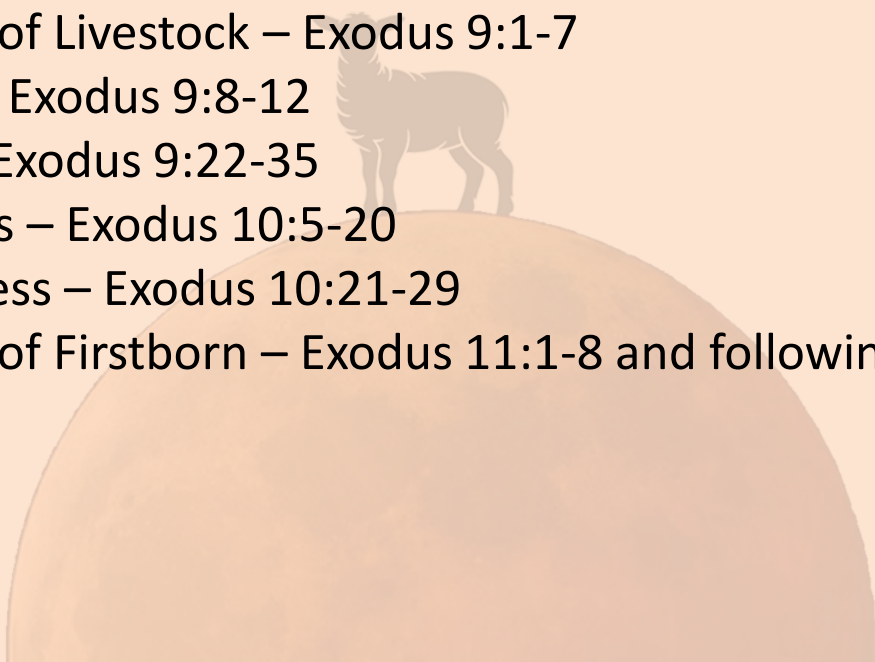
TRUMPETS:



The Church age as a new Exodus – parallel with the plagues

The First Four Trumpets

Review – What are the 10 Plagues from Exodus 7-11

1. Water to blood – Exodus 7:14-25
 2. Frogs – Exodus 8:1-15
 3. Gnats – Exodus 8:16-19
 4. Flies – Exodus 8:20-32
 5. Death of Livestock – Exodus 9:1-7
 6. Boils – Exodus 9:8-12
 7. Hail – Exodus 9:22-35
 8. Locusts – Exodus 10:5-20
 9. Darkness – Exodus 10:21-29
 10. Death of Firstborn – Exodus 11:1-8 and following
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The First Four Trumpets

- First Trumpet
 - hail and fire mixed with blood
 - Exodus 9:22-25 for hail and fire
 - Exodus 7:14-25 water to blood
- Second Trumpet
 - Mountain ablaze into sea –
 - 1/3 turns to blood, 1/3 creatures die, 1/3 ships gone
 - Exodus 7:14-25 water to blood
- Third Trumpet
 - Star like a blazing torch into fresh waters
 - 1/3 fresh water became bitter, many died
 - Exodus 7:14-25 water affected
- Fourth Trumpet
 - 1/3 Sun, moon, stars struck
 - 1/3 light gone
 - Exodus 10:21-29 darkness

The Fifth Trumpet

- Fallen star given a key
- Opens shaft to bottomless pit
- Smoke and demonic locusts come out

The Sixth Trumpet

- Four angels release a demonic army
- 200 million horsemen
- Sent to kill 1/3 of the humans



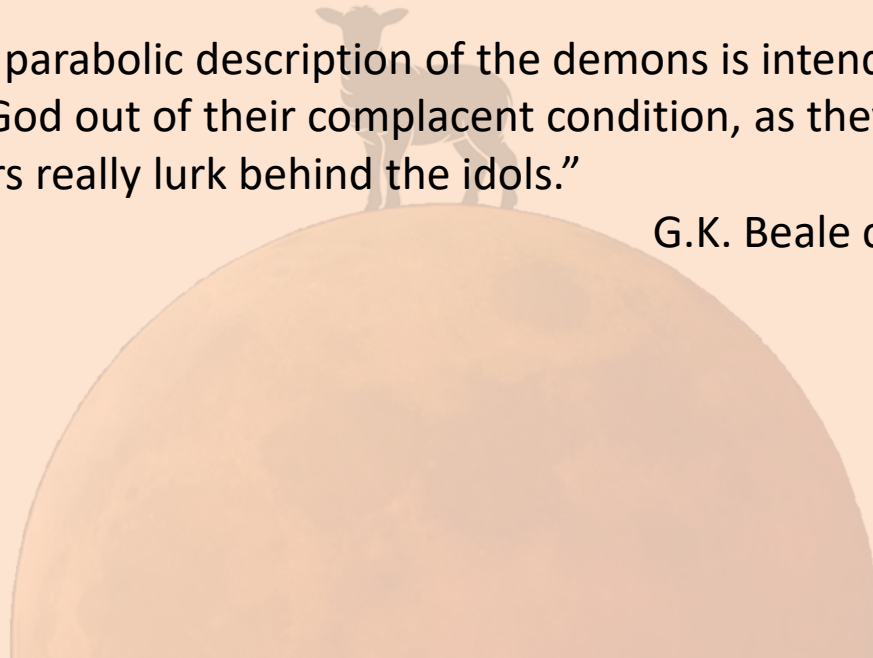
The Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

“The rest of humankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands or give up worshipping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk. And they **did not repent** of their murders or their sorceries or their fornication or their thefts.”

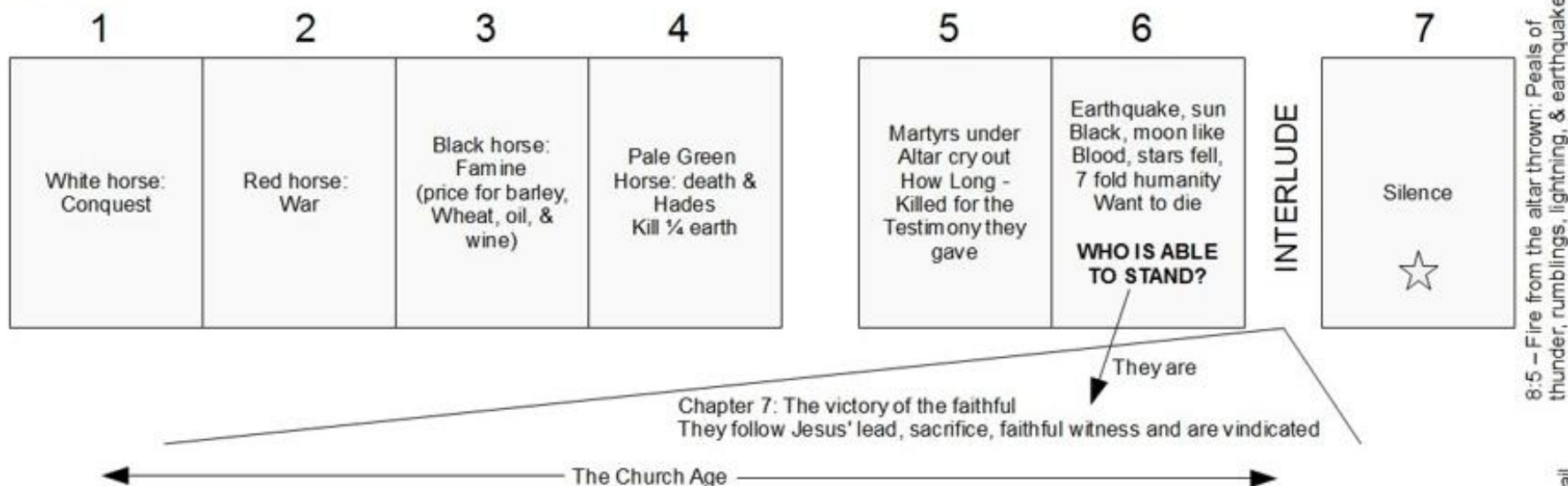
Revelation 9:20-21

“The gruesome parabolic description of the demons is intended to shock the true people of God out of their complacent condition, as they realize what spiritual specters really lurk behind the idols.”

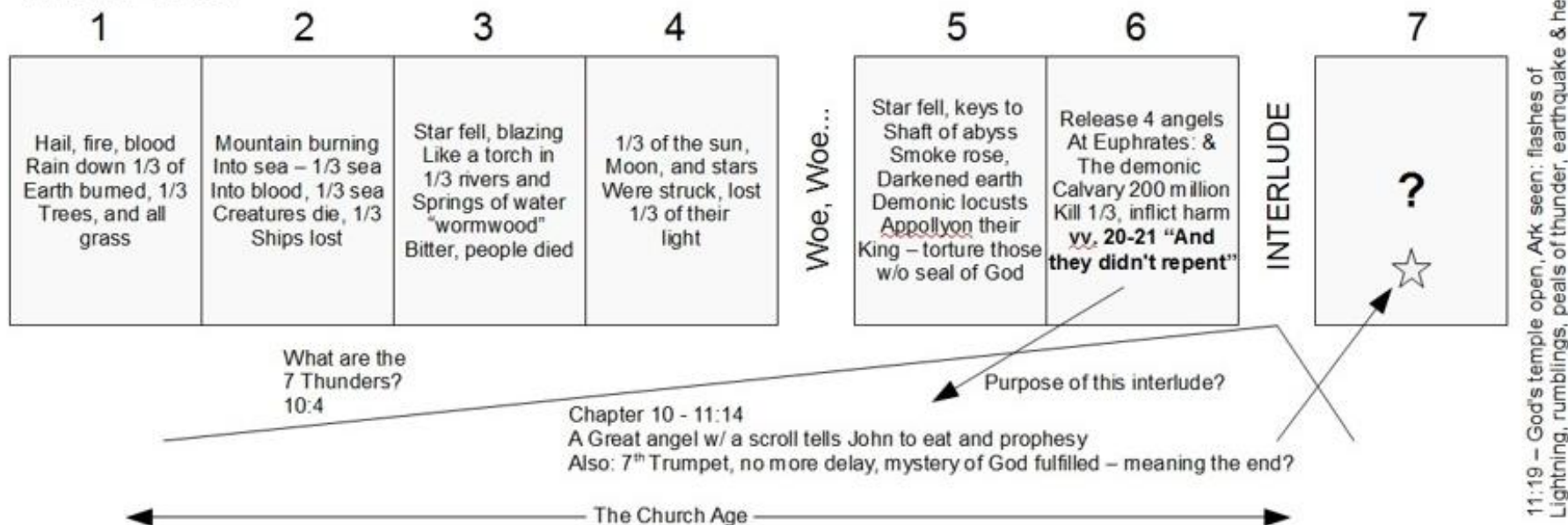
G.K. Beale commentary



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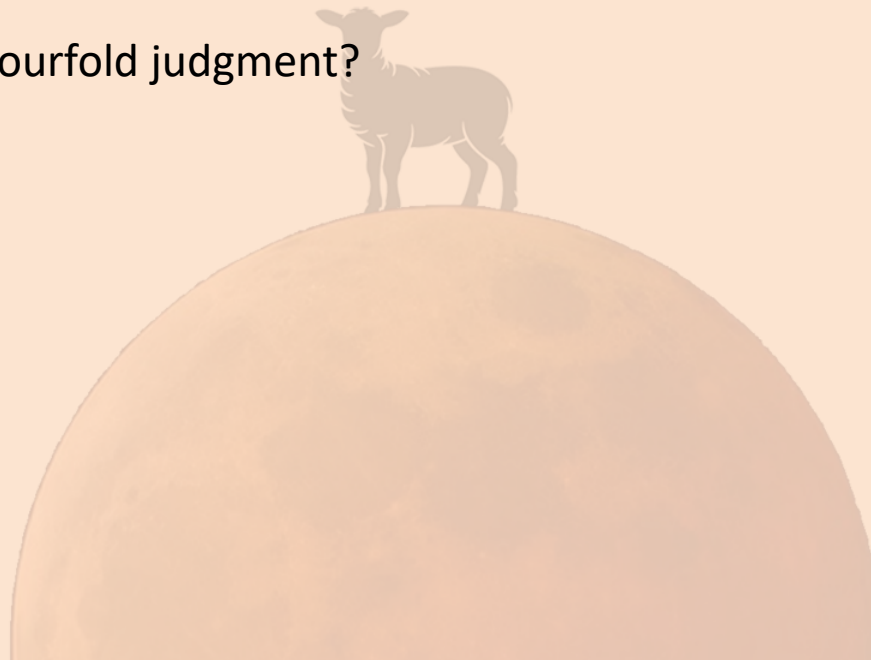
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Chapter 10: Angel and a Scroll

The Seven Thunders?

- Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28
 - “I will continue to punish you sevenfold for your sins.”
 - “I will continue to plague you sevenfold for your sins.”
 - “I myself will strike you sevenfold for your sins.”
 - “I in turn will punish you myself sevenfold for your sins.”

Is this another fourfold judgment?



Chapter 10: Angel and a Scroll

John is given a scroll to eat – see Ezekiel 2

“You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings.” Revelation 10:11



Chapter 11: The Temple and Two Witnesses

This is symbolic language – what does it mean?

“John and the church are being commissioned to do what divine judgment as such could not do – prophesy, and thus bear witness to the risen Jesus.”

-Gordon Fee

“If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it.”

-Revelation 3:12

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

- 1 Corinthians 6:19

“What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people.’”

-2 Corinthians 6:14-18

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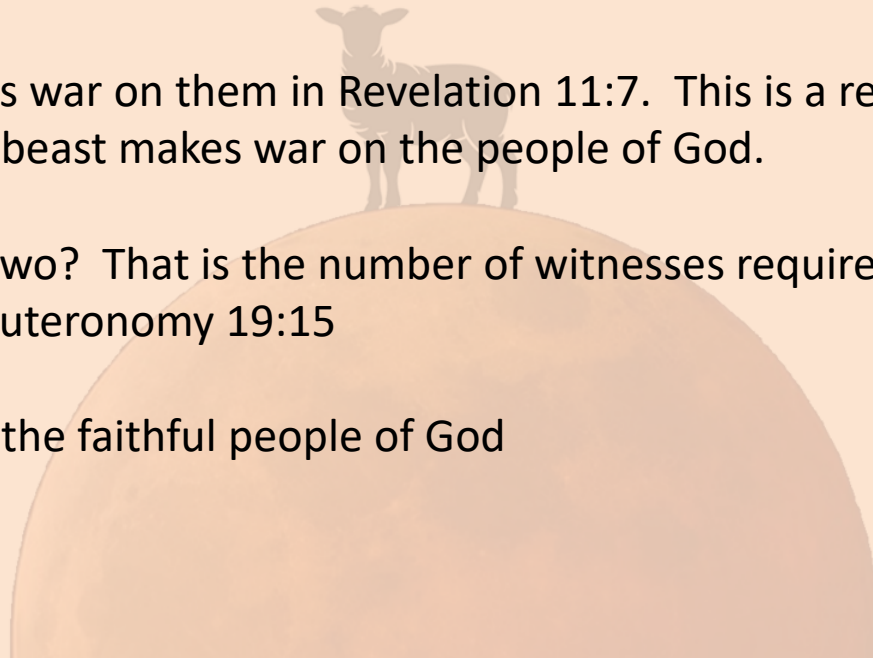
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- Two witnesses – Antipas is called ‘my faithful witness’
- Two olive trees – see Zechariah 4 where Joshua and Zerubbabel are the high priest and governor, called two olive trees, and help God’s people through a time of persecution.
- Two lampstands – lampstands are symbolic of the church in Revelation 2-3

The beast makes war on them in Revelation 11:7. This is a reference to Daniel 7:21 where the beast makes war on the people of God.

Why are there two? That is the number of witnesses required for a faithful testimony in Deuteronomy 19:15

They symbolize the faithful people of God



What is the deal with 3 ½?

It is a number associated with God's people under persecution

- Daniel 12:7 "And I heard him swear by the one who lives forever that it would be for a time, two times, and a half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things would be accomplished."
- Daniel 7:25, "...and they shall be given into his power for a time, two times, and a half a time."

In Revelation

11:2 – 42 months gentiles trample the outer court

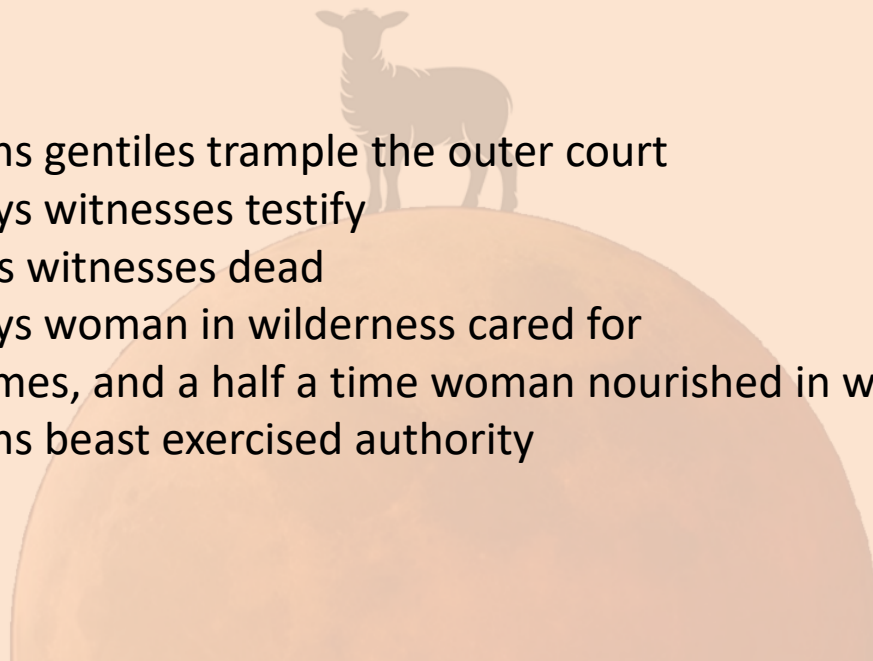
11:3 – 1,260 days witnesses testify

11:11 – 3 ½ days witnesses dead

12:6 – 1,260 days woman in wilderness cared for

12:14 – time, times, and a half a time woman nourished in wilderness

13:5 – 42 months beast exercised authority

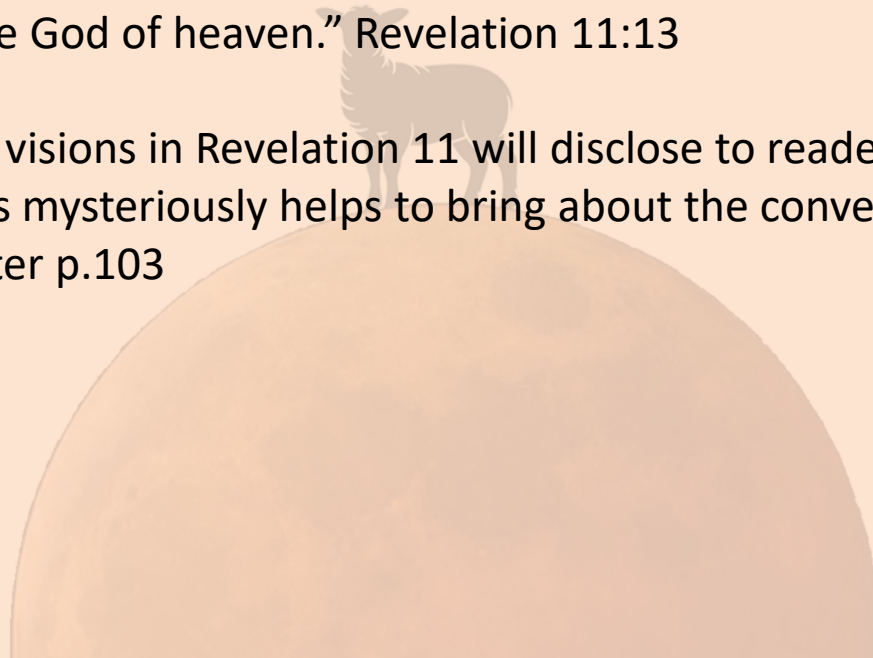


Issue and the Interlude

- Judgment in Old Testament:
 - Isaiah 6:13 – 1/10 are left from judgment
 - Amos 5:3 – 9/10 perish from judgment
 - 1 Kings 19:18 – only 7,000 faithful left

“At that moment there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.” Revelation 11:13

“Therefore, the visions in Revelation 11 will disclose to readers how the suffering of God’ servants mysteriously helps to bring about the conversion of the ungodly.” Koester p.103



Thrones and Theophany

Theophany means a manifestation of God. See Ezekiel 1 and Exodus 19:16-25

Exodus 19:16-25 – there is thunder and lightning, a thick cloud, blast of a trumpet, smoke and fire, God answered in thunder.

Revelation 4:5 – flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder, flaming torches

Revelation 8:5 – peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, **and an earthquake**

Revelation 11:19 – flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, **and heavy hail**

Revelation 16:18-21 - ?

