

TIMELINE OVERLAY

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The Book of Revelation



TIMELINE OF REVELATION 1-5

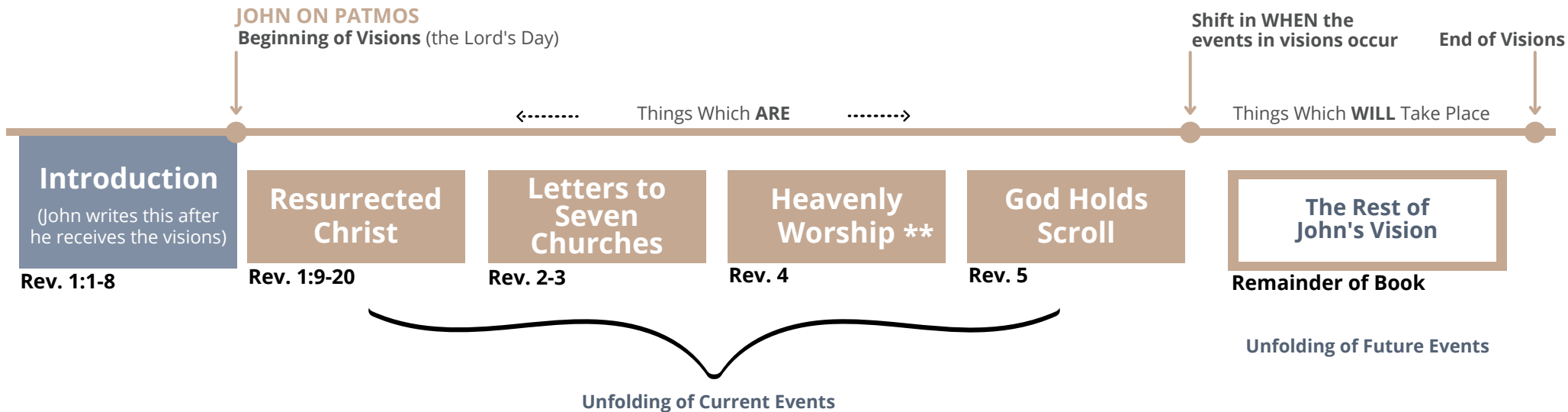
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Jesus: Glorified and Worthy Lord of His Church

Introduction, Vision of Christ, Letters to Seven Churches, & Heavenly Worship

"Therefore, write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things." Revelation 1:19



Rev. 1:1-8 Introduction = John writes while on the Greek Island of Patmos, a Roman penal colony in the Aegean Sea (approx 91-96 AD).*

Rev. 1:9-20 Resurrected Christ = John sees Christ in His glory amidst seven golden lampstands which are the seven churches.

Rev. 2-3 Letters to Seven Churches = John is told to write to the angel(s) of the seven churches (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea).

Rev. 4 Heavenly Worship = John sees a glorious picture of God on His throne. Four living creatures & twenty-four elders worship God.

Rev. 5 God Holds Scroll = Who is worthy to open the scroll? No one but the Lamb! All those around the throne worship the Lamb.

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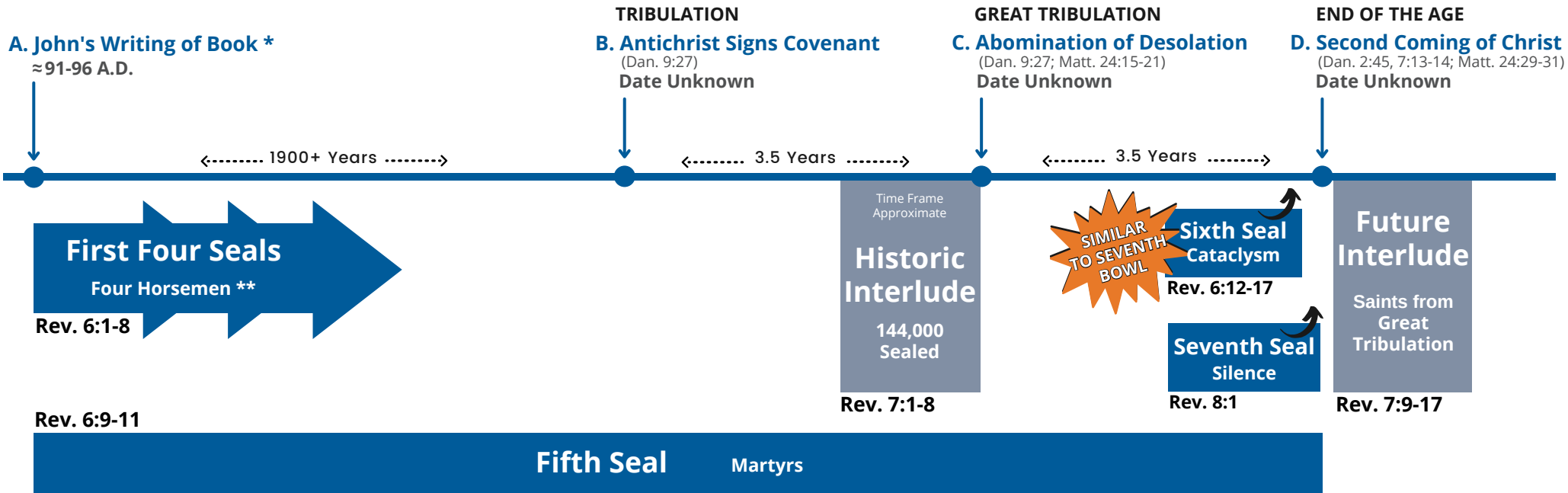
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TIMELINE OF REVELATION 6:1-8:1

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Unfolding of History to the End of the Age

Lamb Opens the Seven Seals



Note: One year in Scripture is 360 days. So 3.5 years = 1,260 days.

- Rev. 6:1-8** **First Seal** = (White Horse) Unfolding spiritual deception.
Second, Third, Fourth Seals = (Red, Black, & Ashen Horses) Unfolding troubles (death, famine, war, pestilence) of sinful man.
- Rev. 6:9-11** **Fifth Seal** = Martyred saints awaiting vindication for their deaths.
- Rev. 6:12-17** **Sixth Seal** = Cataclysmic events - correlate with events of the Seventh Bowl (Rev. 16:20); See pg 6.
- Rev. 7:1-8** **Historic Interlude** = A special group of 144,000 saints are sealed before great trouble arises.
- Rev. 7:9-17** **Future Interlude** = The white-robed saints coming out of the Great Tribulation are assured of their final salvation.
- Rev. 8:1** **Seventh Seal** = Silence in heaven for half an hour.

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** See article: [Who Are The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse?](#)

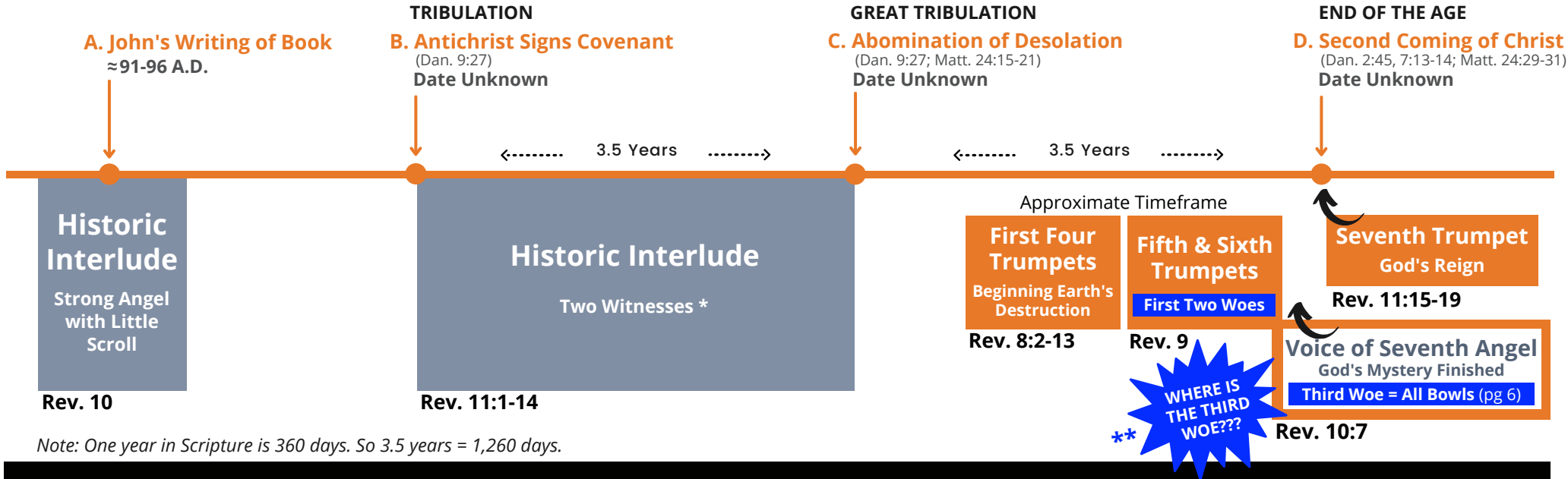
TIMELINE OF REVELATION 8:2-11:19

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Impending Doom: Witness, Warning, Woe

Seven Angels Blow Seven Trumpets



Rev. 8:2-13 **First Four Trumpets** = 1/3 of the earth is burned, 1/3 of the sea creatures die, 1/3 of the rivers & springs are made bitter to the death of many people, 1/3 of the heavenly firmament is struck affecting light of both day & night.

Rev. 9 **Fifth & Sixth Trumpets** = Hordes of demonic locusts released from the abyss (leader Satan) & torture men with stinging sores (First Woe); Army of two million horsemen (demonic powers) released to inflict torture & kill 1/3 of mankind (Second Woe)

Rev. 10 **Historic Interlude** = John eats a little scroll & is commissioned to prophesy (which he carried out before his death).

Rev. 10:7 **Voice of Seventh Angel** = This is the third woe, which is also the bowls of wrath.

Rev. 11:1-14 **Historic Interlude** = Two witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days. They are killed and rise from the dead 3½ days later.

Rev. 11:15-19 **Seventh Trumpet** = Christ has come and His kingdom/reign is now here upon the earth.

* See article: [Who are The Two Witnesses in Revelation 11?](#)

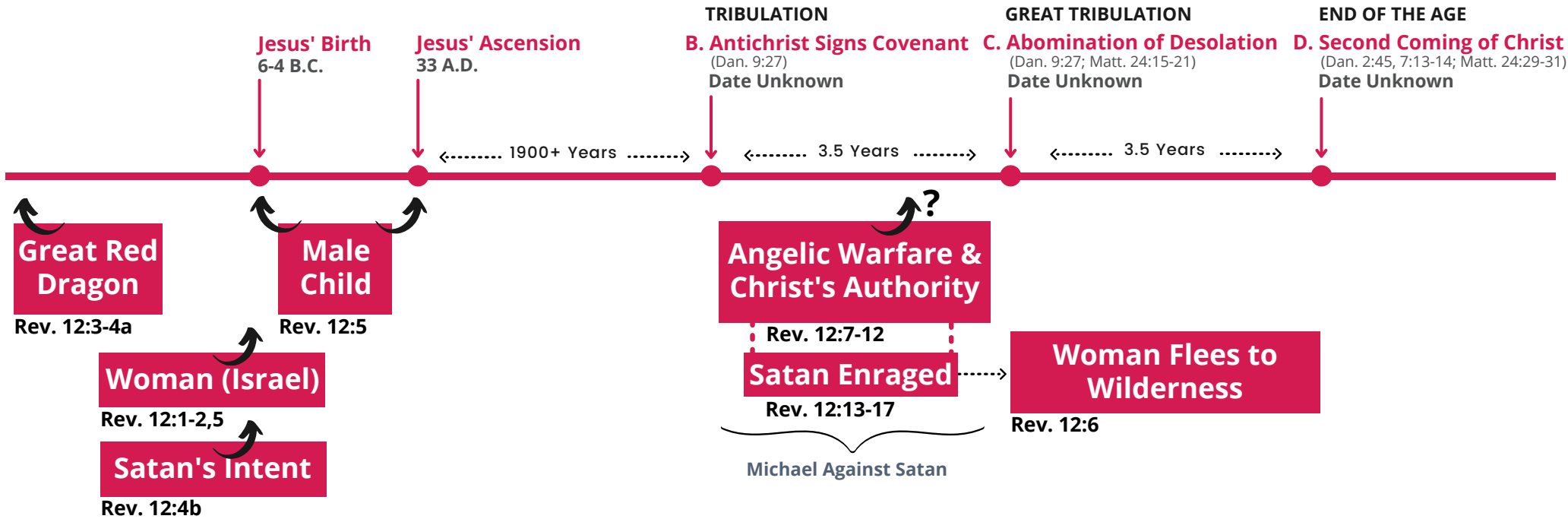
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Michael Casts Satan to Earth

Woman, Red Dragon, Male Child, Angel Michael



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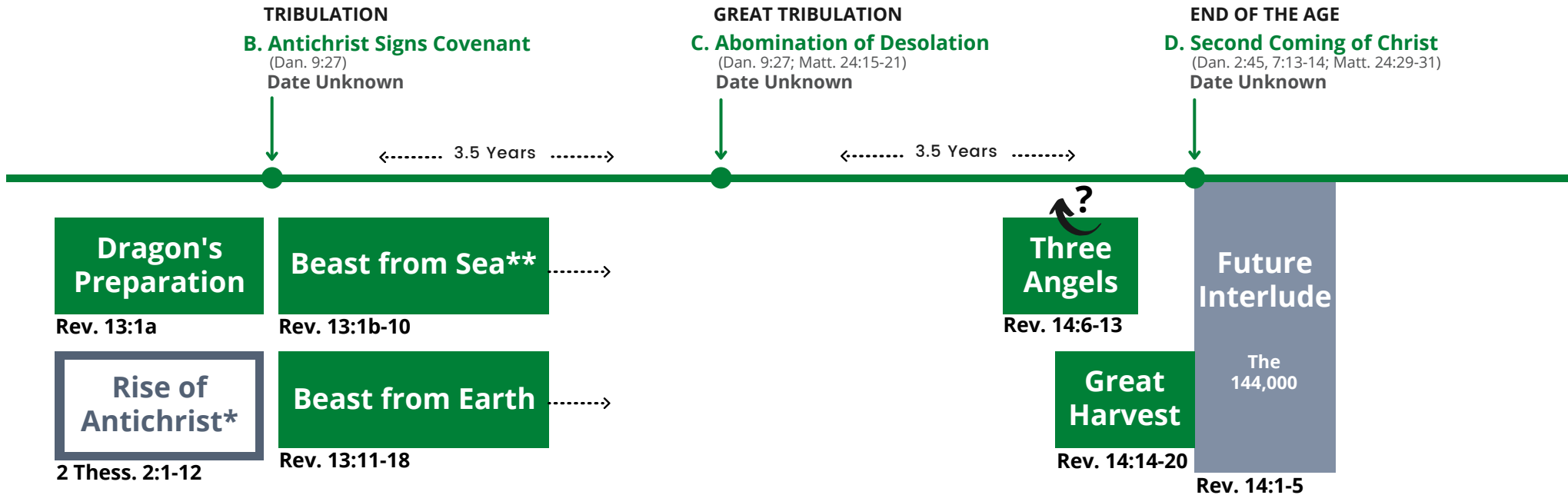
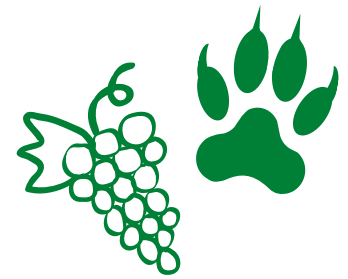
- Rev. 12:1-2,5** **Woman (Israel)** = Israel (through Mary) is in labor and about to give birth to the male child.
- Rev. 12:3-4a** **Great Red Dragon** = Satan fell with 1/3 of the angels.
- Rev. 12:4b** **Satan's Intent** = Satan wishes to devour the male child at his birth.
- Rev. 12:5** **Male Child** = Jesus is born in Bethlehem. After His death & resurrection, He is caught up to God's throne in His ascension.
- Rev. 12:6** **Woman Flees to Wilderness** = Israel is provided nourishment & protection by God for 3.5 years.
- Rev. 12:7-12** **Angelic Warfare & Christ's Authority** = Michael & his angels wage war against Satan/his demons - thrown out of heaven
- Rev. 12:13-17** **Satan Enraged** = Having been thrown to earth, Satan knows his time is short. This makes him full of wrath.

TIMELINE OF REVELATION 13-14

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Beast Worshipers Made to Drink God's Wrath

Beast from Sea, Beast from Earth, Great Harvest



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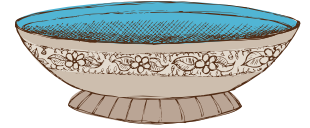
- 2 Thess. 2:1-12 Rise of Antichrist** = Final apostasy of church & man of lawlessness is revealed in his self-exaltation within that apostasy.
- Rev. 13:1a Dragon's Preparation** = Satan is standing on seashore in preparation for being allowed to give his authority to the Beast.
- Rev. 13:1b-10 Beast from Sea** = Seven heads (kingdoms), ten horns (kings); the final head (Antichrist) is fatally wounded & "resurrected."
- Rev. 13:11-18 Beast from Earth** = False Prophet performs signs, causes earth to worship first Beast, & provides a mark for commerce
- Rev. 14:1-5 Future Interlude** = The 144,000 saints are seen once again, with the Lamb on Mt. Zion in praise before the throne of God.
- Rev. 14:6-13 Three Angels** = One angel preaches the gospel, one declares Babylon is fallen, & one declares doom for Beast worshipers.
- Rev. 14:14-20 Great Harvest** = Angels in preparation for God's harvest; sickle swung to earth for grapes for the winepress of God's wrath

* See article: **When and Where Will the Antichrist First be Seen?**

** See articles: **The Beast from the Sea Part 1: Seven Heads, The Beast from the Sea Part 2: Ten Horns**

TIMELINE OF REVELATION 15-16

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End of God's Patience With Rebellious Mankind

Seven Bowls of God's Wrath



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- Rev. 15** **Heavenly Preparation** = Seven angels w/ seven plagues announced; saints who were victorious over Beast are at the throne singing the songs of Moses & the Lamb. Seven Angels prepare to pour forth Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (the Seven Plagues).
- Rev. 16:1-12** **First Six Bowls** = Painful sores upon men who worshiped the Beast; everything in sea dies; rivers & springs of water turn to blood; sun scorches; Beast/members of his kingdom given tortuous pain; Euphrates dried up for kings from east.
- Rev. 16:13-16** **Gathering for Battle** = Dragon, Beast & False Prophet send out demons to gather kings of earth for battle of Armageddon.
- Rev. 16:15** **Saints Prepared** = Saints are watchful (1 Thess 2:5,9) and ready (Rev. 3:18, Matt. 25:1-13) for Christ's return.
- Rev. 16:17-21** **Seventh Bowl** = Seventh Angel pours forth bowl into air; Voice from throne declares "It is done"; great earthquake, nations fall as Babylon receives God's wrath, islands & mountains removed, large hailstones fall from sky.

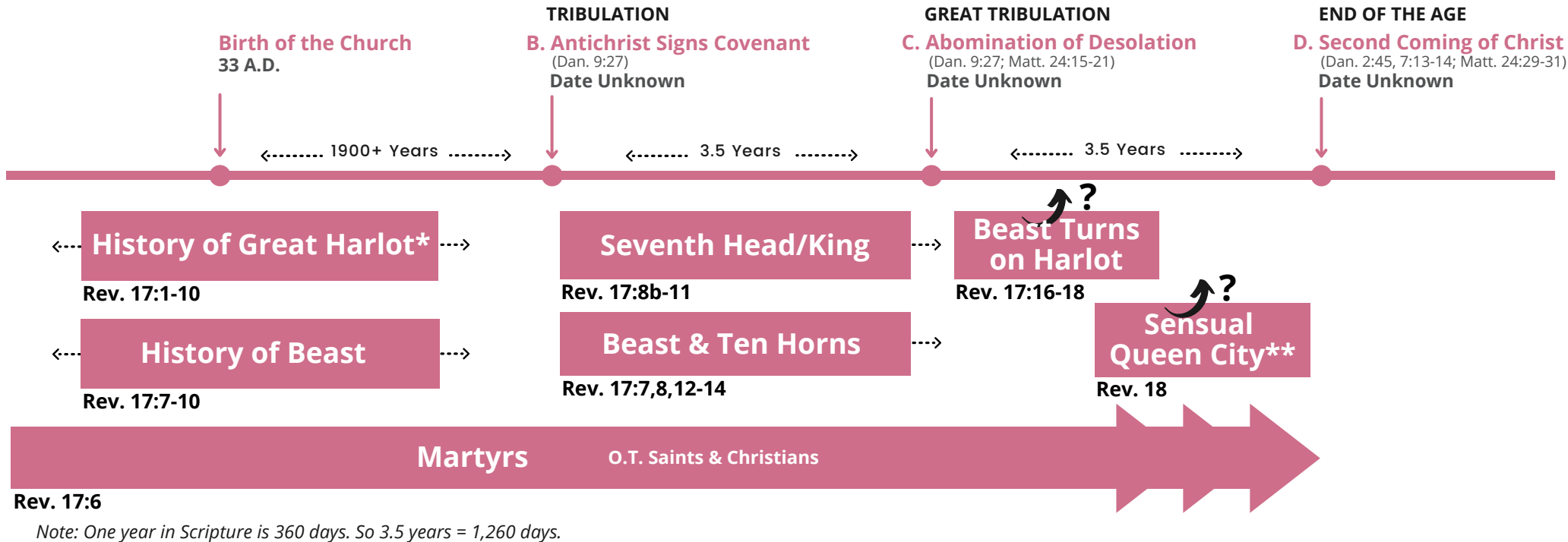
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TIMELINE OF REVELATION 17-18

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The End: Fallen Fallen is Babylon the Great! Great Harlot, Beast (from Sea) With Ten Horns, Queen City



- Rev. 17:1-10 History of Great Harlot** = The Great Harlot represents false religion. She was influential in six kingdoms (7th to come).
- Rev. 17:7-10 History of Beast** = Includes five previous empires, one exists now (Roman Empire), & one is yet to come (revived Rome).
- Rev. 17:6 Martyrs** = False religion hates the faith of true saints of God & relishes in their death.
- Rev. 17:8b-11 Seventh Head/King** = This king "existed" (yet future) & "is not" (mortally wounded) & "will come" (Eighth King-Antichrist).
- Rev. 17:7,8,12-14 Beast & Ten Horns** = Antichrist along w/ ten kings have brief authority. They will wage war against the Lamb but lose.
- Rev. 17:16-18 Beast Turns on Harlot** = The Antichrist & ten kings hate Harlot & turn on her to destroy her. Harlot is associated w/ Rome.
- Rev. 18 Sensual Queen City** = Babylon (symbolic of world economy) falls & world mourns, having become wealthy from her.

* See article: **The Great Harlot**

** See article: **Babylon in Revelation**

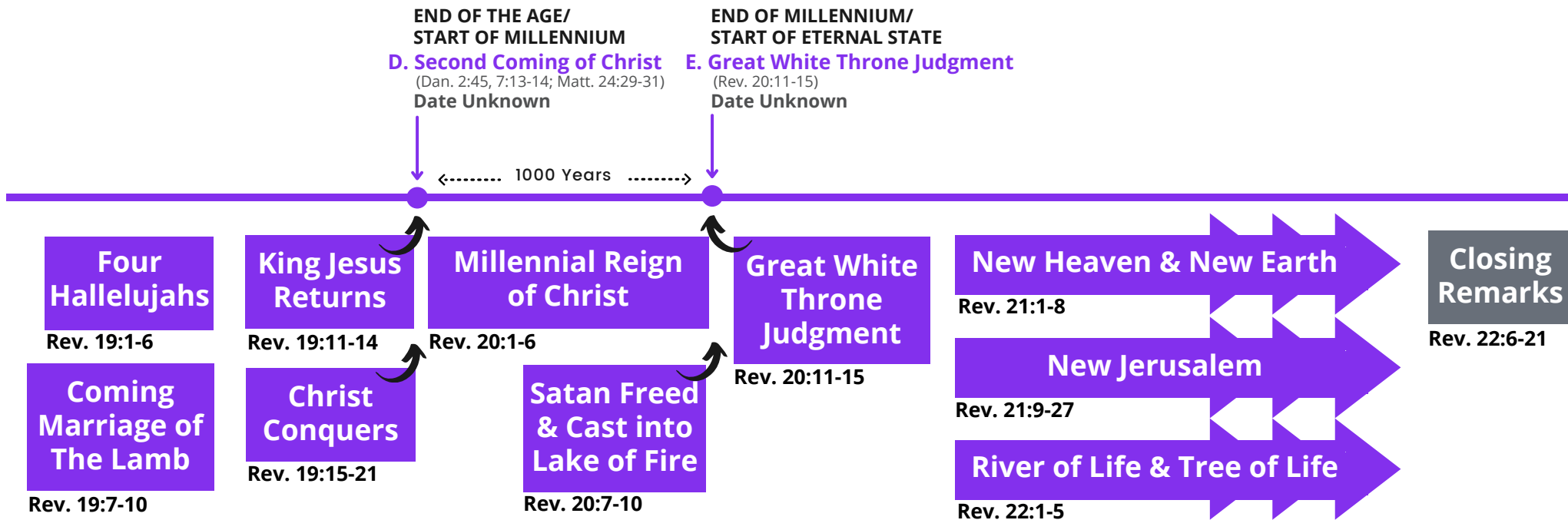
TIMELINE OF REVELATION 19-22

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Jesus: Conqueror, Judge, King, Eternal Lord

Second Coming, Millennial Reign, Great White Throne, Eternal State, & New Creation



- Rev. 19:1-6** **Four Hallelujahs** = Praise to God for salvation, glory, power, judgments, & reign.
- Rev. 19:7-10** **Coming Marriage of The Lamb** = The Bride has prepared herself for His coming. Blessed are those invited to the wedding feast of Lamb.
- Rev. 19:11-14** **King Jesus Returns** = Christ's glorious appearance with His armies on white horses.
- Rev. 19:15-21** **Christ Conquers** = Battle of Armageddon, winepress of God's wrath, Beast & False Prophet are thrown into Lake of Fire.
- Rev. 20:1-6** **Millennial Reign of Christ** = Satan cast into abyss for 1,000 years; Resurrected saints reign w/ Christ; First resurrection.
- Rev. 20:7-10** **Satan Freed & Cast into Lake of Fire** = Satan freed to deceive nations & then cast into Lake of Fire; Nations destroyed.
- Rev. 20:11-15** **Great White Throne Judgment** = Second resurrection; Those whose names are not in the book of life, will be cast into Lake of Fire.
- Rev. 21:1-8** **New Heaven & New Earth** = First heaven & earth pass away. God's tabernacle is with His people; Overcomers inherit this new existence.
- Rev. 21:9-27** **New Jerusalem** = Saints' dwelling place descends from heaven. God & Lamb are its temple; Its light is the glory of God & lamp is the Lamb.
- Rev. 22:1-5** **River of Life & Tree of Life** = The river flows from throne of God & Lamb. On either side of the river is the Tree of Life bearing fruit.
- Rev. 22:6-21** **Closing Remarks** = Blessings, instruction, invitation, warnings, & commands regarding the Revelation.