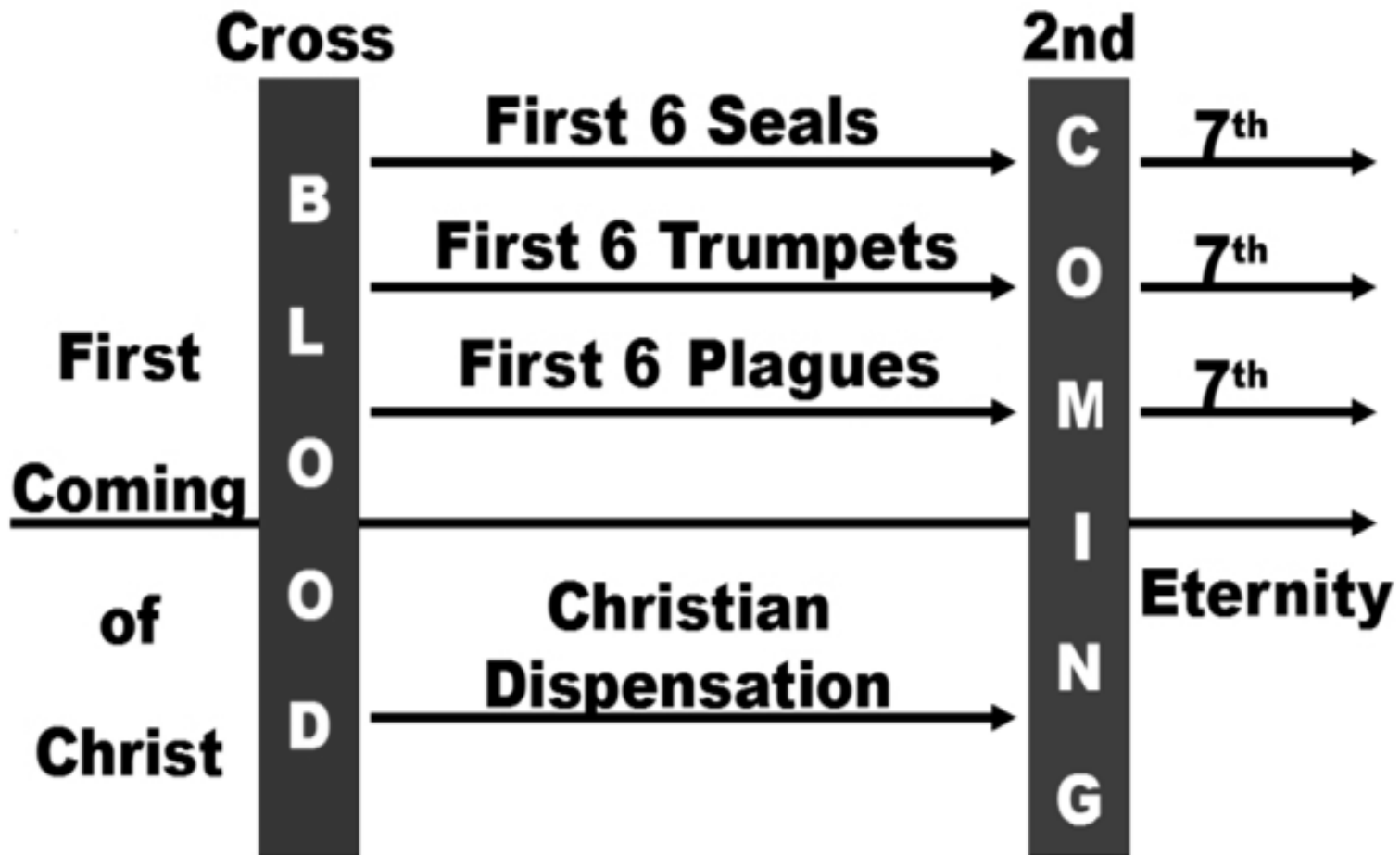


# 7 Seals - 7 Trumpets - 7 Last Plagues





# The **1st** of seven seals (Rev. 6:1-2)

Lamb (Jesus) opens a seal

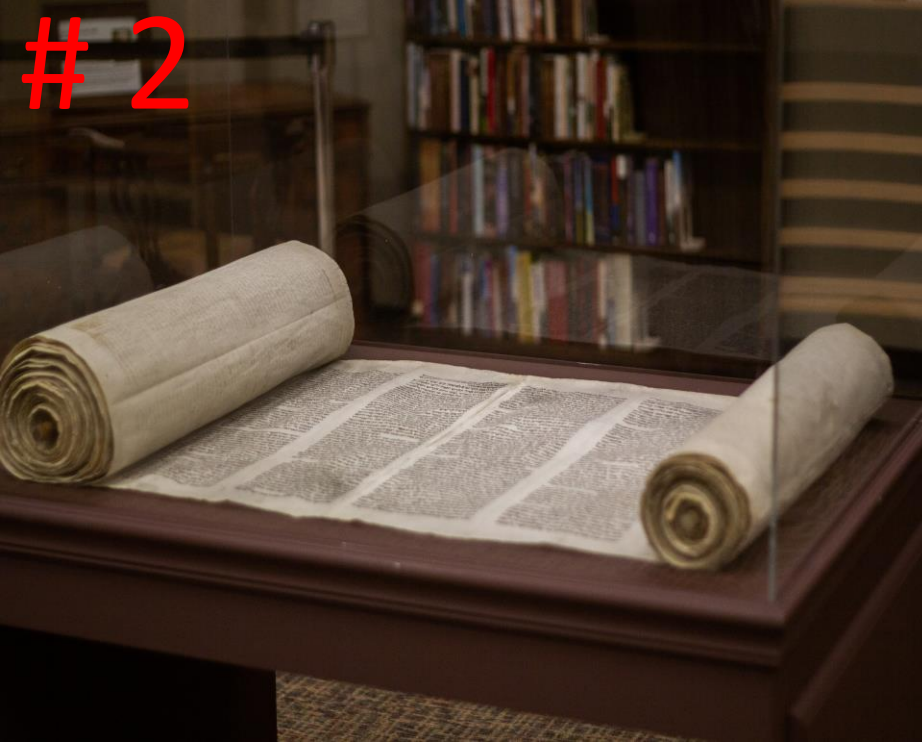
White horse

The “one sitting” (Jesus) had a bow

The one sitting has a “crown”

The one sitting is “conquering” (12:17)

**# 1**



# The 2d of seven seals (Rev. 6:3-4)

## Rev. 6:3-4:

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come. 4 And another (horse) came forth, a **red horse**: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

# 2



# 3



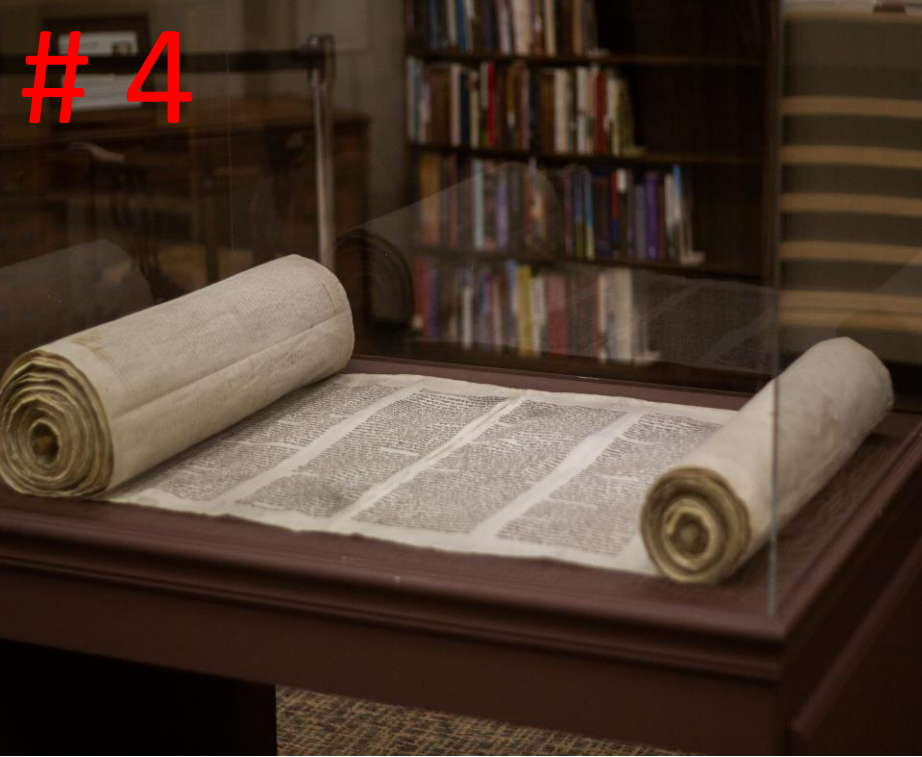
# The 3d of seven seals (Rev. 6:5-6)

And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand.

And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.



# 4



The **4th** of seven seals (Rev. 6:7-8) And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come. 8 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was **Death**; and **Hades** followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth. Death's days #ed – **1 Cor. 15:26**



# 5

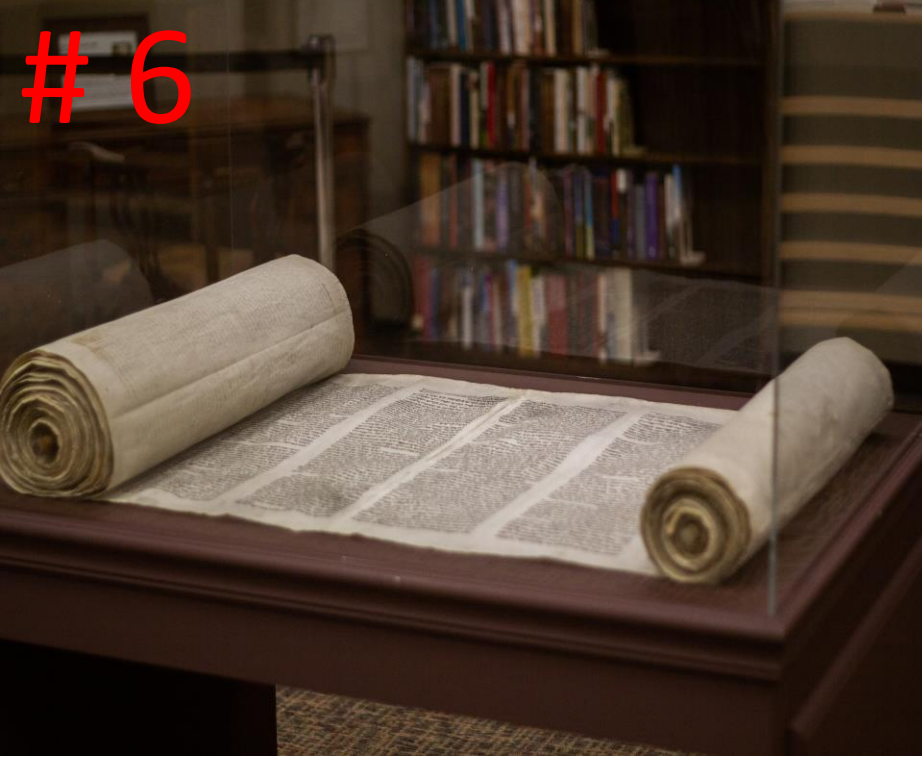


# The 5th of seven seals (Rev. 6:9-11)

And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar **the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:** 10 and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have fulfilled (their course).



# 6



## The 6th of seven seals (Rev. 6:12-17)

And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; 13 and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. 14 And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

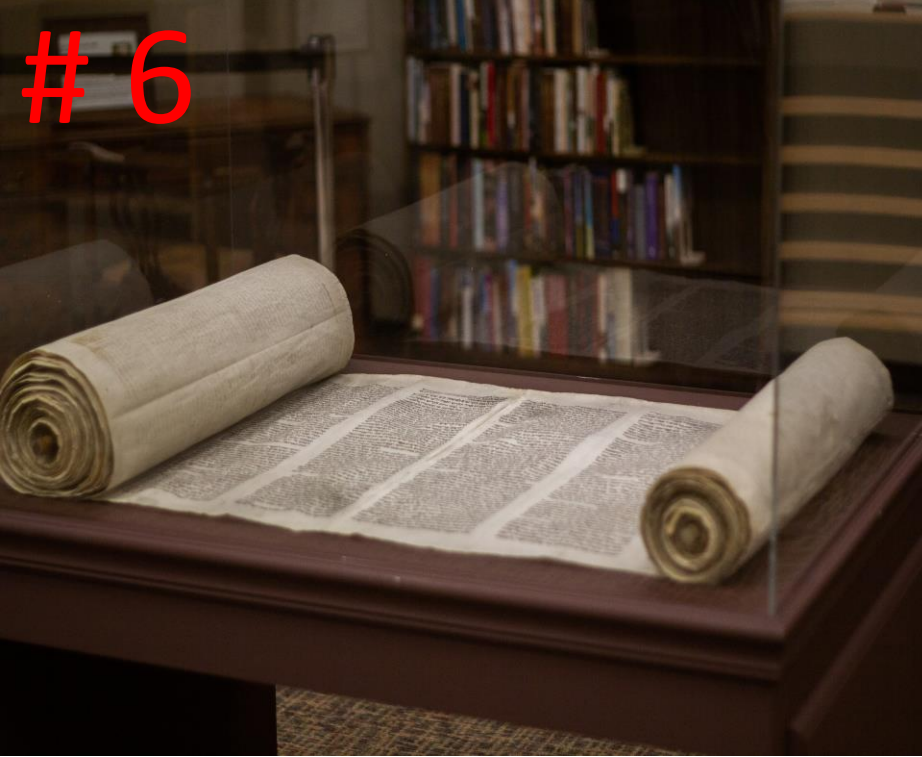


# The 6th of seven seals (Rev. 6:12-17)

15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman,

hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

# 6







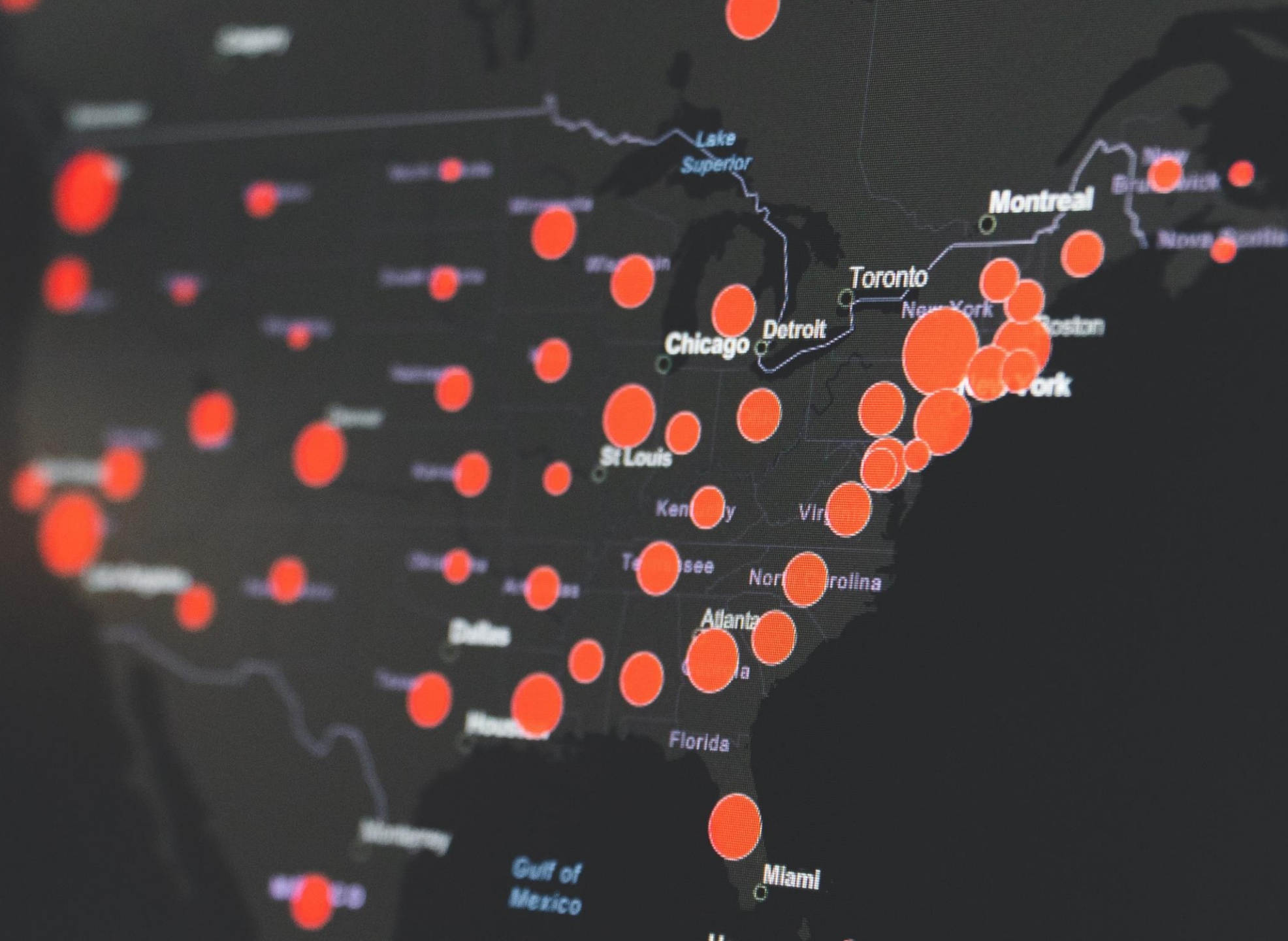
# The 7<sup>th</sup> of seven seals (Rev. 8:1f)

And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

Why a pause? Not explained

Perhaps a “preview for the saved” and a “see, this is what you missed” for the lost. People may plead to enter (Mt. 7:22), but rejected & weep (Mt. 22:13)

# 7



# GOD IS IN CONTROL



- We are on stolen land built by stolen people
- Revolution is the only solution – I am a revolutionist!
- Revolution – *not voting* – is the solution to change





# GOD IS IN CONTROL

**Rev. 1:8** - I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith the Lord God, **who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

**Rev 4:8** - **Holy, holy, holy**, (is) the Lord God, the Almighty...

**Rev 2:18** - ...the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire,...





# GOD IS IN CONTROL

**Rev. 4:11** - Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for *thou didst create all things*, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

**Rev. 5:9** - for thou was slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood (men) of *every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation,*





# GOD IS IN CONTROL

**Rev. 5:10** - and madest them (to be) unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon earth.

**Rev 7:3** - saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.





# GOD IS IN CONTROL

**Rev. 12:10** - for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night.

**Rev 13:6** - And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, (even) them that dwell in the heaven.





## GOD IS IN CONTROL

**Rev. 14:10** - he shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; & he shall be tormented w/fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, & in the presence of the Lamb:

**Rev 14:19** - cast it into the winepress, the great (winepress), of the wrath of God



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If God is in control, how should we react?



# HOW SHOULD WE REACT?

**Rev. 1:10** - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet

**Rev 4:8** - ... they have **no rest** day and night, saying, **Holy, holy, holy**, (is) the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.





# HOW SHOULD WE REACT?

**Rev. 4:10** - the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,



# HOW SHOULD WE REACT?

**Rev 5:13** - And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, (be) the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.



# HOW SHOULD WE REACT?

**Rev 7:14** - And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God; & they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them.





# HOW SHOULD WE REACT?

**Rev 19:6** - And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigneth.







# 7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives

Rev 8:7 - And the first sounded, and there followed **hail and fire, mingled with blood,** and they were cast upon the earth: and the **third part of the earth was burnt up,** and the **third part of the trees was burnt up,** and **all green grass was burnt up.**



Rev. 6:8 – 1/4<sup>th</sup> part of earth died (1/4<sup>th</sup> represents the physical part of man)

#1



# 7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives

**Rev 8:8 - And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;**

**9 and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, (even) they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.**



#2



# 7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives

Rev 8:10-11 - And the **third angel sounded**, and there **fell from heaven a great star**, **burning as a torch**, and it **fell upon the third part of the rivers**, and upon the **fountains of the waters**;

**11** and the name of the star is called **Wormwood**: and the **third part of the waters** became wormwood; **and many men died of the waters**, because they were made bitter.

#3



# 7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives

Rev 8:12 - And the **fourth angel sounded**, and the third part of the sun was **smitten**, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should **not shine** for the third part of it, and the **night in like manner**.



#4



**7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives**

**Rev 9:1-4 - And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the pit of the abyss. 2 And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 **And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.** 4 And it was said unto them that they **should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads.****



**#5**



# 7 TRUMPETS – Spiritual part of our lives

Rev 9:18-20 - By these three plagues was **the third part of men killed**, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. **19** For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them they hurt. **20** And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, **repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk:**



#6



Rev 11:15-17 - And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, **The kingdom of the world is become (the kingdom) of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign for ever and ever. 16 And the four and twenty elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, 17 saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art and who wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign. And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and (the time) to give their reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.**



#7



# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev 1:6 – King and priests unto **Father**

Rev. 2:27 – Authority from **Father**

Rev. 3:5 – Name confessed to **Father**

Rev. 3:21 – “Shared throne w/**Father**”

Rev. 14:1 – Name of **Father** inscribed







# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev 1:6 – and he made us (to be) a kingdom, (to be) **priests unto his God and Father**; to him (be) the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

KJV says “kings” versus “kingdom.”





# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev 2:26-27 –

26 And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations:

27 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father:





# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev 3:5 –

He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.





# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev 3:21 –

He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.





# “Father” in book of Revelation

Rev. 14:1 –

And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.





# Useless Prayer

Rev. 13:3-4

**3 And (I saw) one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast;**

**4 and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? And who is able to war with him?**

**Ps. 66:18; Isa. 1:15; 59:2; Jer. 7:16; 11:14  
Eph. 6:18**



# 1 John 5:19

Useless Prayer

Rev. 13:3-4

We know that we are  
of God, and **the**  
**whole world lieth in**  
**the evil one.**



Useless Prayer

Rev. 13:3-4

# Matt 7:14

For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it.





# Useless Prayer

Rev. 13:3-4



Rev. 5:8





## 7 Bowls of Wrath # 4

Rev 16:8-9 - And the **fourth** poured out his bowl **upon the sun**; and it was given unto it to **scorch men with fire**.

9 And men were scorched with great heat: and they **blasphemed the name of God** who hath the power over these plagues; and **they repented not to give him glory**.



## 7 Bowls of Wrath # 5

Rev 16:10-11 - And the **fifth** poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they **repented not of their works.**



## 7 Bowls of Wrath # 6

Rev 16:12 - And the **sixth** poured out his bowl upon the great river, the (river) Euphrates; and the **water thereof was dried up**, that the way might be made ready for the kings that (come) from the sunrising.

**Lk. 18:8**



# 7 Bowls of Wrath # 7

## Rev 16:17

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his flask into the air; and a mighty shout came from the throne of the temple in heaven, saying, "**It is finished!**"



# 7 Bowls of Wrath # 1

Rev 16:1-2 - And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth. 2 And the **first** went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it ***became a noisome and grievous sore*** upon the men that had the **mark of the beast**, and that **worshipped his image.** Mic. 1:9





## 7 Bowls of Wrath # 2

Rev 16:3 - And the second poured out his bowl into the sea (nations); and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living soul died, (even) the things that were in the sea.





# 7 Bowls of Wrath # 3 Rev. 16:4-7

And the **third** poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, who art and who wast, thou Holy One, **because thou didst thus judge**: 6 for **they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets**, and blood hast thou given them to drink: they are **worthy**. 7 And I heard the altar saying, **Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments**.





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## Rev 9:11

They have over them as  
king the angel of the  
abyss: his name in Hebrew  
is **Abaddon**, and in the  
Greek (tongue) he hath  
the name Apollyon.





# Acts 4:12

And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved. Col. 4:11 – “another Jesus.” Mt. 1:21





# 1 Peter 4:16

but if (a man suffer) as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him **glorify God in this name.**





# Rev 17:8

whose name hath  
not been written in  
the book of life from  
the foundation of the  
world,





# The New York Times

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invokes emergency powers  
to remove Confederate  
statues from city**



# Rev 17:8

**Mt. 22:20 – a coin**

**Rom. 1:23 – worship**

**Rom. 8:29 – conform!**

**1 Cor. 15:49 – perfect**

**2 Cor. 3:18 – improve**

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# Rev 17:8

Col. 1:15 – like Father  
Rev. 13:14 – beast  
Rev. 19:20 – deceived  
Rev. 20:4 – rejected  
the wrong image

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Rev 13:1-2 - and he stood upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast** coming up out of the sea (nations), having **ten horns**, and **seven heads**, and on his horns ten diadems (crowns), and upon his heads **names of blasphemy (insulting names)**. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as (the feet) of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the **dragon (Satan)** gave him his power, & his throne, & great authority.



**Rev 6:10 - and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**



**Rev 2:10 - Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.**



# Rev 13:7

And it was **given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:** and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.



# 1 Peter 2:13

Be subject to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether to the king, as supreme;



# 1 Tim 2:1-3

2 I exhort therefore, first of all, that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men;**

**2 for kings and all that are in high place;** that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;



# Rom 13:1-2

**1 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the (powers) that be are ordained of God.**



**2 Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgment.**





# Acts 5:29

But Peter and the apostles answered and said, **We must obey God rather than men.**



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- C = 3
- O = 15
- R = 18
- O = 15
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by Democratic Congressman Bobby Rush and also known as the COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone

# Rev. 13:11-18

**Like a lamb (v. 11)**

**Great signs (v. 13)**

**Mark of the beast” (vss. 16-17)**

# Rev. 13:15

Rev 13:16-17 - 16 And he causeth **all**, the **small and the great**, and the **rich and the poor**, and the **free and the bond**, that there be given them a **mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead**; 17 and that **no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, (even) the name of the beast or the number of his name.**

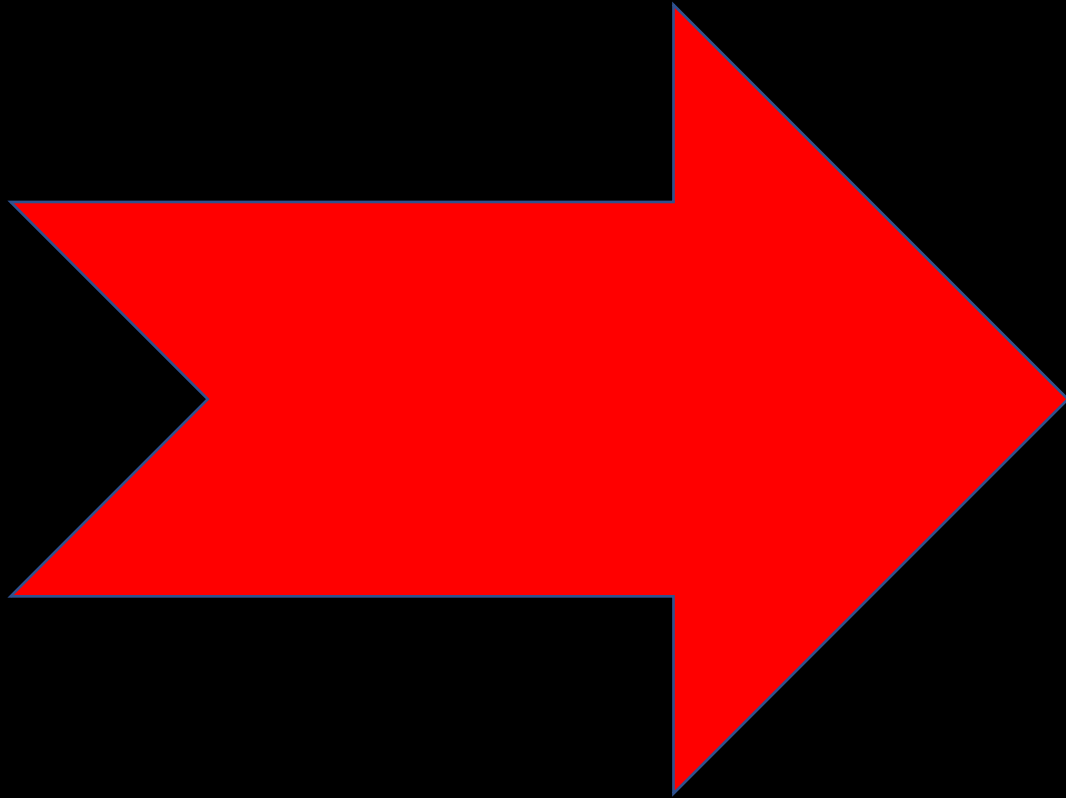
# Roman Numerals

How do you make a

# 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

# Rev. 13:5

- I = 1
- V = 5
- X = 10
- L = 50
- C = 100
- D = 500



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# 1 Tim 4:1

But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons,

# 2 Tim 4:3-4

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will **heap** to themselves teachers after their own lusts;
- 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto **fables**.

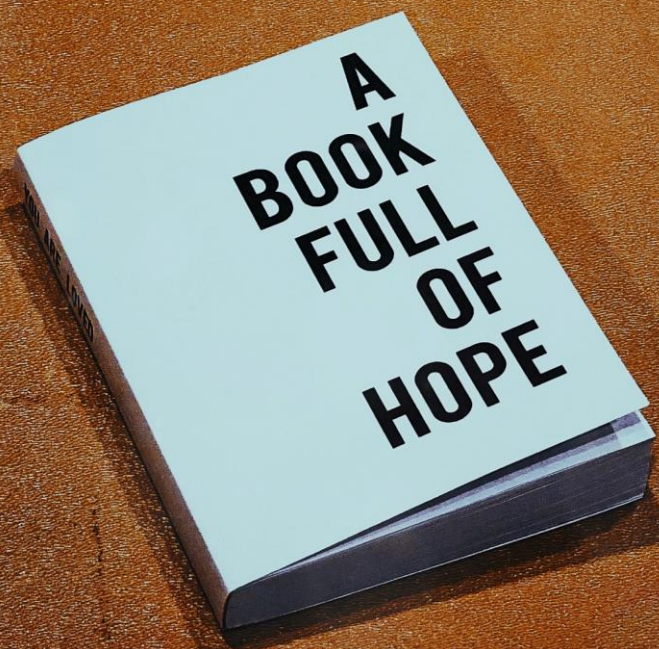






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**A  
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Rev 14:6-7 - 6 And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having **eternal good tidings** to **proclaim** unto them that dwell on the earth, and **unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people**;

7 and he saith with a great voice, **Fear God (obey)**, and **give him glory (be faithful)**; for the hour of his judgment (**gospel**) is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters. Acts 17:30. 2 Cor. 4:7.

**2 Cor 4:7**

**But we have this treasure  
in earthen vessels, that  
the exceeding greatness  
of the power may be of  
God, and not from  
ourselves; **Acts 8:4****





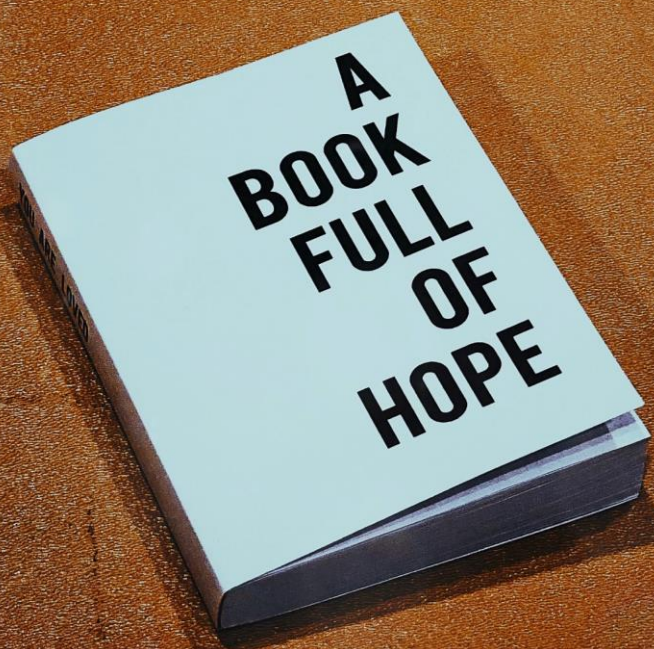
**NORTH** – God – fear and glorify Him  
with worship and in/with our lives

**SOUTH** – the devil – stay away from  
him – he is at war with us

**WEST** – fellow Christians – fellowship  
them – Christianity is not a “practice  
at home / in private” faith

**EAST** – the unsaved

Lk. 12:48



# Rev 14:6-7

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**1. A staged picture?**

**2. A dumb thing to do?**

**3. A picture of someone resting?**

**4. How most live their lives?**

VERB

*anapauo*

Lk. 12:19

Wealthy  
farmer



NOUN

NOUN

*anapausis*

Lk. 11:24

Demons -  
rest



VERB

**NOUN**

*anapausis*

Rev. 14:11

Eternity



and the smoke of  
their torment

goeth up for ever  
and ever; and **they**

**have no rest day**  
**and night**, they

that worship the  
beast and his  
image, and whoso  
receiveth the mark  
of his name.

VERB

*anapauo*

1 Cor.

16:18

2 Cor. 7:13



“Refreshed  
my spirit” (1  
Cor. 16:18)

The spirit of  
Titus was  
“refreshed”  
(2 Cor. 7:13)

VERB

*anapauo*

Rev. 14:13



And I heard the voice from heaven saying, Write, **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord** from henceforth: **yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors;** for their works follow with them.



# Harps in the book of Revelation



## Κιθάρα – Noun

- **1 Cor. 14:7**
- **Rev. 5:8**
- **Rev. 14:2**
- **Rev. 15:2**



# Harps in the book of Revelation



1 Cor. 14:17 - Even things  
without life, giving a voice,  
whether pipe or harp, if  
they give not a distinction  
in the sounds, how shall it  
be known what is piped or  
harped?

# Harps in the book of Revelation



And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the **four and twenty elders** fell down before the **Lamb**, **having each one a harp**, and **golden bowls full of incense**, *which are the prayers of the saints.* Ps. 33:2; 43:4; 71:22

# Harps in the book of Revelation



Rev 14:2 - And I heard a voice from heaven, **as** the voice of many waters, and **as** the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard (was) *as* (the voice) of harpers harping with their harps:

# Harps in the book of Revelation



Rev 15:2 - And I saw **as** it were a sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his image, and from the number of his name, standing by the sea of glass, having harps of God.

# Harps in the book of Revelation



**Rev 19:4 –**

**And the four and twenty elders  
and the four living creatures  
fell down and worshipped God  
that sitteth on the throne,  
saying, Amen; Hallelujah.**



Rev. 1:1



Servant

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his **servants**, (even) the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified (it) by his angel unto his **servant** John; [Tit. 2:14](#)

Rev. 1:3



Reads,  
Hears,  
Keeps

Blessed is he that **readeth**, and they that **hear** the words of the prophecy, and **keep** the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand. [Prov. 23:31f](#)



Rev. 1:5



Loves,  
Frees  
from sin

and from Jesus Christ, (who is) the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood;





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## Rev. 1:5-6

5 and from Jesus Christ, (who is) the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins *by his blood*;

6 and he made us (to be) a kingdom, **(to be) priests** unto his God and Father; to him (be) the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**Compare 1 Pet. 2:5, 9.**



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Acts 2:47 - praising God, and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved.**

Acts 16:33 - And he took them **the same hour of the night**, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, **immediately.**

Acts 8:36 - And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, (here is) water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?



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Ex. 29 – Priests were “set apart” (sanctified) to God.

Verse 44 - And I will sanctify the tent of meeting, and the altar: **Aaron also and his sons will I sanctify, to minister to me in the priest's office.**

**2 Cor. 6:17; 2 Pet. 2:20.**



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Lev 21:18-21 - For whatsoever man he be that hath a **blemish**, he shall not approach: a **blind** man, or a **lame**, or he that hath a **flat nose**, or **anything superfluous**, 19 or a man that is **broken-footed**, or **broken-handed**, 20 or **crook-backed**, or a **dwarf**, or that hath a **blemish in his eye**, or is **scurvy**, or **scabbed**, or hath his **stones broken**; 21 no man of the seed of Aaron the priest, that hath a blemish, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. **Jas. 1:27; 1 Thess. 5:22**



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Ex 29:16-21 - 16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and **thou shalt take its blood**, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. 17 And thou shalt cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its inwards, and its legs, and put them with its pieces, and with its head. 18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering unto Jehovah; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 20 Then shalt thou **kill the ram, and take of its blood**, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and **sprinkle the blood upon the altar** round about. 21 And thou shalt **take of the blood** that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and **sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: and he shall be hallowed**, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19.





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Ex 40:7, 15 - Put the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and **put water in it**....12 Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and **wash them**. 13 Then dress Aaron in the holy clothes, and anoint him. **In this way you will dedicate him to serve me as priest**. 14 Have his sons come forward, and dress them in their linen robes. 15 Anoint them to serve me as priests, as you anointed their father. Their anointing will begin a permanent priesthood for them for generations to come.

**Acts 22:16; Tit. 3:5 – “washing of regeneration”**



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Ex 29:4-6 - And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water. 5 And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron **the coat**, and **the robe of the ephod**, and the ephod, and the **breastplate**, and **gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod**. 6 And thou shalt **set the mitre upon his head**, and **put the holy crown upon the mitre**.

Gal. 5:22-23; Tit. 2:12; Rev. 19:8;

Heb. 9:6; 13:15; Ex. 29:38-44; Rom. 12:1-2; Ex. 40:4, 25; 1 Tim. 3:15; Lev. 24:5-9; Acts 20:7; Ex. 30:7-8; 1 Thess. 5:17



# Young People Leaving the Church

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## Why do youth leave the church?

1. They (today's kids) **don't really love God**. They love their boy/girlfriend, their iPhone, their car, their sports, their job, but not God. Ultimately, they never build a true relationship with Him and so there is not much there. Mt. 6:33

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2. They were converted to the church and not Jesus. They may quickly identify as a member of the church of Christ—because we've made “going to church” easy and comfortable. But what happens when they are asked to make sacrifices for Him or give up certain behaviors for Him? Mt. 23:15

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3. They study the Bible the way they study English or science. Yes, they sit in a Bible class and learn “factoids” about God’s Word, but they are not studying the Bible in order to have their lives changed. They do not comprehend the power of God’s Word. Rom. 1:16

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4. They just **want to belong to a group and be loved**. I've seen this dozens of times. The child leaves the church because they find a group (i.e., baseball team, sorority/social club, band or theater club, friends at work) who they connect with **and believe really cares about them**.

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5. They rarely think about their own sin. This should not be a surprise because sermons today are designed to make the listener feel good. Add to this they never see their parents weeping over sin. Also, they have been taught at home to justify their own sin, and point out the sin of others. Eph. 6:4

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6. They are deeply in love with themselves. Social media has created narcissistic monsters who desperately seek “likes,” “retweets,” and “comments.”

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7. They may obey their parents, but they do not honor and respect them. There is a difference between obeying and honoring. Sadly, this often results from parents who don't respect themselves and allow children to talk and behave rudely. We are reaping the fruits of this in modern culture.

Eph. 6:2

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8. **They don't fear God.** They fear not being accepted by their friends or wearing the wrong name-brand clothing, but they don't fear the Lord. Rom. 3:18

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9-12 – World revolves around them, spoiled/lack contentment, not learned fidelity to God or spouse, never grasp the “*new life*” concept of conversion.

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**Rev. 1:9**



Rev. 1:9 – “...your brother and **partaker** with you **in tribulation** and kingdom and patience ...”

Mt. 13:21 – Persecution “**because of the word**”

Mt. 24:9 – “*afflicted, hated, and killed.*”

Mt. 24:21 - for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath *not been from the beginning of the world* until now, no, nor ever shall be.



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**Jn. 16:21 – Mom forgets *anguish* of childbirth**

**Acts 11:19 – Tribulation caused Christians to flee**

**Acts 14:22 – Many *afflictions* to enter the kingdom**

**Acts 20:23 – bonds and *afflictions* in every city**



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**Rom. 5:3 – *tribulation* helps form endurance**

**Rom. 8:35 – “the love of Christ” w/*tribulation***

**2 Cor. 4:17 – *Affliction* “momentary & light”**



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## The devil is After God's flock (us)

- Satan is mentioned **54 times** in **7** OT books
- Every NT writer mentions the devil
- In the first 25 of 29 references in the life of Christ where the devil is mentioned, Jesus is the speaker.



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## Descriptions for Devil

- Tempter (Mt. 4:3)
- Ruler (Mt. 12:26)
- Evil one (Mt. 13:38)
- Murderer (Jn. 8:44)
- Liar (Jn. 8:44)
- Adversary (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Accuser of Christians (Rev. 12:10)



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## Four Pictures of Satan

- Great red dragon (Rev. 12:3)
- The old serpent (Rev. 12:9)
- Angel of light (2 Cor. 11:13-15)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
  - Devil knows some names (Acts 19:15)
  - Devil will flee (Jas. 4:7)

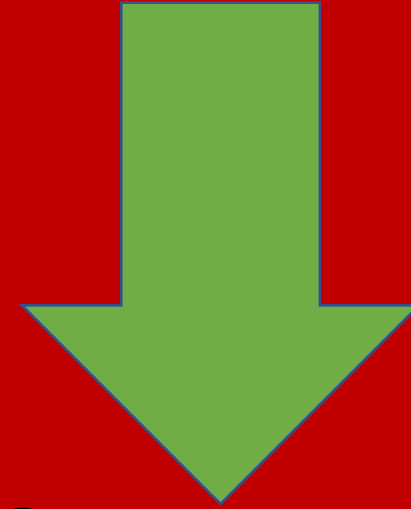


# LOVE



**Jn. 3:16 –**

**God has shown an  
unbelievable amount of love  
to us!**



**Rom 5:8**

**while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us.**

# Love for God



**Deut. 6:5 –  
ALL heart, soul, might**

**Mt. 22:35-37 – Just like Deut.  
6:5**

**Jn. 14:15 – love = obedience**

**Mt. 6:21 – our heart is where  
our treasure is. Mt. 13:44**

# Love for God



Matt 22:37-38 –

Thou shalt **love the Lord thy God** with **all thy heart**, and with **all thy soul**, and with **all thy mind**.

**38 This is the great and first commandment.**





# Doctrine matters

διδασχῆ (didache) – 30 times in NT

Mt. 7:28; 22:33 – “astonished”

Mt. 16:12 – “doctrine like leaven”

Mk. 1:22 – “astonished” because...

Mk. 1:27 – “new doctrine”

Mk. 4:2 – doctrine sown in heart”