

# Good Morning!



# The Book of Revelation, Chapter 1:1-8



# Background to the Book of Revelation

## Two Dates

- Early Date (65 AD)  
Written during the reign of Nero
- Later Date (95 AD)  
Written during the reign of Domitian

## Four Views

- Preterist View
- Historicist View
- Idealist View
- Futurist View

# Revelation Contains Difficult Passages

*Revelation 17:*

*9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,*

*10 and they are seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.*

*11 The beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction.*

## Possible Meanings:

~~1. Julius Caesar~~

~~2. Augustus Caesar~~

~~3. Tiberius~~

~~4. Caligula~~

~~5. Claudius~~

6. Nero

~~1. Egypt~~

~~2. Assyria~~

~~3. Babylon~~

~~4. Persia~~

~~5. Greece~~

6. Rome

## Bottom Line:

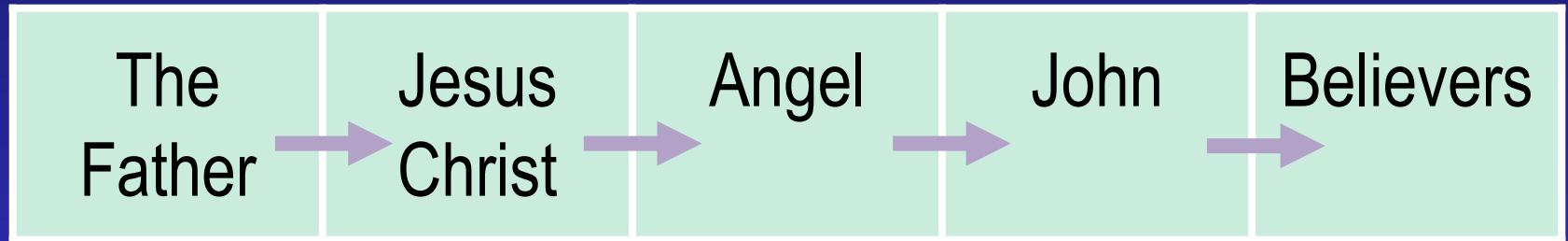
5 Kings ???

One is (6th)

The other has not yet come (7th)

Beast (8th)

# Revelation Chapter 1 and the Sequence of the Revelation



Revelation is written for us

# Revelation Chapter 1

*1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,*

*2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*

- Every false religion has a predominate personality  
(See 3 John Vs 9)
- Jesus is the predominate person in this Book and in true Christianity

# Revelation Chapter 1

*3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

# Revelation Contains 4 Organizational Structures

Quantity	Description	Location
7	Beatitudes	Revelation 1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14
4	“In the Spirit”	Revelation 1:10, 4:2, 17:3, 21:10
7	Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls	Revelation 6, 8, 9, 11, and 16
3	Past, Present, and Future	Revelation 1:19

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



# Revelation Chapter 1

*4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,*

## **Isaiah 11:2**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him,  
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
The spirit of counsel and strength,  
The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

# *The Seven Churches of Revelation*



# Revelation Chapter 1

*5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—*

*6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

# Joshua and Revelation

Joshua's Conquest (1406 BC)	Jesus' Conquest
Sole of Your Foot (1:3)	The Angel (10:2)
Two Spies (2:1)	Two Witnesses (11:3)
Priests at Jericho (6:1)	Believers are Priests (1:6)
Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem (10:1)	The Beast (13)

**Key Verse, Revelation 11:15** *Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."*

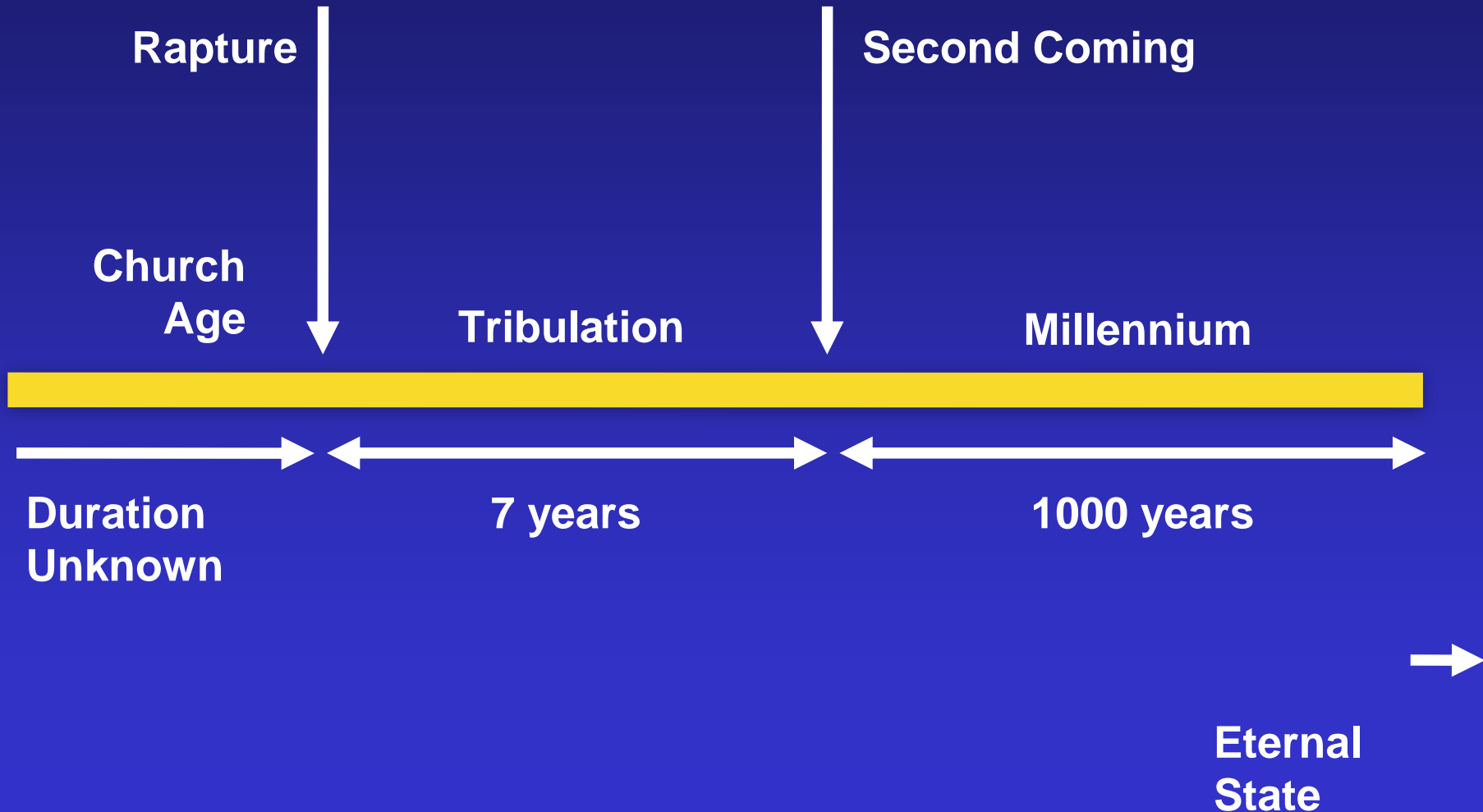
# Revelation Chapter 1

*7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.*

*8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Second Coming of Christ begins the Thousand Year Reign

# Major End Time Events



# The Book of Revelation

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

1. The "things which you have seen" refers to the vision of Jesus
2. The "things which are" refers to the seven churches
  - The most relevant part of the book for us today
3. The "things which will take place" is the remainder of the book
  - These events may have little bearing on our lives
  - These events reveal the Person of Christ
  - These events reveal the Purpose of Christ (Psalm 2)

# Outline of End Time Events



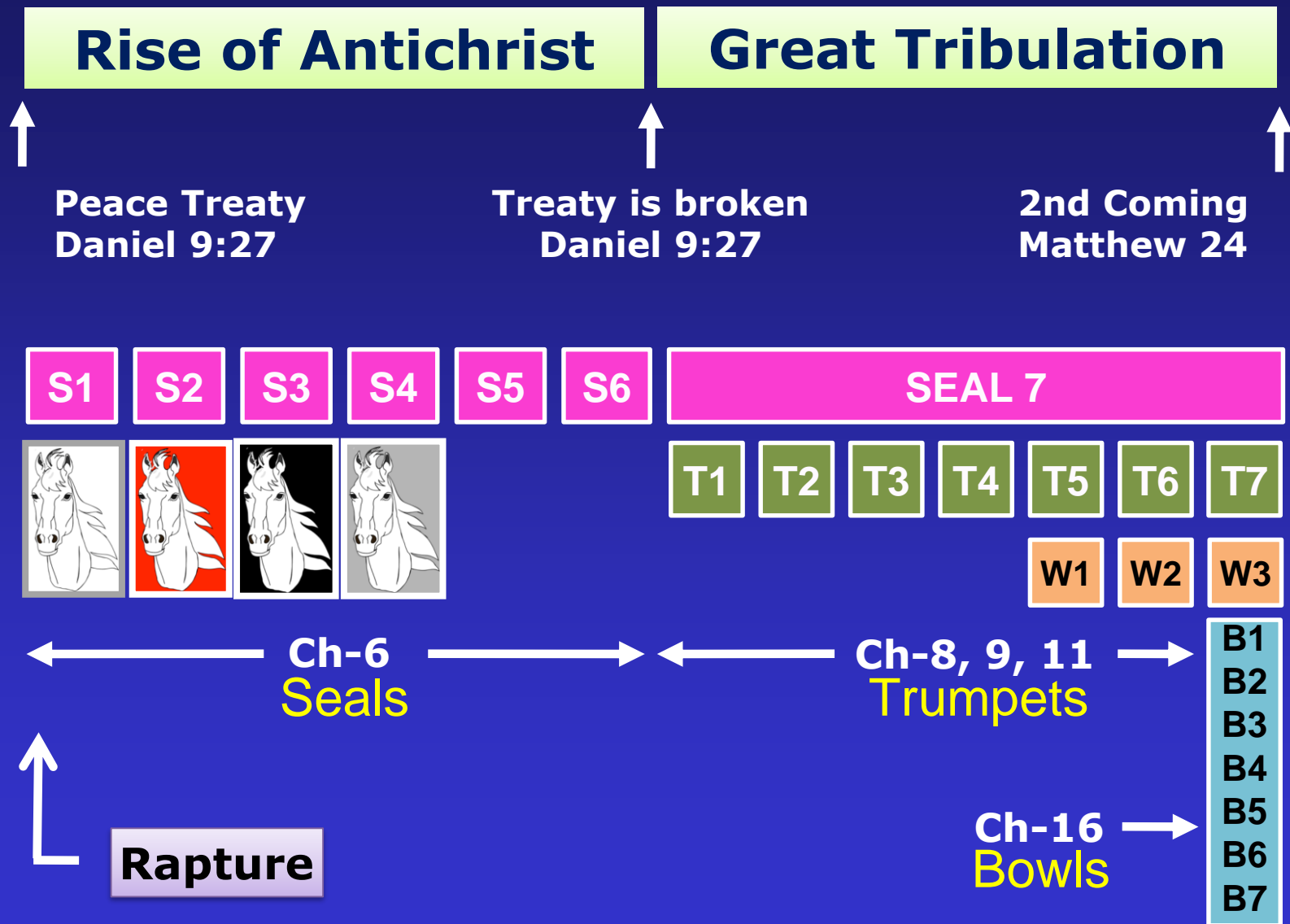
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**Ch-21, 22**

Past	Present	Future
Things You Have Seen Ch-1	Things That Are Ch-2, 3	Things Which Will Take Place Ch-4 thru 22



# Seals [S], Trumpets [T], Woes [W] and Bowls [B]



# The Book of Revelation

The scenes in Revelation alternate between Heaven and Earth

Place of Events	Church Age	Tribulation	Millennium	White Throne	New Heavens and Earth
Heaven	1	4-5	19-20	20	21-22
Earth	2-3	6-19	20		

**Key Verse, Revelation 20:11** *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.*

# Jesus is Revealed in Revelation

## The things you have seen (Chapter 1)

- Jesus at the Right Hand of the Father's Throne

## The things that are (Chapters 2 - 3)

- Head of the Church and Chief Shepherd

## The things that will take place after this (Chapters 4 - 22)

- The Lamb who judges the earth
- Triumphant King who reigns on His Throne (i.e., David's Throne)
- The One who promised to return!

**Ephesians 1:-10** *He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.*

**Jude 1:24, 25** *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

**Revelation 22:20-21** *He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.*