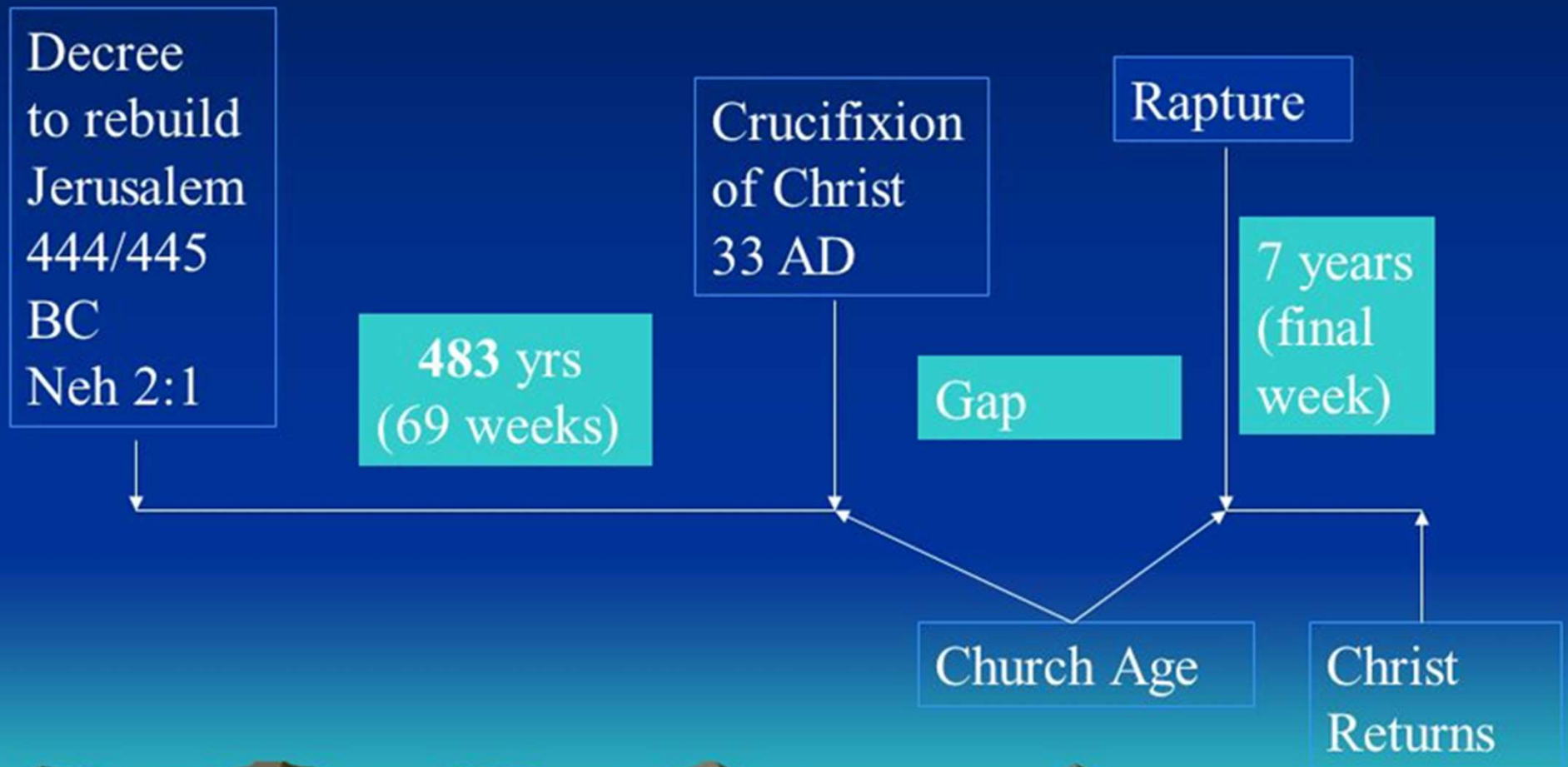


“The Throne of God”

Revelation 4: 1-11

July 19, 2020

Daniel's Vision of (70) 7s Pre-Millennial Chronology



Chapter Four begins a new vision - a vision of the Throne of God

The Lord's personal message to the Churches is over

Now it is time for the Churches to see the **future events** that are coming upon the earth

Verse 1

After These Things (*metatauta*)

What is the first thing that John sees?

“. . . a door standing open in heaven”

A picture for us of an entry point into heaven

Jesus claimed to be the entry point
John 10: 9

The command to *“Come up here . . .”* was given by Jesus for what purpose?

“ . . . to show you things which must take place after this ”

After what?

After the seven Churches are gone - Raptured!

What does God expect of us while we wait?

God wants us to be faithful to Him - to not sleep, but to watch and be ready!!

Be ready for scoffers -
2 Peter 3: 3-4

Verse 2 - 3

John sees the Throne of God

Notice how quickly John is in the presence of God - *immediately!*

1 Corinthians 15: 52

What are John's eyes drawn to?

The One on the throne -

God Himself!!

God is the centrality of heaven!

God is the absolute, sole focus;

nothing compares with Him!

We see God in all His splendor, so that we know:

Our God reigns!

Our God has no competitors!!

Our God is awesome God!!!

The unholy trinity of Satan, the antichrist and the false prophet are nothing to compared to God!

Verse 4

Who are the Twenty-Four Elders?

I believe they are the Church, raptured and in heaven, prior to the Tribulation Period

- 1) The word “*elder*” is used to describe leaders of the Church; it’s never used of angels
- 2) The elders are sitting; their work is done. They have the authority to rule; Angels are ministering spirits, their work is ongoing

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3) Elders are clothed in white robes -
Revelation 3: 5

Overcomers shall be clothed in
white garments

4) The twenty-four elders have crowns
on their heads ("*stephanos*" crown)
Promised to those who overcome -
Revelation 3: 21

Verse 5

The Seven Spirits of God

This picture is far from tranquil

The seven Spirits are representative of the Holy Spirit:

“And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices”

This is depicting a firestorm of righteous fury about to come from our *awesome, powerful God* upon a sinful world!

The mere presence of our Holy God
is terrifying - Exodus 19
Exodus 20: 18-19

The Holy God will carry out all
future judgments; nothing will
thwart His hand - *nothing!*

Verse 6 - 8

The Four Living Creatures

Who are these creatures?

Some believe Cherubim -

Ezekiel 1: 5

Some believe Seraphim -

Isaiah 6: 2-3

What do these creatures do?

Guard the throne of God

One of their jobs is to exclaim continually:

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

There is much mystery here -

We are simply given a peek beyond the curtain

One day we will know completely what these things mean!!

Verse 9 - 11

**All of God's Creation
will Worship Him**

**Worship of God seems to be the
cornerstone of heaven - *it goes on
constantly!!***

**I believe that once we get to heaven, we
will start to understand how amazing
God really is!!**

We simply cannot grasp it here!

**When we gather together in corporate
worship, we are simply joining the
chorus of heaven in worshipping God -
so ***GIVE IT YOUR ALL!!*****

If God is so central, why is He so easily forgotten?

How often in our day does God become the forgotten God?

It is easy when your mind is bombarded with information overload

Do you think the “Oh No’s!” of life may be a ploy to distract you from God?

You bet!

How to survive the “Oh No’s!” of life:

Refocus on God!!

- Deuteronomy 6 - *Shema*
- Psalm 16: 8

If I dwell in Christ, if I set the LORD always before me, then the “Oh No’s” of life will not cripple me

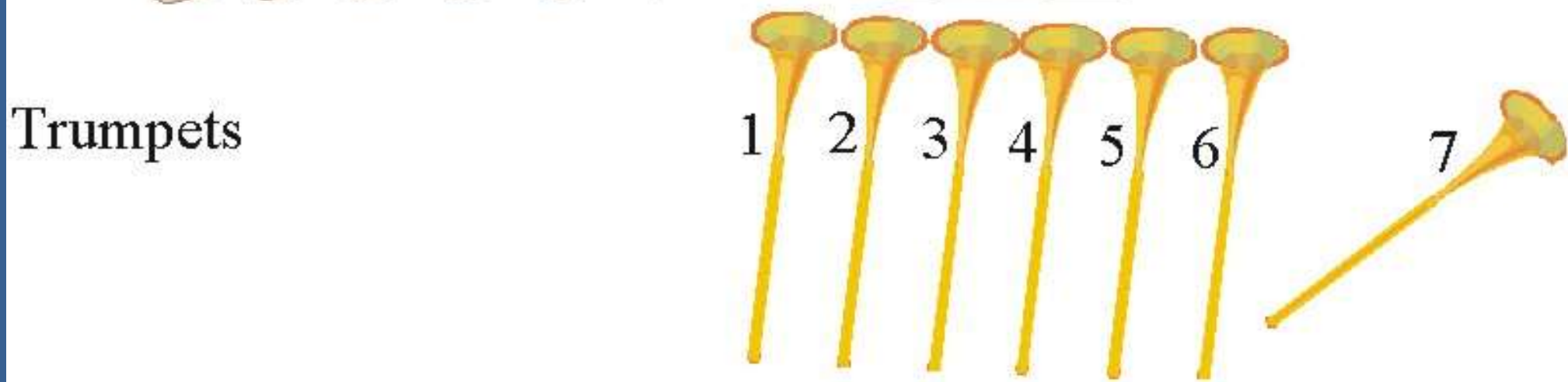
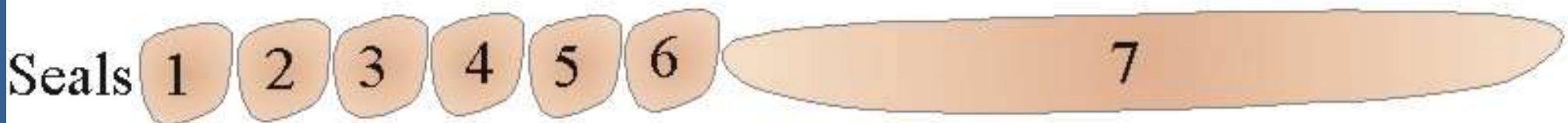
No matter what, we will realize *GOD IS GOOD and GOD IS IN CONTROL!!*

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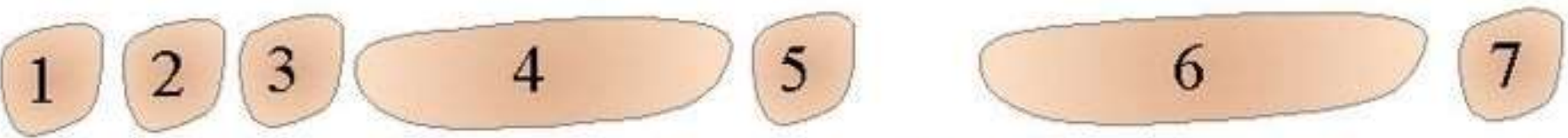
One day God will redeem His creation!

Chapter 5 will tell us how this plan unfolds

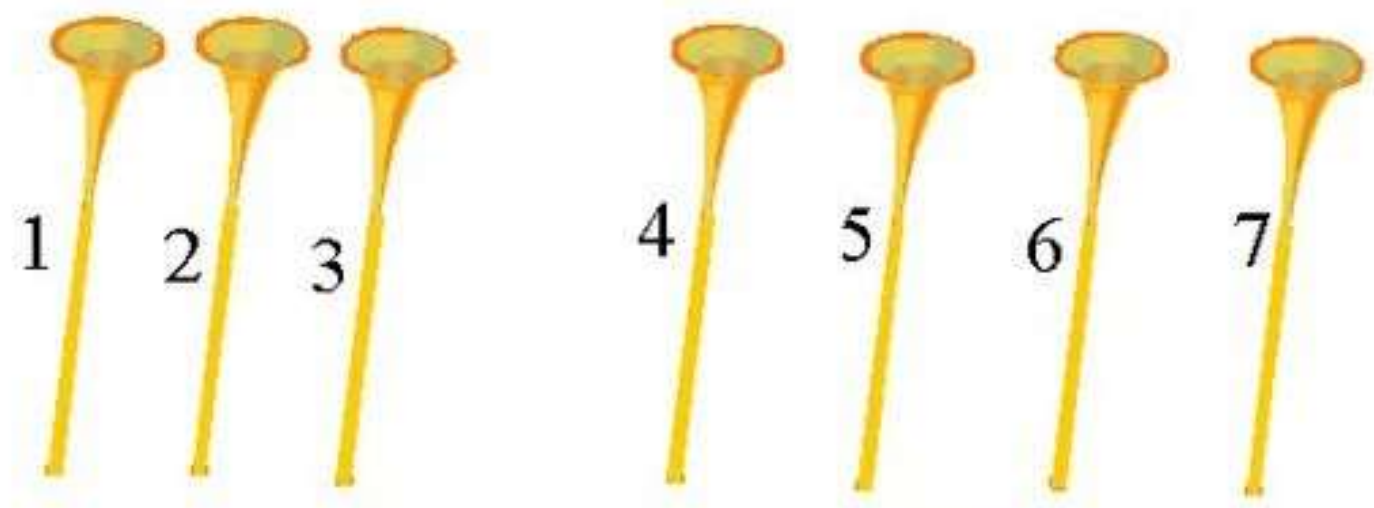
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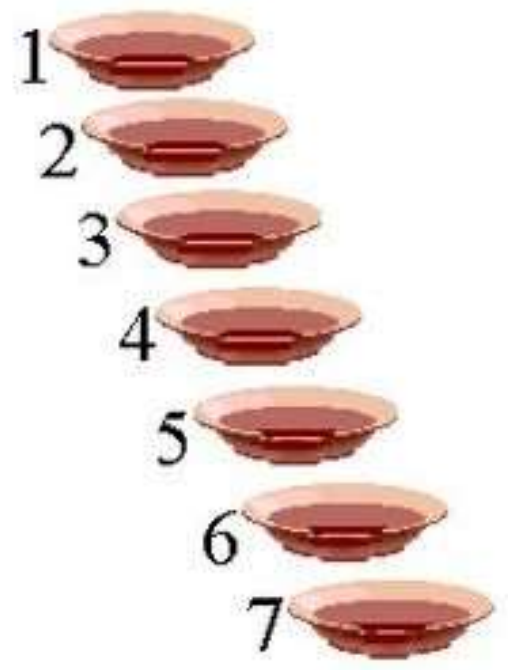
Seals



Trumpets



Bowls



This is a done deal!

This is happening right before our eyes!

We are privileged to live in such a time as this!

God is in charge!

God is amazing!

God's will is being done!

**So be glad that you serve the King
of the universe -**

KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS!!

**Our world is changing right
before our eyes!!**

***“Now when these things
begin to happen, look up and
lift up your heads, because
your redemption draws
near”***

Luke 21: 28