"A Kingdom Takeover" Revelation 11: 14-19

Jesus is coming to set up His Kingdom

Since the fall of mankind, earth has been under the temporary authority of a trespasser - *Satan!*

Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

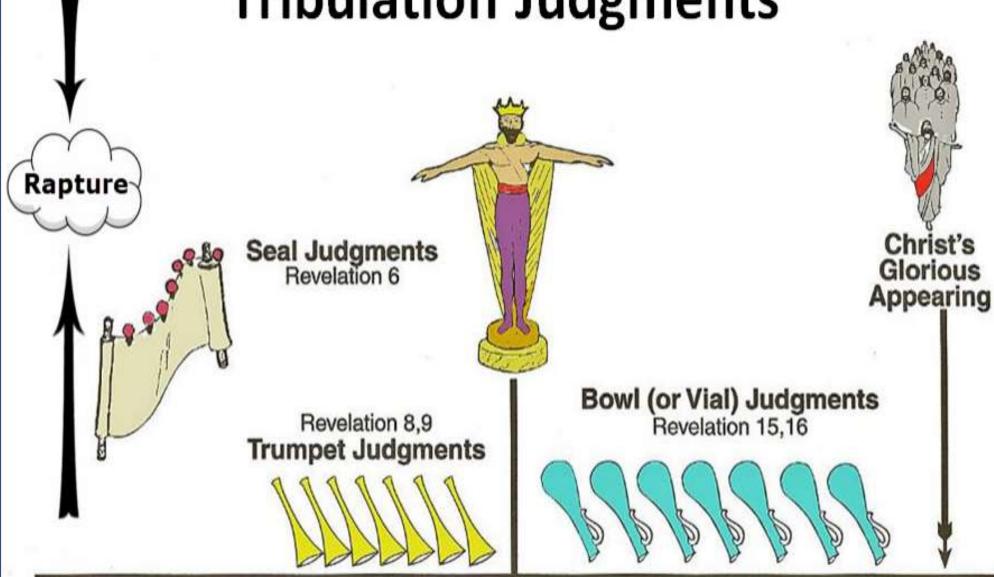
(Job 1:7; 2:2; Luke 4:5-8; Rom. 8:19-22)



- Prince of this world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
- God of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
- Prince and power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
- Who the believer wrestles with (Eph. 6:12)
- Roaring lion (1 Pet. 5:8)
- Whole world lies in his power (1 John 5:19)

Verse 14 - 15 A Final Kingdom Takeover

Tribulation Judgments

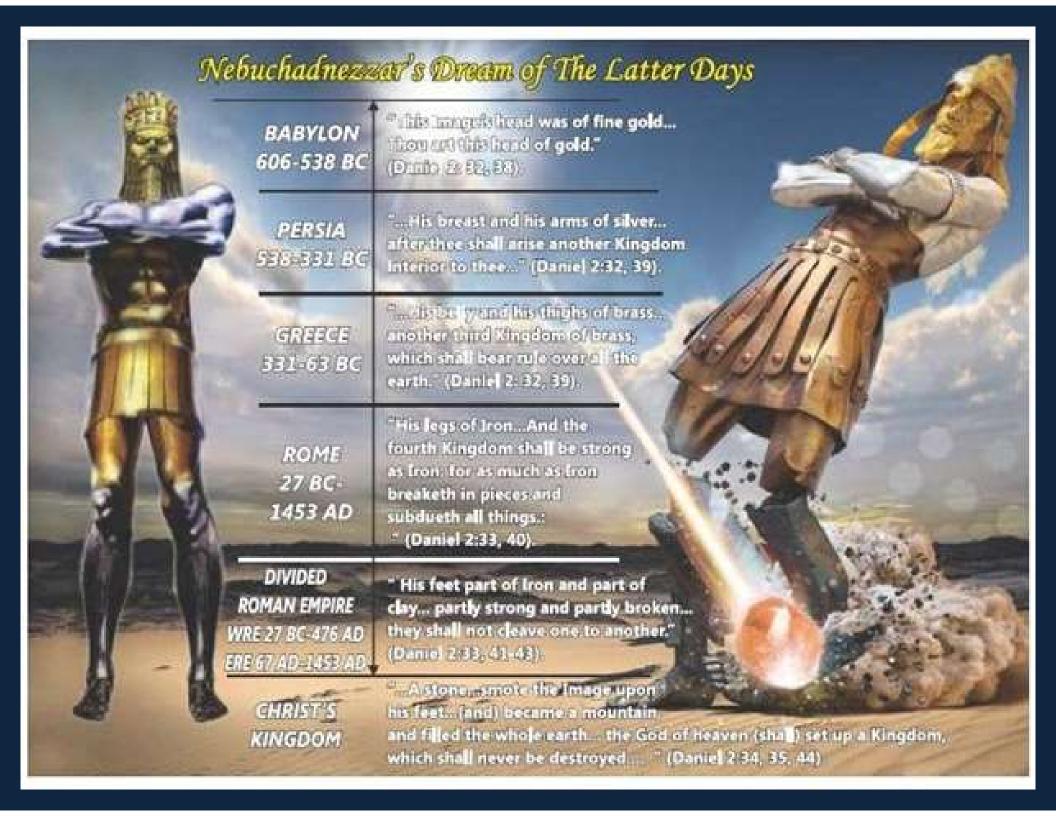


First Half of Tribulation

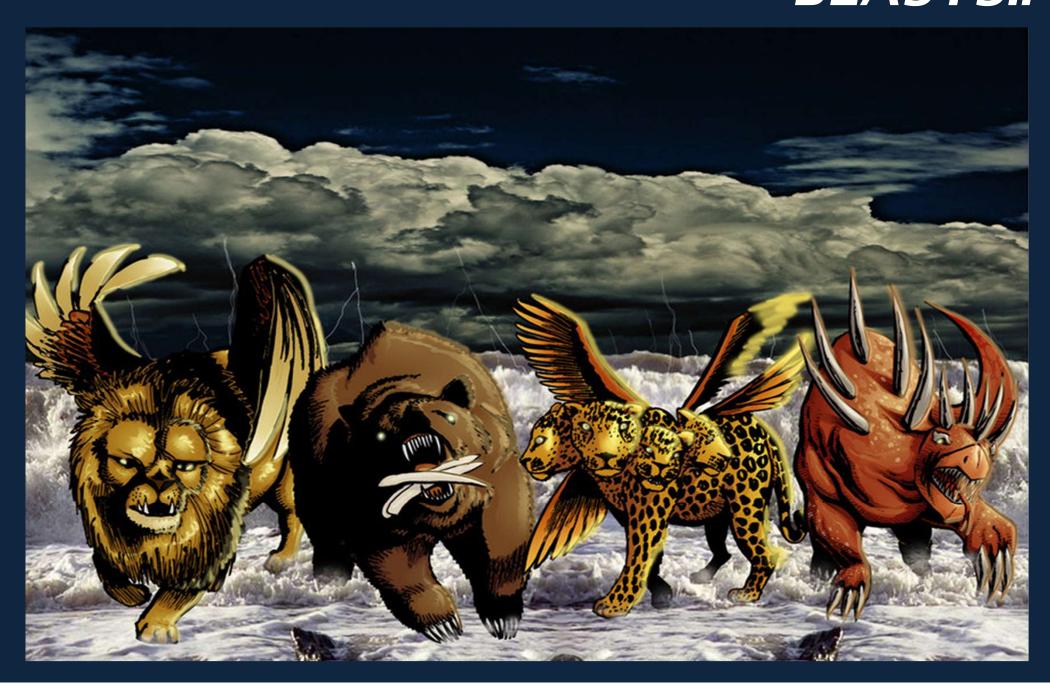
The Great Tribulation

God views the earthly kingdom as a whole (the entire planet, one kingdom)

Recall from our Daniel study, Nebuchadnezzar's statue:



God's view of these kingdoms - BEASTS!!



SUMMARY:

Jesus Christ returns and destroys antichrist and his followers, and establishes His everlasting kingdom!

Satan's temporary rule will end with a crash!

There is a time when God says enough; this is Satan's enough time

Verse 16 - 17 The Takeover Generates Praise in Heaven

We have determined that the 24 elders represent the Church

What do the 24 elders do?

WORSHIP GOD!

They praised God for taking back power from Satan and the world system he rules

Jesus will reign forever and ever!!

CHRISTIANS, YOU ARE A TARGET!

Do not fall for Satan's schemes (his "methodia") - Ephesians 6: 11

The bait of Satan - we have all taken the bait of offense!



The Chain of Offense:

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Offended
Betrayal
Hate
Deceived
Isolation
OUT OF ACTION!!
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Your defense:

The Armor of God and the Grace of God

Be a grace giver!!

Grace does not hold feet to the fire!

REMEMBER:

Thick skin and a soft heart; live at peace - Romans 12: 18

FIDO - Forget it and drive on!

Do not live in "payback land" and end up in "isolation land"!!

Verse 18 The Takeover Generates Anger in the Earth Dwellers

The nations of the world will fight against Jesus coming back - <u>CRAZY!!</u>

These "did no receive the love of the truth that they might be saved" - 2 Thessalonians 2: 10

These have fallen for the "strong delusion" - 2 Thessalonians 2: 11

What is the strong delusion?

That antichrist is the true Christ!

The Deceived:

- 1) Ignore the evidence
- 2) Will not be convinced
- 3) Are confirmed in their unbelief
- 4) Are sealed by the devil
- 5) Are owned by Satan

Psalm 2: 1-8 describes the earth dwellers to a tee!!

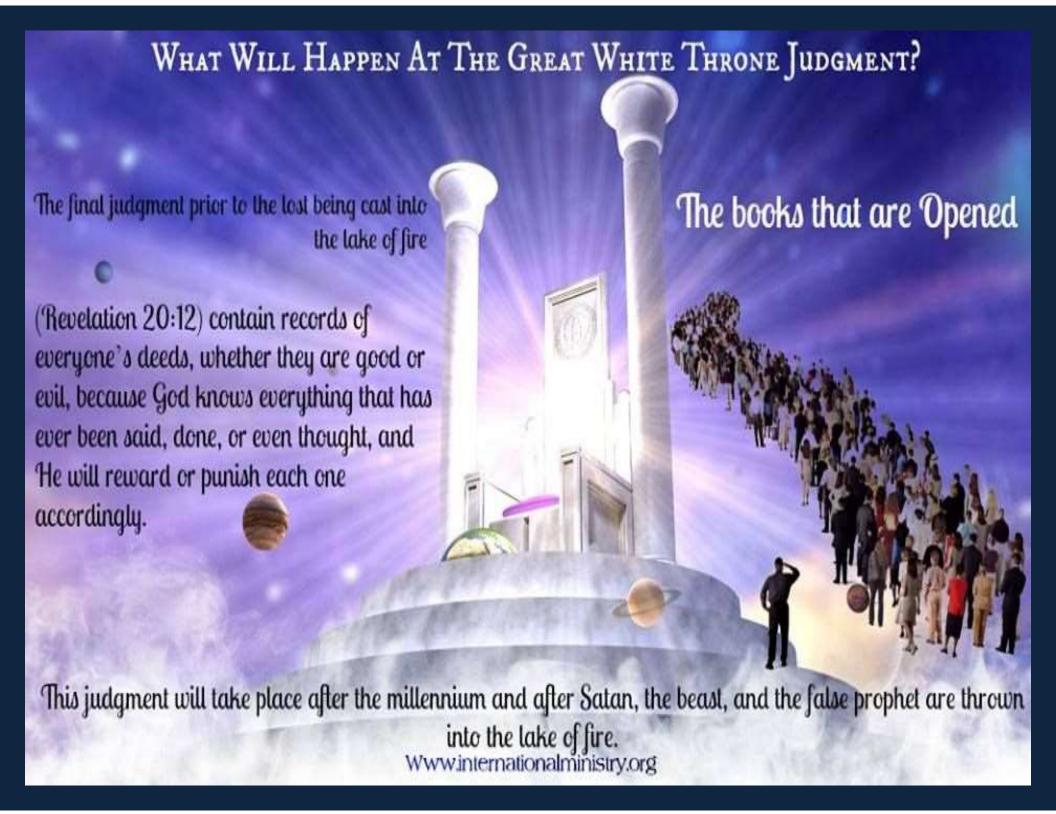
The promise of rewards - "those who fear your name"

God is an incredible rewarder!

No one can out give God - no one!!

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

- 2 Corinthians 5:10



Verse 19 The Takeover and the Temple in Heaven

The earthly temple is modeled after the heavenly temple

The temple on earth will be desecrated by antichrist; it will be closed to the worship of God

The temple in heaven is in full worship of the True God!

There will be no temple in eternity. Why?

Revelation 21: 22

CLOSING: A KINGDOM TAKEOVER

We are living in changing times, scary times

What helps me in scary times:

- 1) We know how the story ends, we study prophecy
- 2) We know we will be in heaven praising God *all will be well!!*

What helps me in scary times:

- 3) We know that we will not see the awful Tribulation great news!!
- 4) We know that God is with us through it all!
- 5) We know that God has promised to never leave us or forsake us!

What can we expect from our world going forward?

The world in general hates the True God, His Son and you - John 15: 18

One of these days this will all be over and we will be home!

In the meantime, *OCCUPY* until the Master comes - <u>Luke 19: 13</u>

- "OCCUPY UNTIL I COME" is the key!
- 1) Do not give up and don't give in!
- 2) Do not let anything distract you
- 3) Do not let anything throw you off track; *keep moving forward!*
- 4) Do not let anything take your eyes off the target hear the Shepherd's voice above the crowd!
- 5) Do not get bogged down in the minutia of life, or the things of this world

"LET US" - Galatians 6: 9

Did you catch it?

DO NOT GIVE UP!!

Never giving up, or giving in, is a characteristic of a servant of the Master - an occupier!!

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A KINGDOM THAT WILL NEVER END

HOW ABOUT YOU???