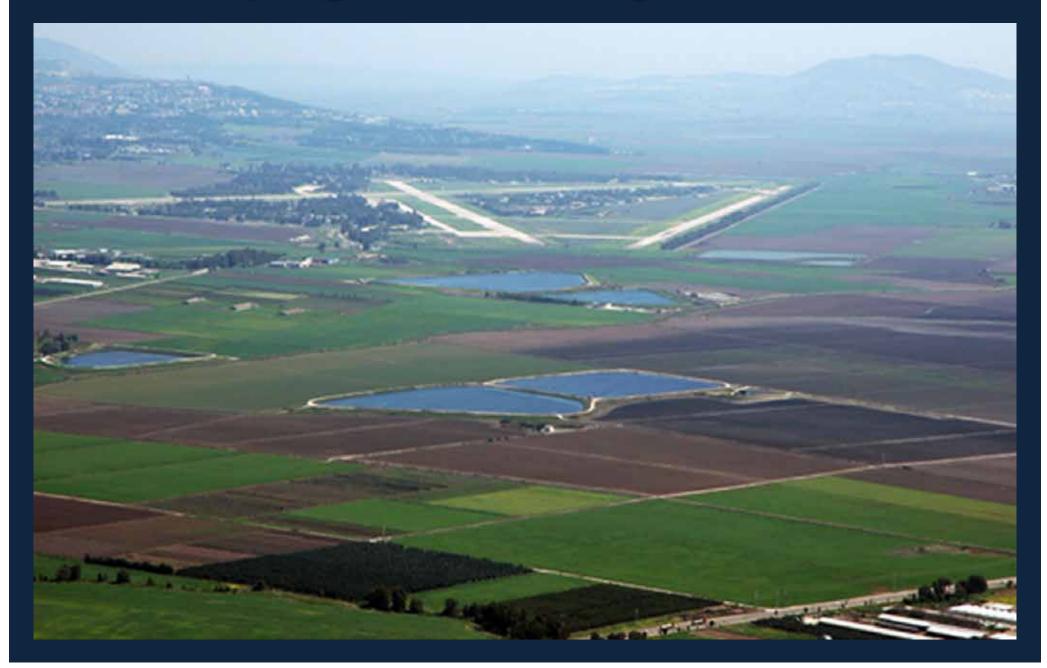
"God's Final Wrath" <u>Revelation 15: 1-8</u>

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God's final dealing with sin comes at the "campaign" of Armageddon



Where the world stands at this point:

- Satan has resurrected the antichrist and is indwelling his body
- 2) Antichrist is ruling the world, being celebrated as the Messiah
- 3) Satan raises up the false prophet to lead a world religion that worships antichrist

4) An image is installed in the temple to remind people of the new god of the world

Where the world stands at this point:

- 5) The world is called to worship the new god and take the mark of the beast
- 6) If a person refuses, they cannot buy or sell and are beheaded
- 7) The ones who resist are believers in Jesus and those Jews devoted to YHWH
- 8) Jerusalem Jews flee to Bozrah and are safe from antichrist

Where the world stands at this point:

9) Others are under persecution around the world, especially Jews in Jerusalem

10) Many are martyred and enter heaven to rest

Verse 1 The wrath of God is complete

These bowl judgments are the worst of the worst outpourings of the wrath of God

> Wrath = "thumos" = an outburst of wrath with revenge in mind

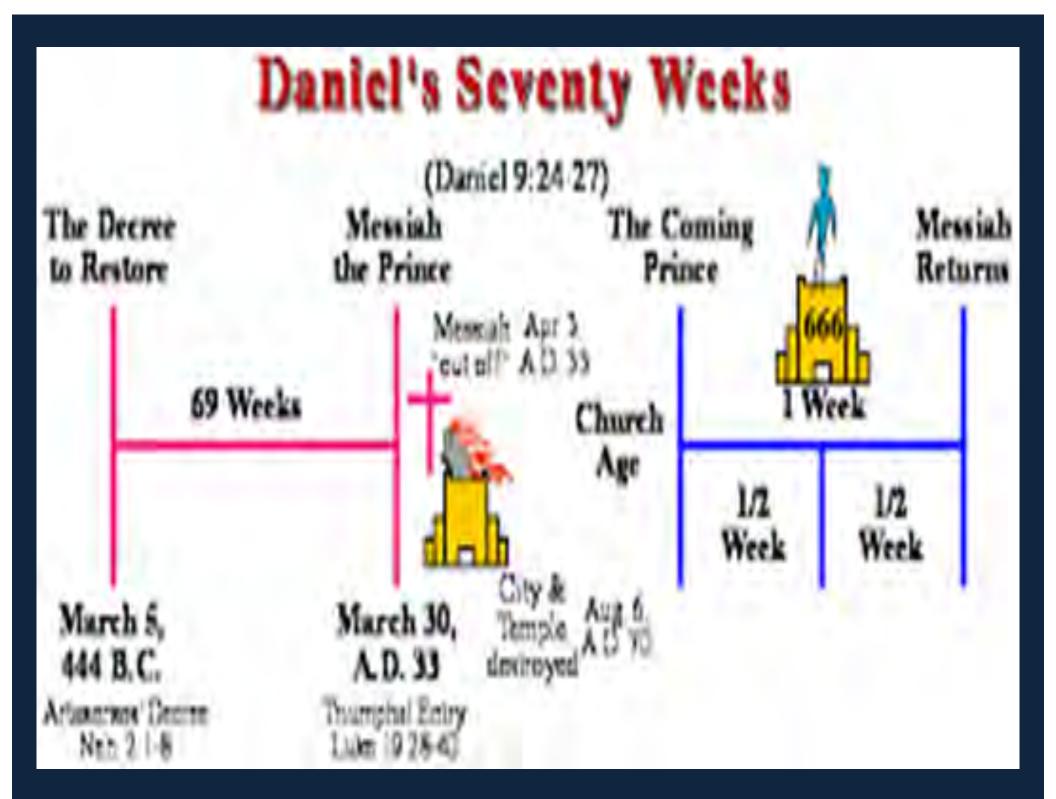
Jesus Christ is taking back the kingdoms of this world from the control of Satan

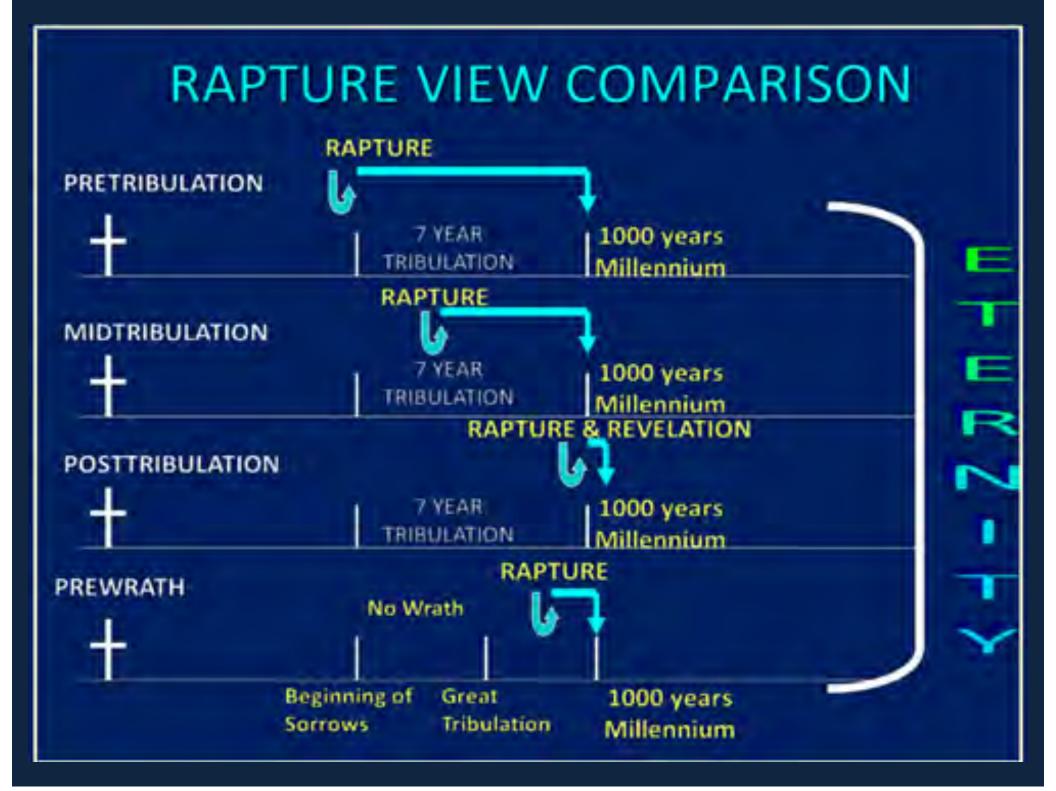
Jesus takes the scroll out of Father's hand - <u>Revelation 5: 7</u>



What does the scroll contain?

The seal, the trumpet, and the bowl judgments!





Jesus will initiate the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments



<u>Verse 2 - 4</u>

Those who overcome the beast

These are overcomers (victors), who have not taken the mark of the beast

How did they overcome the beast? How do we overcome Satan?

Revelation 12: 11

- 1) By the blood of the Lamb
- 2) By the word of their testimony
- 3) They did not love their lives to the death

These are our marching orders on how to overcome the coming persecution!

These victors are singing the song of deliverance!

Remember our temporal mess is light and momentary - <u>2 Corinthians 4: 16-18</u>

You must have an eternal perspective on how to thrive on earth - *it's all TEMPORARY!!*

<u>Verse 5 - 8</u>

Judgment is imminent

John sees action in the heavenly temple; *something big is about to happen!*

> **Temple** = "naos" = the Holy of Holies; the place where God manifests His presence

New Testament believers are SPECIAL!

Today, <u>YOU</u> are the temple of the living God - <u>2 Corinthians 6: 16</u> Seven angels come out of the temple, having the seven plagues (verse 6)

Each angel will personally deliver each plague

"The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power"

God has all power (omnipotent) to assure the last judgment will be carried out God is omnipotent - all powerful God is omniscient - all knowing God is omnipresent - all over, everywhere

David speaks of God's omnipresence - <u>Psalm 139: 7-10</u>

<u>CLOSING</u>: GOD'S FINAL WRATH

Jesus will return to take back what rightfully belongs to Him - *the kingdoms of this world* -Revelation 11:15

Recall: Satan, through deception, stole temporary rulership of the world kingdoms

God's plan to redeem what was lost was known from eternity past!

God was not shocked by the fall of man

God's heart is that people turn and live!

Two key questions every person must answer:

1) Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am? <u>Matthew 16: 13</u>

2) What will you do with Jesus who is called the Christ? <u>Matthew 27: 22</u>

The giving God gave His best -HIS SON!!

Jesus came! Jesus experienced! Jesus knows!!

There is no greater friend than Jesus!!

Your friend will never leave you nor forsake you!

He is with you through it all and to the end!!

Spend time with your friend and bring your best!!

You will be glad you did!!