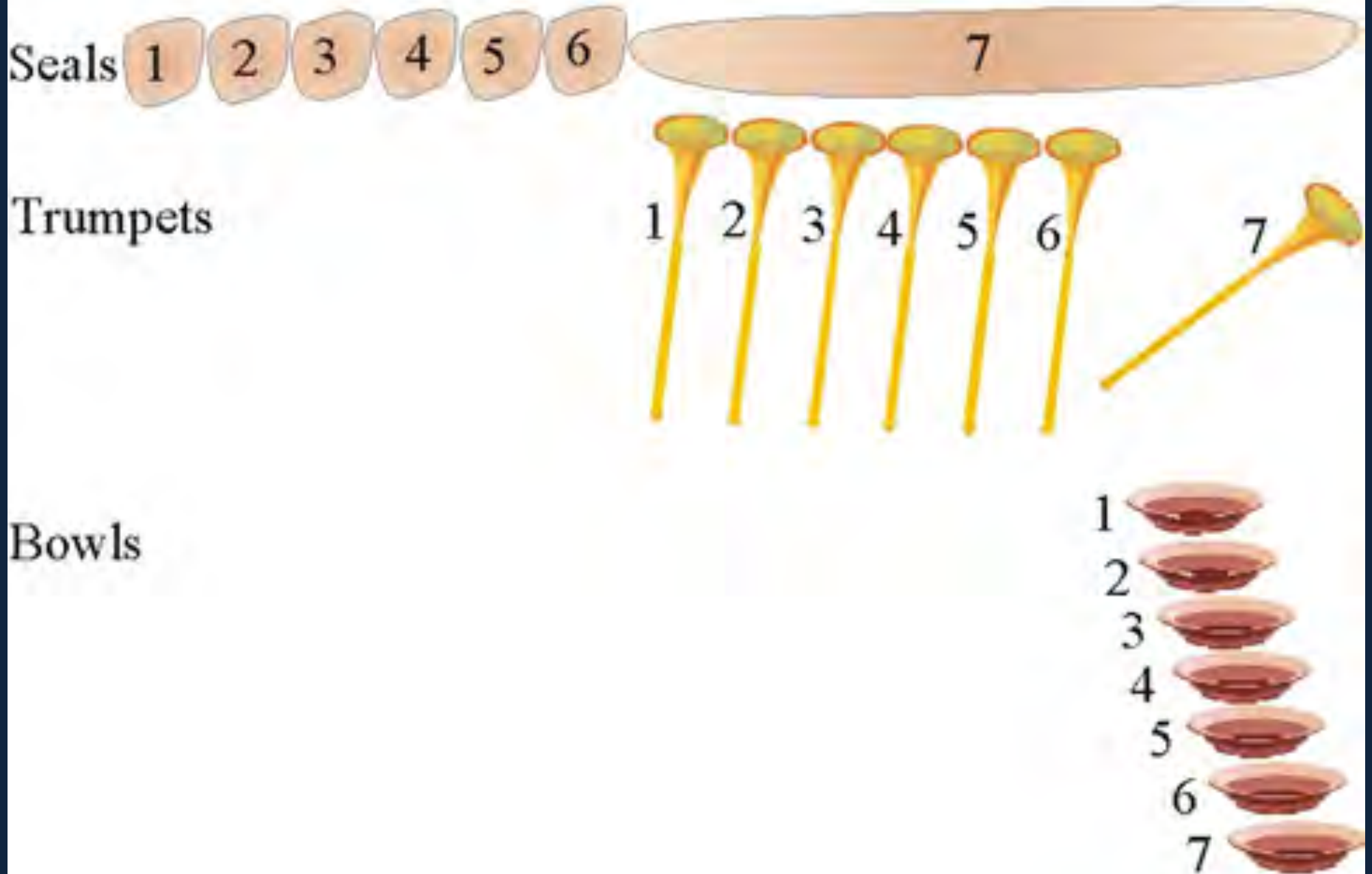


# **Religious Babylon**

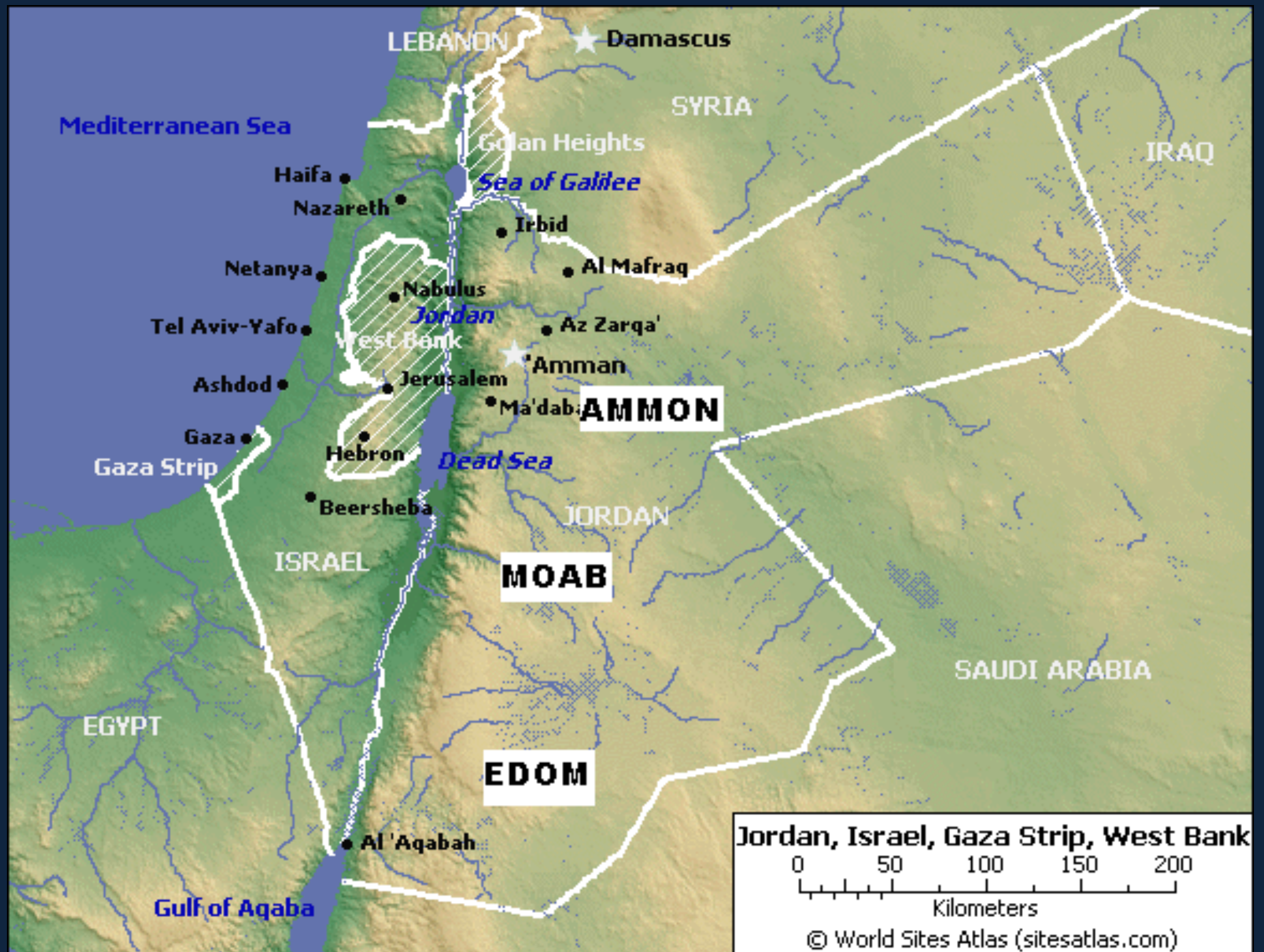
## **Revelation 17: 1-6**

**April 11, 2021**

# Traditional view











**JESUS  
CHRIST  
WANTS  
YOU**



## Verse 1 - 2

**The Great Harlot**  
*(false religious system)*



**Great Harlot** = *prostitute* = to take something that is proper and use it in an improper way

***“sits on many waters”*** = global influence; a one-world religion

**Syncretism** = an amalgamation of different religions and thoughts





**This system will reign during the first half of the Tribulation period**

**144,000 Jewish witnesses will counter this global religion**

**Their effectiveness:**

*A global harvest*

**Revelation 7: 9**

**Revelation 7: 14**

**The kings of the earth and the entire world is deceived by this religious system**

***“drunk with the wine of her fornication”***

**This is a union of Church and state**

## Verse 3

# The Scarlet Beast

***“And I saw a woman”*** = a religious system

***“ . . . sitting on a scarlet beast”*** = antichrist

**What characterized the woman?**

*Blasphemy - the very worst slander*

**Who was blasphemed?**

*The True God and His followers*

***“Seven heads and ten horns”, what does this refer to?***

**Seven heads are 7 world kingdoms who have ruled and influenced the nation of Israel**

**Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and the 10-nation confederation under antichrist**



**Ten horns are the 10-nation  
confederation, ruling areas that  
support the harlot**

**Daniel wrote about this 2600  
years ago**

**Daniel 7: 24-27**

## Verse 4

**The woman looks great, but  
is awful**

**Seeing is not believing; *things are not as they appear!***

**Deception will mark the end times!**

**This global religious movement will look good, *but will deceive the world!***

**Everyone will follow like lemmings!**

***THINK BEFORE YOU FOLLOW!!***

## Verse 5

**Babylon is revealed for who she is**

# ***“The Mother of Harlots”***

**The worst of all religious systems  
that ever existed**

**All pagan world religions had their  
start in Babylon**

**Babylon is entrenched in our world  
today but is checked by ***TRUE  
CHRISTIANITY!*****

When the restrainer is removed,  
which is the Holy Spirit filled  
Church, (2 Thessalonians 2: 7)  
the Great Harlot will run unchecked  
and wreak havoc on all who resist  
her

## Verse 6

**Persecution of the Tribulation  
saints**

**False religious systems have  
murdered millions over the  
centuries**

**The final system will be more  
deadly than any predecessors**

**It gets worse with antichrist's  
wrath at the last half of the  
Tribulation**



**False converts, make believe  
“Christians”, will embrace the  
deception**

**What marks the end time Church?**

**Falling away = “*apostasia*” = not  
to believe; instead of believing,  
they are make believers!**

The end time Church will be a Church filled with unbelievers who think they are okay

This is the Laodicean Church

The *“lukewarm” . . . . , “I will spew you out of My mouth”* Church

## CLOSING: *RELIGIOUS BABYLON*

As we grow closer to the end,  
deception will be rampant

The **True Church** is the last bastion  
of defense against deception

**How are we to live in this  
deception, this misinformation  
age?**

*“The final line of defense is the  
family and religion”* (Christianity)

(Rod Dreher - *“Living Not By Lies”*)

# Your Protection:

*See > Judge > Act*

**SEE** - what is going on around you; do not ignore or pretend everything is okay

**JUDGE** - what is going on with Scripture; be discerning, things are not as they appear

**ACT** - speak the truth - truth counters the lie! You, with Holy Spirit courage, are to speak the truth in love!!

**YOU ARE NOW THE RESISTANCE!!**  
*(resisting evil)*

The **family** and the **True Church** are  
the only roadblocks to the  
progressive agenda

**GOD TO ALL RESISTORS -**

**Hebrews 10: 24-25**

**Resistors** are ambassadors of  
Christ

**2 Corinthians 5: 20-21**

**Resistors** represent our Lord where  
He has placed us

**Resistors** are commissioned by our  
Lord - **Matthew 28: 19**

**Resistors** are here, at this time in  
history, for such a time

**Resistors** make this your finest  
hour

*It is time for Gideon's and  
Esther's to stand!*



**STAND LIKE A BULL IN A BLIZZARD!!**  
***RESIST THE LIE!!***



**CALLING ALL RESISTORS!!**

*Occupy!*

*Resist!*

*Fight the Good Fight of Faith!*

***COUNTER THE LIE WITH  
THE TRUTH!!***

***TRUTH IS  
THE JESUS WAY!!***