

Christian World View

The Things to Come

Revelation

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New Testament Eschatology → Revelation

REVELATION · the Revelation of Jesus Christ																					
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the vision	seven letters	seven churches	the tribulation																the millennium	new heavens	new earth

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Revelation → the vision

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the vision

the revelation of God through Jesus Christ
to John through His angel
to show His slaves
the things which must shortly take place

Jesus Christ

the vision of the Son of Man in all His glory
warning of the judgment to come

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the vision

Revelation 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.”

from Him who is, who was, and who is to come = **the Father**
from the seven Spirits before the throne = **the Holy Spirit**
from Jesus Christ = **the Son**

Revelation 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. Even so. Amen.”

seven churches · seven golden lampstands = churches · seven stars = angels

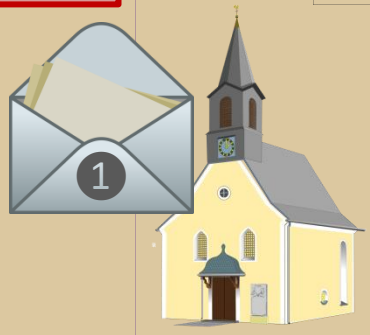
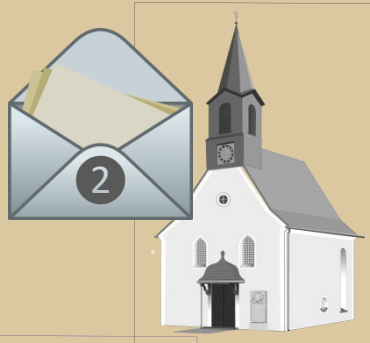
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Revelation → 7 letters to 7 churches

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seven letters
seven churches



Revelation 2-3

John wrote from
the island of Patmos

seven letters to
seven churches

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamum
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea



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seven letters
seven churches

the similar form of the seven letters

- ① the address · the angel / messenger of the church
- ② the author · Jesus Christ with an attribute from the vision
- ③ the commendation · “*I know your ...*” → good works
- ④ the rebuke · identifying and addressing a problem
- ⑤ the repentance · a call with warning or encouragement
- ⑥ the discernment · “*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*”
- ⑦ the incentive · “*He who overcomes*” → a promise



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seven letters

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seven letters to seven churches

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|---|---------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| ① | 2:1-7 | Ephesus | left your first love |
| ② | 2:8-11 | Smyrna | shall suffer ten tribulations |
| ③ | 2:12-17 | Pergamum | compromise to stumbling |
| ④ | 2:18-29 | Thyatira | toleration to corruption |
| ⑤ | 3:1-6 | Sardis | alive but dead · wake up! |
| ⑥ | 3:7-13 | Philadelphia | an open door that no one can shut |
| ⑦ | 3:14-22 | Laodicea | lukewarm · open the fellowship door |

- ✓ 1st view · confronting seven first century problems in churches in Asia minor
- 2nd view · addressing seven problems that appear throughout church history
- 3rd view · defining seven periods in church history

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| ② | 2:8-11 | Smyrna | problem of persecution |
| ③ | 2:12-17 | Pergamum | problem of compromise |
| ④ | 2:18-29 | Thyatira | problem of toleration |
| ⑤ | 3:1-6 | Sardis | problem of spiritual deadness |
| ⑥ | 3:7-13 | Philadelphia | problem of spiritual perseverance |
| ⑦ | 3:14-22 | Laodicea | problem of spiritual apathy |

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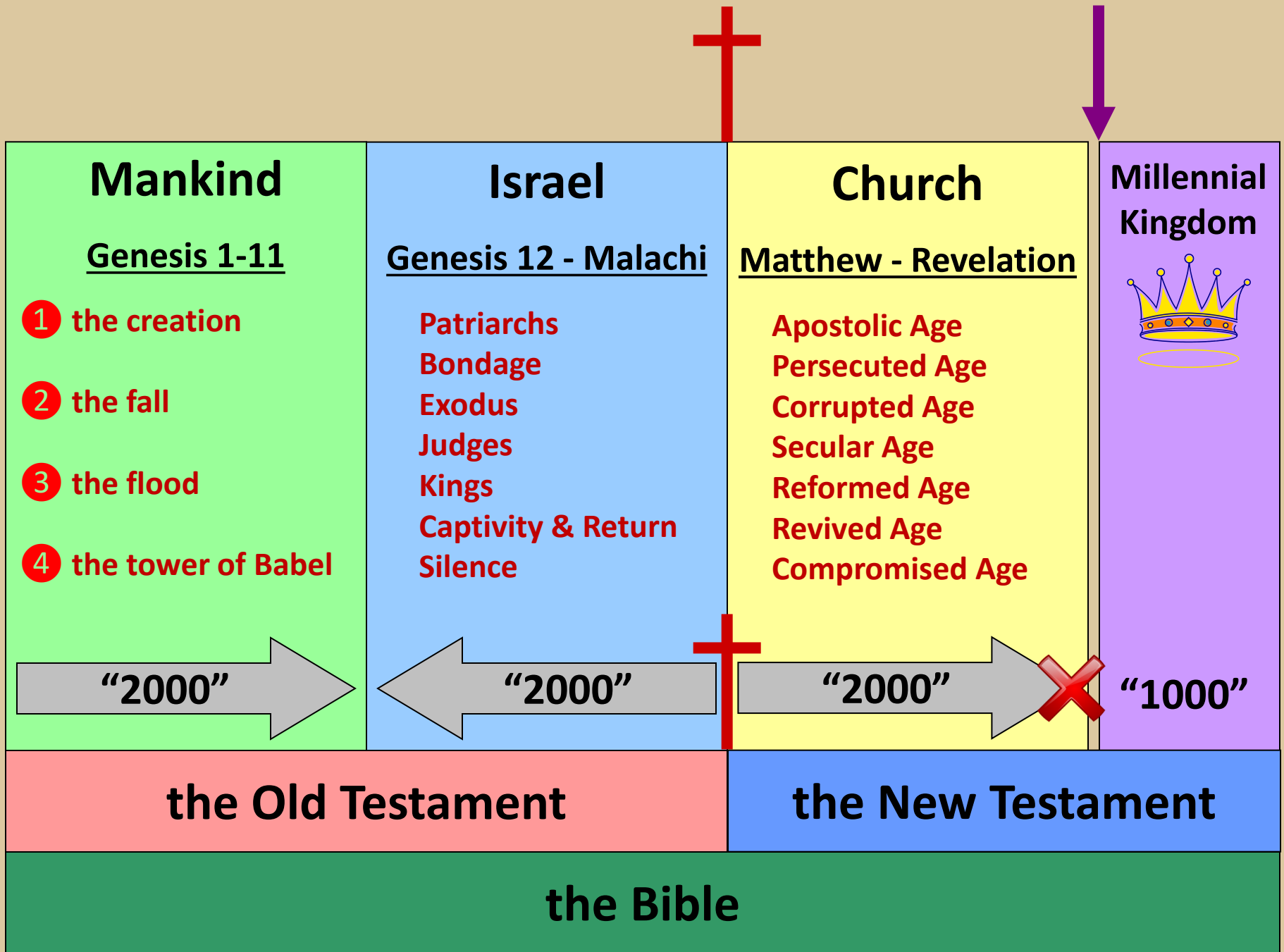
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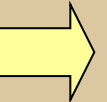
✓ 3rd view · defining seven periods in church history



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Church

2000+



Ancient Period			Medieval Period				Modern Period		
Catholic Christianity			Roman Catholic Christianity				Protestant Christianity		
apostolic age	persecuted age	corrupted age	secular age				reformed age	revived age	compromised age

33 Pentecost
 100 last apostle
 313 Edict of Milan Constantine
 590 1st Medieval Pope Gregory I
 800 ↑ Charlemagne · 1st Holy Roman Emperor
 1517 Martin Luther 95 theses
 1648 Peace of Westphalia
 1835 modernism

**seven letters
to seven churches**

**seven periods
in church history**

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the tribulation

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the day of the Lord the time of Jacob's trouble the 70 th week of Daniel the great tribulation																					
seven years																					
times, time, and half a time									times, time, and half a time									Rev. 12:14			
3 ½ years									3 ½ years												
42 months									42 months									Rev. 11:2, 13:5			
1,260 days									1,260 days									Rev. 11:3, 12:6			

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Revelation → tribulation judgments

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the tribulation

the wrath of God · 21 judgments

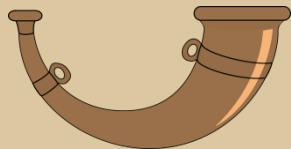
seals

1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7



trumpets

1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7



bowls

1 · 2 · 3 · 4 · 5 · 6 · 7



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Revelation → tribulation · 7 seals

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the tribulation

7 seals

- the Lamb 1 6:1-2
- the Lamb 2 6:3-4
- the Lamb 3 6:5-6
- the Lamb 4 6:7-8
- the Lamb 5 6:9-11
- the Lamb 6 6:12-17
- the Lamb 7 8:1-6



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the tribulation

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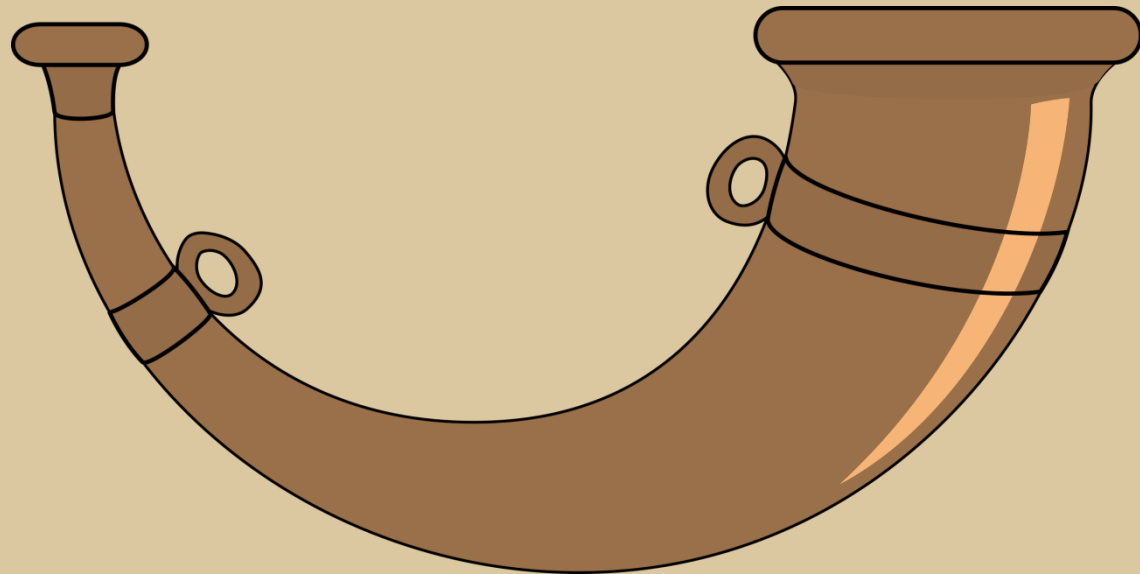
- Lamb **1** 1st living creature “come” · white horse & rider · bow & crown
· conquering to conquer
- Lamb **2** 2nd living creature “come” · red horse & rider · great sword · peace removed
· men slay one another
- Lamb **3** 3rd living creature “come” · black horse & rider · pair of scales · scarcity of food
- Lamb **4** 4th living creature “come” · ashen horse & rider · “Death” is rider · Hades followed
· authority over ¼ earth · kill with sword, famine, pestilence & wild beasts
- Lamb **5** souls of martyrs · *“How long until judgment and avenging our blood?”*
- Lamb **6** earthquake · sun black · moon blood · stars fall · sky splits · mountains & islands
move · men hide & call for rocks to hide them from the wrath of the Lamb
- Lamb **7** silence ½ hour · seven angels & seven trumpets

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Revelation → tribulation · 7 trumpets



- angel 1 8:7
- angel 2 8:8-9
- angel 3 8:10-11
- angel 4 8:12-13
- angel 5 9:1-12
- angel 6 9:13-21
- angel 7 11:14-19



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the tribulation

7 trumpets



hail & fire & blood thrown to the earth · $\frac{1}{3}$ earth & trees burned · all green grass burned



great mountain burning with fire thrown into the sea · $\frac{1}{3}$ sea became blood



great star fell from heaven · $\frac{1}{3}$ rivers & springs · “Wormwood” · many died



$\frac{1}{3}$ sun, $\frac{1}{3}$ moon, $\frac{1}{3}$ stars smitten so $\frac{1}{3}$ darkened · $\frac{1}{3}$ day & night darkened



1st woe → star fallen · the bottomless pit opened · smoke & locusts · scorpion sting for all w/o seal of God · torment not kill · 7 months · Abaddon / Apollyon



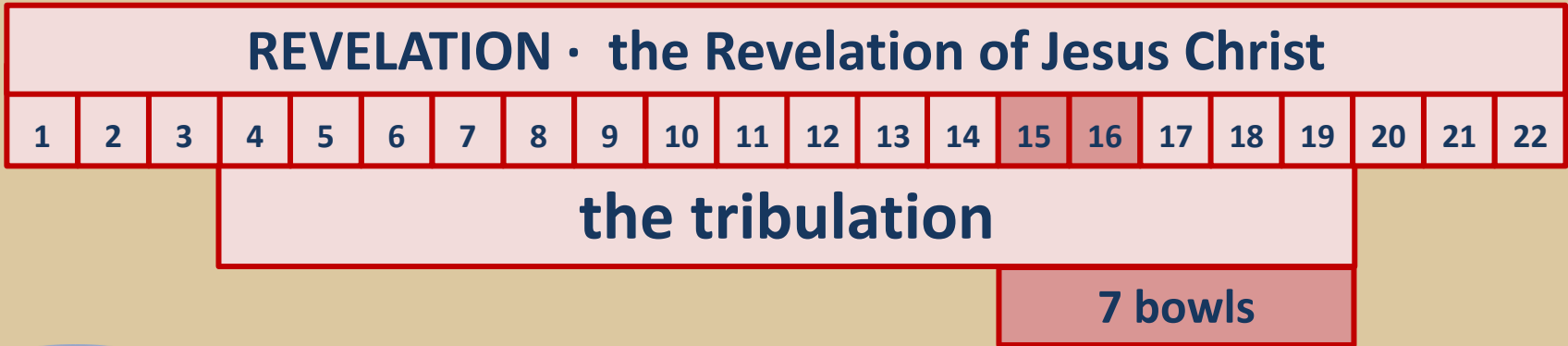
2nd woe → four bound angels released at Euphrates · kill $\frac{1}{3}$ men · 200 million horsemen · kill by fire, smoke, & brimstone · no repentance of the living










3rd woe → the 7th angel · worship God · lightning, earthquake, hail → 7 bowls

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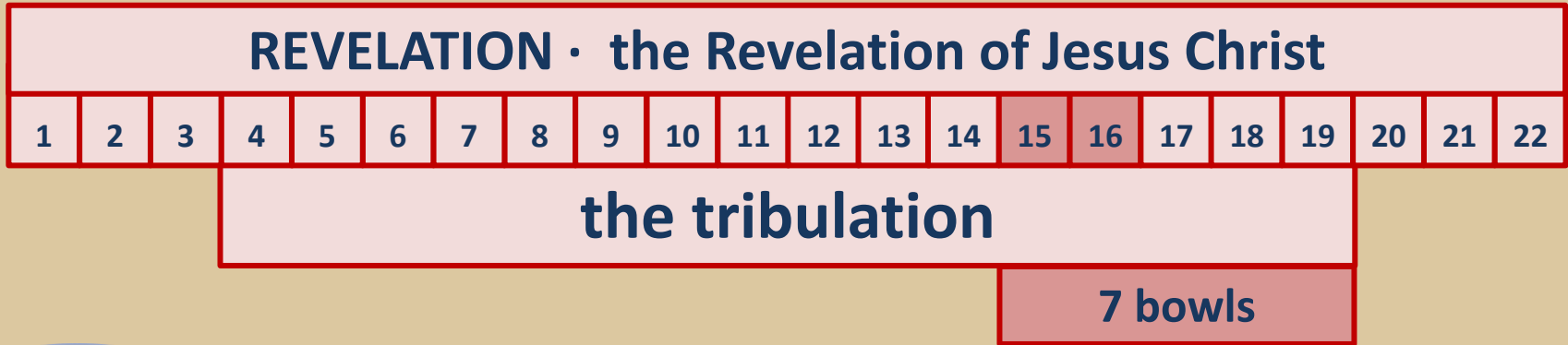









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- angel  5 16:10-11
- angel  6 16:12-16
- angel  7 16:17-21



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Revelation → tribulation · 7 bowls



- angel  **1** the mark of the beast · bad & evil sore on all worshipers of the beast
- angel  **2** the sea · becomes blood like dead man and everything in the sea died
- angel  **3** the rivers & streams & waters · become blood to drink · the martyrs
- angel  **4** the sun · scorches men with fire & heat · blaspheme & no repentance
- angel  **5** the throne of the beast · darkness & pain · blaspheme & no repentance
- angel  **6** the Euphrates · dried up · 3 unclean demon spirits gather kings for war
- angel  **7** the air · “It is done” · lightning & thunder · great earthquake · great city split-3 · cities fall · islands fled · mountains disappear · huge hailstones

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Revelation → tribulation

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the tribulation

view #1

7 seals ➡ 7 trumpets ➡ 7 bowls

the beginning of sorrows

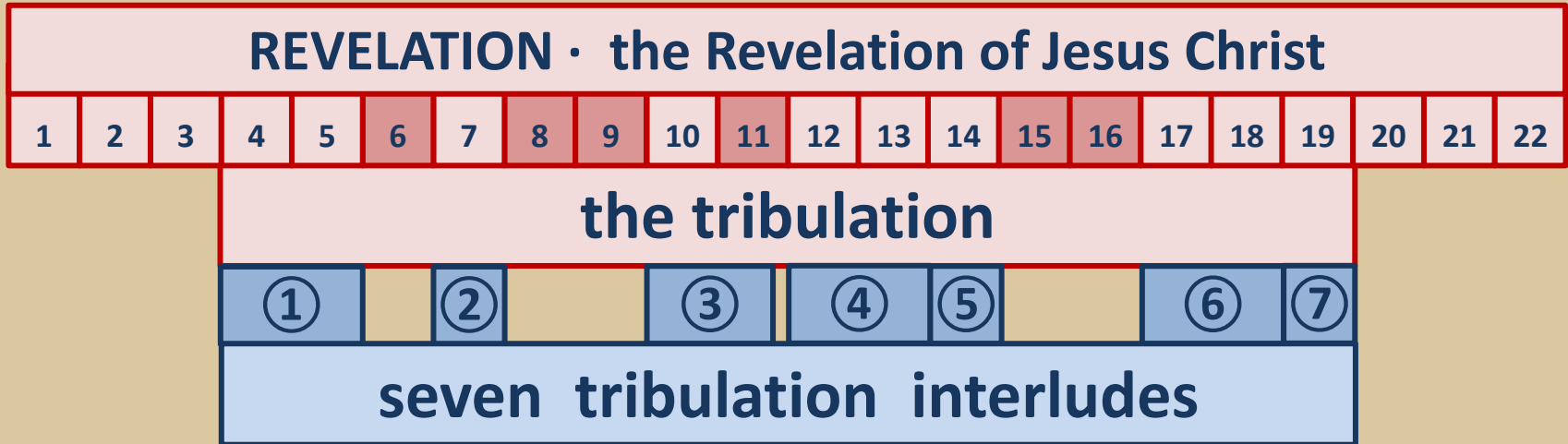
the great tribulation

view #2

seals · trumpets · bowls

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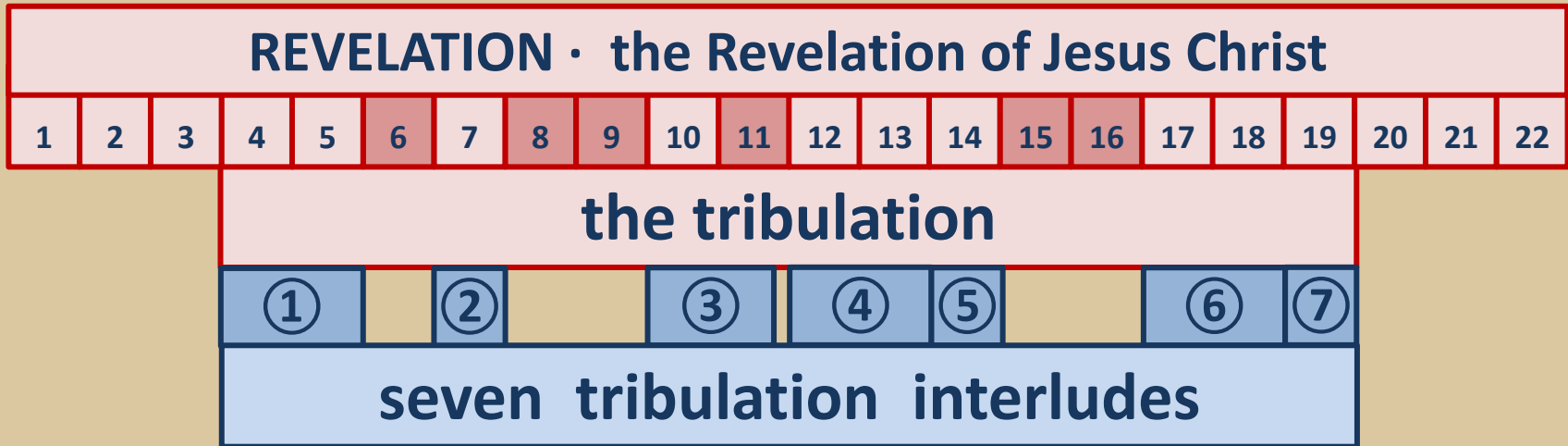


interlude

a pause in the narrative
to provide additional information
for a better understanding of the whole

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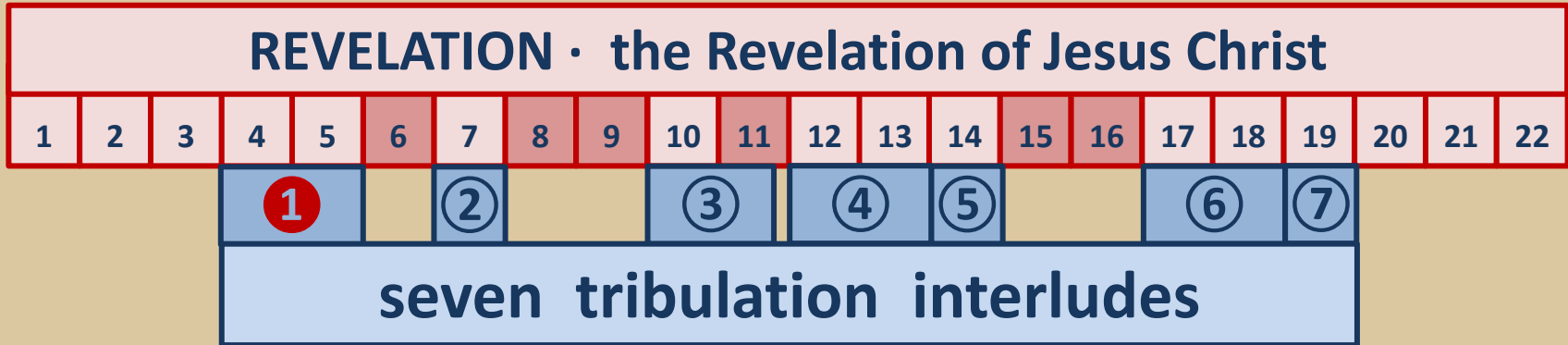
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- ② Israel sealed saints & tribulation martyred saints
- ③ the little book & the two witnesses
- ④ conflict & the kingdom of Satan
- ⑤ victory & the kingdom of God
- ⑥ the final judgment of Babylon
- ⑦ the heavens rejoice & the second coming

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interlude #1 · the beginning in heaven of the tribulation on earth

4:1-11 · the open door in heaven

a throne · 24 thrones / 24 elders · 4 living creatures

2 songs of worship · the worship of the creatures & the elders

5:1-14 · the book / the scroll sealed with seven seals

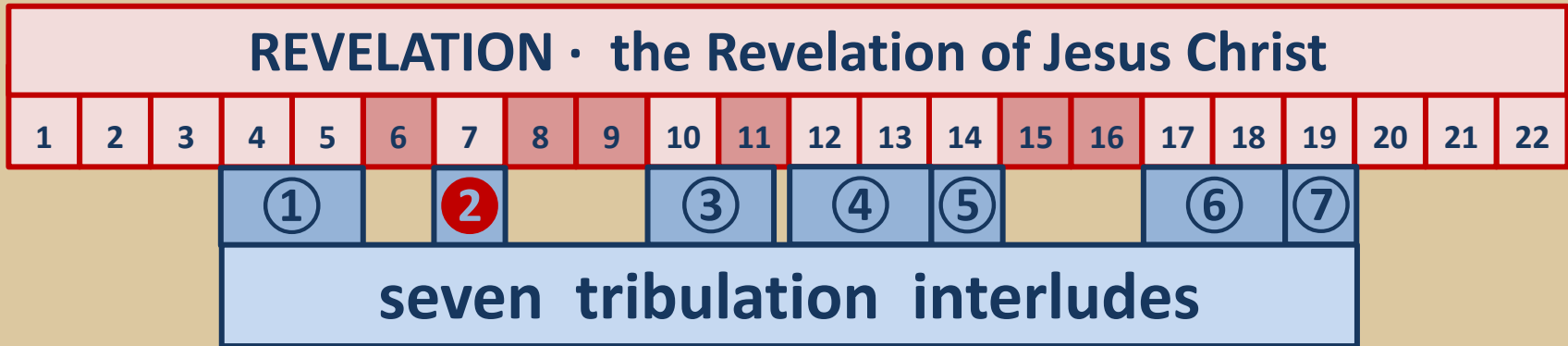
“Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?”

the Lamb / the Lion of Judah

3 songs of worship

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interlude #2 · Israel sealed saints & tribulation martyred saints

7:1-8 · the 144,000 of Israel

4 angels at the 4 corners of the earth · an angel with the seal of God

Israel · the 144,000 sealed → 14:1, 3 · the slaves of our God

Judah-4 · Reuben-1 · Gad-7 · Asher-8 · Naphtali-6 · Manasseh-11a ·

Simeon-2 · Levi-3 · Issachar-9 · Zebulon-10 · Joseph-11 · Benjamin-12

[no Dan-5 · no Ephraim-11b]

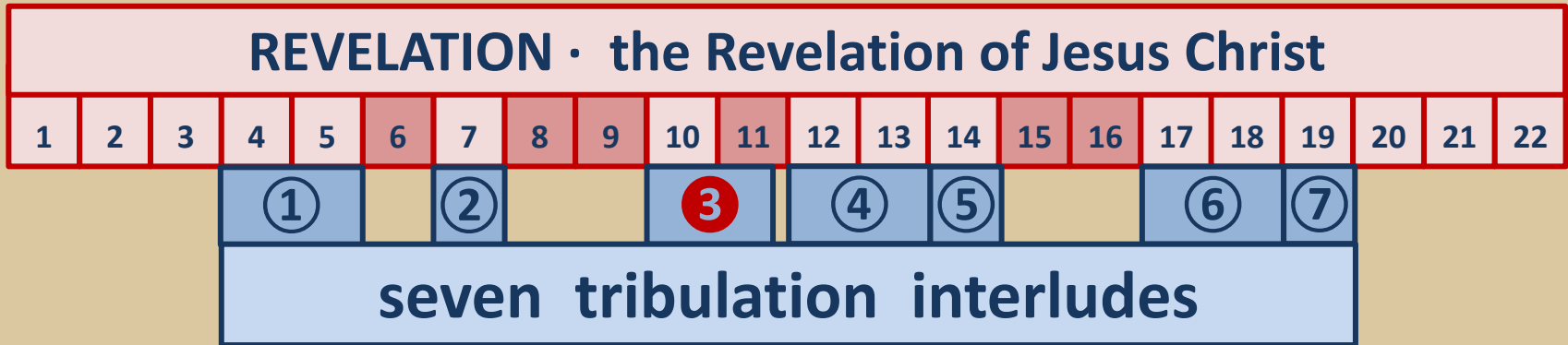
7:9-17 · the great multitude

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

clothed in white robes · tribulation martyred saints

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interlude #3 · the little book & the two witnesses

10:1-11 · the little book

a strong angel coming down out of heaven

a little book · the mystery of God · eat / sweet & bitter

11:1-13 · the two witnesses

the temple of God · the holy city · 42 months / 1260 days

their testimony / prophesying · their death · their resurrection

their entrance into heaven · a great earthquake

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interlude #4 · Conflict & The Kingdom of Satan

12:1-17 · the warfare in heaven and on earth

1-5 woman (Israel) · child (Christ) · great red dragon (Satan)

6-12 1260 days · Satan cast out · rejoicing in heaven · woe on earth

13-17 Satan persecutes the woman · times, time, ½ time · her offspring

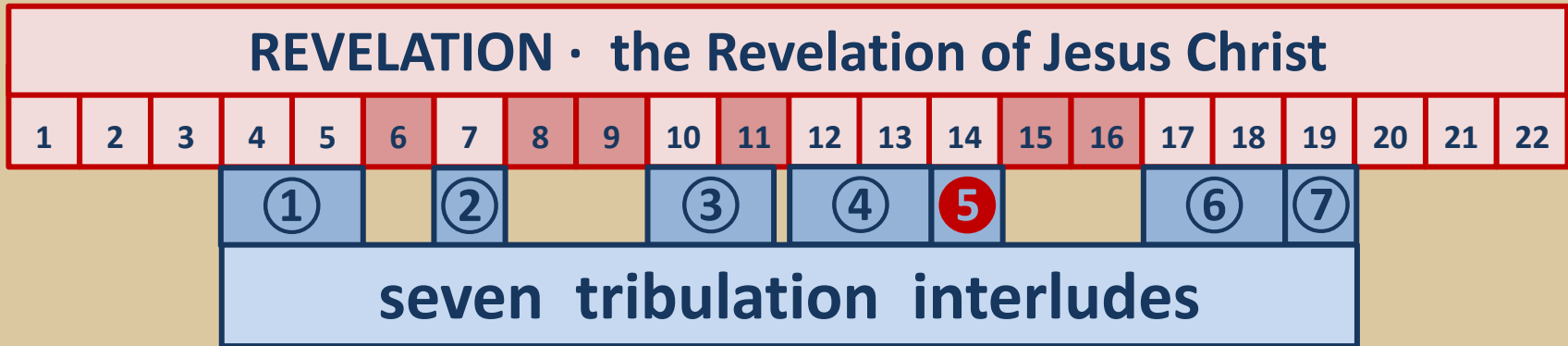
13:1-18 · the unholy triad

1-10 the beast out of the sea / antichrist · the dragon · worship · authority for 42 months · victorious war against the saints

11-18 the beast out of the earth / false prophet · worship the triad · authority · signs · deception · image of the beast · mark of 666

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interlude #5 · victory & the kingdom of God

14:1-5 · the Lamb standing on Mt. Zion · the 144,000 · the new song

14:6-13 · three angels flying · pronouncements of blessing

1st angel · the everlasting gospel to preach · *“Fear, glorify, and worship God for the hour of His judgment has come ...”*

2nd angel · *“Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, ...”*

3rd angel · the eternal warning of divine wrath to all who worship the beast and receive his mark

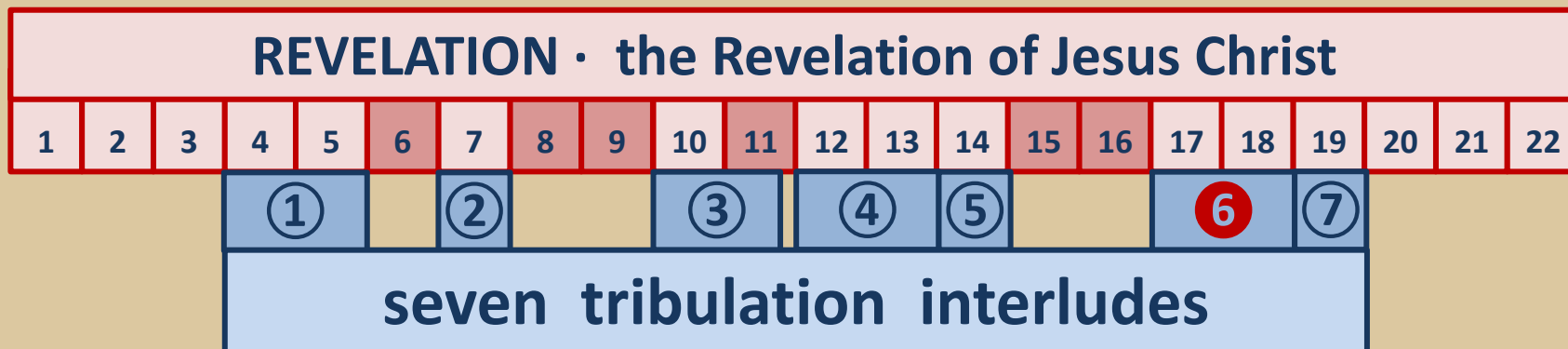
14:14-20 · the Son of Man · reaping in judgment

1st angel · the call to reap

2nd angel · the great winepress of the wrath of God → 7 bowls

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interlude #6 · the final judgment of Babylon (part 1)

17:1-18 · the judgment of the great harlot

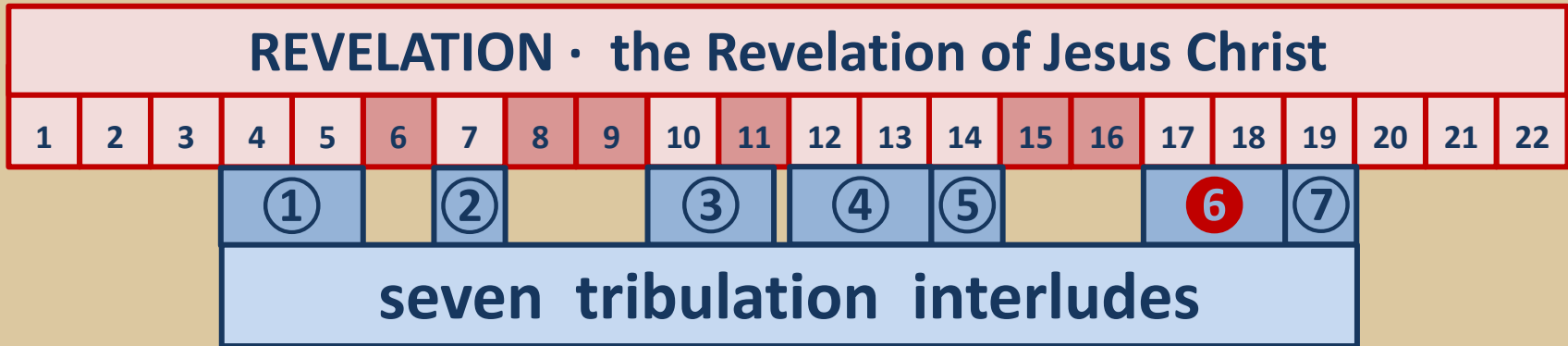
1-6 the woman sitting on the scarlet beast · *“Mystery, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth”*

7-18 the beast · seven heads (mountains / kingdoms) and ten horns (kings)

- the eighth king = the beast
- the ten kings ...
 - ... will give power and authority to the beast
 - ... will make war with the Lamb
 - ... will hate and destroy the harlot
- the woman is the great city which reigns over the kings of the earth

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interlude #6 · the final judgment of Babylon (part 2)

18:1-20 · the judgment of Babylon

1-3 another angel · *Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, ...*

the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth

4-20 another voice from heaven

4-8 · *Come out!* · plagues, death, mourning, famine · burned with fire

9-10 · the kings of the earth mourn

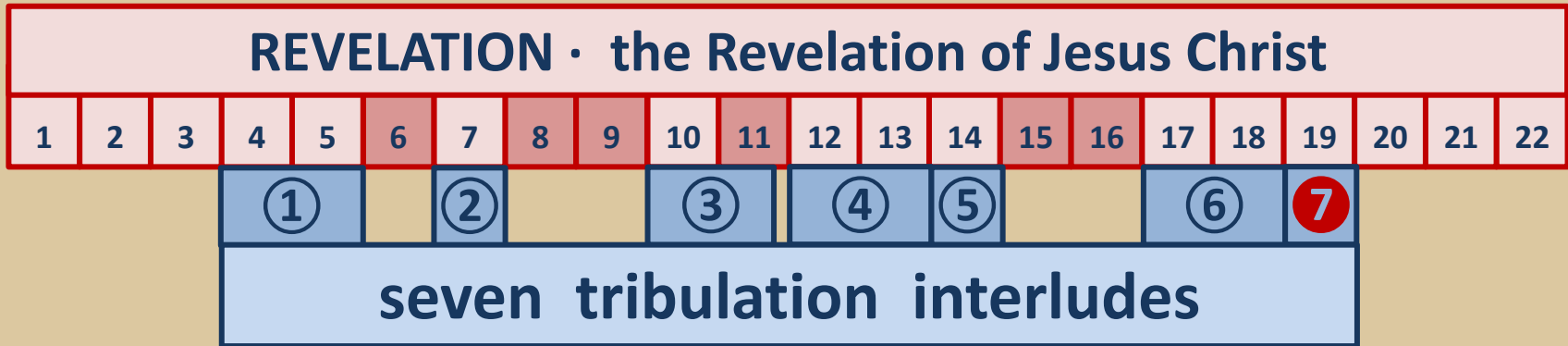
11-16 · the merchants of the earth mourn

17-20 · the shipmasters and sailors of the sea mourn

21-24 a mighty angel · a great millstone thrown into the sea

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interlude #7 · the heavens rejoice & the second coming

19:1-10 · the four Hallelujahs (1, 3, 4, 6)

1-8 a great multitude in heaven · the Lord God omnipotent reigns!

9-10 *Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!*

19:11-16 · the second coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords

a white horse · Faithful and True · The Word of God · Almighty God
the armies in heaven follow in fine-white-clean linen & on white horses
He shall strike the nations and rule with a rod of iron

19:17-21 · the war with the kings of the earth and their armies

a call for the birds to eat the flesh · the beast and the false prophet
captured and cast into the lake of fire · the rest killed

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The Millennial Kingdom · four events

20:1-3 · the binding of Satan

an angel · the key to the bottomless pit · a great chain
the dragon · the serpent of old · the devil · Satan
cast into the bottomless pit · shut up · sealed · 1000 years

20:4-6 · thrones and souls

tribulation martyrs · the first resurrection · reign for 1000 years
blessed · second death powerless · priests of God and Christ to reign

20:7-10 · the releasing of Satan

deceive the nations · gather for battle · surrounds the saints
devoured by fire from heaven · the devil cast in the lake of fire forever

20:11-15 · the great white throne judgment

earth and heaven fled away · resurrection of the dead · judgment
according to works · the book of life · the 2nd death · the lake of fire

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A New Heaven & A New Earth

21:1-8 · the new heaven and the new earth

the holy city · the new Jerusalem · God Himself will dwell
no tears, death, sorrow, crying, pain · “I make all things new”
believers = life · unbelievers = the second death = the lake of fire

21:9-27 · the holy city · the new Jerusalem

descending from heaven · the glory of God · the light · the wall and
12 gates (12 tribes) · 12 foundations (12 apostles) · measured and
adorned · no temple · no sun or moon · no night · no defilement

22:1-5 · the throne of God and of the Lamb

water of life · tree of life · no curse · no night ·
the throne of God and of the Lamb · servants shall serve and see Him ·
His name on shall be on their foreheads · they shall reign forever and ever

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Final Words · “I am coming quickly” (7, 12, 13, 16, 20)

22:6-11 · the revelation

faithful and true · what must take place shortly · “I am coming quickly” · worship God · do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book · the time is at hand · be righteous and holy

22:12-17 · the invitation

“I am coming quickly” · “I am the Alpha and the Omega” · blessed are all who enter · sinners are outside · “I am the Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star” · “Come!”

22:18-21 · the warning

no additions · no subtractions · or God will remove his part in the tree of life, the holy city, the things written in this book

“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus!

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