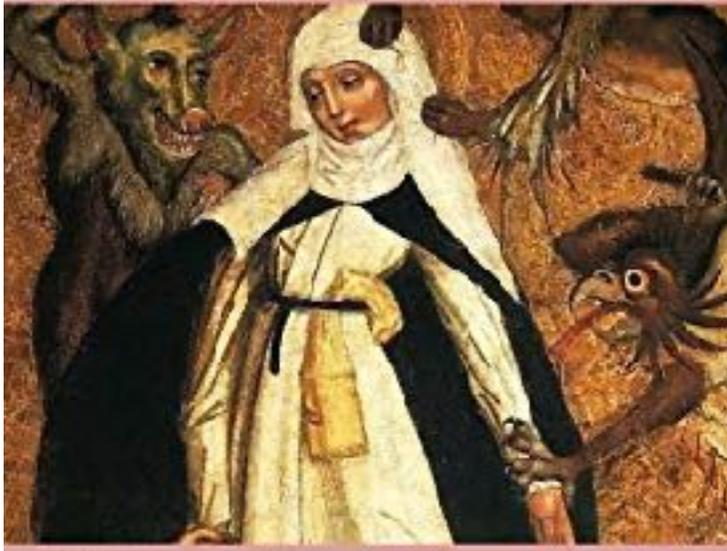


The background is a large, detailed stained glass window. It features a central figure, possibly Christ, with long, flowing white hair and a white robe, set against a golden and purple background. The figure is surrounded by intricate, swirling patterns and other smaller figures. The overall style is highly decorative and characteristic of Gothic or Art Deco stained glass art.

Christ Builds His Kingdom

The Book of Revelation as Master Plan

BOOK OF REVELATION



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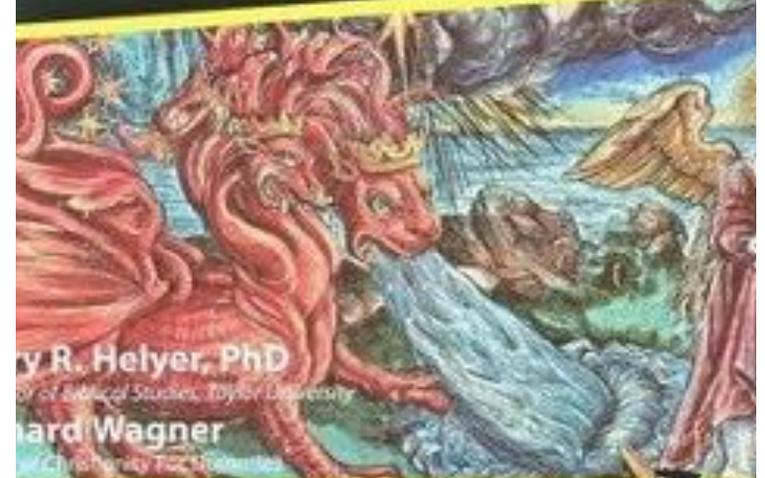
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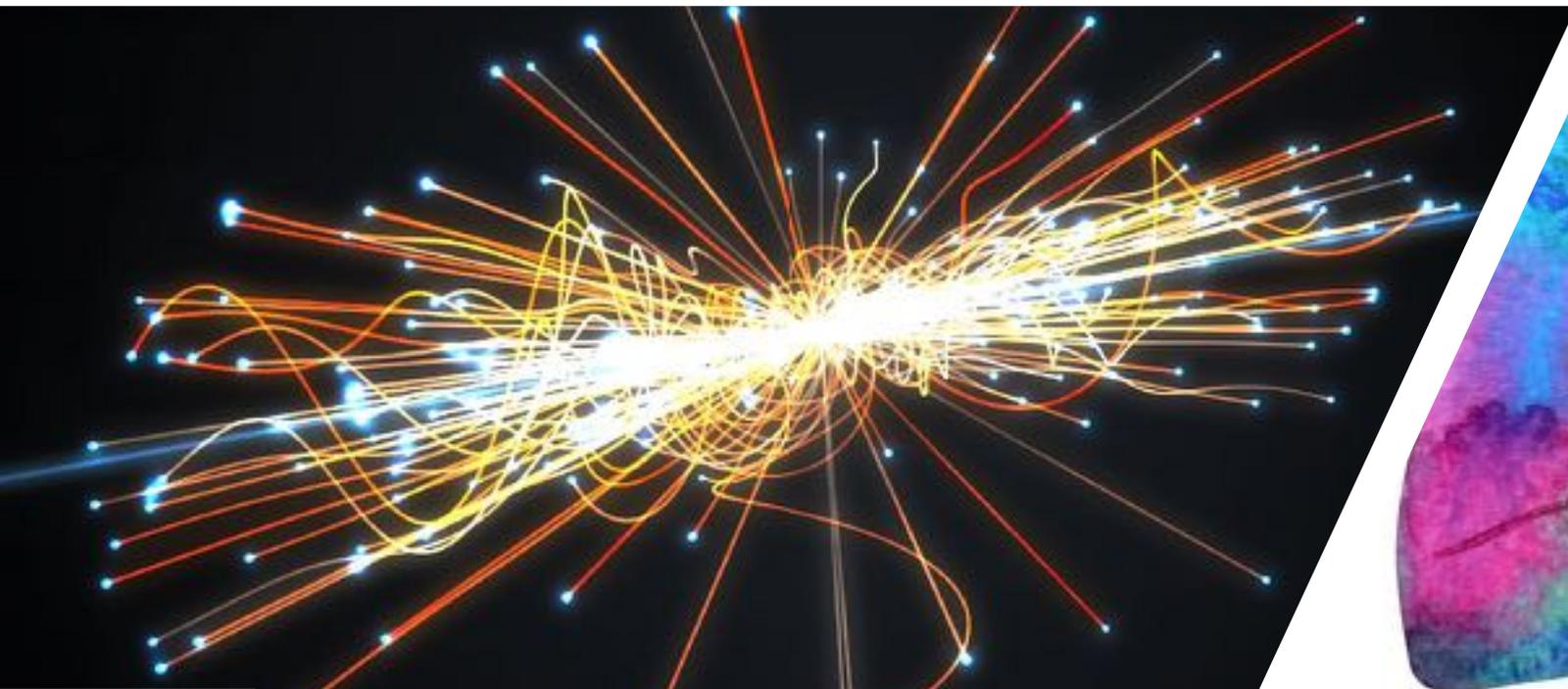
The Book of Revelation FOR DUMMIES



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Reference for the Rest of Us!









Premise

In Revelation, God reveals
himself to us through the
witness of those
He did, does and will love.

Discuss

Revelation is in part historical

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what ***must take place*** after this.”

[Rev 4:1]

Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

[Rev. 10:11]

Synopsis

- Prophetic Authority (Rev. 1-3)
- Redemption in Three Realms
 - Heaven (Rev. 4-7)
 - Living Creatures (Rev. 8-11)
 - Human Heart (Rev. 12-20)
- The New Creation (Rev. 21-22)

Prophetic Authority

Rev. 1-3



John's Christendom – Seven Churches

- Each is a “lampstand” guided by an angelic “star” (Rev. 1:20)
- John lived in Ephesus
- Exiled nearby on Patmos
- Messages follow clockwise from Ephesus (Rev. 2-3)
- Each is promised an element of the New Creation.

Redemption in Heaven

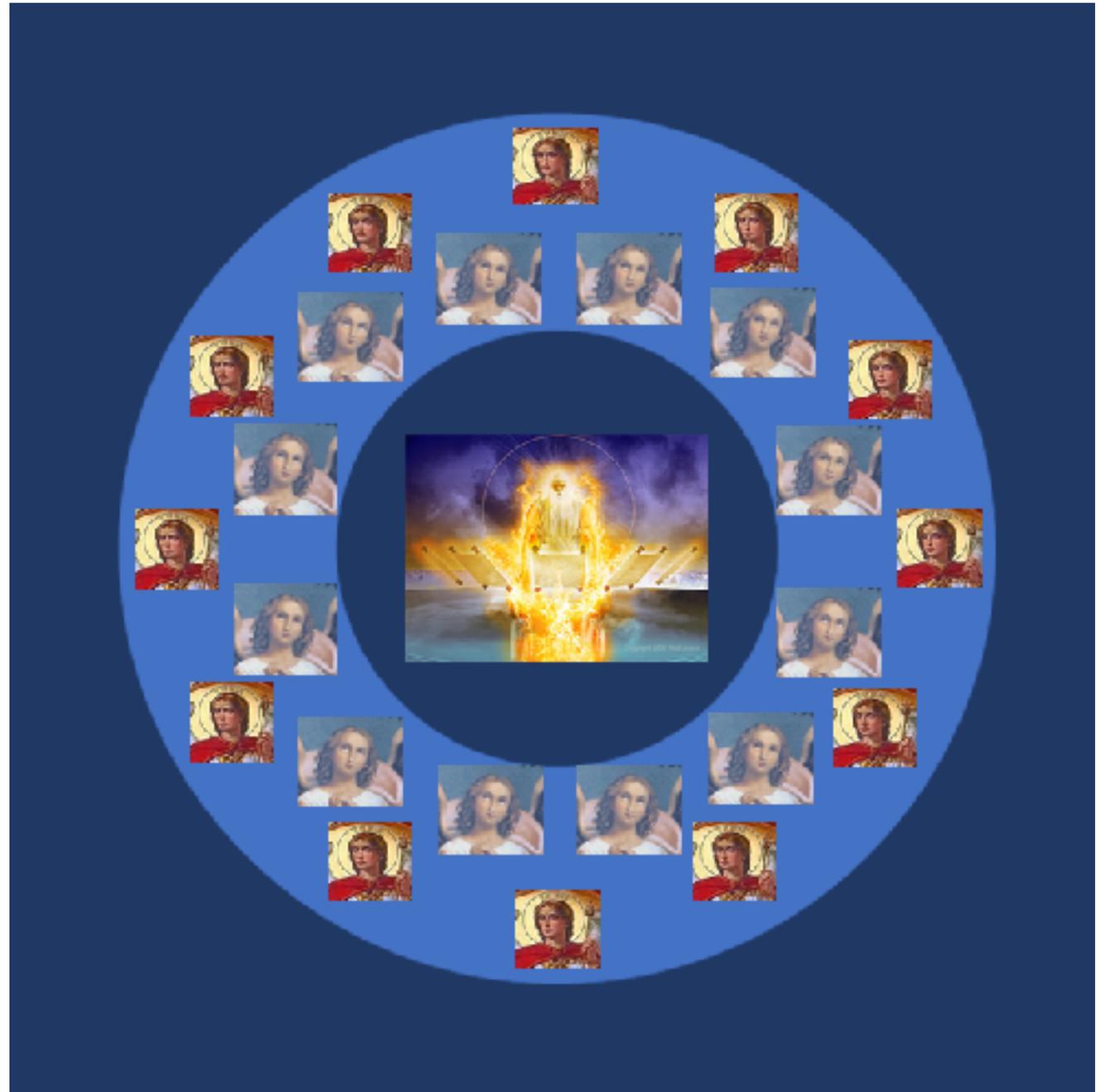
Rev. 4-7

Rev 4: The Problem

Heaven's twenty-four elders
are separated From Love

V. 9-10: The Plan

Whenever the *living creatures*
give glory, honor and thanks to
him who sits on the throne
and who lives forever and
ever, the twenty-four elders
fall down before him who sits
on the throne and worship.



Rev 5:1 - The Why

The Scroll “Written on Both Sides.”

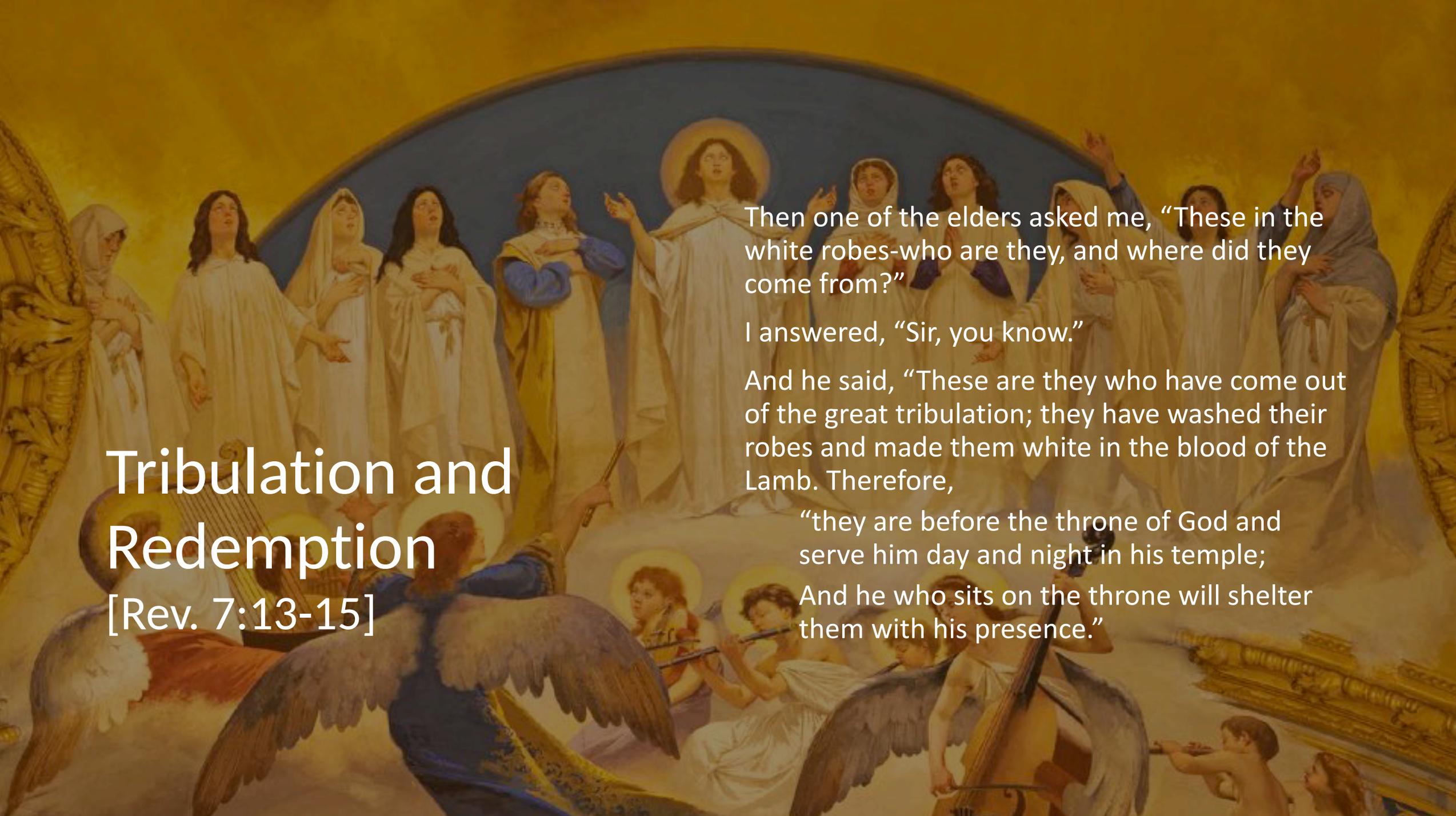
Rev. 5:6 - The How

Then I saw a lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne.

Rev 6 - Six Selfish Seals

- Domination
- Conflict
- Opportunism
- Death
- Vengeance
- Wrath



The background is a religious painting. In the upper center, a woman with a halo, likely the Virgin Mary, stands with her arms outstretched. To her left and right are several other women in white robes, some with their hands clasped in prayer. Below them, a group of angels is shown playing musical instruments: a harp, a violin, a flute, and a cello. The scene is set against a golden, ornate architectural background.

Tribulation and Redemption

[Rev. 7:13-15]

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in the white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;

And he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”

Redemption of the Living Creatures

Rev. 8-11

Sacred Seven

Perfection in the Service of Love

- New Testament
 - The Beatitudes [Matt:5-15]
 - Path of Christian Maturity [2 Peter:5-7]
- Revelation
 - Churches
 - Lamb's eyes and horns
 - Seals and lampstands
 - Trumpets
 - "Half of Times"
 - Bowls



The Selfish Gene

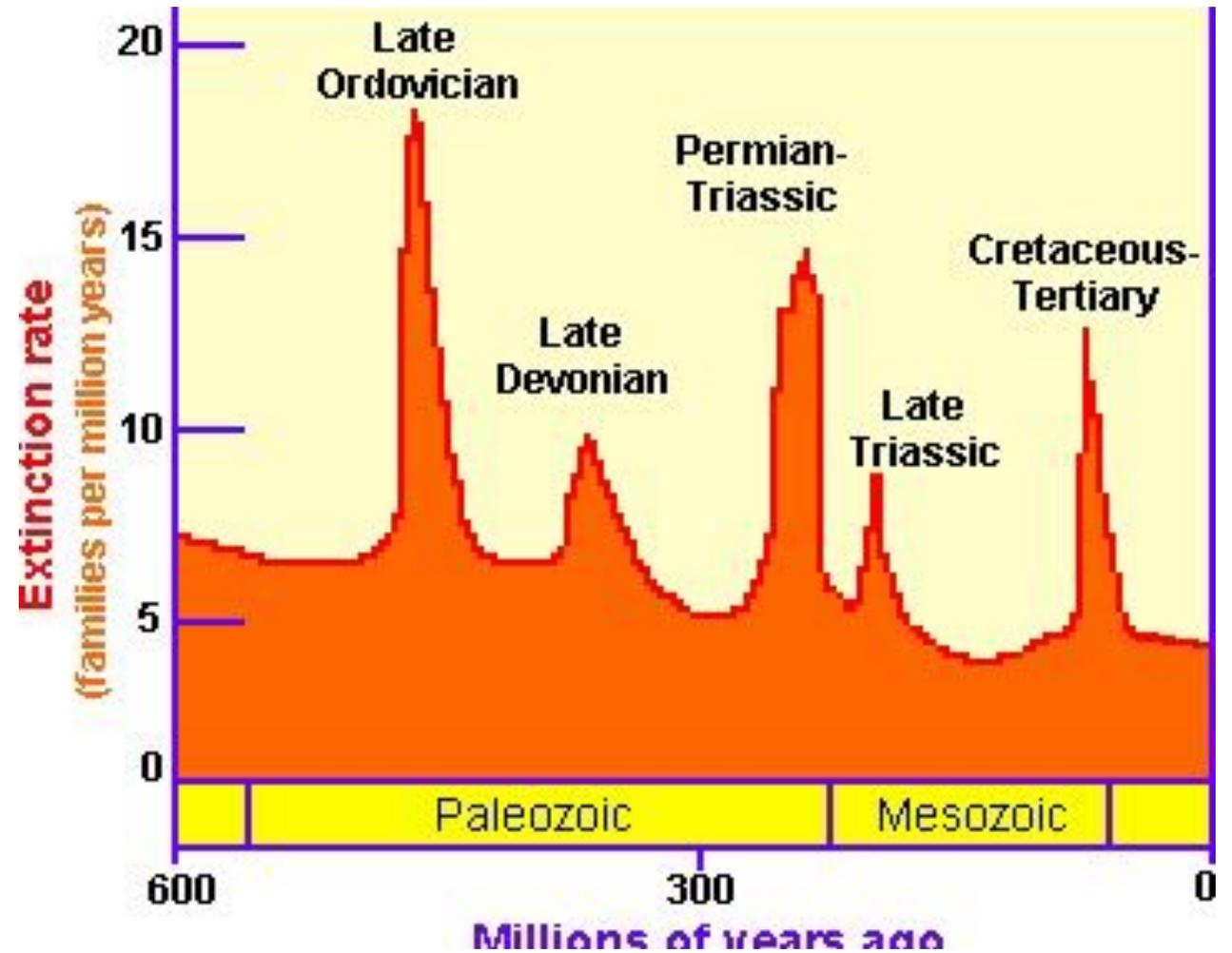
- Evolution is driven by survival and reproduction
- The runts (weak) are pushed aside

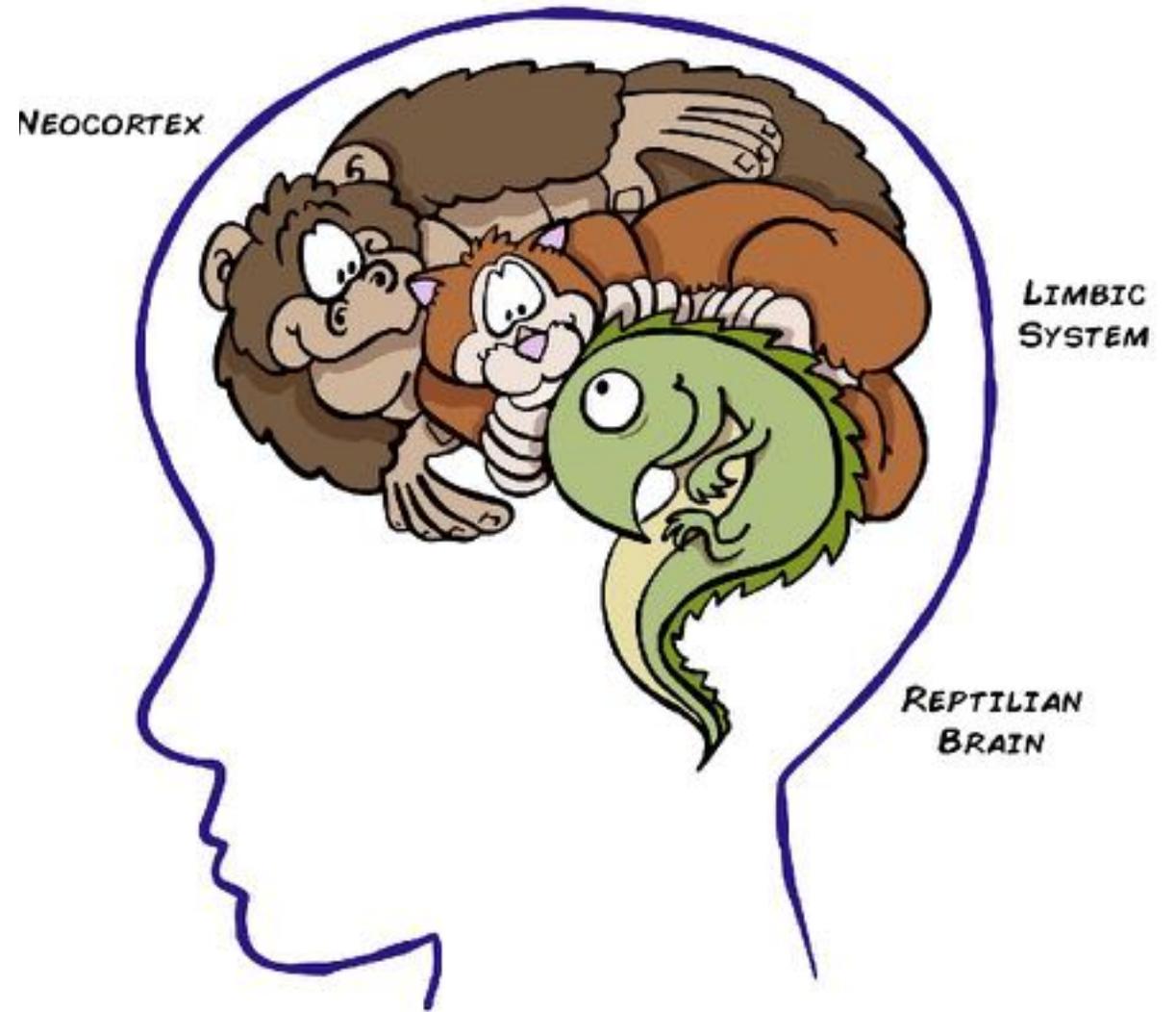


Seven Destructive Trumpets

Rev: 8-9

- The Problem
 - Ecosystems fill up
 - Evolution is blocked
 - Love could not partner with the living creatures
- Extinction Episodes
 - 1st trumpet preceded fossils
 - 7th trumpet is climate change





Religion to the Rescue [Rev 10:11]

Subdue our animal instincts to the service of love.

- Small scroll
- Temple of Israel
- Gentile Witnesses
 - Christianity
 - Islam



Redemption of the Human Heart

Rev. 12-19

The Sacred Mother [Rev. 12]

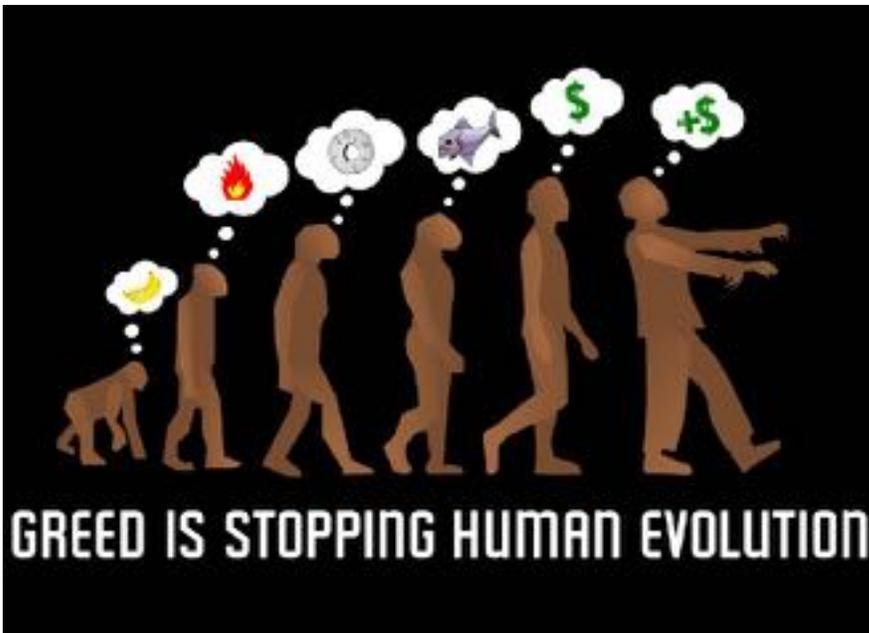
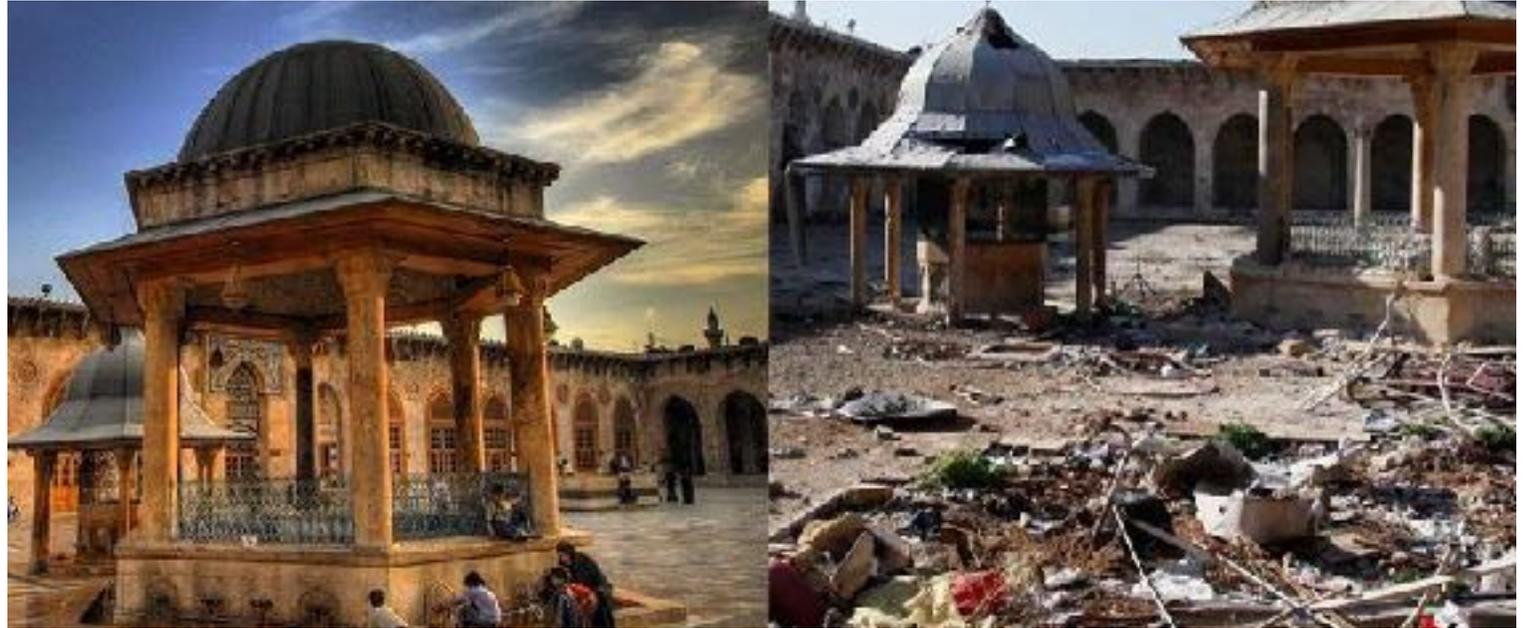
Then I saw a wondrous sign: a woman robed in the sun. Her feet rested on the moon and a crown of twelve stars adorned her head.



Heaven Vanquished the Devil

Therefore, you heavens rejoice,
and all who reside in them.
But woe to the earth and the sea
Because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with terrible anger,
for he knows that he has only a little time.
[Rev. 12:12]





The Dragon's Revenge Tyranny and Hypocrisy

Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?
[Rev 13:4]



Harvest of the Earth

[Rev 14:14-20]

The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles...

"...they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." [Rev. 7:14]







The Whore of Babylon

[Rev. 17-18]

As did Joseph, Esther corrupted her
faith for political power.





The Bride Summons Christ [Rev. 19:6-8]

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

The New Creation

Rev. 20-22

