

The Book of Revelation

Study 2: Unmasking the (Evil) Trinity





"Chronological Order"

Daniel 2:31ff

Daniel 2:36ff

Babylon



2nd

3rd

4th

Daniel 2:31ff



Daniel 2:36ff

Babylon

2nd



3rd



4th



Daniel 7:3ff

Daniel 2:31ff



Daniel 2:36ff

Babylon

Daniel 7:3ff



2nd



3rd



4th



Daniel 9:15ff

Babylon

Medo-Persia

Greece

4th

Strange Beast

Daniel 2:31ff



Daniel 2:36ff

Babylon



2nd



3rd



4th



Daniel 7:3ff

Daniel 9:15ff

Babylon

History

Babylon
605–539 BC

Medo-Persia

Medo-Persia
539–331 BC

Greece

Greece
331–323 BC

4th
Strange Beast

Roman
146 BC–

Beast of the Sea / The Ruler = Domitian



666

Hebrew Adjective
&
Number 7



Caesar Domitian
Reign: (CE 81–96)

Daniel 2:31ff, 2:36ff ; 7:3ff, 9:15ff

**Neo Roman Empire
(During the “7” years)**



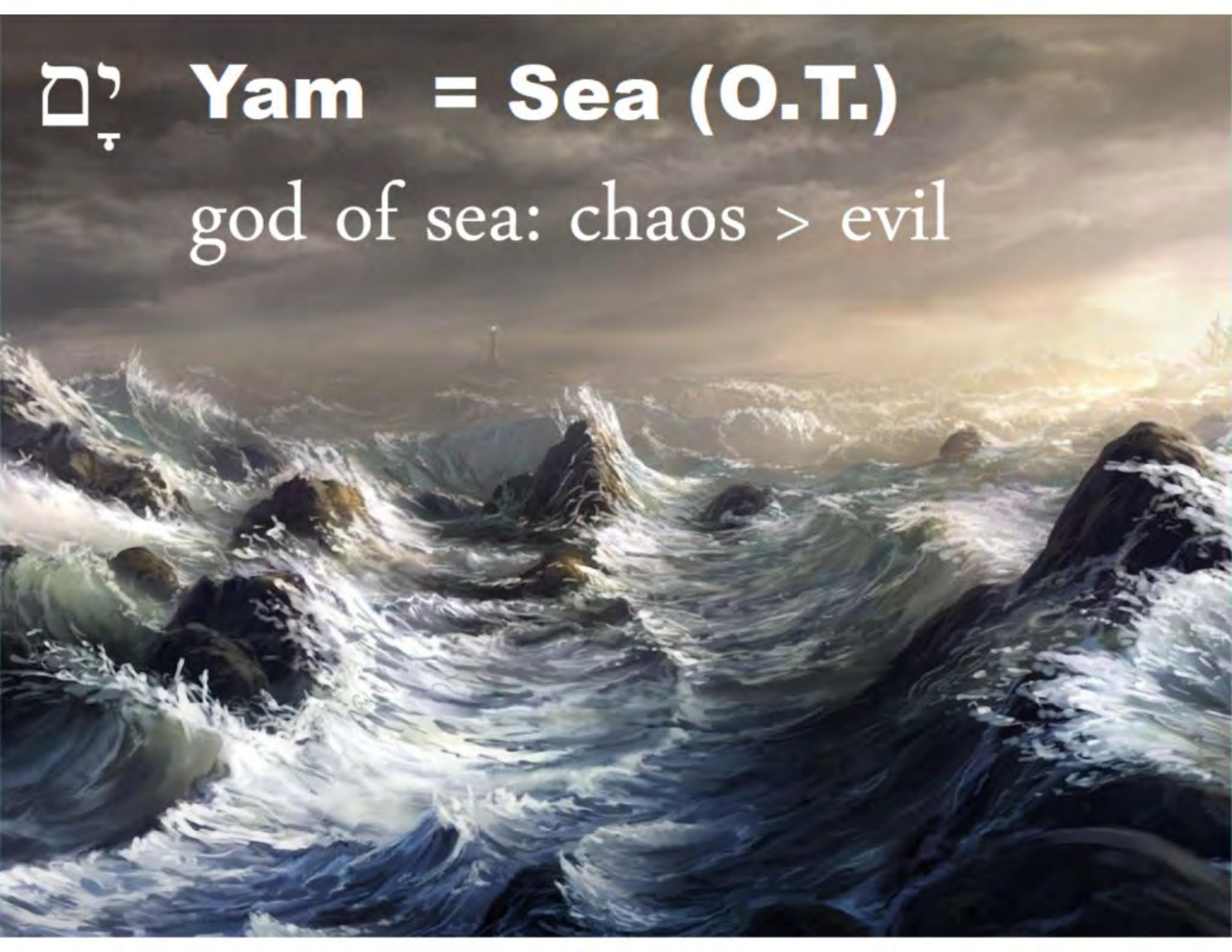
- 10 kings from a 10-nation union
- 1 additional **king**
- this **king** destroys 3 kings
- this **king** as the 8th king
- this **king** rules over all
- this **king** is full of deception
- this **king** is violent & powerful
- this **king** is destroyed by God

Daniel 7:3, 5

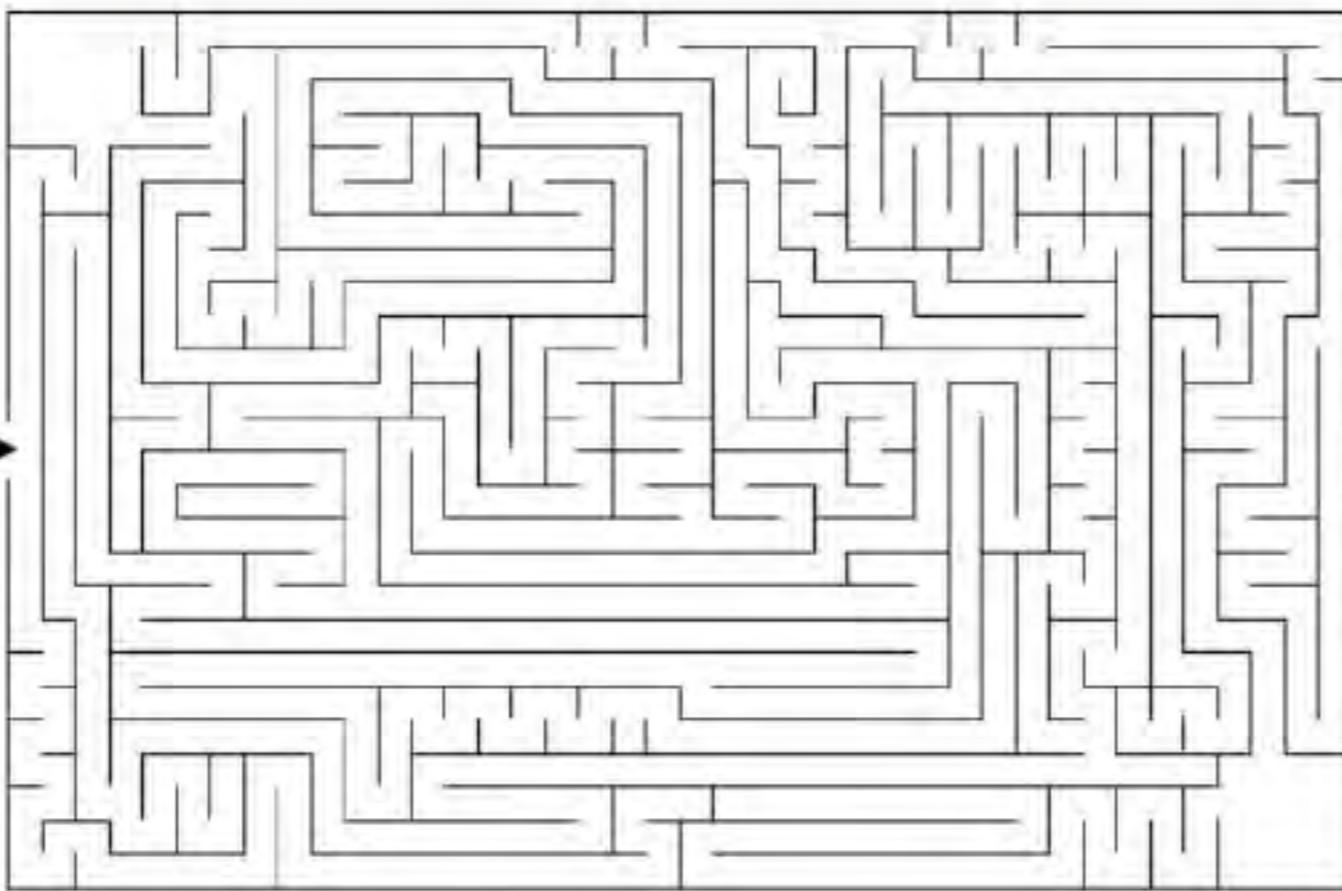
**...and four great beasts came up
out of the sea, different from one
another.**

יָם Yam = Sea (O.T.)

god of sea: chaos > evil



4:1 →



→ **22:21**

מוֹת = Death (O.T.)

- Yam's brother
- god of death

Revelation 21.1:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the **sea** was no more.

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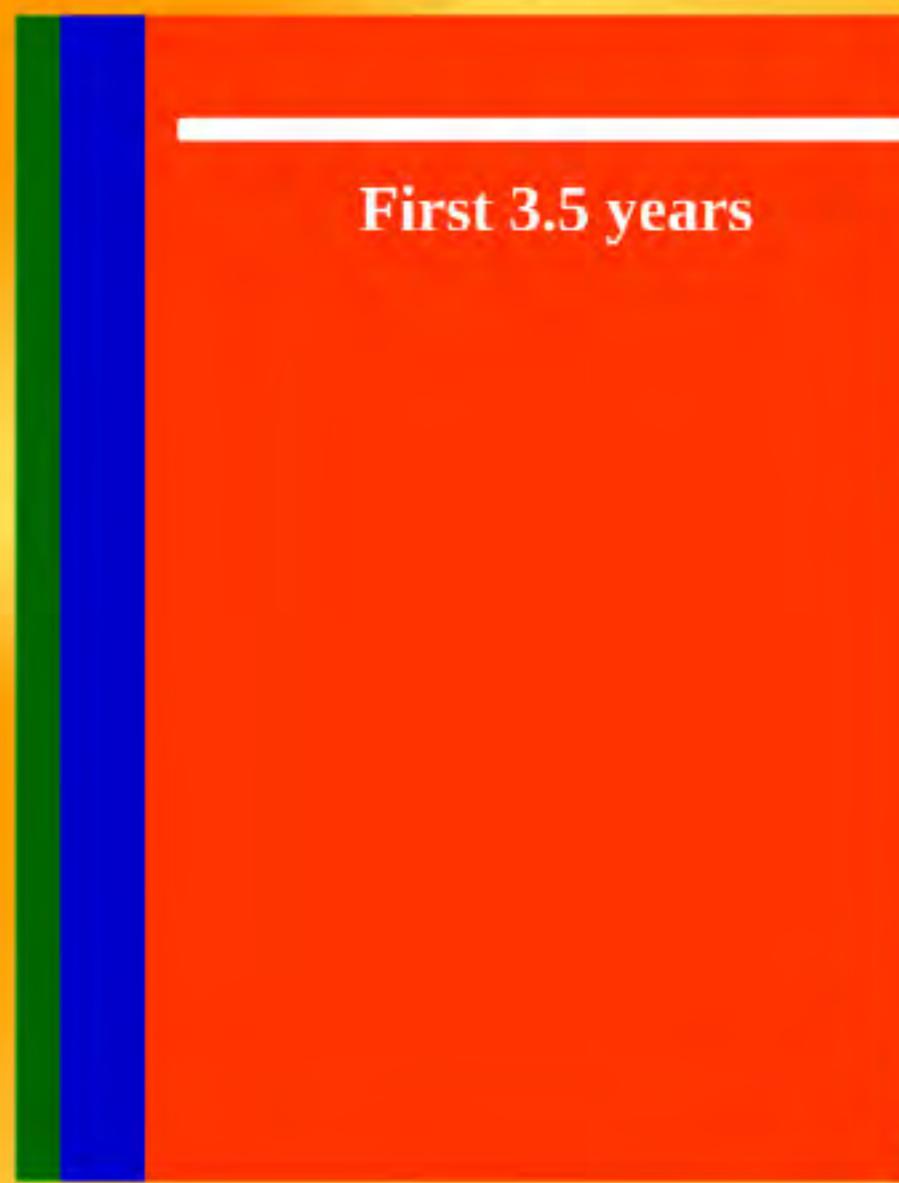
15:6–19:21

4:1–11:18

First 3.5 years

7 years

Final 3.5 years



First 3.5 years

Revisiting 4:1–11:18

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'The Evil Trinity'



Author's Perspective

Anti-Imperialism

Alternative way

to condemn /

to warn against compromising with:

1. the ungodly **Roman Empire**;
2. the pagan ruler, **Domitian**;
3. the **Cult Religion** revived by Domitian

Symbols



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4:1 - 11:18

11:19 - 15:5

15:6 - 22:21

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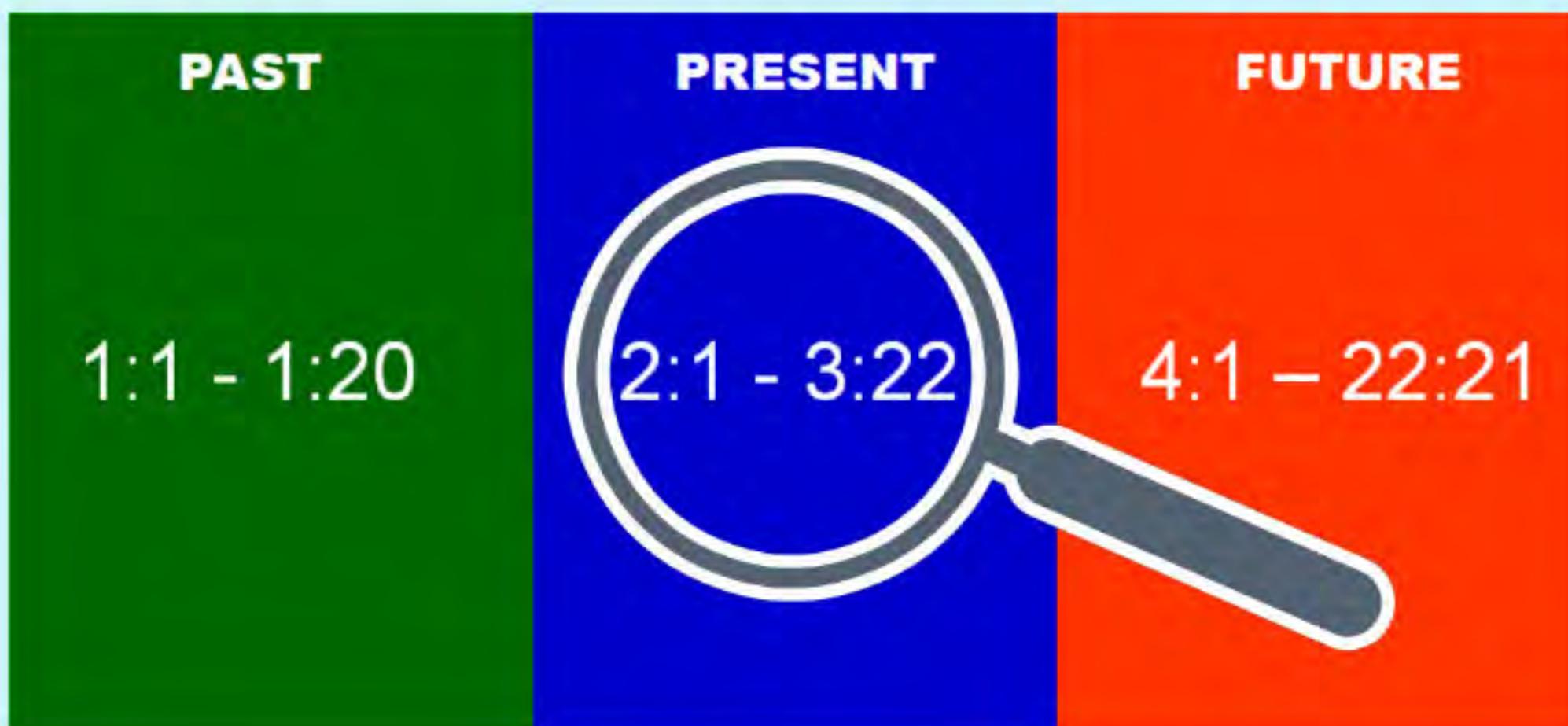




Concerning "end-time"

Book Division

**1:19 “Write therefore:
the things which you’ve seen,
the things which are, and
the things which shall take place.”**







And to the angel of the church in **Smyrna** write: 'I know your affliction and your poverty, even though **you are rich**... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the **crown of life**...

- Wealthy port city
- "Crown of Smyrna"

Nov 30

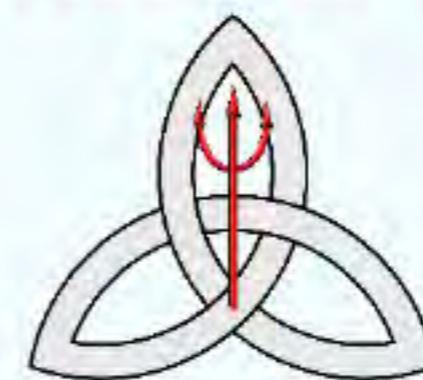
Navigating the Maze



The Complex Structure

Dec 7

Unmasking the Trinity



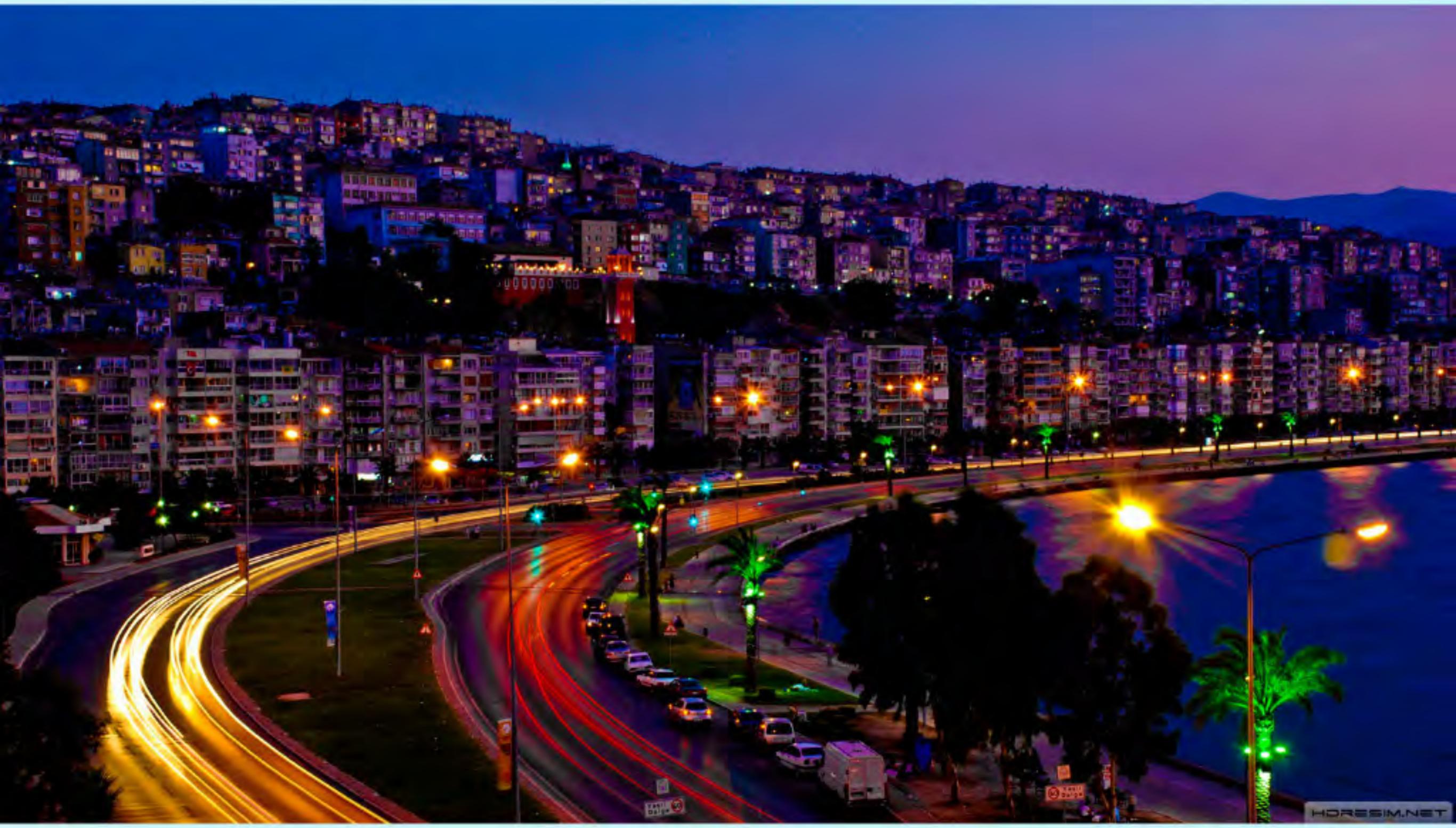
The Hidden Message

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Deciphering Babylon



The Emotional Resonance



Ephesus ✓ ✗

Smyra ✓

Pergamum ✓ ✗

Thyatira ✓ ✗

Sardis ✗

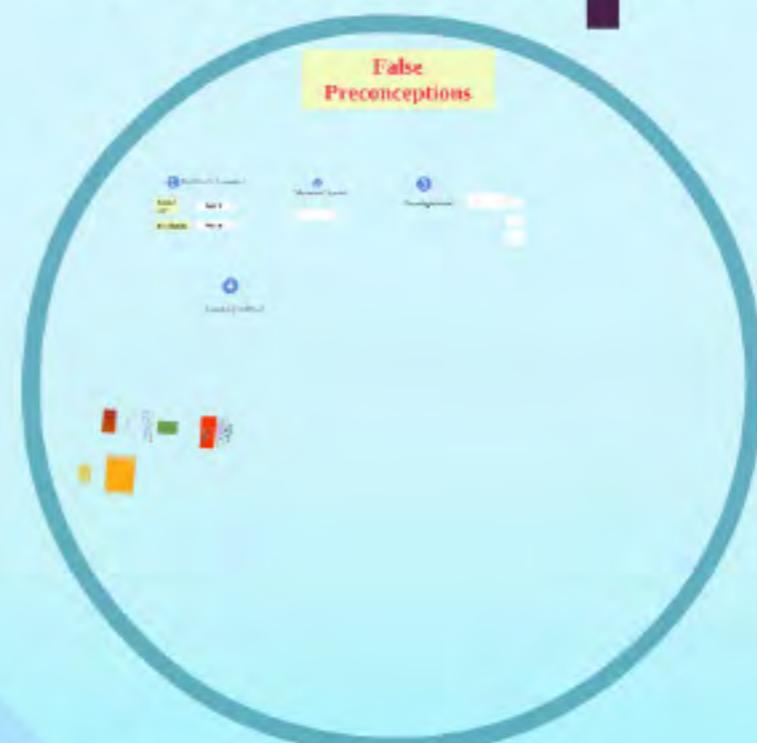
Philadelphia ✓ ✗

Laodicea ✗

I understand

I will

Recap



PAST

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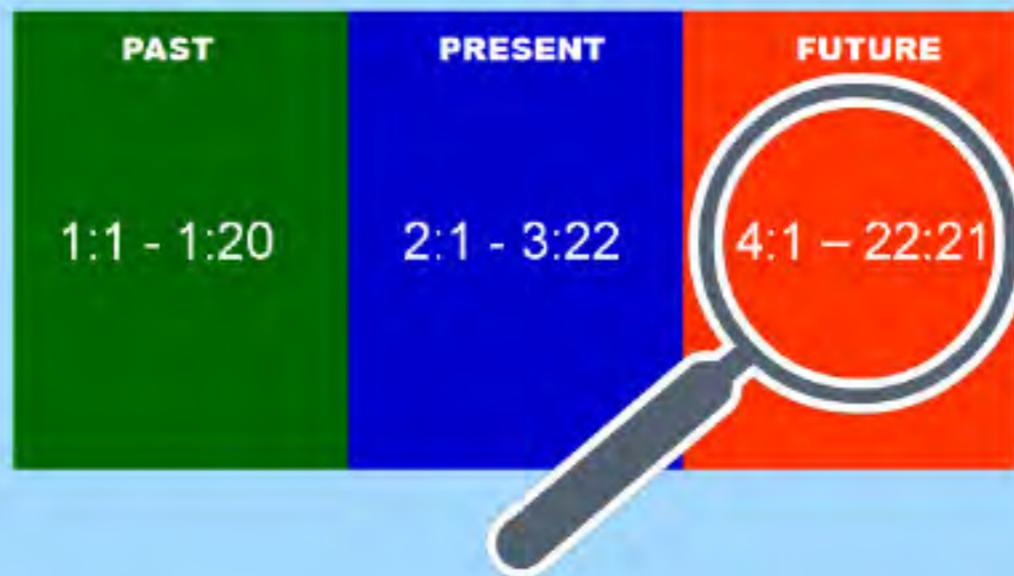
PRESENT

2:1 - 3:22

FUTURE

4:1 – 22:21



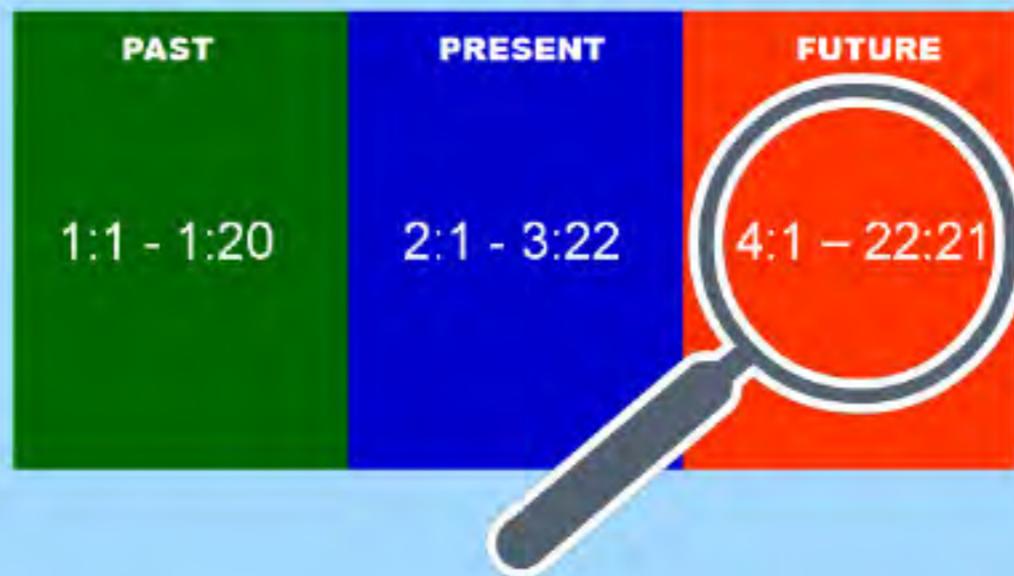


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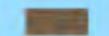
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in Zechariah 14:17



Symbol 2 "The Four Horsemen" in Revelation
6:1-8



Symbol 1: "**The Day of the LORD**" in Zephaniah & OT

Zephaniah 1:14

The great **day of the LORD** is near — near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the **Mighty Warrior** shouts his battle cry.

Symbol 2: "**(H)Armageddon**" in Ezekiel

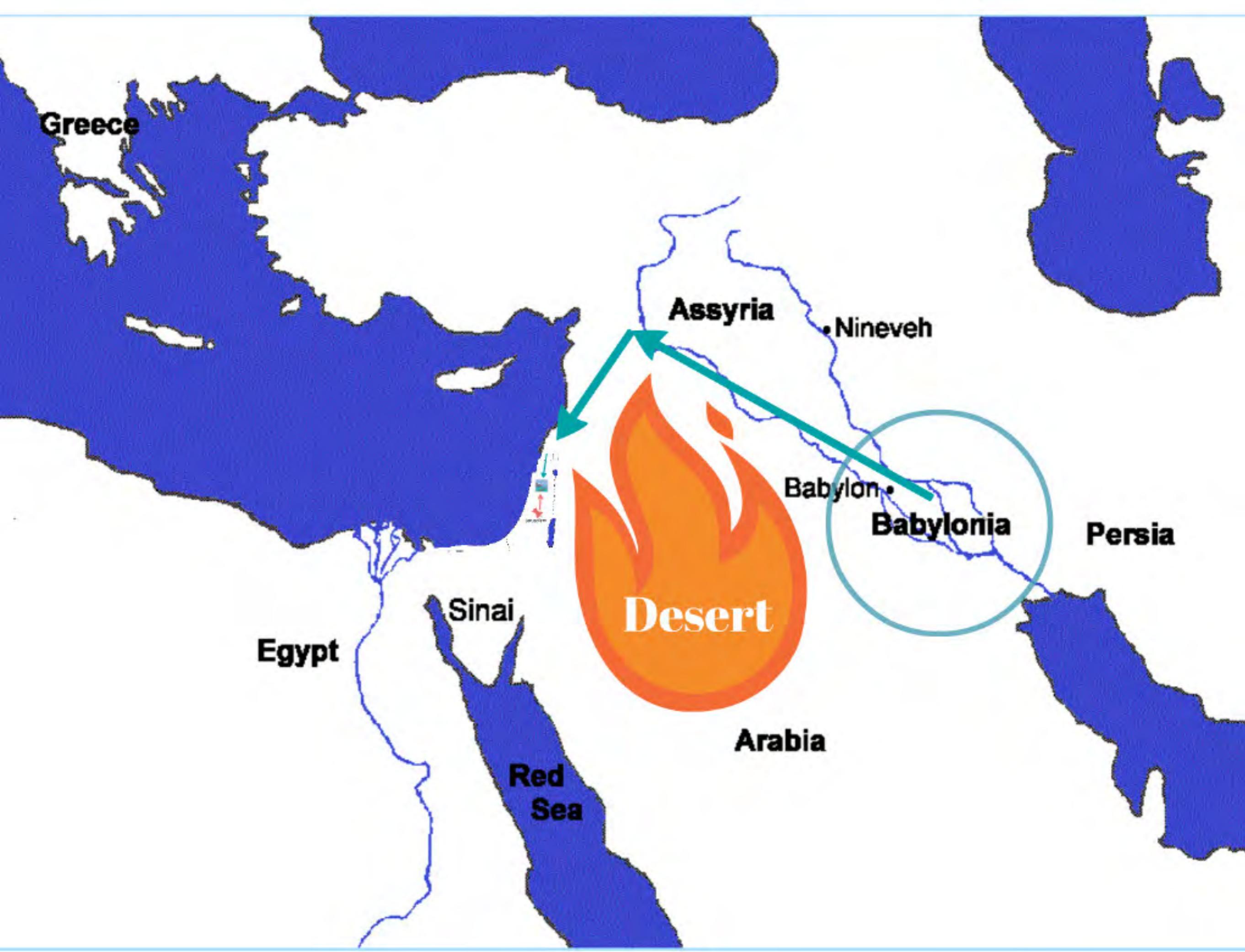
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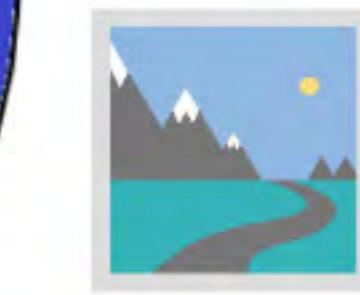
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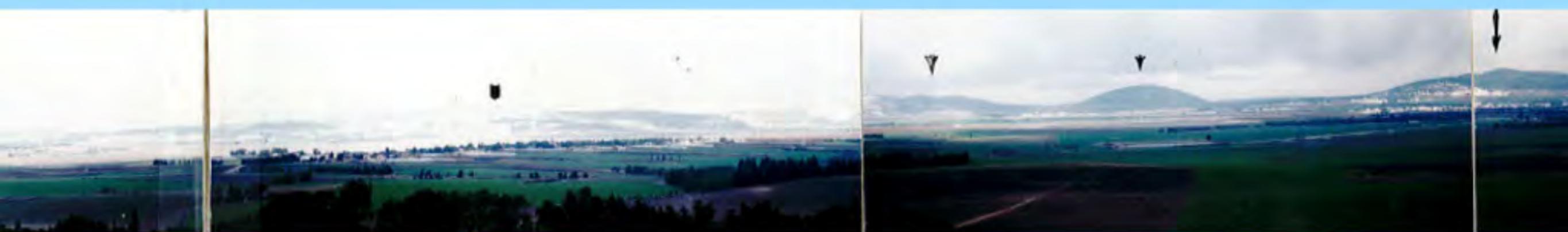
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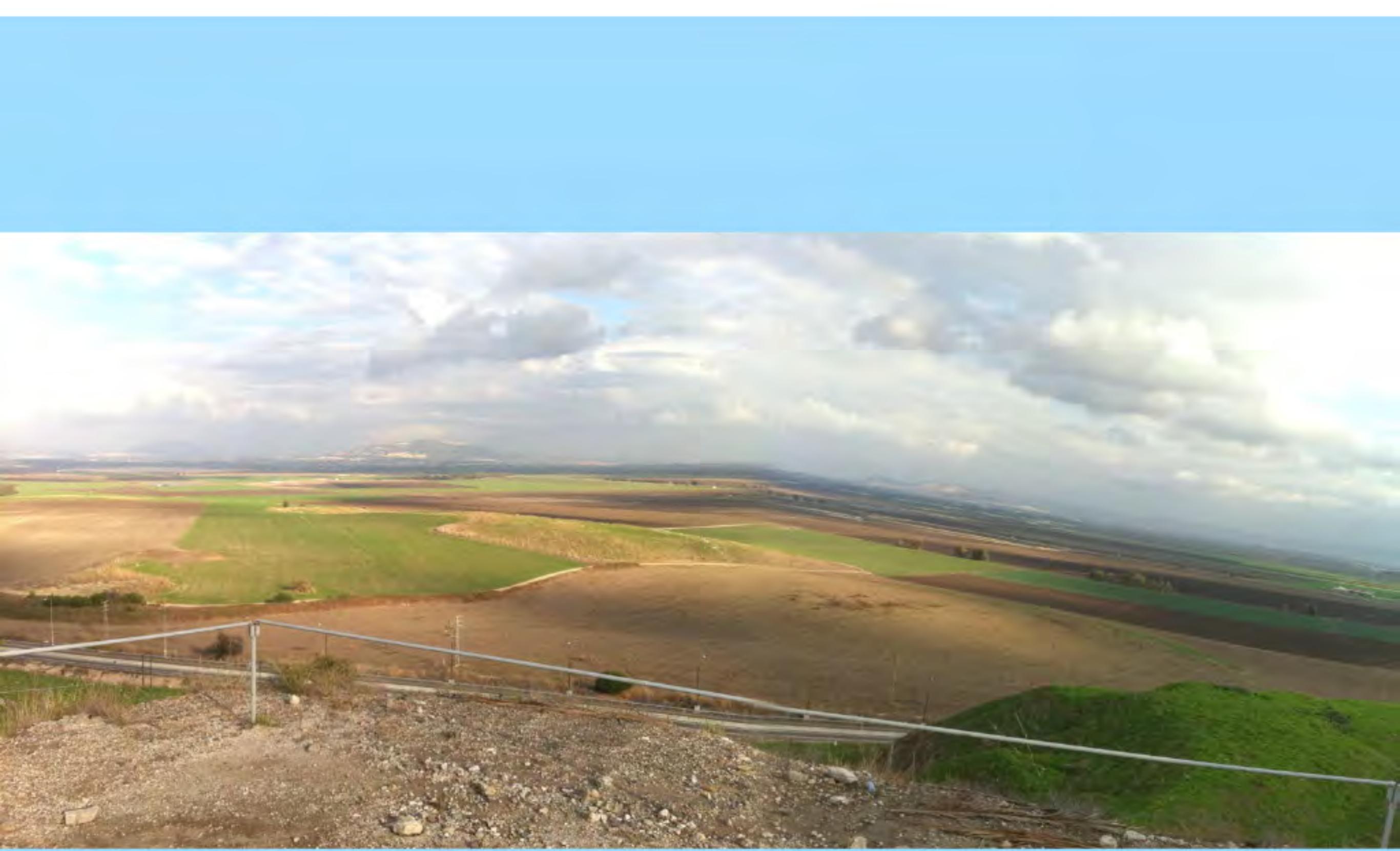


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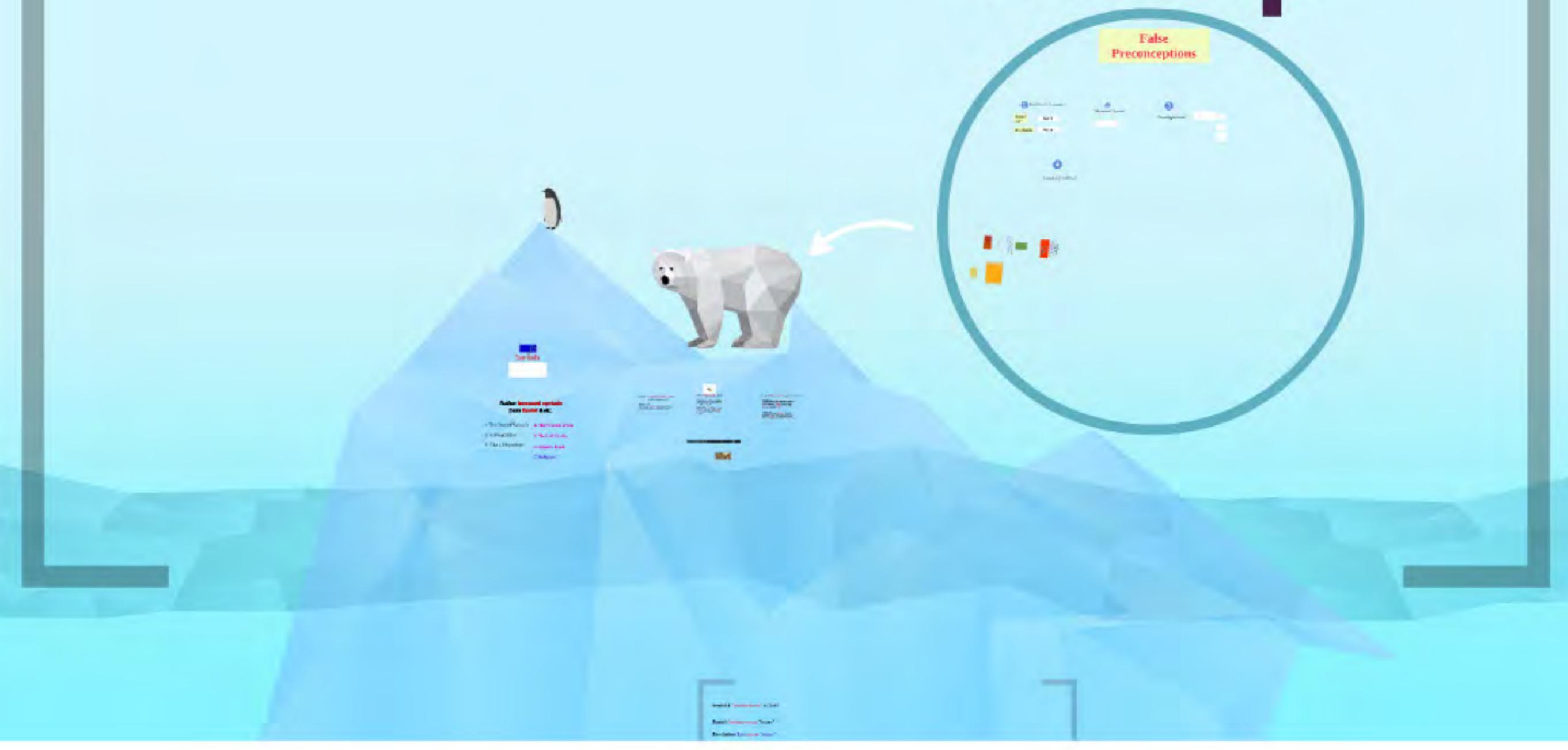
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Recap



Symbol 3: "**The Four Horsemen**" in Zechariah

Zechariah 6:1ff

And again I looked up and saw four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze. The first chariot had **red horses**, the second chariot **black horses**, the third chariot **white horses**, and the fourth chariot dappled **grey horses**.

Revelation 6:1ff

I looked, and there was a **white horse**... I heard the second living creature call out, ‘Come!’ And out came another **horse, bright red**... I looked, and there was a **black horse**... I looked and there was a **pale green horse!**



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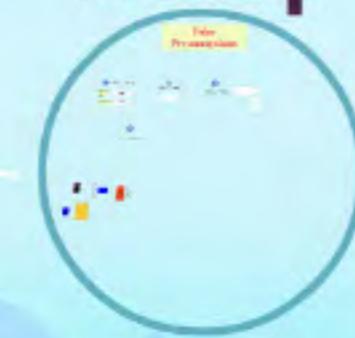
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Symbol 4: "Seventy-Seven" in Daniel

Daniel: Seventy-seven "years"

Revelation: Last seven "years"

Daniel 9:24–27

"**Seventy 'sevens'** are decreed
for your people and your holy
city to finish transgression, to
put an end to sin, to atone for
wickedness, to bring in
everlasting righteousness, to
seal up vision and prophecy
and to anoint the most holy.

Know therefore and understand:
from the time that the decree went
out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem
until the time of **the Anointed One**,
there shall be **seven 'seven'**; and for
sixty-two 'seven' it (Jerusalem) shall
be built again with streets and
moat, but in a troubled time. After
the **sixty-two 'seven'**, **the Anointed
One** shall be cut off and shall have
nothing

and the troops of the **Ruler** who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. He shall make a strong covenant with many for **one 'seven'**, and in the middle of **the 'seven'** he shall make sacrifice and offering cease; and in their place shall be an abomination that desolates, until the decreed end is poured out upon the desolator.





**Decree to rebuild
Jerusalem after Exile**



The King (Messiah)
is cut off

False Preconceptions



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7 'seven' + 62 'seven'
69 'seven'

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Final Consummation

"Everlasting Peace"



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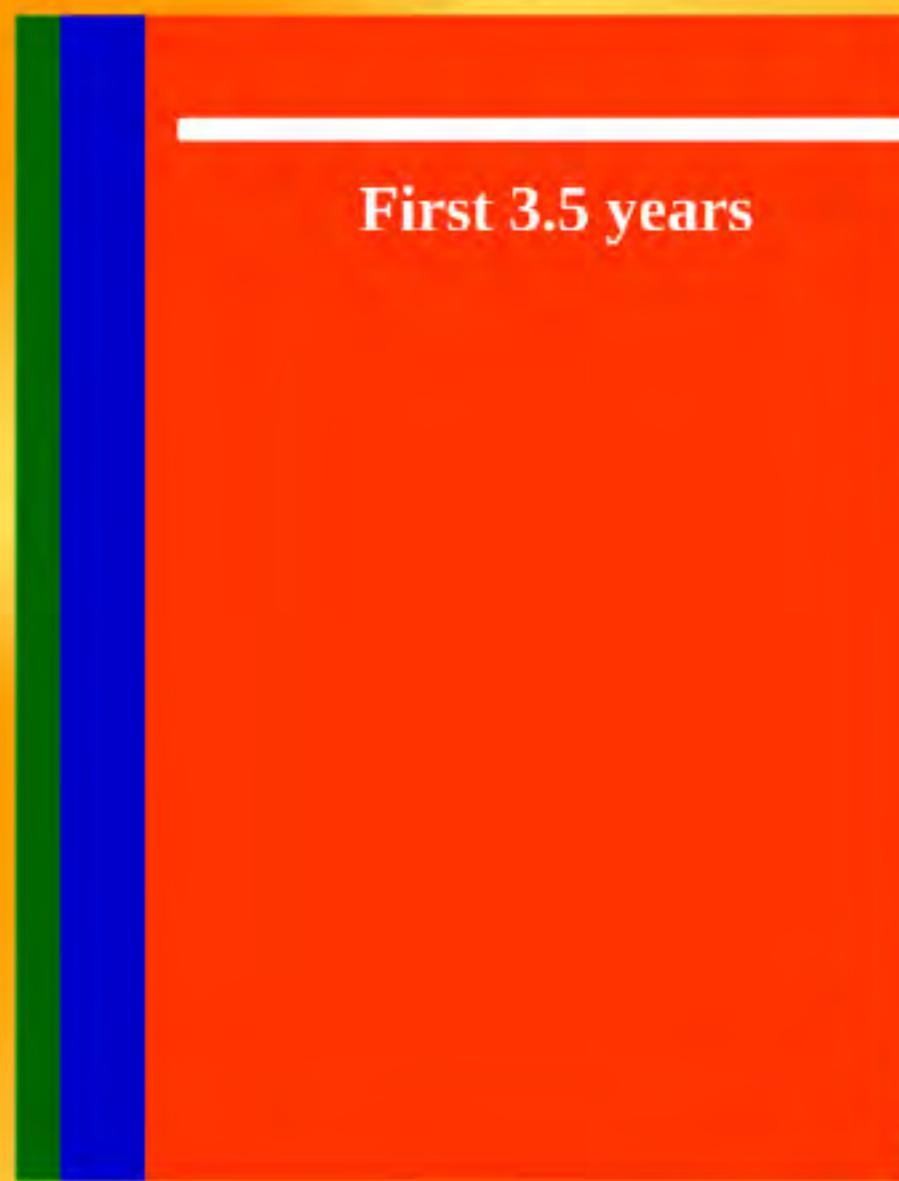
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First 3.5 years

7 years

Final 3.5 years



Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6
Year 7

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Revelation is a "monograph"

Daniel

Ezekiel, Isaiah,
Zephaniah

Part 1

Revelation

Part 2

First 3.5 years

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The Last Seven Years

Events:

7 Seals
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 7 Trumpets
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 7 Bowls
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

the temple
the ark of Hi

First .

The

4:1 -

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**War, Famine, Disease, Disaster, Deception,
Martyrdom, Murder, Chaos**

The 4 Horsemen:

Ruler, wars,
famines, plagues

natural
disasters

supernatural
disasters



↑
Ruler signs
peace treaty
with Israel
& others

↑
Ruler
breaches
the treaty

↑
Christ
returns

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First 3.5 years

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4:1 – 11:18

“Human’s Perspective”

First 3.5 years
(The 7 seals)
11:19 - 15:5

"Divine perspective"

Final 3.5 years

The 7 Trumpets The 7 Bowls

15:6 - 20:6

Bethelijah For the Lord doth the straight way. Then I was heavily pressed, and there was a sudden silence in my ride called Bethelijah and I live. Do My will and we bring it off to repose in heaven, King of kings and Lord of lords. I beseech the souls of these who have been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and be the word of God. They stand in the land rejected with thine feet a thousand years. 16, 13, 76, 204.

"the temple of God was opened,
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'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.' Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, 'King of kings and Lord of lords'. I also saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and for the word of God. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 19: 6, 11, 16; 20:4



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The Last Seven Years



The Number 7

70 x 7 'years';

The Completion of the Old Era

7 = Perfection, Completion

E.g. Creation Story: 7 days

$7 \times 7 = 49$: Fullness of Completion

E.g. Day of Pentecost:

50th day after Passover
= A New Era

$70 \times 7 = 490$: Ultimate Completion

A new era will be brought forth

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The Completion of the Old Era

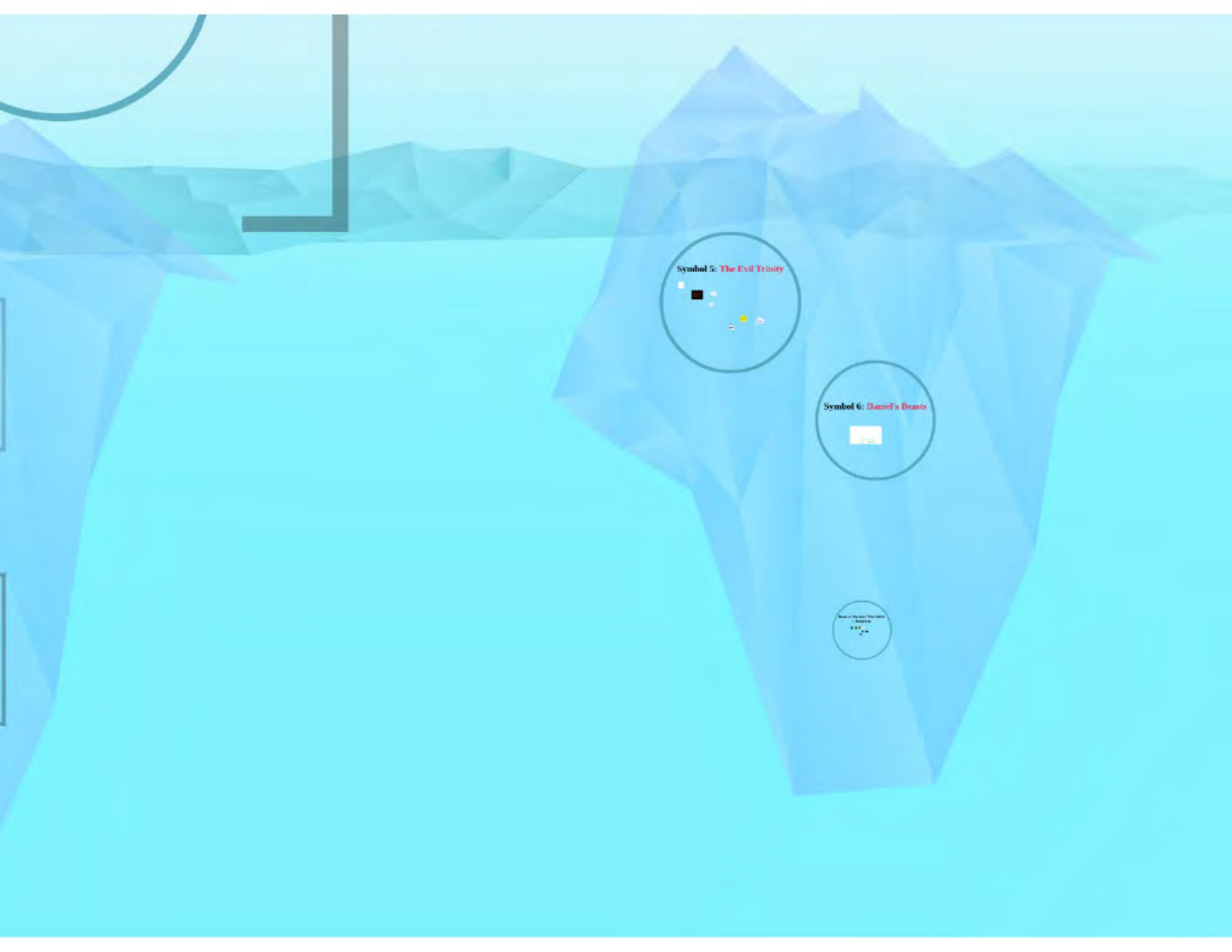
**The Last 7 years:
The suffering is intense, but
a new beginning is at hand!**

**How much longer?
Soon & Sudden**

I understand
I will

Recap

The Lost Seven Years



Symbol 5: The Evil Trinity



Symbol 6: Daniel's Beasts



Symbol 7: The Beast of the Earth



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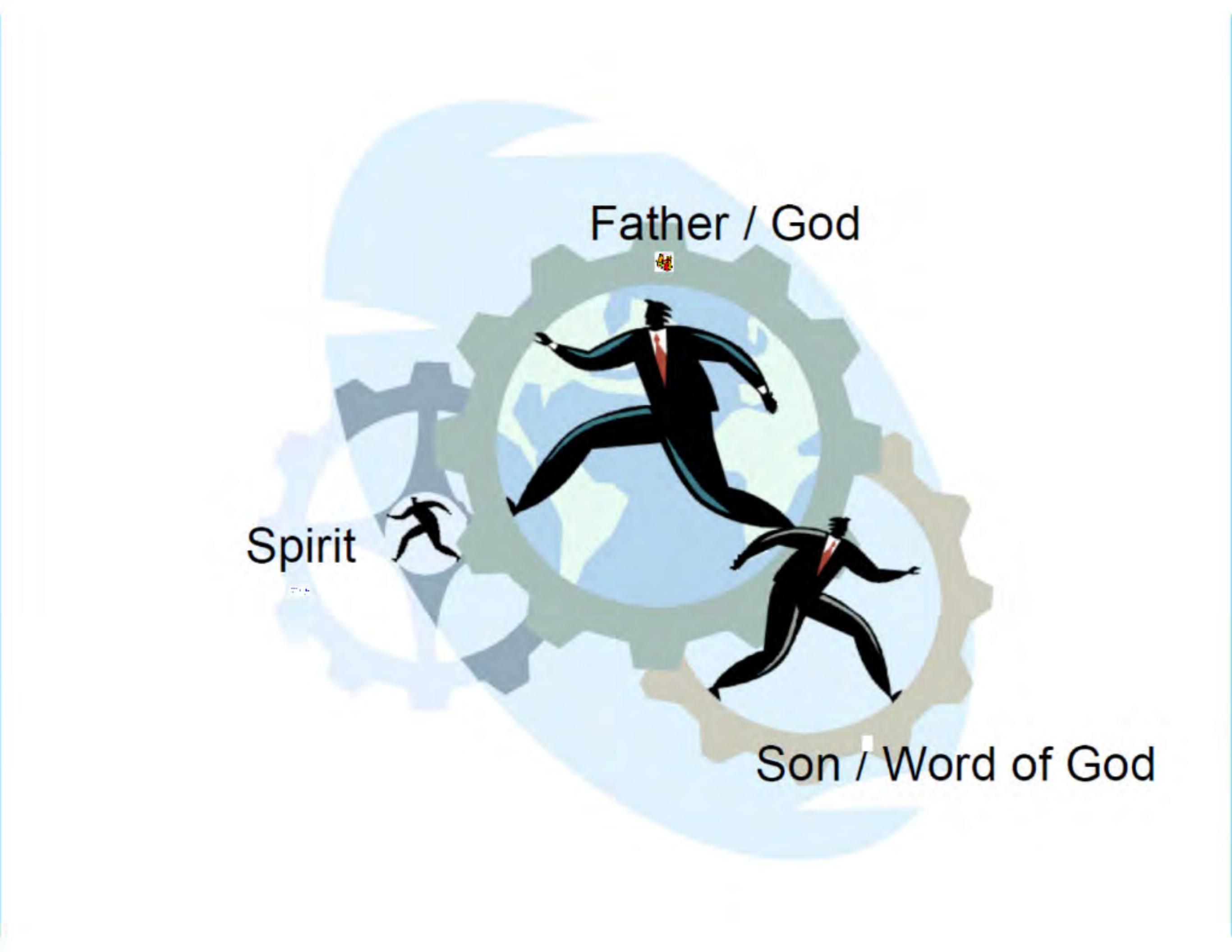
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Matthew 28:19





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5. Seven lamps (4:5) = Seven spirits of God (4:5)
6. Seven eyes (5:6) = Seven spirits of God (5:6)
7. Odours of incense (5:8) = Prayers of saints (5:8)
8. Star (9:1) = Angel of bottomless pit (9:1)
9. Great city (11:8) = Jerusalem (11:8)
10. Sodom (11:8) = Jerusalem (11:8)
11. Egypt (12:8) = Jerusalem (12:8)
12. Stars of heaven (12:4) = Angels of Satan (12:4)
13. Male child (12:5) = Christ (19:15)
14. Great dragon (12:9) = Satan (12:9)
15. Old Serpent (12:9) = Satan (12:9)
16. Devil (12:9) = Satan (12:9)
17. Time, time, & half a time (12:4) = 1260 days (12:6)



Father / God

Spirit

Son / Word of God

Psalms 2, 110

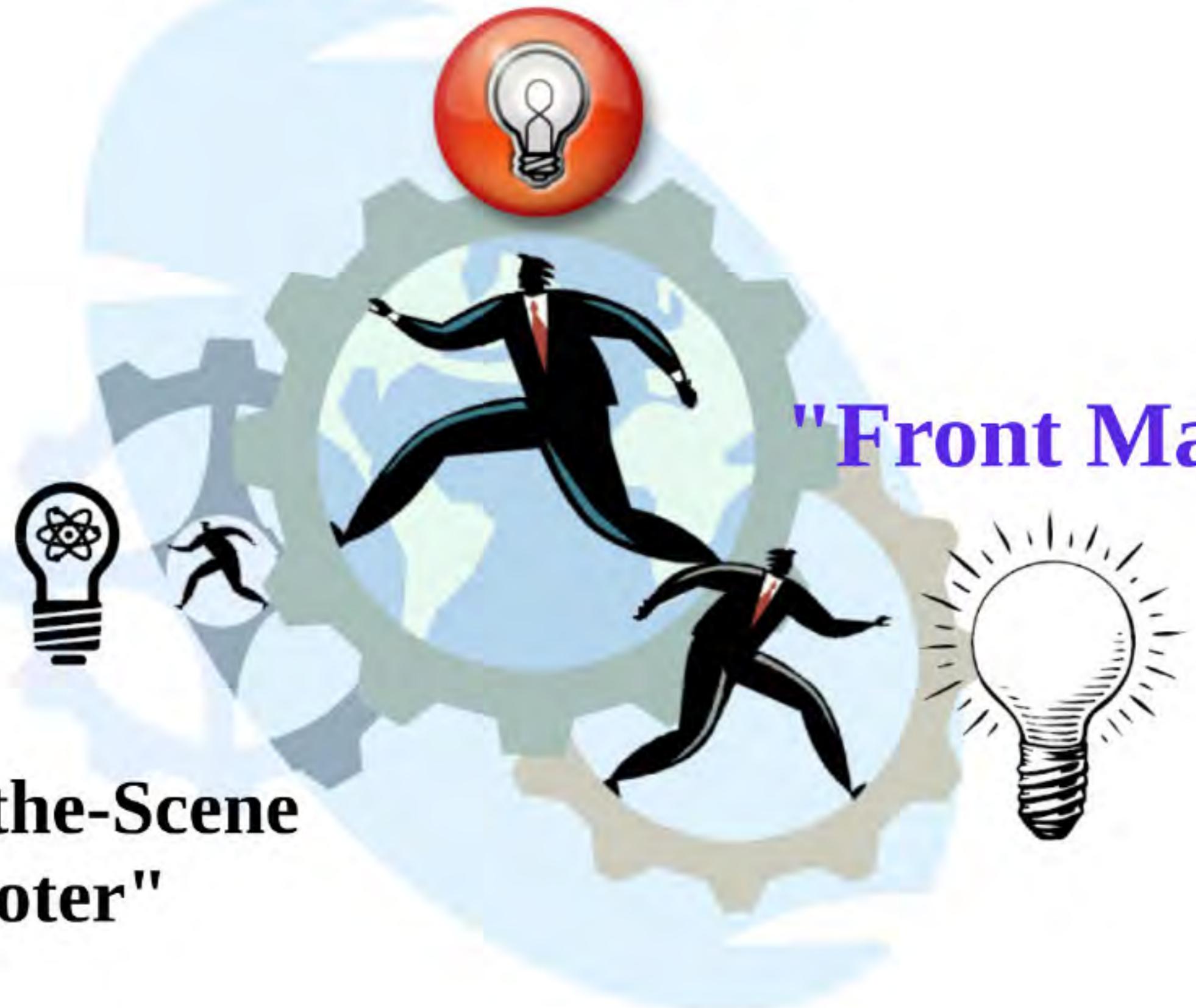


רֹוחַ (rûah)

wind, spirit, air, breath



"Invisible One"



**"Behind-the-Scene
Promoter"**

"Front Man"

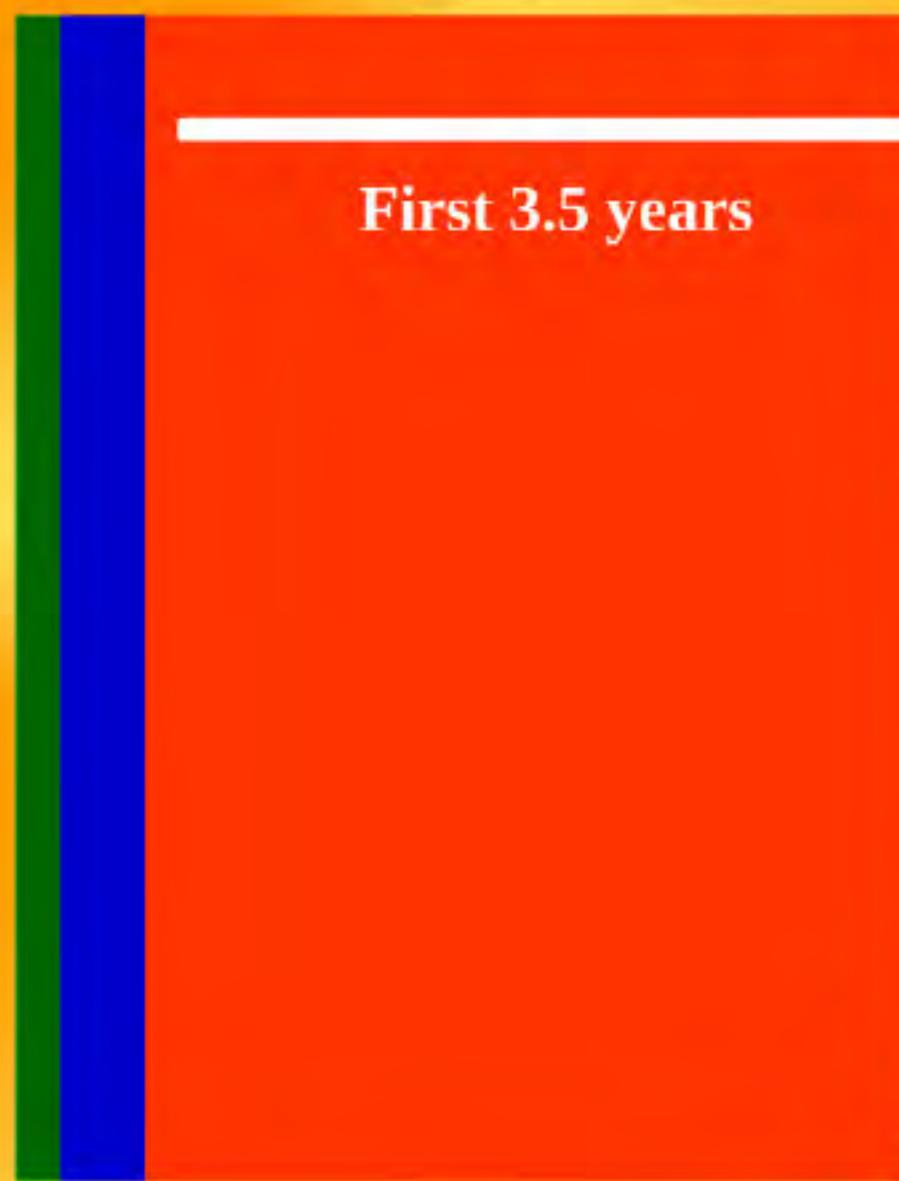
15:6–19:21

4:1–11:18

First 3.5 years

7 years

Final 3.5 years



Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6
Year 7

First 3.5 years

Revisiting 4:1–11:18

- Deliberately causing confusion
amongst 'outsiders', the unintended audience
- Intentionally loading with familiar symbols
for the intended audience

'The Evil Trinity'



'The Evil Trinity'

Invisible One

Dragon:

Satan



Beast from the Sea 666:

The Ruler



Beast from the Land:
The False Prophet



Behind-the-Scene
Promoter

Front Man

Emotional Resonance

Invisible One

Dragon:
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Roman Empire

18. Beast out of the earth (13:11)	= False Prophet (19:20)
19. Woman in great city (17:18)	= Rome (17:18)
20. Woman sits on seven hills (17:9)	= Rome (17:9)
21. Babylon the Great (17:5)	= Rome (17:5)
22. Waters (17:12)	= People of different nations (17:12)
23. Seven heads geographically (17:10)	= Seven mountains (17:10)
24. Seven heads politically (17:10)	= Seven kings (17:10)
25. Beast (17:11)	= The Eighth king (17:11)
26. Ten horns (17:12)	= Ten contemporaneous kings (17:12)
27. Lamb (17:14)	= Christ (17:14)
28. Great city (18:10)	= Babylon (18:10)
29. Lamb's wife (19:7)	= Holy Jerusalem (21:9, 10)
30. Fine linen (19:8)	= Righteousness of saints (19:8)
31. White horse rider (19:11)	= Christ (19:11)
32. Those sit on thrones (20:4)	= Martyrs (20:4, 5)
33. Lake of fire (20:14)	= Second death (20:14)
34. Bride (21:9)	= Holy Jerusalem (21:9, 10)

Beast from the Sea 666:

The Ruler

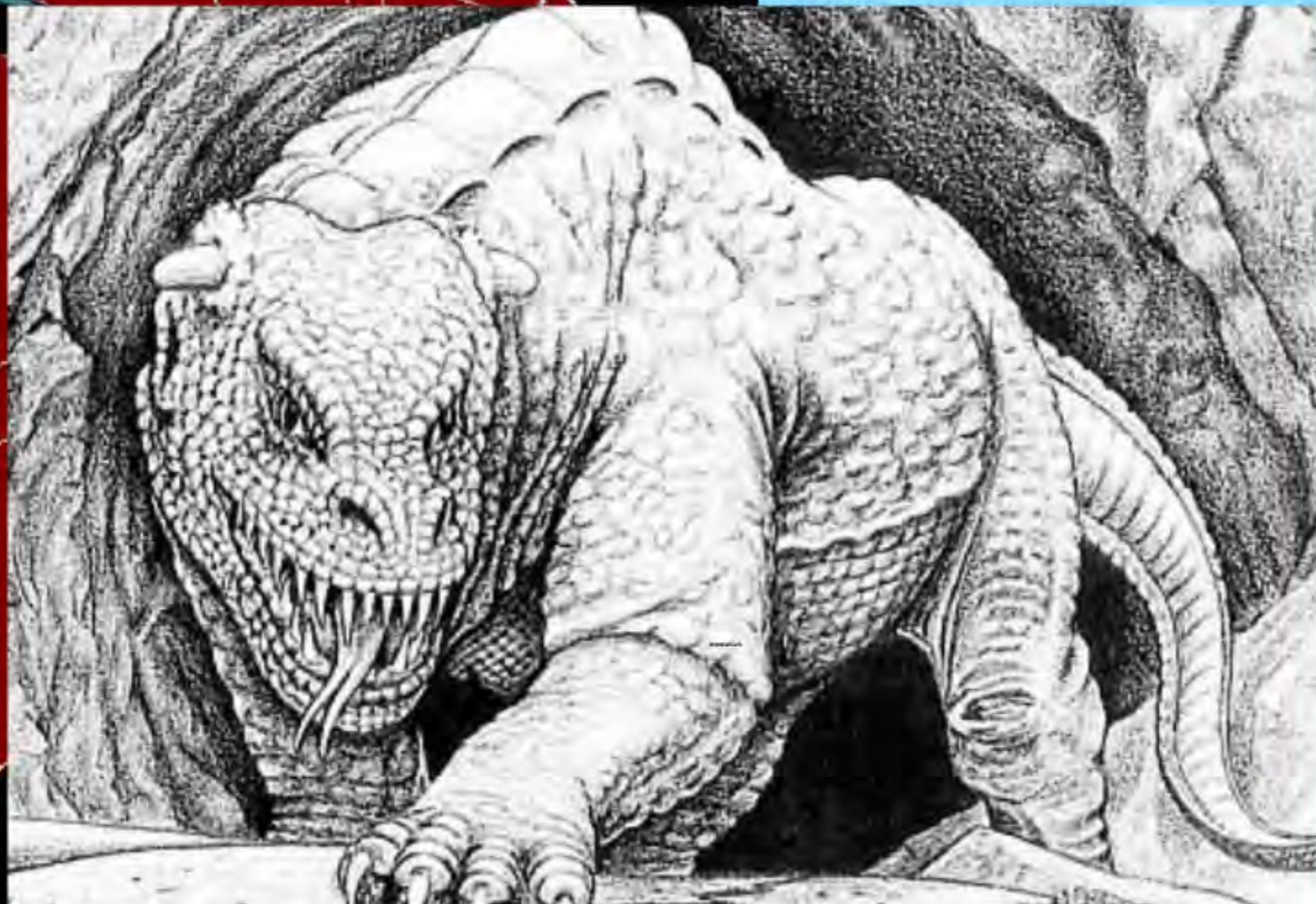


Front Man

Domitian



Behind-the-Scene Promoter



Beast from the Land: **The False Prophet**

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What's the connection?

**Beast from the land & Beast from the sea
= Roman Empire & its Ruler Domitian ?**

Symbol 6: Daniel's Beasts



Daniel 2:31ff

