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# REVELATION

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# Tribulation Judgments





# Seven Trumpets

(Revelation 8–11)



1. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet (8:7) – 1/3 vegetation destroyed
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet (8:8-9) – 1/3 ocean destroyed
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet (8:10-11) – 1/3 water destroyed
4. 4th Trumpet (8:12-13) – 1/3 luminaries darkened
5. 5th Trumpet (9:1-12) – Demons released
6. 6th Trumpet (9:13-21) – 1/3 humanity destroyed
7. 7th Trumpet (11:14-19) – Legal transfer announced

# 5 Non-Chronological Parenthetical Insertions

Seals (Rev 7) 144,000 JEWS

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7

Trumpets (Rev 10–11) No Delay; 2 Witnesses

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 12–14) Israel's flight

Bowls (Rev 16:13-16) Armageddon

1 2 3 4 5 6 ↓ 7 (Rev 17–18) Babylon falls

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1. Rev 7 – 144,000 Jews
2. Rev 10:1-11:13 – Announcement of no more delay and the two witnesses
3. Rev 12-14 – Israel's flight, two beasts, six scenes of hope
4. Rev 16:13-16 – Gathering of the nations to Armageddon
5. Rev 17:1-19:6 – Babylon's fall

## Revelation 11:15

“Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign (*basileuō*) forever and ever.’” (cf. Matt. 6:10)





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# The First Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

1. His sudden appearance in John's vision (1a)
2. His Gentile ethnicity (1b)
3. His fulfillment of Daniel's prophecies (1c-2a)
4. His Satanic empowerment (2b)
5. His resurrection (3)
6. His power-based adoration (4)
7. His oratory (5a)



# The First Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

8. His time of authority (5b)
9. His blasphemies (6)
10. His persecution of God's people (7a)
11. His global jurisdiction (7b)
12. His unregenerate audience (8)
13. His oppressive influence (9-10)

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(Revelation 13)

1. First beast (13:1-10)
2. Second beast (13:11-18)

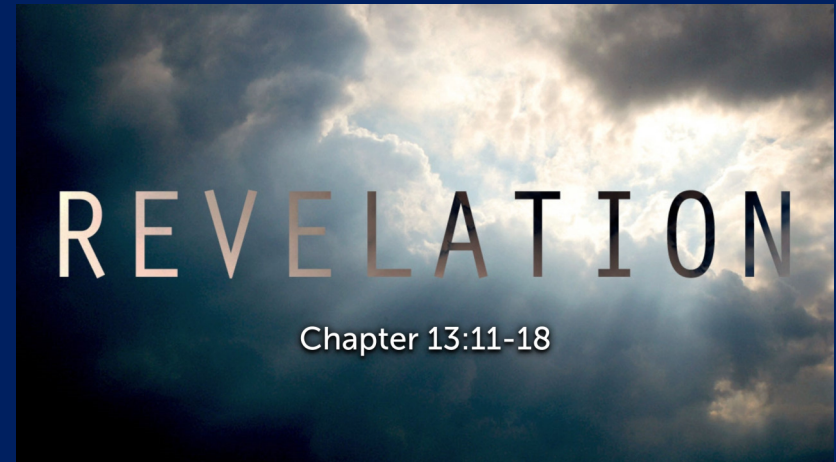




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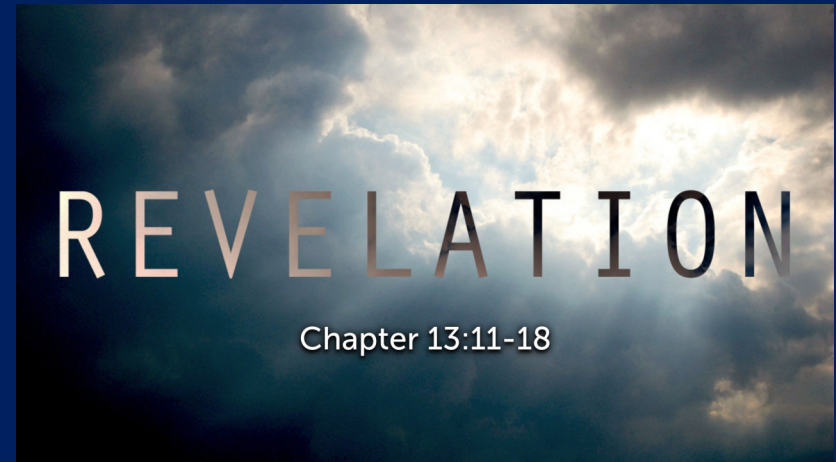




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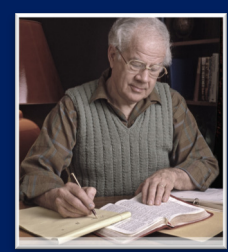




## Zechariah 12:12-13

“<sup>12</sup> The land will mourn, every family by itself; the family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself and their wives by themselves; <sup>13</sup> the family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself and their wives by themselves.”





## J. Dwight Pentecost

*Things to Come, Page 336*

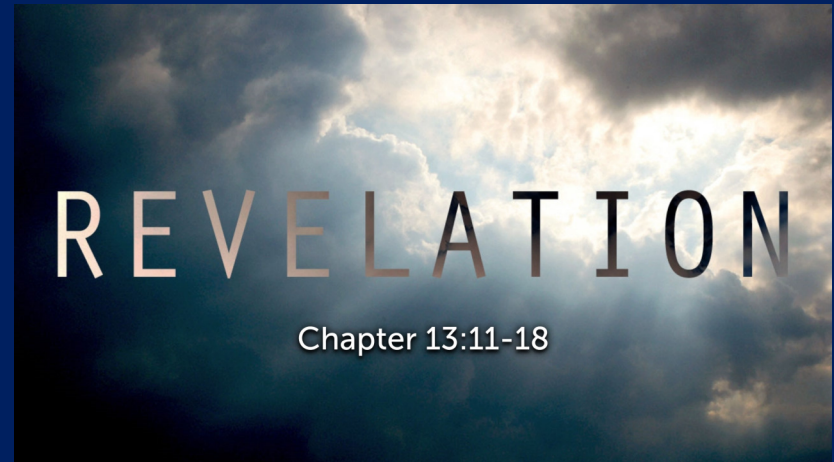
“In close association with the Beast, the head of the federated empire, is another individual known as the ‘False Prophet’ (Rev. 19: 20; 20:10), called ‘the second beast’ in Revelation 13: 11-17, where his fullest description is given. In that passage of Scripture there are some important factors concerning him to be observed: **(1) This individual is evidently a Jew, since he arises out of the earth, or land, that is Palestine (13: 11)...**”



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# CAST OF 3 CHARACTERS

Revelation 12:1-5

## 1. SON = MESSIAH

– *Ps. 2:9; Acts 1:9*

## 2. DRAGON = SATAN

– *Rev. 12:9; 20:2*

## 3. WOMAN = ISRAEL

– *Gen. 37:9-10*



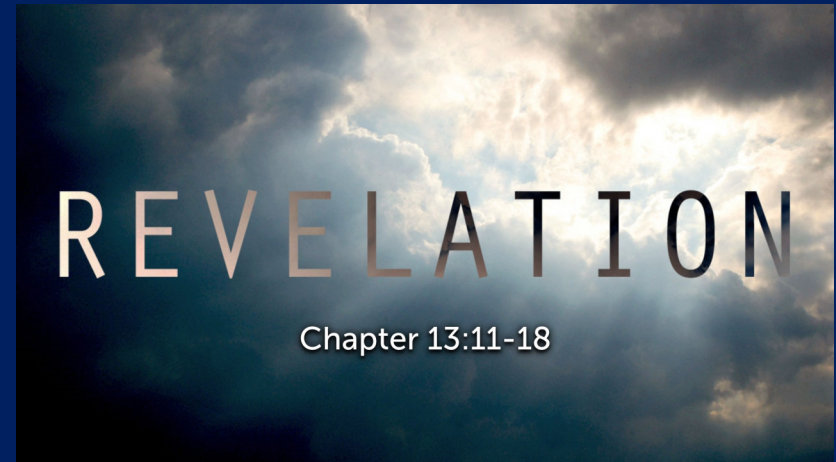
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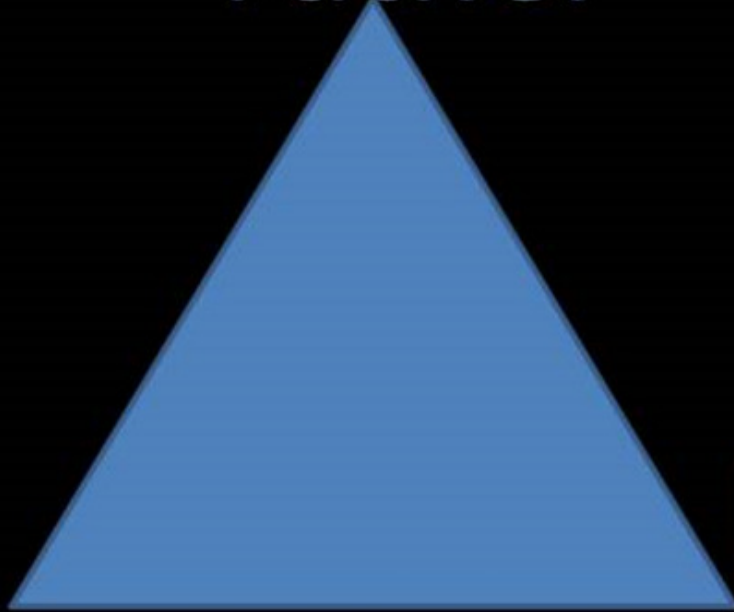


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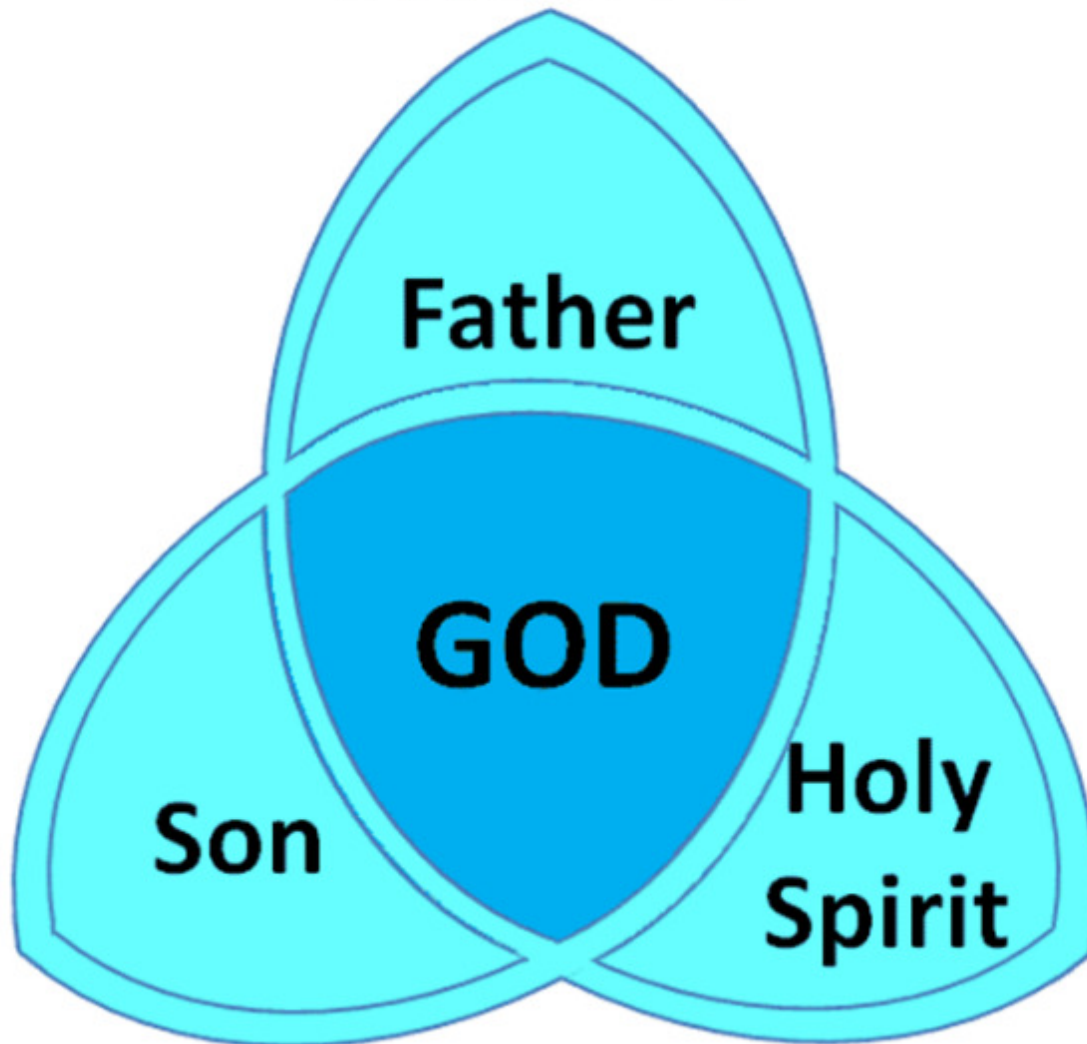
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Son

Holy  
Spirit



# TRINITY



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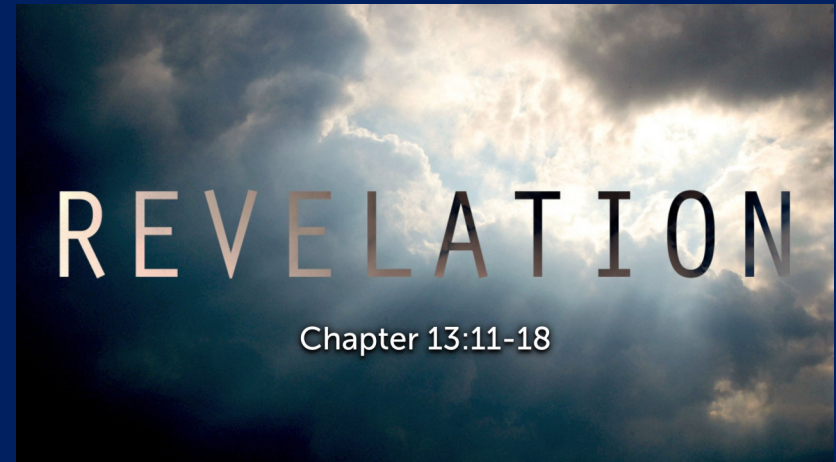
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12.	Ruling a political kingdom	<b>Isa. 9:6-7</b>	Rev. 13:5
13.	Ushering in world peace	<b>Isa. 9:6-7</b>	Rev. 6:1-4
14.	Activity in the Temple	<b>Luke 2:41-50</b>	2 Thess. 2:4
15.	Putting an end to animal sacrifices	<b>Heb. 9:26-29</b>	Dan. 9:27
16.	Length of ministry	<b>Over 3 years</b>	Rev. 13:5
17.	Sealing ministry	<b>Eph. 4:30</b>	Rev. 13:16-17
18.	Presentation to Israel as her Messiah	<b>John 1:11</b>	John 5:43
19.	Covenant with Israel	<b>Gen. 15:18</b>	Dan. 9:27
20.	Reception of worship	<b>Zech. 14:16</b>	2 Thess. 2:4
21.	Establishing Jerusalem as the center of worldwide worship	<b>Zech. 14:17</b>	2 Thess. 2:4



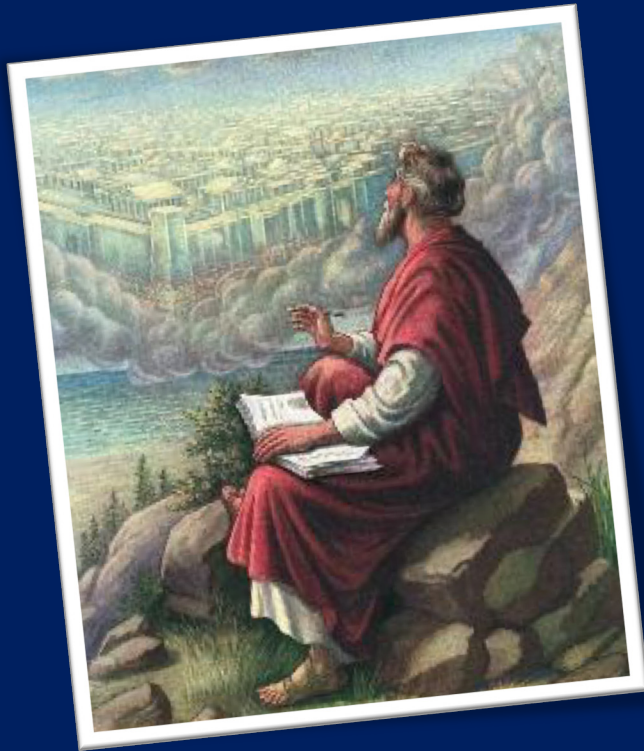
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## John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other signs [sēmeion] Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

# "7 SIGNS" in Gospel of John



**Changing Water into Wine**

**2:11**

**Healing official's son**

**4:46-54**



**Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda**

**5:1-18**

**Feeding the 5,000**

**6:5-14**



**Walking on water**

**6:16-21**

**Healing a blind man**

**9:1-7**



**Raising dead Lazarus**

**11:1-45**



## 2 Thessalonians 2:9

“that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power [*dýnamis*] and signs [*sēmeion*] and false wonders [*téras*].”



# Antichrist's Satanic Miracles

2 Thessalonians 2:9

Miracle	Greek Word	Christ's Ministry
Powers	<i>Dynamis</i>	Matt. 11:20
Signs	<i>Semēion</i>	John 20:30
Wonders	<i>Teras</i>	Acts 2:22

# Satanic/Demonic Miracles

- Exod 7–8
- Deut 13:1-3
- Matt 7:21-23; 24:24
- Acts 8:9; 16:16
- Gal 1:6-9
- 2 Thess 2:9
- Rev 13:3, 13, 15; 16:13-14



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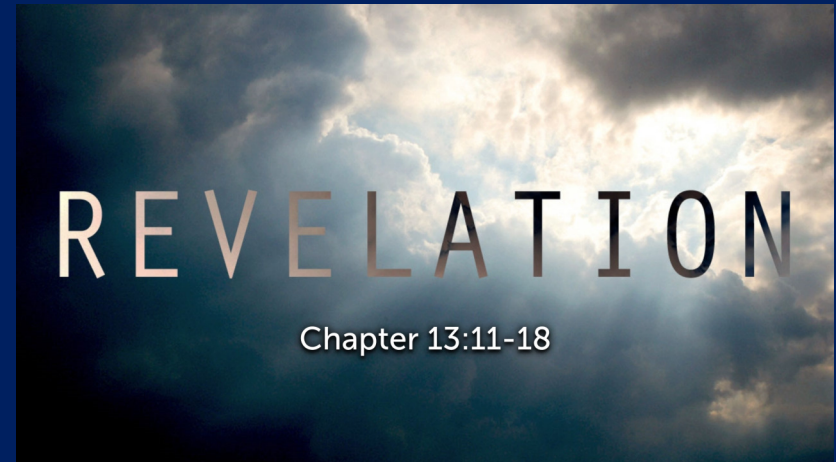




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# Test the Spirits

1. Deut. 13:1-5
2. Isa. 8:19-20
3. Acts 17:11
4. Gal. 1:8-9
5. 1 Thess. 5:20-21
6. 1 John 4:1
7. Rev. 2:2



## 1 John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

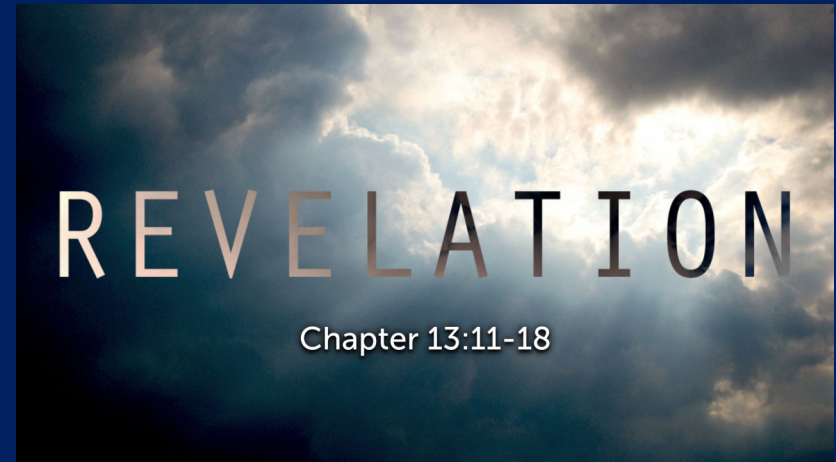


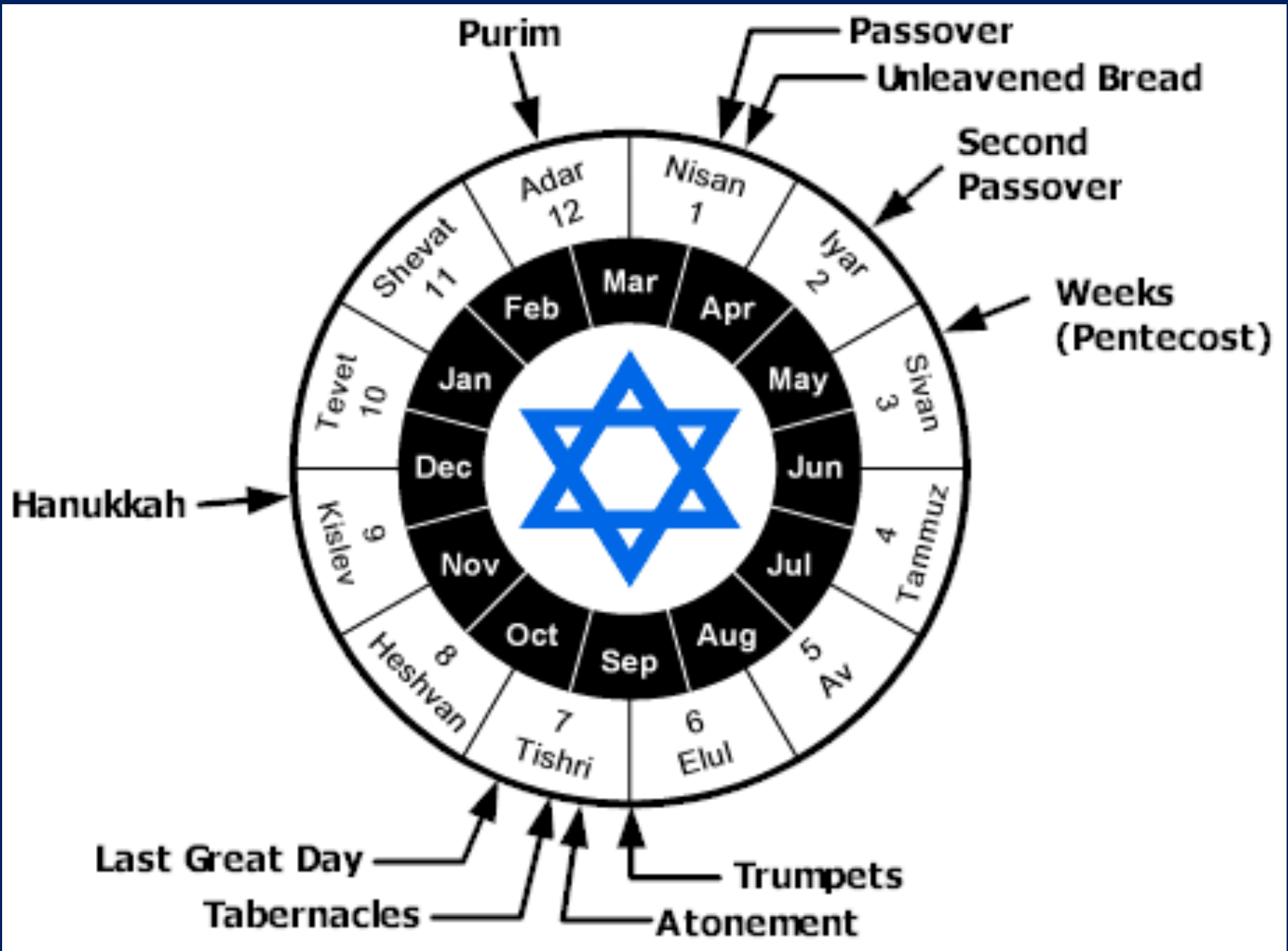


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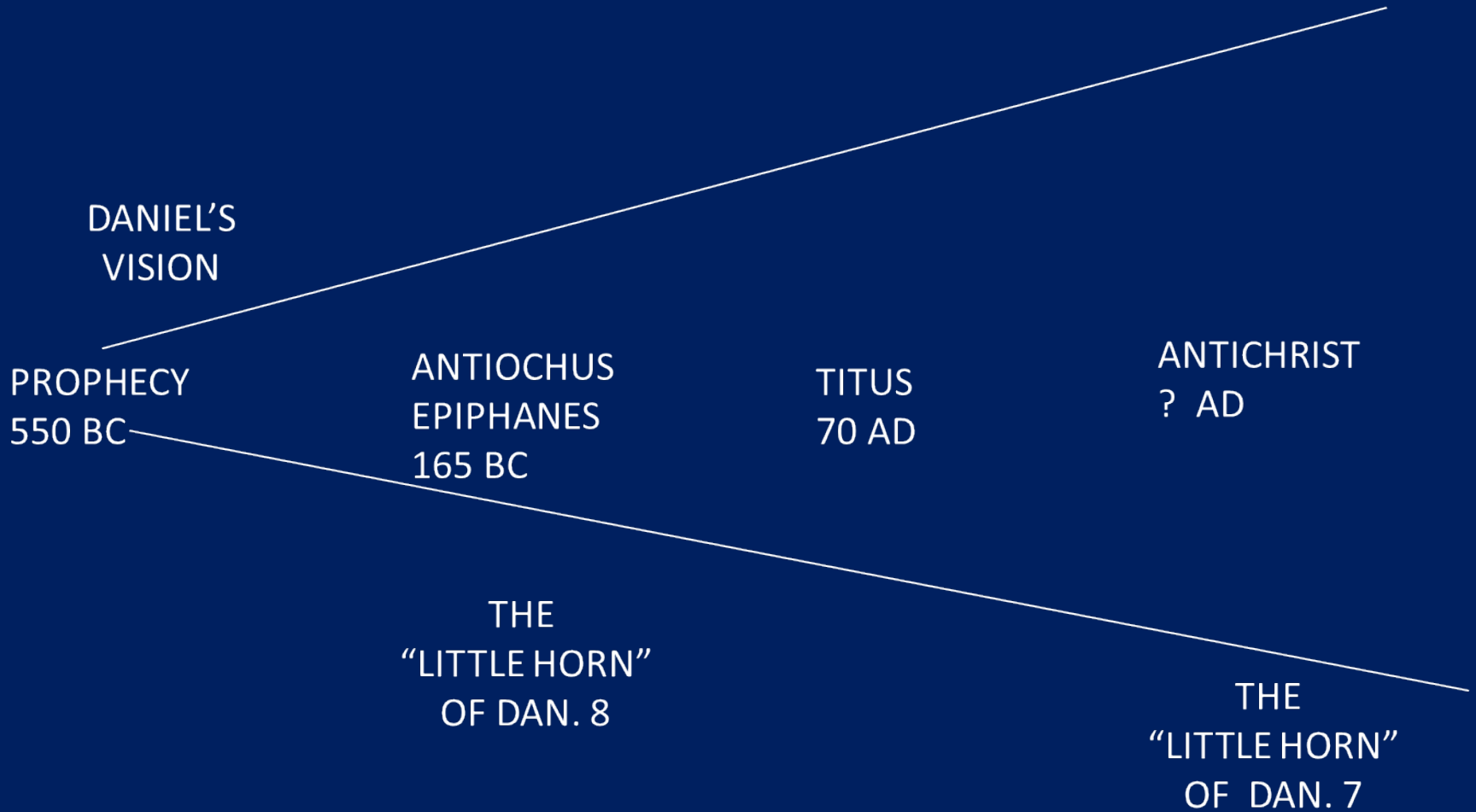
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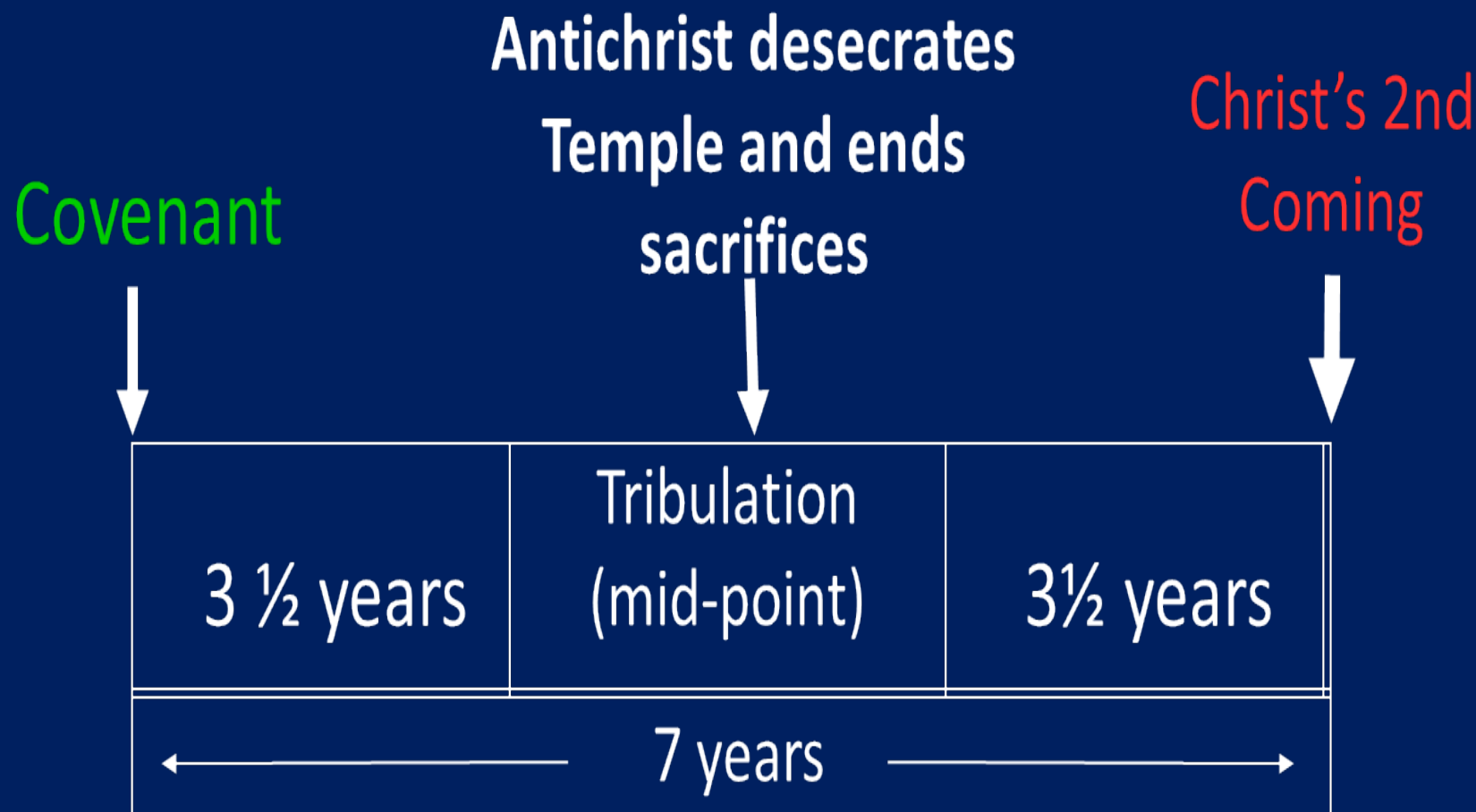




# Little Horn Slide



# DAN 9:27 OVERVIEW OF TRIBULATION PERIOD



## Revelation 13:14

“And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image (*eikōn*) to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life [záō].”





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# Nebuchadnezzar's Image

(Daniel 3:1)



- 90 feet high & 9 feet wide
- 8 stories

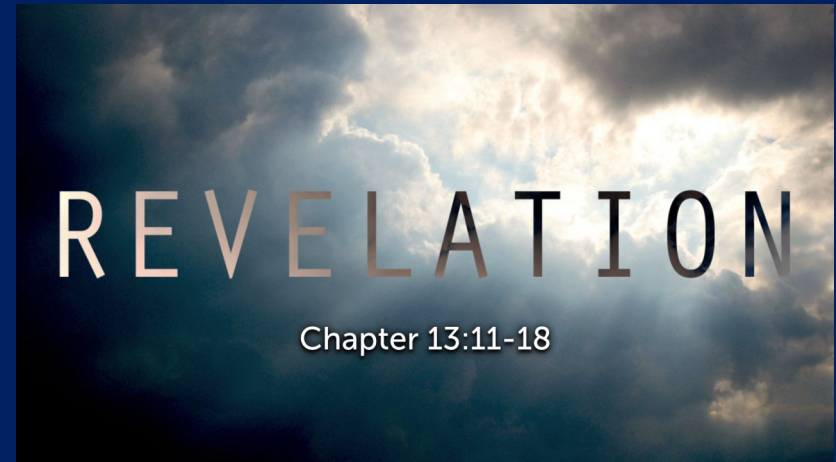




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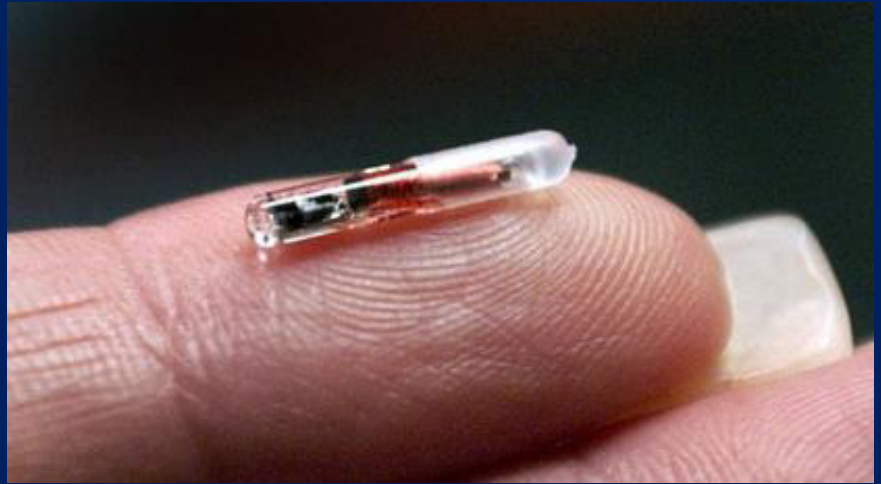


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# Wisconsin Company to Implant Microchips In Employees

Josh Rosenthal of 5 Eyewitness ABC News - July 24, 2017

“A Wisconsin company is about to become the first in the U.S. to offer microchip implants to its employees. Yes, you read that right. Microchip implants. ‘It's the next thing that's inevitably going to happen, and we want to be a part of it,’ Three Square Market Chief Executive Officer Todd Westby said. The company designs software for break room markets that are commonly found in office complexes. Just as people are able to purchase items at the market using phones, Westby wants to do the same thing using a microchip implanted inside a person's hand. ‘We'll come up, scan the item,’ he explained, while . . .



# Wisconsin Company to Implant Microchips In Employees (cont'd)

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... showing how the process will work at an actual break room market kiosk. 'We'll hit pay with a credit card, and it's asking to swipe my proximity payment now. I'll hold my hand up, just like my cell phone, and it'll pay for my product.'"





# Swedish Commuters Can Use Futuristic Microchip Hand Implant:

The future is here – a Swedish rail company is trialing letting passengers use biometric chips as tickets Helen Coffey of The Independent - June 16, 2017

“Gone are the days when an e-ticket was seen as cutting edge – one Swedish rail company is offering passengers the option of using a biometric chip implanted into their hand in lieu of a paper train ticket...The tiny chip has the same technology as Oyster cards and contactless bank cards...to enable conductors to scan passengers’ hands...Around 2,000 Swedes have had the surgical implant to date, most of them employed in the tech industry.”



## “Welcome to Utah, the NSA's Desert Home for Eavesdropping on America” - Rory Carroll

“Welcome to the Utah Data Center, a new home for the NSA's exponentially expanding information trove. The \$1.7bn facility, two years in the making, will soon host supercomputers to store gargantuan quantities of data from emails, phone calls, Google searches and other sources...Since January 2011 a reported 10,000 labourers have built four 25,000-sq ft halls filled with servers and cables, plus an additional 900,000 sq ft of space for technical support and administration, James Bamford, . . .

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...author of *The Shadow Factory*...said the public had yet to grasp the significance of Utah's data-mining. ‘It's basically a hard-drive. It's also a cloud, a warehouse. It'll be storing not just text and audio but pictures and video. There's a lackadaisical attitude to this. People pay no attention until it's too late.’”





## "Big Brother Is Watching"

“If you want to be a film star, come to Britain. We’re all on camera. All you have to do is walk through any town or drive down any road and you are watched, filmed, and monitored. When my wife, Pat, and I tour America, we feel neglected because the roadside cameras are no longer ever-present—not yet. As the world moves towards a ‘Big Brother’ society beyond the nightmares of author George Orwell, who predicted a world in which the state . . .



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. . . watched everyone in his 1948 classic novel, 1984, it is like we are inmates of a high-tech prison. Big Brother really is watching us in Europe. The rest of the world is not far behind."

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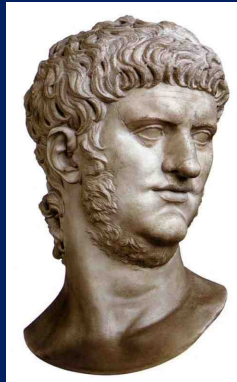


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1	א	α	50	ל	ν
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3	ג	γ	70	נ	ο
4	ד	δ	80	ס	π
5	ה	ε	90	ע	φ
6	ו	ς	100	פ	ρ
7	ז	σ	200	ק	σ
8	ח	τ	300	ר	τ
9	ט	θ	400	ש	υ
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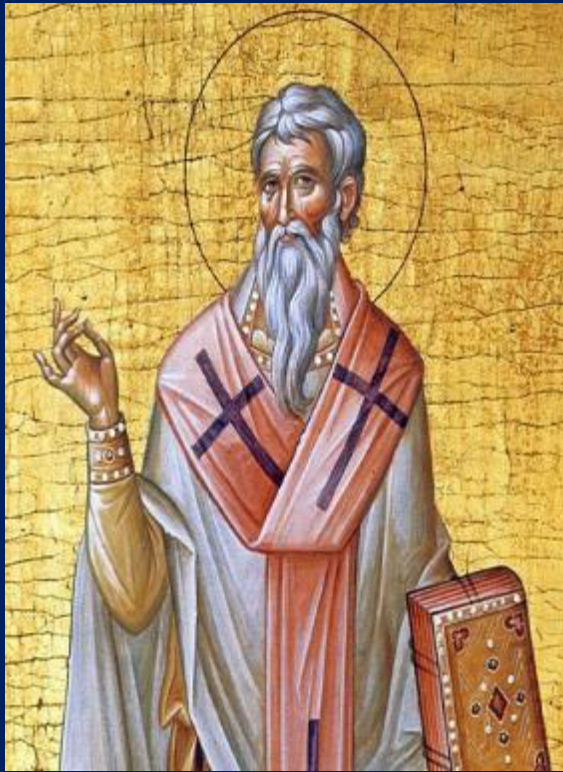
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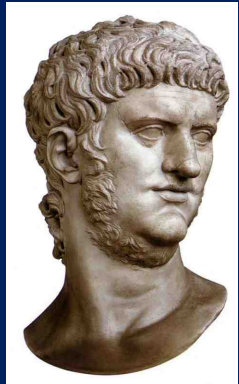
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<b>ר</b>	<b>Resh</b>	<b>200</b>
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<b>נ</b>	<b>Nun</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>ק</b>	<b>Quph</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>ס</b>	<b>Samekh</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>ר</b>	<b>Resh</b>	<b>200</b>
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# Late Date (A.D. 95)

Irenaeus *Against Heresies* 5.30.3

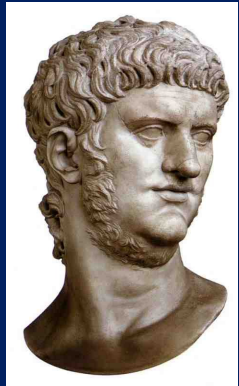


“But if it had been necessary to announce his name plainly at the present time, it would have been spoken by him who saw the apocalypse. For it was not seen long ago, but almost in our own time, at the end of the reign of Domitian.”



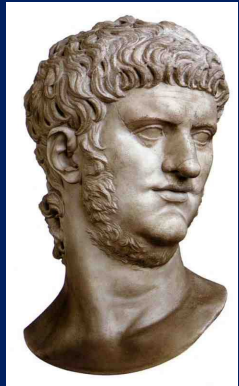
## Problems With Neronian Calculation

- Inconsistent use of numbers
- Transliteration from Greek to Hebrew
- Not suggested by the ancient commentators
- “Cherry picking” to fit an ordained outcome



## Nero Does Not Fit the Facts of Revelation 13

- Nero did not:
  - ◆ Usher in persecution for exactly 42 months (13:5)
  - ◆ Control the entire planet (13:7; 5:9)
  - ◆ Force people to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead in order to participate in the global economy (13:16-18)



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- Nero did not:
  - ◆ Coerce the entire world to worship a singular image of him (13:15)
  - ◆ Resurrect from the dead (13:14)
  - ◆ Associate with a miracle working false prophet (13:13, 15)
  - ◆ Receive global veneration (13:8)

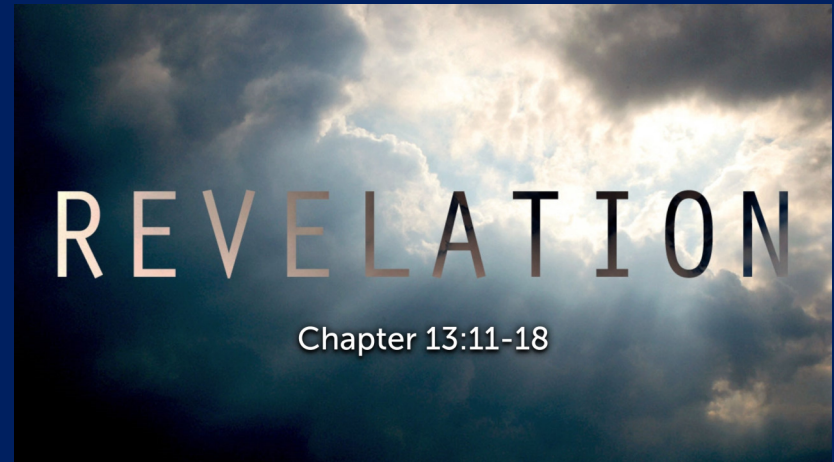
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)