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Revelation



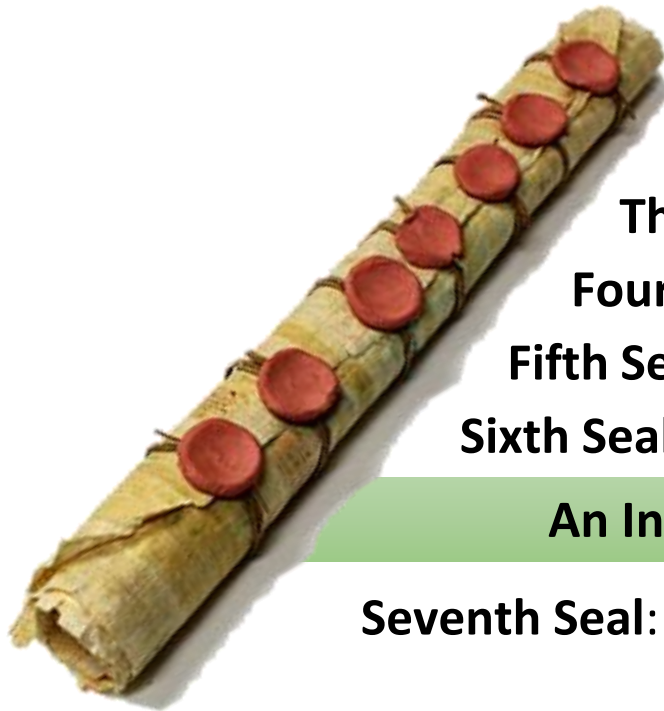
Next:

Revelation 8, 9, 10, & 11

The Seventh Seal of Seven Trumpets



## Sealed with Seven Seals



**First Seal:** 6:1-2

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**Seventh Seal:** Chapters 8-11 *Seven Angels Sound Seven Trumpets*

...but in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he is about to **sound**, then the **mystery** of God is **finished**, as He preached to His servants the prophets. (10:7)



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## I. Four Trumpets Sound: 8:1-13

### A. First **Four** Trumpets

- 1) Prayers mixed with incense— 8:1-5
- 2) **First** Trumpet— 1/3 earth burns
- 3) **Second** Seal— 1/3 sea dies
- 4) **Third** Seal— 1/3 water turn bitter
- 5) **Fourth** Seal— 1/3 stars fall
- 6) Eagle announcing 'woe, woe, woe'— 8:13

## II. Trumpets Five & Six: 9:1-21

- A. The **Fifth**: Bottomless pit, 9:1-12
- B. The **Sixth**: Army from the east, 9:13-21

## III. Trumpets Seven: 10, 11





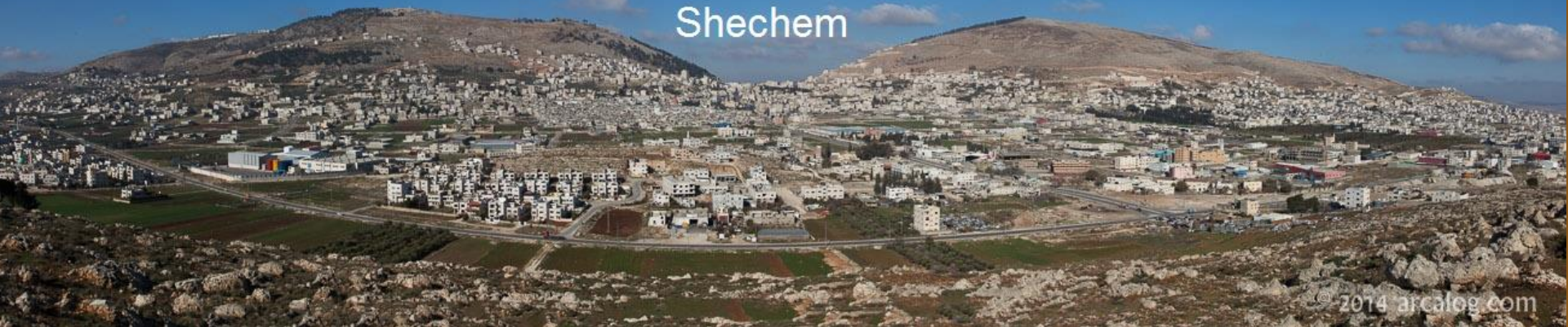
# DEUTERONOMY

28:1-68

Mount Gerizim  
(Blessings)

Mount Ebal  
(Curses)

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**THE BLESSINGS AND THE CURSE**



## **7** The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal—Silence

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was **silence** in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and **seven trumpets** were given to them.



For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But **God's wrath has come upon them at last!** (1 Thessalonians 2:14–16 ESV)

# The Seventh Seal



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## 7 The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal—Incense

3 Another **angel** came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much **incense** was given to him, so that he might add it to the **prayers** of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, **went up before God** out of the angel's hand.



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God hears the prayers....

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal—thrown to the earth

5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and **threw it to the earth**; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.



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Prayers are answered....

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## The 7<sup>th</sup> Seal—trumpets ready to sound

6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to **sound** them.

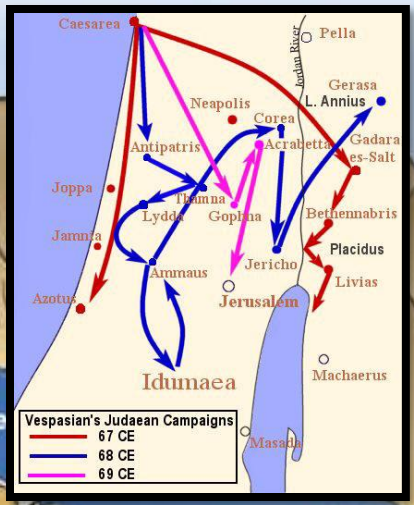
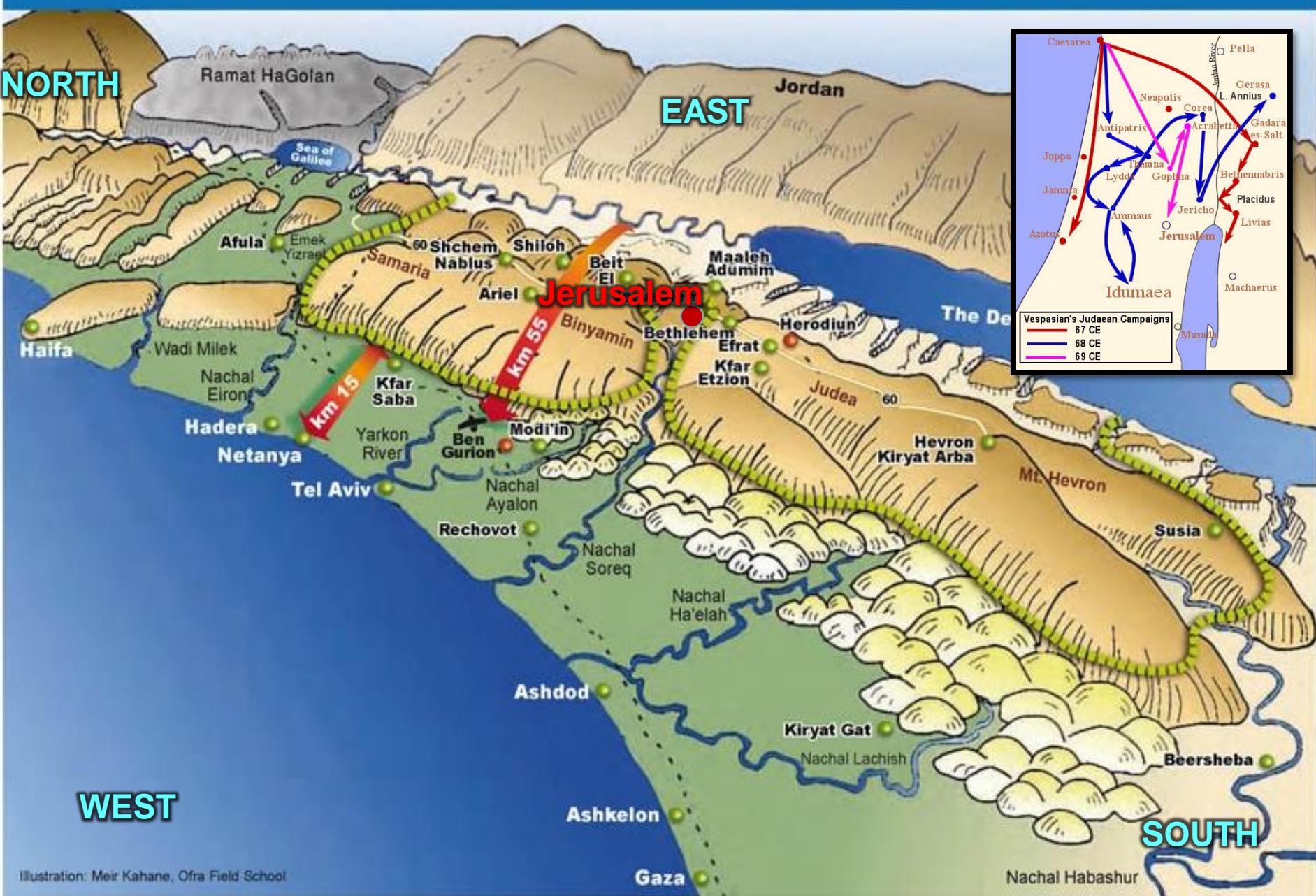


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Judgment is ready to begin....



# 3D Illustration of the Land of Israel



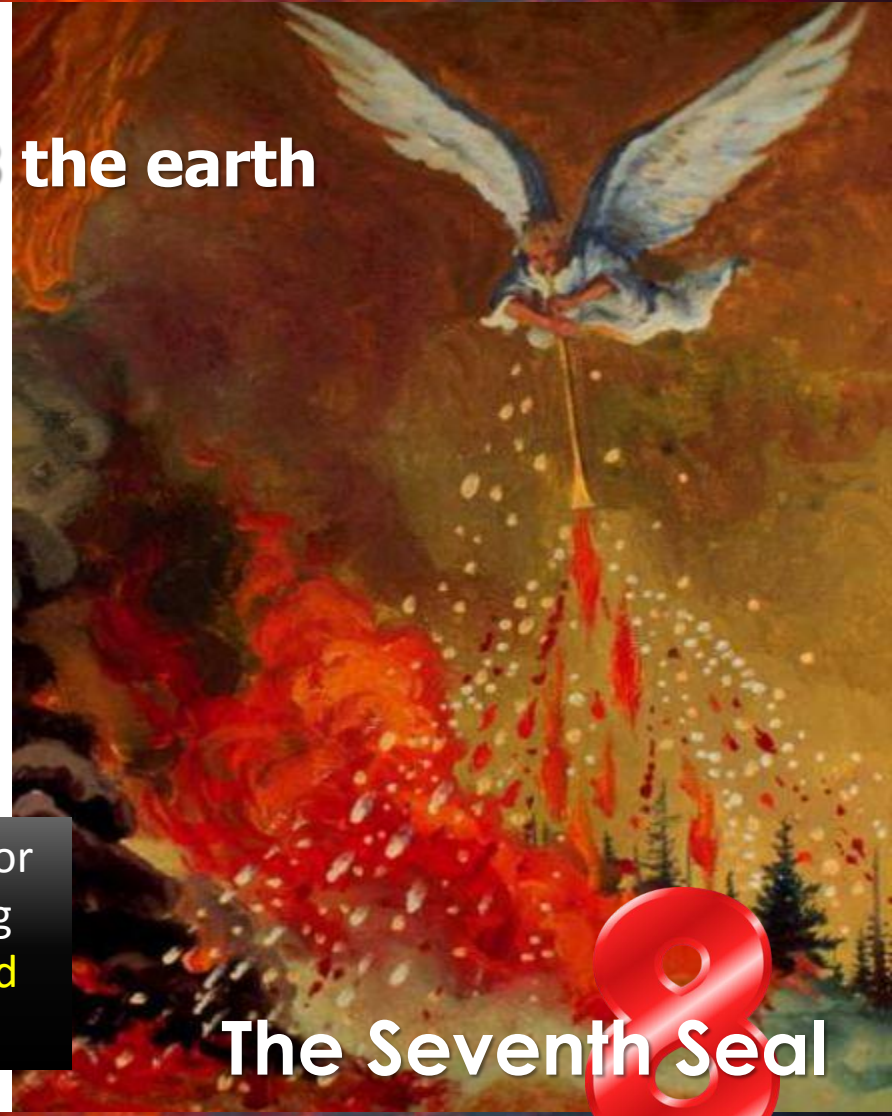


## The 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 the earth

7 The **first** sounded, and there came **hail** and **fire**, mixed with **blood**, and they were thrown to the earth; and a **third of the earth was burned up**, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

“Nor did the Romans...leave off either by night or by day, burning the place in the plain...and killing ...so the at Galilee was all over **filled with fire and blood.**” (Josephus, Wars, 3:4.1)

Israel begins to fall....



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## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of the sea

8 The **second angel** sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a **third of the sea** became blood, 9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

“toward dawn they were struck by a violent gale...it dashed some of the ships...on to the rocks...A wide are of **sea was stained with blood** and the coast was **covered with corpses**”

(Josephus, Wars, 3:9.3)



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Israel begins to fall....



## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of the waters

10 The **third angel** sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell **on a third** of the rivers and on the springs of waters. 11 The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because **they were made bitter**.

“When it was learned that he [Josephus] was alive in Roman hands...they demonstrated **much anger** with him...the citizens were maddened by their reverses and their disasters only added fuel to the flames...and goaded them to **further calamities**.” (Wars, 3:9.5 & 6)

Israel begins to fall....



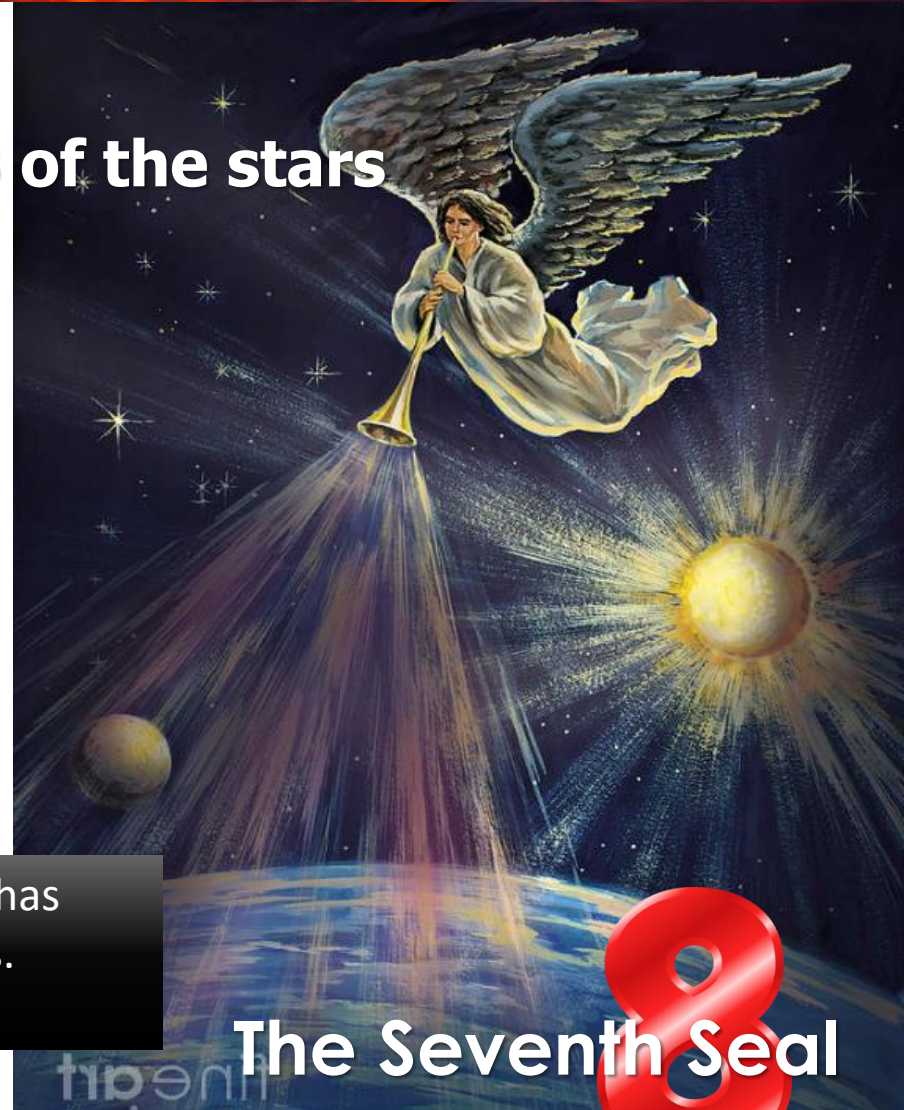
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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of the stars

12 The **fourth angel** sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

When Galilee fell to Vespasian, a **third of Israel** has now fallen. Nero dies, and Vespasian withdraws. (July of AD 69)



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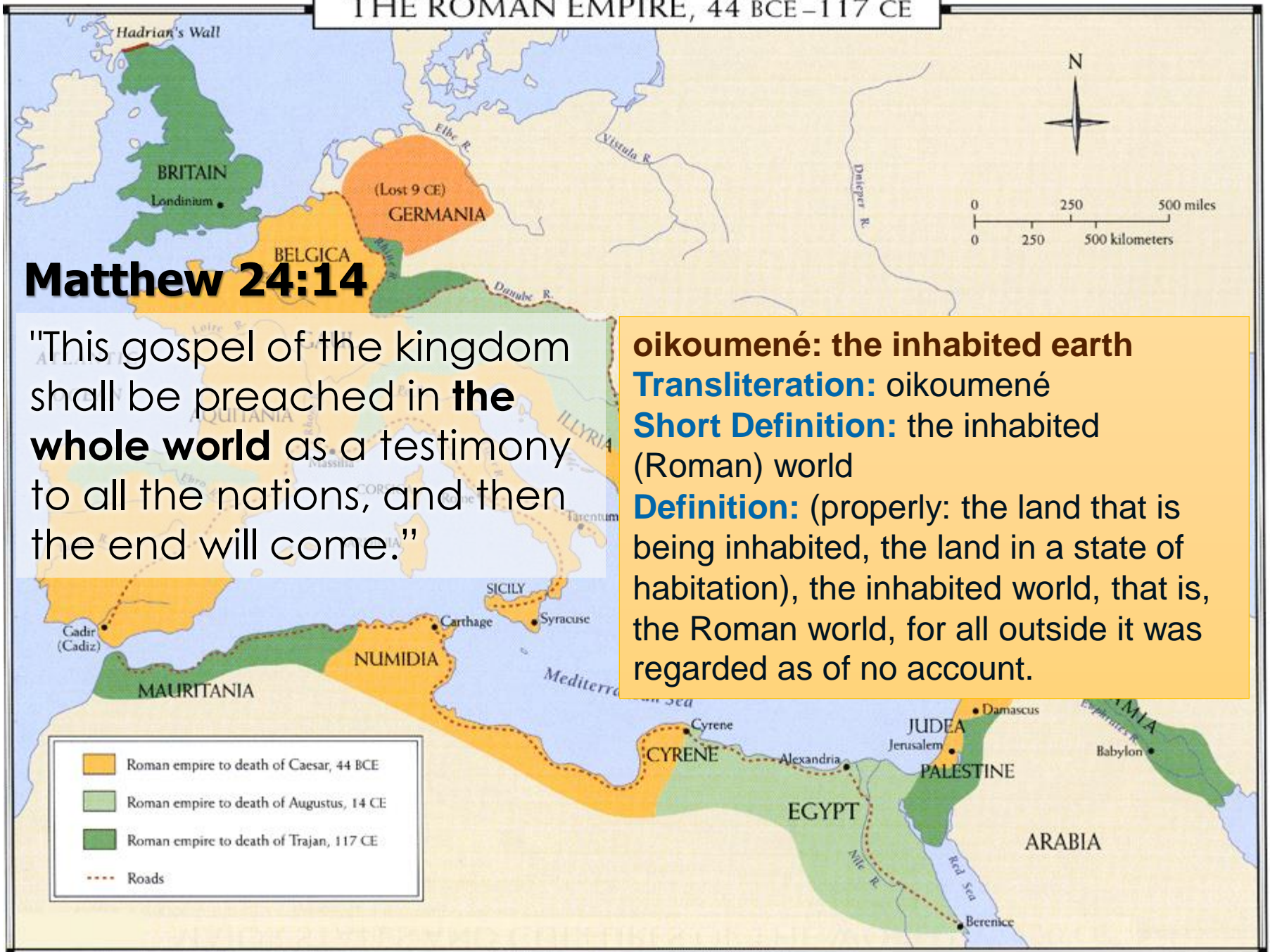
Israel begins to fall....



Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice,

“**Woe, woe, woe** to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the **three angels** who are about to sound!”

# THE ROMAN EMPIRE, 44 BCE – 117 CE





## The 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — bottomless pit

Then the **fifth angel** sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. 2 He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3

Satan acts....



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## The 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — bottomless pit

3 Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

Joel 1:4-7

Israel tormented....



### FIVE MONTHS:

- The life of a **locust**
- The length of **siege** against Jerusalem

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“They confessed what was true, that they were the **slaves**, the **scum**, and the **spurious** and **abortive** offspring of our nation, while they **overthrew the city** themselves...”

Flavius Josephus, The Jewish War, v.x.5



"With their insatiable hunger for loot, they ransacked the houses of the wealthy, murdered men and violated women for sport; they drank their spoils with blood, and from mere satiety they shamelessly gave themselves up to effeminate practices, plaiting their hair and putting on women's clothes, drenching themselves with perfumes and painting their eyelids to make themselves attractive. They copied not merely the dress, but also the passions of women, devising in their excess of licentiousness unlawful pleasures in which they wallowed as in a brothel. Thus they entirely polluted the city with their foul practices. Yet though they wore women's faces, their hands were murderous. They would approach with mincing steps, then suddenly become fighting men, and, whipping out their swords from under their dyed cloaks, they would run through every passerby."

Flavius Josephus, *The Jewish War*, iv.ix.IO.



## **7** The 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — bottomless pit

11 They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.  
12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

**Abaddon** means **destruction**  
**Apollyon** means **destroyer**





## The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of mankind

13 Then the **sixth angel** sounded, and I heard a voice **from the four horns** of the golden altar which is before God, 14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.**”

Leviticus 4:13-21

Israel begins to fall....



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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of mankind

15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a **third of mankind**. 16 The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

Psalm 68:17

The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands; The Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness.



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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — 1/3 of mankind

20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, **did not repent** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; 21 and they **did not repent** of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.



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Israel refuses to repent....



## They did not repent...

"Thus were the miserable people beguiled by these charlatans and false messengers of God, while they disregarded and disbelieved the unmistakable portents that foreshadowed the coming desolation; but, as though thunderstruck, blind, senseless, paid no heed to the clear warnings of God."

Josephus, The Jewish War, vi.v.3



## They did not repent...

"When the city was encircled and they could no longer gather herbs, some persons were driven to such terrible distress that they searched the common sewers and old dunghills of cattle, and ate the dung they found there; and what they once could not even look at they now used for food. When the Romans barely heard this, their compassion was aroused; yet the rebels, who saw it also, **did not repent**, but allowed the same distress to come upon themselves; for they were blinded by that fate which was already coming upon the city, and upon themselves also."

Josephus, The Jewish War, v.xiii.7



I took **the little book** out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.



## The Angel and the Little Book

I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land [earth];



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No more delay....



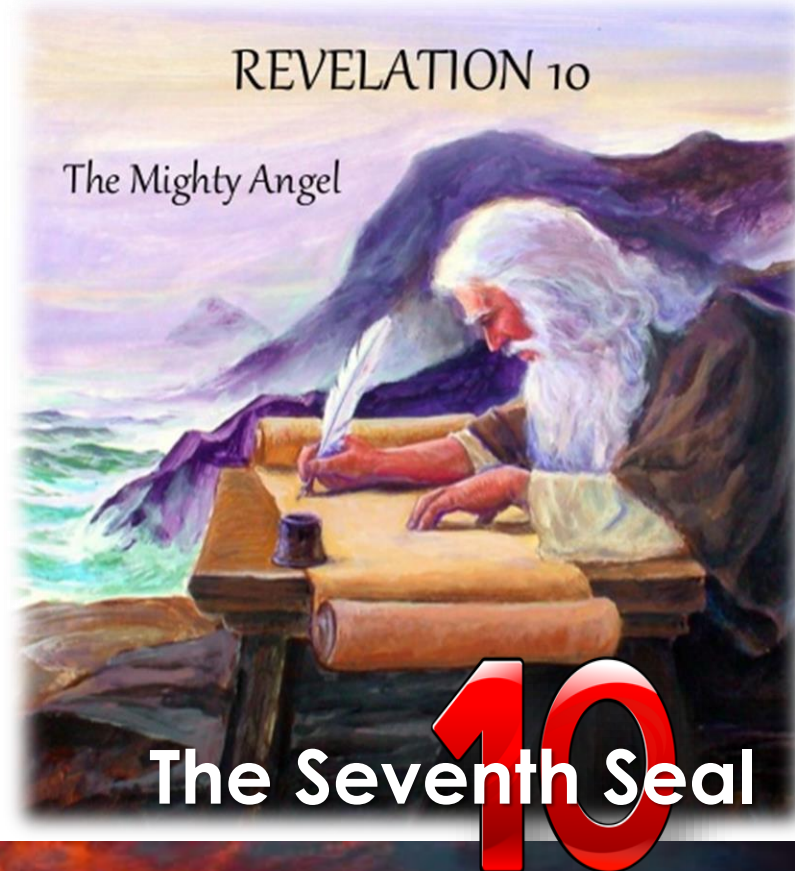
## The Seven Peals of Thunder

3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the **seven peals of thunder** uttered their voices. 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying,

“**Seal up** the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and **do not write** them.”

(Deut. 29:29)

No more delay....





## No More Delay

5 Then the angel  
standing on the  
land lifted up his  
hand toward heaven,  
6 and  
lives forever and  
created heaven  
it, and the earth and the things in  
it, and the sea and the things in it,  
that **there will be delay no longer,**

Daniel 12:7 (12:1)

I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish **shattering the power of the holy people**, all these events will be completed.



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10

No more delay....



## The Mystery is Finished

7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then **the mystery of God is finished**, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

"To narrate their enormities in detail is impossible; but, to put it briefly, no other city every endured such miseries, nor since the world began has there been a generation more prolific in crime."

(Josephus)

The Seventh Seal **10**

The Last trumpet....



## John Eats the Little Book

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.” 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, “Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach **bitter**, but in your mouth it will be sweet as **honey**.”

Psalm 19:10; Ezekiel 2:9–3:3

The Last trumpet....



Ezekiel 3:1-14

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## John Eats the Little Book

10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 11 And they said to me, "**You must prophesy again** concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."



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The Last trumpet....



Then the **seventh angel** sounded...

**Revelation 11**

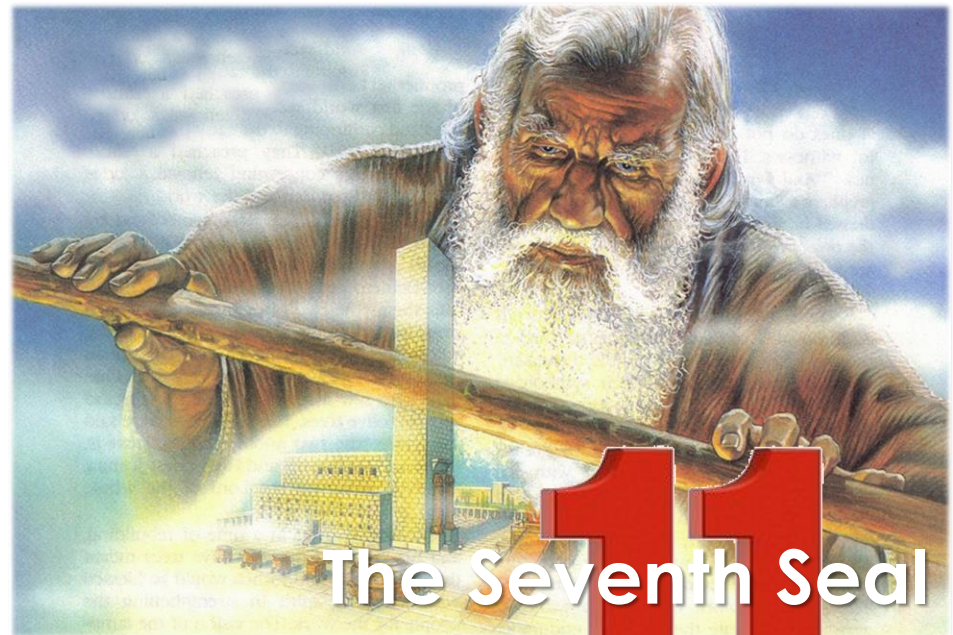


## John Measures the Temple

Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

**2 Kings 21:13; Zechariah 2:1–5;  
Ezekiel 40:3; Revelation 21:15–17**

1 Corinthians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 6:16  
Ephesians 2:19-21; Galatians 4:24-25



Saints protected....

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## City to be trampled

2 **Leave out** the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

**Luke 21:20–24**

Jerusalem will be **trampled under foot** by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

**Luke 13:24-29**

**Jerusalem trampled....**





## **the time, times, and half a time**

- Daniel 12:7 shattering of the power of the holy people
- Revelation 11:2 the trampling of the holy city
- Revelation 13:5 the beast exercising authority
- Invasion of the Roman Empire
- Forty-two months, 1260 days, and a time, times, and half a time all represent a limited period of time that will be full of tribulation, distress, and persecution.

**42 months**

**1,260 days**

**3 ½ years**



## The Two Witnesses

3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”  
4 These are the **two olive trees** and the **two lampstands** that stand before the Lord of the earth.

Zechariah 4:2-14

God's prophecy fulfilled....



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## The Two Witnesses

7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.



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God's prophecy fulfilled....



## The Second Woe is Past

11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell upon those watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

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God's prophecy fulfilled....



## The Seventh Angel

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 forever and ever.”

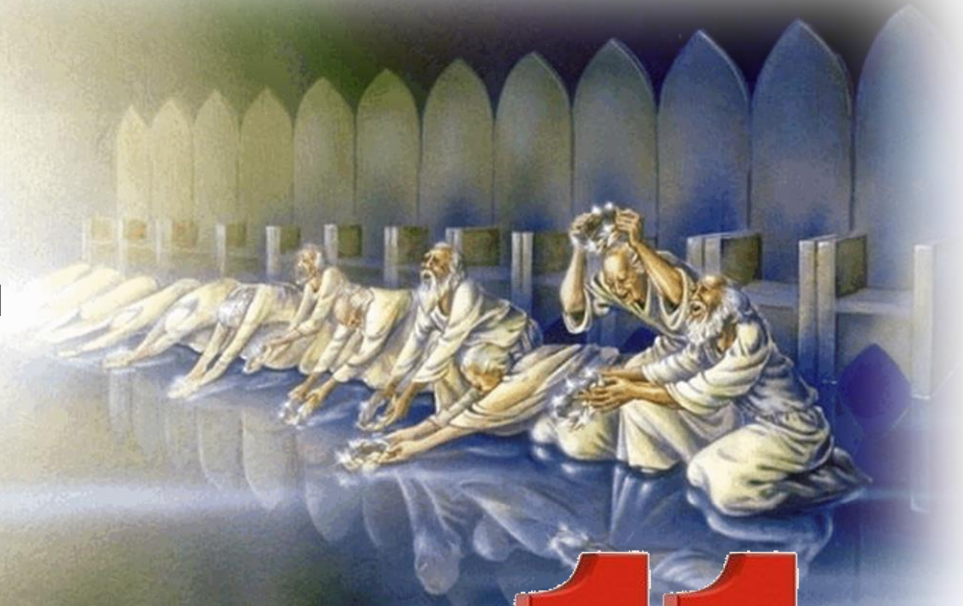


Victory for Christ.



## The Seventh Angel

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."



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Victory for Christ...



## **The Seventh Angel**

19 And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

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**Victory for Christ...**



### **Chapter 6 – Early battles**

- Rome invades, 1/3 of Israel falls
- The Jewish nations still does not repent

### **Chapter 7 – Saints are Sealed**

- Bondservants of God, names written in the book of life
- Many die on the earth, but safe in Christ

### **Chapter 8 –**

- First half of the war, 66-69 AD
- Vespasian leaves to secure the throne at Rome (July 69 AD)
- Israel still does not repent



# Revelation

## **Chapter 9** – Rome is unleashed on Israel

- Titus marches on Rome, AD 70
- Led by the power of Satan

## **Chapter 10** – short interlude

- No More Delay
- Mystery is about to be finished

## **Chapter 11** – The Last two woes

- Temple measured (protection)
- City is to be trampled
- Victory!



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# War of the Jews

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