

The End Times

6-Events on the Earth

- What happens on the earth when the church is snatched away in the Rapture?



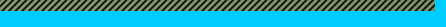
Righteous living



Unrighteous living



Righteous dead



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The Satanic Trinity takes over

- Satan

- the prince of the power of the air

- The Antichrist

- world ruler who will solve international problems

- The False Prophet

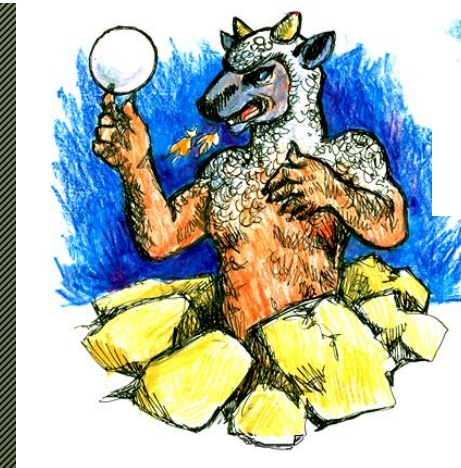
- religious leader and miracle worker



Satan
the dragon



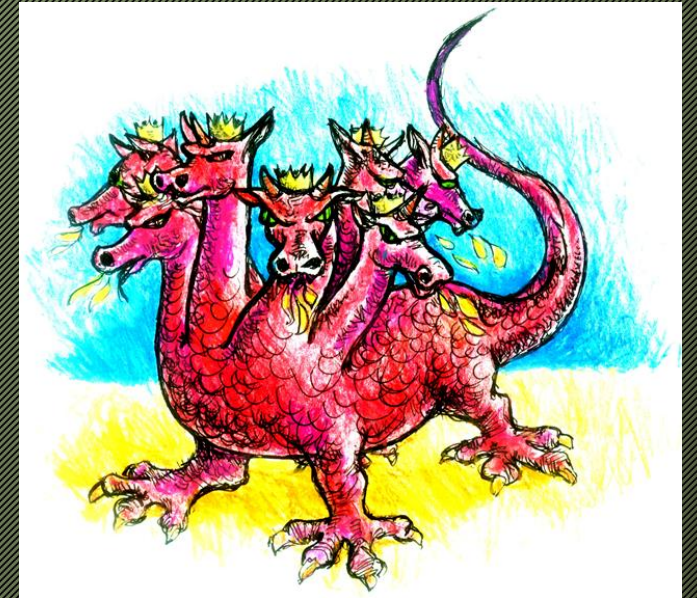
Antichrist
The Beast from
The sea



The False Prophet
The Beast from
The land

Satan

- He has always tried to take the place of God
- **Isa 14:12-14**
 - How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."



Satan

- He is the serpent of Eden who introduced sin to humanity
 - Genesis 3:1-5
- He is the dragon of Revelation, who seeks to kill the woman (Israel) and destroy her man-child (Jesus) and pursues her children (believers).
 - **Rev 12:3, 4**
 - Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

Satan

•Rev 12:7-9

- And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.
- The devil knows that his time is short and seeks to do his worst

The Antichrist

- A political leader
 - Emerges from a group of ten nations
 - Ousts three rulers to take their power
 - Gives Jews the right to their temple worship
- Takes over the temple and sets up his own image to be worshipped
 - Daniel 9:27 confirmed by Jesus in Matthew 24:15, 16
- The little horn of Daniel 7:7,8.
 - “This horn had eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully”



The Antichrist

- **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.**

- Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

The Antichrist

- **2 Thessalonians 2:8-10.**

- And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

The Antichrist

- **Revelation 13:1-10** gives more details
 - The beast comes out of the sea (humanity)
 - He combines the features of the animals of Daniel 7
 - The dragon (Satan) gives the beast his power, throne and authority
 - He presents himself as the *Messiah* acceptable to the Jews
 - He parodies the death and resurrection of Jesus - with a 'fatal wound' from which he has been healed

The Antichrist

- **Revelation 13:1-10** gives more details
 - See also Revelation 17:8
 - Uses lying wonders to deceive many
 - People openly worship Satan whom they see as the power behind the Antichrist
 - He uses the Mark of the Beast to separate those who follow him from those who refuse to do so.
 - '666' - probably a computer chip system

The Antichrist

- Scholars believe he will be an apostate Jew, who the nation Israel will trust
- Given the signs of the end time, he is probably a leader even now
- It is understood that a demon spirit will inhabit him and use him for satanic purposes

The False Prophet

- In **Revelation 13:11-18** he is the beast from the land
- Probably a respected religious leader
- He is able to perform miracles, using signs to convince the world
- He focuses worship on the Antichrist
- He gives breath to an image and administers the Mark of the Beast.



The False Prophet

- It is clear that this beast functions in parody of the work of the Holy Spirit who points to the Lord Jesus Christ
- Jesus, speaking of the Holy Spirit, says,
 - **John 16:14** “He will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you.”

The Seventieth Week

Daniel 9:27

He will confirm a covenant with many for **one 'seven.'** In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him".

The Seventieth Week

- The Seventieth Week begins with the Revelation of the Antichrist
- He arrives as peacemaker and solver of the world's problems:
- He wins popular support
- He will probably be a very likable person

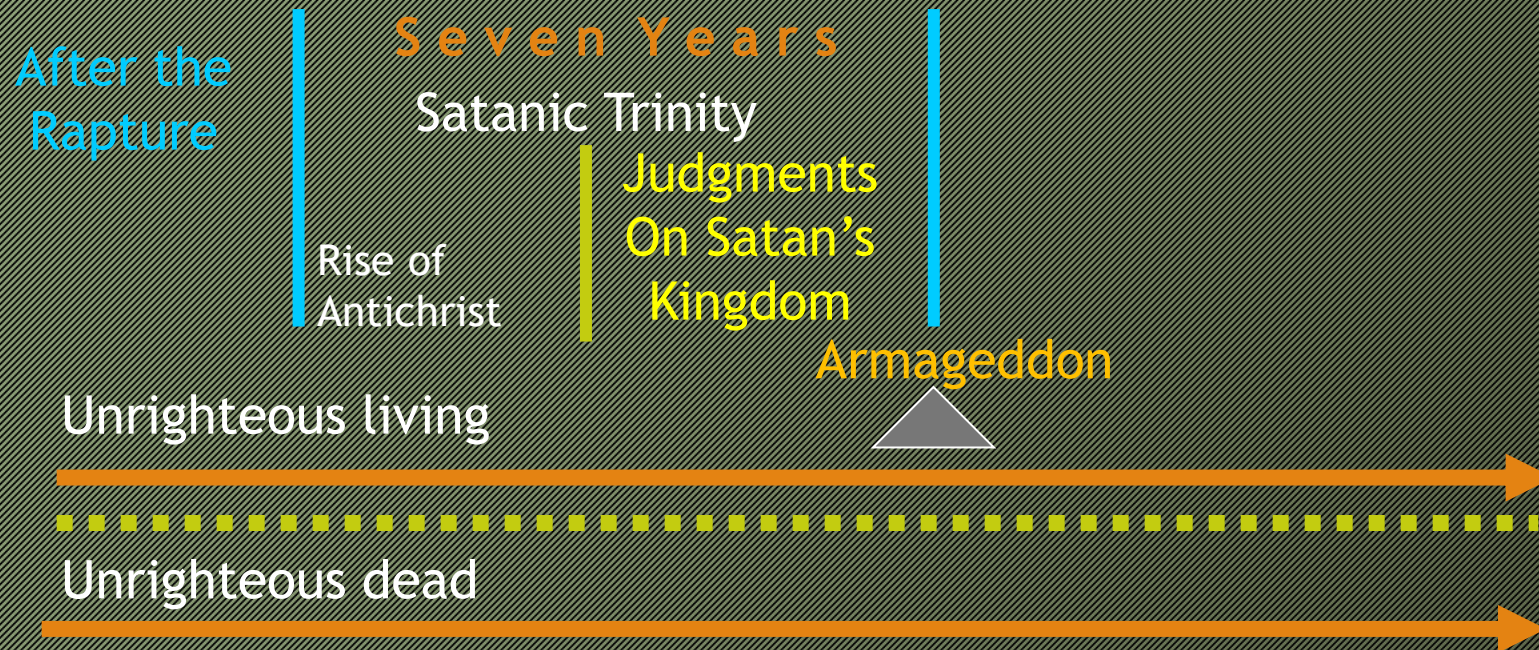
The Seventieth Week

- He will assume great power
 - Politically - Daniel 7:8, 25
 - Commercially - Daniel 8:25
 - Religiously - Revelation 17:1-15
- In the middle of the seventieth week he takes over worship and directs it to himself
- He strongly persecutes all who resist him
- With this the judgment of God is focused on the earth and the kingdom of the Antichrist

The Seventieth Week

- The climate for Antichrist already exists.
- Mat 24:37-39.**
 - As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man

The Seven Years of Satan's rule



Judgement on the Earth

The Great Tribulation

- Antichrist breaks his covenant in the middle of the Seventieth Week
- He sets up an image of himself in the temple
- He demands worship of himself
 - Those who refuse are persecuted and martyred
 - There is a falling away to escape the wrath of Antichrist

The Great Tribulation

• 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4

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- He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

The Great Tribulation

- **Amos 5:18**

- Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light.

- **Zephaniah 1:14, 15**

- The great day of the LORD is near -- near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, ...

Descriptions of the 3½ year period

- **Jacob's trouble**

- Jeremiah 30:10

- **Time, times and half a time**

- Daniel 12:7,

- Revelation 12:14

- **1290 days**

- Daniel 12:11

- **42 months**

- Revelation 11:2

Descriptions of the 3½ year period

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- **Jeremiah 30:7**

- How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

Descriptions of the 3½ year period

- **A Time, Times and Half a time**

- **Daniel 12:7**

- The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "**It will be for a time, times and half a time.** When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

Descriptions of the 3½ year period

- **A Time, Times and half a time**

- **Revelation 12:14**

- The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for **a time, times and half a time**, out of the serpent's reach

Descriptions of the 3½ year period

- **1290 Days**

- **Daniel 12:11**

- From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be **1,290 days**.

- **Forty two months**

- **Revelation 11:2**

- But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for **42 months**.

The devil persecutes the Jews

- This is the time of purification for the Jewish people
- It is also a time of challenge for all who seek to be believers

The devil persecutes the Jews

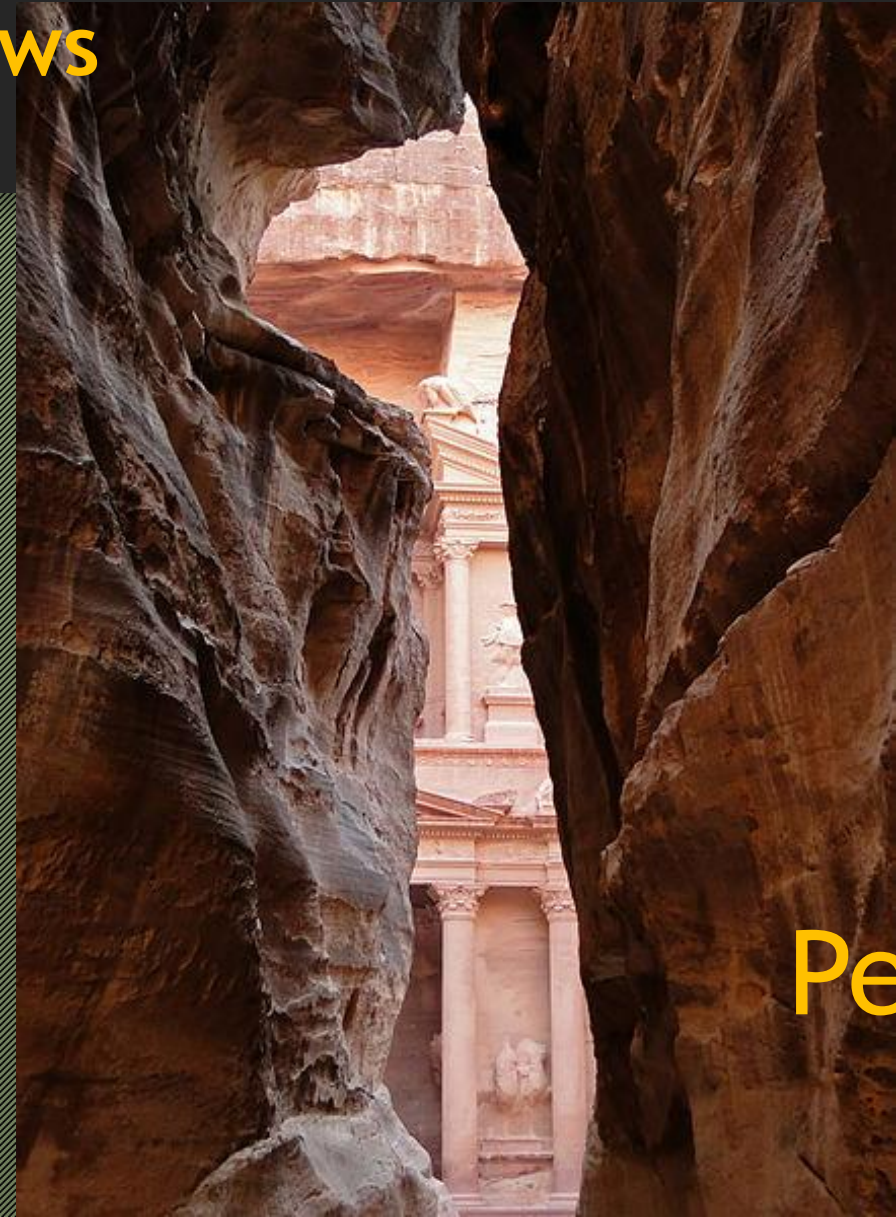
- God sets apart 144,000 Jews for witness during the Tribulation
- **Revelation 7:3,4**
 - Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 **from all the tribes of Israel.**

The devil persecutes the Jews

- God also raises up two witnesses
 - They control the rains like Elijah, and can turn water into blood like Moses
 - No one can harm them till they have finished their witness, which is for 1260 days
- **Revelation 11:3**
 - And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

The devil persecutes the Jews

- In the face of the wrath of Antichrist, the faithful Jews are preserved in the desert
 - Perhaps the city of Petra, which is hidden in the rock formations of a mountain.



Petra

God's Judgement on the Satanic System

- **Daniel 12:1.**

- At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people [Daniel's people], will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered.

God's judgement on the Satanic System

- John in Revelation is shown how God will execute his Judgment in three phases
 - The Seven Seals
 - The Seven Trumpets
 - The Seven Bowls of God's wrath

God's judgement on the Satanic System

- There are various views of the timing of these
 - Some hold that they will be during the 70th week, some say during the 3½ years, and others that they cover a much longer period, climaxing in the Great Tribulation.

God's Judgement on the Satanic System

- The first two are 'permissive' judgements
 - **Seals**: man is used as the instrument of judgement with limited destruction,
 - **Trumpets**: Satan is used as the instrument of judgement, with more destruction
- Finally God Himself executes judgement
 - **Bowls**: He pours out judgements with extreme intensity on Satan's evil system.



God's Judgment on the Satanic System

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Seven Seals

Seven Trumpets

Seven Bowls

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Seven Seals

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Seven Trumpets

Seven Bowls

God's Judgment on the Satanic System

- The Seals are Opened
 - Rev. 6:1-15; 8:1
- Jesus opens the seven seals on the scroll
 - The title deed of the ownership of the earth, which was lost by Adam when he sinned.
 - Jesus is the only one qualified to reclaim it.



God's judgment on the Satanic System

- The Seals represent Man as the instrument of Judgment
 - With the seals man is able to hurt man, but this is restricted to one fourth of the population.
 - These are the beginnings of sorrows, but there is no repentance.

God's judgment on the Satanic System

- The Seals represent **Man** as the instrument of Judgment
 - God removes the restraints and permits man to bring confusion, disease and war upon his fellow creatures.
 - The seals can also be compared with the signs Jesus gave in the Olivet discourse - which He called the birth pangs of the coming age. They precede the Great Tribulation.

God's Judgment on the Satanic System

- The Trumpets Blown
 - Revelation 8:6-9, 21, 11:15-19
 - With the sounding of the seven trumpets, the devil is permitted to express his wrath, but this in turn is limited to one third of the population and the earth.

7 TRUMPETS

1	HAIL, FIRE, BLOOD AFFECTS 1/3 OF EARTH	
2	FALLING METEOR AFFECTS 1/3 OF SHIPPING	
3	FALLING STAR BITTER WATER KILLS MANY	
4	SUN, MOON & STARS AFFECTS 1/3 OF HEAVENS	
5	LOCUSTS, SCORPIONS WOE-1 FIVE MONTHS OF TORTURE	
6	SATAN'S ARMY WOE-2 AFFECTS 1/3 OF PEOPLE	
7	EARTHQUAKE WOE-3 LEADS TO BOWLS	

Revelation 8:6-9:21 & 11:15-19

God's judgement on the Satanic System

- The Trumpets Blown
 - Satan is then thrown to the earth
 - Revelation 12:9
 - The Trumpets flow out of the seven seals, and represent Satan as the agent of judgment
 - The restriction imposed is one-third.
 - People still refuse to repent.

God's Judgment on the Satanic System

- The Bowls full of God's wrath
- Revelation 16
- With the pouring of the seven vials of the holy wrath of God, judgment is not limited.
- God executes his awesome, holy judgment on the sinful world system and its people.

7 BOWLS

	1 SORES	
	2 SEA OF BLOOD	
	3 RIVERS OF BLOOD	
	4 SCORCHING HEAT	
	5 DARKNESS	
	6 EUPHRATES DRIES	
	7 EARTHQUAKES & HAIL	

Revelation 16

The Opportunity to Repent

- The Judgments are also a final opportunity to repent
 - as with Pharaoh and the plagues in Exodus
- **Revelation 9:20, 21**
 - The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood--idols that cannot see or hear or walk.
 - Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Opportunity to Repent

- **Revelation 16:10b, 11**

- Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done

Jesus returns to take up His kingdom

- The period of Great Tribulation comes to its climax by the Revelation of Christ who returns with the heavenly host to wage war on the Satanic system and its rulers



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