

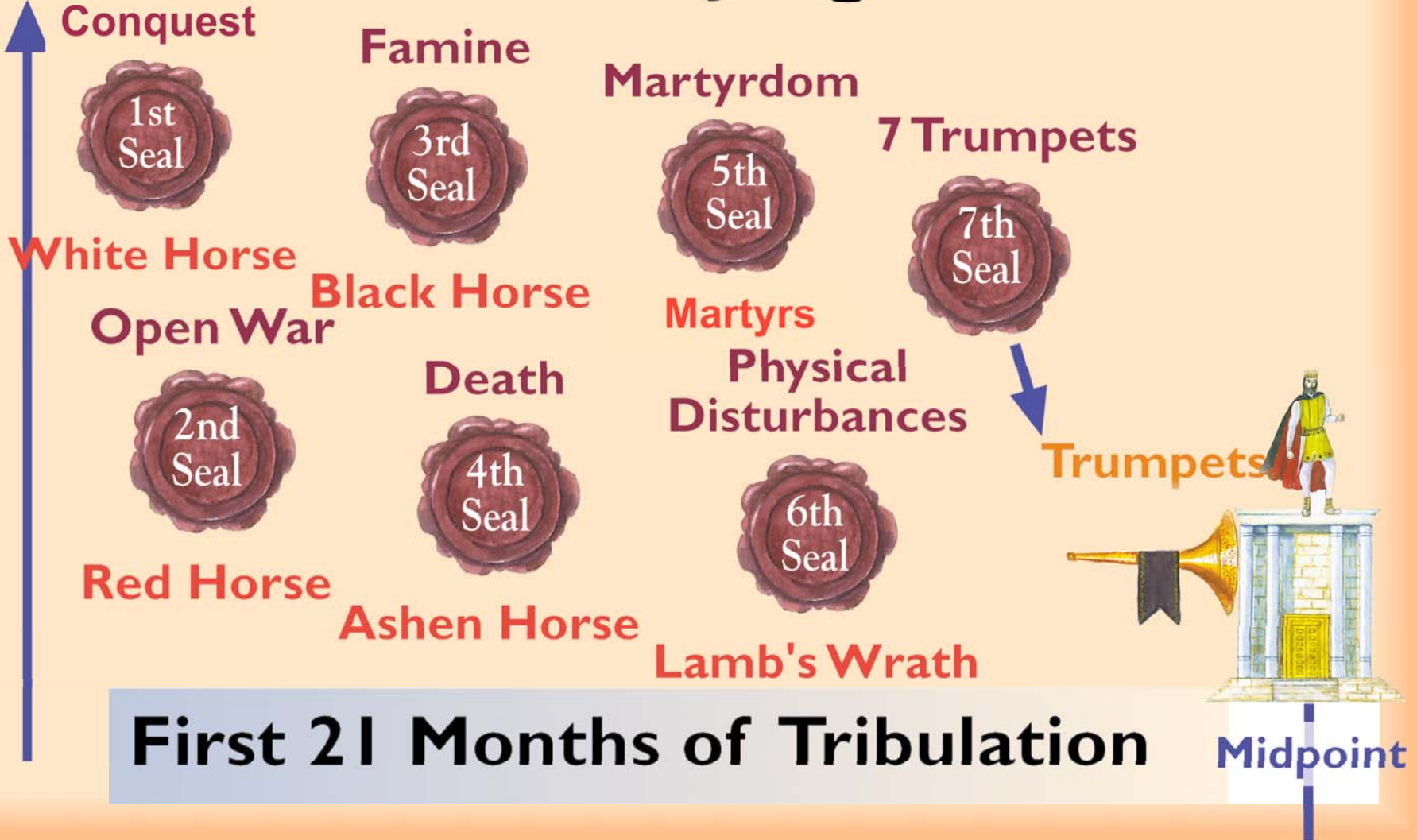


**Rapture
of the
Church**



Heaven

Seal Judgments



Rev. 6:16, “and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

Rev. 6:17, ““for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?””

- **“Wrath” = the justice of God in time**
- **Used 11× in Revelation**

Rev. 6:16–17; 11:18; 12:12 (devil’s wrath); 14:10, 19; 15:1, 7; 16:1, 19; 19:15 (of God)

1st question: Who can stand, who can survive?

Answer: The 144,000 sealed, the martyrs

2nd question: How can a loving God pour out such wrath on His creatures or on believers?

God's character

**[His righteousness, justice, love, in sum
His integrity, His goodness]**

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**in order for God to fully judge evil and end
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**God has a purpose, though we may not
fully comprehend it.**

ESSENCE OF GOD

Sovereign

Omniscience

Righteousness

Omnipresent

Justice

Omnipotent

Love

Righteousness

Eternal

Love

Justice

Truth

- 1. The nature of God;**
- 2. The nature of evil and suffering;**
- 3. The nature of justice;**
- 4. The Divine purpose for history.**

**Is. 14:12, “How you have fallen from heaven,
O star of the morning, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the earth,
You who have weakened the nations!**

**Is. 14:13, “But you said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God,
And I will sit on the mount of assembly
In the recesses of the north.**

**Is. 14:14, ““I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.””**

Rev. 7:1, “After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

Rev. 7:2, “And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,”

Rev. 7:3, “saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.’”



This verse has long been derided as reflecting a naive “prescientific” concept of earth structure, one that supposedly viewed the earth as flat with four corners. ... In terms of modern technology, it is essentially equivalent to what a mariner or geologist would call the four quadrants of the compass, or the four directions. This is evident also from the mention of the “four winds” which, in common usage, would of course be the north, west, south, and east winds.

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Parenthetically, accurate modern geodetic measurements in recent years have proved that the earth actually does have four “corners.” These are protuberances standing out from the basic “geoid,” that is, the basic spherical shape of the earth. The earth is not really a perfect sphere, but is slightly flattened at the poles. Its equatorial bulge is presumably caused by the earth’s axial rotation, and its four “corners” protrude from that.

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