

# The Church in the Book of the Revelation

## The Seven Stages of Christendom as Foretold in the Seven Letters to the Seven Churches (Rev.chs.2&3)

AD32

**Ephesus**  
"Desired"  
Early Church

(Rev.chs.2&3)

AD313 Constantine's  
Edict of  
Toleration

**Smyrna**  
"Myrrh"  
Suffering  
Church

AD600 Pope Gregory  
assumes  
political power

**Pergamos**  
"Married"  
State Church



The 10 Pagan  
persecutions from  
Nero to Diocletian  
AD54 to 305

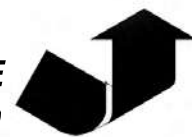


"Come up  
hither!"  
Rev.4:1



2nd ADVENT  
of Christ

RAPTURE  
of Church



These churches no longer exist yet Jesus told them to "Hold fast *till I come*" (Rev.2:25). They are therefore prophetic of the Church till the Rapture

**Thyatira**  
"Continual Sacrifice"  
Roman Catholic Church



**NOTE:**  
The "overcomers" in each stage are the **saved** remnant in Christendom. They will not be "blotted out" of the Book of Life and will be kept "from *the HOUR of temptation which shall come upon all the world...*" (Rev.3:10)

1517  
Luther's Protest

**Sardis**  
"Escaping Few"  
Reformation Church

1700  
Moravian  
Revival

**Philadelphia**  
"Brotherly Love"  
Missionary Church

1906  
Azusa St. Mission, Los Angeles

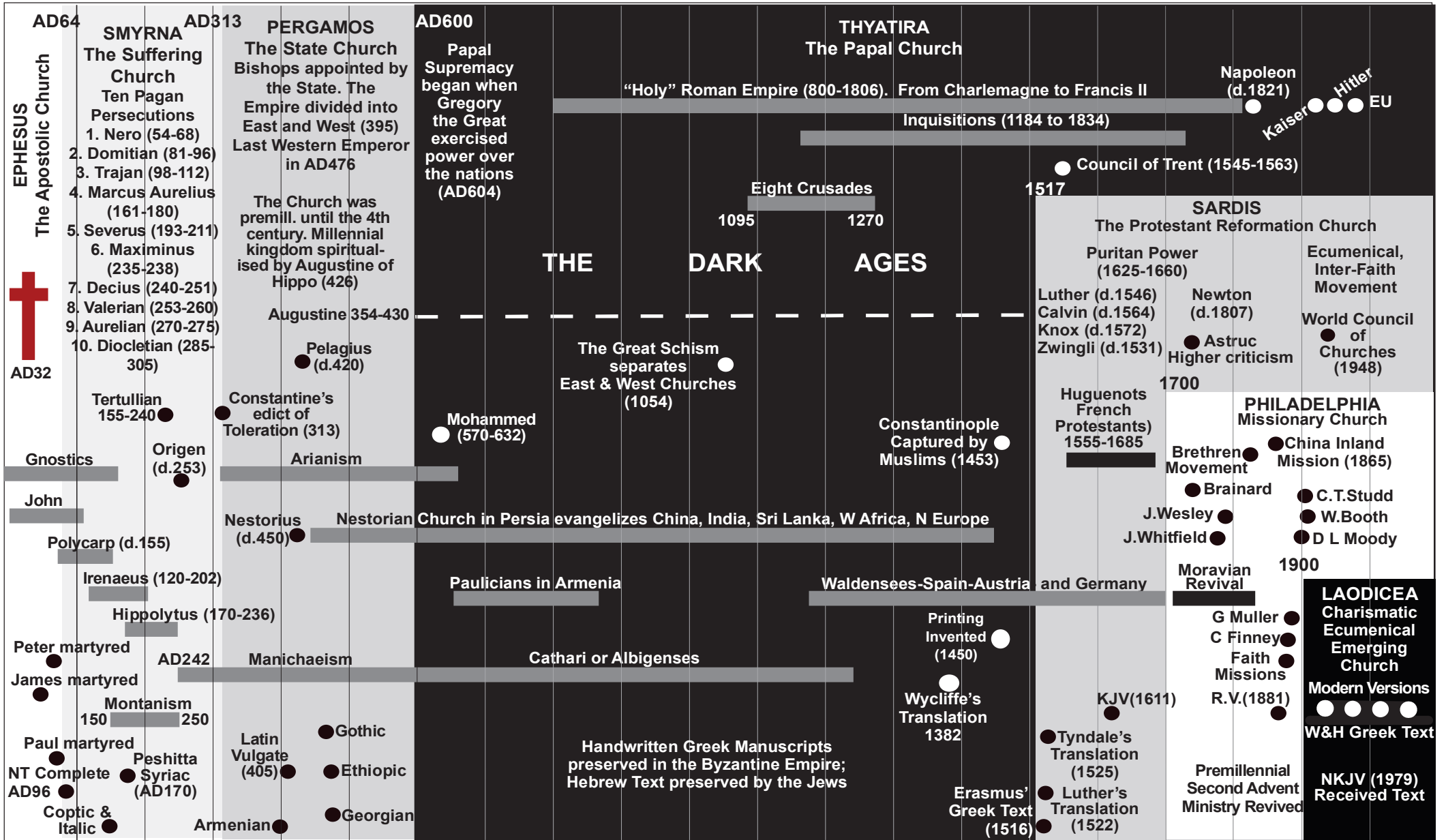
**Laodicea**  
"People Rule"  
Charismatic  
Emerging Church

The 7-year Tribulation called  
The day of the LORD  
The Time of Jacob's trouble  
& Daniel's 70th "week".

1,000-year  
reign of  
Christ from  
David's  
Throne at  
Jerusalem

# CHURCH HISTORY FORETOLD IN THE SEVEN CHURCHES

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## Sequence of Events in the Tribulation

The events occurring during the seven years of Great Tribulation may be divided into three areas.

- 1) The First half of the 7 years or 1,260 days
- 2) Events that occur at the Mid-point of the 7 years and,
- 3) The Second half of the 7 years or a second period of 1,260 days.

The more we become familiar with the text of the Revelation the more obvious it becomes that it provides us with a continuous record of major events that will occur from the Day of Pentecost all the way down to the end of time and on into eternity.

The entire scene will change after the first 1,260 days when Antichrist, who is the political head of the Revived Roman Empire in the first half of the 7 years, will become the Beast and be demonically possessed.

During the first half of the 7 years, attention is focussed on Israel who will be invaded by Russia and Islam but will, in her time of great trouble, cry out to the Lord and *"all Israel shall be saved"* (Rom.11:26-33).

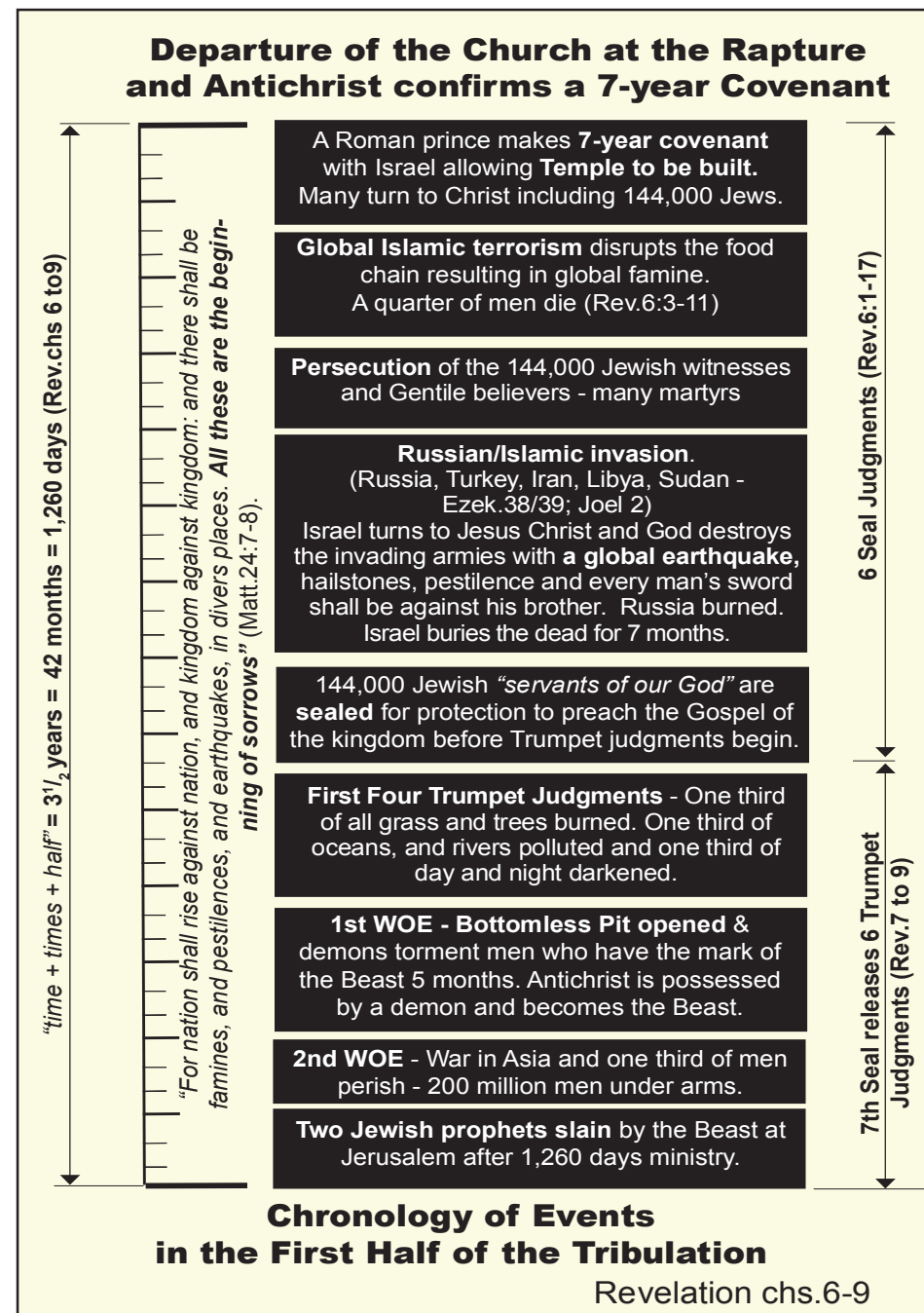
Gospel testimony will be entrusted to Israel in the first 1,260 days and 144,000 Jewish young men will, for a short time (Matt.10:23) proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom *"in all the world for a witness unto all nations"* (Matt.24:14) before the last 1,260 days runs its course.

At the end of the first 1,260 days open testimony on earth will be silenced and the 144,000 Jews will appear before the throne in heaven.

In the second half of the 7 years the nations will be divided; those who are for Christ against those who are for the Beast and Satan. The Beast will have his mark of ownership implanted in the forehead or right hand of his followers. The vial judgments that God will pour out during this time will be directed against the beast, his kingdom, and those who receive his mark.

Two powerful leaders are identified in the seven-year period; Gog, who is the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal in the land of Magog (Russia) and the Beast (Antichrist) who is the leader of the Revived Roman Empire. Gog and the land of Magog are destroyed in the first half of the 7 years and the beast is destroyed at the end of the second half of the 7 years.

The entire period begins immediately after the Rapture of the Church and concludes when Christ comes in glory and power with all His saints.



## Russia & Islam Destroyed, Israel Saved, Antichrist Demon possessed from the Abyss

Seven thunder judgments are sealed up and an angel declares there *"should be delay no longer"*.

Antichrist causes **Jewish sacrifices to cease** in the Temple and places his image there - *"the abomination of desolation"*.

There is **war in heaven** and Michael and his angels cast the Dragon (Satan) and his angels into the earth.

The two Jewish prophets slain by the Beast in Jerusalem are raised and **caught up to heaven** after  $3\frac{1}{2}$  days.

**Israel flees** from Jerusalem helped by a nation with *"two wings of a great eagle"* - possibly the United States.

The 144,000 Jewish servants of God appear **before the throne** in heaven. Israel's testimony on earth silenced.

Angels flying through the heavens **proclaim the "Everlasting Gospel"** & warn of imminent wrath and Great Tribulation.

An **assassination attempt** is made on the Beast and his *"deadly"* wound by a sword to the head is healed.

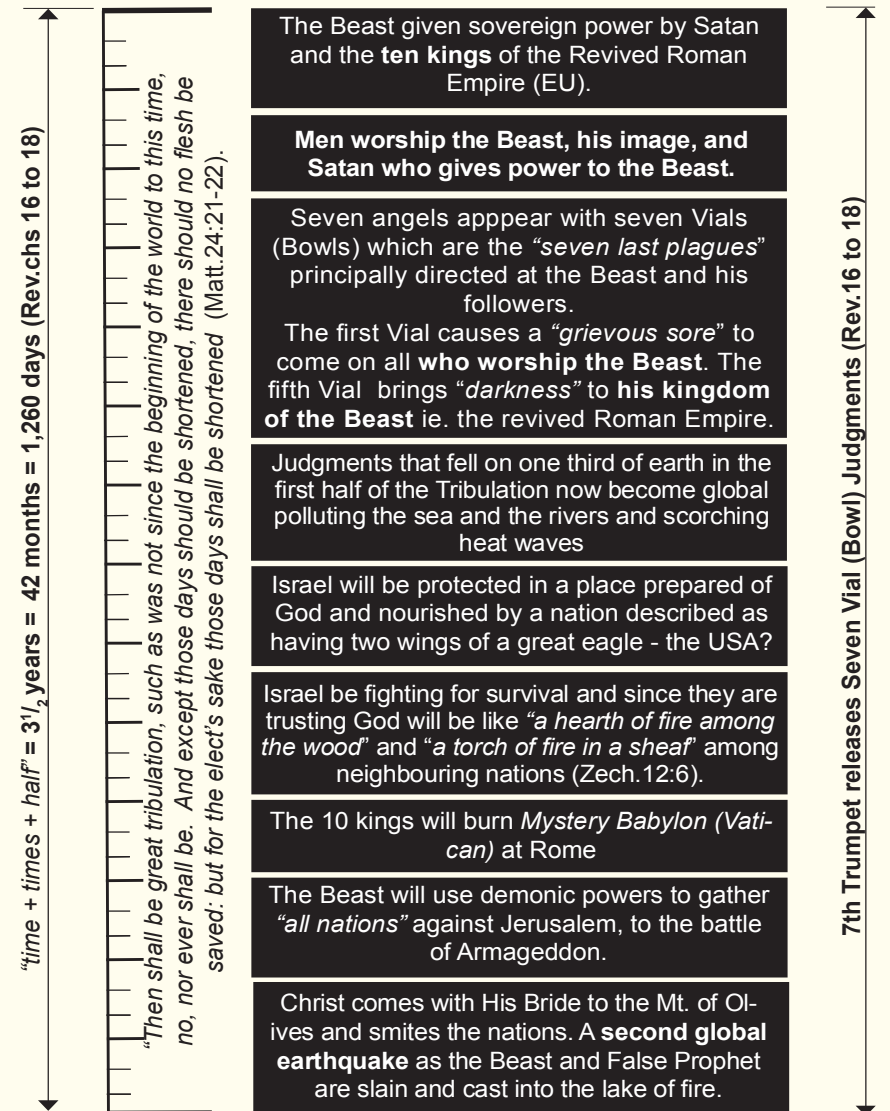
The Lord and angels prepare to **reap the harvest** of earth and to cast the nations into the winepress of the wrath of God.

An angel warns not to receive **the mark of the Beast**. Better to die *"in the Lord"* than be tormented for ever in the lake of fire.

### Events Occurring at the Mid-point of the Tribulation

Revelation chs.10-14

## The 7th Trumpet Announces 7 "last plagues"



### Chronology of Events in the Second Half of the Tribulation (Rev.chs.15 to 19)

Revelation chs.15-18