
THE ORDER OF REVELATION

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DISPENSATIONAL OUTLINE

Revelation 1:19

"Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this (meta tauta)."

Chapter 1	—	Introduction	—	“things you have seen”
Chapters 2 -3	—	Church Age	—	“things which are”
Chapters 4-22	—	Trib & Mill	—	“things after this”

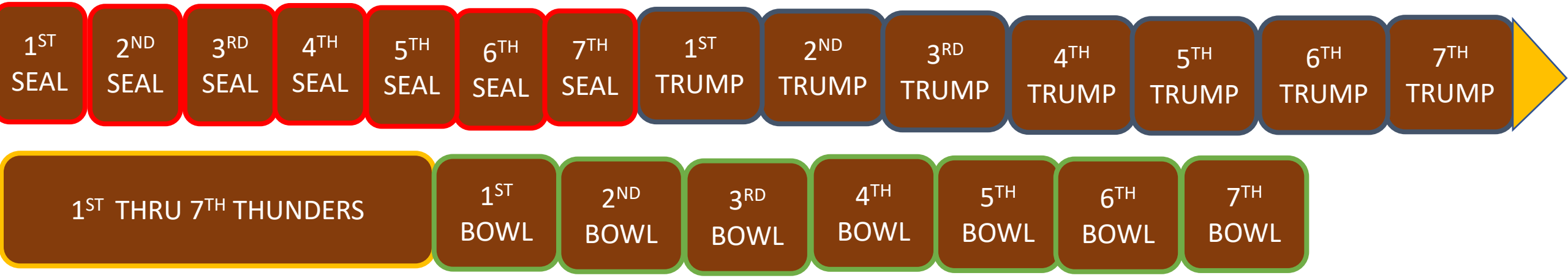
ESSENTIAL OUTLINE

1 — the things you saw
2-3 — the things that are (Church age)
4-5 — the rapture and the raptured church in heaven
6-19 — the tribulation and the second coming
20 — 1000 years, final rebellion, great white throne
21-22 — New Jerusalem, presence of Father


THE ORDER OF THE
VISITATIONS

STANDARD ORDER OF THE VISITATIONS

MAJORITY VIEW



CHARACTERISTICS

— the visitations are end-to-end with no overlap

— each visitation is introduced and exhausted before next one starts

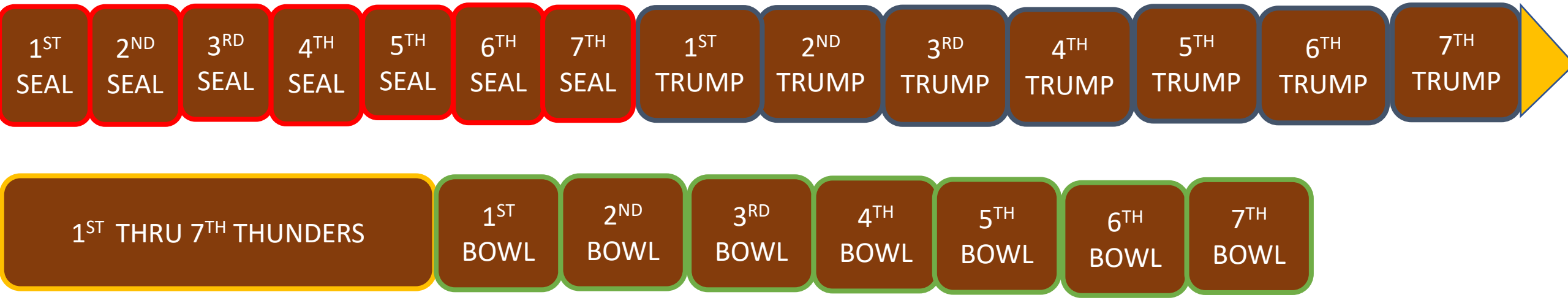
STANDARD ORDER OF THE VISITATIONS

PROBLEMATIC!

ARRIVAL OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

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ARRIVAL OF THE KINGDOM

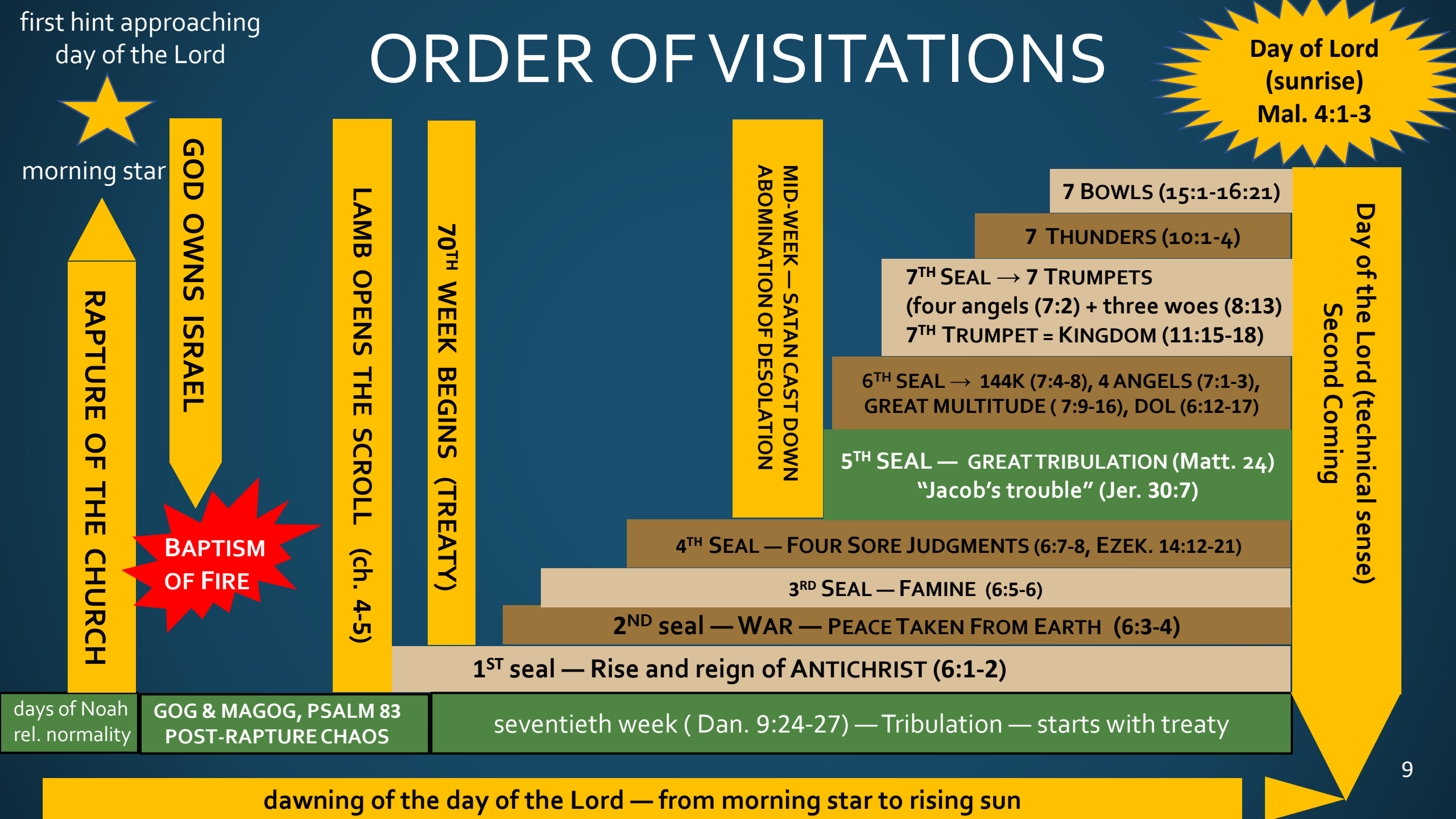


This creates problems:

— have to water down 6th seal → warning shot of the day of the Lord

— have to water down 7th trumpet → warning shot of the kingdom

ORDER OF VISITATIONS



TWO WAYS TO DETERMINE THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE VISITATIONS

TRADITION SAYS …
DR. HUMDINGER SAYS …



ASSUMPTIONS
AND THEORIES



THE EVIDENCE SAYS …

SCIENCE OF CHRONOLOGY
AND BIBLICAL OBSERVATION





COMMON ASSUMPTIONS ON THE BACK-TO-BACK ORDER

— **Assumption 1** : the back-to-back order is obvious because visitations opened, sounded, poured in order

— **Assumption 2** : overlapping theory can't be correct because two witnesses testify in first half of the week

— **no serious exegetical effort** to prove from Scripture that the back-to-back order is correct

SCIENCE OF CHRONOLOGY & BIBLICAL OBSERVATIONS

— principles of chronology = **relative location & cross dating**

— **relative location** = whether event before, concurrent with, or after another event

— **cross dating** = establishing date of event by associating event with event of known date

SEVEN ARGUMENTS FOR OVERLAPPING CHRONOLOGY

#1 = relative location of the signs in the heaven

#2 = one great shaking in the last days

#3 – no watering down

#4 – allows full awful reality of the seals

#5 – embraces complex 6th seal and 7th trumpet

#6 – visitations analogous to the flood

#7 – consistent with nature of the day of the Lord

ARGUMENT #1
RELATIVE LOCATION OF SIGNS IN HEAVENS

~ signs = sun dark, moon blood red, stars fall, planets shaken

~ signs **before** the day of the Lord (Acts 2:20)
~ signs **immediately after** the great tribulation (Matt. 24:29)
~ signs **when** nations gathered for Armageddon (Joel 3:9-16, Is. 34:2-4)
~ signs happen **in presence of** descending army (Joel 2:2-11, Is. 13:3-13)
~ signs happen **when** Satan and minions bound (Is. 24:21-23)

~ forced conclude that signs under 6th seal = arrival DOL at 2ND coming
~ forced to conclude DOL has particular reference to 2ND coming

TYPOLOGY OF THE DAY OF THE LORD



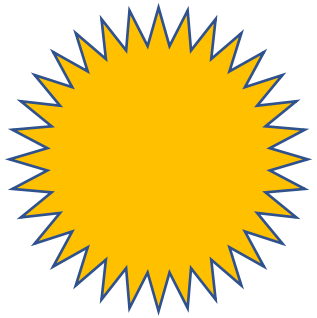
MORNING STAR

Crack of dawn of Day of the Lord
— first hint of the approaching day
— Rev. 2:28, Rev. 22:16, 2 Pet. 1:19
— comes as a thief in the night

unobtrusive sign

SUNRISE

Arrival of Day of Lord
(Mal. 4:1-3. Jam. 1:9-11)
(legal start of day)



terrifying signs in the heavens

RAPTURE

SECOND COMING

DAWNING

TRIBULATION

Dawning of the Day of the Lord
(1 Thess. 5, 2 Thess. 2)

signs increase variety, intensity, frequency

DAY PROPER

MILLENNIUM

— the Promised Rest
(Heb. 4, 2 Pet. 3:8,
Hos. 5:14-6:2)

— Day of the Lord in contrast to man's day

ARGUMENT #2
ONE GREAT SHAKING IN LAST DAYS

~ "Yet **ONCE more** I shake not only the earth, but also heaven" (Heb. 12:26)

~ "**ONCE more** (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth" (Hag. 2:6)

~ "The earth is violently broken. The earth is split open. The earth is shaken exceedingly. **The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard**." (Is. 24:19-20)

~ **ALL** mountains, islands vanish at 6TH seal (Rev. 6:14) and 7TH bowl (Rev. 16:20)

~ There can't be two last-days shaking which level all the mountains

~ Therefore, the shaking under 6TH seal (Rev. 6:14) must be the same as the shaking at the second coming/7TH bowl (Rev. 16:20)

ARGUMENT #3
NO WATERING DOWN 6TH SEAL & 7TH TRUMPET

~ The **sixth seal (Rev. 6:12-17)** can actually be what it appears to be at first glance and what the seals demand that it be, the Lord coming in terrible judgment at the second coming.

~ The **seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15-19)** can actually be what it appears to be at first glance, the coming of the kingdom.

~ No need to water them down and make them mere warning shots

ARGUMENT #4
ALLOWS FULL AWFUL REALITY OF SEALS

~ the seals are not short-lived events, but overlapping and stacking events

~ the seals are **lasting, awful, painful changes** to the world's reality

~ 1ST seal — **antichrist** will conquer and rule until 2ND coming (Rev. 6:1-2)

~ 2ND seal — **war** will ravage earth until 2ND coming (Rev. 6:3-4)

~ 3RD seal — mankind brutalized by **famine** until 2ND coming (Rev. 6:5-6)

~ 4TH seal — "**four severe judgments**" (Ez. 14:21) until 2ND coming (Rev. 6:7-8)

~ 5TH seal —remnant suffers great tribulation until 2ND coming (Rev. 6:9-11)

ARGUMENT #5
EMBRACES COMPLEX 6TH SEAL

~ 6TH seal includes all events of ch. 7: four angels, 144K, great multitude

~ 7TH seal starts with Rev. 8:1

~ full scope 6TH seal = DOTL, four angels, 144K, and great multitude

~ this is a **chiasmus** in moral order (not chronological order):
final judgment, early judgment, initial harvest, final harvest

ARGUMENT #5
EMBRACES COMPLEX 6TH TRUMPET

~ 6TH trumpet includes all events from Rev. 9:13 to Rev. 11:14

~ 4 bound angels and 200 million horsemen (9:13-21)
mirrors four bound angels of sixth seal (7:1-2)

~ introduction of the seven thunders (10:1-4)
mirrors 7th seal introducing trumpets (8:1-2)

~ warning on coming climax of the mystery (10:5-11)

~ climactic close of ministry of the two witnesses (11:7-14)

ARGUMENT #6
ANALOGOUS TO THE FLOOD

~ The visitations overlapping and stacking up, working in synergistic fashion is **analogous to the flood** waters getting deeper and more destructive on earth.

~ This analogy is lost if the visitations are back to back.

ARGUMENT #7
MANIFESTS SPIRIT OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

~ (Isaiah 24:17-20)
Flee from the noise of the **fear**, fall into the **pit**
Crawl out of **pit**, caught in the **snare**

~ (Amos 5:18-20)
Flee from a **lion**, run into a **bear**
Flee from the **bear** into house, get bit by **serpent**

~ NO WHERE TO HIDE.

VALUE-ADDED BENEFIT

PREWRATH RAPTURE HUNG ON HAMAN'S GALLOWS



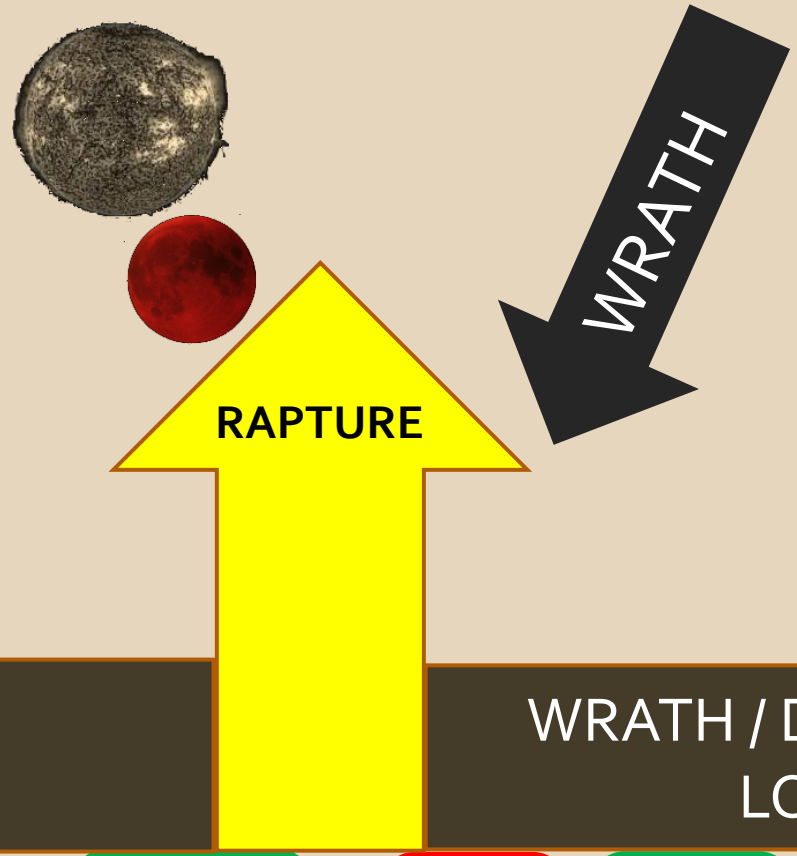
PREWRATH LOCATION OF THE RAPTURE

~ visitations have zero overlap

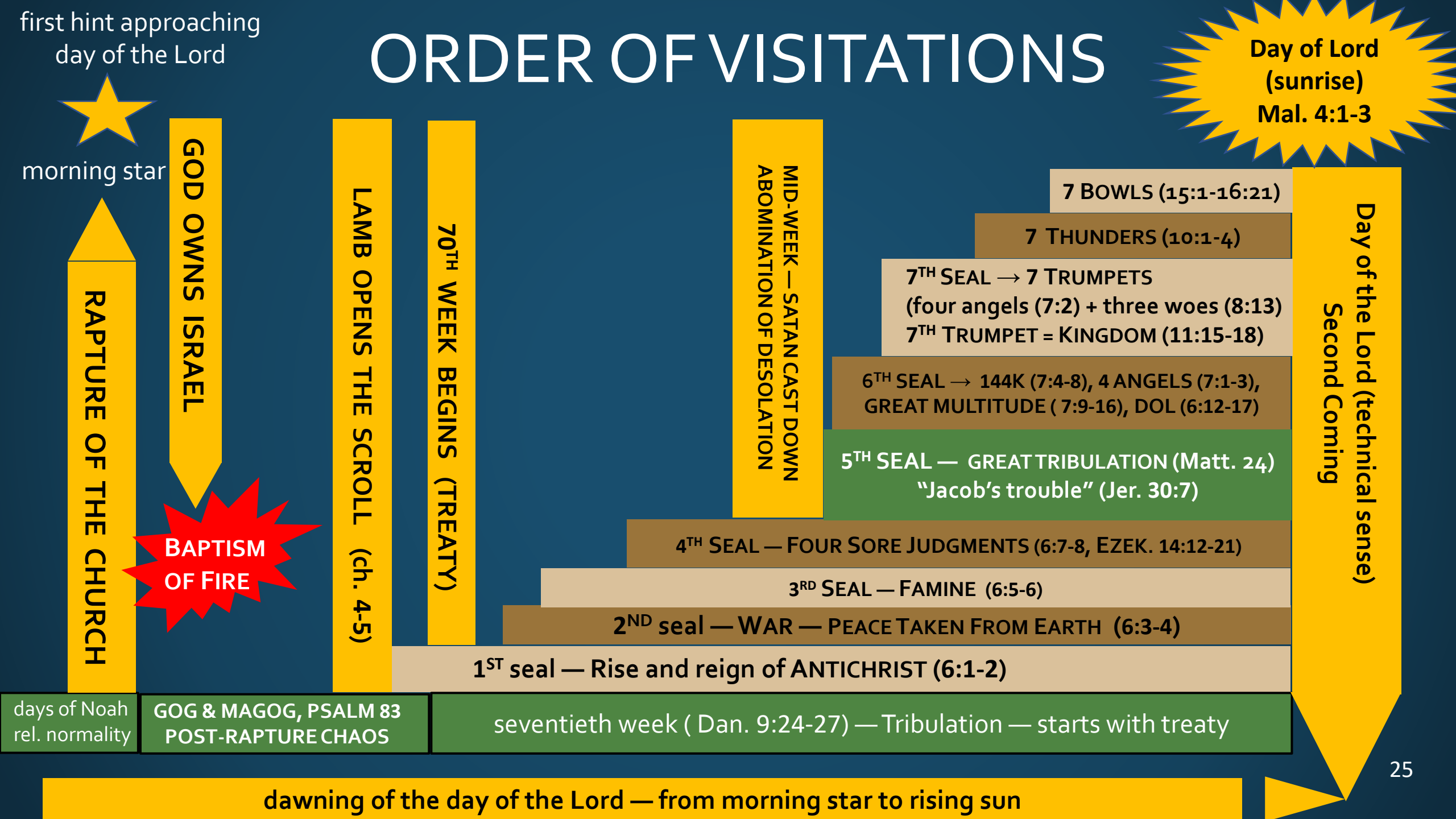
~ 6th seal brings signs of DOTL

~ rapture after opening 6th seal, before or at opening 7th seal

~ wrath arrives with 7th seal



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CONCLUSION

WHAT WE HAVE DONE:

~ EXAMINED essential outline of Revelation

~ COMPARED back-to-back & overlap views of visitations

~ EXAMINED seven evidences visitations overlap & stack

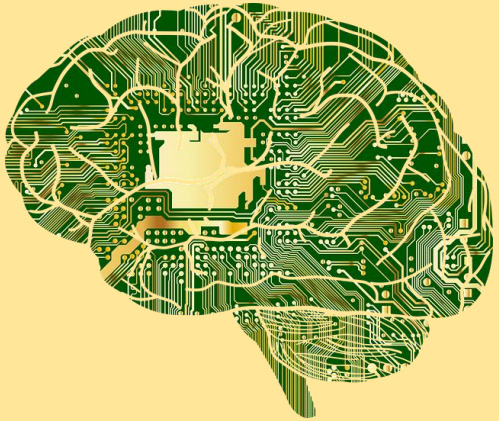
~ CONSIDERED benefits of overlap & stack view

~ OBSERVED overlap view is fatal to the prewrath rapture

observant study yields helpful insights

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HEART ON FIRE









One short life
to be a good soldier;
One long eternity
to be a fulfilled human being.
— LWB

“endure hardship as a good soldier”
(2 Tim. 2:3)

“do exploits”
(Dan. 11:32)

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