

**[Revelation]
Lesson 4**

**The Seven Seals
(Revelation 6)**



Introduction



Seven Seals *broken*

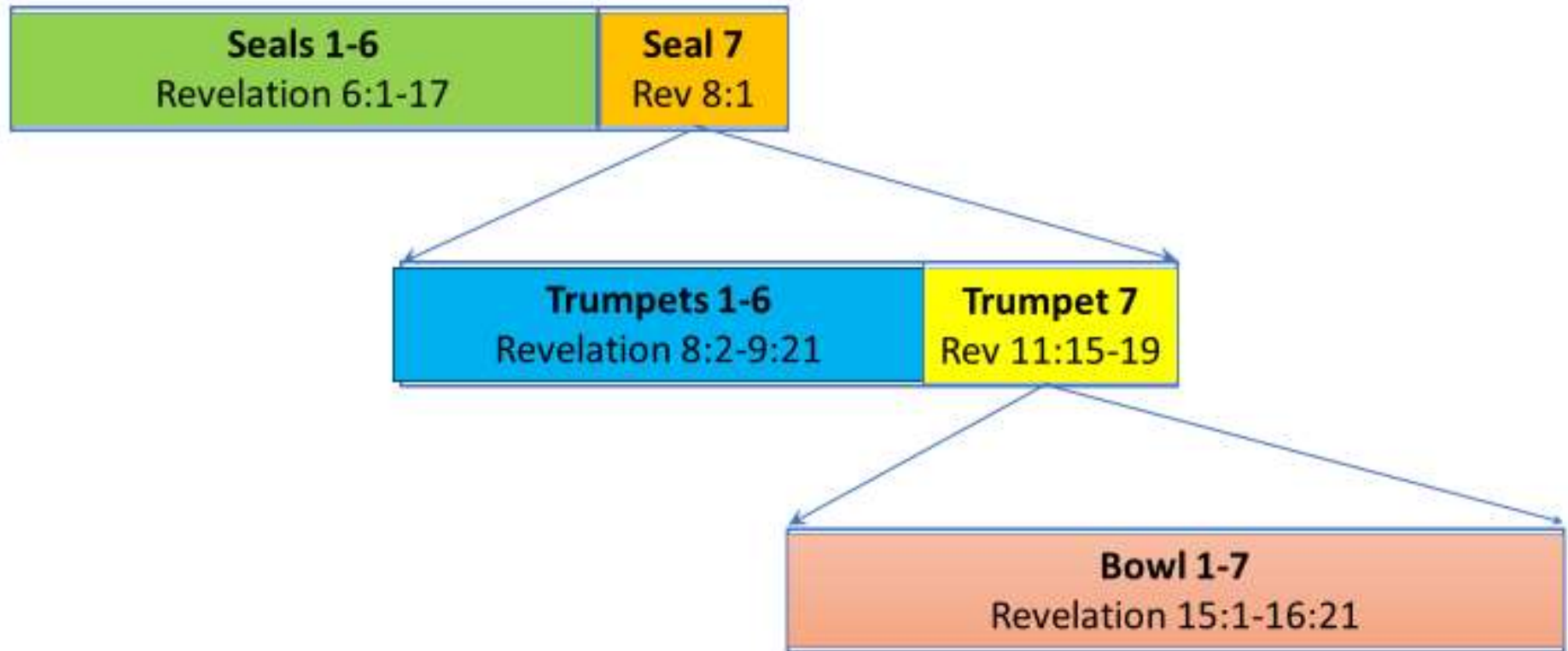


Seven Trumpets *sounded*



Seven Vials *poured out*





Order of Seal, Trumpet and Bowl Judgments

TRIBULATION

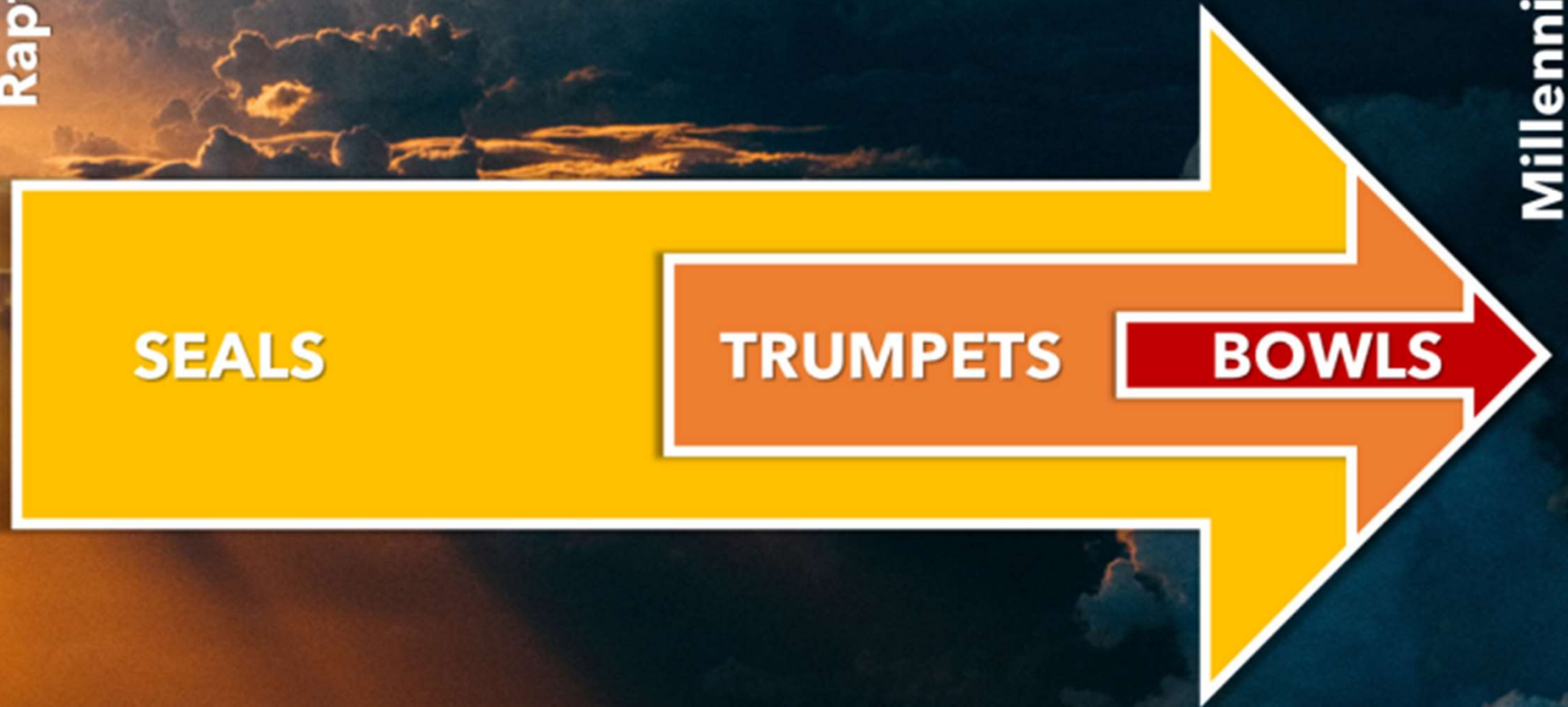
Rapture

Millennium

SEALS

TRUMPETS

BOWLS



1st Half of Tribulation



RAPTURE



6 seals

3 1/2 years

God's Time Clock for Israel

Dan. 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

- (1) to finish the transgression, and
- (2) to make an end of sins, and
- (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, and
- (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, and
- (5) to seal up the vision and prophecy, and
- (6) to anoint the most Holy." Dan. 9:24

In Hebrew, the word *week* is **seven**; 70 weeks are **490 yrs.** during which time thus, *seventy weeks* (70 x 7) is 490. Since the above 6 things will be accomplished the context of Dan. 9:24 is years, the for Israel.

Just as time clocks at ball games run, stop, and run again until the set time is reached, God's time clock for Israel runs, stops, and runs again until the 490 years are completed.

Dan. 9:25–26 indicates the Tribulation will last 7 years, and two time periods are given: 7 weeks + 62 weeks:

1. **Seven weeks** (7 x 7) = 49 yrs. Israel's time clock started at "*the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem*" —Dan. 9:25. This occurred when Artaxerxes commanded to restore and build Jerusalem, which took **49 yrs.** (Neh. 2:1–8).
2. **Sixty-two weeks** (62 x 7) = 434 yrs. "*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off (Christ crucified), but not for himself*" —Dan. 9:26.

Adding 49 yrs. to 434 yrs. is **483 yrs.** (69 weeks), when Israel's clock stopped. After Christ's crucifixion, God set Israel aside and since then has done His work on earth through the church.

Only **1 wk.** (7 yrs.) is needed for God's time clock for Israel to complete the 70 weeks (**490 yrs.**).

Dan. 9:27 "*He (Antichrist) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week (7 yrs.).*" When the "covenant" is confirmed, God's time clock begins for Israel and the **7-yr. Tribulation** ("*time of Jacob's trouble*" —Jer. 30:7) begins. During this time, God brings an end to Israel's national transgression and sins, makes reconciliation for iniquity, and brings in everlasting righteousness which seals up (fulfills) prophecy, and anoints the most Holy—Jesus Christ returns to earth in power and glory. Thus the 70 weeks (**490 yrs.**) are complete. Christ then begins His glorious millennial (1,000 yrs.) reign on earth.

NOTE: The Rapture occurs just prior to, or at the confirming of the 7-yr. "covenant." The believer's "*blessed hope*" (Tit. 2:13) is the Rapture, not the Tribulation (1 Thess. 4:13–17; 2 Thess. 2:1–12). After the church age (Rev. 2, 3), John the Beloved, representing the church saints, is immediately caught up in the spirit (raptured) to stand before the throne of God (Rev. 4:1, 3). From Heaven, John views and describes the Tribulation events on earth. It is noteworthy that the word *church* (Rev. 3:22) is never used again until the end of the book of the Revelation (Rev. 22:16), which shows that the church (saved people) does not go through the Tribulation.

Seals	Rev. 6		Matt. 24
	(verse)		(verse)
1st	1-2	False Christs	4-5
2nd	3-4	Wars	6-7
3rd	5-6	Famines	7
4th	7-8	Pestilence/death	7-8
5th	9-11	Martyrdom	9-13
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144,000 sealed	7:1-17	Preaching gospel of kingdom	14

Colour Help Guide

Believers =	Green
God the Father =	Purple
God the Son =	Yellow
God the Holy Spirit =	Blue
The Bible =	Grey
Satan's Liars and Lies =	Red

1. First Seal {White Horse}



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(Rev 6:1) And **I** (John) saw when the **Lamb** opened one of the seals, and **I** heard, as it were the noise of thunder [before storm], one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. (2) And **I** saw, and behold a white horse: and **he** (antichrist) that sat on him (white horse) had a bow; and a crown was given unto **him**: and **he** went forth conquering (take control), and to conquer.

Daniel 9:27; 11:21; 2 Thess. 2:7-12



2. Second Seal {Red Horse}



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(Rev 6:3) And when he (the Lamb) had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. (4) And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

1 Thess. 5:3



3. Third Seal {Black Horse}



(Rev 6:5) And when **he** had opened the third seal, **I** heard the third beast say, Come and see. And **I** beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. (6) And **I** heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure (one-day food) of wheat (good food) for a penny (one-day pay), and three measures of barley (poor food) for a penny; and see (careful) thou hurt not the oil and the wine (rich food).



4. Fourth Seal {Pale (green-yellow) Horse}



(Rev 6:7) And when **he** had opened the fourth seal, **I** heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. (8a) And **I** looked, and behold a pale (green-yellow) horse: and his name that sat on him was Death (physical / body), and Hell (spiritual—eternal) followed with him...



(Rev 6:8b) ...And power was given unto them (the horsemen) over the fourth part (25%) of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts (animals) of the earth.



5. Fifth Seal {Martyrs of the Tribulation}

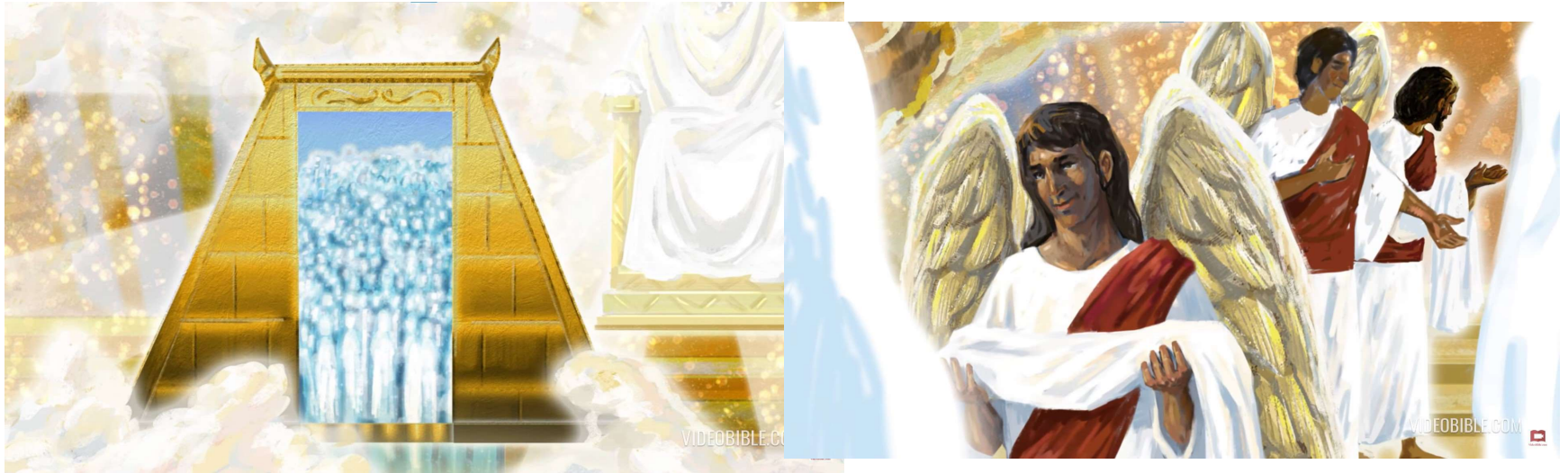


(Rev 6:9) And when **he** had opened the fifth seal, **I** saw under the altar the **souls** (spirits) of **them** that were slain (killed) for the word of God, and for the testimony (witness [Greek = martyr]) which **they** held:

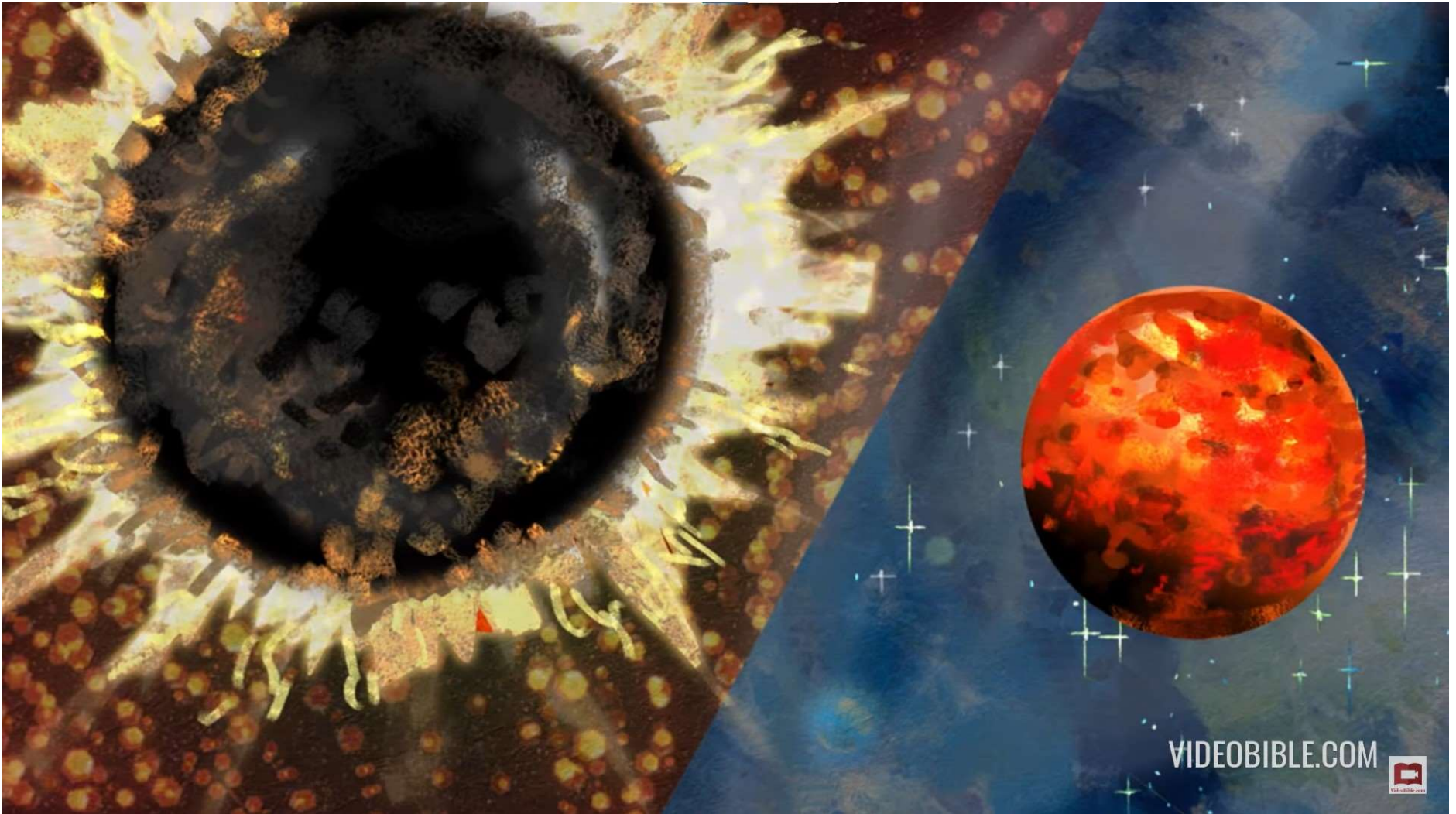
(10) And **they** cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O **Lord**, holy and true, dost **thou** not judge and avenge [do judgment—punish sin] **our** blood (killing) on **them** that dwell on the earth?



(Rev 6:11) And white robes [Jesus' Righteousness] were given unto every **one of them**; and it was said unto **them**, that **they** should rest yet for a little season (time), until their fellowservants also and their brethren [other martyrs], that should be killed as **they** were [killed], should be fulfilled (finished).



6. Sixth Seal {Great Earthquake}

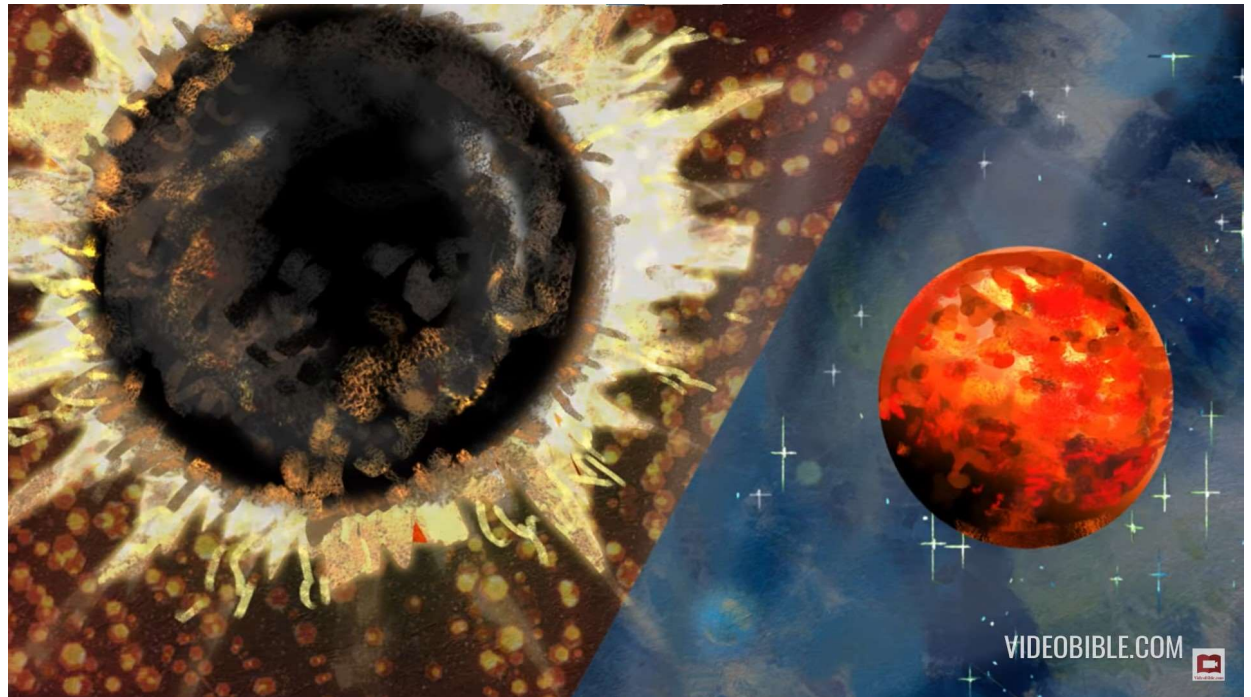


(Rev 6:12) *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair (black goat-hair), and the moon became as blood (red);*

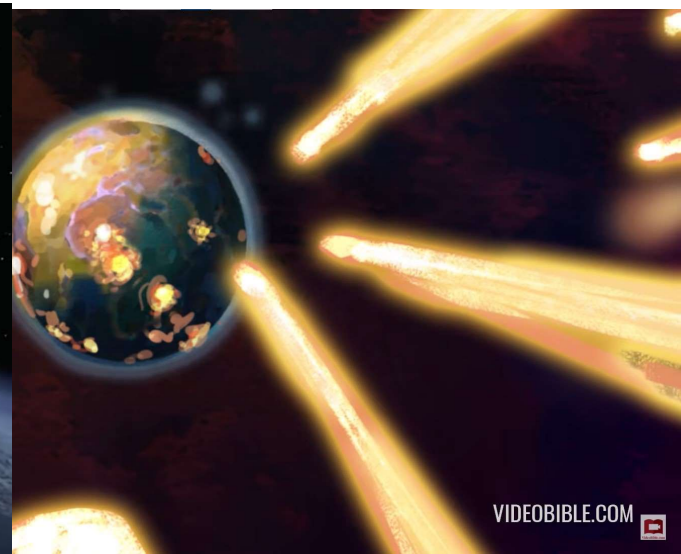
Maybe great volcano(s)...

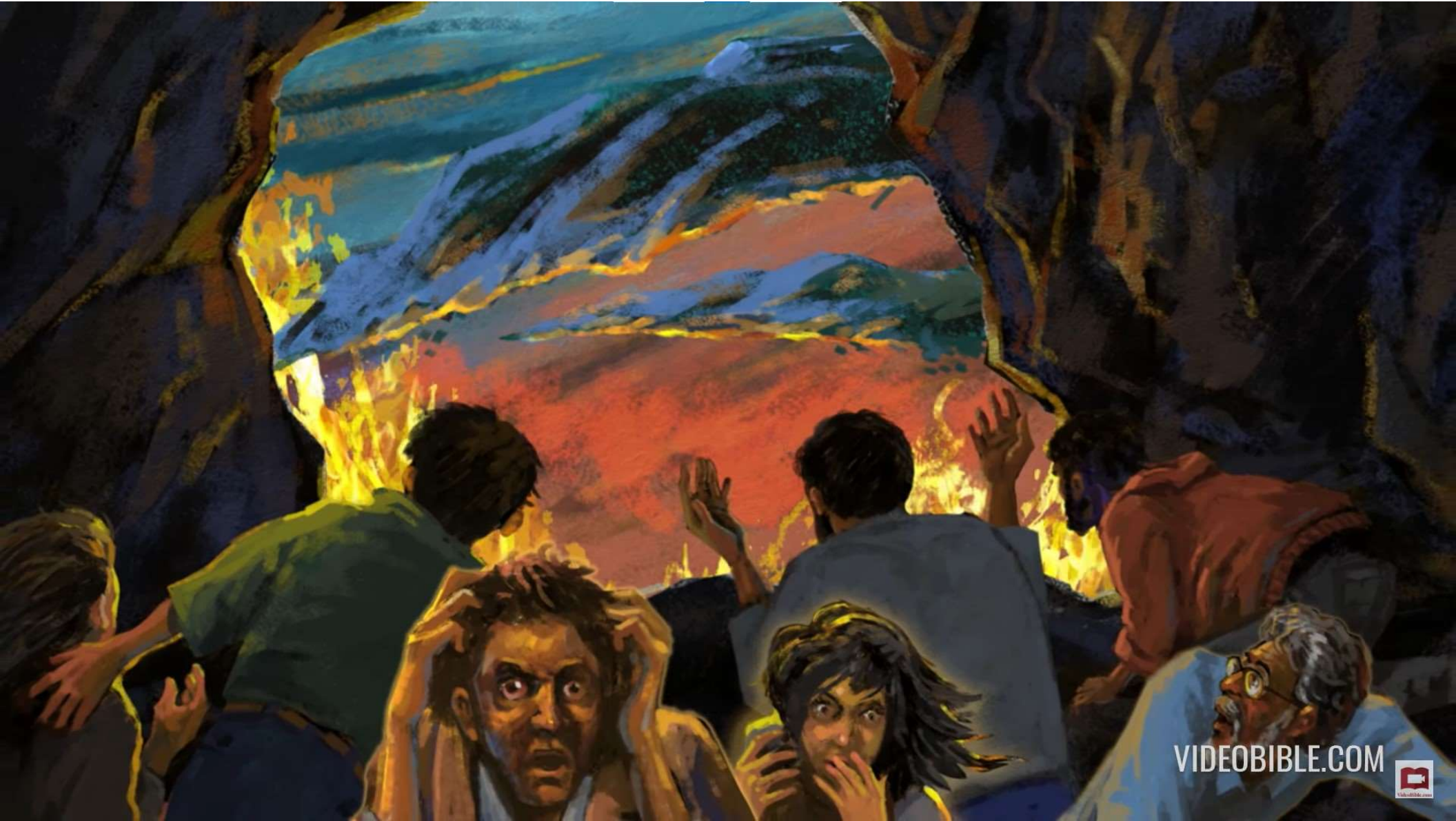
Maybe nuclear bombs...

We can only guess, and we should not spend much time guessing.



(Rev 6:13) *And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely (unripe / not ready) figs (fruit), when she (fig tree) is shaken of a mighty wind. (14) And the heaven (sky) departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*





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(Rev 6:15) *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman (slave—poor), and every free man (rich), hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; (16) And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the **face** of **him** that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath (anger) of the **Lamb**: (17) For the great day of **his** wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

