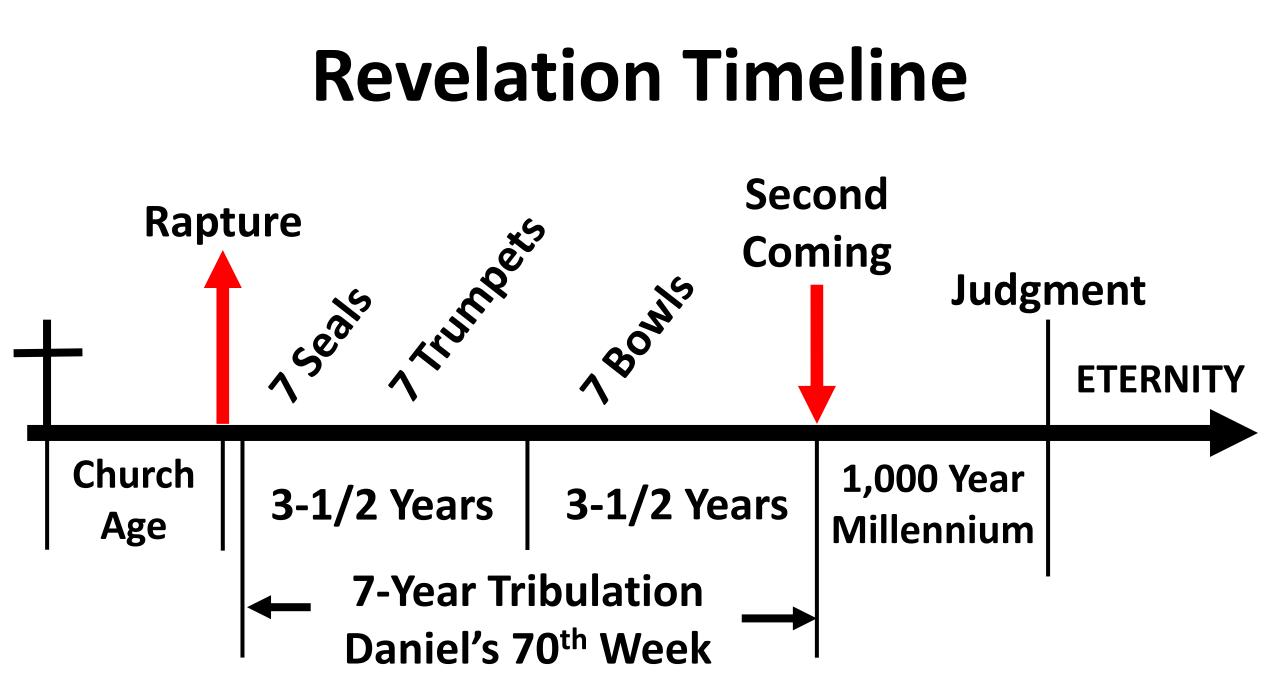
# **REVELATION** Are we living in the end times?

#### Week 5: The Four Horsemen & the 144,000 Revelation 6 – 7



#### Ch. 6: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

#### <u>White Horse</u> The Antichrist Bow, no Arrows To Conquer

Red Horse War/Bloodshed Takes peace from the earth

Black Horse Famine Inflation Starvation Pale Horse Plague/Death <u>Hades</u> Place of the dead

Seals 1 – 4 (Cf. Zech. 6:1-8)

## The 5<sup>th</sup> Seal: Martyred Souls

- •Their Identity = those who came to faith and were martyred during the first 4 seals.
- •Their Plea = How long?
- •God's Answer = "Until the full number of martyrs was completed."

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Seal: Divine Wrath

- •Judgment from God contrasted with the human-generated calamity of Seals 1-5.
- •Earthly calamity (earthquake, mountains/ islands removed)
- •Heavenly calamity (sun, moon, stars)
- The great day of their wrath has come...

#### The 144,000

- The four corners of the earth = an idiomatic expression for the 4 points of the compass.
- A seal on the foreheads = a mark of protection.
- •144,000 = Jewish converts during the tribulation commissioned to evangelize.
- •No Dan/Ephraim; instead, Levi/Joseph.

### The Great Multitude

- Every nation, tribe, people and language = Converts/martyrs during the tribulation.
- White robes...palm branches = refers to their redemption.
- •Vs. 12 Seven-fold praise of God.
- •Vs. 13-17 Seven-fold blessing of the martyred saints.

#### Next Week: The Trumpets & The Two Witnesses

- ✓ Read Revelation 8 11.
- ✓ Identify the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal and the 7 Trumpets
- ✓ What are the attributes of the 2 witnesses?
- ✓ Where is the ark of the covenant?