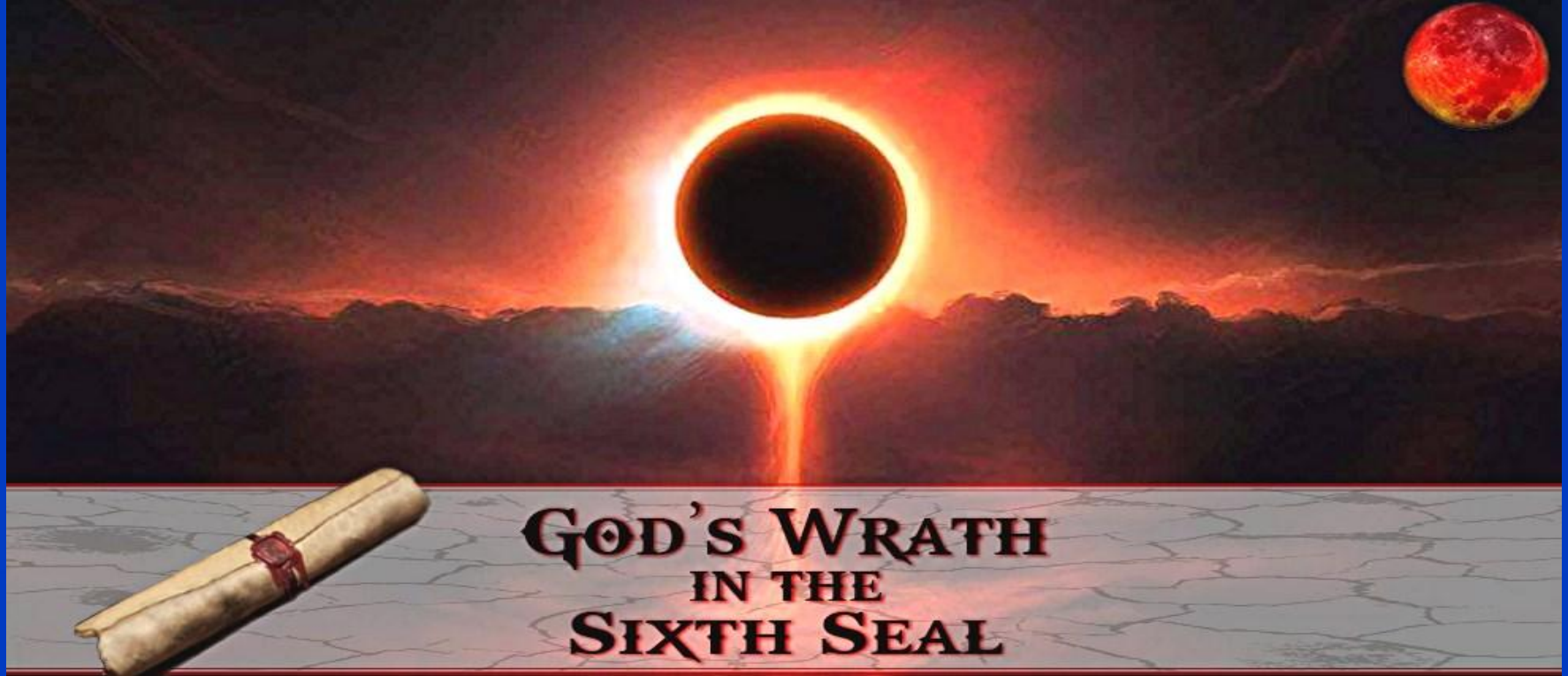




# GOD'S WRATH?

- First 4 seals are the 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse
- Represents man's inhumanity to one another
- 5<sup>th</sup> seal reveals martyred souls that cry out to be avenged
- God says He will provide justice, but they must wait
- None of the first 5 seals seems to be God's wrath but rather is evil provoked by satanic influence





## GOD'S WRATH IN THE SIXTH SEAL

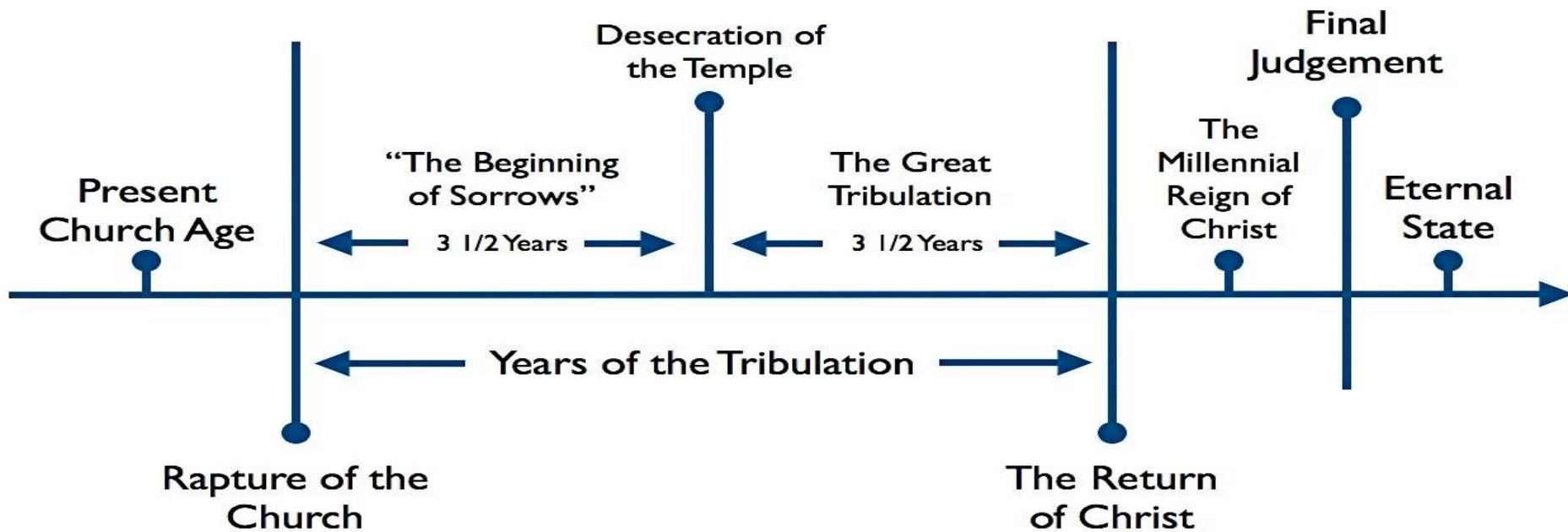
- 6<sup>th</sup> seal is different from the first 5 seals
- First 5 seals: increase in human chaos
- 6<sup>th</sup> seal: sudden chaos in nature
- Ancients would have interpreted this as a disruption in the harmony between the heavens and earth
- People of the modern era would see nature problems as human caused, and cosmic problems through the eyes of science

# BEWARE THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!

REVELATION 6:16

- Catastrophes not likely to happen all at once
- That these are predicted in advance and happen over a short period of time proves it is God's doing
- This fury, or wrath, is a joint effort between the One sitting on the throne and the Lamb
- Hard for Christianity to square the mild and meek Jesus image with the furious Lamb that wreaks havoc
- Vs. 17 tells us that this is the official beginning of God's wrath

# PRE-TRIBULATION DISPENSATIONALIST



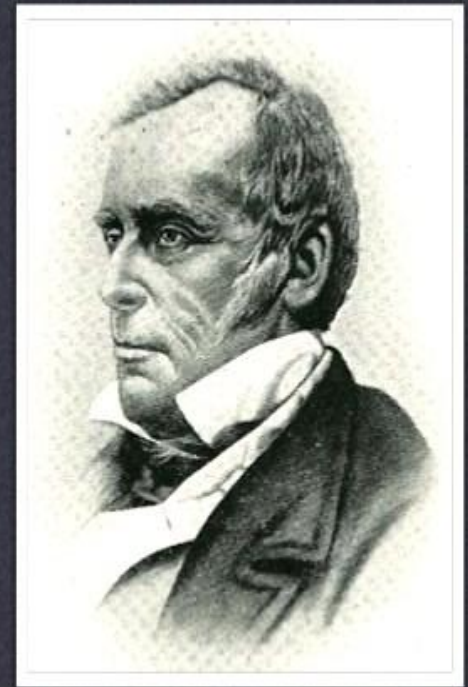
- Revelation chapter 7: ***“After this I saw”***
- Pre-Tribulation declares that chapter 7 is out of order
- Reason: first 6 seals opened in chapter 6, then a detour in chapter 7, then 7<sup>th</sup> seal broken in chapter 8
- If we do NOT move ch.7 to BEFORE ch.6, then we have the Church living through “The Tribulation”

# CONCEPT OF “THE TRIBULATION” INVENTED IN 1827

- Early Church Fathers knew nothing of an event called “The Tribulation”
- To move chapters around to achieve a new doctrine is dubious at best
- No such things in the Bible as “The Tribulation” or “The Great Tribulation”
- These inventions are the keystone of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture theory

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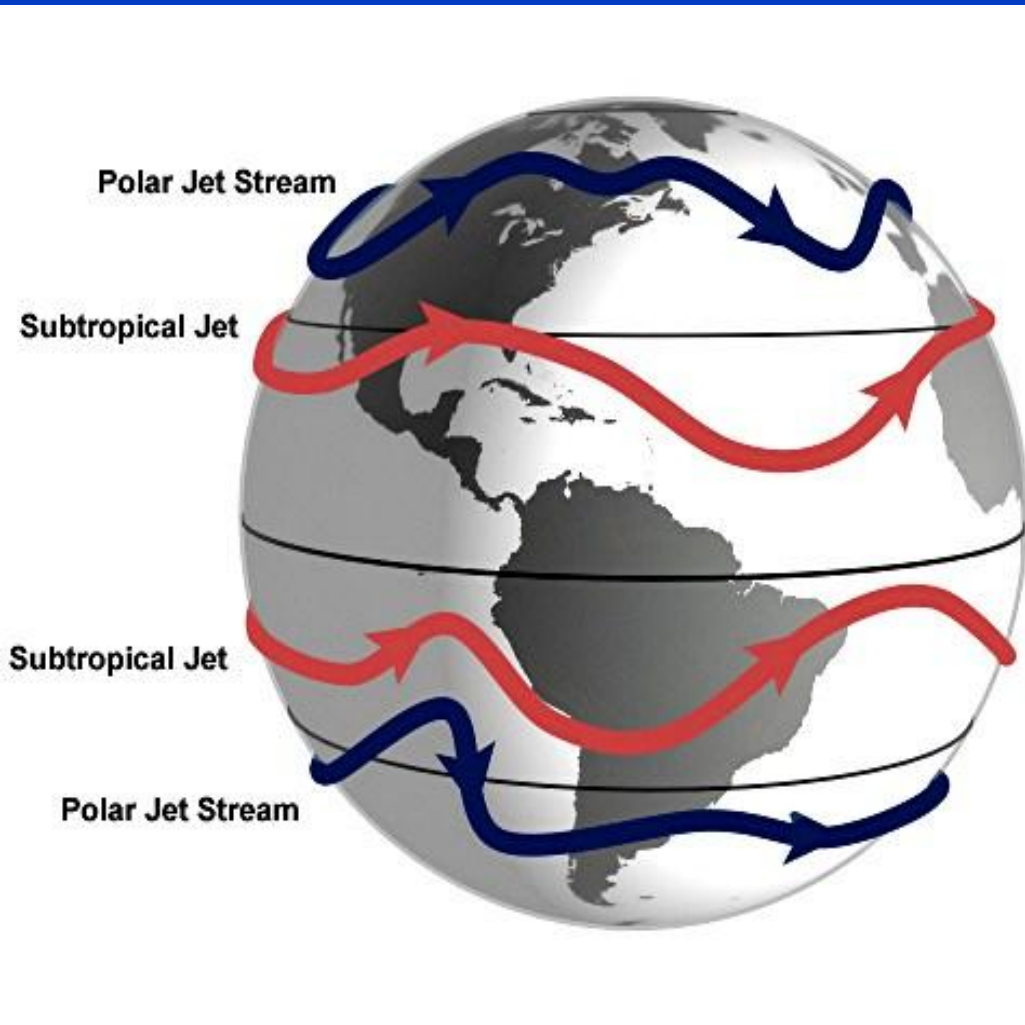


# THE WINDS ARE STOPPED



- 4 angels on 4 corners of the earth
- Earth seen as square in ancient times
- 4 symbolizes the compass directions so it means the action is inclusive of the entire planet
- ***Ruach*** = wind or spirit
- Nonsensical to speak of a spirit blowing on the land, sea, and trees

# WHAT IF THERE WAS NO WIND?



- Doldrums: stagnation of air movement
- Our planet's weather depends on the winds
- Our planet heats up differently in different areas
- The winds distribute the heat to moderate the climate
- No wind would mean cold areas get too cold, and hot areas get too hot

# HOLDING THE FOUR WINDS



- Ezekiel 43:1 The importance of the direction EAST
- A new angel brought a seal and told the 4 angels of the winds to wait until 144,000 are “sealed”
- What does “sealed” mean?
- Ezekiel 9:1 – 6
- A seal denotes ownership. A No Trespassing sign



- 144,000 is a specific number, not symbolic
- 12,000 from each of the 12 Israelite tribes
- Nothing in the context to make it figurative
- Referred to again in Rev. 14:1
- Each tribe of Israel is listed by name and the number to be sealed
- Mainstream Christianity says the 144,000 are NOT Israelites, they are gentile Christians!

"And I heard the number of them who were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

Revelation 7:4

# The 144,000

## Who are they?



# 144,000 CAN NOT INCLUDE JEWS?

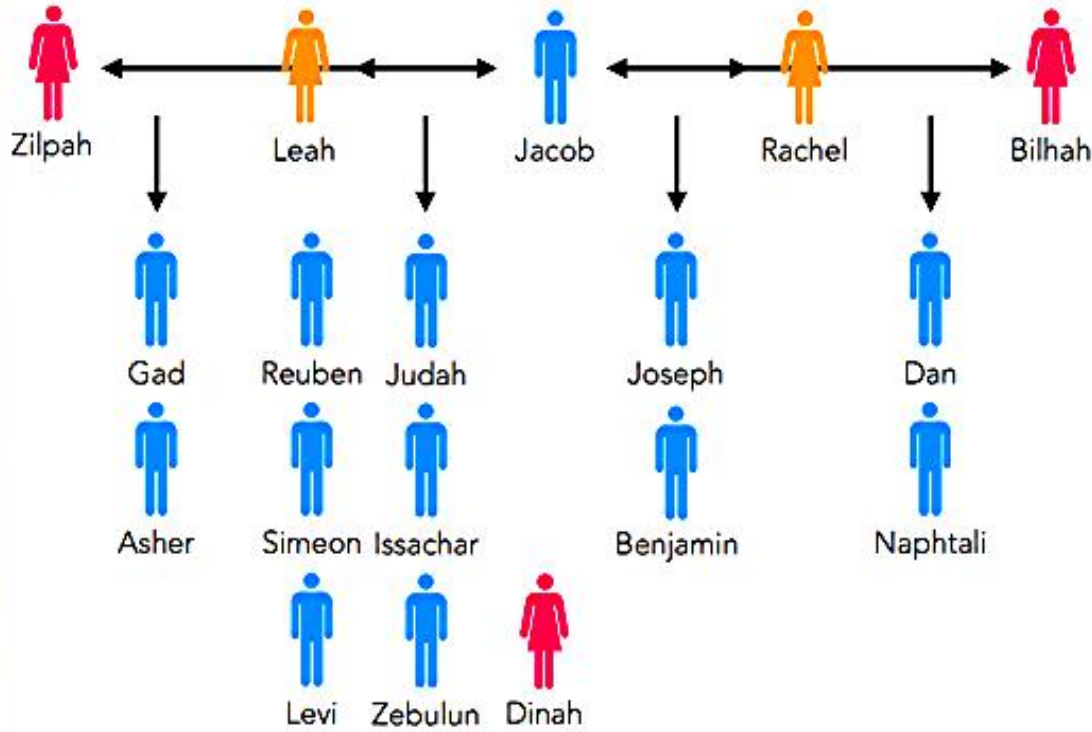
- Jehovah's Witnesses claim to be the 144,000
- Beale: *"..this group is numbered as 144,000 to emphasize figuratively that this is a picture of the Church in its entirety..."*
- Beale removes the distinction given to Israel in Rev. 7:3-8 and gives it to the Church!
- This is the basis of Replacement Theology

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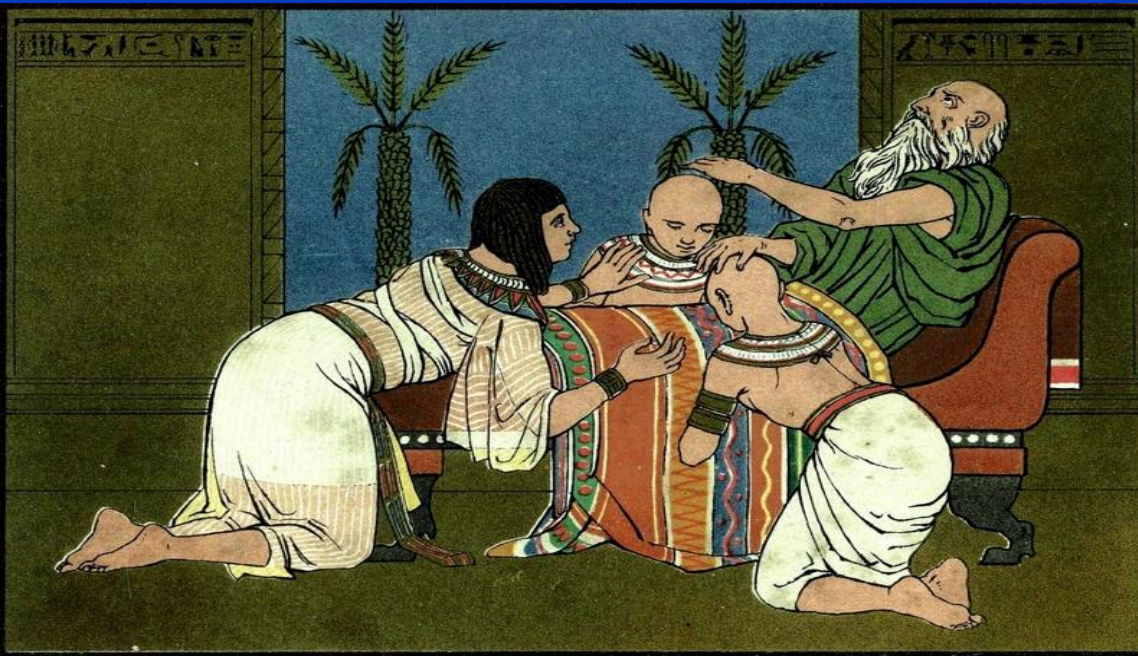
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# THE 12 TRIBES

- 2 tribes absent from list: Dan & Ephraim
- Jacob adopted Ephraim and Manasseh... now 14 tribes of Israel
- On his death bed Jacob takes tribal authority from Joseph...now 13 tribes of Israel



# BACK TO 12 TRIBES!

➤ During their exodus, Levi is removed by God from tribal list....now 12 tribes

➤ Rev. 7, another modification takes place

➤ Some think either John made a mistake or it's a scribal error

➤ Highly unlikely as John knew Israel's tribal history

➤ Other Jews would have immediately caught any error

12 Tribes  
of Israel

## Twelve Tribes of Israel

Manasseh	Asher
Naphtali	Zebulun
Issachar	Gad
Ephraim	Dan
Benjamin	Reuben
Simeon	Judah

