

THE WHITE ROBES



- CJB “...out of the Great Persecution...”
- KJV “...out of great tribulation...”
- NAB “...survived the time of great distress”
- NAS “...out of the great tribulation...”
- Primasius 500’s A.D. sees a conglomerate of Believers, not just martyrs
- “Blood of the Lamb” an expression meaning atonement and purification

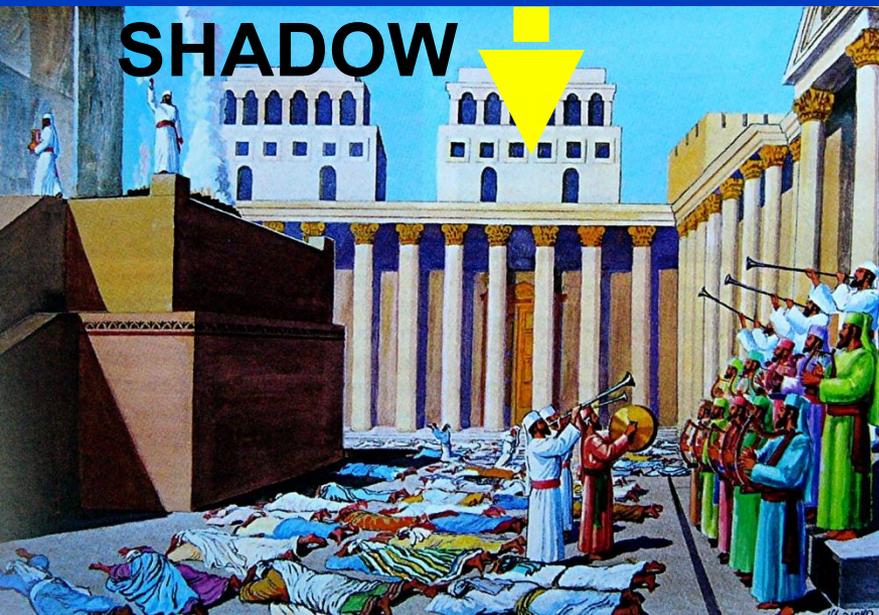
IDEAL



THE IDEAL vs. THE SHADOW

- No “day and night” in Heaven
- No physical “Temple” in Heaven
- Vs. 15 to draw our attention to the operation of the Jerusalem Temple
- 24 Elders were Levite Priests; God’s description like High Priest’s breastplate
- Terms like Temple, altar, golden bowls, etc. point to crucial duties in the Temple

SHADOW



HEAVEN'S SUKKAH

- Rev. 7:9 Believers waving palm branches
- Rev. 7:15 *“...He who is sitting upon the throne will tabernacle over them...”*
- **Skenoo** = have or dwell in tabernacle
- Sukkah is symbolic of God's protection over His people
- We will live for eternity under God's sukkah



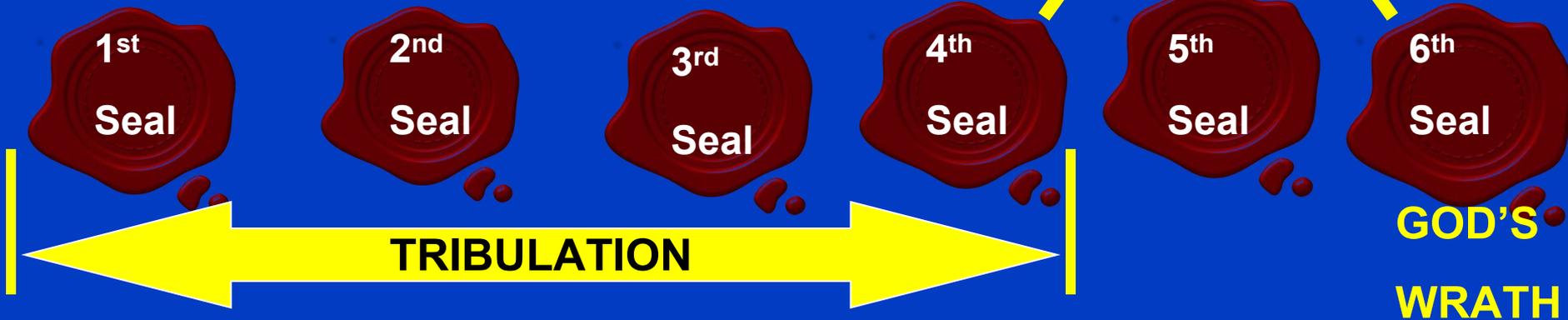
- Rev. 7:16 nearly a direct quote of Isa. 49:10
- No verses and chapters
- Jewish writers had to reference a Scripture with just a few words
- Isaiah 49:1 – 10
- This is directly tied to salvation and to the Feast of Tabernacles
- John 7:37 – 38
- The last half of Revelation chapter 7 is the prophetic fulfillment of Sukkot

John 7:37 - 38

On the last day of the festival....
Yeshua stood and cried out....let
him come to me and keep
drinking....rivers of living water
will flow from his inmost being...



RAPTURE



- First 6 seals are opened in Rev. chapter 6
- Interlude in Rev. chapter 7
- 7th seal opened in Rev. chapter 8
- Tribulation = human evil (not God's wrath)
- *Yom Teruah* = Rapture?
- *Yom Kippur* = 5th Seal?
- *Sukkot* = events of Rev. chapter 7



- 7th seal opened: silence in Heaven for ½ hour
- The silence means waiting for the other shoe to drop
- “Hour” means the time is near, so ½ hour is very short
- NOT temporal time, like on earth
- 7 angels given trumpets (more likely, shofars)
- Uriel “fire of God”; Raphael “God has healed”; Raguel “friend of God”; Michael “who is like God?”; Sariel “prince of God”; Gabriel “God is my strength”; Remiel “thunder of God”



- 8th angel at the Altar of Incense in Heaven
- Smoke from the Altar of Incense carries the prayers of God's people
- God is assuring that the prayers are acceptable to Him
- Prayers probably coming from the martyred souls under the altar

THUNDER AND VOICES

- In a reversal, the bowl of incense is now used to hurl wrath upon the Earth
- Thunder, lightening, voices and smoke also happened at Mt. Sinai Ex.20:15-16
- This concludes the 7 Seal Judgments
- The 7 Trumpet Judgments commence



1ST TRUMPET



- Patterned after plague of hail and fire against Egypt
- Ex. 9:22 – 25
- The target of this judgment is the dry land
- Magnitude of the judgments increase in God's hope to drive some to ask for mercy and salvation
- Yet, as with Pharaoh, many will harden themselves against God

2ND TRUMPET



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- The sea (salt water) is afflicted with judgment
- Like the plague where water is turned blood-red in Egypt, killing fish and causing a huge stench
- Pre-Tribulation doctrine says this is symbolic of the fall of the Babylon system, death of sea life is famine, and ships sinking is a collapse of commerce



- With the 3rd Trumpet (shofar) the fresh water is assaulted
- Blazing star is called Wormwood
- *Apsinthos* = wormwood or that which turns bitter
- Jeremiah 23:15 Example of meaning of wormwood
- Pre-Tribulation and a few other End Times doctrines say the blazing star is a certain angel representing sinful people