Revelation Lesson 22 Handout

Revelation 13

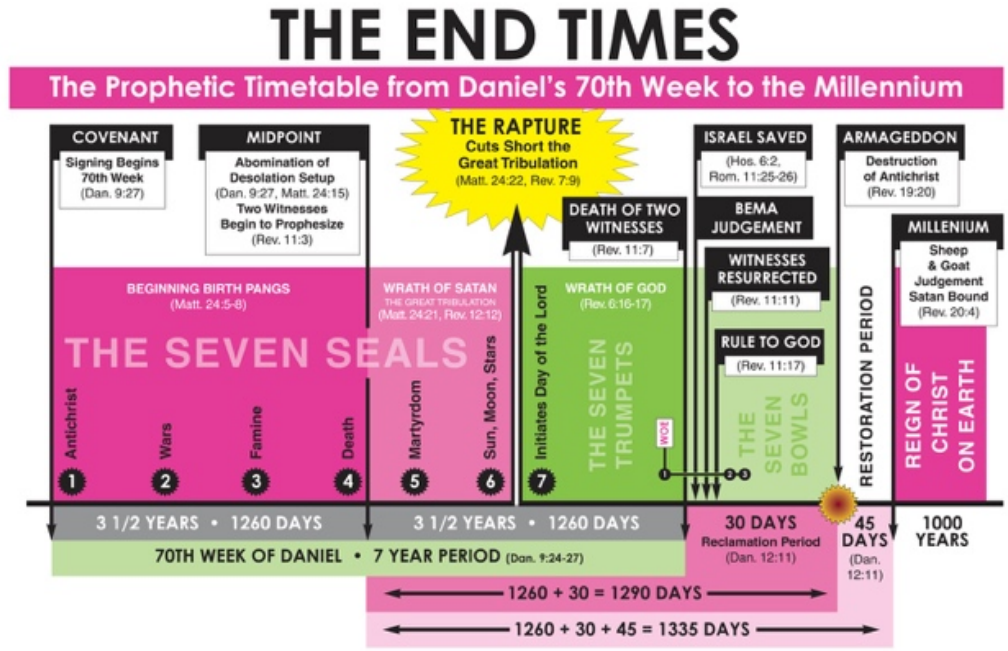
1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

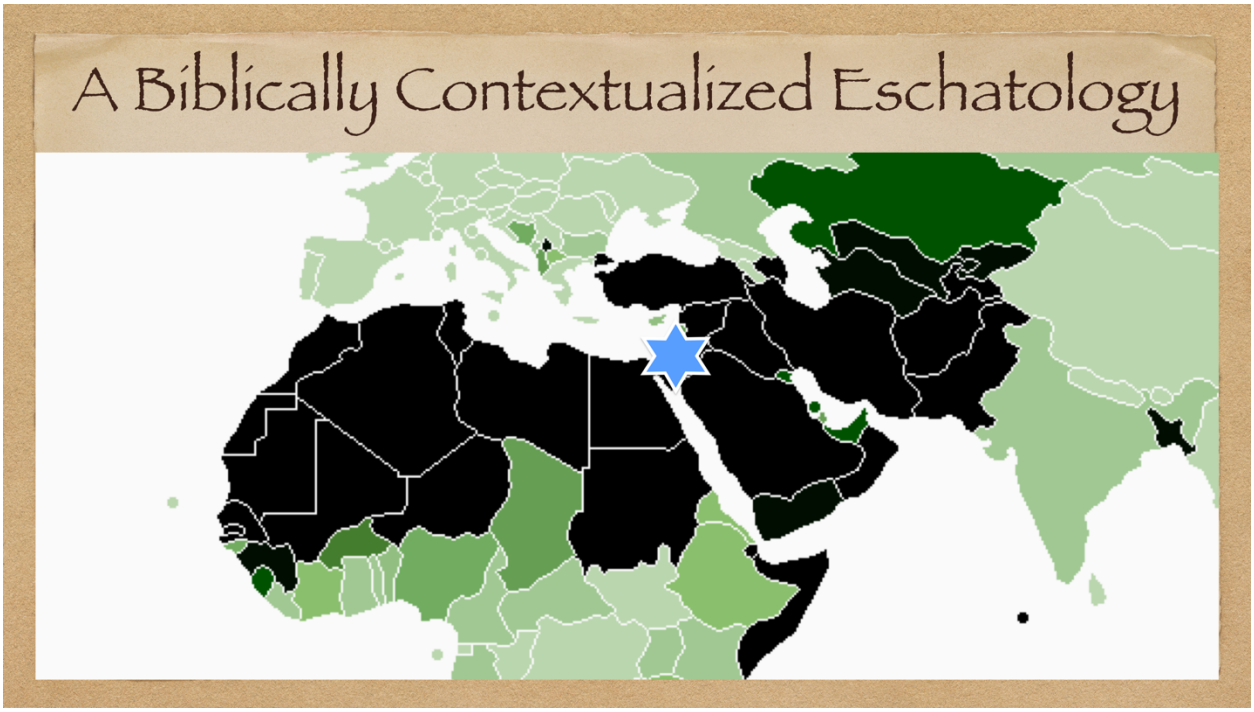
4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.



6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.
8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.
12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.
13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth—by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.
15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.



Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD. Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.

—Joel 3:11–12

"Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering <u>to all the surrounding peoples</u>. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.
—Zechariah 12:2

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Wail, 'Alas for the day!' <u>For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near</u>; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations. A sword shall come upon <u>Egypt</u>, and anguish shall be in <u>Cush</u>, when the slain fall in Egypt… <u>Cush, and Put, and Lud, and all Arabia, and Libya, and the people of the land that is in league,</u> shall fall with them by the sword."
—Ezekiel 30:1–5

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one <u>who will be ruler over Israel</u>, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." … He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of LORD, in the majesty of the name of LORD his God… <u>He will deliver us from the Assyrian when he invades our land and marches into our borders</u>. —Micah 5

The Rise of the Fourth Kingdom:

And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.

—Daniel 2:40

What Does "Crush" Mean?

- It is to Crush Geographically: Borders
- To Crush Culturally
- To Crush Religiously
- To Crush and Replace Languages

Islam: The Crushing Empire

"After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; **it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left**.

—Daniel 7:7

The Early Muslim Conquests:

- Within 4 years, 1/3rd Million Christians killed.
- Next ten years another million Christians killed.
- Early Muslims would besiege a city, kill all resistors, distribute the booty, and march 30 to 50 thousand woman back to Mecca.
- In less than one generation, the ancient heart of Christiandom was crushed by Islam.
- And within 100 years, 50% of global Christianity had come under Islamic subjugation and rule .