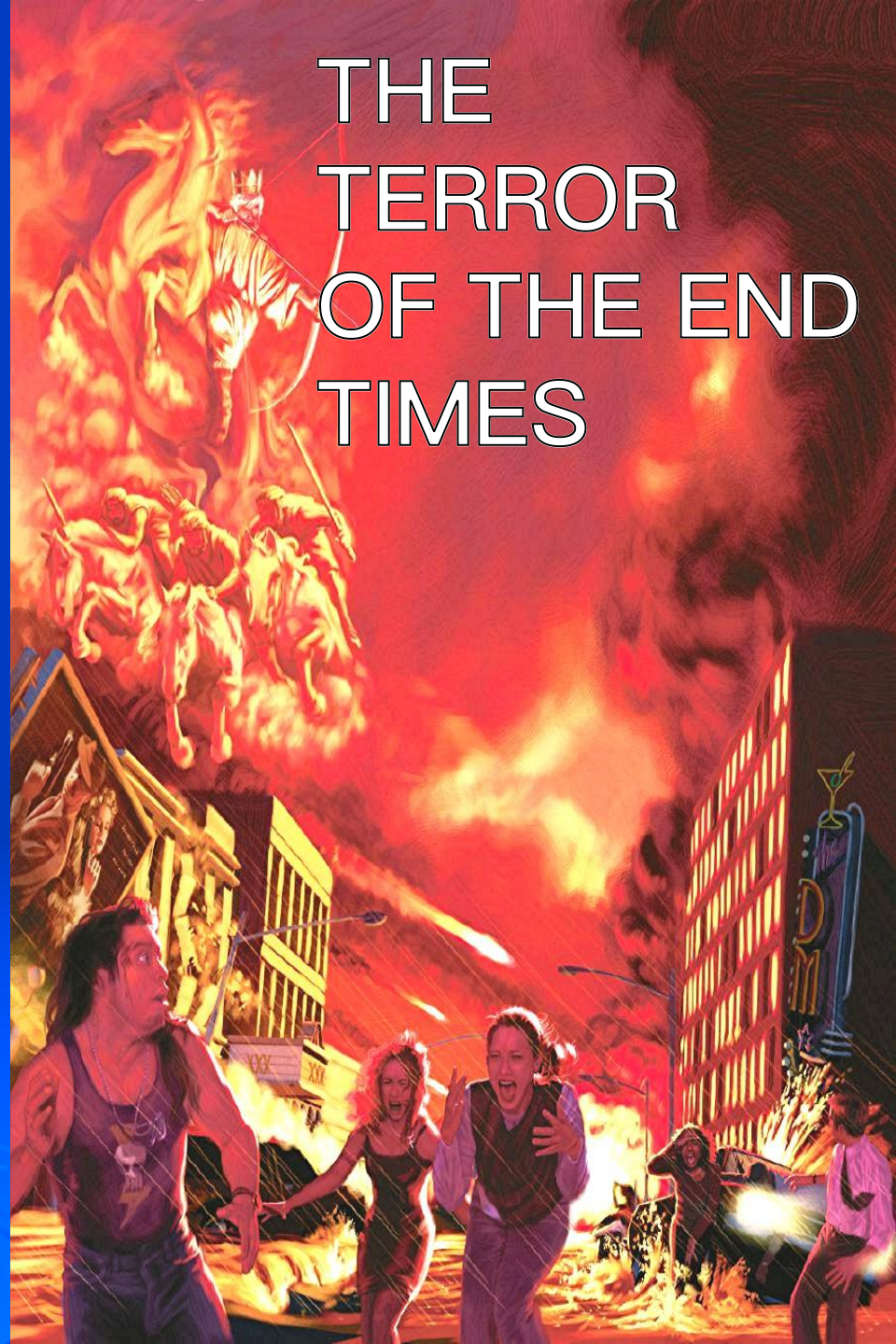
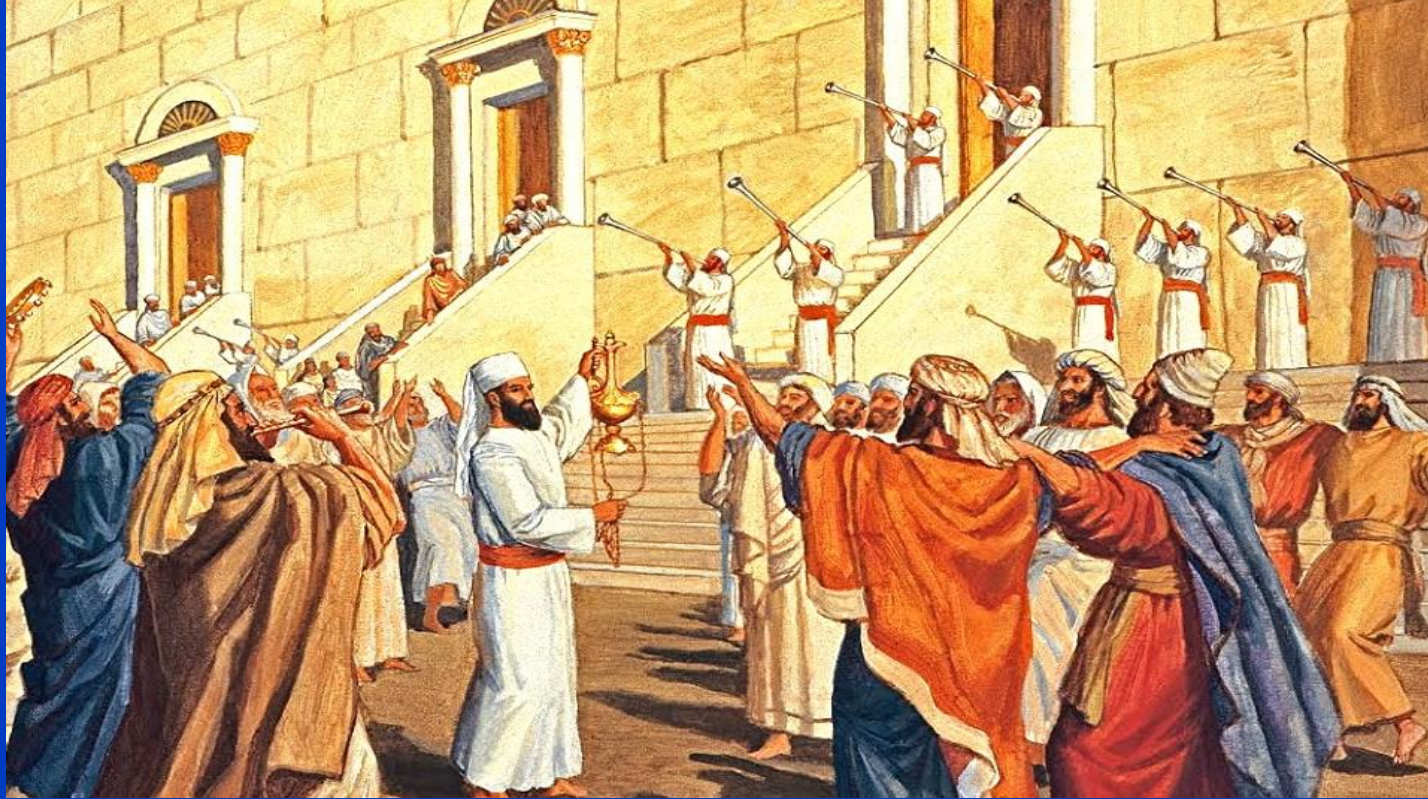


THE TERROR OF THE END TIMES

- 7 Bowl Judgments aimed at unrepentant mankind
- Rev. 15:1 “...*the 7 plagues that are the final ones...*”
- Mankind to be permanently divided into Believers and non-Believers
- By the end of Chapter 16, 21 judgments will have occurred
- 7 Seal, 7 Trumpet, and 7 Bowl Judgments = 21





- Biblical Feast of Sukkot is 7th and final annual Feast
- Celebrates the final harvest of the agricultural year
- High Priest fills golden pitcher with water at the Pool of Siloam
- Final day of the 7 day Festival is Hoshanna Rabbah
- 3 sets of 7 trumpet blasts ushers the High Priest to the Altar to pour out the water
- Prophetic of 3 sets of judgments, each set with 7 judgments



ANGELS

- God uses angels to carry out His judgments
- We find little in the Bible about the characteristics of angels
- Hebrew Sages and Rabbis developed traditions about angels by John's day
- John's life experiences and his Jewish culture dictated how he understood his visions
- Today, our mental pictures of what we read in the Bible are based on our experiences
- Jews believed angels in charge of every aspect of nature

THE FOUR ELEMENTS



— WATER —



— WIND —



— FIRE —



— EARTH —

- 500 B.C. Empedocles created the theory of the 4 elements, 200 years later Aristotle added a 5th, ether
- Belief was that all things were made up of some mix of these 4 elements
- Jews as well as pagans accepted this... So did John
- 1st Bowl Judgment, EARTH 2nd, 3rd & 6th WATER
4th Bowl Judgment, SUN (FIRE) 7th AIR



- 1st Bowl Judgment, the target is earth (actually earth creatures...humanity)
- *Tzara'at* (skin sores) exposes a person as spiritually unclean
- 2nd Bowl Judgment, oceans turned into a bloody goo
- Symbolic of God declaring the waters unclean
- 3rd Bowl Judgment, fresh water turned to blood
- Resembles the plague upon Egypt, except this one (and all the Bowl Judgments) are worldwide

ANGEL OF THE WATERS

- Vs. 5 “ *Then I heard the angel of the waters say...*”
- No biblical reason to question if such an angel exists
- Angel makes a declaration of retribution
- Lex Talionis: an eye for an eye
- Because the wicked poured out the blood of God’s people, they would be made to drink blood
- The principle of proportional justice is alive and well !!





- The Holy One Who was, and Who is.....
- No longer “to come” because He came in Zech. 14 (an End Times prophecy)
- It is specifically YHWH who comes to the Mt. of Olives
- The angel says that YHWH is “just” in His judgments
- God’s justice standard is the Law of Moses
- Measure-for-measure is a fundamental characteristic of God’s justice system



THE SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR SPEAK

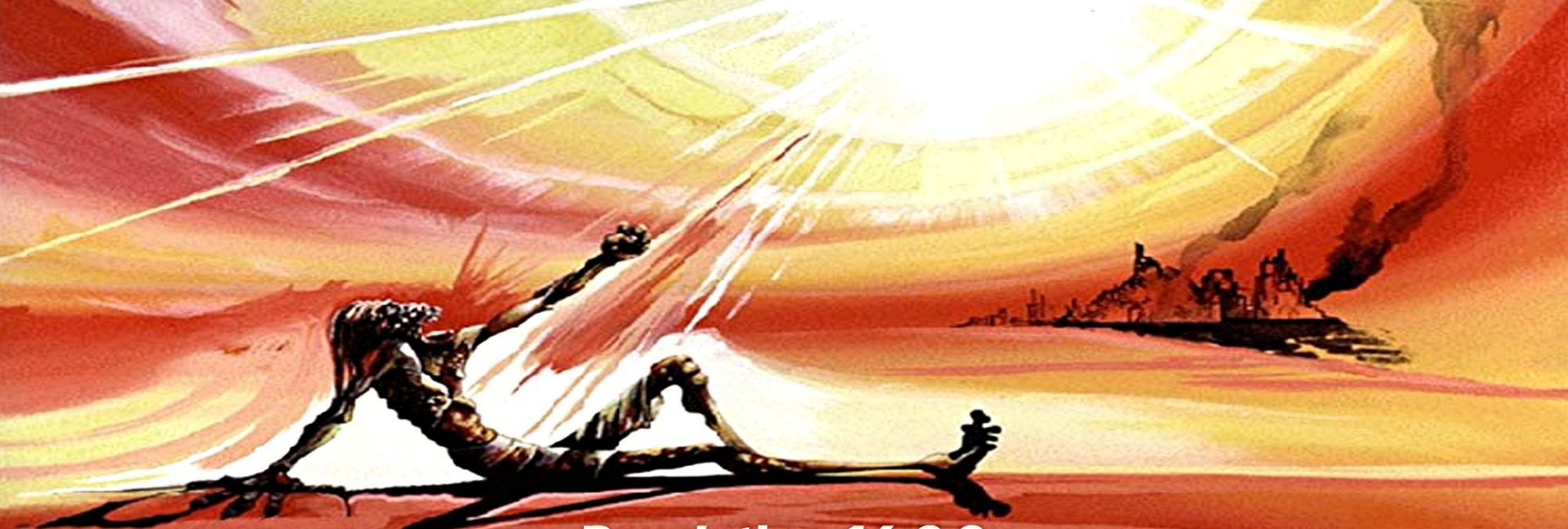
- Not “the altar speaks” but rather “another from the altar” speaks
- Rev. 6:9 – 11
- The martyred souls under the altar were told they had to wait for justice
- In Rev. 14, the full number of Believers was harvested
- So now the time for justice for the souls of the martyrs has arrived

4TH BOWL "SUN"

SCORCH MEN WITH FIRE



- Upon the 4th Bowl, God has now attacked all the 4 elements of nature (air, water, earth and fire), meaning to John that everything has been judged
- Belief in the 4 elements of nature was universal until the Enlightenment, and the Church continued to believe in it, into the 1800's
- Church Father Oecumenius, 10th century *"...although the world is constituted out of the 4 elements of air, fire, earth & water.."*



Revelation 16:8-9

**“The 4th angel poured out his bowl on the sun,
& it was allowed to scorch people with fire.**

They were scorched by the fierce heat, & they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent & give him glory.”

- In the 4th Trumpet Judgment the Sun was darkened; now in this Bowl Judgment it burns intensely hot
- The Sun has been a blessing to mankind, and now it is a target of God’s judgment
- Unrepentant humanity will curse God for the Sun’s heat even though they KNOW He is in control of it !!