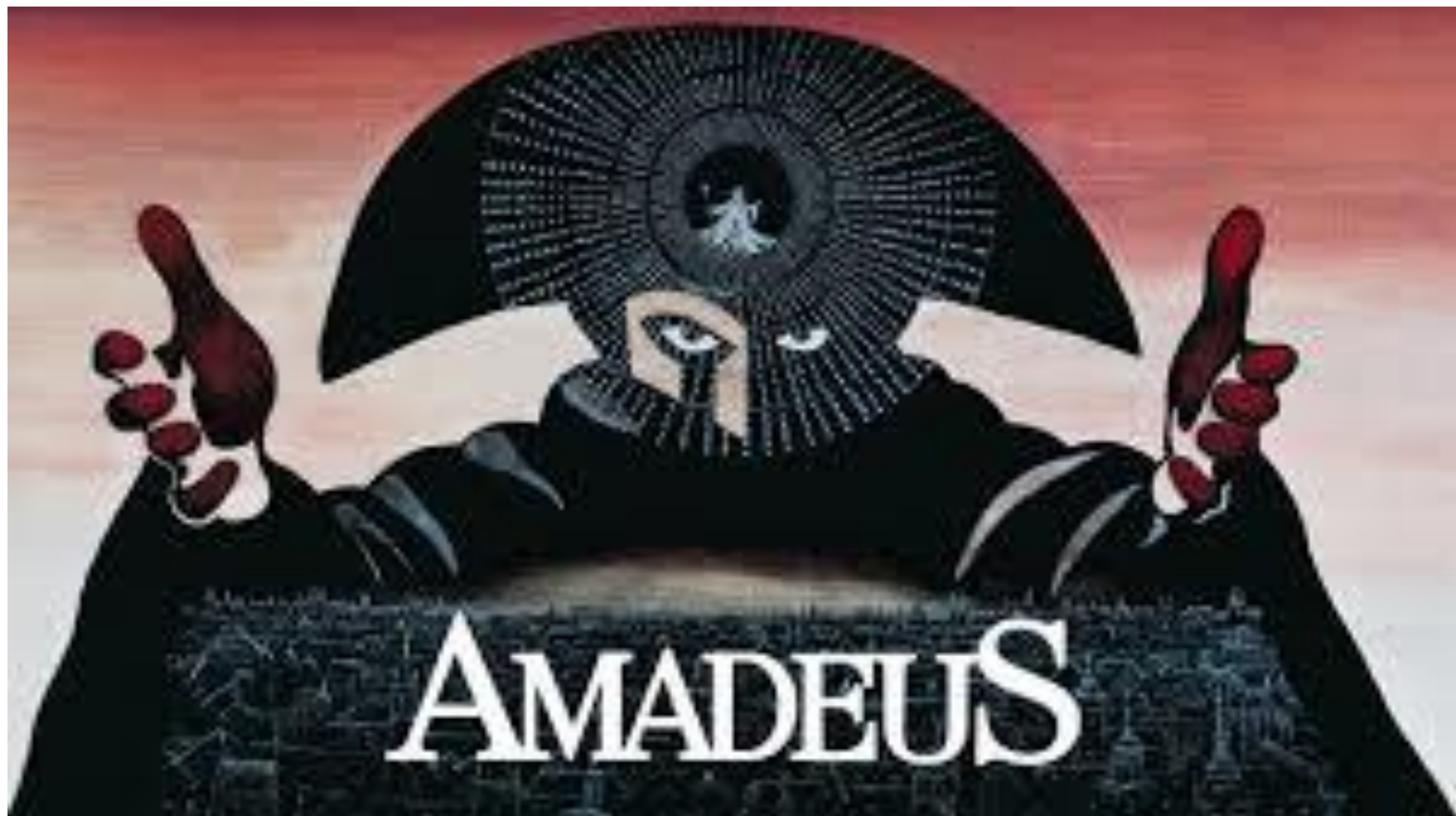


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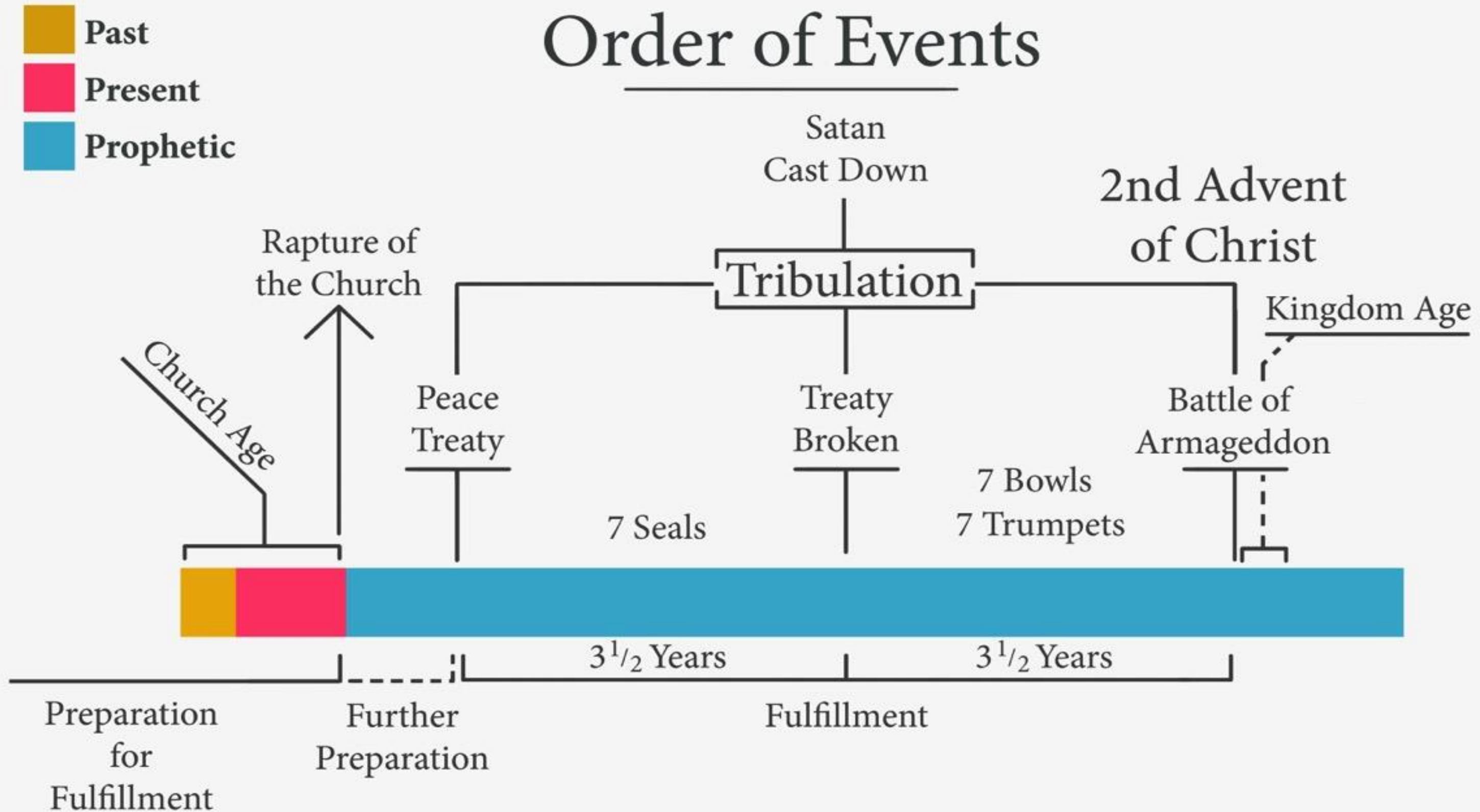
¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devil's. One is to disbelieve in their existence the other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

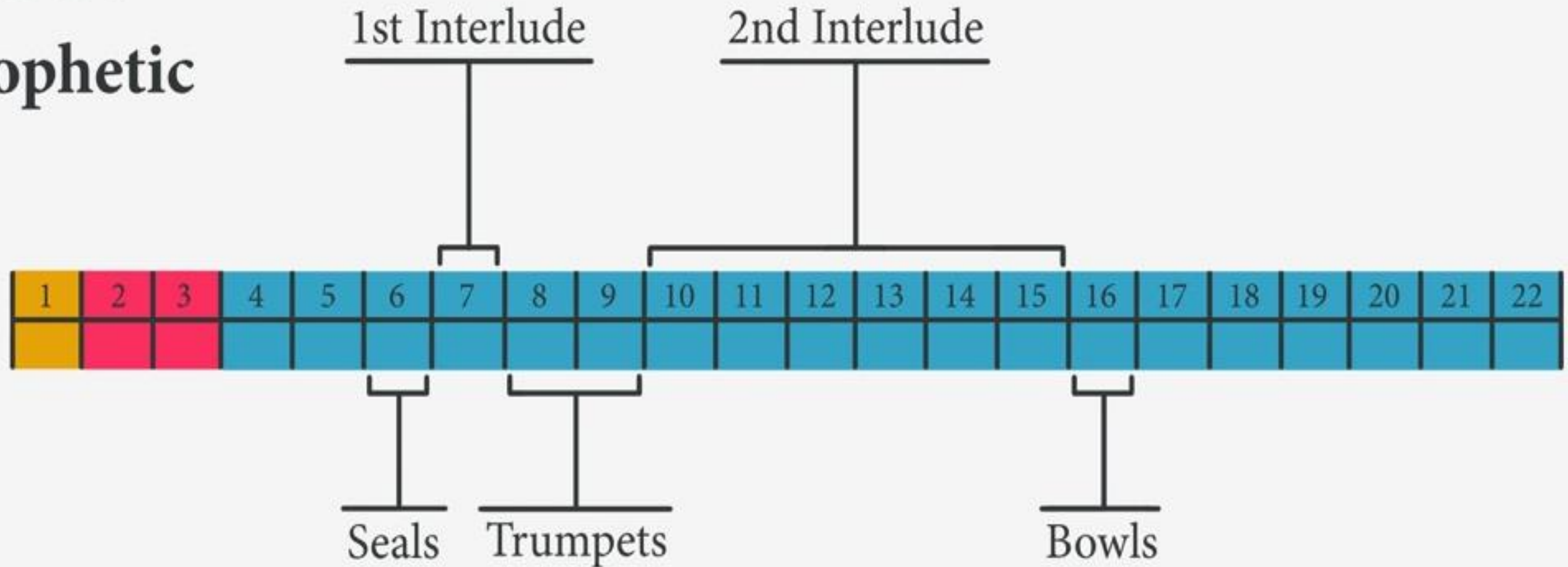
C. S. Lewis Screw Tape Letters

Order of Events



Timeline

- Past
- Present
- Prophetic



Recap

I. The War Behind Christmas (1-6)

Preview

II. The War in Heaven (7-12)

III. The War on Earth (13-18)

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Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me."
Genesis 37:9-10

I. The War Behind Christmas.

² She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems.



I. The War Behind Christmas.

⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.

Ezekiel 28:12-17

Isaiah 14:12-15

“I will be like the Most High.

Isaiah. 14:14

I. The War Behind Christmas.

⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

Psalm 2:9

I. The War Behind Christmas.

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I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3:15

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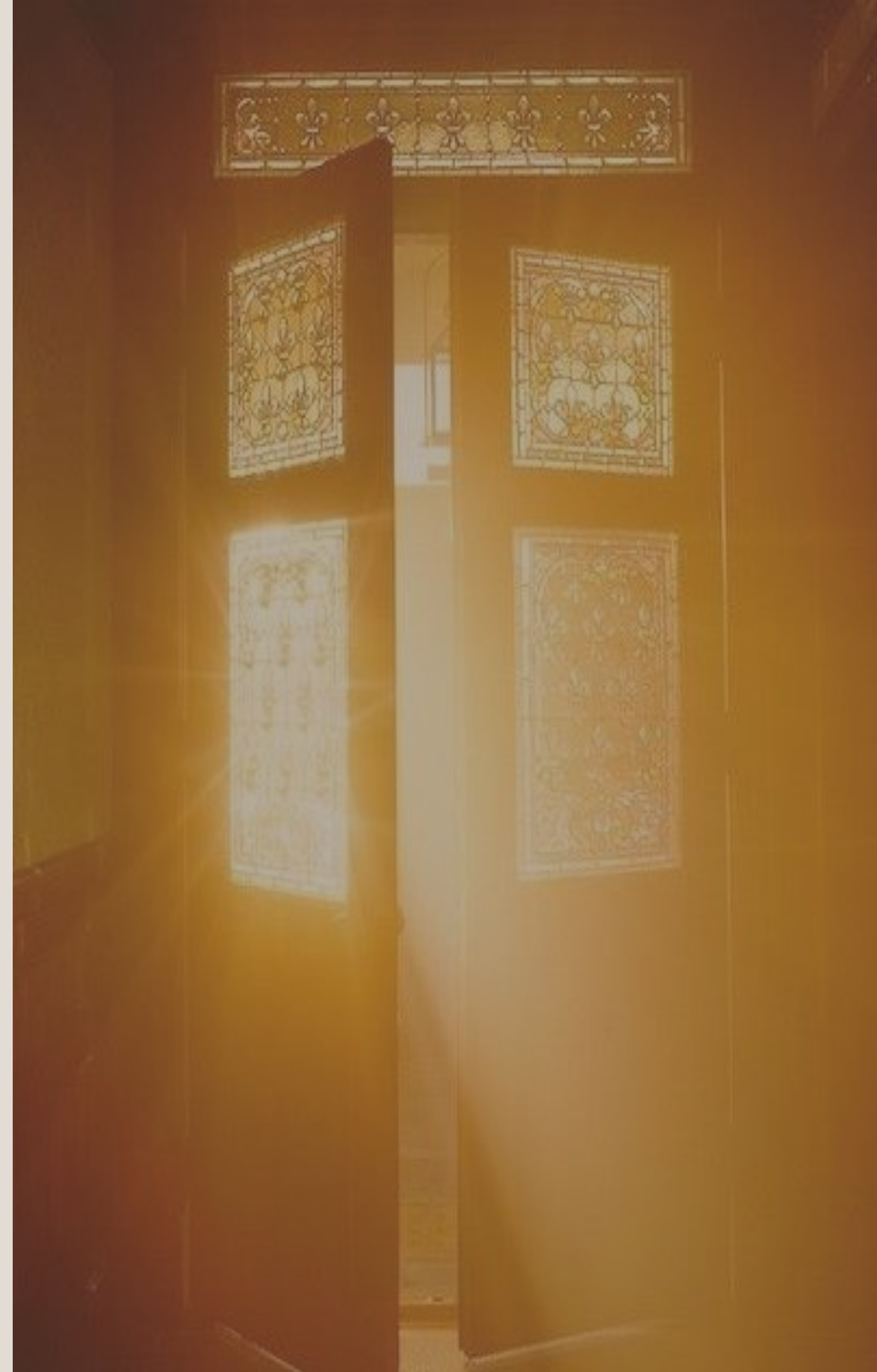
Your adversary
the devil prowls
around like a
roaring lion,
seeking someone
to devour.

1 Peter 5:8b

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⁵ ...but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

⁶ and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.



II. The War in Heaven.

⁷ Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

“... with what weapons and by what tactics this heavenly warfare will be waged is beyond our understanding. Angels cannot be injured or slain with earthly weapons and such physical forces as we know about are not able to move spiritual beings. But these beings do operate in a physical universe. So, there must exist powerful physical-spiritual energies of which we yet can have only vague intimations. Energies which can propel angelic bodies at super luminary velocities through space and which can move mountains and change planetary orbits. It is with such energies and powers that this heavenly battle will be waged.”

Henry Morris, Revelation Record

II. The War in Heaven.

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

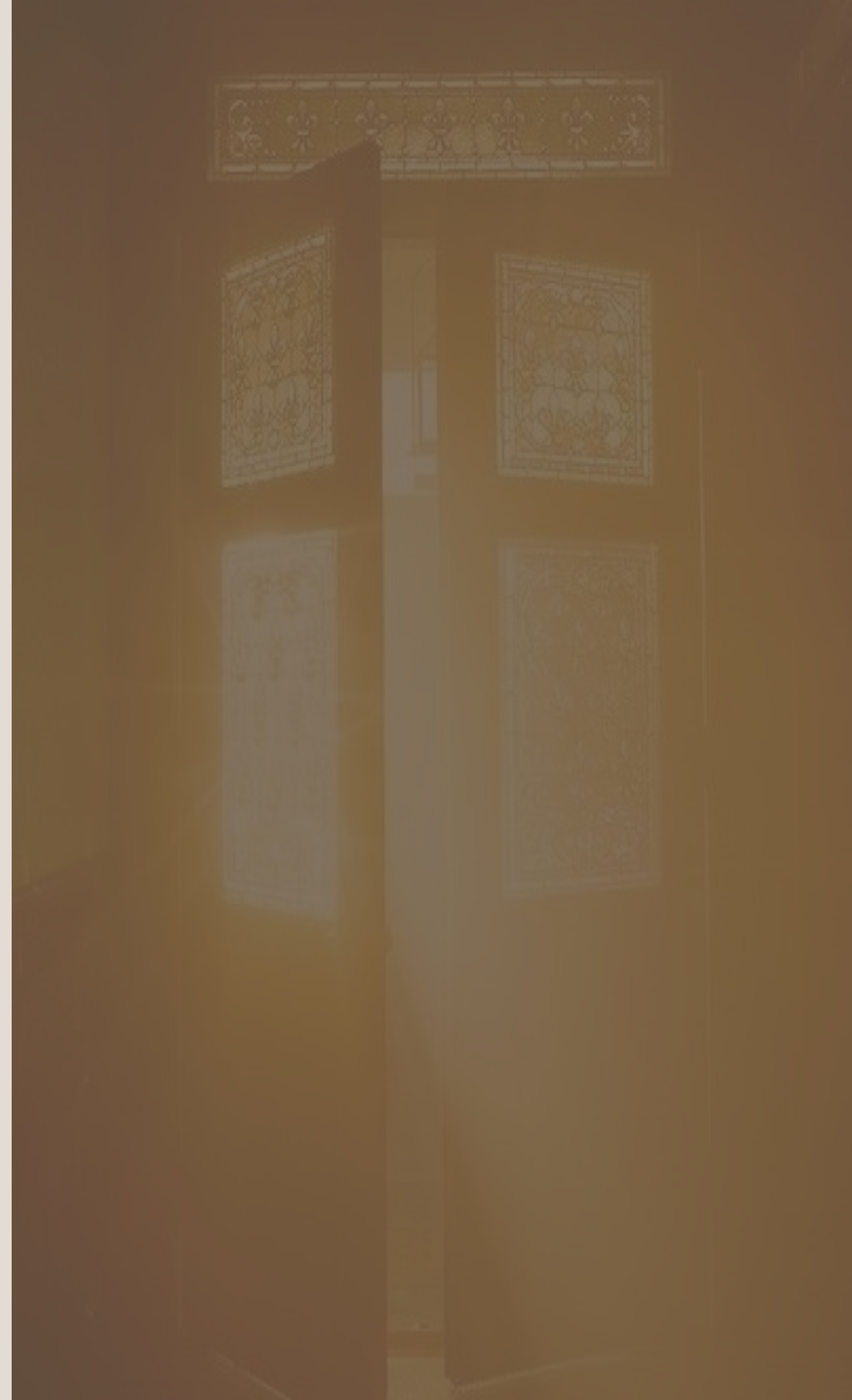
Job 1 & 2
Zechariah 3:1-2

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ...My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, **we have an advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous.

1 John 1:9 & 2:1

II. The War in Heaven.

¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”



III. The War on Earth.

¹³ And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.



III. The War on Earth.

¹⁴ But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

Exodus 19:4

III. The War on Earth.

¹⁵ The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with a flood. ¹⁶ But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth.



III. The War on Earth.

¹⁷ Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.



Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

1. Submit to God & resist the devil.
2. .

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26 & 27

¹⁰Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

Be sober-minded; be watchful.
Your adversary the devil prowls
around like a roaring lion,
seeking someone to devour.
Resist him, firm in your faith...

1 Peter 5:8–9a

1. Submit to God & resist the devil.
2. Be on guard & armor up.

Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand
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