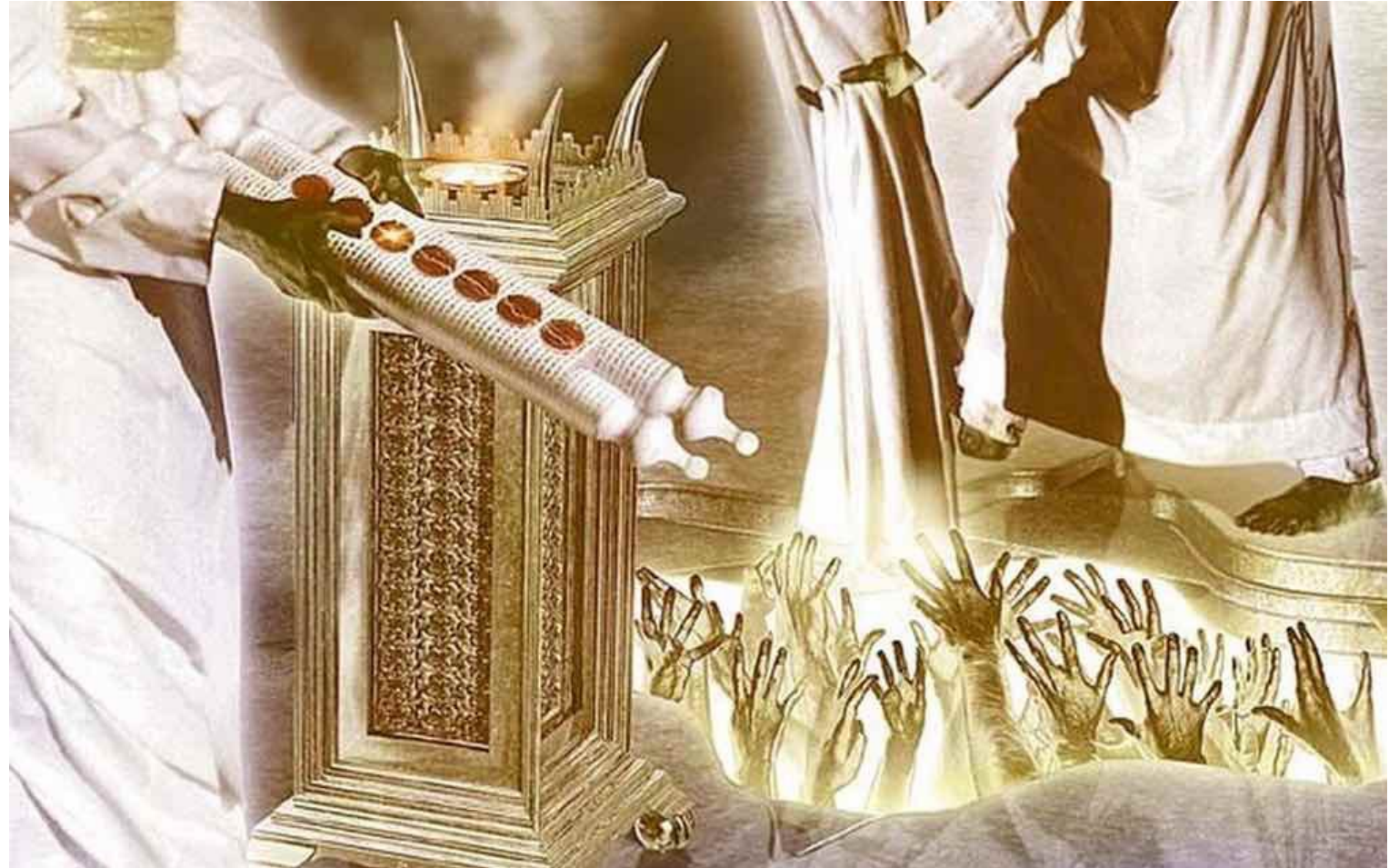


# Revelation 47 – Seal Deaths: First or Second?


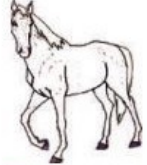

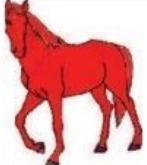



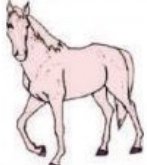
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# Prologue: Significance of Imagery

- Horses represent *offensive* military Control (Job 39:19-25)
- God laughs at Satan's-Man's *offensive* might (Ex 15:1-21; Is 31:1-5)
- Though appearing powerful; impotent against Christ's Recalcitrant Reality (Ps 33)
- Christians not to attack World; we Stand: Defensive (De 17:14-16; 2Ch 9:22-28; Mt 5:38-42; Ep 6:12-17; Ja 4:1-4)
- Contrasts Christ's Kingdom exemplified by Four Cherubim (Re 4:6-7)

		White horse Bow Crown Conquering <b>Lion</b>	6:1-2 <i>Bottom-Up</i> <b>Roaring Lion of Fear</b>
		Bright red horse Great sword Take peace from the earth <b>Ox</b>	6:3-4 <i>Top-Down</i> <b>Appearance of Strength</b>
		Black horse Balance Famine <b>Man</b>	6:5-6 <i>Poor Servitude</i> <b>Societal Imbalance</b>
		Pale horse Death and Hades 1/4 of earth Death <b>Eagle</b>	6:7-8 <i>Consequences</i> <b>"Glorious" Revolution</b>

# Contrasting Fifth and Sixth Seals

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First Death: Blessing {Gerizim}

The Mounts (De 27-28)

Second Death: Curse {Ebal}

- Their Identity Hid in Christ's (1Co 12:12-27)
  - Unique Individuality has expression through Him
  - Clothed in Christ's Righteousness (Ga 3:25-29)
- They address Christ as **δεσπότης**, despotēs:  
Absolute Lord - Their deaths no accident (Mt 23:34-36, Ac 7:51-59)
  - Command: Rest-Wait for Others to Join Them
- Each Person's Societal Status given: Impotent
  - Authorities; Militaries; Financial; Influential; Masses
  - All reduced to single-minded FEAR of Christ (1Jo 4:18)
- They know Christ the active agent: No Repentance
  - Call on rocks to fall on them: Prophetic (Da 2:44-45 Mt 21:42-45)
  - Day of the Lord: Period of Accountability (Joel 2:30-32, Zep 1:14-18)

Seals Foreshadow Final Judgment Warning Man of Inevitable Accountability of Blessings - Cursings: Law {Cain-Abel or Wheat-Tares}

# Contrasts from the First Four Seals

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First Death: Saved (Re 20:4-6)

The Skies (Re 20:12)

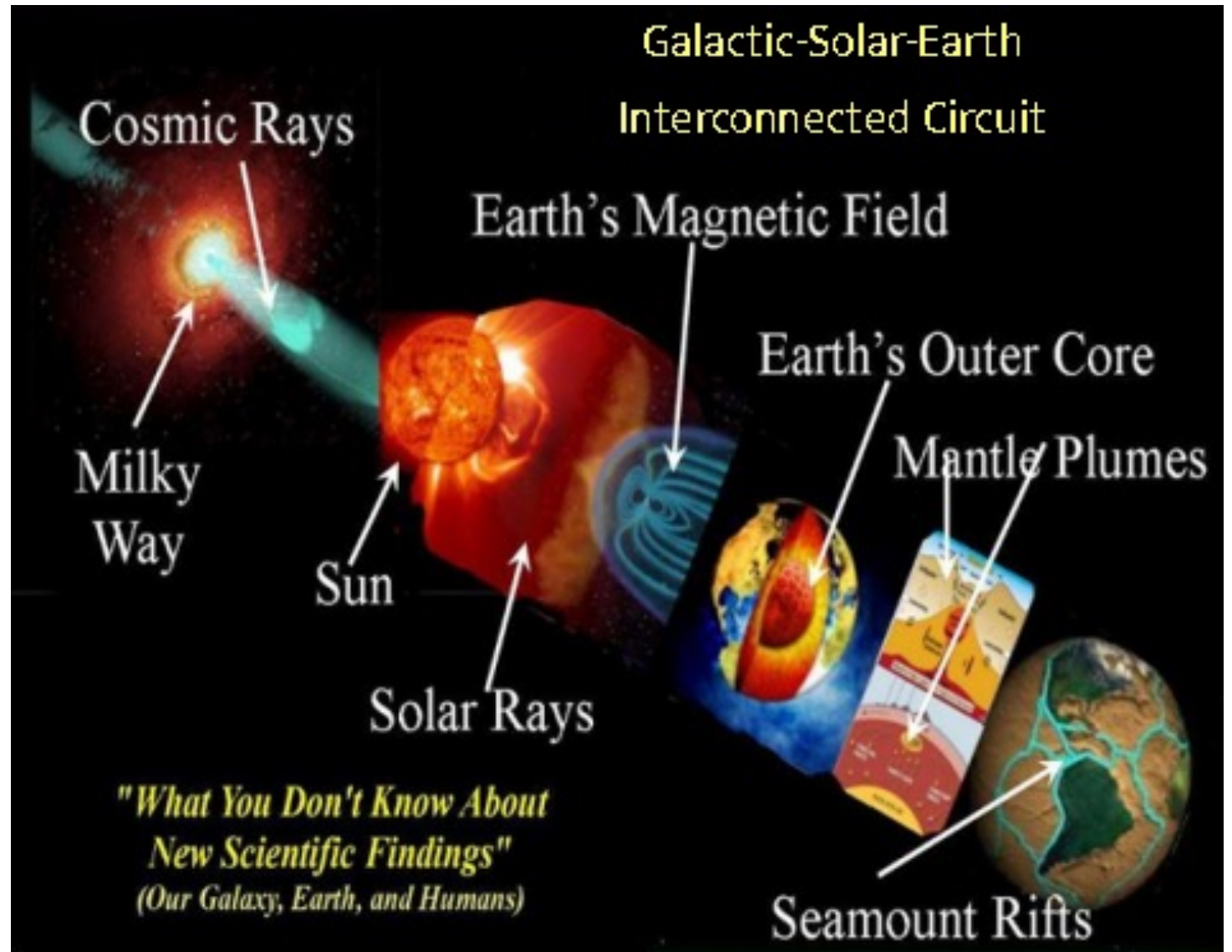
Second Death: Lost (Re 20:12-15)

- In Heaven under the sacrificial altar where Christ offered Himself after the Stauros
- First Death: Separation from the Flesh
- Single-Minded **ψυχή**, psyche: Focused
- Did not fear those who can kill the Flesh (Lk 12:4-7)
- On Earth under the heavens, skies, as Christ displays His Sovereignty over ALL Creation
- Facing Second Death: Eternal separation from God
- Double-minded **ψυχή** psyche: Unstable (Ja 1:)
- Fears Him who Condemns the Flesh and Soul (Mt 10:28)

# Great Earthquake

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- First of the *Great Earthquakes* opens Great Tribulation ending this Second Age (Revelation 6-19)
- Shifting mag poles reduce magnetosphere: with SEPs/CMEs  $\uparrow$  earthquakes & volcanoes
- Atmosphere undulates like scroll—Process of Carrington Effects: Disrupts Digital Control
- Tremendous tectonic movements occurring



Illusion of Man's Control over *Nature* Shattered by Christ's Recalcitrant Reality: Sun—Black [Dimmed]; Moon—Red; Mountains—Islands flattened - Stars [Demonic Forces] Sequestered on Earth (Is 14:12; Re 1:20, 9:1)

# Space: The Great "Fixed" Gulf (Lk 16:22-26)

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- Between the *unseen*, foundation of all, and the *seen*, empirical, a great gulf has been fixed: Expanse {Final Frontier} (Ge 1:6-8, He 11:3)
  - All that transpires in the empirical, physical, realm begins in the non-empirical or heavenly-spiritual realm
  - Father *bara* [בָּרָא], *ex nihilo*, the material which Christ fashioned from Chaos into Order according to Father's Will (Ge 1:1-5, Col1:15-20, Jn 5:19-24)
- Expanse separates but does not disconnect the separated elements with the empirical *mirroring* the non-empirical
  - Spiritual forces translate into energies; hence, undefined except by their effects: Electro-magnetic, gravitational, nuclear, etc.
  - Energies interconnect and influence matter in measurable though poorly understood means by *modern* Man of Science {Scientisms}
- Interdependent interaction between Galactic-Solar-Earth forces responsible for influencing the Volcanic-Earth-Weather
  - Noah's Cataclysm ending First Age and beginning Second Age {Hypothesized}
  - Bronze Collapse (12-13 centuries B.C.): Santorini and Hekla3 Volcanoes with attendant earthquakes and significant weather disruptions

Christ Beginning the Process of Returning the Earth to *somewhat* First Age Conditions over Seven Year Period: Millennial Kingdom (Ge 1:9-10; Is 11, 65:17-25)

# Knowing Does Not Change Behavior

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- Sin deceives through several psychological-propagandic mechanisms (2Th 2:3-12)
  - Foundational Assumptions - Presumed true without proof of its Truth (Ro 1:18-28)
  - Confirmation Bias - *Sees* only what agrees with one's Worldview {Anti-Christ} (Ro 1:29-32)
  - Belief Persistence - Rejecting evidence that challenges one's Worldview {Ex: Scientism for Science}
- Sinners **know** Christ is behind the observable events indicating their Accountability is near; yet they cling to sin rather than repent and secure their place under the altar: Fear prevents them from accepting Christ's Love (1Jo 4:18)
  - They accuse Saved of hypocrisy, speaking behind the mask; they are the hypocrites believing evil can achieve good {Hermetic Dialectic}
  - Hence, produces Kakistocracy - Elevation of the worst to be their heroes or *ange(s) of light* (2Co 11:14)