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The letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3 reveal the fallen history of the corporate Christian church up to the return of Jesus Christ.

Even with its Christ-less condition, God still redeems His people from among the church and takes them to heaven (Rev. 4 & 5).

How people went from a Christ-less corporate condition to producing those who would vindicate God's character is a mystery.

What is the Mystery of God?

Colossians 1:24-27, NKJV: I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, **the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

When will the Mystery of God be Finished?

Revelation 10:7, NKJV: “But *in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished*, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

When will the Mystery of God be Fulfilled?

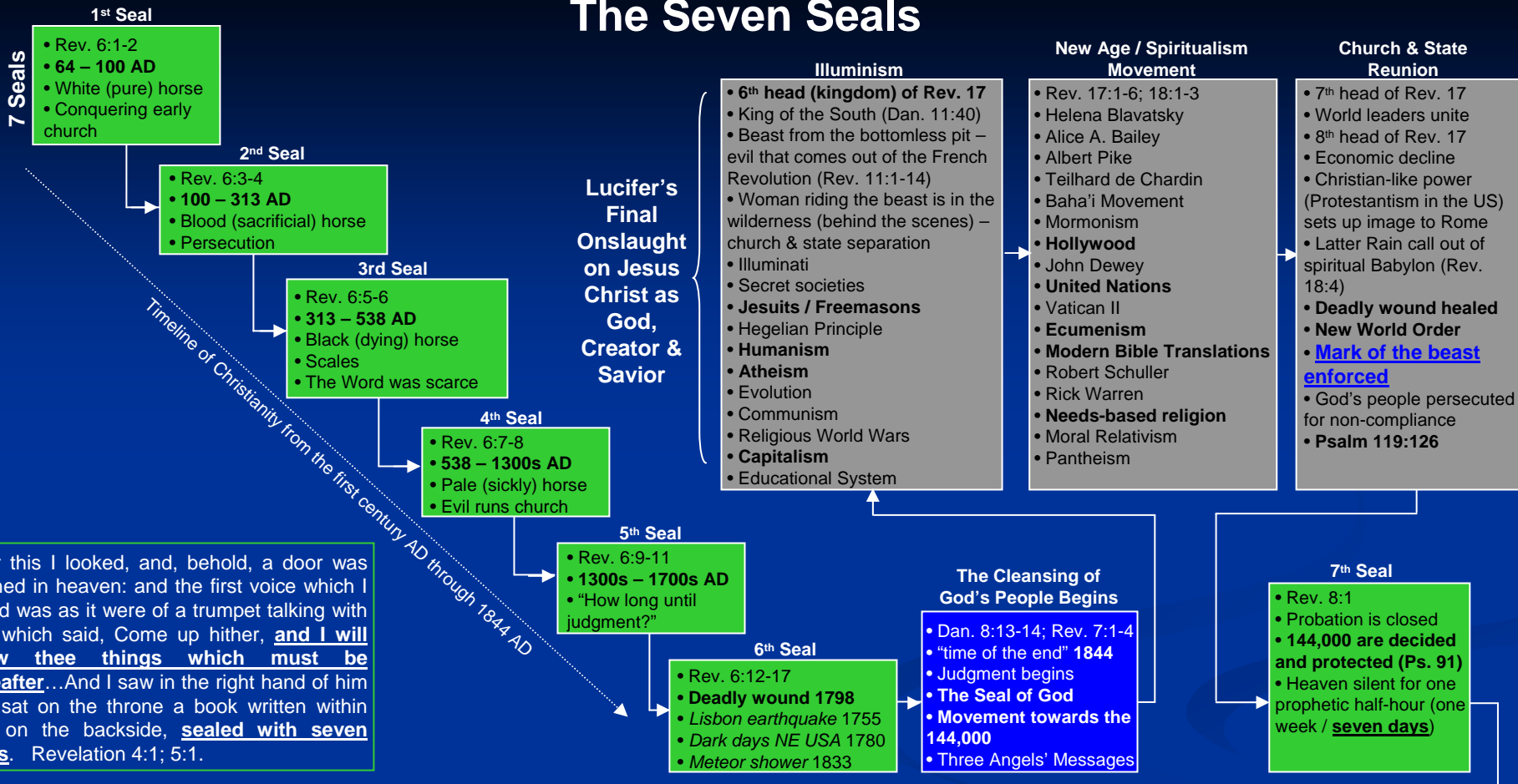
Revelation 6:12-17, NKJV: I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 **For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"**

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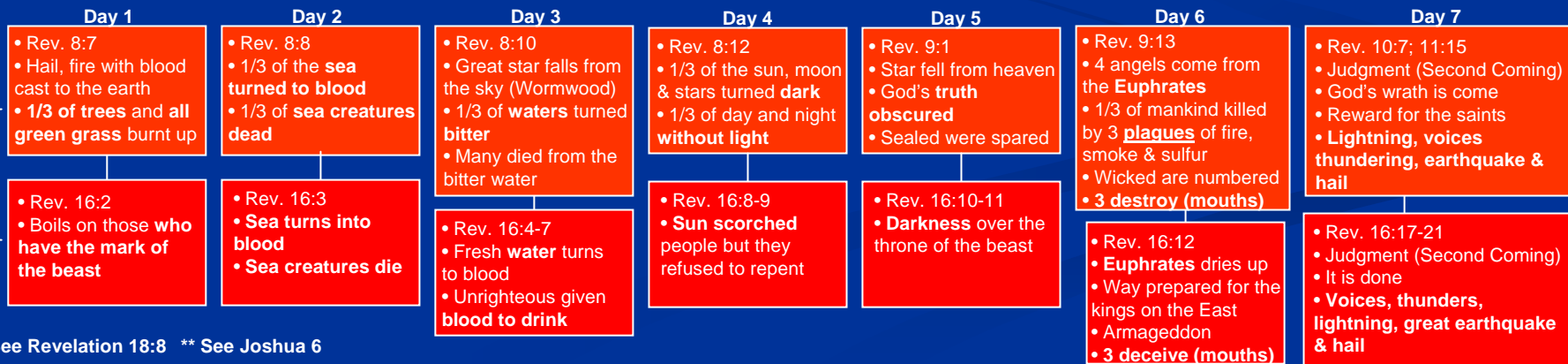
Revelation 7:1-4, NKJV: After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees **till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.**” 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. **One hundred and forty-four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

Between the 6th and 7th seals of *Revelation*

The Seven Seals



7 Plagues* 7 Trumpets**



* See Revelation 18:8 ** See Joshua 6

The Mystery of God and the 144,000

Revelation 14:1, 4-5, NKJV: 1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.** 4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. **These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes.** These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, **for they are without fault before the throne of God.**

The Keys to Fulfilling the Mystery of God

John 15: 1-8, NKJV: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.** 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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John 15:9-14, NKJV: 9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 **If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love**, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: **Love each other as I have loved you**. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

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Matthew 24:9-13, NKJV: 9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 **And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Fulfilling the Mystery of God

John 13:35, NKJV: “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, **if you love one another.**”

John 8:31-32, NKJV: Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32** And you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**”

John 14:15, NKJV: “If you love me, keep my commandments.”

Revelation 10:7, NKJV: “But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

What was declared to His servants the prophets?

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Daniel 9:10, NKJV: We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in *His laws*, **which He set before us by His servants the prophets.**

Fulfilling the Mystery of God

The 144,000 follow the Lamb into the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, to the Law of God.

In order to become the 144,000, and to be without fault, we have to allow Jesus to make us become sinless.

In order to become sinless, we have to acknowledge God's Ten Commandments and live in accordance with its standards.

Fulfilling the Mystery of God

After the mystery of God is finished within His people, the end will come.

Before the mystery of God is fulfilled, God's people must learn and obey truth so we can live up to His standards when it matters most.