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A Lion/Lamb (5:5, 6)
Tribulation/Luxury (7:14; 18:3)
Destination: Torment/Paradise (14:9-11; 2:7)
Pregnant Woman/Red Dragon/Harlot (12; 17)
Deceives/No Deceit (13:11-14; 14:5)

REVELATION
—A BOOK OF PRONOUNCED AND CONTRASTING THEMES

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City/Temple Trouble — 11:1, 2
42 months — 11:2, 3 (cf. 13:5)
2 Witnesses — 11:3-6 (1260 days)
An Apparent Defeat — 11:7-10
An Unforeseen Victory — 11:11-13

REVELATION 10:1-11:14

(interlude between 6th & 7th trumpet)

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SIMILAR MESSAGE!

REVELATION 11

"...measure the temple of God, the altar...they will trample the holy city for forty-two months"

(11:1, 2, ESV)

REVELATION 6

"I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held" (6:9)

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REVELATION 6

"...rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were..." (6:11)

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SIMILAR MESSAGE!

REVELATION 11

Two Witness

Faithful Testimony

Persecuted

Killed

Resurrected

REVELATION 6

Souls Under Altar

Faithful Testimony

Persecuted

beheaded

Resurrected

(Revelation 20:4)

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"Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us <u>alive together with Christ</u>— by grace you have been saved—and <u>raised us up with him</u> and <u>seated us with him</u> in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

Eph. 2:5, 6 (ESV)

Alive WITH, raised WITH, and seated WITH...
BUT ARE WE IN HEAVEN?

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THE REST of THE DEAD ARE THE PERSECUTORS!

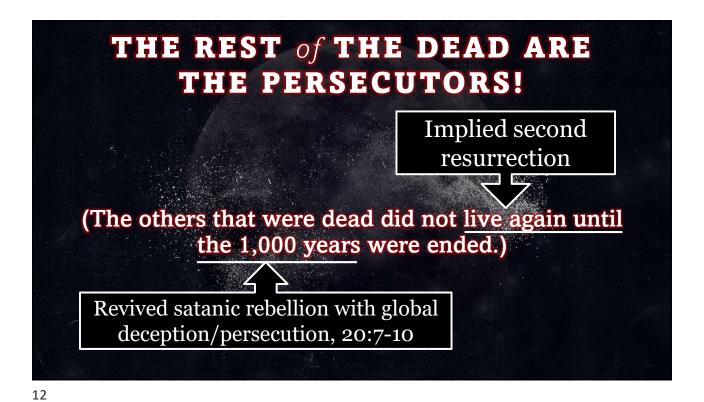
⁴ "...And I saw the souls of those who had been killed because they were faithful to the truth of Jesus and the message from God. ...They came back to life and ruled with Christ for 1,000 years.

⁵ (The others that were dead did not live again until the 1,000 years were ended.) This is the first raising of the dead.

⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in this first raising of the dead. The second death has no power over them."

(Rev. 20:4-6, ICB)

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"WHY ARE THERE TWO
RESURRECTIONS?"

There is only ONE BODILY resurrection:
"I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of [the] dead, both of [the] just and [the] unjust," (Acts 24:15)

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- Revelation is a book of pictures (symbols)
 with pronounced contrasting themes
- The terms and symbols (numbers, temple, city, pit, chain, key, creatures, resurrections, etc., etc.) should <u>not</u> be assumed to be literal

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- Faithful saints (such as those portrayed in the "fifth seal" and in the "two witnesses") partake of the *first resurrection*
- The wicked partake of the *second* resurrection, after the 1000 years are finished (when evil rises and threatens)
- OVERCOME WITH THE LAMB!

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