

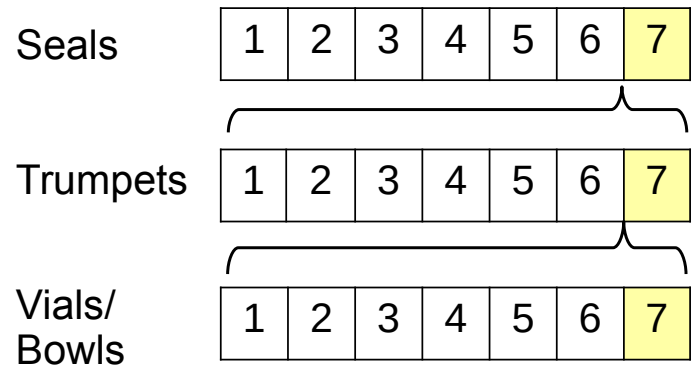
John's Second Vision

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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The Earthly Actors in Revelation 12-14

Revelation 12: The Woman, her Seed, the Dragon, Michael

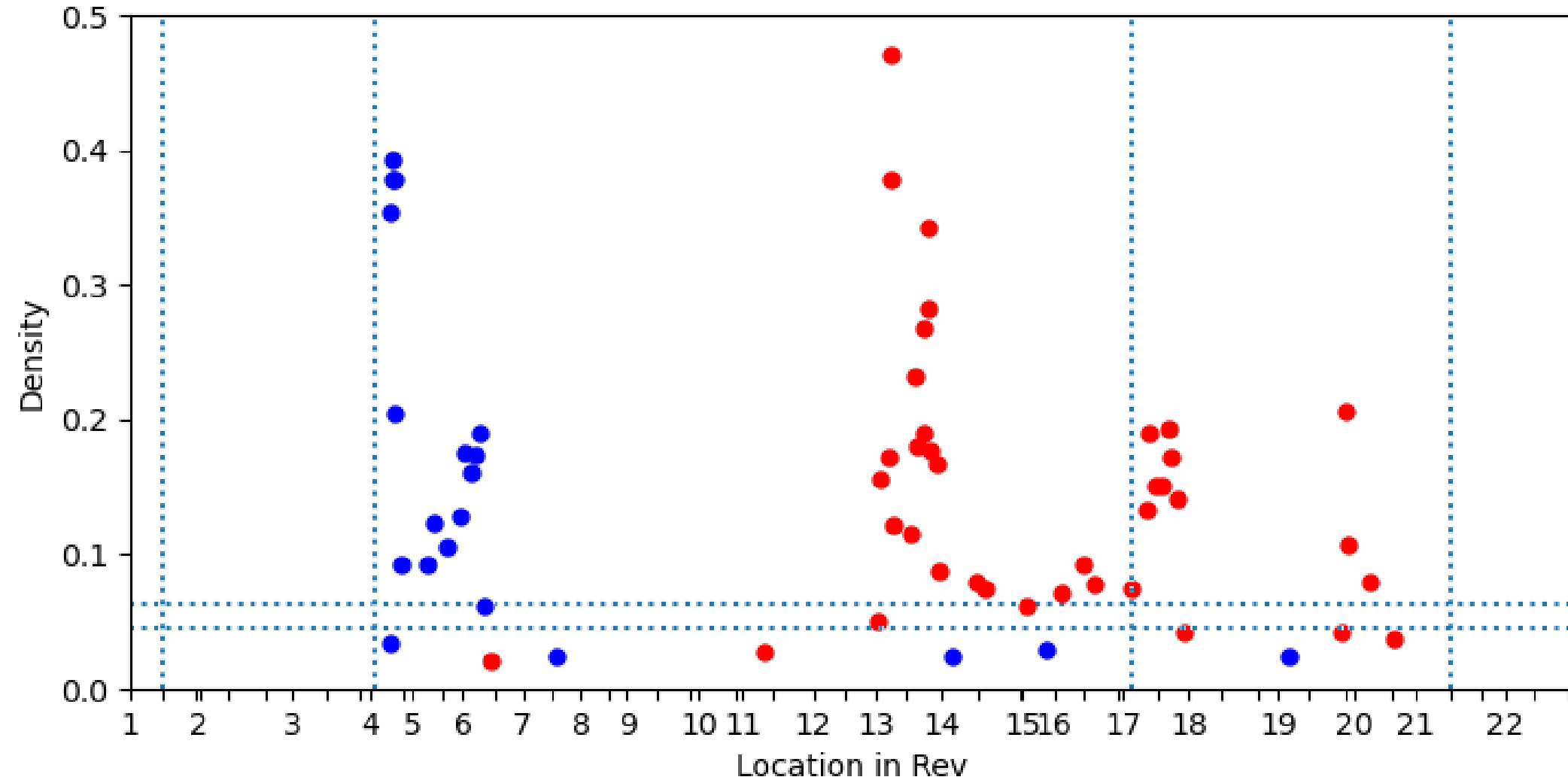
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| <p>Gen 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woman • Serpent • Painful childbirth • Victorious seed | <p>Gen 37:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun • Moon • Twelve stars | <p>1 Kgs 17:</p> <p>Provision for God's servant in the wilderness during persecution</p> | <p>Isa 49:</p> <p>Woman clothed with her offspring</p> | <p>Dan 7:</p> <p>World-ruling beast with ten horns</p> | <p>Dan 8:</p> <p>Stars cast to the ground</p> | <p>Dan 10, 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael • Angelic conflict in heaven • Time of tribulation |
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Revelation 13: The Dragon and the Two Beasts

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| <p>Lev 26, Ezek 14: God's Four Judgments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sword • Hunger • Death/Pestilence • Wild Beasts | <p>Job 40-41:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behemoth, earth (40) • Leviathan, sea (41) | <p>Dan 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four beasts • Ten horns • World dominion |
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Revelation 14: God and his Human Creatures

“Beast” in the Revelation



- **Red:** θηρίον G2342, wild beast
- **Blue:** ζῶον G2226, living creature

Introduction to the Beasts in 6:8

Rev 6:8b And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with **sword**, and with **hunger**, and with **death**, and with the **beasts** of the earth.

Eze 14:21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the **sword**, and the **famine**, and the noisome **beast**, and the **pestilence [LXX death]**, ...

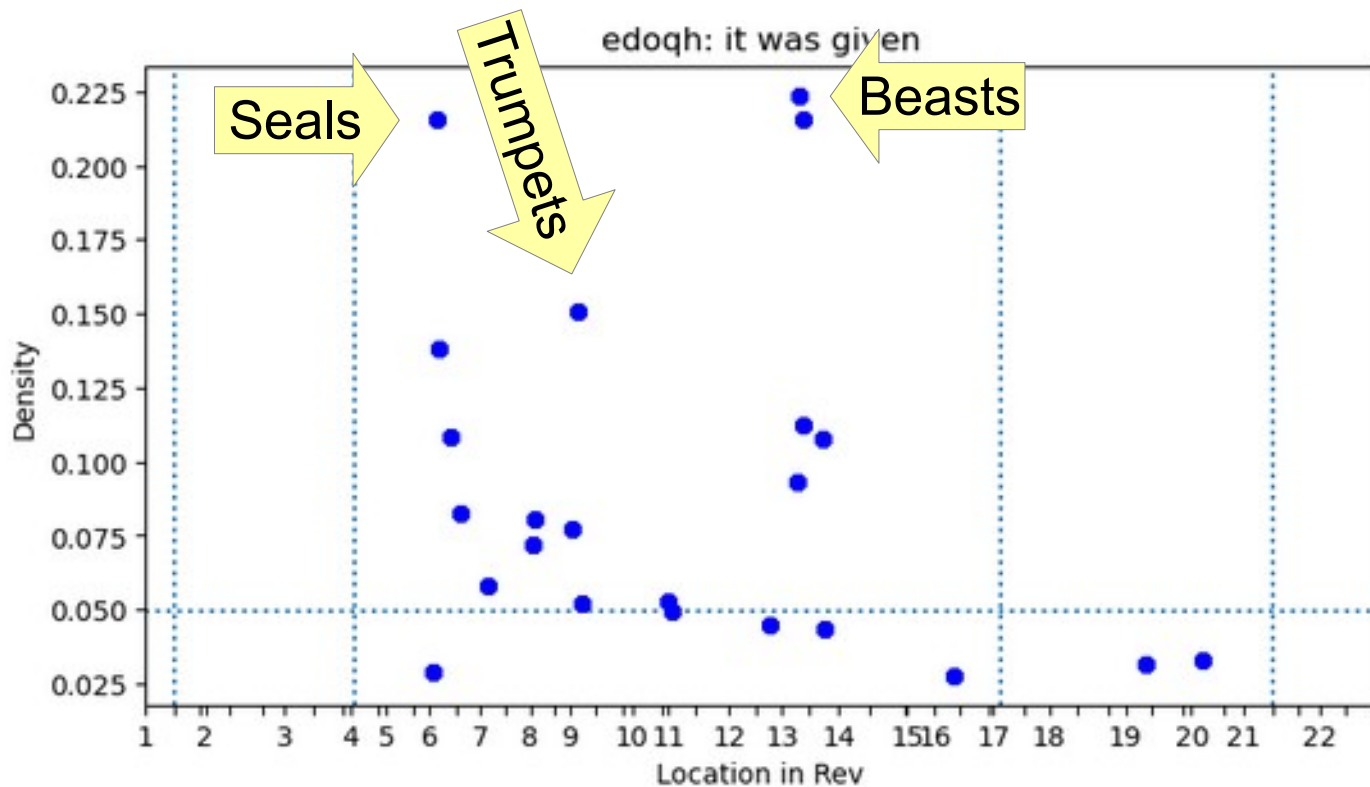
| Ezek14:21 | Lev 26:3 If you walk in my statutes ... | Lev 26:14 If ye will not hearken unto me ... | Revelation 6 |
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| Sword | 6c neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword . | 17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. | 6:4, Red Horse |
| Famine | 10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new. | 20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits. | 6:5, Black Horse |
| Evil beast | 6b I will rid evil beasts out of the land, | 22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate. | 6:2, White Horse (!) |
| Pestilence (LXX Death) | (Exo 15:26 I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.) | 16a I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, 25 I will send the pestilence among you; | 6:8, Pale Horse |

Antichrist in the Epistles

1Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that **antichrist shall come**, even now are there **many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time. ... 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that **spirit of antichrist**, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and **even now already** is it in the world.

2 Thes 2:7 For the **mystery of iniquity** doth **already** work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And **then shall that Wicked be revealed**, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

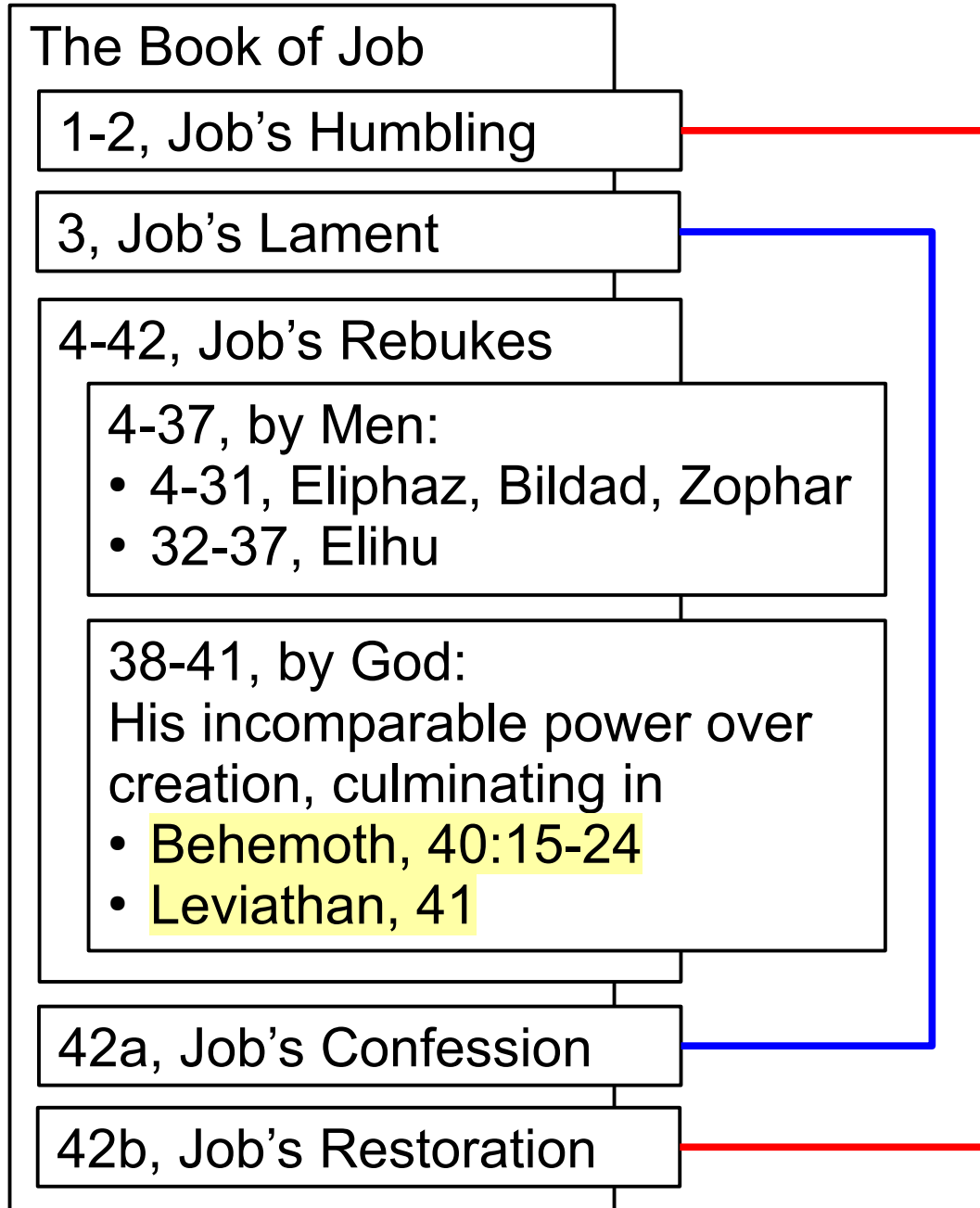
God's Permission
to the Forces of
Evil: "It was given
... "



Parallels between the Beasts

| | 1-10, Beast from the Sea | 11-18, Beast from the Earth |
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| Relation to the Dragon | 1 ... a beast ... having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns,... 2 ... and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority ἐξουσία . | 11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon . |
| Worship, Wound, Authority | 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed : ... 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power ἐξουσία unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, ... | 12 And he exerciseth all the power ἐξουσία of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed . |
| Divine Permission (“was given”) | 5 And <u>there was given</u> unto him a mouth ... and power ἐξουσία <u>was given</u> unto him to continue forty and two months. ... 7 And <u>it was given</u> unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power ἐξουσία <u>was given</u> him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. ... | ... 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to do in the sight of the beast;... 15 And <u>he had power</u> [it was given to him] to give life unto the image of the beast, |
| Distinctive Sign | whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. | 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ... |
| Call to attention | 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. ... | 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; ... |

The Book of Job



Behemoth

Job 40:15 Behold now **behemoth**, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. 16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. 17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. 18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. 19 He is the chief of the ways of God: he that made him can make his sword to approach unto him. ...

Job 41:1 Canst thou draw out **leviathan** [**LXX dragon**] with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? 2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? ... 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons? or his head with fish spears? 8 Lay thine hand upon him, remember the battle, do no more. 9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him? 10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me? ... 18 By his neesings [sneezes] a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. 20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. 21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth. ... 33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear. 34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.

Leviathan

Psa 74:13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the **dragons** in the waters. 14 Thou brakest **the heads** of **leviathan** in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

Isa 27:1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish **leviathan** the piercing **serpent**, even **leviathan** that crooked **serpent**; and he shall slay the **dragon** that is in the sea.

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And **the beast** was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.