

Satan Tempts Jesus

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- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.
- Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'!"
- 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,
 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written:

'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and,

'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'m"

- Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'n"
- 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.
- 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."
- Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you," Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "
- Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

- Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.
- And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
- that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:
 - 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of

16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death
Light has dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

- And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
- Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.
- Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Jesus Heals a Great Multitude

- ²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.
- Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.
- ²⁵ Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

The Beatitudes

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1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

- saida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."
- 22 Philip came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.
- But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
- Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.
- He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.
- If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross

- 27 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
- Father, glorify Your name."

 Then a voice came from heaven, *saying*, "I have

both glorified it and will glorify it again."

- Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."
- Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.
- Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
- And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself."
- This He said, signifying by what death He would die.
- The people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"
- Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.
- While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

- 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
 - 3 "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 - 4 Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
 - 5 Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
 - 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
 - 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
 - 8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
 - 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
 - Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
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you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Believers Are Salt and Light

- 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
- 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.
- Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Christ Fulfills the Law

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to



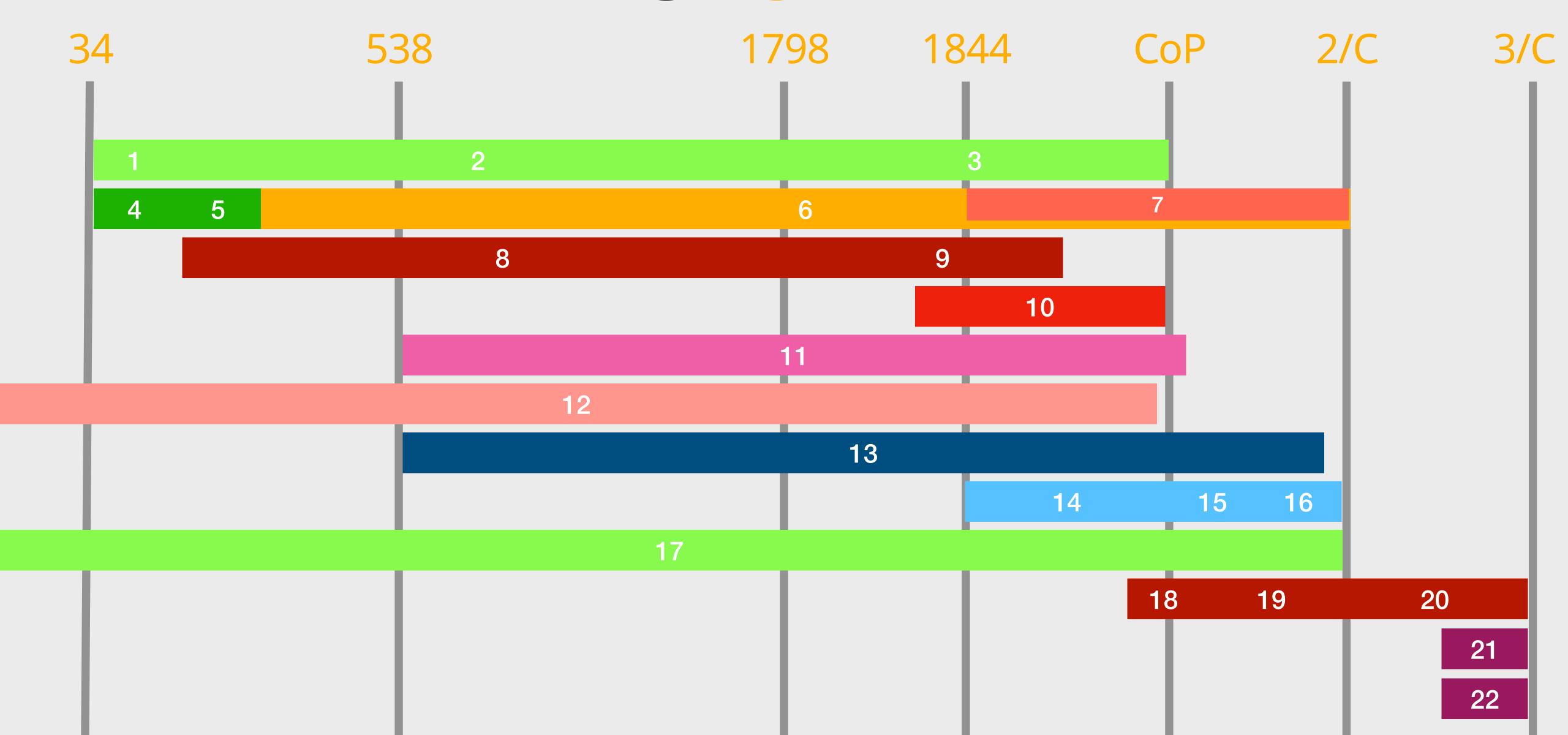
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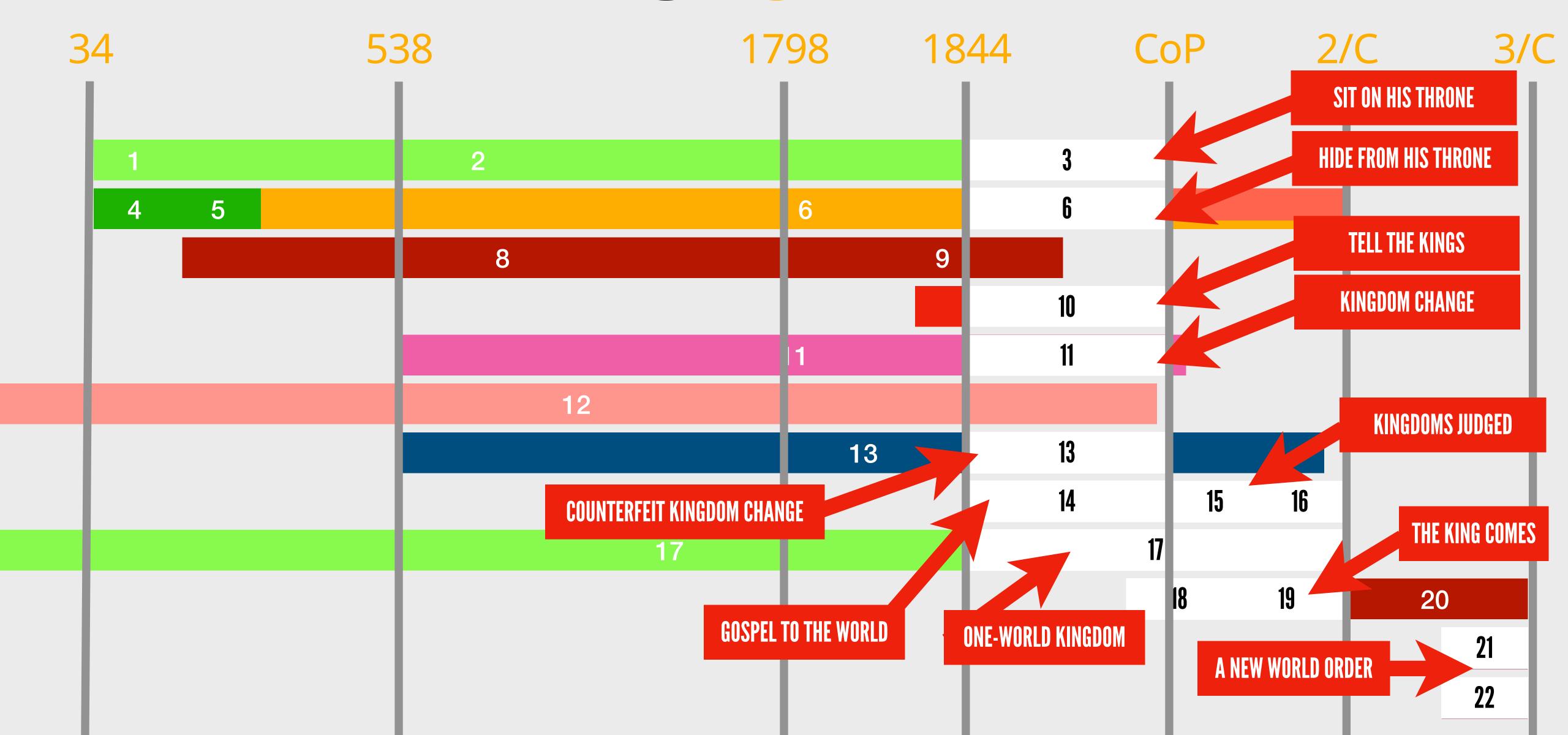
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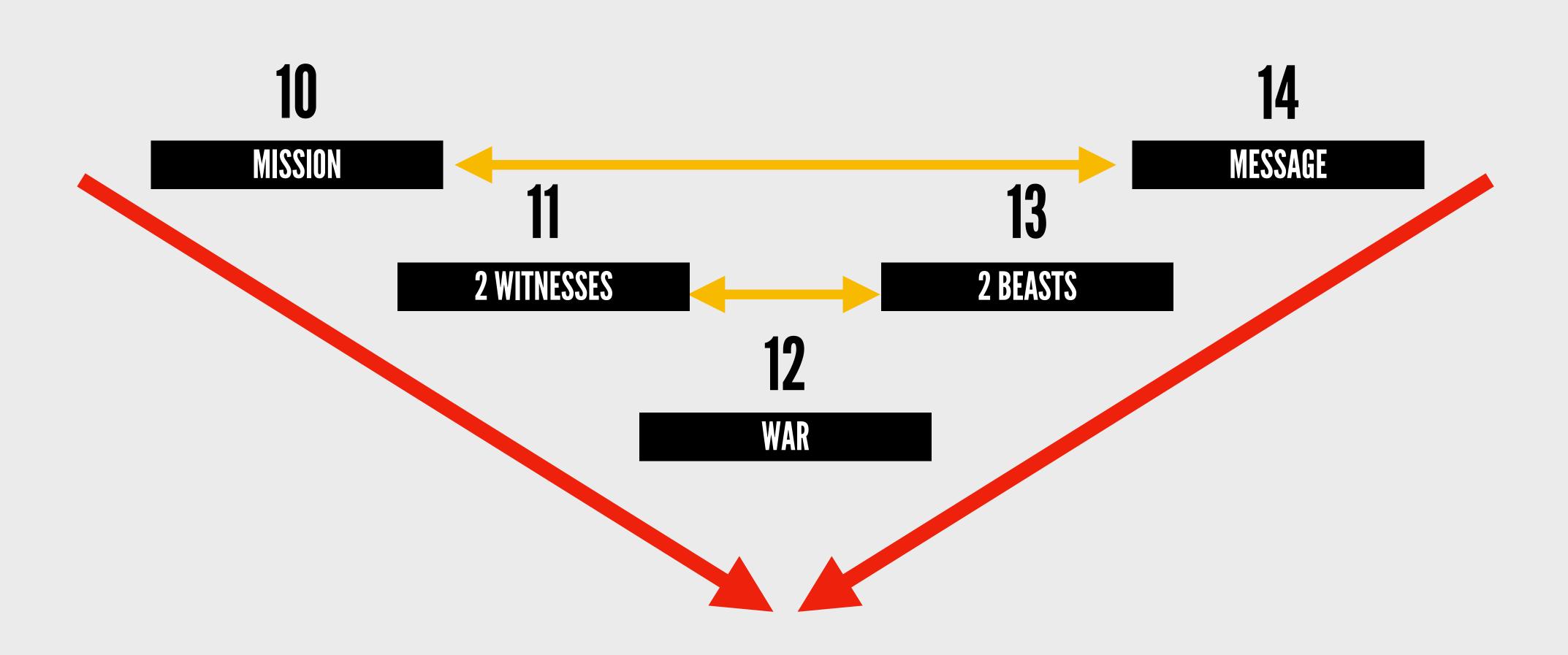
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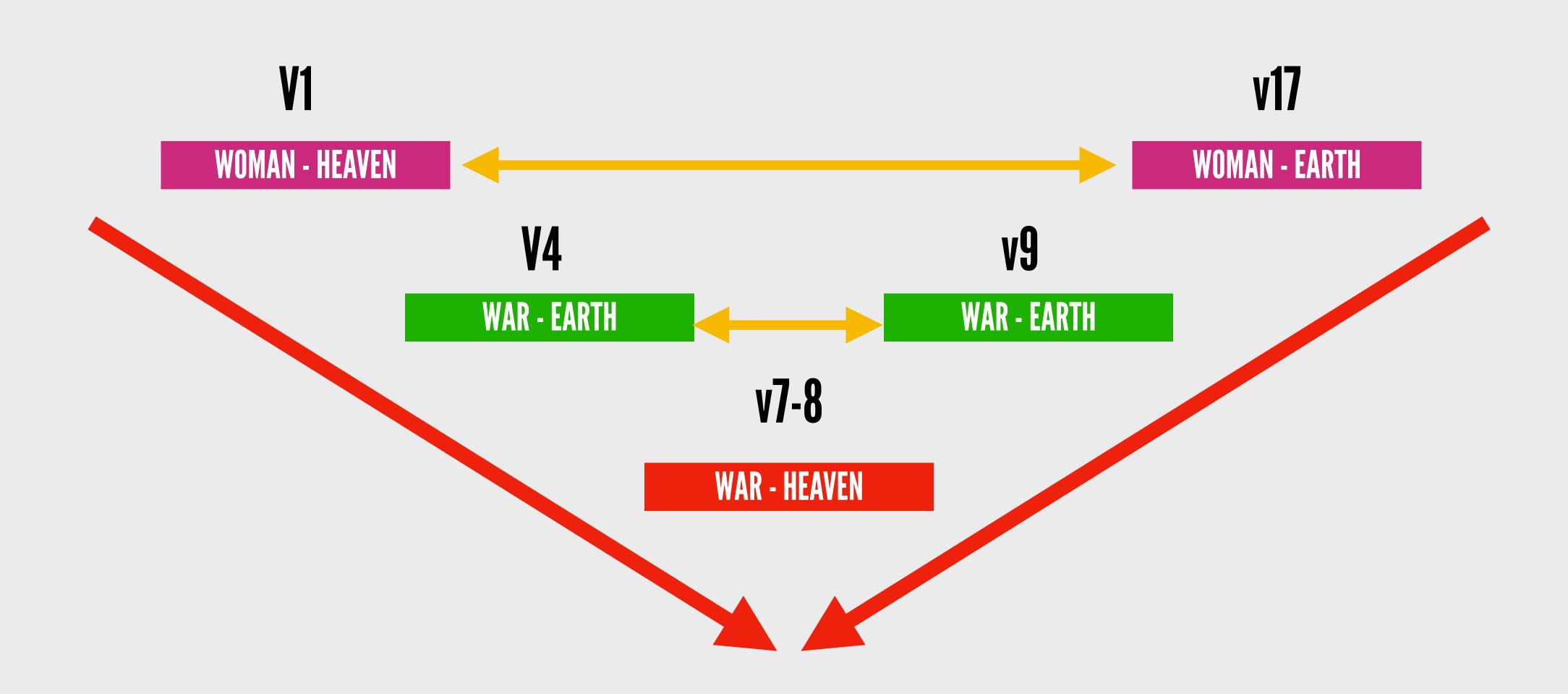


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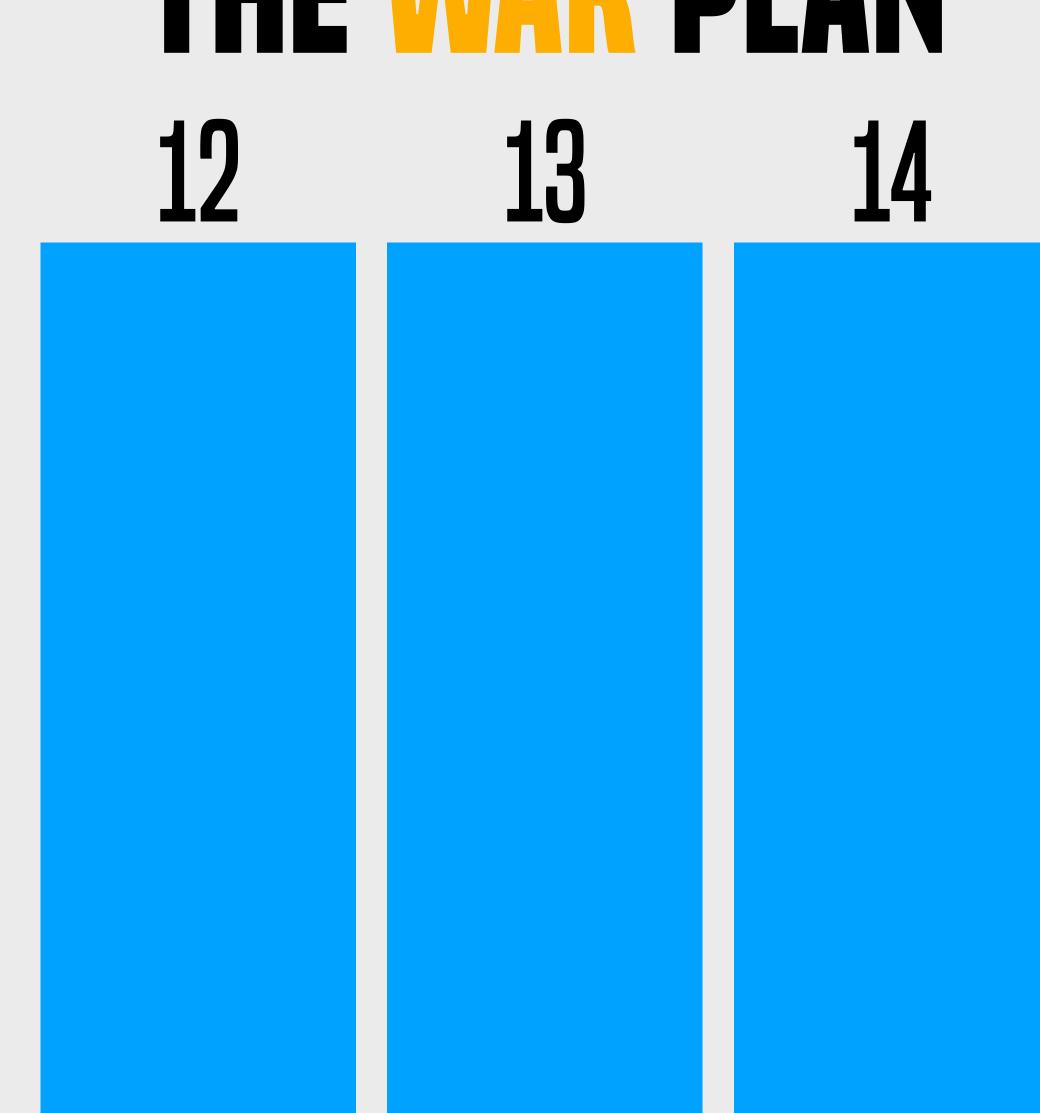


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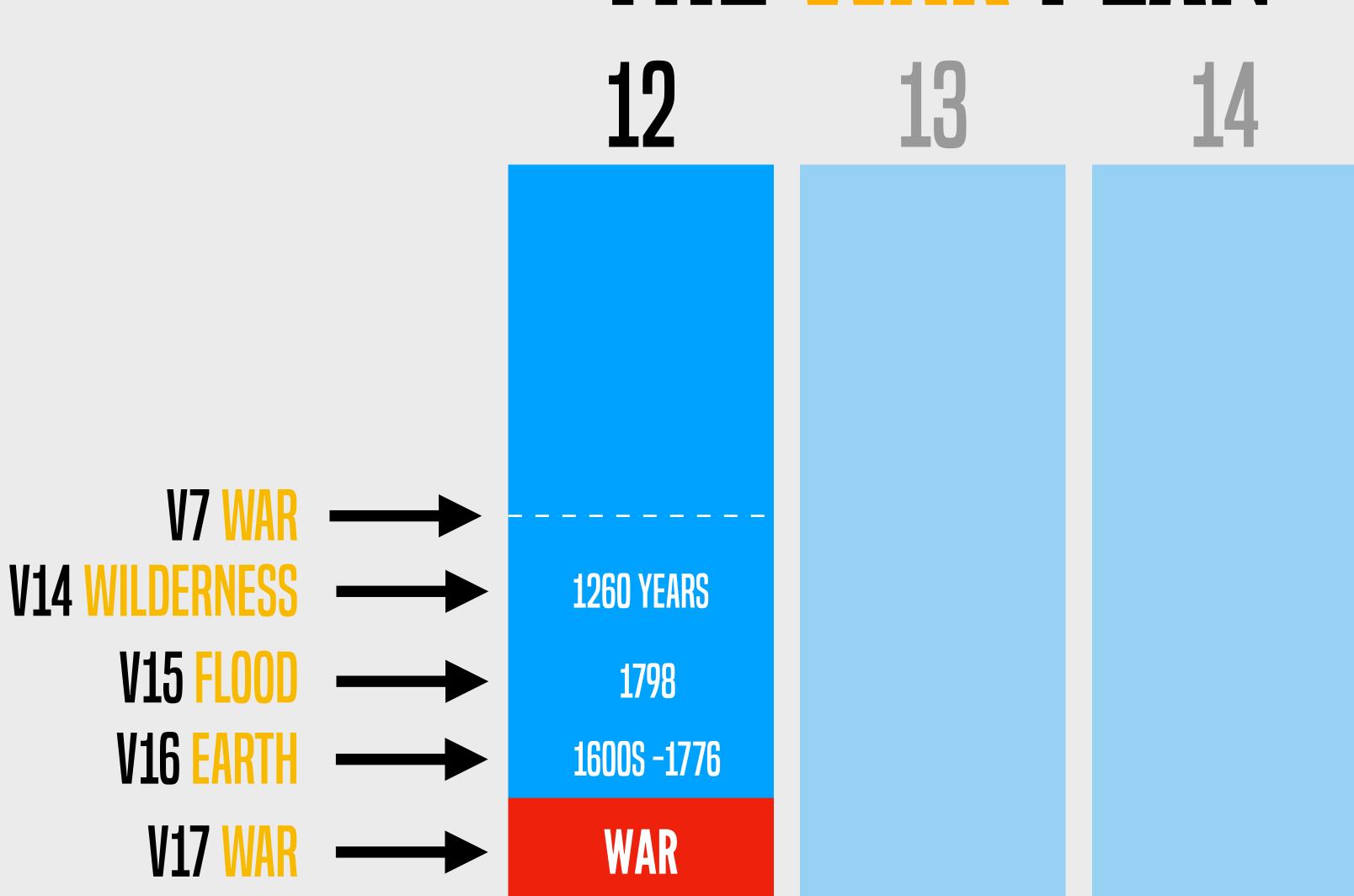
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The Woman Persecuted

- Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*.
- ¹⁴ But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.
- So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.
- But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.
- And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her off-spring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.^t

The Beast from the Sea

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1 Then I' stood on the sand of the sea. And I

- saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
- 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.
- 3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.

 And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
- 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"
- 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.
- 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.
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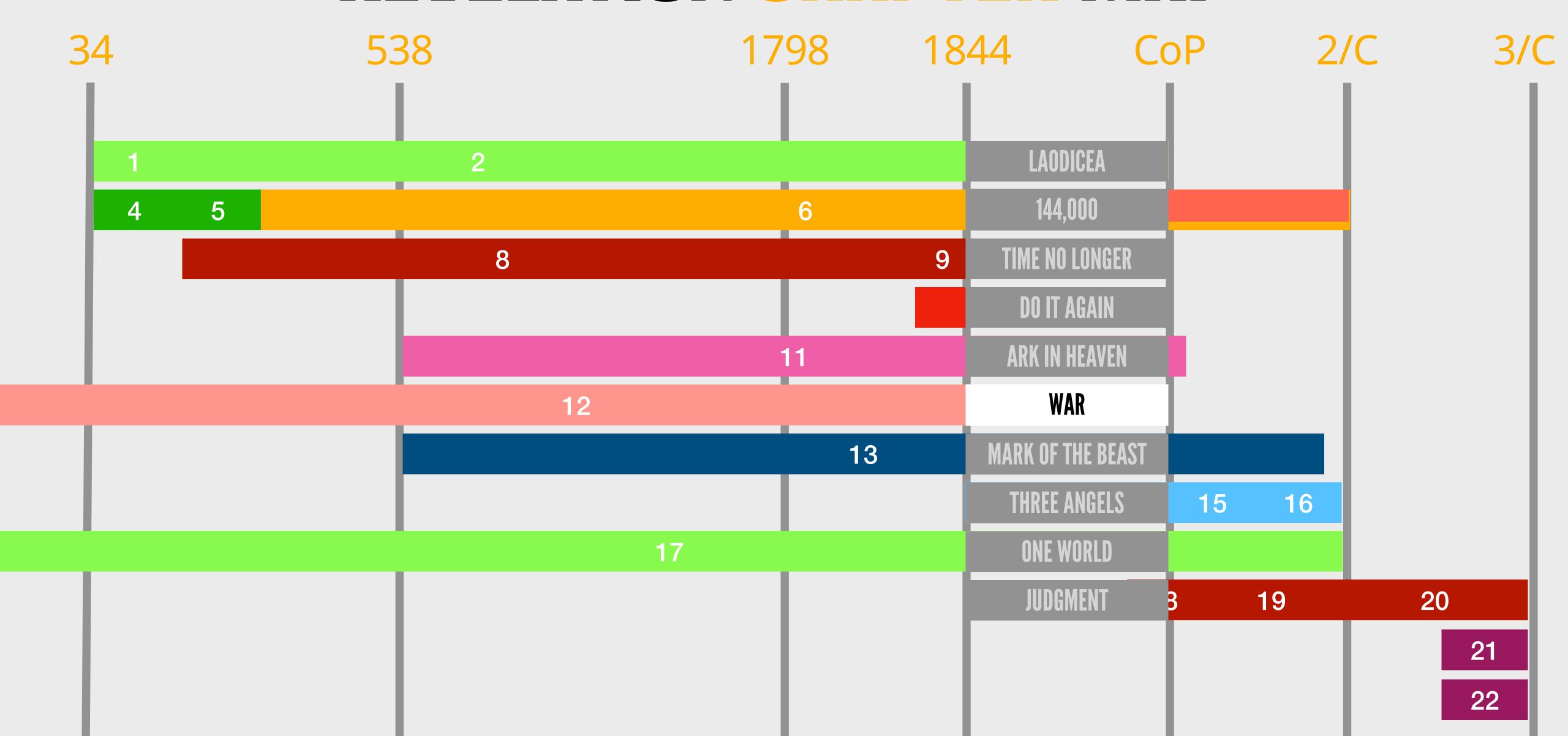
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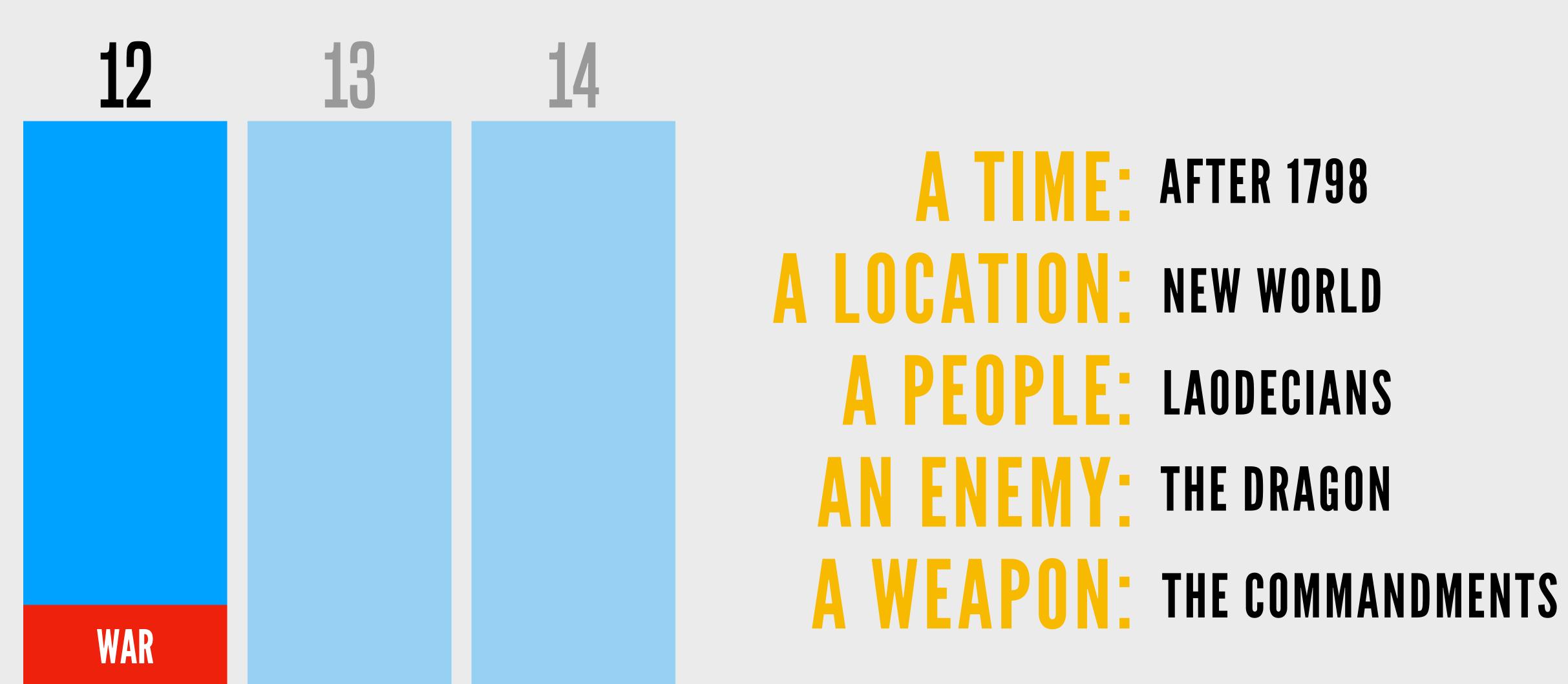
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- 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
 - 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.
- 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The Beast from the Earth

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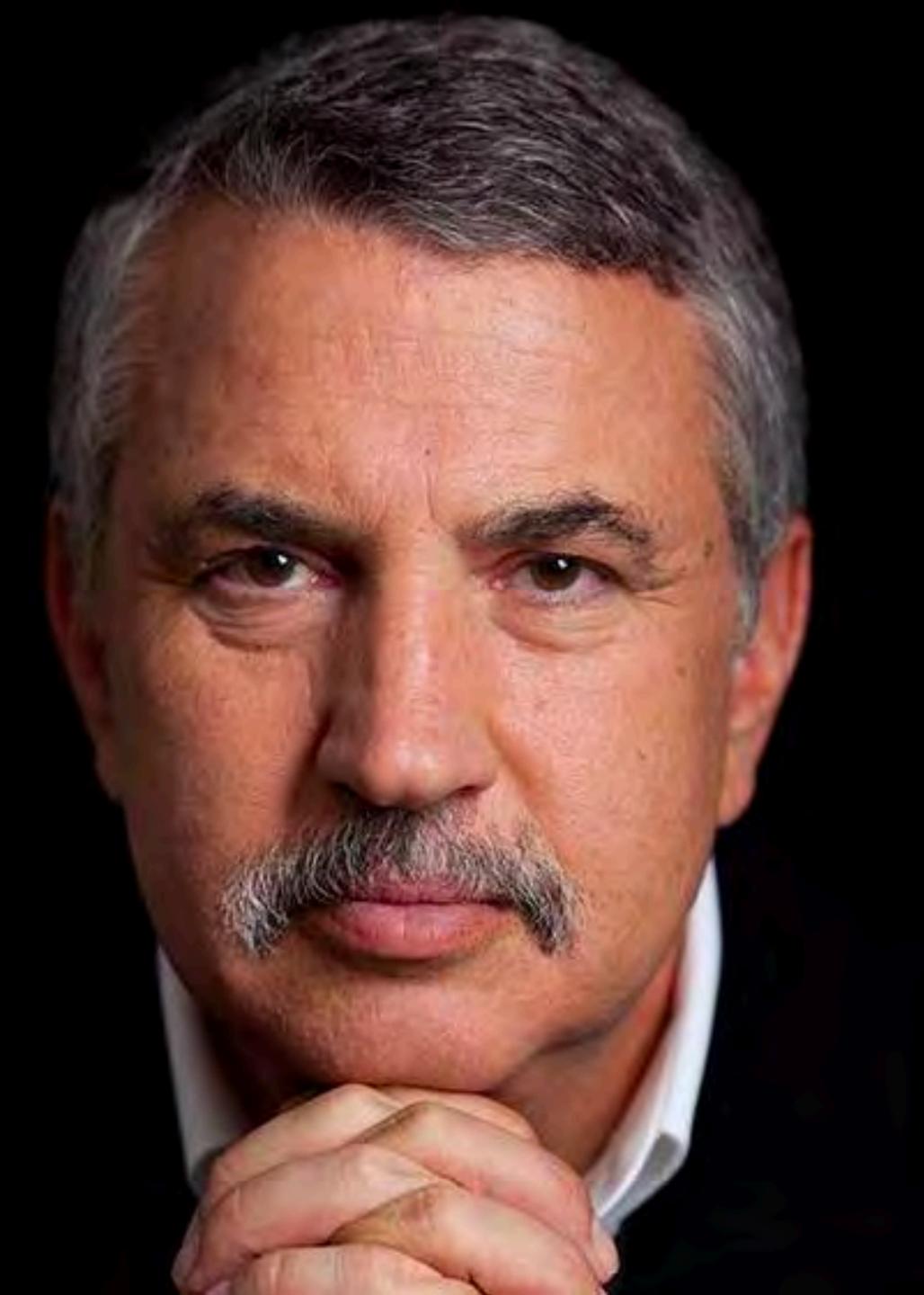
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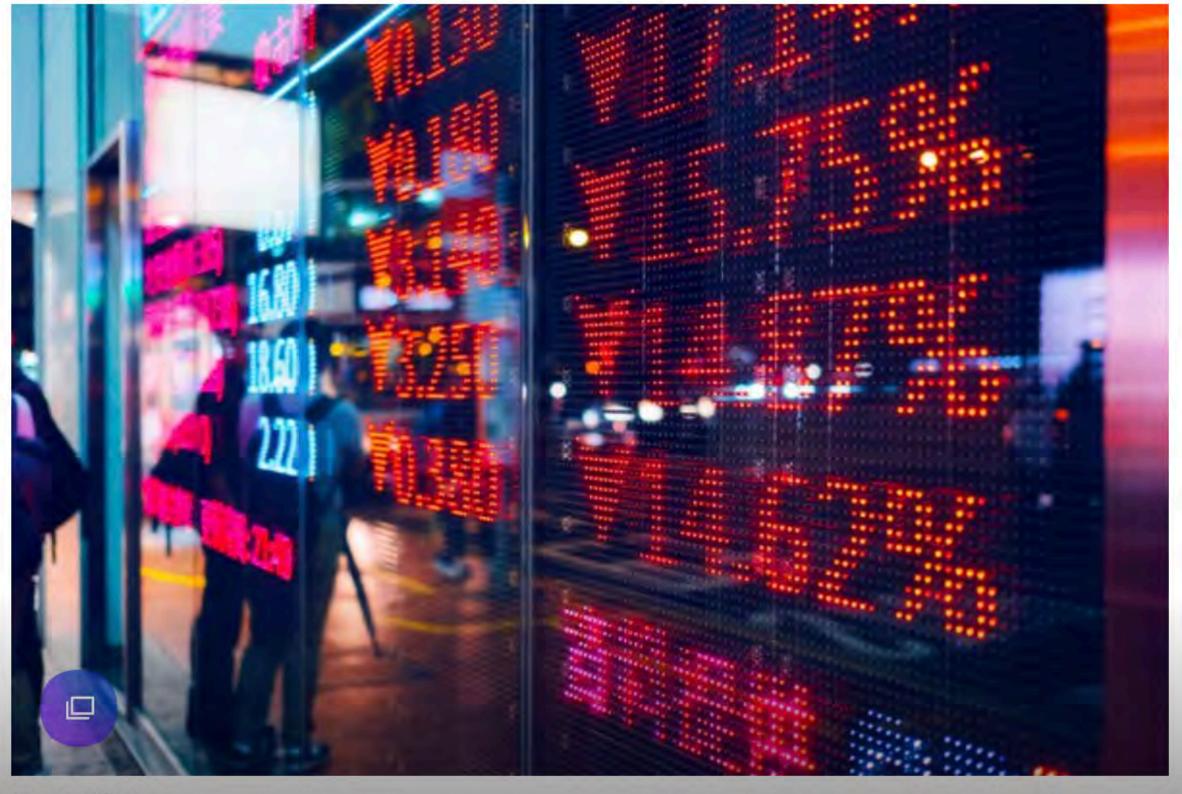


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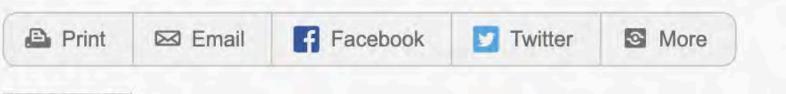






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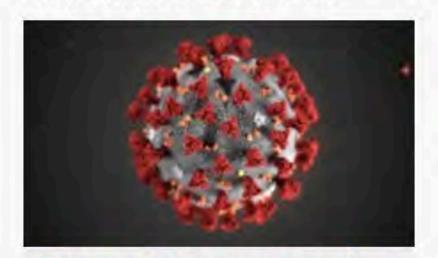
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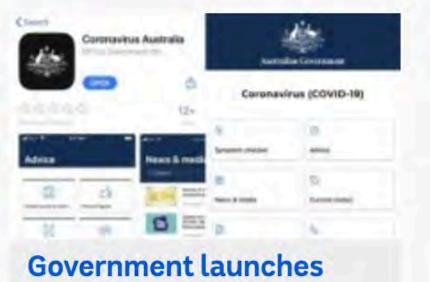
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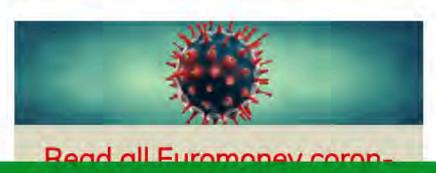




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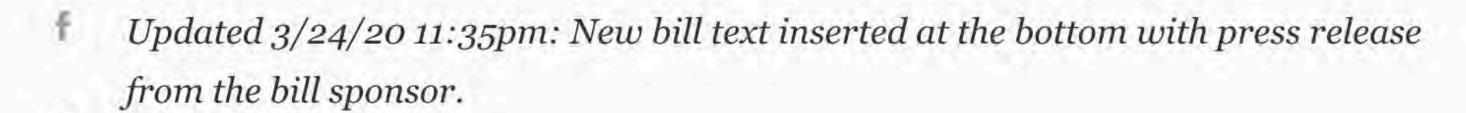
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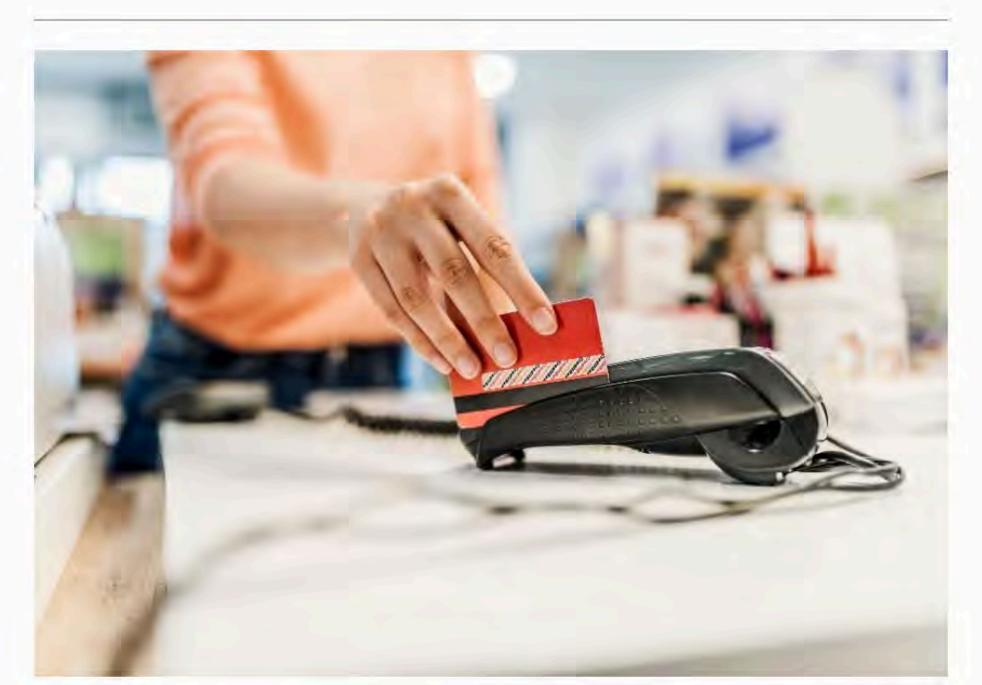


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A provision for a digital dollar was part of a draft stimulus bill put together by the U.S. Democratic Party as a means to make payments to people and businesses hit by coronavirus-induced economic turmoil, but it didn't make the final cut.

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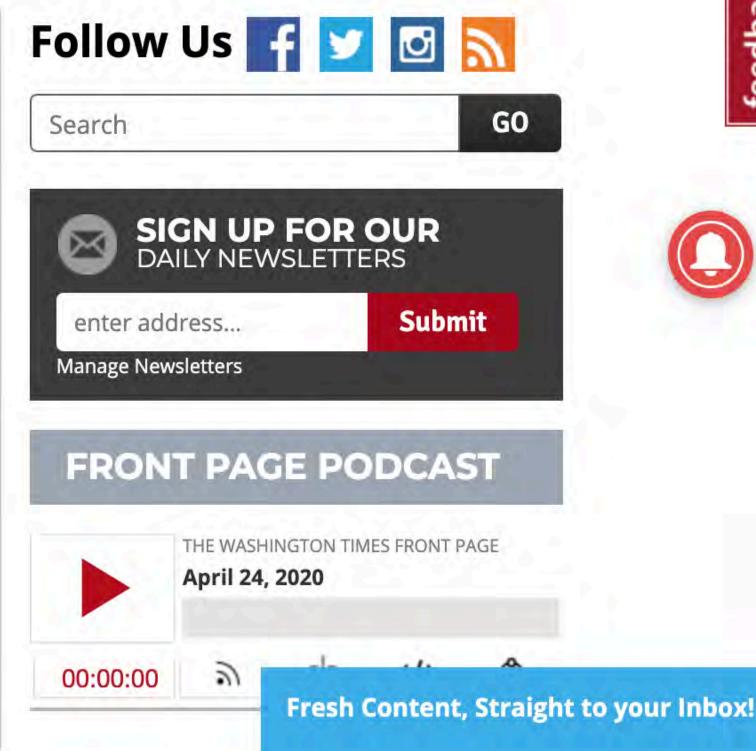
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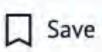
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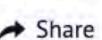
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Australia's central bank has <u>previously declared</u> its interest in digital currency, which could be a digital equivalent of the dollar and rival privately minted cryptocurrencies, but the research project announced by the bank on Tuesday with the Digital Finance Cooperative Research Centre would focus on how such an asset could actually be used.



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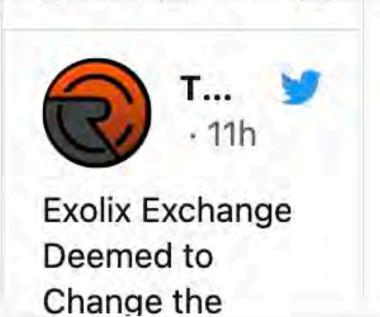
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Australian CBDC will be used for e-commerce and government bills.

The concept of CBDC became popular after the increased user base of cryptocurrencies. Some countries have already launched their CBDCs, but some are still working on launching Central bank

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The Australian CBDC has received more than 140 plus use case proposals from the finance industry; the Reserve Bank of Australia believes that it will replace the Australian dollar, ultimately avoiding commercial banks fully.

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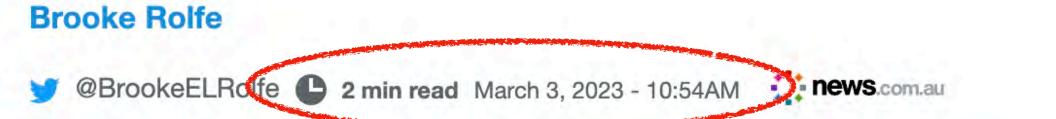
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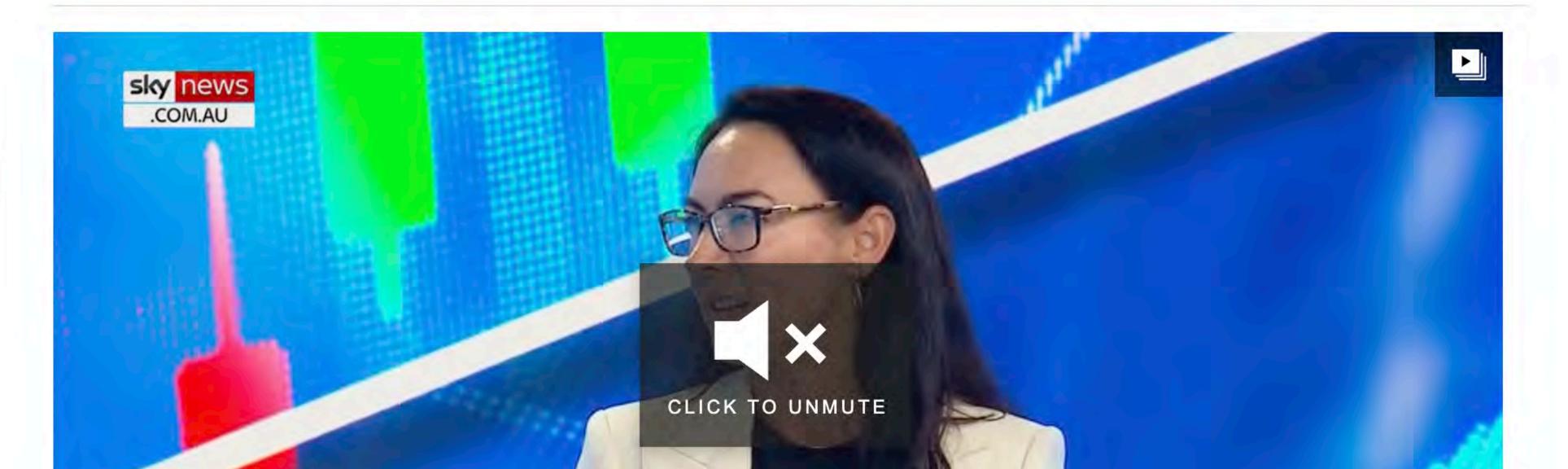
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The real-world viability of non-physical forms of currency are being explored as the RBA tests new digital payments with e-AUD.





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"There's not a major economy in the globe that's not looking at what a future where there's a CBDC could look like," she told Sydney Morning Herald.





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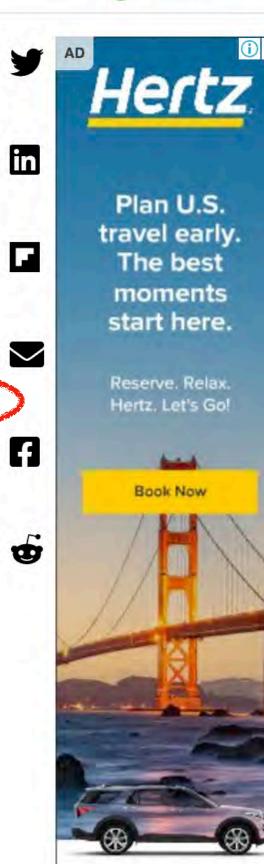












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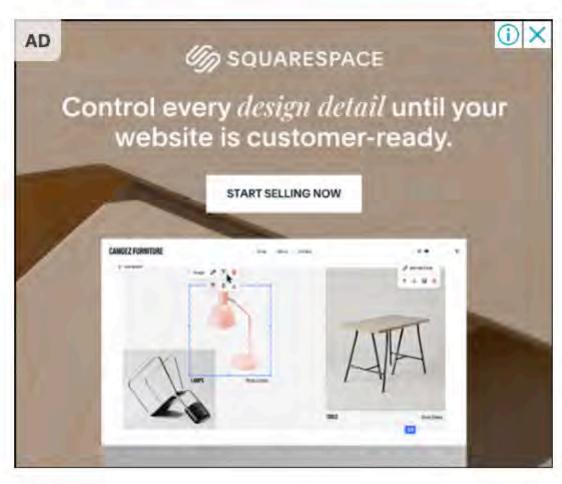
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Fed Chairman Confirms That A U.S. CBDC Would "Not Be Anonymous"



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A hypothetical CBDC would include privacy protection, but also verify users' identities, according to Jerome Powell.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said that a central bank digital currency (CBDC) in the U.S. would "not be anonymous" during an event hosted by the Bank of France on Tuesday.

He described the key properties that would underpin a CBDC if implemented - one of which includes being "identity verified."

Private, But Not Anonymous

The chairman's comments were in response to an audience question about the anonymity of many cryptocurrencies, and whether CBDCs would mimic this property.

While the Fed is yet to make any decisions on whether to proceed with a CBDC, it has been actively discussing what one might look like, and its potential risks and benefits.

Powell said that a CBDC would be guaranteed to have four characteristics: Intermediation, privacy protection, interoperability, and identity verification.

"It would not be anonymous," he clarified. "It would not be an anonymous bearer instrument."

Powell added that this would require finding a "balance" between privacy protection and identity verification, which is already done in today's traditional banking system.













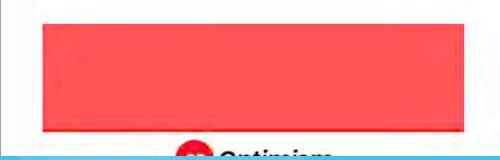




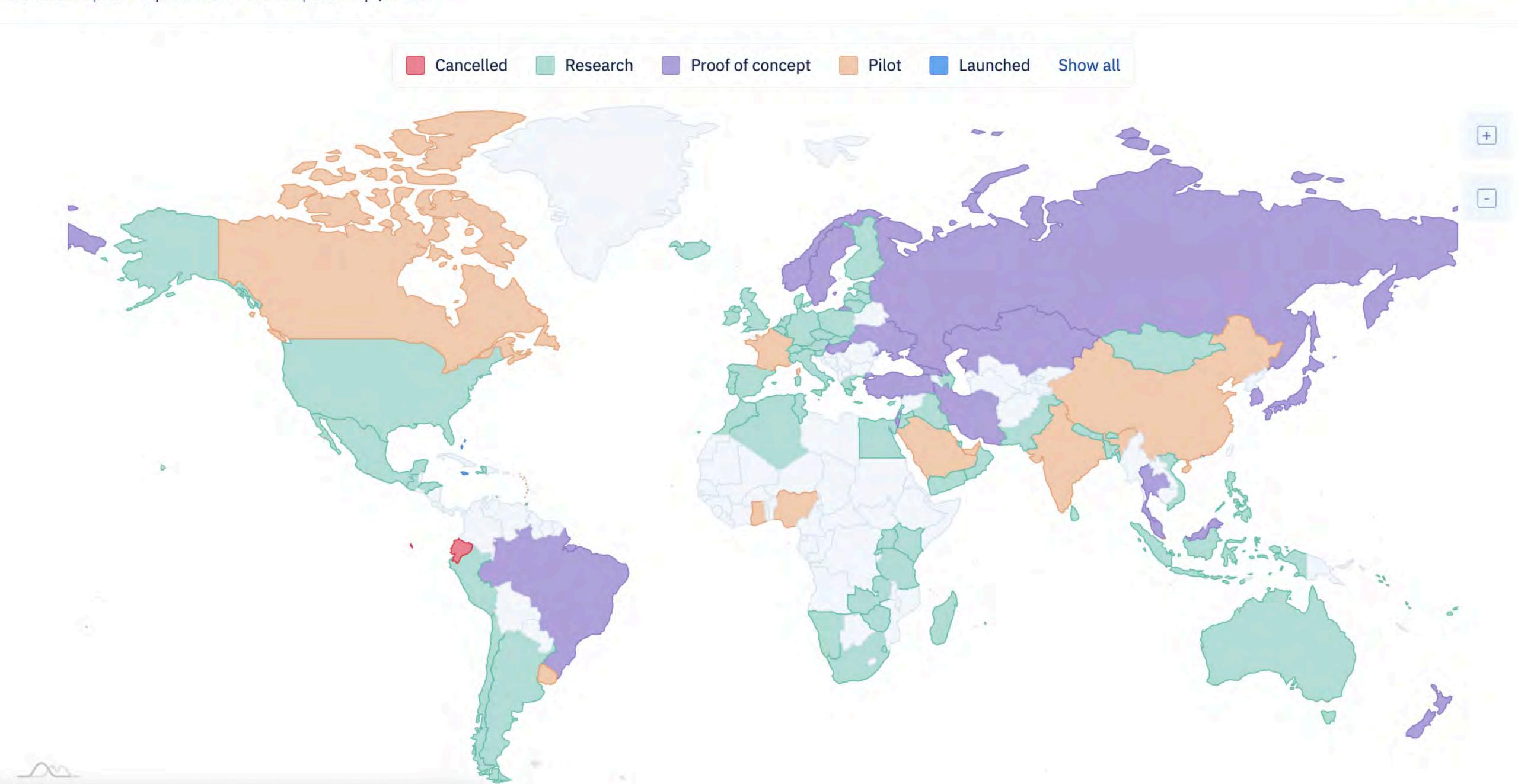


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592.1 Those who honor the Bible Sabbath will be denounced as enemies of law and order, as breaking down the moral restraints of society, causing anarchy and corruption, and calling down the judgments of God upon the earth. Their conscientious scruples will be pronounced obstinacy, stubbornness, and contempt of authority. They will be accused of disaffection toward the

592.2 As the Protestant churches reject the clear, Scriptural arguments in defense of God's law, they will long to silence those whose faith they cannot overthrow by the Bible. Though they blind their own eyes to the fact, they are now adopting a course which will lead to the persecution of those who conscientiously refuse to do what the rest of the Christian world are doing, and acknowledge the claims of the papal sabbath.

592.3 The dignitaries of church and state will unite to bribe, persuade, or compel all classes to honor the Sunday. The lack of divine authority will be supplied by oppressive enactments. Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to secure public favor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected.

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God never forces the will or the conscience; but Satan's constant resort—to gain control of those whom he cannot otherwise seduce—is compulsion by cruelty. Through fear or force he endeavors to rule the conscience and to secure homage to himself. To accomplish this, he works through both religious and secular authorities, moving them to the enforcement of human laws in defiance of the law of God.

