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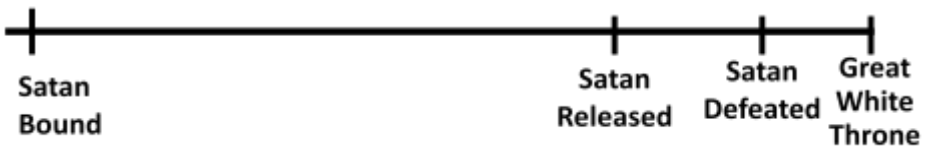
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    - i. Implication 1: He *currently* deceives the nations
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- 2) Thrones of judgment and the presence and activity of **saints** who have died (**v. 4-6**)
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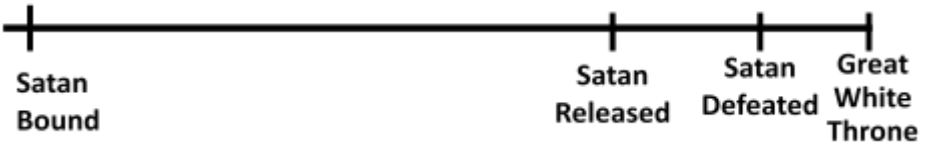
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