



# **THE GLORY OF CHRIST REVEALED**

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### PREFACE

John the apostle writes the book of Revelation around 90 A.D. under the inspiration and direction of Jesus Christ the resurrected. Its purpose is to give encouragement and hope for all believers to continue watching for the return and triumph of Christ. The book of Revelation is not only a summary of the Bible, but a love story of how GOD seeks to bring mankind back into perfect relationship. Christ is the center of this relationship and GOD's own heart and nature is revealed. This book serves as a prophetic message for the end times.<sup>1</sup>

The following is written as present tense and in chronological order. God is not limited by space and time and lives in the eternal present. The time and history of mankind is as a grain of sand upon the beach of eternity. The meaning, purpose and application of Revelation's symbolism is applied, without expository, detailed explanation. Focus is on the condensed, concise message and application for the believer.

In particular, it is a revelation from Christ Himself of the judgment to come for saint and sinner. In fulfilling this purpose, the book is designed as a warning for the lost, and an encouragement and comfort for all believers who are experiencing the tribulation. The time of the Lord's coming is near. Those who read this prophecy and obey it are blessed and are prepared for the end-time events. \*<sup>2</sup>

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Revelation is to prepare for Gods kingdom to come. The teaching of Revelation reveals what takes place in order that the throne of God, His rule, judgment and authority be established by His kingdom in this world. The Word of God applies to all people for all time. God lovingly instructs and guides His Church to follow the righteous path that leads to eternal life. GOD gives prophesy for confirmation to the believer that His Word is true and absolutely accurate. To believe the Word of God is to exercise faith and trust that Christ has the victory over evil. Satan and his army make war against Christ, the Lamb, and the Lamb conquers them.

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<sup>1</sup> \*See Diagrams 3 and 8

<sup>2</sup> Rev. 1: 3

“He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with Him are chosen and faithful”.<sup>3</sup> “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”<sup>4</sup>

## CHRIST REVEALED

### The Glory of Christ Revealed in the Church

Understanding the personhood and identity of the Son of God reveals the very nature of God. Christ’s message is to the eternal church, the church of the 1<sup>st</sup> century, and the church of today. Christ instructs in holiness, sanctification and purpose. His gospel message is the Light that shines in this dark world. It is the good news of how one enters the kingdom through justification by the cross of Messiah.<sup>5</sup> “The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”.<sup>6</sup> The outcome of His redemption is eternal life in the kingdom that He is establishing. Christ instructs John<sup>7</sup> with Torah references to give new covenant connection and application to connect the two.<sup>8</sup> God’s person and character is revealed in the sanctification of the believer.



### The Glory of Christ Revealed in the Sanctuary

By understanding the sanctuary, God’s nature and sovereignty is revealed. \*(See: Salvation Symbolism of the Sanctuary: @ ( <https://youtu.be/La9kRne1CiU>)). The ancient tabernacle represents Jesus, “made flesh” and dwelling with us. The temple in Jerusalem, being destroyed, no longer withholds the presence of God. Now God ‘tabernacles’ within the heart of man, “Not made with hands.”<sup>9</sup> Is the church of today accurately reflecting the true character and nature of God?

God’s message to the church addresses issues that apply to each church congregation today. The only difference is in degree. It seems that human nature remains basically the same throughout time.

Have we been ‘born-again’? Are we as zealous as we were at the beginning of our Christian journey? Our “first love”<sup>10</sup> was joyous which came from an understanding of where God had brought us from; a former state of death in trespasses and sin. We were made alive in Christ and bore the spiritual fruit of that joy.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Rev. 17: 14

<sup>4</sup> John 1: 14

<sup>5</sup> Zech. 12; Gen. 12: 3

<sup>6</sup> Rom. 6: 23

<sup>7</sup> Rev. 1: 12

<sup>8</sup> Num. 7: 89

<sup>9</sup> 2 Cor. 5: 1

<sup>10</sup> Rev. 2: 4

<sup>11</sup> Ephesians 2: 1-5

Because of complacency and outside influence of the ungodly, we begin to go through the motions of good works. It then becomes merely a cold, meaningless, self-righteous religion. The greatest enemy of our love for Christ is our works.<sup>12</sup> When religion focus on self, more than Christ, there will be legislation of creed into law, which means an attempt to establish one's own righteousness and an obedience to the traditions of men.<sup>13</sup> Spiritually, man should be ruled by God and not by other men.

Beware of putting ourselves in the place that Christ should occupy in the minds and hearts of other people; all glory be to GOD. To receive glory that should be God's alone is blasphemy and an abomination to God.

What Christ declares as "leaving the first love" reveals a change in love and commitment. To remember one's deliverance from a previous condition of bondage to sin, is to be mindful of and thankful to the Redeemer who saves and reconciles. The believer may be very knowledgeable, but works done may be out of coercion or tradition and not out of love and acknowledgment of God. The truth may be known but may not produce relationship and intimacy with God nor love for fellow man.

#### "Do your former works"<sup>14</sup>

Jesus declares to several of the churches: "I have somewhat against thee;" meaning, [*I have this against you.*] One finds these same issues within churches today. The following addresses a few of these. \*(See Diagram #2)

If you die today, will you go to heaven? If the response is: "I hope so" then this answer places doubt in the sufficiency of the finished work of Messiah. On the day one accepts Jesus as Lord of one's life, one enters into covenant relationship with God. This salvation establishes a covenant which is dependent upon the finished work of Christ. The good works of the believer are a response to, and a result of the redemption and reconciliation of Christ.<sup>15</sup> This is what "former works" is referring to. "Freedom to forfeit" and "free-will predestined" are examined at: <http://pvhz.angelfire.com/> (\*See: The Gift).

The Pharisees considered the centurion worthy because he had built the Jews a sanctuary, but the centurion considered himself unworthy.<sup>16</sup> Good works done for either wrong or right motives do not produce salvation from the curse of sin. "Savable" is always by and through Christ who offers salvation through grace. Those who attempt to be justified by law are alienated from Christ and have fallen away from grace.<sup>17</sup> The mercy seat is above the law.



<sup>12</sup> Rev. 2: 6

<sup>13</sup> Mark 7: 7,8

<sup>14</sup> Rev. 2: 5

<sup>15</sup> 2 Cor. 5: 18-20; Rom. 5: 1

<sup>16</sup> Matt. 8: 5-13

<sup>17</sup> Gal. 5: 4

Jesus declares that the religious leaders have so corrupted the truth of God with the doctrines of men that the truth, as originally given, is no longer with them.<sup>18</sup>

His gospel justifies, if we believe it;  
His Grace forgives, if we accept it;  
His faithfulness saves, if we trust Him.<sup>19</sup>

### Religious Dictatorship

What is 'Nicolaiism'? Niko-laism: NIKO (To conquer); LASIM (People), the 'laity'. Those who practice the doctrine of the Nicolaitans<sup>20</sup> seek to rule over and dominate the congregation and to be in control. This represents those who come into a congregation to build themselves up. They love to be in authority but do not want to submit to it. This attitude is rooted in pride. They come to push people down and to triumph over them. They may hold extreme beliefs which are often anti-intellectual, anti-scientific, and anti-libertarian in nature. When religion focus on self, more than Christ, there will be legislation of creed into law, if it is given the power to do so. This will often be followed by subversion of all education and driving underground all opposition.

Many put their trust and faith in men rather than in God. Church leaders often seek to have dominion over others' faith. Congregations will be told what to believe, what instructions to follow and not to follow. Churches may experience this 'enslavement' when focus is placed upon man rather than Christ or when glory that should be GOD's, is given to man. This is the doctrine and teaching that God hates.<sup>21</sup> God has one faith, one bride and one house, which is neglected when the Holy Spirit is hindered.<sup>22</sup>

The "seat of authority" must always be Christ and Christ alone! The antichrist spirit is exemplified in the: 'oxen mentality'<sup>23</sup>; the Jezebel spirit of control; and obeying the commandments of men rather than GOD. Preeminence and self-exaltation lead to compromise of the truth and spiritual death. God help the pastor that misleads the flock.

A religion which is merely negative is often highly esteemed. Men of this religion are careful not to do wrong, however, there is little love shown for their neighbor. This religion is a mere negation; The ministration of death; a form of godliness that denies the power and nature of God.

"If the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away,

<sup>18</sup> Heb. 10: 26; 1 Jn. 1: 8

<sup>19</sup> Jn. 10: 22-30

<sup>20</sup> Rev. 2: 6-15

<sup>21</sup> Rev. 2: 6

<sup>22</sup> Psalm 85: 5

<sup>23</sup> 2 Sam. 6: 6



how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more does the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.”<sup>24</sup> One may go to church, yet not in love to God or to their worship, but from regard to reputation, hope, or conscience. Must not such a religion be of all things, most abominable to God? Why do we not come by faith into that liberty with which Christ makes His people free?<sup>25</sup>

The spirit of control within a church may be recognized when there is: Little or no accountability for the leader; Spiritual elitism where people are told that their group is superior and If people choose to leave, they are shunned or branded as renegades. Control through manipulation inhibits genuine joy because of overburden by: Feelings of guilt and fear; Angry domination for control who often blow up when people do not conform to their demands; Members who are urged to conform to the preferences of the leader and teach their congregations to seek counsel and specific approval from a pastor before making major decisions.

Those who have fallen from grace: focus on what they do rather than on what Christ has done. These may: Assert that salvation is free but it will cost you everything you have.”; Hypothesize how much spiritual fruit a person must produce in order to truly be saved; Focus on things like turning, trying and crying instead of faith in Christ alone for salvation; Hold that If one preaches too much grace, people will run amok; Blend justification passages with sanctification passages; Make rules outside the Bible; Push to try and keep their own rules; Become proud and boastful when they do keep their rules; Appoint themselves as judge over other people; “Beat” the losers, including the sheep who do not conform; Have a condemning, negative spirit which is unloving, un-Christ like, often shunning and excluding others who do not comply with their “everything is essential” philosophy. (These are some of the issues that Christ addressed in the first century church.)

The gospel of Jesus Christ, in the form of a governing constitution, governs in the form of a non-coercive love. The God of the universe only desires the service and worship that is born of free hearts that love Him, based on the worthiness of His character. Coercion is diametrically opposed.

A religion based upon constraint is antichrist. Voluntary loyalty to our constitution has declined due to freedoms and liberties lost because of legislated immoral ungodliness.<sup>26</sup>

The free, law-abiding citizen has through complacency and carnality, forfeited the liberties that were so hard fought for by our Godly, Bible believing forefathers. But there is a remnant! There are still those who are faithful to the cause of Christ whose sons and daughters will be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>24</sup> 2 Cor. 3: 7-9

<sup>25</sup> Gal. 5: 1

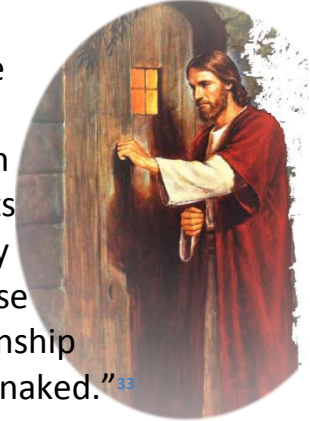
<sup>26</sup> Eph. 6: 12

<sup>27</sup> Joel 2: 28; Acts 2: 17,18

## The First and the Last<sup>28</sup>

God as the “First and the Last” refers to redemption as a characteristic of God’s benevolent character. Redemption is a message of encouragement.<sup>29</sup> God reminds believers of His commitment that they will remember their commitment to Him. Some may think that they are praising God, but their heart and motive blasphemes that for which God stands. It is essential that one has an intimate, personal relationship with God.

Jesus is standing, knocking at the heart’s door,<sup>30</sup> waiting to be invited in. God’s covenant commitment to redeem and to save provides the way to establish fellowship with the Father. When God asks: “where are you”;<sup>31</sup> He knows where we are but wants us to admit our sin, repent, confess and be restored.<sup>32</sup> One may perceive themselves as pleasing God and being blessed because they are rich and powerful with authority. If there is no relationship with God then they are: “miserable, repulsive, poor, blind and naked.”<sup>33</sup>



Do our lives reflect the ‘Kingdom Character’?

Joseph endured great hardship which produced obedience, remaining diligent in the things of God. Diligence produces a repentant spirit which bears spiritual fruit. Is our life reflecting kingdom character? Are we servants of the world or servants of God? Aspects of the Holy Spirit are revealed in: Wisdom; the Spirit of the Lord; Understanding; Might; Council; Knowledge; and the fear of the Lord.

## Death to the Flesh (The Old Man Dies)

Redemption requires the ‘death of the flesh’. The carnal nature has to go through the sacrifice of Christ and ‘die to self’.<sup>34</sup> One’s flesh (*the old man*) dies’, but is born-again to new, eternal life.

Whatever value may reside in the carnal nature is due to the pride and praise of men. The fruit offering Cain makes with his hands is not acceptable by GOD. Preeminence and self-exultation lead to compromise of truth.

<sup>28</sup> Matthew 19: 30-20: 16

<sup>29</sup> Is. 48

<sup>30</sup> Rev. 3: 20

<sup>31</sup> Gen. 3: 9,10

<sup>32</sup> Genesis 4: 9

<sup>33</sup> Rev. 3: 17

<sup>34</sup> Galatians 2: 20



Jesus' death became the cornerstone of our faith in the resurrection. The redemption Christ provides joins heaven and Earth. "Thy will be done in Earth as it is in heaven".<sup>35</sup>

Life and blessing proceed from heaven to Earth. To be holy, one lives from the Holy. The only way to be pure is to live from the Pure. The only way to become good is to live from the Good. The only way to become loving is to live from Love. The only way to become truly giving is to live from the Gift. The only way to become godly is to live from GOD.

### The Overcomers

The 'overcomers' put on white garments, signifying the justification of God. At the first judgment, all the saved are rewarded according to their 'acceptable' deeds.<sup>36</sup> These good deeds are the "crowns" that are laid down before the throne.<sup>37</sup> At the second, white throne judgment, the deeds of the lost are examined and are found insufficient to save, justify or redeem. Their names are then blotted out of the Lamb's book of life.

The church thrives during times of persecution. All of the churches mentioned in Revelation were in exile. God redeems the time and location of where we are.<sup>38</sup> Exile brings about a change of character perspective for the persecuted. Hardship and trials are conducive in becoming more of the likeness and character of God. The church goes through persecution and tribulation for a testimony that points to Messiah. "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."<sup>39</sup> Jesus illustrates that the Spirit-filled believer is an extension of God's Light in this dark world of ungodliness.

May we give ourselves to the Lord<sup>40</sup>, seek first those things that will glorify Him<sup>41</sup>; be men and women of prayer and soul-winning.<sup>42</sup> Let us search our hearts and adjust our lives<sup>43</sup>, and honour the Holy Spirit.

### JESUS GLORIFIED

### The Worthiness of Messiah

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<sup>35</sup> Matt. 6: 10

<sup>36</sup> Psalm 103: 10-12

<sup>37</sup> Rev. 4: 10

<sup>38</sup> Phil. 4: 11

<sup>39</sup> Rom. 8: 18

<sup>40</sup> Romans 12: 1

<sup>41</sup> Matthew 6: 33

<sup>42</sup> Acts 6: 4

<sup>43</sup> Lamentations 3: 40

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is worthy to receive the book and to loosen the seals.<sup>44</sup> This book is the 'title deed' to heaven and earth. These judgments bring the earth to a climatic end and usher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Jesus Christ, setting up His kingdom here on earth.

God did not have to "empty Himself" to come to earth as Redeemer to save us; but He did! He is worthy of our worship and perfect obedience! Now the believer can: Experience redemption; Be transformed by the Holy Spirit; Have the privilege of serving Him and; Demonstrate His power in our life. Now we can be the temple of the Holy Spirit. Now we are the bride of Christ; devoted and committed. Jesus protects, provides and professes His love for His bride the church. "I'll show you the bride, the Lamb's wife,"<sup>45</sup> and the Bride Groom; Yeshua, Messiah, Jesus, Supreme Provider!



In consideration of His example, we as servant-sons<sup>46</sup> and daughters, must also "empty" ourselves<sup>47</sup> to effectively be about our "Father's business."<sup>48</sup> The cross is the 'key' that unlocks the door of the sanctuary. He sets before us an "open door."<sup>49</sup> God is telling us to "go forward"!<sup>50</sup>

The people of the land to which we go, are not our enemies. They are souls in need of the Light<sup>51</sup> and Love of God.<sup>52</sup> Christ died for us, while we were sinners.<sup>53</sup> We were once like them<sup>54</sup>, and perhaps worse than most. We were as a new-born baby, thrown into a field to die in our own blood.<sup>55</sup>

We were as dung<sup>56</sup>, dwelling in a septic tank of sin and not even caring. Simply existing with a "self-destruct" mode, taking others down with us. But God, is able to reach down below the bottom, to pull us up and set our feet on solid ground.<sup>57</sup> *[From the end of the earth I will cry unto You, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. You are a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will live in Your tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covering of Your wings.]*

The sanctuary opens in heaven and God's judgment is revealed. It is the judgment of condemnation and vindication. God brings change and truth to His people.<sup>58</sup> The throne of God brings about peace and the will and purpose of God for man. Repentance and reconciliation are the oracles of spiritual healing for the lost and dying world<sup>59</sup>.

<sup>44</sup> Rev. 5: 4,5

<sup>45</sup> Rev. 21: 9

<sup>46</sup> Phil. 2: 5-8

<sup>47</sup> Luke 9: 2,3

<sup>48</sup> Luke 2: 49

<sup>49</sup> Rev. 3: 8

<sup>50</sup> Exodus 14: 15

<sup>51</sup> Matt. 5: 14

<sup>52</sup> Ruth 1: 16; Luke 7: 9

<sup>53</sup> Rom. 5: 8

<sup>54</sup> 1 Cor. 6: 11

<sup>55</sup> Ezekiel 16: 6

<sup>56</sup> Ps. 113: 7; Phil. 3: 8

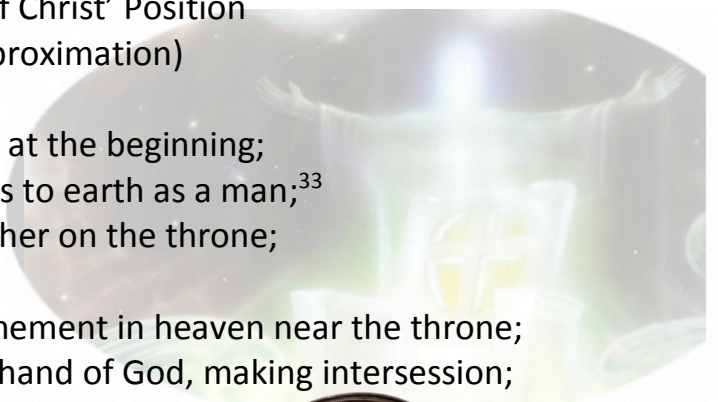
<sup>57</sup> Ps. 61: 2-4

<sup>58</sup> Exodus 20

<sup>59</sup> 2 Corinthians 5: 17-6: 2

## The Transition of Christ' Position (Throne Approximation)

Jesus and God, together in heaven at the beginning;  
 Jesus "empties Himself" and comes to earth as a man;<sup>33</sup>  
 Jesus is on earth praying to His Father on the throne;  
 Jesus forsaken in the cross;  
 Jesus resurrected, making our atonement in heaven near the throne;  
 The church sees Jesus at the right-hand of God, making intercession;  
 Jesus sets "with the Father on the throne";  
 Jesus is on the throne in the kingdom.



## The Spiritual Compass (GPS: God's Plan of Salvation)

The conviction and presence of the Holy Spirit inspires and guides one along the narrow path of life. It is God's presence in life that directs, motivates and transforms. "With God, all things are possible."<sup>60</sup> The believer walks in righteousness through faith in the redemption and finished, perfect work of Christ.

## The Mind of Christ (Purity of Motive)

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."<sup>61</sup> Christ bids us mind the things which the Lord Jesus minded, to love what He loved, to hate what He hated. The thoughts, desires and motives of the Christian should be the thoughts, desires and motives which fill the sacred heart of Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is the Truth. All that is true comes from Christ: The 'Ultimate Reality'.

## The Faith of Jesus: The Gospel Gift

Christ Died for Every Man! May we be rooted and grounded in love; to know the love of Christ, that we might be filled with all of the goodness of God. The mercy seat is 'above' the law, measuring God's love and His people. The church directs people toward God, not itself. "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid".<sup>62</sup>



<sup>60</sup> Matthew 19: 26

<sup>61</sup> Phil. 2: 1-5

<sup>62</sup> Matt. 5: 14

It is in Him that we “live and move and have our being”.<sup>63</sup> It is always God’s word and not ours. We are simply channels, giving God the glory. “Sanctify them through Thy truth”,<sup>64</sup> worshiping God “in spirit and truth.”<sup>65</sup>

Calvary is the faith of Jesus which He has exercised toward us. His gift is entrusted to us. By accepting the faith of Jesus toward us, we then have the faith of Jesus. The faith He has toward the world is the faith we should have toward the world. It reveals the loving, compassionate nature of our Father and Creator.

God reconciled the world unto Himself, “not counting their sins against them.”<sup>66</sup> We are to become ambassadors of this reconciliation.<sup>67</sup> The everlasting gospel will be preached, giving all glory to God. The born-again believer must have in their heart: Non-coercive love; Relational integrity; Selflessness; An attitude of servitude and; An unconditional love for fellow man.

## JUDGMENT OF THE KINGDOM<sup>68</sup>

On July 27, 1299 A.D., the Muslim powers come together for an offensive against the Eastern Empire. Their king is Apollyon, the destroyer. The army of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the same.<sup>69</sup> Constantinople becomes a refuge for all persecuted Jews and Christians. GOD sends the judgment: the ‘fire and brimstone’ (gun powder) used by the Muslim bring down the walls at Constantinople (Istanbul). In 1449 Constantine the 13<sup>th</sup> relinquished his power to the Muslim empire. In 1798 Napoleon rose up against the Catholic church. When these evil powers subside, Christianity revives and grows.

### The Beginning of the Great Tribulation

There has always been tribulation for God’s people. When used metaphorically it can mean oppression, affliction, distress, hardship, or trouble. The “great” tribulation refers to the last day events<sup>70</sup> which lead up to the second coming of Christ.<sup>71</sup>

Israel was not prepared for what God did at Mt. Sinai. The first Exodus of redemption includes God’s covenant and the plaques. The second Exodus of redemption is of God’s people. Israel is preserved and sealed during the destruction as a testimony to the nations. God has not forsaken nor replaced Israel, but has sealed the Jews for a testimony of God’s faithfulness. There are a few who seek mercy through the authority of God saying:

<sup>63</sup> Acts 17: 28

<sup>64</sup> John 17: 17

<sup>65</sup> John 4: 24

<sup>66</sup> 2 Cor. 5: 19

<sup>67</sup> 2 Cor. 5

<sup>68</sup> Zech. 8

<sup>69</sup> Rev. 9:1

<sup>70</sup> Dan. 7: 25; 12: 1,9

<sup>71</sup> Matt. 24: 21

“we want to worship God”.<sup>72</sup> All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved,<sup>73</sup> relying not upon the strength of the flesh, but upon the righteous, holy, imputed qualities of God. God gives the redeemed a new heart that does not have evil inclinations.

God is pursuing both Jew and Gentile that they might come to the Truth, repent and be saved. He is standing at the door knocking. Now the bride eats of the Word for strength in this tribulation as God measures the temple of our heart in preparation for the new Jerusalem.

### Reasons for the Judgment

One does not have to judge others nor hold persons accountable. The first thing that one should judge righteously is that GOD is judge.<sup>74</sup> One may use loving discernment to determine the righteousness of others but GOD determines salvation.<sup>75</sup> Judgment begins at the ‘house of God’.<sup>76</sup> The Holy Spirit lives in the heart of the believer, therefore one must first judge their own heart condition.<sup>77</sup>

Christ is “faithful and True” and comes in righteousness to judge and to make war. He announces that: “He is God Almighty.”<sup>78</sup> He is clothed in a garment dipped in blood, and His name is called: THE WORD OF GOD. The blood on His garment is the blood of the enemy which He defeats.

### Fear or Faith?

Perfect love casts out fear.<sup>79</sup> Understanding God’s nature and faithfulness eliminates fear through faith and brings peace and joy in the Lord. Don’t be anxious or overly troubled, but “in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”<sup>80</sup>

Each day the news proclaims peace and safety but sudden destruction is right around the corner.<sup>81</sup> In the developed countries many are dying from degenerative diseases such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes. Many die of communicable diseases caused by bacteria and viruses. In the wilderness the Hebrews are drinking bitter water, but the song of Moses is a song of healing and deliverance. The horse and rider of the enemy are thrown into the sea. Persecution, compromise and death are all conquered by Christ. Moses puts the “tree of life”<sup>82</sup> into the bitter water and it becomes sweet.

<sup>72</sup> John 4: 21-24

<sup>73</sup> Acts 4: 12

<sup>74</sup> 1 Cor. 3: 10-15; Matthew 5: 22; James 2: 9

<sup>75</sup> Luke 18: 13

<sup>76</sup> 1 Peter 4: 17

<sup>77</sup> Matt. 7: 21-23

<sup>78</sup> John 10: 30

<sup>79</sup> 1 John 4: 18

<sup>80</sup> Phil. 4: 6-8

<sup>81</sup> 1 Thess. 5: 3

<sup>82</sup> 2 Cor. 5: 21

The bitterness of the death of Messiah changes our curse of sin into sweet redemption.<sup>83</sup> The nation that supports Israel is blessed by God,<sup>84</sup> but nations that curse the Jews are cursed. Over 128 countries oppose this action showing the world-wide opposition to the Jewish occupation in Israel.

### The Great Deception

Men mock God saying: "Where are the promises of God?"<sup>85</sup> They are denying the divinity of Jesus, avoiding teaching about sin and hell. They are seeking the favor of men, denying the validity of the Bible and the divinity of Jesus.<sup>86</sup> They hold on to their idols because they are able to control them. Consequently, they are not turning away from their life-style of murder, sorcery, fornication and stealing.

The world wars have escalated into continuous ethnic wars.<sup>87</sup> The famines have become endemic. The diseases have become chronic. Even tho it is obvious that the catastrophes are from God, people remain rebellious and unrepentant. They still are resisting the grace and forgiveness of God, retaining the character and nature of Satan.

Satan seeks to take his seat over the Mt. of the congregation by deceptive versions of the Bible and by altering the commandments. Constantine, a sun worshiper, decrees in 321 A.D. that Christianity be the state religion. He formalized the law, thinking that the Saturday sabbath could be changed to Sunday to accommodate the sun worshipers. What began as a pagan ordinance ended as a Christian regulation. After the Edict of Constantine, the attempt was made to remove Christ from the gospel. This 'great compromise' turned away from GOD and began to focus on man and creation, rather than the Creator.

The Papal deception and distortion of the scriptures concerning the true meaning of death and hell, attempts to change the meaning of the power of the blood of Christ. Buying or earning one's way to heaven denies the sacrifice of Christ.

### Christ Conquers Evil

Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Salvation for Noah was in (wood) lifted up 'above the world'.<sup>88</sup> Anyone hidden in the ark is safe. Christ's righteousness is 'inward', saving only by the mercy of God.

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<sup>83</sup> Gal. 3: 13

<sup>84</sup> Gen. 12: 1-3

<sup>85</sup> Luke 23: 39-43

<sup>86</sup> 2 Tim. 4: 3

<sup>87</sup> Matthew 24: 6-8

<sup>88</sup> John 12: 32



The mercy seat is 'above the law'. Grace only comes from the unmerited favor of Christ.<sup>89</sup> God provides a place of safety.<sup>90</sup> He is our Refuge<sup>91</sup> but one must decide to enter and abide there.<sup>92</sup>

"Time" prophecies have all been fulfilled.<sup>93</sup> Last day events are now occurring. God is still giving the ungodly time to repent. Yes, the Father knows when and if they will repent but mortal man still has a choice. Repent and receive redemption before the door is shut.<sup>94</sup> No one knows the hour<sup>95</sup> of Jesus' return.<sup>96</sup> Jesus returns this time, not as the Sacrificial Lamb, but as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

*"You won't find Him again at the whipping post, standing there so meek;  
And He won't be nailed to a rugged cross, through His hands and through His feet;  
There'll never be another Calvary, cause He don't have to prove one thing;  
The day the Lamb became the Lion, the Lion became the King."*

### Salvation and Worship

Amen! "Blessing and honor and wisdom and thanksgiving and splendor and power and might to our God forever and ever."<sup>97</sup> One of the elders asks: Where did these people clothed in white come from?

He answers: "These are the ones that came out of the great tribulation. These are the ones who were persecuted. These are the "first fruits" of the resurrection who died in the faith. Now they serve God in the temple day and night."<sup>98</sup>

We are created to manifest God's glory. Worshiping God in Spirit and Truth is a response to an understanding of the redemptive work of Christ. "Blessed are the ones who do His commandments and who washed their garments, that they should have the right to the tree of life."<sup>99</sup>

## THE DAY OF THE LORD

### The Great Promise<sup>100</sup> (Our Blessed Hope)

<sup>89</sup> Eph. 2: 8,9

<sup>90</sup> Romans 8: 38,39

<sup>91</sup> Exodus 33: 21

<sup>92</sup> 2 Sam. 3: 20-27

<sup>93</sup> Rev. 8

<sup>94</sup> Gen. 7: 16

<sup>95</sup> Matt. 25: 13

<sup>96</sup> Mark 13: 32

<sup>97</sup> Rev. 7: 12

<sup>98</sup> Rev. 7: 13-15

<sup>99</sup> Revelation 22: 14

<sup>100</sup> 1 Thess. 5: 9

For God did not appoint us to suffer His wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.<sup>101</sup>

### The Emergence of Antichrist (\*See [Article #6](#))

The ten horns which you saw are ten kings, “which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.”<sup>102</sup>

The antichrist establishes the ‘one world order’. He confirms the Covenant with the Jews<sup>103</sup> which allows them to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the Temple. This re-establishes their sacrificial form of worship, and national existence.

Satan continually attempts to destroy Israel because the kingdom of God will not be established until the Jews accept Messiah and the Gospel. The antichrist conquers the entire world and gains control of ten nations before rising as world dictator. He opens his mouth and blasphemes God and slanders His name and dwelling place and those who live in heaven. He is given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. He is given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. “This is a time of distress such as has not happened before. Everyone whose name is found written in the book is delivered.” The sun is darkened, and the moon does not give its light; the stars are falling from the sky, and the heavenly bodies are shaken. The sign of the Son of Man appears in the sky, and all the nations of the earth are mourning. Everyone sees the Son of Man on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

### The Antichrist Army<sup>104</sup>

Because of rebellion, the LORD's people and the daily sacrifice was given over to the antichrist army.<sup>105</sup> It prospered in everything it did and “truth was thrown to the ground”.<sup>106</sup>

The “little horn,” is the army which the antichrist uses to force his will upon the Jewish people. This army subdues the Islamic army so they are not able to stop Israel from building the temple in the city of David.<sup>107</sup> The Jews finish the temple in Jerusalem and return to the practice of sacrificial offerings.



<sup>101</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5: 9-11

<sup>102</sup> Rev. 17: 12,13

<sup>103</sup> Dan. 9: 27

<sup>104</sup> Rev. 8: 12

<sup>105</sup> Dan. 8: 12

<sup>106</sup> Dan. 8: 7

<sup>107</sup> 2 Thess. 2: 3,4

The followers of Allah are put to death. All who dwell upon the earth, who are earthly minded, worship the beast. The antichrist provides peace and security, but just for a short season. Religion promotes a secular, pluralistic doctrine which allows one to do that which they think is right in their own eyes. The antichrist reveals his true evil nature, still desiring to place his throne over and above God's throne.<sup>108</sup>

As does Satan, the demons love to kill, destroy and to inflict pain. God allows the world to taste of the effects of sin. Those without the seal of God are attacked but the vegetation is not harmed. Earthquake and natural disasters preclude Christ who "comes "in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory".<sup>109</sup>

The believers are not trying to flee or hide but are standing still and watching the "salvation of the Lord."<sup>110</sup> The Light of God's glory is shining through them, testifying of Jesus Messiah as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords".<sup>111</sup> Those who are aware of Satan's deceptions are not following the antichrist or the false prophet.<sup>112</sup> This dark day does not overtake them "as a thief" for they are "watching" and "ready" for Messiah<sup>113</sup> and are clothed "with the good deeds of obedience".<sup>114</sup> God considers the prayers of those who are pleasing to Him because of their faith in God's righteousness.<sup>115</sup>

### The Catching Away<sup>116</sup> (Come and See)

True believers are retaining hope, joy and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, even as the one-world government is being established. Believers are crying out: "How long 'O' Lord, Holy and True".<sup>117</sup> God seals the remnant of Israel during this "time of Jacob's trouble".<sup>118</sup> He delays His wrath until the 'servants of God' have made up their minds whether or not to follow Christ. The sky is filled with smoke and the sun is as black as sackcloth. Christ is in the process of establishing His kingdom on earth. This is the last chance for any to repent before the wrath of God falls. The stars are falling; The wind is great; The wrath is near at-hand.

The sign of Jesus appears in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth beat themselves in lamentation. They see Jesus Christ upon the clouds of heaven with power and much glory. With a loud trumpet call, He sends His angels gathering His elect from the four winds.



<sup>108</sup> Is. 13: 14

<sup>109</sup> Mark 13: 26

<sup>110</sup> Ex. 13: 14

<sup>111</sup> Matt. 24: 9-14

<sup>112</sup> 1 Thess. 5

<sup>113</sup> Luke 21: 36

<sup>114</sup> 2 Corinthians 5: 21; Galatians 3: 13

<sup>115</sup> Rev. 8: 3,4

<sup>116</sup> 1 Thessalonians 4: 17

<sup>117</sup> Rev. 6: 10

<sup>118</sup> Zech. 8

The rapture is for the saints who “keep the word of His patience”.<sup>119</sup> As we behold the glory of the Lord, we are “transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another”.<sup>120</sup>

The redeemed are restored to the original image of GOD: Love. Those who are sanctified are experiencing the redemption of the Lamb. They are carrying palm branches, as during the triumphal entry of Jesus in 33 A.D. At the “lulav”, (feast of tabernacles), four types of tree branches are put together, representing dependence upon God. The priest takes the four branches, representing earth, and waves them in six directions, representing grace.

When Jesus comes again,<sup>121</sup> He does not touch the ground, but Satan does. That day will not come until there is a falling-away within the church. It is then that ‘the man of sin’ is revealed, the son of perdition.<sup>122</sup> The great multitude of earth, the redeemed, are called out through the ‘name of Jesus’<sup>123</sup> Christ comes in the clouds and takes His bride with Him to heaven. It is the rapture of the church!<sup>124</sup> They now have glorified bodies.<sup>125</sup> The righteous who are sealed stand before the throne and before the Lamb.<sup>126</sup> They are saying: “salvation to our God”. What a day that will be!

The Jews ‘left behind’ are going through persecution, the “time of Jacobs’ trouble”, but are preserved and protected by God. Are our lives fulfilling His righteousness? If one has not received and internalized the Gospel message,<sup>127</sup> then one is judged for every violation of the law of God.<sup>128</sup> You must be “born-again”.<sup>129</sup>

### The Day of the Lord Has Come (The Great Tribulation)

Heaven is silent, like the calm before the storm. Everyone is paying attention.<sup>130</sup> The silence in Heaven is a sign of God’s impending devastating judgment. The Lord removes His Holy people before His judgements are unleashed onto the world. “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”<sup>131</sup> Those left on earth must suffer the plagues.

Out of the seventh seal comes a second series of sevens called the ‘trumpets. As each trumpet is sounded, it signals another tremendous judgment on earth, usually extending to one-third of the earth’s area.<sup>132</sup>

<sup>119</sup> Rev. 3: 10

<sup>120</sup> 2 Cor. 3: 18

<sup>121</sup> 1 Thess. 4: 16

<sup>122</sup> 2 Thess. 2: 3

<sup>123</sup> Acts 4: 12

<sup>124</sup> \* See Article #3

<sup>125</sup> Luke 23: 43; 2 Cor. 5: 6–8; 1

John 3:2

<sup>126</sup> Rev. 7: 9

<sup>127</sup> Dan. 8

<sup>128</sup> Revelation 20:11-15

<sup>129</sup> Jn. 3: 7

<sup>130</sup> Rev. 8: 1

<sup>131</sup> Rev. 7: 14

<sup>132</sup> Rev. 9: 7-12

One-third of the earth's population is destroyed.<sup>133</sup> There are great disturbances in nature, and eventually war. There are painful sores on people who are worshiping the world ruler and the idol of him that is set up in the temple.<sup>134</sup> Every living creature in the sea dies.<sup>135</sup> The springs of water are corrupted, and become as blood.<sup>136</sup> The sun scorches many because of the intense heat.<sup>137</sup>

The river Euphrates dries up, making it possible for the great army from the East to approach the Holy Land and join in the final great war that is taking place there. A great earthquake destroys many cities of the world; mountains and islands disappear.<sup>138</sup>

A comet type meteor strikes the earth, polluting the oceans and rivers.<sup>139</sup> Huge meteors strike the earth and people are trying to hide in caves. They are saying: "fall on us and hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the lamb."<sup>140</sup> Fire and hail rain down upon the earth and a third of the earth burns. God's truth either consumes or saves. This partial judgment gives more time for repentance. The unprepared stand at a distance and watch the world burn and witness the terror of her torture.

The world ruler puts to death those who do not worship him as deity. Warfare and starvation affect many, destroying much of the earth's population. It is the time of the wrath of God. Great disturbances take place in the earth, with the sun darkened, the moon turning blood red, and stars of heaven falling to earth.<sup>141</sup> Men are seeking death and pray to die but cannot.<sup>142</sup>

"God is sets before us blessing and curse",<sup>143</sup> and responds according to the choices we make. Pride and rebellion cause men to reject the grace of God. During the Great Tribulation, God protects the Israelites. They are able to go through the tribulation unscathed and at the end are assembled on Mount Zion.<sup>144</sup> There is a great multitude in heaven consisting of those who have been martyred because they would not worship the world ruler and his claim for deity.<sup>145</sup>

### The Deception

The deception Satan uses, even in the church, is misrepresentation of GOD's nature and character. Satan wants the elect to believe that GOD is vindictive, restrictive and controlling. Lucifer wants to be like GOD without obeying the laws of God. He attempts to determine what righteousness is without submitting to the will of GOD.

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<sup>133</sup> Rev. 9: 15

<sup>134</sup> Rev. 16: 1,2

<sup>135</sup> Rev. 16: 3

<sup>136</sup> Rev. 16: 4

<sup>137</sup> Rev. 16: 8

<sup>138</sup> Rev. 16: 17-21

<sup>139</sup> Rev. 8: 9

<sup>140</sup> Rev. 6: 16

<sup>141</sup> Rev. 6: 12-14

<sup>142</sup> Rev. 9: 6

<sup>143</sup> Deut. 11: 26

<sup>144</sup> Rev. 14: 1

<sup>145</sup> Rev. 7: 9-17



Jesus reprimands the religious leaders who have this spirit of antichrist saying:  
*[You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and lived not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.]*<sup>146</sup>

## THE LITTLE BOOK<sup>138</sup>

The little book represents the sins of mankind. This book is open to signify that it contains no mystery or secret. It is little, to signify that it relates to the short time granted to each sinner to repent. If sinners will believe and obey God, and repent of sins, they can escape the death of sin. The redeemed must have the character and nature of God, and therefore shine God's light into the dark world. One may know the truth and still not have the character of God. Those of the earth however, are not forgiving, understanding, accepting nor repenting.

Those of the kingdom are heavenly minded, enabling them to transcend all earthly concerns! Jesus instructs His disciples, telling them, and consequently all believers, that: *"we cannot be His disciples, unless we love Christ more than we love our father and mother, our wife and children, and our brothers and sisters. We cannot follow Him unless we love Him more than we love our own life."*<sup>147</sup> No home love, no earthly affection, must ever come into competition with the love of God. Everything must be sacrificed for the Ultimate Reality of God's plan and purpose. Why would anyone want to hold on to the material things of this world? *[The heavens will be destroyed with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are in it will be burned up.]*<sup>148</sup>

Christ tells the apostle John to eat the Little Book, which is sweet in his mouth, and then bitter in his stomach.<sup>149</sup> The act of eating the book symbolizes the absorption and assimilation of God's Holy, living Word which gives strength to live victorious lives before the Lord. The "bitterness" occurs when John visualizes the judgments in store for the sinner and the 'beast', (the antichrist system)<sup>150</sup>, drunk with the blood of martyred Christians. This causes John to be filled with sorrow, grief and pain.



<sup>146</sup> Romans 8: 44

<sup>147</sup> Luke 14: 26

<sup>148</sup> 2 Peter 3: 10-13

<sup>149</sup> Rev. 10: 1-11

<sup>150</sup> \*See Article #4



## THE TWO WITNESSES

### Forerunners of the Second Coming

The Jews have believed for thousands of years that Elijah will appear just before Messiah returns. John the Baptist was the forerunner for Jesus' first coming, and Elijah and Moses will be the forerunners of Jesus' second coming. This period of time will persuade many of the Orthodox Jews that Jesus is the true and only Messiah.

The 2 olive trees and the 2 menorahs of Revelation 11 represent these two witnesses God sends to preach repentance and to testify of Christ.<sup>151</sup> These two witnesses have the power to afflict the earth with plagues. The Satanic powers-to-be rise against them and kill them, leaving their bodies in the streets of Jerusalem.<sup>152</sup> The 'political correctness' of today, illustrates the wickedness in high places that was prophesied<sup>153</sup> which is producing anti-Semitism and Christian persecution.

After three days, the Spirit of Life enters into the 2 witnesses and God says: "Come up here". They are resurrected and all that see them are fearful.<sup>154</sup> The remnant kingdom inhabitants are martyred also. They consider their death as preparation for the new kingdom.<sup>155</sup> "Behold, the kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Messiah, for He will reign forever and ever."<sup>156</sup>

The antichrist makes a covenant-peace agreement. Because of the war and turmoil in the world, he is able to establish a one-world order for the cause of peace. Many are executed because of their faith in Christ. The church age ends<sup>157</sup> and many followers are beheaded for testifying of the Gospel.<sup>158</sup>

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The War with Russia,<sup>159</sup> turns out to be a disaster for Russia and her other allies as they are annihilated. No one will be strong enough to deny the antichrists' dictatorship over the entire world. The Middle East ruler breaks their covenant with Israel and becomes her persecutor instead of her protector.

The antichrist enters the newly built temple and declares that he is god and demands that all will worship him.<sup>160</sup> This is the "abomination of desolation"<sup>161</sup> which marks the beginning of the great tribulation and the wrath of God to be poured out upon the earth. The antichrist puts an end to sacrifice and offering.

<sup>151</sup> Revelation 11: 7-14

<sup>152</sup> Hosea 6: 1-3

<sup>153</sup> Eph. 6: 12

<sup>154</sup> Rev. 11: 11

<sup>155</sup> Revelation 12:11

<sup>156</sup> Rev. 11: 15

<sup>157</sup> Matt. 24: 6-9

<sup>158</sup> 2 Thess. 2

<sup>159</sup> Ezek. 38,39

<sup>160</sup> Matt. 24: 15; Dan. 9: 27

<sup>161</sup> Rev. 13: 14

It is at this point that the Jews finally acknowledge Jesus as Messiah and remember that God is keeping His covenant promise. After this event, the battle of Armageddon begins. Jesus returns to end the war and to establish His kingdom on earth.

## THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

God promises He will restore Israel to their land. Despite a great time of distress for the Jewish people<sup>162</sup>, the Lord saves them from it. This time is a period in which God's people no longer serve other masters, but serve the Lord and David their king, whom I "raise up for them".<sup>163</sup> This time given to the Jewish nation is to: Finish the transgression; Make an end of sins; Atonement for iniquity; Bring in everlasting righteousness; Seal up the vision and prophesy and; Anoint the most holy.

Israel is given a period of time to accept Messiah and if they do not, the gospel would be given to those bringing forth the fruits thereof. God makes Israel aware that He is keeping His covenant promise. The judgment that Israel is enduring<sup>164</sup> is a time of woe for Israel, but the outcome is Israel's salvation.

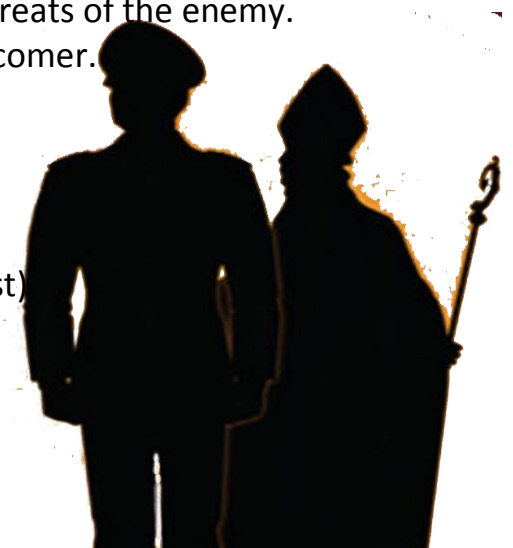
The astronomical alignment of September 23, 2017 fulfills the prophecy of Revelation 12: 1,2. The harlot of this prophecy represents religion that is not in line with the truth of scripture.

The evil empire and the idolatrous, false religion work together to deceive many. This religion gratifies the flesh and does not focus upon the glory of God but instead, glorifies man. Man is in control and anything that is held up by man will fall.

Those that are on earth will overcome Satan by "the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."<sup>165</sup> The 'word of their testimony' is not their personal testimony but their testimony of Jesus Christ. A testimony does not save us but reveals God's power to transform and redeem. Our testimony is not about us or what we did but about Christ and what Christ did. Follow the Lamb and escape all of the threats of the enemy. Overcome by 'beholding' the Lamb for Christ is the Overcomer.

## THE TWO BEASTS

The Empire of the Antichrist  
(The Land Beast and the Sea Beast)



<sup>162</sup> Jer. 30: 7

<sup>163</sup> Jer. 30: 9

<sup>164</sup> Dan. 12

<sup>165</sup> Rev. 12: 11

The first antichrist system comes "out of the sea" and is given authority and power by Satan. Italy, the country surrounded by water, comes "out of the sea". It is here that the Roman government expanded its domain to include 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine. The multi-nation sea beast loses power of the state when the satanic nations receive the 'deadly wound'<sup>166</sup> in 1798 as Napoleon begins his conquest and invasion of most of Europe, including Rome. The French go into a period of atheism.

The Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes, is the character responsible for the abomination of desolation in the temple at Jerusalem. The antichrist duplicates this abomination in the new temple in Jerusalem, demanding that he be worshiped as god. Roman Catholicism, and the nations that support this system, is the sea beast of the empire of the antichrist.

The second antichrist system comes "out of the earth" and directs all peoples of the earth to worship the first system.<sup>167</sup> The land beast has 'no crown' and no earthly king. Religious persecution and religiocentrism results in apostate Protestantism. Christian persecution resumes as church and state rejoin. The "whole world wonders."<sup>168</sup> This system has global political power and was a "Christian" nation in its original constitution. "He even makes fire come down from heaven . . . in the sight of men";<sup>169</sup> (The atomic bomb)? It's laws separate church from state, guaranteeing civil and religious liberty – even to those whose beliefs place them in the minority. It looks "like a lamb", (Christian), but is paganistic at heart and "speaks like Satan."<sup>170</sup> The influence of Catholicism traditions upon Christianity causes great dissention that deceives many. There will be: Worship of images; Practice of penance; Confession to men rather than to God; Sunday worship instead of Sabbath; Baby baptism; Ariology: (study, worship and devotion toward Mary).

### Balancing the Interaction of Church and State

The 'name' of the beast speaks of his character: deceptive; forceful; hypocritical; a teacher of false doctrines; and a spirit of control. GOD calls us to minister to everyone, upholding the righteousness of GOD.

The antichrist gives life unto the 'Golam' image<sup>171</sup> that [*the image should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.*] Satan counterfeits the dead being raised again and appearing—the whole world wonders and is deceived.<sup>172</sup> "And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast... and it was given to him to give breath."

<sup>166</sup> Rev. 13: 3-18

<sup>167</sup> Rev. 13: 12

<sup>168</sup> Revelation 13: 1-7

<sup>169</sup> Rev. 13: 13

<sup>170</sup> Rev. 13: 11

<sup>171</sup> Psalm 139: 16; Rev. 13: 14,15

<sup>172</sup> Rev. 13: 15

Together with the attempt to deceive men into worshipping the image, is offered the 'apparent' alternative of death. It is only self-deceit which causes men to imagine that the alternative to an acceptance of the sovereignty of Satan and the world; is death. Many Christians deceive themselves by imagining that they must either conform to the heathen practices required of them, or suffer death.

The marks<sup>173</sup> given by God and Satan are representative of what one thinks and does. What the mind thinks (mark in the forehead) is the motivation for what the hands do (mark in the hand). Rebellion and ungodliness result in hands doing ungodly things. Having the mind of Christ<sup>174</sup> finds hands working righteousness and acts of love.



Those who are true to Christ think and do the commandments of God with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering.<sup>175</sup> The meek and quiet spirit<sup>176</sup> bears the fruit of humility, winning souls by its very absence of bitter self-assertion, and so "inheriting the earth." "Longsuffering" is the manifestation of such meekness as illustrated in the "ministry of absorption". "Be imitators of God, as beloved children. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."<sup>177</sup> The spirit of 'dying to self' in the name of the Lord promotes unity among believers. This cannot be created for it is the gift of God, made effectual by love.<sup>178</sup> Love each other as brothers and sisters, honoring others more than self.<sup>179</sup>

The two beasts are aligned with Satan and the false prophet in opposition to God. They form a pantheistic religious doctrine which identifies God with the universe, and regards the universe as a manifestation of God. It is a form of worship that tolerates all gods. This religious system gives its' power and authority to the beast. The saints are persecuted and those who do not worship the "image of the beast" are martyred. The kings of the earth gather for the battle of Armageddon and are defeated by Christ and thrown into the lake of fire.<sup>180</sup>

### Jesus On the Inside

The name of God is a seal and a protection. It is the character of GOD within us.<sup>181</sup> See the word through the eyes of Christ. See others through the heart of GOD. See the church as the body of Christ. "[For our conversation is in heaven, from where also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.]"<sup>182</sup>

<sup>173</sup> Rev. 13: 16-18

<sup>174</sup> Rom. 5: 1,2; Acts 2: 38

<sup>175</sup> Colossians 3: 12

<sup>176</sup> 1 Peter 3: 4

<sup>177</sup> Eph. 5: 1,2

<sup>178</sup> Eph. 4: 7-11

<sup>179</sup> Rom. 12: 10

<sup>180</sup> Rev. 19: 18-20

<sup>181</sup> Ezek. 9

<sup>182</sup> Phil. 3: 20,21

By 'beholding' we are changed. Beholding the beast, we become like him; Beholding Christ, we become like Him.<sup>183</sup> Who are we beholding? Where is our heart? What door are we standing in; the door of sin, or the door of righteousness?

## THE HARVEST<sup>184</sup>

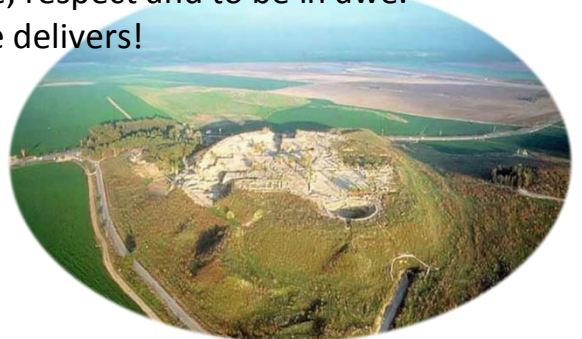
God's harvest time gathers the righteous by the mercy of God. The enemies of Christ are not destroyed, till by their sin they are ripe for ruin, and then He will spare them no longer. The wine-press represents the wrath of God. Gethsemane, (the place of crushing), is where Jesus accepted the cup of God's wrath in behalf of our sin debt.<sup>185</sup> The patience of God toward sinners, is one of the greatest miracles in the world. Though lasting, it will not be everlasting, and ripeness in sin is a sure proof of judgment at hand.

The faithful worship the Creator of life, the true and living God. Many are killed because of their testimony and God's wrath and jealous indignation sends fire down upon the earth. Satan's followers are tortured but those who "die in the Lord" delight in obedience and are called blessed. Christ again delivers His covenant people from the threat of the enemy. This judgment of God brings peace and joy. God's deliverance of His people is made possible because Messiah paid the price "outside of the gate".<sup>186</sup>

The elected Jews are sealed "in their foreheads". These have the character of God their Father; the transcript of truth. These serve as a holy remnant during the tribulation.

"The sun is darkened, and the moon is not giving its light, the stars are falling from the sky, and the heavenly bodies are shaken."<sup>187</sup> Fear grips the world. There is no peace, just war, civil unrest and violence. People are afraid to walk alone, afraid to leave doors unlocked or to leave their cell phones. Sleep does not even come easy. "Men's hearts are failing them for fear."<sup>188</sup> Famine is wide-spread and crops are failing. The great day of God's wrath is come. "Who shall be able to stand?"<sup>189</sup> "Fearing God" for the believer is to revere, respect and to be in awe. Don't be afraid! Christ is our advocate. He saves; He delivers!

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<sup>183</sup> Rev. 14: 14-16

<sup>184</sup> Rev. 14: 7

<sup>185</sup> Luke 22: 42-44

<sup>186</sup> Hebrews 13: 10-14

<sup>187</sup> Matthew 24: 29

<sup>188</sup> Luke 21: 26

<sup>189</sup> Rev. 6: 17

## THE WRATH OF GOD

### The Battle of Armageddon<sup>190</sup>

This battle is the final conflict between God and the forces of evil. The army of the antichrist amasses in an assault against Israel. As the Kings gather their armies for battle, the false prophet uses demonic powers to bring about events and signs deceiving the Kings that they may believe that they can be victorious. The battle front is in the Jezreel valley, north of Samaria near the city of Megiddo. It has historically been called the “Mt. of Destruction”. When Jesus returns, He goes to the mountain of Esan to destroy it.<sup>191</sup>

Next, He goes to the Megiddo plains and then on to the Mt. of Olives. God’s fury is delivered, and the Antichrist and his followers are overthrown and defeated. A mountain sized asteroid hits the ocean and destroys one third of the life and ships.<sup>192</sup> The sea turns as red as blood and the sky is as dark as night. The darkness brings about redemption, as it did in the plagues in Egypt.<sup>193</sup> Passover and deliverance occur at the darkest hour that God’s light will shine the brightest.<sup>194</sup> Gods’ people are placed in the darkest, most spiritually dire places, that His light will shine for all to see.

The sea is polluted with the blood of death and all ocean life dies. The rivers and springs are flowing with the blood of impurity. God is bringing retribution. The faithful are encouraged because these events are necessary for the establishment of the kingdom. God is pouring out blessing and curse.<sup>195</sup> The sun scorches men with fire. They blaspheme the name of God but still are not repentant nor are they giving glory to God.

The authority of the antichrist is destroyed. The ‘dark plague’ brings pain and people are frozen with fear. They aren’t repentant nor are they turning from their ungodly deeds. The Euphrates river dries up, making a way for the Kings of the East to attack Jerusalem as the battle of Armageddon begins to formulate. Satan gathers his army in preparation for battle. Demonic torment causes many to accept the counterfeit savior. Many seek death but will not find it. Out of the darkness comes a radiant revelation of God’s nature and who He is.



<sup>190</sup> Rev. 16: 16

<sup>191</sup> Is. 63

<sup>192</sup> Rev. 9

<sup>193</sup> Ex. 12: 29

<sup>194</sup> Matthew 27: 45; Mark 15: 33; Luke 23: 44,45

<sup>195</sup> Deuteronomy 11:26



## A Review

These are the last plagues that are poured out during the great tribulation. These are: Sores upon those with the mark of the beast;<sup>196</sup> All life in the sea dies; Rivers and streams turn to blood; The sun scorches men with fire; Darkness and pain falls upon the followers of the beast; The river Euphrates dries up, preparing the way for the kings of the East; A massive earthquake destroys most of the surface of the earth and huge hailstones fall upon the earth.

God is just in these judgments in pouring out His wrath upon this evil world who has killed Jews and Christians and blasphemed the Name of God. “Hallelujah, salvation and glory and power to the Lord our God, for true and righteous are His judgments.”<sup>197</sup>

## BABYLON FALLS



The 7<sup>th</sup> king is the three-fold union of the Papacy, Satan and the false prophet. These three comprise the unholy trinity of the ‘beast’. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings: and they that are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful.<sup>198</sup>

Do not be astonished by political managements’ deceit of unrighteousness. The false religion and the one-world government deceive many who follow the passion of their fleshly desires and reject the gospel of Christ. The wicked see this antichrist system ascending out<sup>199</sup> of the bottomless pit.<sup>200</sup>

<sup>196</sup> Rev. 16: 2

<sup>197</sup> Revelation 19:1

<sup>198</sup> Rev. 17: 14

<sup>199</sup> Rev. 17: 9,10

<sup>200</sup> Rev. 11; Rom. 10: 6

“Come out from her My people”!<sup>201,202</sup> Be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, lest you be partakers of her plagues. This Voice from heaven is the call for His people is to come out from the nation of the antichrist and be separate.

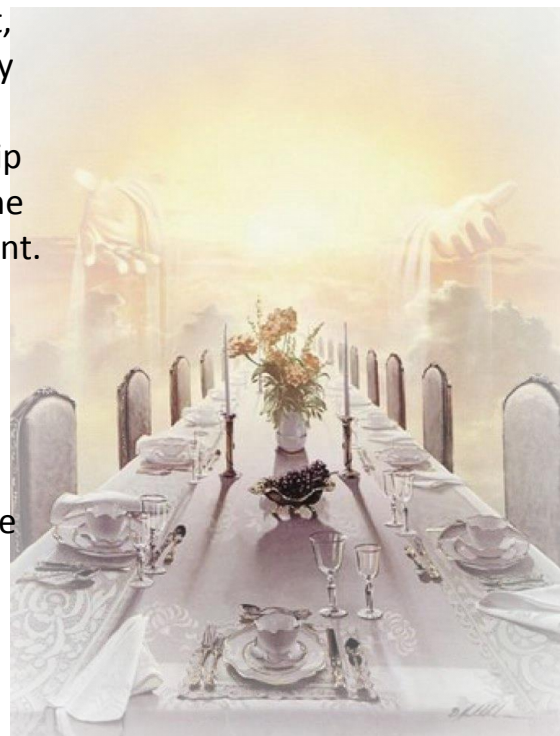
The Voice from the throne says: “It is done.”<sup>203</sup>

Those who have lived through the battle still have the opportunity to repent and respond in faith. Great hail stones fall upon the earth but men are not repentant and they again are blaspheming the name of God. “And a mighty angel takes a stone like a great millstone, and casts it into the sea, saying, “Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.”<sup>204</sup> The ungodly are mourning the destruction of their false gods and wealth, but they are still not repenting. Their love is for: The instability of sin; The drama; Chaos; Violence; Rebellion; Carnal pleasures; Disrespect of authority; and Lawlessness.



Those who do not accept the truth will be deceived during the ‘wondering time.’ Jesus declares that He is the exclusive source of spiritual light.<sup>205</sup> No other source of spiritual truth is available to mankind. Jesus is telling us to tell the whole world who “I AM”!<sup>206</sup> Under the all-revealing light of GOD, the counterfeit will be exposed and counteracted.<sup>207</sup>

“So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”<sup>208</sup> One cannot be in fellowship with the world and be in fellowship with God. Act like the world and be judged with the world in eternal punishment. Come out from the world and be separate.



## THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

The ‘love story’ proceeds to the marriage of Christ and the church; the ‘atonement’ where two become one. The marriage supper of the Lamb<sup>209</sup> takes place after the Church is raptured and following the judgment seat of Christ, but before returning with Christ to earth to establish His kingdom.

<sup>201</sup> Revelation 18: 4

<sup>202</sup> Jeremiah 51:45

<sup>203</sup> Revelation 16:17

<sup>204</sup> Rev. 18: 21

<sup>205</sup> John 8: 12

<sup>206</sup> Ex. 3: 14

<sup>207</sup> Rev. 17: 8

<sup>208</sup> Is. 59: 19

<sup>209</sup> Rev. 19: 9

The dowry paid to the Father is the blood of Christ shed on the Bride's behalf. "The Spirit and the bride say come, and the one who hears, let him say come; the one who thirsts let him come, and the one who desires, let him take the Living Water freely."<sup>210</sup> Redemption that cost Jesus is given freely. Those that were sealed, did not forsake the house of GOD.<sup>211</sup> The 'seal in our foreheads' is the character/ truth of God; His image within our minds and hearts. When the marriage occurs, the bride gets a "new name."<sup>212</sup>

The great and terrible day of the Lord is great for the saints of God, and terrible for the followers of the antichrist, the false prophet and everyone who has the mark of the beast. Christ comes back leading His army to defeat the beast and establish His kingdom. *"And I see 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. The beast is taken, and with him the false prophet that works miracles before him, with which he deceives those that receive the mark of the beast, and those that worship his image. These both are cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone, and the remnant are slain with the sword."*<sup>213</sup>

### The New Song<sup>214</sup>

From the throne the Voice proclaims: "Praise our God, all His servants." "Hallelujah, for our God, the Lord of Hosts, reigns."<sup>215</sup> "Let us be glad and rejoice and give to Him glory, for the wedding of the Lamb has come." Jehovah Jireh; our provider! "Blessed are those who are called to the wedding banquet of the Lamb."<sup>216</sup> Our Messiah and the Redeemer!!! He who is and was and will come, the Almighty, (El Shadiah), all sufficient. "I Am the First and the Last", the source of Living Water.<sup>217</sup> The work of the Lamb supplies our every need! Jesus: Our Jehovah Jireh; Supreme Provider.

This song of Moses and the Lamb shows that there is unity and completeness between the old and the new covenants. "Remember the law of Moses for Redemption is coming. They sing: "Great and marvelous are Your works O Lord God of Hosts. Righteous and true are Your ways O King of the saints." "Who will not fear You O Lord, and who will not honor Your name? Holy are You alone for all the nations shall come and worship You, for Your righteous judgments are revealed".<sup>218</sup>

The rebellious are given a time of repentance. The spiritual, heavenly sanctuary is attacked and symbolically being brought down to earth by the Papacy.

<sup>210</sup> Revelation 22: 17

<sup>211</sup> Neh. 10: 1,39

<sup>212</sup> Rom. 6: 5-7; Rev. 2: 17

<sup>213</sup> Rev. 19: 19-21; 1 Kings 18: 37-40

<sup>214</sup> Jer. 31

<sup>215</sup> Rev. 19: 6

<sup>216</sup> Rev. 19: 9

<sup>217</sup> Is. 55

<sup>218</sup> Rev. 15: 4

Man has become the focus and example rather than Christ. The sanctuary will be cleansed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. “But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.”<sup>219</sup> The smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever. “And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.”<sup>220</sup>

## THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST



All Bible prophecies fulfilled are absolute, undeniable proof that the Bible is true.<sup>221</sup> These fulfilled prophecies, and the reality of Messiah, have not convinced everyone. Many, as in the days of Noah, remain in their sinful condition of rebellion and unbelief. Christ announces: “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. “May the unjust, filthy, righteous holy remain as they are because I Am coming quickly”.<sup>222</sup>

### Righteousness Enforced; Justice Maintained

Jesus gives a warning of the false Christs that appear.<sup>223</sup> *[If anyone tells you that Christ is here, don't believe it! There are many false Christs and prophets that show signs and wonders. If it were possible, they will even deceive the very elect.]* The “very elect” are those who are the true followers of Christ who have not bowed down to Satan.

<sup>219</sup> Ps. 37: 20

<sup>220</sup> Mal. 4: 3

<sup>221</sup> \*See Article #1

<sup>222</sup> Rev. 22: 11

<sup>223</sup> Matt. 24: 23-27



Jesus shall “come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven,”<sup>224</sup> in visible majesty and glory.<sup>225</sup> Jesus declared His real nature, power, and attributes, even though it sealed His condemnation, and death<sup>226</sup> on the cross. Now His wrath and judgment become apparent.

Jesus announces His coming with the trumpet<sup>227</sup> which awakens the dead from the grave. At His return, there are two different judgments, two different resurrections, and two different eternities. This time period includes: The White throne judgment; Satan being bound;<sup>228</sup> The martyrs being raised; And the beginning of the millennium.

Jesus returns and is ready for war<sup>229</sup> and the establishment of His kingdom, but not all of Israel are kingdom people. Satan’s army surrounds Jerusalem and fire comes down from God in the heavens and consumes them.<sup>230,231</sup> Jesus stands on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives splits in two from east to west, forming a great valley. Half of the mountain moves north and half moves south”. God’s enemies are defeated, and the Antichrist and the false prophet are “thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur”.<sup>232</sup> Jesus sets up His kingdom, and is king over the whole earth.<sup>233</sup>

The millennial reign begins at this event. Those born during the millennium exercise their free will to either accept or reject Messiah’s redemption. God is sovereign, and in His providence, omniscience and love, offers everyone freedom to choose.

Christ sets up a judgment for those who are still alive after the tribulation and who are on the earth at the time of the second coming. Christ Judges the wickedness of the earth, rescuing those still living who are saved, bringing them into the millennial kingdom. This brings judgment and physical death on all the others.<sup>234</sup> This is the “judgment of the nations”.<sup>235</sup> Those who survive this judgment remain on earth and enjoy a time of peace and prosperity for a thousand years.<sup>236</sup> Those who are guilty are sentenced to “the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels”.<sup>237</sup>

### The Brightness of His Coming

With the appearing of Christ, the false Christ is destroyed. There are no more delusions. The restraint of the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way,<sup>238</sup> and God consumes the wicked with the breath of His mouth.

<sup>224</sup> Acts 1: 11; Dan. 7: 13

<sup>225</sup> Ps. 110: 1

<sup>226</sup> Matt. 26: 64; Dan. 7: 13,14

<sup>227</sup> Matt. 24: 31; 1 Cor. 15: 51,52

<sup>228</sup> Rev. 20: 1-3

<sup>229</sup> Rev. 19: 11-16

<sup>230</sup> Rom. 9: 6

<sup>231</sup> Zech. 14: 2

<sup>232</sup> Rev. 19: 20

<sup>233</sup> Zech. 14: 9

<sup>234</sup> Matt. 24: 30,31; 25: 31-45

<sup>235</sup> Matt. 25: 31-46

<sup>236</sup> Rev. 20: 4-6

<sup>237</sup> Matt. 25: 41

<sup>238</sup> 2 Thess. 2: 8

The power and irresistible might of Christ is evident at His coming<sup>239</sup>. The glory of Christ revealed when: The earth is “lighted with His glory;”<sup>240</sup> There is death for the wicked; There is salvation for the redeemed!

There is a resurrection of all believers in God.<sup>241</sup> These resurrected believers join believers who are alive at the time of Christ’s coming and those Christ brings with Him from heaven. At the end of the millennium, Satan is released, and one final battle occurs.<sup>242</sup>

Man is not naturally immortal as is God. Free-will is retained until the 2nd death. The second resurrection occurs and the white throne judgment begins as the book of life is opened. God is fair and just in His judgments. The lost are judged according to their deeds for they are not “under the blood of the Lamb”. All of these receive the second death for their names are not found in the Lamb’s book of life. These and Satan are condemned to the lake of fire for total<sup>243</sup> destruction.<sup>244,195</sup>

God refines and purifies the world by fire.<sup>245</sup> Good works are not being destroyed for these are Spirit led, God honoring, and stored up in heaven.<sup>246,247</sup>

After this re-creation, God reveals the New Jerusalem. This is the city that Abraham looked for in faith<sup>248</sup> where God will dwell with His people forever.<sup>249</sup> Inhabitants of this celestial city has all tears wiped away.<sup>250</sup> “Rejoice over her, O heavens, for God has avenged your judgments from her.”<sup>251</sup> God’s wrath has vindicated His children.”<sup>252</sup> “From Zion will go forth the Word of God and from Jerusalem, the Word of the Lord.”<sup>253</sup> “In the midst of the street of the city and on both sides of the river is the tree of life”. In Eden, there were four rivers. In the New Jerusalem there is one. In Eden there are two significant trees. In the New Jerusalem there is one, the tree of life. This tree makes its’ fruit for each of the 12 months<sup>254</sup> for the healing of the nations.

To believe the gospel of Christ, one “shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life. Perish: *apolhantai* (Should be being destroyed; To destroy utterly).<sup>255</sup> In John 3: 16, one may imply that if one doesn’t receive eternal life that one would not have eternal life. To perish is the “outer darkness”; the “second death”. The “exterior darkness” is referred to three times in Matthew into which a person may be “cast out”, and where there is “weeping and gnashing of teeth”. It is the place of eternal separation from God.<sup>256</sup> The consequences of God’s judgment are eternal.<sup>257</sup>

<sup>239</sup> Is. 11: 4

<sup>240</sup> Rev. 18: 1

<sup>241</sup> Rev. 20: 4-6

<sup>242</sup> Rev. 20: 7-9

<sup>243</sup> Obadiah 1:16

<sup>244</sup> Rev. 20: 11-15

<sup>245</sup> 1 Cor. 3

<sup>246</sup> Matt. 6: 20

<sup>247</sup> Is. 65: 17; 2 Peter 3: 12-13

<sup>248</sup> Heb. 11: 10

<sup>249</sup> Rev. 21: 3

<sup>250</sup> Rev. 21: 4

<sup>251</sup> Revelation 18: 20

<sup>252</sup> Ezra 3: 11-13

<sup>253</sup> Matt. 5: 17

<sup>254</sup> Matthew 21: 18-22

<sup>255</sup> \*See Article #5

<sup>256</sup> Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>257</sup> Malachi 4: 1,2



## THE NEW JERUSALEM

The New Jerusalem, which is also called the Tabernacle of God, the Holy City, the City of God, the Celestial City, the City Foursquare, and Heavenly Jerusalem, is literally heaven on earth.<sup>258</sup> The 12 stones of the city are the same as those on the breast plate of the high priest, which represent the 12 tribes of Israel. The foundation of the wall represents the teachings of the apostles. There is no temple there because there is no sin in the New Jerusalem, therefore no altar of sacrifice is needed. Jesus has paid the entire price for the penalty of sin.<sup>259</sup> No more payment is required. The Lord God of Hosts and the Lamb is its temple and the Light of the City is the glory of God and the Lamb. The redeemed walk in this Light and glorify God. “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”<sup>260</sup>



All of the ages have come and gone. Christ has gathered His church in the Rapture,<sup>261</sup> and the Tribulation has passed. The battle of Armageddon has been fought and won by our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>262</sup> Satan, who was bound for the 1,000-year reign,<sup>263</sup> receives his sentence to the lake of fire.<sup>264</sup> The Great White Throne Judgment has taken place, and mankind has been judged.<sup>265</sup>

Before God’s kingdom comes, there must be judgment which will cleanse the earth of sin and ungodliness. The whole earth is illuminated with God’s glory e.g.: Paul’s encounter; Moses’ Mountain; Isaiah’s uncleanness<sup>266</sup>. Holy, Holy, Holy is the God of Hosts!

The fig tree that Jesus cursed, illustrates His expectations that are based upon the will of God, not the sinful nature of man. Jesus curses the fig tree for it bore no fruit. His is a ‘Kingdom Expectation’. “Be perfect, even as My Father in heaven is perfect”.<sup>267</sup> With God, there is Fruit for Every Season and there will be no longer any curse. The throne of God and the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will serve Him, and they shall see His face.”<sup>268</sup>

The New Jerusalem is a place of unimagined blessing. The curse of the old earth is gone.<sup>269</sup> It is the place God shows the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus”.<sup>270</sup>

<sup>258</sup> Gal. 4: 26; Heb. 11: 10; 12: 22–24; 13: 14; Rev. 21

<sup>259</sup> Heb. 6: 6

<sup>260</sup> Dan. 12: 3

<sup>261</sup> 1 Thes. 4: 15–17

<sup>262</sup> Rev. 19: 17–21

<sup>263</sup> Ezek. 40–48

<sup>264</sup> Rev. 20: 7–10

<sup>265</sup> Rev. 20: 11–15

<sup>266</sup> Is. 6: 5

<sup>267</sup> Matt. 5: 48

<sup>268</sup> Rev. 22: 3

<sup>269</sup> Rev. 22: 3

<sup>270</sup> Eph. 2: 7

To reflect the will of God in life requires change. Change from: death to life; Darkness to light; Self-centeredness to God-centered; Worldly minded to Heavenly minded. The ultimate blessing is fulfilment and joy in relationship with the Father. It is life according to kingdom truth. Man fellowships with God face to face in the garden of splendor; the new 'garden of God' where God resides forever and ever. In this garden the river of living water, "pure and clear as crystal, goes forth from the throne of God and the Lamb."<sup>271</sup> The residents of the New Jerusalem are the Father and the Lamb,<sup>272</sup> "the Spirit and the bride. And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."<sup>273</sup> Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.<sup>274</sup> "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."<sup>275</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.<sup>276</sup>

## THE MILLENNIUM ENDS

### The Restoration of Eden

John sees the river flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. There are twelve trees that border the land, each yielding fruit every month for harvest. The curse has been lifted from this land and from all humankind.



The throne of God will be in the city and everyone around Him will worship Him and be His servant. They will see His face and know His name.

The angel tells John that he was sent by God to show him the things that will soon be taking place and that those who hear these prophecies will be blessed. "The redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head. They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."<sup>277</sup> The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face;<sup>278</sup> and His name shall be in their foreheads.<sup>279</sup> The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.<sup>280</sup>

<sup>271</sup> Rev. 22: 1-6

<sup>272</sup> Rev. 21: 22

<sup>273</sup> Rev. 22: 17

<sup>274</sup> Rev. 22: 14

<sup>275</sup> Rev. 21: 25

<sup>276</sup> Ps. 50: 2

<sup>277</sup> Is. 51: 11

<sup>278</sup> Rev. 1: 14-16

<sup>279</sup> Rev. 22: 1-4

<sup>280</sup> Rev. 21: 23

The Book of Revelation ends with an epilogue, an invitation, and a final warning. John ends the writing by saying that people should repent and let everyone know that Jesus is coming.<sup>281</sup> The warning is that “If anyone adds to or takes away from this book then the plagues of this book will be added to them. His name will be blotted out of the book of life.”<sup>282</sup>

## CONCLUSION

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: “Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”<sup>283</sup> “Blessed are they that keep His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life.” “Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law he meditates day and night.”

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper.”<sup>284</sup> “Every good and perfect gift” comes from God.<sup>285</sup>

God’s divine righteousness beams upon those that fear the Name of God, flooding them with joy and light, healing all wounds, removing all miseries.<sup>286</sup> “I AM coming quickly”. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.” Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!<sup>287</sup>



<sup>281</sup> John 4: 29

<sup>282</sup> Revelation 22: 18

<sup>283</sup> Ec. 12: 13

<sup>284</sup> Ps. 1: 1-3

<sup>285</sup> James 1: 17

<sup>286</sup> Jer. 23: 6; Psalm 114: 4,6;

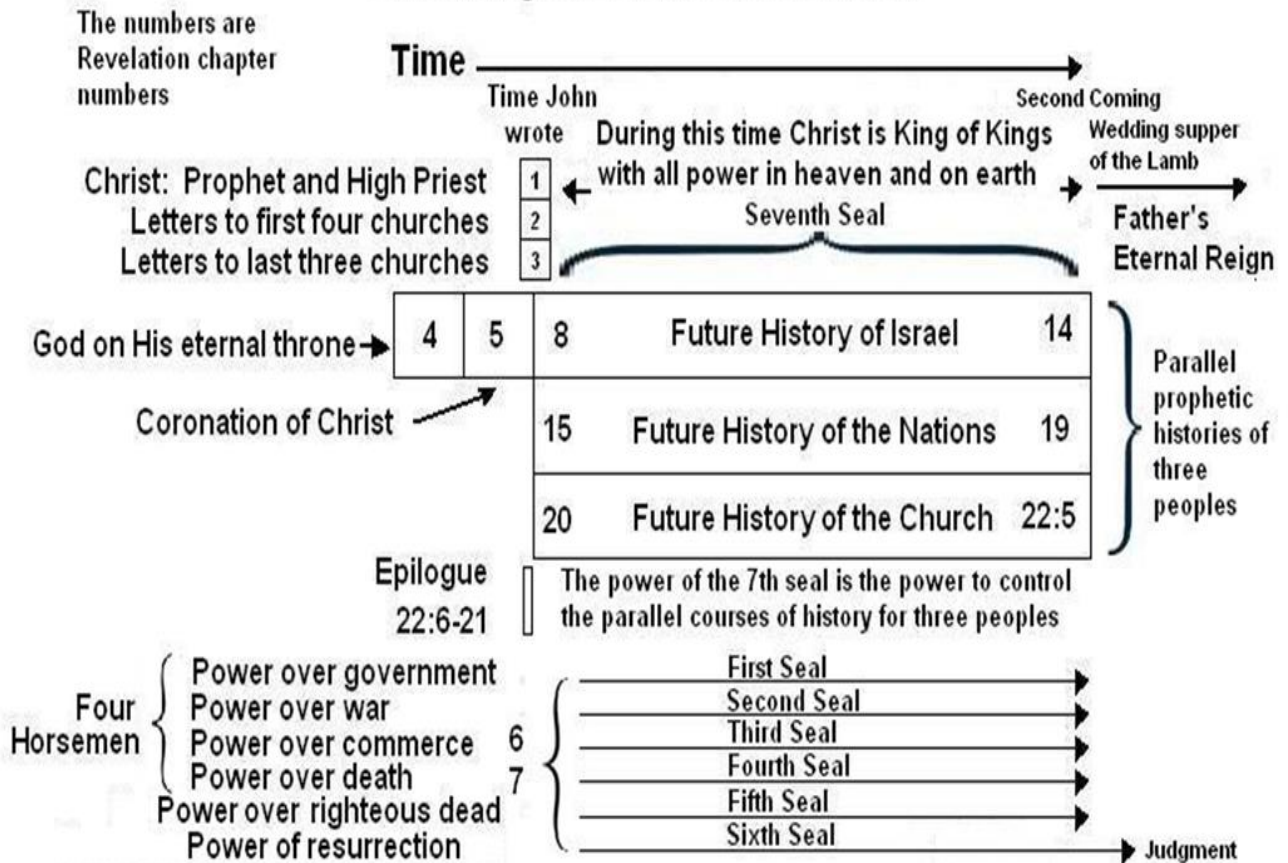
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<sup>287</sup> Ps. 72: 19



Diagram 1

## Chronological Outline of Revelation



The seven seals are all power in heaven and on earth. God gave this power to Jesus in the scroll with seven seals. Jesus opening the seals was Him exercising His power over the powers controlled by the seals. Most of Revelation is about Jesus exercising His power. The powers are mostly exercised concurrently, except for the power of the Judgment. The seventh seal is Christ's power over the course of human history. The description of Him exercising this power comprises most of Revelation. By this power Christ controls the course of history for the three major peoples with whom God deals: Israel, the Nations, and the Church. The course of these histories is controlled in parallel. He exercises the other five powers in parallel along with the course of human history. Of course, the power of Judgment and final wrath is exercised at the end.



Diagram 2

## THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION





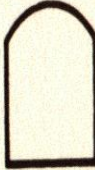


							 RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
	EPHESUS The Apostolic Church Rev. 2:1-7	SMYRNA The Persecuted Church Rev. 2:8-11	PERGAMUM The Indulged Church Rev. 2:12-17	THYATIRA The Pagan Church Rev. 2:18-29	SARDIS The Dead Church Rev. 3:1-6	PHILADELPHIA The Church Christ Loved Rev. 3:7-13	LAODICEA The Lukewarm Church Rev. 3:14-22
	A.D. 30-100	A.D. 100-312	A.D. 312-606	A.D. 606-Tribulation	A.D. 1520-Tribulation Protestant Reformation	A.D. 1750-Rapture	A.D. 1900-Tribulation
COMMENDATION I know your...	Good works, labor, patience. Hated Nicolaitians.	Works, tribulation, poverty.	Works. Held fast my name. Has not denied my faith.	Good works, love, service, faith, patience.	Works. A name that you live.	Works. Missions. Little strength. Kept my word. Not denied my name.	Not one word!
CONDEMNATION	You have left your first love.	Not one word!	You have false teach- ers of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.	You allow Jezebel to teach idolatry and compromise.	You are dead. Works not complete.	Not one word!	You are lukewarm, wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.
COUNSEL I counsel you...	Remember from where you are fallen and repent.	Fear not. Be faithful.	Repent.	Hold fast what you have until I come.	Watch. Strengthen the things that remain. Remember, hold fast and repent.	Hold fast what you have.	Buy gold tried by fire and white raiment. Anoint your eyes. Be zealous and repent.
CHALLENGE To him that over- comes...	Will give to eat of the tree of life	Will not be hurt by the second death.	Will give hidden manna and a white stone.	Will give millennial leadership and the Morning Star.	Will be clothed in white raiment. I will not blot his name out of the book of life.	Will make him a pil- lar and write upon him the name of God and My new name.	Will grant to sit with me on my throne.



Diagram 3

# Chapter Subjects

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11
John on Patmos Vision of Christ in Glory	Letters to the 7 Churches Ephesus Smyrna Pergamos Thyatira	Sardis Philadelphia Laodicea	Vision of God's Throne	Seven Seal Book opened by the Slain Lamb	6 Seals Opened 6 Seals 4 Horsemen White, Red, Black, Pale Souls under the altar Wrath of God (preview)	Sealing of the 144,000. Great multitude of Tribulation Saints	Tribulation Trumpets 7th Seal opened 4 Trumpets 1/3 Judgments Grass Sea Waters (Wormwood) Sun Moon Stars	2 Trumpets (2 Woes) Locusts 200 million man army 1/3 mankind killed	The Mighty Angel with the Little Book 7 Thunders	2 Tribulation Witnesses 42 Months 1260 Days (3rd Woe) 7th Trumpet

Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 19	Chapter 20	Chapter 21	Chapter 22
Woman with man child Red Dragon Woman in Wilderness Time, Times and half a Time	7 Headed Beast AC govt. 42 Months Lamb/ Dragon False Prophet	3 Angels  Christ reaps the harvest	7 Vials Given to 7 Angels Victorious Saints Song of Moses	7 Vials of Wrath Full Judgments Sores Seas Rivers Sun Darkness Armageddon Earthquake & Hall	Mystery Babylon The Great	Babylon is Fallen!	Marriage Supper of the Lamb  War Armageddon	Millennium Satan bound 1,000 yrs Battle of Gog & Magog Lake of Fire White Throne Judgment	New Jerusalem  New Heaven New Earth	New Jerusalem  Eternity with Christ



Diagram 4

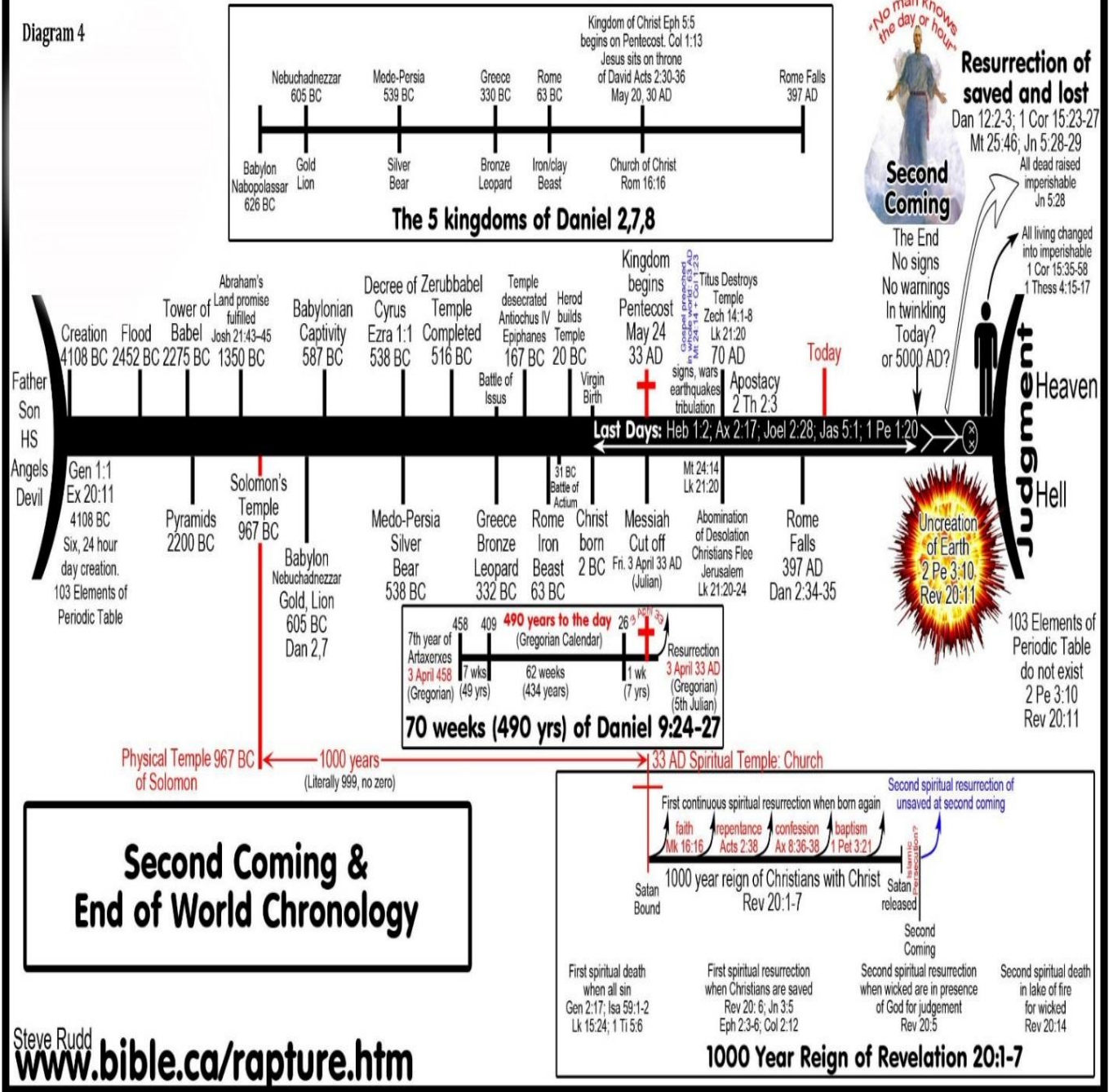


Diagram 5

# Seven Sevens in Revelation

Seven different perspectives on the one Person and work of Jesus Christ.





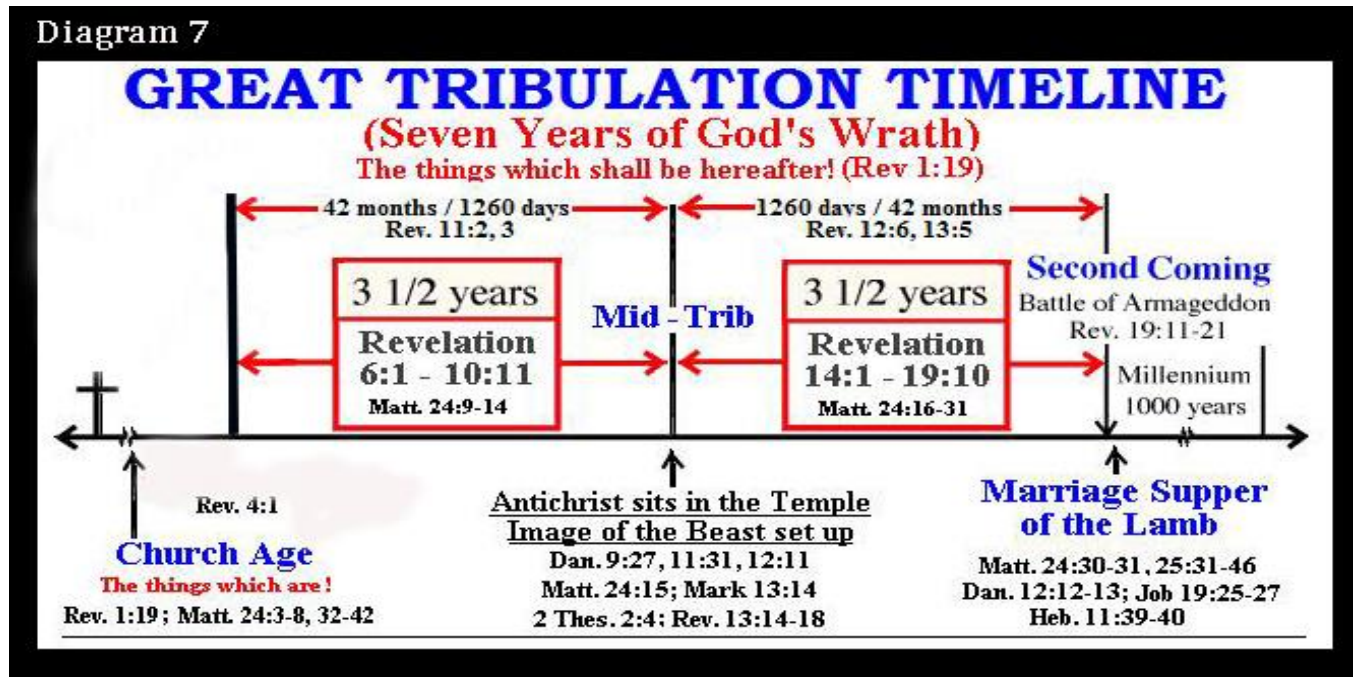
Diagram 6

## 7 Years of Tribulation

	Starts Here						
<b>Years</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Vials of Incense, the prayers of the saints	Noise of Thunder						
<b>Seals</b>	<b>White Horse</b>	<b>Red Horse</b>	<b>Black Horse</b>	<b>Pale Horse</b>	<b>Souls Under the Altar</b>	<b>A Great Earthquake Sun Turns Black, Moon Blood Red, Stars Fall</b>	<b>Silence in Heaven For ½ Hour</b>
	<u>Antichrist</u>	<u>War</u>	<u>Famine</u>	<u>Death-Hell</u> Kills ¼ of men with sword, hunger and the beasts of the earth	<u>Martyrdom</u>	<u>Great Day of His Wrath</u>	<u>7 Angels Given 7 Trumpets</u>
144,000 sealed Golden Censor, Prayers of the Saints offered on Golden Altar	Fire Cast to Earth, Voices, Thunder, Lightning, Earthquake	Great Mt. with Fire Cast into the Sea,	Great Falling Star, Wormwood, 1/3 Rivers and Fountains of Water Turned Bitter	1/3 Sun 1/3 Moon And 1/3 Stars And 1/3 of Day Darkened "Woe Woe Woe"	Star Falls from Heaven (Abaddon) He Opens the Bottomless Pit Locusts Sting Men, Torment for 5 Months	Voice from Golden Altar	7 Thunders
<b>Trumpets</b>	Hail, Fire, Blood, 1/3 Trees and All Green Grass Burnt UP!	1/3 Sea-Blood 1/3 Life in Sea Dead 1/3 Ships Destroyed		Mid Tribulation		4 Angels Loosed from Euphrates River, Kill 1/3 of Men by Fire and Brimstone. Army of 200 Million Horsemen March	Great Voices in Heaven 24 Elders Worshipping God and saying "Thy Wrath has come, Thou shouldst give Reward and Destroy the Destroy the Earth"
2 Witnesses have power 1260 days							
Temple of the Tabernacle of the Testimony Opened	Lightning, Voices, Thunder Earthquake and Great Hail						
<b>Vials</b>	<b>Poured Out on the Earth</b>	<b>Poured Out on the Sea</b>	<b>Poured Out on the Rivers</b>	<b>Poured Out on the Sun</b>	<b>Poured Out on the Seat of the Beast</b>	<b>Poured Out on the River Euphrates</b>	<b>Poured Out Into the Air</b>
	Greivous Sore on those with the Mark of the Beast	Sea becomes Blood, all life in the Sea Dies	Rivers and Fountains of Waters become Blood	Sun Scorches Men with Fire and Great Heat	Beast and His Kingdom Full of Darkness, Men Gnaw their Tongues for Pain	Euphrates River dries up for the Kings of the East. 3 Unclean Spirits, using miracles gather up the Kings of the Earth to Armageddon Great Day of God Almighty	Great Voice from the Temple Says "It is Done". Earthquake Jerusalem divided into 3 parts. Cities of the Nations Fall
	<u>End of Year 1</u>	<u>End of Year 2</u>	<u>End of Year 3</u>	<u>End of Year 4</u>	<u>End of Year 5</u>	<u>End of Year 6</u>	Ends Here w/2ndComing

1000 Year Millennium / Jesus Reigns on Earth

Diagram 7



(Length of years symbolizes an era or event).

Diagram 8

#### SPIRITUAL SYMBOLS OF REVELATION

Woman (Church, harlot);  
 Horses (Judgments);  
 Crown (Power);  
 Trumpet (Announcement);  
 Beast (Governments and Political powers);  
 Seals (Apocalyptic Judgments and Pestilences)  
 Vials (Torments and Divine Judgments)  
 Horns (Strength and Governments)

Two major divisions within Revelation are:

Rev. 1-11, Illustrating types and parallels of the sanctuary;

Rev. 12-22, seven signs of salvation.

The three main areas of the sanctuary are:

The Courtyard (Justification);  
 Holy Place (Sanctification);  
 Most holy place (Glorification).

Articles within the sanctuary are:

Altar of Sacrifice: (Forgiveness of sins; Atonement; The Gospels);  
 Laver: (Purification; Acts to Jude);  
 Holy Place: (Seven branch candlestick; Incarnation; Christ and the church);  
 Altar of Incense: (Intercession; The sustaining power of GOD);  
 Showbread: (7 seals; 12 laws; Word of GOD; The congregation of nations);  
 Arc of the covenant: (GOD's presence and atonement).



## Diagram 9A

## THE SEVENS OF REVELATION

7 churches (Rev 2-3)  
 7 Seals (6:1 – 8:1)  
 7 Trumpets (8:7 – 11:8)  
 7 Cosmic Conflict Scenes (12:1 – 15:4)  
 7 Plagues (16:1 – 18:24)  
 7 Scenes in the Windup of the Cosmic Conflict (19:11 – 20:15)

## The end of the Cosmic Conflict (19:11 – 20:15)

19:11-16 –White Horse  
 19:17-18 –Supper of Birds  
 19:19-21 –Final Battle  
 20:1-3 –Millennium  
 20:4-10 –Saints Judge  
 20:11 –Great White Throne  
 20:12-15 –Judgment of the Dead

## Seven Introductory Sanctuary Scenes

Lampstands (1: 9-20) --7 churches (2-3) Earth (with Holy Place)  
 Trimming the lampstand (Rev. 1:12-20)  
 Throne (4-5) --7 Seals (6:1 – 8:1) (Inauguration of heavenly temple)  
 Incense Altar (8:2-6) --7 Trumpets (8:7 – 11:8) Intercession (Holy Place)  
 Ark (11:19) --7 Cosmic Conflict Scenes (12:1 – 15:4)  
 Temple closes (15:5-8) --7 Plagues (16:1-18:24)  
 Sanctuary doxology (19:1-10) --7 Final Cosmic Conflict Scenes (19:11 – 20:15)  
 God's Tabernacle with men (21:1-8)--7 Scenes of the New Jerusalem (21:9 – 22:5)  
 Great door open (Rev. 4:1)  
 Lamb slain (Rev. 5:6)  
 Blood poured out at base of bronze altar (Rev. 6:9)  
 Incense offered at Golden Altar (Rev. 8:3, 4)  
 Break in the singing (Rev. 8:1)  
 Trumpets blown to signal completion of sacrifice (8:2-6)

**Diagram 9B****THE SEVENS OF REVELATION (Cont.)****Seven Plagues (15:5—18:24)****Seven Judgment Scenes (19:1—20:15)****New Jerusalem: Seven scenes of the one true Church (21:1—22:5)****Seven Sanctuary Scenes and the Work of Jesus****Rev. 1: 9-20 --He tends the lamps: He cares!****Rev. 4-5 --He's on the throne: He's in control!****Rev. 8:2-6 --He is our mediator!****Rev. 11:19 -- He is faithful to His covenant people!****Rev. 15:5-8 --He is a glorious Just Judge!****Rev. 19:1-10 --He is Victorious, and praiseworthy!****Rev. 21:1-8 -- He is our intimate God!****Seven Annual Festivals****Rev. 1: 9-20 --Passover (Liberation and Deliverance)****Rev. 4-5 --Pentecost (Holy Spirit)****Rev. 8:2-6 --Feast of Trumpets (Consecration and Repentance)****Rev. 11:19 -- Day of Atonement (Invest. Judg.)****Rev. 15:5-8 --Day of Atonement (Executive Judg.)****Rev. 19:1-10 --Day of Atonement (Review Judg.)****Rev. 21:1-8 -- Feast of Tabernacles (Provision and Fellowship with God)****The Things which thou hast seen:****Daniel Prophecies:****The 7 Churches (Rev. 2,3)/ Daniel 2;****The 7 Seals (Rev. 4-8)/ Daniel 7;****The 7 Trumpets (Rev. 8-11)/ Daniel 8;****The 7 Signs of Salvation (Rev. 12-22)/ Daniel 11**



**Diagram 10****THE BOOK OF REVELATION: CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER**

The letters to the churches (Christ revealed);

Jesus glorified (Evangelism);

Judgment of the kingdom (War, hunger, beginning of the tribulation);

The day of the Lord (God's warning);

The rapture (The abomination of desolation);

The little book (The Word cleanses and convicts);

The two witnesses (Warning of the wrath to come);

The time of Jacob's trouble (Jewish persecution and protection);

The two beasts (Kingdom of the antichrist enforces compliance);

The Harvest (Christ is victorious at the battle of Armageddon);

The wrath of God (The earth inflicted with fire and death);

Babylon falls (Nations give power to Satan);

The marriage supper (The marriage of Christ and the church);

The second coming of Christ (The tribulation ends and the millennium begins);

The new Jerusalem (Heaven on earth);

The millennium ends (Satan destroyed and Eden restored).

**DIAGRAM 11****The Rapture vs. The Second Coming**

## Contrasts Between the Rapture and the Second Coming

## Rapture

Christ comes for His own ([John 14:3](#); [1Th. 5:28](#); [2Th. 2:1](#))

Christ comes in the air ([1Th. 4:17](#))

Christ claims His bride ([1Th. 4:16-17](#))

Removal of believers ([1Th. 4:17](#))

Only His own see Him ([1Th. 4:13-18](#))

Tribulation begins ([2Th. 1:6-9](#))

Saved are delivered from wrath ([1Th. 1:10](#); [1Th. 5:9](#))

No signs precede rapture ([1Th. 5:1-3](#)).

Focus is Lord and Church ([1Th. 4:13-18](#)).

World is deceived ([2Th. 2:3-12](#))

Believers depart the earth ([1Th. 4:15-17](#))

Unbelievers remain on earth.

No mention of establishing Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Christians taken to the Father's house. ([John 14:1-3](#))

Imminent—could happen at any moment.

Precedes the career of the man of sin. ([2Th. 2:1-3](#))

## Second Coming

Christ comes with His own ([1Th. 3:13](#); [Jude 1:14](#); [Rev. 19:14+](#)) <sup>1</sup>

Christ comes to the earth ([Zec. 14:4](#); [Acts 1:11](#))

Christ comes with His bride ([Rev. 19:6-14+](#))

Manifestation of Christ ([Mal. 4:2](#))

Every eye shall see Him ([Rev. 1:7](#); [Is. 52: 8](#))

Millennial Kingdom begins ([Rev. 20:1-7+](#))

Unsaved experience the wrath of God ([Rev. 6:12-17+](#))

Signs precede Second Coming ([Luke 21:11](#), [Luke 21:15](#))

Focus is Israel and kingdom ([Mat. 24:14](#))

Satan is bound so he cannot deceive ([Rev. 20:1-2+](#))

Unbelievers are taken away from the earth ([Mat. 24:37-41](#))

Believers remain on earth ([Mat. 25:34](#))

Christ has come to set up His Kingdom on earth ([Mat. 25:31](#), [Mat. 25:34](#))

Resurrected saints do not see the Father's house ([Rev. 20:4+](#))

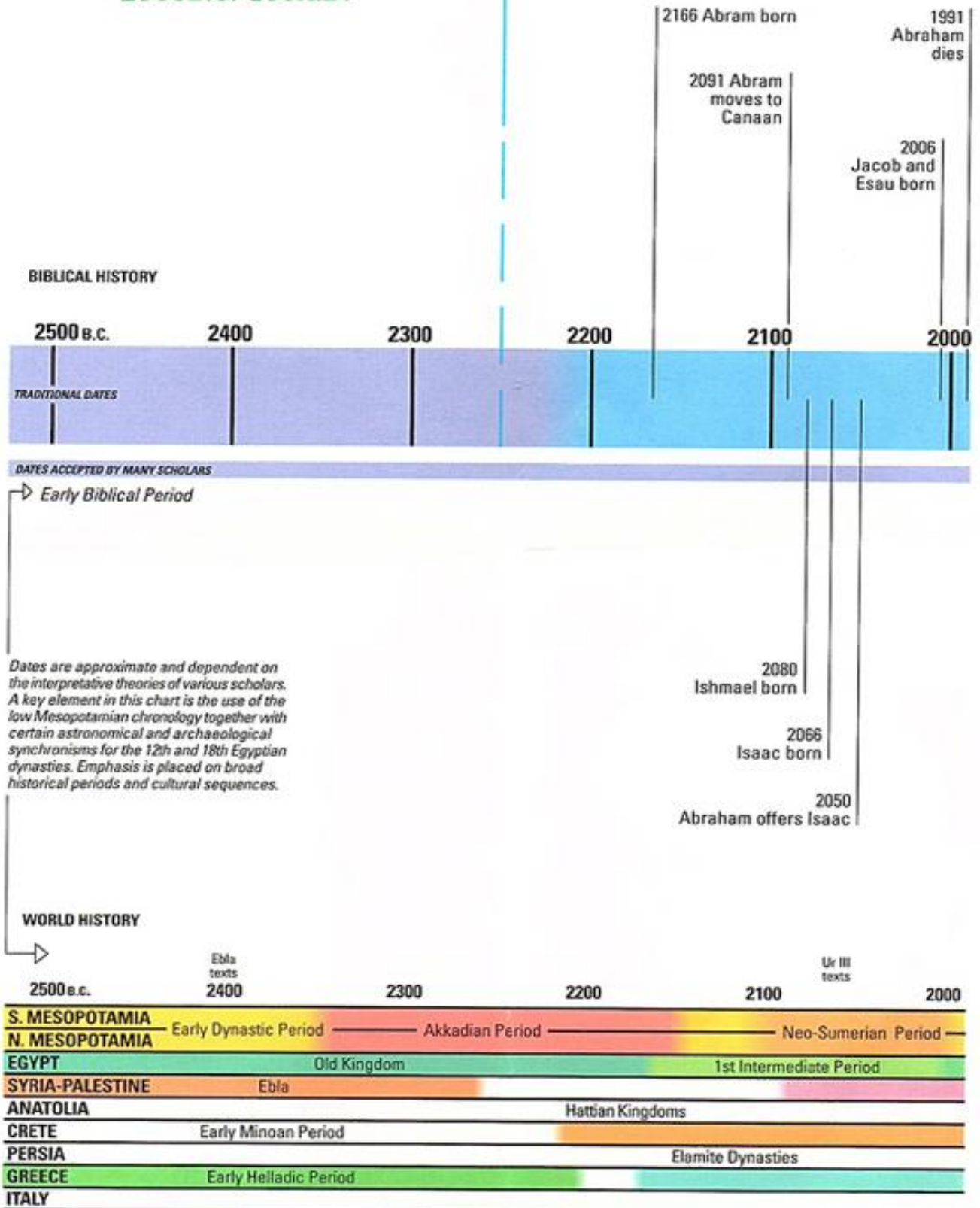
Cannot occur for at least 7 years.

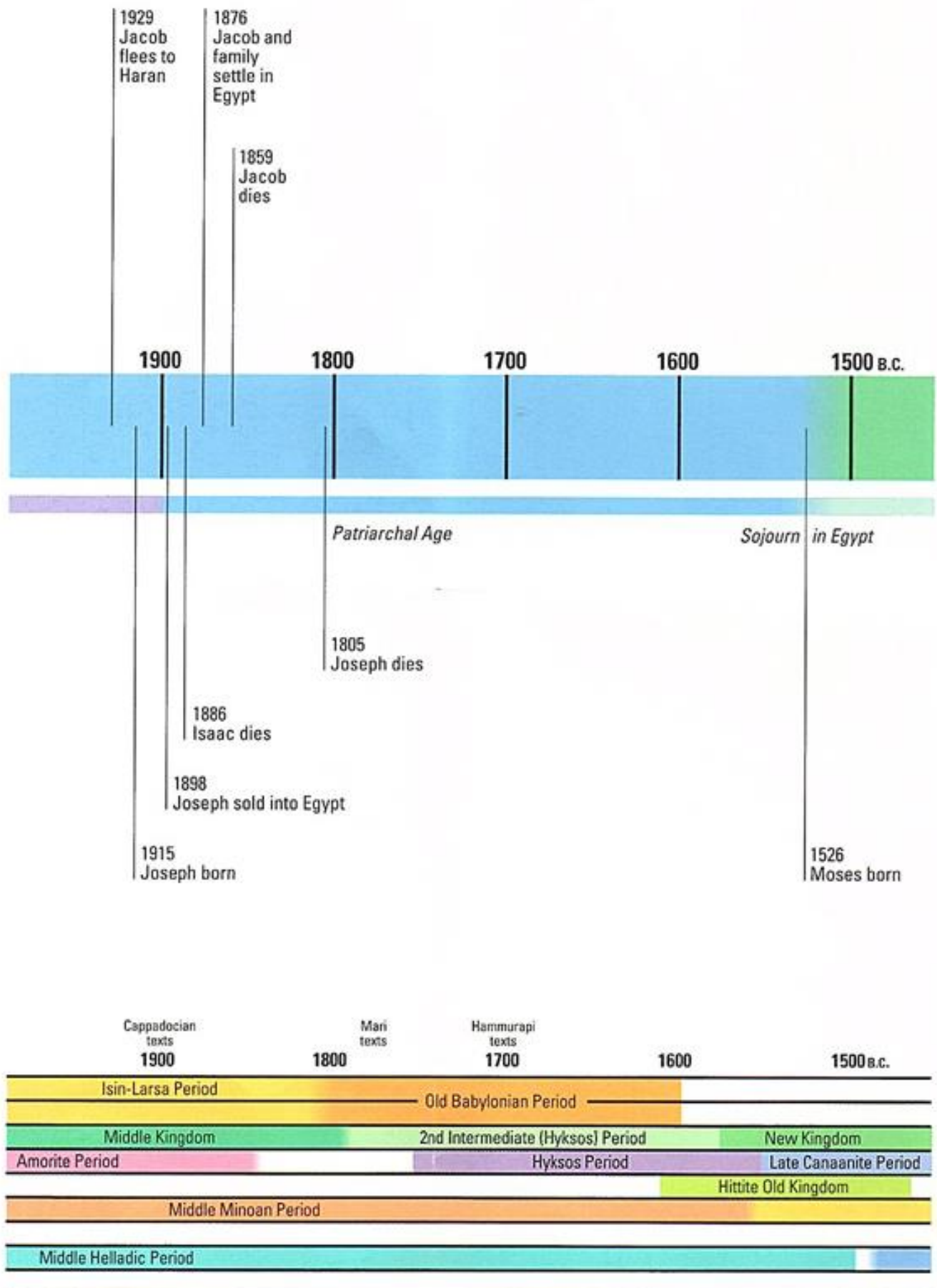
Terminates the career of the man of sin ([Rev. 19:20+](#))

Diagram 11

# Biblical Time-line 2500 B.C.-100 A.D.

## Patriarchs





## Exodus and Conquest

Ex 1:1-Jos 24:29

### Judges

Jdg 1:1-1 Sa 9

1375-1050  
Judges

1367-1327  
Othniel

1309-1229  
Ehud

1209-1169  
Deborah

1162-1122  
Gideon

## United Kingdom

1050-1010  
Saul

1010-970  
David

970-930  
Solomon

1400 B.C.

1300

1200

1100

1000

HISTORICALLY

Exodus and Conquest

Period of Judges

Joshua dies

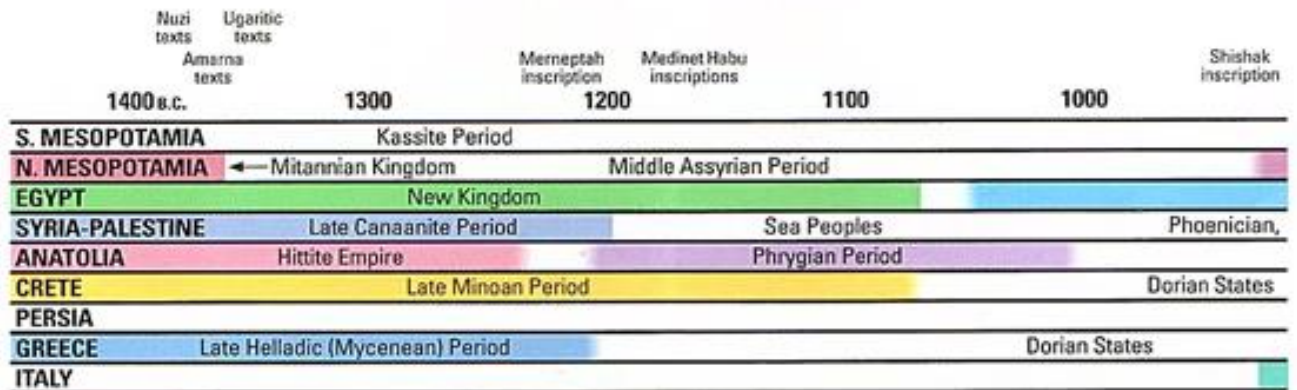
1105  
Samuel born

1406  
Moses dies  
Joshua appointed leader  
Israelites enter Canaan

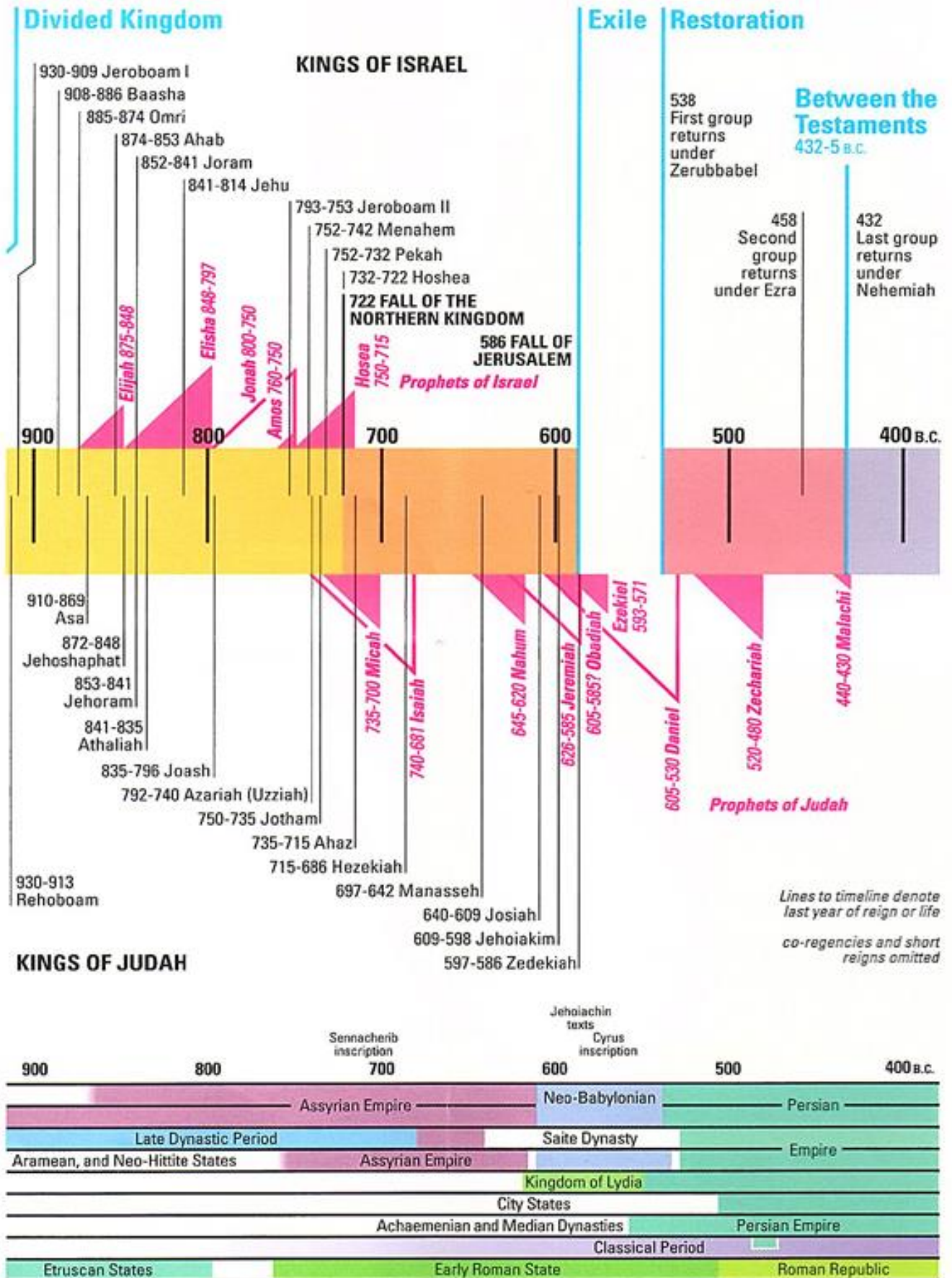
1078-1072  
Jephthah

1446  
The exodus, Red Sea crossed

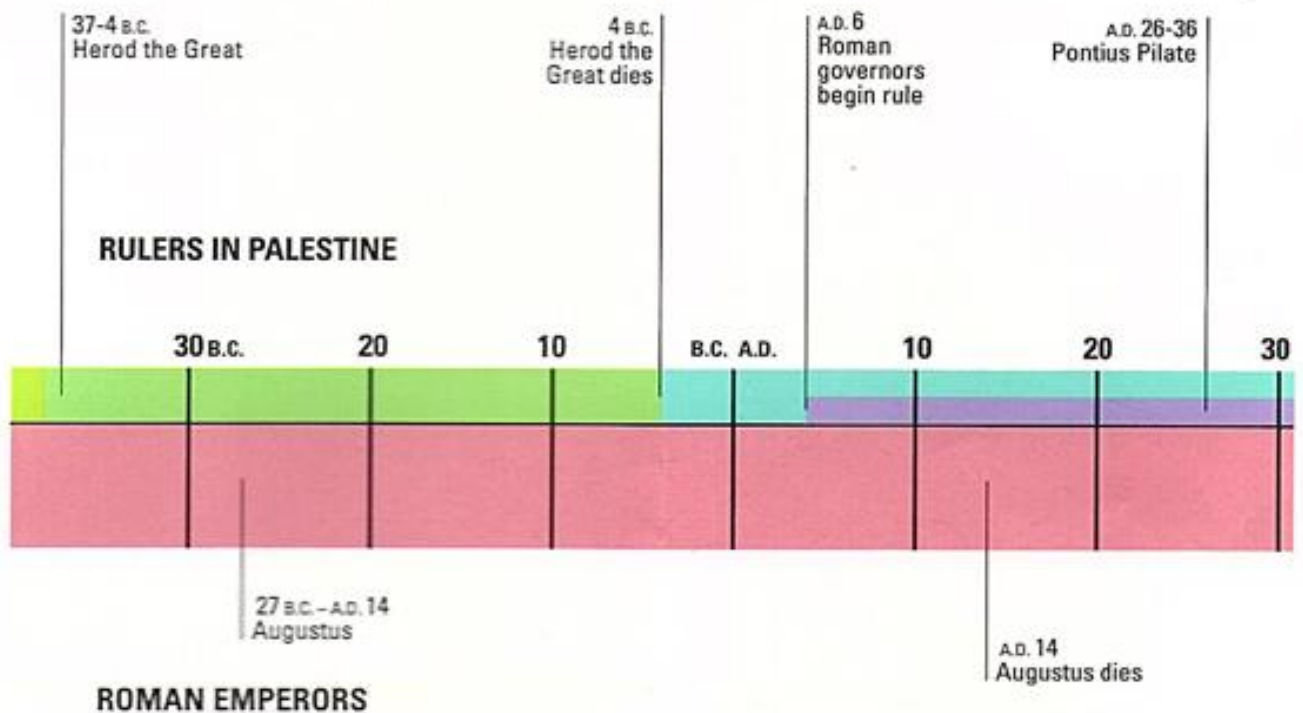
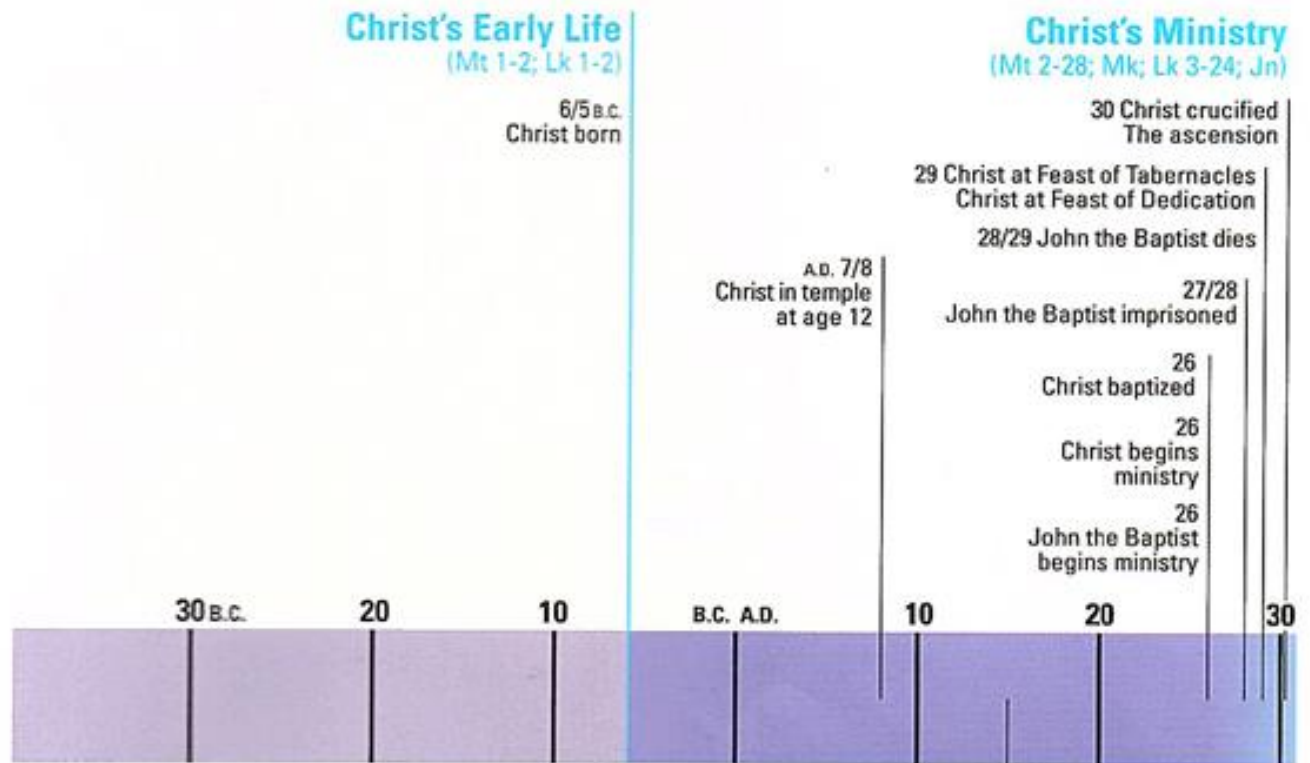
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Samson











## The Early Church (Acts-Revelation)

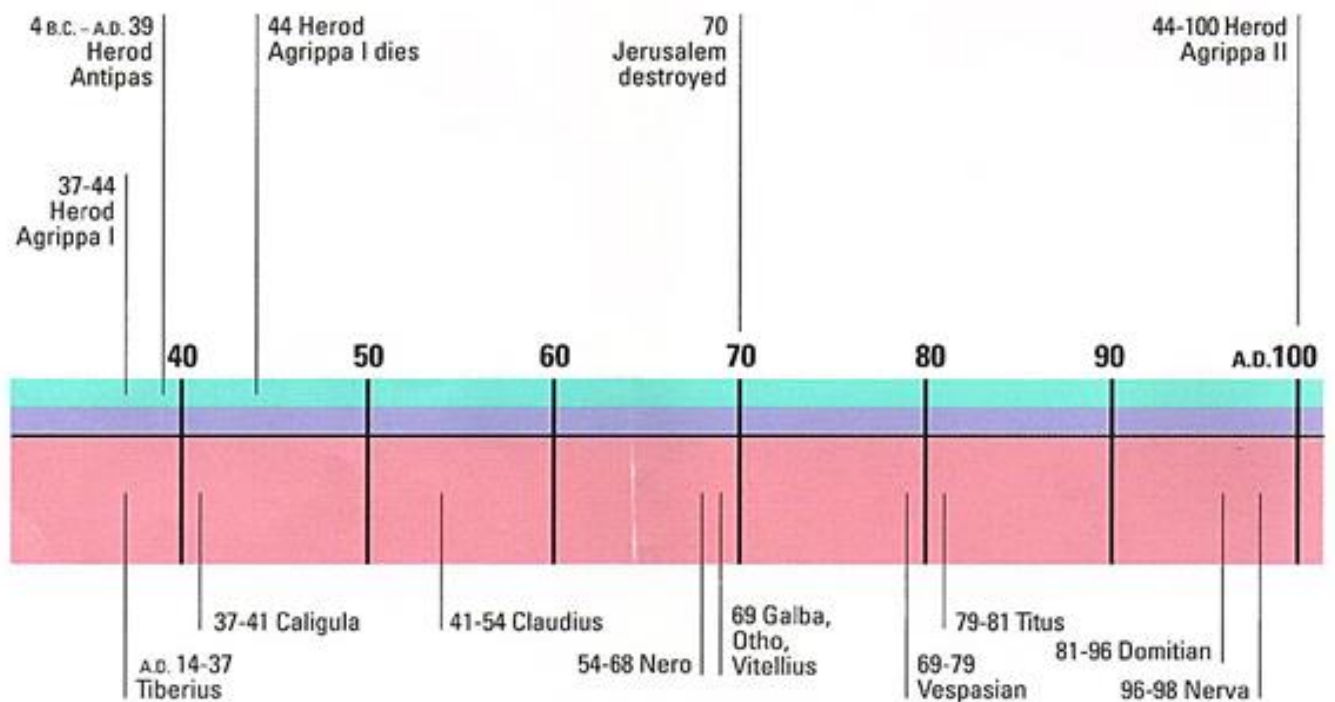
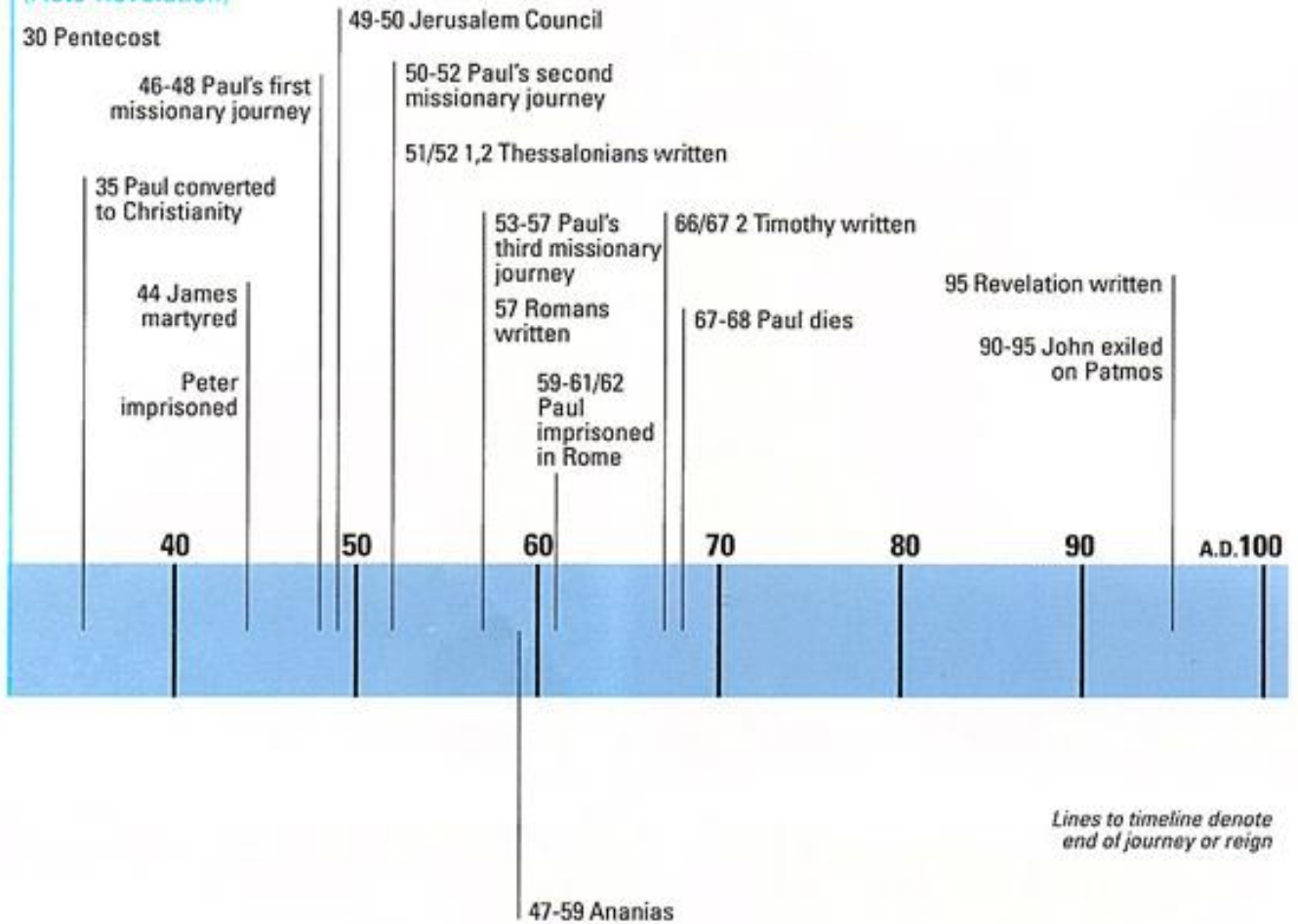
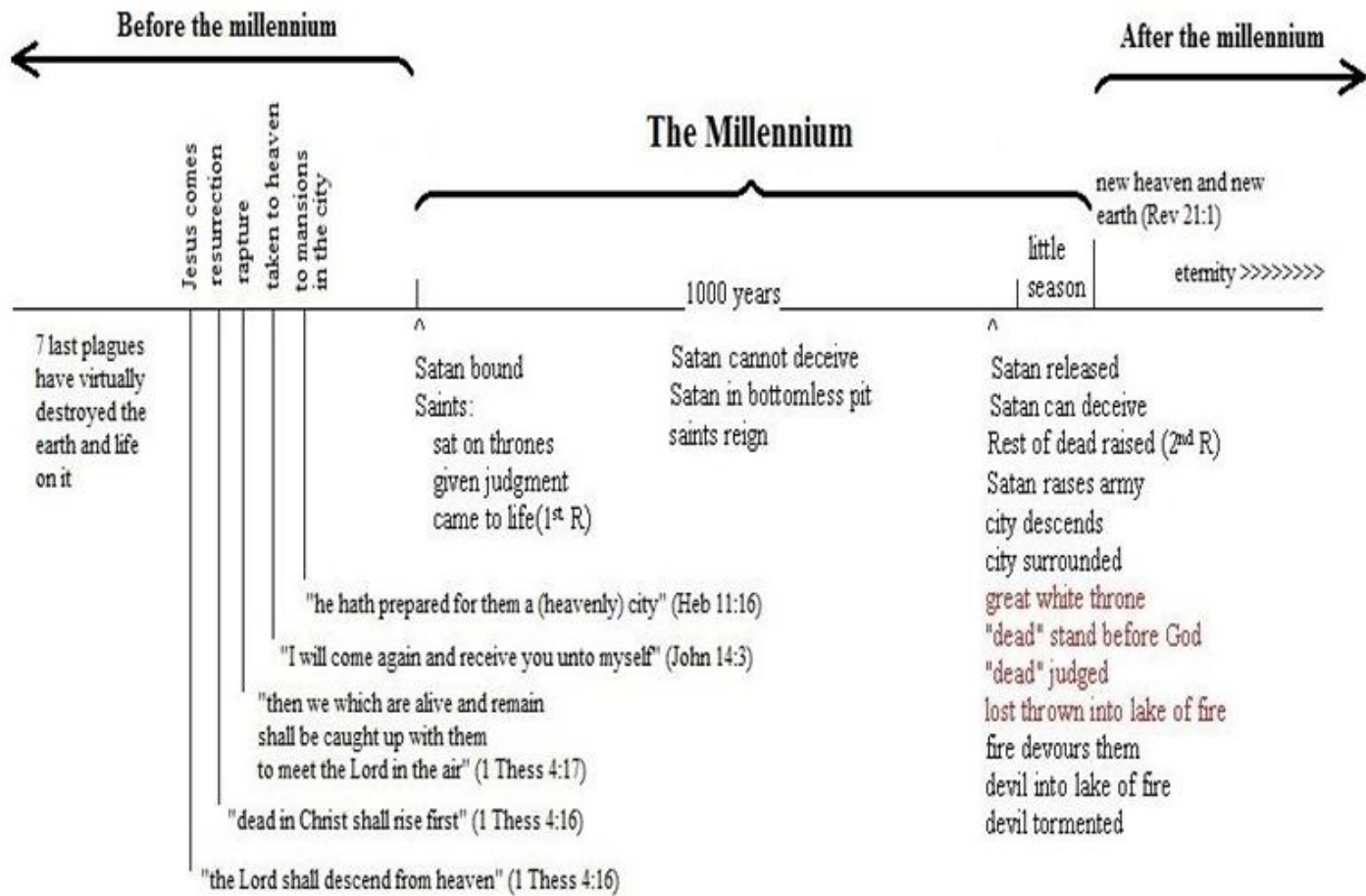


Diagram 12

## The Millennium Timeline



**ARTICLE #1** (Prophecy Fulfilled)**Prophecy Fulfilled**

Babylon Will Rule Over Judah for 70 Years:  
 Prophesied: 626 BC\_ Jeremiah 25:11-12;  
 Fulfilled: 539 BC.

Babylon's Gates Will Open for Cyrus:  
 Isaiah 45:1\_ 701 BC;  
 Fulfilled\_ 539 BC.

"I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: My plan will take place, and I will do all My will."

Babylon's Kingdom Will Be Permanently Overthrown:  
 Isaiah 13:19

Babylon Will Be Reduced to Swampland:  
 Isaiah 14:23

The Jews Will Survive Babylonian Rule and Return Home:  
 Jeremiah 32:36-37

The Ninevites Will Be Drunk in Their Final Hours:  
 Nahum 1:10\_ 614 BC;  
 Confirmed by Diodorus Siculus in 14 BC.

Nineveh Will Be Destroyed by Fire:  
 Nahum 3:15\_ 614 BC;  
 Archaeologists in the 1800s and found a layer of ash covering the ruins.

Tyre Will Be Attacked by Many Nations:  
 Ezekiel 26:3\_ 587 BC;  
 Fulfilled in: 573 BC, 332 BC, and 1291 AD.

The Jews will revenge against the Edomites:  
 Ezekiel 25:14\_ 593 BC;  
 Fulfilled in 100 BC.

The Coming of the Messiah:  
 Daniel 9:25\_ 538 B.C.;  
 Fulfilled in 30 AD.

## Modern Day Prophecies

The Six-Day War of 1967<sup>288</sup>; Israel prevails over its enemies<sup>289</sup>; The ruins of Israel rebuilt<sup>290</sup>; Prosperity for modern-day Israel<sup>291</sup>; Trees again would grow in Israel<sup>292</sup>; Israel's fruit would fill the world<sup>293</sup>; Jerusalem becomes the world's most important religious site<sup>294</sup>; Egypt never again rules over other nations<sup>295</sup>; The Jews return to Jerusalem<sup>296</sup>; Israel's deserts become like the Garden of Eden<sup>297</sup>; The worldwide return of Jews to Israel<sup>298</sup>.

### ARTICLE #2 (The Importance of Our Testimony)

#### THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY

We are created to worship. If not God, then worship of someone or something else. The born-again have the glory of the living God and that glory should create a great chasm between a secular testimony of a changed life and a Christian testifying about redemption in Jesus Christ. The focus should be on the Lord and His faithfulness. "The LORD is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the Horn of my salvation, and my High Tower." "In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears."<sup>299</sup>

"And they overcame [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."<sup>300</sup> "The blood of the Lamb" would have been shed in vain without the testimony; the outcome of the faith of His followers. That testimony would have been impossible without the shedding of His blood. And "they loved not their lives unto the death". They valued not their life in this world, even to the extent of accepting death for the sake of giving their testimony.

There is an important difference between sharing your testimony with a person and sharing the Gospel or Good News with him or her. These are complementary, but different. Our testimony is not what we have done but what Christ has done for us. The Gospel is explaining what Christ has done for the person to whom you are witnessing.

<sup>288</sup> Genesis 49: 10; Micah 4: 2;

<sup>289</sup> Isaiah 41: 12-14;

<sup>290</sup> Amos 9: 11,13

<sup>291</sup> Ezekiel 36: 11

<sup>292</sup> Isaiah 41: 18-20

<sup>293</sup> Isaiah 27: 6

<sup>294</sup> Micah 4: 1

<sup>295</sup> Ezekiel 29: 15

<sup>296</sup> Zechariah 8: 7,8

<sup>297</sup> Isaiah 51: 3

<sup>298</sup> Isaiah 43: 5,6

<sup>299</sup> Psalm 18: 2,6

<sup>300</sup> Rev. 12: 11



## Jesus Speaks Concerning Testimony

"If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true."<sup>301</sup> At first sight this is in direct contradiction to John 8: 14, where in reply to the Pharisees He says: "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going." The absolute unison with the Father lifts His own word to the word of God. The divine shines through the human, the infinite through the finite. "If I and I alone were bearing witness to Myself, My witness is not true." If He were acting alone then for His human nature to break away from the Father, His testimony would nullify and falsify His witness. He is not bearing witness alone. Along the same line, as our own testimony glorifies our heavenly Father, the divine shines through our own humanity.

### The Witness of John

"There is another [John] who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true. You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. The testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in His light."<sup>302</sup>

### The Witness of Works

"The testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me."<sup>303</sup>

### The Witness of the Father

"And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent."<sup>304</sup>

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<sup>301</sup> John 5: 31

<sup>302</sup> John 5: 35

<sup>303</sup> John 20: 21

<sup>304</sup> John 5: 38

## The Witness of the Scripture

“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. I do not receive glory from men; but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father? The one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”<sup>305</sup>

### John’s Testimony<sup>306</sup>

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life. Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”<sup>307</sup>

### Overcoming by the Word of Our Testimony

The redeemed overcome by a simple reliance on the blood of Christ, as the only ground of their hope. In this we must be like them. The Son of God Himself shed His innocent blood on the cross so that mankind can: Have total forgiveness for their sins; Receive the imputed righteousness of God, which is the only righteousness God deems acceptable. “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”<sup>308</sup>

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<sup>305</sup> John 5: 31-47

<sup>306</sup> 1 John 1: 1; 3: 1; 4: 13; 5: 6-9;  
1: 7

<sup>307</sup> 1 John 5: 8  
<sup>308</sup> Gal. 6: 14

“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”<sup>309</sup>

Our testimony must remain Christ-centered. We live in an age of narcissism with symptoms of “I” trouble and “me-itis”. Our testimonies often sound like self-congratulation. These are simply spiritually tinted selfies. “My life used to be in ruin. I was a wreck. I used to do X, Y, and Z. You wouldn’t believe some of the stuff I did. Now, I thank God that I’m not like those old friends. I live a good life. I wake up with purpose every day.” These statements show that the messenger has gotten in the way of the Message. If the emphasis is about what we have done then the testimony is about our accomplishments. Cut off from the glory of God, it becomes an ego-centered, self-referenced, changed-life kind of news. It can become a sin-focused, theoretical religion which is void of faith and reliance upon the Holy Spirit. Religion often degrades to the business of sin management. Jesus' blood speaks of better things. God doesn't want His bride to be sin-centered or sin-conscious, but instead Christ-conscious and Christ centered. Liberty from the bondage of the law allows focus on Christ which produces pure worship, joy, and fruit of the Spirit.

The angel said: “With God nothing shall be impossible.” Mary said: “Behold the handmaid [slave] of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.”<sup>310</sup> As Jesus agonized in the garden He said: “Not My will but thine be done.”<sup>311</sup> The Christian victory is a victory of dependence and of obedience. Of dependence on Him without whom one can do nothing. Of obedience to Him In bearing testimony of the nature and work of God that is a power and a treasure that saves and transforms life.

### **ARTICLE #3** (The Rapture)

#### **“What is the difference between the Rapture and the Second Coming?”**

The rapture is described in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-54. Believers who have died will have their bodies resurrected and, along with believers who are still living, will meet the Lord in the air. This will all occur in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. The second coming is when Jesus returns to defeat the Antichrist, destroy evil, and establish His millennial kingdom. The second coming is described in Revelation 19:11-16.

#### **The important differences between the rapture and the second coming:**

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<sup>309</sup> 2 Cor. 4: 5

<sup>310</sup> Luke 1: 38

<sup>311</sup> Luke 22: 42

1) At the rapture, believers meet the Lord in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17). At the second coming, believers return with the Lord to the earth (Revelation 19:14).

2) The second coming occurs after the great and terrible tribulation (Revelation chapters 6–19). The rapture occurs before the great tribulation (1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10).

3) The rapture is the removal of believers from the earth as an act of deliverance (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17,5:9). The second coming includes the removal of unbelievers as an act of judgment (Matthew 24:40-41).

4) The rapture will be secret and instant (1 Corinthians 15:50-54). The second coming will be visible to all (Revelation 1:7; Matthew 24:29-30).

5) The second coming of Christ will not occur until after certain other end-times events take place (2 Thessalonians 2:4; Matthew 24:15-30; Revelation chapters 6–18). The rapture is imminent; it could take place at any moment (Titus 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54).

### **Why is it important to keep the rapture and the second coming distinct?**

1) If the rapture and the second coming are the same event, believers will have to go through the tribulation (1 Thessalonians 5:9; Revelation 3:10).

2) If the rapture and the second coming are the same event, the return of Christ is not imminent—there are many things which must occur before He can return (Matthew 24:4-30).

3) In describing the tribulation period, Revelation chapters 6–19 nowhere mentions the church. During the tribulation—also called “the time of trouble for Jacob” (Jeremiah 30:7)—God will again turn His primary attention to Israel (Romans 11:17-31).

The rapture and second coming are similar but separate events. Both involve Jesus returning. Both are end-times events. However, it is crucially important to recognize the differences. In summary, the rapture is the return of Christ in the clouds to remove all believers from the earth before the time of God’s wrath. The second coming is the return of Christ to the earth to bring the tribulation to an end and to defeat the and his evil world empire.



## Schools of Prophecy:

1. **Preterism:** A Christian eschatological view that the prophecies of the Bible have already occurred (Daniel in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century and Revelation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century).

2. **Historicism:** The idea that attributes meaningful significance to a specific context such as: Historical period; Location and Culture. Historicism stands in contrast to empiricism and rationalism which neglect the role of traditions.

3. **Futurism:** A point of view that finds meaning or fulfillment in the future, rather than in the past or present. A Christian eschatological view that interprets prophetic future events in a literal, physical, apocalyptic and global context, but not spiritually. Futurism denies the time application of 1 day= 1 year.

## ARTICLE #5 (Eternal Life/Immortal Life)

God has the power to put to death, forever, the devil, his demons, and any human who chooses to live contrary to the way of righteousness.<sup>312</sup> Eternal life is a state of existence granted by and continually sustained by God. Immortal life is not dependent on any other source to continue as it is self-sustaining.<sup>313</sup>

At the final judgment, all of the fallen angels will be cast into the lake of fire<sup>314</sup> which is the "second death."<sup>315</sup> Jesus teaches that angelic beings inherently have eternal life and cannot be put to a physical death. The [humans], "who are accounted worthy to obtain that age, neither marry nor are given in marriage, and neither can they die any more, for they are equal to the angels."<sup>316</sup>

When Jesus answers the Sadducees' question of marital status in the Kingdom of God, He is not addressing the question of eternal life or immortality, nor the devil and the status of his existence. His primary point is that like angels, humans that are changed into spirit will also not produce children.<sup>317</sup> Those who are part of the first resurrection are given eternal life as sons of God.<sup>318</sup> Angels are not spirits that are immortal. Their life can be ended by the One who gave it to them.

"Now a man who had an unclean spirit was in the synagogue; and he [*the unclean spirit*] cried out with a loud voice, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus the Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us?"<sup>319</sup>

The word "destroy" *appolumi* means to destroy fully and completely. This same word is also used to describe the utter destruction of people and places.<sup>320</sup>

<sup>312</sup> Matt. 25: 41

<sup>313</sup> 1 Tim. 6: 16

<sup>314</sup> Matt. 25: 41

<sup>315</sup> Rev. 20: 14

<sup>316</sup> Luke 20: 35,36

<sup>317</sup> Is. 11: 1-9

<sup>318</sup> Heb. 2: 9,10, 1Timothy 6: 12-

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<sup>319</sup> Luke 4: 33,34

<sup>320</sup> Matt. 10: 28; Luke 17: 29

At the end of the millennium, the devil is permitted to actively deceive others. Lucifer, the angel who became God's chief adversary, receives what he justly deserves for the life he lived.<sup>321</sup> "I will bring you to ashes upon the earth, before the eyes of all who see you. All who know you among the people shall be astonished at you; you became a terror, and you will not be any more."<sup>322</sup> "And the angels who did not keep their own original domain, but deserted their habitation, He is holding in eternal bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day<sup>323</sup> . . . . Just as Sodom and Gomorrah . . . are themselves exhibited as a perpetual example of undergoing the punishment of eternal fire."<sup>324</sup> The consequences of God's judgment are eternal.<sup>325</sup>

## ARTICLE #6 (Jesus is Coming Soon!)

### Events preceding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming:

Israel becomes a nation in one day.<sup>326</sup> Israel is proclaimed a state on May 14, 1948. in Tel Aviv, Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion proclaims the State of Israel, establishing the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.

Four empires rise.<sup>327</sup>

European Union of 10 nations (1995); Daniel's "10 horns".

The "little horn"<sup>328</sup> arises and assumes the "High Representative Position" in the E.U. in 1998, promoting defense buildup and military power;<sup>329</sup> the "god of fortresses."

The prophecy of Revelation 17: 12,13 is fulfilled in 2001.

### Persons of Interest

In the "*for what it's worth department*", Javier Solana was elected leader and speaker for the E.U. in 06/06/06.<sup>330</sup> The primary agenda was Iran's nuclear capabilities. Under Solana's leadership, three of the ten nations were excluded (Dan. 7: 24). On 06/16/16, Solana presents to the European Parliament subcommittee, a defense a plan to make the E.U. a military power. In 2017, E.U. launches its defense fund document # PE595.666v01-00; paragraph 6; Draft #6; Amendment 6. The article of July 6, 2017 has 666 words.

<sup>321</sup> Rev. 20: 7-10

<sup>322</sup> Ezekiel 28: 18-19

<sup>323</sup> Jude 13

<sup>324</sup> Jude 6,7

<sup>325</sup> Malachi 4: 1,2

<sup>326</sup> Is. 66: 8; Ezek. 38: 8

<sup>327</sup> Daniel 2 & 7

<sup>328</sup> Dan. 7: 8

<sup>329</sup> Dan. 11: 38

<sup>330</sup> Dan. 7: 24

On October 15, 2017, Austria elected Sebastian Kurz as chancellor. He had been Austria's foreign minister for the previous four years. He and his country were host to the negotiations with Iran under the Obama administration. His first name, Sebastian comes from the Latin Sebastianus meaning "from Sebastia" which is now Sivas in Turkey. Both Vienna and Sebastia were once part of the Roman Empire. Some of Kurz's supporters refer to him, at least metaphorically, as a "messiah". In a speech to the UN in 2016, his opening words were: "Arguing against globalization is like arguing against the laws of gravity" (Rev. 13: 16,17; Rev. 6: 2). Kurz has reversed his country's stance toward Israel during his tenure from very critical to very supportive.

## NUMEROLOGY

(Spiritual Application)

30 pieces of silver: Ending; Death.

30 years: Jesus begins His ministry; Beginning.

10: Completion; Includes 100, 1,000 & 10,000.

40: Change; The wilderness experience; Jesus' temptation; Ministry begins.

6: Grace.

144,000: Israel.

5: That which is incomplete.

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

12 gates: 12 tribes.

12 stars: 12 tribes of Israel.

4: The World.

6: Grace.

7 Hills: 7 seats of government under the control of the antichrist.

7,000: Completion; Holiness.

7th king: The Abomination of Desolation in the Holy Place.

Altar of incense: The prayers of the saints.

Amen: Act in truth.

Babylon: An expression of judgment, pain and the suffering of exile.

Black horse: Compromise, Famine of the word, compromise (thorns).

Black stone: guilty; condemned; old name.

Blood moon: Wrath of God (Joel 2).

Boast: to glory in self-righteousness (1 Cor. 1: 29-31).

Bronze: Beauty.

Child: Jesus (Rev. 12).

Complete: "plerothosin"; To fill up or finish a task.  
 Dragon: An empire beast.  
 Eagle: Supernatural.  
 Eyes: God knows all things.  
 Faith: Submitting to the authority of God.  
 Fig tree: Israel.  
 Fire, Blue, Yellow: Judgment comes upon the world.  
 Fire: Judgment.  
 Forehead: Thinking. "Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus."  
 Futurism: Prophecies are related to things of the future;  
 Garments: Deeds.  
 Golden bowls of incense: Offerings of prayers in the Holy Place.  
 Historicism: "You are here at every stage".  
 Horns: Salvation; An improvement.  
 Horses: Hell and Punishment of God.  
 Idealism: The principles may not apply today.  
 Jew: One who praises God.  
 Jezebel: 'Where is the Prince?', a ritual cry from worship ceremonies in honor of Baal.  
 Lion: Glory.  
 Locusts: Demons.  
 Man: Wisdom.  
 Many Waters: A great multitude of people that are under the false religion.  
 Name: Character.  
 Nicolaitan: Nikos (to conquer or to subdue); Laos: (people).  
 Oil: Holy Spirit.  
 Ox: Power.  
 Pale horse: Death  
 Pale Horse: The blood of Christ denied; Papal deception (wayside).  
 Pantheism: All religion is good and accepted.  
 Perish: apolhtai (Should be being destroyed; To destroy utterly (Jn. 3: 16).  
 Predestination: God sanctifies His followers for the kingdom purpose (Eph. 4).  
 Preterism: Prophecies are related to things of the past.  
 Purim: Victory for God's people.  
 Red Horse: The dragon, war, blood, persecuting power (stony ground).  
 Righteous living: Those things done in response to God's goodness and grace.  
 Scales: Determine worth.  
 Sea: Instability; Fear.  
 Seed: Instability.  
 Soil: Location.



Spirit: Worship the Father; the Pre-eminent One.

Strange Fire: Giving God what we want to give Him.

Sun: Illumination.

Synagogue: Greek for "House of Assembly".

The "morning star": Direction and insight.

The Dwellers of the earth: Those who live according to the world's standards.

The eyes of fire: Examine and Refine.

Thigh: Agreement made; King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Trumpet: Call to battle; Provision.

White stone: vindication; justification; character; new name ( Zech.1).

White: Purity; Holiness; Victory.

Wine: Joy.

Woe: Stop; Change or experience disaster.

Woman: Israel (Rev. 12: 1).

Wormwood: Bitter; Death.

Hermeneutics: The theory and methodology of interpretation; The interpretation of biblical texts, wisdom literature, and philosophical texts. It includes the art of understanding and communication.

Jesus is seen "at the right hand" of the throne; In the 'midst' of the throne and: Setting 'on the throne'. John sees two images: Green and Red. Green= (Life); Red= (Blood; Redemption). The throne illustrates the rule and character of God. White= (Purity); The result of redemption. Crown of Gold= (Authority).<sup>331</sup>

Rightly dividing: To correctly interpret the Word of God, preserving the true measure of Divine truth.

Self-centered: doing what we think is best or right in our own eyes; establishing our own righteousness; seeking glory and honor that belongs only to God.

The symbolism used in Revelation 12 shows the woman as Israel; the 12 stars are the 12 tribes of Israel; the red dragon is Satan; the 7 heads, 10 horns and 7 crowns is the system of the antichrist. The one-world system that will have 10 kings that will rule 7 divisions of his kingdom. The Child is Jesus who ascended into heaven after His resurrection.

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<sup>331</sup> Ex. 31: 18

“Time, times and ½ a time” = 1260 years; 457 B.C. to 1844= the time that the book is sealed. All of the time prophecies are coming to an end here.

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