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This is not a comprehensive study, however, the aim of this book is to help you understand the complexity of the Book of Revelations with simple biblical examples and explanations – we pray that the materials in this book will be of benefit to you.

In composing this book, we have made use of many external materials and resources which are available on the internet, as well as teachings from various ministers on the topic. We urge you to study the Book of Revelation for yourself; and only use this book as a guideline if needed.

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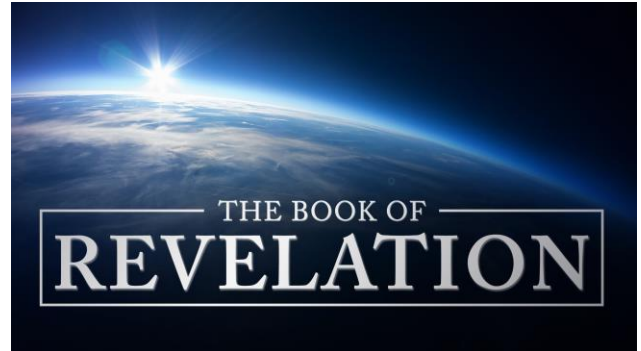
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Introduction



The Book of Revelation is many times considered as a book that scares people, even mature Christians. Reading the Book of Revelation can be challenging - the storyline twists and turns and isn't strictly chronological. The author of the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John, offers a transcription of seven letters and later describes strange beasts, visions of judgments, governments, demonic battles, heaven, and a new world order - a prophetic vision for the end of the world; while also reflecting back on past events. Even through all of this there is a clear structure [*which we will take a look at as we go through this guide*].

When we understand the Book of Revelation in context of its events and where we are in the timeline, then there's really nothing to fear – we only need to ready ourselves to embrace the soon coming / return of our Lord Jesus Christ; which this study guide will help you with. Although the Book of Revelation does render a very complex and dramatic scene, we will do good when we study this book in context of other biblical prophecies; which simply makes the Book of Revelation understandable.

This book is not a comprehensive study guide, but it will render itself helpful in your self-study of the Book of Revelation in a whole, together with other books and prophecies in the Bible as we selectively researched the best sources in compiling this guide.

We pray that as you join us in studying this book within context of your Bible, that the eyes of your understanding might be enlightened; and that as it is written: 'you will be blessed by the words revealed in Revelation' [*Rev.1:3*].



Please Note: This 1st Volume of this book is a structured introduction of the Bible Book of Revelation; and it will give you the basic understanding of the use of metaphors and the rich symbolic expressions used in the Apostle John's letter to the churches. In order to understand this 1st volume, we encourage you to study the Book of Revelation in your Bible, then turn to each chapter of this book and study each chapter of Revelation before moving on to the doctrine explanations of each verse as broken down in this volume. In our 2nd Volume, we will use cross-references to give a fuller understanding on the things we studied in this volume.

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Book of Revelation [*Basic*] Main Structure

Book of Revelation:

- Prologue (Rev. 1)
- Letters to the seven churches (Rev. 2–3)
- The throne room and the scroll with seven seals (Rev. 4–5)
- Judgments and vignettes [metaphors]
 - Seal judgments (Rev. 6)
 - 144,000; the multitude (Rev. 7)
 - Trumpet judgments (Rev. 8–9)
 - The angel and a little scroll (Rev. 10)
 - Two witnesses (Rev. 11)
 - A pregnant woman and the dragon (Rev. 12)
 - Two beasts (Rev. 13)
 - 144,000 on Mount Zion; three angels; harvest of the earth (Rev. 14)
 - Bowl judgments and the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 15–16)
 - A woman on the beast and the fall of Babylon (Rev. 17–18)
- The Millennium and the Last Judgment (Rev. 19–20)
- A new heaven and new earth (Rev. 21)
- Epilogue (Rev. 22)

Please Note: *We will make reference to the NIV Bible Translation in this guide for scripture readings, unless otherwise indicated*

How to Use this Guide Effectively

The book of Revelation is a book like none other in the Bible; however, there is many traces in other prophecies of old and even words of Jesus which points forward to the writings in Revelation, while Revelation also at times point back to those writings; making the Revekation of Jesus Christ to the Apostle John somewhat difficult to understand for most. In making it simpler to understand, we will use the New International Version [NIV] as reference, unless otherwise indicaated. We will also look at cross references from the Bible; and at times, we will include complete passages from other books in the Bible, to clearer illustrate that which we study in the Book of Revelation. In some areas of study we will also refere to modern day maps for better understanding the times in which Revelation and other passages was written in [maps can be found at the back of this guide].

The Book of Revelation is not a book to fear; those who fear Revelation is those who don't have their lives in order – and if your life is not in order, then this guide to Revelation will help you get your life in order.

Effective Use of this Guide:

- Study the Main Basic Structure
- Study the One World Order Preface 1, 2, & 3
- Read carefully through each chapter at the beginning of each section
- Study each verse with explanation and cross-references given below each study section
- Turn to your own Bible for better understanding in a version or translation you prefer
- Go to web-links provided to read more on quoted resources
- Jump back to sections where this guide refers to study materials previously covered

Volume 1 – we will cover most of the book of Revelation, with special focus on the signs of the end-times [anti-Christ being revealed] and events which follows [the Great Tribulation]. Focus will be on the rapture of the church, in preparing each Christian for the ‘first flight’. The aim of this volume is to ready ourselves with understanding for the rapture of the church [also referred to the ‘gathering’ or ‘first flight’]. We will reference many of the foretold prophecies; and also insert relevant recourse and materials of history and current events, which will help us identify our timeline in the Book of Revelation. Another focus in this volume will also be to identify actual and literal meanings, symbolic explanations, and the use of metaphors.

Volume 2 – we will restructure the writings of the Book of Revelation in chronicle order, without adding or removing anything which was written by the Apostle Paul [this simply means: we will place the chapters in order of events]. We will also reference each chapter [and where possible, each verse] with foretold prophecies. This means; as we place each chapter and verse of Revelation in chronicle order, we will insert references and cross-reference each possible verse with what has been written in other portions of the Bible. This will help us understand the complex text of Revelation in order of its events. We will also include large portions of books like Daniel and Ezekiel where other end-time prophecies are spoken of.

One World Order Preface – Part 1

Our world today & in history

The Book of Revelation deals largely with the coming or revealing of the One World Order; therefore, before we start looking at Revelation, let's first understand what the One World Order is: It will consist of three [3] sectors

- One World Government
- One World Economy
- One World Religion

These three sectors will be governed by one man [we will take a look at this later in this guide], he is the anti-Christ; and what he stands for is the One World Order. Now, in itself, a One World Order is not a bad thing on its own; what makes this bad is who runs it and how it is going to be run. We see that the Kingdom of God functions on a 'One World System', where God is the King, everyone believes in Him and worship Him, and all who lives in His Kingdom lives by one economy: Faith [we are speaking about Heaven]. The problem that we have in this world for a One World Order is: Mankind's motives. For example: The one world economy is an economic system. Right now, there are economic systems within their country or region. This is done through a single currency or laws that help them carry out commerce. With the One World Economy, the whole world would operate in one system of finance, trade and economic structures. It may even become one currency. Already, no matter where you go, you can use your card as a universal method of payment. However, the One World Economy is about an economic state that is unified everywhere. This would also require tracking (though they don't like to talk about it).

We see the hints of these things in our day and age, where satan is trying to advance his time. Bill Gates has developed a tracking –or- tracing system called ID2020 – A digital ID. See the article highlights below:

'No government, company or agency can solve this challenge alone. Setting the future course of digital ID and navigating the associated risks is a challenge that requires sustained collaboration and global partnership... ID2020 is building a new global model for the design, funding, and implementation of digital ID solutions and technologies. There is no other multi-stakeholder effort focused on user-managed, privacy-protecting, and portable digital ID... Ad-hoc investments in single use-case projects ("business as usual") will be insufficient to bring about transformative impact. Changing the flow of funds is necessary to re-align incentives. That's why Alliance partners are pooling funds to invest in programs that consider digital ID holistically, as a platform for diverse benefits, services, and use cases throughout an individual's life... Private sector engagement is critical for solving at scale. Alliance partners include companies with a collective footprint in the billions and a shared commitment to an ethical approach to digital ID. Decisions about how Alliance funds are administered, which programs to fund, and which technical standards to support are made jointly by Alliance partners through a transparent governance process, preventing dominance by any single institution or sector... *[you can read more here: <https://id2020.org/alliance>].'*

Now people like this is good in making these things sound good, but what does the Bible say about it. First, let's look at how it will be implemented: ID2020 was originally designed to be used in a vaccine for CoVid19. CoVid19 was released in late 2019, but was designed long before with the name Corona Virus [take note: scientist cannot prove that viruses are found in nature]; while ID2020 was designed to be used in vaccinations of CoVid19. The question to ask is: How did these people know that CoVid19 would infect people in 2019; and how would they know that a vaccine will be need in 2020, where they can implement ID2020. As we know, ID2020 is to be a Digital ID; but what about CoVid19? The 'Co' in CoVid19 stands for Corona – the 'Vi' stands for Virus – the 'd' stands for Disease – and '19' stands for the year **2019**: **coronavirus disease of 2019** [read more here: <https://www.goodrx.com/blog/what-does-covid-19-mean-who-named-it/>]. When you read the explanation of why WHO [World Health Organization] has given Corona Virus a new name, it simply doesn't make sense. Like many governmental explanations that gives only wanted reasons to civilians, so we might never know the full extend of what happens behind close doors of such world organizations.

One thing is certain, when we do proper research on the world announced pandemic of 2019/2020, we can most accurately 'assume' that there is a far greater hidden scheme. At large, with all the information available on Corona-virus, CoVid19, ID2020, and 5G Technology, we start seeing the bigger picture – it all works hand-in-hand for a bigger [hidden] purpose; advancing [or at least trying to advance] a plan that will change the world.

Media, together with its counterparts, has driven fear into the nations of the world. Medically proven, fear or anxiety weakens the human immune system. False or half-true information drives more fear. Coming up with a solution or vaccine brings back hope; while it also makes mankind acceptable to things out of the norm. I think you starting to get the picture here, so let's not loose focus on the aim of this study guide – to better understand the things that must take place.

My point here is: satan has tried to advance his time; and his time includes the anti-Christ, who will carry out his plan in the earth.

“Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God” [2Thess.2:1-4].

That's why the church must remain prayerful, and watch at all time, for it is not yet the time of the anti-Christ to be revealed – *“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” [Eph.6:15/KJV].* [We will look later].

The bottom line is: The church needs to remain prayerful and watch; for satan has tried to advance his time many-times before and will continue to seek the opportunity to advance his plan. He had done so in the Old Testament in the time of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon

[and other kings]. He tried it during the 2nd World War with Adlof Hitler and many others as well – he tried it now, and he will surely try again. Jesus said in Matthe 24:4-5 [KJV]: *‘Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.’* [also see: 1John4:3 – speaking of the anti-Christ: *‘...even now already is it in the world’*].

As we study together through the Book of Revelation, we will also look at many other passages speaking about the things in the Book of Revelations; and we will cross reference every available reference spoken of in Revelation [especially in Volume 2], so that we may have a fuller understanding on the events of Revelation in there timeline; but first, we will look a little deeper on the things Jesus spoke about of the anti-Christ before...

One World Order Preface – Part 2

The words of Jesus to His disciples concerning the end-times

In part 2 of the One World Order Preface, we will examine the words of Jesus talking to His disciples concerning the end-times. Let's take a close look at Matthew chapter 24 from the KJV [*King James Version*].

“And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

[2] And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Verse 1-2; Jesus speaks of and predicts the destruction of the Temple; which in early Christian [church] history happened in 70 A.D.

“In the year 66 AD the Jews of Judea rebelled against their Roman masters. In response, the Emperor Nero dispatched an army under the generalship of Vespasian to restore order. By the year 68, resistance in the northern part of the province had been eradicated and the Romans turned their full attention to the subjugation of Jerusalem. That same year, the Emperor Nero died by his own hand, creating a power vacuum in Rome. In the resultant chaos, Vespasian was declared Emperor and returned to the Imperial City. It fell to his son, Titus, to lead the remaining army in the assault on Jerusalem.

The Roman legions surrounded the city and began to slowly squeeze the life out of the Jewish stronghold. By the year 70, the attackers had breached Jerusalem's outer walls and began a systematic ransacking of the city. The assault culminated in the burning and destruction of the Temple that served as the center of Judaism.”

[read more here: <http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com/jewishtemple.htm>]

[3] And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

[4] And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

[5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Verse 4-5; Jesus tells His disciples about false prophets, satan's plan to deceive many believers through the ages to come, and the plot on revealing the anti-Christ.

[6] And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

[7] For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

[8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

[9] Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

[10] And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

[11] And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

[12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

[13] But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Verse 6-13; many get confused with what is written here compare to that which is written in the Book of Revelation, for it sounds like terrible times; and it is, but far worse will come in the day of the Great Tribulation. The day of the Great Tribulation is different to these times Jesus is speaking about here [we will look at that later]. These things Jesus speaks about here is things we have seen during the early church, the time of the Apostles being myrthed, and even of the wars of nations aganst nations [such as the 1st and 2nd World War, the Gulf War, and others]. Jesus also speaks about false prophets who will come in His name to deceive many [even and especially deceiving Christians], which we see many times happening in our time – but these are all times leading up to the end [which we are close to now].

[14] And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Verse 14; Jesus speaks closer to the time of the rapture of the church; but that can't happen until the entire earth has heard the Gospel. Now there is still some places today where the Gospel has never been heard, yet a few, but the Gospel is advancing to these places as we speak – therefore, we can understand that this time of the end that Jesus is speaking about here is very near.

[15] When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

[16] Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

[17] Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

[18] Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

[19] And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

[20] But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

[21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Verse 15-21; Pay close attention to these verses, as we will study these events closer in the Book of Revelation together with prophecies found in other parts of the Bible. Let's look at verse 20: '...that you flight be not in winter...' this flight spoken of here is the rapture, or the gathering of the church – then [verse 21] the Great Tribulation will come.

[22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Verse 22; Jesus does not explain in detail here the events to come, for He will give the Apstole John the detailed and complex Revelation, which we getting to shortly. Verse 22 in

comparisson of what we will study in the Book of Revelation is speaking about those days [during the Great Tribulation] will be shorten for the sake of the elect. The elect is not the church, for by this time the church has been raptured; it is speaking of Jews. Now in those days, many Jews would not have accepted Jesus as the Messiah, for according to Jewish customs, they still awaiting the first coming of Jesus [as seen in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John]. The Jews who did not accept Jesus as the Messiah is left here during the Great Tribulation; and will be raptured later. You might ask at this: ‘How many raptures is there?’ There is 5; and I will mention them in brief now; and later on in this guide [book], I will explain it in more detial.

The 5 Raptures:

1. When Jesus ascended into Heaven together with the saints who has passed on from this world, the graves of them opened and the gave up those multitude of saints [Matt.27:52-53]
2. The rapture of the church, this is what we are waiting for now; which is indicated in 2Thess.2:2-4 that the restrianer [church] will be removed [cuaght-up] just before the anti-Christ is revealed [1Thess.4:13-18]. This then, put the rapture of the church just before the opening of the 1st seal – [somewhere bewteen Rev.3:10 & Rev.6:1], as the Book of Revelation does not clearly indicate it [we will look at more evidence in supporting this in Volume 2]
3. The rapture of the 144’000; who is Jewish men who will preach the Gospel during the Great Tibulation Period [Rev.7]
4. The rapture of the Great Multitude, all those who has been left on earth after the rapture of the church took place; and all those who were not ready for the ‘first-flight’ [Rev.7:9]
5. The Rapture of the 2 Prophets, also refered to as the 2 witnesses [Rev.11]

Remember these things as we will look at them closer a bit later

[23] Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

[24] For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Verse 23-24; The false Christs and false prophets is something we will closely examine in the studies of Revlation, so remember these things for now speaking about the anti-Christ and the beast...

[25] Behold, I have told you before.

[26] Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

[27] For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Verse 25-27; During the rapture of the church, the church will meet Jesus in the heavens, but during this time where Jesus will come as lightning, He will be accompanied by His church [again, these things we will explain in detail a bit later, just remeber how we are dividing these things now].

[28] For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

[29] Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Verse 28-29; Jesus makes reference to what is written in the Book of Ezekiel 37-**38**-39; the great war against Israel; and how Jesus will fight against the enemies of His elect...

[30] And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

[31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Verse 30-31; At this time, the elect [Israel] will be raptured.

[32] Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

Verse 32; Closely reference what is written in the Book of Amos. Let me explain this portion before moving on; we will read Amos 8:1-2

*“Thus hath the Lord GOD shewed unto me: and behold a basket of summer fruit.
[2] And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit.
Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.”*

The basket of summer fruit refers to a few Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah; the reminder of Israel will be left as Jesus turns to the Gentiles, for the Lord will no longer look unto Israel until the last days has come – that day/s of the Great Tribulation [we will relook at this a bit later]

[33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

[34] Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

[35] Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

[36] But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

[37] But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

[38] For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

[39] And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

[40] Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

[41] Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Verse 33-41; Jesus jumps in His explanation of the last day to the day the church will be caught up; for no man knows the hour [meaning the exact day] the rapture will happen, therefore, the Lord warns us to be ready, as seen in Verse 42. Now these things might not make too much sense to you now, but as we study the prophecies of the Bible, it will all come together. The rest of Matthew 24 is quiet simple to understand – see below:

[42] Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

[43] But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

[44] Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

[45] Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

[46] Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

[47] Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

[48] But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

[49] And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

[50] The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

[51] And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth”

[Matthew 24:1-51]

The warnings are clear, but many are not listening; like in the day of Noah, life continued normally until the day that Noah entered into the ark. Don't listen to those who tell you 'don't worry, everything is normal'. The day is coming when the church will be taken out of this world. Noah was a preacher of righteousness. He kept warning them. They didn't listen to him. But the same day that Noah entered, Judgment started. The rains fell and did not stop [Luke 17:26-29]

Economic life was going on in the days of Lot. But the SAME DAY that Lot went out of Sodom, Judgment began with fire and brimstone. The earth will see these things again.

There is a current world population site that keeps increasing by the second. The death rate is increasing too at a much slower rate – view it here: <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/> **You will be amazed at this world clock**

The end coming of the world is so close. Jesus said we should take the Gospel to everyone AS A WITNESS. If they believe it, it's for their good. If they don't, it's for their judgment; but it is of vital importance that we do what we have been called to do. However, even if you preach to 7 billion people and your life isn't going in the right direction, it makes no sense. Once the church is out of this world, Judgment will begin. These are the last days; you must prepare yourself. The gospel is moving fast without you knowing. Sleeping Christians will be saying 'we can't reach the world. It will take a long time' but the more people we win to Christ, the better. We preach the gospel because we don't want anyone to be left behind.

One World Order Preface – Part 3

Understanding our times & solving some riddles

Jesus said 'while men slept, the enemy sowed tares among the wheat'. So we too, while they are sleeping, we are working - we are praying. The wisdom of God and insights of the Spirit is being ministered to us during such times. Make up your mind for what life you want to live. **THE TIME IS SHORT - ALL THE SIGNS ARE AROUND US.** The modern day Babylon has been rebuilt, mankind is being deceived and falling by the lust of wickedness, unthinkable cruelty is clutching at every corner, detestable things are openly embraced, the acts of Canaan is being practiced again, etc... and this is not only speaking of those in the world, it happens in our 'churches' as well.

“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” [1 John 2:18].

The Antichrist means 'against Christ' or 'in place of Christ'. These are the things the anti-Christ does. The Bible tells us the various things that will happen, but while the church is here, the anti-Christ cannot be revealed – it's not his time yet.

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals” [Revelations 5: 1].

Take note: The book sealed with seven seals can only be open and read by Jesus, Who gave John the Revelation that was within; even the angels didn't know what was in the book, for it was sealed.

“And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth” [v.6].

The beast in the Greek language means a living being with both human and beast like characteristics; and this description couldn't have a name. Some translations call them 'awe inspiring creatures'. This is not the same 'beasts' referred to in Revelation chapter 4.

“And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints” [v.8].

The odours that came up from the vials are the prayers of saints. They are like a sweet smelling fragrance unto the Lord.

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation” [v.9].

The reference to the beast made in verse 9 suggest that these are human beings in glorified forms, but there's no clear indication on who they are.

A Simple Overview of the Events Recorded in the Book of Revelation

Revelations has 22 chapters.

Chapter 1: The introduction of Revelation; includes a *Prologue, Greetings and Doxology [parsing God], and John's Vision of Christ.*

Chapter 2&3: Warnings to the churches. Those churches were real churches on earth but Gods word is eternal. You can tell as an individual or as churches if the word applies to you, as these are the seven churches which formed the foundations of all denominations we have today.

Chapter 4: The rapture has taken place. Revelation 4:1 to chapter 6 shows activities in Heaven

Chapter 6-18: Everything contained in these chapters is happening on Earth (diagram to be described later).

For the focus of this Volume [Vol.1], we will start our studies in the Book of Revelation chapter 6. In Volume 2, we will start our studies from Revelation chapter 1, putting the events of Revelation in chronicle order – together with large portions of end-time prophecies from books like Daniel and Ezekiel – and also with many other references and cross-references from both the Old and New Testament.

Let's get started with Revelation Chapter Six – **Please Note:** *In this 1st Volume, we will largely look at explaining the symbolic meaning of the book's content and making clear the use of rich metaphors which confuses many folks. The Book of Revelation is not written in chronicle order, neither is it our aim to place it in chronicle order in this 1st Volume; however, we will indicate and reference any parenthetical chapters –and, or- either point back or forward to related references*

This volume is purely to give you understanding on the core structure of the Book of Revelation, in Volume 2 we will look more closely in explaining its events in a more chronicle order, as well, explaining more complex text...

Revelation Chapter Six

7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 plagues: What are they?

In the book of Revelation, there are a lot of symbols and metaphors. You need to know when something is a symbol and when something is a definite description. We will study these things in Vol.1; and in Vol.2 we will examine these things from chapter 1 to 22 closer with cross-references.

We will take this section from the New International Version [NIV]:

Reading Revelation 6:1-17

“The Seals

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”

² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

³ When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”

⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”

¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when

shaken by a strong wind.

¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?"

[Revelation 6:1-17]

Revelation chapter 6 gives a quick overview of all the major events that will take place within the 7 year period of the Great Tribulation. When the church is raptured from this world, the judgment begins. The world as we know it will never be the same.

Verse 2: When the first seal is opened, there is a white horse. He had a seal and a bow.

- White Horse: Is it Jesus? No! Jesus doesn't use a Bow; He uses a sword [Rev.6:2/1:16].
- A crown was given unto him; Jesus is already the King of kings [Rev.6:2/19:16].
- He went forth conquering and to conquer; Jesus will only battle the nations at His second coming [Rev.6:2/16:16] – this is not at the rapture of the church, but at the end of time.

Jesus' second coming will not be at the time of the rapture of the church, for Jesus will only appear in the Heavens, but at the 2nd coming of Jesus, Jesus will return with the church – many get confuse with this, however, the Bible is clear on this event.

This rider with the bow is not Jesus; it is the anti-Christ. The first thing that happens on the earth after the church is raptured is the revealing of the anti-Christ. Notice how the rider of the white horse has a bow without arrows. How will he conquer without arrows? He will do it with 'peace', without war. Nations will give him their power without him having to fire a single shot. The anti-Christ will be loved by many people, because his One World Order is strongly suggested to bring peace and not war. He tries to imitate the Kingdom of God, but it's a counterfeit and fraud. Only Jesus can give true and lasting peace.

We see this in the Book of Daniel 9:27 [KJV] – *"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.'*¹ *In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."* Seven refers to 7 years; so half of the seven years is three and a half years – in which he would have won over many in the world by portraying himself as a 'good king'; and he will bring a stop to sacrifices and offerings – ushering in a One World Religion [which might not be embraced by all, but by a large majority].

Also look at Daniel 8:23-24; *"In the latter part of their reign, when rebels have become completely wicked, a fierce-looking king, a master of intrigue, will arise.²⁴ He will become very strong, but not by his own power. He will cause astounding devastation and will succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy those who are mighty, the holy people."* In Daniel's

vision, he sees the anti-Christ for who he truly is; but the world doesn't see him in the same light at first, for the world is deceived by his portraying [false / hidden] character of being a man of peace and world solutions.

The 1st seal being broken in Revelation chapter 6 is the revealing of the anti-Christ. Please note: On earth they won't see him on a white horse, as this is only symbolic to the characteristic he will put forth in deceiving the nations – as a man of power, authority, and peace.

Verse 3- 4; Talks about a terrifying man on a red horse; and he come to take peace from the earth – this talks about a terrible things. Once the church is gone, there will be no more peace on earth; for the church was the retainer of the lawless man [the anti-Christ]; but at this time, the restrainer is no longer here. There will be mass killings taking place; and everyone who does not accept the mark of the beast and refuses to worship his image will be murdered [this takes place in the 7 year period of the Great Tribulation].

“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places” [Matt.24:7] & “And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another” [Matt.24:10] – KJV. This is what we see in Revelation 13:15 – *“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” [KJV]* – This is also the time [during the 7 year period] that the peace treaty will be signed with Israel [Also refer to Daniel's 70th week / Daniel 13:5].

Verse 5-6: *“When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”* The 3rd seal is opened and this ushers in a period of inflation and famine as the world economy collapse [please note: in this chapter of breaking the seals, it appears that these things happens quickly, but it is all within the 7 year period; and especially during the first half of the 7 year period].

Lamentations 4:4-9 speaks more on this: *“The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them. [5] They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: they that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills. [6] For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. [7] Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire: [8] Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. [9] They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field” [KJV].*

Let's also look at Ezekiel 4:10-11 & 17 [AMP]: *“The food you eat each day shall*

be [measured] by weight, twenty shekels, to be eaten daily at a set time. ¹¹ You shall drink water by measure also, the sixth part of a hin; you shall drink daily at a set time” + “because bread and water will be scarce; and they will look at one another in dismay and waste away [in punishment] for their wickedness.” In those days, no government or system will be able to solve this level of famine [in this, the world will slowly start to realise that the One-World Order man doesn't have all the solutions], hunger and drought is coming. Even the anti-Christ will make promises but won't be able to solve it.

Verse 7-8: *“When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” ⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”*

The 4th Seal which will be opened in the 2nd half of the 7 year period will take a quarter of the earth's population to die and be polluted; and there will be a great war [3rd World War].

Also see Matthew 24:21; *“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” [KJV]*. It is in the time the anti-Christ is revealed and on the scene that the peace treaty is signed; that the Temple [of the Jews] will be rebuilt [he will demolish the Mosque which is now standing on the grounds of the former Temple; and this will be done under the rule of the One World Religion. Israel at this time will love him, because he seems to be a man of peace because of his deceitful ‘empty’ promises; yet he has ulterior motives which will be manifested later.

See Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39; - Russia [called Gog and Magog in the Old Testament] and its allies will invade Israel when they are at rest. (See maps on page 77) of other nations who will stand by Russia) - but they will be defeated by Israel. The anti-Christ at this time wouldn't be controlling the world; but the UN will like him, because he will seemingly be solving the world's problems.

TAKE NOTE: Seals 1 to 3 are broken at this time, but much more horror is to strike the world in yet another disguised way.

The anti-Christ and his European allies will become the sole world power. The One World Order in full swing now. The anti-Christ, being angry with Israel, will then break the treaty. See Daniel 9:7; *“O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee” [KJV]*. Also at this time, the temple had already been built and is worshipping God; but when the anti-Christ is angry, he breaks the treaty and moves his headquarters to Israel/Jerusalem; and he moves into the Temple (after all, he helped them to build it). *“Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” [2Thess.2:4/KJV]*.

There is only terrible things that happens from here – See Daniel 11:45; *“And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall*

come to his end, and none shall help him” [KJV]. This is called the Time of Jacobs trouble [Jacob, also called Israel].

“And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate” [Dan 9:27]; and, “When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)” [Matt 24:15]; and again; “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; [4] Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” [2Thess.2:3-4].

Now, there have been 'types' of the anti-Christ spirits; even 150 years before Jesus came. One such was Attipus who came into the temple and offered pigs.

Fierce persecution begins; *“Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: [17] Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: [18] Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. [19] And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! [20] But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: [21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. [22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened” [Matt.24:16-22 / KJV].*

During this great tribulation, God raises 144,000 Jews to preach the gospel; and also the 2 witnesses. Once the 144'000 men complete their work, they are raptured [see Rev.14:1-5].

Verse 9-11; *“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters,^[e] were killed just as they had been.”*

The 5th seal is broken. When a man dies, he goes to Heaven, and his soul is without a body. God clothes him with a spiritual garment until the resurrection. At the resurrection, you will get a body [a spiritual body –or- glorified body]. These souls under the altar were slain during the great tribulation. They are like sacrifices offered to God at the altar, because they refused to worship the beast and were killed for it. They come to heaven as souls with no bodies. They will cry out for vengeance to the Lord, but God tells them to rest for a while until the others are also killed and the remnant of these souls a brought in under God's throne.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” [Rev.14:6] & “And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was

reaped” [Rev.14:16 / KJV]. At this, the Gospel message intensifies. More people will believe in Jesus at this time; and there will be a great harvest. The tribulation saints are ready to be raptured at this time [Remember, the church was raptured, but there was left behind a great multitude of people, including Christians who were not ready for the rapture].

This then leads to the breaking of the 6th seal, which also leads to the close of the Great Tribulation – the 7 year period.

Verse 12-17: *“I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”*

Another horror strikes all those who did not believe; a great earthquake shakes the world. *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: [18] And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: [19] And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: [20] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come” [KJV].*

Also see Matthew 24:29; *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken” [KJV].*

What the bible tells us is **TRUTH**. The signs given for the entry of these things are all around us. The only thing we are waiting for is the rapture of the church. If you have family, friends, or colleges who are not born again, begin to intercede earnestly for them; and also get yourself ready. If you have not been living right, its time to live for the Lord; there's no other way. Jesus said ‘Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall never pass away’ [Matt.24:35 / Luke 21:33 / Rev.6:14; 20:11; 21:1].

Revelation Chapter Seven

The Result of the Sixth Seal

You might wonder why we sometimes seem to be jumping from one section to another. Please note: Some parts in the book of Revelation is not in Chronological order; therefore we try our very best to put all things in order in rendering a better understanding as we jump between the events of Revelation and other prophetic books and passages of the Bible and historical events [including some events taking place in our time].

“144,000 Sealed

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³ “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” ⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

⁵ From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,

from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

⁶ from the tribe of Asher 12,000,

from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,

from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,

⁷ from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,

from the tribe of Levi 12,000,

from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,

⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,

from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,

from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

The Great Multitude in White Robes

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

*“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”*

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory

and wisdom and thanks and honor

*and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”*

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

*“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;*

*and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.*

*¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.*

*The sun will not beat down on them,’
nor any scorching heat.*

*¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;*

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

[Revelation 7:1-17]

John starts to explain the events of Revelation 6 in a bit more orderly fashion... **Please Note:** Chapter 7 is not chronologically after chapter 6. It is a parenthetical narrative.

Verse 1: *“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.”* This happens right after the 3rd seal are broken.

To refresh your memory; the 3rd seal was the black horse - Inflation and destruction of plants.

This is what caused it: *“After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³ “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God” [Rev.7:1-3].*

See verse 3 again: Who are these servants of God which suddenly emerge? When you are born again? Once you receive the Holy Spirit, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Verse 4-8: *“Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.*

⁵ From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,

- 6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
 from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
 from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
 7 from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
 from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
 from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
 8 from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
 from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,
 from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000”

These are the 144’000 Jewish men who were sealed [as we call it saved or born again], and they are carrying out the Gospel in ministering to the Jews during the great tribulation; but when the fierce persecution begins, they are caught away into heaven [raptured].

Verse 9-15: *“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*“Salvation belongs to our God,
 who sits on the throne,
 and to the Lamb.”*

¹¹ *All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:*

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¹⁴ *I answered, “Sir, you know.”*

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

*“they are before the throne of God
 and serve him day and night in his temple;
 and he who sits on the throne
 will shelter them with his presence.”*

Revelations 14:1-6 is the account of the 144’000 that was raptured; and in that time it is when the Gospel preaching intensifies and many more souls are being saved. This period is close to the end of the second half of the 7 year period; and the tribulation saints are raptured here. This is the reaping of the saints/multitudes seen in Chapter 7:9. It is not a sickle of judgment.

James 5:7-8 says; *“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. ^[8] Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of*

the Lord draweth nigh” [KJV] – There's a huge difference between these ones and what we see in Rev 7: 9-14; the souls which were under the altar without robes. These are resurrected and translated souls – see Revelation 14:17-19; “And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. [18] And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. [19] And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God” [KJV].

Jesus had the 1st sickle; and an Angel had the second sickle; and he has power over fire. Notice the difference. This is very close to the end of the 7 years [referring to the end of the 2nd half or 2nd three and a half years]. That's the period that some of the most devastating things will happen on this earth.

Revelation Chapter Eight

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer, The Trumpets

“The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

8 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

³ Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴ The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

The Trumpets

⁶ Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

⁷ The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

⁸ The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, ⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

¹⁰ The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— ¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

¹² The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

¹³ As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”

[Revelation 8:1-13]

Verse 1; “When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.” To understand this half hour silence, we must look at the consistency of Daniel’s prophecy - Daniel used weeks of years. When you Study Daniel you must study his other writings to understand. John's timing relates more directly with ours. But the slight difference is that at the time, One year was 360 days; while we have 365 days in a year. So when you want to calculate for John, you use 360 days for a year. The silence in heaven for half an hour was not figurative.

Verse 2-3; “And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³ Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne.” It’s very important to understand that John is picking up the narrative from

Chapter 6 on the opening of the seals.

Verse 4; *“The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand.”* Upon the seven Trumpets, all the prayers of saints were on the altar of God with the Angel's incense.

Verse 5-7; *“Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*

The Trumpets

⁶*Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.*

⁷*The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.”*

This is a period of judgment on earth...

Verse 8-12; *“The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,⁹ a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. ¹⁰The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter. ¹²The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.”*

One third of the trees and all green grass are burnt up. God is taking vengeance for all the sins committed, wickedness done, and rejection of Christ. Take note of the following:

1/3 of sea turns to blood.

1/3 of fish die.

1/3 ships destroyed...

Don't confuse this with the event in Russia, this is not it. The event of Russia is the great war against Israel; but here is God's judgment against those who made war against Israel and the persecution of Christians in the world.

Verse 13; *“As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”*

After the 4 trumpets had sounded, this Angel was saying the last 3 would be worse. They are woes/curses – in other words, when he says Woe! Woe! Woe... he is saying: Curse! Curse! Curse...

Revelation Chapter Nine

The Last Trumpets

“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. ² When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. ³ And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. ⁶ During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸ Their hair was like women’s hair, and their teeth were like lions’ teeth. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. ¹¹ They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

¹² The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

¹³ The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number.

¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

[Revelation 9:1-21]

Verse 1; *“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.”*

The 5th trumpet sounds the beginning of Armageddon – a very terrible time on earth; but also a time of cleansing the filth of ages. The Abyss spoken of in verses 1 and 2 is the bottomless pit – the lake of fire where all ungodly souls will burn.

Verse 3-5; *“And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. ⁴ They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes.”*

A symbolic passage; the locust that stings like scorpions are evil spirit from the bottomless pit [it is hell being released on earth]. When evil spirits or demons operate, they work from the background. Humans don't know what is responsible for what's going on. These locusts will hurt men who don't have the seal of God for 5 months – a long time to endure constant and agonizing pain.

Verse 6-10; *“During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them. ⁷ The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. ⁸ Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. ⁹ They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. ¹⁰ They had tails with stingers, like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months.”*

John's description here is symbolic to the characteristics of these evil spirits; giving you a mental picture of their fierce nature.

Verse 11-12; *“They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer). ¹² The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.”*

From here things just get worse; but these are not times that the church should fear, for the church has been long time raptured by now. The Hebrew word which is Abaddon, and the Greek word Apollyon which is Destroyer also translates as Destruction [not satan himself, for satan has not yet been cast into the bottomless pit, but he is doomed for it]; he is the king of the bottomless pit. They are behind what is going to be happening in the world during that time, and; people will be in server pain for 5 months without rescue from their agony.

TAKE NOTE: THIS IS JUST ONE WOE [curse]... 2 MORE IS COMING

Verse 13-21; *“The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was twice ten thousand times ten thousand. I heard their number. ¹⁷ The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. ¹⁹ The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury. ²⁰ The rest of mankind who were not*

killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

These 4 angels were bound in the River Euphrates. There's spirits that function in the water, or also referred to as water spirits – they are real. These 4 angels [not good angels, but powerful fallen ones] would slay 1/3rd of the human population that will be left on earth during that time with a 200 million manpowered army; but still, the men left on earth will not repent, despite all these woes. Why? This is a result of taking the mark of the beast. Whosoever takes the mark of the beast is immediately and eternally doomed. Amazingly, at these horrific times, only 2 witnesses will be left preaching.

Revelation Chapter Ten

The Angel and the Little Scroll

“The Angel and the Little Scroll

10 Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. ² He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, ³ and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. ⁴ And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.”

⁵ Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. ⁶ And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay! ⁷ But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” ¹⁰ I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour. ¹¹ Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

[Revelation 10:1-11]

(This is another parenthetical discussion) – we will take it from verse 6

Verse 6; *“And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, “There will be no more delay!”*

The KJV uses the phrase ‘time no longer’; meaning no more delay...

Verse 7-10; *“But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.”*

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.” ⁹ So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but ‘in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’” ¹⁰ I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.”

“And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness” [Ezk.3:3/KJV].

This is expressing the bitterness of those days, the horrific nature of judgment it will contain. Take note here: In his mouth it tasted sweet as honey; for in those days mankind will be deceived in believing that the works of the anti-Christ is of good and peace; but soon, it will be exposed as an impostor and a very counterfeit of God and the peace He brings us. The world's great expectations of looking to man for peace and ignoring God will soon be turned into bitterness as a last resort of hope that mankind will turn back to God.

Revelation Chapter Eleven

The Two Witnesses

(a parenthetical chapter as well)

“The Two Witnesses

11 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers.² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”⁴ They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.⁸ Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified.⁹ For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial.¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

11 But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

13 At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe has passed; the third woe is coming soon.

The Seventh Trumpet

15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

*“The kingdom of the world has become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.”*

16 And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,¹⁷ saying:

*“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
the One who is and who was,
because you have taken your great power
and have begun to reign.*

*18 The nations were angry,
and your wrath has come.*

*The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets
and your people who revere your name,
both great and small—
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”*

¹⁹ Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.”

[Revelation 11:1-19]

Verse 1; *“I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers. ² But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. ³ And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”*

The two witnesses are the last to be left on earth of the remnant of saints to be caught up; and they will preach in mourning and sadness. The 1’260 days calculate to almost 3 and a half years; which also refers to the latter half of the 7 year period of the Great Tribulation.

Verse 4-6; *“They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.”*

It is not clear who these two witnesses are; however, no one can hurt them. They have power over the rain, and to breathe fire; and they have great authority to exercise mighty miracles in the name of the True and eternal God. It is clear that they receive their power from God.

Verse 7; *“Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.”*

Only at the end of the 7 year period [the Great Tribulation], when they have fulfilled their calling, and only then will they be killed by the beast that will come out of the bottomless pit (this is different from the angel abaddon [destroyers] that leads the locusts out of the bottomless pit). This beast is the spirit behind the anti-Christ and satan will give him more authority to do more wicked things than any other before him.

The bodies of these 2 witnesses will lie in the streets for 3 and half days; and everyone will see it. (Already we can view what happens in the world in real time through the TV and internet transmissions). People will watch them lie there with cameras and celebrate their death. Remember, majority of people in those days will be them who carries the mark of the beast and they are eternally doomed; so they will be glad when these two witnesses are killed [verse 8-10].

Verse 11-12; *“But after the three and a half days the breath^[b] of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.”*

Here is another amazing event that will happen in the last of days in the Great Tribulation: While the whole world watches, they will resurrect by the power of the Holy Spirit; and great fear will fall on everyone; and they will watch these 2 witnesses ascend in to heaven in a cloud. This means, they will be raptured. Remember, we spoke about 5 raptures on page 9.

Verse 13; *“At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.”*

Here is somewhat a turn of events at the end of the 7 year period; when the 7th trumpet and the 3rd ‘woe’ [curse] has been carried out. There is a great celebration in Heaven at this time, however, on earth, it is the final woe [see verse 15-19].

Revelation Chapter Twelve

The Woman and the Dragon

(another parenthetical discussion)

“The Woman and the Dragon

12 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. ⁵ She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.”¹ And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

⁷ Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

*“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.*

*For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.*

*¹¹ They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.*

*¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”*

¹³ When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. ¹⁴ The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach. ¹⁵ Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. ¹⁶ But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his

mouth. ¹⁷ Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.”

[**Revelation 11:1-17**]

Verse 1-4; “A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. ² She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. ³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. ⁴ Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.”

This sign isn't literary: The sun clothed woman is Israel. The red dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns speaks of satan and his demons – they will have an effect and some sort of manifestation in this world, and man will carry out the acts of these evil forces.

Verse 5; “She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.”

The Christ spoken of here is the Man child. Only Jesus and his Church are to rule with the rod of iron; and it was who Israel delivered this Man child. This portion also points back to the birth, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus as seen in the 4 Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Verse 6; “The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.”

Then John speaks of what happens to Israel at the Beginning of the second 3 and half years of the 7 year period. Great emphasis is placed on the great tribulation; because this will be a horrific time like there was never seen before...

Verse 7-10; “Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.”

In all this time, we haven't seen the devil, just his demons; because he has been engaged in

war with Michael the arch Angel. Angels function according to Gods will. When we pray, Gods mercy is released and angels are dispatched. We see this as evident in Daniel's story [Daniel 10:13].

Verse 11-12; *“They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.
¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.”*

Now the devil doesn't have a place in the heavenlies. He can only stay on earth for a short time; and he is very angry at this, because the woman is hidden from Satan for 3 and half years [verse 16; speaking about Israel – satan can't touch them in this time].

Verse 17; *“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.”*

This is the remnant of Israel's seed. We see all throughout history, Israel always has a remnant when they have been overpowered by another kingdom and cease to be a nation. At this, satan himself joins the war in the earth. The Jews who had been converted by the 144'000 Jewish men will be persecuted by the serpent.

Revelation Chapter Thirteen

The Beast out of the Sea

(This is another parenthetical narrative)

“The Beast out of the Sea

13 The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ² The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. ⁴ People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”

⁵ The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. ⁷ It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸ All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.

*¹⁰ “If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity they will go.*

*If anyone is to be killed^[c] with the sword,
with the sword they will be killed.”*

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.

The Beast out of the Earth

¹¹ Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. ¹³ And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. ¹⁴ Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

¹⁸ This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.^[c] That number is 666.”

[Revelation 13:1-18]

Verse 1; *“The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.”*

A beast rises up out of the sea with 7 heads and 10 horns; but take note, these heads don't have crowns; it is the horns that have crowns. Is this speaking about governments or individual leaders with power and authority? We will find out as we continue; however, I want to point out the symbolic meaning of sea here – it refers to the nations of the earth. So this beast raises up among the nations of the earth.

Verse 2; *“The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”*

Remember Daniel in chapter 10: while Daniel fasted, the angel referred to the prince of Persia. That was the ruling world empire at the time. The prince of Persia was the spirit being in control. After Angel Gabriel delivered the message, he had to go back to the war in the heavenlies. Persia was being brought down according to the plan of God; the Grecian empire. God also has angels over nations and kingdoms, same does satan.

Let's reflect on Revelation 13 and verse 2; *“And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.”* This beast from the sea refers to Daniel 7:4-6 and verses 15-18; let's take a look at this: *“The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. [5] And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. [6] After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it” [Dan.7:4-6]; and – *“I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. [16] I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. [17] These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. [18] But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever” [Dan.7:15-18].**

Here we get a better picture of the historical events spoken of in Revelation:

1st was like a Lion with Eagles wings – this is Babylon

2nd like a Bear – this is the Medo-Persian period

3rd like a Leopard – this is the Grecian period

The 4 beasts are 4 kings

Revelation 13:2 is talking about the 4th king; this beast had elements of Babylon , Medo-Persian, but looks like a Grecian; and in verse 5: He is given power for three and half years.

After the 1st three and half years of the 7 year period, which coincides with the 6 seals, the world sees that the anti-Christ doesn't have the solutions he promised, so he changed into his real nature [see Revelation 13:2-5].

Verse 6; *“It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.”*

Refer to Daniel 8:20-22 [KJV]; *“The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia. [21] And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. [22] Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.”* This is past history which Revelation 13 is pointing back to: Alexander the Great's kingdom referred to as the goat kingdom.

He was in his 30s when he died; thereafter, 4 kings came out of it. Then we look at a far future in Daniel 8:23-24; *“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. [24] And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.”* The anti-Christ is the one referred to as a king of fierce countenance, understanding dark sentences. God waits patiently; and measures the cup of inquiry/transgression till it's full; He does not act immediately – then verse 25; *“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand”* – There is a deception in political leadership and government, which is a sign of the anti-Christ. It will get worse when the anti-Christ is unleashed, that day of his revealing which will be at the time the church is raptured.

The anti-Christ is always against Jesus; and he hates Jesus. He will take a stand against the Prince of princes (which speaks of the legislation against the things that concern Jesus). Everywhere the Bible talks about the anti-Christ, it never stops until it concludes the future of the anti-Christ - he will be destroyed!

Verse 7; *“It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.”*

This is an expression where a whole is being used for a bit; for example: 'everyone in town is talking about it' - but it doesn't mean so literally; it means majority.

Verse 8-10; *“All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.*

⁹ *Whoever has ears, let them hear.*

¹⁰ *“If anyone is to go into captivity,
into captivity they will go.*

*If anyone is to be killed with the sword,
with the sword they will be killed.”*

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God’s people.”

At this point, the 144’000 Jews and witnesses are still around preaching, while the anti-Christ is making life difficult for them.(remember the red horse; once it went out, there was no peace in the earth anymore; earthquakes that would cause the earth to bounce, fear, death etc).

Verse 11; *“Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.”*

Here it is speaking about another beast of the same kind. The first beast was human, this second one is also human; and he is referred to as the false prophet. The spokesman and 'miracle worker' of the first beast; and he gets people to worship the anti-Christ [also see verse 12-14].

Verse 15-16; *“The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. ¹⁶ It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads.”*

The world today has already seen large scales of persecutions on the church. Already in China, crosses are taken down; and they place a picture of the President all over. In the last days, with technology like 5G, they can do surveillances to know those who don't bow to the image of the beast; which in my opinion will work together with the idea of ID2020, which is a digital identity and micro-chip implant [you can study this on the internet]. It will be a completely policed state with absolute surveillance. Think of it; it's already being done in China for China; and also seen in other parts of the world. They have so many cameras; and other parts of the world and large corporate companies are fast following these systems – and these things will only increase in the near future as the spirit of the anti-Christ is already hard at work with this.

An image of the beast will be seen everywhere before which they would have to bow. The image would talk back to you; but how? Through Artificial Intelligence. Imagine being in the street, and it appears to you and you must bow to it; and it will respond. If you don't, you would be killed. It wouldn't be optional. We see such things in movies; and that's what the future will look like – they are brain-washing people slowly so that when it comes into play, people are already accepting such things as improving mankind. Thank God, the church will be raptured by this time – for while the church is still in the earth, the anti-Christ can't be revealed, for it is not yet his time. With recent events, we can see the possibility of these things are so clear. Bill Gates is pushing for digital certificates to be implanted in everyone to know if they are vaccinated against diseases or not. It's after the rapture that they can do that, not right now; but the church must not sleep – but *‘Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints’ [Eph.6:18]*.

Verse 17; *“so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.”*

In some of the emergency disaster laws that have come out during our recent times, there are hidden laws. These hidden laws automatically override the constitutional laws; and human rights are stripped – without people even knowing it.

IN THE LAST DAYS, THERE WILL BE NO CIVIL LIBERTIES.

Revelation Chapter Fourteen

The Lamb and the 144,000, The Three Angels, Harvesting the Earth and Trampling the Winepress

(Revelation 14:8-10 is connected to chapter 17&18)

“The Lamb and the 144,000

14 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads. ² And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. ³ And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. ⁵ No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

The Three Angels

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

⁸ A second angel followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

⁹ A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, ¹⁰ they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.” ¹² This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

Harvesting the Earth and Trampling the Winepress

¹⁴ I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man^[b] with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” ¹⁶ So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

¹⁷ Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters

of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe.”¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath.²⁰ They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.”

[Revelation 14:1-20]

Verse 11-20; Once you take that mark of the beast, you will be able to be remotely controlled; this is pure science; and so many are ignorant to its controlling power. Medical science has proven how cancer-cells can be killed by ultra-sonic sound waves; while our near history has proven how what type of music people listen to can change human behavior. Medical science and technology has advance so much in our days; and many of these things has not been fully explained to mankind, while others have not been revealed yet. Vehicles will be able to drive themselves by remote programming [and this is being tested now]; and medical science has proven that the human body is one big network of DNA wiring which response and reacts on different frequencies of micro magnetic pulses and signals. Medical scientific doctors and engineers has already altered DNA in human embryos to change in advance how the baby will look and act: Example; color of eyes and hair, fatigue and body structure, and intellectual behaviors, etc.. The process of altering DNA is very expensive and only the elite can afford such procedures, but it's been done already; and sadly, many people don't know this. The far future of Holy-Wood movies showing how science has cloned people are now recent history – the world of science and technology is building a super race.

Now has come the time whereby satan is trying to advance his time; and it has almost happened with ID2020 and 5G Technology – You will never go to Heaven if you accept these micro-chip implants, it's the mark of the beast, but you will go to hell and into the lake of fire.

The Book of Life:

The Book of life is not a book where your name is written down when you choose to serve God. Every living person is in that book; but if you sell your soul to satan, your name is wiped out. The Bible only speaks of wiping out from the book, not of adding new names. These cloned people are human made [engineered] people; and although they look and act like human beings, they are in fact not human at all; and their names is not in the Book of Life – for only humans created through God's given method are soul bearing beings.

The anti-Christ is called the man of perdition (lawlessness). His laws are lawless. He causes deceit to prosper [2Thess.2:3], yet, with his introduction into the world, he appears to be a man of peace. If someone takes the mark of the beast, it is impossible for him or her to be saved.

Revelations chapter 15 & 16 is another digression [we will look at this later], but to briefly look at this: the tribulation saints are raptured in chapter 14 [this is not the rapture of the church, but those who has been left behind to go through the 7 year tribulation period], and in chapter 15, they are in the presence of God.

Revelation 15:1-5; *“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. [2] And I saw as it*

were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. ^[3] And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. ^[4] Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. ^[5] And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.”

When the 7th trumpet sounds, Heaven opens; and Rev.15:6 says; “And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles”; the 7 plagues come out in quick succession.

Verse 7-20 [*includes chapter 16:1-2*]; Please refer back to Revelation 14:7-20 in above reference given; we will continue here with Chapter 16:1-2; “Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.” ²The first angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly, festering sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.”

Many times we seem to have forgotten that since the early church, there have been server persecutions of Christians. You will be shocked. It's almost 2'000 years since then. Read up about the Christian Matyrs who were killed for standing their ground for Christ. Some were burned at the stake. Some were beheaded. Some were used for games... Christians were brought out and fed to Lions. Some were buried alive. These were gruesome acts of wickedness. Sadly, many don't know where the church has come from. They were not just persecuted, but they were violently and brutally killed for their faith in Jesus Christ [and this still continues today with many not knowing about it]. Fellow men commanded their deaths, fellow citizens. That spirit has not left the world. Unfortunately I can't share all that I have researched about in this book, for this book will not be able to contain all these things; therefore, I urge you to go and study these things for yourself. A good source is a course offered by Christian Leaders Institute [these courses are free and available via the internet]; the course is called Church History. Check it out at www.christianleadersinstitute.org – we will share some of this in Volume 2 of this book.

Let's refer back to Revelations 13: 1-4 & 7-8; “The dragon¹ stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. ²The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast” –and- “It was given power to wage war against God’s holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. ⁸All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.”

All who dwells on the earth in those days will worship the beast [well, a large majority]. There are some whose names will be blotted out of the book of life; but there are some whose

names were never written in the book of life – we looked at this earlier...

HOW DID THEY EVER EMERGE?

1. human cloning. - They are currently at an advanced stage, but after we are gone, there will be massive manifestations of cloned persons. This is an abuse of science and technology being used for evil and an absolute abomination against the divine existence of God.
2. Eugenics: 2 Greek words 'Eu' and 'Genos'. The research was about trying to separate the best breed. This also reminds us of Hitler and his special Aryan clan.

Francis Gauntzen came up with an idea of how the world would come up with a superior set of humans, and the rest considered to be a poor breed would be destroyed. This is the thinking of certain classes of people. They have also gone to far extends in doing so; and are ready to go. If the population of the world can be cut down drastically, they say there is a plan to reproduce the Earth's highest quality breed. There are some who accept this idea from Hell. Man is a spirit, not a body or an idea. These 'products' would be very smart, but very EVIL. The best suggestion given so far in our day for such annihilation is ID2020; this is not a conspiracy theory - these are FACTS! In the latest pandemic which hit this world, we have seen how thousands of people are dying of a virus which scientist can't trace to nature. The question is: If science can't trace the origin of a virus to nature, then who is creating it – to target people with weaker immune systems destroying what they see as a weaker breed of human beings. This is questions we must ask!

Revelation 13:3 speaks of one of the beast's heads that was wounded as though it was slain. And all the world wondered at the beast because of the deadly wound that was healed. In the day of the anti-Christ, there will be huge power-struggles, like never before.

Those heads represent kings/ kingdoms. The anti-Christ revived a kingdom that was supposedly extinct – like another Babylon, but far greater. In verse 14 we see that they worshipped Satan. (In our day, we are already witnessing the rise of Satanism.) They worshipped the beast; why? His image would be everywhere, and the false prophet would give his image a voice. People would be able to speak to the image and get feedback (what we spoke about earlier on Artificial Intelligence). He would make promises to people and make sure they get it through interconnectivity (internet of things). Even today, Banks and some institutions, know how to send personalized mails with ID numbers to all their clients. (Artificial intelligence is already working, but it is also advancing). Just think about this, it is already possible with your 2/3/4G... How much more with the extra supersonic 5G? The image will be talking to people and giving them details about their lives as though it was revelation; because not only will the image appear in the street through technology, but through micro-chip implants they will be able to send signals to your brain. These things sound far fetch, but they are not. Those developers behind these schemes only tells us what they want us to hear; but there is much more about what they are developing and why they doing so. The military works on advance technology; far more advance than what has been released to the public. The technology we have now is old technology which has been used in military decades ago – that means that the military and states heading out these schemes are far more advance than we will ever be.

Coming back to Revelations chapter 16 and from verse 1-

1. Sores
2. Death in the sea
3. All Sources of water turn to blood.
4. Men scorched with heat, so much that they blaspheme God, but still could not repent.
5. Anti-Christ headquarters attacked with pains and sores
6. River Euphrates dries up so that the way of the kings of the east is prepared (China).
(See Rev 9:13- The 4 fallen angels that were bound in River Euphrates would be released to prepare 200 million soldiers for war – the only country with this manpower is China).

This is not the first place China is written in the Bible:

Isaiah 49:12; it states China; see the AMPC version: *“Behold, these shall come from afar—and, behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Sinim (China).”* Does China have an army of 200 million?

May 21, 1965, Times Magazine article: As at this time, they had 200 million militant soldiers. How did John know that there would be 200 million soldiers from the East? But it doesn't end there; they will be joined by other nations. No one knows exactly how wealthy China is; but from what is known, China is assumed to be within the top 3 wealthiest countries in the world.

Back to Revelation 16:13-14; *“Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.”*

This is in preparation for the Armageddon (we look at this in chapter 13). The hill of Meggido is where the battle of Armageddon takes place [see map on page 77]. This is the next world war; and it will come.

Verse 17-18; *“The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” ¹⁸Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.”*

The 7th vial or bowl; and an earthquake like never before which shakes the whole earth. Cities will fall with Hail. God is angry with Great Babylon because of the killing of Christians and shedding of Blood that took place there. Remember when Jesus died on the cross, the sky was darkened by clouds or lightening and there was a great earthquake [Matt.27:51]; that event points forward to what we see in Revelation 16:17-18; but where is this Great Babylon? The question should rather be what is the Great Babylon? Revelation 17:1.5,15, and 18 speaks of a figurative woman who describes a great city. It would then, in consideration of these references, be assumed that it's talking about a governance; the ordinance of the anti-Christ. Therefore, it is not a physical city, but it rather speaks of the destruction of the ordinance of the One World Order – the anti-Christ's empire.

Revelation Chapter Seventeen

A closer look

Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast

“Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast

17 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. ² With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”

³ Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. ⁵ The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

BABYLON THE GREAT

THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES

AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

⁶ I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. ⁷ Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. ⁸ The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.

⁹ “This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. ¹¹ The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

¹² “The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. ¹³ They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

¹⁵ Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages. ¹⁶ The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God’s words are fulfilled. ¹⁸ The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”

[Revelation 17:1-18]

We briefly spoke about the rise of satanism in earlier discussions, but what is it all about?

There are people who truly worship Satan; who believe that Satan is good, and that the rest of us are told lies against him; while the very meaning of his name is bad - he is the adversary. One part of his name originally comes from the Hebrew language; while the other part of it is humanism; which implies the idea that man should run his own life without God. Satanism has been there for a very long time and in many different forms, but they are coming out to the surface boldly.

This shows a lot more of demonic influence. This is why we must be more prayerful. All these rose because of the church that was less prayerful and more committed to earthly things. We should strongly deal with in-house matters, but for now, there is a matter to deal with. There is a repentance that Gods people and ministers need to have; of worldliness and earthly things. If Daniel could pray for the children of Israel which were in exile, we also should pray for God's people.

Verse 1; *“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters.”*

Notice what it says and what it does NOT say; because we may see something else that may be a bit confusing later. ***Notice where the great prostitute is sitting: On many waters.***

Verse 2; *“With her the kings of the earth committed adultery, and the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her adulteries.”*

We see a similar pattern in the ancient land of Canaan [Number 21]; and also in the cities of Sodom and Glamour [Genesis 19] – as this is talking about the corruption of religion –or- the mixture of religion. As the Israelites came out of the desert, passing through the land of Canaan, we see how some Israelites got drawn in by the lifestyle of the Canaanites. In brief, these acts of idolatry, adultery, orgies, homosexuality, bestiality, and inhumane sacrifices of children as burnt offerings angered God greatly; and He orders the rest of Israel to assemble and attack Canaan and all its inhabits; to slaughter young and old [man, woman, animals; and even their infants] together with everyone who participated with them in their acts and ways of life, for the entire population was corrupted and evil – and everything that was birthed from them carried the seed of corruption and wickedness. The server wickedness of these things seems very attractive to corrupted minds and it lured away all people from God into serving other gods. Similar things will take place in that great governance of the anti-Christ; and satanism is in the forefront of ushering in such things; and it will intensify in the day of the anti-Christ. The influence of this great prostitute sitting upon waters shows that there is a great knowledge of God by this prostitute; therefore she lures away many and deceives them greatly.

Verse 3; *“Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns.”*

To show John this whore, the angel shows John a revelation in the spirit: A woman on a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy with 7 heads and 10 horns (as seen in Rev 13)

Verse 4-5; *“The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. ⁵ The name written on her forehead was a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES, AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”*

John is shown a vision, which means that what he is seeing is symbolic of whatever truth would be communicated.

Verse 6-8; *“I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. ⁷ Then the angel said to me: “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns. ⁸ The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction. The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.”*

The beast Was, and IS NOT, and will ASCEND from the bottomless pit (Only demons ascend from the bottom less pit, not humans). This beast is an evil spirit. Those who are there at that time will see this beast, they will marvel, because they will recognize him as one that WAS, and is Not and Yet is. They recognize its works; yet they didn’t see him before as he was hidden, but now he is revealed. He was, indicates that he operated in the existence of others [in the spiritual realm], and then is not, refers that he was lock away for a time; then he ascended, meaning he is released...

Verse 9-10; *“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while.”*

The symbolic means of 7 heads is 7 mountains [which the woman is sitting on]; which is the one in John’s vision who is sitting on a beast. The question then is: ‘Who is this woman?’ She is the same woman from verse 1. Then it says that John marveled when he saw this. What made him marvel at this? John knew something about this! Now remember that John was a well learned man. The 7 mountains are also 7 kings; of which 5 has fallen – remember what we had learned from Daniel...

Refer back to the times of the Gentiles: Luke 21:24; *“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”*

1. Egypt.
2. Assyria
3. Babylon (days of Daniel)
4. Medo-Persia

5. Greece
6. Rome (Days of John)
7. Revised Rome

Also refer back to the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream. In the days of Daniel, the Babylonian empire was in full play; and 2 of these empires had passed. The legs were of iron and represented the Roman Empire. The feet were a mix of iron and Clay, which represents strong and weak nations (Europe and Allies). Remember a stone was thrown without hands and destroyed the feet [Daniel 2:31-45]. Daniel said in the days of the last kings (iron and clay), the God of Heaven would destroy them and all the human structures would be brought down and be replaced by a Kingdom that would not pass away. When you take down or destroy the feet of an image, the whole image will fall also.

Ten kings will come from the former Roman empire to try and form the new world power. In Revelation 17:10, John was at the Roman Empire period. (The one that Is); the last one has not yet come (Europe and Allies) – this was in his vision when he was taken away by an angel [we will explain more on this a bit later].

Verse 6: *“I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God’s holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished.”* In the spirit, John was shocked to see what God was showing him. All those who had been killed; and he saw who was responsible – the mystery was revealed; it was the Great City of Babylon.

We understand this, because of the Greek Mythology John was acquainted with. The Greeks had talked about Zeus who was supposedly a god, who saw a beautiful Lady called Europa who was sitting on a beach looking beautiful. Zeus transformed himself like a beast/a bull; and Europa rode on him; and Zeus sped off through the waters and raped Europa and took her to Crete. Europa eventually gave birth to a child that was Half Bull, Half Human. Then she dies supposedly and translated to heaven and is honored as the Queen of Heaven [this is from the Greek Mythology] – it is also where the cartoon character of Hercules originates from.

Here, God was showing John that this was a story of a demon -or- evil spirit named Zeus. It was a story of deception. This beast, was, is not, and comes out of the bottomless pit. This mystery and so called beautiful woman, was the devil behind the slaughtering of Gods people. She was responsible for the blood of saints that had been shed. Remember the beast had 7 heads, 10 horns. Revelation 13:1; *“And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy”* [KJV]. This one comes out of the sea; man - and the spirit by which he worked and functioned; and moves, this was the spirit in Revelation 17 (Notice the descriptions are almost the same). Satan would give this one his authority.

Revelation 11: 6-7; *“These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. [7] And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them”* [KJV]. Now we know who is responsible of the death of the 2 witnesses. He was introduced here briefly, and then more is known about him in Chapter 17.

Satan himself doesn't possess an individual, but he introduces what he has into that person through an evil spirit. For example: satan is not inside the beast, but he gave him his power. We see this in Revelation 17, from verse 11- This beast was in the bottomless pit during the Roman Empire when John was alive. He will come out of the pit, and will create a structure of his own as an 8th empire; even though he is also one of the 7 empires. So how do we identify him? Let's look at:

Romans 13:1-4; *“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. [2] Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. [3] For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: [4] For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil” [KJV];*

and

Daniel 7:4-6; *“The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. [5] And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. [6] After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it” [KJV].*

We are seeing a Grecian body, but the support is from Persia (feet). The spirit of Europa is coming back, which is born by that evil Grecian spirit, supported by Persia. Europe got its name from Europe. Go see the Strasbourg, Berlin economy; you have the woman on the beast seen on their currency.

See Revelation 2:12-13; *“For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. [13] And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain” [KJV].* This was a warning to the church in Pergamos before the rapture. The location was described as where satan's headquarters is. There the blood of many martyrs was shed – and the biblical location is given in Europe.

We see in **Revelation 17:11** that the beast had Persian support, but had the mouth of a lion. He spoke with the message and ideology of Babylon. *“And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.”* Now if you have been following certain world events, you will understand why Europe finds it difficult to go against Iran, no matter what Iran does. No matter what policies they come out with, it's designed by that evil spirit.

Revelation 17:12; *“The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast.”* In the days of John, those 10 kings had not received kingdoms as at yet, but the new structure would be the 8th kingdom.

Verse 13; *“They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast.”*

These 10 kings are of one mind, who will give their power to the beast - The 8th.

Observation: Does it mean anything? Maybe not yet, but it's worth looking into.

There are 10 monarchs in Europe today! [In total, there is 12, but 2 are elective and don't fall into this class]; and one of them has a strange name. Currently 6 of the **12 monarchies** are members of the **European Union**:

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| 1] Belgium | 4] the Netherlands |
| 2] Denmark | 5] Spain |
| 3] Luxembourg | and 7]Sweden |

At the start of the 20th century, France, Switzerland and San Marino were the only **European** nations to have a republican form of government. Now there are 12:

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| 1] Andorra | 4] Liechtenstein | 7] Luxembourg | 10] Sweden |
| 2] Belgium | 5] Monaco | 8] Norway | 11] United Kingdom |
| 3] Denmark | 6] Netherlands | 9] Spain | 12] Vatican City |

Andorra and Vatican City is the 2 electives – [see more here;
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarchies_in_Europe]

There is an existing law in Europe with a title of 'King of Jerusalem' held by King Phillippe of Spain (But it was not given to them by Israel). A day will come when someone will lay claim to that title; we know because it's in the book written of the anti-Christ.

Strangely, these 10 monarchs are all supporters of certain policies; but also very interesting; but this is just an observation and might not have much meaning to it... time will tell!

So why is the Bible talking about 10? Right now they are seemingly harmless; and we know the anti-Christ won't force them, because they will give him their powers [and he can't force them, because that will reveal his true nature and his plan to portray himself as a man of peace will not work] – and it will be somewhat a weak power which will be turned into an extraordinary authority.

Revelation 17:15; *“Then the angel said to me, “The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations and languages.”* Waters and seas often refer to people in the biblical expressions; so the woman was sitting on nations.

Verse 16-18; *“The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their royal authority, until God's words are fulfilled. ¹⁸ The woman you saw is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth.”*

The woman in the vision is a city - This is a dichotomy of spiritual communication. One is a spiritual reality, another is a political structure. There is a religious place here and a spiritual

force behind it. The woman riding the beast is behind the political structure (Europe/Babylon)
The woman on many waters is the religious one; which is a city. This is Rome; the mystery of
the Great Babylon. This we see due to nations being controlled religiously. We can see strong
traces of such things in our world today.

Revelation Chapter Eighteen
Lament Over Fallen Babylon, Warning to Escape
Babylon's Judgment, Threefold Woe Over Babylon's Fall,
The Finality of Babylon's Doom

(another parenthetical narrative)

Lament Over Fallen Babylon

18 After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”

*She has become a dwelling for demons
and a haunt for every impure spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.*

³ For all the nations have drunk

the maddening wine of her adulteries.

The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,

and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

Warning to Escape Babylon's Judgment

⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,’

so that you will not share in her sins,

so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

⁵ for her sins are piled up to heaven,

and God has remembered her crimes.

⁶ Give back to her as she has given;

pay her back double for what she has done.

Pour her a double portion from her own cup.

⁷ Give her as much torment and grief

as the glory and luxury she gave herself.

In her heart she boasts,

‘I sit enthroned as queen.

I am not a widow;

I will never mourn.’

⁸ Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:

death, mourning and famine.

She will be consumed by fire,

for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

Threefold Woe Over Babylon's Fall

⁹ “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. ¹⁰ Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,

you mighty city of Babylon!

In one hour your doom has come!’

¹¹ “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their

cargoes anymore—¹² cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; ¹³ cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

¹⁴ “They will say, ‘The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.’ ¹⁵ The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn ¹⁶ and cry out:

“‘Woe! Woe to you, great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!

¹⁷ In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!’

“Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. ¹⁸ When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, ‘Was there ever a city like this great city?’ ¹⁹ They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

“‘Woe! Woe to you, great city,
where all who had ships on the sea
became rich through her wealth!

In one hour she has been brought to ruin!’

²⁰ “Rejoice over her, you heavens!

Rejoice, you people of God!

Rejoice, apostles and prophets!

For God has judged her

with the judgment she imposed on you.”

The Finality of Babylon’s Doom

²¹ Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

“With such violence
the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,
never to be found again.

²² The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters,
will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade
will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone
will never be heard in you again.

²³ The light of a lamp
will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride
will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world’s important people.

By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

²⁴ In her was found the blood of prophets and of God’s holy people,
of all who have been slaughtered on the earth.”

Verse 3; *“For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”*

According to our previous studies, it can be assumed that this is speaking of Rome; which in our day can be seen as a rich place with abundant luxury.

Verse 4; *“Then I heard another voice from heaven say: ‘Come out of her, my people,’ so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues.”*

This voice is not calling for people to come out of Europe, but rather to come out of Rome [this happens towards the end of the 2nd half of the 7 year tribulation period]

Verse 8-19; *“Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.*

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That city, referred to the Great Babylon, will be burned; as indicated, in one hour – it will be utterly destroyed [this let a person think of Lot and his family coming out of Sodom [Genesis 19].

Verse 20-24; *“Rejoice over her, you heavens! Rejoice, you people of God! Rejoice, apostles and prophets! For God has judged her with the judgment she imposed on you.”*

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See closely; while the earth will be weeping for their lost, Heaven will rejoice for the wickedness that made many who fell has been wiped away.

The Word of God is not for legislation. You believe in it and you act on it. You don't decide which one you believe in. God is the One Who tells you what is true. These scriptures today circled in on Europe and Rome. The question is - Is Europe being deceived today? Maybe, because they think they are somehow descendants of Zeus who was a demon. Then you can understand why the atrocious, Hedonistic lifestyle and so much hatred against Jesus and so much legislation against anything relating to Jesus.... Because of the spirit of Babylon.

Everyone who is a child of God in Europe should pray for the salvation of souls, because judgment is coming. The day will come when Europe will destroy the Vatican because they don't believe in the Vatican. Now you understand what you are up against. We are wrestling for the souls of men and rescuing men from the hands of demons.

Paul said '*God has given me an open door for the gospel, but there are many adversaries*' [Colossians 4]. Same is true today; Christians in Europe must pray; and we must also pray for them. You have to understand where we are! We need to be more strategic in the realm of the spirit. We are engaged in a warfare. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

If you want to receive Jesus the Bible way, do it right now. Romans 10:9-10; "*That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ^[10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*" This is the Bible way.

Below is a simple guide to an effective Prayer of Salvation, thus say:

"O Lord God; I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the only Living God. I believe He died for me and that God had raised Him from the dead. I believe He is alive today! I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life from this day on. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I am born again. Thank You Lord, for saving my soul. I am now a child of the One and Only True Living God!" Hallelujah!

If you just said this prayer aloud, then congratulations – you are now a child of God and have received the Holy Spirit into your being – you are now sealed by God – Hallelujah!

Revelation Chapter Nineteen

Threefold Hallelujah Over Babylon's Fall, The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast

“Threefold Hallelujah Over Babylon's Fall

19 After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting:

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for true and just are his judgments.

He has condemned the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth by her adulteries.

He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ And again they shouted:

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

⁴ The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who was seated on the throne. And they cried:

“Amen, Hallelujah!”

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

both great and small!”

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean,

was given her to wear.”

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

The Heavenly Warrior Defeats the Beast

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp

sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷ And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small."

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. ²⁰ But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh."

[Revelation 19:1-21]

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There is great rejoicing in Heaven. Several times, the Bible tells us of the burning of that city – the great city of our modern day Babylon.

Europe will destroy the Vatican (the city) at that time. Europe will set up a new world wide religion, so they would have no reason to have a church, and they will destroy the first thing that stands as the church in Europe. This takes place within the first 3 and a half years of the 7

year period of the Great Tribulation.

Verse 7; *“Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!
For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.”*

Speaking of those in Heaven are, the 4 awe-inspiring creatures (4 beasts according to KJV), the 144,000, the saints who ascended with Jesus, the tribulation saints; and the 2 witnesses

In heaven there are 2 groups: First; all the above; and second, all the saints who died and went to Heaven BEFORE the rapture of the tribulation saints. Their souls were seen in Heaven; saints who were beheaded and murdered for proclaiming Jesus. Remember there was an earlier group of them who called on God to avenge them [Rev.6:9].

On Earth you've have all the wicked who don't believe in Jesus.

1. Those who have received the mark of the beast
2. Those who didn't receive the mark of the beast, because they were in regions that the anti-Christ didn't have power over.
3. Children of Israel: God intends to fulfill His Word to them as promised to Abraham Isaac and Jacob, as a people.

This is a time of rejoicing in Heaven and in Heaven there is a Party. The marriage supper of the Lamb is about to take place – this is the nation of Israel, God's elect and we are invited to the wedding.

On Earth, there are wars

* Europe destroys the city

* The king of the south battles the anti-Christ for Jerusalem.

(The devil is mad because he knows his time is short. Just 3 and half Years)

Daniel 11:40-

It appears that they don't happen to win this war at this time.

Verse 41- 43 speaks of the anti-Christ who moves from Europe to his headquarters in Jerusalem.

Verse 44: He will hear news from the East (China) and the North (Russia) that will annoy him; which will cause him to annihilate many. We also see this in Revelation 16:12-14; ‘They (China and Russia) set out to attack the anti-Christ in Jerusalem... He hears news about their coming.. He gets mad, moves his headquarters to Jerusalem... They (China and Russia) come through, and gain momentum....

Verse 8; *“Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)”*

Some think there would be 'other invitees' to the wedding. They think the church is the bride,

and other groups of righteous people are the invitees; but these verses are not saying that. It's not the individual saints that are the bride of Christ, it is the CITY. Those who are called are the individuals in the city.

Verse 10-13; *“At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”*

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This is speaking about JESUS; and notice He is already crowned. Also notice that He isn't wearing a red robe, but a robe DIPPED in blood (compare to the former being on a white horse that we studied earlier)

We were bought with a price. When you want to lay claims to what you bought, what do you take? You would produce a receipt! The receipt is the BLOOD. (Not a red robe), [Rev.17:3-4]. Jesus' robe is proof that he bought the whole field. The robe dipped in blood is proof of the purchase. Jesus paid for your life.

Verse 14-16; *“The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.”^[a] He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.”*

Verse 17; *“And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God.”*

What kind of a being can stand on the sun, and still can be seen? Everything about God is Glory upon glory.

Verse 19; *“Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army.”*

Those on earth had been fighting, but they don't know that God drew them together to execute judgment on them. As they see Jesus coming, they all unite to fight the one coming from 'outer space'. Remember the opening of the 6th seal in Revelation 6:12-17 - This scripture was at the end of the tribulation. We also see the very words of Jesus Himself in Matthew 24: 29-30; *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ^[30] And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”* - This is what concludes the 7 year period; Jesus is coming with the armies of Heaven!

Zechariah also sees this in a vision: *'Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. [2] For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. [3] Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. [6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: [7] But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. [8] And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. [9] And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. [10] All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. [11] And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. [12] And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. [13] And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. [14] And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. [15] And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague. [16] And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.'*

[Zech.14:1-16]

Verse 20; *"But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur."*

The beast was captured; and finally he was thrown alive into the lake of fire. This is what Daniel also saw: *"I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. [12] As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time. [13] I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. [14] And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that*

all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” [Dan.7:11-14].

There is one more group of people Jesus seeks to save; the elect – but who are they? “*And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [31] And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” [Matt.24:30-31]* – the elect is the nation of Israel; and the Lord will destroy their enemies to save them; and He will fulfill His promise!

There are some things you see in the Bible and you just see the mercy of God – “*And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. [12] And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth” [Isa.11:11-12].*

Remember after the first dispersion of the Jews, in Daniel’s vision, and then they were gathered back before the time of Jesus. Jesus prophesied again about their dispersion. He said not one stone would be left upon another [Matt.24:2 / Mark 13:2]; and in 70 AD it was fulfilled. They were carried out to all nations and scattered; but in 1948, their homeland were settled. Jews have been returning home, but there are still more Israelites outside than inside. On that day, the Lord will gather the entire remnant back to Israel; and Jesus will judge all nations for what they did to Israel.

Romans 11:26- 28; “*And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: [27] For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. [28] As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. “ All Israel will be saved as a nation.; and all of Israel will be gather with their little ones and they will weep and repent for what they did to Jesus.*

Matthew 25:31-33; “*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: [32] And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: [33] And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.”* Take note: this scripture isn't referring to Christians and or Unbelievers, it’s not our judgment; but we will come down with Jesus – see verses 34-40; “*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: [35] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: [36] Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. [37] Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? [38] When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? [39] Or*

when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? [40] And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” - This is referring to the nations that persecuted the Jews. In Germany, the Jews were so hated. Anti-Semitism hasn't stopped in the world. It's a demonic thing that causes hatred. Anyone that hates Jews also hates Jesus. There are even some Christians that hate Jews because of the stories they heard – and that's wrong!

Matthew 25:41-45; *“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: [42] For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: [43] I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. [44] Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? [45] Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. “ – but this is not yet the judgement...*

Revelation Chapter Twenty

The Thousand Years, The Judgment of Satan, The Judgment of the Dead

“The Thousand Years

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Judgment of Satan

⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Judgment of the Dead

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

[Revelation 20:1-15]

Verse 1-3; *“And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the*

thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.”

One angel, with one hand took the devil and tied him up and cast him into the bottomless pit. Who is this angel and where were he all this time – all we can say; it was not his appointed time to act, but now the time has come – satan really is a weakling.

Verse 4; *“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”*

The people that were beheaded did not have a spiritual body. It was considered the most wicked killing to ensure that they do not have another life. When you get raptured, the Holy Spirit glorifies your mortal body, turning it to your spiritual body.

Daniel 7:11; *“I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.”*

Isaiah 24:20; *“The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.”*

Daniel 7:21; *“I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them.”*

The people in the first are all who will be found in the New Jerusalem. The Saints of old, all that believed on the name of Jesus, the 144,000 Jews, the two witnesses and the tribulation saints.

Verse 6-11; *“Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.*

The Judgment of Satan

⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Judgment of the Dead

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.”

Gog and Magog? This is an expression like "it's his Archimedes heel" or "it was their waterloo" it symbolizes the defeat of the northern army, who would be similar to Gog and Magog's.

Daniel 12:1-2; “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. [2] And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Verse 12-14; *“And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.”*

The dead (doesn't matter how they died) all were judged by their works. And anyone whose name was not found in the book of life was cast in the lake of fire. The lake of fire was not made for men. It was made for the devil and his angels. It is the second; death it is a continuous never ending death. All that truly matters is that your name is in that book. It does not matter what you have on this earth, nor what people think of you.

Do all you have to do to for you not go to the lake of fire!

Revelation Chapter Twenty One

A New Heaven and a New Earth, The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb

“A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

The New Jerusalem, the Bride of the Lamb

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

¹⁵ The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits^[d] thick.^[e] ¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.^[f] ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and

the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

[Revelation 21:1-27]

Verse 1; *“Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”*

Remember that sea or seas represent and are symbolic to nations. Verse 1 tells us clearly then; there will no longer be nations; but we will all be one people – God's people!

Verse 3-5; *“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” ⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

God himself is moving in... Here is prophecy fulfilled; God will dwell among His people and His people will be with Him – we will not need anything and it will be so for eternity – Glory!

Verse 6; *“He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.”*

It means that it is SETTLED: As far as God is concerned, you can bet your life on it. It's a done deal.

Verse 7-8; *“Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”*

God gives a third warning to all people here. If the first warnings are not enough, God warns us again because He loves the world dearly – but in order for us to be with God in this New Heaven, we must come unto the perfection required to dwell with an absolutely Perfect God.

Verse 9-14; *“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were*

written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. ¹³ There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. ¹⁴ The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Here the bride of Christ is being explained one more time; the Lamb's wife/the bride of Christ is A CITY. All those invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb are the individuals in the city – this is the New Jerusalem; like referenced in the Bible, Jerusalem being the capital city of the Israelites, so the New Jerusalem will be the New Capital city with all God’s children being products in the city – we will be the products resulting forth from the establishment of this New Jerusalem.

Verse 15-21; *“The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. ¹⁸ The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. ¹⁹ The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, ²⁰ the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. ²¹ The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.”*

This city is the Greatest City ever; and it is in the form of a cube, a four square city. The length and breath are equal. The distance of a single side is great; and as much as we try to comprehend this, we have to see it for ourselves; and what a Beautiful City it will be!

Verse 22-23; *“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”*

There is no temple or church inside; but Jesus are the divine presence.

Verse 24-27; *“The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”*

The nations of them which are saved (the natural people who were saved), will walk in the light that is coming out of our city. There will be no need for the sun or the moon. Their leaders and representatives will bring their glory and honor to it. The gates will always be open because there is no enemy. There shall be NO NIGHT there. Who are those in this city? They are the ones who will be at the marriage supper of the Lamb!!!

This is a time where God’s original plan for man is reestablished and fulfilled. Mankind will be restored in its original state as God has originally fashioned man; and God will have His

New Creation inseperatable again and forever. All this, is about Jesus and what he came to do. This is why we preach the gospel! It is the undeniable hope – truth above all!

Revelation Chapter Twenty Two

Eden Restored, John and the Angel, Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

“Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

John and the Angel

6 The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”

7 “Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.⁹ But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”

10 Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near.¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy.”

Epilogue: Invitation and Warning

12 “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

14 “Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star.”

17 The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” 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.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll.¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

[Revelation 22:1-21]

Verse 1; *"Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb."*

Who is the He?

Verse 9; *"But he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!"*

John was taken back by the majestic appearance of this great angel and bowed to him; but the angel in a way rebukes him; telling John that he is a servant with him; and with us – but what is remarkable is; he tells him: Worship God! That is what we are to do; worship God in every possible way, for He alone is God and is above all – and the Angel in this verse continues to speak.

When studying the bible, the context, the style of the writer and the message that the writer projects; and the use of language in the time of writing this book, it brings us into understanding the context better - otherwise, you would be forced to follow whatever the translators say. The English version that Most of us have was, translated from Greek [the original language of the New Testament. However, being a fellow servant with us, this is not your ordinary angel [not a winged or flying angel, not an arch angel, etc...].

Verse 18; *"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll."*

Let us through these verses in scripture then identify this angel; Jesus was telling John to write... so that we have clarified...

Verse 20; *"He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."*

Referring to Revelation chapter 2; He said the stars were the Angels of the 7 churches. If those 7 stars were angels of the 7 churches; and the candlesticks were the churches; and if these churches had people, then the Angels would be people. A lot of times, prophetic signs could be mysteries requiring decoding by the spirit who gave them in the first place.

Just in case, this example didn't get down well with you, let's look at Rev 2:1; *"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks."* If this was an Angel in Heaven, how come John was going to write him a letter? The word angel is also translated as 'Messenger', even in these verses; which then would mean, he is the Pastor of the church.

Using Jesus principle, he wouldn't breach his teaching of entering a sheepfold without going through the Shepherd (the pastor). That was Jesus style. That's how we know the 'Angel – the Messenger' was a man. Those 7 churches were there at the time!

Tells revert back to Revelation 21:9 before we continue; *“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”* In Hebrews 9:14-15 we read; *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [15] And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”* **Notice:** He says by the means of His own death!

A lot of people don't get the man that is born again. Christians were not the ones Jesus died for... they are the RESULT of his death... not the FOCUS. He died for the whole world.

They which are called... They were in the Old Testament

1. Those before the testament.
 2. Those in the testament.
 3. Those in the new testament.
- His death covered everything!!!

In Heaven AT THE MOMENT, we have 2 groups

1. Those who are there in their celestial bodies (those who resurrected with Christ)
2. Those without celestial bodies (those who died ever since and after the ascension of Jesus)

When you get into that glorified state, you are not just there... You begin a new ministry.

Verse 1; *“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”* & verse 2; *“down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”*

When you see verses like this, stop using your brain. There are things you can only relate with, with your spirit. This is not the same river being spoken about in Ezekiel 47: 2,7-8; *“Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side... [7] Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. [8] Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.*

Stop asking like many do: 'how can one tree be on both sides of the river? Your brain can't answer this neither can it reason it. Just say: 'Praise the Lord'. You don't know everything. Imagine when it was said that a virgin would give birth.

Verse 3; *“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.”*

The throne of God and of the Lamb is ONE THRONE. Jesus will be sitting on the Father's throne. See Colossians 1:19; *“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell”* & Colossians 2:9; *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”* The totality of divinity dwells in Jesus bodily - He is the embodiment of Deity.

Verse 5; *“There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”*

Here, this description is about the City; the New Jerusalem as we discussed earlier. This would be our new headquarters; our real one world government, God's intended way; not the perverted version that the devil wants to bring in.

Verse 6; *“The angel said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God who inspires the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.”* The Angel said the words are FAITHFUL AND TRUE; meaning that they will surely happen.

Verse 7; *“Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll.”*

This is the voice of Jesus to us now. We see this even when we prophesy, we can start anyway, and suddenly we start speaking in the first person... so this is not unusual.

Verse 8; *“I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I had heard and seen them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had been showing them to me.”* - Here we see John speaking again as John.

Verse 9; *“But he said to me, “Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your fellow prophets and with all who keep the words of this scroll. Worship God!”* The Angel rebuked John for trying to worship him. This was an Angel of the Lord, BUT was a glorified person like the rest of us. He was one of those who had passed on into a new level of glory and ministry. (“...I am thy fellow servant, And of thy brethren the prophets...”) He told him to worship God.

Revelation 5:6-9 - Remember the Lamb was also worshiped in this scripture. At this time, old saints had RESURRECTED with Jesus and were already in Heaven in glorified levels with new ministries. And as they stepped into their new ministries, they worshipped, saying: *“Thou hast redeemed US to God, by the blood”*

(Watch for Bible translations that have missing verses. Sometimes they twist verses based on their theology or background... That's why we must know TRUTH beyond the letters) – you may wonder, how is this so; but there are many!

In Revelation 19:8-10, this angel also warned John not to worship him. Angels does have the testimony of Jesus! The testimony of Jesus is the purpose of the prophecy. This angel was a

man [messenger] who had passed into the Heavens. Who exactly he was we don't know, but through scripture, we can identify this as a man. Those in the Old Covenant looked forward to the redemption, until Jesus came. That's why they are part of the bride of Christ, Just like us. That's what Jesus Blood was for. However, this messenger gives a warning: *“Then he told me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this scroll, because the time is near. ¹¹ Let the one who does wrong continue to do wrong; let the vile person continue to be vile; let the one who does right continue to do right; and let the holy person continue to be holy” [Rev.22:10-11]. What a warning!*

Verse 12; *“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.”*

Then Jesus speaks, saying; *‘Jesus will reward every man according to his works.’* [see reference in Luke 14:14 / 2 Cort.5:10-11 / Rom.14:10-12 / 1Cort.4:5 / 1Cort.3:10-15 / Rom.8:1-2 / John 5:24]

Verse 13; *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”* There is no doubt that Jesus is the Great I AM THAT I AM from age to age and time to eternity.

In closing; we have more mysteries, like in:

Verse 16; *“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star”* - How is Jesus the father and son of David at the same time? Being the Father Who called, appointed and anointed David, but also being birthed into this world of the royal line of David...

Verse 17; *“The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” 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.”* – the Lord Jesus Himself; and as He commanded the church to do, is given an invitation for salvation to everyone who hasn't known Jesus.

Verse 19; *“And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.”*

Gods plan originally was to have all of us with him. How could he take away someone's part of it that wasn't there before? In God, we all have been blessed by the free gift of salvation; but in the end days; and also as seen in other parts of the Bible [like Judas who betrayed Jesus], has turned from God and have followed lawless ways, or received the mark of the beast and is now doomed. The one who adds or removes from this book is participating in those lawless acts against God, even as some Bible translations might be parallel with God's original Word, but is twisted to give a counterfeit understanding of the truth.

End-Notes

Uncertainty on Scriptural Truths

“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” [Matt.25:41].

Everlasting fire was never prepared for Human beings. God doesn't want anyone to go there. That place was designed for the devil and his fallen angels.

When do God removes one's name from the book of life?

There is no scripture to prove that it is only at death, neither does it indicate at any other time; but the Bible is clear that some will be removed.

In Exodus 32:32-33, we read; *“Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. [33] And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.”* In this portion of scripture, death was not referred to. He didn't say whether the sinner would die first.

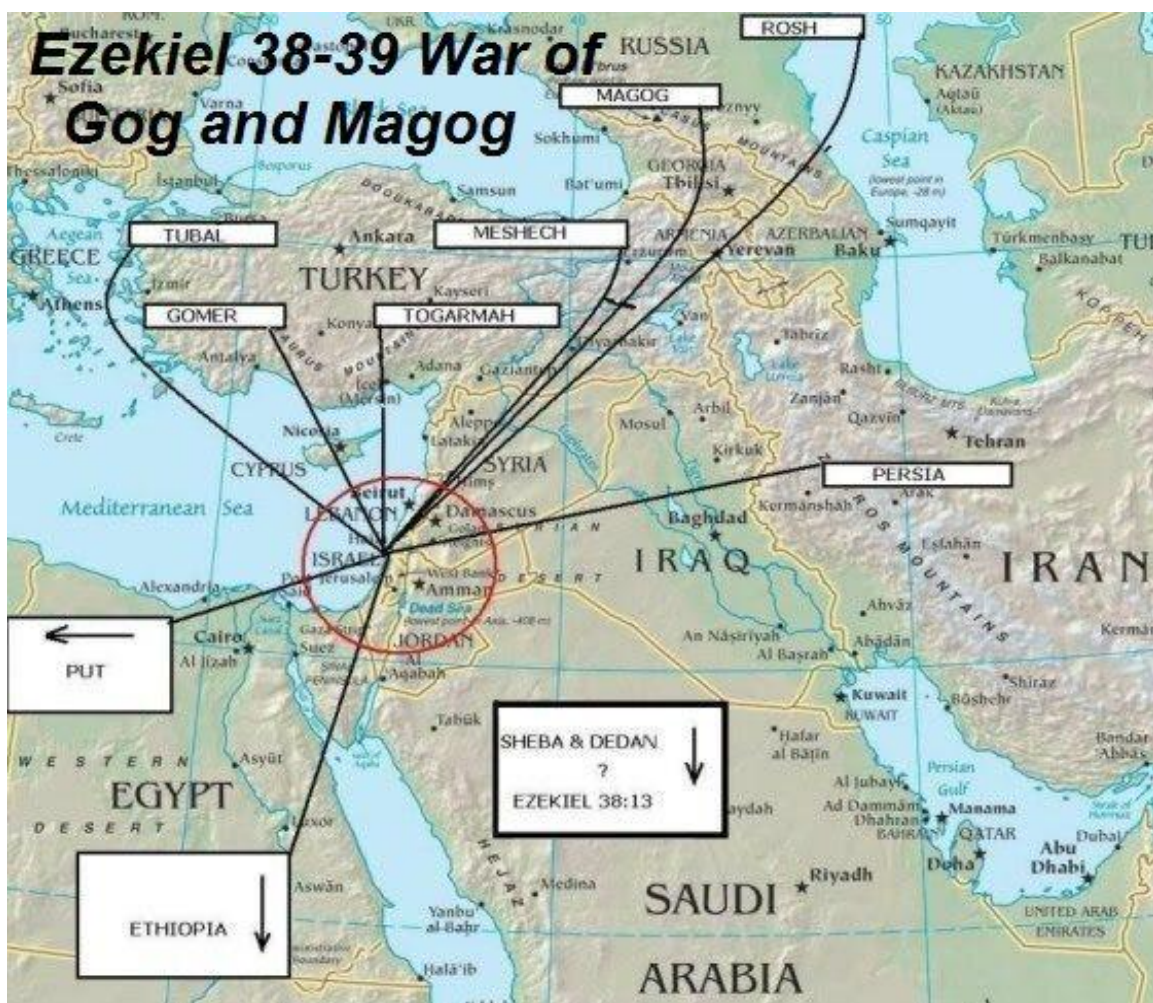
What's important is to, **LIVE YOUR LIFE FOR HIM. GET YOUR LIFE STRAIGHTENED OUT.**

“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: [15] And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” [2Cor 5:14-15] - Now that you know that he died for all of us, live for him. On your own, you can't live this life; and after receiving salvation, we are commanded to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling – this means, start making changes to live a perfect and blameless life for Jesus Christ.

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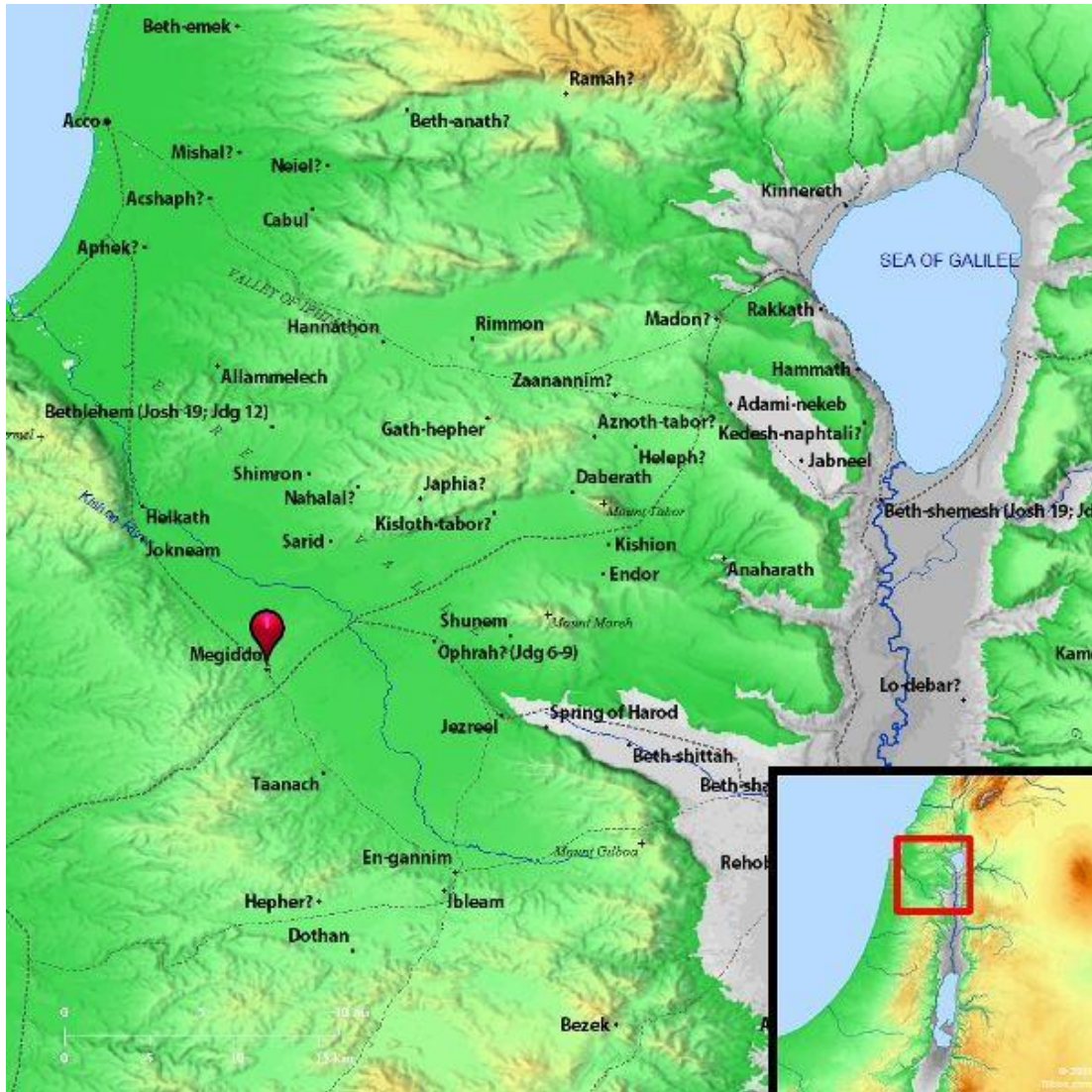


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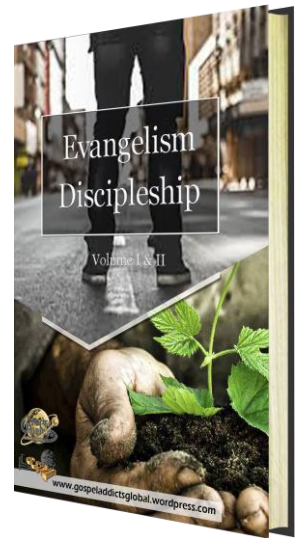
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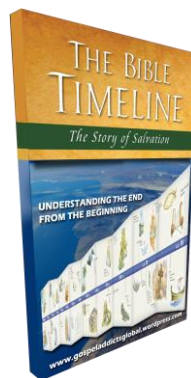
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