REARRANGEDThe Order of Things to Come!

Rev8:7 KJV The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the eart and th Rev14:8 KJV And there follow in other angel, and all saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city,

because she made all nations drink of the wine of

Rev18:1-3 KJV And after these things I saw and the rangel come down from heaven, having great power and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried many by with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul

Rev8:9 KJV And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood

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THIS PRINTABLE PDF VERSION of REVELATION REARRANGED presents the book of Revelation in a way it's never been presented before – by arranging the verses and passages relating to End Time events in the order in which they are predicted to occur – from today until the Rapture, and beyond! Complete with helpful illustrations, commentary, and scripture references throughout, both from within and beyond the scope of the book of Revelation, this book promises to be a blessing to all who study the pages.

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Revelation Rearranged is complemented by another book that is titled **Revelation Considered** which offers more insight into the book of Revelation.

I trust that this study book is a blessing to your Endtimes studies.

God bless,

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1. INTRODUCTION

How God loves to present us with a mystery to solve. (Prov25:2)

When we read the book of Revelation, we are presented with something that resembles the scattered pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. This idea will be explained as we read on. Understanding and accepting this concept is the key to solving the mystery of the book of Revelation. (Rev10:7) It's that simple!

Firstly, we must understand that when John had his Revelation experience, he was not only told when to write but he was also directed on what to write and what not to write. (Rev1:11 Rev10:6 Rev21:5) Thereby, God concealed many things in mystery – but a mystery that is not past understanding. (Prov25:2)

However, we cannot lean on our wisdom and understanding to solve the riddles of Revelation. We must depend upon the Holy Spirit to teach us all things and to open our understanding by the spirit of wisdom and revelation. (Jn14:26 Eph1:17)



Throughout his Revelation experience, John was shown everything in visions, and sometimes he only heard things. However, the things which John both saw and heard were not always visions of events, for sometimes they revealed matters spiritual. Furthermore, when John did see visions of events to happen, those events will not necessarily play out in the same order in which John saw, heard, and recorded everything.

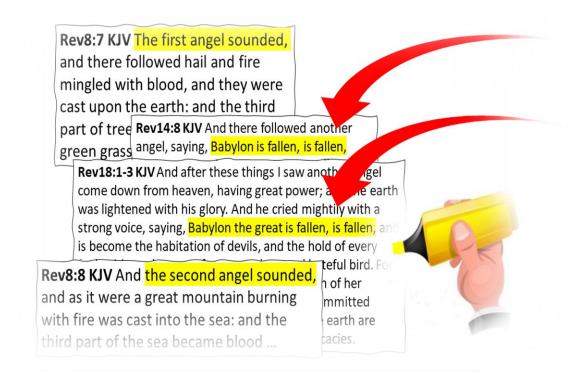
Each of those visions, and even the things which John heard, can be likened to pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that God has scattered throughout the book of Revelation. We need to examine, identify, rearrange, and then join each piece with its perfect mate. (Isa34:16) Then each time a piece clicks correctly into place, we will gain a little more of the Endtime scenario.

For example (and there are many), the angel in Rev14:8 is the same angel making the same pronouncement as described in Rev18:1-3. However, the second time John was shown the same vision, extra detail was added.

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This understanding is vital if we are to understand the book of Revelation.

Furthermore, we understand through balanced scripture that Babylon will be utterly burned with fire in one hour through nuclear devastation. This is the description that follows the sounding of the first trump. (Rev8:7) In effect, the Rev18:1-3 and Rev14:8 passages rightly belong between Rev8:7 and Rev8:8, for that is when this angel will make his pronouncement that Babylon is fallen – right after the nuclear devastation described in Rev8:7.



Now that we can be certain, by example, that the book of Revelation is not written in chronological order, we can begin to identify and correctly piece together the verses and passages into their correct order. (1Cor14:40)

Thereby, we will gain a clear understanding of the sequence of events as they are to happen "From Now to Armageddon – and beyond!"

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Peace and Safety – 1Thess5:3	Great Tribulation – Matt24:21	
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2. DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK

To set the stage for what is to happen "From Now to Armageddon", it is necessary to have an understanding of what is meant by Daniel's 70th "week".

Daniel's 70th "week" refers to the last 7 years before Jesus returns (or the last 2,520 days, according to the Biblical calendar of 360 days to a year).

Daniel's 70th "week" is derived from the Hebrew word "shebuah", which means a set of seven. Similarly, we use the word "dozen" to mean a set of twelve.

The word "shebuah" is used in various ways. It can be used to mean "a set of seven days", or it can be used to mean "a set of seven years", as it has been used in Gen29:27 and Dan9:27.

Christians who better understand the Dan9:24-27 prophecy know that there is still one "week", or a set of seven years to happen to fulfill the prophecy.

Daniel's 70th "week" begins when the Antichrist is revealed and confirms the 'holy' covenant referred to in Dan9:27 and Dan11:28,30. Daniel's 70th week ends when Jesus appears in the clouds to gather all believers "on the last day" at the Rapture. (2Thess2:3 Rev1:7 Jn6:39,40,44,54)

Incorrect terms lead to incorrect understanding

Nowhere does scripture refer to the 'holy' covenant as a "peace treaty", although it will usher in an era of "Peace and safety" (1Thess5:3) that will allow the Jews to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem and begin their daily sacrifice. (Rev11:1-2 Dan9:27 Dan8:13)

And nowhere does scripture refer to the whole of Daniel's 70th "week" as being a seven-year tribulation. Rather, scripture proves that the first half of Daniel's 70th "week" is a time when the world shall say, "Peace and Security" – or "Peace and safety", as it is referred to in scripture. (1Thess5:3)

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK



Then, amid the week is when the Antichrist shall cause the Jews' daily sacrifice to cease, and then we shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet – an event that Jesus said would mark the beginning of the 1,260-day great tribulation. Then, Jesus told us that he would return to gather us immediately after those days of tribulation – "on the last day". (Matt24:15 then Dan9:27 then Matt24:21 and finally Matt24:29-31 Jn6:39.40,44,54)

And even though Jesus said, "Except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matt24:22), as Christians, we do not need our flesh saved – for we shall all put on immortality at the Rapture. (1Cor15:54) Therefore, we must seek to understand who Matt24:22 is referring to – and a careful Bible study reveals that Jesus was referring to the remnant of Israel. (Rom9:26-29)



3. The Seals, the Trumps, and the Vials

Our study is focused on events that happen "From Now to Armageddon", but not all the visions that John was shown reveal actual events.

The first four seals do not reveal events! Rather, they reveal four spiritual entities that have existed throughout history and shall continue to exist until the end of Christ's thousand-year reign on earth. (Rev6:8 Rev20:10,14)

The first seal revealed the spirit of Antichrist who sits upon a white horse and has a bow and one crown and is identified as Gog at the battle of Armageddon and the battle of Gog and Magog. (Rev6:2 Ezk39:1-5 Rev20:7-10)

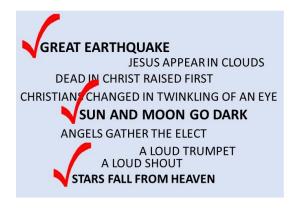
The second seal reveals the spirit of war that is behind the ever-growing industrial-military complex which takes peace from the earth. (Rev6:4)

The third seal reveals the spirit behind the big and corrupt business which has the power of false balance, whereby the poor are oppressed and deceived, while the rich maintain luxuries for themselves. (Rev6:5-6 Prov11:1 Prov20:14)

And the fourth seal reveals the spirit of death and the spirit realm of hell (not the lake of fire – Rev20:14). These have the power to kill by various means over the nations of the world, which cover one-fourth of the earth's surface.

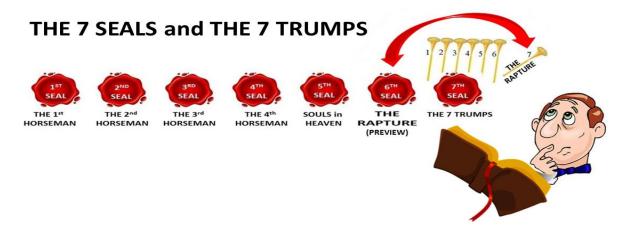
The fifth seal reveals an event that shall happen in heaven during the time of great tribulation on earth, as we shall discover further along in our study. (Rev6:9-11)

The sixth seal reveals some (but not all) of the events that happen during the Rapture when the sun and the moon go dark, the stars fall from heaven, and



there's a great earthquake. These exact same events are reflected in Matt24:29-31 which happens immediately after the tribulation when the seventh, last trump of God sounds. (Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

The seventh seal opens a series of visions that reveal events that shall happen at the sounding of each of the seven trumpets of God. These events happen during the great tribulation, with the seventh, last trump of God announcing the Rapture, when the mystery of God shall be finished, which has been declared to God's servants the prophets. (Rev8:1-6 Rev1:7 to Rev10:7)



The seven vials of God's wrath are not revealed within the seven seals because they are poured out after the Rapture, while the resurrected saints are in heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev16:1-16 Rev19:7-9) Then, after the marriage supper of the Lamb, Jesus and the saints shall return to earth with Jesus upon white horses for the battle of Armageddon to defeat the Antichrist and his forces. Then, the saints shall possess the kingdom and Jesus shall gather the remnant of Israel, and then the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth shall begin. (Rev19:7-9 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 Jude1:14 Dan7:18 Ezk34:11-14 Rom9:26-29 Rev20:4 Matt19:28)



THE EXTRA 30 DAYS of DAN12:11



4. The Rise of the New World Order

Commentary: The first verses and passages within the book of Revelation that describe the sequence of events to happen "From Now to Eternity" are those scriptures that deal with the rise of the New World Order.

History and balanced scripture show that there are seven kingdoms that relate directly to God's people and Endtimes prophecy. Those seven kingdoms are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece (the "five are fallen" kingdoms when John was given Revelation), and Rome (the current "one is" kingdom in John's day), and today's global divide of dictatorships and democracies (the "one is yet to come" kingdom) that shall morph into the New World Order – the final short-lived eighth kingdom of the Antichrist. (Rev17:10-11)

These seven kingdoms have been represented in various ways throughout prophecy – from precious metals in Daniel Chapter 2 that predicted five of the seven kingdoms to strange and ravenous beasts, and even mountains have been used to depict all seven kingdoms. (Dan7 Rev12,13,17)

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In whatever way prophecy represents these seven kingdoms, ultimately it is Satan in his various forms that control the heads of the kings who rule these earthly kingdoms – until Christ returns to set up His kingdom on earth. (Matt4:8-9 Lk4:6 Dan2:44-45)



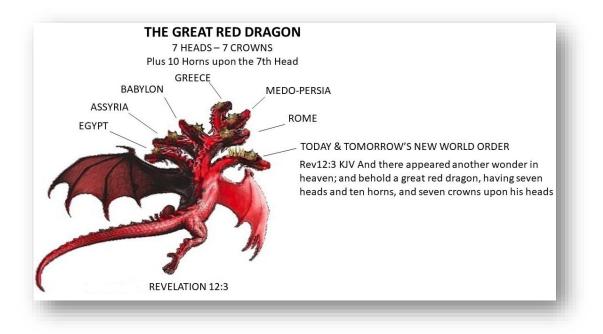
It's been said that the hand of real power is never seen – it's only felt! Today, we are living in unprecedented times in which the world is being conditioned into submitting to the dictates of Satan's unseen power – that controlling power behind the heads of all seven kingdoms. (Rev17:3)

Today, the world is experiencing Satan's tightening grip as he strives toward his final goal to have complete control and worship of every soul on earth. (Rev13:15-18)



Therefore, we can expect to experience further unprecedented and world-changing events that shall ultimately cause the nations of the world to fully accept the predicted and soon-coming New

World Order, which the Bible predicts shall have a governing council of ten kings. (Rev17:12) This is the agenda of the globalists who have long been planning their introduction of a New World Order – when the seventh kingdom morphs into an eighth kingdom but is of the seven. (Rev17:10-11) However, the Bible predicts that their global kingdom shall be a short-lived 8th kingdom before Jesus returns. (Dan2:44)



5. The Great Red Dragon

Commentary: The first depiction of the seven kingdoms to be found in the book of Revelation is in Chapter 12.

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Commentary: In Rev12:3, the seven kingdoms are depicted as a great dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon the horns.

The seven heads of the great red dragon represent the seven kingdoms, and the seven crowns represent the presiding king or kings of each kingdom at various times.

The ten horns (also depicted as ten toes in Daniel Chapter 2) represent the ten kings who shall govern the final kingdom – the New World Order, under the Antichrist. (Dan2:44 Rev17:12)



6. The Strange Multi-Featured Beast

Commentary: The second depiction of the seven kingdoms to be found in the book of Revelation is in Chapter 13, but with varied and added detail to the description found in Rev12:3.

Rev13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

Rev 13:2 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. **Commentary:** We understand from our study of the 7 kingdoms that this strange, multi-featured beast is a composite of the four beasts of Dan7:3-7. Mysteriously, these various beasts represent all seven kingdoms. (Prov25:2)

We remember that in Rev12:3, the seven kingdoms are portrayed as a great red dragon with seven heads and crowns upon the seven heads. However, in Rev13:3, the same seven kingdoms are portrayed as this strange, multifeatured beast, and it is the dragon (Satan) who gives this beast his power, seat, and great authority.

In each case, it is Satan who gives the presiding king of each kingdom their power, seat, and great authority. Also, in the Rev13 prophecy, the ten horns now have ten crowns. The ten horns shall be given the power to rule as kings with that Antichrist when he is revealed. (Rev17:12 Matt4:8-9)

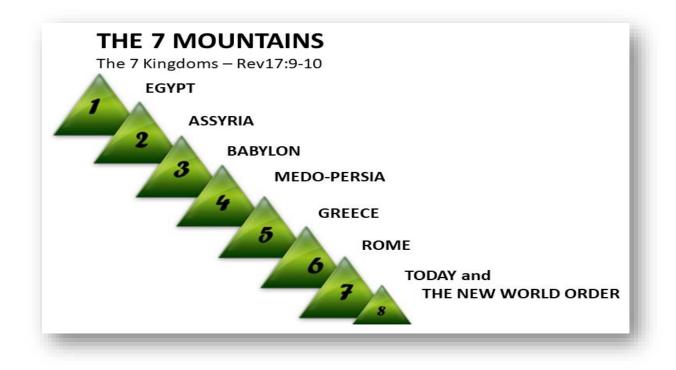


We can understand from Dan7:20 and Rev17:12 that the ten horns belong upon the seventh head which represents the seventh kingdom, and it is that seventh head that will be wounded unto death. (Rev13:3a)



This is a specific reference to the time when the Antichrist world leader shall be killed and then lives – as the full Satanpossessed Antichrist. (Rev12:7-12 Rev17:10-11) We can also understand from balanced scripture and KEYWORDS that the ten kings of the New World Order shall arise out of the WHOLE EARTH – not out of Europe, nor a revived Roman Empire, nor out of the Papacy, nor out of a confederacy of Islamic nations, but out of the WHOLE earth. (Dan7:23-24)





7. The Seven Mountains

Commentary: In Revelation Chapter 17, we are given another overlay of prophecy in which we are told that the seven heads are seven mountains. Sometimes, prophecy uses mountains to depict kingdoms (Dan2:35b).

Rev 17:9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

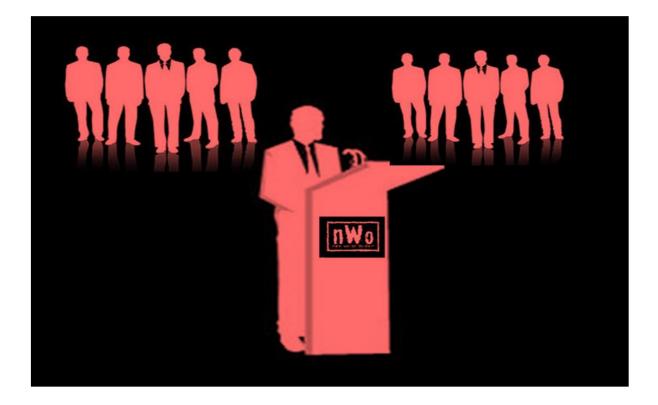
Rev 17:10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Commentary: In Rev17:9-10, when it is speaking about seven kings, it is referring to the presiding king or kings that represent the various kingdoms.

In this Rev17 prophecy, we are given added information concerning the seven kingdoms – information that was not revealed in the earlier depictions of the seven kingdoms.

We are told that "five have fallen" (those were Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece), and "one is" (that was Rome in John's day), and the "one is yet to come" kingdom is today's global divide of dictatorships and democracies that shall morph into the New World Order – the final One World Government of the Antichrist – a short-lived eighth kingdom. (Rev17:10-11)

Note how Rev17:10 personifies the kingdom or king as "he" because as we shall discover, this "he" is the Antichrist king of the final kingdom.

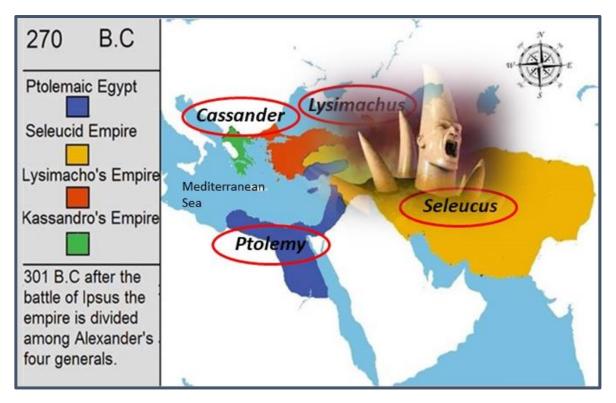


8. The Antichrist and the Ten Kings

Commentary: The next scriptures that we're looking at are found in Revelation Chapter 17. However, we need to back up to the book of Daniel to get our frame of reference concerning the rise of the Antichrist.

Once the ten kings are ruling the New World Order, Dan8:22-23 tells us that a "little horn" Antichrist figure shall arise out of one of the quarters of what had been Alexander the Great's Grecian kingdom. (Dan8:22-23)

Although this king shall obtain the kingdom with peace and flatteries, he shall need to subdue three of the ten kings, until all ten agree to give their power and strength to this "little horn" king and acknowledge him as the supreme leader of the New World Order. In return, he shall give the ten power to rule with him as kings. (Dan8:21 Dan7:24 Rev17:12-13)



Christians who have a sound knowledge of Bible prophecy shall recognize this "little horn" king as the Antichrist to come. (1Jn2:18)

Rev 17:12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Rev 17:13 These have one mind and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

Commentary: Once the ten kings have submitted and given their power and strength to the Antichrist and he becomes the supreme leader of the One World Government, then he shall then give them the power to rule with him as kings – although balanced scripture reveals that this kingdom shall only last for a short time – for the seven years of Daniel's 70th "week". (Dn9:27 Rev17:12)



9. The Third Jewish Temple

Commentary: When the Antichrist assumes power, he shall confirm what the Bible calls the "holy" covenant with many for "one week" – meaning, the last seven years of the Dan9:24-29 prophecy. (Dan9:27 Dan11:28,30)

Perhaps, only Bible-believing Christians shall connect this event with Dan9:27. The Antichrist would not want to associate himself with the Dan9:27 prophecy, because it reveals that he shall cause the daily sacrifice to cease mid-week.

Moreover, Christians need to be aware that nowhere does scripture refer to this covenant as a "peace treaty", although it shall usher in an era that the world shall proclaim as "Peace and Security", but which the Bible refers to as "Peace and safety". (1Thess5:3) This will then allow the Jews to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem and begin their daily sacrifice. (Dan9:27)

And nowhere in the Bible does scripture refer to the whole of Daniel's 70th "week" as a time of tribulation – only the last 1,260 days are referred to as "the great tribulation." (Matt24:21) Rev 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

Rev 11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

Commentary: In Rev11:1-2, John was somehow taken in the spirit into the future to measure a yet-to-be-built third Jewish temple. This temple that John was told to measure could not have been the temple that stood in John's day because, by the time John was told to measure this temple in Revelation, the temple of John's day had already been destroyed in 70 AD. And this temple could not have been in heavenly realms, due to the mention of the outer court being given to the Gentiles.

This temple in Rev11:1-2 is the one in which the coming Antichrist shall one day sit when he proclaims himself "as God" during the great tribulation, also called the 42-month "time of desolation" when Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles. (Rev11:2-3 Matt24:15,21 Lk21:24 Dan8:13)

As to the location of the third Jewish temple, scripture seems to indicate that it shall be built on the area known as the Temple Mount, on the <u>north side</u> of the Mosque of Omar (also known as the Dome of the Rock), which would allow the outer court area to be given to the Gentile Muslims, just as the prophecy indicates. (Rev11:2 Isa14:13 2Thess2:4)

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10. Where is the Pre-Tribulation Rapture?

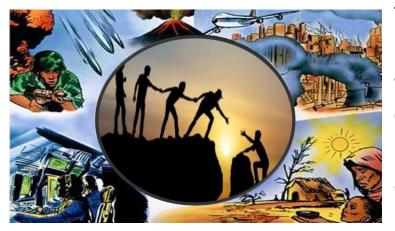
Commentary: Once these milestone events begin to take place, Christians should be aware and be in no doubt of what events are ahead. They should then be aware that there is no "pre-tribulation" Rapture, as many have been incorrectly taught to believe and are expecting to happen.

Therefore, Christians need to build up their faith, so they'll be strong in the Lord and the power of his might so that they shall not fall away during the coming time of testing. (Eph6:10-12 2Thess2:3 Rev3:10-13)

Correctly balanced scripture establishes that the church – those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev12:17), shall be on earth during the days of great tribulation, but the church shall not be on earth during the days of wrath that come after the Rapture. (Matt24:29-31 Rev16:1-16)

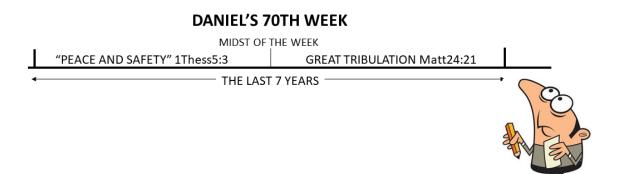
The reason and purpose for Christians to be on earth during the great tribulation is many-fold – for they who do know that God shall be strong and

do exploits and shall instruct many (Dan11:33); and although some shall fall, they shall be helped by heaven, and there shall be a great reward. (Rev20:4)



The great tribulation shall be a great opportunity to witness and win many to Christ, for this will be the bride's time to shine bright and turn many to Jesus. (Dan12:3)

Therefore, Christians need to realize that although the first half of Daniel's 70th "week" shall appear to be a time of "Peace and safety", they should be aware that amid those 2,520 days before Jesus returns, there's going to come sudden destruction upon those who have not discerned the signs of the times (1Thess5:3) – a time Jesus referred to as "great tribulation". (Matt24:15 then Dan9:27 and then Matt24:21 Dan12:1)





Revelation 18:4 KJV And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, MY PEOPLE, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

11. God's Early Warning!

Commentary: During the first half of Daniel's 70th "week", God's people who are living in North America need to understand who and what "that great city Babylon" is referring to in Revelation Chapters 17 and 18, and why God is going to judge her, and how and when to respond to God's early warning in Rev18:4.

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Commentary: This warning message is not something that shall be spoken from heaven at some time in the future, as the pronouncements of the three herald angels of Rev14:6-11. Rather, Rev18:4 has already been spoken and recorded in God's Word for those who have eyes to read, ears to listen, and hearts to believe and heed the warning of the matter. (Matt13:16 Hos4:6) The early warning in Rev18:4 is addressed especially to those living in what the Bible refers to as "that great city Babylon". (Rev17:18 Rev18:18-21) This term is a title that does not limit itself to one city, for ancient Babylon was a city, a nation, a kingdom, and a mystery – and so it is in the last days!



Therefore, God's people need to understand who "that great city Babylon" is referring to in scripture, and how, when where, and why God is going to judge her (Rev17:15-18 Rev18:5-24), and then to heed and obey the early warning recorded in Rev18:4. (Hos4:6)



12. The Deadly Head Wound

Commentary: The next Endtime event to happen in the book of Revelation occurs just before the middle of Daniel's 70th "week". We can place this event happening at that time because of surrounding events found in scripture.

Rev 13:3a And I saw one of his heads as it was wounded to death ...

Commentary: Just before the middle of Daniel's 70th "week" – just before the beginning of the great tribulation when the "little horn" world leader will get a deadly head wound, and his deadly wound is healed. (Rev17:8 Rev13:3)

Thus, it is when the seventh head (the seventh king) is wounded unto death – then lives! This is when the Antichrist world leader shall be killed, and Satan then makes war in heaven, but loses and is then cast down to earth where he possesses the slain body of the world leader, who then lives on as the full, Satan-possessed Antichrist – when the seventh becomes the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into (possesses) the son of perdition. (Rev12:7-12 Rev17:10-11 2Thess2:3) Balanced scripture shows that when the world leader gets a deadly head wound, this is when Satan and his angels will make war with Michael and his angels in heaven – just before the great tribulation. (Rev12:7)



13. War in Heaven

Commentary: To understand the next portion of scripture, it is necessary to understand that until this present time, Satan and his angels still have access to a certain part of heaven – referred to as "their place" in heaven. This is where that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan accuse the brethren on earth day and night before God in heaven. (Rev12:8-10 Job2:3-5)

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Commentary: Scripture seems to indicate that just before the second half of the 1,260-day great tribulation is when the world leader will get a deadly head wound, and then Satan and his angels will make war in heaven with Michael and his angels, but Satan and his angels shall lose.



14. Satan Cast Out of Heaven

Commentary: This is when Lucifer falls from heaven and deceives the nations. And this is when Satan will possess the slain body of the world leader to become the Satan-possessed Antichrist who shall then sit in the temple of God, as God, on the north side of the congregation. (2Thess2:4 Isa14:12-13)

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 12:4a And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth ...

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Commentary: This is the passage that shows clearly when these events shall happen – just before the forty-two-month great tribulation begins. (Rev13:5)

At that time, they that dwell in heaven are told to rejoice, because Satan and his angels are no longer allowed access to their place in heaven, where Satan accuses their brethren on earth day and night before God. (This is an indication that the souls in heaven are aware of their brethren on earth, which is also indicated by the revelation within the fifth seal – Rev6:9-11)

While those in heaven are rejoicing, that loud voice in heaven is also saying, "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev12:10,12) – he knows that he is only allowed to continue for fortytwo months. (Rev12:1 Rev13:5 Rev17:10)

This "short time" in Rev12:12 is referring to the "time, times and half a time", which is another way of saying three-and-a-half years, which is the length of the forty-two-month or 1,260-day great tribulation. (Dan12:1,7 Rev12:14 Rev13:5)

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15. The Satan-possessed Antichrist Revealed

Comment: Scripture seems to indicate that when Satan is cast down to earth, he then "goes into the son of perdition" and possesses the slain body of the world leader to become the fully, Satan-possessed Antichrist – and he lives! (Rev12:7-12 Rev17:10-11 2Thess2:3 Rev13:5)

This is not unreasonable to believe, as it is heaven that allows Satan to continue for the forty-two-month or 1,260-day great tribulation. Currently, all power is given to Jesus in heaven and earth, and therefore Jesus can allow Satan to possess the dead body of the world leader so that he lives and can continue for a short time – to fulfill the prophecy. (Rev13:5 Matt28:18)

Rev13:3b ... and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Rev17:11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Commentary: During the first 1,260 days of Daniel's 70th "week", the world leader will be influenced and directed by Satan who has given him his power, seat, and great authority. (Rev13:2)

However, after the world leader receives a deadly head wound, Satan shall go into his slain body, and he lives! This is how and when the seventh becomes the eighth. (Rev17:11) It's the same body that ruled the world during the first 1,260 days of Daniel's 70th week, but during the last 1,260 days of great tribulation, Satan shall dwell in that body as the Antichrist that is to come. (1Jn2:18)



16. The Abomination of Desolation

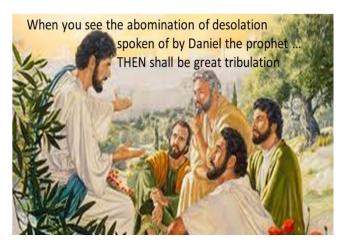
Commentary: In Revelation Rearranged, we are only examining those verses and passages that deal with events that happen "From Now to Eternity!"

We have now reached a point in our study where the selected scriptures from within the book of Revelation begin to weave back and forth, like how threads in a tapestry weave back and forth to present the picture that the weaver wishes to display.



In this case, Jesus is Master Weaver, and it takes time in his Word to understand how the various threads of scripture weave back and forth and connect, thereby creating the Endtime scenario. The next verses and passages that we will be examining are those that begin amid Daniel's 70th "week", and after Satan has possessed the slain body of the world leader to become the Satan-possessed Antichrist. However, to put those scriptures into perspective, we need the framework of other events happening around that time.

Once Satan possesses the slain body of the world leader to become the Satanpossessed Antichrist, he shall invade Israel and cause the daily sacrifice to cease, and then he shall sit in the temple of God, as God, and above all that is called God. (Dan11:28-31 Dan9:27 2Thess2:4)



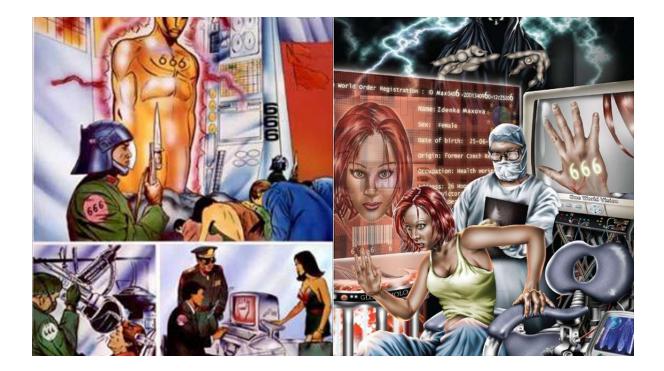
This is when we shall see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the temple – a milestone sign that Jesus said begins the great tribulation. (Mk13:15 Matt24:15 then Dan9:27 and then Matt24:21)

This understanding now sets the stage for what is to follow.

Rev11:2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.

Commentary: This verse is speaking about the third Jewish temple that will soon be built in Jerusalem and where the Jews will have their daily sacrifice until the Antichrist causes the daily sacrifice to cease amid Daniel's 70th "week" so that the Antichrist can sit in the temple as God. (Dan9:27 2Thess2:4)

From the midst of Daniel's 70th "week" is when the Antichrist forces shall tread Jerusalem underfoot for forty-two months – what scripture refers to as the time of desolation that shall end after the times of the Gentiles, which is fulfilled at the end of the great tribulation. (Rev11:2 Dan8:13b Matt24:15,21 Dan9:27 Lk21:24)



17. The Image of the Beast and the 666 Mark

Commentary: During the first half of Daniel's 70th "week", the world leader will probably appear to be a very charismatic personality – a real charmer who comes in peacefully and obtains the kingdom of the New World Order with flatteries, but who also works deceitfully. (Dan11:21,33)

Later, after he gets a deadly head wound and is healed, scriptures seem to indicate that he will not appear as his former self – especially as Satan will have then possessed his slain body, and he will have great wrath and is described in scripture as a vile person with a fierce countenance. (Rev13:3 Zech11:17 Dan12:21 Dan8:23)

Therefore, the world will make an image of the world leader as he appeared before he was killed and did live. Scripture foretells that this image will be like something that has never been before, and which the world shall worship – the abomination of desolation. (Rev13:14-15 Matt24:15) Rev 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:9 If any man has an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.



Commentary: Although the great tribulation will be an unprecedented time of persecution at the hands of the Antichrist and his forces, Christians shall understand that those days will be relatively short – 42 months before

God will avenge their blood by pouring out his wrath upon those who have persecuted and kill them. (Matt24:21 Rev6:9-11 Rev16:1-21 Rev14:12)

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

Rev 13:12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Commentary: This is a mysterious passage, and probably will not be fully and correctly understood until those events happen. Many assume that this other beast coming up out of the earth is a separate entity to Satan, but there is another, more likely explanation as to who or what is this other beast.

Firstly, we must remember that John was seeing a vision, and the vision may be that of Satan being released from the bottomless pit after the thousand years have expired. (Rev20:7) Furthermore, the term, "the first beast before him" seems to be referring to the world leader as he was before he gets a deadly head wound.



Therefore, this prophecy might be showing us that during the first half of Daniel's 70th "week", the world leader will be like a lamb, but then after he is killed and then lives as the Satan-possessed Antichrist, he will then speak as a dragon. (Rev13:5)

It is also possible that the Antichrist shall be "an unholy trinity" comprised of Satan, the beast, and the false prophet – all embodied together as one in the body of the Antichrist. This would enable the Antichrist to speak as Satan, or as the beast, or as the false prophet. (Rev16:13) This seems to be feasible, as the Antichrist is also referred to as "the beast". (Rev17:8) Later, at the battle of Armageddon, Satan shall be cast into the bottomless pit, but the beast and the false prophet shall be sent directly to the lake of fire. (Rev19:19-20 Rev20:1-3,20) Therefore, this indicates that they are three individual spirits, an "unholy trinity". However, they could all be embodied as one and dwell within the Antichrist during the time of the great tribulation. (Rev16:13-14)

In time, we will better understand these matters.

Rev 13:13 And he doeth great wonders so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

Rev 13:14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had the power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Rev 13:15 And he had the 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.

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or their foreheads:

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man, and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

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Commentary: We are now living in the time of the end where knowledge has increased to such a level that, for the first time in history, technology has made it possible to fulfill this prophecy.

We still need to wait to see exactly what the mark of the beast shall be, but a few things are for certain. Those who receive the mark of the beast must worship the image of the beast, which essentially means worshipping Satan, and that no one can buy or sell without the mark of the beast. Refusal to comply will mean the death penalty! Alternately, receiving the 666 mark of the beast shall mean facing the wrath of God!! (Rev13:17 Rev14:9-11 Rev16:2)



So that there is no misunderstanding concerning the matter, heaven shall send an angel to warn everyone on earth in their own language that they should not worship the image of the beast nor receive his 666 mark.

Everyone shall know, and no one shall have an excuse. (Rev14:9-11)

Christians who know the truth shall not worship the image of the beast nor receive his 666 mark. And like all the martyrs for Christ throughout history, they would rather die at the wrath of Satan than live to face the wrath of God. (Rev12:11 Dan3:16-18)

Christians who are martyred during the great tribulation shall receive a better mark than the mark of the beast, for they shall receive "the mark for the prize of the high calling of God" – which is to rule and reign with Jesus during his thousand-year kingdom on earth. (Phil3:14 Rev20:4 Matt19:28)



18. The Time of Temptation

Commentary: Even though the great tribulation shall be a time of testing, what the Bible calls "the hour of temptation that shall come upon all the world", God promises in his Word that he shall keep us from that hour of temptation.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Commentary: While it is true that Christians are not appointed unto wrath – meaning they shall not face the wrath of God (1Thess5:9), this does not mean they shall not face persecution and even tribulation for their faith. Scripture and history teach us that Christians have suffered and shall continue to suffer tribulation. (2Tim3:12 Jn6:33)

Therefore, Christians need to understand the difference between the great tribulation that comes before the Rapture (Matt24:21,29-31), and the wrath of God that comes after the Rapture, while the saints are in heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb, which comes before the battle of Armageddon. (Rev16:1-16 Rev19:7-9 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3)

God's Word does not promise to make believers out of the world in times of trouble, but rather to keep us through times of trouble. (Rev6:33 Rev3:10)

The Lord did not take Noah out of the flood – he kept him through the flood!

The Lord did not take Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego out of the fire – he kept them through the fire!

And the Lord shall not take the church out of the great tribulation – but he shall keep them through those days! (Rev3:10 Rev12:6)

Jesus prayed that his followers should not be taken out of the world, but that they should be kept from evil. (Jn17:15)

Jesus said that in the world we shall have tribulation, but of be of good cheer, for he had overcome the world – and he calls us to do the same, through him. (Jn16:33 Rom8:37)

The scriptures and history have taught us that all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution and tribulation. (2Tim3:12 Rom8:35 Jn16:33) Therefore, Christians today need to understand and be prepared to suffer persecution during the great tribulation, but they shall not face the wrath of God that comes after the Rapture. (Rev12:17 Rev13:7 Rev16:1-16)

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19. Persecution of Jews, Christians, and other Faiths

Commentary: Christians who have been taught that the church shall not be on earth during the great tribulation need to take a closer look at the reliable scriptures in the King James Bible. Those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ are Christians – the saints (Rev12:17), and scripture shows clearly that the saints are on earth during the 42-month great tribulation. (Rev13:5,7)

Rev 12:12b ... Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Commentary: When Satan is cast down to the earth, he knows his time is short (forty-two months – Rev13:5), and as we shall see, it is Satan's wrath, not God's wrath, that causes the events that follow the first four trumps of tribulation. (Rev8:7-13)

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Commentary: This prophetic passage is speaking about Mary and Jesus, who were both Jews and who gave birth to the Christian church. Therefore, this prophecy applies to both Jews and Christians.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keeps the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Commentary: Those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ are Christians.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Commentary: Many Christians have been incorrectly taught that the church shall not be on earth during the great tribulation. However, when we search the scriptures, we see that Satan, in the form of the Antichrist, shall make war with the saints during the 42 months of great tribulation. (Rev13:5,7)

Therefore, scripture shows that the church – Christians who have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev12:17 Rev11:3-13), shall be on earth during the great tribulation. This fact disproves any teaching that claims that the church is not found nor mentioned throughout the middle of the book of Revelation. (1Thess5:21 2Thess2:15)



20. Woman Flees into the Wilderness

Commentary: In the following passage, it mentions "a place prepared of God". Christians who are witnessing Jesus to others and teaching others about what is happening in the world at that time should have faith that God shall supply all their needs, and that God shall have a place prepared for them when they need to flee. (Dan11:33a Phil4:19 Matt6:25-26)

Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. **Commentary:** Although this passage specifically mentions the woman who gave birth to Christ is the one fleeing into the wilderness, the Antichrist shall also be persecuting those of all faiths when he sits in the temple of God as God, and above all that is called God. (2Thess2:4) But the Antichrist shall be most angry with Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit and have the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the spirit of prophecy (Rev19:10) because they shall have the power to witness and win souls to Jesus, and they shall be the ones doing great exploits and shall be instructing many, leading many to salvation in Jesus in those days. (Acts1:8 2Tim3:12 Dan11:32-33 Dan12:3)



The mention of "the two wings of a great eagle" in Rev12:4 might be symbolic of the wings of an airliner, a concept that would not have been understood until modern times. And although John only described one great eagle, it's

probably symbolic of many airliners heading in many directions.

Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. **Commentary:** Satan is the father of lies and the master of deceit who deceives the whole world. (Jn8:44 Rev12:9) During the great tribulation, the Antichrist will be blaspheming and spreading his lying propaganda to the whole world. (Rev13:5 Dan7:25 Rev16:13-14)

Where it mentions "the earth" in Rev12:16, it means those who dwell on the earth – "the inhabiters of the earth". (Rev12:13) Therefore, we need to understand that "the earth" shall do either of two things. Some of the earth will help the woman, while some of the earth will swallow up the flood of lies that the Antichrist spews out. (Jn8:44 2Thess2:9 Rev13:5)



21. The Two Witnesses

Commentary: Although it is not recognized in Red-Letter editions of the Bible, it is Jesus speaking from Rev11:3 to Rev11:13 as he gives an account of his two witnesses. Jesus explains their ministry, their deaths, and their resurrection at the Rapture "on the last day" when Jesus said he shall raise ALL believers to live in a one-day, one-time first resurrection – which must include the two witnesses. (Rev11:11-12 Jn6:39,40,44,54 Rev20:5)

Once the great tribulation begins, the Lord's two witnesses shall appear in Jerusalem to prophesy for 1,260 days. During that time, the two witnesses shall be given special powers to help protect them, until they have finished their testimony (but not their prophesying), and then Jesus shall allow the Antichrist to kill them. (Rev11:7 Matt28:18)

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

Rev 11:6 These have the 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.

Commentary: The book of Revelation is written mysteriously, and part of that mystery might involve that which is not written in scripture, as much as it involves that which is written. (Prov25:2 Matt13:35)

Although it is not foretold in scripture, it is possible that part of the ministry of the two witnesses may involve prophesying to encourage their fellow brethren around the world to keep the faith, hold on to their crown, and endure unto the end. (Heb10:3 Rev3:11 2Tim2:3-5 Matt24:13)



And even if, for security reasons, we are unable to use social media or other means of communication during the great tribulation, we must remember that God is not limited by such circumstances.

In those days, we can even expect angels to deliver to us the news of what is happening in Jerusalem and around the world. (Rev14:6-11)



22. The Souls of Martyrs in Heaven

Commentary: Although we cannot be sure exactly when the events of the fifth seal happen, we can understand that shall they happen in heaven at some time during the great tribulation, as the following will explain.

When Jesus opened the fifth seal, John was told to come and see what was revealed. John was then shown a vision that highlighted the fact that even the souls in heaven need to have the patience that God will avenge the blood of the righteous who die at the hands of the wicked. Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Commentary: It appears that these souls are new arrivals in heaven, as they ask the Lord how long it will be before God will avenge their blood. Then, as new arrivals, they are given white robes and told to wait a little while, until their fellow servants and brethren are killed as they were, and then the time of waiting should be fulfilled.

This indicates that the fifth seal event happens in heaven during the days of the great tribulation on earth because these saints are told that it will only be a little while before the time is fulfilled, and then God will avenge their blood.

God's Word shows that he shall avenge the blood of the saints after the Rapture, during the outpouring of the vials of God's wrath upon the wicked, and then at the battle of Armageddon that follows the days of God's wrath. (Rev16:1-16 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 Jude1:14)

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23. The Ten Kings Hate Babylon

Commentary: In the early days of the great tribulation, when the Antichrist invades Israel and causes the daily sacrifice to cease, he shall need to deal with Israel's greatest ally swiftly and permanently. Scripture shows that news from the east and from the north shall trouble the Antichrist, and he shall go forth with great fury and destroy many. (Dan9:27 Dan11:44)

When we balance the scriptures, we can see what shall happen at that time.

Rev 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Rev 17:17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Rev 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Commentary: Firstly, we need to keep in mind that the term "that great city" or "that great city Babylon" is a title that is not limited to one particular city – for as ancient Babylon was a city, a kingdom, a nation, and a spiritual mystery, so it is in the last days. (Rev17:18 Rev18:18-21)

At some time prior to the sounding of the first trump, God will put it in the hearts of the ten kings to hate the whore, and this leads to God's judgment of "that great city Babylon" when she shall be being utterly burned with fire in one hour. In effect, God uses Satan's wrath to judge Babylon, so that the words of God are fulfilled. (Rev8:7 Rev17:16-18 Rev18:8)

As we shall understand from balanced scripture, this event shall happen during the very early days of the great tribulation. (Rev14:6-11 Rev18:1-3 Rev8:7)

How can we know this for sure? Because of the timing of the three herald angels of Rev14:6-11.

As we shall soon study, there are three herald angels in Rev14:6-11 who speak to make pronouncements for everyone to hear in their own language.



The first herald angel of Rev14:6-7 preaches the gospel for everyone on earth to hear and then says that the hour of God's judgment has come. Then soon after, another herald angel follows and announces that Babylon has fallen. And then the third herald angel follows

to warn everyone on earth not to worship the image of the beast nor receive his 666 mark. (Rev14:6-11)

For the warning message of the third angel to be effective, he must make his pronouncement during the early days of the great tribulation, at the time the Antichrist causes everyone on earth to worship the image of the beast and receive his 666 mark. And therefore, as the second herald angel announces that Babylon has fallen, we can understand that during the early days of the great tribulation is when God shall put it in the hearts of the ten kings to hate the whore and to utterly burn "that great city Babylon" with fire in one hour. (Rev14:8 Rev17:16-18 Rev18:8-10)



24. The Seventh Trump "Mystery of God"

Commentary: The key to solving the "mystery of God" (Rev10:7) is to understand how the sixth seal reveals events take place at the Rapture (Rev6:12-13 Matt24:29-31), and yet the Rapture doesn't happen until the seventh, last trump of God which is revealed within the seventh seal. (Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

The sixth seal reveals some (but not all) of the events that will happen at the Rapture when the sun and the moon go dark, the stars fall from heaven, and there is a great earthquake. (Rev6:12-13 – the same events reflected in Matt24:29-31) Once again, as this is a key to correctly understanding the sequence of events – the sixth seal is a preview of the Rapture that happens at the seventh, last trump of God that is revealed within the seventh seal. (Rev8:1-2 Rev10:7 Rev11:14 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17) The question that many Endtime teachers ask is, "How can the seventh trump be the last trump of God that happens at the Rapture if the sixth seal is the Rapture?" (Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

This seeming conundrum is easy to solve, once we understand that the sixth seal is simply a PREVIEW vision of SOME of the events that happen at the Rapture when the seventh, last trump of God sounds. (Rev6:13-14 Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

This fact confirms how God loves to conceal a thing in mystery and then expects us to solve that mystery. (Prov25:2)



Once this fact is understood and accepted – that the sixth seal is a preview vision of some of the events that happen at the Rapture when the seventh, last trump of God sounds, then so many other pieces of the Endtime Jigsaw begin to fit neatly into place. (1Cor14:40) This is a key to solving the Endtime Jigsaw!

Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God out of the angel's hand.

Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightning, and an earthquake.

Rev 8:6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Commentary: The Rev8:1-6 events shall happen in heaven and on earth during the early days of the great tribulation before the seven trumps of God begin to sound. After that, each of the seven trumps shall announce events that are part of God's judgments (not wrath) that happen during the great tribulation.

The seven trumps do not cause the events that follow their sounding – they simply announce events to happen, whereas the seven vials are the cause of the wrath events that happen after the great tribulation – after the Rapture.

Although there are some similarities, the seven seals, the seven trumps, and the seven vials should never be compared with each other. They are all separate from one another, as the next portion of the study shall establish.

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25. Can the Trumps and the Vials be the Same?

Things to consider:

- The seven trumps <u>do not cause</u> the judgment events that follow their sounding; they only announce the events to follow, whereas the seven vials <u>are the cause</u> of the wrath events that follow their outpouring.
- Christians are <u>not</u> appointed to wrath, and therefore Christians cannot be present on earth during the outpouring of the vials of <u>God's wrath</u>. (1Thess5:9)
- 3. In contrast, the trumps sound during the great tribulation to announce events that are part of <u>God's judgments</u>, while Christians are still on earth and Satan makes war with the saints. (Rev13:5-7)
- 4. The first four trumps are the result of <u>Satan's wrath</u>, which God uses to carry out his judgments. The first trump announces the judgment of Babylon (Rev17:16-18), which causes follow-on events that are announced by the next three trumps. (Rev8:1-12)
- 5. Next, a herald angel announces that there are three woe events to follow, at the sound of the last three trumps. (Rev8:13)
- 6. The last three trumps announce judgment events that are directed by heaven against the followers of the Antichrist, but which serve as protection for God's people who are still on earth and who have the seal of God. (Rev9:1-21 Rev7:1-8 Eph4:30 Rev11:13 Rev12:17)

 Once the Rapture happens at the seventh, last trump of God (Rev10:7 1Cor15:61-52 1Thess4:16-17), the visions within the seals are complete, and there is no further mention of the trumps.

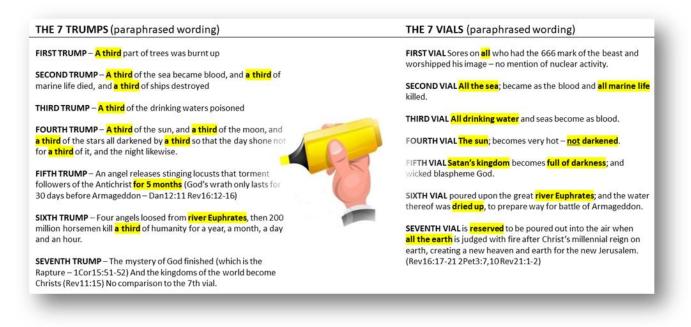
After that, the resurrected saints appear in heaven to attend the marriage supper of the Lamb and the judgment seat of Christ. (Rev19:1-9 2Cor5:10)

Then only the vials of God's wrath remain to be poured out, with the sixth vial drying the river Euphrates to prepare the way for the battle of Armageddon to follow. (Rev15:1-4 Rev16:1-16)

Conclusion:

While there are some partial similarities that are common between some of the trump and vial events, this is not evidenced enough to consider that the trump and vial events are the same, parallel, or synonymous with each other.

Any unbiased and responsible jury, given the overall information from the scriptures, must conclude that the trumps and the vials are <u>not</u> the same.





26. The Sealing of the 144,000

Commentary: Before the seven angels begin to sound the seven trumps that announce the devastating events that are to happen during the great tribulation, angels are assigned to seal an especially chosen group of the descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. This group of 144,000 are sealed with the seal of God to protect them from the plagues and woes to come during the great tribulation, and beyond. (Rev9:4 Rev11:13) Christians already have the seal of God, from the moment of their salvation. (Eph4:30 2Tim2:19)

As we shall discover, the sealing of the 144,000 at this time does not indicate that they are born-again believers in Jesus as their Messiah. Rather, scripture only mentions that they are sealed for their protection (Rev7:1-4), otherwise they would take part in the Rapture on the last day, (Jn6:39,40,44,54 Matt24:29-31) – but this is not the case. The 144,000 have another purpose to fulfill and can be identified in scripture as "the remnant of Israel" who will be saved. (Rom9:26-29) On that day, all of Israel will be saved. (Rom11:26-27) Scripture identifies the 144,000 as of this "remnant of Israel" who will be saved. The 144,000 are specially chosen and will have a special purpose and calling to repopulate the earth and form the twelve tribes of Israel during Christ's millennial reign on earth. (Rom9:26-29 Rev14:1-5 Rev20:4 Matt19:28)

However, contrary to popular teaching, that purpose and calling do not include witnessing to Israel during the great tribulation, for nowhere does scripture support the idea that the 144,000 are given the ministry to evangelize Israel at any time – an idea devised to support the pre-tribulation theory.



Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:12 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Rev 7:3 Says, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Commentary: The 144,000 will not be residing in Jerusalem at the time they are sealed, for that shall be the time of the great tribulation – a time when many shall flee Israel and Judea. (Matt24:15-21)

Rather, scripture suggests that the 144,000 shall be located worldwide, as the far-flung descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel that have been scattered abroad for the past two thousand years – meaning, they'll come from many

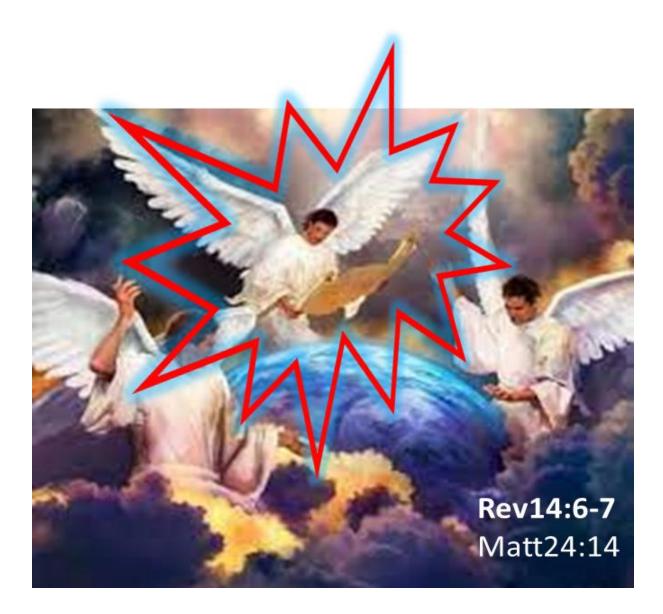
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backgrounds and cultures and ethnic groups, and yet be the children of Israel by the decent.

Scripture indicates that the 144,000 are the "blessed" (Dan12:12) "saved flesh" (Matt24:22) "remnant of Israel" (Rom9:26-29) who shall form the twelve tribes of Israel during Christ's thousand-year reign on earth. (Rev20:4 Matt19:28)



Ezk34:11-15 says that Jesus himself shall gather them from many lands where they have been scattered in the dark and cloudy day, referring to the time of the great tribulation. This gathering shall happen during the 45 days found in Dan12:12 – the days when Jesus and the armies of heaven shall return to earth to cut short that time of trouble, defeat the Antichrist and his forces at the battle of Armageddon, and then save and gather the remnant of Israel. (Rev16:16 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 Jude1:14 Matt24:22 Rom9:26-29 Ezk34:11-15)



27. The First of Three Herald Angels

Commentary: Another event that must take place before the seven angels begin to sound is that the gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world unto all nations, and then shall the end come. (Matt24:14) With man, this is impossible, but with God, nothing shall be impossible. (Lk1:37) Therefore, God sends the first of three herald angels to preach the gospel with a loud voice for everyone to hear in their own language – and then shall the end come. (Rev14:6-7) Rev 14:6 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 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Commentary: After this first of three herald angels preach the gospel for everyone on earth to hear, he then says to fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come. This hour of judgment is referring to the hour of Babylon's judgment which is about to follow at the sounding of the first trump of God. (Rev8:7 Rev18:10)

We understand this to be the correct interpretation because the second angel of Revelation 14:8 follows soon after and says that Babylon has fallen! (Rev14:8 Rev18:1-3)



28. The First Trump of Tribulation – Babylon's Judgment!

Commentary: Firstly, the term "that great city Babylon" is a title that is not limited to one city. The term "that great city Babylon" encapsulates a city, a kingdom, a nation, and a spiritual mystery.

And although there is much speculation and debate concerning who or what is "that great city Babylon", there is only one candidate that fills ALL the criteria listed throughout Revelation 18. That candidate is America, which a growing number of Christians are beginning to refer to as Babylon-USA.



Let's face the facts – while America has a rich Christian heritage, for which she can be proud, she also has her dark, sinister side that continues to grow decadent and evil, which God must one day judge. (Rev18:5) Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Commentary: There can be no doubt that the event following the first trump is the nuclear annihilation of Babylon-USA that shall happen in one hour, on one day during the early days of the great tribulation. (Rev18:8,10 Rev14:8)

That is why God has given his early warning in his written word, telling his people to come out of her so that they will not be partakers of her sins, nor receive of her plagues. (Rev18:4)

Once again, Revelation Chapter 18 is not describing God's judgment of one city, nor a portion of the country, but sadly the entire nation. And although we may consider this a harsh measure of judgment, those in heaven will say that God is righteous in his judgment of the great whore. It is not uncommon for God's judgments to begin with his own people. (Rev19:2 1Pet4:17)

Furthermore, we must remember that this attack will result from the wrath of the Antichrist, but which God will use for his purpose. (Rev12:12 Rev17:17)

And we must also remember that the great tribulation shall be a time of great trouble like the world has never seen before, no, nor will ever see again. (Matt24:21) Surely that's what Revelation Chapter 18 is describing, and the follow-on events described throughout Rev8:8-12.

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29. The Second of Three Herald Angels

Commentary: After the judgment of Babylon-USA, the second of the three herald angels of Rev14:6-11 shall fly through the atmosphere around earth saying with a loud voice for everyone to hear that Babylon has fallen! (Rev14:8)

Rev 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Commentary: Here is something to be explained and understood. The angel described in Rev14:8 and the angel described in Rev18:1-3 is the same angel making the same pronouncement, but with added detail in the latter case.

Rev 18:1 ... I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Commentary: This herald angel in Rev18:1-3 is the same herald angel who makes the same pronouncement in Rev14:8. Each passage of scripture describes the same event. Although John was shown the vision twice, the event only happens once.

However, when John was shown the vision in Rev18:3, the angel gave a little more detail than when John was shown the vision in Rev14:8. This displays how God adds overlays of information by repeating visions. This also displays the mysterious way in which John was instructed to write and present the book of Revelation. (Rev1:19 Rev10:4)

Further along in our study, we shall see that the timing of the Rev18:4 and Rev14:8 pronouncement belongs between the first trump of Rev8:7 and the second trump of Rev8:8. (As displayed on the cover of this book.)

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30. Explaining the Judgment of

"that great city" Babylon-USA

Commentary: We must remember that when it comes to the first trump judgment of Babylon, the term "that great city" or "that great city Babylon" is a title that is not limited to one city – for as ancient Babylon was a city, a kingdom, a nation, and a spiritual mystery, so it is in the last days. (Rev17:18 Rev18:18-21)

In the time of the end, God will judge the epitome or the final representation of all that Babylon is and has been throughout the ages. Sadly, only America matches all the descriptions listed throughout Revelation 18:4-24.

Throughout Rev18:4-24, it is the voice of Jesus who explains why Babylon is to be judged, and what the reaction of the world shall be when this happens.

Furthermore, unlike the three pronouncements in the Rev14:6-11 passage, which shall be spoken in the future by the three herald angels during the early days of the great tribulation, the Rev18:4-24 passage has already been spoken in God's Word, so that when it happens, we might understand. (Jn14:29) However, Rev18:4-24 passage has been inserted here in our study, together with some appropriate commentary, as it is appropriate to that future event when Babylon shall be judged.

Rev18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Commentary: Again, this "another voice" is Jesus speaking, warning his people to come out of Babylon, so that they are not partakers of her sins, and that they shall not receive her plagues when her sudden judgment comes.

Jesus then continues and explains more about why Babylon shall be judged.

Rev18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.



Rev18:6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

Rev18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. **Commentary:** Although America has a rich history of righteousness, it also has a decadent and evil side that undermines her greater achievements, and it is for this reason God must judge her.

Rev18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Commentary: This aligns with the description of the nuclear activity that follows the sounding of the first trump as described in Rev8:7.



Rev18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

Rev18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Commentary: This is the scenario that will result from the nuclear annihilation of Babylon-USA.

Rev18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise anymore:

Rev18:12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, Rev18:13 And cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.

Rev18:14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

Rev18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Rev18:16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

Commentary: Just because this verse mentions "purple and scarlet", this is insufficient to suggest that the Papacy is the whore of Babylon.

Rev18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

Commentary: Although much of the merchandise listed in Revelation 18 is more reminiscent of the past, the prophecy is symbolic of all luxuries.

Rev18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

Rev18:19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.

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Commentary: If Revelation 18 is not referring to America, then who else in these last days can fulfill ALL the criteria listed throughout the chapter?

Rev18:20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

Commentary: Those in heaven are told to rejoice over the judgment of Babylon, for even though God's judgment may seem harsh and severe, nevertheless God is righteous in his judgment of her. (Rev19:2-3)



Rev18:21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Rev18:22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee, and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;

Rev18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Commentary: Whether America will be inhabited again during the thousandyear reign of Christ of the earth remains to be seen. Perhaps it will remain as it is described in Rev18:21-23 – as a memorial. (Rev16:19)

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Rev18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

Commentary: We may consider that the blood of the prophets, and of the saints, does not pertain to America – but prophetically, it does. We have already seen the Government shutdown of churches and the persecution and arrest of pastors. Who knows where this could lead in the future?



Certainly, the verse applies to the innocent millions who have been aborted. (Jer2:34) Remember, in the last days God going to judge the epitome of Babylon, which is inclusive of all that Babylon has been in the past, and all that she will be in the time of the end.



31. The Third of Three Herald Angels

Commentary: After the second herald angel has made his pronouncement that Babylon has fallen (Rev14:8 Rev18:1-3), the third herald angel of Rev14:9-11 shall fly through the atmosphere around earth saying with a loud voice for all to hear that they should not worship the image of the beast, nor receive the 666 mark of the beast. This angel makes it very clear the severe consequences for those who do not heed his warning – that they shall face the wrath of God.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Commentary: For the warning message of this third herald angel to be effective, this event must happen during the early days of the great tribulation when the Antichrist causes everyone to worship the image of the beast and receive his 666 mark. (Rev13:16-18)

Therefore, the events preceding the third herald angel's pronouncement must also happen during the early days of the great tribulation, including the judgment of Babylon. (Rev14:6-7 Rev14:8 Rev18:1-3)



32. The Second Trump – Burning Land Mass and Tsunami

Commentary: It is not difficult to imagine how the nuclear devastation of Babylon-USA could result in the dislodgement of the land mass of not only the San Andreas Fault but also the greater land mass of the Cascadia Subsection Zone. Such an event would likely appear as "a great mountain burning with fire" as it fell into the Pacific Ocean.

Rev 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Rev 8:9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

Commentary: When John was shown a vision of events that happened after the sounding of the second trump, he may have been watching the greater land mass of the San Andreas and Cascadia Subsection Zone, burning as it were like a great mountain as it fell into the Pacific Ocean.

This in turn would result in an unprecedented tsunami across the Pacific "Ring of Fire", which would kill a third of the world's marine life and probably destroy a third of the world's ships – just as described in this scripture passage.



33. The Third Trump – Antichrist's Bio-Missile

Commentary: We must remember that the apostle John had never seen a modern-day missile, but if he had, perhaps he would have described it as "a great star from heaven, burning as it were (like) a lamp".

Rev 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

Rev 8:11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter.

Commentary: During times of war, it is common for rivals to poison the drinking waters of their enemy. Today, it would be possible to achieve this goal on a global scale through the deployment of biological missiles.

Therefore, perhaps what John saw and described in Rev8:11 was a guided missile with a bio-warhead that the Antichrist aimed at the drinking waters of his rivals. What John saw and described would be the result to follow the

deliverance of such a missile. And although John only saw one "great star" in his vision, he may have only seen one of many missiles.

And because this "falling star" poisons the drinking waters and makes them bitter, an appropriate name for such a missile would be "Wormwood", which is translated from the Ukrainian word "Chernobyl", meaning "bitter herb". Military operations of this type are usually designated an appropriate title.



Mark 16:18 (KJV) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.



34. The Fourth Trump – Gross Darkness

Commentary: Considering the likely aftermath of the events that follow the sounding of the first three trumps, it is not difficult to imagine the sun and the moon being considerably darkened by all the dust and debris that would be sucked up into the upper atmospheres.

Therefore, what John saw in their vision following the sounding of the fourth trump was most likely the darkness caused by the dust and debris which resulted from those earlier events.

Rev 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Commentary: When studying the scriptures, care needs to be taken not to confuse the events that happen during the great tribulation, when events happen in "thirds", as compared to events that happen after the great tribulation when events happen in full measure. (Rev8:12 Rev16:10)

The events to happen following the sounding of the seven trumps are not the same nor parallel to the events that happen following the outpouring of the seven vials of God's wrath.

The trump events happen during the great tribulation, before the Rapture, whereas the vials of wrath events happen after the great tribulation, and therefore after the Rapture. (Matt24:29-31 Rev16:1-21)

THE 7 TRUMPS (paraphrased wording)

FIRST TRUMP – A third part of trees was burnt up

SECOND TRUMP – A third of the sea became blood, and a third of marine life died, and a third of ships destroyed

THIRD TRUMP - A third of the drinking waters poisoned

FOURTH TRUMP – A third of the sun, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars all darkened by a third so that the day shone not for a third of it, and the night likewise.

FIFTH TRUMP – An angel releases stinging locusts that torment followers of the Antichrist for 5 months (God's wrath only lasts for 30 days before Armageddon – Dan12:11 Rev16:12-16)

SIXTH TRUMP – Four angels loosed from river Euphrates, then 200 million horsemen kill a third of humanity for a year, a month, a day and an hour.

SEVENTH TRUMP – The mystery of God finished (which is the Rapture – 1Cor15:51-52) And the kingdoms of the world become Christs (Rev11:15) No comparison to the 7th vial. THE 7 VIALS (paraphrased wording)

FIRST VIAL Sores on all who had the 666 mark of the beast and worshipped his image – no mention of nuclear activity.

SECOND VIAL All the sea; became as the blood and all marine life killed.

THIRD VIAL All drinking water and seas become as blood.

FOURTH VIAL The sun; becomes very hot – not darkened.

FIFTH VIAL Satan's kingdom becomes full of darkness; and wicked blaspheme God.

SIXTH VIAL poured upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, to prepare way for battle of Armageddon.

SEVENTH VIAL is reserved to be poured out into the air when all the earth is judged with fire after Christ's millennial reign on earth, creating a new heaven and earth for the new Jerusalem. (Rev16:17-212Pet3:7,10Rev21:1-2)



35. The Woe, Woe, Woe Angel!

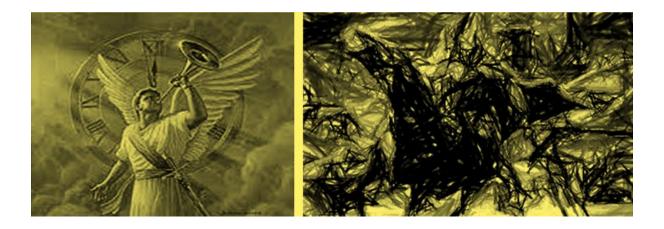
Commentary: At some time after the fourth trump angel sounds and the sun and the moon are darkened by a third,

another "herald" angel flies through the upper atmosphere around the earth. This herald angel announces to the inhabiters of earth that there are three more woeful events to happen after three more angels sound the three remaining trumpets of God.

Rev 8:13 And I beheld and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Commentary: The reason for this angel to make such a pronouncement is to differentiate between the first four trumps and the last three remaining trumps of tribulation. We can identify that the events that follow the first four trumps are the result of Satan's wrath, in the form of the Antichrist (Rev12:12), but events that God allows as part of God's judgments. (Rev17:17)

However, the last three woeful trump events are orchestrated and directed by heaven – events that come in the form of plagues and an earthquake. These events serve a two-fold purpose. They serve as judgments against the followers of the Antichrist and the wicked who refuse to repent (Rev9:4 Rev9:20-21), but those plagues will also serve as a form of protection for God's people – those who have the seal of God, which include the 144,000 and all born again Christians. (Rev9:4 Rev7:3 Eph1:13 Jn6:27)



36. The Fifth Trump – The First Woe!

Commentary: In Revelation Chapter 9, John continues to see visions of events that follow the sounding of the trumps of God during the great tribulation.

Rev 9:1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Commentary: We read that this "star" angel is given the key to the bottomless pit – which represents authority. (Matt16:19 Jn28:18) Later, in Rev20:1-3, this angel already has the key to the bottomless pit and is entrusted to bind Satan in chains and cast him into the bottomless pit. It also appears that this angel is the one who has command over the locusts that ascend out of the bottomless pit – and not Satan, nor one of his minions, as some suppose. (Rev9:4)

Rev 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Commentary: Christians need to realize that these locusts are commanded not to harm those who have the seal of God, which includes the 144,000 and all born-again Christians. (Rev9:4 Rev7:3 Eph1:13 Jn6:27) Rather, this plague is sent to torment the wicked followers of the Antichrist, and thereby serve as a protection for God's people. (Exodus1-11 Rom8:28)

Rev 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion when he striketh a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Rev 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle, and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

Rev 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

Rev 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

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Rev 9:11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Commentary: This king of the bottomless pit is thought by some to be Satan. However, balanced scripture supports the idea that this "star" angel of Rev9:1 and Rev20:1-3 is Apollyon because he is the one who is given and entrusted with the key of the bottomless pit. And it seems that he is the angel who later binds Satan in chains and casts him into the bottomless pit. (Rev20:1-3)

It is a misunderstanding to think that Satan is the king of the bottomless pit – for that is the second last place he wants to be, but where he shall be bound for a thousand years. (Rev9:11 Rev20:1-5) The last place Satan wants to be is in the lake of fire, where he shall finally be cast to spend eternity. (Rev20:10)

Rev 9:12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Commentary: Here, we read that the first woe is clearly identified as having passed. However, after the second woe has passed in Rev9:19-20, this is not mentioned until Rev11:14. As we shall discover, this is done on purpose to add mystery to how God chose to present the book of Revelation. (Prov25:2)



37. The Sixth Trump – The Second Woe!

Commentary: At some time after the fifth trump woe has passed, the sixth angel sounds his trumpet to announce the second woe event is about to happen. We must remember that this event is orchestrated and directed by heaven as a plague against the wicked followers of the Antichrist, and yet God's plagues always serve to protect God's people. (Exodus1-11 Rom8:28)

Rev 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

Rev 9:14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

Rev 9:15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

Commentary: There are two ways to interpret this passage. We need to consider if the verse means that the four angels have taken an hour, a day, a month, and a year to prepare for the killing spree to follow, or more likely, is their killing spree going to last for that length of time. The latter seems the

most likely because by Rev9:20-21 this plague has passed, and the remainder of the wicked who were not killed by this plague does not repent of their wickedness.

It is important to note that although the second woe passed by Rev9:21-21, this is not mentioned until Rev11:15. This serves to add mystery and intrigue to how God has chosen to write and present the book of Revelation. (Prov20:5)

Rev 9:16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Rev 9:17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions, and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

Rev 9:18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

Rev 9:19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them, they do hurt.

Rev 9:20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Rev 9:21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

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Commentary: This plague is directed by heaven against the wicked followers of the Antichrist, rather than directed by the Antichrist against Christians and others who refuse to worship the image of the beast and his mark.

Furthermore, Rev9:20-21 indicates that the second woe has passed: after a year, and month, a day, and an hour – a specific length of time. Then the wicked who were not killed repent not of their wickedness.

Again, this fact is important to note, because the passing of the second woe is not mentioned until Rev11:14. It is also important to understand that between the time when the second woe has passed, to the time when the two witnesses are killed, the unrepentant wicked shall be continuing in their wickedness. (Rev9:20-21) Then later, when the two witnesses are killed, the wicked all the world over shall be rejoicing and sending each other gifts for three-and-a-half days, because the two witnesses who have tormented them have been killed. (Rev11:7-10)



38. The Two Witnesses Killed

Commentary: The next event to happen, according to the sequence laid out in the book of Revelation, is the deaths of the two witnesses.

Rev11:7 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.

Commentary: The thing to note in this prophecy is the term "the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit". John is not seeing the beast rise out of the bottomless pit and kill the two witnesses, because that's not where the beast is at that time. The beast will be residing in the Antichrist at that time. (Rev17:8,10-11)

Rather, John is using this term as a title to refer to the Antichrist, who is also referred to as the beast. (Rev17:8) He is the beast that shall kill the two witnesses – or more likely, it will be the forces of the Antichrist who shall kill the two witnesses.

Furthermore, we need to note how Rev11:7 says that "when they shall have finished their testimony" (not their prophesying) the two witnesses shall be killed. In Rev11:3, Jesus says that his two witnesses shall prophesy for 1,260 days – and this is true.

Therefore, we are presented with a conundrum to solve. How can the two witnesses complete their 1,260 days of prophesying if they are killed threeand-a-half days before the completion of those 1,260 days? The answer is in the words of prophecy. "When they have finished their testimony (not their prophesying) they shall be killed." (Rev11:7)

The two witnesses shall be killed when they have finished their testimony, three-and-a-half days before they have finished their prophesying. Then threeand-a-half days after they have been killed, they shall complete their prophesying in action rather than in spoken words. Their prophesying is completed when their enemies see them resurrected, along with all other believers, on the last day of the 1,260 days. (Jn6:39,40,44,54 Rev11:3,11-12)

Rev11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Commentary: During the great tribulation, when Jerusalem is trodden underfoot by the Antichrist and his forces, the city is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt – certainly not "the holy city" during those days.

Rev11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

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Rev11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Commentary: It is very possible that the two witnesses will know when they are to be killed, and they will probably be prophesying and telling the world that three-and-a-half days after their deaths, Jesus shall resurrect them – and that after that the wrath of God shall come upon those who have worshipped the image of the beast and received his 666 mark. (Rev14:9-11 Rev16:1-16)

This could be the reason why their enemies will not permit their bodies to be buried, but rather allow their bodies to lie in the street of Jerusalem – so that their enemies can celebrate their deaths and watch in the hope of disproving their prophesying concerning Christ's return. (Rev11:8-10)

However, three-and-a-half days (84 hours) after the two witnesses are killed, their enemies are going to be shocked when they see them resurrected, and great fear is going to come upon the world because they will then know that God's wrath is about to be poured out upon those who have worshipped the image of the beast and received his 666 mark. (Rev11:11 Rev16:1-16)



39. The Seventh Trump (Rapture) – The Third Woe

Commentary: The next scriptures were looking at are those that cover events that follow the sounding of the seventh trump of God.

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Commentary: Correctly balanced scripture shows that this mystery of God that was declared to his servants the prophets is the resurrection, or the Rapture of ALL believers "on the last day". (Jn6:39,40,44,54 Jn11:14)

The prophet Job knew about the Rapture! (Job19:25-27)

The prophet Isaiah knew about the Rapture! (Isa26:19)

The prophet Daniel knew about the Rapture! (Dan12:2)

And Martha knew about the Rapture to happen "on the last day". (Jn11:24)

And four times in a row, Jesus confirms Martha's words that he shall raise ALL believers "on the last day". (Jn6:39,40,44,54)

That's a one-day, one-time "first resurrection" (Rev20:5) that happens when the sun and the moon go dark, there's an earthquake, and the stars fall from heaven, immediately after the tribulation. (Rev6:12-13 Matt24:29-31)

Therefore, the Rapture must also include the two witnesses.

Rev 11:11 And after three days and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet, and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them.

Commentary: The two witnesses do not have a separate resurrection – they are counted among the believers who are resurrected "on the last day". (Jn6:39,40,44,54) They shall be among the spirits of those who are present with the Lord before the Rapture, whose spirits Jesus shall bring with him on the day of resurrection, to put on immortality in their resurrected bodies. (2Cor5:8 1Thess4:14 1Cor15:53-54)

Rev6:12-13 KJV ¹² And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was **a great earthquake**; and **the sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and **the moon became as blood**; ¹³ And **the stars of heaven fell** unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.



Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Commentary: The sixth seal reveals some, but not all of the events that happen at the Rapture. These events are reflected in Matt24:29-31 – a passage that lists the same events and places them happening immediately after the tribulation. In other words, balanced scripture places the Rapture happening immediately after the tribulation.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.

Rev 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 Says, We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.



Commentary: At the sounding of the seventh trump, John only mentions what he hears happening in heaven. John does not mention anything about the Rapture happening on earth at the sound of the seventh trump – otherwise, there would be no

mystery that the seventh trump is the last trump of God that sounds at the Rapture. (Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)



We must remember that both John and Paul were directed by the Spirit in what to write and what not to write (Rev10:4 1Cor7:12), and thereby God was able to conceal in a mystery that the seventh trump (Rev10:7) is the last trump of God (1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17) that shall sound at the Rapture. (Matt24:29-31)

Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant was affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Commentary: We must also remember that although it is not identified in the RED-LETTER editions of the Bible, it is Jesus speaking from Rev11:3 to Rev11:13 as he gives an account of his two witnesses. This is important to understand because, from Rev11:14, John begins speaking again as he reiterates that the second woe is past, and the third woe came quickly.

The second woe passed back at Rev9:20-21, and the wicked who were not killed by the second woe didn't repent of their wickedness. (Rev9:13-21)

The third woe was the great earthquake that came within the hour after the two witnesses were resurrected – in other words, within the hour after the seventh trump was sounded at the Rapture (although the seventh trump is not mentioned in Rev11:11-13 to conceal the mystery associated with the seventh trump – Rev10:7). The great earthquake that kills seven thousand in Jerusalem is the third woe that came quickly, as John reports in Rev11:14.

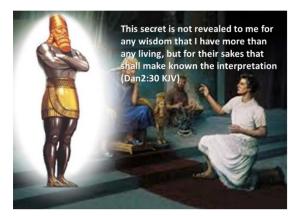
Again, we must understand that God has chosen to conceal in a mystery that the seventh trump is the last trump of God. (Rev10:7 1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

God accomplished this by directing both John and Paul on what to write, or what not to write, and it has been left up to us to solve this mystery. (Rev1:19 Rev10:7 2Cor12:2 Prov20:5)

We must also understand that prior to John having his Revelation experience, Paul had experienced his own series of visions and revelations. (2Cor12:1) This is probably when he learned about the Rapture happening at the last trump of God. (1Cor15:51-52 1Thess4:16-17)

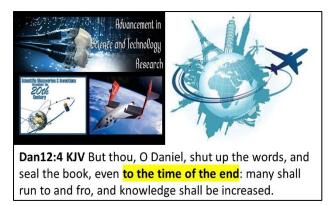


However, if Paul had written that the last trump was the seventh trump, then there would be no mystery. Likewise, if John had identified the seventh trump as the last trump of God, this also would not have served to conceal the matter in mystery. (Prov25:2)



Moreover, we must remind ourselves that we can't understand nor solve these things in our own wisdom. (Prov3:5-6) We must depend upon and call upon the Holy Spirit to teach us all things and to reveal to us God's secrets by the spirit of

wisdom and revelation. (Jn14:26 Matt13:35 Eph1:17)



We know that in the time of the end – the days in which we are now living, that the Lord shall help us to understand these matters of prophecy; these matters that have been kept secret since the

foundation of the world. We are the generation who needs to understand these matters – for we are on a "need to know" basis. (Dan12:4,9 1Cor10:6)



40. The "Day of Christ" and the "Day of the Lord"

Commentary: Scripture tells us that certain events happen "<u>on</u> the day of Christ" (2Thess2:1-3) and "<u>in</u> the day of the Lord". (2Pet3:10) Therefore, we need to understand the correct meaning of these different terms.

Elsewhere, scripture tells us that the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned into blood (reddened) <u>before</u> the great and terrible day of the Lord. (Joel2:31) We will address this prophecy in a moment.

We also need to understand that after the Rapture, other events need to take place <u>within</u> the first 75 days of the thousand-year "day of Lord" (Dan12:11-12 Joel2:1011 Zech14:1-9), before the reign of Christ on earth can begin. (Rev20:4 Matt19:28)

Therefore, before we begin to study these prophetic events, it is important to understand the difference between the terms "the day of Christ" and "the day of the Lord" as they are found in the KJV, as opposed to other Bible versions.

Although modern Bible versions may seem easier to read than the KJV, translators and publishers have carelessly alternated these two extremely important terms, and thereby lost God's intended meaning. The day of Christ is one day – the day Christ comes to gather us. (2Thess2:1-2)

The day of Christ is also the first day of the thousand-year day of the Lord.

The day of the Lord covers the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth, "<u>in</u> the which" (<u>during</u> which time) the earth shall be judged with fire <u>at the end</u> of those thousand years. That's when the heavens (atmospheres) and the elements of the earth shall melt with fervent heat, creating a new heaven and a new earth, ready to receive new Jerusalem. (2Pet3:7,10 Rev21:1-2)

Now, that this has been explained and clarified, we are now able to study the events to happen within the 75 days immediately after the Rapture – meaning within the first 75 days of the thousand-year day of the Lord. Those 75 days are found in the Dan12:11-12 prophecy.

"And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate setup, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." – Dan12:11-12

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK – and beyond				
COVENANT CONFIRMED– Dan9:27	MIDST OF Daily Sacrifice take			APTURE 44:29-31
		1,260 DAYS – GREAT TRIBULATION		NOT TO SCALE
		1,290 DAYS – DAN12:11		
		1,335 DAYS – DAN12:12		

As we shall discover, there are 30 days for the marriage supper of the Lamb while the vials of God's wrath are poured out upon the earth, and then 45 days for the battle of Armageddon and the gathering of the remnant of Israel. We also need to examine the scriptures to see how the Joel2:31 prophecy is fulfilled <u>before</u> and <u>during</u> the day of the Lord, understanding that whenever darkness covers the sun, the moon will most likely be turned red.

"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD, come." – Joel2:31

THE SUN DARKEN	ED AND THE MOON TURNED INTO BLOOD	
The sun darkened and moon turned into blood BEFORE the day of the Lord (Joel2:31 Rev9:2)	The sun darkened and moon turned into blood at the Rapture, on the "day of Christ", which is the first day of the thousand- year "day of the Lord" (Matt24:29-31 Rev6:12-13 2Thess:1-2)	
	The sun darkened and moon turned into blood DURING the 75 days for the outpouring of the vials of wrath and the battle of Armageddon (Rev16:1-16 Dan12:11-12)	
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DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK	THE THOUSAND-YEAR DAY OF THE LORD	ETERNITY
NOT TO SCALE	During the "day of the Lord" the heavens (atmospheres) and the earth shall be burned with fire, creating a new heaven and a new earth ready to receive the new Jerusalem. (2Pet3:7,10 Rev21:1-2)	

The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned blood red BEFORE the day of the Lord, during the days of the great tribulation. (Joel2:31 Rev9:2)

But the sun shall also be darkened, and the moon turned into blood on the day of the Rapture, on the "day of Christ", which is the first day in the thousandyear "day of the Lord". (Matt24:29-31 2Thess:1-2)

This is a back-to-back event, like on the day when Noah entered the ark and the flood began that same day; or on the day when Lot left Sodom, and fire and brimstone came down from heaven that same day. (Lk17:28-30) So shall it be when the wrath of God begins to be poured out! Furthermore, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall be turned into the blood during the 75 days of the outpouring of the vials of wrath and the battle of Armageddon. (Rev16:1-16 Dan12:11-12)

Therefore, we can see from balanced scripture that the description of the sun being darkened, and the moon being turned into the blood is not limited to the days "<u>before</u> the day of the Lord." This phenonium also applies at the time of the Rapture "<u>on</u> the day of Christ", also <u>during</u> the first 75 days of the thousand-year day of the Lord, and after that, at the end of the millennial reign of the Lord when the seventh vial of God's wrath is poured out into the air. Then the heavens (atmospheres) and the earth shall be burned with fire, creating a new heaven and new earth ready to receive the new Jerusalem. (2Pet3:7,10 Rev16:17-21 Rev21:1-2)

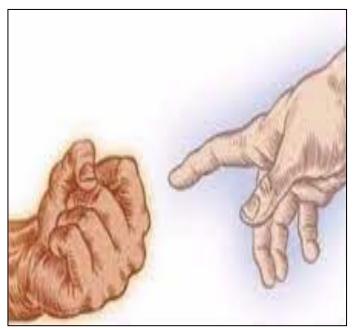
2Pet3:7,10 KJV But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men ... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which (during the thousand years) the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.





41. The Marriage Supper and the Days of Wrath

Commentary: The next verses and passages in Revelation that we're looking at involve events that happen during the extra 30 days in the Dan12:11 prophecy – meaning the next 30 days past the 1,260 days of great tribulation.



Rev 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath comes, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. **Commentary:** As we'll discover, Rev11:18 covers a time span of a thousand years – from the time when the prophets and saints receive their rewards at the judgment seat of Christ (2Cor5:10), to the time when the dead shall be judged at the great white throne judgment seat of God after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth. (Rev20:11-15)

At the time of the Rapture, every eye is going to see Jesus coming in the clouds to raise ALL believers "on the last day". (Rev1:7 Jn6:39m40,44,54)

Then, those who were rejoicing at the deaths of the two witnesses shall suddenly be in fear, because they are going to realize that the wrath of God is going to come upon them, and the nations shall be angry at God because they will know that they have no more time to repent and be saved, for it is necessary to believe on Jesus without seeing (Jn20:29) – that means before he appears in the clouds at the time of the Rapture. (Rev1:7)



Before the two witnesses are killed, we can almost be certain that they shall be prophesying and telling the world concerning their deaths and resurrection, and of the wrath of God to follow.

This is probably the reason why their enemies shall not allow the

bodies of the two witnesses to be buried. It's possible that their enemies shall insist that their bodies should lie in the street of Jerusalem so that the world can laugh and mock their prophesying, like how the enemies of Jesus mocked his death before his resurrection. (Rev11:8-9 Jn2:19 Matt27:42) And we can almost be certain that the two witnesses shall be telling their enemies that when they see Jesus coming in the clouds to resurrect them, then their rejoicing and laughing shall be turned into mourning. (Rev1:7 Jms4:9) The world shall then be in great fear and shall be angry at the God that they had refused to believe in because then they'll know he is real and that the time has come when he is going to reward his prophets and saints, but that he is also going to pour out his wrath upon them. (Rev11:18 Rom1:28 Rev16:1-21)

This is most likely the reason why the nations will be angry at that time.

While Rev11:18 describes what shall happen on earth during those 30 days, Rev19:1-9 tells us what shall happen in heaven at that time – when the saints appear in heaven, having come out of great tribulation. (Rev7:14 Rev15:2-4)



Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Commentary: Every time John says, "After this I beheld" or "And then", we need to understand that he is being shown another separate vision that may or may not be in sequence with the previous vision John was shown.

This realization is very important to understand the sequence of events.

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 7:12 Says, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Commentary: In Rev7:9-17 presents us with another conundrum to solve.

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In the Rev7:9-17 passage, John was shown a vision that was later repeated in Rev15:2-4 – at a time more relevant to the sequence of events.

In effect, the Rev7:9-17 passage reveals that John was shown a PREVIEW vision that was later repeated in Rev15:2-4, but with added detail when John was shown the same vision a second time. Both passages of scripture describe events that happen in heaven after the great tribulation, but immediately before the vials of God's wrath are poured out. (Rev15:2-4 and Rev16:1-16 Rev19:1-10)



Therefore, we can place the events described in Rev7:9-17 and Rev15:2-4 as happening in heaven soon after the Rapture.

Then, while the marriage supper of the Lamb and the

judgment seat of Christ take place in heaven, the vials of God's wrath shall be poured out upon the earth. (Rev15:1 to Rev16:16 2Cor5:10 Rev19:1-10)

Rev 15:2 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.

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Rev 15:4 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.

Commentary: Rev7:9-17 and Rev15:2-4 are parallel passages describing the resurrected saints in heaven after the great tribulation, but immediately before the vials of God's wrath are poured out.





This is the time when Jesus is going to reward the prophets and the saints at the judgment seat of Christ. We can tell from balanced scripture that this is also the time of the marriage supper of the Lamb to happen in heaven. (2Cor5:10 Rev19:7-9)

The following passage of Rev19:1-10, when balanced with Rev7:13-14 and Rev:15:2, confirms that the resurrected saints are in heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb while the vials of God's wrath are poured out upon earth for 30 days, preparing the way for Armageddon. (Dan12:11 Rev16:1-16)

Then, immediately after those 30 days, Jesus and the armies of heaven will return to earth for the battle of Armageddon and gather the remnant of Israel. (Rev19:11 – Rev20:3 Ezk34:11-14 Rom9:26-29 Rev14:1-5) Rev 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Rev 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

Rev 19:3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose forever and ever.

Rev 19:4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

Rev 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fears him, both small and great.

Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **Commentary:** How God loves to present us with a mystery to solve. (Prov25:2) Throughout Revelation, he has scattered verses and passages that can be likened to pieces of a jigsaw puzzle that we need to examine and then pieced together with their perfect mate. (Isa34:16)



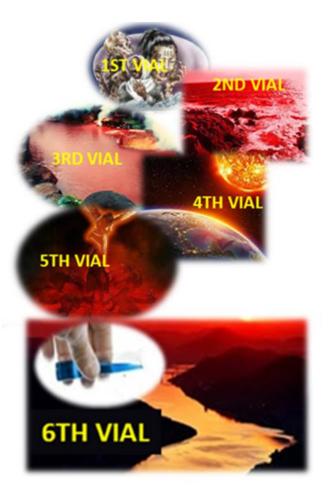
We have established through balanced scripture that after the Rapture, the resurrected saints are taken from earth's end of heaven to

the far end of heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb for 30 days, while the vials of God's wrath are poured out upon the earth. The sixth vial shall dry the river Euphrates to prepare the way for the battle of Armageddon to follow.

The Vials of God's Wrath

Now, we can examine the scriptures that cover the outpouring of the vials of God's wrath that shall be poured out after the resurrected saints appear in heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb, but before the battle of Armageddon.

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them has filled up the wrath of God.



Rev 15:6 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.

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever.

Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God,



and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

The First Vial

Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth, and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

Commentary: During the very early days of the great tribulation, the third of three herald angels flew around earth warning everyone on earth to not worship the image of the beast, or receive his 666 mark, or else the wrath of God would come upon them. Here, we see the result for those who did not heed the severe warning of that Rev14:9-11 prophecy. (Rev14:9-11)

The Second Vial

Rev 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea, and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

Commentary: Although this verse sounds like the events that follow the sounding of the second trump during the great tribulation (Rev8:8-9), this is a completely different event that happens after the great tribulation, and therefore after the Rapture. In Rev8:8-9, only a third of the sea and a third of marine life were affected, whereas, in Rev16:3, we can understand that this plague applies to all the seas and that all oceanic marine life is killed.

The Third Vial

Rev 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood.

Rev 16:5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be because thou hast judged thus.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

Rev 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Commentary: In Rev6:9-11, the souls of martyred saints ask the Lord how long before he avenges their blood upon those who killed them. Here, we see the answer as God pours out his vials of wrath are poured out upon the wicked, while those in heaven agree that God's judgment is both true and righteous.

The Fourth Vial

Rev 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun, and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Commentary: Even in the pain of their suffering, when God righteously judges the wicked, they choose to curse and blaspheme the name of God rather than humble themselves and repent.

The Fifth Vial

Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast, and his kingdom was full of darkness, and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.



The Sixth Vial

Rev 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Commentary: These three seem to be one and the same – an unholy trinity.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walks naked, and they see his shame.

Commentary: Here is a sudden and interesting verse to appear in scripture.

This is spoken in heaven after the Rapture, during the days of wrath, and before the battle of Armageddon. By the time this is spoken in heaven, Jesus had already come as a thief in the

Before the Rapture, during the great tribulation Rev 16:15 KJV Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

<u>After</u> the Rapture, during the days of wrath 1Thess5:1 KJV For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.



night upon those who did not understand (1Thess5:2,4), when he came to gather his church at the Rapture. (2Thess2:1)

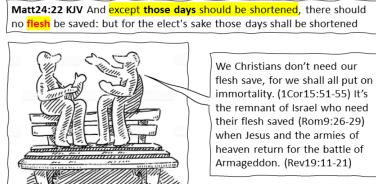
Therefore, Rev16:15 could only be referring to the remnant of Israel who is still on earth, still enduring the extended time of trouble, not knowing that Jesus and the armies of heaven are about to return for the battle of Armageddon and to shorten those days, and to save their flesh from total annihilation, otherwise Israel would be as Sodom and Gomorrah. (Rom9:27-29 Matt24:22 Dan12:12 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3)

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Commentary: At the battle of Armageddon is when the prophecy of Matt24:22 shall be fulfilled – when the remnant of Israel shall be saved. (Rom9:26-29)

Christians don't need our flesh to save, for we shall all put on immortality. (1Cor15:51-55) It's the remnant of Israel who needs their flesh saved. (Rom9:26-29) It's for their sake those days shall be shortened. (Matt24:22)

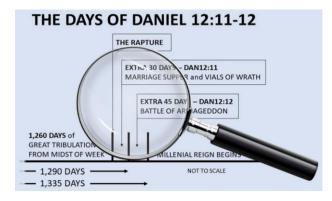
The time of great trouble continues past the 1,260 days of great tribulation, past the Rapture on the last day (Jn6:39,40,44,54) to include the 30 days for



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the outpouring of the vials of God's wrath while the resurrected saints are in heaven for the marriage supper of the Lamb and for the judgment seat of Christ. (Dan12:11 Rev15:1 to Rev16:12 Rev19:1-10 2Cor5:10)

During the days of wrath, the 6th vial dries the river Euphrates to prepare the way for the battle of Armageddon to follow. (Rev16:12-16)



Then those days shall be shortened – when Jesus and the armies of heaven return for the last 45 days of the 1,335 days of Dan12:12 – the days for the battle of Armageddon and to save and gather of the remnant of

Israel. (Matt24:22 Dan12:12 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 Rom;9;26-29 Ezk34:11-14)

The 7th Vial

At this point, the seventh vial is reserved to be poured out into the air after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth, when the earth shall be judged with fire and the elements melt with fervent heat, and the mountains are not



found, and there's no more sea. This event will form new heaven (atmosphere) and new earth out of the same elements, ready to receive the holy city, new Jerusalem. (Rev16:17-21 2Pet3:7,10 Rev21:1-2)

The prophetic verse of Rev16:16 finds its perfect mate (Isa34:16) in the Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 passage that highlights the

Rev16:12-16 KJV And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates ...And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 KJV And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war ... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

fact that after the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev19:7-9), Jesus and the armies of heaven (the saints – Jude1:14) shall mount up upon white horses and return to earth for the battle of Armageddon and to save and gather the remnant of Israel – the 144,000. (Rom26-29 Ezk34:11-13 Rev14:1-5 Zeph3:13)



42. The Battle of Armageddon

and the Gathering of the Remnant of Israel

Commentary: We have established, through scripture, that the marriage supper of the Lamb and the judgment seat of Christ shall happen in heaven for 30 days (Rev19:7-10 2Cor5:10 Dan12:11), while the vials of God's wrath are being poured out upon the earth, with the sixth vial preparing the way for the battle of Armageddon to follow. (Rev16:1-16)

Then immediately after the marriage supper of the Lamb, Jesus and the armies of heaven (the saints – Jude1:14) shall mount up upon white horses and return to earth to cut short those days of trouble at the battle of Armageddon and to save and gather the remnant of Israel, otherwise, they would be obliterated. (Matt24:22 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3 Ezk34:11-14 Rom9:29)

During the next 45 days – the last 45 days of the 1,335 days of the Dan12:12 prophecy, Jesus and his saints shall defeat the Antichrist and his forces at the

battle of Armageddon. Then the saints shall possess the kingdom (Dan7:18), and the remnant of Israel (Rom9:26-29) that have been scattered abroad in the dark and cloudy day shall be gathered and brought to Israel. (Ezk33:11-14) This is when the kingdom be restored (Acts1:6-7), and Jesus shall reign over all the earth. (Rev20:4 Matt19:28)

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness, he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

Commentary: It is never wise to speculate when interpreting scripture, but knowing that with God nothing shall be impossible, this vesture dipped in the blood may be the same blood-stained, woven without seam vesture that Jesus wore on earth, and for which the four soldiers did cast lots, and to which prophetic scripture pays much attention. (Jn19:23-24 Ps22:18)



Perhaps this is the reason why John and other prophetic scripture recorded these events with such detail – so that we would know and understand. (Jn19:24 Prov20:5 Matt16:17b Eph1:17 Jn14:29)

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name is written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.



Commentary: The Rev19:18 verse is reflected in Ezk39:4 to show that Ezekiel Chapter 39 is mostly describing the battle of Armageddon, when the Antichrist shall be referred to as Gog – although the chapter also refers to the battle of Gog and Magog when Gog and his forces of Magog shall be devoured by fire. (Ezk34:6 Rev20:7-9) Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Commentary: Because the Antichrist is referred to as the beast (Rev17:8), this

seems to indicate that the Antichrist will be the embodiment of an unholy trinity comprising of Satan, the beast, and the false prophet, out of whose mouth shall come three unclean spirits of devils that shall gather the kings of the earth and the whole world to the battle of Armageddon. (Rev16:13-14)



Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Commentary: This is referring to the remnant of the Antichrist forces, and not the remnant of Israel. (Rom9:27)

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that, he must be loosed a little season.

Commentary: The angel of Rev20:1 who has (note the word "has") the key of the bottomless pit seems to be the same "star" angel of Rev9:1 who at that time was given (note the words "was given") the key of the bottomless pit.

In Rev9:1 the angel is given the key, and then in Rev20:1 he already has the key to the bottomless pit. This angel seems to be the one who has command over the plague of locusts that sting and torment the followers of the Antichrist during the time of the sixth trump; the first woe judgment. (Rev9:1-12)



This angel is certainly not Satan, nor one of his minions. This angel is given authority and responsibility from heaven and even seems to be the angel who is king over the

bottomless pit, and whose name is Apollyon. (Rev9:11)

Contrary to popular opinion, tradition, and myth, scripture proves that Satan is not Apollyon, nor is Satan the king of the bottomless pit. The bottomless pit is the second last place Satan wants to be, but where he shall be bound in chains for a thousand years; and the last place Satan wants to be in the lake of fire, but where he shall eventually be cast to spend eternity. (Rev20:1-3,10) During the last part of the 45 days found in the Dan12:12 prophecy, we see from scripture that Jesus himself shall gather his sheep out of the places where they have been scattered in the dark and cloud day, referring to the time of great tribulation, and then the days of wrath, and then the days of the battle of Armageddon. (Ezk34:11-14)

Jesus has told us in his Word that he himself shall gather the 144,000 from the countries where they have been scattered, and he will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel, and fulfill all that has been promised concerning the remnant of Israel. (Ezk34:11-14 Rom9:26-29 Zeph3:13 Rev14:1-5)

This is when the kingdom shall be restored to Israel. (Acts1:6-7 Matt19:14)



43. The Thousand-Year Reign of Christ

Commentary: "Revelation Rearranged" is mainly focused on examining the verses and passages from Revelation, and then rearranging those scriptures into the order in which they are most likely to happen.

Therefore, as the book of Revelation does not say much about the thousandyear reign of Christ, as do other prophetic books of the Bible, this study will be concise when covering the events to happen during Christ's millennial reign.

Once the battle of Armageddon has ended, Satan has been bound in chains and cast into the bottomless pit, the beast and the false prophet have been cast into the lake of fire, and the saints have possessed the kingdom, and the remnant of Israel have been gathered to Israel, then the kingdom of Israel shall be restored and the reign of Christ on earth shall begin. (Dan12:12 Rev19:11 to Rev20:4 Dan7:18 Ezk34:11-14 Acts1:6-7 Matt19:28)



Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Commentary: To rule and reign with Christ in his millennial reign upon earth seems to be the "mark for the prize of the high calling of God" that Paul spoke about in Phil3:14.

This "prize" is not the gift of everlasting life, for a prize is won, whereas a gift is

freely given and cannot be won, earned, merited, or deserved, otherwise it would be a reward and not a gift. (Eph2:8-8)

There is a difference!

Therefore, scripture seems to suggest that



"the mark for the prize of the high calling of God" is to rule and reign with Jesus in his millennial kingdom on earth. This is certainly what the martyrs for Christ have to look forward to, along with those who have forsaken all to serve Christ in this life, as Rev20:4 Matt19:28-29 points out.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Commentary: Four times in a row throughout Jn6:39,40,44,54, Jesus promised that he shall raise ALL that believe in him "on the last day" – meaning, every believer shall be raised in their resurrected, immortal body on the last day, immediately after the tribulation. (Jn6:39,40,44,54 Matt24:29-31 1Cor15:53) Every believer – all those who are Christ's shall take part in what is called the "first resurrection" at his coming. (Rev20:5 1Cor15:23)

Herein, Rev20:5 concludes the explanation as to who shall take part in the first resurrection – only those who have believed and received Christ.

The unsaved who do not believe in Jesus and received Him as their Saviour shall wait for the great white throne judgment seat of God that shall take place after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth. Unbelievers shall then be raised to stand before the great white throne judgment seat of God to be judged by their works, and that shall determine their final fate. (Rev20:11-15)



Rev 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

Rev 14:3 And they sang as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Commentary: During his Revelation experience, John was shown a vision and heard things that shall happen on earth and in heaven at the beginning of Christ's thousand-year reign on earth. He saw the 144,000 following Jesus upon mount Sion on earth – not "in" the heavenly mount Sion. At the same time, John heard a great multitude in heaven singing as if it were a new song before the throne, but on earth, only the 144,000 could learn that song.

This begs the question as to why only the 144,000 could learn that song on earth. Are they the only humans alive on earth at the beginning of the thousand-year reign of Christ? Maybe we've misunderstood prophecy and missed the understanding that the 144,000 might include both boys and girls, as "not defiled with women" could equally apply to girls. (Rev14:4)

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Moreover, the prophecy says that if the remnant of Israel had not been saved, then Israel (meaning the people) would have been as Sodom and Gomorrah – meaning Israel would be obliterated and be no more. (Rom9:29)



Surely then, we must consider that the 144,000 would also include girls. And surely the "seed" of Rom9:29 is the "good seed" referred to in Matt13:27 – the "first fruits" redeemed from among men (humanity) that

Jesus sows in the earth to repopulate the earth to form the twelve tribes of Israel for his millennial kingdom on earth. (Rev14:4 Hos2:23 Rev20:4)

Balanced scripture seems to indicate that this is the case.

Note: Again, in this study, we are mainly focused on portions of Endtime scripture found within the book of Revelation and rearranging those texts into the order in which they are most likely to happen.

Other books in the Endtime Series, such as **The Endtime Dream**, present a deeper understanding of the 144,000 remnant of Israel and the repopulating of the millennial earth, and the judging of the "sheep and goat" nations during the millennial reign of Christ on earth.



44. The Battle of Gog and Magog

Commentary: The book of Revelation then jumps to the end of the millennial reign of Christ, to the time Satan is released from the bottomless pit.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Commentary: Even after a thousand years of seeing and experiencing the reign of Christ on earth, Satan is again able to deceive the nations that have formed during Christ's millennial kingdom.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Commentary: Perhaps the battle of Gog and Magog shall be a non-event, for it seems that when they gather to battle, fire comes down and devours them.



During the thousand years, heaven will be the home of the saints, but Jerusalem shall be known as the "camp of the saints" – the international capital on earth.

Traveling between heaven and earth shall be as easy for the saints in their resurrected bodies as it was for Jesus in his resurrected body – for then we shall be as he is. (Acts1:9-11 1Jn3:2)

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Commentary: Finally, Satan is cast into the lake of fire where the other twothirds of the unholy trinity has been for thousand years. (Rev19:20)



45. The Harvest at the End of the World

Commentary: There is a difference between the Rapture and the harvest. In Matt13:39 Jesus said, "The harvest is the end of the world."

The Rapture happens just before the millennial reign of Christ (Matt24:29-31), whereas the harvest happens at the end of the world (Matt13:39) – at the end of the millennial reign of Christ when the earth is to be judged with fire. (2Per3:7,10)

The harvest is the gathering of the "good seed" into the barn (heaven), which specifically applies to those who die in Christ during his millennial reign, as balanced scripture confirms. (Isa65:20 1Cor15:26 Rev20:14)

The end of the world happens when the seventh vial is poured out into the air (Rev16:17-21) and the earth is judged with fire and the elements melt with fervent heat (2Pet3:7,10), forming new heaven (atmosphere) and a new earth, ready to receive new Jerusalem. (Rev21:1-2) This is the correct sequence of events, according to scripture. (2Tim2:15)

In Matt13: 24-30, Jesus uses the wheat and tares to describe the harvest, whereas Rev14:14-19 uses vines and clusters of grapes to describe the harvest – although some of the aspects concerning the



vines and grapes could also apply to the battle of Armageddon. (Rev14:20)

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Rev 14:17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 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.

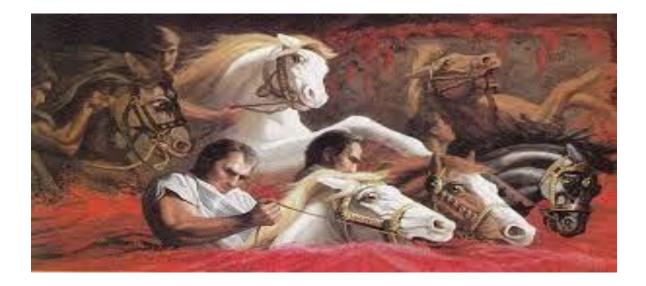
Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

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Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Commentary: Rev14:18 seems to be another way in which scripture describes the harvest (Matt13:24-49), but then Rev14:19-20 seems to be more fitting to the battle of Armageddon. (Rev19:17-19)





46. The Great White Throne Judgment Seat of God

Commentary: At the end of the millennial reign of Christ on earth, every unbeliever (the unsaved) will be raised to stand before the great white throne judgment seat of God where they shall be judged by their works, and that shall determine their final fate.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.



Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which was in it, and death and hell delivered up the dead which was in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Commentary: We can understand from balanced scripture that the spirits of the unsaved dwell in a spiritual prison (1Pet3:19-20), while their bodies remain wherever they died or were buried. However, Rev20:13 seems to indicate that after the thousand years, even the unbelieving dead shall be raised in their bodies, regardless of wherever their bodies decomposed, and they shall then stand before the great white throne judgment seat of God on judgment day. This is called the second death, but one believers do not face. (Rev20:5-6)

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Commentary: This is when Death and Hell, the spiritual entity of Death, and the spirit realm of Hell that were revealed within the fourth seal, shall be cast into the lake of fire. (Rev6:7-8)

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Commentary: This passage concludes the explanation of the second death that only the unbelievers shall have to face. (Rev20:5-6)



47. The 7th Vial and the End of the World

Commentary: Before the millennial reign of Christ on earth began, the sixth vial dried the river Euphrates to prepare the way for the battle of Armageddon that followed immediately after the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev16:12-16 Rev19:7-10 Rev19:11 to Rev20:3)

However, the seventh vial was reserved to be poured out into the air after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth. That is when the earth is judged with fire, and the elements melt with fervent heat to create new heaven (atmosphere) and a new earth, ready to receive a new Jerusalem. (Rev20:1-2)

Rev 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

Commentary: This completes the outpouring of the seven vials of God's wrath. This event completes the seven thousand years of world history – from Genesis to the end of the world as we know it, after which God shall make all things new. God makes new heaven (atmosphere) and new earth out of the same elements, ready to receive new Jerusalem. (Rev21:1-2,5 2Per3:7,10) Then, Rev16:18-21 further describes what happens at the end of the world.

Rev 16:18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightning; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Commentary: This global earthquake at the end of the world is far greater than the earthquake that happened within the hour after the Rapture, which killed seven thousand in Jerusalem. (Rev11:13 Matt24:29-31)

Rev 16:19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Commentary: At the end of the world, God remembers back to when he judged "that great city Babylon" (Rev17:8), and she was found no more – meaning, Babylon doesn't exist during the millennial reign of Christ. (Rev18:21)

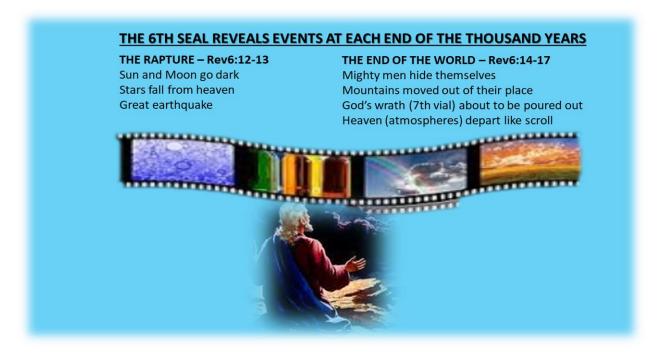
When God judged Babylon with fire during the early days of the great tribulation, that judgment is limited to "that great city Babylon" only, whereas, at the end of the world, God judges the whole earth with fire – and Babylon only comes to God's remembrance. (Rev17:16-18 Matt13:39 2Pet3:7,10)

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

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Commentary: During the millennium, there will still be mountains and seas on earth. However, when the seventh vial is poured out, the islands shall melt, and the seas will evaporate, creating a new heaven and a new earth.

Rev 16:21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.



Commentary: Rev16:18-21 is reflected in Rev6:14-17 – a passage in which God presents us with another very interesting mystery to solve.

In Rev6:12-17, when Jesus had opened the sixth seal, John was shown a panoramic vision that included visions of some of the events that shall happen at the Rapture (Rev6:12-13), as well as visions of other events that shall happen after the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth – at the time when the seventh vial is poured out and the earth is judged with fire. (Rev6:14-17 2Pet3:7,10) Those latter events are described in Rev6:14-17.

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath comes; and who shall be able to stand?

Commentary: During the days when the first six vials are being poured out, the Antichrist is gathering the kings of the east and of the whole earth for the battle of Armageddon (Rev16:12-16).



However, at the end of the world, all the kings and rich and mighty men who Satan deceived after he was released (Rev20:7-8), and who were not numbered among those who were devoured with fire at the battle of Gog and Magog

(Rev20:8-9); these shall try unsuccessfully to hide, but shall know that they shall not be able to escape the wrath of the Lamb to come when the earth is judged with fire. (2Pet3:7,10)



48. The New Heaven and the New Earth

Commentary: After the seventh vial has been poured out into the air, causing the elements to melt with fervent heat so that the islands and mountains and seas are no more, God will create new heaven (atmosphere) and new earth out of the same elements – then earth shall be ready to receive the heavenly city, new Jerusalem. (Rev16:17-21 2Pet2:7,10 Rev21:1-2)

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Commentary: Note the words "as a bride adorned for her husband". This term is used to emphasize the beauty of the new Jerusalem. It is not meant to imply that the city is the bride of Christ, as we'll discover.

Unfortunately, some people have misinterpreted the mysteriously written Rev21:9-10 passage to think that the heavenly city is the bride of Christ. Rather, the bride of Christ dwells with him within the city.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Commentary: Think of it – out of all the planets in the whole universe, God, the Creator of the whole universe, and all that is therein is going to someday dwell with his people on this planet we call earth. How awesome is that?

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall



be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Commentary: There are still going to be tears in heaven – regret for things we did or didn't do in this life, or for things that were unjustly done to ourselves or others. However, God

promises to wipe away all tears and to somehow right all wrongs – for earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal, eventually!

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.



Commentary: All throughout his Revelation experience, John was told what to write, or what not to write (Rev1:19 Rev10:4), and thereby some things were concealed in mystery, and yet a mystery that is not past solving and understanding. (Prov20:5)

Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

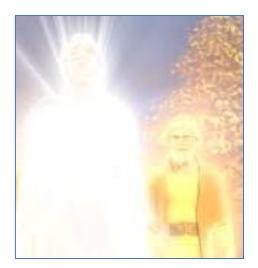
Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Commentary: Following are some mysterious matters to consider.

Firstly, this angel who has the seventh vial is identified twice in scripture as "a fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets" (Rev19:10 Rev22:29), that is, a man, and he is the one John refers to concerning the measurement of a cubit in Rev21:17.

Twice, John mistook this man to be an angel. Perhaps this was due to his glorious, heavenly appearance. (Rev19:10 Rev22:29 Matt17:1-3 Dan12:3) The word "angel" is synonymous with "evangelist", or "messenger".

Secondly, when this angel tells John to come with him, he carried John away in the spirit to



a great high mountain and shows him new Jerusalem, but John mentions nothing more about the bride of Christ.

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.

Commentary: Here, further mysterious truths begin to unfold, and which need to be understood. This angel carried John away in the spirit to a great high mountain, which scripture refers to as the shape of the heavenly city. (Heb12:22 Dan2:45)



However, John only writes about the city, which he refers to as "she". This is not meant to imply that the new Jerusalem itself is the bride of Christ, but rather those who inhabit the city are the bride of Christ – the same as when Jesus spoke to Jerusalem in Matt23:37, saying,

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem". Jesus was not speaking concerning the city per se, but rather the inhabitants.



We must continually remember that God loves to conceal things in mystery. (Prov20:5) Therefore, during his revelation experience, John was continually being told what to write or what not to

write. (Rev10:4) Thereby, many matters have been concealed in mystery, only to be understood in the latter days, when God has chosen to reveal them to us by the spirit of wisdom and revelation. (Dan12:4 Jn14:26 Eph1:17 Dan11:33)

Rev 21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Rev 21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates, twelve angels, and names are written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Rev 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Rev 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

Rev 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.



Commentary: The description in Rev21:16 allows for the height of the city to be measured from any of the four base corners, up to an apex, which would describe a perfectly shaped pyramid – a great high mountain, otherwise known as the mountain of the Lord, the heavenly mount Sion. (Rev21:10 Heb12:22) Perhaps this is the reason why the Egyptian pharaohs built their pyramids – to try to capture their idea of immortality. (Rom1:20)

Rev 21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

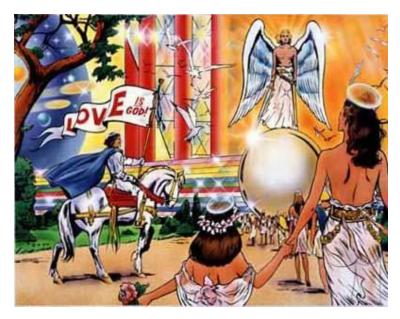
Commentary: This is where scripture refers to the man whom John mistook as an angel, but who twice identified himself as "a fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets". (Rev19:10 Rev22:29) Therefore, John is saying that the cubit measurement he is using refers to the measurement of a man's forearm – that is, of the man he mistook as an angel.

Rev 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Rev 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

Rev 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gates was



of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Rev 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

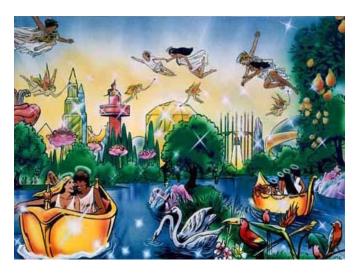
Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moons, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Rev 21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

Rev 21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

Rev 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.



Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of

life, which bare twelve manners of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him:

Rev 22:4 And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 And there shall be no night there, and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever.

Rev 22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:8 And I John saw these things and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

Rev 22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

Commentary: Again, perhaps because of his heavenly appearance, John mistook the soul of this saint and fellow Christian as an angel. However, on each occasion, John's misunderstanding was corrected. (Rev19:10 Rev22:9)

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this



book: for the time is at hand.

Commentary: Unlike the instruction given to Daniel when he was told to seal the prophecies of the book of Daniel (Dan12:4), here John is

told not to seal the prophecy of the book of Revelation.

As we are now living in the time of the end, we are witnessing events that help us see how the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation combine to give us understanding.

Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.



Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Commentary: This saying, "Behold, I come quickly" does not mean that Jesus would come soon after the

book of Revelation was written. This saying is a reference to how Jesus shall return when he appears in the clouds on the day of resurrection (the Rapture). That is when Jesus shall come quickly – when he shall come as the lightning that shines from the east to the west. (Matt24:27)

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Rev 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Rev 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.



Rev 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Commentary: This saying is referring to the prophecy of this book – meaning the book of Revelation, and not the book we call the Bible, which wasn't in existence when the book of Revelation was written. The book we call the Holy Bible was only compiled many years later from the many books of scripture.

Rather, we can understand through balanced scripture that the Lord can and does speak today through the responsible use of the gift of prophecy, as he will speak in the future through the two witnesses during the 1,260 days of great tribulation. (Acts2:17-18 Rev11:3)

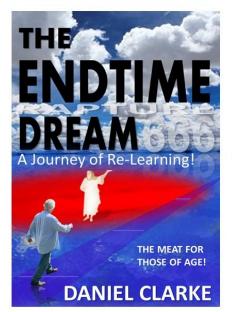
Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Commentary: Again, here Jesus is telling us that when he comes, he shall come quickly, as the lightning shines from the east even unto the west. (Matt24:27)

Rev 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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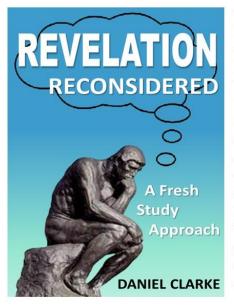
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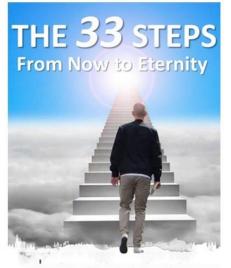


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