

# My Study of the Book of Revelation

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## **I. Introduction – Revelation 1**

### **• Revelation 1: 1-8**

- **Revelation 1:1** - The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified *it* by his angel unto his servant John:
  - Why? To show things which would occur come to pass unto Jesus’s servants; When would these things come to pass: shortly – 1 John 3:2-3
  - How was the revelation delivered? By an angel – Who received revelation by an angel? Daniel - Daniel 9:21
  - To whom? Jesus’ servant, the Apostle John
- **The Apostle John bear record of three items: Revelation 1:2** – Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
  - “Word of God”
  - “Testimony of Jesus Christ”
  - “all things that he saw”
- **Blessing for reading the Book of Revelation: Revelation 1:3** - Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.
- **Revelation 1:4** – John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;
  - “Asia” does not refer to the continent of Asia, but the Roman Province of Asia Minor.
  - Revelation 1:11 – “the seven churches which are in Asia; Which are the churches written in Chapter two and three.
    - Ephesus
    - Smyrna

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- Pergamos
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea
- Greeting: “Grace *be* unto you, and peace”; Both are work of God through the finish work of Christ
  - Grace: Allowance to personal relationship to all believers – Gentiles
  - Peace: The rest promised
- Greeting is from three:
  - “from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and (God the Father)”
  - “from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;”
  - **Revelation 1: 5** - And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him
- What has Jesus done for us?
  - “that loved us,”
  - “and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”
  - **Revelation 1:6** - And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father
- “to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” Who? Jesus
- **Revelation 1:7** - Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
  - Who? Jesus
  - How many eyes shall see him?
    - Every eye
    - they also which him
    - all kindreds of the earth
- **Jesus claim himself to be God: Revelation 1:8** - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Compare to Revelation 1:4
- **Revelation 1:9-20**
  - **Revelation 1:9** I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.
    - In 95 AD the Roman Emperor Domitian instigated a persecution of Christians that extended to Modern Turkey where the Apostle John was ministering during the later part of his life. In 96 AD the Apostle John along with other Christians for refusing to worship Domitian as a god were sent to the Island of Patmos in Aegean Sea.
    - John ascribes himself as a brother in Christ and a companion concerning three areas
      - In Tribulation
      - In the Kingdom of God
      - In patience; patience for what? The establishment of Lord’s Kingdom on Earth, the 1000 year reign of Christ.
    - Why was John suffering persecution ?
      - For the Word of God
      - For the Testimony of Jesus Christ

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- **Revelation 1:10** - I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet
  - John was in the Spirit. Having a vision? II Corinthians 12:1-5
  - On the Lord' day: Sunday
  - Jesus' Voice: a great voice, as of a trumpet; Revelation 1:15b: "his voice as the sound of many waters"
- **Revelation 1:11** Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.
  - Repeat of Verse 8: Affirming that He is the Eternal God
  - John is directed to write what he seen, **no liberties**.
  - Send it to the Seven churches in Asia Minor, modern day Turkey, that he was ministering to in his later years.
- **Revelation 1:12** And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks
  - Seven Golden Candle Sticks: Verse 20: the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches
  - Seven Churches: Verse 11 "seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."
- **Revelation 1:13-16** And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.
  - Matthew 17:1-2; Mark 9: 3; Luke 9:29; Revelation 2:18; Daniel 7:9; Revelation 19:11-16
  - Two Item Described in Verse 16:
    - "And he had in his right hand seven stars"; Seven Stars: Verse 20 The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches
      - Greek Word for "angels" is "messenger"
      - Seven Angels: Guardian Church Angels
      - Seven Angels: Church Pastors?
    - "out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword" - Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 19:15a
- **Revelation 1:17-18** And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.
  - Jesus reveals Himself as both God and Man
    - God: I am the first and the last: I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen;
    - Man: was dead
  - "Keys:
    - Peter was given the Keys of Heaven - Matthew 16:15-19
    - Keys of Hell and Death

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- **Revelation 1:19** Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
  - “the things which thou hast seen”: Revelation 1:1-20
  - “the things which are”: Revelation 2:1 - 3:22
  - “the things which shall be hereafter”: Revelation 4:1 - 22:21
- **Revelation 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. - Already discussed

### II. The Letters to the Seven Churches – Revelation 2-3

- The seven churches are the seven churches spoken of in - Revelation 1:10-11
- There are three accepted approaches toward the interpretation and/or application of the Seven Churches:
  - The Literal Approach: The interpretation of the letters to these seven churches are as written to the specific churches. The application is primary to those seven churches and secondary to all church, examined to have those specific qualities and issues. All church are a blend of more than one of these churches.
  - The Type Approach: Both the interpretation and the application of the letters to the seven churches were primary proved as examples of churches through out church history.
    - Church of Ephesus – The Church that has Lost its First Love
    - Church of Smyrna – The Church that is Persecuted
    - Church of Pergamos – The Church that has Compromises
    - Church of Thyatira – The Church that has been Corrupted
    - Church of Sardis – The Church that is Dead
    - Church in Philadelphia – The Church that is Faithful
    - Church of the Laodiceans – The Church that is Lukewarm
      - Problem with this approach:
        - No church is exclusively one type.
        - Churches change as time passes.
  - The Time Area Approach: The interpretation and application of this approach lays out a the seven churches as seven stages through church history until the rapture.
    - Church of Ephesus – 30 to 100 AD
    - Church of Smyrna – 100 to 312 AD
    - Church of Pergamos – 312 to 606 AD
    - Church of Thyatira – 606 to 1500 AD
    - Church of Sardis – 1500 to 1750 AD
    - Church in Philadelphia – 1750 to 1900 AD
    - Church of the Laodiceans – 1900 to Tribulation Period
      - Problem with this approach:
        - Does not match up exclusively with events of those time spans
        - Persecution happened prior to 100 AD
        - The Church that is dead (Sardis) occurs during the Reformation Period and Great Awakening
        - Where does the Church of Corinth fit?
        - Where does the Church of Philadelphia fit when Paul wrote to them (64 AD)? About the same. No change after so many years
- **Church of Ephesians – The Church That Lost Its First Love: Revelation 2:1-7**
  - **Revelation 2:1a** – “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith”

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- Revelation 1:20 We discussed the controversy concerning the angel last weeks. Either church leadership or an actual angel assigned to the church
- Revelation 2:1b - “he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;” Revelation 1:13,16,20
- **Commendation: Revelation 2:2-3** - I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name’s sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
  - Standard for defining spiritual growth
    - Works
    - Labour
    - Patience
    - Not bearing evil
    - Tried false apostles and found them to be liars
    - Endurance
- **Rebuke: Revelation 2:4** - Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13; Matthew 22:35-40
- **Exhortations: Revelation 2:5a** - “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;” What to do!
  - Remember
  - Repent
  - Do the first Works
- **Judgment: Revelation 2:5b** - “or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”
  - No other church given that judgement
- **Commendations: Revelation 2:6** - But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.
  - Nicolaitan: Not defined neither by the Bible or by Church History.
- **Revelation 2:7** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
  - Overcometh What? Loosing their first love
  - Reward: Tree of Life - Genesis 2:9; 3:22-24; Revelation 22:1-2, 14
- **Church of Smyrna – The Church That Was Persecuted: Revelation 2:8-11**
  - **Revelation 2:8** - And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;
    - Who Wrote? Jesus - Revelation 1:8 18
  - **Commendation: Revelation 2:9** - I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.
    - “poverty, (but thou art rich)” - James 2:5
    - “them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan”
    - “Who are Jews”? God chosen people:
      - Are all Jewish born people, true Jews? No! - John 8: 31-45
  - Rebuke: None
  - **Exhortation: Revelation 2:10** - Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation

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ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. - Matthew 10:28; 23:34; John 10:18-25

- “ye shall have tribulation ten days” Can only apply to the specific tribulation of church in Smyrna.
- Crown of life is given by two methods:
  - “be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”
  - James 1:12
- **Promise for Overcoming - Revelation 2:11** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.
  - Second Death - Revelation 20:4-5, 11-15; Revelation 21:7-8
- **Church of Pergamos – The Church That Compromised - Revelation 2:12-17**
  - **Revelation 2:12** - And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;
    - Who spoke? Jesus - Revelation 1:16; Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 19:15a
  - **Commendation - Revelation 2:13** - I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan’s seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.
    - Know by their Works
    - “thou holdest fast my name”
    - hast not denied my faith
    - “where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan’s seat is” Center where worship of Roman Emperor Domitian was observed
    - “even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you,” Tradition has Antipas baked alive in the brass bull.
  - **Rebuke - Revelation 2:14-15** - But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
    - “thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam”
      - **Numbers 22-25** – Story on how Balaam, who could not curse Isreal for King Balac, informed him to compromise the Children of Israel by two methods for greed:
        - to eat things sacrificed unto idols
        - to commit fornication (with Moabite women)
    - “hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”
      - Maybe understood by the meaning of the root words:
      - “Nikao” meaning “to have the upper hand” or “to domineer”
      - “laos” meaning “the people”
      - Together the meaning has to do with some people exercising dominance over other people in the church (laity). - Matthew 20:20-28
  - **Exhortation – Revelation 2:16** - Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.
    - “Repent” – Change your mind and heart
    - “or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” What is the sword of my mouth? The Word of God
  - **Promise for Overcoming – Revelation 2:17** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna,

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and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

- What is the hidden manna? - Exodus 16:15; John 6:32-35

- **Church of Thyatira – The Church That Is Corrupted - Revelation 2:18-29**

- **Revelation 2:18** - And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;
  - Who is speaking? “Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass” - Revelation 1:14-15
- **Revelation 2:19** - I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.
  - Commendation by the Lord:
    - Works
    - Charity
    - Service
    - Faith
    - Patience
  - What is said about their works: “the last *to be* more than the first”
    - In contrast with the Church of Ephesus
    - Revelation 2:5
- **Rebuke - Revelation 2:20** - Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.
  - Compromise versus Corruption: Church of Pergamos – The Church That Compromised – Revelation 2:14
  - “because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants”
  - “thou sufferest”: Allowance by leadership - Acts 20:28-30
  - “to teach”: Violation of Bible truth - I Timothy 2:9; I Corinthians 14:34-35
  - “to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols”
  - “to commit fornication”
    - Fornication – Two possible interpretation
      - Actual sexual sin – most literal interpretation
      - Belief in false gods - I Chronicles 5:25; Hosea 9:1; Ezekiel 16:25-26
  - “to eat things sacrificed unto idol”
- **Exhortation to Repent: Revelation 2:21** - And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.
  - God always wants man to repent - Psalms 86:15; Romans 2:4; II Peter 3:9
- **Revelation 2:22-23** - Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. (23) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.
  - Galatians 6:7-8
  - Tribulation – God’s Judgment on Sin - Romans 6:23
- **Exhortation - Revelation 2:24-25** - But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. (25) But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

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- No added burdens put on true followers since they are dealing with those who have become apostate.
- “the depths of Satan” associated with the teaching a Jezebel.
- “hold fast till I come” - I Thessalonians 5:21; II Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 10:23
- **Promise for Overcoming - Revelation 2:27-28** - And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (28) And I will give him the morning star.
  - Who is he? Christ
  - “rule then with a rod of iron” - Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 19:11-16
  - “the morning star.”- Revelation 22:16
- **Church of Sardis – The Church That Is Dead: Revelation 3:1-6**
  - **Revelation 3:1** - And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.
    - “These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars” – Revelation 1:16, 20, 4
    - Commendation (if any) – “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest,”
      - “I know thy works” – They are doing something
        - Revelation 3:2 – “for I have not found thy works perfect before God”
        - What church has works perfect before God? Not too many, if any
      - thou hast a name that thou livest,” They have a reputation.
        - This church functions and has a reputation, however has no life
    - Rebuke – “art dead”
      - Progression of apostasy within the Church
        - Church of Pergamos – The Church That Compromised
        - Church of Thyatira – The Church That Is Corrupted
        - Church of Sardis – The Church That Is Dead
        - Good Picture of this Apostasy:
          - Israel
          - Church at Rome
      - No life due to not being connected to the Church’s Life Source, Christ
        - Not Abiding in Christ - John 15:1-8
        - John 10:9-11; 11:25; Ephesians 2:1; Romans 6:23
    - **Exhortation - Revelation 3:2-3** - Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. (3) Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.
      - “Be watchful”: Two main things to watch for - Matthew 25:13; I Peter 5:8
      - “strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die”
      - “Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard” - Deuteronomy 32:7; I Chronicles 16:11-12; Psalms 20:7; 22:27; 77:11; 105:5; 143:5
      - Hold fast” - II Timothy 1:13; I Thessalonians 5:21; Hebrews 10:23
      - “repent” - Ezekiel 18:30; Mark 6:12; Acts 17:30; Acts 26:19-20
    - **Revelation 3:4** - Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.
      - Matthew 18:20 - Even a few make a dead church a church

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- **Promise for Overcoming - Revelation 3:5** - He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
  - “book of life” - Revelation 13:4-8; 17:8; 20:11-15; 21:25-27
- **Revelation 3:6** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.
- **Church of Philadelphia – The Church That Is Faithful: Revelation 3:7-13**
  - **Revelation 3:7** - And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
    - Who wrote the letter:
      - “he that is holy”
        - Speaks of Jesus’ Deity as being like the Father holy - Mark 1:23-24; Luke 1:34-35; Acts 3:14-15
      - “he that is true”
        - Speaks of Jesus’ Deity as being like the Father true - John 14:4-6; 1:14
      - “he that hath the key of David”
        - Speaks of Jesus as being the Messiah, son of David - Matthew 1:1; 21:9; Revelation 5:5; 22:16
      - “he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth”
        - Speaks of Jesus as being Omnipotent as God the Father - Matthew 28:18; John 17:1-2; Ephesians 1:20-23
  - **Commendation - Revelation 3:8** - I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.
    - “I know thy works”
    - “for thou hast a little strength”
    - Could be many interpretations
      - Small Church
      - Poor Church
      - Humble Believers - Isaiah 40:28-31; Romans 5:6
    - “hast kept my word”
      - Obedience, not just hearing - James 1:22-25; Luke 6:47-49
    - “hast not denied my name” - Matthew 10:32-33; II Timothy 2:11-13
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Exhortation - Revelation 3:8** – “I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it”
      - Opportunity for leading others to the Lord - Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
    - **1<sup>st</sup> Reward - Revelation 3:9** - Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.
      - Who is exalted? - Matthew 22:12; I Peter 5:6
      - Who shall be humbled?
        - Those who rejected Jesus as Lord: “I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie;” - John 1:11; Acts 2:22-24
        - Why? - “to know that I have loved thee”
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Reward - Revelation 3:10-11a** - 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

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try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

- “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”
- Promise of the Rapture of the Church
- Key Point: “which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth”
- “Behold, I come quickly”
  - Quickly does not mean immediately, but suddenly - Matthew 25:13; 24:36; 24:42; I Thessalonians 5:2-5
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Exhortation - Revelation 3:11b** – “hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”
  - Hold fast - I Thessalonians 5:21; II Timothy 1:13; Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 10:23
  - Losing Rewards: Though we cannot lose our salvation, we will lose our rewards in Heaven if we are not faithful to the end
- **Promise for Overcoming - Revelation 3:12** - Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.
  - “will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out” - Ephesians 2:19-22
  - “and I will write upon him the name of my God”
    - Denotes God’s ownership over those who are His
  - “the name of the city of my God, *which is* new Jerusalem which cometh down out of heaven from my God”
  - Denotes our new home - John 14:1-3
  - “and I will write upon him my new name” - Isaiah 6:1-3
- **Church of Laodiceans – The Church That Is Faithful: Revelation 3:14-22**
  - **Revelation 3:14** - And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
    - Who is writing this letter – Jesus described as:
    - Amen – Speaks of Jesus’ Deity
      - Meaning: “So Be It”
      - Other uses of the Greek Word: “Verily” - II Corinthians 1:20
    - “the faithful and true witness” – Speaks of Jesus’ humanity - John 18:37; 14:8-11
    - “the beginning of the creation of God” – Speaks of Jesus’ Deity as being the originator of creation - II Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:12-17
  - **Rebuke #1 - Revelation 3:15-16** - I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
    - What type of works – Lukewarm
    - Implication:
      - What does hot connote? For the Lord
      - What does cold connote? Against the Lord
      - What does lukewarm connote? In the middle - James 1:5-8; I Kings 18:17-21; Titus 2:6-8; Philippians 1:9-10

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- **Rebuke #2 - Revelation 3:17** - Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: - Proverbs 30:8-9; Luke 12:15-21; Matthew 6:19-21
- **Exhortation - Revelation 3:18** - I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
  - “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich” - Isaiah 55:1-3; Matthew 6:31-34
  - “white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear”
    - Symbolizes the righteousness of God - Isaiah 61:10
  - Our nakedness is our sins revealed in the light of God - II Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12
  - “anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” - I Corinthians 13:12; John 9:39
- **Exhortation #1 - Revelation 3:19** - As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
  - “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten” - Job 5:17; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:5-8
  - “be zealous therefore, and repent”
    - Zealous – to desire earnestly
    - Repent – to change your mind
    - To earnestly desire to change your mind
- **Exhortation #2 - Revelation 3:20** - Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
  - “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock” – I:Jesus - John 10:7-9
  - “if any man hear my voice, and open the door” - Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6
  - “I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me” - I Corinthians 1:9; I John 1:3
- **Promise for Overcoming - Revelation 3:21** - To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
  - Where is Jesus’ Throne? - Acts 2:32-33; Colossians 3:1; Romans 8:34
  - The Promise - John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:16-17

### III. Visions of Judgments and Victory – Revelation 4-20

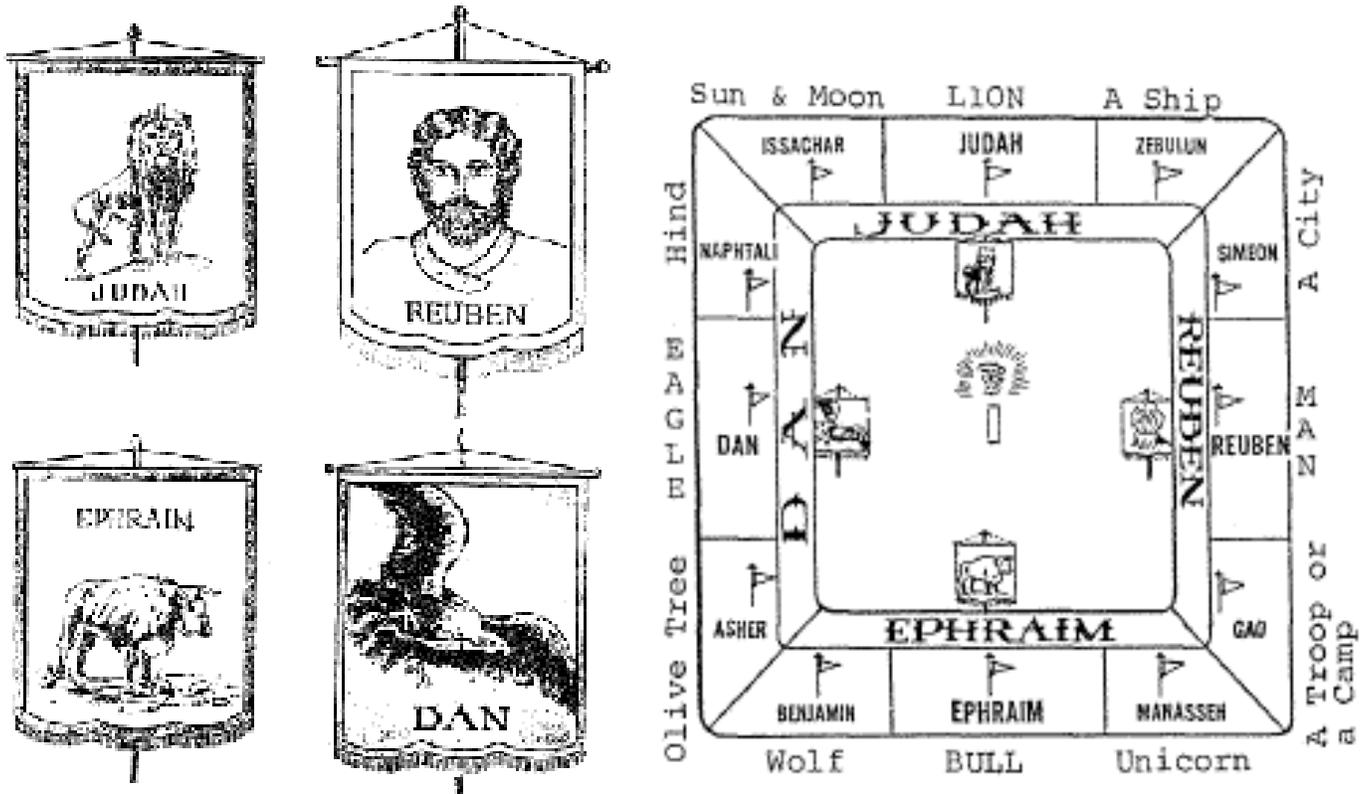
- **A View of Heaven Throne (The Heavenly Council): Revelation 4:1-11**
  - **Revelation 4:1-2** - After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. (2) And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.
    - The second vision where the Apostle John went to Heaven
      - Second Event: Revelation 4:2
      - First Event - Revelation 1:9-10
        - When does this setting take place? - Revelation 1:19
          - Past: Revelation One
          - Present: Revelation Two – Three (The Seven Churches)
          - Future: Revelation Four – Twenty-two
    - When does the Rapture take place?
    - Overview of Chapters Four – Six
      - Chapter Six – Opening of the Seven Seals

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- Beginning at the midpoint of the Tribulation
- First half of the Tribulation will be a time of peace where the Antichrist will be revealed. - Daniel 9:26-27; II Thessalonians 2:1-4
- Chapter Five – Finding Who is Worthy to Open the Seven-sealed Book
- Chapter Four – The View of Heaven’s Throne
- Conclusion: This all part of the same vision as stated in Revelation 4:2. Therefore, the Rapture must occur 3.5 years prior to Revelation 4. This view of heaven’s throne must be after the rapture. Why?
- The Twent-four elders are the redeemed brought up at the Rapture - Revelation 4:4
- **Revelation 4:3** - And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.
  - Jasper: Reddish-brown Gem
  - Sardine: Blood Red Gem
  - Emerald: Light Bright Green Gem
  - Ezekiel 1:26-28
- **Revelation 4:4** - And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.
  - Two main approaches: Heavenly hosts or **Mankind**
    - Represents the Redeemed – Why?
      - “elders” – leaders, not spoken of angels
      - “clothed in white raiment” – Spoken of by both the Redeemed and Angels
        - Revelation 6:9-11
      - “they had on their heads crowns of gold” – Speaking of gifts earned or ruling, not spoken of angels
        - Could imply that the Supper of the Lamb and the Judgment Seat of Christ has already occurred after the Rapture. These are those awarded these positions of honor for their faithfulness.
      - Twelve from the Old Testament: Representing the Old Covenant of the Twelve Tribes of Israel – Issue: Surely not the twelve sons of Jacob
      - Twelve from the New Testament: Representing the New Covenant of the Twelve Apostles – Issue: The Apostle John seeing himself
    - Represents to the Levites – Why? - Revelation 5:8; Hebrews 10:1; 9:23-24; I Chronicles 24:5, 18
      - “having every one of them harps” – I Chronicles 15:16
      - “golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints” – The priest made intercession for the people - Hebrews 7:23-27
- **Revelation 4:5-6a** - And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. (6) And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and
  - More Visual and Sound effects from Heaven’s throne: “And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices” - Exodus 20:18
  - “there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God” - Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 5:6

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- “before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal” - Revelation 22:1
- **Revelation 4:6b-8a** – and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. (7) And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. (8) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within:
  - “were four beasts full of eyes before and behind”; (8) And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: - Ezekiel 1:18
- **Revelation 4:7** - And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. – Number 2:2,34
  - Symbolism – According to Jewish tradition it was believed that the banners of the tribes were as follows positioned around the Ark of the Covenant
    - Lion: Non-domesticated Creatures – Numbers 2:3
      - Judah - East (Lion of gold with a scarlet background).
    - Calf (Ox): Domesticated Creatures – Numbers 2:18
      - Ephraim - West (Ox of black on gold background).
    - Eagle: Flying Creatures – Numbers 2:25
      - Dan - North (Eagle of gold on a blue background).
    - Man: Crowning Glory of Creatures – Numbers 2:10
      - Reuben - South (Man on gold background).
  - Isaiah 6:1-4; Ezekiel 1:4-28



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- **Revelation 4:8b-11** – and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. (9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, (9) And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, (10) The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, (11) Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. - Isaiah 6:1-4
- **Who is Worthy of Opening the Seven-sealed Book: Revelation 5:1-14**
  - **Revelation 5:1** - And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
    - Who is “him that sat on the throne” and has a book with seven seals in His right hand? - God the Father
    - What is the “book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals”?
      - Not clearly defined, maybe symbolizes a deed or a will
  - **Revelation 5:2-5** - And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? (3) And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. (4) And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. (5) And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.
    - Who is the strong angel? Some say Michael while others say Gabriel. Not clearly defined.
    - No man in heaven (Redeemed from creation to the Rapture), nor in earth (living lost during Tribulation period), neither under the earth (lost died from creation to the Tribulation period.)
    - Not worth to either open the book or looking upon it.
    - One of the twenty-four elders told Apostle John Jesus was worthy
    - How do we know Jesus was worthy? Lion of the tribe of Juda and Root of David.
  - **Revelation 5:6-7** - And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. (7) And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
    - Both a “Lion of the tribe of Juda and Root of David” and “a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eye”
      - A Lion: the second advent of Christ as King
      - A Lamb: the first advent of Christ as Savior - John 1:35-36
    - A lamb with seven horns and seven eyes
      - Seven horns: denotes power and authority
      - Seven eyes: denotes seeing all things
        - Seven eyes: seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth - Isaiah 11:2
        - “sent forth into all the earth” When? During the tribulation period. Where is the Holy Spirit? Taken out of the earth.
    - Who took the book out of the right hand of God the Father, the Lamb

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- **Revelation 5:8-10** - And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. (9) And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (10) And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
  - Worship of the Lamb
  - New song of the redeemed
    - “hast redeemed us to God by thy blood”
    - Applied to the 24 elders or all redeemed?
    - **Revelation 5:10** - Rewarded based upon the Judgment Seat of Christ
- **Revelation 5:11-14** - And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; (12) Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (13) And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (14) And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.
  - **Revelation 5:11** - How many are the host:
    - 10, 000 X 10,000 = 100, 000,000
    - And thousands of thousands = 1,000,000
    - 101,000,000
  - **Revelation 5:12** - Why Jesus was crucified; Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive: Power, Riches, Wisdom, Strength, Honour, Glory, Blessing
  - **Revelation 5:13** - John’s statement of worship:
  - **Revelation 5:14** - Back to worship of those at the throne of God
- **Opening of the First Six Seals: Revelation 6:1-17**
  - What is this time? - Psalms 2:1-9; Jeremiah 30:7 – 9; Daniel 12:1-4; Matthew 24:8, 15-21
  - Judgments of God on the Earth: Revelations 6-19
    - Three types of Judgments
      - Seals
      - Trumpets
      - Bowls /Vials
    - Three approaches concerning the judgments:
      - All three overlap with first of all three judgments (Seal, Trumpet and Bowl one) starting at the beginning of the Tribulation Period and the seventh of all three judgments ending at the end of the Tribulation Period. This does not follow the logical order of book and what occurs on each number does not match up with the other judgments.
      - Each type of judgment begins after the last prior judgment is completed: This follows the logical order of the book
      - The seventh Seal judgment breaks into the next Seven Trumpet judgments and then the seventh Trumpet judgment breaks into the next Seven Bowls judgments

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Judgments	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven
Seals	First Horseman on White Horse Sent out to Conquer	Second Horseman on Red Horse Sent out to Create Violent Conflict	Third Horseman on Black Horse Creates Famine and Scarcity	Fourth Horseman, called Death on Pale Horse Kills a Fourth of Mankind	Tribulation Martyrs Cry for Judgment	Earthquake, Meteors and Darkening of Sun and Moon Create Fear on Mankind	Silence
Trumpets	Hail/Fire Mingled with Blood	Fiery Mountain Cast into Sea	Star Wormwood Burning Up a Third of the Rivers	A Third of the Sun/Moon & Stars are Smitten	Plague of Demonic Scorpions Torment Mankind	Four Bound Angels Release to Kill a Third of Mankind	Praise and Worship
Vials	Grievous Sores on Mankind	Seas Become as the Blood of Mankind	Rivers Become Blood	Sun Scorches Mankind	Earth Becomes Dark	River Euphrates Dries Up	Earthquake Divides Jerusalem into Thirds

- **Revelation 6:1-8: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**
  - **The First Seal: Revelation 6:1-2** - And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, **one of the four beasts** saying, Come and see. (2) And I saw, and behold a **white horse**: and he that sat on him had **a bow**; and **a crown** was given unto him: and **he went forth conquering, and to conquer**.
    - The Lamb (Jesus Christ) opened the first seal
    - Each of the four beasts, starting with the first one, exhorts John to see the Judgment connected with the opening of the seal.
    - The rider is on a white horse
    - Who is the rider?
      - Unknown Angelic rider
        - Jesus Christ: Matthew Henry
          - He is the one breaking the seal
          - The context of the Jesus on the white horse in Revelation 19:11-16 is not the same. He does not conquer as a man would with an army conquer. He conquers as God.
        - Antichrist
          - The conquering occurs at this same time that the Antichrist is establishing himself to be the world leader
    - White horse: sign of prestige
    - “had a bow”: Weapon for conquering
    - No arrows mentioned: Some would imply, that this states that he uses diplomacy

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- “a crown was given unto him”: God sanctions his conquering; See Revelation 6:4 “power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another”
- If Antichrist, then - Daniel 7:1-3, 7-8, 15-28
- **The Second Seal: Revelation 6:3-4** - And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the **second beast** say, Come and see. **(4)** And there went out **another horse that was red**: and **power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another**: and there was given unto him **a great sword**.
  - Who is he who opened the second seal?
    - The Lamb of God that opened the first seal
  - The second beast before the throne exhorts John to see the judgment of the second seal.
  - Who the rider of the red horse?
    - Unknown Angelic rider setting up the earth for the Antichrist
    - Antichrist himself
  - Red horse: Color of Blood
  - Power was given to take peace from the earth
  - The rider was given a great sword, another weapon of violence. - Matthew 24:3-8; Mark 13; Luke 21
- **The Third Seal: Revelation 6:5-6** - And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the **third beast** say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo **a black horse**; and he that sat on him had **a pair of balances** in his hand. **(6)** And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, **A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny**; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.
  - Who is he who opened the third seal?
    - The Lamb of God that opened the first two seals
  - The third beast before the throne exhorts John to see the judgment of the third seal.
  - Who the rider of the red horse?
    - Unknown Angelic rider setting up the earth for the Antichrist
    - Antichrist himself
  - Black horse
  - Had a pair of balances in his hand.
  - Who pronounces scarcity upon the earth? – “And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say” - Matthew 24:7; Mark 13; Luke 21
    - How scarce?
      - “A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;”
      - About a day’s wage for little food
    - Aid in the Antichrist setting up a one world economic system where all will have to receive the mark of the beast - Revelation 13: 11-18
- **The Four Seal: Revelation 6:7-8** - And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the **fourth beast** say, Come and see. **(8)** And I looked, and behold **a pale horse**: and **his name that sat on him was Death**, and Hell followed with him. And **power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth**.

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- Who is he who opened the fourth seal?
  - The Lamb of God that opened the first three seals
- The fourth beast before the throne exhorts John to see the judgment of the fourth seal.
- Who the rider of the pale horse?
  - Death
  - Those who are dead turn pale once to blood does not circulate to the body
- Why is Hell followed with him?
  - They are package together, why?
    - They both came into existence due to sin. - Romans 6:23
  - Death is separation from our physical body to where for the lost: Hell
  - Their outcome is the same - Revelation 20:14
  - Their work is the same:
    - Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth
    - Sword: First two horsemen
    - Hunger: Third horseman
    - Death and the beast of the earth
    - Matthew 24:7; See Mark 13; Luke 21
- The four chariot with four similar colored horses: Zechariah 6:1-15
- **The Fifth Seal: Revelation 6:9-11** - Daniel 7:21-22; Matthew 24:9-10; John 15:18-19
  - **Revelation 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:
    - “under the altar” – Revelation 8:3-5; 9:13; Exodus 27:1-8
    - “the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held”
      - Why were they slain?
        - “for the word of God,” – To die for the Word of God, you must live strictly according to the Word of God.
        - “and for the testimony which they held” – Is your testimony that you hold make it so that the world or Satan would want you killed?
  - **Revelation 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? - Luke 21:7, 22; Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30; Deuteronomy 32:35
  - **Revelation 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.
    - “And white robes were given unto every one of them;”
      - Who are those given White robes? - Revelation 7:9, 13-14
    - “little season” – End of Tribulation Period - Daniel 7:21-22
    - “until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were”
      - More believers will be killed by the antichrist until the end of the Tribulation Period.

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- **The Sixth Seal: Revelation 6:12-17**
  - **Revelation 6:12-14** - 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. **(14)** And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. - Matthew 24:7 ; Joel 2:1-2;10:30-31; Isaiah 13:9-11
  - **Revelation 6:15-17**
    - **Revelation 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 themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
      - All Mankind
    - **Revelation 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:
      - Suicidal
    - **Revelation 6:17** - For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?
      - Answer: No One! - Hebrew 10:31; II Corinthians 5:11
- **Why Chapter Seven when the seventh seal in Revelation 8:1**
  - To explain more who the martyrs were in the **Fifth Seal**.
  - **Revelation 7:1-8** – Tells who the evangelists, sealed at the beginning of the Tribulation Period, who won the multitude that no man could count in which were martyred during the Tribulation Period.
  - **Revelation 7:9-17** – Tells the reward of martyrs at the end of the Tribulation Period
- **Revelation 7:1-8**
  - When this occurred: At the beginning of the Tribulation Period
  - **Revelation 7:1-3** - 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. **(2)** 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, **(3)** Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
    - Four angels given permission to hurt the earth, the sea and the trees.
    - A fifth angel delays the actions of the four angels
    - Sealing the 144,000 Jews
      - It was a marker for identification - Revelation 9:4
      - In Contrast: Revelation 13:16
      - Ministry of the 144,000 Jews - Acts 2:16-21
  - **Revelation 7:4-8** - And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. **(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. **(6)** Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtholim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. **(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. **(8)** Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the

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tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

Sons of Jacob	Tribes that Settle the Promise Land	Tribe Listed Here
Reuben, mother - Leah	Reuben	Reuben
Simeon, mother - Leah	Simeon	Simeon
Levi, mother - Leah		Levi
Judah, mother - Leah	Judah	Juda
Dan, mother - Bilhah	Dan	
Naphtali, mother - Bilhah	Haphtali	Nephtalim
Gad, mother – Zilpah	Gad	Gad
Asher, mother – Zilpah	Asher	Aser
Issachar, mother - Leah	Issachar	Issachar
Zebulun, mother - Leah	Zebulun	Zabulon
Joseph, mother - Rachel	Manasseh	Manasses
	Ephraim	Joseph
Benjamin, mother - Rachel	Benjamin	Benjamin

- Dan is missing from the listing. Why?
    - Perhaps being cursed due to falling first into idolatry. See Judges 18.
- **Revelation 7:9-17**
  - **Revelation 7:9-12** - 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; **(10)** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. **(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, **(12)** Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
  - **Revelation 7:9** - “a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues”
    - So many that no man could count, more than 144,000 Jews
    - Diverse in nationality, thus fulfilling the prophesy.
    - Matthew 24:14
    - More saved during the tribulation period than throughout the church age?
  - **Revelation 7:10-12** – An episode of worship
  - **Revelation 7:13-17** - And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? **(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. **(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. **(16)** They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. **(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.

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- Rhetorical Question - Who are the unnumbered multitude?
- White robes - Revelation 6:11
  - Why white robes – Because they are made white “by the blood of the Lamb”
  - These are they which came out of great tribulation
    - Therefore since they came out of the great tribulation period, then this should be at the very end of the tribulation period.
  - The multitude’s service – “they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple”
- Blessing bestowed to the martyrs
  - Verse 15 - “he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them”
  - Verse 16 - “They shall hunger no more”
  - “neither thirst any more”
  - “neither shall the sun light on them”
  - “nor any heat. “
  - Verse 17 – “For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them”
  - “shall lead them unto living fountains of waters”
  - “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”
- **Seven Trumpet Judgments: Revelation 8:1-13**
  - **Prelude to the Seven Trumpets: Revelation 8:1-6**
    - **Revelation 8:1** - And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.
      - Silence in heaven for one half of an hour
      - Calm before the storm
      - Seventh seal continues to the end of the Tribulation Period
      - Seventh seal encompasses the Seven Trumpets and the Seven Bowls of Wrath
    - **Revelation 8:2** - And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.
      - Seven Trumpets for Seven Angels
    - **Revelation 8:3-5** - 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. (4) And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand. (5) And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
      - “another angel” – an eighth angel
      - “before the altar”- same altar discussed in Revelation 6:9 (There is only one altar in Heaven.
      - “having a golden censer” - Hebrews 9:1-5; Leviticus 10:1, 16:12; Numbers 16:17-18
        - The censer was used to burn incense while offering up prayers
      - **Revelation 8:5** - The act of the angel is in response to the request of the martyrs in: - Revelation 6:9-10
    - **Revelation 8:6** - And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

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- **The first four Trumpets: Revelation 8:7-13**
  - **First Trumpet: Revelation 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.
    - Action: “hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth” - Exodus 9:22-24 (10<sup>th</sup> judgment on Egypt)
    - Result: “the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up”
  - **Second Trumpet: Revelation 8:8-9** - 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; (9) And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.
    - Action: “as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea” - Matthew 21:18-22
    - Result: “the third part of the sea became blood” - Exodus 7:20-21 (1st judgment on Egypt)
  - **Third Trumpet: Revelation 8:10-11** - 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; (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.
    - Action: “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; (11) And the name of the star is called Wormwood” - Matthew 24: 29
    - Result: “the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter” - Deuteronomy 29:18; Proverbs 5:4; Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:15,19; Amos 5:7
    - Actual plant - Figuratively implies bitterness
  - **Fourth Trumpet Revelation 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.
    - Action: “the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars” - Revelation 6:12-14; Matthew 24: 29; Joel 2:10;30-31; Isaiah 13:10
    - Result: “so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise” - Matthew 24: 21-22
  - **Warning about the three Woes: Revelation 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 inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!
    - Warning that there are still three more Trumpets to be blown.
  - **The First Woe - Fifth Trumpet: Revelation 9:1-12**
    - **The opening of the Bottomless Pit: Revelation 9:1-2** - 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. (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.

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- Fifth Angel Sounded: Another star from heaven falls - Third Trumpet: Revelation 8:10-11
- “to Him” –
- Fifth Angel – Given the key to open the access to the Bottomless Pit
- A star – Make access to the bottomless pit (Maybe by a crater).
- Possible Fallen Angel, Satan, him being the Destroyer and the angel of the Bottomless Pit (11) – Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:17; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:7-9
- “the key of the bottomless pit” – Revelation 1:18
  - “bottomless pit”: Abyss, Hell (?) - Revelation 11:7; 20:1-3
- Fire, Smoke and Darkness – Created due the opening of the Bottomless Pit.
- **The Judgment of Locust: Revelation 9:3-11**
  - Eighth Plague on Egypt: Regular Locust eating vegetation Exodus 10:12-20
  - **The Mission of the Locust: Revelation 9:3-6** - 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. (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. (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. (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.
    - **Command not to hurt vegetation: Revelation 9:4a**
    - **Command to hurt those who do not follow God: Revelation 9:4b** - Revelation 7:3-4: Sealing of the 144, 000
    - **How they hurt mankind: Revelation 9:5** - Job 1-2
    - Restriction of Torment: Five Months
    - **God Removes Death as an Escape: Revelation 9:6**
    - Reminds of the response to the Six Seal - Revelation 6:15-17
  - **The Description of the Locust: Revelation 9:7-11**
    - **Revelation 9:7** - “shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle”
    - **Revelation 9:7** - “on their heads were as it were crowns like gold”
    - **Revelation 9:7** - “their faces were as the faces of men”
    - **Revelation 9:8** - “they had hair as the hair of women”
    - **Revelation 9:8** - “their teeth were as the teeth of lions”
    - **Revelation 9:9** - “they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron”
    - **Revelation 9:9** - “the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle”
    - **Revelation 9:10** - “they had tails like unto scorpions”
    - **Revelation 9:10** - “there were stings in their tails”

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- **Revelation 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.
  - Both “Abaddon “ and “Apollyon “ meaning Destroyer – Tenth Plague: Exodus 12:21-23; Job 15:20-21; I Corinthians 10:10
  - Possibly Satan
  - “which is the angel of the bottomless pit”
- **Proclamation of the First Woe Being Past: Revelation 9:12** - One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.
- **The Second Woe - Sixth Trumpet: Revelation 9:13-21**
  - **Four Fallen Angels Released: Revelation 9:13-15** - And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, (14) Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. (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.
    - **Sixth Angel Sounded:**
    - **Voice from the Altar:**
      - **Who is the Voice?** Since it is a command, the voice comes from God the Father or God the Son.
    - **Command to Release the Four Fallen Angels - Revelation 9:14b** - “Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.”
      - Since the angels are bound, then there is implications that they are fallen angels that fell with Lucifer.
      - They being bound implies the hamper them from doing their evil work until the appropriate time.
      - No specific reason for the location - Genesis 2:10-14; 15:18
    - **Mission of the Four Fallen Angels: Revelation 9:15b** - “which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.”
      - This Judgment for a Specific Time: We do not know it, just a general time at the Sixth Trumpet
      - “to slay the third of men” - Revelation 6:7-8
  - **The Army of the Four Fallen Angels: Revelation 9:16-19** - And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. (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. (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. (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.
    - **Size of the Army** – 200,000,000, Told to the Apostle John (“I heard the number of them”)
    - **“horsemen”: Army Rode on Horses: Revelation 9:17a** - “And thus I saw the horses in the vision” - Not ordinary horses

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- **Uniform of the Army: Revelation 9:17b** - “them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone”
  - Appears to match up with the color that comes out the mouth of the horses.
  - No other description of the horsemen
- **Description of the Horses**
  - **Revelation 9:17c** - “the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions”
  - **Revelation 9:17d** - “out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.
  - **Revelation 9:19b** - “their tails were like unto serpents”
- **How the Horses Killed One Third of Mankind: Revelation 9:18-19**
- **Remainder of Lost Unrepentant: Revelation 9:20-21** - 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: (21) Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.
  - Are men saved during this time, since none repented. - Revelation 7:9, 13-14
  - The sins of those who do not follow God:
    - (20) “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”
    - (21) “Neither repented they
      - “of their murders”
      - “nor of their sorceries”
      - “nor of their fornication”
- **The Second Parenthetical Period: Revelation 10:1-11**
  - **Description of “A Mighty Angel”** –
    - (1) “another mighty angel”
    - “come down from heaven”
    - “clothed with a cloud”
    - “a rainbow was upon his head
    - “his face was as it were the sun”
    - “his feet as pillars of fire”
    - (2) “he had in his hand a little book open”
    - “he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth”
    - (3a) “And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:
  - The Seven Thunders”
    - **Revelation 10: 3b-4a** – “and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. (4) And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices,”
    - **John directed not to record the words of the seven thunders, but seal them up.**
      - **Revelation 10:4b** – I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.
      - **Voice from Where?** – Heaven
      - **Why?** – Unknown

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- **Might Angel Swears – Revelation 10:5-6** – And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, (6) And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:
  - Who is “him”?
    - **Eternal** - “that liveth for ever and ever”
    - **Creator** - “who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein,”
  - What did the Mighty Angel Swear?
    - **Revelation 6b** - “that there should be time no longer”
      - Request to end the Tribulation Period
      - When will it occur?
        - **The days of the seventh angel sounding: Revelation 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.
      - Implication: The end of the seventh angel judgment is the end of the Tribulation. Therefore it supports the idea that the Seven Bowls of Judgment are contained in the Seventh Trumpet since there is no time for them otherwise.
- **Eating the Little Book – Revelation 10:8-10**
  - **Command: Revelation 10:8** - And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
  - **Obedience of John: Command: Revelation 10:9-10** - And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. (10) And I took the little book out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey; and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.
    - Sweet to the Taste: God’s truth is initially when heard - Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:9-3:1-3
    - Bitter to the Belly: God’s truth produces conviction that grieves the heart
- **The Commission of John – Revelation 10:11** – he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
  - Remember How Old the Apostle John was – OLD
- **Measurement of the Temple: Revelation 11:1-2** - 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. (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.
  - Measuring reed was given to John by? Possibly the angel with who he has been talking to Chapter Ten
  - Measure What?
  - Temple of God – Which one?
    - It cannot be the Temple of God built by King Herod during Jesus’ time
      - It was destroyed 70AD by the Roman General Titus.
      - Daniel 9:27; II Thessalonians 2:3-4; Ezekiel 40-44 a vision of the Temple of God being spoken of ; Ezekiel 40:1-2; Ezekiel 41:1a
    - The Altar

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- Them that worship in the Temple of God
- There is no evidence that John ever measured the millennium temple.
- **Revelation 11:2a** – “But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months
  - The holy city will be controlled by the Gentiles under the Authority of the Anti-Christ for the second half of the Tribulation Period - **Daniel 9:27; Luke 21:20-28**
    - Time of Gentile Began: Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar - II Kings 25:1-10
    - Time of Gentile Ended: Millennium Reign of Christ in the Seat of David - Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4
    - **Forty and two months: Revelation 11:1-2b** - Daniel 9:27; Revelation 11:3; 12:6; 13:5
- **Who are Two Witnesses: Revelation 11:3-6**
  - **Revelation 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.
    - The significance of two witnesses - Matthew 18:16b; II Corinthians 13:1; I Timothy 5:19; Hebrews 10:28; Deuteronomy 19:15
  - **Revelation 11:4** - These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. – Zechariah 3:1-14
  - Who are “these witnesses?”
    - First Witness: Elijah - John 1:19-27; Luke 1:11-17; Malachi 4:5-6
    - Second Witness – Enoch or Moses
      - Enoch
        - Wrong Reasoning: Hebrews 9:27
          - What is Right?
            - Saved die and go before the Judgment Seat of Christ
            - Lost die and go before the White Throne Judgment
          - Wrong Reasoning “Why?”
            - Not all men die – Who?
              - Elijah
              - Enoch
              - Raptured saint prior to Tribulation Period
              - Those, who do not die prior to the White Throne Judgment
            - “appointed unto men once to die” – Some died more than once
              - Jairus’ Daughter
              - Son of the woman on the road
              - Lazarus
              - Boy that fell out of the window during Paul’s long preaching
        - Not Enoch
      - Moses?
        - **Look at two witnesses’ miracles - Revelation 11:6** - These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

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- “These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:” - Elijah: I Kings 17:1 - And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.
- “have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues” - Moses: Exodus 7:14-21
- Look at the Mount of Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1-3.
  - Just as the Moses and Elijah as witnesses in Revelation appear just before the Lord coming to establish his reign so do they appear before the Lord in His transfiguration.
- **How will the two witnesses defend themselves? Revelation 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.
- **Who kills the two witnesses? Revelation 11:7** - 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.
  - The Four Presentations of the Beast of Revelation
    - First: This Beast from the bottomless pit (Revelation 11:7)
    - Second: The Beast from the Sea Revelation 13:1 – “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea,”
    - Third: The Beast out of the earth Revelation 13:11 – “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth;
    - Fourth: Scarlet Beast with a woman riding on it Beast Revelation 17:3 – So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,
  - Conclusion: First, second and fourth presentation are the same beast, the resurrected Antichrist; while the third presentation is the False Prophet
- **Treatment by the world after the witnesses’ death: Revelation 11:8-10** - 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. (9) And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. (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.
  - **The witnesses were not buried – Revelation 11:8-9** - 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. (9) And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
  - Location of events – Jerusalem
    - “great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified”
      - Why called spiritual Sodom? Immorality - Ezekiel 16:1-2, 36, 44-46, 52
      - Why called spiritual Egypt? Idolatry and Materialism -
        - Ezekiel 20:5-8; Numbers 11:4-5

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- **The world celebrated – Revelation 11:10** - 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.
  - How did the two witnesses torment them?
    - Proclaiming righteousness
    - Denying the Antichrist
- **Resurrection of the Two witnesses: Revelation 11:11-12** - And after three days and an 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. (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.
  - Similarities with Christ
    - The Witnesses resurrected as Christ died after being dead for three days
    - The Witnesses ascended as Christ did Acts 1:10 - And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up,
- **Jerusalem's Earthquakes: Revelation 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 were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
  - What City? Jerusalem
  - Seven thousand men die? Not a large number
  - Did the remnant repent?
- **Second Woe is Past: Revelation 11:14** – The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.
  - How many Woes are there? - Revelation 8:13
  - When was the first Woe Begin and End? Begin: Revelation 9:1; End: Revelation 9:12
  - When does the second Woe Begin and end? Begin: Revelation 9:13; End: Revelation 11:14
  - When does the third Woe Begin and end? Begin: Revelation 11:15; End: Revelation 16:17
- **The Seventh Trumpet: Revelation 11:15-19** – And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. (16) And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, (17) Saying, 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. (18) And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, 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. (19) And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
  - Third Woe at the sounding of the seventh angel's trumpet
  - **Great voices in heaven say: Revelation 11:15** – And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
    - “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”
      - “are become” implies accomplished now or soon
      - When? Begins with the 1000 year reign of Christ - Revelation 20
      - How long? Permanently “for ever and ever”

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- **Worship of the twenty-four elders who are about the God's throne: Revelation 11:16** - And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, - Revelation 4:4
- **Praise by the twenty-four elders: Revelation 11:17** - 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.
- **Revelation 11:18** - And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, 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.
  - When are the nation angry? All the time against God
    - Against the Jews
    - Against the Church
    - Against the Tribulation Saints
  - “thy wrath is come” Tribulation Period
  - “the time of the dead, that they should be judged
  - “thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great”
  - shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth
- **Revelation 11:19** - And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
  - Again when will the temple of God opened in heaven? Seventh Trumpet sounding
  - What will be seen? “ark of his testament
  - Signs of the event? “there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
- **Israel, Satan and Son: Revelation 12:1-6**
  - **Introduction to the Woman: Revelation 12:1-2** – And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: (2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. - Joseph's Second Dream: Genesis 37:9-10; Jacob's name changed to Israel: Genesis 32:24-28
    - Who is the woman: Israel - Jeremiah 3:20
    - 144,000 Jews, 12,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel (Revelation 7:1-8)
  - **Israel gives birth to Christ: Revelation 12:5** - And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.
    - Jesus will rule in His 1000 year reign with a rod of iron: Revelation 19:15
    - Who “was caught up unto God, and to his throne”? Acts 1:9; Who sits at the right hand of God? Hebrews 12:2
  - **Great Red Dragon and the War in Heaven: Revelation 12:3-4, 7-9** - And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (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? (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. (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. (9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.
    - **Who is the Great Red Dragon: Revelation 12:9** - Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17)
    - “having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads”

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- Seven crowns upon his seven heads: with the last five being revealed by Daniel as he interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2
  - Egyptian Empire
  - Assyrian Empire
  - Babylonian Empire
  - Medo-Persian Empire
  - Greek Empire
  - Roman Empire
  - Antichrist's Empire (During Tribulation Period)
- Ten horns - Daniel 2:42-44
- **Revelation 12:3**
  - "one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed:" - Revelation 13:3
  - "all the world wondered after the beast." – Revelation 13:4
- **Revelation 12:4**
  - "And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth" - Revelation 12:7,9
  - "the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born" –
    - Killing the babies in Bethlehem: Matthew 2:13
    - The Temptation of Christ
    - The Cross of Calvary
- **Conflict between God and Satan: Revelation 12:7-11** - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (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. (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. (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.
  - What has Satan been doing since his fall - Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17
    - **Revelation 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. - Job 1:6-7
  - When is the war and when does Satan get cast out of the Heaven?
    - **After Satan's defeat by Michael and his angels: Revelation 12:7-9** - And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (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.
  - How victory of the saint occurs over the dragon?
    - **Revelation 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.
- **Revelation 12:12-13** - Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. (13) And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

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- “having great wrath”: Daniel 9:27
- “because he knoweth that he hath but a short time”
  - Time interval for protection of the woman from the Dragon: - Revelation 12:6, 14
    - When is the protection no longer needed: End of Tribulation and Second Coming of the Messiah for His 1000 year reign.
  - Midpoint of Daniel’s Seventh Week (the Tribulation Period)
- Satan’s war against the woman (Israel) - Revelation 12:6
  - **Revelation 12:14-15** – 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. (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.
  - Where is the wilderness? Unknown
  - “were given two wings of a great eagle”? Unknown
  - What does the “water as a flood” mean? Maybe persecution?
  - End results: Israel is protected!
  - Who protects Israel from persecution?
    - **Revelation 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.
      - Who is the earth?
    - Redeemed Mankind: Revelation 7:9
    - **Revelation 12:17** And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. - Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 13:8
  - What is the work of Satan prior to the War in Heaven?
    - **Revelation 12:10b** - the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.
    - How do believers get victory? Vs 11 – “And they overcame him”
    - “by the blood of the Lamb” – By their salvation
    - “by the word of their testimony” – By their testimony
      - Testimony is determined by their walk, exhibiting by action their faith
    - “they loved not their lives unto the death” – By being willing to be martyrs
      - Truly believing what believer says they believe to be willing to die for it
- **The Revealing of the Beast: Revelation 13:1-10**
  - **Revelation 13:1-3**
    - Daniel 7:1-7
      - Like the beast that comes out of the sea, so does these four great beasts.
      - The order in Daniel is lion, bear, then leopard. However in Revelation 13, the order is leopard, bear and then lion. Same beasts, just in reverse order. From Daniel’s perspective chronologically, it would be the lion, the Babylonian Empire; it would be the bear, the Medo-Persian; and then the leopard, the Greek Empire. During when Revelation is being revealed, John would be presented the same empires in reverse order.
    - Daniel 7:17-23
      - Four beast are four kings of four kingdoms.
      - The fourth beast is the same beast of Revelation 13.

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- The fourth beast will be more worse than the prior three beasts.
- The fourth beast devour the whole earth.
- The horn of the beast will make war with the saints until the Ancient of day comes.

- Daniel 2:31-36
- Daniel 2:38-45
  - Again three empires prior to the fourth empire.
  - Same order as Daniel 7 listing:

Gold Empire	Lion Empire	Babylonian Empire
Silver Empire	Bear Empire	Medo-Persian Empire
Brass Empire	Leopard Empire	Greek Empire
Iron Empire	Most diverse and sever Empire	Roman Empire

- The Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Medo-Persian Empire; the Medo-Persian Empire was conquered by the Greek Empire; the Greek Empire was conquered by the Roman Empire.
- The Roman Empire was never conquered, however it fell apart within and it still remains in small portions as it merged with the Roman Catholic Church, which still exists in the very politically weaken state.
  - Daniel 2:41-43

- Trinity of Satan:
  - Satan: the Dragon of Revelation 12:3
  - Antichrist: the Beast of Revelation 13:1
  - The False Prophet: the Beast of Revelation 13:11
  - Proof - Revelation 19:19 – 20:3
- **Revelation 13:1** – And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
  - “And I stood upon the sand of the sea” – The vision has the Apostle John standing upon the sea.
    - Which Sea? Most likely the Mediterranean Sea
    - “saw a beast rise up out of the sea” – Assume the same sea that John is standing upon.
    - As stated before, the same sea mention in Daniel 7:3 - And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.
  - “having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns”
- Compared to the Great Red Dragon: Revelation 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.

The Beast of the Sea	The Dragon (Satan)	The Scarlet Beast
Revelation 13:1	Revelation 12:3	Revelation 17:3
Seven Heads	Seven Heads	Seven Heads
Ten Horns	Ten Horns	Ten Horns
Ten Crowns for Ten Horns	Seven Crowns for Seven Heads	

- Why the difference with the crowns?

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- Who Satan and Antichrist have dominion over?
  - Satan had/has/will have dominion over the Seven Heads: Revelation 17:8-11
    - Who are they? Answer pertains to those nations that had an impact over Israel.
      - (1) Egypt: Fallen
      - (2) Assyrians: Fallen
      - (3) Babylonians: Fallen – Gold, Lion
      - (4) Medo-Persian: Fallen – Silver, Bear
      - (5) Greeks: Fallen – Bronze, Leopard
      - (6) Romans: One Is – Iron, Horrible Beast
      - (7) Antichrist: Other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space - Iron mixed with clay
      - (8) Resurrected, Satan possessed Antichrist: And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
  - **Revelation 13:3**
    - Resurrection of the Beast: Revelation 17:8
    - Cause of the death of the Beast: Daniel 7:20
    - To fulfill the oldest prophecy in the Bible: Genesis 3:14-15
    - Reaction of the world:
      - Revelation 13:3b
      - Revelation 17:8b
  - Antichrist will have dominion the ten horns
    - **Ten Horns: Revelation 17:12-17**
      - **Revelation 17:13** – “receive power as kings one hour with the beast”
      - Why one hour? Implies a conflict.
    - Daniel 2:42; 7:19-20, 24
  - **The Work of the Beast: Revelation 13:5-7** - 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. (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. (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.
    - The Beast’s Works Content: Blasphemy toward God
      - **Revelation 13:5a** - And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; - Daniel 7:25
    - The Beast’s Works Agenda on Earth: Persecution of the Saint still on the earth
      - The Work of Satan: Revelation 12:13-14,17
    - **The Antichrist is the instrument of Satan’s Agenda: Revelation 13:7** - Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:17
      - When? Mid-tribulation period.
        - **Revelation 13:5b** - power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. - Daniel 9:26-27; 7:25
      - **Where? Temple Built in Jerusalem during the Tribulation Period - Revelation 13:6** - And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to

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blaspheme his name, and **his tabernacle**, and them that dwell in heaven. - II Thessalonians 2:4

○ Why?

▪ To fulfill the oldest prophecy in the Bible: Genesis 3:14-15; II Thessalonians 2:3,8, 11-12

- **Result of Satan's plan of mankind worshipping the Beast: Revelation 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. - Revelation 13:3,4,8
- **Who will not worship the beast?** The Saved, whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

### ○ **Revelation 13:11-18**

- **Who is the Religious Leader (The False Prophet) - Another Beast: Revelation 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.
  - The first beast come from the sea, while the second beast come out of the earth;
  - The first beast had seven heads and ten horns, while the second beast has one head with two horns like a lamb.
  - Significance of the two horns like a lamb implies his approach will meek as a lamb.
  - However, the second beast shall speak as a dragon. Who is the dragon? - Revelation 12:9; Matthew 24:11
- **Revelation 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.
  - Power of the second beast: as powerful as the first beast
  - Goal of the second beast: cause the world to worship the first beast
- **How this Worship Accomplished? Signs and Wonders: Revelation 13:13** - And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, - Matthew 24:23-24; II Thessalonians 2:9
  - Big Sign: "so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,"
    - Who does this sound like? I Kings 18: 21-40
- **Institution of Idol Worship: Revelation 13:14** - And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had 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. - Matthew 24:11; II Thessalonians 2:11-12
- **Idol Worship Used for Persecuting the Saved: Revelation 13:15** - And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.
  - The False Prophet gives life to the idol of the Antichrist
  - Not worship before the idol of the Antichrist will cause persecution: "cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed"
  - Who does this sound like? Daniel 3:1-30 - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
    - Why killed? - Revelation 12:17; 13:7; 7:9, 14
- **The Mark and Number of the Antichrist: Revelation 13:16-18**

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- **All non-saved Christians will receive the mark: Revelation 13:16-18** - And he causeth **all**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
  - Who? all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond,
  - What? to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:
  - **Benefit of receiving the mark: Revelation 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.
  - **What is the mark? Revelation 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.
- **Revelation 13:9-10**
  - **Revelation 13:9** - If any man have an ear, let him hear. A warning to listen!
  - **Revelation 13:10c** - Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.
  - **Revelation 14:12** - Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
  - **Revelation 14:9-11** - 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, (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: (11) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever 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.
    - God's Judgment on Those who receive the mark of the Beast
  - **Revelation 13:10a** - He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity:
    - Who leads into captivity? - II Thessalonians 2:11-12
    - Who is lead into captivity? - Those who receive the mark of the beast: Revelation 14:9-11
  - **Revelation 13:10b** - he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword.
    - Galatians 6:7
  - What is the patience and the faith of the saints? God is in control
- **More About the 144,000: Revelation 14:1-5**
  - **Revelation 14:1** – And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.
    - Who is the Lamb? Our Lord Jesus Christ
      - On mount Sion? On earth or in heaven?
        - If in heaven, then they have already died.
        - If in earth, it would be in the beginning of the 1000 year reign of Christ.
    - When? beginning of the 1000 year reign of Christ
    - 144,000? Are the 144,000 Jews of Revelation 7:1-8 or 144,000 other believers?
      - Sealed or Marked on their foreheads - Revelation 14:1; 7:3
  - **What was heard? Revelation 14:2-3**
    - **Revelation 14:2a** – “And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder” - Revelation 1:13-15
    - **Revelation 14:2b** – “I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps” - Revelation 15:2

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- **Revelation 14:3** – And they sung 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.
  - Who sang? 144,000
  - What kind of song? A new song - Psalms 33:3; 40:3; 96:1; 98:1; 144:9; 149:1; Isaiah 42:10; Revelation 5:9
- **Character of the 144,000: Revelation 14:4-5** – 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. (5) And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.
  - **Revelation 14:4a** – “These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins.”
    - Is sexual immorality implied here? Possibly, I think more. - I Corinthians 7:29, 32-33
  - **Revelation 14:4b** – “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.”
  - **Revelation 14:4c** – “These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb” - Revelation 14:3
    - The Jews were selected by God to be firstfruits of all nations
    - The Levites were selected by God to be firstfruits of all Israel
    - The 144,000 Jews were selected to be firstfruits unto God for the 1000 years reign of Christ.
  - **Revelation 14:5a** – “And in their mouth was found no guile” - Psalms 32:2; 34:13; 55:11; John 1:47; 2 Corinthians 12:16; 1 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 Peter 2:1,22; 3:10
  - **Revelation 14:5b** – “they are without fault before the throne of God”
- **Witness of the Three Angel to the World: Revelation 14:6-11**
  - **First Angel Preaches the Gospel and Repentance: Revelation 14:6-7**
    - **Revelation 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,; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Galatians 1:8
      - Audience: “unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people”. Who? Those who lost who have not as of yet received the mark of the beast.
    - **Revelation 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.
      - “Fear God”
      - “give glory to him (God)”
      - “for the hour of his judgment is come”
      - “worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters”
  - **Second Angel - Judgment on the False Worship for the First half of the Tribulation: Revelation 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. - Revelation 18:1-2
    - When does this occur? Just prior to the False Prophet leading in the worship of the beast and his image at the mid-point of the tribulation..

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- We will more lengthily study this in Chapter 17-18.
- **Third Angel – Condemnation on Those Receiving the Mark of the Beast: Revelation 14:9-11**
  - **Who is the warning to: Revelation 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,
    - Warning just prior to the implementation of the Mark of the Beast: God is being merciful to warn non-believers of the consequences for taking the Mark of the Beast.
    - He is showing His Mercy
    - When does this occur? Again, right at the mid-point of the Tribulation
  - **What is the warning? Revelation 14:10a** –The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation;
  - **Description of the Condemnation: Revelation 14:10b-11a** – he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: (11) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night,
    - “he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone”
    - “the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever”
    - “they have no rest day nor night”
- **Patience of the Saints: Revelation 14:12-13**
  - **Revelation 14:12** – Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. God is in control to reward His saints for suffering for Him and to punish those who persecute the saints.
  - **Revelation 14:13** – And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
    - Special blessing: “Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:”
    - “Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;”
    - ”their works do follow them.”
    - Is this blessing any different than others prior to this persecution? - Matthew 5:10-12
- **Two Harvests of God? Revelation 14:14-20**
  - **Harvest after the Millennium Reign of Christ: Revelation 14:14-16**
    - Wheat and Tare Harvest: Parable Told: Matthew 13:24-30
    - Parable Explained: Matthew 13:36-43 –
    - **Who? Revelation 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.
      - Jesus Christ, the Son of Man
      - Wearing a Crown of Victory
      - Sharp Sickle: Tool of Harvestin
    - **Authorized to Harvest: Revelation 14:15-16** – 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. (16) And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

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- **Judgment of the Antichrist and his followers prior to the Millennium Reign of Christ: Harvest of the grapes: Revelation 14:17-20**
  - **Revelation 14:17** – And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
    - Second Sharp Sickle: Implies a second harvesting.
  - **Revelation 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.
    - Angel came from the Altar
    - Judgment Based Upon Martyrs Under the Altar: Revelation 6:9-10
    - “for her grapes are fully ripe”: Total depravity of Antichrist and his followers revealed. - I Thessalonians 2:3,8
  - **Revelation 14:19-20** – 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. (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.
    - “without the city” – Jerusalem
    - “blood came out of the winepress” – Blood instead of grape juice
    - “unto the horse bridles” Approximately four feet deep
    - “by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs” Approximately 200 miles long, the distance from Dan to Beersheeba
      - “When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, so great was the bloodshed that Josephus says the whole city ran down with the blood to such a degree that the fires of many houses were quenched thereby.
      - “When Sylla took Athens, Plutarch says the blood that was shed in the market-place alone covered all the ceramicus as far as Dipylus, and some testify that it ran through the gates and overflowed the suburbs.
      - “Wetsein record: ‘When Hadrian besieged the city called Bitten, he slew so many that the horses waded in blood up to their mouths.’”
    - Other Versus Concerning the War of Armageddon - Revelation 16:12-16; 19:11-21; Joel 3:11-21; Isaiah 63:1-6; Zechariah 12:9-11
- **Preview of the Seven Bowls of Wrath: Revelation 15:1-8**
  - **The Final Seven Judgments on the Earth: Revelation 15:1** – And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
    - “another sign”
    - “great and marvellous” Why?
      - Last act of judgments
      - Severity of the judgments
      - By description, “seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God”
    - Administers: “seven angels” –
      - A lot of “seven” in the book of Revelation – 19
        - (1)Seven churches (1:4)
        - (2)Seven Spirits of God (1:4)
        - (3)Seven candlesticks (1:12)
        - (4)Seven stars (1:16)

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- (5)Seven lamps of fire (4:5)
- (6)Seven seals of the book that only the Lamb could open (5:1)
- (7)Seven horns of the Lamb (5:6)
- (8)Seven eyes of the Lamb (5:6)
- (9)Seven angels with (10)seven trumpets of judgment (8:2)
- (11)Seven thunders (10:3)
- (12)Seven heads of the dragon with (13)seven crowns (12:3)
- (14)Seven heads of the beast which are (15)seven mountains and (16)seven kings (17:9-10)
- (17)Seven plagues carried in (18)seven bowls by (19)seven angels (15:6-7)
- **Revelation 15:2-4** –And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. (3) And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. (4) Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
  - First thing seen: “a sea of glass mingled with fire”
    - Revelation 4:6
    - “mingled with fire” – most commentary state this implies the wrath of God displayed by the seven bowls of wrath.
  - Second thing seen: “them that had gotten over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name”
    - Implies that this toward the very end of the Tribulation Period
    - Just as the “last plagues” of judgments that should happen at the end of the Tribulation Period
    - Just as reminder:
      - The opening of the seventh seal by the Lamb is the seven trumpets being blown by seven angels: Revelation 8:1-2
      - The blowing of the seventh trumpet by the seventh angel, which is the third “Woe” of Revelation is the seven bowls of wrath of God administered by seven angels: Revelation 11:14-15
      - This speaks of the coming of our Lord to establish 1000 year reign
      - Revelation 16:17
    - Martyrs of the last half of the Tribulation Period standing on the sea of glass singing.
      - They have harps
      - **Revelation 15:3a** - And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb,
        - Why?
        - God through Moses provides physical deliverance from Egypt for Israel AS God through the Lamb provided spiritual deliverance from Sin for the World
        - The old covenant through Moses AS the new covenant through our Lord
        - The Old Testament AS The New Testament

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- **Actual song words of praise: Revelation 15:3b-4** - saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. (4) Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
  - “Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty”
  - “just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints”
  - “Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name”  
Everyone
  - “for thou only art holy”
  - “for all nations shall come and worship before thee” During the Millennium reign of Christ
  - “for thy judgments are made manifest” Now being revealed
- **Just Before the Administering of the Seven Bowls of Wrath: Revelation 15:5-8**
  - **The temple is opened: Revelation 15:5** – And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
    - Implies that the temple in heaven was closed prior to this point. Why?  
Unknown
    - This is still in heaven.
  - **Revelation 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.
    - Temple open to allow the seven angels to administer the bowls of wrath to exit
    - Description of the dress of the seven angels
  - **Revelation 15:7** – And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. - Revelation 4:6-9
  - **Revelation 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.
    - “And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power;”
    - “no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled”
      - Why? So that man will watch what has been promised since the beginning.
  - Preview to the Seven Bowls of God’ Wrath - Revelation 7:17 – 8:2
  - Three Woes which are the last Seven Trumpets: Revelation 8:13
    - Second Woe ended: Revelation 11:14-15
    - Third Woe to begin: Revelation 15:1
- **Bowls of Wrath Administered: Revelation 16:1-21**
  - **Command to pour out the vials of God’s wrath: Revelation 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 source of the great voice is not mentioned – Could be Christ: Revelation 1:10-11
    - Difference Between these plagues and prior judgment in the Book of Revelation is the INTENSITY OF THEM!

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- **First Bowl of Wrath (Sores/Boles) Poured Out: Revelation 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.
  - Sores specifically just on those who have the mark of the Beast
  - Malachi 4:3
  - Other reference concerning boles/sores
    - Sixth Plague on Egypt: Exodus 9:8-12
    - Job 2:7-8
- **Second Bowl of Wrath (Salt Water into Blood) Poured Out: Revelation 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.
  - “every living soul died in the sea”
  - Similar event in Revelation: Second Trumpet: Revelation 8:8-9
  - Approximately 70% of the Earth’s surface is covered in Oceans and Seas
- **Third Bowl of Wrath (Fresh Water into Blood) Poured Out: Revelation 16:4-7** – And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. (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. (6) For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. (7) And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.
  - Praise of the Third angel: Revelation 16:5
  - Reason for this specific plague: Revelation 16:6 – Revenge
  - More praise from the altar: Revelation 6:9-11
  - Similar event in Revelation: Third Trumpet: Revelation 8:10-11; Revelation 11:3-6
  - First Plague on Egypt: Exodus 7:20-21
- **Four Bowl of Wrath (Men Scorch by the Heat of the Sun) Poured Out: Revelation 16:8-9** – And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. (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.
  - “poured out his vial upon the sun”
  - Malachi 4:1-3
  - Think of Global Warming: The polar cap will be melted. Global Flooding
  - Reaction of those scorched: “blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory”
    - Note: Scorched men knew who was causing the plagues. God
  - II Thessalonians 2:11:12
- **Fifth Bowl of Wrath (Kingdom Filled with Darkness) Poured Out: Revelation 16:10-11** – 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, (11) And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.
  - Where was the vial poured out upon? “upon the seat of the beast”
  - “his kingdom was full of darkness”
    - What is the span of the antichrist’s kingdom?
    - First Horseman of the First Seal: Revelation 6:1-2
    - Sixth Seal: Revelation 6:12
    - Fourth Trumpet: Revelation 8:12
    - Ninth Plague on Egypt: Exodus 10:21-23
    - Amos 5:18

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- Zephaniah 1:14-15
  - **Reaction of those in pain and in darkness: Revelation 16:11**
- **Sixth Bowl of Wrath (River Euphrates Dried Up/Staging of the War of Armageddon) Poured Out: Revelation 16:12-16** – 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. (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. (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. (15) Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.
  - Only vial of the seven to have no punitive action given by God
  - Reason: “that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared”
  - Leads to their doom, just as Pharaoh’s army in the Red Sea: Exodus 14
  - Other reference in Revelation: River Euphrates: Revelation 9:13-15
    - Why Euphrates River?
      - Connected with the Judgment of Babylon: Jeremiah 51:60-64
      - Border to the Land Promise: Genesis 15:18
  - **Three Unclean Spirits used to call the Beast’s army for the War of Armageddon: Revelation 16:13-14, 16**
    - **Source of the unclean spirits like frog: Revelation 16:13b** – “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”
    - **Work of the unclean spirits: Revelation 16:14b:** “working miracles”
    - **Purpose of the unclean spirits: Revelation 16:14c, 16** - “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. (16) And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”
  - **Warning for Christ: Revelation 16:15** - Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
    - Why as a thief? Matthew 24:42-44; I Thessalonians 5:1-5
- **(Major Earthquake Flattening the Mountains of the World) Seventh Bowl of Wrath Poured Out: Revelation 16:17-21** – 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. (18) And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. (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. (20) And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. (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.
  - The source of the great voice is not mentioned
    - Could be Christ: Revelation 1:10-11
    - Announcement: “It is done”
      - John 19:30
      - Matthew 27:50-54
  - Judgment Caused by the Announcement;

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- **Major Earthquake: Revelation 16:18** - And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.
  - **Cities of the World Destroyed: Revelation 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.
    - Jerusalem divided into three parts: “the great city was divided into three parts” - Zechariah 14:3-4, 8-11
    - “the cities of the nations fell”
    - “great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath” – Babylon will be spoken of more in Revelation 17-18
  - **Islands and Mountains Destroyed: Revelation 16:20** –And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. - Isaiah 40:1-5; Revelation 6:14
    - Sixth Seal: Revelation 6:12
    - Before the Seven Trumpets: Revelation 8:2-6
    - Revelation 11:3, 7, 11-13
    - Same Earthquake and Hail: Revelation 11:15, 19
      - Remember the Temple was closed with smoke and would not be opened until the end of the Pouring out of the bowls of wrath: Revelation 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.
  - **Great Hail Falls from Heaven: Revelation 16:21a** –And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent:
    - “weight of a talent” – 135 pounds
  - **Reaction: Revelation 16:21b** – “and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.”
    - Why their reaction? II Thessalonians 2:11-12
- **The Great Whore of Babylon: Revelation 17:1-6a**
  - **John shown the Great Whore of Babylon: Revelation 17:1** – And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
    - “one of the seven angels which had the seven vials” – The angel delivering the seventh bowl of plague resulting in the worse earthquake of history destroying all cities, islands and mountains of the world, to include Babylon.
    - “the judgment of the great whore”
      - Revelation 17:16-17
        - Ten horns: Revelation 17:12
        - Ten Toes of Daniel 2:41-43
      - Judgment:
        - “these shall hate the whore”
        - “shall make her desolate and naked”
        - “shall eat her flesh”
        - “burn her with fire”
      - Designed by God: Revelation 17:17

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- “the great whore that sitteth upon many waters” - Revelation 17:15
  - Reveals those who will support the great whore - All that follow the Antichrist
- **The Great Whore of Babylon: Revelation 17:2** –With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
  - Who are the kings of the earth: Revelation 17:12
  - “committed fornication”: Physical or Spiritual Fornication
    - Spiritual Fornication: Following after False gods - II Chronicles 21:8-11
  - “the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication”
    - Who has made them drink of her fornication? II Thessalonians 2:11-12
- **Revelation 17:3-6a** – So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (5) And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. (6a) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:
  - “So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness”
    - “he”- Revelation 17:1-6a – And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials,
  - “I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.” - Beast? Antichrist: Revelation 13:1-3
  - Rich False Religion: Revelation 17:4a – And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls,
  - Persecution of the Righteous: Revelation 17:4b – having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
    - Revelation 17:6a –And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus:
    - Martyrs of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 7:9, 14
  - **Revelation 17:5** –And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- **The Red Beast Explanation: Revelation 17:6b-14**
  - **Revelation 17:6b-7** – (6b) and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (7) And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.
    - Admiration of the Apostle John: It is a great sight
    - Mystery of the woman and the beast told to the Apostle John by the Angel who administered the seventh bowl of wrath
    - “the beast that carrieth her”: Reveals that the Antichrist supports the False Religion, just as those that follow him, initially.
  - **Revelation 17:8** – The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
    - “The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition.” - Revelation 13:1,3a

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- “shall ascend out of the bottomless pit”
- Who killed the two Witnesses (The Antichrist): Revelation 11:7
- “they that dwell on the earth shall wonder”
  - Revelation 13:3b – “and all the world wondered after the beast”
  - Result of their Wonder (They worshipped the beast):
    - **Revelation 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.
- **Seven Heads: Revelation 17:9-11** – And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. (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. (11) And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.
  - Seven heads are seven mountain (kingdoms), which have seven kings
    - First Kingdom that has fallen: Egyptian
    - Second Kingdom that has fallen: Assyrian
    - Third Kingdom that has fallen: Babylonian
    - Fourth Kingdom that has fallen: Medo-Persian
    - Fifth Kingdom that has fallen: Greek
    - Sixth Kingdom that is during the time of the Apostle John: Roman
    - Seventh Kingdom that is not yet come: Antichrist as the First Horseman reigning during the first half of the Tribulation Period
    - Eighth Kingdom out of the Seventh Kingdom: Resurrected and Satan Possessed Antichrist reigning during the second half of the Tribulation Period
- **Ten Horns: Revelation 17:12-14** - 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. (13) These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. (14) These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.
  - “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings”: Ten kingdoms established by the Antichrist
    - Ten Toes of Daniel 2:41-43
  - “which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast”: Empowered for a brief time
  - **Having total unity with and giving authority to the Antichrist: Revelation 17:13** - These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.
  - **Revelation 17:14** - These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. - Revelation 19:19; 16:12-14
- **Ending of the Great Whore of Babylon: Revelation 17:15-18**
  - **Already discussed: Revelation 17:15** – And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.
  - **Revelation 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.

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- Implies the ending of the work of the Great Babylon
  - When? Mid-tribulation Period
  - Replaced by what? Worship of the Antichrist and Satan:
    - Revelation 13:4, 12, 15
- **Revelation 17:17** –For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
  - II Thessalonians 2:11-12
  - “until the words of God shall be fulfilled” (Second coming of the Lord): Revelation 19:11-21
  - **Revelation 17:18** –And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.
- Three Suggestions for the False Religion of the Great Whore during the First Half of the Tribulation Period: Babylon, Rome, Jerusalem
  - Babylon
    - It is called Babylon: Revelation 18:21
    - False Belief of Worship of Man began there
      - The Garden of Eden: Eve want to be like God to know what God knew - Genesis 3:5
      - The Tower built at Babel was built by Nimrod to elevate man’s abilities - Genesis 11:4
      - Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, desired worship - Daniel 3:1
        - Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, gloried in himself - Daniel 4:28-30
    - Matches up with where the armies of the Antichrist meet to through the Euphrates River to fight at the War of Armageddon when Jesus the Messiah return to Jerusalem
    - Should be a port city, in which Rome and Jerusalem are not
      - Revelation 18:17-18
    - Must be and can be built during at the beginning of the Tribulation Period
      - According to recent a recent commentary, Saddam Hussein started it rebuilt
  - Rome
    - Reformed Church believed by the that apostasy of the Roman Catholic Church is the false religion of the Great Whore
      - Concept that the worship of man transferred from Babel through the Babylonian Empire, to the Medo-Persian Empire to the Greek Empire to the Roman Empire
      - Concept that many of the Roman apostate practices match up religious practice from Nimrod and Babylon
    - My issues:
      - The apostate Catholic Church though has added many false teachings that do not agree with Scripture do not deny the God of the Bible or Jesus Christ as the Son of God
      - Location does not match up with the War of Armageddon
  - Jerusalem
    - Some think so since Jerusalem is the center of faith: Jews, Christians and Moslems - Daniel 9:27; II Thessalonians 2:3-4

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- Scripture implies Babylon will be destroyed, however, Jerusalem will not be.
    - If Christ come and places His foot in the Garden of Gethsemane, then why would not the War of Armageddon be not at Jerusalem
  - New York City: Center of Current Economic System (Wall Street) and United Nations
- **Revelation 18:1-8**
  - What does Babylon the Great stand for?
    - Capitol City of the Antichrist
    - One World Government
    - One World Monetary System
    - One World Religion
  - Judgment End of Babylon –
    - Isaiah 13-14 (Isaiah 13:1, 6, 9-10, 19-20)
    - Jeremiah 50-51 (Jeremiah 50:1, 13, 24, 40; 51:1, 7-9, 13, 29, 37, 42-43, 63-64)
    - History of Babylon
      - Kingdom of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar to his grandson, King Belshazzar
      - Under Medo-Persian control with it conquered by Cyrus in 541 BC
      - Under Greek control with it conquered by Alexander the Great in 331 BC
        - Under Greek General Seleucus, he built another capitol city, Seleucia in 293 BC with pulled most of the population of Babylon, leaving it a small town
      - At approximately 60 AD the Apostle Peter wrote from Babylon - I Peter 5:13
      - In 917 AD, Ibn Hanbel mentions Babylon as an insignificant village
      - About 1100 AD Babylon grew to some significance, known as “Two Mosques”
      - Shortly later it was enlarged by the Moslems and called Hillah or “Rest”
      - Historically it is reported that in 1898 AD Hillah has about 10,000 inhabitants
      - Under Saddam Hussein, he began a historical restoration of the original Babylon
    - Therefore, the judgment spoken of by God in the book of Isaiah and Jeremiah has not happened as of yet.
  - **Interpretations of Chapter 17 and Chapter 18**
    - Some treat them as continuous at the end of the Tribulation Period
    - Some treat Chapter 17 at the middle of the Tribulation Period, while Chapter 18 at the end of the Tribulation Period.
    - Some treat Chapter 17 as the One World Religion of the Antichrist changing worship to the Antichrist at the middle of the Tribulation Period; while Chapter 18 as the One World Economic System ending at the end of the Tribulation Period.
    - My studies lead me to believe Chapter 17:1 – Chapter 18:20 deals the transition of the leadership, approach, worship and economic system under the Antichrist, seventh head of the beast to the Antichrist, eighth head (Revelation 17:11), more fully explained in Revelation 13. Chapter 18:21-24 is the fulfillment of the destruction of the city of Babylon (Capitol city of the Antichrist) prophesied by Isaiah and Jeremiah.
  - **Revelation 18:1-3** – And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. (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. (3) For all nations

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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.

- **Revelation 18:1**
  - - **“And after these things”**: What does this imply? Transition from Chapter 17 or Continuation of Chapter 17
  - Revelation 17:16
  - I saw another angel come down from heaven
    - “having great power”
    - “the earth was lightened with his glory” - Sixth Seal: Revelation 6:12
- **Revelation 18:2** – “Cried mightily with a strong voice, saying Babylon the great is fallen”
  - How does this match up with the second angel’s proclamation - Revelation 14:8
  - “is become the habitation of devils, and hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of very unclean and hateful bird” - Jeremiah 51:37; Revelation 12:7-13; 16:12-14; 19:17-18
- **Revelation 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.
  - Jeremiah 51:7; Revelation 17:2,4
  - “the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies”: More studied Versus 9-20
- **Revelation 18:4-8**
  - **Revelation 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.
    - Implies some of God’s people are wrongly involved. Can only before the transition with the Mark of the Beast at the middle of the Tribulation Period
    - II Corinthians 6:17
    - Matches up with the call with the First angel call from the second heaven - Revelation 14:6-7
  - **Revelation 18:5** – For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
    - Reminds us of Cain’s murder of Abel
    - Reminds us of the Days of Noah
    - Reminds us of Sodom and Gomorrah
    - All sin is known of God and requires judgment if not taken care of by the blood of the Lamb
  - **Revelation 18:6-7** - 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. (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.
    - Is it done? I do not think so. God is just; therefore Babylon will get the appropriate judgment. - Galatians 6:7; Psalms 137:8
      - Why #1? “she hath glorified herself”: Babylon glorifies itself -
        - Isaiah 13:19
        - Remember the pride of King Nebuchadnezzar: Daniel 4:28-30
        - Remember the who is the head of gold on King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream

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- Why #2? “lived deliciously” - Revelation 17:4a; Luke 16:24-25
  - “so much torment and sorrow give her”: As request in verse 7, double
- Why #3? “for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow”: So prideful as not to be touched with the sorrow created by Babylon. No compassion!
- **Revelation 18:8** –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. - Revelation 17:16-17; Jeremiah 50:40
- **Revelation 18:9-20**
  - Two approaches to when this mourning occurred
    - Just after the ultimate destruction of Babylon occurring Verses 20-24 and before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ, Chapter 19
    - After the ten kings attacked it in chapter 17
  - **World leader mourn: Revelation 18:9-10** – 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, (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. - Revelation 17:16
    - **Revelation 18:10**: “Standing afar off for fear of her torment”
      - Statement of the kings: Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come
  - **Merchants of the Antichrist Economic System Mourn: Revelation 18:11-16** – And **the merchants of the earth** shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: (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, (13) And cinnamon, and odours, 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. (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. (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, (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!
    - Why do the merchants mourn?
      - **Revelation 18:11**: “for no man buyeth their merchandise any more”
      - **Revelation 18:15**: “which were made rich by her”
        - Must have been the center of trade for the whole world.
    - **Revelation 18:12-13**: Merchandise marketed ranged from gold to slaves, and souls of men.
    - **Revelation 18:15** - The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
      - “shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing”
    - **Description of the Babylon: Revelation 18:16** - Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!
      - A glorious looking city – not a city filled with Demons - Revelation 18:2

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- Again must be at the midpoint of the Tribulation Period
- **Seamen mourn: Revelation 18:17-20** – 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, (18) And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! (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. (20) Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.
  - **They too stood afar off: Revelation 18:17**
  - **Their description of Babylon: Revelation 18:18b; Revelation 18: 19b**
    - “What city is like unto this great city!”
    - “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”: Revelation 18:19c** - Revelation 17:12; 16
  - **Their mourning: Revelation 18:19a** – “And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing”
    - Will leaders, merchants and seamen weep over burning of Babylon after the Second coming of the Messiah?
    - Replaced by Mark of the Beast at the Mid-point of the Tribulation Period - Revelation 13:16-17
  - **Revelation 18:20** - Revelation 17:16-17
- **Revelation 18:21-24**
  - **Final Judgment of Babylon: Revelation 18:21** – 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. - Jeremiah 51:60-64; Seventh Bowl of Judgment: Revelation 16:17-21
  - **Result of the Final Judgment of Babylon: Revelation 18:22-23a** – 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; (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: - Isaiah 13:19-20; Jeremiah 50:13,40; 51:29
  - **Reason for the Final Judgment of Babylon: Revelation 18:23b-24** – for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. (24) And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.
    - What prophets and saints?
    - Blood of all that were slain
    - Martyrs during the First Half of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 17:5-6
    - Martyrs during the Second Half of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 13:4-7

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- **Revelation 19:1-4** – And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: (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. (3) And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. (4) And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. - Response to Revelation 18:20
  - “a great voice of much people in heaven”
    - Old Testament Saints
    - The Church
    - Martyrs of the Tribulation Period
  - “Alleluia” – “Praise God”
    - Used on four time in the New Testament – All in Chapter 19 of the Book of Revelation
  - What is “unto the Lord our God”
    - Salvation
    - Glory
    - Honour
    - Power
    - Reaffirming these characteristics belong to God since He is in essence the author and originator of them.
  - **Why? Revelation 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.
    - Why are the attributes of these four item in verse one assigned to God?
      - “True and righteous are his judgments”
        - What is the evidence of God’s judgments being true and righteous?
          - He hath judged the great whore: Two offenses of the Great whore?
            - “Did corrupt the earth with her fornication”
            - “Avenge the blood of his servants”
  - **Revelation 12:3** - And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
    - Second “Alleluia” by the same group of people
    - “her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
  - **Revelation 12:4** - And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia
    - “the four and twenty elders”
      - First appearance is at the beginning of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 4-5
      - Last appearance is at the end of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 19
      - Other appearances
        - Appearance of the 144,000 Jews: Revelation 7
        - Sounding of the Seventh Trumpet: Revelation 11
        - When the 144,000 Jews sung before the Lord: Revelation 14
    - “four beasts”
      - First appearance is at the beginning of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 4-5
      - Last appearance is at the end of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 19
      - Revelation 4:6-9
      - Other Appearances
        - Opening of the first Four Seals: Revelation 6
        - Appearance of the 144,000 Jews: Revelation 7

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- When the 144,000 Jews sung before the Lord: Revelation 14
  - One of the beasts gave the Seven Angels the Seven Bowls of God's Wrath: Revelation 15
- “fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying”
  - “Amen” – “So Be It”
  - “Alleluia” – “Praise God”
- **Revelation 19:5-10**
  - **Revelation 19:5-6** – And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. (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. “A voice” – Whose?
      - Most probably an angel – “Praise our God”
      - Exhortation: “Praise our God”
    - Who is exhorted?
      - “All ye his servants”
      - “ye that fear him, both small and great”
        - Fear here at the end of judgment is discussing those who Fear God.
        - “both small and great”: Denotes position in the Kingdom of God
  - **Saying next: Revelation 19:7** - Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.
    - The marriage of the Lamb is a time of gladness and rejoicing.
    - The marriage of the Lamb is a time to give honor to God.
    - “is come” – When?
      - Traditional marriage during Jesus Time was a week with the last day of ceremony being the final vows and the wedding supper just prior to the bride and groom leaving to consummate the marriage
      - Mid-tribulation: only possible if the first four verses pertain to the destruction of Babylon by the ten kings of the Antichrist
        - Problem: Her smoke is rising forever and ever, implies to complete destruction that occurs on the Seventh Bowl of God's Wrath
      - End-tribulation
        - Problem: Since Babylon's final destruction is the last Judgment at the Seventh Bowl of God's Wrath, the Lord return for His millennium reign should be next leaving no room for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
      - Beginning of Millennium Reign of Christ
        - Problem: Traditionally held in Heaven
        - “is come” could implies that it can occur right after Christ Return
    - Members of the Marriage Supper
      - Who is the Bridegroom: The Lamb of God (Christ)
      - Who is the wife of the Lamb?
        - Bride of Christ – The Church - Romans 7:4; II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27, 32
        - Lamb's Bride: All Believers since the Creation until after the Tribulation Period. Not differing New Testament saints (The Church) from the Old Testament saint and Tribulation saints. This is because the work of Christ spoken of in Ephesians 5 applies to all saints since Creation.
        - New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:2

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- Problem: After 1000 year reign of Christ
- Who are the friends of the Bridegroom? - John 3:27-30
  - The Lord Spoke of John the Baptist as an Old Testament Saint - Luke 16:16; Matthew 11:12-13
  - Most believe that the friends of the Bridegroom are Old Testament saints and Tribulation Saint
- Read John MacArthur's book, "Because the Time is Near", Page 286, Paragraph 2 for a rationale concerning the Sovereignty of God choosing New Testament Saint only to be the Bride of Christ or the Wife of the Lamb.
- "his wife hath made herself ready" - Ephesians 5:25-27
  - How can the wife "made herself ready"? Judgment Seat of Christ - Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10; I Corinthians 3:11-15
    - Question? If the Judgment Seat of Christ is how the Church prepares herself to be adorned spotless as a bride, where is judgment of the Old Testament saints and Tribulation saints? - Hebrews 9:27
- **Revelation 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.
  - Because she made herself ready, she was granted to be arrayed in fine, clean and white linen.
  - What is fine linen? The righteousness of the saints - Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:22-24; 4:5-6; 6:18; Philippians 3:9; Titus 3:5
- **Revelation 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.
  - Who are called? - Matthew 21:42-46 ; 22:1-14
    - Bride and her bridesmaids
    - Friends of the Bridegroom?
- **Revelation 19:10** – And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
  - Right: Revelation 1:17-18
  - Wrong: Revelation 19:10
    - A "fellowservant"
    - "of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus"
    - Exhortation: "worship God"
  - "for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy"
    - Matthew 3:14-15
  - Prophecies concerning Christ's: Birth, Life, Ministry, Death (Crucifixion), Resurrection, Ascension, Second Coming; Reigning
- **Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ: Revelation 19:11-16** – 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. (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. (13) And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (14) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. (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. (16) And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

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- Prophecies concerning the Second Coming of the Lord - Daniel 2:44-45; 7:9-14; Zechariah 14:4; Matthew 24:29-31; Acts 1:9-11; II Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 1:13-14
  - **Description of Christ During His Second Coming: Revelation 19:11-16**
    - **Christ Rides a White Horse as a Conquer and King: Revelation 19:11a** – “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse;”
      - Ironically in contrast the Lord first arrives in Jerusalem on the colt of a mule: Matthew 21:5
      - Just as the True Christ shows up at the end of the Tribulation Period on a white horse, the Antichrist did show up at the beginning of the Tribulation Period on a white horse: Revelation 6:2
    - **Christ is called Faithful and True: Revelation 19:11b** – “and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True,” - Revelation 3:14
      - Christ is faithful and true to His Father; He is also faithful and true to His followers.
    - **Christ Judges and Make War in Righteousness: Revelation 19:11c** – “and in righteousness he doth judge and make war”. - John 5:22; Isaiah 11:1-5; Acts 17:30-31; Revelation 19:17-21
    - **Christ’s Eye are as a flame of fire: Revelation 19:12a** - “His eyes were as a flame of fire, and” - Revelation 1:14; 2:18
      - Nothing will escape His notice
    - **Christ’s Head has Many Crowns: Revelation 19:12b** - “on his head were many crowns;” - Matthew 28:18
      - All authority is given to Him by the God, the Father
    - **Christ’s has an Unknown Name: Revelation 19:12c** - “and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.” - Philippians 2:5-11
    - **Christ’s Vesture is Dipped in Blood: Revelation 19:13a** – “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:” - Isaiah 63:1-6
    - **Christ’ Name is also The Word of God: Revelation 19:13b** – “and his name is called The Word of God.” - John 1:1
    - **Christ’s Mouth has a Sharp Sword that Goes out of it: Revelation 19:15a** – “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations:” - Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 11:4b
    - **Christ will Rule During His Millennium Reign with a Rod of Iron: Revelation 19:15b** – “and he shall rule them with a rod of iron.” - Psalms 2:7-9; Revelation 2:26-27; 12:1-2,5
    - **Christ will Reveals the Fierceness and Wrath of God: Revelation 19:15c** - “and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.” - War of Armageddon: Revelation 14:19-20
    - **Christ has His Title on this Vesture and Thigh of KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS: Revelation 19:16** - “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” - Deuteronomy 10:16-17; Psalms 136:1-3; Revelation 17:14; I Timothy 6:14-15
  - **Description of Christ’s Army During Christ’s Second Coming: Revelation 19:14** - And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
    - Two Group listing for Christ’s Army
      - His Saints - Jude 1:13

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- Angels - Matthew 23:31; II Thessalonians 1:7
- Riding White Horses
- Clothed in Fine, White and Clean Linen - Revelation 7:13-14
- **Calling Out of the Bird to eat the flesh of the Antichrist's Army: Revelation 19:17-18** – 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; (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.
  - “Angel standing in the sun”
    - Fifth Bowl of Wrath Poured Out: Revelation 16:10
    - Sixth Seal: Revelation 6:1
    - Fourth Trumpet: Revelation 8:12
  - “saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of the earth” - Revelation 18:1-2; Matthew 24:27-28; Ezekiel 39:4,17-20
  - “Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God”: (Negative) - In contrast of the marriage supper of the Lamb (Positive): Revelation 19:9
  - “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”
- **The War against the Antichrist and his Army: Revelation 19:19-21** – 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. (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. (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.
  - **Gathering of the Antichrist's Army: Revelation 19:19** – Revelation 16:12; Zechariah 14:2
    - The location of the War between Christ and the Antichrist's Army - Acts 1:9-12; Zechariah 14:1-4; Zechariah 12:3
      - Valley of Jehoshaphat (called also the Kidron Valley): The Kidron Valley is valley near Jerusalem which features significantly in the Bible. An ephemeral stream flows through it with occasional flash floods in the rainy winter months. The Kidron Valley runs along the eastern wall of Jerusalem, separating the Temple Mount from the Mount of Olives. It then continues east through the Judean Desert, towards the Dead Sea. - Joel 3:1-2, 9-17
      - Jerusalem - Zechariah 12:3-4, 8-10; 14:12-13
      - Valley of Megiddo (Armageddon): Megiddo is strategically located at the head of a pass through the Carmel Ridge overlooking the Jezreel Valley from the west. To the west is the Mount Carmel range, and to the east is the Jordan Valley. Valley of Jezreel is a flat plane of land 20 miles long by 14 miles wide, surrounded by mountains part of the Esdraelon Plain approximately 100 miles north of Jerusalem, south of Lake of Galilee.
    - Three Unclean Spirits used to call the Beast's army for the War of Armageddon: Revelation 16:13-14, 16
  - **The Capture and Judgment of the Antichrist and the False Prophet: Revelation 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.
    - First two to go into the Lake of Fire

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- They were sent to Lake of Fire alive
- Remain in the Lake of Fire alone until the after the Millennium reign of Christ.
- **The Slaughter of the Antichrist' Army: Revelation 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. - Revelation 14:15-20; Psalms 110:5-6; Isaiah 63:1-6
- **The Bounding of Satan: Revelation 20:1-3**
  - **Revelation 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.
    - Aftermath of the War Between the True Christ and the Antichrist
      - First, Antichrist and False Prophet captured and cast in permanently into the Lake of Fire
      - Second, Antichrist's Army slain and temporarily cast into Hell until the White Throne Judgment
      - Third, Satan is bound and cast into Hell until after the Millennium Reign of Christ
    - “And I saw an angel come down from heaven” - Jude 1:9; Revelation 12:7-9
      - Which angel? Not specified. Some believe Michael the Archangel
    - “having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand”
      - Literal or not? Why not literal since God is able to create Hell with a key for access and able also to create a chain to bound Satan.
  - **Revelation 20:2** - And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
    - Names listed belonging to Lucifer
      - “the Dragon” - Main name used in the Book of Revelation 12:3-4
      - “that old serpent” - Name used in the temptation of Eve: Genesis 3:1
      - “the Devil”: used exclusively in the New Testament; meaning “slanderer”
      - “Satan”: use throughout the entire Bible; meaning: “adversary” and “accuser”
  - **Revelation 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.
    - “And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him”
      - Angel cast the angel into Hell, locks him up with the key and then seals him with the chain
      - Why Hell, instead of the Lake of Fire. His bounding is temporary where the Lake of Fire is permanent.
    - Why? “that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled” - Think of it! Fulfillment of Prophecy: John 12:31; God is not finished using Satan.
    - What do know about Satan?
      - The Fall of Mankind (Genesis 3): Deceived Eve
      - Had Job tested by accusing him (Job 1-2): Revelation 12:10c
      - II Corinthians 4:4; I Peter 5:8; Revelation 12:9a
      - Satan is cast out of Heaven to the Earth at the midpoint of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 12:9
      - After the Tribulation Period, Satan is bound for a thousand years
    - Question: Will mankind follow God better with Satan being put out of the way for an thousand years?
- **The Millennium Reign of Christ: Revelation 20:4-6** – II Samuel 7:15-17;

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- Revelation 19:10c – “for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”
- Prophecies pertaining to the Millennium Reign of Christ - Psalms 2:5-8; Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 1:31-33; Acts 17:31; Isaiah 11:1-10; Ezekiel 34:23-27, 30-31; Ezekiel 40-48 – Continue the prophecy concerning the Davidic Kingdom; Zechariah 14:8-9, 16-21; Isaiah 65:18-25; Micah 4:1-4; Remainder of Micah 4 through Micah 5
- Condition of the Earth at the Beginning of the Tribulation Period
  - Second Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:3 - Sea became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.
  - Third Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:4 - The rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.
  - Fourth Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:8 - Power of the Sun was given unto to scorch men with fire. (Flooding coastal areas also)
  - Fifth Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:10 – The Antichrist’s kingdom (the entire world) was full of darkness;
  - Sixth Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:16 - Great Slaughter of man during the war between Christ and Antichrist
  - Seventh Bowl of Wrath: Revelation 16:17-20 - A great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, resulting with the cities of the nations fell and every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- Condition of the Earth after the Tribulation Period
  - Presence of Righteousness and Peace throughout the World - Isaiah 32:7, Ezekiel 34:25a
  - Nor more War - Micah 4:3
  - Righteous Judgment in leadership - Isaiah 11:3-4
  - The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord - Isaiah 11:9b
  - Joy throughout the world - Isaiah 12:3-4, 61:3, 7
  - The curse of the Fall is lifted - Isaiah 11:7-9, 30:23-24, 35:1-2, 7
  - Food will be plentiful - Joel 2:21-27, Ezekiel 34:27, Isaiah 65:21, Micah 4:4
  - Safety and Wellbeing - Isaiah 33:24, 35:5-6
  - Safety in Nature - Isaiah 11:6-7, 65:25, Ezekiel 34:25b, 27
  - Long life: Isaiah 65:20
- **Who is Ruling and Reigning with Christ During His Millennium Reign: Revelation 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.
  - Those who were martyred during the Tribulation Period: Revelation 20:4b
    - Mid-point of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 6:9-11
    - End of the Tribulation Period: Revelation 7:9-17
  - The Apostle of the Church: Matthew 19:28
  - The Church: II Timothy 2:11-12a - I Corinthians 6:3
  - The Redeemed and The Saints: Revelation 5:8-10
  - I believe at the Millennium Reign of Christ there are no dispensational lines: all glorified believers prior to the Millennium Reign of Christ will rule and reign with Christ as being King of kings and Lord of lords.
- **Who is part of the First Resurrection: Revelation 20:5-6** – (5) But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (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.

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- There are two resurrections - John 5:25-29; Daniel 12:1-2
  - Since we know that there are only two resurrections with the second resurrection pertains to the second death, there for we know that the first resurrection includes all believers prior to the Millennium Reign of Christ.
  - Therefore the First Resurrection must include:
    - The Rapture
    - Martyrs of the Tribulation Period
    - What about Old Testament Saints, either prior to the Tribulation Period during the Rapture or at the end of the Tribulation Period with the Martyrs.
- **Results of being part of the First Resurrection: Revelation 20:6**
  - They are blessed
  - They are holy
  - They are not affected by the Second Death
    - What is the first death?: Hebrews 9:27 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Physical Death)
    - What is the second death?: Revelation 20:14-15
  - They shall be priests of God and Christ
  - They shall reign with Christ a thousand years
- **The Final War of Unbelievers Lead by Satan: Revelation 20:7-10**
  - **Satan Released: Revelation 20:7** – And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison
    - Seven times the Reign of Christ is given a length of 1000 years
      - To fulfill prophecy: Revelation 20:2-3
    - “out of his prison”: “And cast him into the bottomless pit,” Hell
  - **Final War between God and Satan: Revelation 20:8-9** - 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. (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.
    - Who are the Satan’ army?
      - Those deceived by Satan
      - Those from the four quarters of the earth
      - They are called Gog and Magog
        - Seems to Fulfil Ezekiel 38-39
        - Ezekiel 38:1-3
      - Their number is as the sand of the sea: So great not able to be numbered.
    - Battle Strategy:
      - “went up on the breadth of the earth”: Diameter of the Earth
      - “compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city”: Jerusalem
    - Outcome of the Battle
      - “fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them”
  - **Revelation 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 for ever and ever.
    - From Hell into the Lake of Fire: From Temporary Judgment to Permanent Judgment.
    - Third into Lake of Fire, maybe Fallen Angels we will judge?

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- Type of Judgment: “shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever”
- **The Great White Throne Judgment: Revelation 20:11-15**
  - **Who is on the Great White Throne of Judgment: Revelation 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. - John 5:22
  - **Who will Jesus judge: Revelation 20:12-13** –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. (13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
    - There are two resurrections - John 5: 29; Daniel 12:2
      - Resurrection for both resurrections imply a bodily resurrection.
        - **Revelation 20:13a** - And the sea gave up the dead (BODY) which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead (SOUL) which were in them:
      - Results of being part of the First Resurrection: Revelation 20:6
      - Two Judgment implied: “the quick and the dead” - 2 Timothy 4:1
        - Hebrews 9:27
        - the quick: first resurrection and first judgment
          - all saved (Old Testament Saints, New Testament Saints and Tribulation saints): Judgment Seat of Christ
        - the dead: second resurrection and second judgment
          - Ephesians 2:1
          - all lost (Old Testament Lost, New Testament Lost and Tribulation Lost): White Throne Judgment
    - When will Jesus judge the quick and the dead? - 2 Timothy 4:1
      - This is why I believe both the Judgment Seat of Christ (at the beginning) and the White Throne Judgment happen during Christ’s Millennium Reign (at the end).
    - How will they be judge?
      - **According to the Books: Revelation 20:12b** – “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”
        - “books were opened”:
          - Records the works of the all mankind
          - Identifies each individual as a sinner, needing the Savior
          - book of life”
            - Lamb’s Book of Life
    - **Outcome of the Judgment: Revelation 20:14b-15** – This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
      - Revelation 21:8
      - “according to their works” both verse 12 and 13
        - Implies degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire
  - **Judgment of Death and Hell: Revelation 20:14a** –And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.
    - Death and Hell are associated with the fall of Man - Romans 5:12
    - Prior Personification of Death and Hell: Revelation 6:7-8
    - I Corinthians 15:24-26

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## IV. A Vision of Eternal State – Revelation 21:1 – 22:5

- **New Creation: Revelation 21:1-8**
  - **Creation of a new Heaven and Earth: Revelation 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.
    - Content of the New Creation
      - **Revelation 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.
      - Why? Everything was corrupted by the Sin of Satan and those who followed him, angels and mankind.
      - End Result! Total new Beginning
    - Fulfillment of Prior Scriptures - Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; II Peter 3:13; Romans 8:19-23; II Corinthians 5:17
    - What Happened to the Old Heaven and the Old Earth?
      - **Revelation 21:1b** – “the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.” - Revelation 20:11b; II Peter 3:10-12
  - **Some Characteristics Concerning The Eternal State**
    - **NO MORE TEARS: Revelation 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.
      - Why? “there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”
    - **ALL THINGS NEW: Revelation 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.
    - **FREE ACCESS TO THE WATER OF LIFE: Revelation 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.
    - **NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD COMPLETED: Revelation 21:7** – He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. - Romans 8:14-17
    - **NO MORE SIN: Revelation 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.
- **Revealing of the New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:2-3** – And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (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.
  - “New Jerusalem”: Not prior Jerusalem
    - Not the Jerusalem that David founded
    - Not the Jerusalem that Nehemiah and Ezra established after the Dispersion of the Jews by the Babylonians.
    - Not the Jerusalem that Jesus was crucified in
    - Not the Jerusalem that became part of Israel in 1947
    - Not the Jerusalem that the Messiah reigned in during the Millennium Reign
  - **From Where? Revelation 21:2b** – “coming down from God out of heaven”
    - Not the Prior Heaven that was destroyed by fire and made anew.
    - Elaboration on the Scene: Revelation 12:9-10
  - **Revelation 21:2c** – “Prepared as a bride for her husband” - Revelation 12:9

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- Bride/wife of the Lamb: The New Jerusalem or the Inhabitants of the New Jerusalem
- Who did the Preparing: John 14:1-3
- Result of the New Jerusalem
  - **Dwelling Place of God and man: Revelation 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 - Revelation 21:22
  - Perfect Union: John 17:21b
  - Only in the Glorified State will our Oneness with God be truly Fulfilled
- **Description of the New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:9-27**
  - **The New Jerusalem Presented: Revelation 21:9-10** - 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. (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,
  - Color of the New Jerusalem:
    - **Revelation 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; White
    - **Revelation 21:18** – And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.
    - **Revelation 21:21b** – “and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.”
  - Lighting of the New Jerusalem:
    - **Revelation 21:23** - And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
    - **Revelation 21:25b** – “for there shall be no night there”
    - Does not imply that there is no sun or moon that will impact the remainder of the Earth, only that there is no need for them or no darkness in the city of the New Jerusalem.
  - **Size of the New Jerusalem: Revelation 21:15-16** - And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. (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.
    - Base is a Square with its breadth and length being twelve thousand furlongs each.
    - The city has a height the same as its width and length making it a cube.
    - Twelve thousand furlongs equals approximately 1500 miles.
    - Length of the United States is approximately 3000 miles from the California's farthest western Pacific coast to North Carolina's farthest eastern Atlantic coast.
    - The height of Mount Everest is approximately 5.5 miles above sea level; therefore the New Jerusalem is approximately 273 times taller than Mount Everest.
  - Walls Around the New Jerusalem
    - **Revelation 21:12a** – “And had a wall great and high”
    - **Revelation 21:18** – And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. White

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- **Wall depth: Revelation 21:17** –And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. - Seventy-two yards thick – approximately ¾ of a football field
- **Foundation of the Wall: Revelation 21:14, 19-20**
  - **Twelve Foundations: Revelation 21:14a** – “And the wall of the city had twelve foundations”
  - **Named of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb: Revelation 21:14b** – “and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” - Ephesians 2:19-22
  - **Stone color of the foundations: Revelation 21:19-20** –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; (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.

1)Jasper: White	4)Emerald: Dark Green	7)Chrysolite: Pale Green	10)Chrysiorasus: Shade of Green
2)Sapphire: Blue	5)Sardonyx: Red	8)Beryl: Sea Green	11)Jacinth: Violet
3)Chalcedony: Light Blue	6)Sardis: Yellow Red	9)Topaz: Yellow Green	12)Amethyst Purple

- Gates in the Walls of the New Jerusalem
  - **Twelve Gates with Twelve Angels: Revelation 21:12a** – “had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels”
  - **Names on the Gates: Revelation 21:12b** – and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
    - Matches with the Millennium Temple with Twelve Gates with the Names of the Twelve Tribes: See Ezekiel 48:30-35
  - **Three Gates on each Wall: Revelation 21:13** - On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
  - **Gates are Pearls: Revelation 21:21** - And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl:
  - **Gate Continuously Open: Revelation 21:25a** – “And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day”
- Access to New Jerusalem
  - Those who Bring Glory and Honor into It:
    - **Revelation 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 honour into it.
    - **Revelation 21:26** - And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
    - **Revelation 21:27b** – “they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life”
  - Not Those who would defile it:
    - **Revelation 21:27a** - And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but.

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- **River and Tree of Life: Revelation 22:1-2**
    - **River of Life: Revelation 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.
      - River in Eden: Genesis 2:10-14
      - “proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb”
      - Though no temple, there will still be a throne for God and the Lamb.
    - **Tree of Life: Revelation 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 manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
      - Tree of Life in Eden: Genesis 3:23-24
      - “In the midst of the street of it”
        - “street”: River of Life
        - “of it”: New Jerusalem
      - “bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month”
        - Literal Months?
      - “the leaves of the tree for the healing of the nations”
        - Why, since we are glorified?
  - **Perfect Union with God: Revelation 22:3-5**
    - **“And there shall be no more curse”: Revelation 22:3a**
      - The Wicked are Cursed: Proverbs 3:33
      - The Earth is Cursed: Isaiah 24:5-6
    - **Why no curse? Revelation 22:3b** - but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him
      - It has been dealt with at the cross of Calvary and with the creation of a new Heaven and Earth.
    - **Our Relationship with God: Revelation 22:4** - And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. - Revelation 21:3
      - “they shall see his face” - Exodus 33:17-23
        - What changed? Sin!
      - “his name shall be in their foreheads” – Literal
        - Antichrist’s Mark: Revelation 13:16-17
        - 144,000 Jews Mark: Revelation 14:1
    - **Revelation 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 for ever and ever.
      - “And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light”: God is the light of New Jerusalem - Revelation 21:23-24
      - “they shall reign for ever and ever” – With such perfection, will there need for reigning?
        - Who are they? How about God and the Lamb?
        - Revelation 22:1-2
- V. **Conclusion: Come! Lord Jesus Come! – Revelation 22:6-21**
- Future Things began in Revelation 4:1
    - **The Angel speaks: Revelation 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.
      - Who is he? Revelation 21:9

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- “These sayings are faithful and true” Everything said by God is faithful and true
- “the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants”
  - “his angel”: Revelation 1:1
  - “unto his servants”
    - First, John the Apostle
    - Secondly, those who have been washed by the blood of the Lamb
  - the things which must shortly be done”
    - Revelation 6:1 – Revelation 22:5
    - “shortly”: Immediate Return of Christ
      - In God perspective 1000 years is as a day - Psalms 90:4; II Peter 3:8
- **The Lord’s First Proclamation of His Coming Quickly: Revelation 22:7** – Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
  - “I” implies our Lord Jesus Christ
  - “come quickly”: See Verse 6 “shortly”
  - “blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book”
    - Saying of what book: Book of Revelation - I John 3:1-3; Matthew 25:13
- **John’s Improper Responses: Revelation 22:8-9** - 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. (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.
  - First time: Revelation 19:10
- **Revelation 22:10-21**
  - **Exhortation to not reseal the Book of Revelation: Revelation 22:10** - And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.
    - Why? “for the time is at hand”: See Verse 6 “shortly”
    - The Prophecies of the End times were first sealed: Daniel 9:24
      - Remember this is book that only the Lamb could unseal: Revelation 5
      - How Revelation 22:6 could be accomplished? “shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Revelation 6:1 – Revelation 22:5
  - **Proclamation on the Foreknowledge of God: Revelation 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.
    - This is a call for realizing the truth. We can only witness. People have to decide. - II Peter 3:9
    - This is a call for evangelism! God knows who will be saved according to His eternal perspective, while we do not! - II Corinthians 5:11; John 5:39-40; Matthew 7:13-14
  - **Our Lord’s Last Recorded Message in Scriptures: Revelation 22:12-21**
    - **The Lord’s Second Proclamation of His Coming Quickly: Revelation 22:12** – And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
      - “behold, I come quickly”: See Verse 6 “shortly”
      - “my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be”
        - Judgment Seat of Christ - Romans 14:10; II Corinthians 5:10
    - The Lord declares who He is:
      - **Revelation 22:13** - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. - Revelation 1:8

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- **Revelation 22:16b** - I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. - Revelation 5:5
- **The Promise the blessing for obedience: Revelation 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.
  - “Blessed are they that do his commandments” - Matthew 22:37-40
    - Obedience is the Fruit of Loving God
    - Is your heart toward obey God based upon the salvation He has provided?
    - Acts 17:30
  - “that they may have the right to the tree of life” - Revelation 22:2
  - “may enter in through the gates into the city” - The City of the New Jerusalem
- **Reminder of the consequences of rejection the finish work of Christ: Revelation 22:15** - For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.
  - “without” Where? - Revelation 20:15
- **Reminder of why the Book of Revelation was written: Revelation 22:16** - I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. - Revelation 22:6; 1:1
  - What churches?
    - First, Seven Churches of Asia Minor: Revelation 2-3 - Church at Ephesus; Church at Smyrna; Church at Pergamos; Church at Thyatira; Church at Sardis; Church at Philadelphia; Church at Laodicea
    - All churches that follow that read the Book of Revelation
- **Exhortation to Come!**
  - **First for Our Lord to come: Revelation 22:17a** - And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.
  - **Second for non-believer to come and be saved: Revelation 22:17b** - 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.
- **Warning against tampering with the Book of Revelation: Revelation 22:18-19** - II Timothy 3:16-17; 2:15; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; Proverbs 30:5-6;
  - **By adding: Revelation 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:
    - Adding to bend truth: Diluting truth so making it say what it never said
    - Jewish Leader extra laws example: Matthew 14:1-9
  - **By taking away: Revelation 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.
    - Taking away to remove truth
      - Example by Satan: Genesis 3:1-5
      - Example: Amillenniumist - No millennium of Christ removing Revelation 20:4-6
    - Colossians 2:8 - Example: Children discipline
    - Man attempts to make the wisdom of man greater than the wisdom of God.
- **The Lord’s Third Proclamation of His Coming Quickly: Revelation 22:20a** – He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.

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- John's closing of the Book of Revelation
  - **Revelation 22:20b** – Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
  - **Revelation 22: 21** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.