



THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB

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Seven Things We Must Know About The Revelation

The Prepared Bride — The Victorious Bridegroom

1.

It is the revelation to and from Him, but also the unveiling *of* Him, in answer to Paul's prayer of c. AD 61 (Eph 1.17).

2.

The sealed scroll attests to the authenticity of the public Testament. The Redeemer breaks the seals to defeat the usurper.

3.

A proper reading of the Revelation will move us to action.

4.

It also supplements them and adds new details.

5.

The Exodus was a real event that also foreshadowed the End-Time drama. Revelation describes the end of the cosmic war begun in Eden.

6.

The world of the first Christians was not the globe that it is for us today.

7.

That theology begins with God's seven assessments of goodness in Genesis 1.

The Christology Of Revelation 1.8

Ἐγώ εἰμι
I AM

τὸ Ἄλφα
the Alpha

καὶ τὸ ὠ,
and the Omega,

λέγει κύριος, ὁ θεός,
says the Lord God,

ὁ ὢν
who is

καὶ ὁ ἦν
and who was

καὶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος,
and who is to come,

ὁ παντοκράτωρ.
the Almighty.

Jesus Christ Is:

Important Terms:

Apocalypse

Literally an unveiling, that is, a revealing of a person or thing in its true character.

*Synonymous to **revelation**.*

Syncretism

The blending of elements from two different philosophies or religions.

Apostasy

Gk.: ἀποστασία. A spiritual falling away, i.e., a rebellion, as described in 2 Thessalonians 2.3.

Theophany & Christophany

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The Olivet Apocalypse

The Teaching of Jesus About His Second Coming
Given to His Disciples on the Mount of Olives
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Matthew 24

1 Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.

2 “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately.

“Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

4 Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

5 For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ [1],’ and will deceive many.

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, **but the end is still to come.**

7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Mark 13

1 As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

2 “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

5 Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

6 Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many.

7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, **but the end is still to come.**

8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines.

These are the beginning of birth pains.

Luke 21

1 As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.

2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. [14]

3 “I tell you the truth,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others.

4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said,

6 “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

7 “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

8 He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived.

For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

9 When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, **but the end will not come right away.**”

10 Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events [15] and great signs from heaven.

9 “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.
10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,
11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.
12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,
13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
15 “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘**the abomination that causes desolation,**’ [2] spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—
16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
17 Let no one on the roof of his house go down to take anything out of the house.
18 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.
19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!
20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

9 “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.
10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.
11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.
12 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

13 All men will hate you because of me,

but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

14 “When you see ‘**the abomination that causes desolation**’ [8] standing where it [9] does not belong—let the reader understand—

then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

15 Let no one on the roof of his house go down or enter the house to take anything out.

16 Let no one in the field go back to get his cloak.

17 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

18 Pray that this will not take place in winter,

12 “But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

13 This will result in your being witnesses to them.

14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.

15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.

17 All men will hate you because of me.

18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

19 By standing firm you will gain life.

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its **desolation** is near. [16]

21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city.

22 For this is the time of punishment in fulfilment of all that has been written.

23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

21 For **then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.**

22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

23 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it.

24 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.

25 See, I have told you ahead of time.

26 “So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the desert,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.

27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

29 **“Immediately after the distress of those days** “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ [3]

30 “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

32 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it [4] is near, right at the door.

34 I tell you the truth, this generation [5] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

19 because **those will be days of distress unequalled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.**

20 If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.

21 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ [10]!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it.

22 For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and miracles to deceive the elect—if that were possible.

23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Luke 17.23-24 Men will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.

24 “But in those days, following that distress, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ [11]

26 “At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

29 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.

30 I tell you the truth, this generation [12] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people.

24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. [17]

30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.

31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 “I tell you the truth, this generation [18] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
36 “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, [6] but only the Father.
37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark;
39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.

That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

40 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.
41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

Mat 24.28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

42 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
32 “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Luke 17.26 “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

17.27 People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

Luke 17.28 “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. 29 But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

Luke 17.30 “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

Luke 17.34 I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. 35

Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

Luke 17.37 “Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

33 Be on guard! Be alert [13]! You do not know when that time will come.

34 It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

34 “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.

35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth.

36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

45 “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. [7]

47 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

35 “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, ‘My master is staying away a long time,’ 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

37 Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, 38 and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

Notes

[1] v. 5 Or *Messiah*; also in verse 23.

[2] v. 15 Daniel 9.27; 11.31; 12.11 .

[3] v. 29 Isaiah 13.10; 34.4.

[4] v. 33 Or *he*.

[5] v. 34 Or *race*.

[6] v. 36 Some manuscripts do not have *nor the Son*.

[7] vv. 45 and 46 describe the believer's end-time agenda!

[8] v. 14 Daniel 9.27; 11.31; 12.11.

[9] v. 14 Or *he*; also in verse 29.

[10] v. 21 Or *Messiah*.

[11] v. 25 Isaiah 13.10; 34.4.

[12] v. 30 Or *race*.

[13] v. 33 Some manuscripts *alert and pray*.

[14] v. 2 Greek *two lepta*.

[15] v.11 φόβητρά, “terrors” (cf. Isa 19.17).

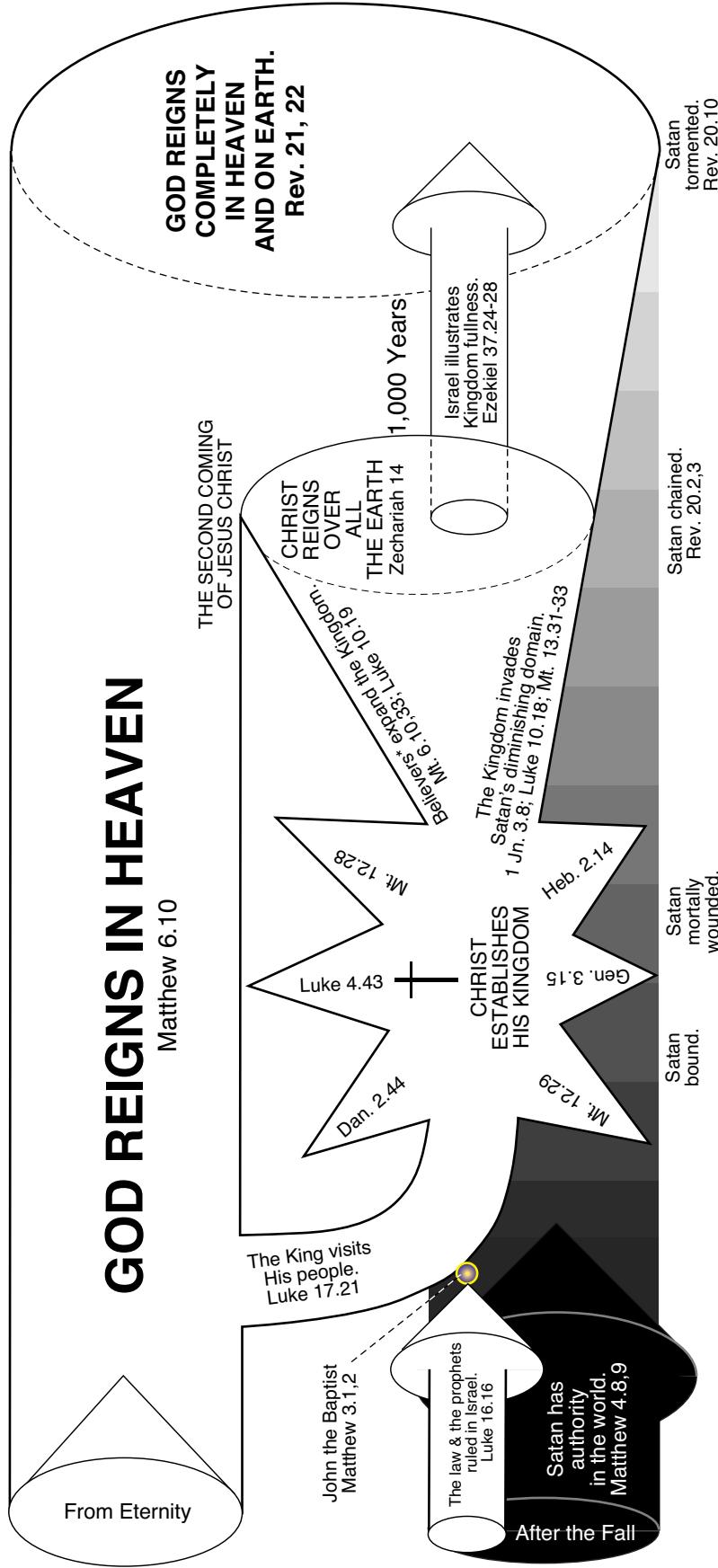
[16] v. 20 Cf. Dan 12.7.

[17] v. 29 Cf. Zec 3.10; Mic 4.4.

[18] v. 32 Or *race*.

The Expansion Of The Kingdom In God's Cosmic Agenda

Matthew 4.17; Mark 1.15



*BELIEVERS:

- Are the citizens of the Kingdom - Colossians 1.13.
- See and enter the Kingdom by the Holy Spirit - John 3.3,5.
- Are priests in the Kingdom - Revelation 1.6.
- Produce fruit for the Kingdom when they heed the gospel - Luke 8.10-15.
- Proclaim the gospel of the Kingdom - Acts 8.12; 19.8; 20.25; 28.23-31.
- Enter the Kingdom through many hardships - Acts 14.22.
- Pray and labor for the expansion of the Kingdom - Matthew 6.10, 33.
- Are heirs of the coming Kingdom - Luke 13.29; 21.25-31.

Chart Summary

The Kingdom of God is His rule among His subjects, that produces "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14.17). God has always ruled in heaven, but after the Fall, Satan usurped authority over humanity. The world became the battleground between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan. The Law and the Prophets contended for God's sovereignty in Israel up until the time of John the Baptist, but then the Heavenly King Himself visited Earth. In the person of Jesus Christ, God mortally wounded Satan, and firmly established His own Kingdom among mankind through the crucifixion and resurrection. Since that time, God's human subjects have been expanding His Kingdom by the power of the gospel, and diminishing Satan's authority in the world. When Christ returns, He will rule politically over all the earth, and after quelling a final rebellion at the end of the Millennium, His sovereignty over the universe will never be questioned again.



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Narrative Parallels

The Exodus

The Revelation

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| 1. Ex 3: The Lord commissions Moses from burning bush. | 1. Rev 1: |
| 2. Ex 3.20: God strikes Egypt. | 2. Rev 11.8: |
| 3. Ex 6.6: God redeems 12 tribes of Israel by great judgments. | 3. Rev 5.9: |
| 4. Ex 7-12: God pours plagues upon Egyptian oppressors. | 4. Rev 16.10: |
| 5. Ex 7: Water turned to blood. | 5. Rev 8 & 11: |
| 6. Ex 9; cf. Jos 10.11: Plague of hail and fire strikes Egypt. | 6. Rev 8.7; 16.21: |
| 7. Ex 10: Plague of locusts. | 7. Rev 9: |
| 8. Ex 12.11: Israelites told to be clothed and ready. | 8. Rev 16.15: |
| 9. Ex 12: Israelites slay the Passover lamb. | 9. Rev 5: |
| 10. Ex 13: God comes to the Israelites in a pillar of cloud. | 10. Rev 1.7; 10.1; 14.14-16: |
| 11. Ex 14: Israelites must cross sea to serve God. | 11. Rev 4: |
| 12. Ex 14: Pharaoh and army fight against the Lord at the Red Sea. | 12. Rev 17.14; ch. 19; Dan 11.45: |
| 13. Ex 14: Oppressor Pharaoh goes into the Sea. | 13. Rev 13: |
| 14. Ex 15: Victorious Israelites sing the song of Moses. | 14. Rev 15.3: |

Narrative Parallels

The Exodus

The Revelation

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| 15. Ex 15.23-25: Bitter waters sweetened for Israelites. | 15. Rev 8.10-11: |
| 16. Ex 16: God feeds Israel in the wilderness. | 16. Rev 12.6,14: |
| 17. Ex 19.4: God brings Israel to Himself on eagle's wings. | 17. Rev 12.14: |
| 18. Ex 19.10-14: Israelites wash clothes to appear before God. | 18. Rev 7.14; 22.14: |
| 19. Ex 19: God appears at Mt. Sinai amidst thunder and lightning. | 19. Rev 4: |
| 20. Mountain of God quaked violently (Ex 19.18). | 20. Rev 11.19: |
| 21. Isa 54.5; Jer 31.14,32; Eze 16; Hos: God "marries" Israel by covenant. | 21. Rev 19.7-9: |
| 22. Ex 19.6: God chooses Israel to be a kingdom of priests. | 22. Rev 5.10; 20.6: |
| 23. Ex 25-39: God's tabernacle among the Israelites. | 23. Rev 21.3: |
| 24. Ex 25.8-10: Ark of covenant made for sanctuary. | 24. Rev 11.19: |
| 25. Ex 34.30-35: Moses' face shines with divine light. | 25. Rev 1.16: |
| 26. Ex 39.27-31: God's name inscribed on front of priest's turban (). | 26. Rev 7.3; 22.4: |
| 27. Ex 40.5: Golden altar of incense put with the ark in the tabernacle. | 27. Rev 8.3-5: |
| 28. Num 26.2 ff.: Israelite warriors from each tribe numbered. | 28. Rev 7: |
| 29. Deu 7.11-15: Blessing on those who keep the commandments. | 29. Rev 1.3; 22.7: |
| 30. Num 31.10; Deu 13.12-16; Jos 6.24; 8.19 Israelites burn idolatrous cities. | 30. Rev 17.16-18; 18.15-18: |



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| 31. Jos 2.1-6: Two spies sent to Jericho, rise from "burial" under flax. | 31. Rev 11.3-12: |
| 32. Jos 3: Jordan river backs up so Israelites cross on dry land. | 32. Rev 12.15-16: |
| 33. Jos 5.13-15: Joshua falls down before Lord who appears with sword. | 33. Rev 1.16-17: |
| 34. Jos 6.4: Seven trumpets of judgment. | 34. Rev 8.2 ff.: |
| 35. Jos 6.19; 7.21: Joshua destroys Jericho, Babylonian wealth. | 35. Rev 16.17 - 19.6: |
| 36. Jos 6.25: Harlot Rahab saved out of city of Jericho. | 36. Rev 17.18; 18.4: |
| 37. Jos 3-4: Israelites enter the promised land. | 37. Rev 22.14: |
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| 39. | 39. |
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The Commands Of The Revelation

Rev. 1.3

Blessed is he who reads
and those who hear the
words of the prophecy,

1. *Stop being fearful (1.17)*
2. *Repent & Return to first love (2.5)*
3. *Hear (=obey) what the Spirit says to the churches (2.7).*
4. *Be faithful unto death (2.10).*
5. *Repent of idolatry and immorality (2.16).*
6. *Hold fast to increased devotion (2.25).*
7. *Wake up and revive dying faith (3.2)*
8. *Remember Christian doctrine and obey it (3.3).*
9. *Hold fast your persevering faith (3.11).*
10. *Buy true gold, white garments and healing salve (3.18).*

Rev. 22.7

and heed the things
which are written in it;
for the time is near.

11. *Be zealous rather than lukewarm and repent (3.19).*
12. *Count the number of the Beast (13.8).*
13. *Fear God (14.7)*
14. *Come out of spiritual Babylon (18.4).*
15. *Praise God (19.5).*
16. *Worship God not an angel! (22.9)*
17. *Don't seal up the prophecy (22.10)*
18. *Continue in righteousness and holiness (22.11)*
19. *Say "Come!" (= evangelize!) (22.17).*
20. *Let the thirsty come and take the free gift (22.17)*



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Chronological Correlations Between The Seals, Trumpets & Bowls of The Revelation

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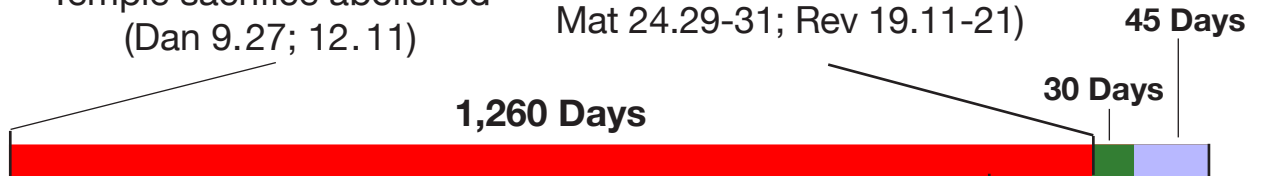
	SEALS	TRUMPETS	BOWLS
BEGINNING OF TRAVAIL	(1) Conquest (2) War (3) Economic Woe (4) Sword, Famine, Plague		
ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION			
GREAT TRIBULATION	(5) Martyrdom (6) Great Earthquake; Sun turns black, Moon turns Red; Sky Recedes; Island's Displaced	(1) Hail, Fire, Blood Cast Upon the Earth ; flora burned (2) Third of Sea Life Destroyed (3) Third of Fresh Water Ruined (4) Sun, Moon, Stars Darkened by <i>Third</i> (5) Sun and Sky Darkened (6) Demonic Troops From the Euphrates	(1) People on the Earth Who Worship the Beast plagued with sores (2) All Sea Life De- stroyed (3) Fresh Water Turned to Blood (4) Sun Scorches People (5) Kingdom of Beast Darkened (6) Human Troops From the Euphrates
ARMAGEDDON (JOEL 3.14-15)			
CHRIST'S COMING	(7) Silence... Thunder, Rumblings, Light- ning, Earthquake	(7) Loud Voices, Light- ning, Rumblings, Thunder, Earth- quake, Hail	(7) Loud Voice, Light- ning, Rumblings, Thunder, Ultimate Earthquake, Islands Displaced, Hail

The 1,335 Days of Daniel 12.12

From the End of the Daily Sacrifices to the Reign of the Saints

Abomination of Desolation;
Temple sacrifice abolished
(Dan 9.27; 12.11)

Sun & Moon Darkened,
Sign of the Son of Man,
Saints Awakened,
Antichrist Destroyed
(Dan 12.1-3; Mal 4.2;
Mat 24.29-31; Rev 19.11-21)



- (1) Saints persecuted by the “Little Horn” for “a time, times and half a time” (Dan 7.25; = 1,260 days, Rev 12.6,14).
- (2) Final humbling of Israel over the course of “a time, times and half a time” (Dan 12.7).
- (3) Jerusalem trampled for 42 months (Rev 11.2).
- (4) Israelite Woman nourished in a wilderness for 1,260 days (Rev 12.6; = “a time, times and half a time,” Rev 12.14).
- (5) Antichrist Beast exercises authority for 42 months (Rev 13.5).

1,150 Days
Israelis reconse-
crate the tem-
ple, provoking
the Beast?
(Dan 8.13-19)

Israel & The
Nations Mourn
(Zec 12.10-14;
Mat 24.30;
Rev 1.7)

Daniel stands up to
receive his allotted
domain (Dan 12.13;
cf. Luk 19.11-19)

Notes:

- The Two Witnesses also prophesy for 1,260 days (Rev 11.3), but this probably occurs in the *first* half of the final 7-year week.
- The 3½ years remind us of the tribulation of the saints and the judgments of God under Ahab and Jezebel (Luke 4.25; James 5.17). The reign of Ahab and Jezebel foreshadowed the “Great Tribulation” predicted by Jesus (Matthew 24.21) and Daniel (Dan 12.1). Jesus explicitly taught that the Great Tribulation begins with the appearance of the “abomination of desolation” (Mat 24.15-21) and is *immediately followed* by the appearance of the Son of Man (Mat 24.29-30). We know by comparison with Daniel, therefore, that the Great Tribulation lasts for 3½ years. During this time the “tares” and “bad fish” are gathered out of God’s Kingdom (Mat 13.24-30; 36-43; 47-50).
- We’re not explicitly told the character of the 30 and 45 day periods following the “time, times and half a time,” but 30 days was the length of a mourning period in biblical times (Num 20.29; Deu 34.8; see also Gen 50.2,3). The 45 days will probably be the period of the tribunal of Christ during which we receive our allotted domains (Luk 19.11-19; 2Co 5.10; Rev 2.26-27).



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12 Groups At The End Of The Age

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Vocabulary

Abomination of Desolation
Antichrist
Armageddon
Birth Pains
Day of the Lord (*Yom YHWH*)
Eschatology
Millennium, The
Parousia (Mat. 24.27)
Rapture, The

Due to the vast biblical illiteracy of the middle ages (precious few people had Bibles of their own), by AD 1000 Christendom had adopted a very simple eschatology. People believed the heavens would part, Christ would descend; He would condemn the wicked to hell and take the righteous to heaven: end of story. With the growth of dispensationalism in the 20th century, a focus on the rapture has often obscured both God's End-Time dealings with non-Christians, and the destiny of believers *after the rapture*, in the Day of the Lord. Scripture has much to say, however, about life and events after the Lord's coming, and reveals God's dealings with at least 12 specific groups at the time of the *parousia*:

1. <i>Deceased Christians</i>		1Th 4.13-18; Isa 32.1-5
2. <i>Christians Still Living</i>		1Co 15.51-52; Rev 22.3-5
3. <i>False Christians (Hypocrites)</i>		Mat 13.24-30,36-43; 24.51
4. <i>Antichrist & False Prophet</i>		Rev 19.20
5. <i>Anti-Christians</i>		Rev 14.9-11;19.21; 2Th 2.12
6. <i>The 144,000</i>		Zec 12.10-13.1; Isa 66.19
7. <i>The Diaspora (Woman clothed in the Sun?)</i>		Isa 66.20,21; Zec 14.16-19; Rev 12.6,14
8. <i>Armageddon Survivors</i>		Zec 14.16-19
9. <i>Unevangelized Gentiles</i>		Zec 8.20-23
10. <i>Satan</i>		Rev 20.2
11. <i>Gospel Rejecters</i>		Mat 12.41; Joh 3.36;12.48; Rom 1.18; 2.8
12. <i>Children</i>		Mat 18.3; Mar 10.14-15

