



Sabbath Brothers

Design of the Bible

(Seven Categories of Sixty-Six Books to Man)

Law (Torah)	Prophets (Nevi'im)	Writings (Ketuvim)	Gospels	Birth of Church	Epistles	End Times
Pentateuch					Pauline Epistles	Revelation
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Former Prophets	Psalms	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts	Romans	
	Joshua Judges 1-2 Samuel 1-2 Kings	Pre-Exile Writings			1-2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1-2 Thessalonians	
	Latter Prophets	Job Proverbs Ruth Song of Solomon Ecclesiastes			Pastoral Epistles	
	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The "Twelve"	Post-Exile Writings		1-2 Timothy Titus Hebrews		
	Lamentations Esther Daniel Ezra/Nehemiah 1-2 Chronicles	Personal Epistles		James 1,2,3 Peter 1-2 John Jude		

THE "HOPE" OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT

Torah/Pentateuch



History/Poetry



Prophets



AWAITING
THE MESSIAH
THE 1ST
INCARNATION
OF JESUS

Foundation
FOUNDACTION

(Israel)

God's People

ГОДЪСЪ ЛЮДЕ

Prophetical
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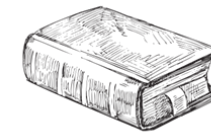
(Church)



Gospels



Epistles



Revelation

AWAITING
THE MESSIAH
THE 2ND
COMING OF
JESUS

NEW TESTAMENT

Introduction to the Revelation

The number "7" symbolizes
"complete," "full," or "satisfied"

The "Sevens" of Revelation

7 Blessings	Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7,14
7 Lampstands	Revelation 1:12
7 Spirits of God	Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6
7 Stars	Revelation 1:16,20; 2:1
7 Lamps of Fire	Revelation 4:5
7 Seals on the Scroll	Revelation 5:1
7 Horns of the Lamb	Revelation 5:6
7 Eyes of the Lamb	Revelation 5:6
7 Attributes of Jesus Praised	Revelation 5:12
7 signs of nature	Revelation 6:12-14
7 types of men	Revelation 6:15
7 Attributes of God Praised	Revelation 7:12
7 Angels Before God	Revelation 8:2,6
7 Trumpets Held by Seven Angels	Revelation 8:6; 15:1, 6, 7, 8; 17:1; 21:9
7 Signs	Revelation 12:1, 3; 13:13-14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20
7 Heads & Diadems of the Dragon	Revelation 12:3
7 Heads of the Sea Beast	Revelation 13:1; 17:3, 7
7 Angels	Revelation 14:6-20
7 Plagues	Revelation 15:1; 21:9
7 Hills	Revelation 17:9
7 Kings	Revelation 17:10

"Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

Matthew 27:50-51

"Apo" means
"away from"

"Kalumma"
means "a veil"

"Revelation"
is derived from
the Greek word
"Apocalupsis"
(ΑΠΟΚΑΛΥΨΙΣ)

*"A light for **revelation** for the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel."
And His father and mother were amazed at
the things which were being said about Him,
and Simeon blessed them..."*

Luke 2:32-34

Design of the Revelation

High Level Outline of Revelation

Chapter 1 Jesus

Chapters 2-3 Churches

Chapters 4-5 Heavenly Sights by John (Raptured Church)

Chapters 6-10 First Half of Tribulation

Chapters 11-14 Interlude of Key Participants

Chapter 11 Two Key Witnesses

Chapter 12 Woman; Child; Dragon

Chapter 13 Two Beasts

Chapter 14 144,000 Jewish Witnesses

Chapters 15-17 Last Half of Tribulation

Chapter 18-19 Second Coming of Christ

Chapter 20 Millennium

Chapter 21 New Jerusalem

Chapter 22 The Eternal State

The Inspired "Outline" of the book of Revelation in Three Sections (*Revelation 1:19*)

Chapter 1	The things which you have seen
Chapters 2-3	The things which are
Chapters 4-21	The things which will take place after this

The Revelation

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Did God's people in the Old Testament times treat the Prophetical books the same way that we treat Revelation?

What does it reveal when a person disregards...

- Scripture?
- The Old Testament?
- The Revelation of Jesus?

God's people waited for 2,000 after Abraham for Jesus to come

God's people have waited for 2,000 after the first incarnation for Jesus to come again

The Gospel Message is the Good News about Jesus as Savior of the World

**The Gospel came as a Revelation
The Revelation came as a Gospel**

The Good News for Believers is the Lamb glorified as the eternal King of Kings.

The Gospel & Revelation of Jesus was always the Sovereign God's Plan for Man

A Revelation (*singular*) of Jesus

Chapters 1-3	Jesus holding lampstands overseeing the churches
Chapters 4-5	Jesus as lamb/lion
Chapters 6-18	Judge of earth
Chapter 19	Returning as Kings of Kings
Chapter 20	Bridegroom
Chapters 21-22	Illuminating Heaven with His Glory

The Revelation of Jesus (Revelation 1:1-3)

¹ **The Revelation of Jesus Christ,** which God gave Him to show to His **bond-servants,** the things which **must soon take place;** and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,

² who testified to **the Word of God** and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, everything that he saw.

³ **Blessed is the one who reads,** and those who **hear** the words of the prophecy and **keep** the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

*“Be doers of the word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.”*

James 1:22



A tachometer (revolution-counter, tach, rev-counter, RPM gauge) is an instrument measuring the rotation speed of a shaft or disk, as in a motor or other machine

The Greek phrase “*must soon take place*” ‘ (En Tachei - ἐν Τάχει) is the root word for tachometer which means that when it happens, it will occur quickly, speedily and with haste.

The audience of the Book of John was meant to be His bond-servants who do as God commands. (Revelation 22:6)

This is the first-of-seven times that the word “blessed” is repeated in this book. (Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9)

The Revelation of Jesus (Revelation 1:7-8)

⁷ BEHOLD, **HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS**, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ **“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”** says the Lord God, **“who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

In the Old Testament, clouds were the divine transportation of God which speaks to the divinity of Christ. (Daniel 7:13; Isaiah 19:1).

Jesus will return (1 Thessalonians 4:17) in a similar way to His ascension (Acts 1:9, 11)

Name	Pictograph	Meaning	Name	Pictograph	Meaning
Aleph	⌘	Ox / strength / leader	Lamed	⌋	Staff / goad / control / "toward"
Bet	⌌	House / "In"	Mem	⌚	Water / chaos
Gimmel	⌍	Foot / camel / pride	Nun	⌛	Seed / fish / activity / life
Dalet	⌎	Tent door / pathway	Samekh	⌜	Hand on staff / support / prop
Hey	⌏	Lo! Behold! "The"	Ayin	⌝	Eye / to see / experience
Vav	⌐	Nail / peg / add / "And"	Pey	⌞	Mouth / word / speak
Zayin	⌑	Plow / weapon / cut off	Tsade	⌟	Man on side / desire / need
Chet	⌒	Tent wall / fence / separation	Qof	⌠	Sun on horizon / behind
Tet	⌓	Basket / snake / surround	Resh	⌡	Head / person / first
Yod	⌔	Arm and hand / work / deed	Shin	⌢	Eat / consume / destroy
Kaf	⌕	Palm of hand / to open	Tav	⌣	Mark / sign / covenant

Four References to God (Revelation 1:8)

<i>“I Am”</i>	Covenant Name of Yahweh (Exodus 3:14)
<i>“Alpha & Omega”</i>	God’s eternal nature & control over creation’s history
<i>“Who is, and was, and is to come”</i>	Pre-existence & Return (Revelation 1:4)
<i>“The Almighty”</i>	Sovereignty & Patriarchal Title (“El Shaddai”)

In the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph (⌘) represents an ox (strong submission/service) and Tav (⌣) represents a cross (reminder of Christ’s crucifixion)

The Call of John (Revelation 1:9-11)

⁹ I, John, your brother and fellow **participant in the tribulation** and kingdom and perseverance in Jesus, was on the **island called Patmos** because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁰ I was **in the Spirit on the Lord's day**, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

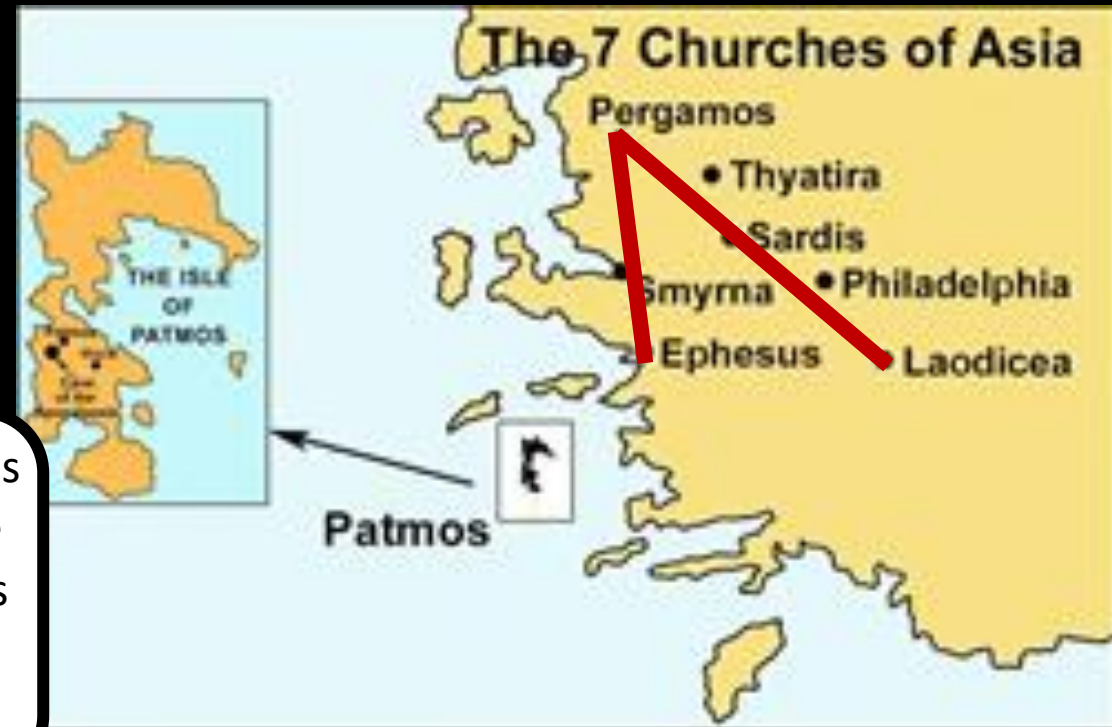
¹¹ saying, "Write on a scroll what you see, and send it to the **seven churches**: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

Believers met on Sunday –
The first day of the week
(John 20:19; Acts 20:7;
1 Corinthians 16:2)

- John was sentenced to be executed in a **boiling vat of oil** for preaching the gospel; however, he continued to preach from the cauldron
- John was **banished to Patmos by Domitian in 95AD**
- Domitian was the last Emperor of the Flavian dynasty (Vespasian/Titus)
- Nerva was an accessory to planning the assassination of Domitian.
- **John was released by the Emperor Nerva 18 months later**
- John became the Bishop of Ephesus

"In the Spirit"
Four Times Revelation
1:9; 4:2; 17:3; 21:10

Political Prisoners on Patmos
10 miles long, 6 miles wide
and approximately 37 miles
from the coast of Miletus
(Acts 20:17)



The Revelation of Glorified Jesus (Revelation 1:12-18)

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands;

¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands I saw one like a son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and wrapped around the chest with a golden sash.

¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze when it has been heated to a glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.

¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

¹⁷ When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,

¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

Jesus is the Word of God personified... "the Word became flesh" (John 1:1), John turned to "see" the voice

Throughout the seven letters to the churches (Revelation 2-3), a characteristic of Jesus from this passage is emphasized for each church.

The "son of man" was dressed in a long robe (length representing authority (ruler/judge) and righteousness) – Isaiah 6:1, 61:10; Psalm 104:2 → Mt 17:2; Mk 9:3) draped with a golden (glory) sash (of honor) - Isaiah 11:5.

Believers are to focus on & direct others to Jesus

"She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."
Luke 2:7



His (pierced) feet (foundations – Revelation 10:1) are solid/firm (brass – Revelation 19:15) unlike this world's foundation (Daniel 2:41-42). His voice sounded like rushing (living) waters (Revelation 14:2, 19:6; Ezekiel 1:24, 43:2)

The seven stars are either angels (over churches as those over nations – Dan 10:20-21) or elders (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 5:17; Titus 1:5), and as the right hand symbolizes strength, these elders have God-given strength (authority) to govern the body of Christ.

Repeatedly, individuals who witnessed the glory of the Lord would collapse on the ground. (Daniel 8:17; 10:9; Ezekiel 1:28; 3:23; Acts 9:4) Gabriel uses standing in the presence of God as substantiation of His authority (Luke 1:19).

God died on the cross and defeated death

"Now to Him who is able to protect you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory, blameless with great joy." (Jude 1:24)

The Seven Churches in Asia Minor

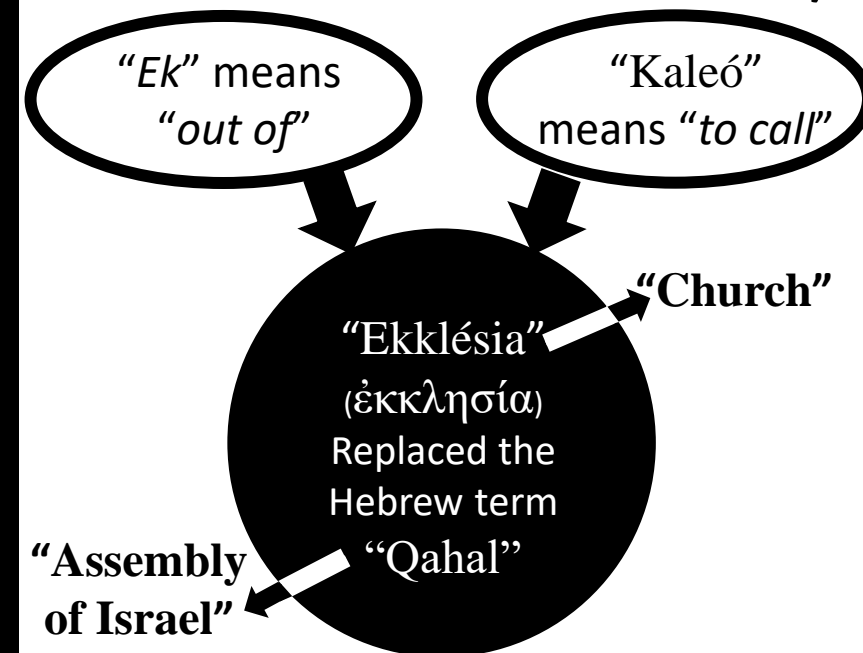
Church	Characteristic	Associated Period of Church History	Associated Pauline Epistle	Associated Kingdom Parable
Ephesus (<i>"desirable"</i>)	Backslidden (<i>Rev 2:1-7</i>)	30 AD - 170 AD. Apostolic Church	Ephesians	Matthew 13:3-9 Sower with different ground
Smyrna (<i>"sweet smelling"</i> – <i>myrrh</i>)	Suffering Persecuted (<i>Rev 2:8-11</i>)	170 AD - 313 AD. Imperial Persecution	Philippians	Mt 13:24-30 Reaping wheat and weeds at harvest
Pergamos (<i>"much marriage"</i>)	Non-committal (<i>Rev 2:12-17</i>)	313 AD - 606 AD. Constantine Regulation	Corinthians	Mt 13:31-32 Large Tree with birds in branches
Thyatira (<i>"sacrifice of contrition"</i>)	Compromising Licentious (<i>Rev 2:18-20</i>)	606 AD - 1517 AD. Authority of Catholicism	Galatians	Mt 13: 33 Should not mix
Sardis (<i>"renewal"</i>)	Dead (<i>Rev 3:1-6</i>)	1517 AD - 1750 AD Reformation & Beginning of Protestantism	Romans	Mt 13:44 Finds Treasure & sells everything for prize in field
Philadelphia (<i>"brotherly love"</i>)	Favored (<i>Rev 3:7-13</i>)	1750 AD - 1906 AD Mission & Outreach	Thessalonians	Mt 13:45-46 Merchant & Fine Pearls
Laodicea (<i>"judging the people"</i>)	Lukewarm (<i>Rev 3:14-22</i>)	1906 AD - ? Balance World & Christ	Colossians	Mt 13:47-50 Throw out the worthless fish

(Revelation 2-3)


The letters to the churches have a threefold application:

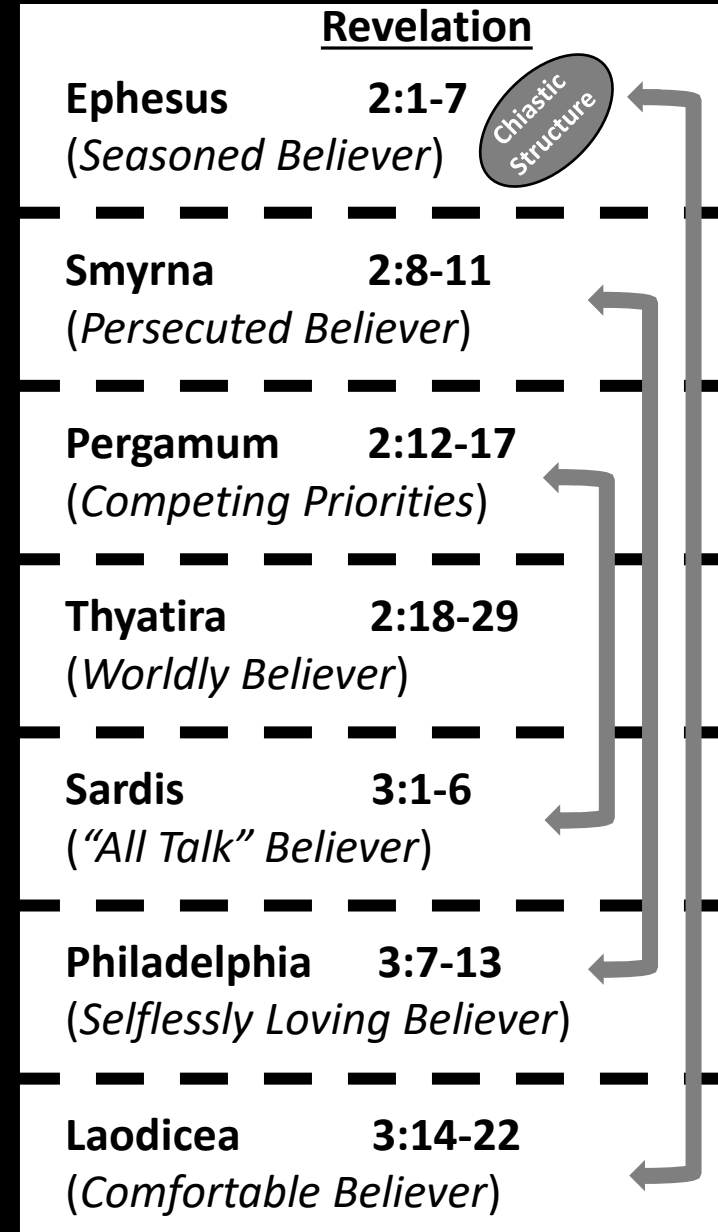
1. Actual churches in Asia Minor
2. Characteristics of all churches
3. Eras of Church History

This Book is a "circular letter" passed between the seven churches in Asia Minor (they would have read the characterizations of each church)



Letters to the Seven Churches (Revelation 2-3)

Outline of Revelation's Letters to the Churches		
1	Addressed to the messenger of that specific church	Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14
2	The Source of the message is characterized by an attribute of Christ defined in Revelation 1:12-20	
3	"I know your works..."	Revelation 2:2, 9, 13, 19; 3:1, 8, 15
4	Judgment whether praise or criticism 	Revelation 2:3-4, 10-15, 14-25, 20; 3:2, 9-10, 16-20
5	Foretelling of "meeting the Maker" (e.g., His coming)	Revelation 2:5, 16, 25; 3:3, 11
6	Churches 1-3 "He who has an ear let him hear"	Churches 4-7 Reward of the overcomer Admonition to Hear Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22
7	Churches 1-3 Reward of the overcomer	Churches 4-7 "He who has an ear, let him hear" A Promised Reward Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:4, 11, 21



Letter to Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)

Profile of Ephesus

- Ephesus was the **largest Roman city in Asia Minor** with the greatest attraction being the **Temple of Artemis** (Diana in Latin) with many temple prostitutes.
- Ephesus was a commercial juggernaut because of its **natural harbor**.
- **Paul stayed in Ephesus** more than three years (Acts 18:18; 20:13).
- **John became Bishop of Ephesus** after his release from Patmos; it is tradition asserts John had moved to Ephesus after the death of Mary, the biological mother of Jesus.

1 "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, **1**

'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: **2**

2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; **3**

3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. **4**

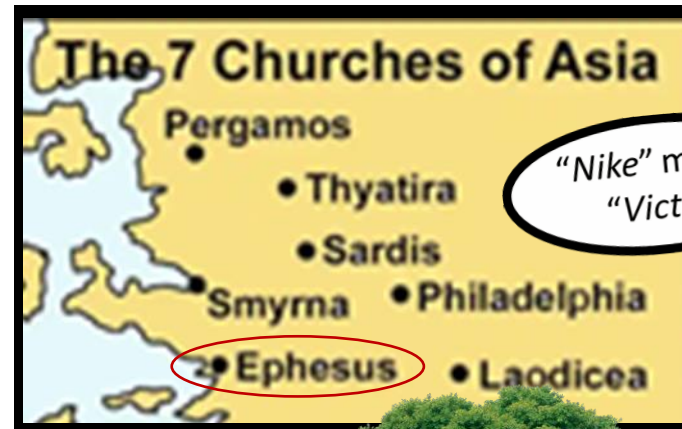
5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. **5**

6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **6**

To him who overcomes I will give to eat from **the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." **7**

The word "Paradise" originated as a Persian word for a wealthy, nobleman's garden



"Nike" means "Victor"

"Laitans" means "laity"

"Nicolaitans" were dictatorial leaders & possibly false teachers

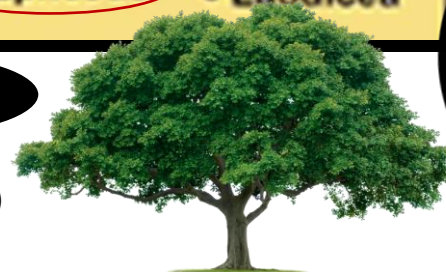
Beginning in a Garden

The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:9)

Tree of Life

Ending in a Garden

(Revelation 22:2, 14, 19)



Letter to Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)

⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, **1**

‘These things says the First and the Last, who was **2**
dead, and came to life:

⁹ “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty **3**
(but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy
of those who say they are Jews and are
not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan.

¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are **4**
about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to
throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be
tested, and you will have tribulation ten days.

Be faithful until death, and I will give you **5**
the crown of life.

¹¹ “He who has an ear, let him hear **6**
what the Spirit says to the churches.

He who overcomes shall not be hurt **7**
by the second death.” ’

Profile of Smyrna

- Smyrna was located on the Aegean Sea with a harbor for commercial trade (like Ephesus) which brought wealth and a mix of cultures to the city.
- In John's day, Smyrna was about 200,000 in population. *“Mother Nature”*
- It had a **variety of religions** as it worshipped Roma, Cybele as well as the Roman Emperors (“Concilia”). Its **many temples** were located on the Acropolis called “Pagos.” Some traditions claimed that Homer was born in Smyrna.
- The Jewish population of Smyrna were fiercely anti-Christian, and Polycarp (a disciple of John the Apostle) was martyred in Smyrna in 155AD.

The name “**Smyrna**” was derived from the primary commodity (**Myrrh**) that was traded/sold in the commerce of the town.



Myrrh is a gum-resin extracted from a number of small, thorny trees

Myrrh was typically used to prepare the body for burial as with Jesus after His crucifixion (John 19:39).

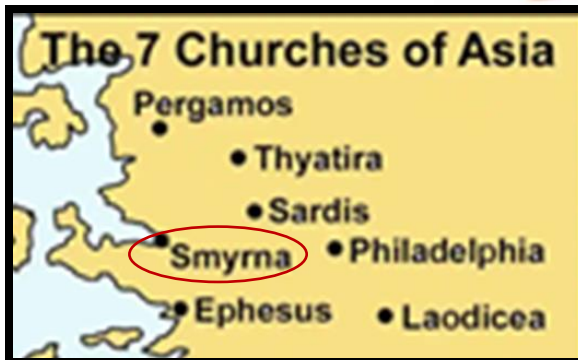
Myrrh is an odorous spice that becomes progressively aromatic as it is beaten and crushed.

“Crown”

stephanon
στέφανον



diadéma
διάδημα



Letter to Pergamum (Revelation 2:12-17)

1 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, **1**

‘These things says He who has the sharp **2**
two-edged sword:

13 “I know your works, and where you dwell, where **3**
Satan’s throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and
did not deny My faith even in the days in which
Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed
among you, where Satan dwells.

14 But I have a few things against you, because you **4**
have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam,
who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the
children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and
to commit sexual immorality.

15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of
the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will **5**
fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit **6**
says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will
give some of the hidden manna to eat.

And I will give him a white stone, and on the **7**
stone a new name written which no one
knows except him who receives *it.*” ’

“Pergamum” means “Much Marriage” with
conflicting allegiances between God & the world



Profile of Pergamum (Latin Name) or Pergamos (Greek Name)

- As the **capital of Asia Minor**, it was a wealthy city with learned **bureaucrats**.
- After the library in Alexandria, Egypt, Pergamum had the **second largest library** with over 200,000 parchment scrolls. The two libraries competed for prominence.
- Alexandria controlled the price and supply of papyrus reeds, so Pergamum invented “vellum” which was a processed animal skin used for writing.
- There was a medical center in Pergamum that was dedicated to Asclepius (a mythological god of medicine); **Asclepius was considered a god of Pergamum whose symbol was a snake**.
- Pergamum built the **world’s largest Greek altar** (the “Altar of Zeus” - 117’ x 110’)

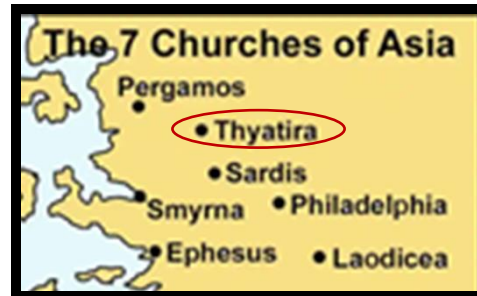
Works of the Churches (Revelation 2-3)						
Ephesians	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodicea
“I know your works”	“I know your works”	“I know where you live”	“I know your works”	“I know your works”	“I know your works”	“I know your works”
Labor, endurance, intolerance of evil	Tribulation, Poverty	Holding onto His name, not denying faith in Him	Love, faithfulness, service, endurance	Dead	Kept His Word, not denied His name	Lukewarm



Letter to Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29)

Profile of Thyatira

- Thyatira was a smaller city that was trade-oriented and situated on a main thoroughfare between Pergamum to Sardis and then to Philadelphia and Laodicea.
- This was an “industrial” city with a variety of **trade guilds** (each with a patron deity); Thyatira contained various temples to **local deities**.
- Thyatira was renowned for **wool products**.
- **Lydia** (Acts 16:14), a Macedonian seller of purple cloth, was originally from Thyatira.



Revelation 2:27

“He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels”

Psalm 2:9

“You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

Revelation 2:18 is the **only use** of the name **“Son of God”** in the book of Revelation. **John often uses** the designation “Son of God,” but not in this book.

(John 1:34, 49; 5:25; 9:35; 10:36; 11:4,27; 19:7; 20:31; 1 John 3:8; 4:15; 5:5, 10, 12, 13, 20)

“His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.” (Daniel 1:6-7)

Thyatira was the only church in which another persona is added to “the victor” – **“the one who keeps My Words to the end.”** (Revelation 2:26)

Faithfulness & Perseverance

1 ¹⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,

2 ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

3 ¹⁹ “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first.

4 ²⁰ Nevertheless I have few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

²² Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

²³ I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

5 ²⁴ “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

²⁵ But hold fast what you have till I come.

6 ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—

²⁷ ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’ — as I also have received from My Father;

²⁸ and I will give him the morning star.

7 ²⁹ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

Letter to Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)

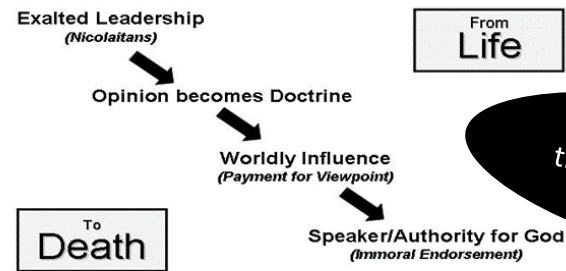
Profile of Sardis

- As a trade-oriented city that was situated on a main thoroughfare from the capital city, Pergamum, Sardis was a **sizeable, wealthy city**.
- It was known for its **secure military position** which was 1500' high on a mountain.
- The ancient name of Sardis was "Sepharad" which is mentioned in **Obadiah 1:20**, but it had declined from its former glory by the time of John.
- Like Thyatira, Sardis was known for **dyed wool products**. Sardis claimed that the **process of dyeing wool was invented there**.
- Sardis was known for **fanatical worship Cybele**.
- Excited male worshipers would castrate themselves to become eunuch-priests of the "great mother".

"Mother Nature"

- 1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,
- 2 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars:
- 3 "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.
- 4 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.
- 5 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.
- 6 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.
- 7 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
- 8 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Process of Spiritual Decline



Sardis and Laodicea are the only **churches without praise** instead it is solely admonishment.

Deceased citizens have in their names removed from their city's rolls

Sardis was proclaimed "dead" in spite of their reputation.



The Book of Life
(God's People)
Exodus 32:32-33 Luke 10:20
Psalm 69:28 Hebrews 12:23
Isaiah 4:3 Philippians 4:3
Daniel 12:1 Revelation 3:5; 13:8; 17:8; 20:15; 21:27

Two End Time Books of God
Daniel 7:10
Revelations 20:12

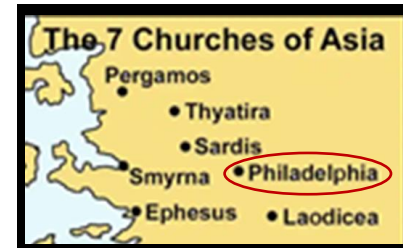
The Book of Works
(All People)
Psalm 56:8, 139:16
Isaiah 65:6
Malachi 3:16

Letter to Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7-13)

Profile of Philadelphia

- As Philadelphia had been founded relatively recently (circa 150BC), so it was the **youngest of the seven cities**. As a city on the trade route between Sardis and Laodicea, Philadelphia was flourishing.
- Philadelphia in an **active earthquake area** and was known for its **agriculture** (especially grapes). The mythological god of fruit and fertility – (**Bacchus/Roman; Dionysus/Greek**) - was a chief deity.
- As with Smyrna and Pergamum, Philadelphia was a center for the **worship of the Emperors (Concilia)**.

Philadelphia means "Brotherly Love"



Authority and entrance into the Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7:8-16)

⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, **1**

"These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": **2**

⁸ "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open **3** door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

⁹ Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie— indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. **4**

¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **5**

¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. **6**

¹³ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' **7**

The only church receiving praise without rebuke

God Makes All Things New (2 Corinthians 5:17)

New Things	Isaiah 42:9; 43:19; 48:6	Revelation 21:5
New Song	Isaiah 42:10	Revelation 5:9; 14:3
New Name	Isaiah 62:2; 65:15	Revelation 2:17
New Heaven/Earth	Isaiah 65:17; 66:22	Revelation 3:12; 21:1

Five Crowns Mentioned in Scripture

(Revelation 3:11)

Crown of <u>Life</u> Revelation 2:10 James 1:12	Crown of <u>Glory</u> 1 Peter 5:2-4	Crown of <u>Righteousness</u> 2 Timothy 4:8	Crown of <u>Rejoicing</u> 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20	Crown of <u>Victory</u> 1 Cor 9:25
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Reward will be Offering Crowns to the Lord; His glory, not man's.

(Revelation 4:10)

Scripture towards the other churches referenced the description of Jesus in chapter 1 of Revelation; however, the only brief reference for Philadelphia is a "key."

Although the key in chapter 1 refers to "the keys of death and of Hades." (Revelation 1:18), this verse references the "key of David."

Letter to Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22)

Profile of Laodicea

- Laodicea was one of three cities (along with Colossae and Hierapolis) along the Lycus River valley where churches were founded by Paul's convert, Epaphras (Colossians 1:17; 4:12-13). There was a large Jewish population.
- Laodicea was founded in 250BC by Antiochus II (a Seleucid ruler) who named it after his wife, Laodice. (The grandparents of Antiochus Epiphanes)
- Laodicea was located at the crossroads of several trade routes and flourished as a banking center.
- As with Thyatira and Sardis, Laodicea was located on a fertile pastoral region that was known for raising black sheep that were renown worldwide and used to produce a black outer garment (robe).
- Similar to Pergamum, Laodicea worshipped the mythological god Asclepios and had a medical school which was well-known for healing eye and ear salve.

"Luke Warm" Laodicea

Laodicea had been situated between two towns known for their waters.

On the north were the hot springs of Hierapolis, and on the east were the fresh, cold waters of Colossae (Colossians 4:16).

Laodicea constructed two aqueducts, and after water flowed through the aqueducts, the water had become lukewarm.



The Latitude of Laodicea & Ephesus is the same at 37 degrees (and Concord, California)

14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write," 1

'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 2

15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 3

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 4

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 5

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 6

22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' ' 7

“Μετὰ Ταῦτα”

(Revelation 1:19)

The Gems of God’s Throne Room (Revelation 4:1-3)

1 ““After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

3 And **He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance**; and *there was a rainbow* around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.



The Emerald represented the Tribe of Judah which was the tribe of the Kings in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Sequence of Stones on Priestly Breast Piece

(Exodus 28:17-30)

Reuben: Sardius

Dan: Sapphire

Issachar: Amethyst

Simeon: Topaz

Naphtali: Diamond

Zebulun: Beryl

Levi: Carbuncle

Gad: Jacinth

Joseph: Onyx

Judah: Emerald

Asher: Agate

Benjamin: Jasper

The name “Benjamin” means “*Son of my Right Hand*”

The name “Reuben” means “*See, a Son*”

Even the gems point to Jesus



Alpha

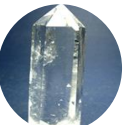
Sardius

(carnelian) is red (blood colored)

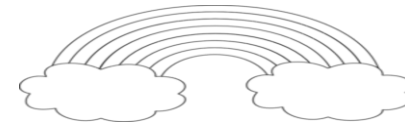


“The church” (*ekklesiās*) is referenced 19 times in the first three chapters of Revelation, but after chapter 3, “the church” is not referenced until the conclusion of the Book (Revelation 22:16).

Omega



Jasper is clear as crystal (representing the pure glory of God)



“The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” (Genesis 9:16)

24 Elders (Revelation 4:4)

*“Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders** sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.”*

In the Old Testament, the Priests and Singers were divided into groups of 24. (1 Chronicles 24:7-19).

12

The number “twelve” symbolizes “organized witness”

2

The number “two” symbolizes a “witness” (testimony).

The 24 elders are representative of all believers who worship the Lord.

- Israel from the old testament (12 tribes of Israel)
- The believers of the new testament (12 disciples).

The 12 Tribes of Israel represented God’s “testifying” people in the Old Testament. The 12 “testifying” disciples represented God’s people in the New Testament. Together, the 24 elders represent all of God’s people before & after the incarnation of Jesus. Each week has consisted of 7 days since creation, and the number 7 represents “fullness” and “completeness.” (Revelation 4:4; 4:10; 5:8; 11:16; 19:4)



Old Testament

“24-7”
(Rom 1:19-21)



New Testament

Each hour consists of 60 minutes and each minute of 60 seconds. “6” is the number of man (Revelation 13:18), and man only has limited time to invest his life in this world to the glory of God.

Lightning & Seven-fold Spirit (Revelation 4:5)

The return of Jesus will be similar to lightning shooting across the sky (Matthew 24:23-51, Mark 13:21-23, 13:32-37 Luke 17:20-37).

God's presence brings natural effects like lightning. (Exodus 19:16-19)

- Electrical storms tend to come from the east (possibly the south), so viewing them in the west could possibly show the storm has passed.
- The heat of lightning is approximately 54,000 degrees Fahrenheit (nearly five times hotter than the surface of the sun)
- Lightning travels approximately 136,000 mph



The “seven spirits” of God can also be read as the “seven-fold spirit” of God (Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6); the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2

1. The Spirit of the LORD,
2. The Spirit of wisdom
3. The Spirit of understanding,
4. The Spirit of counsel,
5. The Spirit of might,
6. The Spirit of knowledge
7. The Spirit of the fear of the LORD.

*“And from the throne proceeded **lightnings**, thundering, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the **seven Spirits of God.**”*

Revelation 4:5

Expanse of Crystal (Revelation 4:6)

The “Sea of Glass” (Thalassa hyalinē – θάλασσα ὑαλίνη)

“Now over the heads of the living beings there was something like an expanse, like the awesome gleam of crystal, spread out over their heads.

Ezekiel 1:22

“Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the heads of the cherubim something like a sapphire stone, in appearance resembling a throne, appeared above them.”

Ezekiel 10:1

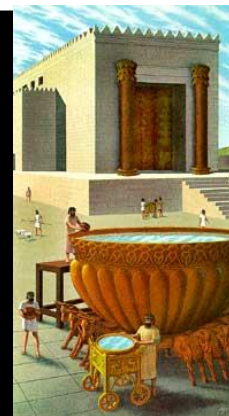
“And before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.”

Revelation 4:6



“They saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself.”

Exodus 24:10



He also he made
the Sea of cast *metal*...

1 Kings 7:23;
2 Chronicles 4:2-6

The Four Living Creatures (Revelation 4:7)

Follows Order of Throne of God in Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1:4-10, 10:14, Rev 4:6-7
(as well as Layout for Tribes in Numbers 2)

Gospel	Audience	View of Christ	Symbol	Example
Matthew	Jew Reference of OT	What He Said	Messiah (Lion) Zechariah 9:9	- Genealogy through Royal Line (Descending) - Sin Offering
Mark	Gentile/Roman Haste/Action	What He Did	Servant (Ox) Isaiah 42:1	- No Genealogy - Trespass Offering – affects/deeds
Luke	Gentile/Greek Philosophical	What He Felt	Son of Man (Man) Zechariah 6:12	- Genealogy through Blood Line (Ascending) - Peace Offering
John	Church	Who He Was	Son of God (Eagle) Isaiah 40:9	- Genealogy of Pre-existent One - Burnt Offering - Dedication

“The first living creature was like a lion, the second creature like a calf, the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.”

Revelation 4:7

Judah



(East)

Ephraim



(West)

Reuben



(South)

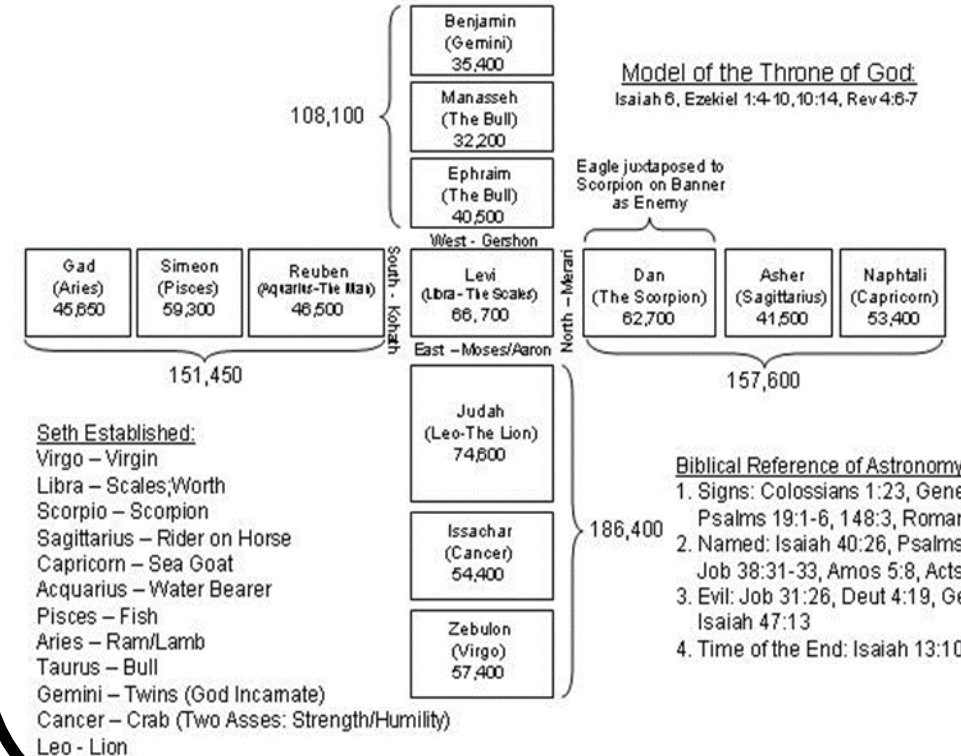
Dan



(North)

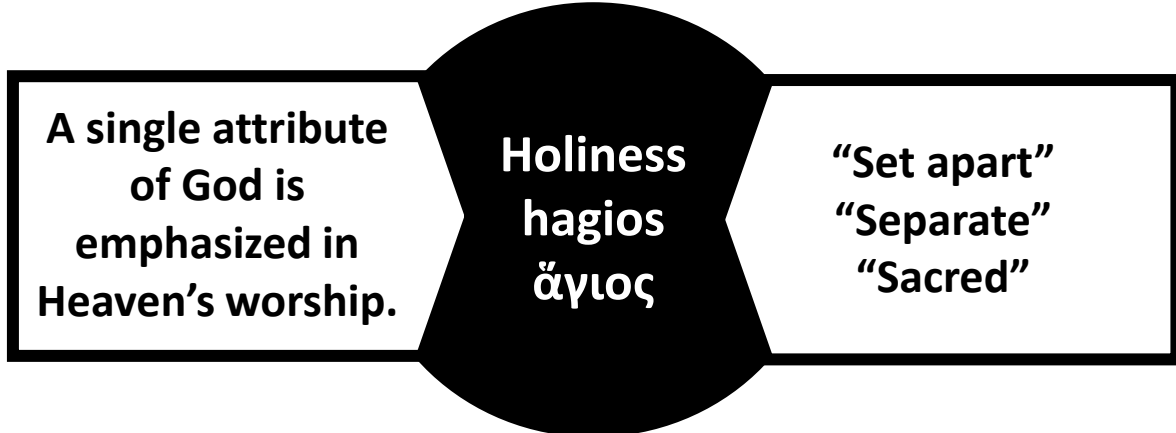
Organization of 12 Tribes of Israel

(Numbers 2 – Sign of the Cross)



The four living creatures are repeatedly mentioned through Revelation (4:6, 8, 9; 5:6, 8, 11, 14; 6:1, 3, 5, 7; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7; 19:4).

The Worship of God (Revelation 4:8-11)



Many Songs of Revelation
(4:8, 11; 5:9-10, 12, 13; 7:12; 11:17-18; 12:10-12; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 18:2-8; 19:1-3, 6-7)

Eternal God (Revelation 1:4, 8; 17-18)	
Who Was	Pre-existent (Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 1:3, 1:8)
Who Is	Covenant / Ever-Present (Exodus 3:14)
Who Is To Come	Eternity Future (Revelation 1:8; 4:8)

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!” Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”
(Revelation 4:8-11)

Seraphim called out - ‘Holy, Holy, Holy’” Isaiah 6:2-3

God's Threefold Title	
The LORD (kyrios κύριος)	The Old Testament covenantal name of <i>Yahweh</i> (Exodus 3:14; Psalm 103)
God (theos θεός)	The Old Testament name of <i>Elohim</i> (Psalm 104)
Almighty (Pantokratōr Παντοκράτωρ)	<i>El Shaddai</i> was the name used by the Patriarchs (Exodus 6:3)

Who Is Worthy? (Revelation 5:1-4)

¹ ““And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”

³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

Sadness of Sin's Curse

The scroll from Ezekiel is filled with “*lamentations, mourning and woe*” (Ezekiel 2:8-10)

The phrase “in heaven and on earth and under the earth” (Philippians 2:10) refers to angels and mankind (alive and dead).

Questions & Crying in Heaven



In ancient times, a Title Deed consisted of Two Documents:

- Mortgage/Property lines (sealed and hidden for safekeeping)
- Requirements to open seal (available to be read by anyone).

As time went on, documents were consolidated to inside scroll (hidden) and outside of scroll.

John mentions a “*mighty angel*” several times in the book of Revelation (10:1; 18:21).

“Gabriel” means “*God's strong man*”

The Greek term “*worthy*” (axios ἄξιος) was used in commerce related to the use of scales.

“*Worthy*” means “*that which corresponds to;*” both sides of the scale must have corresponding weight.

Nothing in creation is worthy to culminate God's plan outside of Christ

The Worthiness of the Lamb (Revelation 5:5-10)

⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. **Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, **stood a Lamb as though it had been slain**, having **seven horns and seven eyes**, which are the **seven Spirits of God** sent out into all the earth.

⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, **each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.**

⁹ And they sang a **new song**, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

¹⁰ And **have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."**

Royal Priesthood
1 Peter 2:9



Lamb/Savior

Every man will meet Jesus as his sacrificial lamb or his powerful lion-like judge.

The "Lion" overcame with Sacrifice instead of Power.

Sacrifice & Death bring Victory



Lion/Judge

The lamb is mentioned repeatedly throughout Revelation. (Revelation 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, 16; 7:9, 10, 14, 17; 12:11; 13:8; 14:1, 4, 10; 15:3; 17:14; 19:7, 9; 21:9, 14, 22, 23, 27; 22:1, 3)

Jesus is positioned between the creatures/elders and the throne of God; Jesus is always the intermediary (Romans 8:34).

In Scripture (Leviticus 25), only three things might be redeemed:

- Wife (Israel)
- Slave (Gentiles)
- Possessions (this world)

The Kinsman Redeemer must meet three qualifications:

- Relative (humanity)
- Able to pay (perfection)
- Willing to pay (love)

The "seven horns" are a reference to His omnipotence (Exodus 27:2; 29:12; Deuteronomy 33:17; 2 Chronicles 18:10; Psalms 112:9; 132:17; Jeremiah 48:25; Ezekiel 29:21; Zechariah 1:18-21)

The "seven eyes" are a reference to His omniscience (Ezekiel 1:18; 10:12; Zechariah 3:9, 4:10; Revelation 4:6, 8)

Jesus Throughout Time
(Revelation 5:9-10)

Present	Is Worthy
Past	Was Slain
Future	Shall Reign

The Worship of the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14)

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of **many angels around the throne, the living creatures, 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 who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor 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, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then **the four living creatures said, “Amen!”** And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

The same categories who were unworthy to open the seals (Revelation 5:6) praised and worshipped Jesus.

Worshippers of the Lamb <small>(Revelation 5:11)</small>	
Many Angels	Myriads (over 100 million)
Living Creatures	Four
Elders	Twenty-Four

Jesus was the (Passover) Lamb who was bruised and wounded (Isaiah 50:6, 52:13-14; Revelation 5:1-6) sacrificed for the sin of the world (John 1:29, 36; 1 Cor 5:7, 1 Pet 1:19). Jesus became the sacrifice for His people to spare them from the judgment of God.

The Lord is worthy of seven rewards are proclaimed because of His holiness and sacrifice: 1. power 2. riches 3. wisdom 4. might 5. honor 6. glory 7. blessing

The Greek term for “truly” or “I assure you” is the transliterated word from Hebrew “Amen” (Hebrew: אָמֵן Greek: ἀμήν). Transliteration means that the same word is in one language as another without being changed to translate.

The word “Amen” is meant to be firm or certain; it means “so be it”, “I affirm” or “I agree.” The word “amen” is also used for the word “faith” (Habakkuk 2:4)

The Lamb was the only one worthy to break the seals & unleash the Trumpets then Bowls (Revelation 5:2-5)

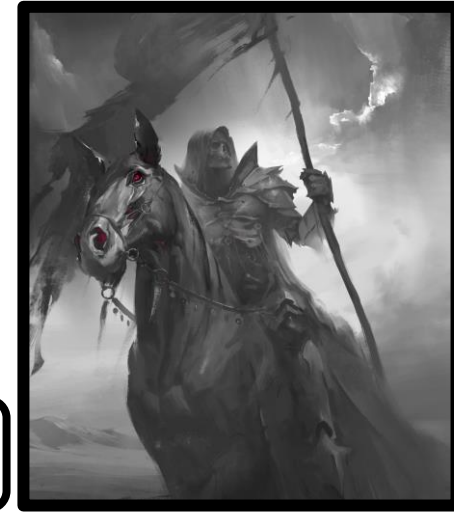


The Heptadic (7) Structure

The Tribulation
(3 ½ Years)

The "Great" Tribulation
(3 ½ Years)

Increasing Intensity of Judgment



Sealed Scroll

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

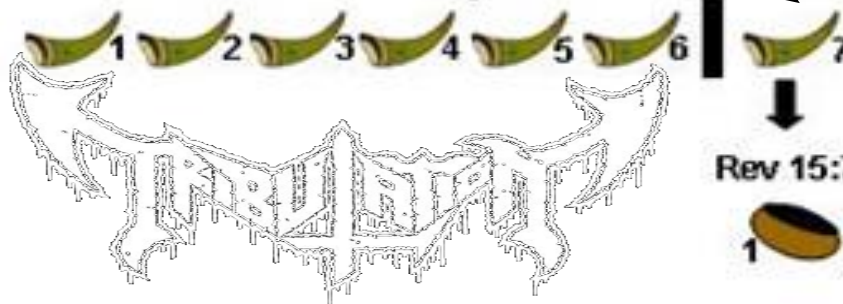


Interludes occurred after the sixth Seal, Trumpet & Bowl

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."
(Matthew 24:21)

Rev 8:2

Trumpets



Rev 15:7

Bowls



Seals (Revelation 6)

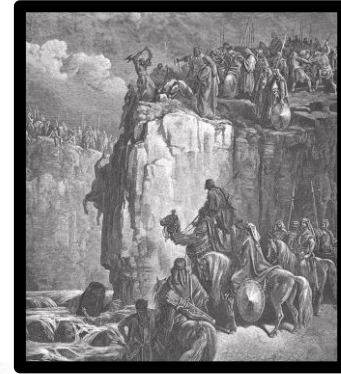
1. Antichrist
2. War
3. Famine
4. Death/Hades
5. Martyred Believers
6. Terrors in the Firmament
7. Silence

Trumpets (Revelation 8-9)

1. Vegetation Scorched
2. Seas to Blood
3. Wormwood/Poisoned Water
4. Firmament Destroyed
5. Locusts from Pit
6. Four Murderous Angels
7. Kingdoms Consolidated

Bowls (Revelation 15-16)

1. Foul Sores
2. Seas to Blood
3. Rivers/Springs to Blood
4. Scorched Humanity
5. Darkness & Pain
6. Dried Euphrates
7. Colossal Earthquake



First Two Seals/Horsemen (Revelation 6:1-4)

First Seal

¹Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as *with* a voice of thunder, “**Come!**”

²I looked, and behold, a **white horse**, and the one who sat on it had a **bow**; and a **crown** was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Revelation
 A Book of “Reckoning” A Book of “Beckoning”

A Victor’s crown
 (stephanon στέφανου)

Revelation is a Book of Beckoning to “Come”

The Lord	Revelation 1:4, 8; 2:8, 25; 3:3, 20; 4:8; 12:10; 22:20
The Wicked	Revelation 3:9; 11:7; 12:12; 13:14; 17:8, 10
The New Jerusalem	Revelation 3:12
John	Revelation 4:1; 6:1, 3, 5, 7; 11:12; 17:1; 21:9
Time	Revelation 3:10; 6:17; 14:7, 15
God’s people	Revelation 7:13-14; 15:4; 18:4; 20:5; 21:27; 22:17
Judgment	Revelation 13:13; 18:8, 10; 19:15, 17; 20:8
Marriage of the Lamb	Revelation 19:7

Second Seal

³ When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “**Come!**”

⁴ And another, a **red horse**, went out: and to him who sat on it, it was granted to **take peace from the earth**, and that *people* would kill one another; and a large sword was given to him.

This may be a reference to less of the Holy Spirit through the persecution of the saints or rapture.

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

- 1. **White – Civil Unrest** → **Promises of Peace**
- 2. **Red – National War** → **War**
- 3. **Black – Famine** → **Failed Economics**
- 4. **Pale Green – Pestilence** → **Pandemic**

John is referencing Old Testament visions of the “four horses” (Zechariah 1:8) and the four chariots (Zechariah 6:1-8)

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God."
(Romans 12:1)

The Fifth Seal (Revelation 6:9-11)



Fifth Seal

⁹ When *the Lamb* broke the fifth seal, I saw **underneath the altar the souls** of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and **because of the testimony** which they had maintained;

¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "**How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging** and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?"

¹¹ And a **white robe** was given to each of them; and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, **until *the number of their fellow servants and their brothers and sisters* who were to be killed even as they *had been*, was completed also.**

Justice & Judgment
The focus shifts from earth to heaven.

The Greek term "Holy" (hagios ἅγιος) means "set apart" as sacred for God's good will and is used by John in this book to describe:

- The Lord (Revelation 3:7; 4:8; 15:4; 16:5),
- Angels (Revelation 14:10),
- Believers (Revelation 20:6; 22:11)
- His city (Revelation 11:2; 21:2, 10; 22:19).

The term "Altar" (thysiastēriou θυσιαστηρίου) is used repeatedly through Revelation. (8:3,5; 9:13; 11:1; 14:18; 16:7)



The Greek term "True" (alēthinos ἀληθινός) is used 7 times in the New Testament and only by John. (John 4:37; 7:28; 1 John 5:20; Revelation 3:7, 14; 6:10; 19:11).

God's wrath is waiting for the number of martyred believers to reach a level.

- Romans 11:25 ...church sage until the "Full number of the Gentiles"
- Genesis 15:16...waiting for Israel to return to Canaan after the "iniquity of the Amorites reaches their full measure"

Meaning of "True"
Greek: "actual" or "factual"
Hebrew: "trustworthy," or "faithful"

Some scholars believe that this is a reference to the **Altar of Sacrifice** because Jewish Rabbis believed that it was particularly holy under the altar of sacrifice. Others view this as the **Altar of Incense** representing the prayers of the saints.



The Sixth Seal (Revelation 6:12-17)

Sixth Seal

¹² And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a **great earthquake**; and the sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair, and the **whole moon became like blood**;

¹³ and the **stars of the sky fell** to the earth, as a **fig tree** drops its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

¹⁴ The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and **every mountain and island was removed** from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the eminent people, and the commanders and the wealthy and the strong, and every slave and free person **hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains**;

¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and the rocks, **“Fall on us and hide us from the sight of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb**;

¹⁷ for the great day of Their wrath has come, and **who is able to stand?”**

Earthquakes are repeatedly mentioned in Revelation 8:5; 11:13,19; 16:18.

The corporate **church body** (the moon which reflects the light of the sun/Jesus & the stars) experiences a time of martyrdom (red as blood).

Mountains represent **Governments** while Islands represent smaller powers of Commerce.

Guilty and convicted man has always sought to **hide from God’s judgment** (Genesis 3:8; Isaiah 2:10, 19, 21; Hosea 10:8)

Those under judgment **understand that the Messiah was crucified.**

This question of “who can stand?” may be answered by the interlude of Revelation 7 emphasizing the people of God.

People cried out to rocks but did not cry out to God

144,000 Jewish Missionaries (Revelation 7:1-8)

The Interlude of the Seals

¹After this I saw four angels standing at the **four corners** of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.

² And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, holding the seal of the living God; and he called out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

³ saying, “Do not harm the earth, or the sea, or the trees until we have **sealed the bond-servants** of our God on their foreheads.”

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ from the tribe of **Judah**, twelve thousand *were* sealed, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand, ⁶ from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, ⁷ from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of **Levi** twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand, ⁸ from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of **Joseph** twelve thousand, *and* from the tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

The number “four” often means “**creation**” or the “whole earth.”

God will **seal His people** to protect them from the judgment. (Ezekiel 9:4, 6)

The List of Israeli Tribes Containing the 144,000 Sealed (Revelation 7:4-8)

Tribe	Literal Name	Story Line
Judah	Praise the Lord	<i>Those who praise the Lord see the Son and are blessed and joyful and struggle against Forgetting. The Ones who hear and obey Come together for the reward and long for home to join the Son of the right hand.</i>
Reuben	See, a son	
Gad	Good Fortune	
Asher	Happy	
Naphtali	My Struggle/Wrestling	
Manasseh	Causing Forgetfulness	
Simeon	One Who Hears and Obeys	
Levi	To Join	
Issachar	Reward	
Zebulun	Looking for Home	
Joseph	To Add	
Benjamin	Son of the Right Hand	

The two tribes of Dan and Ephraim are not listed; this is probably because these two tribes introduced idolatrous worship to Israel (1 Kings 12:25-32; 2 Kings 10:29).

Worship From Believers of the Tribulation (Revelation 7:9-17)

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from **every nation and all the tribes, peoples, and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, **clothed in white robes**, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “**Salvation belongs to our God** who sits on the throne, **and to the Lamb.**”

¹¹ And **all the angels** were standing around the throne and *around* the **elders** and the **four living creatures**; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying, “**Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever. Amen.**”

¹³ Then one of the elders responded, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?”

¹⁴ I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**”

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve Him **day and night** in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

¹⁶ **They will no longer hunger nor thirst, nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any scorching heat;**

¹⁷ for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and **God will wipe every tear from their eyes.**”

The term “Savior” (sōtēros σωτῆρος) describes God the Father (1 Timothy 1:1; 2:3; 4:10; Titus 1:3; 2:10; 3:4) as well as God the Son. (2 Timothy 1:10; Titus 1:4; 2:13; 3:6)

Worshippers of the Lamb

(Revelation 5:11; 7:11)

Many Angels	Myriads (over 100 million)
Living Creatures	Four
Elders	Twenty-Four

The angels, living creatures and elders expanded beyond salvation to seven other attributes of worship:

1. Blessing
2. Glory
3. Wisdom
4. Thanksgiving
5. Honor
6. Power
7. Might

Jesus is the only one in Scripture that **begins a sentence with the word “Amen”** which He used to express that He had something significant to say. (Matthew 11:11; 16:28; 25:45)

The “*water of life*” will replace their tears.

Israel used trumpets to call for gathering as when called for battles

Preparation for the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8:1-6)

¹When *the Lamb* broke the seventh seal, there was **silence in heaven for about half an hour.**

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

³Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to **the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.**

⁴And the smoke of the incense ascended from the angel's hand with the prayers of the saints before God.

⁵Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and hurled it to the earth; and there were peals of thunder and sounds, and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

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

This "silence before the storm" is similar to:

- The silent marching of Joshua and Israel around the walls of Jericho before it fell with trumpets and a shout (Joshua 6:10)
- The silence of the Midianite camp before Gideon's men woke them with shouts and the breaking of pottery.



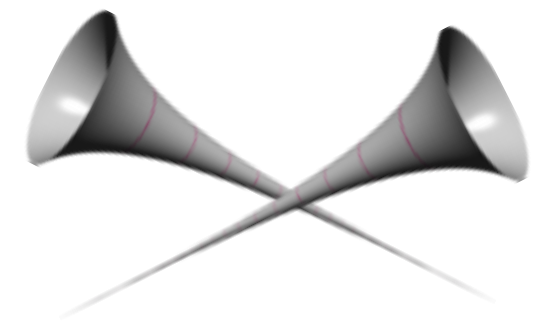
Jewish Rabbis teach that the seven angels before the Lord have the names of: Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, Raguel, Remiel, Sariel/Saraqael and Uriel. (Tobit 12:15; Jubilees 1:27,29; 2:1-2,18; I Enoch 20:1-7)

Jewish Tradition for the Names of Angels Before God's Throne	
Gabriel	"God is My Strength"
Michael	"Who is like God?"
Raphael	"God has Healed"
Raguel	"Friend of God"
Remiel	"Thunder of God"
Sariel	"Prince of God"
Uriel	"God is my Light"

Jewish Rabbis teach that Angels can be intermediaries; examples would include the law. (Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2)

These prayers of the saints (Revelation 6:10) cried out for judgment on the earth; fire represents judgment as it is added to these prayers.

These powerful angels (who were able to stand before God) prepared themselves for their task/calling.



The Symbolism of the Trumpets 1-4 (Revelation 8:7-13)

First Trumpet: Vegetation Assaulted

⁷ The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.



Second Trumpet: The Seas Assaulted

⁸ Then the second angel sounded: And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Third Trumpet: The Waters Assaulted

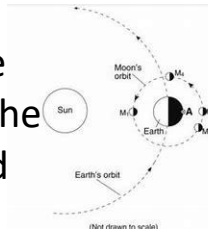
¹⁰ Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. ¹¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.



POISON

Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Assaulted

¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.



¹³ And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "**Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth**, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

This judgment would fall as a meteor might (literally devastating nature). The judgment of "hail and fire" is similar to the seventh plague on Egypt (Exodus 9:24).

Old Testament prophecies also foretold the destruction of Gog's invading army by hailstones and fire (Ezekiel 38:22).

Metaphorically, trees may represent rulers while grass represents men. The "green" (living) grass might symbolize believers, so that all Christians would die from this earth – possibly due to the extensive persecution.

In the next chapter, the grass is saved from destruction (Revelation 9:4).

Some link this prophecy to the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius (79AD) where over 20,000 inhabitants died in the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum including Drusilla (the daughter of King Agrippa I) and her son (named "Agrippa")

A "mountain" is typically symbolic of governments, so the religious system of the beast (Jeremiah 51:24-25) will be brought down into the sea of rebellious nations (Isaiah 57:20) resulting in much bloodshed.

The ships might represent local congregations and churches; throughout Scripture, ships often represent the object of one's faith.



Stars often represent those who reflect God's glory (Daniel 12:3), but not all stars are genuine testimonies to God (Jude 1:13).

The fallen star is called "Wormwood" (Apsinthos) corresponds to idolatry (Deuteronomy 29:17-18) which is a poison that will kill (Jeremiah 9:25, 23:15; Amos 6:12). This fallen star is thought to be the false prophet or Satan himself

As holiness emphasizes God's nature (Isaiah 6:3), the three "woes" represent the judgments of the remaining trumpets. (Revelation 9:12; 11:14; 12:12) which destroy the unbelieving inhabitants of the earth. (Revelation 3:10; 6:10; 11:10; 12:2; 13:8)

The Torment of Demonic Locusts (Revelation 9:1-6)

¹Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key to the shaft of the abyss was given to him.



² He opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke ascended out of the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.

³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.



⁴ They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

⁵ And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a person.



⁶ And in those days people will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death will flee from them!

Satan (Revelation 9:11) fell from heaven (Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:16; Luke 10:18; Revelation 12:9)

Jesus has power over the keys of death and of Hades. (Revelation 1:18) No one has power unless it is given to them.

The "abyss" (abyssou ἀβύσσου) means "depth" and refers to Tartarus (2 Peter 2:4). The "abyss" describes multiple places:
• In the Septuagint for "deep waters." (Genesis 1:2; 7:11)
• For Hades/Sheol/Grave (Romans 10:7)
• Confinement for Demons (Luke 8:31; Revelation 11:7; 20:3)

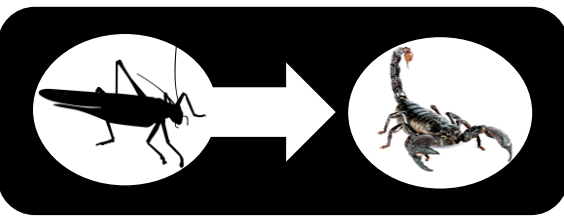
A "key" (kleis κλεῖς) represents a right and authority to access. (Revelation 1:18; 20:1)



Locusts are called "the incarnation of hunger" (Joel 1:4) and were used as God's judgment (Exodus 10:12-15; Joel 2:1).

The locusts could not harm agriculture nor believers.

The reference of a scorpion speaks of pain and an assault on mankind instead of agriculture. (2 Chronicles 10:11, 14)



"The head is the elder and esteemed man, and the prophet who teaches falsehood is the tail."
Isaiah 9:15

Believers (sealed by God) will not endure the pain of these evil spirits (Luke 10:19). Scorpions inflict pain on mankind beyond the agricultural devastation of the locusts; "spiritual scorpions" are a part of persecution. (Ezekiel 2:6)

Abaddon / Apollyon (Revelation 9:7-12)

⁷ The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.



⁸ They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.



⁹ And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.



¹⁰ They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.



5 MONTHS

¹¹ And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.



¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

"Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; and like swift steeds, so they run. With a noise like chariots, over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array."
(Joel 2:4-5)

The reference of the locust to a lady's hair may come from a famous Arabian proverb that says, "locusts have a head like a horse, a breast like a lion, feet like a camel, a body like a serpent, and antennae like the hair of a maiden."

These demon locusts are fearless warriors (horses) with glorious authority/power (gold crowns) that represent men (men's faces) and submissive covering (women's hair) to Satan.

Their appetites will be vicious (teeth) with iron defenses that seem unassailable and speed (wings) for attack.

These scorpion stingers represent false religious leaders who will distort the Word of God (Isaiah 9:15)

The king of these evil minions is Satan who assaults the entire world – both Hebrew (Israel) and Greek (Gentiles).

Abaddon (Hebrew meaning "Ruin/Destruction") is mentioned six times in the Old Testament (Job 26:6, 28:22, 31:12; Psalm 88:11; Proverbs 15:11, 27:20).

Apollyon is Greek meaning "Destroyer."

"The locusts have no king."
(Proverbs 30:27)

These were not actual locusts, but instead the locust is a symbol of these attacking demons under the King Abaddon/Apollyon.

After the horror of the locusts, it is stated that only one of the three devastations has occurred.

Sixth Trumpet

Judgment of the Euphrates Angels (Revelation 9:13-21)

¹³ Then 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 who had the trumpet, **“Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”**



¹⁵ And the four angels, who had been **prepared for the hour and day and month and year**, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

¹⁶ The number of the armies of the horsemen was **two hundred million**; I heard the number of them.

200 Million

¹⁷ And this is how I saw in my vision the horses and those who sat on them: **the riders had breastplates the color of fire, of hyacinth, and of brimstone**; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came **fire and smoke and brimstone**.

¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

¹⁹ For **the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails**; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

²⁰ **The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands so as not to worship demons and the idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;**

²¹ and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their witchcraft, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

The concept of **“bound angels”** suggests that these are **fallen angels**.

These angels perform wicked, destructive tasks, but **they fulfill God’s purpose of judgment** (Job 1:8; 2:3; 1 Kings 22:22; Judges 9:23; Matthew 18:7)

The **Euphrates River** was set as the desired property boundary of Israel in the Old Testament (Genesis 15:18; Deuteronomy 1:7; 11:24; Joshua 1:4)

The Riders of Judgment

Riders	Breastplates	Judgment
Fire	Red	Fire
Hyacinth	Blue	Smoke
Brimstone	Yellow	Sulfur



These angels may be connected to **the four horsemen of the Apocalypse** (Revelation 6:2-8; 7:1)

In John’s day, this may have alluded to the **Parthians** who lived on the **edge of the Euphrates**. The Romans feared the Parthian cavalry with **long hair** who were known for being superior **horseback archers**.

Devastated People Continue in Their Sin (Revelation 9:20-21)

- 1 Worshipping Demons
- 2 Worshipping Idols
- 3 Murder
- 4 Sorcery
- 5 Sexual Immorality
- 6 Theft

Trumpet Interval

John's Longest Vision; the next time "I saw" is used is Revelation 13:1

The Mighty Angel & Little Book (Revelation 10:1-7)

¹ I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow *was* on his head, his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.



² He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and *his* left foot on the land,



³ and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roars.

When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices.

⁴ Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

DO NOT WRITE

⁵ The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven

⁶ and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,

⁷ but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

There are several "mighty angels" (Revelation 5:2; 18:21). This verse emphasizes "another" (allon ἄλλον) mighty angel.

In Jewish thought and throughout the Old Testament, clouds were associated with the transportation of deity. (Psalm 97:2; 104:3; Daniel 7:13; Acts 1:9)

Once again, Jesus is portrayed encircled by the rainbow (Revelation 4:3) as He descends in the clouds (Acts 1:9-11)

The rainbow was given by God to symbolize His covenant not to destroy people, and it encircles the head of Christ. (Revelation 4:3; Ezekiel 1:28) God views sinful mankind through His Son.

Israel is often symbolized as the "Land" while the Gentiles are often symbolized by the Sea; the Lord Jesus has dominion over both.

This may be the scroll that God the Father handed to the Lamb in the Throne Room. (Revelation 5:1, 7) This scroll may be similar to the scroll consumed by Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:8-3:14).

Whereas seven seals would be opened (Revelation 6 & 5:1), the message of the seven thunders would be sealed (this is the reverse of Revelation 22:20).

Except for Revelation 10:4, John is encouraged repeatedly to write what he witnesses (Revelation 1:11, 19; 14:13; 19:9; 21:5).

Several times in Scripture, God directed the writer not to document what he saw/heard.

- Daniel (Daniel 8:26; 12:4,9)
- Paul (2 Corinthians 12:4)



Throughout Scripture, an individual would raise his right hand to take an oath (Genesis 14:22; Exodus 6:8; Numbers 14:30; Deuteronomy 32:40; Ezekiel 20:15, 28; Daniel 12:7)

The mystery of the Revelation is mentioned repeatedly (Revelation 1:20; 17:5, 7) while Paul uses "mystery" to refer to the unified church between Jews & Gentiles (Ephesians 2:11-3:13)

Consumption of God's Word (Revelation 10:8-11)

⁸ Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the scroll which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land."

⁹ And I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "**Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.**"

¹⁰ I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

¹¹ And they said to me, "**You must prophesy again** concerning many peoples, nations, languages, and kings."

This worldwide scope and scale are used multiple times in Revelation for unbelievers (Revelation 11:9; 13:7-8; 14:6; 17:15).

The "voice" of the Lord speaks multiple times (Revelation 1:10, 12, 15; 3:20; 10:4, 8; 11:1; 14:2, 13)

John had to be willing to take these words, and **on the surface (at first taste), they were pleasing** to him.

This "little book" references back to the title deed of the earth (Revelation 5:1), but it would equate to the **Old Testament requirements.**

When John began to "digest" the realities of the truths that he had ingested, **they caused him unsettling** (Ezekiel 2:8-3:4; Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 119:103; Hebrews 6:5).

God's Word is easy to read/study... but difficult/convicting to apply

These prophecies were not the sweet prophecies of a saving Messiah, but judgments on the people of this earth.

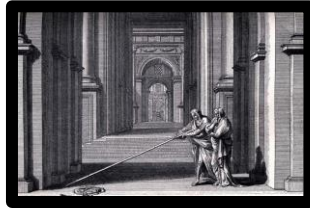


The measuring typically relates to God judging man against His standards.

The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:1-6)

¹ Then there was given to me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it.

² Leave out the courtyard which is outside the temple and do not measure it, because it has been given to the nations; and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.



3 ½ Years

³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

3 ½ Years by Babylon's Yearly Count of 360 Days

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.



⁵ And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

⁶ These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.



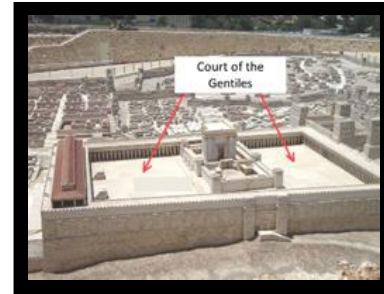
Just as John was given the scroll to consume (Revelation 10:8-11), he is now given a reed to measure the Temple. (Ezekiel 40:5-20)

John has become involved in the happenings instead of a simple bystander.

John is told to measure the worshippers as well as the Temple and altar.

God has identified a clear boundary of the people of faith from the unbelievers that will experience His divine wrath.

A Period of Persecution		
Time, Times & Half a Time	Daniel 7:25; 12:7, 14; Revelation 12:14	
1,150 Days	Daniel 8:14	110 Days (3½ months) Less Than 1,260
1,290 Days	Daniel 12:11	30 Days (1 month) More Than 1,260
1,325 Days	Daniel 12:12	65 Days (2 months) More Than 1,260
1,260 Days	Revelation 11:3; 12:6	3½ years of Lunar 360-day year
42 Months	Revelation 11:2; 13:5	3½ years of 12-month year



Two Witnesses (Rev 11 – Jer 11:16)

ELIJAH

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse." (Mal 4:5,6).

"These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire." (Rev 3:6)
Compare to James 5:17-18

"And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way." (Rev 3:5)
Compare to 2 Kings 1:9-12

MOSES

"These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire" (Rev 11:6).
Compare to Exodus 7:20.

Elijah and Moses joined Jesus at the Mount of Transfiguration. "And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him" (Mt 17:3; Mk 9:4).

Moses may need his natural body as a witness in the Tribulation. "So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knows his burial place to this day." (Dt 34:5-6) "But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" (Jude 1:9)

These two (witness) trees (men) are channels of the Holy Spirit (Olive Oil) as defined in the Old Testament (Zechariah 4:1-3, 11-14).

* Enoch lived prior to the flood, so he is not a Jew and could not be one of the two olive trees.

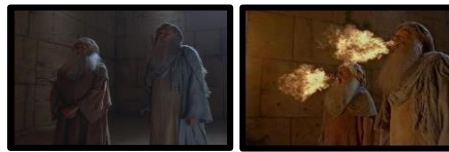
The two witnesses testified about the offences that made the Tribulations just

The two witnesses testified against Satan's two witnesses (the beasts)

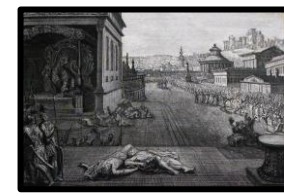
The Death of the Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:7-14)

7 When they have finished their testimony, the **beast** that comes up out of **the abyss** will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies *will lie* on the street of the great city which spiritually is called **Sodom and Egypt**, where also their Lord was crucified.



9 Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations *will* look at their dead bodies for **three and a half days**, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.



10 And those who live on **the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate**; and they will send gifts to one another, because **these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth.**



11 And after the three and a half days, **the breath of life from God came into them**, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.



12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, **“Come up here.”** And they went up into heaven **in the cloud**, and their enemies watched them.

“COME UP HERE”

13 And at that time there was a **great earthquake**, and a **tenth of the city fell**; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and **gave glory to the God of heaven.**

14 The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

Although protected during their ministry, as they conclude their witness, the two are killed.

This is the first mention of the Beast who is then mentioned 36 (6x6) times. (Revelation 13:1-18; 17:8-13)

This city is Jerusalem (Isaiah 1:9-10) where Jesus was crucified. The “great city” is spiritually compared to Sodom (immorality) and Egypt (bondage).

The actual Greek is singular (“body”) with the phrase “the body of them” (ta ptōma autou - τὸ πτώμα αὐτοῦ) as the two were unified in ministry and death.

The dead corpses were not allowed to be entombed as they were meant to be a symbol to the world (the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations) of the power of the Antichrist; however, the resurrection would declare the power of God.

The message of the Lord’s two witnesses tormented the earth (possibly with plagues), so the wicked celebrated the death of the two holy witnesses. (John 16:20)

Jesus was resurrected after three days (Matthew 27:63), but this time also seems to symbolize these last 3 ½ years of Tribulation – in both instances, it is a representation of God’s power over death.

God seems to take a tithe for Himself (Leviticus 27:30), and as 7,000 (seven meaning complete fullness) people were reserved for Him with Elijah (1 Kings 19:18), the same number are killed. It has been stated that while these remaining people praise the God of “heaven,” they do not relinquish to Him as the God of “earth.”

The Kingdom of Our Lord (Revelation 11:15-19)

¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “**The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.**”

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, **fell on their faces and worshiped God,**

¹⁷ saying, “We give You thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, **the One who is and who was,** because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

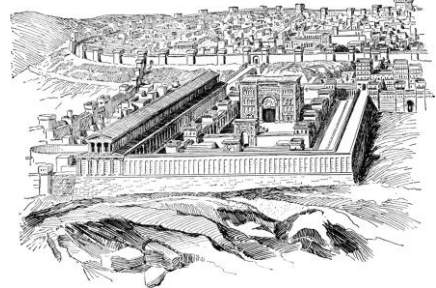
¹⁸ And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the **time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name,** the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

¹⁹ And **the temple of God which is in heaven was opened;** and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder, and an earthquake, and a great hailstorm.

The Future is Now



EVERYONE STANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE KING... EVEN KING GEORGE II STOOD



It is **customary to stand** for verse 15 when it is played during **Handel’s Messiah**.

This has been the custom since **King George II** stood during a performance of **George Frederick Handel’s** “Hallelujah chorus” on March 23, **1743**. King George II never gave a reason for standing.



The one world kingdom that opposed the Living God has come under the Lord’s reign (1 Corinthians 15:24-28)

Beyond the millennium, the Lord will reign forever in His eternal kingdom. (Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 2:44; 7:14, 27; 12:2; Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Revelation 22:5).

Sin Brings Devastation To The Earth	
The Flood	Genesis 6-9
Egypt’s Plagues	Exodus 7-12
Covenant Curses	Deuteronomy 27-28
Destruction of Earth by Fire	2 Peter 3:10

Opening of Heaven in Revelation	
Revelation 4:1	Rapture of the Church
Revelation 11:19	Persecution of Israel’s Saints
Revelation 19:11	Jesus Return

The 24 elders are esteemed on their thrones because they humble themselves before the Lord Jesus.



The triumphant return of the Lord is mentioned at the conclusion of each judgment cycle: Seals (Revelation 6:12-17); Trumpets (Revelation 11:15-18); Bowls (Revelation 19:1-21).

Israel In Labor (Revelation 12:1-6)

¹ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;



² and she was pregnant and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.



³ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven crowns.

⁴ And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.

⁵ And she gave birth to a Son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.



⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days.

BABYLONIAN CALENDAR 3 ½ Years

“Then he had yet another dream, and informed his brothers of it, and said, ‘Behold, I have had yet another dream; and behold, the sun and the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.’” Genesis 37:9

The dragon is identified as the devil, Satan and the deceiver of the world. (Revelation 12:9).

Historic and spiritual references to “dragons” are repeated throughout Scripture with Rahab (Psalm 89:10; Isaiah 51:9-10) and the Leviathan (Psalm 74:13-14; 104:26; Job 3:8; 7:12; 41:1; Isaiah 27:1; Amos 9:3)

In Revelation, Satan is compared to a dragon thirteen (“rebellion”) times.

“10 Horns, 7 Heads”	
Great Red Dragon	Revelation 12:3
The Beast out of the Sea	Revelation 13:1
A Scarlet Beast	Revelation 17:3

The ten horns represent the worldly confederation of nations

The number seven represents complete as this dragon will have complete authority and control.

“And He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning...’” Luke 10:18

“He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have fathered You’... You shall break them with a rod of iron.” Psalm 2:7-9



360 days X 3 years = 1,080 days
 + 180 days
 1,080 days + 180 days = 1,260 days

Examples of God’s Provision in the Wilderness	
Elijah by the brook Cherith	1 Kings 17:1-7
Elijah's flight into the Sinai peninsula	1 Kings 19:1-14
The seven thousand faithful	1 Kings 19:18
Those who fled the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70	Matthew 24:15-20; Mark 13:12-18

Satan Exiled From Heaven (Revelation 12:7-12)

⁷ And there was **war in heaven, Michael** and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

⁸ and they did not prevail, and **there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.**

⁹ And **the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan,** who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, **“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers *and sisters* has been thrown down, the one who accuses them before our God day and night.**

¹¹ And they overcame him because of the **blood of the Lamb** and because of **the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life *even* when faced with death.

¹² For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because **the devil has come down to you with great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time.”**

Revelation 20:11



Michael means “who is as God”

“Hurled down” (eblēthē éblēthē)
Cast the wicked into hell (Revelation 20:10, 15).
Judgment of those who do not remain in Jesus. (John 15:6).

Satan “Adversary”

Devil “Accuser”

Grace

Faith



“And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”
Luke 2:7

Scriptural References to the Evil One	
Satan	Repeated 33 times
Devil	Repeated 32 times
Tempter	Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5
The Evil One	Matthew 6:13; 13:19; 1 John 5:18
The Enemy	Matthew 13:39
Prince of Demons	Matthew 9:34; 12:24
Ruler of this world	John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11
Prince of the Power of the Air	Ephesians 2:2
The god of this world	2 Corinthians 4:4
Belial	2 Corinthians 6:15
Beelzebub	Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15,18-19
Dragon	Revelation 12:3,4,7,9; 20:2
Serpent	Revelation 12:9,15; 20:2
Accuser	Revelation 12:10,15
Adversary	1 Peter 5:8
A Roaring Lion	1 Peter 5:8

“Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, but rather, was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.” Romans 8:34

Satan Hates & Tries to Hurt...		
The Child	Jesus Christ	Revelation 12:4
The Mother	Israel/Jews	Revelation 12:13
The Woman’s Children	The Church	Revelation 12:17

Satan Attacks Israel & the Church (Revelation 12:13-17)

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male *Child*.



14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.



15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.



16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.



17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.



The Great Tribulation is called the "Time of Jacob's Trouble." The child is the reference point and the reason that the dragon persecuted the woman.

It is certain that the flight of Israel from persecution during these last 3 ½ years will be speedy; however, it may be conjecture to think that this might be an airlift from Israel to Petra via a U.S. plane. The Bald Eagle is the national bird of the United States of America.

The Greek term for "time" (kairou καιροῦ) means a "year," so "times" (kairous καιρῶς) means two years while "half" (hēmisy ἡμῖου) means half a year.

This torrent of water from Satan could be literal or symbolically Satan could spew propaganda against the Jews. (Psalms 18:4; 124:4-5)

The earth could be literal (Numbers 16:31-32) or symbolically, the earth may mean believers as the sea references non-believers (Isaiah 57:20)

When Satan is thrown out of heaven, Satan pursued the woman, and then he pursued the woman's children (Israel – Believers).

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Christians (Israel's offspring) are here defined as those with whom have surrendered the lordship of their lives and accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Christians could be considered Israel's offspring (from Jew to Gentile).



God does not shield His people from the persecution of the beast of the sea.

The Beast From The Sea (Revelation 13:1-10)

¹ Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a **beast rising up out of the sea**, having **seven heads and ten horns**, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

² Now the beast which I saw was like a **leopard**, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a **lion**.

The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

³ And I saw **one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded**, and his deadly wound was healed.

And **all the world marveled and followed the beast.**

⁴ **So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast**; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

⁵ And he was given a **mouth speaking great things and blasphemies**, and he was given authority to continue for **forty-two months**.

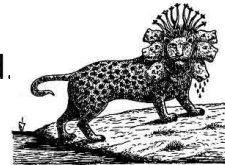
⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

⁷ **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

⁸ **All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. **Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**



From the sand on the seashore, the dragon (drakōn δράκων) seems to welcome the beast from the sea. (Poor manuscripts have "I stood on the sand on the seashore")

The "beast of the sea" (Daniel 7:3) is a composite of the beasts of Daniel 7 which is known as the Antichrist (1 John 2:18,22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7) and defined as a man of lawlessness. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

The "fatal wound" is literally "the wound of death" (hē plēgē tou thanatou - ἡ plēgē τοῦ θανάτου) which means that the beast of the sea was dead.

The beast of the sea spoke against God and everyone associated with God. (John 15:18-25)

Being a Christian implies a Christlike willingness to lay down one's life (and ambitions) to His will - even to the point of death (Rev 11:7; 2 Cor 4:11; Rom 8:36; 2 Tim 3:12).

God's sovereign plan controlled more than just end times; God's sovereign plan was set before creation (Matthew 25:34; John 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:19-20; Revelation 13:8). God sovereign control predates creation (Matthew 13:35; Luke 11:50; Hebrews 4:3; 9:26; Revelation 17:8)

Symbolic picture of Satan's worldly powers; the "red dragon having seven heads and ten horns" is mentioned several times. (Revelation 12:3; 17:3, 8)

In Daniel's vision, these animals (Rev 13:2) represented the three kingdoms from the sea (Daniel 7:3-6). The aspects of these three kingdoms now converge into one.

- The leopard/Greece/swift grace
- The bear/Persia/power-brute strength
- The lion/Babylon/dominion-terror.

The Greek word "amazed" (ethaumasthē ἐθαυμάσθη) infers admiration and wonderment from the public for the beast. (Revelation 6, 13; 17:8)

The act of "to blaspheme" (blasphēmēsai) entails discrediting and disrespecting God while at the same time elevating themselves as deity. (Matthew 24)

Believers will pay the price of faithfulness with seclusion and starvation.

The Beast From The Earth (Revelation 13:11-18)

¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.



¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.



¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.



¹⁵ He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,



¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

666

Then another beast (false prophet) will rise from the earth (Israel) having two horns (authority in possibly religion and political) who will appear like a lamb (Jesus – Revelation 5:6), but his words will be that of Satan (dragon).

This second beast is expected to be a Jew (from the land) as the first beast was a Gentile (from the sea). (Revelation 13:1)

The purpose and goal of the 2nd beast (from the land) was to have the world worship the 1st beast (from the sea).

The second beast will point allegiance to the first beast just as the Holy Spirit directs people to Christ who resurrected from the dead. (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13-14)



The two beasts (one from sea and one from the land) will imitate the two witnesses in Revelation 11.

As God's witness (Elijah) called down fire from heaven (1 Kings 18:38), the second beast mimics.

God warns His people that in the end times there will be miracles from a dark, Satanic power (Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11).

The image (idol) of the first beast will be given "breath" (πνευμα πνεῦμα) to make the image appear alive and require worship (idolatry). This "pneuma" may be a demonic spirit living in the idol.

The Greek term for "mark" (χαραγμα χάραγμα) was used for branding animals to designate ownership. In ancient days, soldiers would take on a tattoo of their general.

Individuals without the mark of the beast will not be able to participate in social interactions and supply chains (i.e., grocery stores, hospitals, church, etc.)

God puts His own mark on the forehead (thoughts) and hands (deeds) of His people (Deuteronomy 6:8; Is 44:5; Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 14:1) with Jesus' hands marked for His people (John 20:25)

The Two Beasts of Revelation 13



The Number of His Name

(Rev 13:17-18; 15:2)

Greek Alphabet

Alpha:	1 = α	Unity, Whole, Complete
Beta:	2 = β	Witness or Opposition
Gamma:	3 = γ	Resurrection, Redemption
Delta:	4 = δ	Creation, Testing
Epsilon:	5 = ε	Grace or Judgment
Stigma:	6 = Ϛ	Incomplete, Man
Zeta:	7 = ζ	Complete, Fullness
Eta:	8 = η	A New Beginning
Theta:	9 = θ	Finality, Judgment
Iota:	10 = ι	New Order
Kappa:	20 = κ	
Lambda:	30 = λ	The Lamb
Mu:	40 = μ	
Nu:	50 = ν	
Xi:	60 = ξ	
Omicron:	70 = ο	
Pi:	80 = π	There is no finality in eternity - "80" or "900"
Rho:	100 = ρ	
Sigma:	200 = σ	
Tau:	300 = τ	The Cross
Upsilon:	400 = υ	
Phi:	500 = φ	
Chi:	600 = χ	
Psi:	700 = ψ	Menorah
Omega:	800 = ω	

Greek Alphabet is also the Greek Numbering System

Number "6" discontinued from Greek usage

After "10", same meanings as root numbers with emphasis made by zeroes

	<u>LORD</u>	<u>JESUS</u>
	κ = 20	ι = 10
	υ = 400	η = 8
	ρ = 100	σ = 200
	ι = 10	ο = 70
	ο = 70	υ = 400
	σ = 200	σ = 200
	800	888

The Lord Jesus offers New Beginnings



Beast out of the Sea (Anti-Christ)

- Great Orator/Businessman
- 7 Heads; 10 Horns
- Heads with the name of Blasphemy
- One head has deadly wound healed
- Strengthened by Dragon for 42 months
- Defeats Saints
- Worshipped by "Earth Dwellers"

Beast out of the Earth (False Prophet)

- 2 Horns (like a Lamb)
- Speaks as the Dragon
- Causes Earth to worship 1st Beast
- Deceives Earth with Miracles

The "Unholy Trinity"	
"6, 6, 6" & the Three "Woes" (Revelation 8:13)	
The Holy Trinity	The Unholy Trinity
God the Father	Satan
God the Son/Jesus	Beast from Sea / The Antichrist (Revelation 13:6)
God the Spirit/Holy Spirit	Beast from the Land / The False Prophet (Promotes the Antichrist)

The Seduction of World by the Beasts	
1st Beast from Sea & 2nd Beast from Earth (Revelation 13)	
Revelation 13:3	The world marveled at the 1st Beast (Antichrist)
Revelation 13:4	The world worshipped the 1st Beast (Antichrist)
Revelation 13:12	The 2nd Beast (False Prophet) forces the world to worship the 1st Beast (Antichrist)
Revelation 13:14	The 2nd Beast (False Prophet) forces the world to make an idol of the 1st Beast (Antichrist)

The Unique Properties of 666



“666” fits the characteristics of Pascal’s triangular number. A triangular number is a figurate number which consists of objects arranged in an equilateral triangle.

The number 666 is a unique number that is the sum of all whole numbers between 1 and 36.

$$(1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10\dots+34+35+36 = 666)$$

The number 666 is also the sum of the square of the first seven prime numbers:

$$(2^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 + 11^2 + 13^2 + 17^2 = 666)$$



6	32	3	34	35	1
7	11	27	28	8	30
19	14	16	15	23	24
18	20	22	21	17	13
25	29	10	9	26	12
36	5	33	4	2	31

$$6 + 32 + 3 + 34 + 35 + 1 = 111$$

$$7 + 11 + 27 + 28 + 8 + 30 = 111$$

$$19 + 14 + 16 + 15 + 23 + 24 = 111$$

$$18 + 20 + 22 + 21 + 17 + 13 = 111$$

$$25 + 29 + 10 + 9 + 26 + 12 = 111$$

$$36 + 5 + 33 + 4 + 2 + 31 = 111$$

666

666 can form a “magic square” where the sums of the numbers in each row, each column, and both main diagonals are the same (111) while the Total Sum is 666.

Magic Square on Ancient Coins

Possible Role of Islam in the End Times

Decapitation was the normal method of executing the death penalty under classical Islamic law

"I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands." (Revelation 20:4)

Muslim Messiah

Muslims believe that a descendant of Muhammad (the Mahdi) will come to rid the world of evil before the Prophet ʿĪsā (Jesus Christ) returns to kill Jew & Christian who worship Him.

A Hadith is a collection of traditions containing sayings of Islam's Muhammad. Sahih al-Bukhari was a well-known Muslim scholar from the 9th century.


In the hadith of Sahih al-Bukhari, he writes, the Prophet ʿĪsā (Jesus) will "*break the cross, kill the pigs.*" The traditional interpretation of this prophecy is that Jesus will stop Christian worship of Himself which is symbolized by the cross.

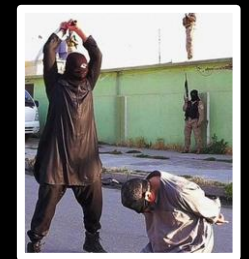
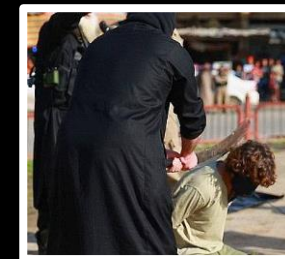
There is a similarity between the Greek number "666" and the Arabic phrase "*In the Name of Allah.*"

This phrase is known as the Bismillah that begins every Islamic prayer.

 = crossed swords, and Bismillah

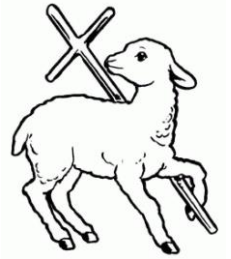
The Arabic phrase "In the name of God" that begins every Islamic prayer

 = 600, 60, and 6



Another new song is introduced
(Revelation 5:9).

The 144,000 Followers of the Lamb (Revelation 14:1-18)



¹ Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

² And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.



$$144,000 \div 6 = 24$$

The Greek term "blameless" (amōmoi ἄμωμοί) is used of sacrificial animals that were without blemish. (Ephesians 5:17; Jude 1:24)

Three Sections of Revelation 14

Revelation 14:1	"...then I looked"	Jesus' Return & 144,000
Revelation 14:6	"...then I saw"	Three Angels Proclaim Gospel & Judge the World
Revelation 14:14	"...then I looked"	Separates Believers from Unbelievers

The "Lamb" represents Jesus Christ who was sacrificed for the sin of the world. (Revelation 5:6-8)

The Jewish witnesses will stand with Jesus Christ on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (Isaiah 30:19, 33:20). There will be a gathering of believers in the end times. (Psalm 48; Isaiah 24:23; Joel 2:32; Micah 4:1,7; Obadiah 1:17,21)

"Jerusalem" (in the physical sense) is often referred to as "Zion" (in the spiritual sense) (Hebrews 12:22).

"Zion" could refer to the actual city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 24:23; Joel 2:32)

"Zion" could symbolize the "heavenly Jerusalem" (Hebrews 11:10,16; 12:22-23; 13:14; Galatians 4:26)

Instead of the Jewish phylactery, the Jewish believers will have the name of God the Son and God the Father written on their foreheads (Isaiah 9:6).

The voice of the Lord is repeatedly described as great rushing waters (Ezekiel 43:2; Revelation 1:15, 19:6)

The reference and regard for "celibacy" has several possible meanings:

- Complete celibacy of an unmarried man.
- Refusal and rebellion against the "whore of Babylon's" Spiritual Adultery (Revelation 14:8; 17:2; 18:9)
- In the Old Testament, the Jews would purify themselves to prepare for war through the abstinence of sexual intercourse. (1 Samuel 21:1-7; Deuteronomy 23:9-14)
- This might simply be an Old Testament title for Israel as the "virgin daughter of Zion." (2 Kings 19:21; Jeremiah 18:13; Lamentations 2:13; Amos 5:2).

Satan is the "father of lies" (John 8:44) which is an abomination to God (Proverbs 12:22). Lies are situational and convenience-driven.

Works will result in tumultuous torment of unrepentant sinners & rest for believers

The Messages of the Three Angels (Revelation 14:6-13)

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—
⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”
⁸ And another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.”
⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand,
¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. 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 ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”



Revelation 13:10

¹² Here is the patience of the saints; here *are* those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ”
 “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”



The concept of “flying in the air” gives the idea of everyone being able to see/hear what is being done/said.

The angel calls for two responses to the gospel (Revelation 16:9)
 1. Fear God 2. Give Him Glory.

God’s defining characteristic is being the Creator while the world willfully, ignorantly and irrationally supports the deceit of evolution.



Some wrongfully preach that Jesus cannot return until the gospel is shared to everyone around the world (Matthew 24:14); however, this angel will fulfill that requirement by sharing the gospel worldwide.

John repeatedly refers to “the hour” as the specific and divine timing of the judgment of God. (John 2:4; 4:21,23; 5:25,28; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23,27; 13:1; 16:21,32; 17:1)

Revelation 14:8 is the first of six references of Babylon in the book of Revelation with the exclamation that Babylon has fallen (Isaiah 21:9; Jeremiah 51:8).

God condemns sexual immorality as it reflects spiritual unfaithfulness. (Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 3:20; Ezekiel 16:15-19) Often, adultery is likened to idolatry; this is often called “spiritual adultery.” (Jeremiah 3:20; Isaiah 1:21; 57:8; Ezekiel 16:30)

Angelic Messages to the World	
1.	Revelation 14:6 The Gospel
2.	Revelation 14:8 The Sin of Babylon
3.	Revelation 14:9 Judgment of Idolatry

Those who are intoxicated by this world will drink from God’s cup of wrath. (Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15-16; Rev. 7:14; 16:19; 19:15).

“Fire and brimstone” refer to the lake of fire (hell; Gehenna) where the two beasts will be thrown (Revelation 19:20) as well as Satan (Revelation 20:10). Unrepentant mankind will also be judged in the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:15; 21:8)

The same term that is used for “forever” (αιῶνιον αιῶνιον) in regards to heaven is the same term that is used for “forever” in hell. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:48)

The Seven Blessings

The Beatitudes of Revelation

1. Revelation 1:3 *“Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*
2. Revelation 14:13 *“And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’” ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them.’”*
3. Revelation 16:15 *“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and people will not see his shame.”*
4. Revelation 19:9 *“Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”*
5. Revelation 20:6 *“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.”*
6. Revelation 22:7 *“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*
7. Revelation 22:14 *“Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life, and may enter the city by the gates.”*

"Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread the grapes, for the wine press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great." (Joel 3:13)

The Reaping of the Earth (Revelation 14:14-20)

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, **1** and on the cloud sat *One* like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Jesus Harvesting Christians

15 And another angel came out of the **2** temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe."



16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another angel came out of the temple **3** which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.



18 And another angel came out from the altar, who **4** had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."



19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and **threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

20 And the winepress was trampled **outside the city**, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for **one thousand six hundred furlongs.**

Another Angel Harvesting Unbelievers

1 Furlong Equals .125 Miles

Revelation 14:14-16 is the "Grain Harvest" of believers (Matthew 9:37-38; 13:30, 38; Mark 4:26-29; Luke 10:2; John 4:35-38)

Jesus prepares to return with His sickle for judgment (Joel 3:13); this is the last mention of the head of Jesus in the Bible, and it is much different from the first mention (Matthew 8:20).

The term "son of man" represented the humanity of Jesus. (Matthew 9:6; 10:23; 11:19)



"Clouds" were the transport of the divine (Daniel 7:13)

Revelation 14:15 might be similar to a prayer from an angel to Jesus on the cloud. The prayers of believers often have this kind of urgency. Some theologians believe that the individual on the cloud in Revelation 14:14 was not Jesus, and this angel was commanding the individual with the sickle.

The Greek term for "crown" (stephanon στέφανον) is the "victor's crown" and is meant for recognition and esteem of an accomplishment.

Revelation 14:17-20 is the "Grape Harvest" of unbelievers (Isaiah 63:2-3; Jeremiah 51:33; Lamentation 1:15; Joel 3:13; Revelation 19:15)

The "Temple" refers to God's presence as the spiritual Temple (Hebrews 8:2; 9:11,23-24).

Old Testament purification laws directed the unclean outside of the camp (Leviticus 8:17; 9:11).

The harvests of grapes were always a time of judgment. (Isaiah 63:2-3; Jeremiah 51:33; Lamentations 1:15; Joel 3:13)

The angel may have come from the altar of incense in response to the prayers of believers. (Revelation 6:10)

The Lord Jesus comes in wrath as He tramples out (as if a wine press – Is 63:2) the evil of this world filling the length of Israel (approximately 200 miles) with blood (this is the same distance from Dan (the northernmost point of Israel) to Beersheba (the southernmost point)).

The Bowls of Judgment (Revelation 16:1-9)

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth **the seven bowls of the wrath of God.**"

² So the first *angel* went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and **a harmful and painful sore afflicted the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.**

³ The second *angel* poured out his bowl into **the sea, and it became blood** like *that* of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.

⁴ Then the third *angel* poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and **they became blood.**

⁵ And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, **the One who is and who was**, O Holy One, because You judged these things;

⁶ for **they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink.** They deserve it."

⁷ And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

⁸ And the fourth *angel* poured out his bowl upon **the sun**, and it was given **power to scorch people with fire.**

⁹ And the people were scorched with fierce heat; and **they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.**

¹⁰ And the fifth *angel* poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and **his kingdom became darkened**; and they gnawed their tongues because of **pain**,

¹¹ and **they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.**

¹² The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

Similarities Between Bowls, Trumpets & Plagues

Bowls		Trumpets		Plagues		
1	Revelation 16:2	Painful Sores	Revelation 8:7	Hail/Fire/Blood	Exodus 9:9	Boils
2	Revelation 16:3	Sea of Blood	Revelation 8:8	Sea of Blood	Exodus 7:20	Nile of Blood
3	Revelation 16:4	Rivers of Blood	Revelation 8:10	Creatures of Sea Died	Psalms 7:44	Creatures of Sea Died
4	Revelation 18:8	Scorched by Sun	Revelation 8:12	Moon/Stars Darkened	Exodus 10:22	Darkness

The 5th Bowl Judgement is Darkness (Revelation 16:10)

Armageddon (Revelation 16:13-21)

¹³ And I saw *coming* out of the **mouth of the dragon**, and out of the **mouth of the beast**, and out of the **mouth of the false prophet**, **three unclean spirits like frogs**;
¹⁴ for they are **spirits of demons, performing signs**, which go out to the kings of the entire world, to **gather them together for the war** of the great day of God, the Almighty.

¹⁵ (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. **Blessed** is the one who stays awake and **keeps his clothes**, so that he will **not walk about naked** and *people* will not see his shame.”)

¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called **Har-Magedon**.

¹⁷ Then the seventh *angel* poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, **“It is done.”**

¹⁸ And there were flashes of **lightning and sounds and peals of thunder**; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake *was it, and* so mighty.

¹⁹ The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. **Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God**, to give her the **cup** of the wine of His fierce wrath.

²⁰ And every **island fled**, and **no mountains were found**.

²¹ And **huge hailstones**, weighing about a talent each, came down from heaven upon people; and **people blasphemed God** because of the plague of the hail, because the hailstone plague was extremely severe.

These spirits come from the mouth, so demons will be conveyed through discussions and speeches

Jews considered frogs as unclean in the food laws (Leviticus 11:10, 31)

Frogs were the second plague of Moses (Exodus 8:3).

Miraculous signs lead unbelievers astray.

The **one-world government** (Babylon) is led by the beast. (Revelation 14:8; 16:12-16).

The spiritual defeat of Babylon (Revelation 17) will occur along with the physical fall of Babylon (Revelation 18).

Harlot (Universal Religion)

Beast kills the Harlot

“It is finished!”

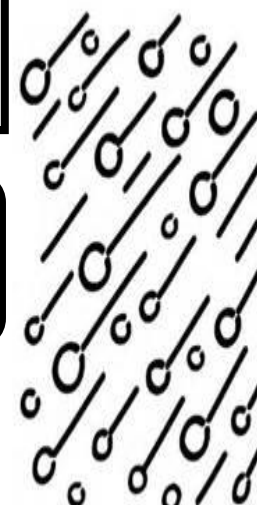
Mt Megiddo (Armageddon) “Hill of Slaughter”

The phrase “God remembers” infers judgment

Governments (mountains – Daniel 2:35; Ps 97:5; Micah 1:4; Nahum 1:5) and smaller powers (islands of government or commerce) will be removed.

Hail (greater than 100 lbs.) falling on unrepentant people

100 Lbs.



The Land Belongs to God

(Exodus 9:29; Deuteronomy 10:14; Psalm 24:1, 89:11; 1 Corinthians 10:26)

On May 14, 1948, in Tel Aviv, the Jewish Agency Chairman David Ben-Gurion declared the State of Israel, establishing Israel as the first Jewish country after two millennia.

Man's Hateful Conquest

The 1964 charter of the Palestine National Council (PNC) demanded "*the recovery of the usurped homeland in its entirety*". By 1969, the phrase, "*Free Palestine from the river to the sea*" came to mean one democratic secular state instead of Israel's Jewish State.

Hamas (a militant Palestinian Islamic terrorists group) used "*from the river to the sea*" in its 2017 charter which advocated for the dismantling of Israel & the genocide of Jewish residents (removal & extermination of all Jews of the region.)

"From the River to the Sea"

God's Peaceful Rule

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
And the horse from Jerusalem;
The battle bow shall be cut off.
He shall speak peace to the nations;
His dominion shall be 'from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.'"*

(Zechariah 9:9-10)

"From the River to the ends of the Earth"

The Great Harlot (“Spiritual Babylon”) (Revelation 17:1-7)

¹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you **the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,**

² with whom **the kings of the earth** committed *acts of sexual immorality*, and those who live on the earth became **drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality.**”

³ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a **woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.**

⁴ The woman was **clothed in purple and scarlet**, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls, **holding in her hand a gold cup full of abominations** and of the unclean things of her sexual immorality,

⁵ and on her forehead a name *was* written, a mystery: **“BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”**

⁶ And I saw **the woman drunk with the blood of the saints**, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. When I saw her, I wondered greatly.

⁷ And the angel said to me, “Why do you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

Babylon, the prostitute (as Israel’s idolatry is symbolized by adultery) sits on many waters (has authority over many nations)

Old Testament Cities Called “Whore”	
Tyre (Phoenicia)	Isaiah 23:15-16
Nineveh (Assyria)	Nahum 3:4
Jerusalem (Judah)	Isaiah 1:21; Ezekiel 16:31, 35; 23

The one world government is synonymous with the “Harlot of Babel.”



The Number “Seven” Complete Authority & Control

**Satan/Dragon (Revelation 12:3)
Antichrist/the Beast from the Sea (Revelation 13:1-10)
False Prophet/Beast from the Land (Revelation 13:11-18)**

The Kings of the earth form this malevolent alliance against the one true God. The kingdoms of the world are linked to Babylon through idolatry based on materialism and commerce.

The number “**ten**” represents “organization and government” while the symbol of “**horns**” represents power, so the dragon will have complete organizational power and control.

The Beast (Revelation 17:8-14)

⁸ “The **beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come** up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who live on the earth, **whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world,** will wonder when they see the beast, that he was, and is not, and will come.

⁹ Here is the mind which has wisdom.

The seven heads are seven mountains

upon which the woman sits,

¹⁰ and they are **seven kings; five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come;** and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

¹¹ The beast which was, and is not, is himself also an eighth and is *one* of the seven, and he goes to destruction.

¹² The **ten horns which you saw are ten kings** who have not yet received a kingdom, but **they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour.**

¹³ **These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast**

¹⁴ These will **wage war against the Lamb,** and the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful.”

Satan mimics the nature of the Lord
“*who was, who is, and is to come.*”
(Revelation 1:4, 8; 4:8)

The beast would receive a mortal wound and appear to return to life.
(Revelation 13:3)

Rome is called the
“*the city of the seven hills*”
frequently by ancient writers.
(1 Peter 5:13)

San Francisco also has
“seven hills,” and it is the
location where the United
Nations was created in 1945.



Empires who fought God's people (Daniel 2:1-8):

- Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece were “*the five who had fallen.*”
- Rome as “*the one who is current*”
- The end-time anti-God empire as “*the one who will come for a little while*”

A Series of Roman Emperors:

- Augustus (27BC-14AD), Tiberius (14AD-37AD), Caligula (37AD-41AD), Claudius (41AD-54AD), and Nero (54AD-68AD) were “*the five who had fallen.*”
- Vespasian (69AD-79AD) as “*the one who is current*”
- Titus (79AD-81AD) as “*the one who will come for a little while*”

The phrase “*for a single hour*” is repeatedly used by John to emphasize a brevity of time.
(Revelation 18:10, 17, 19)

The Beast Destroys the Harlot (Revelation 17:15-18)

Coexist

¹⁵ And he said to me, “**The waters which you saw where the prostitute sits are peoples and multitudes, and nations and languages.**

Social Chaos

¹⁶ And the **ten horns** which you saw, and **the beast**, these will hate the prostitute and will make her desolate and naked, and will eat her flesh and will burn her up with fire.

¹⁷ For **God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose** by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

God's Purpose & Plan

¹⁸ **The woman whom you saw is the great city**, which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

1 The beast used the whore (false religion) to **consolidate power via a universal religion** of Catholicism, Islam, Judaism, etc.

2 After power was **consolidated**, there was no longer any reason to compete with this false religion for authority.

Chapters 17 & 18 are complimentary as God uses His creation to fulfill His will.



- In chapter 17 of Revelation, God uses the wicked to fulfill His purpose.
- In chapter 18 of Revelation, God is judging directly Himself.

Jesus died for His Bride.

Satan will kill his prostitute.

The beast (with the support of the ruling coalition) will now discard the false religion (the prostitute) and destroy her.

The Fall of the Physical Babylon (Revelation 18:1-8)

¹ After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having **great authority**, and the earth was **illuminated from his glory**.

² And he cried out with a mighty voice, saying, “**Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!** She has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

³ For all the nations have fallen because of the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and **the kings of the earth have committed acts of sexual immorality with her**, and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the excessive wealth of her luxury.”

⁴ I heard another voice from heaven, saying, “**Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive any of her plagues;**

⁵ for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and **God has remembered her offenses**.

⁶ Pay her back even as she has paid, and give back *to her* double according to her deeds; **in the cup which she has mixed, mix twice as much for her**.

⁷ To the extent that **she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, to the same extent give her torment and mourning;** for she says in her heart, ‘I sit *as* a queen and I am not a widow, and will never see mourning.’

⁸ For this reason **in one day her plagues will come**, plague and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong.

The Greek term for “*authority*” (exousian ἐξουσία, is only used to describe an angel in this one verse in revelation.

This same term was used to define the authority that God the Father had given to God the Son. (John 5:27)

Believers are called out of Babylon is so that they will not be lured into Babylon’s sin and incur Babylon’s wrath.

When the phrase “*God remembers*” is used in the Bible, it is referencing a time of judgment.

To “*pay back double*” infers full justice or judgment with “*interest*.”

In Scripture, the “*cup*” (potēriō ποτηρίω) often symbolizes judgment.

The sinner will “*reap what is sown*.” The judgment of sin correlates to the sin itself. (Psalm 137:8; Jeremiah 50:15,29; Matthew 7:2; Revelation 13:10).

The Grieving Loss of the Physical Babylon (Revelation 18:9-20)

⁹ “And the **kings of the earth**, who committed *acts of* sexual immorality and lived luxuriously with her, **will weep and mourn over her** when they see the smoke of her burning,
¹⁰ **standing at a distance** because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘**Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city!** For **in one hour your judgment has come.**’
¹¹ “And the **merchants of the earth** weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargo any more—
¹² cargo of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk, and scarlet; every *kind of* citron wood, every article of ivory, and every article *made* from very valuable wood, bronze, iron, and marble; ¹³ cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle, sheep, and *cargo* of horses, carriages, **slaves, and human lives.**
¹⁴ The fruit you long for has left you, and all things that were luxurious and splendid have passed away from you and *people* will no longer find them.
¹⁵ The **merchants of these things, who became rich from her, will stand at a distance** because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,
¹⁶ saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and **purple and scarlet**, and adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls;
¹⁷ for **in one hour** such great wealth has been laid waste!’ And **every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor**, and all who make their living by the sea, **stood at a distance**,
¹⁸ and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘**What city is like the great city?**’ → **As Christians Ask “who is like our God,”** (Exodus 15:11; Psalm 35:10; 71:19; 77:13; 89:6, 8; 113:5; Micah 7:19)
¹⁹ And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and mourning, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, in which all who had ships at sea became rich from her prosperity, for in one hour she has been laid waste!’
²⁰ **Rejoice over her, Oh heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets**, because God has pronounced judgment for you against her.”

**1 Hour
or
Quickly**

The Correlation of the Demise of Babylon & Tyre		
1.	Revelation 18:11	Ezekiel 27:31, 36
2.	Revelation 18:12-13	Ezekiel 27:12, 13, 22
3.	Revelation 18:15	Ezekiel 31, 36
4.	Revelation 18:17	Ezekiel 26-30
5.	Revelation 18:18	Ezekiel 32
6.	Revelation 18:19	Ezekiel 30-34

Seven Categories of Traded Merchandise		
Revelation 18:12		
1.	Precious Materials	Gold, silver, precious stones, pearls
2.	Fine Attire	Linen, purple, silk, and scarlet
3.	Valuable Furniture	Durable wood, ivory, bronze, iron, marble
Revelation 18:13		
4.	Spices	Cinnamon, spice, incense, perfume, frankincense
5.	Food	Wine, olive oil, fine flour, wheat
6.	Domestic Work	Cattle, sheep, horses, carriages
7.	Servants	Slaves; human lives

Harlot was dressed in Lost Merchandise (Revelation 17:4; 18:6)

“Commercial friends and alliances” of Babylon will watch her destruction from a distance.

The apostles and prophets had been persecuted because the gospel message hurt the idolatrous business. (1 Corinthians 4:9-13; Acts 19:23-41)

Self-focused Grief

The Wedding Feast (Revelation 19:1-10)

Hallel Yahweh

"Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord."

First use of
"Hallelujah" in
New Testament

Used four times in
the New Testament
And all in this chapter.
(Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6)

Eternal

Hebrew: Hallelujah

Greek: Alleluia

Amen

God's Three=Part Title ("Lord God Almighty")

Revelation 1:8; 4:8; 11:7; 15:3; 16:7, 14; 19:6, 15; 21:22

- The LORD - the Covenantal name of Yahweh
- God – the Old Testament name of Elohim
- Almighty – the Patriarchal name of El Shaddai

Jewish Wedding Customs

- Betrothal Commitment
- Waiting Period
- Seven-day Wedding Celebration

**Marriage:
A Love-based
Covenant**

¹ After these things I heard *something* like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "**Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God,**

² **BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS;** for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and **HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER."**

³ And a second time they said, "**Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES FOREVER AND EVER."**

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne, saying, "**Amen. Hallelujah!**"

⁵ And a voice came from the throne, saying, "Give praise to **our God**, all you His bond-servants, **you who fear Him**, the small and the great."

⁶ Then I heard *something* like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters, and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.**

⁷ Let's rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, because **the marriage of the Lamb** has come, and His bride has prepared herself."

⁸ It was given to her **to clothe herself in fine linen**, bright *and* clean; for **the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

⁹ Then he said to me, "**Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.'**" And he *said to me, "These are the true words of God."

¹⁰ Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "**Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours** and your brothers *and sisters* who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

The Parousia (2nd Coming) (Revelation 19:11-21)

¹¹ And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

¹² His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many crowns; and He has a name written *on Him* which no one knows except Himself.

¹³ He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

¹⁵ From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

¹⁶ And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: **“KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”**

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in midheaven, **“Come, assemble for the great feast of God,**

¹⁸ so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, both free and slaves, and small and great.”

¹⁹ And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse, and against His army.

²⁰ And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone.

²¹ And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Diadems Represent Royal Crowns of Authority

Revelation 12:3	Satan	7 Diadems
Revelation 13:1	The Beast	10 Diadems
Revelation 19:12	The Lord	“Many” Diadems

Conquering (victorious) Roman Generals commonly rode on White Horses.

His eyes (vision/understanding) were that of fire (symbolic of judgment – Revelation 1:14)

Blood on the Robe of Jesus

Might reflect Christ’s own redemptive blood (Revelation 1:5; 5:9; 12:11) that enables the white robes of the following verse. (Revelation 7:14)

Might be from the battle with the world’s ungodly armies. (Isaiah 63:2-3; Jeremiah 51:33; Lamentations 1:15; Joel 3:13)

The triumphant return of the Lord is mentioned at the conclusion of each judgment cycle: Seals (Revelation 6:12-17); Trumpets (Revelation 11:15-18); Bowls (Revelation 19:1-21).

“For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword...” (Hebrews 4:12).

“You shall break them with a rod of iron.” (Psalm 2:9)

“Strap Your sword on Your thigh, Mighty One in Your splendor and majesty!” (Psalm 45:3)



Stark Contrast between the Lamb’s invitation to join His wedding feast (Revelation 19:7) and the angel’s invitation for the birds of prey to come feast (Revelation 19:17)

The Fate of Satan (Revelation 20:1-10)

¹ Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding **the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.**

² And he took hold of **the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;**

³ and he threw him **into the abyss** and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that **he would not deceive the nations any longer**, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be **released for a short time.**

⁴ Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And *I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God*, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. **This is the first resurrection.**

⁶ **Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection;** over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

⁷ When the thousand years are completed, **Satan will be released from his prison,**

⁸ **and will come out to deceive the nations** which are at the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to gather them together for the war; **the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.**

⁹ And they came up on the **broad plain of the earth** and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and **fire came down from heaven and devoured them.**

¹⁰ And **the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

A “key “
(kleis κλεῖς)
represents a right and authority to access.
(Revelation 1:18; 20:1)

The “abyss”
(abyssou ἀβύσσου)
means “depth” and refers to Tartarus
(2 Peter 2:4).

The force of Satan and his demons has always been to deceive the people of the world.
(Revelation 12:9 13:11-14; 16:14; 19:19; 20:8).

Two Resurrections Drastically Different (John 5:25-29)

Two Resurrections:	Focus of Resurrection	Scripture References
First Resurrection	Christ	1 Cor 15:23; Rev 1:5
	Church	1 Cor 15:23; 1 Thes 4:16
	Old Testament & Tribulation Believers	Is 26:19; Dan 12:2
Second Resurrection	Unbelievers	Rev 20:12-13

Gog (“ruler/roof/man on top”) is mentioned nine times in Scripture as the title (e.g., czar, pharaoh) of the leader while Magog (“head”) is his native land

Thrown into the Lake of Fire (Hell)

Revelation 19:20	Antichrist & False Prophet
Revelation 20:10	Satan
Revelation 20:14	Death & Hades
Revelation 20:15	Unbelievers

The White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them

Revelation 12:8

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The “white” stands for the purity of His horse (Revelation 19:11) & His throne which was established for judgment (Psalm 9:7).

The old, fallen heaven and earth have fled away from the holiness of the victor (2 Peter 3:10); however, there would be no place for them, they would be completely eliminated (Revelation 21:1) making way for a new heaven and earth. (2 Peter 3:10-13)

Two End Time Books of God (Daniel 7:10; Revelations 20:12)	
The Book of Life (God’s People)	Exodus 32:32-33 Psalm 69:28 Daniel 12:1 Luke 10:20 Philippians 4:3 Revelation 3:5; 17:8
The Book of Remembrances/Works (All People)	Psalm 56:8, 139:16 Isaiah 65:6 Malachi 3:16

In the second resurrection (the resurrection of unbelievers), unbelievers will be judged according to their works. A single sin results in the judgment of hell (James 2:10); however, hell will have various levels and intensities of torment. (Matthew 11:20-24; 12:41-42; Luke 10:12, 14; John 19:11; Hebrews 10:29; James 3:1)

All will be judged; however, the Bema Seat judgment of believers will result in varying degrees of rewards. (2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10)

Those physically living, but spiritually dead (from the sea – “world’s system) as well as those who were physically and spiritually dead were given up to the Great White Throne Judgment (1 Corinthians 15:26; 1 Peter 1:17).

In the lake of fire, ongoing death is a way of existence in hell. Death (Revelation 1:18) and hades (Revelation 6:8) are committed/restricted to those in hell alone. (Hebrews 1:14)

There will be no death in heaven because death and hades will be confined to hell.

Revelation 20:14 gives assurance that the believer will finally be free from death & hades. (1 Corinthians 15:26,54-55; 2 Timothy 1:10; Revelation 1:18; 21:4)

Those not covered by the lamb are committed to hell (Revelation 19:20; Malachi 3:16; Jeremiah 17:13; Psalm 97:3)



There is a 1,000-year gap (the millennium) between chapters 20 and 21 of Revelation.

The New Heaven & New Earth (Revelation 21:1-8)

Isaiah 65:17-19

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."



⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

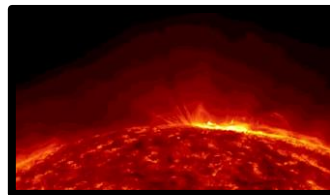


⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.



⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

⁸ But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



This earth will pass away (Isaiah 65:17; Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33; 2 Peter 3:10,13) The "sea" symbolizes the chaotic world system which is not only calmed and quieted (Revelation 4:6, 15:2), but completely eliminated. (Psalm 2; Isaiah 17:12-13; 57:20; Revelation 13:1; 17:15)

The Greek term for "new" (kainon καινόν) references the quality of heaven and earth. (2 Peter 3:10-13)

Although mankind strives to "save the world" and bring "world peace", this can only be achieved through the Lord as all good things come from God (James 1:17). this new city represents all believers (Revelation 21:9-10) coming down from the Lord (Galatians 4:26; Hebrews 11:10; 12:22; 13:14)

Things That Will No Longer Exist in Heaven

1.	Sea	Revelation 21:1
2.	Death	Revelation 21:4
3.	Mourning	Revelation 21:4
4.	Crying	Revelation 21:4
5.	Pain	Revelation 21:4
6.	Curse	Revelation 22:3
7.	Night	Revelation 22:5

While Babylon was called the "Great City" (Revelation 16:19; 17:18; 18:10, 16, 18, 19, 21), Jerusalem is called the "holy city" – or literally the "city holy" (polin tēn hagian - πόλιν τὴν ἁγίαν). (Luke 4:9)

God's Word is called "faithful & true" which was the title written on Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:11).

God encourages John to write these things down as if John had been awestruck by the new Jerusalem.

"It Is Finished"

Establishment of:	Reference
1. Plan of Salvation	John 19:30
2. Judgment of Sin	Revelation 16:17
3. Reward of Believers	Revelation 21:6

An overcomer relies on the Lord for salvation and then sanctification with continual victory over sin (1 John 5:4-5).

The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:9-21)

⁹ Then **one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues** came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you **the bride, the Lamb's wife.**"



¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me **the great city, the holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. **Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.**



¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are **the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:**

¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

¹⁴ Now **the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

¹⁵ And he who talked with me had a **gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.**

¹⁶ The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. **Its length, breadth, and height are equal.**



¹⁷ Then he measured its wall: **one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.**

¹⁸ The construction of its wall was *of* jasper; and the city *was* pure gold, like clear glass.

¹⁹ **The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones:** the first foundation *was* jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,



²⁰ the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

²¹ **The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl.** And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like transparent glass.



The measurement of the sides of the new Jerusalem is 1500 miles. The length, width and height are equal which reflects perfection and completeness in symmetry

The Holy of Holies was squared off in perfect symmetry and order in the presence of God (2 Chronicles 3:8).



Revelation 21:17 is categorized as a "human measurement" as if the spiritual dimensions might have a wholly other meaning and measuring schema.

Again the stone of Benjamin (Jasper - Rev 21:11) is identified as the defining characteristic of the city with Benjamin meaning "Son of my right hand" emphasizing the strength (right hand) of God being with Jesus (God's Son). Gold symbolizes royalty.

Although the walls had the names of the 12 apostles (Rev 21:14) which reflected the New Testament believers, the walls had the birthstones of the tribes of Israel symbolizing the integration between old and new testaments.

Precious Stones in the New Jerusalem Wall (Revelation 21:19-20; Isaiah 54:11-17)

Stone	Color	Tribe	Meaning	Story Line
1. Jasper	Diamond	Benjamin	Son of the Right Hand	<i>God's Powerful Son</i>
2. Sapphire	A brilliant blue stone	Dan	He Vindicates/Judges	<i>Vindicates</i>
3. Chalcedony	Sky blue with colored stripes	Joseph	May God Add	<i>And Brings</i>
4. Emerald	Bright green stone	Levi	Attached / Joined	<i>More</i>
5. Sardonyx	Red and white striped stone	Asher	Happy	<i>Joy</i>
6. Sardius	Various shades of Red	Reuben	See, a son	<i>God's sons</i>
7. Chrysolite	Transparent gold or yellow	Naphtali	My Struggle / Wrestling	<i>Struggle</i>
8. Beryl	Shades of green, yellow & blue	Zebulun	Honor/Looking for a Home	<i>In seeking their home</i>
9. Topaz	Yellowish green	Simeon	One who Hears & Obeys	<i>As they hear & obey</i>
10. Chrysoprase	Gold tinted green	Judah	Praise the Lord	<i>Resulting in praise</i>
11. Jacinth	Blue or violet colored	Gad	Good Fortune	<i>& good fortune</i>
12. Amethyst	Purple stone	Issachar	Reward	<i>& an eternal reward</i>

The Glory & Honor of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:22-27)

22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.



23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb *is* its light.

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.



25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).



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

27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.



In the New Jerusalem, there will not be a need for a temple to provide a means for a man to fellowship with God; no need to go anywhere to worship God because believers will constantly be in His presence.

The heavenly Temple (Hebrews 9:23) will no longer be needed because there is perfect fellowship between God and His people.

Jesus is the light of the world (Isaiah 24:23; 60:19-20; Zechariah 14:6-7; Psalm 36:9; John 8:12, 9:5); spiritually, the Lord will give understanding and clarity. No more cycles of the day followed by the night – no more cycles of obedience/blessing followed by sin/judgment.



There will be nations in eternity (after the White Throne Judgment) where people will understand (light/enlightenment) God's will and ways (Psalm 72:10-11; Isaiah 49:23; 60:3, 15-16)

Believers are deemed kings and priests (Revelation 5:10) as all of the nations are represented in the bride of Christ.

There will be no darkness with hidden sin and motives, but all will be exposed and safe in the new Jerusalem. (Matthew 6:23; 8:12; 22:13; 25:30) The eternally open gates were prophesied in the Old Testament (Isaiah 60:11; Zechariah 14:6-7).

God's glory will be reflected in the coming and going of His people (Matthew 5:14).

There will be an eternal separation between the clean and the unclean. (Isaiah 52:1; Ezekiel 44:9; Zechariah 14:21)

Those who enter are only those whose names are in the Lamb's book of life (Malachi 3:16; Jeremiah 17:13)



The River & Tree of Life (Revelation 22:1-5)

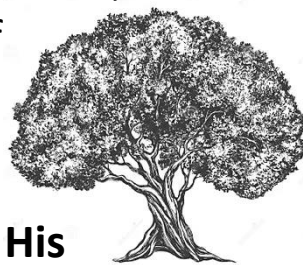
¹ And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

A single throne of God the Father & the Son.

² In the middle of its street, and on **either side of the river, was the tree of life**, which bore **twelve fruits**, each **tree yielding its fruit every month**. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing of the nations**.

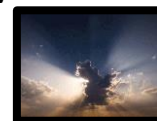


³ And there shall be **no more curse**, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and **His servants shall serve Him**.



⁴ They shall see His face, and **His name shall be on their foreheads**.

⁵ There shall be **no night** there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for **the Lord God gives them light**. And they shall reign forever and ever.



The river of life (Amos 5:24; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Ps 46:4) contained living water which causes the drinker to never thirst again (Jn 4:13-14)

“And by the river on its bank, on one side and on the other, will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month because their water flows from the sanctuary, and their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing.”
(Ezekiel 47:12)

Believers are called to love which means humble service. There will be no greater thrill than to serve the Lord throughout eternity.

Darkness, hidden things and shame will no longer exist as the believers live together in the light of knowledge and understanding (Is 60:19).

Revelation 22:5 fulfills the promise of Revelation 2:26 for an eternal reign of believers. (Daniel 2:44; 7:14,18; Isaiah 9:7; Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Revelation 11:15)

Old Testament descriptions of paradise included rivers (Genesis 2:10; Psalm 46:4; Ezekiel 47:1-12; Zechariah 14:8). Repeatedly, water was used as a spiritual symbol. (Isaiah 12:3; 44:3; 49:10; Jeremiah 2:13; 17:13; John 4:10-14; 7:37-39)

The tree of life (not mentioned in Scripture since Genesis 3) has two trunks on each side of the river of living water (possibly the Old and New Testament) or the two witnesses that surround the lampstand (Zechariah 4:1-14).

The Greek word translated "healing" is "therapeia" meaning "service rendered" (i.e., medical service), and could speak of peace and emotional healing between nations that have always been plagues by war.

There is no curse of death anymore (Genesis 3:14-19; Zechariah 4:11).

The focus (every thought) of God's servants will be God Himself which will be evident to all (Deuteronomy 6:8; Revelation 19:13)

Having God's name on the forehead symbolizes that there will be godly thoughts and a godly focus.

The Epilogue (Revelation 22:6-11)

⁶ Then he said to me, “**These words *are* faithful and true.**” And the **Lord God of the holy prophets** sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.



⁷ “**Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.**”

⁸ Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.**



⁹ Then he said to me, “**See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.**”

¹⁰ And he said to me, “**Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.**



¹¹ He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; **he who is holy, let him be holy still.**”

**WHO
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ARE**

The epilogue begins with the validation of the prophecy and the reason that the Lord is sharing this message – that believers (God’s servants) will know what takes place quickly (Revelation 1:1).

The “God of the spirits of the prophets” emphasizes the inspiration of the Old Testament (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21) as well as the inspiration of the New Testament (2 Peter 3:15-16). “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” (Revelation 19:10).

God emphasizes the need for attention with “LOOK!” (“Behold”) to express His swift return (Revelation 16:15, 22:12)

This is the sixth blessing of the “Revelation beatitudes” (Revelation 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14).

John either repeats his earlier failure (Revelation 19:10) or once again automatically worships an angel who brings the message of God. It is critical that believers do not worship the messenger (e.g., Preacher, Teacher, Leader, Facilitator, Singer, etc.) instead of the Lord.

Instead of John making this same mistake twice, the same event may have simply recorded twice. The wording of Revelation 22:9-10 is very similar to the wording of Revelation 19:10.

The angels consider themselves slaves like John, the prophets and all who keep the words of the Bible. Obedience to God’s Word is an absolute outcome of genuinely accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Some servants of God are gifted, but they are not to be worshipped – never confuse the messenger with the Message. Believers should be careful about who is applauded in worship services (Acts 10:25-26; Matthew 17:4-5).

Man will continue to pursue life/death according to his heart (Hosea 4:17; Ezekiel 20:39; Zechariah 11:9)

Men will be who they are; their actions will reveal their genuine heart towards God. (Matthew 12:33)

Characteristics of Jesus (Revelation 22:12-17)

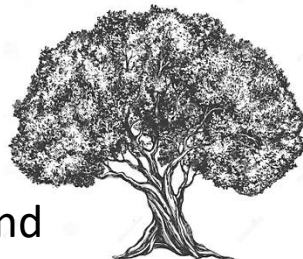
12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.



13 I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**, *the Beginning* and *the End*, the **First** and the **Last**.”



14 **Blessed** *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, and may enter through the **gates into the city**.



15 But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the **Root** and the **Offspring of David**, the **Bright and Morning Star**.”



17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “**Come!**” And let him who hears say, “**Come!**” And let him who thirsts come. **Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.**

Works matter, and everyone (believer and unbeliever) will be judged (1 Corinthians 3:13). God will judge (Isaiah 59:18, Jeremiah 21:14, Ezekiel 18:30, Matthew 16:27, Romans 2:6, 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 20:13) every man (2 Corinthians 5:10).

This description of “Alpha and Omega” applies to God the Father and God the Son. (Revelation 1:8; 21:6). By applying these three synonymous concepts to Himself, Christ claims eternal equality with God (Revelation 1:8, 17; 2:8; 21: 6).

Coming to the Lord takes an act of the will to accept His gift and live obediently to Him. Jesus is the gate (John 10:9)

Those Not Allowed into the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:15)	
Category	Definition
1. Dogs	Rapacious Gentiles who remain in their sin – Deuteronomy 23:18; Matthew 7:6, 27; Luke 16:21; Philippians 3:2; 2 Peter 2:22
2. Sorcerers	Witchcraft, New Age, Hollywood Black Magic
3. Sexually Immoral	Pleasure Seekers
4. Murderers	Haters
5. Idolaters	Worshipping the wrong thing/person
6. Liars	Deceiver

Jesus references His “angel” (or messenger) to share the truth about the glorified “Lamb” with the churches. (Revelation 1:1)

The phrase “outside of the city” might be an allusion to unbelievers who do not dwell in an intimate relationship with God in the new heaven and earth.

As the root, Jesus established the throne of David, and as the offspring, Jesus came in the flesh via the royal lineage (Matthew 1:6; Luke 2:4, 3:30).

Jesus fulfills the Davidic covenant and promise made by God. (2 Samuel 7:12-13)



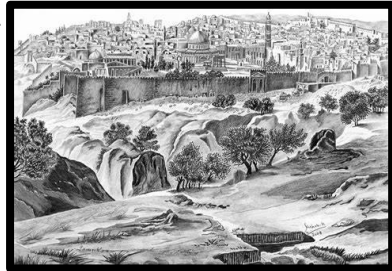
Jesus Is Coming Again (Revelation 22:18-21)

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: **If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;**

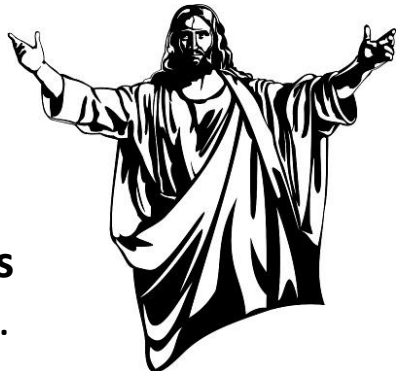


¹⁹ **and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.**

All Scripture
is God-breathed and is useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction
and for training in righteousness
2 Timothy 3:16



²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, **“Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!**



²¹ **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.**

The conclusion of Scripture is an open invitation to everyone who will come to Christ. (Romans 3:24; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8).

Every word of Scripture should be regarded as God’s holy word; man cannot choose select passages to believe and other passages to discard.

These verses are a warning against false teachers who intentionally twist the message of God for their own personal gain.

Closing with a prayer to Jesus awaiting His return. The same one who authenticates the Bible confirms that He will be coming quickly. (Matthew 13:34-36; 24:43; 25:1-13; Luke 12:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:2,4; 2 Peter 3:10)

Scripture concludes with an assurance from the Lord Jesus that He is coming again.

The last remark is agreement with God’s Word (“Amen” meaning “so be it”). All believers are saints endowed with God’s grace.

God’s grace initiates and concludes the life of the Christian, and the rewards of the Christian are a testimony to all of creation about God’s grace to the unworthy.

The term “grace” (charitos χάριτος) means unmerited favor. This favor occurred because of who believers are in Jesus, His beloved Son. (Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Ephesians 1:6).

Grace represents God’s gift of the Spirit as well as other spiritual gifts.

The root of “charitos” is “chairō” which means to rejoice. This is also the root of the English word “charity.”

The term “Amen” is meant to confirm; it means “so be it”, “I affirm” or “I agree.”

All of Scripture is the inspired Word of God. Man will either reject God altogether, align himself with manmade beliefs, or accept the truths that God has revealed in Scripture.

The word “Amen” is transliterated from Hebrew (Hebrew: אָמֵן Greek: ἀμήν).



Jesus



among culture proper Son
 way sacrifice servant follow humility called serve saw must
 hard sin come freely question three conversation heaven
 Moses wanted become life enough child better though much others greatest
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 Matthew seems behind God's asks God story
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