



I. The Book of Revelation is the longest most detailed prophecy in the Bible. It is the revealing of the events leading up to the second coming of Jesus Christ. It reveals the judgment coming upon the world and the beginning of God's Kingdom upon the earth. This prophecy reveals the future of the Church, the nation of Israel, and all the nations of the earth.

A. There is a blessing for those who study the book of Revelation. *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is near.*—Revelation 1:3 MEV

B. It should be clearly understood by believers who read this prophecy that church is exempt from these judgments. We have grace and peace from the Father and have been made priests and kings through our Lord JESUS CHRIST. *John, To the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*—Revelation 1:4-6 MEV

C. JESUS CHRIST will return with His Church and all will the world will see it. Clouds are a reference to the church. *He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*—Revelation 1:7 MEV. The oldest prophecy in the Bible declares this, given before the flood of Noah's day. *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.*—Jude 1:14 KJV

D. The Apostle John experiences a personal rapture on the Lord's Day and hears a the sound of a trumpet. He is overwhelmed with a personal encounter with JESUS and receives a series of visions that describes the Day of the Lord.

1. John's experience was a supernatural encounter with the risen Christ. *I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet.*—Revelation 1:10 AMPC

2. John's encounter with JESUS is a picture of Christ in His second coming with glory and power: *In the midst of the seven candlesticks was one like a Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and with a golden sash wrapped around the chest. The hair on His head was white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters. He had in His right hand seven stars, and out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword. His appearance was like the sun shining brightly.*—Revelation 1:13-16 MEV



3. John's instructions are to record everything he sees for the benefit of the Church: *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and, What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea. —Revelation 1:11. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. — Revelation 1:19*

4. John's message to the 7 churches is an expression of a word of knowledge and a word of wisdom to each of the churches of Asia. Each church is admonished with these words, "*hear what the Spirit says*" and "*to him that overcomes...*" Each of these admonitions includes the promise of eternal life. It reveals that believers in JESUS...

a) "*will eat the tree of life in the midst of paradise.*" — Revelation 2:7

b) "*shall not experience the 2<sup>nd</sup> death.*" — Revelation 2:11

c) "*shall eat hidden manna, a white stone with a new name.*" — Revelation 2:17 (Stones served as admission tickets to public festivals and assemblies, this could mean admission to the marriage supper.)

d) "*shall have power over nations.*" — Revelation 2:26

e) "*shall be clothed, name in the book of life, acknowledged before all of heaven.*" — Revelation 3:5

f) "*shall be a pillar in the New Jerusalem.*" — Revelation 3:12

g) "*shall sit with me on My throne.*" — Revelation 3:21

E. John then has an experience of being caught up to heaven and brought before the throne of God. There he witnesses the believers of all ages worshipping before the throne of God in Revelation 4 and 5. The vision is filled with symbols that requires a proper interpretation. The key to proper interpretation is to 1) keep the scripture in context, 2) keep a literal view and do not allegorize the text, 3) use other scripture to interpret the symbols, and 4) have an good understanding of the Old Testament.

1. John's rapture experience is a picture of what the Church will soon experience! Christ will bring us to the throne of God the Father. *After this I looked. And there was an open door in heaven. The first voice 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." Immediately I was in the Spirit. And there was a throne set in heaven with One sitting on the throne! — Revelation 4:1-2 MEV*



2. The rainbow about the throne of God represents grace. Remember God's promise to Noah? He found grace in the sight of the Lord and set rainbow in the clouds. *And He who sat there appeared like a jasper and a sardius stone. There was a rainbow around the throne, appearing like an emerald.* — Revelation 4:3 emergency

3. The 24 elders represent the church of Jesus Christ who have been redeemed and rewarded. The church has received its reward for service, they have white robes which represents the gift righteousness and gold crowns which represents the believers' authority in Christ. The number 24 also speaks of a priesthood called to offer up worship to God, we see a type and shadow of this in 1 Chronicles 23:4-5. *Twenty-four thrones were around the throne. And I saw twenty-four elders sitting on the thrones, clothed in white garments. They had crowns of gold on their heads.* — Revelation 4:4 MEV

4. The seven lamps represent the Holy Spirit, the number seven in scripture always speaks of fullness and completion. *Lightnings and thunderings and voices proceeded from the throne. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.* — Revelation 4:5 MEV

5. The 4 living creatures represents a special class of angels that are directing worship. *Before the throne was a sea of glass like crystal. In the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.* — Revelation 4:6-7 MEV

6. The Lamb represents JESUS receives the scroll of judgement from the Father's right hand. *Then I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look in it. I began to weep loudly, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look in it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." I saw a Lamb in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, standing 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. He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.* — Revelation 5:1-7 MEV

7. The 24 elders again are clearly identified as believers because only believers can sing the song of the redeemed. *When He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of saints. 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, and have made us kings and priests unto our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voices of many angels, numbering ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 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!” Then I heard every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that are in them, saying: “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!” The four living creatures said, “Amen.” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped Him who lives forever and ever. — Revelation 5:8-14 MEV*

II. GOD’s judgments are released from chapters 6 to 19 and the church is before God’s throne praising God for His righteous judgments being released on the earth.

A. This period of time is called the hour of tribulation which had been prophesied by all of the Old Testament prophets as the “day of the Lord”. *Because you have kept My word of patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation which shall come upon the entire world, to test those who dwell on the earth. — Revelation 3:10 MEV*

1. The prophecy of Revelation is centered around the nation of Israel. It is a part two of what Jesus prophesied from the Mount of Olives in Matthew 24 at the close of His ministry.
2. Jesus in Matthew 24 makes reference to Daniel’s prophecy in connection with this time of great tribulation. The prophecy given by the Angel Gabriel to Daniel reveals a period of 490 years of God’s dealings with the Nation of Israel. Seven years are left and will take place after the temple is rebuilt. At the conclusion the Nation will accept their Messiah and be restored to begin Christ’s kingdom on the earth.
3. This prophecy is known as Daniel’s 70 weeks. [24] *“A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. [25] Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler—the Anointed One—comes. Jerusalem will be rebuilt with streets and strong defenses, despite the perilous times. [26] “After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple. The end will come with a flood, and war and its miseries are decreed from that time to the very end. [27] The ruler will make a treaty with the people for a period of one set of seven, but after half this time, he will put an end to the sacrifices and offerings. And as a climax to all his terrible deeds, he will set up a sacrilegious object that causes desecration, until the fate decreed for this defiler is finally poured out on him.” — Daniel 9:24-27 NLT*



B. During the worship, God the Father has given the scroll to JESUS (the Lamb of God). In Revelations 6 Christ then removes the seven seals of judgments revealing what will take place over a time of 7 years leading up to His return. The seven seals indicate that these judgments carry divine authority and can only be executed by the Son.

C. *The 1<sup>st</sup> seal reveals a white horse which represents the antichrist who will bring global conflict to the Nations. And I looked, and there before me was a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow. And a crown was given to him, and he went forth conquering that he might overcome. — Revelation 6:2 MEV*

1. *The 2<sup>nd</sup> seal reveals a red horse which represents war. Then another horse that was red went forth. Power was given to him who sat on it to take peace from the earth, causing people to kill one another. Then a great sword was given to him. — Revelation 6:4 MEV*

2. *The 3<sup>rd</sup> seal reveals a black horse which represents great famine. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there was a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not harm the oil and the wine." — Revelation 6:5-6 MEV*

3. *The 4<sup>th</sup> seal reveals a pale horse which represents death and hell, the 4 seals affect 1/4 of the earth. When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" So I looked, and there was a pale horse, and the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed him. Power over a fourth of the earth was given to them, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. — Revelation 6:7-8 MEV*

4. *The 5<sup>th</sup> seal reveals the martyrdom of believers, this is a recurring theme in the vision, it reveals a great harvest of souls and great persecution. When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had held. They cried out with a loud voice, "How long, O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers should be completed, who would be killed as they were. — Revelation 6:9-11 MEV*

5. *The 6<sup>th</sup> seal reveals cosmic judgments coming upon the earth from the heavens exactly as Jesus said would take place at His return in Matthew 24:29,30. I watched as He opened the sixth seal. And suddenly there was a great earthquake. The sun became black, like sackcloth made from goat hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when it is shaken by a strong wind. Then the heavens receded like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. — Revelation 6:12-14 MEV*





a) JESUS described frightening events coming from the heavens saying, *"There will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; mens hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."* — Luke 21:11,25,26 MEV

b) God will be using the stars of heaven which He created to judge the world. This is consistent with the judgments that took place in the days of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:20-37).

c) To more fully appreciate how God has performed judgements in the Old Testament pay attention to one of the titles of God the prophets used. God is referred to as 'Lord of Hosts'. This title is associated with God executing judgments recorded in the Old Testament of 'hail, fire and brimstone", a "whirlwind", a "blast" These are undoubtedly celestial events that have taken place.

6. The seventh seal will give more detail about the sixth seal. It reveals why the judgments are coming. God's is avenging His people. *When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it onto the earth. And there were noises, thundering, lightning, and an earthquake.* — Revelation 8:1-5 MEV

D. The 7th seal reveals angels blowing 7 trumpets. The blowing of trumpets In the Old Testament are associated with warfare in Scripture. These judgments are executed by angels from the throne of God. It is a picture of God declaring war upon the nations of the earth. All of these judgments are coming from the heavens (outer space). The effects of these judgments are devastating to life on earth.

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet reveals fire and hail (comet) that burns one third of the earth's vegetation. *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mixed with blood, and they were thrown upon the earth. A third of the trees and all the green grass were burned up.* — Revelation 8:7 MEV

2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet reveals a mountain (asteroid) thrown into sea that turns a third of the seas to blood, and destroys a third of ships (tsunamis). *Then the second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea. A third of the*



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*sea became blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. — Revelation 8:8-9 MEV*

3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet reveals a star called Wormwood (comet) from heaven poisons a third of the fresh waters. *The third angel sounded, and a great star from heaven, burning like a torch, fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of this star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter. — Revelation 8:10-11 MEV*

4. The 4<sup>th</sup> trumpet reveals a third part of the sun, moon and stars darkened causing the days to be shortened (atmosphere effected by cometary strike). *The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day had no light, and likewise a third of the night. — Revelation 8:12 MEV*

E. The last three trumpets are also called three woes to humanity because it is so devastating to life on earth. Symbolism is used to describe these cosmic judgments. *Then I watched, 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 other trumpet blasts of the three angels, who are yet to sound!" — Revelation 8:13 MEV*

1. The 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet is called the 1<sup>st</sup> woe and reveals a star (comet) striking the earth and opening deep pit that releases debris into the atmosphere causing darkness and plague upon men's flesh for 5 months (the plague is describe as if it were locusts). Notice the star is personified and given the name Appolyon, meaning destroyer because of it's devastating effect upon humanity. (Read Revelation 9:1-12)

2. The 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet is called the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe and describes a cometary strike like an army of 200,000,000 with heads and tails spewing fire and brimstone, killing 1/3 of the world population in one hour. The only clear explanation of this many people being wiped out in one hour is a cometary strike from the heavens. This is not an army of men or demons but cosmic events from the heavens. (Read Revelation 9:13-21)

F. The mystery of the little book that John is to eat.

1. The Apostle John eats the book which tastes sweet but is bitter to the stomach because of the 7 bowl judgments which is the climax of these terrible judgments. This occurs between the 6th and 7th trumpet. The 7th trumpet heralds the return of Christ at the end of the 7 year tribulation, *"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." — 10:7 MEV*



2. The church represented by the 24 elders is in heaven worshipping God and about to witness the blowing of the 7th trumpet. *The seventh angel sounded, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying: "The kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sat before God on their thrones, fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who is and was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and begun to reign. The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time has come for the dead to be judged, and to reward Your servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there came lightning, noises, thundering, an earthquake, and great hail. — Revelation 11:15-19 MEV*

G. The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet is the third woe which releases the angels with 7 bowls of wrath at the close of the great tribulation when the mystery of God is finished.. Each of these 7 bowl judgments correspond to the 7 trumpet judgments, there seems to be a cause and effect relationship between the two. These bowls of wrath are also called plagues, they describe what the planet is like at the time Christ returns. These plagues are a result of the previous trumpet judgments, the earth being hit by comets, asteroids, and/or meteorites. God's wrath is so severe that Jesus said in Matthew 24:22, "Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> bowl reveals malignant sores upon men's flesh (effects of the 1st trumpet). *Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth." The first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and foul and grievous sores came on the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. — Revelation 16:1-2 MEV*

2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> bowl reveals the seas turned to blood, nothing left alive (effects of the 2nd trumpet). *The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea. It became like the blood of a dead man, and every living creature in the sea died. — Revelation 16:3 MEV*

3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl reveals all fresh water turned to blood (effects of the 3rd trumpet). *The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. — Revelation 16:4 MEV*

4. The 4<sup>th</sup> bowl reveals men scorched with great heat (effects of the 4th trumpet). *The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. — Revelation 16:8 MEV*

5. The 5<sup>th</sup> bowl reveals great darkness over the antichrist seat of power located in the middle east (effects of the 5th trumpet). *The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of*





*the beast, and his kingdom was filled with darkness. They gnawed their tongues because of the anguish. — Revelation 16:10 MEV*

6. The 6<sup>th</sup> bowl reveals the Euphrates river is struck and completely dried up to make a way for the nations to march for the battle of Armageddon (effects of the 6th trumpet). *The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great Euphrates River, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the East. — Revelation 16:12 MEV*

7. The 7<sup>th</sup> bowl—the final cosmic impact brings 100 pound hail and triggers a global earthquake that brings down all the cities of nations and removes mountains and islands. (the effects of the 7th trumpet). *The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were noises and thundering and lightning and a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake, as had never occurred since men were on the earth. The great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the Great was remembered before God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. Great hail, about the weight of a hundred pounds, fell from heaven upon man. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because that plague was so severe. — Revelation 16:17-21 MEV*

### III. The glorious return of Jesus Christ with His Church

A. The church is before the throne of grace rejoicing over God's judgment poured out upon the inhabitants of the earth. *After these things I heard a great sound of many people in heaven, shouting: "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants." Again they said: "Alleluia! Her smoke rises forever and ever." The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sat on the throne, saying: "Amen! Alleluia!" — Revelation 19:1-4 MEV*

B. The church is now ready to return for the marriage supper of the lamb which begins the millennial reign of Christ. *Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" Then I heard something like the sound like a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying: "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. It was granted her to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white." Fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." — Revelation 19:5-9 MEV*

C. Christ and the armies of heaven, the Church and angels descend from heaven to fight at the battle of Armageddon. *I saw heaven opened. And there was a white horse. He who sat on it is called*



*Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written, that no one knows but He Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood. His name is called The Word of God. The armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, with which He may strike the nations. "He shall rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury and wrath of God the Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. —Revelation 19:11-16 MEV*

*D. The battle of Armageddon. And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice to all the birds flying in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather for the supper of the great God, to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of commanders, the flesh of strong men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great!" Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to wage war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. But the beast was captured and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone. The remnant were slain with the sword which proceeded out of the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds gorged themselves with their flesh. —Revelation 19:17-21 MEV*

*E. Christ sets up God's Kingdom upon the Earth for 1000 years.. During this time the Church will rule with Christ and Israel will experience peace, prosperity and the fulfillment of all the promises God made to Abraham's posterity concerning the land of Israel. Jerusalem will become the center of worship for all nations throughout the millennium. Israel will be the head of all nations and the Gentiles will bring their wealth and glory to Israel.*

*1. During this time Satan is bound. And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be set free for a little while. — Revelation 20:1-3 MEV*

*2. The church as well as all those who received Christ during this time of great tribulation shall rule with Christ. I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and the authority to judge was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness of Jesus and for the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who takes part in the first resurrection. Over these the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with Him a thousand years. — Revelation 20:4-6 MEV*



3. After the millennium Satan will be loosed to tempt nations and then bound for eternity. *When the thousand years are ended, Satan will be set free from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle. Their number is like the sand of the sea. They traveled the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. But fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet were. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever. — Revelation 20:7-10 MEV*

4. The Great White Throne Judgment of all unbelievers takes place at the close of the millennium. *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His face the earth and the heavens fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God. Books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to their works as recorded in the books. 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 by his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. — Revelation 20:11-15 MEV*

F. John is given a glimpse of eternity.

1. God renovates the heavens and the earth with fire and brings forth a New Heaven and New Earth. *Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth." For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no more sea. I, John, saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven, saying, "Look! The tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them. They shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 'God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. There shall be no more death.' Neither shall there be any more sorrow nor crying nor pain, for the former things have passed away." — Revelation 21:1-4 MEV*

2. The New Jerusalem our eternal home comes to the New Earth. *One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came to me and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, her light like a most precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were written: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. — Revelation 21:9-14 MEV*



3. We will enjoy our fellowship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for eternity. *Then he showed me a pure river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street. On each side of the river was the tree of life, which bore twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. Night shall be no more. They need no lamp nor the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.* — Revelation 22:1-5 MEV

4. We have a clear admonition in view of the revelation of JESUS CHRIST.

*"Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."* — Revelation 22:7 MEV

*"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."* — Revelation 22:12 MEV

*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.* — Revelation 22:17 MEV

IV. The Apostle John is also shown mysteries that reveals the final harvest of the righteous and wicked during the tribulation. Jesus gave a parable concerning the final harvest of good and evil at His return. (Matthew 13:24-43)

A. The final harvest is reaped in Revelation 7, 14, and 15

1. 144,000 Jews are commissioned to preach the Gospel to the Nations. — 7:1-8
2. Multitudes of Gentiles will be saved out of the tribulation. — 7:9-17
3. The 144,000 Jewish are before the Lord on Mt. Zion (Israel) singing a song of victory at the end of 42 months of great tribulation. — 14:1-5
4. Angels are commissioned to preach during the last 42 months. — 14:6-13
5. The Lord descends and fights the Nations at the battle of Armagedon where a river of blood will flow 180 miles down the River Jordan from Mt. Hermon to the Dead sea. This event is referred to as treading the grapes of wrath. — 14:14-20
6. The sea of glass and fire represents the martyrs singing the victory song. These are people who during the tribulation who overcame the beast. — 15:1-8



B. Two witnesses are anointed to preach against the Anti-christ from Jerusalem in Revelation 11

1. They preach during the last 42 months of the tribulation, their testimony is placed between the 2nd woe (the 5th trumpet) and third 3rd woe (the 7th trumpet).s —11:1-14
2. The seventh angel trumpet blasts brings closure to the tribulation. Notice that the 24 elders (representing the redeemed of all ages) are in heaven during the 7th angel's trumpet praising God for His judgments— 11:15-19

C. The mystery of Israel's persecution revealed—CH 12

1. The woman is Israel who flees to a place and is protected for 42 months.
2. The man-child is Israel's Messiah, Our Lord Jesus. Israel brought the seed of Abraham into for the blessing of the world.
3. The dragon is Satan who is cast down from heaven and tries to destroy Israel. Satan has always been Israel's adversary. "Now Satan stood up against Israel..." —1 Chronicles 21:1

D. The beast from the sea is the Anti-christ—CH 13:1-10; 17:8-14

1. The anti-christ is described as a beast out of the sea that leads a 7 headed and 10 horned beast. The 7 heads represent 7 empires in history recorded in the Old and New Testament that oppressed the nation of Israel. They are the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Grecian, Roman and finally, the Ottomon empires.
2. One of the 7 heads is revived and becomes the 8th kingdom. The beast that "that was, is not, and yet is" (Reveleation 17:11) is one of the 7 empires that existed before coming back to power in the last days. Who is the 8th?
  - a) The description of part leopard, part bear, part lion may suggest where the Anti-christ (the 8th kingdom) will arise from. Daniel had a similar vision of this beast rising in the last days.—Daniel 7:1-19. Daniel's vision addressed the nations which are today's Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, and Iran.
  - b) This beast, headed by the anti-christ, will persecute Israel and believers for 42 months after the abomination in the rebuilt Jewish Temple. Daniel also saw the same beast persecuting Israel for 42 months.—Daniel 7:19-27

E. The beast from the earth is the false prophet.— 13:11-18





1. The false prophet institutes a mark for its followers to wear in allegiance to the Antichrist. Taking this mark would condemn one to hell. The question must be asked, what is the one sin that condemns people to hell?. It is the rejection of The Lord Jesus Christ. (John 3:16-18).
  - a) If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God.—Revelation 14:9-10.
  - b) Consider this: The head and arm bands worn by Islamic Jihadists has inscribed upon it the creed of Islam which denies the Father and the Son. It is safe to conclude that the mark of the beast may well be the mark and creed of Islam.
  
2. The translation of 3 Greek letters into the number 666 is based on a system called gematria where each Greek letter of the alphabet has an assigned numerical equivalent. Reading from left to right, the first Greek letter,  $\chi$  (pronounced “chi”) had a numerical value of 600. The middle Greek letter,  $\xi$  (pronounced “xi”), and it had a numerical value of 60. The third Greek letter,  $\varsigma$  (pronounced “stigma”) and had a numerical value of 6.
  - a) Strong’s dictionary: The 22nd, 14th and an obsolete letter (G4742 as a cross) of the Greek alphabet (intermediate between the 5th and 6th) used as numbers; denoting respectively 600 60 and 6.
  - b) G4742. stigma stig'-mah from a primary stizo (to "stick", i.e. prick); a mark incised or punched (for recognition of ownership), i.e. (figuratively) scar of service:--mark.
  
3. Consider this: The mark of the beast may be something entirely different. Reading from right to left and viewing the Greek letter,  $\xi$  as an Arabic symbol we come up with a different meaning.
  - a) The Greek letter  $\varsigma$ —“mark, or badge of service”.
  - b) The Greek letter  $\xi$ —may also be the Arabic character “bismillah,” which means “in the name of Allah.”
  - c) The Greek letter  $\chi$ —may also represent the crosses swords frequently associated with Islamic symbols.
  
4. The mark of the beast will become perfectly clear when the false prophet arises after the rapture.



5. Consider this: Islam also has a system of buying and selling called Hallal. All products marked Hallal have been dedicated to the Islamic god Allah.

F. Babylon the Great—CH 17,18

1. Babylon the Great is Personified as the mother of harlots. A harlot is a false religion that rejects the true Gospel. (4 clues to her identity)—17:1-6

a) She is drunk with the blood of the Saints. “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

b) She is a city in a vast desert wilderness.

c) She has great wealth that influences leaders of nations.

d) She has an influence of idolatry (false religion) over nations.

e) Consider this: Mecca, Saudi Arabia, the center of worship for Islam, is the only city and Nation that fulfills all 4 clues.

2. The Beast out of the sea will destroy the city, Babylon the Great, toward the end of the tribulation.—17:7-18

3. Babylon the Great will be destroyed in one hour. The call of repentance is given for Muslim people to come out of Islam and accept the free gift of pardon which is only found in JESUS CHRIST.—18:1-8

4. The world mourns over the destruction of Babylon the Great because its wealth is destroyed.—18:9-20

5. Babylon the Great is found guilty of the blood of the prophets and saints. Islam will be the driving force in the persecution of believers during the tribulation.—18:21-24