

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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### **And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book**

Him that sat on the throne is God the Father

The right hand represents the hand of power, meaning the book and all that it represents under the control of the power of God

The opening of this book will initiate the tribulation period which is followed by the 1000 year reign of Christ and the Golden Age

### **sealed with seven seals.**

As each of these seals is opened an additional segment of the tribulation is initiated.

Seal 1 – white Horseman

Seal 2 – red Horseman

Seal 3 – black Horseman

Seal 4 – pale Horseman

Seal 5 – the martyrs of Christ

Seal 6 – the great earthquake

Seal 7 – Silence in heaven

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*And I saw a strong angel* (Luke 1:18)  
proclaiming with a loud voice, *Who*  
*is worthy to open the book, and to*  
*loose the seals thereof?*

Revelation 5:2



### And I saw a strong angel

This angel may well be Gabriel because the name Gabriel means “the strength of God”

**Luke 1:18-19** And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, **I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God;** and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

### Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

This challenge is made to the whole of creation (men, angels, demons... all creation)

The book refers to a scroll that is in the hand of the Father sealed with seven seals

The requirement to open the book and to loose the seals on it is “worthiness”

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*And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

Revelation 5:3-4

### **And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth,**

“no man” implies that one of the qualifications to answer this call is - to be a man, else God the Father could have opened the book

This short phrase excludes any and all men from worthiness as “no man” was able to open the book

No resurrected man in heaven, no damned man in hell, and no man living on the earth is worthy

Billions of men and women have lived on this planet since Adam, literally billions . . . But yet “no man”

### **I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.**

John comes to the understanding that “no man” meaning no pastor, no prophet, no apostle, no patriarch, not David, not Moses, not Paul.

If this book is not opened the world would remain locked in the cycle of sin. Degradation. The book **MUST** be open for earth to enter into the Kingdom Age

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And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, *the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

Revelation 5:5



### **Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book,**

This title refers to Jesus, he is called the lion of the tribe of Juda because Jesus descended from the tribe of Juda

He is called the root of David because he descended from David's lineage

### **to loose the seven seals thereof.**

What Jesus did at the cross in voluntarily becoming the atoning victim makes him worthy to open the books

He died for the sins of repentant man and is now qualified to judge the sins of unrepentant man

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*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*



### **in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders**

This indicates that the center of attention in heaven is that which the Apostle now sees

The idea is that within the focus of the 24 elders is the four living ones and within them the throne of God and after that the Lamb

### **a Lamb as it had been slain**

Although the elder spoke of Him as the lion of the tribe of Judah John looks to see a lamb

This does not mean John saw a lamb, it is merely a metaphor. He saw Jesus with the nail scars in His hands

The phrase “*a Lamb as it had been slain*” is the chief thought of this chapter and as well it is the chief thought of this book and is also the chief thought of the entire bible

This phrase indicates that the focus of this heavenly scene is the slain lamb which points directly to the Cross of Calvary

### **seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God**

The horns represent dominion and seven of them indicated absolute, universal dominion

The eyes represent illumination and seven of them represent absolute and universal illumination

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*And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

Revelation 5:8

### **he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.**

This indicates that the Lamb is the one opening the seals which brings about the tribulation and the Father as seated in the throne.

### **the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb**

This moment in heaven is electric as the 4 living ones and the 24 elders who represent the church fall in worship before the Lamb

### **every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours**

The Greek indicates that it is the 24 elders only that have the harps and vials and this does not pertain to the living ones

### **the prayers of saints.**

This “vials full of odours” represent every prayer prayed throughout time in which God’s people have asked the Lord to come quickly and return

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*And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

Revelation 5:9-10

### **And they sung a new song, saying**

Verse 9 and 10 constitute the lyrics of this new song being sung in heaven

### **Thou art worthy**

The lyrics reiterate the gospel message and they emphasize the slain Lamb

We have seen the focus of attention being the slain lamb, now the focus of the musical worship is also the slain lamb

### **out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;**

Meaning that redemption was purchased for and is offered to all of mankind (*every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation*)

### **hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

This means exactly what it says, the redeemed church will ultimately be kings and priests and will reign

Jesus is the King of Kings and the High Priest of humanity, and as He is so are we

He is King Of Kings (we are the kings He is king of)

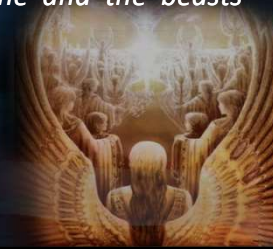
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*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;*

Revelation 5:11



### **I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders**

John's focus now expands as he becomes aware of the angelic host joining into the praises of the Lamb and of the Father

We have the throne encircled by the living ones, encircled by the 24 elders encircled by the myriad of angels

### **ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands**

ten thousand is the largest number in Greek and is used to represent an infinite number

We have in this verse a quadruple plural to show the vast number of angels (myriads of myriads)

Literally this would be translated one trillion but probably should not be taken literally

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Saying with a loud voice, *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain* to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:12



### **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain**

The focus of all of this attention and praise is the slain Lamb which directly points to Jesus finished work of atonement

### **power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.**

This is a sevenfold blessing given to Jesus all resulting from His sacrificial death for mankind's sins

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.*

Revelation 5:13

**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**

This means exactly what it says, all of creation (animate and inanimate) will worship and praise the Lords Jesus Christ and the Father

**be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever**

The praise is given to God the Father and to God the Lamb

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*And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.*

Revelation 5:14



### **And the four beasts said, Amen**

The word “Amen” means truly

### **the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him**

We can clearly see from this chapter that there is no lack of worship and praise in heaven



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Eschatology – The study of end-time events Isa 46:9

As the account of creation is clear and unobstructed so the account of the end of the world system is clear and unobstructed.

Revelation is meant to be understood.

Eschatology – The study of end-time events

No other book or source accurately tells the future as though it were the past.

**Isaiah 46:9-10** Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

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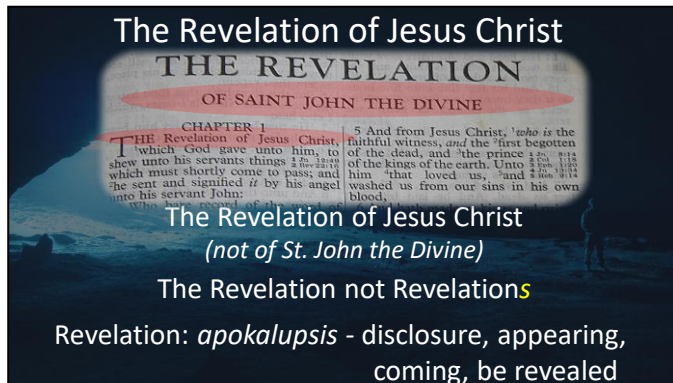
## Symbolisms and Metaphors

1. The majority of the book can be taken in the literal sense
2. We must avoid spiritualizing what is to be taken in the literal sense
3. It must only be spiritualized when it can not be taken literally

Some of the things seen in the heavens defy description

•So graphical symbols were used to communicate those scenes

**Rule** - We should avoid spiritualizing what is to be taken in the literal sense



## Revelation = Apokalupsis

- The focus of the entire book is the coming of the Lamb
- The wrath in this book– The wrath of the Lamb

## Jesus' Two Comings

- Jesus' first coming was to deal with SIN
- Jesus second coming deals with Sinners



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Write the (1) things which thou hast seen, and (2) the things which are, and (3) the things which shall be hereafter;

Revelation 1:19

Rev 1:-1 – 1:20 The things which you have seen  
*(John sees Jesus & the Church)*

Rev 2:-1 – 3:22 The things which are  
*(7 letters to the 7 churches)*

Rev 4:-1 – 22:21 The things which shall be hereafter  
*(Prophecies of end-time events)*

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Rev 6:1 – 8:-1	Seven Seal Judgments
Rev 8:2 – 11:-19	Seven Trumpet Judgments
Rev 15:1 – 16:-21	Seven Bowl Judgments
Rev 19:1 – 19:21	The Second Advent of Christ
Rev 21:1 – 22:21	The Golden Age ( <i>Eternity Future</i> )

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

Luke 21:32-34

Revelation 1:1

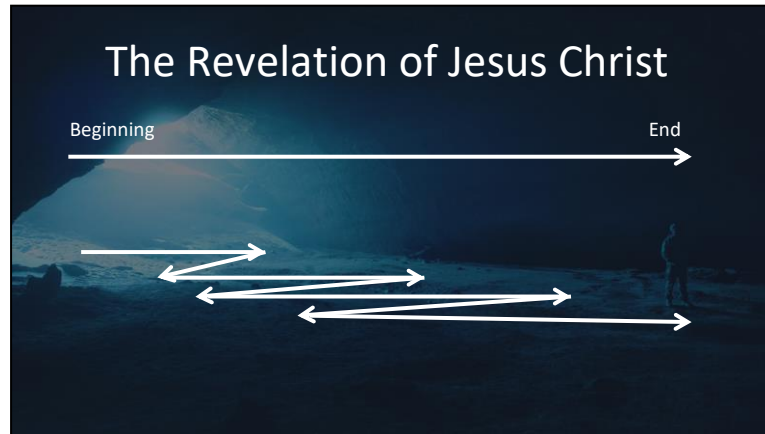
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• This is not the “revelation of St John the Divine” but rather the revelation of Jesus Christ

### shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass

God wanted you and I to see these things BEFORE they come to pass.

**Luke 21:32-34** Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and **so that day come upon you unawares.**



### The timeline of Revelation is not linear

**Revelation 7 and Revelation 14:** Both chapters mention the 144,000 sealed servants of God. Revelation 7 introduces the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel, while Revelation 14 describes them standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion.

**Revelation 10 and Revelation 11:** The interlude between the sixth and seventh trumpets in chapters 10 and 11 revisits themes of prophecy and witnessing. Chapter 10 features the mighty angel with the little book, and chapter 11 discusses the two witnesses.

**Revelation 12 and Revelation 13:** These chapters provide different perspectives on the same period of tribulation. Chapter 12 focuses on the woman, the dragon, and the child, while Chapter 13 describes the rise of the beast from the sea and the beast from the earth.

**Revelation 16 and Revelation 19:** The descriptions of the final battle and God's wrath against the wicked are found in both chapters. Chapter 16 describes the pouring out of the seven bowls of God's wrath, while Chapter 19 recounts the final victory of Christ and the destruction of the beast and the false prophet.

**Revelation 17 and Revelation 18:** These chapters both focus on the judgment of Babylon. Chapter 17 describes the vision of the woman on the scarlet beast, symbolizing the corrupt religious system, while Chapter 18 details the fall of Babylon the Great, symbolizing the corrupt commercial system.

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*Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear** the words of this prophecy, **and keep** those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

Rev 1:2-3

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### Who bare record of the word of God

John regards himself as merely a witness to the revelation shown him by Jesus Christ

The thought is that through these visions Jesus allowed John to see visually the revelation of Jesus Christ. John is merely bearing witness to what he was shown

### **Blessed is he that readeth and they that heareth**

In ancient times the letter was read in the early church and heard by those attending

The blessing of those who hear and read continue to this day

### **and keep those things**

•Keep: *(tereo tay-reh'-o)*

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John to the seven churches which are in Asia:  
Grace be unto you, and peace, *from him which is, and which was, and which is to come*; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; Isaiah 11:2 Revelation 1:4

**which is, and which was, and which is to come**

- speaks of Him as being the **Eternal One** (*Jehovah Elihom = I AM Eternal Creator*)
  - Alpha & Omega
  - Beginning & End
  - First & the Last

**from the seven Spirits this speaks of the “sevenfold spirit” of God** (*not seven individual spirits*)

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Like the fruit of the Spirit. There is one gift with 9 manifestations

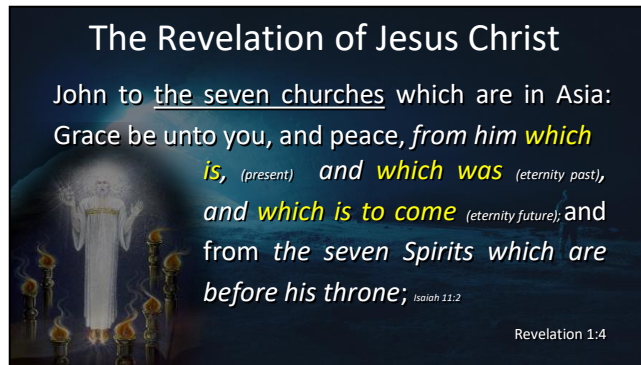
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4. the spirit of counsel
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6. the spirit of knowledge
7. the spirit of the fear of the LORD



- "This is the geographical location of the seven churches of that day. Each was about a day's journey from the last and the next of the seven cities."



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*And from Jesus Christ, who is **the** faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that (1) loved us, and (2) washed us from our sins in his own blood, And (3) hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.***

Rev 1:5-6

### **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,**

This refers to the life of Jesus on earth, (*the incarnation*) and that Jesus is the ONLY faithful witness to the truth

### **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

This speaks of a degree of love that far exceeds the comprehension of man

We are to remember, Jesus' sacrificial death was also voluntary (*He washed us from our sins in his own blood*)

### **hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father**

The atonement purchased in Jesus' blood, not only forgave our sin but brought us into a special relationship with the Father

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*Behold, he cometh with clouds;* (Acts 1:9-11) *and every eye shall see him,* (Matt 24:27) *and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

Rev 1:7



### **Behold, he cometh with clouds;**

The term “clouds” has a twofold meaning

The second advent will be accompanied by (1) the Shekinah Glory Cloud and (2) a cloud of saints (see Heb 12:1)

**Acts 1:9-11** And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; **and a cloud received him out of their sight.** And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus,** which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

### **every eye shall see him**

The second coming of Christ will occur during war in Jerusalem with the news; probably broadcasting it by satellite to televisions, tablets, and cell phones all over the world

**Matthew 24:27** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

### **they also which pierced him**

Refers to the Jewish people also seeing their long awaited Messiah

### **all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him**

Jesus' return will be into a world that has hated and rejected Him. His glory will bring the realization that Christ has come to rule with a rod of iron

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.* Rev 1:8

Alpha **Eternity** Omega

### **I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord**

Jesus is here proclaiming Himself to be The Eternal One, hence God

**Isaiah 43:13** Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

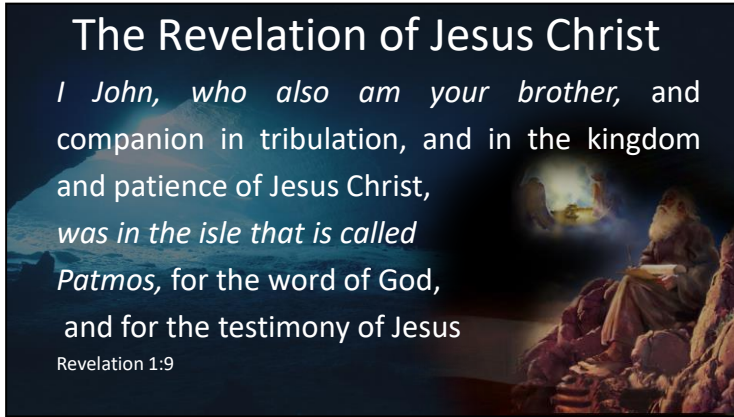
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*I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus*

Revelation 1:9



### **I John, who also am your brother**

Although John was the last living witness to the incarnation, He presents himself not as leader, or teacher, but as brother

### **was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

Patmos was a prison for those who were banned from society; it was a rocky island with sparse vegetation

John was sentenced to Patmos for preaching Jesus; and it was intended that he would die here

### **great voice, as of a trumpet**

Signifies the strength and power of the speaker

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*I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet*

Revelation 1:9-10

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Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, *write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches* which are in Asia; unto *Ephesus*, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Revelation 1:11

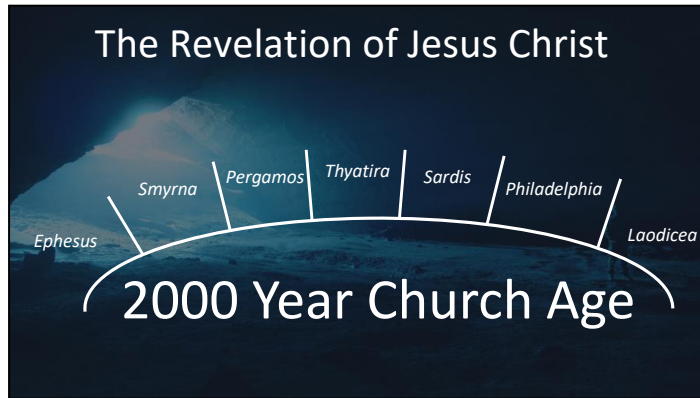
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When Christ desires to speak to the church He speaks through the Pastor of that specific church (*refer to Rev 2:1,8,12,18, 3:1,7,14*)

These seven churches were symbolized by the 2 candlesticks and represent all churches for all times and also 7 distinct church periods

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Ephesus is the church to who the book of Ephesians was written



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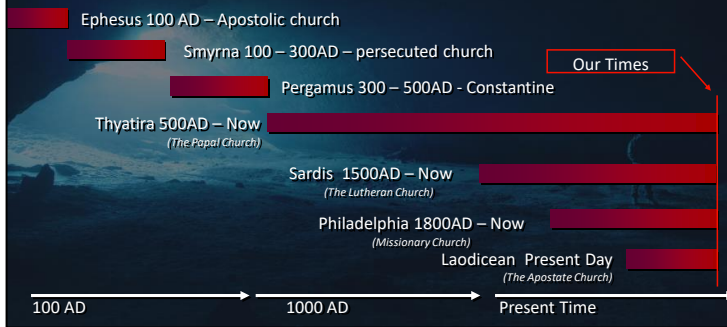
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# The Seven Churches





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And I turned to see the voice that spake with me.  
And being turned, I saw seven golden  
candlesticks; And *in the midst of the seven  
candlesticks* one like unto the Son of man, clothed  
with a garment down to the foot, and girt about  
the paps with a golden girdle.

Revelation 1:12-13

## in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man,

We must remember that Jesus now stands in the midst of the candlestick; meaning that the church age began with Jesus in the church

Not only is He in the midst of the candlesticks (church), but He is the center piece and focus of attention

**Revelation 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

**Rev 1:13** - *in the midst of the seven candlesticks* – depicts Jesus within the church

**Rev 3:20** *Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*

## a garment down to the foot

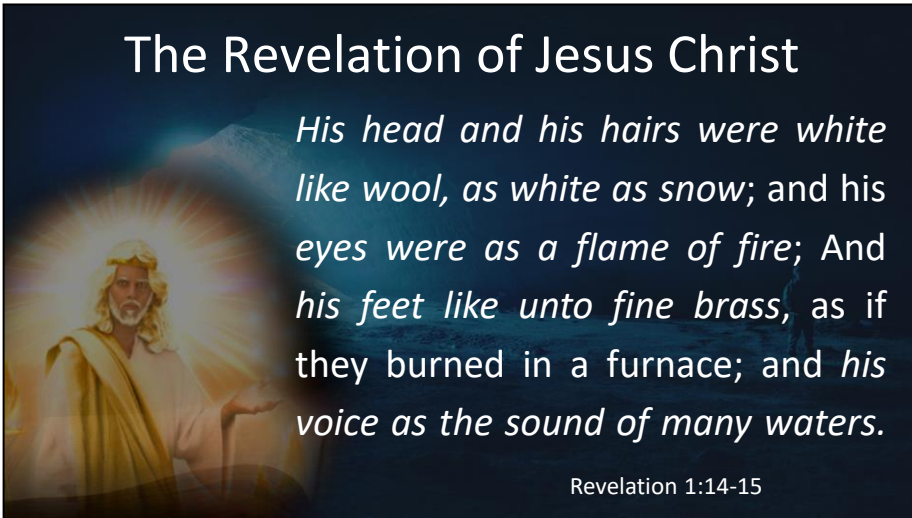
This is Old Testament type imagery depicting the type of garment worn by the priest's, characterizing Christ as the High Priest of the Church

## girt about the paps with a golden girdle

The golden girdle does not mean it was painted gold rather it is made entirely of gold

The golden girdle was worn by one of extremely high rank and represents Jesus as King

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*His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.*

Revelation 1:14-15

## **His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow**

This symbolizes Jesus' glory and majesty, the white hairs representing a degree of wisdom that can only be held by deity

## **eyes were as a flame of fire**

This speaks of the piercing, all-seeing eyes of omniscience, which are able to see into the deepest recesses of the soul

## **his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace**

Denotes his stability and strength, and is not unlike that which was seen by Daniel;

**Daniel 10:5-6** Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and **his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass**, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

## **his voice as the sound of many waters.**

Indicating the power and majesty of His person.

It is a voice unlike anything that man has ever heard, and like the roar of the sea it can not be silenced

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*And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

Revelation 1:16



## **And he had in his right hand seven stars:**

The seven stars indicate the pastors of the seven churches, represented by the seven candlesticks

The fact that they are in His right hand, indicate they are to be under the direct power of the Head of the Church (Christ)

## **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:**

This two-edged sword represents the Word of God, and lays open and obvious the secret thoughts and intents of the heart

**Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## **his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.**

Indicates the power and majesty of His person.

As one can not look directly into the sun due to the strength of it's radiance, so one can not easily look upon Christ in His glory

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

Matt 17:2-8 – Ezek 1:26-28

Revelation 1:17-18

## **when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead.**

Means that John was overcome by the power of God's presence, insomuch that John thought He would die

## **I fell at his feet as dead**

**Matthew 17:2-8** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And **Jesus came and touched them**, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

**Ezekiel 1:26-28** And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. **And when I saw it, I fell upon my face**, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

## **I am the first and the last:**

The first and the last agree with the alpha and the omega of verse 8. It means He is before and after all things

## **I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore**

Means that Jesus was alive through eternity past, became incarnate to suffer death on the cross; was resurrected to never die again

## **have the keys of hell and of death.**

Simply means, that due to Jesus paying the price for man's redemption to judgment; of who will end up in heaven and hell belongs to Him

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Write (1) the things which thou hast seen, and (2) the things which are, and (3) the things which shall be hereafter;

Revelation 1:19

1. The things that John already saw in chapter 1
2. Those things outlined in chapters 2 and 3
3. Those things outlined in chapters 4 – 22

## **which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter**

This is a key scripture, if one is to understand the book of Revelation. It breaks the entire book into three unique parts

1. *the things which thou hast seen* - this refers to the first vision of Christ in the midst of the candlesticks
2. *the things which are* - this has to do with chapters 2 and 3, concerning the seven churches which were in existence; at the time of Johns writing
3. *the things which shall be hereafter* - Pertain to chapters 4 – 22, which are the events surrounding the end of the age

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the ~~angels~~ angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Revelation 1:20

*aggelos* - a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Each letters includes a self identification

Each letters includes Jesus saying *"I Know Thy Works"*

Each letters includes *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"*

Each letters includes a promise of reward

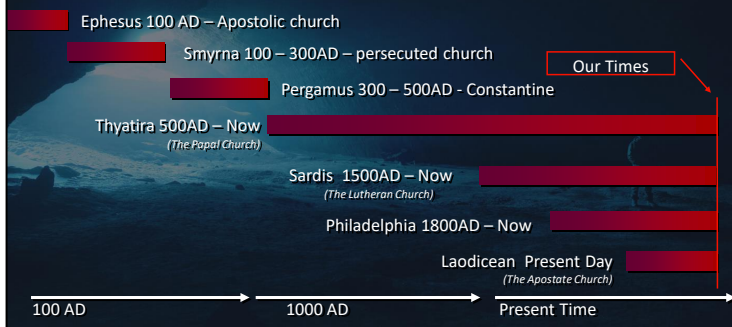
Five of the Seven letters (71%) includes a rebuke

Six of the Seven letters includes a compliment

One of the letters give only rebuke without compliment



# The Seven Churches



## The Church Of Ephesus

*Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;*

Revelation 2:1



### Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write

This is the church to which Paul wrote the book of Ephesians

The church in Ephesus was founded by Paul (*with the help of Priscilla and Aquila*) and Timothy was most likely the pastor at that time

### saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks

This emphasizes that the author of this letter is none other than He that walks around the candlesticks and holds firm the stars (pastors) of those churches

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:*

Revelation 2:2

John 1:47-48

### I know

Is to be understood that the “*knowing*” Jesus speaks of is a “*knowing*” that is that of deity.

**John 1:47-48** Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, **Whence knowest thou me?** Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, **when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.**

Jesus is able to speak the same words “*I Know*” to any church today or individual Christian today

This eyes like flames search far deeper into our hearts than we ourselves can see into our own heart.

### thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars

This phrase gives commendation to the Ephesus church, because they have discerned between real apostles and false apostles

Be grounded in sound doctrine is the only way to discern false apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers,

The modern church seems to have long ago lost the ability discern it’s leadership

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*

Revelation 2:3-4

### **And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.**

The Ephesus church had held fast to correct doctrine and had not wearied or lost faith during adversity

### **Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**

**Nevertheless:** indicates that something is wrong even among all the things that are right

The statement is that “*thou hast left thy first love*”, it does not say that “*thou hast lost thy first love*” this infers a deliberate, willful departure from the first love

### **thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;**

The terminology indicates they had “*fallen from grace*” and the admonition was they do the “*first works*” again

The “first works” imply doing what was first done regarding Christ, which is to put your faith in Christ and the Cross exclusively

### **remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent**

This is not merely a warning but a threat from Christ

If the church does not maintain faith in Christ and the Cross, their candlestick would be removed from its proper place

The removal of the candlestick would leave the city Ephesus in spiritual darkness

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Remember therefore from whence *thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works*; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and *will remove thy candlestick out of his place*, except thou repent.

Revelation 2:5

### **And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.**

The Ephesus church had held fast to correct doctrine and had not wearied or lost faith during adversity

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*

### Definitions

Nicolaitans = Nikao + laos  
Gk: *nikao* = "to conquer"  
Gk: *laos* = "laity"

Nicolaitans = "to conquer the laity"

Revelation 2:6

Romans 12:1

### **But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.**

This is again meant to commend the Ephesus church for discerning and rejecting the deeds of the Nicolaitans

the Nicolaitans" refers to those so-called leaders that dominate their congregations via fear and intimidation

This is rampant in the modern church and often is disguised by describing those who will not bow as being "rebellious to church authority"

**Revelation 2:15** So hast thou also them that hold *the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*

**Romans 12:1** *I beseech you* therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh ~~will~~ ~~eat~~ of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.* Revelation 2:7

Overcomer: one who has stopped attempting to overcome outside of Christ, is an overcomer "in Christ"

Genesis 3:22, Rev 22:14

### **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**

This lets us know that having an ear to hear is not the default position of the Christian. It refers to the ability to hear and understand spiritual matters

**Hebrews 5:11** Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

### **him that overcometh**

This phrase is used in each of the seven letters.

The method of overcoming is never self-effort but rather by faith in the atonement.

The overcomer is he who has learned to stop trying to overcome outside of Christ

### **I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God**

Notice that it is Jesus who gives or declines to eat of the tree of life, and because it was He that paid the price on Calvary to be able to offer it.

### **the tree of life**

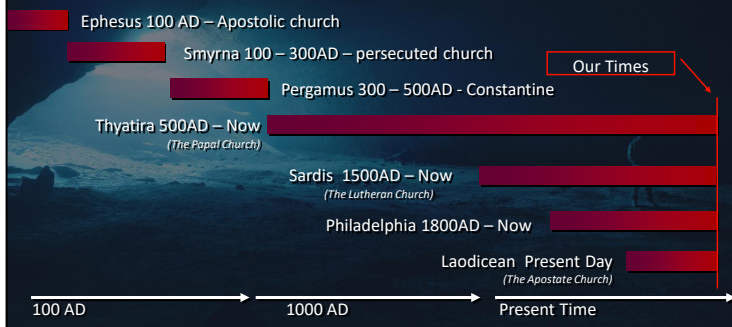
#### *The First Adam lost it*

**Genesis 3:22-23** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

#### *The Last Adam won it back*

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

# The Seven Churches

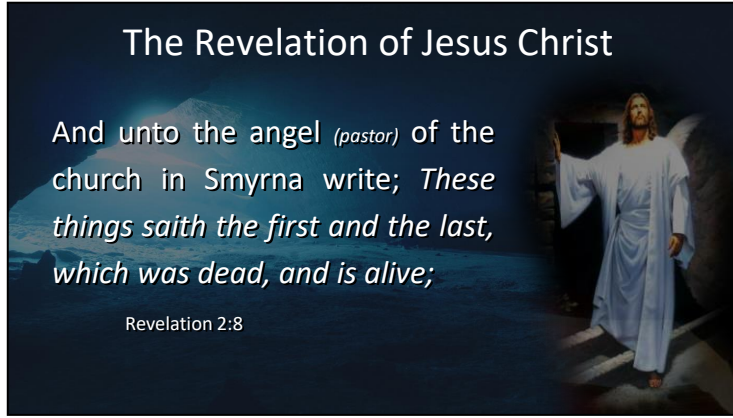




## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And unto the angel *(pastor)* of the church in Smyrna write; *These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;*

Revelation 2:8



**These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;**

This again identifies the same Jesus of chapter one being the author of this letter

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

I know thy works, and tribulation, and *poverty*,  
(*but thou art rich*) and I know the blasphemy of  
them which say they are Jews, and are not, but  
are the synagogue of Satan.

Revelation 2:9

Rev 3:17

### **I know thy... poverty, (but thou art rich)**

Due to Rome's persecution against those Christians in Smyrna, they fell into deep poverty

This is the exact opposite of what Jesus tells the Laodicean church.

**Revelation 3:17** Because **thou sayest, I am rich**, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and **knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor**, and blind, and naked:

### **them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.**

Any person, church, or denomination who proclaims to Christians (God's people) but rejects Christ's atoning as the foundation of salvation is considered to be the synagogue (church) of Satan

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

Revelation 2:10



### **Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer:**

This indicates that there are times that the Christian will be allowed to suffer and suffer greatly

### **the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried;**

This tells the early church of Smyrna that Satanically inspired persecution was definitely coming to them, in which they would be imprisoned and even lose their lives

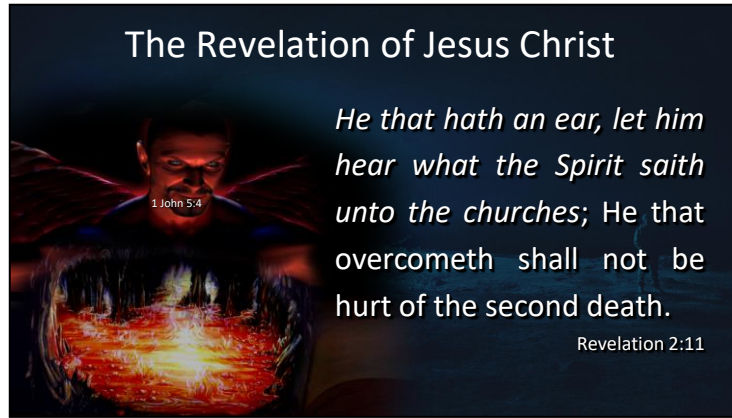
### **ye shall have tribulation ten days**

It is believed that Rome hurled 10 specific persecutions at the church of Smyrna during its 200 years existence

### **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.**

This is the promise given Smyrna and some no doubt did pay with their lives

One thing can be certain, these persecutions cleared the church rolls of all hypocrites



### **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**

Having an ear to hear is not the default position of the Christian. It refers to the ability to hear and understand spiritual subject matter.

### **He that overcometh**

**1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

### **shall not be hurt of the second death.**

The second death refers to eternity separated from God in the Lake of Fire

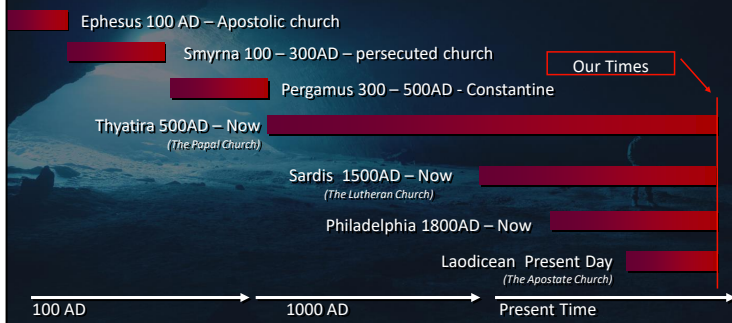
The first Adam brought this in

**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The Last Adam took it away

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

# The Seven Churches



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And to the angel of the church in *Pergamos* write; These things saith *he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;*

Revelation 2:12



### Pergamus

Pergamus is known as the “state church” and laid the groundwork for the Catholic system

Constantine had a dream in which he saw a cross in the sky with the words “*In this sign conquer*”. He then joined the church becoming a active member. This stopped church persecution and soon Constantine made Christianity the religion of the state, Thus it is called the “State Church”

People joined the church not because they loved or believed in Christ, but because it was the state religion. Jesus will refer to this type of church as “Satan’s seat”.

### he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

The sharp sword with two edges symbolizes the Word of God, This metaphor was used because it was in during this period that the church left the Word of God

The two-edges represent to the sides of God’s Word

- A) The grace side of the Word of God
- B) the Judgment side of the Word of God

Meaning that each man or woman will be dealt with in grace or in judgment, there is no other option

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*

Revelation 2:13

### **I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is:**

Constantine had made Christianity the state religion and made Christianity almost a fad.

The church was inundated with religious unbelievers (just like the modern church has also been) although some few faithful ones held onto “my faith”

### **thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith**

The faith that Jesus will claim as his own in faith that which is in His atoning death, which was symbolized beginning at the fall and realized with Christ’s death on the Cross.

### **in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr,**

Antipas is named because of his strong faithfulness to Christ and was put to death for it

### **who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.**

Tells us that Antipas was slain as a result of those in the church and not external to it

“*where Satan dwelleth*” indicates that the church was filled with heresy that the Holy Spirit referred to it in this manner

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*

Rev 2:14

### **But I have a few things against thee,**

Indicates that although so much is right with this church, still there is also something that is very wrong

### **thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam,**

Informs us that the contention was caused by false doctrine in the church – It would be no different today in the modern church

**hold the doctrine of Balaam:** refers to unfaithfulness to Christ and apostasy

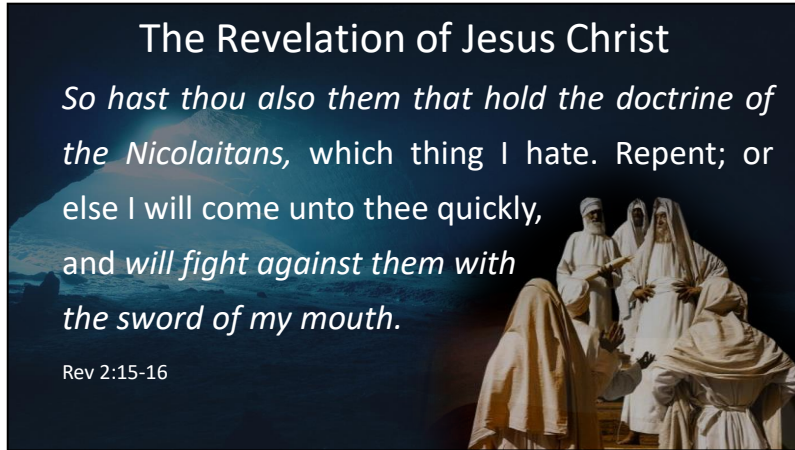
**hold the doctrine of Balaam -** refers to spiritual adultery (unfaithfulness) as defined in Romans 7:2-3



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*

Rev 2:15-16



### **So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans,**

Notice that in the Ephesus church it was called the deeds of the Nicolaitans, now a few hundred years later it has become the doctrine of the Nicolaitans

The term “that hold the doctrine” means the church at Pergamus had placed this false doctrine in the place of truth

### **will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.**

The “sword of my mouth” refers to the two-edged sword depicted in chapter one, which one side refers to grace if they repent or judgment if they will not repent

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of <sup>(1)</sup> the hidden manna, and will give him <sup>(2)</sup> a white stone, and in the stone <sup>(3)</sup> a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

1 John 5:4

Revelation 2:17

### **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**

Having an ear to hear indicates one level of maturity and communion with the Lord

**John 8:43** Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

### **him that overcometh**

Speaks of those who are “*in Christ*” as Christ is the only one who has ever perfectly overcome

**1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and *this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

### **Jesus promises three things**

#### **the hidden manna**

Jesus is the hidden manna as He is the True Bread of Life. Remarkably He remains hidden to most of the world today

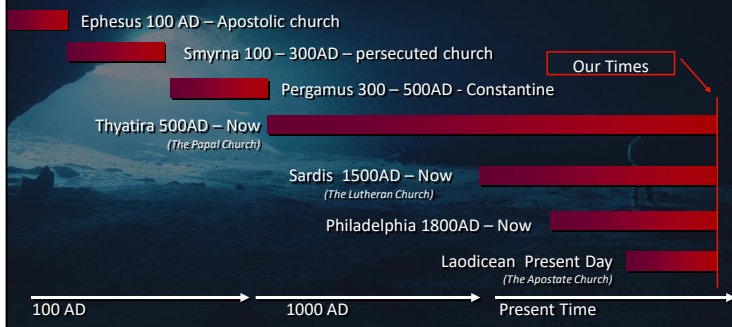
#### **a white stone**

Represents our justification. An ancient custom employed one white and one black stone to allow a jury to cast their judgment in trials.

#### **a new name**

The new name received by each child of God will be perfectly in harmony with the perfect renewal of their beings

# The Seven Churches

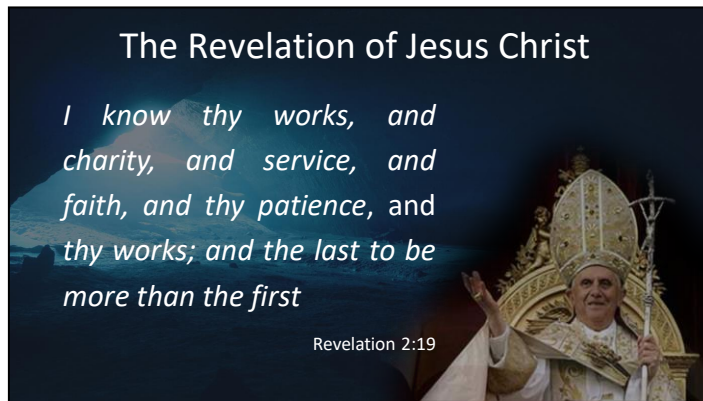


## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And unto the angel of the church in *Thyatira* write; *These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;*

Revelation 2:18



**I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience**

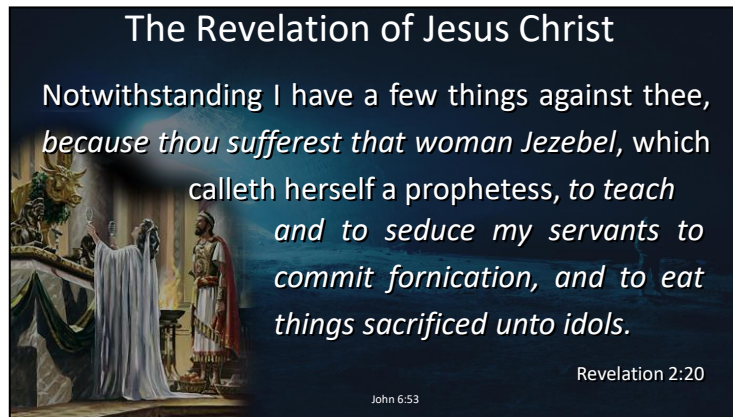
Presents a commendation to those few saints in Thyatira that were holding fast to Christ in works, charity, service, faith, and patience.

**thy works; and the last to be more than the first.**

Notice that “*thy works*” is mentioned twice indicating that the dependence upon works, as opposed to faith, is beginning to rule in this church

The first attribute mentioned is “works” and the last attribute is “works”, then Jesus says the last state of works is more than the first. This tells us that the Thyatira church enter into a salvation by works and not faith

The Roman Catholic church continues this works centered salvation to this day



**because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel**

We are to understand that there was not a literal woman in Thyatira named Jezebel. Rather this is old testament typology

Jezebel married Ahab the King of Israel then killed God's prophets and instituted Baal worship as the state religion

**to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to**

This metaphor indicates that the teaching in Thyatira caused Christians to become unfaithful to Christ by adding other things as the object of faith.

**“commit fornication”** refers to certain unscriptural acts that constitute unfaithfulness to Christ

**eat things sacrificed unto idols.**

Again this is metaphoric, God likening a strong belief in something to be equivalent to eating it

**John 6:53** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*

Revelation 2:21-22

### **And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.**

God's manner is to always allow the offender time to repent and provides the conviction of the Spirit to move people towards repentance

However the time allowed for repentance is not unlimited

**Genesis 6:3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, (*Adam*) for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

### **I will cast her into a bed**

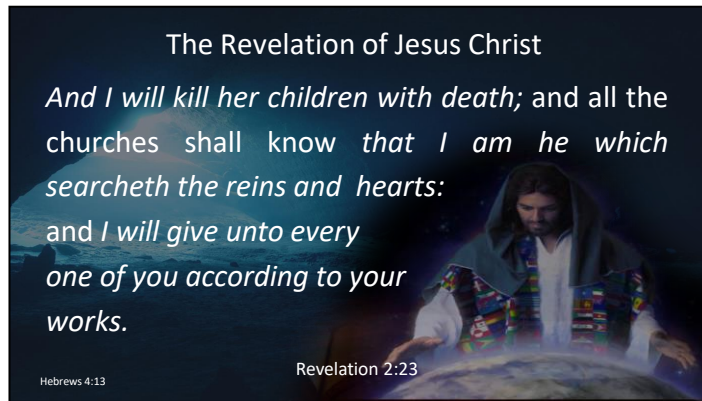
The bed here represents judgment (*Behold, I will cast her into judgment*)

### **them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation**

Those who take part in spiritual adultery / fornication will find themselves under the judgment of the Lord

### **repent of their deeds.**

Even with impending judgment at the door, the Lord is hopeful that these unfaithful Christians will repent and turn to Him wholeheartedly



**And I will kill her children with death;**

Refers to all adherents of any false way, the death spoken of is spiritual death, and because there is no spiritual life outside of Christ

**I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts:**

Has reference to the eyes like flaming fires, meaning that Jesus is able to discern the thoughts and the intents of the heart.

**Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

**I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

To understand this phrase the “*your*” must be taken emphatically.

The idea is that man will be judged either (1) by his own efforts and work or (2) He will be judged by the sacrificial work of Christ at the Cross.

Those who do not register proper faith in the blood sacrifice will be judged by “their own works” which never rise to the level of perfection



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

But unto you I say, and unto *the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak*; I will put upon you *none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*

Revelation 2:24-25

### **the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan , as they speak**

Jesus is here speaking to those who have not allowed themselves to be moved away from Christ Crucified and have rejected the doctrine of Jezebel

The **depths of Satan** refers to the enemies constant battle to move believers away from the Cross, which direction is always downward, hence depths

This means that the “Purpose driven Life doctrine”, G-12 doctrine”, “word of faith doctrine” would all be considered the “depths of Satan”

### **I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.**

No other burden indicates that those opposing false doctrine had their hands plenty full resisting this false way

Those few Christians who were holding fast to Christ are admonished to continue holding to Christ.

### The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.* Rev 2:26-29

#### **And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end,**

Notice that Jesus emphasizes keep His works, and not trusting in one's own works and that we are to do so "*unto the end*"

#### **him will I give power over the nations:**

This refers to redeemed mankind operating as ambassadors to the nations under Christ in the Millennial reign

#### **he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers**

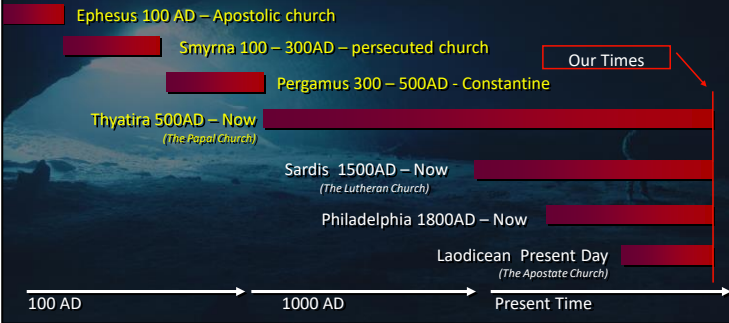
This speaks of Jesus rule over the earth, with some of the nations not desirous of His rule. Yet Christ will rule in absolute power and righteousness

#### **He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.**

The Holy Spirit has always spoken to His people and is continuing to speak to His people. However, not all exercise the ability to hear what is being said



# The Seven Churches



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 3:1

### Sardis

Sardis represents the reformation church, reforming themselves from Roman Catholic dark ages

### These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;

The seven Spirits of God is symbolic of God the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 11:2** And the spirit (1) of the LORD shall rest upon him, (2) the spirit of wisdom and (3) understanding, (4) the spirit of counsel and (5) might, the (6) spirit of knowledge and of (7) the fear of the LORD;

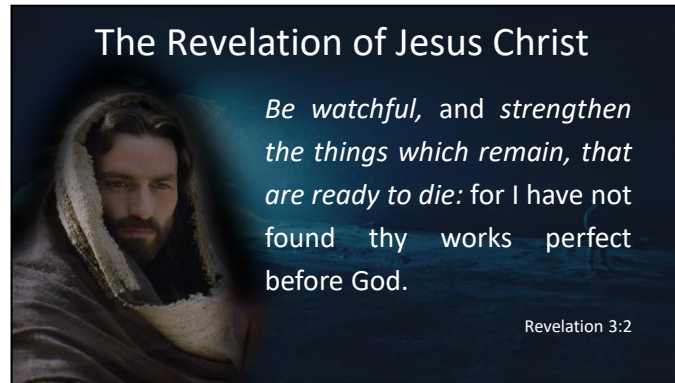
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As a result of Jesus knowing the works of the Sardis church He has concluded them to be **dead**.

Dead means to be without the Holy Spirit, (i.e. Spiritually dead)

The Sardis church was the reformation church which categorizes most of the non-Pentecostal denominations. (Lutheran, Baptist, Episcopalian, etc).

These non-Pentecostal denominations have for the most part rejected the baptism on the Holy Spirit and consequentially are dead.



### **Be watchful**

Indicates that the Sardis Christians were admonished to be watchful against false doctrine and wrong direction

All Christians should have enough knowledge of the Word of God that false direction will be easily discerned and avoided

### **strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die:**

Meaning that the situation in Sardis was dire but not hopeless, as there were yet remnants that could be strengthened

However, if the Sardis church would not return to watching and strengthening, those remnants would also die

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*Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*

Revelation 3:3

### **Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent**

This admonition is to remember how we received our salvation and what we heard originally. *(This points directly to Christ and Him Crucified)*

“**Hold fast and repent**” means we are to grasp the message of the Cross tightly and repent of all other spurious doctrines

### **If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief,**

If repentance from false doctrine is not forthcoming, Jesus promises to bring sudden judgment

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*Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: <sup>(Rev 19:8)</sup> for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Revelation 3:4-5

### **Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments;**

Despite the dire situation in Sardis there remained a few that were yet walking in truth before Christ

*“not defiled their garments”* means that they have not sullied their robes of righteousness

### **they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.**

*“Walking in White”* refers to the to one being adorned with the imputed righteousness of Christ

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

These are not worthy in themselves but are worthy because they are “In Christ”

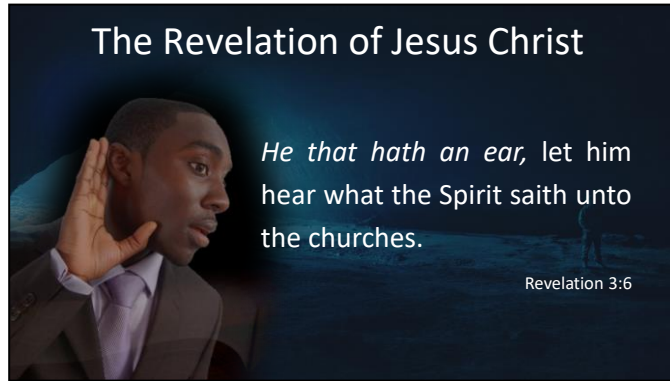
### **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life,**

This statement destroys the false doctrine of “Unconditional Eternal Security”

Jesus is the final authority regarding who will ultimately have their name written in the Book of Life

The” Book of Life” is actually called the” Book of the Life of the Lamb” in the Greek



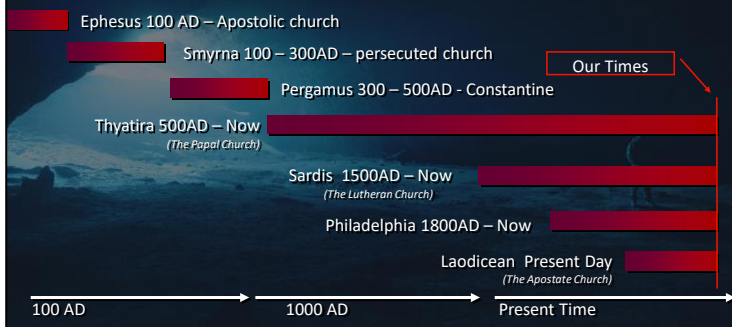


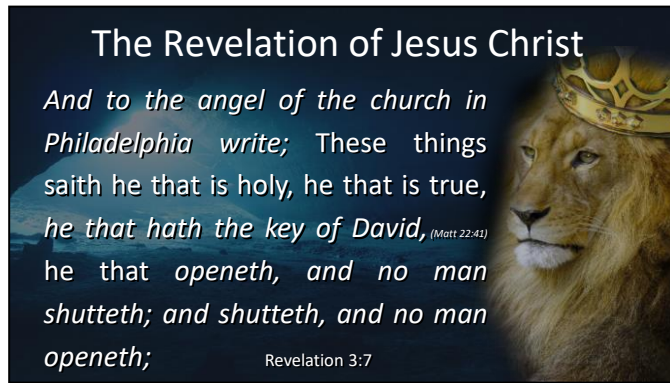
**He that hath an ear**

To have a spiritual ear one must have a spiritual mind.

A person who is carnal minded will lack the ability to hear spiritual truths. Although they may hear truth with the physical ear the words remain incomprehensible to them.

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### **And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write**

Philadelphia means “brother love”

This church is known for its missionary efforts, which efforts are the result of love

### **he that hath the key of David**

This refers to the Christ (God the Son) incarnated as the “Son of David”

Jesus is God as man and has the legal, and moral right to be King of the World and the ultimate Potentate of mankind

Matthew 22:41-46 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

### **openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;**

This is in reference to the missionary efforts of the Philadelphia church

When Christ opens a door for missions or ministry no man can shut it. Likewise until Christ

opens that door man is powerless to do so.

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I know thy works: behold, *I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*

Revelation 3:8

### **I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it:**

This indicates that the opportunity for the missionary effort of this Philadelphian church was provided by Christ

The missions door was opened and remained open, as no man, country, or nation could close it.

The missions door remains open to this day

### **thou hast a little strength,**

This does not mean that there was spiritual infirmity in Philadelphia, rather that the numbers involved in missionary efforts are very few

### **kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

The keeping of the word and His name go hand-in-hand.

The word (*bible*) is the story of the Cross and the name “Jesus” means Savior. Therefore keeping the word and the name of Jesus means to keep the Word name of the Savior. (This strongly implies the Cross as the fundamental doctrine of Christianity)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.*

Revelation 3:9

### **Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan**

Jesus is referring to those who have not kept His word and His name as the synagogue of Satan

This means that most of what is called church by man is called the synagogue of Satan by Christ

### **say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie**

Refers to those who confess Christianity but do not accept the sacrifice of Christ are false Jews (*i.e. false Christians*)

### **I will make them to come and worship before thy feet,**

In the Kingdom Age, all nations will worship before Christ. The resurrected saints will stand at Jesus' feet as His servants while the nations worship Him

This will graphically show that Jesus has loved those who have loved Him

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

Revelation 3:10-11

### **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation**

Meaning they had kept faith in the word as it is faith that worketh patience

As men are faithful to Christ, so will Christ be faithful to them

### **Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.**

Again Jesus warns that when the time comes for His return, the return will be executed very, very quickly

The admonishment was to hold fast to the agape love and to the Word they held, as it was their crown

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Revelation 3:12

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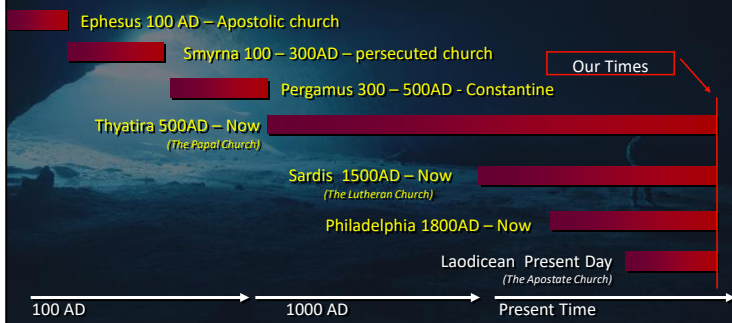
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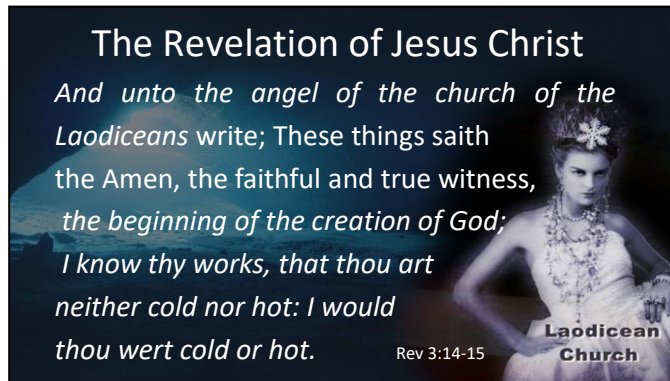
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### **And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans**

The Laodicean church represents the condition of the church just prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection (*rapture*)

### **the beginning of the creation of God;**

This is not to be understood that Christ is part of the creation, rather He is the beginning cause of the creation

### **I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot:**

This implies that the Laodicean church is neither alive nor dead but has found a position of comfort between the two

### **I would thou wert cold or hot.**

A state of being hot or cold is desired over and above that of lukewarmness

Hot is the preferred state, cold is no pretense of godliness but being lukewarm implies a false pretense

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. **Because** thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*

Revelation 3:16-17

### **So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

States in no uncertain terms that the lukewarm Christian is rejected by Christ

“*spue thee out of my mouth*” refers to that which is so distasteful as to be spit out or vomited from the body

### **I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;**

This is a picture of the modern church who is not preparing to leave this present world, but rather preparing to stay

The modern church is attempting to build a religious utopia rather than looking for the soon return of the Lord

This is a perfect definition of the prosperity gospel and it's adherents

### **thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

Amazingly the Laodicean church sees itself completely opposite of the way that it is seen from heaven's perspective, meaning it is a church that is self-deceived

The Laodicean see themselves as rich, Christ proclaims they are poor

The Laodicean see themselves as increased, Christ proclaims they are miserable

The Laodicean see themselves as having need of nothing, Christ proclaims they are poor, and blind, and naked

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire,  
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raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that  
the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and  
anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest  
see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be  
zealous therefore, and repent.* Revelation 3:18-19

### **I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire**

Jesus counsels the Laodicean church as no other can because He is the Counselor

The gold tried in the fire speaks of the Christian and is the result of the Christian being tried and tested.

**Malachi 3:3** And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

### **that thou mayest be rich;**

This church is materially rich, but spiritually they were poor, Christ counsels them on how they are to become spiritually rich

### **white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed,**

The white raiment refers to the imputed righteousness of Christ of which we must be clothed

### **shame of thy nakedness do not appear;**

Without being covered in the blood (Christ's righteousness) man is as naked to the wrath of God as was Adam

### **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see**

The Laodicean church was spiritually blind. This is why they could not see themselves as Christ would see them

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Behold, I stand at the door,*<sup>[Rev  
1:12-13]</sup> *and knock: if any man  
hear my voice, and open the  
door, I will come in to him,  
and will sup with him, and he  
with me.*

Revelation 3:20



### **Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:**

Excluding the scenario played out at Calvary this is at least one of the saddest scenes in the bible

In Rev 1:13 we see Christ standing in the midst of the churches (candlesticks), but at the end of the church age we see Him outside knocking to get in

**Revelation 1:12-13** And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

### **if any man hear my voice, and open the door**

Although this letter was addressed to the pastor (star), Jesus now bypasses the pastor and appeals directly to the individuals in this church

### **will sup with him, and he with me.**

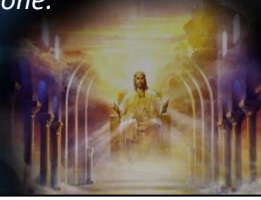
This refers to a restored communion with the Lord

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

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Revelation 3:21-22



**To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne**

This is the greatest of all promises to the churches as it takes the believer from spiritual death all the way to the throne

**as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.**

Reinforces the fact that Jesus is God and sits upon the Supreme Throne Sovereignty





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Refers to the voice of Jesus mentioned in Rev 1:10

His voice was not the sound of a trumpet but "as it were" a trumpet referring to its clarity and power

### Come up hither.

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### things which must be hereafter.

Things which must be hereafter refers to after the period of the church age

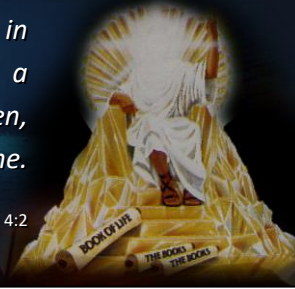
**Revelation 1:19** Write the (1) things which thou hast seen, and (2) the things which are, and (3) the things which shall be hereafter;

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*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.*

(Rev 3:21)

Revelation 4:2



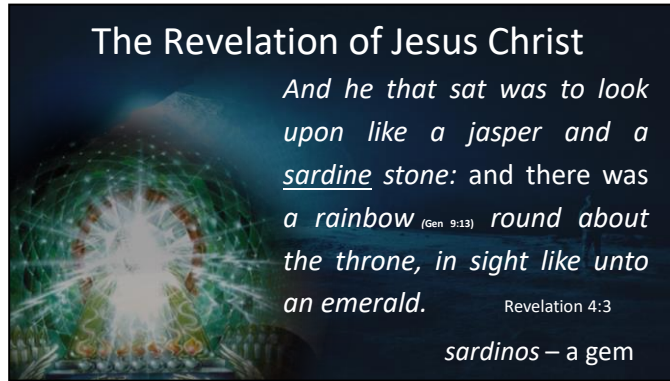
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Means that the Holy Spirit moved upon John in such a way as to allow Him to see this vision

### **behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.**

Jesus had given the Laodecian church a promise to sit in His throne as He sits in the Fathers throne, John now sees that throne

**Revelation 3:21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.



**Jasper = a blackish green**

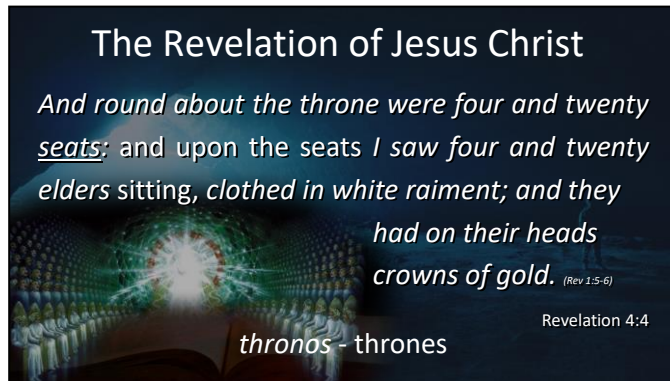
**And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone:**

John is seeing God the Father but does not describe his form, rather he describes His splendor.

**a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

**Genesis 9:13** I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

The rainbow would probably have had the full color spectrum in it but the overall hue was emerald



**And round about the throne were four and twenty seats:**

There are 24 smaller thrones situated around the throne of God

**upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders**

No one can know exactly who these 24 elders are although it is believed they are representative of the entire church

Perhaps 12 of the 24 are Old Testament prophets and 12 are new Testament apostles

**clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold**

“White raiment” always refers to the Christian wearing the imputed righteousness of Christ

The crowns of gold represent the position of authority which was purchased for the church by the blood of Christ

**Revelation 1:5-6** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were *seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.* (Isa 11:1-2) Rev 4:5-6

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*zoon* - a living thing

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And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Revelation 4:7



John struggles to relate what it was that he was seeing.

His use of the phrase “like unto” a lion, calf, or eagle, does not mean that these creatures were a lion, calf, or eagle rather it means that those animals were the closest thing John knew of to relate the appearance of these creatures

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*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,*

Revelation 4:8-9

### **And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him;**

These living creatures are a creation type of which mankind knows nothing

These are the same living creatures that were seen by Ezekiel chapter 1 (The description is a little different, but apparently the same living creatures)

### **they were full of eyes within**

Speaks of the illumination and knowledge that God created within these creatures

### **they rest not day and night,**

Meaning that they are created with (1) no need for sleep, (2) they need no rest, they never tire

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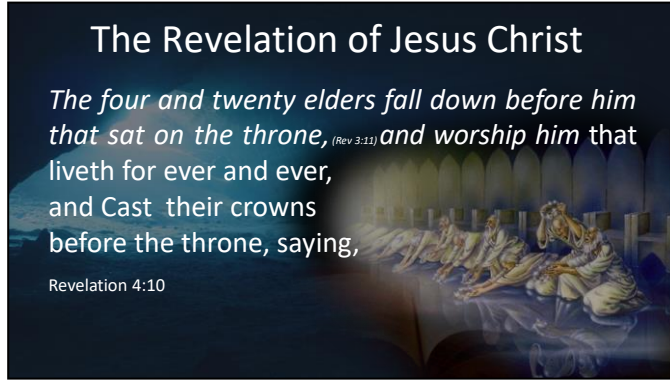
Each of these statements of praise are threefold

1. Holy, holy, holy (speaks of the infinite holiness of God)
2. Lord God Almighty (speaks of God as Lord, as God, and as Almighty)
3. which was, and is, and is to come (speaks of God as God in eternity past, currently, and in eternity future)

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*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, <sup>(Rev 3:11)</sup> and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and Cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

Revelation 4:10



### **The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him**

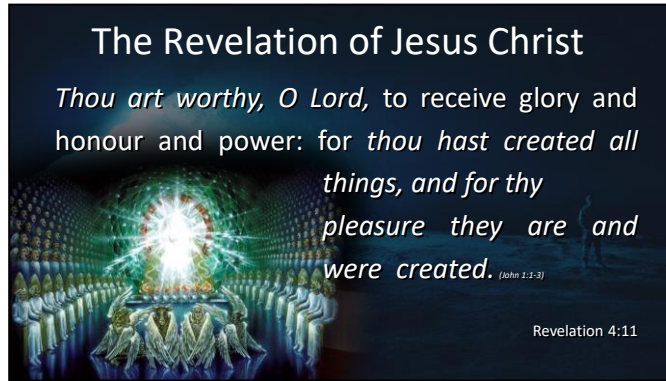
These represent the redeemed church of Christ

These are comfortable and willing and eager to worship Him that redeemed them

### **cast their crowns before the throne**

The church has “a crown” due to one reason only. The Cross of Christ which is God’s redemptive plan

**Revelation 3:11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.



**Thou art worthy, O Lord,**

One can not know their own unworthiness until they see the worthiness of the Lord

Likewise one can not fathom the worthiness of the Lord until they begin to see their own unworthiness

**thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Refers to the fact God is the creator of all things and that they were created for His pleasure

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.



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**2 Thessalonians 2:7-8** for the secret of the lawlessness doth already work, only he who is keeping down now will hinder --till he may be out of the way, **and then** shall be revealed the Lawless One, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the manifestation of his presence,

### things which must be hereafter.

Things which must be hereafter refers to after the period of the church age

**Revelation 1:19** Write the (1) things which thou hast seen, and (2) the things which are, and (3) the things which shall be hereafter;

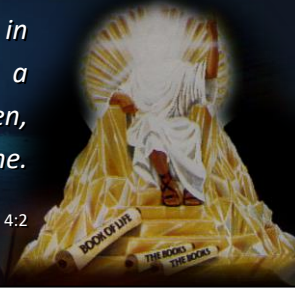


## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.*

(Rev 3:21)

Revelation 4:2



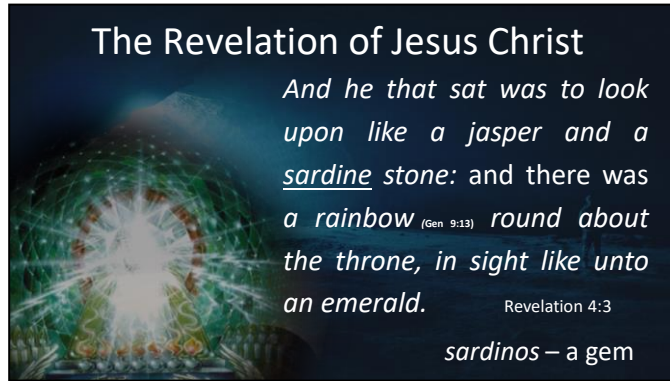
### **And immediately I was in the spirit:**

Means that the Holy Spirit moved upon John in such a way as to allow Him to see this vision

### **behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.**

Jesus had given the Laodecian church a promise to sit in His throne as He sits in the Fathers throne, John now sees that throne

**Revelation 3:21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.



**Jasper = a blackish green**

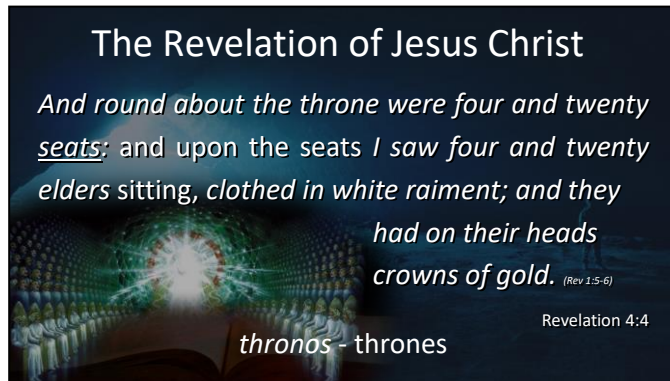
**And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone:**

John is seeing God the Father but does not describe his form, rather he describes His splendor.

**a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.**

**Genesis 9:13** I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

The rainbow would probably have had the full color spectrum in it but the overall hue was emerald



**And round about the throne were four and twenty seats:**

There are 24 smaller thrones situated around the throne of God

**upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders**

No one can know exactly who these 24 elders are although it is believed they are representative of the entire church

Perhaps 12 of the 24 are Old Testament prophets and 12 are new Testament apostles

**clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold**

“White raiment” always refers to the Christian wearing the imputed righteousness of Christ

The crowns of gold represent the position of authority which was purchased for the church by the blood of Christ

**Revelation 1:5-6** And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, **And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were *seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.* (Isa 11:1-2) Rev 4:5-6

### **seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

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So the seven lamps represent total and universal illumination meaning the Holy Spirit is omniscient

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### **a sea of glass like unto crystal:**

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

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The word “*beasts*” should have been translated “*creatures*”

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: (Rev 21:18) and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were ~~four~~ Beasts full of eyes before and behind. Rev 4:5-6

*zoon* - a living thing

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Revelation 4:7



John struggles to relate what it was that he was seeing.

His use of the phrase “like unto” a lion, calf, or eagle, does not mean that these creatures were a lion, calf, or eagle rather it means that those animals were the closest thing John knew of to relate the appearance of these creatures



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,*

Revelation 4:8-9

### **And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him;**

These living creatures are a creation type of which mankind knows nothing

These are the same living creatures that were seen by Ezekiel chapter 1 (The description is a little different, but apparently the same living creatures)

### **they were full of eyes within**

Speaks of the illumination and knowledge that God created within these creatures

### **they rest not day and night,**

Meaning that they are created with (1) no need for sleep, (2) they need no rest, they never tire

### **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.**

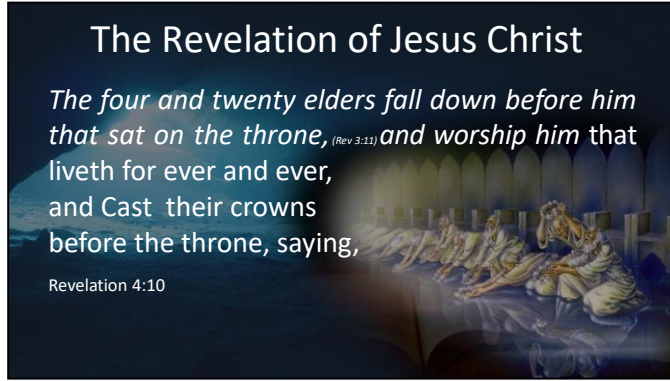
Each of these statements of praise are threefold

1. Holy, holy, holy (speaks of the infinite holiness of God)
2. Lord God Almighty (speaks of God as Lord, as God, and as Almighty)
3. which was, and is, and is to come (speaks of God as God in eternity past, currently, and in eternity future)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, <sup>(Rev 3:11)</sup> and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*

Revelation 4:10



### **The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him**

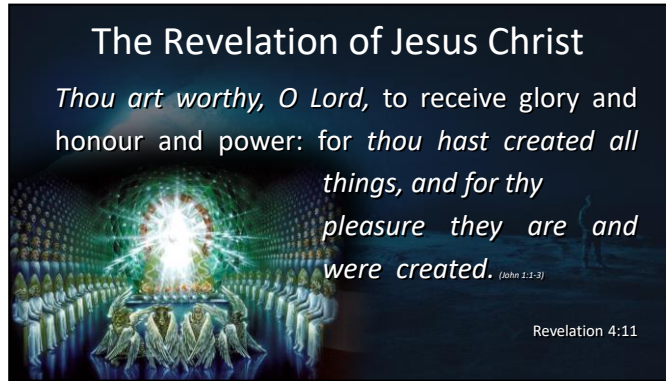
These represent the redeemed church of Christ

These are comfortable and willing and eager to worship Him that redeemed them

### **cast their crowns before the throne**

The church has “a crown” due to one reason only. The Cross of Christ which is God’s redemptive plan

**Revelation 3:11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.



**Thou art worthy, O Lord,**

One can not know their own unworthiness until they see the worthiness of the Lord

Likewise one can not fathom the worthiness of the Lord until they begin to see their own unworthiness

**thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Refers to the fact God is the creator of all things and that they were created for His pleasure

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

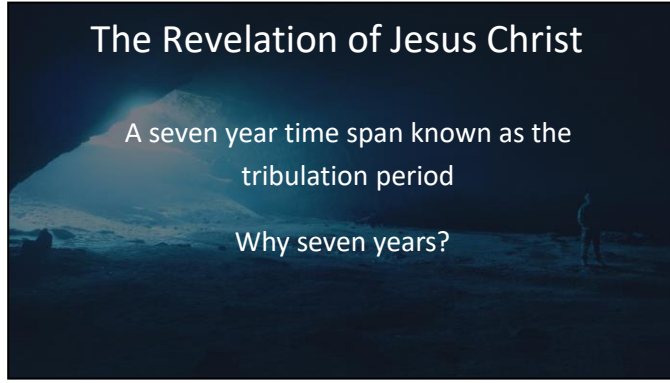


- Chapter six is the beginning of the tribulation period.
- Christ rises from His Father's throne to claim Israel (the entire planet earth for His own)
- Satan will raise up the anti-Christ as a counterfeit to destroy Israel and possess planet earth
- Daniel 9:24-26 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

A seven year time span known as the  
tribulation period

Why seven years?



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Seventy weeks (*sevens*) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

70 sevens means 490 years

Daniel 9:24

### **Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression**

Daniel prophecy informs us that there will be 490 years during which Israel will be allowed to rebel against the Lord

The 490 years is not contiguous, rather it is like a football game. The game lasts an hour but there are time outs and breaks within the game

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Daniel 9:25

49 years

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Means that it would be 49 active years from the time Cyrus gave the commandment to rebuild the temple until Messiah (Ezra 1:1-3)

From the time the temple is rebuilt unto Christ is 62 weeks (434 years)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Dan 9:26

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Seven Seals



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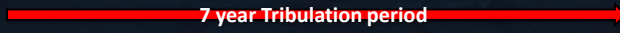
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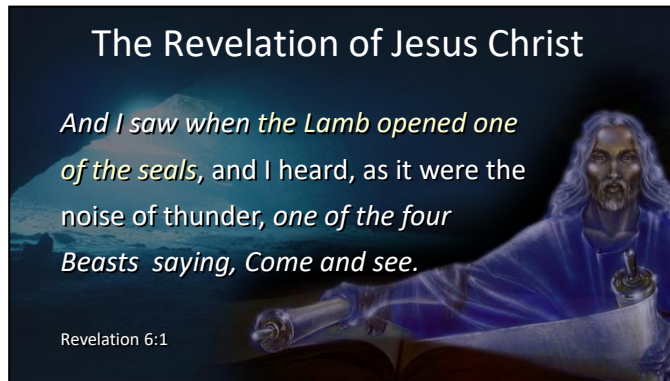


7 year Tribulation period



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ





### **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals**

The implication is that the seals are strategically placed within the scroll. The opening of the first seal would allow the scroll to open to a certain extent and then the second seal would be encountered

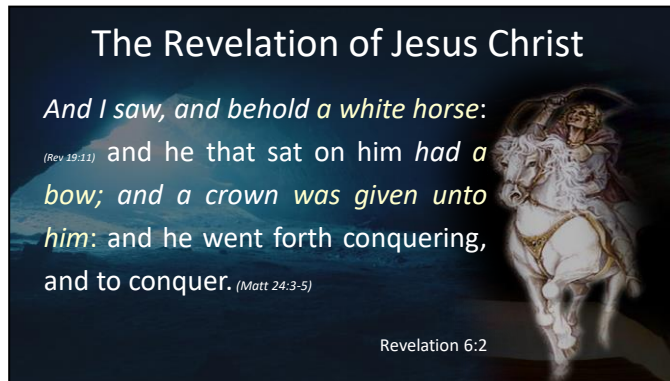
### **the noise of thunder**

The noise of a thunder opens the stage to the most dreadful time the earth has ever known and ever will know.

### **one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.**

the first beast was like a lion

One of the living creatures that stands in the presence of God day and night bids John to see the result of the first opened seal



### **I saw, and behold a white horse:**

The White Horseman represent the anti-Christ. He is on a white horse in counterfeit of Jesus who will come on a white horse

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

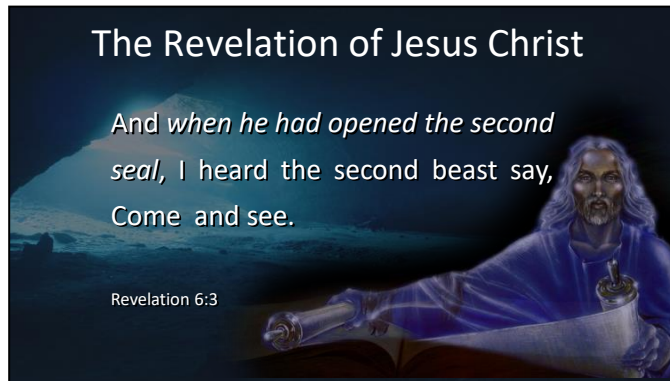
### **had a bow; and a crown was given unto him**

It is to be noticed that the white horse rider has a bow but has no arrows signifying that He will come to power by means of peace

### **he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

Although the anti-Christ makes his advent via peace, his ultimate intent is to conquer

**Matthew 24:3-5** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.



**when he had opened the second seal,**

Jesus is the one opening these seals and purposely releases judgment upon rebellious mankind

**the second beast say, Come and see.**

the second beast like a calf

This is a different one of the living creatures that bids John see the result of the opening of the second seal

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And there went out another horse that was red: and *power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth,* (Matt 24:3) and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. (Matt 24:6-7)

Revelation 6:4

### power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth

The second horseman represents war

Notice that the power is “*given*” to him to make war, meaning that God is allowing this to happen

### that they should kill one another

This phrase foretells that death will occur in wholesale numbers during this period

**Matthew 24:6-7** And ye shall hear **of wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **For nation (ethnos) shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

(Matt 24:7)

Revelation 6:5



### **I heard the third beast say, Come and see**

the third beast had a face as a man

### **he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.**

The black horse rider is symbolic of famine

The balances indicate the extremely high cost of food during the tribulation period with many hundred's of thousand dying from famine

**Matthew 24:7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four  
beasts say, *A measure of wheat for a penny,  
and three measures of barley for a penny;  
and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*

Revelation 6:6

### **A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny;**

This proclaims the horrible scarcity of food during these wars and the elevated price required to obtain it

Barley has less nutritional value than wheat and therefore will not be as expensive but both will have elevated prices

### **thou hurt not the oil and the wine.**

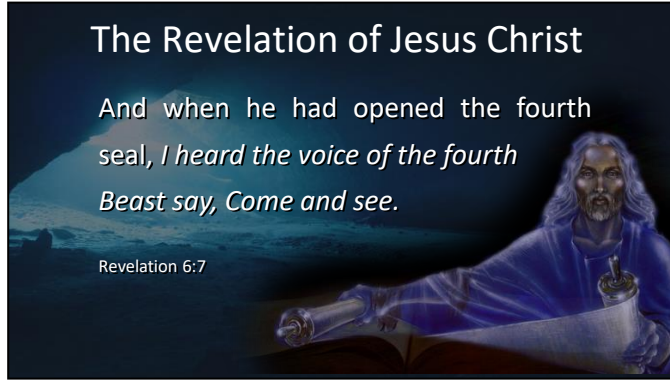
This phrase regards the grape vine and olive trees both of which need no cultivation

God will forbid the ruthless destruction of these plants

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

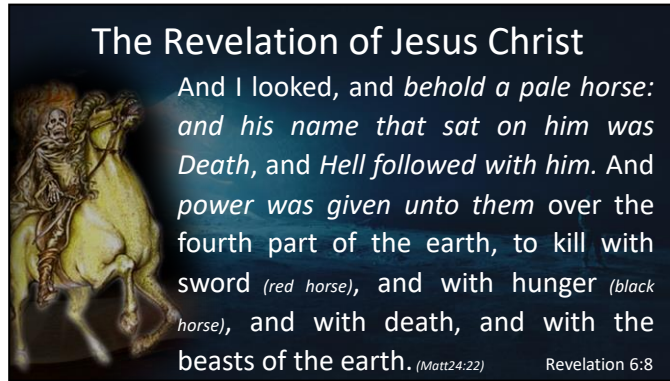
And when he had opened the fourth seal, *I heard the voice of the fourth Beast say, Come and see.*

Revelation 6:7



**I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.**

the fourth beast who beckons John to “Come and see” was like a flying eagle.



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the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

**behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death**

This last horse is the most ominous, the rider is death

The white horse rider (*anti-Christ*) brings the red horse rider (*war*) which brings the black horse rider (*famine*) which brings the final white horse rider (*death*)

**Hell followed with him.**

Means that the majority of those who die at this period will end up in hell

**power was given unto them**

Refers to all 4 of the horsemen and that God is allowing this to occur

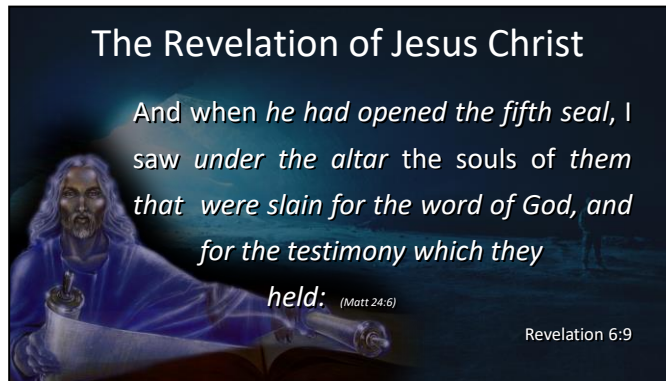
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Great number will die as a result of the natural and man-made disasters with hell following for the majority of those that perish

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

White Horse → Black Horse → Red Horse → Pale Horse  
Anti-Christ → War → Famine → Death & Hell





### **when he had opened the fifth seal**

The fifth seal is not announced by a living one as were the prior four

### **under the altar**

This informs us that there exists altars in heaven of which the altars in the temple were but a symbol

This particular altar equates the altar of incense which sat just outside the veil of the temple

The altar of incense represent Christ in his role as mediator

### **the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and or the testimony which they held:**

Although the rapture of the church has occurred still many will turn to the Lord as a result of the fear the rapture invokes

These souls refer to those who were martyred during the tribulation period due to their testimony of Jesus Christ

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 6:10

### **they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long**

This has been the cry of God's people for millennium, "How Long?"

How long the death, despair, the tears, the sin,

### **dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**

The particular question of these who's souls were under the altar regard revenge for their spilled blood

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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



### **And white robes were given unto every one of them**

The white robes refer to the imputation of the righteousness of Christ

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

### **until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

God through His omniscience knows every life that will be snuffed out due to their love for Christ, and so He knows all that will be martyred for Christ



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, *there was a great earthquake;* (Matt 27:54, 28:2) and *the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.*

(Matt 24:29)

Revelation 6:12-13

### **there was a great earthquake;**

We shall see that this is not a earthquake that causes the universal upheaval, rather it is a creation shake that causes the earth to shake

many of the events caused by the Lord are accompanied by an earthquake;

**Matthew 27:54** Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**Matthew 28:2** And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

### **the sun became black as sackcloth of hair and the moon became as blood**

This means that much of the sun's light will be blocked by dust which is caused by the meteor shower mentioned in verse 13

The moon does not literally turn to blood rather it takes on a reddish hue again caused by the dust of the meteor shower

### **the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind**

What is termed an earthquake is actually the shaking of the creation

Meteor showers will fall to earth bringing devastation beyond imagination.

Meteorite as large as cities will pummel the earth. Those landing in bodies of water will produce tidal waves

**Matthew 24:29** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the heaven departed  
as a scroll when it is rolled  
together; and every  
mountain and island were  
moved out of their places.*

Revelation 6:14

### **And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together**

Many commentators attempt to spiritualize or politicize this passage

The rule of interpreting revelation is that anything that can be taken literally must indeed be taken literally

I believe that the heaven will literally be rolled backward that men will be able for a time to look up and see the throne as the next verse indicates

### **every mountain and island were moved out of their places.**

This phrase too should be interpreted literally

As a result of the earthquake (universe shake) the mountains will be laid flat and islands will sink into the sea

This may be the beginning of earths reorganization for the golden age.

As would be obvious the earth has undergone the first of many cataclysmic changes

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the kings of the earth, and the great men,  
and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the  
mighty men, and every bondman, and every free  
man, hid themselves in the  
dens and in the rocks of the  
mountains;*

Revelation 6:15

### **kings of the earth, and the great men, ... and every free man**

This indicates that no social or financial group will be excluded. It involves all from plenty to poverty

### **in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains:**

Indicates that even in the face of God Almighty men would rather pray to the rocks than repent before the Lord

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Revelation 6:16-17

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

The enmity of man's heart is due to the sin nature

Man would rather pray to the rocks and mountains than to turn to the Lord

### **the wrath of the Lamb:**

This would seem oxymoronic considering the lamb is among the gentlest of animals

Yet man's sin have overflowed to the point that even the lamb is provoked to wrath

### **the great day of his wrath is come**

The day of wrath is sometimes referred to as the Day of the Lord and proclaims a 7 year period known as "The Tribulation"



Chapter seven is the first parenthetical chapter

It occurs between the sixth and the eighth chapter

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:1



### And after these things

Positions the events of chapter seven between the opening of the sixth and seventh seals

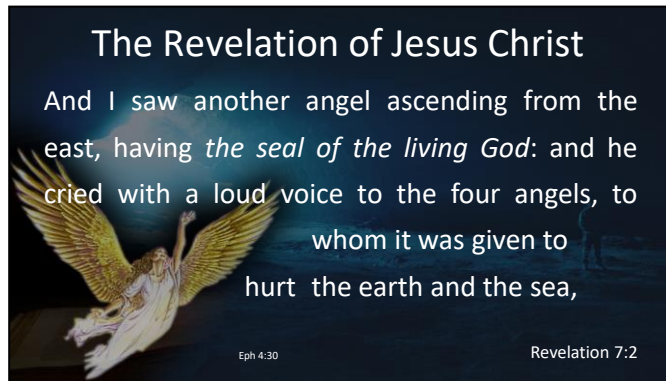
### standing on the four corners of the earth,

This was a common idiom in use during John's days and it represents universality

### holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth

This which the angels held back are the winds of God's wrath. There is an intermission in the outpour of wrath in order that 144,000 may be sealed

The idea is that wrath does not bring about salvation, the reception of the love of God leads to repentance



### **the seal of the living God**

This “seal” refers to salvation, of which every Christian is a recipient

**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, *whereby ye are sealed* unto the day of redemption.

### **he cried with a loud voice to the four angels**

It appears that this angel gave instruction to the other four angels to withhold the winds of judgment



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, *till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads*. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed *an hundred and forty and four thousand* of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 7:3-4

**till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads**

Meaning that judgment is being withheld until

**an hundred and forty and four thousand**

Most commentators agree that there are national Jews who give their lives to Christ during the great tribulation period

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

Revelation 7:5-8

The tribes have long since intermingled and most Jews can not trace their heritage to their original tribe, however God knows

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:8

The tribes have long since intermingled and most Jews can not trace their heritage to their original tribe, however God knows

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:9

**a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations,**

This reflects the 144,000 as part of the resurrected church in heaven

**all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues**

This disproves those who have termed Christianity as being a “white mans” religion

**clothed with white robes**

The white robes in heaven always represent the imputed righteousness of Christ

These are clothed in Christ righteousness which they acquire through faith in His atonment

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:10

### Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

This verse shows God the Father and God the Lamb (Son) both receiving praise in heaven

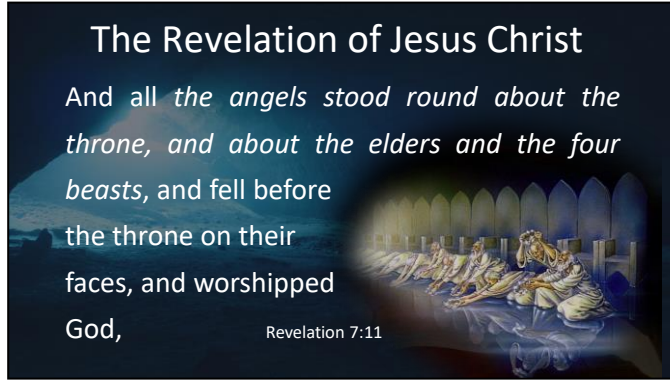
The indication is that both the Father and the Lamb (Son) a deity

The use of the appellation “the Lamb” means that all of this is made possible by what Jesus accomplished on the Cross.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:11



**the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts**

We see that the Throne of God is encircled by (1) the living creatures within (2) the 24 elders, within (3) the angelic host

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

Revelation 7:12-13

### **Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God**

The heavenly host gave God a sevenfold praise in verse 12. In Rev 5:12 we see a sevenfold blessing offered to the Lamb

**Revelation 5:12** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

### **What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**

One of the 24 elders seem to read John's mind and asks the question that John was wondering

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:14

**These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**

This pertains to the 144,000 which were sealed, as well as all Christians for all times.

Our robes are washed (i.e. our righteousness is given as a result) as a result of the sacrificial blood of the Lamb

Notice the preponderance of attention given to Jesus as the atoning victim by use of the title “The Lamb”

**Therefore are they before the throne of God**

The word “Therefore” indicates the prior being caused by the latter

They are before the throne as a result of their faith in the blood of the lamb

**serve him day and night in his temple:**

Even in heaven our portion is not only safety and praise but also service



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 7:14-15

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

Revelation 7:16-17

### **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more**

One of the greatest issues for the human race today is what shall we eat tomorrow,

Upwards of 50% of the population goes to bed hungry

### **For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters**

This is the reason that hunger and thirst is eradicated

### **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

This one promise would effect the totality of the human race as all have experienced and shall experience tears of sorrow



Chapter eight contains the beginning of the trumpet blasts

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*

Revelation 8:1-2

### **opened the seventh seal,**

This is the seventh and last seal of the book Jesus alone can open

The last seal serves as the trigger for the trumpet judgments and the vial judgments

### **there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour**

The silence in heaven is in reverence to the Lord as the wrath of God is about to be poured out on the earth

### **to them were given seven trumpets.**

With each trumpet blast a new judgment will be released upon a rebellious world

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 8:3

### **And another angel came and stood at the altar**

This is the actual altar in heaven of which the tabernacle altar of incense was a type

### **there was given unto him much incense**

The tabernacle priests would take coals from the brazen altar and bring them to the golden altar and pour incense upon them

This entire act represents the mediatorial role of Christ

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. *And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth:* and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:4-5

### **the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar**

The altar spoken of here is the brazen altar on which the tabernacle sacrifices were offered

The sacrifice was burned to appease God's righteousness as Christ was crucified for the sins of the world

### **and cast it into the earth:**

The world now having rejected Christ will taste of the judgment of God (*fire cast it into the earth*)

Calvary's cross is the antitype of this altar, since it was rejected the wrath falls on the rejectors

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up* Rev 8:6-7



### And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Each of the seven angels trumpets will initiate a specific calamity to occur on earth

The seven trumpets are loosed as a result of the Lamb opening the seventh seal

The rule for correctly interpreting this book is

“When scripture can be taken literally it should be taken literally and not spiritually”

### hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth:

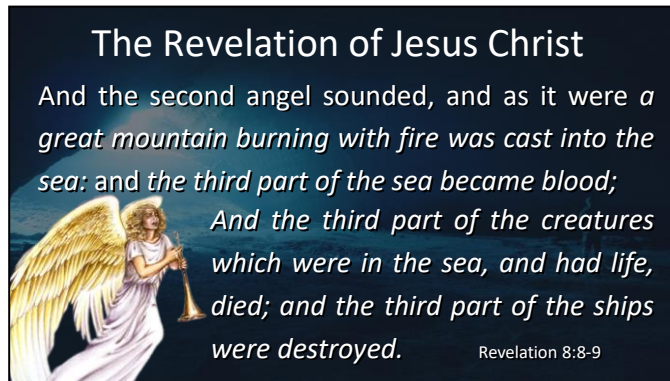
Hail fire and blood will literally rain from heaven. The scriptural precedent is;

**Exodus 9:23-24** And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and **hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground**; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. **So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail**, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

### the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up

1/3 of all trees and all of the grass burned up.

Most commentators that interpret this events literally agree that the major impact of these events will be the area around the Mediterranean sea



**a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea:**

This description given by John indicates that a meteor will collide with the earth and land in the Mediterranean sea

This will no doubt cause great initial destruction due to tsunamis

**the third part of the sea became blood**

This is the same type of judgment that was brought upon Egypt of old

**Exodus 7:17-18** Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and *they shall be turned to blood*. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

**This waters will be turned to blood as they were in the days of Moses**

The implication is that 1/3 of the Mediterranean sea will be devastated by this meteor, with all life and all ships perishing

The stench from the dead sea-life bloating and rising to the surface will be noxious



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And the third angel sounded, and *there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.* Rev 8:10-11

### **there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp**

This is the second meteor that will fall to the earth. John describes it as a burning mountain speaking to it's size

### **it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters**

The first meteor fell into the sea, this one falls upon the land

### **the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.**

The implication is that the meteor will disperse some noxious property in the water systems

Men will die after drinking the water that has been tainted with wormwood

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 8:12

**the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars;**

Although we are not told exactly what “smitten” means in this context, we know the effects will be devastating

**the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.**

Seemingly both the day and the night will be shortened by 1/3 and replaced with darkness, probably so dark it can be felt

**Exodus 10:21** And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that *there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.*

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 8:13

Verse 13 represents a pause within the seven trumpet judgments

### **I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven**

Whenever the Lord uses angels to announce the plans of heaven powerful events are about to occur

1. Angels visited Abraham prior to the destruction of Sodom
2. An angel visited Joseph and Mary prior to the birth of Jesus
3. An angel visited Zacharias prior to the birth of John the Baptist

Since warning is of no value if it can not be seen or heard, it is very probable that this angel will be visible to men as well as audible.

### **Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth**

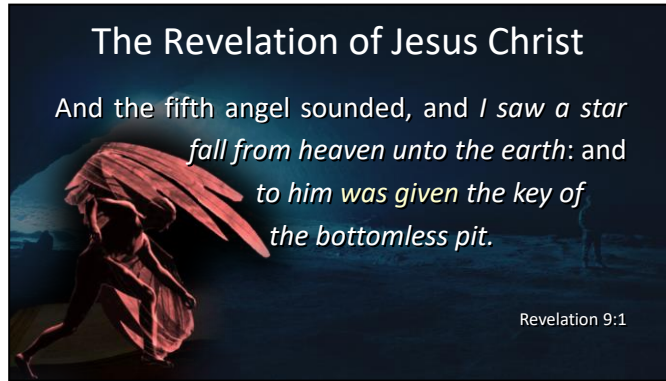
The three woes are to correspond to the three remaining trumpet blasts.

What has occurred up until now has been devastating, what will happen now is far, far worse

These woes are pronounced upon the inhabitants of planet earth



Chapter nine contains the remaining 3 trumpet blasts



### **I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth**

This star is different than the prior falling stars in that it is not a meteor but rather a fallen angel, in fact it is Satan

This star is referred to as "*him*", indicating that the star is a personality

### **to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.**

The key was "given" to him, meaning Satan does not now have this key, and it was given to him knowing he would immediately open the bottomless pit

The "key" indicates that the inhabitants of this bottomless pit have been locked in that place

The bottomless pit is a compartment in hell. Hell is located in the center of the earth and is comprised of;

1. Paradise, which is now empty
2. Hades, the place of torment
3. Bottomless Pit, is the abode of fallen angels

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 9:2



### **And he opened the bottomless pit;**

It is a foregone conclusion that Satan would open this bottomless pit which is why the key was not given to him until this time

### **there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace;**

The smoke that ascends is described as “*as the smoke of a great furnace*” which indicates that a great fire is involved

### **the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.**

Implies that the opening of the bottomless pit will be on the order of a massive volcanic eruption

The skies will be darkened with the smoke

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.*

Revelation 9:3-4

### **And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth:**

These creatures which ascend from the pit are liken to locust because as men are powerless to stop mass hordes of locust, as men will be powerless to stop these

### **power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.**

These are different from natural locust in that they were given ability to sting like a scorpion

### **they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree**

These creature are also different in that they are forbidden to act as normal locust which would devour the tree and grass

### **only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.**

These locust have one purpose which is to punish the Christ haters

These locust will be in the local area surrounding the Mediterranean sea, which is the ancient roman empire area

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 9:5

**And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months**

These locust can not kill men but bring about 5 months of severe torment

**the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.**

The sting of a scorpion last only a few days

The idea is not that the locust sting will last 5 months but rather that locust will be loosed for a period of five months

Men could possibly be bitten many times within the 5 month period



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 9:6



### **And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it**

Those days refer to these 5 months in which the locust will swarm

The pain resulting from the locust creature stings will be so severe men would rather die than to live

### **shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.**

This is a reiteration of the prior phrase, but emphasizes that men will be unable to commit suicide

The implication is that morphine and other pain killers will not work when stung by one of these creatures

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.*

Revelation 9:7-8

### **And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle;**

These verses verify the fact that these are spiritual creatures and not normal locusts

### **on their heads were as it were crowns like gold**

Meaning they have a power not attributed to locust as we would know them

### **they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.**

These would appear very strange to us because;

1. We have never seen anything like this before
2. This is a physical description of a spiritual creature

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and *the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle*. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Revelation 9:9-10

**the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.**

This speaks to the great numbers of these locust creatures that will be loosed from the bottomless pit

When natural locust swarm in the orient, they swarm in such numbers so as to appear as a dark cloud on the horizon

They leave not a single blade of grass or a leaf in their wake

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 9:11

- a destroying angel

**they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit**

This lets us know that the locust creatures in the bottomless pit are fallen angels.

Their strange appearance is no more strange than the four living creatures which are before God's throne (*which a seraphim*)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.*

Revelation 9:12-14

### **One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.**

As devastating as the locust-creatures were the second woe will be much devastating

### **a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,**

This voice came from the angel who stood at the altar of incense

### **Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.**

Euphrates River runs north to south through Iraq and indicates the location of Adam's paradise

These four that are being loosed are mighty fallen angels.

These angels have been bound for many centuries in the great river Euphrates.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.*

Revelation 9:15-16

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

This lets us know that these angels and their armies will slay 1/3 of men and women in the area of the old roman empire.

The population of the area bordering the Mediterranean (i.e. most of Europe, middle east and North Africa) is about 1 billion. 300 million will die in this plague

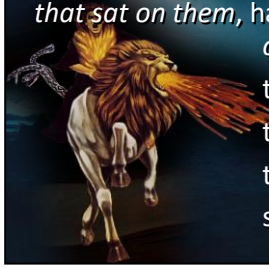
**two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.**

The thought is that each fallen angel is captain of 50 million of the demon horse riders, totaling 200 million in all

John “heard the number” of the horsemen army, so the number is exact

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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



### **And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them**

John is seeing two different individuals (1) the demon horses and two the riders of those horses

### **breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone:**

The riders of the horses had these breastplates of blue and brimstone

### **the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.**

This describes the fierce horse-creatures

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*By these three* was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: *for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.*

Revelation 9:18-19

### **By these three**

by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone

### **For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails:**

Pertains to the demon-horses ability to breathe death upon men or strike with their tails

### **for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.**

The indication is that the demon horses had tails which were like a serpent



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 9:20

### **And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not**

Even under these extreme conditions men refuse to repent and prefer torment and death over Christ

### **the works of their hands**

Although there are numerous false directions that men embark on, they can all be categorized as “*the works of the hands*” and include:

Man has worshipped the “works of his own hands” since Cain offered produce to the Lord instead of a blood sacrifice

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Neither repented they* of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 9:21



### **Neither repented they**

It would seem that after these horrible judgments with over 300 million dying that man would repent, but such will not be so



Chapter 10 is another parenthetical chapter

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:*

Revelation 10:1

*aggelos- a pastor, angel, or messenger.*

### **And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven**

This mighty angel is Jesus Christ Himself

**Angel:** *aggelos-* a pastor, angel, or messenger.

### **clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head,**

The cloud is the same Shekinah glory cloud which hovered over the Tabernacle in the wilderness

The rainbow upon His head represents the mercy of God. The rainbow came into being after the flood as God covenanted to never destroy creation again

### **his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:**

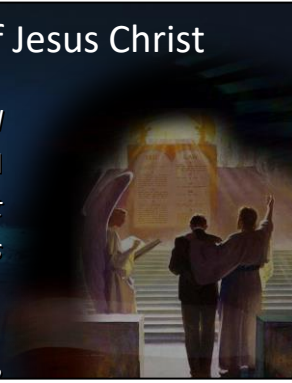
His face shining as the sun represents the strength of the glory of his countenance. As it is difficult to look into the sun it will be difficult to look upon Christ due to the brightness of His glory.

His feet as pillars of fire represent judgment, His coming back to the earth will be in judgment

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he had in his hand  
a little book open: and  
he set his right foot  
upon the sea, and his  
left foot on the earth,*

Revelation 10:2



### **And he had in his hand a little book open:**

This phrase proves that it is the Lord Himself as this is the same “little book” spoken of in Chapter five

The little book is now open as all seven of the seals have been removed by Christ

### **he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,**

Setting one foot on the earth and the other on the sea means that Christ is now staking His claim of sovereignty over the earth

We see the divine Messiah descend from heaven and the false Messiah rise out of the sea for the final confrontation

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*

Revelation 10:3-4

### **cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth:**

Depicts Jesus roaring these comments from the office of King

### **seven thunders uttered their voices.**

The heavens respond with a series of thunders to the Lord's cry

### **Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.**

John clearly heard and understood the words uttered by the seven thunders, but was commanded not to write them and to seal them meaning to tell no one.

No man can know what these seven thunders are. Any comments otherwise are speculation at best.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And *the angel* which I saw  
*stand upon the sea and upon  
the earth* lifted up his hand to  
heaven,

Revelation 10:5

*aggelos*- a pastor, angel, or messenger.

### **the angel**

The angel here again refers to Jesus Christ Himself

### **stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven**

This is the second time this description of standing on the land and sea is given which emphasizes its importance

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:*

Revelation 10:6

### **And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever**

This one statement excludes the possibility that this could be an angelic being.

There is no record of an angel ever sworn by God the Father

### **that there should be time no longer:**

This does not mean that the concept of time will end,

The next verse indicates that statement pertains to the mystery of God



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*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.*



Revelation 10:7

### **But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel,**

This phrase proves that time has not ceased to be, since the word “*days*” is a measure of time

Part of the mystery of God is the mystery as to why God has allowed Satan to run rampant for so long

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, *Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.*

Revelation 10:8

### **Go and take the little book which is open**

This is the same book that is spoken of in Chapter five. The lamb is the only one worthy to open this book

You will notice the book is now open, as all seven seals have been opened

### **the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.**

This is the third time this description of standing on the land and sea

It means that Christ has staked His claim as Lord of this earth. Contradicting the false messiahs ambition

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.*

Revelation 10:9



### **And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book.**

This presents John approaching Jesus and obtaining the little book

Notice that only Jesus was able to take the book from the hand of the Father, now He gives the opened book to John

### **Take it, and eat it up;**

This does not reflect literally eating this book, but is metaphoric and means that John was to consume the contents of this book

### **it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.**

Meaning the Word of God has a two sided reality to it.

If the gospel of Christ is accepted, resulting in salvation it is sweeter than honey for the believer

If it is rejected, resulting in damnation, it is bitter as wormwood

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, *Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.*

Revelation 10:10-11

**Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.**

The meaning here is that John was to consume the contents of the book and prophesy to nations, tongues, and kings

The remaining prophecies have been fulfilled in the writing of the book of Revelation, which has been read by people of many nations, tongues, and even kings



Chapter 11 is a summary chapter and covers the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation period.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

1. Advent of the Anti-Christ *(Rev 6:2)*

2. Seven year non-aggression pact

- *Anti-Christ will continue to consolidate his power base*

3. Temple Mount / Rebuilt Temple

- *Sacrifices will again be offered unto God*

**Revelation 6:1-2** And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and *behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.*

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

Revelation 11:1

Israel will have five temples

1. Solomon's Temple
2. Zerubbabels Temple
3. Herods Temple
4. The Tribulation Temple
5. The Millennial Temple

### **And there was given me a reed like unto a rod:**

Scripture does not reveal who gave this reed to John, but it was for the purpose of applying a divine measure to Jerusalem

### **Rise, and measure the temple of God and the altar, and them that worship therein**

The temple will be rebuilt in the exact place that the Muslim's Dome of the Rock now sits.

Worshippers will begin offering up sacrifices once again at the brazen altar

The thought is that the temple being rebuilt and the sacrifices reinstated amounts to blasphemous rejection of Christ

John is to now measure this temple for judgment.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 11:2



**But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not;**

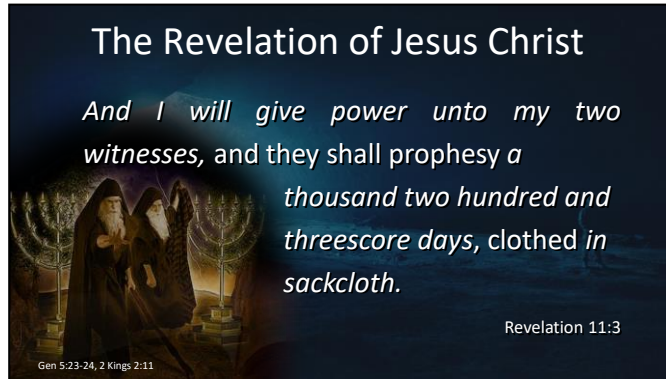
Meaning that the target of this particular judgment are those who reject Christ, which is epitomized by the sacrifices of the temple

**it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

Meaning that Jerusalem will be under the control of gentiles for the latter 3 ½ years of the tribulation

During these 3 ½ years Israel will experience its greatest opposition, nearly being wiped out





**And I will give power unto my two witnesses,**

These two witnesses will probably be Enoch and Elijah. They will be given power unlike any other new testament prophet

Both of these men have never died a physical death and have lived in heaven in their earthen bodies

**Genesis 5:23-24** And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

**2 Kings 2:11** And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Their ministries will last the second 3 ½ years of the tribulation period

**a thousand two hundred and threescore days**

Represents a 3 ½ period. The last ½ of the tribulation period

**in sackcloth.**

Sackcloth represents repentance and the ministry of the two witnesses will be to preach repentance

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.*

Zechariah 4:11-14

Revelation 11:4-5

### **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth**

The two olive trees are a metaphor for the two witnesses

**Zechariah 4:11-14** Then answered I, and said unto him, *What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?* And I answered again, and said unto him, *What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?* And he answered me and said, *Knowest thou not what these be?* And I said, *No, my lord.* Then said he, *These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.*

### **if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies**

This does not refer to literal fire, rather it is the fire of judgment which they have power to speak.

Their judgments will be produced immediately much like the miracles that Moses produced

### **if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.**

Those who attempt to kill the two witnesses will have their plans reversed and will die in the manner they attempted to kill the witnesses

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.*

Revelation 11:6

### **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy:**

They will have power to speak the heaven shut, as did Elijah during his life on earth

This directly impacts all people in the region of their prophecies

### **power over waters to turn them to blood,**

Compounded with no rainfall, the two witnesses will “torment” the inhabitants of the earth

We are to remember they are clothed in sackcloth which signifies that they will call men to repentance

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

Revelation 11:7



### **And when they shall have finished their testimony**

The beast (fallen angel) will be attempting to kill them during their 3 ½ year ministry but will be unable.

Their inability to kill the two witnesses is an affront to the Anti-Christ's claim to deity

Their lives can not be taken UNTIL their testimony has been completed, showing that God is in complete control of all events

### **beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit**

By virtue of the fact this "beast" came out of the bottomless pit, we know that it is a fallen angel and not Satan or the Anti-Christ

This beast is the angel that assisted Alexander the Great in his conquest of the known world within just over a decade.

This Satanic prince was locked into the bottomless abyss after Alexander's demise and has remained there from then until now

The name beast is used of several different entities, the anti-Christ, this Satanic prince, the anti-Christian system

### **shall overcome them, and kill them.**

Although the beast overcomes the two witnesses, it is according to the will of God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.*

Revelation 11:8-9

### **And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city**

This indicates that these two men will be killed in the streets of the city in which they prophesied, which will be Jerusalem

### **spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

Jerusalem is the city being spoken of here, however spiritually it is called Sodom because it is a hub of immorality and called Egypt for its worldliness

### **the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies**

This indicates that their death will be broadcast around the world

### **shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

The anti-Christ will force these bodies to lay dead in the streets so as to emphasize his ability to destroy his enemies

The world at large will be grateful to the Anti-Christ (the beast) for destroying those who tormented them the preaching and plagues

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 11:10

**And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another**

There will be great rejoicing and celebrating the death of the two witnesses

This speaks primarily of the region the old roman empire, but will include the entirety of the world by 24 hour news television

**because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.**

It is very clear that the reason for the celebration is the death of God's witnesses, which they believe is an end to the torment they have endured

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*

Revelation 11:11

**the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet;**

God will resurrect these two witnesses in plain site of the world

Jesus was resurrected from a tomb hidden behind a stone, these two will be resurrected in plain site of the world

The two witnesses begin to walk the streets of Jerusalem once again and do so in the sight of the worlds television cameras

**great fear fell upon them which saw them.**

Needless to say the celebration stops abruptly and is replaced by a fear and dread of it's implications

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*And they <sup>(verse 10)</sup> heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*

Revelation 11:12

**And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither.**

The word they refer to “they that dwell upon the earth” vs 10

All who view this event on television will as well hear the voice from heaven

**they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.**

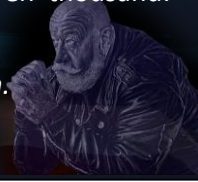
The world has seen their resurrection and now they will witness the ascension as well



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 11:13



### **the same hour**

Meaning that within 60 minutes of the resurrection and ascension of the two witnesses which are viewed on worldwide TV, the earthquake occurs

### **a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell,**

Jerusalem is the city in which the two witnesses prophesied were killed, resurrected, and ascended,

Within 1 hour of the ascension an earthquake occurs with such power that 1/10 of Jerusalem is destroyed

### **the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

The implication is that these did not simply say “Glory to God” but they actually repented and GAVE “Glory to God”

No matter how hard a man’s heart may become. God has the ability to make men tremble at His power

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

Matthew 4:8-9

Revelation 11:14-15

### **The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.**

The three woes mentioned in Rev 8:3 are equivalent with the 6, 7, and 8 trumpet blasts

The third woe (i.e. seventh trump) will now take place.

### **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

We are to understand that events on earth result from events that first occur in heaven

The declaration is made in heaven now and will result on earth within 3 ½ years at the second advent of Christ

The worlds kingdoms will be under the reign of Christ and remain so forever into eternity future

**Matthew 4:8** Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and *sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come;*

Because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Revelation 11:16-17

*thronos - a throne*

### **And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats,**

The 24 elders represent the redeemed church on heaven.

The word “seats” is *thronos* in the Greek and should have been translated thrones

### **O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come;**

This phrase describes God as the Eternal One

He is, He always was, and He always will be

### **thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.**

The thanks is offered to God BECAUSE after 6000 years of Satanic rule on earth God is now rising up in power to reign over the Earth

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, (small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.* Revelation 11:18

*orgizo - provoked or enrage*

Psalms 2:1-5

### **And the nations were angry,**

This is the response of rebellious mankind to the Almighty using His mighty power

**Psalms 2:1-5** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

### **thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged**

This refers to the quickly approaching Great White Throne judgment at which time the spiritually dead will be judged

### **that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great**

This phrase refers to the judgment seat of Christ at which time the people of God will be judged and will be given rewards

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.*

Revelation 11:19

**And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament:**

The evidence is that the temple and tabernacle were modeled after this temple that exists in heaven

The temple in heaven is complete with an ark

**there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

The opening of the temple in heaven results in lightnings, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail on earth



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; *a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child* cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

Revelation 12:1-2

**a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:**

This great wonder is representative of National Israel and is typified in the following ways;

**clothed with the sun:** represents the glory of these ancient people called Israel

**the moon under her feet:** represent Israel overcoming the false light of apostasy of the end times (144,000 making up the man-child)

**a crown of twelve stars:** Speak of the 12 original tribes which come from the sons of Jacob

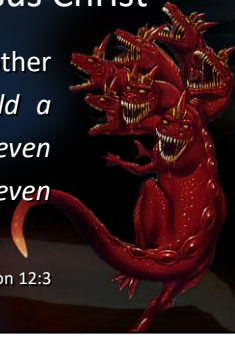
**she being with child cried**

Speaks of the 144000 that were converted to Christ

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 12:3



### behold a great red dragon

The great red dragon is symbolic of Satan

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

### seven heads

The seven heads speak of the seven empires that have persecuted Israel throughout time. Those empires are Egypt, Babylon, Medo-Persian, Assyrian, Grecian, Rome, future revived Roman empire

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The ten horns and the seventh head actually represent the same kingdom. It is a ten nation alliance which will be revived from the old Roman empire and will be the political and military base of the Anti-Christ

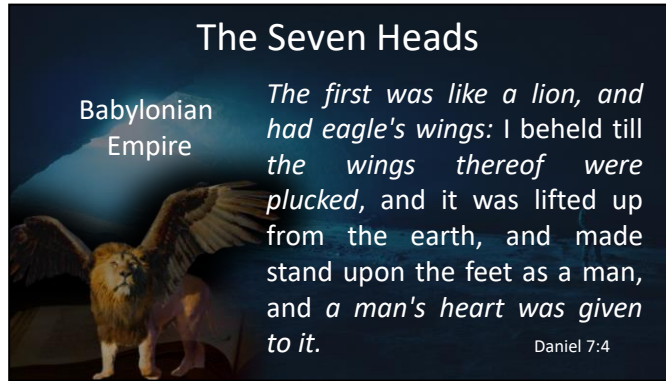
### seven crowns upon his heads

This crown represents the kings of the seven nations symbolized by the seven head. These are the kings of the ten nations who give their power to the Anti-Christ





**Daniel 7:2-9** Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.



**The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings**

Refers to the Babylonian empire and the wings refer to the swiftness of its expanse

**the wings thereof were plucked,**

Refers to Nebuchadnezzar going insane due to pride

**made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.**

Speaks of Nebuchadnezzar's restoration and conversion

## The Seven Heads

And behold another beast, *a second, like to a bear*, and it *raised up itself on one side*, and it had *three ribs in the mouth of it* between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

Medo-Persian  
Empire

Daniel 7:5



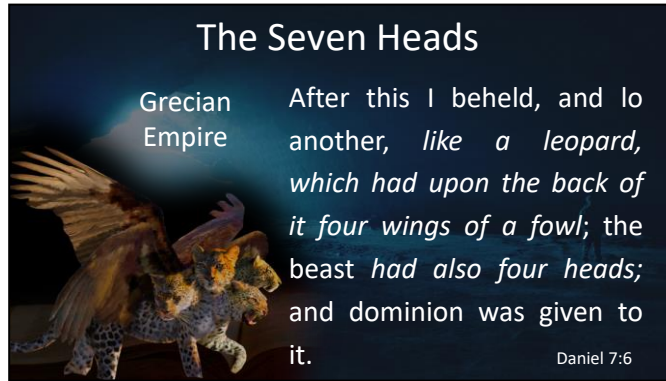
### **a second, like to a bear,**

The bear represents the Medo-Persian empire due to the brute strength of this empire

### **raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it**

The raising up on one side refers to the Persian ultimately becoming stronger than the Medes and dominating the empire

The three ribs have to do with the cruel brutality of this empire



**like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl**

This represents the Grecian empire under Alexander the Great symbolized by a leopard due to the swiftness of its expanse

Additionally it had wings to emphasize the supernatural swiftness of the growth of this empire

**had also four heads;**

These four heads symbolize Alexander's four Generals who ultimately divided the kingdom upon Alexander's death

## The Ten Horns

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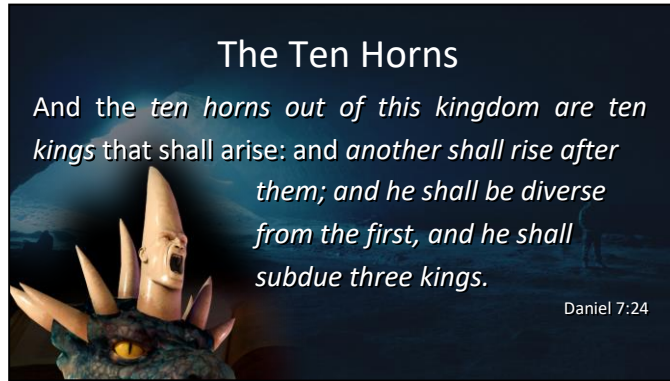
This is referred to as the non-descript beast and represents the current Roman empire

**it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.**

Two things are to be noticed

1. It was diverse from the other empires
2. It had ten horns meaning Daniel saw the last two horns as one beast that had ten horns of its own

Daniel is seeing the old Roman empire and at the same time seeing the revived Roman empire of the anti-Christ



**the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise**

These ten horns are ten kings and ten separate kingdoms or nations

**another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.**

The eleventh horn or king is the anti-Christ and he will defeat and overcome three of the prior kings and take their might.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

3 ½ Years

Daniel 7:25

### **And he shall speak great words against the most High**

The anti-Christ will proclaim himself to be God and will denounce the God of heaven

### **shall wear out the saints of the most High,**

Refers to the Anti-Christ pursuit of Israel

### **they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.**

They refers to Israel, who will be hounded by the anti-Christ for 3 1/2 years

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*

Revelation 12:4

### **his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven,**

This refers to the original rebellion of Satan during which time he deceived 1/3 of the angelic host who will ultimately share his perdition

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

### **to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

As Herod awaited the birth of Christ in order to destroy Him at birth, the dragon attempts to destroy the man-child ( the 144,000) as soon as they convert to Christ

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

Revelation 12:5

### **And she brought forth a man child,**

This phrase refers to national Israel bringing forth the 144,000 who give their hearts and lives to Jesus as Savior

### **who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron**

Means these 144,000, 12,000 from every tribe, will rule the nations under the dominion of Jesus

### **her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.**

These will ultimately be resurrected (raptured) out of the tribulation period up to heaven at the throne of God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*

Revelation 12:6

### **And the woman fled into the wilderness**

At the midpoint of the tribulation the anti-Christ will break his peace treaty with Israel and will defeat her in military battle

Israel will flee from the armies of the Anti-Christ to a place called Petra which is located in Jordan

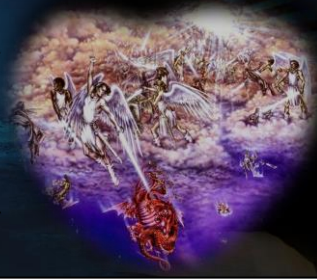
### **that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.**

The Jordanians will feed and keep the Israel refugees for 3.5 years

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

Revelation 12:7



### **And there was war in heaven**

This war is yet futuristic and will be fought at about the midpoint of the tribulation period

### **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

Michael, who is the defending angel of Israel, and His holy angels will battle Satan and his fallen angels

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

Rev 12:8-9



### **And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

As of now Satan still has access to heaven, We have record of this in the book of Job

**Job 1:6-7** Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and *Satan came also among them*. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

**Job 2:1** Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and *Satan came also among them* to present himself before the LORD.

### **the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,**

These are a few of the many names that the fallen angel originally named Lucifer goes by

### **deceiveth the whole world**

Satan currently has the entirety of the world deceived.

The billions deceived by Islam, Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism and all other false religions are actually deceived by Satan

### **he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

It is at this time (midpoint of the tribulation) that Satan and all fallen angels will loose their

access to heaven

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 12:10

**Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down**

This is a proclamation of victory probably made by the white robe wearers of Rev 6:10-11

### **The mystery of God**

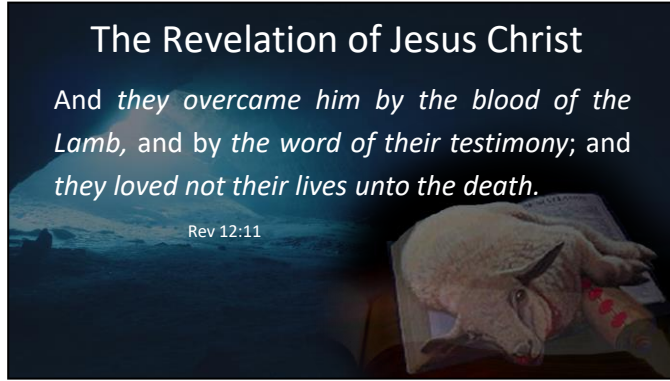
Part of the mystery of God is the fact that God is almighty and could have destroyed Satan in Eden.

As well Calvary paid the price for redemption 2000 years ago and yet Satan is only now cast out of Heaven, this is the mystery of God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

Rev 12:11



### **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb**

There is only one possibility of overcoming Satan, sin, and self, it is by means of the blood of the Lamb.

### **the word of their testimony**

The word of their testimony refers to each Christian proclaiming the finished work of the cross. One's testimony proclaims one's object of faith, which should always be the cross

### **they loved not their lives unto the death.**

It is only through the strength of the cross, that man has the strength to sacrifice his own life



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 12:12



**rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth**

We see that what causes heaven to rejoice causes the earth to mourn

Heaven rejoices because Satan is now cast out of heaven and loses his access to the heaven

**the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**

The devil is come down can be understood as the “devil is cast down”

Due to this eviction and what it represents Satan realizes his time is growing short and so redoubles his efforts to steal, kill, and destroy

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 12:13



**he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child**

The woman who brought forth the manchild is Israel, the manchild is the 144,000 Jews who gave their lives to Christ

Satan being cast out realizes that the Kingdom of God as advanced greatly attempts to destroy Israel

If Israel can be destroyed, God's promises are of non-effect and Satan would win, therefore He seeks to destroy Israel

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 12:14



**to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness**

Again the woman represents national Israel, who will be defeated in battle for the first time since it became a nation in 1948

Israel will flee to a place called Petra which is located within Jordan

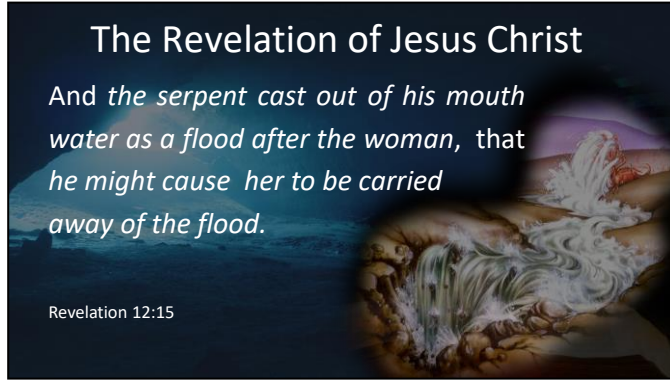
**she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time,**

This means that, oddly enough, Jordan (possibly as a surrogate for the US) will care for Israel for 3 ½ years.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 12:15



**the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman**

The flood symbolizes the mighty armies of the anti-Christ that will pursue Israel

**he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.**

Means that the anti-Christ will be determined as was Stalin and Hitler, to annihilate all Jews

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

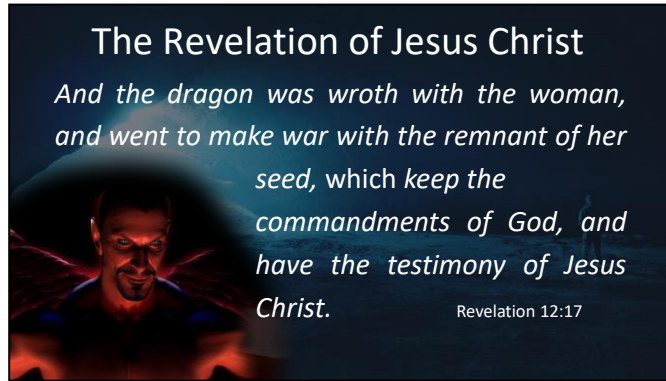
And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood Which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Rev12:16

**the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood Which the dragon cast out of his mouth**

This verse probably seems to refer to an earthquake that will stop the anti-Christ armies from further advancing on Israel

The anti-Christ is a man and man may rule, but God is able to over rule



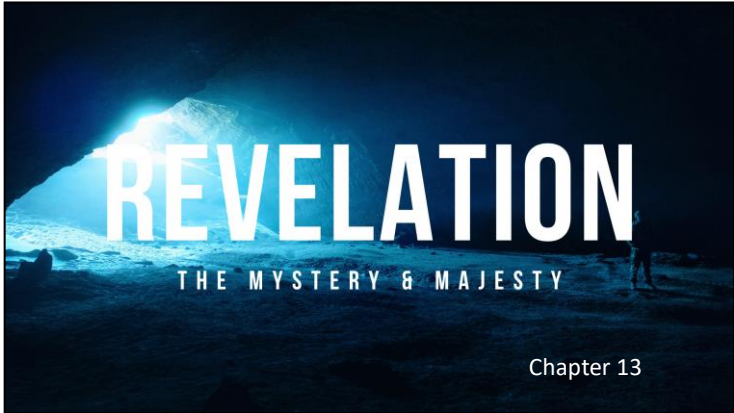
**And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed,**

Satan, acting through the anti-Christ, is unable to destroy Israel, who fled to Petra due to the earthquake

In his wrath he turns to pursue the remnant of Jews that are not at Petra, to destroy them

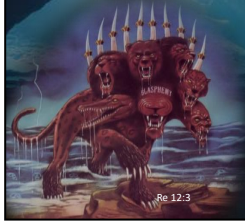
**keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

It is believed that after the rapture of the 144,000, that many other Jews will also turn to Christ and be persecuted due to their testimony



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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



Revelation 13:1

### **I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea**

The beast is representative of the anti-Christ and the sea represents a “sea of people”

This statement refers to John seeing the anti-Christ rise up out of the mass of humanity

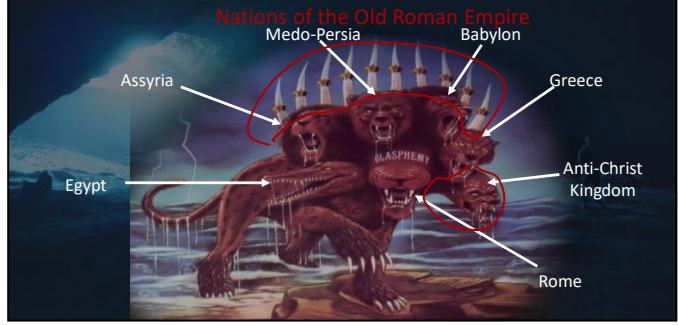
### **seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns,**

The seven heads represent seven nations that have persecuted Israel throughout time. They are;

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, Anti-Christ Kingdom



# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

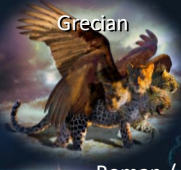


# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Babylonian



Grecjan



Medo-Persian



Roman / Anti-Christ



# King Nebuchadnezzar Dream

Babylonian  
Empire

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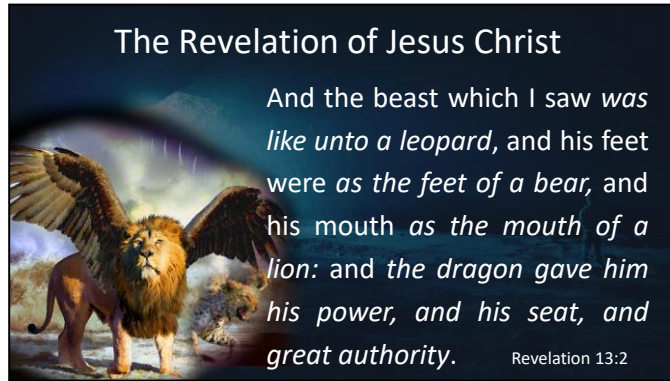
Anti-Christ  
Empire



~~Egypt Empire~~

~~Assyrian Empire~~





**was like unto a leopard**

This means the anti-Christ kingdom will have qualities like the Grecian empire. Alexander the Great conquered the then known world in little over a decade.

**his feet were as the feet of a bear**

It will also share qualities with the Medo-Persian empire in that it will be as fierce and cruel as was that particular empire

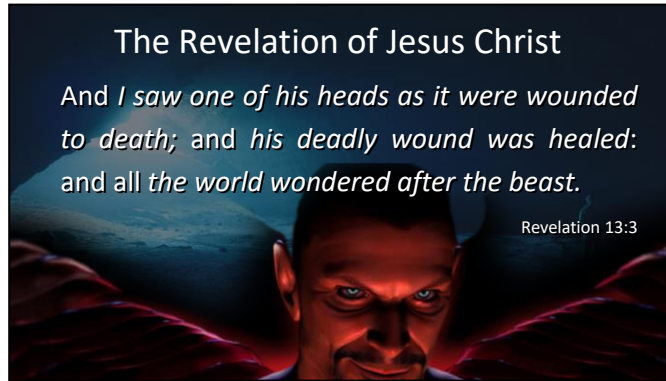
**as the mouth of a lion:**

Meaning it will have the grandeur and pomp of the ancient Babylonian empire

**the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority**

The dragon again refers to Satan

Satan will give the anti-Christ his military, his political seat, and the authority he will hold with the nations



**I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death;**

This does not refer to an assassination attempt upon the anti-Christ or to his death and resurrection as some teach

This refers to a Satanic prince that assisted Alexander the Great to do what he did and with the speed that he did so.

**Daniel 10:12-13** Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia** withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

**his deadly wound was healed:**

After the death of Alexander this fallen angel was locked into the bottomless pit and remained there until it was unlocked in Chapter 9

**all the world wondered after the beast.**

This fallen angel is the source of the anti-Christ's great ability to make war and prosper

All the world wonders at this man because of his abilities due to his empowerment from the world of darkness

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

Revelation 13:4

**they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?**

This world worships power.

To the carnal eye it will appear that the Anti-Christ has great power and so he will be worshipped worldwide, to a greater extent than any Hollywood movie star

The power is actually Satan's and not the anti-Christ and so indirectly the worship of the world will go to Satan

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*

Revelation 13:5-6

### **there was given unto him a mouth**

Satan will invest more into this man than any other man in history, more than Hitler or Stalin

He will be a “silver tongued devil” with an ability to stir crowds into a frenzy with the power of his mouth

### **forty and two months**

Forty two months is exactly 3 ½ years, which represent the last 3 ½ years of the 7 year tribulation period

### **he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.**

Meaning that he will ridicule God, heaven, and those who dwell in heaven other than “heaven on earth”

The thrust of his comments will assert that there is no heaven and no God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev13:7



### **it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them:**

The anti-Christ (Satan) does not have liberty to do anything to Israel, rather *“it was given unto him”*

The *“saints”* refer to Israel and is used in deference to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

The Anti-Christ will turn on Israel and will defeat them in military battle

### **power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

This does not mean all nations of the world as the anti-Christ will never achieve his goal of world domination. Rather it refers to all nations under his rule which nations are located in the region of the old Roman Empire



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear.*

Revelation 13:8-9

### **all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life**

Unregenerate man worships power and the anti-Christ will constantly display political, military and intellectual power, therefore the world will worship him.

However the mark of the beast will not be a world-wide phenomena

**Matthew 25:31-33** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

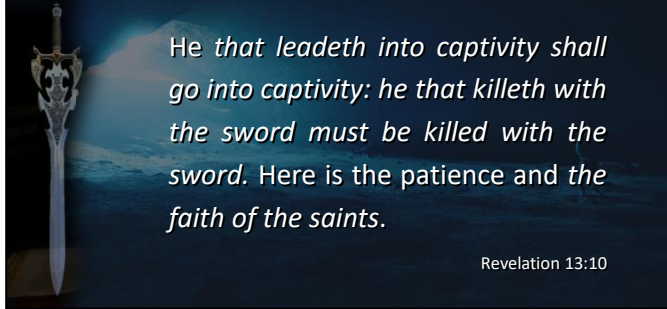
### **the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

This phrase does not imply predestination of the one's whose name is written but rather of the death of the lamb

### **If any man have an ear, let him hear.**

The power of this statement should be unmistakable, We are to hear and understand that it will boil down to Jesus worship or beast worship, there is no other option.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



### **that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity:**

Those who will not adhere to or minister the true word of God shall go into captivity

### **he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword**

The nations which follow the anti-Christ into war will ultimately experience death by the sword

### **the faith of the saints.**

This refers to those Jews and Gentiles that give their lives to Christ as a result of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection and the rapture of the 144,000 Jews

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 13:11



### **And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth;**

This refers to the coming false prophet who will validate the efforts of the anti-Christ

Coming out of the earth depicts his rise from the population of humanity

### **two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.**

The two horns depict this second beast as presenting himself as a man of peace and godliness

Speaking as a dragon depicts his true nature

**Matthew 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things?  
*for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,* Rev 13:12-13

semeion (*say-mi'-on*) syn: a miracle

### he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him

Meaning that the power of the second beast is derived directly from Satan and not through the first beast (the anti-Christ)

### causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast , whose deadly wound was healed

The purpose of the second beast (*who is the false prophet*) is to bring worship to the anti-Christ and to validate his efforts

Whose deadly wound was healed refers to the incarceration of the satanic prince that helped Alexander the Great and now helps the anti-Christ

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

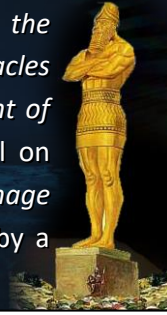
The false prophet will have the ability to perform actual miracles including calling down fire from heaven

**Exodus 7:11-12** Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. **For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents:** but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

This indicates to us that the church should not and must not get into the mindset of chasing miracles

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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



### **And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast;**

We see that the thrust of the effort of the false prophet is deception

The miracles he does are a means unto the end. In other words the miracles are for the purpose of deception.

As we watch the so-called miracles of Benny Hinn, Peter Popoff and the like, the church is groomed to follow false miracles

### **that they should make an image to the beast,**

The false prophet initiates the effort to have all men to worship the anti-Christ and does this by creating an image to this beast

This is very much like the effort of Nebuchadnezzar when He built the image to which the Hebrew boys would not bow down (*Daniel 3*)

**Daniel 12:11** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. (*3.5 years*)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

*pneuma: spirit, breath* Revelation 13:15

### **he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak**

The word translated life is “*pneuma*” and should have been translated “*spirit*”. To give actual life is the prerogative of God alone

The images ability to breath and speak is given by the false prophet and inspired by demon powers behind the scenes

### **as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.**

This is a very misunderstood scripture, because this effort will be carried out in the region of the anti-Christ’s power base which is the old Roman empire area

The anti-Christ will make a bid for world domination but will never succeed, and so this mark will not be a world-wide occurrence

This mindset of worship is unusual to nations that embrace democracy however this is the norm in totalitarian regions

Non-Muslims in many Arab countries currently can be either killed or terribly persecuted, this mindset lends itself to the anti-Christ’s purpose

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

Revelation 13:16-17

### **he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:**

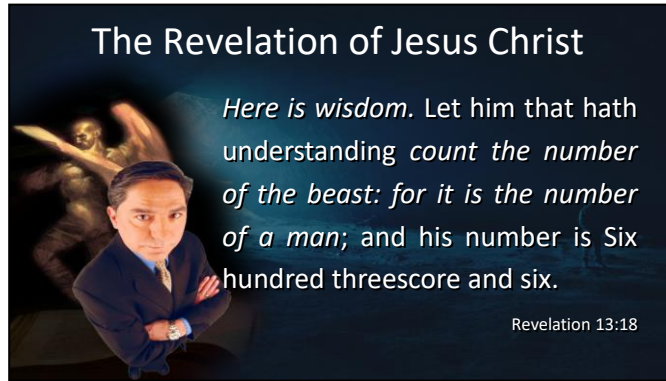
This will be an outward visible mark that allows people to easily determine the followers of the anti-Christ.

That purpose of placing the mark on the hand or forehead is of the mark to insure it's visibility.

The mark of the beast will not be an embedded chip or a credit card in one's wallet or purse. It will be an outward visible mark

### **no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name**

This shows that the persecution of those who resist the mark will not only be spiritual but economical as well



### **Here is wisdom.**

This refers to the wisdom of God and not at all the wisdom of man

This may be an allusion to Daniel 12:10 “Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and *none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*”

### **count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man**

The meaning of this phrase is that regardless of the political and military power of the anti-Christ, despite the miracles of the false prophet the number is still the number of a man, (a weak ,frail man) and not of God, who he will claim to be

### **Six hundred threescore and six.**

Six is the number of man because Adam was created the six day and seven is the number of God

The anti-Christ is numbered 666 but can never be 777 regardless of his claims to be God





Chapter 14 is parenthetical

**Chapter 13 and chapter 14 occur simultaneously**

Chapter 13 occurs on earth

Chapter 14 occurs in heaven

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 14:1

### **a Lamb stood on the mount Sion,**

What Johns sees is not an actual lamb per se, rather he sees Jesus as a lamb which brings to our minds Calvary

Sion is not Mount Zion near Jerusalem, rather it is mount Sion in heaven

Heaven has its own Mt. Sion, a temple, a tabernacle, an altar, a Jerusalem of which the earthlies are but a type

### **with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.**

This is the same 144,000 that were mentioned in Chapter 7.

As chapter 13 depicts men with the mark of the beast on their foreheads on earth, chapter 14 depicts men with the name of God on their foreheads in heaven

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev14:2

### **I heard a voice from heaven**

This is the voice of the 144,000 whose voices together sound like many waters and great thunder

### **they sung as it were a new song**

The new song that is being sung by these 144,000 is not new in type but is new in quality because it has never been sung by redeemed Jews from out of the tribulation

The living beast, the 24 elders, redeemed gentiles can not sing this song at this quality only the 144,000 which are the first fruits of Israel

This new song may very well be Psalms 29, being sung with a quality of reality heretofore not experienced

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev14:3

### **I heard a voice from heaven**

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

Revelation 14:4-5

### **These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins.**

This does not refer to sexual virginity rather it speaks of spiritual virginity as defined by Romans chapter 7

This 144,000 have not committed spiritual intercourse with other gods or other faiths

### **they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.**

This defines the effort of which all Christians should involve themselves in, i.e. following the Lamb, whithersoever ...,

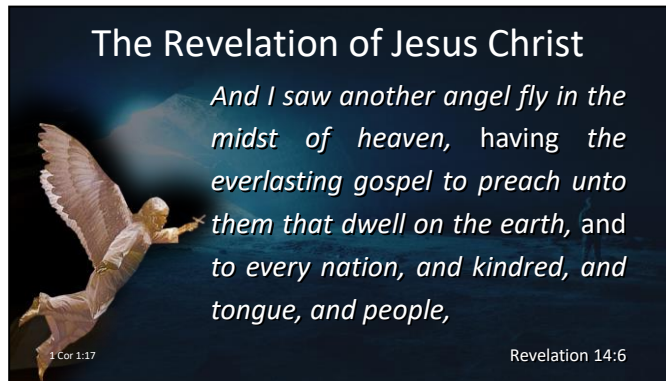
### **being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

The term first fruits indicate the down payment on a whole. These 144,000 are the first fruits and indicates that the whole of Israel will be saved

The Holy Spirit we now enjoy is but the first fruits of what we shall have at the resurrection

### **they are without fault before the throne of God.**

The word guile means deceit and these 144,000 are without deceit, not by their own honesty but because they are “in Christ” as a result of proper faith



**And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven,**

This angel will more than likely be visible to the natural eye and as well will be televised to the population of the earth

**the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth,**

The “everlasting gospel” is the same gospel we currently preach which is “Christ and Him crucified”

This everlasting gospel is “ever lasting” meaning that it will not expire with the resurrection or second advent of Christ

1 Corinthians 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

**to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,**

God has sent this angel to insure that every living person has a chance to accept Christ prior to the outpour of His wrath

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Saying with a loud voice, *Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

Revelation 14:7



**Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

There are a number of important points this angelic messenger brings, they are:

**Fear God:** Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

**give glory to him:** means the ultimatum is given to mankind either give glory to God or give glory to the anti-Christ

**judgment is come:** The warning of impending judgment is about to begin on planet earth

**worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

Debunks the false claim of the anti-Christ who claims to be God and creator, but which is merely a frail man

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 14:8

### **Babylon is fallen, is fallen,**

The city of Babylon will be rebuilt probably near its original location which is about 50 miles south of Baghdad

Babylon will have become a hub for world-wide commerce as well as a hub for drug traffic, homosexuality, child prostitution, etc.

Babylon will also be the headquarters of the anti-Christ, which he will boast should become “heaven on earth”

Chapter 18 details the fall of this city which is a cesspool of iniquity

### **because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.**

The main thrust of the charge of “fornication” does not refer to the sexual act

Fornication refers to spiritual fornication which is intimacy with some presumed savior, other than Jesus Christ

This spiritual fornication is one of the main exports of Babylon





**saying with a loud voice**

This last angel pronounces his message with a loud voice because all of mankind will be held eternally accountable for what he has said

**If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,**

There is a progression in this statement;

**If any man worship the beast and his image:** one who worships the beast and his image, in actuality worships the dragon

**receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,:** If any man receive the mark of the beast he is considered to be a worshipper of the beast

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:*

Revelation 14:10

### **The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God,**

This is part of the message delivered by an angel to mankind. Each person who receives the mark is eternally doomed for wrath (hell)

### **is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation**

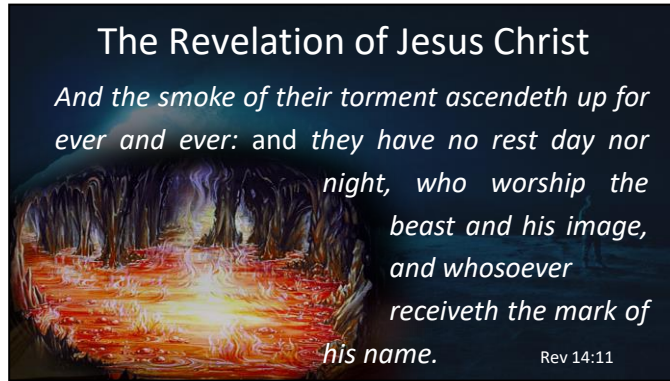
This means that the wrath of God that will be poured out begins with the vial judgments and continues through the Great White Throne judgment being poured out eternally in the lake of fire.

His indignation refers to the fact that God has been greatly and personally insulted by men who have rejected His Christ

### **he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:**

**Tormented in fire and brimstone** refers to these Christ rejecters being consigned to the lake of fire which is in the center of the earth

**In the presence of angels and the Lamb** refers to the commencement of this consignment at the Great White Throne Judgment



**And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever:**

This verse is very dire indeed, the smoke is representative that these will be placed in fire, which is the source of their torment

**they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

There is no reset from this torment of everlasting fire which will last forever and forever, day and night, eternally

As grace produces eternal life, judgment will produce eternal damnation

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*

Revelation 14:12-13

### **Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**

This speaks of those who are saved during the tribulation who patiently endure persecution yet keep the faith of Jesus

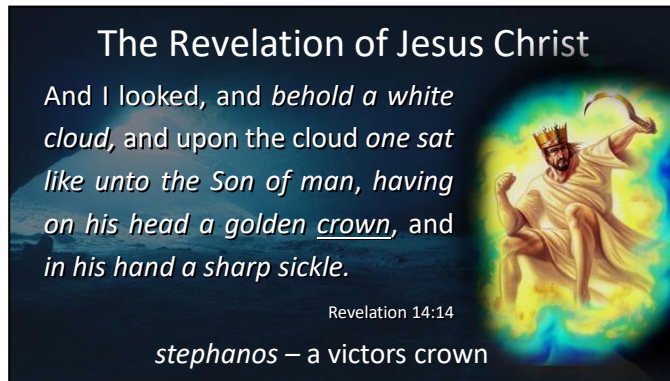
### **Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:**

The instruction to write comes from the Spirit

The communication is "blessed are those who die in the Lord from that point forward."  
(\*note: who die in the Lord)

### **that they may rest from their labours;**

Notice that the tribulation Christians "may rest" however those who receive the mark of the beast "*have no rest*" Rev 14:11



**behold a white cloud**

The cloud represents the glory of Christ with the white symbolizing His perfect purity

**one sat like unto the Son of man**

The one sitting on the cloud is Jesus Christ

The term “Son of Man” addresses Jesus incarnate. In other words what He did as man rather than as God

**having on his head a golden crown**

The crown is a “*stephanos*” in the Greek and means a victors crown. This is the same word used to describe the crown of thorns He wore at His crucifixion

The crown is golden to symbolize His deity

**in his hand a sharp sickle.**

The sharp sickle indicates that all of the upcoming events are initiated in heaven and concluded on earth

Because it is in the hand of Jesus we understand that the initiator of these events is Jesus Christ himself

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 14:15-16

### **another angel came out of the temple,**

The angel comes out of the temple to indicate that the judgments they bring originate with the holiness of God

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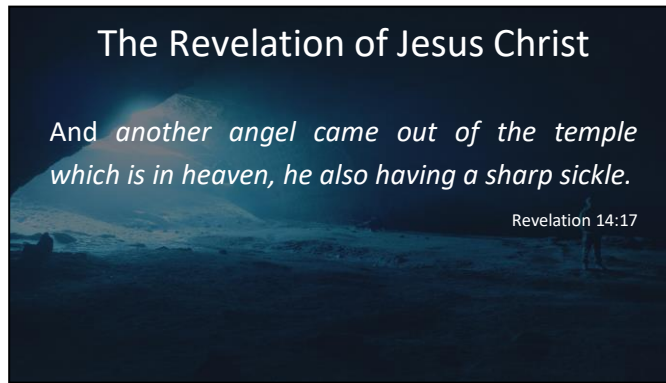
The angels cry to Christ to thrust in His sickle because Christ is the principle in all of these judgments

“the harvest of the earth is ripe” means that man’s rebellious iniquity has come to a full

### **he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.**

Christ’s action is mainly symbolic and takes place about 3 years prior to the result of those actions being seen on earth

Events in earth’s history are sourced in heaven



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

The angels task will be with the detail of bringing the armies of the anti-Christ to the valley of Jehoshaphat, which is the battle ground for Armageddon

**angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire**

The angel comes from the area of the brazen altar and has power over the fire that burns on the brazen altar

We are to remember the fires of the brazen altar represented the hot anger of God against sin and man's rebellion

**Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.**

The idea is that one angel will bring rebellious men to valley of Jehoshaphat and the other will unleash the fire of God's wrath

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 14:17-18

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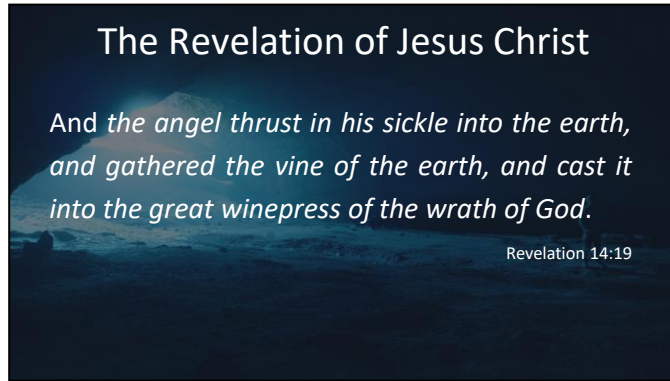
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**the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God**

The language is graphic and strong;

The valley of Jehoshaphat will serve as a vat or winepress

The army's of anti-Christ will serve to be the grapes to be pressed

The energy used to press the grapes is the wrath of God

**the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress even unto the horse bridles**

This particular battle will take place outside of the city of Jerusalem

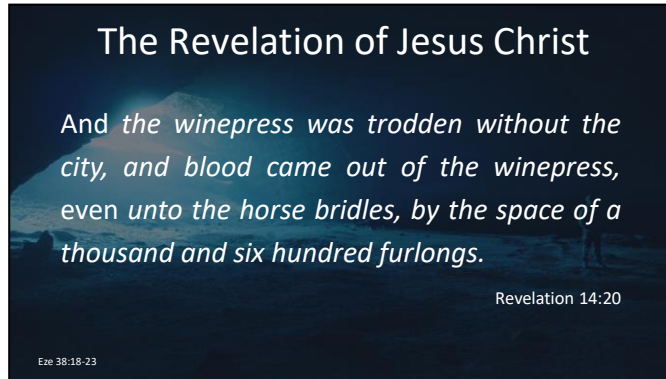
The results of this winepress will be the blood of men flowing as never before in the history of the world

**unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.**

Blood mixed with water (*Eze 38:22*) will come to a depth of 6 feet in some places and will span a length of 175 to 200 miles

**Ezekiel 38:18-23** And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall

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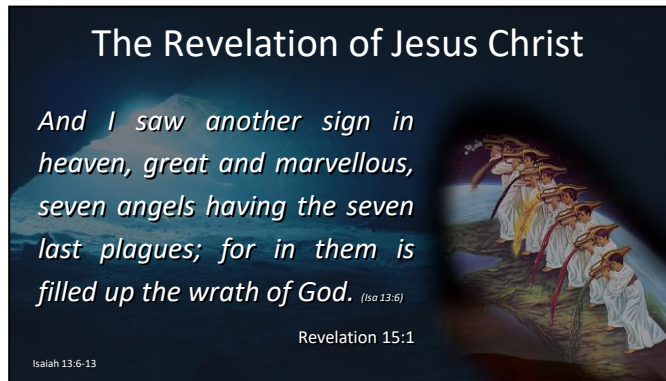
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Chapter 15 concerns itself with the outpour of the seven vials / bowls of God's wrath



**And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous,**

John describes what he sees as “great and marvellous”. Nowhere else in scripture are these adjectives used together. This indicates the importance of what is about to happen

**seven angels having the seven last plagues for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

These seven angels have the responsibility of administering the seven plagues, which is God’s judgment poured out upon the earth.

The judgments come as a result of the wrath of God

**Isaiah 13:6-13** Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I saw as it were a sea of glass <sup>(Rev 4:6)</sup> mingled with fire: <sup>(Rev 4:6)</sup> and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark*  
*And over the number of his name,*  
*stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

Rev 15:2

### I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire:

This sea of glass is probably at the throne of God as described in Rev 4:6

**Revelation 4:6** And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

### had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name

The Holy Spirit emphasizes the victory of these who kept the faith denoting that it is a complete victory of every particle of beast worship

These represent followers of Jesus Christ during the tribulation period, many of who died as a result of refusing beast worship

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And they sing the song of Moses (Duet 32:1-43) the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints*

Revelation 15:3

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The song of Moses (Duet 32:1-43) was actually written by Moses and is a song of praise and thanksgiving

The song of the Lamb is a second song which actually completes the song of Moses

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This speaks of reverential fear which is a true prerequisite to worship

### **all nations shall come and worship before thee;**

This speaks of the time known as the millennial reign in which Jesus will set up His throne in Jerusalem



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 15:3-4

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And after that I looked, and, *behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.*

Revelation 15:5-6

### **behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:**

This the temple to which Solomon's temple was modeled after.

The testimony refers to this temple housing the Holy of Holies and the ark of the testimony which contains the 2 tablets of stone on which were the ten commandments

### **having the seven plagues**

These plagues are to be loosed on earth and constitute the outpour of God's wrath and judgment against sin

### **clothed in pure and white linen**

Imply that although these plagues are harsh they are at the same time righteous

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.*

Revelation 15:7

### **one of the four beasts**

This refers to one of the living creatures who resides in the presence of the Lord (Rev 4:7)

### **seven golden vials full of the wrath of God**

The word “*vial*” should have been translated “*bowls*”. These bowls represent those that were part of the accouterments of temple worship. The thought is that if man does not want the merciful aspect of the temple of God then he will have the judgmental aspect of it

These seven vials are filled with wrath and will be poured out on mankind

### **liveth for ever and ever.**

Indicates that God is the same yesterday, today and forevermore

His person, character and holiness are immutable

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.*

Revelation 15:8



### **the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power**

This is a scene reminiscent of the dedication of Solomon's temple. The presence of God appeared so intensely that the priests could not minister in the temple (Chron 5:13)

### **no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.**

The period of time covered by the last seven plagues will encompass the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation period

This phrase indicates that mercy is no longer extended as it has been for 6000 years. Now the righteous wrath of God is poured out without mercy (Rev 14:10)



Chapter 15 concerns itself with the outpour of the seven vials / bowls of God's wrath

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:1



### **Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

As we study the chapters containing the wrath of God we must remember that God has gone to very great lengths to extend grace

He sent the prophets of old (man killed them)

He sent the His own Son (man killed Him)

He sent the two witnesses (man killed them)

He sent 3 angels warning of impending judgment (man ignored them)

God no longer sends warning of judgment rather this chapter details with the execution of judgment

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:2

### **And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth;**

Indicates the first of seven angels pouring out the first of seven bowl judgments upon the land masses

These seven angels execute their tasks in the spiritual world which have immediate impact in the physical world

### **fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast**

**Noisome:** Disgustingly offensive and foul

**Grievous:** Causing great pain and anguish

### **which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**

This plague falls only upon those who have partaken in beast worship

God sent angels to warn men NOT to take the mark of the beast (Rev 14:9-10), now men reap their just rewards for doing so

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:3



### **And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea;**

The sea that is here spoken of is no doubt the Mediterranean sea. It is included in the land area that made up the old Roman empire

### **it became as the blood of a dead man**

This plague is much like the plague that was brought by Moses upon the Egyptian empire

The sea did not become blood but became as blood of a dead man meaning a thick dark substance

This would begin a water shortage in the general region of the beast

### **every living soul died in the sea.**

The waters became poison an addition to being like a dead mans blood, so poison that everything in the sea died.

This would include the death of the all fish, swimmers, people on boats. With these multitudes of deaths and stinking carcasses along with the grievous sores of the living, the entire area would reek unbearably.



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the third angel  
poured out his vial  
upon the rivers and  
fountains of waters;  
and they became  
blood.*

Revelation 16:4



**the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.**

Whereas the second judgment was poured out upon the Mediterranean sea this third judgment falls upon rivers and fountains

The rivers, tributaries, and underground sources of waters all turn to blood as did the sea.

This judgment reduces drinkable water in the region of the beast to virtually nothing, as well any crops would be adversely affected as well

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

**And I heard the angel of the waters say,**

This is the third angel making this proclamation

**Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.**

This angel confirms that this act of judgment was done in righteousness. Because God has done everything possible to keep men from coming to this point

**they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.**

Because these “beast worshippers” killed thousands of God’s people who refused the mark of the beast, God’s act is saying if you want blood, I’ll give you blood.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

Revelation 16:6-7

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*And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.*

Revelation 16:8-9



**the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun... men were scorched with great heat,**

This fourth judgment, is poured out on the sun and men are scorched by the heat of the sun

In the region of the beast (old Roman empire) this will have the worse effects due to the severe water shortage.

**blasphemed the name of God,**

The response of men to these severe judgments is not repentance but contra wise they blaspheme the very one who has power of the plagues

**They repented not**

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 16:8-9



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*And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.*

Revelation 16:10-11

### **the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast;**

This fifth judgment is poured out in the region of the beast, as are all of these plagues, which refers to the old roman empire region

### **his kingdom was full of darkness**

This fifth plague brings a sudden change from the light and heat of the sun that the fourth plague brought, to that of total darkness

### **they gnawed their tongues for pain,**

The beast worshippers gnaw their tongue from the pain of the noisome and grievous sores that the first plague brought

### **blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.**

This statement shows the deep depravity of the darkened ears of mankind. Even under these circumstances man refuses to repent of his evil

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.*

Revelation 16:12

**the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates;**

The Euphrates river runs north/south through Iraq, this plague sets up the great battle in which the armies of anti-Christ will be destroyed

**the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**

As is obvious, the Lord is making away that the rebels might come against the Holy City Jerusalem, which he will meet them there

This army will be the largest in history with possibly just over one million soldiers

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.*

Revelation 16:13

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These three unclean frogs represent “the spirits of devils” working in and through the unholy trio (anti-Christ, false prophet, dragon)

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- The dragon mimics God the Father
- The beast (anti-Christ) mimics Christ
- The false prophet mimics the Holy spirit

As Christ comes fourth with the sword of truth proceeding from His mouth, the anti-Christ comes forth with a lie proceeding from his mouth

**to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**

This sixth vial opened the way for the armies of anti-Christ to come to and fight the battle of the God Almighty



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:14

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*Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

Revelation 16:15-16

### **Behold, I come as a thief.**

Again Jesus will come to this world in His second advent unexpected due to the blasphemies and deception of that day

### **Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments**

“Watching” has to do with discerning what spiritual message you are hearing and accepting

The result of watching enables us to maintain the righteousness of Christ which was imputed at conversion as a result of faith evidenced in Christ

### **he walk naked, and they see his shame.**

The book of Genesis begins with man naked in Eden and ends with man still naked

Adam was not properly clothed until an animal was killed and skin provided, likewise men are not covered without the blood sacrifice which God provides, which is Christ

### **a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

Armageddon is called the “valley of Jehoshaphat” and is actually the plain of Megiddo

Megiddo is about 40 miles north of Jerusalem

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:17



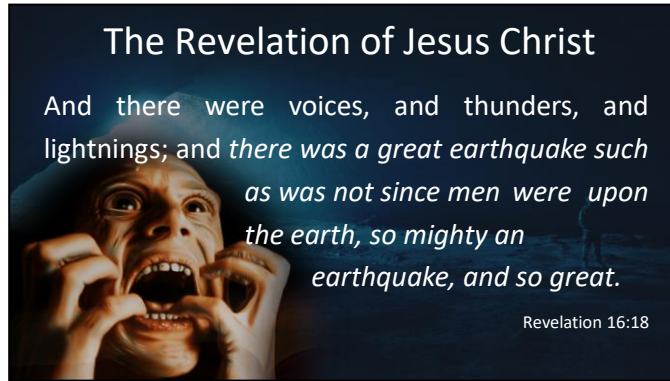
### **And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air;**

The seventh and final vial is poured out into the air, indicating that this vial will effect both heaven and earth

### **a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.**

This great voice belongs to Christ as He is seated in His throne.

As He cried “It is Finished” from the Cross, He now cries “It is done” from the throne



**there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.**

If one is to notice that an earthquake accompanied the seventh seal (Rev 8:1-5) and the seventh trumpet (Re 11:13-19) and now also at the seventh vial

With the sounding of the seventh trump comes the greatest earthquake that has ever occurred on planet earth

This earthquake will cause most of the cities of the old roman empire to fall, split Jerusalem in three parts, and topple Babylon

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 16:19

### **And the great city was divided into three parts,**

The “great city” refers to the city of Jerusalem, which will be divided into three parts by gapping ravines caused by the earthquake

### **the cities of the nations fell:**

This refers to most if not all of the cities in the middle east region and possibly southern Europe

### **great Babylon came in remembrance before God**

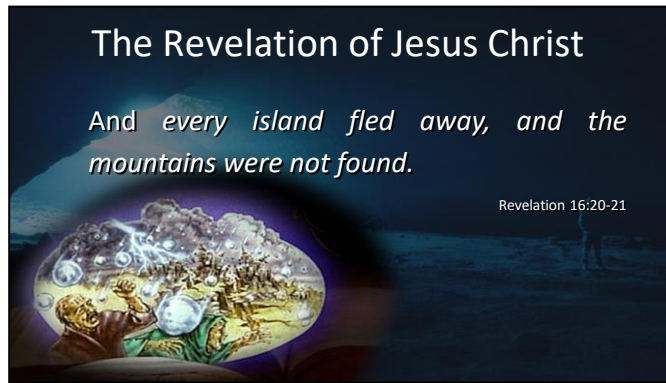
Many theologians believe that the city Babylon will be rebuilt and will become an economical hub of the middle east

The rebuilt Babylon will also be the headquarters of anti-Christ during the first 3 ½ years of tribulation as well as the fountainhead of false religion, drug sales, pornography, human slave trade and most other vices of the world

### **the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.**

This city of Babylon will have served to destroy the eternal lives of millions of people through false religion

God will now address this city and its inhabitants



**And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**

As a result of the earthquake the islands of the Mediterranean area will cease to exist and many mountains will be totally leveled

Mt. Olivet will cleave in the center to the north and south (Zec. 14:4)

**there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent:**

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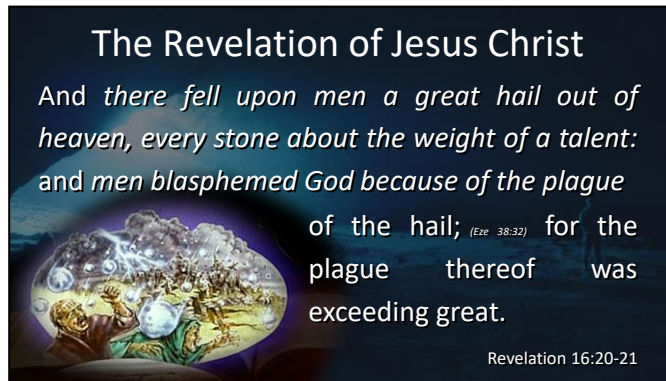
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**And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**

As a result of the earthquake the islands of the Mediterranean area will cease to exist and many mountains will be totally leveled

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Chapter 17 is another parenthetical chapter.

Probably one of the most difficult chapters in the book of Revelation to understand

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, *Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

Revelation 17:1



### **I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore**

The great whore represents all false religions for all time. She is any method of salvation outside of Christ and the Cross.

As a natural whore solicits people to commit adultery / fornication so this whore causes many to commit spiritual adultery / fornication

### **that sitteth upon many waters:**

The waters represent masses or seas of people throughout the history of mankind

The beginning of false religion started with Cain and has existed from that time.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



*With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

Revelation 17:2

### **With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication,**

As we look at bible history we find that nations outside of Israel have always worshipped false deities and many times the government was either influenced or controlled by religion

This is exactly what we see in Iran which is controlled by Islam or Italy which controlled by Catholicism

This constitutes spiritual adultery between the false gods and the leadership of these nations

### **inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.**

Meaning that due to the influence of false religion over the highest ranking members of a nation the entire nation is inundated with idolatry

Homicide bombers are “drunk” with the wine Islamic leaders fornication with false religion

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

Revelation 17:3



### **So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness:**

John did not actually go to a wilderness but was caught up into a vision which portrayed a wilderness.

False religion will always lead the adherents to a dry and parched wilderness experience

### **I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,**

This woman represents the great whore. God sees the true church as the bride of Christ and a chaste virgin, and sees false religions as a great whore.

There is no more repulsive or degrading label that can be given than that which the Holy Spirit has here labeled it as “a whore”

The beast is scarlet (red) colored representing the blood spilled in religious persecution. As Cain shed the blood of Abel, false religion persecutes the people of God

### **names of blasphemy,**

Because false religion and its adherents do not know God, anything they say or write constitutes blasphemy

### **seven heads and ten horns.**

The woman is not part of the beast but rather rides on top of the beast which implies control

The seven heads are the nations that have persecuted Israel through the ages which nations are: Egypt, Medo-Persia, Babylon, Assyria, Greece, Rome and the future anti-Christ alliance

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

Revelation 17:4

### **the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour**

She wears purple implying royalty and dominion and scarlet implying blood thirsty persecution

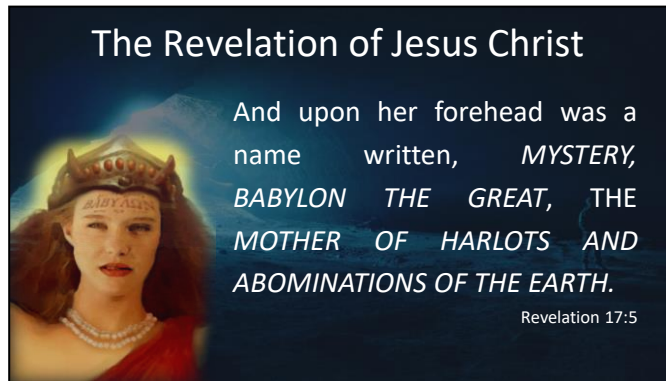
### **decked with gold and precious stones and pearls,**

Represents the great wealth of false religion. Islam today maintains 60% of the world's oil reserves and the money it generates, and Roman Catholicism is even richer than the Arabs and are known for having cathedrals "decked with gold"

### **a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:**

The gold cup represents that which false religion offers humanity. Outwardly it is very beautiful and desirable.

The Gold Cup holds an attraction for the world but inside it is filled with filthiness and fornication



### **MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT**

The mystery is the nature of the great whore and what she signifies.

She is the religious spirit of the rebuilt Babylon but is also the same religious spirit that control all nations that persecuted Israel in time past

### **MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**

Called “Mother of harlots” because religion can only spawn religion.

Religion teaches men to live outside of true relationship with Christ thereby committing spiritual fornication, hence harlotry

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I saw the woman drunken  
with the blood of the saints, and  
with the blood of the martyrs of  
Jesus: and when I saw her, I  
wondered with great  
admiration.* (YLT)

Revelation 17:6



**saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus**

Meaning that the false religions (harlots) spawned by this woman has shed the blood of God's people down through the centuries

Islam is a harlot spawned by this woman, as is Catholicism, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc

**when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.**

**YLT:** I did wonder--having seen her--with great wonder;



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? *I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*

Revelation 17:7



**I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.**

The angel will now communicate to John the meaning of the woman, the beast and the seven heads and ten horns

Notice the angel speaks of 2 separate and distinct entities; (1) The woman and (2) the beast. Meaning that the woman and the beast are not one entity but rather a compilation of the two entities.



**Daniel 7:2-9** Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Babylonian  
Empire



*The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.*

Daniel 7:4

### The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings

Refers to the Babylonian empire and the wings refer to the swiftness of its expanse

**the wings thereof were plucked,**

Refers to Nebuchadnezzar going insane due to pride

**made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.**

Speaks of Nebuchadnezzar's restoration and conversion

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And behold another beast, *a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.* Daniel 7:5

Medo-Persian  
Empire



### **a second, like to a bear,**

The bear represents the Medo-Persian empire due to the brute strength of this empire

### **raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it**

The raising up on one side refers to the Persian ultimately becoming stronger than the Medes and dominating the empire

The three ribs have to do with the cruel brutality of this empire

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Grecian  
Empire



After this I beheld, and lo another, *like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl*; the beast had also *four heads*; and dominion was given to it.

Daniel 7:6

### **like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl**

This represents the Grecian empire under Alexander the Great symbolized by a leopard due to the swiftness of it's expanse

Additionally it had wings to emphasize the supernatural swiftness of the growth of this empire

### **had also four heads;**

This four heads symbolize Alexander's four Generals who ultimately divided the kingdom upon Alexander's death

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a *fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

Daniel 7:7



### **a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly;**

This is referred to as the non-descript beast and represents the current Roman empire

### **it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.**

Two things are to be noticed

1. It was diverse from the other empires
2. It had ten horns meaning Daniel saw the last two horns as one beast that had ten horns of its own

Daniel is seeing the old Roman empire and at the same time seeing the revived Roman empire of the anti-Christ



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.*

Revelation 17:8

### **The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition:**

This beast is not the Anti-Christ even though he is also called a beast rather this beast is an angelic prince that worked behind the scenes to help Alexander the Great bring the Grecian

This leopard represented the Grecian Empire which was led by Alexander the Great. Alexander defeated much of the known world of that time in about 12 years

**Was:** meaning the satanic prince assisted Alexander the great

**and is not:** refers to the fact that this fallen angel was resigned to the bottomless pit after the death of Alexander

**shall ascend out of the bottomless pit:** Shall be loosed from the bottomless pit to assist the anti-Christ

**go into perdition:** ultimately this fallen angel is destined for eternal perdition in the lake of fire

### **they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world**

Refers to the population of planet earth wondering how the anti-Christ can accomplish the things he accomplishes, not being able to see the fallen angel working in the background

### **the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.**

**That was:** in Alexander's day



**And is not:** in the Day that John wrote this letter

**And yet is:** will reemerge during the tribulation

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

Revelation 17:9-10

### **And here is the mind which hath wisdom.**

Meaning to understand these truths, one must possess the wisdom of God which is ensconced within the bible

### **The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth**

The description of mountains refers to empires or vast kingdoms. The seven empires that have persecuted Israel down through the ages

### **seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come;**

Each of these mountains (*empires*) has a king or ruler.

**Five which are fallen** refer to the rulers of: Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, Persia, Greece,

**one is:** refers to the roman emperor who was alive in John's day

**the other is not yet come:** refers to the coming anti-Christ

### **when he cometh, he must continue a short space**

Meaning that the reign of the anti-Christ will be extremely short compared to others. The Roman empire lasted about 1000 years

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*

Revelation 17:11-12

### **And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition**

This “*beast*” refers to the Satanic Prince who is described here as the eighth. John only saw seven heads indicating that this fallen angel will work behind the scenes

### **the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet;**

The ten horns on the seven heads comprise ten modern day rulers that will make an alliance which will serve as the anti-Christ’s political & military power base

They were not in power in the day that John had this vision but may well be in power currently.

These countries will be in the area of the old Roman Empire

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

Revelation 17:13-14

*arnion – the lampkin, the little lamb*

### **These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.**

Meaning that this 10 nation confederacy will work together on one accord to strengthen the hands of the anti-Christ

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This will make war with Israel and in doing so are making war with “the lamb”

All of the entire armies of the anti-Christ with it’s demonic empowerment will be overcome by the little lambkin

### **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful**

**They are called:** means that they have heard the call of God

**and chosen:** means that they are following the call that they heard

**And faithful:** means they are following the call and doing so faithfully

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And he saith unto me, *The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

Revelation 17:15

**The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.**

The angel explains that the water is a symbolism for nations and masses of people

The dominance of false religions span across nations, all ethnic groups and languages.

In fact the majority of the inhabitants of planet earth are dominated to some degree by a false religion of some type

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 17:16

**the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore**

These ten nations will be dominated by “*beast worship*” and will have a hatred of every other false religion and will seek to destroy them

**and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.**

All other religions will be persecuted unto the death by the “*beast worshippers*” at least within the area of the beast’s empire

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will,  
and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the  
beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.  
And the woman which thou sawest is that great  
city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

Revelation 17:17-18

**For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast,**

In all of these we are to understand that God is in control, actually using “beast worship” to destroy all other false religions in the domain of the old Roman empire

**the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.**

This is referring to the religious spirit which is ensconced with the rebuilt city of Babylon

Rebuilt Babylon will be the hub of all activity in that part of the world, possibly replace the Harbors of New York in finance and trade

It will as well be the global fountainhead for evil





## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, *having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

Revelation 18:1

**having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.**

The angel that now descends is one of exceptionally great power and glory. In fact the glory of this angel, lights the skies as does the sun.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 18:2

### **And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying,**

What this angel will cry is to be stated emphatically and with very great power

### **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen,**

Babylon sits in juxtaposition against Jerusalem. Jerusalem is God's city, Babylon is Satan's city

Babylon will probably be built in the area of the ancient city Babylon, which was built near the area of the original tower of Babel

The building of the tower of Babel, is the first "Organized" rebellion against God, lead by Nimrod

The rebuilt city of Babylon will now fall as a result of God's judgment upon it

### **become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.**

Meaning this rebuilt city will be considered by man to be a man-made nirvana, but will be the habitation of demon spirits

It will also be a fountainhead of iniquity and illegal trade

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, <sup>(Rev 17:4)</sup> and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

Revelation 18:3

### **For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**

Meaning that rebuilt Babylon will become the trade capitol and oil capitol of the world

the nations will conduct trade, and invest 100's of billions in rebuilt Babylon, but will be influenced by it's evil

**Revelation 17:4** And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

### **the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her,**

The world leaders and the nations they lead, will partake of the “beast worship” Babylon embraces

### **the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.**

World merchants are made rich by promoting the luxurious lifestyles which Babylon represents

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, *Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.* (1 Tim 5:24)

Revelation 18:4-5

### **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues**

The proclamation is for God's people to come out of the Babylonian system, or else they will partake of her many evils, and of her judgment

Remember Lots wife

### **her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.**

Meaning that the rebellion of Babylon, have run over, and God is ready to now bring judgment upon it

God remembers all sin that is not placed under the blood of Jesus Christ

**1 Timothy 5:24** Some men's sins are open beforehand (*forgiven & forgotten*) going before to judgment; and some men they follow after (*remembered and judged*).

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.*

Revelation 18:6-7

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

This statement is made, asking the Lord to reward Babylon and its inhabitants; for their evil works and to recompense her evil upon her own head

**she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her:**

Man-made Babylon (which represents all rebellion against God and for all time), has glorified herself and has lived a luxurious lifestyle

Man's means of living luxuriously, is to do so off of the poverty and sweat of others. Now God will give her twice the sorrow and torment.

Religion always glorifies itself and money is always the reason behind it

**I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.**

This is the natural end of the human heart unbridled by God's grace. We saw this in microcosm during the horror of 911, this will be much, much, worse

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 18:8

**Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine;**

God promises a fast, harsh judgment on the city of Babylon

Babylon will burn with fire, no doubt from the broken gas lines; resulting from the earthquake.

**the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her**

The men will bewail Babylon because it is the end of the gravy train existence that Babylon provided

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 18:10

### **Standing afar off for the fear of her torment,**

This may well refer to the entirety of the world, watching these events by television and internet; with few closing their distance to fallen Babylon

### **Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city**

Man looks upon the rebuilt city of Babylon, as a great man-made paradise, but God describes it as “*a great whore*”

### **in one hour is thy judgment come.**

Babylon will probably have taken many years to build, costing countless billions of dollars; yet God will bring it to rubble in one hour



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the merchants of the earth shall weep  
and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their  
merchandise any more:*

Revelation 18:11



### **the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her**

The world's buyers and sellers weep not over the loss of life or loss of property, but rather over the capacity to make another buck

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

Revelation 18:12

### **The merchandise of**

If one is to notice the list of merchandise, that which is the most valuable to least valuable in the minds of men

### **slaves, and souls of men.**

The phrase “slaves, and souls of men” probably refers to the lucrative trade market

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and *slaves, and souls of men.*

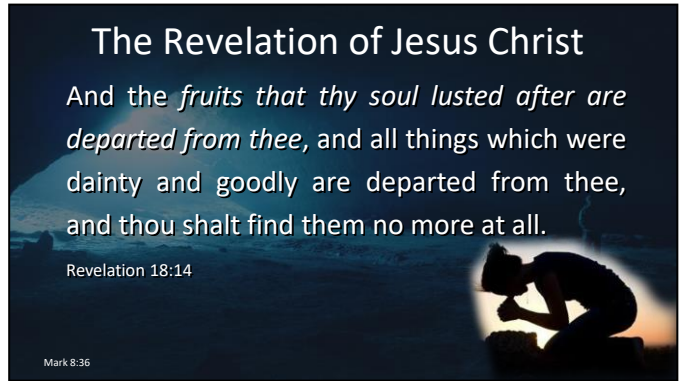
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**fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee**

All business has to come to an absolute stand still

**thou shalt find them no more at all.**

The many things for which men have sold their souls, are now taken away from them and taken away forevermore

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!*

Revelation 18:15-16

### **The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment**

Refers to the fact, that this grand judgment is known to have come from God, and it has struck fear into the hearts of men

### **Alas, alas, that great city,**

This is the second time “*Alas, alas, that great city*” is stated (v 10) which emphasizes the degree of loss felt by those who cry

Rebuilt Babylon will no doubt be the showcase of the world of that day, and man will boast of the luxury it offers

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.* Revelation 18:18-19

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

This is the third time the Holy Spirit has noted the broken-heartedness of the worlds merchants, indicating their total absorption in Babylon

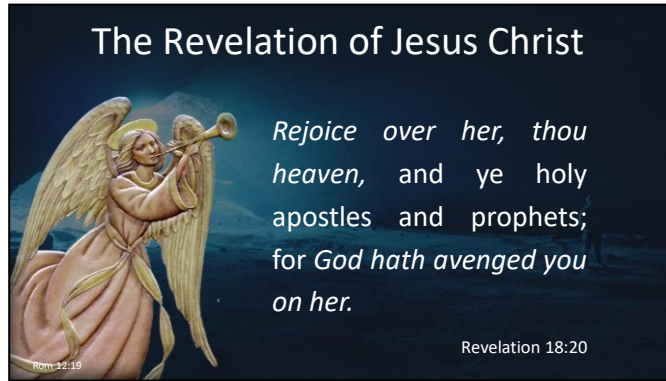
Babylon had been their heaven on earth, and now has been taken away from them

**they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city**

They cry for the loss of their revenue, but shed not one tear for the loss of their souls

**for in one hour is she made desolate.**

Again it is pointed out that God's judgment on Babylon is fulfilled in one hour



**Rejoice over her, thou heaven,**

While the merchants of the earth mourn and weep, heaven rejoices.

This points out the fact that to be carnally minded, is the exact opposite of being spiritually minded

**God hath avenged you on her.**

Although a long time coming, God does not only threaten judgment but also executes that judgment

**Romans 12:19** Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And a mighty angel *took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea,* (Matt 18:5-6) saying, *Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.*



Revelation 18:21

**took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea,**

This is a symbolic fulfillment of;

**Matthew 18:5-6** And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

**with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down**

Babylon represents all mans rebellion against God throughout the ages and will be violently, and brutally put down by God Himself

**shall be found no more at all.**

From Adam to the tower of Babel, the Babylon... there will never be another rebellion of man against God



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 18:22

### no more at all in thee

These verses emphasize and reemphasize “No More” for Babylon.

Judgment will completely destroy this city, it’s inhabitants, and the world system

**Proverbs 29:1** He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And the light of a candle *shall shine no more at all* in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard *no more at all in thee*: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. Rev 18:23

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 18:24

### **the blood of prophets, and of saints**

Destruction came upon this Babylon in retribution for all the shed blood of God's people throughout the centuries of man's rebellion

As the tower of Babel under Nimrod was the first organized rebellion of man against God, the City of Babylon will be the last



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And after these things* I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: *For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.* Revelation 19:1-2

### **And after these things**

Meaning after the destruction of the city of Babylon

### **For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore,**

Heaven's voices declare, the righteousness of God's judgments against the great whore (mystery Babylon), and against the City of Babylon (organized rebellions against God)

### **the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication**

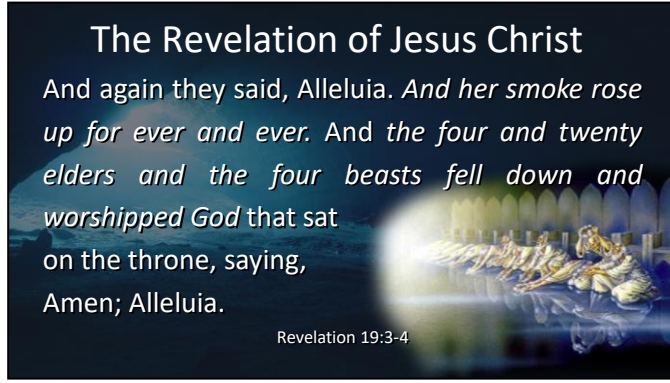
Meaning that earth has been corrupted with idolatry and false religion

This corruption can now be seen in the ranks of Christianity

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And again they said, Alleluia. *And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.*

Revelation 19:3-4



### **And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.**

The smoke of destroyed Babylon City, which was governed by the great whore, rising forever refers to an eternal judgment

### **the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God**

This is the fourth time, that we see the four beasts and the elders fall down and worship Mighty God (*Rev 5:14, Rev 7:11, Rev 11:16*)

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

Revelation 19:5-6

**Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.**

This proclamation addresses itself to all of the servants of the Lord God

I heard as if it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering's

**This multitude is the whole of God's created servants**

As they Praise the Lord, their collective voice is as the roar of the sea, and as the rolling of thunder

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: *for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.* And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Revelation 19:7-8

### for the marriage of the Lamb is come

As Christians we are espoused (engaged) to Christ, which in the Jewish culture is very much akin to marriage

During the time of initial salvation, and “the marriage”; then Christians are called to prove their faithfulness to Christ, by not attaching to any other object of faith and adoration

**Romans 7:1-3** Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

### his wife hath made herself ready

When a bride makes herself ready for the groom, she adorns herself in a white dress ONLY if she retains her virginity.

This phrase alludes to the bride adorning herself in the clean white righteousness of Christ, which is accomplished by faith



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



And he saith unto me, Write, *Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.* And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:9

### **Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.**

Those that are “called” to the marriage supper, constitute all that are and have ever been saved

To be present at the marriage guarantees that one is saved

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.*

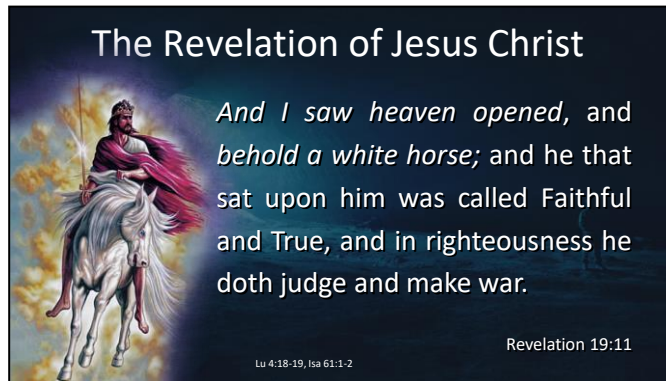
Revelation 19:10

### **I fell at his feet to worship him.**

John falls down to worship the speaker, who is also a man; indicating the degree of glory and dignity bestowed upon men in heaven

### **I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:**

The speaker forbids worship to himself for he is a fellow servant (i.e. a man), that has the testimony of Christ (i.e. saved by the blood)



**And I saw heaven opened**

Heaven opening allows John to view upon the most spectacular scene ever viewed by human eyes

**behold a white horse;**

If one is to remember, the anti Christ made his world debut on a white horse; however the anti-Christ was the false Messiah

In ancient times if the message was peace, a dignitary would enter a city riding on a donkey; if the message was war he would ride a white horse

**Luke 4:18-19** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

**Isaiah 61:1-2** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

**he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True,**

The rider of this horse, the Lord Jesus Christ, who comes not as the suffering servant but as Lord of Lords and King of Kings

**and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

He comes to make war on the Anti-Christ

What He does He does in righteousness

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

Revelation 19:12-13



### **His eyes were as a flame of fire**

This phrase indicates, that His discernment and perception is infinite

**Hebrews 4:13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

### **on his head were many crowns**

Signifying that He is not merely Lord of a single realm, but He is Lord of all realms

### **he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.**

The name is a perfect representation of His being, and would indicate the essential infinite nature of deity. Therefore no other can know this name because no other can plum the depths of infinitude

### **he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:**

The blood speaks of Calvary where He died for the sins of the world, which sacrificial death gives Him the right to judge the world

### **his name is called The Word of God.**

Jesus is the eternal Logos

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

Revelation 19:14



### **And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses**

This verse tells us that the resurrected church is located in heaven, prior to the second advent of Christ

Every born-again believer, is also seated on a white horse and returns with Christ to the battle of Armageddon

The believer does no fighting in this war, we are merely there as window dressing

### **in fine linen, white and clean.**

Each believer is clothed in clean, white linen signifying faith evidenced in the blood of the Lamb. Which brings about the imputation of Christ's righteousness

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Revelation 19:15-16

### **And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations:**

Indicating that Christ does not use armament or weapons, but uses the power that created the worlds. Which power is the “Word of God”

Those nations that gather to fight the Lord Jesus, will taste the raw naked power of the Word of God

**John 18:4-6** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

### **he shall rule them with a rod of iron**

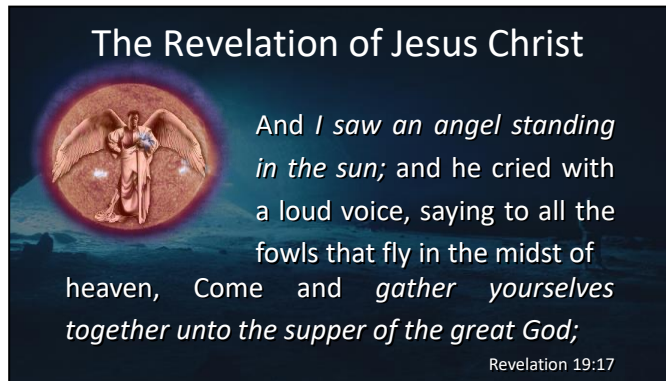
This is the beginning of the Kingdom Age (i.e. the Millennium reign of Christ), where Christ will rule every nation in the world

### **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

The symbolism is that, as grapes are gathered together into a vat and smashed; the vine of the earth has been gathered to a place called Armageddon and will be smashed

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

Blood mixed with water (*Eze 38:22*), will come to a depth of 6 feet in some places, and will span a length of 175 to 200 miles



**And I saw an angel standing in the sun;**

Indicating that this particular angel is so powerful and glorious that he outshines the sun

**gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;**

The angels call all the fowls to the supper of the great God, which refers to the multitude of dead bodies that will result in the battle of Armageddon

**Ezekiel 39:1-5** Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 19:18

Acts 22:7

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

This tells us that the judgment of God will be upon all that set themselves against Jerusalem. It will punish the leaders to the same degree as the front lines without respect of persons

**make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

The anti-Christ will be totally unaware that he is about to enter into a fight with Jesus, he will think that he is merely destroying Israel

**Acts 22:7** And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to *make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

Revelation 19:18-19

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Zechariah 14:12

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 19:20

### **the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet**

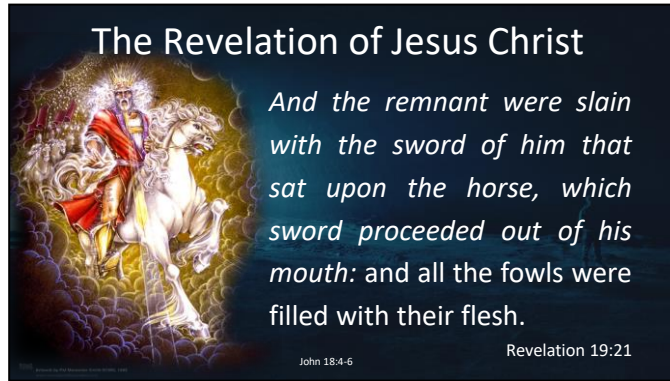
This refers to the anti-Christ himself and the false prophet who promoted him. Aside from all the fear and death they inspired, they are merely men

### **with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.**

This indicates that those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped the beast did so through deception

### **both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

The two men are the most powerful men on that planet at that time, nevertheless they are not powerful enough to escape the judgment of God

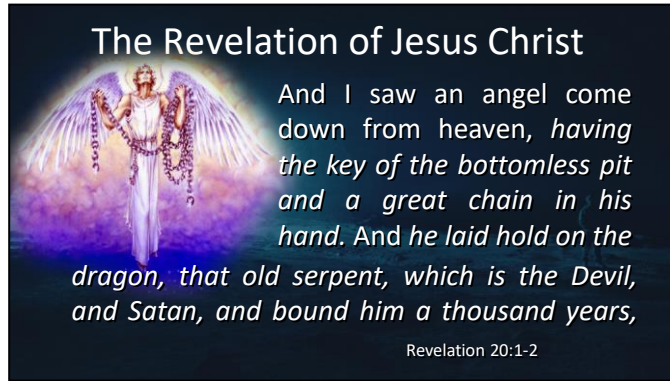


**And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth**

This refers to Jesus fighting the battle with the sword of His mouth which is the word of God.

**John 18:4-6** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.





**having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.**

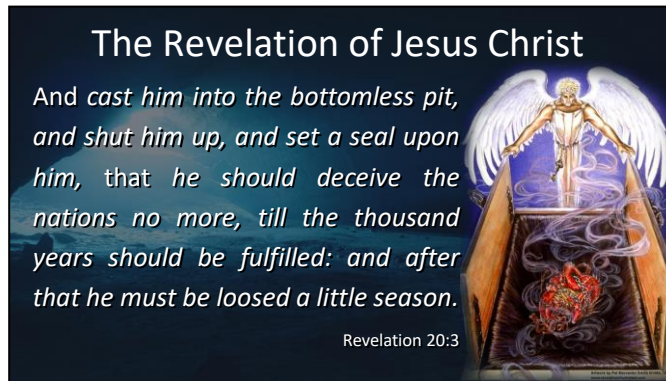
This angel possesses the same key that was given to Satan in Rev 9:1. It was probably given to Satan by this angel

This angel also has a great chain with which he will bind Satan

**he laid on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,**

It is not necessary to single a legion of angels but only one.

The angels seize Satan and bind him with the chain for an predetermined 1000 year period



**cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him,**

Satan is bound with the chain and then cast into the bottomless pit, which he unlocked in Rev 9

The bottomless pit is a sort of holding place for angelic beings. Men do not go to the bottomless pit

**he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**

The duration of Satan's captivity will be for 1000 years, during which time, the world will know a peace and prosperity which has never existed

This 1000 years must to be taken literally. It corresponds to the 1000 year reign of Christ, known as the Kingdom age or Millennium reign

**Isaiah prophecies concerning this 1000 year period**

**Isaiah 2:4** And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**Isaiah 11:6-10** The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 20:4

### **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them,**

This refers to the 24 elders who have a place at the throne of God, and who represent the redeemed church of Christ

Included in the redeemed, are those who were martyred in the tribulation

### **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

Those who give their lives and hearts to Christ, from Abel to the last tribulation saints; will reign with Christ during this 1000 year period



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

Revelation 20:5-6

### **But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.**

This refers to those who died in their sins and rejected the salvation offered by Jesus

To not accept Christ as personal Savior, amounts to a rejection of His offer of eternal life

### **This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection:**

Referring to those who have given their hearts and lives to the Lord, and have been resurrected from the dead; and given glorified bodies

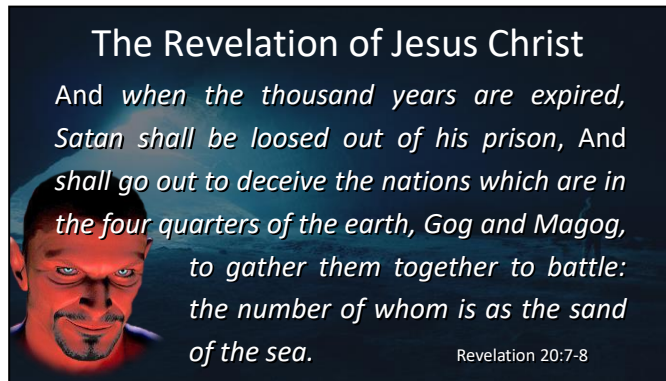
Those that take part in the first resurrection, as the most blessed among mankind; because they are raised to a place and position greater than that originally designed for mankind

### **on such the second death hath no power,**

The second death refers to the second resurrection, which is referred to as the resurrection of damnation

### **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

This does not mean that resurrected saints will officiate in a temple but that they will serve God in some specialized capacity



**when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison**

The question looms large, why would God allow Satan to be loosed again?

Many people on earth that are not resurrected people, will acquiesce to the rule of Jesus, but inwardly will hate Him

There will be millions in this category; which proves the desperately wicked heart of man.

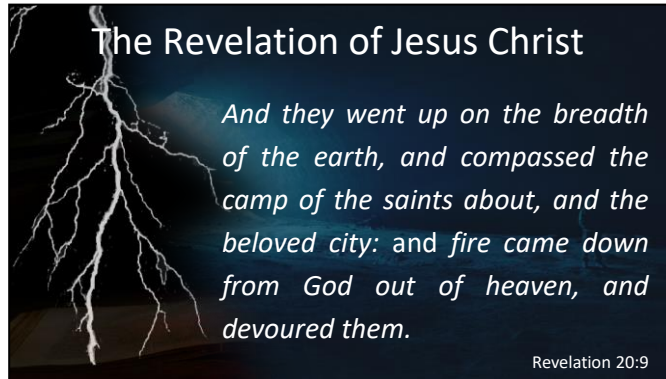
These are rebels without a cause, but Satan's being loosed will provide them a cause

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

As indicated, there will be millions and perhaps billions of people who have not given their lives to Christ

They will once again join forces with Satan and assemble to attack Jerusalem

The numbers of these people is described as "the sand of the sea"



**And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city:**

Means that Satan's modus operandi, has not changed over the course of 1000 years

Once again He seeks to destroy Israel by attacking Jerusalem with his armies

**fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.**

There will be no battle, no war, not even a skirmish. God will destroy the entire army of Satan; with a single act of judgment

The fire from heaven will completely consume the bodies of those in this army, no burials will be required

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

Revelation 20:10



**And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone,**

The dragon represents Satan and depicts him in his true nature

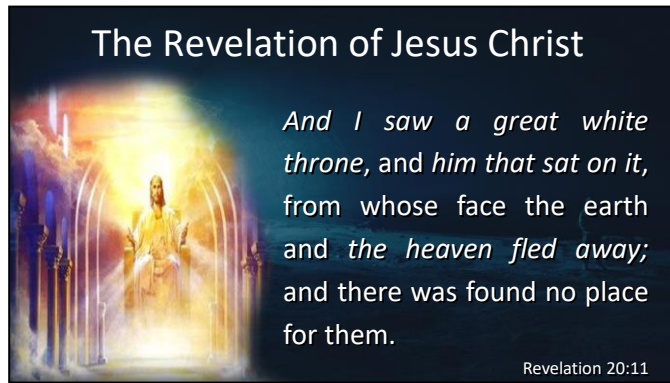
Satan's ultimate destination is the lake of fire, which incarceration will last forevermore

**the beast and the false prophet are,**

At this time the beast (anti-Christ) and the false prophet, will have been in the lake of fire for 1000 years; and will also be there forevermore

**shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

The lake of fire is a place of torment and agony. All who go there will remain there unto the age of the ages (as long as God lives, which is forever)



### **And I saw a great white throne**

This is not the same throne mentioned in Revelation 4:2

- The first throne had a rainbow around it signifying God as the covenant God
- This one is described as “great white” depicting the infinite holiness of God

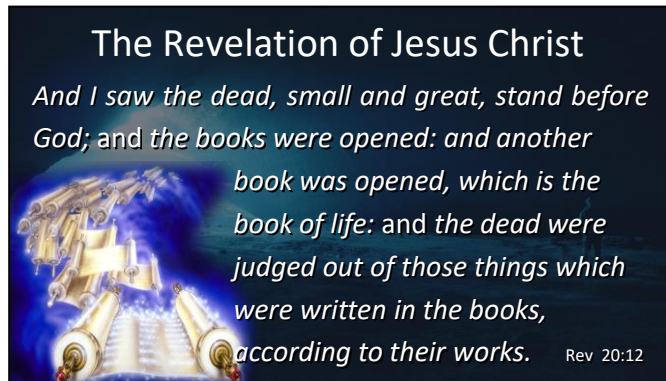
### **him that sat on it**

The one sitting in this throne is Jesus Christ. As only the lamb could open the book with seven seals, only He can condemn men for their sin

### **the earth and the heaven fled away;**

Meaning that Jesus will do away with the old heaven and earth as detailed in Rev 21

*The earth and the heaven fled away.* That is, as the stars, at the rising of the sun, seem to flee to more remote regions, and vanish from human view, so when the Son of God shall descend in his glory to judge the world, the earth and all other worlds shall seem to vanish.



**And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God;**

“The dead” refers to all those, who rejected Jesus’ offer of eternal life and therefore remain “dead” (without spiritual life)

Irrespective of ones status in the eyes of men, be it great or little, all will eventually “*stand before God*”

**the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life:**

The “books” refer to books, containing the history in minute detail of each persons life and activities

The “book of life”, contains the names of every saved person throughout history. No one present at the “Great White Throne Judgment” will have their name in the book of life.

**the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

They who reject Christ’s finished work at the cross, will be judged according to their own works

The “books” record faithfully the details of their works, so no argument can be offered

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.*

Revelation 20:13

### **And the sea gave up the dead which were in it;**

Meaning that regardless of what happened to the physical bodies of men and women, God is aware of where every atom and molecule is

### **death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them:**

Meaning that the souls and spirits of the dead, will be called forth from hell to stand before the Great White Throne

### **they were judged every man according to their works.**

Again the Holy Spirit emphasizes that this judgment, will not be regarding the finished work of Christ. These will be judged according to their own works

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death.<sup>(Heb 9:27)</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



Revelation 20:14-15

### **And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire.**

This phrase informs us that hell is a distinctly different place than is the lake of fire.

### **This is the second death.**

The second death is defined as eternally separated from God. This eternity is spent in the lake of fire, which is believed to be located in the heart of the earth

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

### **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**

Aside from man's criticism, aside from the claims of exclusionism, this phrase sums up the reality of mankind's situation





## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:* <sup>(Wuest)</sup> for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and *there was no more sea.* And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, *coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* <sup>(John 14:2-3)</sup> Revelation 21:1-2

### **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:**

This does not refer to the annihilation of the present heaven and earth, but rather refers to a total renovation of the existing heaven and earth

**Kenneth Wuest** translated this phrase as follows “I saw a heaven new in quality and an earth new in quality”

### **there was no more sea**

The indication is that the newly renovated earth, will not have large oceans like the Pacific and Atlantic; only rivers and seas

Currently about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the earth's surface is covered in water, the new earth will have much more livable land mass

### **coming down from God out of heaven**

Currently every city created by man is filled with drugs, alcohol, sorrow and shame

Man will never produce a perfect city, but that perfection must always come “*down out of heaven*”

### **a bride adorned for her husband.**

Referred to in this manner because it is the eternal dwelling place for the redeemed saints

**John 14:2-3** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told

you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 21:3

*skene* - a habitation

### **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them,**

We see the Lord completing His original intent in creating man. As Adam and the Lord walked together in the cool of the day, we see God again able to dwell with man

The premiere factor allowing man and God to dwell together was the Cross

### **God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

This has been the desire of God all along, it was interrupted by sin, patched with the sacrificial system, reconciled by the Cross, and is now fulfilled

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

Revelation 21:4-5

### **God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;**

No amount of human effort, is capable of wiping away the tears from the faces of mankind; in fact most of man's tears are the direct cause of other men's actions

### **there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:**

These are the terrible four, which are a direct result of sin. All four of these accompany every child born into the world

1. Death
2. Sorrow
3. Crying
4. Pain

**Genesis 3:16** Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

### **Behold, I make all things new.**

This does not mean that the heavens and the earth will be annihilated, rather they will be renewed to a pristine state; and held in that state throughout eternity by the power of God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And he said unto me, *It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.* I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

Revelation 21:6-7

### **It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end**

*It is done* refers the entirety of God's redemption plan.

*"Alpha and Omega"* is synonymous with *"beginning and the end"* meaning He is the God of man's genesis and also the God of man eternity

### **He that overcometh shall inherit all things;**

As with the seven letters to the churches, the requirement is that God's people be *"overcomers"*. We become overcomers by evidencing faith in the only one who has overcome

### **I will be his God, and he shall be my son.**

Refers to the fact that God the Father will deal with the redeemed members of the church, as He deals with God the Son

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

But *the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars,* shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: *which is the second death.* (Hebrews 9:27)

Revelation 21:8

**the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars,**

If one is to notice, that the Holy Spirit has grouped the “*fearful and the unbelieving*” with murders. This gives us a clue to God’s feelings concerning unbelief and fearfulness

**which is the second death.**

The second death is eternity, cut off from God in the lake of fire

One death (physical death) is appointed to all men, the second death is only obtainable via a rejection of Christ

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 21:9

### **Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.**

The appellative “the Lamb” is used some 7 times in chapters 21 and 22, which indicates the perfect age is all purchased by Calvary’s atoning victim (i.e. The Lamb)

### **shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,**

The idea is that the eternal dwelling place of the Lamb’s wife, is the Holy Jerusalem; which Jesus has prepared for the church

When one beholds the entirety of the city one beholds the Lamb’s wife



## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev 21:10

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Having the glory of God:  
and her light was like unto a  
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like a jasper stone, clear as  
crystal;*

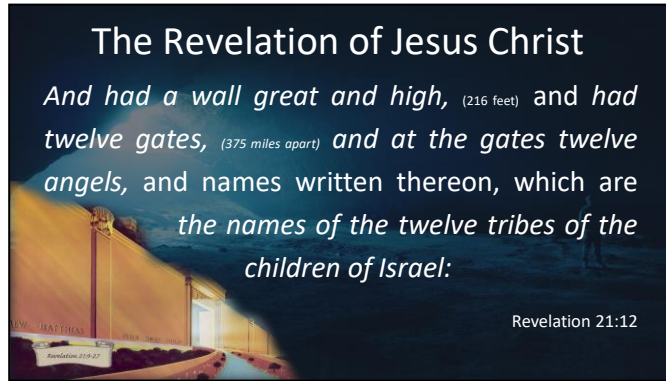
Revelation 21:11



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

The illumination of this city is not provided by street lights or by the natural sun, but rather the glory of God which; the Lamb illuminates the entire city

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



**And had a wall great and high**

The wall is 216 feet high and is merely decorative. It serves no functional purpose

**had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels,**

Each gate has an angel stationed at it.

Each gate is about 375 miles apart (roughly Dallas, tx to Wichita Ks)

**the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:**

The names of each of the twelve tribes are written about the twelve gates



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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of **the Lamb**.*

Revelation 21:13-14

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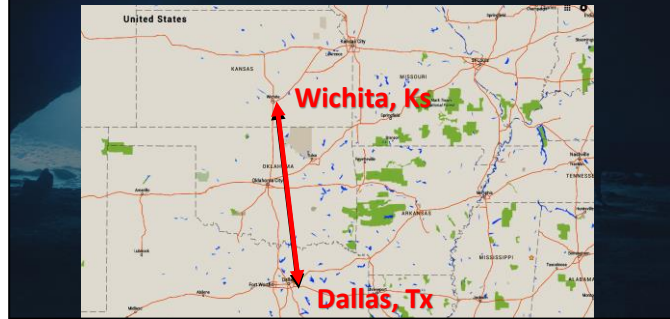
Meaning that there exist three gates on each side of the city of New Jerusalem. Each of the twelve gates will be approximately 375 miles apart

**the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb**

One of each of the twelve apostles names will be written on each of the twelve foundations

Judas's name will not appear on any foundation with his name being replaced by Matthias (Acts 1:26) or Paul

## Distance Between Gates



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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And *the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs.*

(1500 miles) *The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.*

Revelation 21:15-16

**the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs**

The city is 1500 miles in length and 1500 miles wide. This city is unlike anything the world had ever known

If this city were set in the U.S., the west side would reach from the Canadian border to the Mexican border; that is the dimension north to south

The next corner would span from San Diego, CA to Shreveport LA

If one corner were set in Dallas the other corner would reach Minneapolis

**length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.**

This city will also be 1500 miles high, which is inconceivable by man's efforts.

99% of this city height will extend outside of the earth's stratosphere



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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, (1500m X 1500m x 216f) according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.*

Revelation 21:17-18

### **he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits**

Using 18 inches to a cubit means this wall is 216 feet high

### **the wall of it was of jasper**

The wall is 1500 miles X 1500 miles x 216 feet high, made of solid jasper which would give a red, yellow or brown color

### **the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass**

The city is 1500 miles high, wide and deep and made of solid gold. Gold of such quality that it is transparent as glass

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev21:19

**And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones.**

There are twelve foundations, each made of a different precious stone

It appears, each of these 12 foundations will be above ground and will be 1500 X 1500 miles in its dimensions

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Rev21:20

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.*

Revelation 21:21-22

### **And the twelve gates were twelve pearls**

Each of the 12 gates is constructed as a single, giant pearl

### **the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.**

Not only are the buildings of this city pure gold, but even the streets are made of pure gold

The number of streets would need to be sufficient, for a city whose dimensions are approximately 2/3 to size of U.S.

All of the streets are made of PURE gold. Gold of such quality that it is transparent meaning light can pass through it

### **no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**

In old testament times the temple was the place of worship

This city needs no temple because God and the Lamb are the temple thereof

### **the Lamb**

The appellation “the Lamb” is to inform us that the Lamb (Jesus death on Calvary), moved away the sin debt thereby making all of this possible.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 21:23



### **And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it:**

Refers to the fact that this city New Jerusalem, will not need the sun to illuminate it, although the rest of the earth will continue to need natural sunlight

### **the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

The glory of God and of the Lamb will be the light of the city

This glory will provide not only natural illumination, but will provide moral illumination as well

The idea is that one might ignite a Bic lighter beside a 1000 watt light bulb. Whether the Bic lighter is lit or not, it is insignificant since the light of the bulb is so much greater

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.*

Revelation 21:24-25

### **And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:**

This tells us that there will be nations in the perfect age

This phrase should have been translated “*And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in it's light*“ meaning that every nation will be Godly with Godly leaders

### **the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.**

The kings refer to the leaders of nations, who will also be Godly men who love the Lord; and conduct themselves in righteousness

### **the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day:**

Refers to the fact that there will probably be, some type of commerce that require the gates to remain open

However commerce will be much different than it is currently, since the city is 1500 X 1500 X 1500 miles of solid gold

### **for there shall be no night there.**

Although there probably will still be day and night in the world at large; the New Jerusalem will always experience light, because the light of God and of the Lamb will lighten it.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. *And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.* (Book of the

life of the Lamb.)

Revelation 21:26-27

**there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie:**

This does not imply that sin is still a reality in the perfect age. Rather it tells us that sin will never again impact the human race.

All people at this time, will be saved although there will be four different classes of beings on the planet:

1. Deity (God will dwell on this earth)
2. Angels
3. Glorified man (man with glorified bodies)
4. Natural man (man as he is now minus the sin nature)

The term “*maketh a lie*” refers to any type of false doctrine or anything that opposes God’s truth

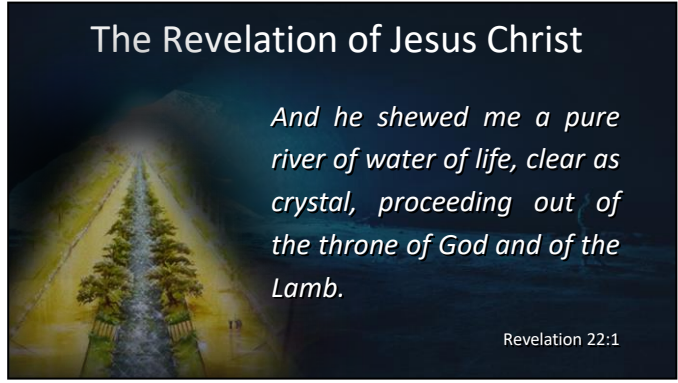
**they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

Meaning that all men at that time, both natural man and glorified man; will be named in the book of life of the lamb





## The Revelation of Jesus Christ



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

Revelation 22:1

### **he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal**

Is meant to portray the Holy Spirit, but at the same time is a physical river with certain life-giving properties in it

The river is purer than water-sprout man has ever been exposed to

### **proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

This river of life originates from the very throne of God and of the Lamb, which explains the life-giving properties it holds

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

Revelation 22:2

### **In the midst of the street of it**

Describes this river of life, as flowing down the center of the streets; which are made of solid gold

on either side of the river, was there the tree of life

### **On either side of the river of life are trees, the type of tree is the tree of life**

Since this street will be throughout the city measuring 1500 X 1500 miles in distance, it would take many hundreds and perhaps thousands of these trees to be on either side of the street

### **bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month**

The bible does not tell us what type of fruit the tree will yield, but it will yield that fruit each month of the year

### **the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.**

The idea is that natural people (without glorified bodies), will have to eat the fruit regularly; to extend their lives forever

However saints with glorified bodies have eternal life by virtue of the Lamb

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*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: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

Revelation 22:3-4

Genesis 3:17

### **And there shall be no more curse:**

The curse levied against the ground in the Genesis of mankind, is lifted and lifted forevermore

**Genesis 3:17** And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

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Servants refers to the entire population of earth which consists of angels, glorified saints, and natural men and women

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Refers to the level of God-consciousness that man will be brought back into

### **there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

Meaning that the glory of God will outshine the light produced by the natural sun.

Because God will always be there, no night is possible to exist around the area of the New Jerusalem

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Revelation 22:5

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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And he said unto me, *These sayings are faithful and true:* and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. *Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.*

Matthew 24:27

Revelation 22:6-7

### **These sayings are faithful and true:**

Meaning that despite the awesomeness and grandeur of these prophecies, the prophecies are faithful and will prove to be true

### **Behold, I come quickly**

Does not really refer to Jesus coming soon, but rather promotes the idea that once the coming of Christ starts, it proceeds quickly

**Matthew 24:27** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

### **blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

Blessed of God is the person that reads and believes the prophecies of the book of Revelation

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:8

### **I John saw these things, and heard them**

John is testifying to the veracity of the visions he has seen and heard

### **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things**

This word “angel”, should be understood to mean messenger as proven by verse 9 (*I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets*)

The thought is that, redeemed mankind is in a state of glory and excellence; which causes John trouble discerning between man and Christ

### **See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets**

Means that this is not an angelic being but rather a messenger, which is a secondary definition of the Greek word translated angel

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:9



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## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. *He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*

Ecclesiastes 11:3

Revelation 22:10-11

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

Speaks to the fixity of eternity.

A man's current actions are building his eternity, No greater action can be taken by the unsaved than acceptance of Christ. No greater action can be taken by saved men than yielding to Christ

**Ecclesiastes 11:3** If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.* I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Revelation 22:12-13

### **behold, I come quickly;**

This is repeated from verse 7 which repetition emphasizes the statement made

### **my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

This speaks of the judgment seat of Christ, where many members of the redeemed church will receive rewards for there labors

Not everyone will receive rewards, because not everyone is working for the Lord

There is a vast difference between working for the Lord, and working and saying it was for the Lord

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*

Revelation 22:14-15

### **Blessed are they**

This is an extremely unfortunate translation, as the original Greek states; blessed are those who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb (Kenneth Wuest)

“They” refers to all who have loved and obeyed the Lord from Abel onward.

### **have right to the tree of life**

Only “they” throughout time will have a right to the tree of life

### **enter in through the gates into the city**

Only “they” will enter into the gates of new Jerusalem

### **without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters,**

Those who practice these types of sins will not see the Golden Age not enter into the great city

### **whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.**

This refers to creating heresy, and false doctrines; and those that love the false rather than the truth

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:16

*aggelos* – angel, messenger, **pastor**

### **I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches**

**Aggelos:** refers to the pastors responsibility to testify of the truths in the confines of the church

### **the root and the offspring of David,**

Refers to the incarnation of Jesus

We are reminded that Jesus became man, for the purpose of suffering our penalty

The entirety of the Golden Age is made possible by the Cross of Christ

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:17

### **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come.**

The Holy Spirit says “come” to the bright and morning star

The bride, which is the church says “come” to the bright and morning star

### **let him that heareth say, Come**

Anyone having an ear to hear says the gospel message will say “come”

### **let him that is athirst come**

Those who have not heard but realize their thirst for God can also “Come”

### **whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

Whosoever has a will to drink of the living water can do so freely

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:18

**If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

This is a stark warning to all who would add to the word of God

Any man-made methodology such as “40 days”, “promise keepers”, etc qualifies for these plagues

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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

Revelation 22:19

### **if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy**

Another stark warning to those that would set forth less than the full counsel of God's word

Preaching the bible without mention of the core and kernel of the gospel (which is Calvary) also qualifies for judgment

### **Warnings**

It is significant that the canon of scripture, is closed out with a stern warning not to pervert of word of God

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.*

Revelation 22:20-21

### **He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.**

The one testifying these things is the Lord Jesus Christ

His final words are “I come quickly”. This does not mean shortly, rather when it starts it concludes very quickly

### **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**

One who is right with God, is not afraid of the quickness of His appearing; because they are ready

### **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

The grace of our Lord refers to unmerited, divine assistance; which in turn refers to the working and moving of the Spirit of God in one’s life