

INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION

THE APOCALYPSE UNVEILED

To publish the class notes of my teachings on the book of the Revelation would be so voluminous even the thought is “off-putting.” Nevertheless we are in the process of doing just that. I thought an unedited introduction would be not only interesting, but revealing. I hope you find this unveiling helpful in your future studies. Keep in mind the book of the Revelation is the only book of the Bible that declares a special blessing for the reader and the teacher. The reason is clear; it describes the ultimate defeat of Satan.

Revelation Outline

1. The book of The Revelation has nine major chapters. They do not coincide with the chapters in the English Bible. There are nine major thoughts in the Book. Let's get these thoughts in outline form. The first is the most important: Jesus Christ is the key to history and prophecy. This is the central theme of Revelation chapter 1.
 - 1.1 The introduction to the apocalypse-vss 1-8
 - 1.2 The occasion of the apocalypse-vss 9-11
 - 1.3 The person of the apocalypse-vss 12-20
2. Interlaced in the book are several historical trends to be experienced by the church on earth during the Church Age. Revelation chapters 2-3
 - 2.1 Church at Ephesus-2:1-7
 - 2.2 Church at Smyrna-2:8-11
 - 2.3 Church at Pergamum-2:12-17
 - 2.4 Church at Thyatira-2:18-29
 - 2.5 Church at Sardis-3:1-6
 - 2.6 Church at Philadelphia-3:7-13
 - 2.7 Church at Laodicea-3:14-22
3. The Church in heaven-Revelation chapters 4 and 5
4. The Tribulation and Second Advent with emphasis on events-Revelation chapters 6-11

5. The Tribulation and Second Advent with emphasis on the characters-Revelation chapters 12-19

6. The Millennium and the last judgment-Revelation chapter 20

7. The eternal state-Rev 21:1-8

8. The eternal Jerusalem-Rev 21:9-22:5

9. The termination of the Canon-Rev 22:6-21

Book of The Revelation Chapter One

This chapter deals with the introduction, occasion and person of the apocalypse.

1:1 "This is what God showed to Jesus Christ, so that He could tell his servants what must happen soon. Christ then sent an angel with the message to His servant John.

1:2 John related that which he heard from the angel of God.

1:3 God will bless everyone who teaches this book, and He will bless everyone who listens and concentrates on that teaching. When the prophetic events begin they will come in rapid fire order.

1:4 From John to the seven churches in Asia. I pray that you will be blessed with kindness and peace from the God, Who is and was and is coming. May you receive kindness and peace from the seven fold essence of God the Holy Spirit Who is there before the throne of God. *For those of you who are curious about the seven fold nature of God the Holy Spirit take a look at Isaiah 11:2, where the seven are listed.*

1:5 May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Jesus was the first to conquer death, and He is the ruler of all earthly kings. Christ loves us, and by His spiritual death on the cross He set us free from our sins.

1:6 We will rule with Him as kings and serve God the Father as priests. To Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

1:7 Look! He is coming with the clouds. Everyone will see Him, even the ones who stuck a sword through him. All people on earth will weep because of Him. Yes, it will happen! Amen.

1:8 The Lord God says, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the One Who is and was and is coming. I am the sovereign and omnipotent God!"

1:9 I, John, am a follower of Christ just like you. We suffer because Jesus is our King, but He gives us the strength to endure. I was sent exiled to the island of Patmos, because I preached God's message and was a faithful witness of Jesus.

1:10 On the Lord's day the Spirit took control of me, and behind me I heard a loud voice that sounded like a trumpet.

1:11 The voice said, 'Write in a book what you see. Then send it to the seven churches in Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.'

1:12 When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands.

1:13 There amidst the lampstands was someone Who seemed to be the Son of Man. He was wearing a robe that reached down to His feet, and a gold cloth was wrapped around His chest.

1:14 His head and His hair were white as wool or snow, and His eyes looked like flames of fire.

1:15 His feet were glowing like bronze being heated in a furnace, and His voice sounded like the roar of a waterfall.

1:16 He held seven stars in His right hand, and a sharp double edged sword was in His mouth. His face was shining as bright as the sun at noon.

1:17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead person. But He put His right hand on me and said: Don't be afraid! I am the first and the last,

1:18 and the living one. I died, but now I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys to death and the world of the dead.

1:19 Three things I want you to write about: (1) what you now see (2) what will be in the future for the universal church and then (3) what will happen after the universal church has been translated to heaven at the rapture.

1:20 I will explain the mystery of the seven stars that you saw and the seven gold lamp stands. The seven stars are the pastors of the seven churches and the lamp stands are the seven churches listed in chapters two and three.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Two

In chapters two and three we find a message not only to seven extant churches located in Asia Minor, but interlaced in these chapters are several historical trends to be experienced by the universal church during the Church Age.

Ephesus - The Universal Church From A.D. 32-100

Rev 2:1 "To the pastor of the church in Ephesus write: "These are the words of Him Who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lamp stands:

Rev 2:2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false.

Rev 2:3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for My name, and have not grown weary.

Rev 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.

Rev 2:5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lamp stand from its place.

Rev 2:6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the followers of Nicolaus with their heterodoxy and hierarchical distinctions, which I also hate.

Rev 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Smyrna - The Universal Church From A.D. 100-300

Rev 2:8 "To the Pastor of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of Him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

Rev 2:9 I know your afflictions and your poverty--yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan.

Rev 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for a short time. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 2:11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Pergamum - The Universal Church From A.D. 300-800

Rev 2:12 To the pastor of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of Him Who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

Rev 2:13 I know where you live--where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to My name. You did not renounce your faith in Me, even in the days of Antipas, My faithful witness, who was put to death in your city--where Satan lives.

Rev 2:14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality.

Rev 2:15 Likewise you also have those who hold to the teachings of Nicolaus.

Rev 2:16 Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Rev 2:17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give you the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

Thyatira - The Universal Church From A.D. 800-1517 (*1517 is the generally accepted year of the Reformation*)

Rev 2:18 "To the pastor of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Whose eyes are like blazing fire and Whose feet are like burnished bronze.

Rev 2:19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

Rev 2:20 Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel who represents the church at Rome, and calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching she misleads My servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

Rev 2:21 I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

Rev 2:22 So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways.

Rev 2:23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Rev 2:24 Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets (I will not impose any other burden on you):

Rev 2:25 Only hold on to what you have until I come.

Rev 2:26 To him who overcomes and does My will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--

Rev 2:27 "I will rule them with an iron scepter; I will dash them to pieces like pottery"--just as I have received authority from My Father.

Rev 2:28 I will also give him the morning star.

Rev 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Book of the Revelation Chapter Three

Sardis - And the Universal Church From A.D. 1517-2012

Rev 3:1 "To the pastor of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of Him Who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Rev 3:2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of the Father.

Rev 3:3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Rev 3:4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before My Father and Our angels.

Rev 3:6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Philadelphia - The Church at the Moment of the Rapture

Rev 3:7 "To the pastor of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of Him who is holy and true, Who determines who are His at the rapture. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open.

Rev 3:8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name.

Rev 3:9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, those who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars--I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. This will be done on earth at the marriage feast of the Lamb, when I return.

Rev 3:10 Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. You will not experience the trauma of the Tribulation.

Rev 3:11 I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crowns.

Rev 3:12 He who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of My God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven; and I will also write on him My new name.

Rev 3:13 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Laodicea - The world Church of the Tribulation

Rev 3:14 "To the pastor of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

Rev 3:15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

Rev 3:16 So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of My mouth.

Rev 3:17 You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.

Rev 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Rev 3:19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent.

Rev 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 3:22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

A Chart designating the seven churches by name, time period covered, meaning of the name, Scripture designation and remarks concerning each will serve as a good summary of what has just been taught.

TIME	NAME	MEANING	SCRIPTURE (Revelation)	REMARKS
32-100	Ephesus	Desired	2:1-7	Fair report, trial of Apostle. Time of sowing, organization & evangelism.
100-300	Smyrna	Myrrh	2:8-11	A good report: the church is persecuted & their true enemy is revealed, the Jew. Constantine ascends the throne.
300-800	Pergamum	Thoroughly Married	2:12-17	A bad report as the Church marries the world. Papal domination
800-1517	Thyatira	Continual	2:18-29 Sacrifices	A bad report. The worship of Mary develops. Doctrine is corrupted.
1517-just before Rapture	Sardos	Escaping Brothers	3:1-6	There are many empty confessions of faith. There is a rise of state religion. The reformation occurs. Terrible report, once alive but now dead.
At Rapture	Philadelphia	Loving Brothers	3:7-13	Good. Kept from time of trial.
Tribulation	Laodicea	People Ruling	3:14-19	Bad report. Religion prospers.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Four

In chapters four and five we find the church in heaven participating in several symbolic events. Rev 3:22 is the last time the church is mentioned as being on earth.

Verse twenty-two is the last verse of chapter three. Throughout the rest of the Revelation the church is always in heaven. Recall the Tribulation is a time Jacob's trouble. This because the rapture of the church begins the last seven years of the Age of Israel, commonly called the Tribulation.

Rev 4:1 "After the warnings announced to the church at Laodicea, I looked and seriously pondered what I saw. A door in the third heaven was opened and purposefully left open, apparently so I could hear and see what was transpiring. Then I heard a voice, at first it sounded like a trumpet, the sound broke what was formerly an eerie silence. I then found myself engaged in a conversation with the trumpet, 'Come up here at once, and I will show you the things which must take place after the Church Age.'

Rev 4:2 Immediately I found myself under the absolute control of the Holy Spirit. I was commanded to consider what I heard and saw. A throne had been placed right in the middle of the third heaven. And there was One seated on the throne.

Rev 4:3 And He Who was seated was in appearance like a jasper stone, [Benjamin's] and a sardius, [Reuben's]. And encircling the throne there was a ring of light which was like an emerald, [Judah's]. All of which portrayed Christ at the right side of the Father as the Son of David--a very Jewish scene. Reuben the first born son of Jacob, Benjamin the last born son of Jacob and Judah the fourth born son of Jacob, and the tribe from which Christ came.

Rev 4:4 And encircling the throne there were twenty-four elders sitting as rulers. The elders were clothed in white garments and upon their heads were golden crowns. The elders represented the raptured saints of the Church Age. They were all decked out in their uniforms of glory proudly wearing their crowns which had earlier been awarded at the Bema--*the judgment seat of Christ, an event "immediately following the Rapture.*

Rev 4:5 And out from the throne proceeded lightnings and voices and thunders; a picture of the power and sovereignty of God. There were seven blazing torches burning before the throne, these represented the seven spirits of God to portray the omnipresence of God the Holy Spirit.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne, there was, as it were, a glassy sea like crystal--a picture of peace and stability, the personification of "still waters," that only an omnipotent God can bring. And in the midst of the thrones were four angels, full of eyes in front and in back.

Rev 4:7 The first angel was like a lion, and the second like a calf, and the third had a face like that of a man. The creatures represented the ministering angels who watched over God's beloved Son and His family.

Rev 4:8 The fourth angel was like an eagle. And each of the angels had six wings, and even their wings were full of eyes. And they rested neither day nor night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, blessed is the Christ Who was and Who is, and Who is coming.

Rev 4:9 These beasts were constantly praising the Father and giving thanks for the One Who sat on the throne--The One Who liveth forever and ever.

Rev 4:10 The four and twenty elders fell down before Him who sat on the throne, and they worshipped Him Who liveth forever and ever. As part of their worship they were casting their crowns before the throne, saying,

Rev 4:11 'You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Your pleasure and purpose all things were created.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Five

Rev 5:1 "And there sitting on the throne was God the Father and in His right hand was a scroll. There was writing on both sides of the scroll but the scroll itself was sealed by seven wax seals.

Rev 5:2 And I saw a large angel fly around the throne. The size and strength of the angel was impressive. He landed upon the Father's throne and shouted with a loud voice in an urgent tone, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll, Who is able to break its seals?'

Rev 5:3 Sadly there was nothing but silence in heaven. There was no one found either in heaven or earth or under the earth who would even approach the scroll. There was neither angel nor man worthy enough to open the scroll.

Rev 5:4 I began to weep audibly, openly and profusely because no one was found worthy.

Rev 5:5 And one of the church age saints said to me, "Stop weeping and consider this; there is One from the Lion Tribe, the Tribe of Judah, the Son of David, Who by His victory on the cross has earned the right open that scroll. He and He alone can break the seven seals.

Rev 5:6 It was then that I saw a diminutive Lamb; the young Lamb looked as if it had been slain. The Lamb was in the center of the throne room surrounded by the four special angels and the church age saints. The Lamb had seven horns representing His perfect kingdom which was purchased by His perfect work; the Lamb had seven eyes representing the Holy Spirit earlier sent into the world to assist and glorify Him.

Rev 5:7 Jesus Christ, as the Lamb of God boldly approached the throne and took the scroll out of the right hand of God the Father.

Rev 5:8 And when the Lamb took the scroll, the four living beings (four special angels) and the twenty four elders (representing all the translated saints) fell down before the Lamb. Each raptured believer of the church age was holding a harp and a golden bowl full of incense which represented the prayers of all of God's children.

Rev 5:9 And the Church Age saints sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seven seals, because as the Lamb of God You died spiritually to redeem mankind. Those availing themselves of His redemption came out from every tribe and language and people and nation. There were believers from all walks of life and nationalities entering the gates of heaven.

Rev 5:10 And I heard someone say, 'You have made them a kingdom of priests to serve our God, and they will reign with Christ on the earth.'

Rev 5:11 And I saw and heard the voice of many nondescript angels, the four special angels and church age saints who were too numerous to count.

Rev 5:12 They exclaimed in unison with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, by His victory on the cross He has earned the right to rule; to Him be riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory.

Rev 5:13 And every created being in the heavens and on the earth and under the earth and upon the sea were heard to exclaim, "To Him Who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be the honor, and the glory and the power forever and ever."

Rev 5:14 And the four living beings repeatedly cried out, Amen, Amen, Amen and Amen! And the church age saints fell down and worshipped the Christ who lives forever and ever.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Six

Chapters six through eleven cover events which will take place during the Tribulation and beginning of the Millennium with emphasis on events.

Rev 6:1 "I watched as the Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, 'Get up here!'

Rev 6:2 There before me was a white horse! Its rider, the Antichrist, held a bow, a quiver of arrows hung from his shoulder and he wore a victor's crown, and he rode out as a conqueror intent on victory. The Antichrist by military threat imposed his will on Israel. Israel under duress, signed a seven year treaty.

As part of that agreement Israel was guaranteed a right to worship in their newly constructed faux temple. All of this taking place in the first three and one-half years of the Tribulation.

Rev 6:3 When the Lord opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, 'Come up here again John!' I saw an Army advancing through the land of Israel. Its commander employed a scorched earth policy.

Rev 6:4 I then saw a Red Horse. Its rider was the King of the North. He was given power to take peace from the earth. From the permissive will of God this king was given an awesome military capability; he was seen ruling over what today we call the Soviet Union. The King of the North was permitted to move his military machine through Israel on his way to defeat a coalition of Arab nations led by Egypt. War and destruction was his forte.

Rev 6:5 When the Christ opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come again!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse, its rider, representing economic depravity and turmoil, the natural result of war. The rider of the black horse was holding a pair of scales in his hand. The scales represented a scarcity of food. People were found existing on Spartan diets due to the land having been ravaged by extensive military campaigns.

Rev 6:6 Then I heard one of the four living creatures explain the meaning, 'People will be able to purchase only the bare essentials; most will find it difficult to buy sufficient food for even three squares a day.'

Rev 6:7 When our Lord opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, 'Come!'

Rev 6:8 I looked, and there before me was a pale green horse! Its rider, represented the horror and aftermath of war. He was given the name 'death' and his horse drug Hades behind him. I could see that Hades was crowded with unbelievers. As each day passed more and more unbelieving dead appeared in that awful place of punishment. Called in the New Testament, Hades and in the Old Testament, Sheol. The rider of the green horse was given power over a part of the earth. More than a fourth of the earth's population was killed in the aftermath of war. There were famines and plagues, even the wild animals lost their fear of man. Animals aggressively attacked villages and cities carrying off men, women and children and the destruction of war continued to spread over the Middle East.

Rev 6:9 When the fifth seal was opened I saw under the altar in the temple those believers who had been slain during the Tribulation. These saints of God had been murdered because of their Christian testimony.

Rev 6:10 The saints from under the altar cried in a loud voice, 'How long, sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our deaths?'

Rev 6:11 Then each saint was called before the throne of God and given a white robe as a symbol of positional righteousness. They were told to wait just a little longer. They were told the reason they must wait was because there were many other saints of the Tribulation yet to be executed.

Rev 6:12 John watched as Christ opened the sixth seal. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, the entire planet was violently shaken. The sun turned black as rough sackcloth, the moon turned blood red,

Rev 6:13 Several of the stars fell to earth, just like fruit shaken loose by a sudden windstorm.

Rev 6:14 The sky was rolled up like a scroll and all the mountains and islands in the sea were torn from their ocean homes, tossed in the air and sent rolling in all directions;

Rev 6:15 Then the various heads of state and their political appointees, their generals, the rich, the famous, their ecclesiastical leaders, and even the lowliest members of the human race, all ran and hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. In the middle of this horrific destruction God directly poured out His wrath on the warring parties.

Rev 6:16 It was from these remote hiding places that the unbelievers of planet earth begged to die. 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb of God' they cried!

Rev 6:17 'For the great day of His wrath has come, and there is no one who can stand up under His judgment?' The world powers began to reel under the wrath of God Himself. The end seemed to be drawing near. The Antichrist was permitted to work his magic and gather the armies of the world to the holy land and an ominous rendezvous at Jerusalem.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Seven

Rev 7:1 "After the vision of the six seals evincing a summary of God's judgment of planet earth during the Tribulation, the scene seemed to return to the beginning of the Tribulation, just after the rapture. I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth holding back the four winds. The winds were symbolic of the wrath of God to be released by the six seals; the four angels were there to prevent in part the destructive force of the seals.

Rev 7:2 Then I saw a fifth angel coming up from the east, this angel had a special protective seal. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the earth.

Rev 7:3 'Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put our protective seal on the foreheads of the 144,000 Jewish evangelist.'

Rev 7:4 There were four thousand sealed from twelve tribes of Israel.

Rev 7:5 From the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, from the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, from the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,

Rev 7:6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,

Rev 7:7 from the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, from the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, from the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,

Rev 7:8 from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand and from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand.

Rev 7:9 The sealing angel called out the names of the tribes and the number to be sealed from each. I looked and there before me was a great mass of people. There were so many you could not count them; they were nationally, linguistically and ethnically diversified. They were all standing before the central throne looking up at the Lord Jesus Christ and they were all wearing white robes signifying their positional righteousness and holding palm branches in their hands to signify they were royal family.

Rev 7:10 They were loudly proclaiming, 'Salvation belongs to our God, our Father who sits on the throne, and to His Son Jesus the Christ.'

Rev 7:11 A vast number of elect angels suddenly appeared. They were first seen above the throne of God but then the innumerable angelic host slowly settled outside the throne room. Inside the throne room I could see the church age saints who had been raptured and the four special angels, called 'living beings.' They all fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God the Father and His son Jesus Christ,

Rev 7:12 saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!'

Rev 7:13 Then one of the raptured saints asked me, "Who are these people in white robes carrying the palms and from where did they come?"

Rev 7:14 I answered, 'Sir, I have no idea.' It was then a wily saint said, 'These are martyred believers who were killed during the last three and one-half years of the tribulation. They have wisely washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Rev 7:15 When Christ returns to earth to set up His Kingdom these martyred saints shall serve continually before His throne in His earthly temple and Christ will spread His tent of protection over them.

Rev 7:16 Never again will they hunger and never again will they thirst. They will forever dwell in air conditioned comfort in ecstatic happiness.

Rev 7:17 For the Christ, the Lamb of God Who sits on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And never again will these saints experience pain and suffering. He will make certain sorrow, tears and martyrdom are things of the past.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Eight

Rev 8:1 "When our Lord opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven for about a half hour.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels standing before the Father's Throne. And each angel was given a trumpet.

Rev 8:3 And then I saw the Lord Jesus Christ come and stand over the altar; He was holding a golden censer. And He was handed a large packet of incense in order that He might mix it with the prayers of all the saints. He mixed the two and set them ablaze in the altar of incense which had earlier been placed before the central throne.

Rev 8:4 From the hand of our Lord the smoke of the incense wafted heavenward, the smoke being a symbol of the prayers of the saints. The prayers of the saints being made in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Rev 8:5 Then Christ filled the golden censer with the burning coals taken out of the altar and He threw the burning contents of the censer toward the earth. As a result there followed loud claps of thunder, booming voices, terrible lightning and a major earthquake; all of which served as a warning of impending wrath to come.

Rev 8:6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound their judgment.

Rev 8:7 The first angel then sounded his trumpet and there fell from heaven great hail stones mixed with fire falling in a shower of blood.

Rev 8:8 And a third part of the earth became a blazing inferno. A third part of the trees was burned and a third part of all the earth's vegetation was also consumed in the blaze.

Rev 8:9 And the second angel sounded his trumpet and tossed a fiery mass, as large as a great mountain into the Mediterranean Sea.

Rev 8:10 The third angel sounded his trumpet and a blazing meteor fell from the heavens. The meteor broke into two giant pieces landing upon a third of the rivers and upon a third of the springs from where the earth's waters originate.

Rev 8:11 The name of the star was wormwood. As a result of its falling to the earth a third part of the planet's water supply was tainted and many people died because they drank from the contaminated water supply.

Rev 8:12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet and a third part of the light of the sun was obliterated, and a third part of the moon was darkened. Even a third of the stars lost their light. As a result a third part of the day was without light and a third part of the night turned pitch black.

Rev 8:13 As I watched, I heard a large flesh eating bird fly across the planet and called out in a loud voice, "There are three terrible calamities coming "Woe! Woe! Woe! to the inhabitants of the earth. The last three trumpet are about to sound signaling even greater destruction.'

Book of The Revelation Chapter Nine

Rev 9:1 "And the fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw that Satan had fallen to earth for he was no longer permitted in heaven. Jesus the Christ authorized one of His angels to give him the key to the bottomless pit.

Rev 9:2 And Satan opened the pit; and there arose out of it a great smoke, like the smoke from a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke.

Rev 9:3 Earth's atmosphere was darkened by reason of the smoke from the shaft; even the light from the sun could not be seen. And out of the smoke there came grasshopper like creatures crawling out of the pit and onto the earth. And there was given to them power like the power of a scorpion.

Rev 9:4 And they were told that they should not injure the grass of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, for they were only to injure those who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. The seal could not be seen by unbelievers but it was readily visible to other believers.

Rev 9:5 And the creatures were given a divine charge: they were not to kill unbelievers but instead they were to torture them for five months.

Rev 9:6 Their torture was similar to the sting of a giant scorpion. The pain was so severe that the unbelievers wanted to die but death was not an option. They were only to suffer.

Rev 9:7 And the resemblance of the grasshoppers were similar to those of horses prepared for war. And upon their heads they wore a victor's crown, wreathes of gold, like those given to raptured saints at the Bema. Their faces were like the faces of men.

Rev 9:8 They had long hair like that of a woman. Their teeth were like those of lions and each wore a breastplate of iron.

Rev 9:9 And the sound of their wings was like the sound of a thousand chariots and horses running to battle.

Rev 9:10 And they had tails like scorpions and in their tails were stingers sufficient to inflict terrible pain upon their unbeliever victims. They were given this power for five months.

Rev 9:11 The leader of these creatures was Satan himself and as leader he was called the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon (meaning "the destroyer"), but in the Greek tongue it is called Apollyon (also meaning "the destroyer").

Rev 9:12 I was overwhelmed at first but was told the great calamity is now past. I was also told there would be two other calamities soon to come upon earth.

Rev 9:13 The sixth angel then sounded his trumpet. I heard a voice that seemed to come from the four horns of the golden altar.

Rev 9:14 The voice was directed to the sixth angel. This angel immediately set free the four angels who have been bound in the Euphrates river.

Rev 9:15 The four angels had been kept in readiness for many years. This was their time; it was their job to kill a third part of the men living on planet earth. The four angels trans-morphed into a large oriental army.

Rev 9:16 The army numbered two-hundred million. I heard one of the angels announce their number.

Rev 9:17 Afterward I saw the horses upon which the soldiers rode. Those seated upon them had breastplates of fire and of jacinth and of brimstone. The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; out of their mouths came fire and smoke and brimstone.

Rev 9:18 The fire, smoke and brimstone killed a third part of mankind.

Rev 9:19 The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails. Their tails were like snakes, having heads and by means of them they caused injury.

Rev 9:20 Those who were not killed by these plagues, did not change their minds; they did not stop making idols nor did they stop worshiping demons. They loved their idols of gold and silver and brass and stone and wood; the unbelievers of planet earth worshipped all manner of inanimate things.

Rev 9:21 Neither did they have a change of mind regarding their condoning of murder nor their magical arts nor their fornications nor their thefts; they would not abandon their old ways.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Ten

Rev 10:1 “And then I saw another powerful angel, I could not be sure but I thought it was Michael. He was standing above planet earth; the angel slowly descended from heaven. He was clothed with a cloud and over his head there was a radiant halo. His face was like the sun and his feet were like pillars of refining fire.

Rev 10:2 In his hand was a small scroll. He placed his right foot upon the sea and his left foot upon the land. His posture and position seemed to teach, ‘Planet earth and all that exists thereon are under divine authority.’

Rev 10:3 The angel cried with a great voice, powerful like the roar of a lion. When he roared the sound of seven thunders could be heard. In the frightening sound of the thunder I could hear and understand what was said.

Rev 10:5 The powerful angel whom I saw standing above the sea and the land raised his right hand and looked toward heaven.

Rev 10:6 He then swore an oath to the One who lives forever, his oath was sworn to the Lord Jesus Christ Who created the heavens, the earth and the things in it and the sea, and the things in it. The angel swore to our Lord, ‘Yes Lord, there will be no more delays.’

Rev 10:7 ‘Soon’ said the angel, The seventh angel will sound his trumpet and then the mystery of God will be revealed, the great mystery which was earlier announced to His people by His prophets, apostles and pastor-teachers. When the seventh trumpet sounds everyone will know the full extent and content of ‘the mystery.’

Rev 10:8 Then a voice from heaven spoke again, ‘Go and get the scroll from the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land.’

Rev 10:9 Accordingly, I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, ‘Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.’

Rev 10:10 I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but after eating, my stomach turned sour. The eating and the souring of the stomach taught me, ‘Religion often looks very good but once you get a real taste it reeks of evil.’ This will certainly be the case during the Tribulation.

Rev 10:11 Then I was told, ‘You must prophesy to many peoples, nations, languages and kings.’

Book of the Revelation Chapter Eleven

Rev 11:1 “Afterward I was handed a ten foot long measuring rod and was told, to measure the temple and the brazen altar and to count and evaluate the worshippers there.

Rev 11:2 I was also commanded to exclude the outer court; this because the outer court had been given to the Gentiles. The Gentiles, I was told, would control the Holy City during most of the Tribulation.

Rev 11:3 The angel then told me about two witnesses, ‘Two witnesses will live and prophesy during the first three and one-half years of the Tribulation.’ He further noted, ‘They will be dressed in sackcloth like characters from an Old Testament period piece.’ I saw two lamp stands and two olive trees.

Rev 11:4 The two witnesses explained the angel are Moses and Elijah, God’s messengers reincarnated for special service. Thus their designation as two lamp stands who stand before the Lord of the earth as a light to the world. They are supported by the power of God the Holy Spirit ergo they appear before you as the two olive trees. They will shine like a light in the midst of darkness during the first 1260 days of the Tribulation.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to harm these two, God will cause fire to come out of their mouths; the fire he said would devour their enemies.

There will be many who want them dead. This is especially true of the Antichrist, False Prophet and the leader of the large and very popular church headquartered in Rome.

Rev 11:6 The two will also have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain. They will turn the earth's waters into blood and strike the earth with every kind of plague; this he said they would often do.

Rev 11:7 Toward the end of the first 42 months of the Tribulation Satan is permitted to devise a plan which he communicates to the Antichrist. Under the permissive will of God, Moses and Elijah are overpowered and executed.

Rev 11:8 Their bodies will lie 'in state' in the center of Jerusalem. The Antichrist refuses numerous requests to bury them. He instead makes sure they lie in their own blood there in the city of sin, evil, religion and idolatry. This is the same city in which our Lord was rejected and crucified.

Rev 11:9 For three and a half days men from all over the world will travel to Jerusalem to gaze on the bodies of Moses and Elijah, the two men were thought to be blamed for much of the world's troubles during the first 42 month of the Tribulation. Even though many have begged the mayors of Rome and Jerusalem to bury them, their requests have been ignored.

Rev 11:10 The global citizens of planet earth rejoiced in their deaths and openly celebrate by sending each other gifts; people are overjoyed thinking all will now be ok. The two prophets who had resisted the programs of the Antichrist were now a thing of the past and like a bad dream these two troublemakers were gone. "World peace and universal prosperity" exclaimed the citizens of Jerusalem, "can now become a reality." People openly celebrate by dancing around the open caskets where the bodies lay.

Rev 11:11 After three and a half days of celebration, God resuscitates both Moses and Elijah, slowly they rise to their feet. The eyes of the world stare at their television sets in abject shock, surprise and horror. Seeing the two formerly dead men stand, the people who had come to celebrate are awe struck; the celebration ceases as people panic and try to leave the area. No one knows what to expect next.

Rev 11:12 Then from heaven comes a loud voice which could be heard all over the city of Jerusalem, it boomed "Come up here." And both Elijah and Moses slowly ascend toward heaven moving slowly through the clouds until they disappear from view.

Rev 11:13 Suddenly the earth begins to shake, a severe earthquake overtakes Jerusalem and a tenth part of the city is destroyed, there is rubble everywhere. Seven thousand people are killed in that section of city where the bodies of the two witnesses had once lain. Many who survived were terrified and gave glory to God, others blew it off as they left the center of the city to check on their home.

Rev 11:14 The second woe had now passed but the third woe was just around the corner.

Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a crescendo of voices coming from heaven, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Father and His anointed One, the Lord Jesus Christ" and now the Messiah King will reign forever and ever."

Rev 11:16 The church age saints in heaven, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshipped God, saying

Rev 11:17 'We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, as the One Who was, Who is and Who will soon come again; and now as an exercise of Your great power and sovereignty, You are now ready to reign on planet earth.'

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry for they anticipated that the wrath of God might soon descend from heaven. In fact it was time for God to judge the devil's world. The time for reincarnating and rewarding His apostles, prophets and Old Testament saints was drawing near. In contrast the small and the great were about to be called to task because they had followed the Antichrist.

Rev 11:19 Then I looked up where I could clearly see God's temple in heaven open up, and within His great temple was the Ark of the Covenant. And from the temple came flashes of lightning and peals of thunder.

The major earthquake was joined by a great hailstorm. Planet earth was under attack because the Lord Jesus Christ as the King of kings was about to return. The age called the Tribulation would soon end with a battle to end all battles and the blood would run as deep as the horses bridle for two-hundred miles.

Book of the Revelation Chapter Twelve

Chapters twelve through twenty cover the same events described in chapters six through eleven. There is a major difference. Though the events described are those which take place in the Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennium; the emphasis is on the characters involved rather than the events.

Rev 12:1 "I then saw an exciting and wondrous scene in heaven; it was obviously a sign: there I could see a woman representing Israel; she was clothed with the sun and the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head; the twelve stars represented the twelve tribes who will ultimately rule with Christ.

Rev 12:2 The woman is Israel; she is about to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 12:3 Suddenly there appeared in heaven an enormous red dragon who was clearly Satan; he had seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads; the picture depicts the mechanics of the rise to power of a Satanically indwelt Antichrist who would be the leader of the Revived Roman Empire headquartered in the city of Rome.

Rev 12:4 Then there was a flash back to an earlier time in eternity past when Satan and a third of all the angels rebelled against God; in this rebellion both Satan and those angels falling with him decided they could run things better than God. Then I saw the dragon standing in front of Mary the mother of Jesus' humanity who was about to give birth; Satan had indwelt the old fox Herod the Great, planting in his sick mind a plan to devour her child. The pronouncement came in the year of c. 6 B.C. when the order to slay all male infants born in Judah two years of age and under was given. All of this was done in order to avert God's plan of redemption.

Rev 12:5 Mary gave birth to the Godman and named Him Jesus. This is the same Godman who at the second advent will rule all the nations of the world with an iron fist. Because of Israel's rejection of our Lord, however, the Christ was snatched up to God and was caused to sit at the right side of the Father in the place of honor in the Third Heaven.

Rev 12:6 The woman Israel, later in the Great Tribulation, will flee (in the same manner as Mary and Joseph did when they fled to Egypt) into the waiting arms of various Gentile nations where she will be protected for 1260 days, the Jewish equivalent of the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation.

Rev 12:7 I then saw a horrific war break out in heaven. Michael and all of the elect angels fought a vicious all-out battle against the dragon and his demons.

Rev 12:8 Satan and his forces battled relentlessly but Michael and his great army were just too strong for the forces of evil. Satan and all of his demon minions were driven back until they reached what looked like the far end of heaven; they were forced perilously close to heaven's precipice.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon and his demons were hurled down to earth--that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who had for years led the whole world astray. This was the great sign so long predicted when Satan with his gang of outlaws would be thrown out of heaven and onto planet earth.

Rev 12:10 I then heard a mighty victorious shout which reverberated throughout the heavens, 'Our God has shown His power of deliverance for His kingdom has come! God's own Chosen One, the Christ, has shown His authority and inherent power. Satan who for ages has accused the brethren has been thrown out of heaven and never more permitted to return.'

Rev 12:11 The poor Saints of the Tribulation, faced now with a defeated and desperate Satan, would experience his last intense, though hopeless series of attacks.

The only means of survival for the believers remaining on planet earth would be a total reliance on the grace of God as set forth in His Word. They will be especially facilitated by God the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord under the most trying of circumstances and pressure.

Rev 12:12 All created beings, including angels and believers from ages gone by rejoiced but then there came a voice of lamentation from the Throne Room, "Pity the earth and the sea, because the devil has been thrown out of heaven and he knows his time is short."

Rev 12:13 When Satan realized he had been defeated and cast out of heaven without any future recourse, he pursued with a vengeance true Israel for he was furious at her for giving birth to the Christ.

Rev 12:14 Israel however was given an abundance of logistical grace and a hedge of fire for protection. During the Tribulation Israel will be led to the various places of refuge prepared for her in various client nations and there to remain in safety out of Satan's reach.

Rev 12:15 Satan, realizing his predicament then set in motion a series of world events designed to eliminate all believers; battles raged in Palestine as nations from all over the world began to ravage the once peaceful land of Israel.

Rev 12:16 Places of refuge were discovered by the Jews in the Holy Land in the south of Palestine in Idumaea. The many Gentile nations who refuse to "kowtow" to the powerful Antichrist will be extolled by Christ when He returns to judge the sheep and the goats.

Rev 12:17 Satan particularly interested in exterminating all those who were actively witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Thirteen

This chapter introduces two main characters: the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The Antichrist, a gentile and the False Prophet, a Jew, go figure? But then again, look around at the cults so popular and the false doctrines drawing so many people to some really bizarre denominations even as I write.

Rev 13:1 "The devil looked out on planet earth's swirling mass of humanity; he viewed the confusion of the Gentile world as opportunity. Then I saw the Antichrist arise out from the confused skein of the nations. There was a ten nation federation ruling Europe and from one of the smallest of the ten the Antichrist rose to power. Soon he took over two other nations and then finally he became ruler over all ten. Each of the ten national leaders served as blasphemous heads of state in open opposition to God.

Rev 13:2 John was impressed with the appearance of the Antichrist. He resembled a leopard, with feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. He saw a dragon who seemed to be behind the scene leading the respective kings. He gave the beast his power, a throne and great authority. The animal symbols represented three of the four major Gentile empires of time past: the leopard, Alexander, the bear, the Medo-Persians and the lion, Babylon. A fourth was an empire yet to come, one whose rise was imminent but not yet revealed; it would be a Revived Roman Empire. John was amazed at that which had been revealed to him. He would be even more amazed at what would be revealed next.

Rev 13:3 He saw the Antichrist sustain a fatal wound, but was miraculously resuscitated. The whole world was astonished and followed the beast as their political and spiritual leader.

Rev 13:4 Most of the world, though unaware, were worshiping Satan. Satan indwelled the Antichrist and gave him his authority and power. This power included a strong military presence. Those who worshiped the new world leader were absolutely devoted and impressed. They asked, 'Who is like the Antichrist? Who can make war against him?'

Rev 13:5 The Antichrist was also given great wisdom to effectively blaspheme God. He ruled the world as a despot.

Rev 13:6 Both the Antichrist and the False Prophet took great pleasure in slandering the name of God and His Word. Jews were ridiculed and Christians were considered a lunatic fringe. The Word of God was said to be but an opiate for the downtrodden.

Rev 13:7 The Antichrist in the last half of the Tribulation was given power to make war against all Jews and Christians. All of this was done under the permissive will of God. God permitted the rise of the Antichrist in order to set him up for a his grand humiliation prophesied by the 28th chapter of the book of Ezekiel.

Rev 13:8 The nations of the world and all their unbelieving citizens were openly worshipping the Antichrist as God--that is to say all those whose names had been removed from the book of life belonging to the Lamb of God.

Rev 13:9 Believers of all ages are urged to pay attention to that which is said in this apocalypse.

Rev 13:10 If you live in the Tribulation you are going to be incarcerated for the cause of Christ this will be your destiny. Do not miss the rapture, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ now! If you are a believer in the Tribulation you might even be executed. This age will call for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints of God but at the end of the seven years the Saints of God will be vindicated.

Rev 13:11 Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth, he was a Jew. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. The two horns were symbolic of his ambivalent nature; he was as sweet as sugar at first but later took on the nature of the meanest junk yard dog ever.

Rev 13:12 He was given power and authority to speak and act on behalf of the Antichrist, in fact he made certain the earth and its inhabitants worshipped the Antichrist, the same world leader whose fatal wound had been healed.

Rev 13:13 The second beast was the False Prophet. He was a world religious leader who performed miraculous signs and wonders, even causing fire to streak across the heavens and then on command the fire would fall to earth. He was considered by many unbelievers as the incarnation of Elijah.

Rev 13:14 It was because of the many miracles performed by this second beast that he was able to deceive the inhabitants of the earth. He received his power from the indwelt Antichrist and made no bones about the source of His power. Consequently he ordered the leaders of Israel to set up an image in honor of the Antichrist. Those living on planet earth had earlier been impressed because of the recovery of the Antichrist from the terrible head wound; his resuscitation to life was just the sign many needed to accept the allegation that the Antichrist was the incarnate messiah and the false prophet, Elijah.

Rev 13:15 The False Prophet was permitted to put the breath of life into the statue of the Antichrist, ergo he spoke and many were amazed. The image had been setup in the ersatz temple. This took place in the middle of the Tribulation. Everyone who refused to worship the image of the first beast was put to death.

Rev 13:16 All people were forced to receive a mark on their hand or on their forehead in order to transact business. An underground economy had to be established to feed the many believers. It did not matter how powerful or how wealthy you might be, without the mark you could not buy or sell.

Rev 13:17 To transact business you had to have the mark. The mark stood for the name of the first beast and for the number of his name.

Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom. The wise man will understand and learn from the number assigned to the Antichrist: 666. The entire Book of The Revelation is a portrait of man, without God, in control having power provided by Satan himself.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Fourteen

Though chapter fourteen describes many events taking place in heaven they are all related to the Tribulation. We find the 144,000 Jewish evangelist, angels and raptured saints celebrating because the end is drawing near.

This chapter could be juxtaposed with chapter nineteen and twenty because clearly Christ is described as coming to earth with vengeance on His mind. Chapters fifteen, sixteen, seventeen and eighteen are a divertissement dealing with the vial judgments taking place in the last half of the Tribulation. Within these intervening chapters, we also find not only a description of terrible trauma descending in the form of judgment on the earth in general, but details are provided about the judgment of both political and ecumenical Rome. In chapter eighteen 'the new Babylon' on the Shinar plain in what is now called Iraq is described as suffering a special judgment. Demonic activity gets the armies of the world to 'death valley' and their rendezvous with Christ and His angelic army.

Rev 14:1 "As I was looking heavenward I saw Christ as the Lamb of God standing on Mount Zion, the Millennial City of God, and with Him were the original 144,000 Jewish Evangelist. They had the name of Christ and the name of God the Father on their foreheads.

Rev 14:2 Then I heard a sound from heaven that was like a roaring flood or loud thunder, accompanied by the music of many harps.

Rev 14:3 And I also heard a new song being sung before the throne of God and standing before that throne were the four special angels earlier seen; and with them were the church age saints earlier raptured. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had functioned so nobly during the Tribulation.

Rev 14:4 All of those before the throne were declared to be pure and perfect; interestingly, only the 144,000 could learn the song, for they had been preserved as God's special representatives. The 144,000 were called the first fruits of God. They had refused to worship in 'the whore church.' In heaven they could be seen following the Lamb wherever He went. The 'whore church' was that very popular ecumenical body headquartered in Rome and allied with the Antichrist. This was a very large and wealthy Christian church to which many nominal and real Christians belonged.

Rev 14:5 The 144,00 were as pure as the driven snow and worthy of special praise.

Rev 14:6 And then I saw an angel. He would sweep across the sky dipping down in slow descent to the earth periodically announcing the good news of Christ's impending return when He would judge, all those living on planet earth. His message was made clear to all people of every race and nation; all mankind was once again declared to be 'without excuse.'

Rev 14:7 The angel shouted, 'Worship and honor God! The time has come for Him to judge everyone. Kneel down before the One Who created the heavens and the earth, the oceans, the seas and and all things therein'.

Rev 14:8 A second angel was next seen; he cried out to the people of the earth a great prophecy of what would later take place, 'Fallen! Fallen is ecumenical Rome, Fallen! Fallen is political Rome, both of whom caused the nations to partake of her horrific apostasies.'

Rev 14:9 A third angel followed the first two shouting as it flew behind the other two angels, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark

Rev 14:10 they will drink of the wine of God's fury, which will be poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. Unbelievers will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the elect angels and the Lord Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment will rise and never end. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.'

Rev 14:12 The trials and tribulations of this age call for patient endurance on the part of the saints. These saints will obey God's commandments and remain faithful to the Lord Jesus. Their loyalty and perseverance will be miraculously accomplished. It is for this they were created and predestined--to live and function as faithful citizens of the Tribulation.

Rev 14:13 Then I, John heard a voice say, "Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Holy Spirit of God, they will rest in heaven from their labors on earth; their divine good which was so hard to come by in the economy of the Tribulation will follow them as an eternal reward.

Rev 14:14 I, again looked up and suddenly, right there in my face was a white cloud and seated on the cloud was the Lord Jesus Christ. 'He looked much like as when I knew Him on earth' said John, 'but there were differences. He wore a crown of gold on His head and He held a sharp sickle in his hand.'

Rev 14:15 Then I saw an angel, like those earlier seen, he came out of the temple and screamed in a loud and excited voice; he was screaming at the Lord Jesus who was still sitting on the cloud. The angel cried out, "Take your sickle and reap, because God the Father has said it is time to harvest both the wheat and the tares, the tares are over ripe and more than ready for judgment."

Rev 14:16 So Christ swung his sickle over the earth, and the wheat was harvested from the fields, leaving only the over ripened tares separate and ready for destruction. The wheat representing the believers was taken into the Millennium to enjoy perfect environment.

Rev 14:17 Another angel of the same kind was seen coming from the temple in heaven, and this angel like Christ also had a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 Then I John saw another angel coming out of the temple, this was the angel who was responsible for maintaining the perpetual fire in the altar of incense located outside the Holy of Holies; he cried out in a loud voice to the Lord Jesus, Who was still sitting on the cloud, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, they are ripe and ready for the harvest."

Rev 14:19 The angel ordered the harvesting of grapes; He and His angelic armies swooped down on planet earth where a violent harvesting occurred. The grapes were thrown into the great winepress of God's wrath.

Rev 14:20 They were trampled in the winepress outside the city of Jerusalem, and blood flowed out of the wine press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 200 miles; the armies of the world earlier gathered to destroy Israel were made to drink of the wrath of God.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Fifteen

Look our planet earth here come the seven last plagues.

Rev 15:1 "I, John then saw in the third heaven a third sign which was even greater than the first two, it was awesome! There before my eyes were the seven angels with the seven last plagues--I'm talking about the last seven vials, these vial or bowl judgments represented God's final and complete wrath.

Rev 15:2 And then I saw what was like an earlier scene, a sea of glass, but this time the tranquil sea was mixed with fire and judgment. Standing beside the sea were numerous saints martyred in the Tribulation. These were those special believers who had refused to take the mark of the beast and had suffered for their decisions. They had been given harps by God the Father and they were preparing to play and sing praises to God.

Rev 15:3 The martyred saints of the Tribulation began to perform. They sang two songs over and over again. The first was the song of Moses recorded in the book of Exodus (Exo 15:1-19) and the second was called the song of the Lamb: 'Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages.

Rev 15:4 Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.'

Rev 15:5 And then I was given a vision of the heavenly temple, the veil separating the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place was opened and I could see the ark, cherubim, golden censer and mercy seat all illuminated by the Shekinah Glory of God Himself.

Rev 15:6 Out of the Holy of Holies came the seven elect angels, each had one of the seven last plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining white linen representing the righteous judgment of God and they wore garments resembling that worn by the priests; their white robes were bound with golden sashes tied around their chests.

Rev 15:7 Then one of the four special elect angels, resident in the Throne Room of God, gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls in which to carry the seven plagues; the viles were filled with the wrath of God Almighty.

Rev 15:8 The entire temple area, to include both the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place, were filled with a cloud of smoke; no one could see to enter the Temple nor could they enter until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Planet earth was about to feel the special wrath of God.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Sixteen

Everything from painful sores to hundred pound hailstones descend from heaven during the last three and one-half years of the Tribulation--but planet earth "ain't seen nothin yet."

Rev 16:1 "I, John, then heard a loud voice coming out from the heavenly temple. The voice said to the seven angels, 'Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath upon the earth.'

Rev 16:2 The first angel left the other six and headed toward planet earth where he poured out his bowl upon the land. Ugly and painful sores broke out on those who had the mark of the beast and had worshiped the Antichrist's image.

Rev 16:3 The second angel followed the first; he poured out his bowl on the seas of planet earth, and they turned into coagulated blood; the congealed blood suffocated every living thing in the sea.

Rev 16:4 The third angel peeled off toward planet earth to pour out his bowl on the rivers and springs, and these also became blood.

Rev 16:5 Then I heard the elect angel in charge of the waters say: 'You, Christ, are just and true in Your judgments. All judgment has been given You and You alone have earned that right.'

Rev 16:6 The leaders of planet earth have shed the blood of Your saints and Your prophets, it is only fitting that You give them blood to drink.'

Rev 16:7 And I heard one of the covering angels who stood over the altar: 'Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are Your judgments.'

Rev 16:8 The fourth angel left the third heaven and poured out his bowl on the sun, which became a vast ball of fire leaving its heavenly place; it slowly descended toward earth. As the ball of fire came near, a heavenly conflagration took place. The heat scorched only the unbelievers on planet earth.

Rev 16:9 The unbelievers were seared by the intense heat; their response to God's judgment was to curse the name of God; they refused to repent and glorify Him.

Rev 16:10 The fifth angel peeled off and poured out his vial on the city of Rome, the entire kingdom of the Antichrist was plunged into total darkness. The citizens of the Satan's kingdom sat in darkness suffering from the pain of their sores and the terrible heat which exacerbated their agony.

Rev 16:11 As a result they cursed the God of heaven because of their pain and sores, but even given their direct knowledge of the source of their judgment, they refused to repent of what they had done.

Rev 16:12 The sixth angel peeled off and poured out his bowl judgment on the river Euphrates, and its water dried up preparing the way for the kings from the east. The oriental kings of the east moved a vast 200,000,000 man army across the river where they deployed to await further instructions.

Rev 16:13 Then I saw three demons that looked very much like frogs; they came out of the mouth of Satan, out of the mouth of the Antichrist and out of the mouth of the False Prophet.

Rev 16:14 They performed miraculous signs and wonders before the kings of the earth. By demonic control and possession the leaders of the world were persuaded to send their armies into the Valley of Jezreel near Megiddo to await the battle to end all battles--the destruction of Israel being their ultimate goal.

Rev 16:15 I, John, then heard the Lord Jesus Christ exclaim, 'Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he does not go naked when all hell breaks loose.'

Rev 16:16 Then the kings assembled their armies to the place which is called in the Hebrew Armageddon.

Rev 16:17 The 7th angel peeled off and poured his bowl into the air above the earth; from the throne located in the Holy of Holies came a loud voice saying, 'It is done!'

Rev 16:18 Then I saw flashes of lightning and heard great peals of thunder; a severe earthquake shook the planet. No earthquake like it had ever occurred, so tremendous was the damage.

Rev 16:19 Jerusalem was split into three parts, and the major cities of the world collapsed. God remembered Rome turning His special wrath upon her.

Rev 16:20 The islands and mountains of much of the planet completely disappeared.

Rev 16:21 Huge hailstones weighing approximately one hundred pounds fell from the heavens. Unbelievers cursed God as they suffered His wrath. The demon possessed Antichrist however gave hope to the world, "Have faith, I have put together the ultimate coalition. All the armies of the world are moving toward Megiddo where we will destroy once and for all Israel. I personally hope the promised return of 'the Christian lord' comes soon. he prophecies of the deluded Christians believe he will come soon to save "his chosen people Israel." I look forward to His return for at Megiddo. It is there we utterly destroy Him and His 'angelic armies.'

Book of The Revelation Chapter Seventeen

In chapter seventeen we find a description of the rise and fall of international religion--the global church of Rome. Her relationship with the Revived Roman Empire is also described.

Rev 17:1 "One of the angels who had delivered one of the seven vials came over to me and said, "Come over here, I want to show you the demise and punishment of the great prostitute," a metaphor for the global Church of the Tribulation, 'she is seen atop the many waters,' a description of her close relationship with the international leaders of the world.

Rev 17:2 The angel went on to say, 'With the global Church the political leaders of planet earth have committed spiritual adultery; the inhabitants of the earth were intoxicated with the wine of her many indiscretions;' this seems to be a metaphor to describe how impressed were the people of the planet with the global Church of Rome and her false doctrines.

Rev 17:3 Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a vast wilderness. It was there I saw a woman, the global Church, sitting on a scarlet beast representing the Satan indwelt Antichrist as the leader of the Revived Roman Empire; the Beast was covered with blasphemous names and he had seven heads representing the seven hills of Rome.

The ten horns represented the ten nations making up a European federation. The world church and world government worked in close alliance.

Rev 17:4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and she glittered with gold, precious stones and pearls; the church was awash in wealth. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with the filthy and nasty things she had done.

Rev 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written 'Mystery Babylon The Great The Mother of Prostitutes And of The Abominations of The Earth.'

Rev 17:6 I, John saw that the global Church was drunk with the blood of the believers of the Tribulation. When I saw her, I was absolutely appalled and I wondered what all this meant.

Rev 17:7 Then the angel said to me: 'Why do you wonder as to whom she might be? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and the beast she rides; I will also explain the meaning of the seven heads and ten horns.'

Rev 17:8 The beast which you saw is Satan, he once operated in his own world under the permissive will of God but during the Millennium he will be chained in a great abyss but at the end of the Millennium he will be released for a short time. He will come up out of the abyss only to fail once again and then he will go to his destruction. At the end of the Millennium all unbelievers will be called before the Great White Throne. These unbelievers will be astonished when they see that Satan has been judged and placed forever in the lake of fire.

Rev 17:9 To understand this verse requires a spiritual understanding. The seven heads are seven hills representing the seven hills of Rome where the global church is located.

Rev 17:10 The seven kings are also seven empires. Six of the seven empires, Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and the first Roman Empire have fallen. The seventh empire, the Revived Roman Empire is yet to come; but when that seventh empire does come, it will only last for a short time. The Revived Roman Empire is that empire headed by the Antichrist--a Satan indwelt political leader of the world.

Rev 17:11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is Satan as the leader of the seventh empire, The Revived Roman Empire. By indwelling the Antichrist he will direct that which will occur in the world, but only under the permissive will of God. In God's timing both the seventh empire together with its leaders will be destroyed.

Rev 17:12 John is told 'The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, these ten will come onto the international scene just after the Rapture; they will rule their individual kingdoms.' One of the leaders is the Antichrist; he comes from one of the smaller nations making up the ten.

Rev 17:13 The Antichrist will soon take over ruler of all ten. The Ten Nation Federation under the Satan indwelt Antichrist will become the international leader of planet earth, at first ruling all ten, but soon he will rule all ten and ultimately rule the entire world.

Rev 17:14 The confederation, under the leadership of the Antichrist, will make war against our Lord, but the Lamb of God will overcome the Antichrist and his followers when He returns at His Second Advent. They will be no match for the Lord of lords and King of kings.

Rev 17:15 Then the angel said to me, 'The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are the various nations of the world.'

Rev 17:16 The Antichrist as the leader of the ten nation federation will grow to hate the leader of the global church and her congregates. He decides the church is no longer useful so he orders the execution of her leader and the destruction of her churches; her followers are then required to worship only the Antichrist. This will occur in the middle of the Tribulation; additionally the treaty with Israel is broken, and she too is no longer permitted to worship in her faux temple.

Rev 17:17 All of this is done under the permissive will of God.

Rev 17:18 It was made clear to me the woman represented the global church headquartered at Rome and the beast was the Antichrist who ultimately turns against the global church, Israel, and all believers in Jesus Christ.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Eighteen

We now turn to an account of the destruction of Babylon on the Shinar plain. After the Antichrist severs all ties with organized religion, he moves his headquarters to Iraq. This takes place in the middle of the Tribulation. The Shinar plain is located south of Baghdad. This new city becomes the world's economic activity center--it is from here all commerce begins and ends. With the destruction of this city there is great lamentation and concern, especially on the part of the world's business leaders. After all, they had been made rich by the Antichrist but now they see his capital and center of economic activity being destroyed.

Rev 18:1 "It wasn't long before I saw a second angel coming down from heaven. From his appearance and general demeanor he obviously had been given special authority; in fact the entire horizon was illumined by his splendor.

Rev 18:2 He cried out in a very loud voice: 'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great! The city of Babylon is gone; it has become a home for demons and a place for every kind of evil spirit. It is now home for every kind of unclean and detestable bird.'

Rev 18:3 The nations of the world had participated with her in all sorts of pernicious and despicable commercial practices. The leaders of planet earth had entered into complicated and nefarious schemes designed to take advantage of those less fortunate and the industrial magnates had thereby acquired great wealth--wealth beyond description.

Rev 18:4 And then I, John heard another voice coming from heaven, 'My people, come out of Babylon so that you do not participate in her sins; also I do not want to see you hurt by the plagues I am about to send;

Rev 18:5 for you see Babylon's sins have piled up even reaching to heaven itself. From her very beginning she has participated in the most devious business practices. God has remembered her many sins.

Rev 18:6 'Babylon must be paid back,' said the voice, 'In fact she will be paid back double for what she has done. Mix her a drink of devastation and give her a double portion from her own cup.

Rev 18:7 Distribute to her as much torture and grief as the glory and luxury she bestowed upon herself. Throughout the ages she has boasted, 'I sit as queen; I am not a widow, and I will never mourn.'

Rev 18:8 Accordingly in one day I saw plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine were the order of the day. The city of Babylon was consumed by fire, for mighty and sovereign is the Lord God Who has judged her.'

Rev 18:9 The various rulers of the nations who had gained great wealth from the evil practices of commercial Babylon were astounded and full of great sorrow, when they saw the smoke of the burning city, they cried uncontrollably, they could not believe their eyes.

Rev 18:10 Terrified at what they saw, they refused to go to her aid but rather they stood afar off and cried: 'Woe! Woe, O great city, O Babylon, city of power! In such a short time you have been destroyed!'

Rev 18:11 The world's great men of commerce could be seen for several days thereafter weeping and mourning because no one bought their products;

Rev 18:12 their expensive trinkets made of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls sat alone and cold in their jewelry cases. Their fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth simply took up space on their shelves; items made of citron wood, and articles of ivory, costly mahogany, bronze, iron and marble were no longer purchased.

Rev 18:13 There was no market for their cinnamon and spice, their incense, myrrh and frankincense, their wine and olive oil, fine flour and wheat were stacked in warehouses taking up space. Cattle, sheep, horses and carriages, and even their slaves could not be traded.

Rev 18:14 Business leaders everywhere will grieve for Babylon for she is no longer the great economic power who paid generously for the world's products. The world's riches and splendor soon vanished, never to be recovered.

Rev 18:15 The merchants watched in horror as Babylon and her citizens cried out in pain; even the inveterate industrial giants, these normally unflappable men of commerce also wept

Rev 18:16 and cried out: 'Woe! Woe, O great city, you who once was dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet; you who once glittered with gold, precious stones and pearls--you are now nothing but a city to be pitied.

Rev 18:17 Your great wealth was washed away in a sea of fire and it all happened so quickly; all you once were is now ruin! Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earned their living from the sea, will stand far off wondering where to take their cargo.'

Rev 18:18 When they see the smoke of her burning, they will cry out, 'Was there ever a city like Babylon?'

Rev 18:19 The great sea captains and their crews who once enjoyed shore duty will weep and mourn and exclaim: 'Woe! Woe, O great city.' The owners of the giant vessels who had become rich through trading with her! They will say, 'But it all happened so fast, great Babylon is no longer, will she ever stop burning!'

Rev 18:20 A voice from heaven orders those in heaven to rejoice. The economic machine over which the Antichrist indirectly ruled is now no more.

Rev 18:21 Then a powerful angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said, 'With such violence the great city of Babylon will one day be thrown down, never to be seen again.'

Rev 18:22 The music of harpists and musicians, flute players and trumpeters, will never be heard in you again. No workman of any trade will ever be found in you again. The sound of a millstone will never be heard in you again.

Rev 18:23 The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of the bridegroom and the bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants were the world's great men. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

Rev 18:24 In you were found the blood of prophets, the blood of saints. God has measured you and found you wanting!'

Book of The Revelation Chapter Nineteen

There is great joy in heaven when Babylon is destroyed for it signals the beginning of the end for the *devil's world*. We next get a description of the wedding supper of the Lamb when the church is introduced to Israel and then comes the long awaited event--THE SECOND ADVENT OF THE KING OF KINGS.

Rev 19:1 "After I saw the destruction of Babylon and the resultant joy in heaven I heard the roar of a great crowd in heaven exclaiming: 'Praise God! Deliverance and glory and power solely belongs to Jesus the Christ,

Rev 19:2 for certain and just are all His judgments. He has condemned and judged ecumenical, political and commercial Babylon who for centuries corrupted the earth, by her false teachings. He is calling her to account for spilling the blood of His servants.'

Rev 19:3 At this point, John again heard from heaven, 'Hallelujah for the omnipotent Lord God reigneth.'

Rev 19:4 The twenty-four elders representing the raptured church age saints and the four special elect angels all fell prostrate and worshiped the Christ, Who was seated on the throne. The raptured saints of heaven cried out, "Amen and Hallelujah!"

Rev 19:5 And out of the Throne Room in heaven came a voice praising God; in fact the voice demanded all His servants, small and great, all who fear and respect Him must praise His name.

Rev 19:6 And then I heard what sounded like the shouting of a large crowd, it sounded much like the waves of a hundred oceans crashing on a rocky shore, or like the crash of thunder from an approaching storm.

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and honor Him; for the marriage has occurred and now we are ready to celebrate with a wedding banquet in honor of the Lamb of God and His Bride, the church. For she has made herself ready, she is prepared.

Rev 19:8 Because of her faith alone in Christ alone, she is permitted to wear her decorations on her uniform of glory; the uniform is made of the cleanest and whitest of fine linen.

Rev 19:9 The angel then said to me, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God.' And then he added, 'God Himself has so stated.'

Rev 19:10 I, John, then fell down to worship the angel but he rebuked me saying, 'Get up do not do that! I am a servant of God just like you and serve not only you but all your brothers in Christ. The purpose of all prophecy is to describe the triumph and return of Jesus the Christ.'

Rev 19:11 Then, I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a huge white horse; the rider was called Faithful and True. It is said of Him He has come to judge with justice and to make war on those who refuse to call Him Lord.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on His head were many crowns of royalty. He had a name written on His forehead, He alone knew its meaning.

Rev 19:13 He was clothed in garments dipped in blood and His official title was clearly displayed, 'The Word of God.'

Rev 19:14 The angelic armies of heaven dressed in finest linen, white and clean were following Him; they too were riding on white horses.

Rev 19:15 In His mouth the Lord had a large executioner's sword with which to strike down the nations. He began slaughtering the armies of the nations and so flowed their blood it was like a man treading a winepress. He treaded the winepress with the fury and wrath of God Almighty Himself.

Rev 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh was the name: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel whose brightness was as the sun, he cried out to all the flesh eating birds in a voice which could be heard all over the world, 'Come, to Israel, Edom and Babylon, gather together for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 here you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great.'

Rev 19:19 Then I saw the Antichrist leading the world's kings, presidents, prime ministers and their armies; they were moving slowly but surely toward the Middle East. The Antichrist had put together a global coalition for the sole purpose of making war against, Israel, Christ and his heavenly army. The Antichrist and his forces were coming from the west across the Mediterranean, the Arab forces were coming from the south and the forces headquartered in Moscow moved a great armada south into the Holy Land and finally from the east came the oriental hordes--all armies aching for combat. In cryptic fashion, only the result of the battle is described in this chapter--carnage fit for the worlds vultures. The defeat of the armies of the beast, however, is the prelude of the destruction of the beast himself and his minions.

Rev 19:20 And then the Antichrist was captured together with his sidekick the False Prophet.

The False Prophet who had been so convincing, he had seduced many into worshipping the image of the Antichrist and great numbers had followed his recommendation to take the mark of the beast. Both were cast into the lake of fire created for Satan and his demon subalterns.

Rev 19:21 The rest of those who fought against the Lord at Jerusalem, Megiddo and Edom were killed by the Lord's executioners sword and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. The population of Sheol, or Hades as the Greeks called it, was greatly increased. It is here that all unbelievers must live in torment until their judgment before the Great White Throne.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Twenty

Rev 20:1 "Suddenly, I saw an angel coming down out of heaven; this angel was very similar to those earlier seen. This angel had a key to a large bottomless pit and in his hand he held a large chain.

Rev 20:2 The angel seized Satan and bound him with the chain and

Rev 20:3 literally threw him into the terrible Abyss. The lid to the great pit was locked and sealed. In the Abyss he could no longer delude the nations anymore. After a thousand years, however, I saw Satan set free but only for a short time.

Rev 20:4 I saw thrones upon which were seated those who had been given authority to assist Christ with His judgment. I saw Old Testament and certain Kingdom Age saints rise from the dead, they were given new bodies to enjoy the Millennium; additionally I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their Christian testimonies. They had not worshipped the Antichrist nor his image and they had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They too received a new body and reigned with Christ for a thousand years; this is called the first resurrection or the resurrection to life.

Rev 20:5 But the rest of the dead, the unbelievers were not removed from Sheol until the thousand years are over. This return of unbelievers is called the second resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed, happy and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection (believers only). The second death has no power over them, they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:7 Near the end of the thousand years I saw God release Satan from the Abyss;

Rev 20:8 Satan immediately set out to deceive the leaders of the nations of the world. From the four corners of the earth he gathers the armies of the world for the battle to strike down the Christ and His followers. The armies of the world again gathered outside Jerusalem in vast numbers. A vast armada formed outside the city form where Christ ruled.

Rev 20:9 Military forces could be seen advancing toward the Middle East intent on surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Before a shot could be fired, however, God sent fire down from heaven to devour Satan's forces.

Rev 20:10 After the defeat of the military coalition, the Devil who had deceived them was again thrown into the lake of fire where he joined his demon minions, the Antichrist and the False Prophet. It is there they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Rev 20:11 I, John then saw a Great White Throne upon which the Lord Jesus Christ sat. Suddenly planet earth and the first and second heaven that surround the earth exploded and disappeared and all those lined up in front of the Great White Throne could see there was no place for them to go.

Rev 20:12 I then saw the unbelieving dead, great and small, standing before the throne. It was clear that there were two sets of books being used in the judgment. There was first the Book of Life in which remained the names of God's elect; this Book was used to make sure only unbelievers were being judged. I could not help but be impressed by the size of the second set of books, called the Books of Works. The unbelievers were judged according to what they had done to make themselves right with God; every item of human good was found listed in the Books of Works.

Beside each unbelievers name were listed the things done in the flesh to impress our Lord. Needless to say none of these things impressed the Christ.

Rev 20:13 Every unbeliever regardless of the manner or place of his death was given up; all who had died without Christ were required to stand before the King of kings and the Lord of lords, each was judged according to their works.

Rev 20:14 Both death and Hades were then cast into the lake of fire. This is called the second death or second resurrection to differentiate it from the first and blessed resurrection.

Rev 20:15 Those whose names were not found written in the Book of Life, were thrown into the lake of fire to join Satan, his minions, the Antichrist and the False Prophet.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Twenty-One

It is difficult to determine in chapters twenty-one and twenty-two if that being described is the new heaven and earth or the millennial heaven and earth. We attempted such an analysis when we taught chapter twenty-one. More information will be provided when our study notes are published.

Rev 21:1 “Then I, John saw a new heaven and a new earth, the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and unlike that which had passed away there was no sea. God was making clear that in eternity future there will be no more nations to operate outside God's protocol.

Rev 21:2 I was then given a panoramic view of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, it came down out of heaven, a gift from God. The city was beyond description, like a gorgeous bride prepared for her right man; adorned in the finest attire--the quintessence of pulchritude.

Rev 21:3 And I, John heard a loud voice. The voice came from the area around the throne, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with mankind, and I will live with them forever. They will be My people, and I will be with them and I will be their God.

Rev 21:4 I will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, there will be no more mourning nor crying nor pain, for the old order of things have been hissed off the stage and is no more.’

Rev 21:5 Christ, who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am now making all things new and different!’ He then said to John, ‘Write what I am about to say: My words are trustworthy, faithful and true.’

Rev 21:6 Christ then looked directly at me and said, ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To those who are thirsty I will freely give them water to drink from the spring of the water of life, they shall drink freely.’ The water I was reminded represented the fulfillment of all the many promises of Christ which are now complete.

Rev 21:7 Christ again spoke, ‘The person who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ shall inherit all things and I will in the future be his God and he shall be my son.

Rev 21:8 But in contrast the cowardly, those who are unconvinced of God's truths, those polluted with idolatrous practices, those who murder, those practicing fornication and adultery, those dabbling in the occult and those who lie, they shall receive their part in the lake of burning sulfur.’

Rev 21:9 The seventh angel who had dumped the seventh plague on planet earth came over to me and said, ‘Come here John and I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb of God.’

Rev 21:10 And I was taken away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain where he pointed out the Holy City of Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven.

Rev 21:11 The city glowed with the glory of God, its brilliance was like that of a single giant precious jewel, bright and clear like a transcendent prism.

Rev 21:12 The New Jerusalem had a high wall more than 200 feet; it had twelve gates and an angel sat atop each gate. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel in the following pattern: from the northwest corner, going from west to east, Levi, Judah, and Reuben; from the northeast corner, going from north to south, Joseph, Benjamin, and Dan; from the southeast corner, going from east to west, Naphtali, Asher, and Gad; from the southwest corner, going from south to north, Simeon, Issachar, and Zebulun.

Rev 21:13 There were three gates on the east side, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west side.

Rev 21:14 The wall of the city had twelve foundations stationed under each gate, and on each foundation were the names of the twelve original disciples minus Judas Iscariot plus Paul.

Rev 21:15 The seventh angel who took me away in the spirit had a measuring rod of gold with which he measured the city, its gates and its walls.

Rev 21:16 The city was cube shaped. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 1,342 miles on all sides.

Rev 21:17 He measured the wall of the city as being 216 feet high.

Rev 21:18 The walls were made of a clear jasper stone cut and polished to the grade of a perfect diamond, and the city itself was made of pure gold, so pure that it gave the appearance of glass.

Rev 21:19 The foundations of the city were made of various precious stones. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, Rev 21:20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 The twelve gates were each made of a giant single pearl. There was a special street which ran down the center of the city which was made of pure gold, giving the appearance of transparent glass.

Rev 21:22 I, John looked but did not see a temple in the city, it was made clear to me there was no need for a temple because the Father and the Son make redundant any need for a temple. The ritual had been replaced by the reality.

Rev 21:23 The eternal New Jerusalem does not need the light of the sun nor the moon for the glory of God, the Lord Jesus Christ gave it its light, the Lamb of God was its perpetual lamp.

Rev 21:24 The Gentiles will walk by His light, and those who had positions of prominence on planet earth, will bring their reputations and productions into the city.

Rev 21:25 The gates of the city will always stand wide open; they will never be shut, for there will be no night and no reason to seal the city from those outside.

Rev 21:26 Even the glory and honor of the Gentiles will enter with them; all Gentiles who glorified God will enter with their divine good.

Rev 21:27 However nothing impure or any impure person will enter the New Jerusalem, only those who are positionally perfect; those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Book of The Revelation Chapter Twenty-Two

Rev 22:1 "Then the seventh angel showed me the river of the water of life, its waters were as clear as crystal flowing from the Throne of God where both the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ resided.

Rev 22:2 The river ran down the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river grew the trees of life, the trees bore twelve delicious varieties of food, one for each month. The leaves of the trees when eaten provided a renewed appreciation for life in the New Jerusalem.

Rev 22:3 There will no longer be a curse on planet earth. The Throne of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ was visible no matter where you moved about in the city. All of the citizens of the New Jerusalem knew their job was to serve the Father and the Son.

Rev 22:4 The presence of the Father and the Son will pervade the entire city.

Rev 22:5 In the New Jerusalem I could see there would be no more need for the heavenly light bodies. The citizens of the city will not need that light, for the Lord Himself will provide an abundance of light. And we as believers will reign in the New Jerusalem forever. At the end of the Millennium the New Jerusalem will appear above the new earth in the new heaven.

Rev 22:6 The seventh angel said to me, "The words and pictures provided to you are trustworthy and true. The Father sent his angel Gabriel to show you that which will one day come to pass. Once the eschatological events begin, they will occur in rapid fire succession.

Rev 22:7 Therefore be alert, for these events will occur quickly! Blessed are all of those who perpetuate the words found in this book of the Revelation."

Rev 22:8 I, John was overwhelmed that I had been selected to hear and see these amazing things. I was so amazed that I fell down to worship the seventh angel who had been showing me the things to come.

Rev 22:9 I was promptly rebuked, "Do not do that! I, like you, am a ministering spirit to all who keep the words of this book. We must all worship only the Father and His Son.

Rev 22:10 The seventh angel then said, "Do not seal up the words of this book. Why? because the time is in fact near.

Rev 22:11 Let the unbeliever who has rejected God's protocol keep on doing wrong; the vile must continue to be vile. But as for the believer positive to the word, they must continue following God's protocol. Let those who are holy continue to be holy."

Rev 22:12 Now listen up and pay attention for I am coming soon! I am bringing rewards to those who have produced divine good during the Tribulation. The production of our brethren who lived during the Tribulation must receive their crowns."

Rev 22:13 And then the Christ said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

Rev 22:14 Blessed and happy are those who by faith alone in Christ alone have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb; they have earned the right to eat from the trees of life.

Rev 22:15 Outside the city in hell are the dogs, those who practiced the occult, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who practiced lies and deceit.

Rev 22:16 I, Jesus have sent my angel Gabriel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright and Morning Star."

Rev 22:17 And then in response to the Lord Jesus' statement, I heard a threefold invitation uttered by (1) the Holy Spirit, (2) the Bride, and (3) those who had earlier responded to God's grace invitation. It was a specific exhortation to those who might one day read about what I have seen and heard. It was similar to what our Lord had said while on earth "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. "Come! Let him who hears say, "Come!" All who are thirsty let them drink the water of life.

Rev 22:18 In closing, let me warn those who have access to this book of the Revelation. If anyone adds anything to the Revelation, God will place upon him the plagues described in the book.

Rev 22:19 Or if anyone takes away anything written in this book, God Himself will take away his share of the tree of life and his place in the New Jerusalem.

Rev 22:20 Jesus then announced, "Yes, I am coming soon. Amen." And I John responded "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you now and forever more. Amen."