



Revelation With Daniel

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Revelation... a word used one time in the last book of the Bible. It's a Revelation of Jesus Christ. That Revelation was given by the Father to the Son, to the angel (messenger), to John, to us. These thoughts can be seen in **Genesis 28:10-17, John 1:47-51**.

Chapter **1** and **22** mimic each other in a few ways:

Rev 1:1	...shortly come to pass	22:6
Rev 1:3	hear the words...	22:18
Rev 1:3	blessed... who keep	22:7
Rev 1:3	the time is at hand	22:10
Rev 1:4	the churches	22:16
Rev 1:4	grace (2 Xs in Rev)	22:21
Rev 1:8	Alpha and Omega, B & E...	22:13
Rev 1:17	First and the Last	22:13

There are **seven blessings** in the Revelation:

- **Revelation 1:3 Blessed** is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.
- **Revelation 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, **Blessed** are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.
- **Revelation 16:15** Behold, I come as a thief. **Blessed** is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.
- **Revelation 19:9** And he saith unto me, Write, **Blessed** are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.
- **Revelation 20:6 Blessed** and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- **Revelation 22:7** Behold, I come quickly: **blessed** is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
- **Revelation 22:14 Blessed** are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Ministry was strong in **Asia (Revelation 1:4)**, yet the people were prone to worship false gods - **Acts 19:26-27**. **Peace**, mentioned in verse 4, is another word that occurs twice in **Revelation, 1:4, 6:4**. One wishing peace, the other taking peace—showing the **great controversy** theme. Also in verse 4, we read of the One **who is, was, and is to come**, a phrase which is seen also in **1:8**, and **4:8**—specifically referring to God the Father. **1:8** can be tricky, as it seems that the phrase refers to Christ, but think of it as though Christ is speaking the entire time of verse eight, while He says, “saith the Lord [referring to His Father], which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.” Christ is referred to as “the mighty God” in **Isaiah 9:6**, but never the Almighty, a name given specifically to the Father, “the most high God” (**Mark 5:7**).

The “**seven spirits**” before the throne refers to angels (see **Hebrews 1:7**); notice **3:5, 4:5** (see **Hebrews 1:7**), **8:2, 11:4** (see **Zechariah 4**).

Revelation 1:5-6, contains what I call the **7 fold praise** of Jesus Christ...

1. Faithful witness
2. First begotten of the dead
3. Prince of the kings of the earth
4. Him that loved us
5. Washed us from our sins in his own blood
6. Made us kings and priests unto God and his Father
7. Glory and dominion for ever and ever

In the first seven verses (this seven having no significance...) we can see the words “gave,” “are,” and “shall.” Past, present, future (**1:1, 4, 7**). It’s an **important** principle in prophetic interpretation that events have occurred, are occurring and will occur in the future. Many scholars are telling Christians around the world that Revelation’s prophecies have either come to pass already (a **preterist** view), or using the more popular interpretation, will come to pass in the future (a **futurist** view). The Bible shows the **historicist** view (as revealed in the verse following) that some prophecies have fulfilled already, are fulfilling as we live, and will fulfill in the future: “Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter” (**Revelation 1:19**).

In the KJV, these words/phrases have been **translated 7 times** in Revelation (underlined, the **Greek** words/phrases are used 7. The * represents a variation in translation.

<u>blessed</u>	kingdom	<u>patience</u>	deceive*	right hand	<u>I know thy works</u>
<u>he that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches</u>					<u>bottomless</u>
trumpet*	book of life	<u>earthquake</u>	mountain*	<u>candlestick*</u>	<u>prophecy</u>
<u>garment*/vesture/raiment</u>	brimstone	righteous*	<u>worthy</u>	<u>cloud*</u>	
judgment*	<u>sign/wonder</u>	<u>strong*</u>	<u>us</u>	<u>four and twenty</u>	

Sevens are used throughout the book of Revelation. Why? (“seven” is used 12 times in chapter 1! 54 times in the Revelation.) Where do the year, month, and day come from? The earth rotates around the sun (year), the moon rotates around the earth (month), and the earth rotates on its axis (day). So, what earthly bodies can be pointed to that illustrate the seven day weekly cycle? NONE! The world runs on a weekly cycle of seven days because of **Genesis 1-2**. God uses sevens to establish Himself as Creator.

FOX’S BOOK OF MARTYRS

“XVI. **John**,

The “beloved disciple,” was brother to James the Great. The churches of Smyrna, Pergamos, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, and Thyatira, were founded by him. From Ephesus he was ordered to be sent to Rome, where it is affirmed he was cast into a cauldron of boiling oil. He escaped by miracle, without injury. Domitian afterwards banished him to the Isle of Patmos, where he wrote the Book of Revelation. Nerva, the successor of Domitian, recalled him. He was the only apostle who escaped a violent death” (page 18). <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/22400/22400-h/22400-h.htm>

“**In the Spirit**” occurs 4 times in **Revelation: 1:10, 4:2, 17:3, and 21:10**. This is a phrase used when John is taken in His mind to another time and place.

The **Lord's day** is a phrase translated only one time in the Bible (**1:10**). The only other time the word "Lord's" is used in the Greek is in **1 Corinthians 11:20**. We can though, find out what day was claimed by the Lord Jesus Christ. "He said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (**Mark 2:27-28**).

The **characteristics** of Jesus Christ found in verses **12-18** are dispersed throughout the seven churches. These same characteristics described in **13-16** are mentioned in **Daniel 10:5-6**. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today and forever! (**Hebrews 13:8**)

The Revelation is engulfed in **sanctuary** language. The characteristics of Christ found in Revelation 1:12-16 are examples:

- **Candlesticks** that were in the holy place - **Exodus 25:31**
- **Garment** with a girdle like the priests wore - **Exodus 28:39, Zechariah 3:1-7**
- **Wool** which refers to the lambs for sacrifice - **Exodus 29:39**
- **Fire** which was used to consume the sacrifices - **Exodus 29:14**
- **Brass** that made up the outer court furniture - **Exodus 27:2**
- **Waters** that filled the laver - **Exodus 30:18**
- **Sword** for the slaying of the sacrifices - **Leviticus 4:29**
- **Countenance as the sun** - **Psalms 80:1**

"**Seven stars**" is used only a few times:

- **Job 9:8-9** Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south"
- **Job 38:31** Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?
- **Amos 5:8** Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name
- **Rev. 1:16, 1:20, 2:1, 3:1.**

The sharp **twoedged sword** is also referred to in:

- **Psalms 149:5-6** Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand,
- **Proverbs 5:3-4** For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.
- **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Lord's **countenance** is a blessing to have shine upon us:

- **Numbers 6:24-26** The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.
- **Psalms 4:6** There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- Also **Psalms 42:5, 11, 44:3, 67:1, 80:16, 89:15, 90:8**, etc.

God's "**right hand**" is powerful:

Psalms 17:7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Also **Psalms 18:35, 20:6, 21:8, 44:3, 48:10, 60:5**, etc.

The phrase "**liveth** and was **dead**" refers to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is "alive forever more" as our High Priest. See **Hebrews 7:14-25** for the immutability of His ministry as the Priest who offered Himself as a sacrifice.

As the **First** and the **Last**, He is the "Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (**Hebrews 12:2**).

"**Keys**" show the ability to open a door, as mentioned in **Isaiah 22:22**, "The key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open" (a good chapter to study with the church of Philadelphia of chapter 3). Christ also promised the "keys of the Kingdom" to his disciples, showing that He will hear their corporate decisions (**Matthew 16:19**). There is a "key of knowledge" that the lawyers in Israel had, which they misused (**Luke 11:52**). We'll learn more about the "key of the bottomless pit" in the Revelation. Regarding the throne of David, see **Psalms 132:11, Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 33:17, Luke 1:32...**

The **death, burial** or **resurrection** of Jesus Christ is found in chapter one more than any other chapter in the Revelation: "first begotten of the dead" (**1:5**), "washed us from our sins in His own blood" (**1:5**), "they also which pierced Him" (**1:7**), "white like wool" (**1:14**), "feet like unto fine brass" (**1:15**), and the entirety of **verse 18**. Why? Because this chapter sets the stage of showing Christ fulfilling the yearly Jewish festivals in chronological order! We see here in this chapter references to the feasts of passover, unleavened bread, and firstfruits (**Leviticus 23:5-11**).

Why feet like **brass** (**1:15**)? The outer court of the earthly sanctuary was decorated with furniture of brass (bronze). **Bronze is an alloy**. An alloy is an admixture, "a metal made by combining two or more metallic elements" (Apple Dictionary, "alloy"). "**A yellow alloy of copper and zinc**" is what the same defines as "brass." One is a **baser**, the other a **finer** metal. Christ too was an admixture—made up of two elements: human and God. "**God was manifest in the flesh**" (**1 Timothy 3:16**).

Notice a few verses in the Bible about brazen feet:

- **Exodus 30:18** Thou shalt also make a **laver** of **brass**, and his **foot** also of **brass**, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.
 - Could it be meaning in **Revelation 1:15** that Christ represents the cleansing agent, the Water of Life, found in the laver?
- **Ezekiel 1:7** And their **feet** were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they **sparkled** like the **colour** of burnished **brass**.
 - Are the feet of the Living Creatures brass like Christ's are portrayed?
- **Daniel 7:19** Then I would know the truth of the **fourth beast**, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his **nails** of **brass**; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his **feet**;
 - Did the fourth beast impersonate Jesus Christ with feet/nails of brass?
- **Daniel 10:6** His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his **arms** and his **feet** like in colour to polished **brass**, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.

An important **principle** for interpreting the Bible is this: the Bible most often interprets itself. An example is found in **1:20** where the Bible explains the mystery of the seven stars and candlesticks.

The better a student knows the entire Bible, the better they will understand the Revelation. 😊

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Chapter 1 illustrates a picture of **Christ** followed by **7 churches**. Chapter 4-5 illustrate a picture of **Christ** followed by **7 seals**. Chapter 8 illustrates a picture of **Christ** followed by **7 trumpets**.

Chapters 1-11 are laid out basically by the following:

1-3 Christ 7 churches

4-8:1 Christ 7 seals Interlude between 6th and 7th seals (chapter 7)

8:2-11 Christ 7 Trumpets Interlude between 6th and 7th trumpets (chapters 10-11)

1st Ephesus - a real experience with Christ - **2:2-3**

2nd Smyrna - suffered severe persecution - **2:10**

3rd Pergamum - experienced the inroads of false doctrine - **2:14-15**

4th Thyatira - allowed a false teacher to influence the majority - **2:20**

5th Sardis - had the start of a reformation but working through a lack of faithfulness - **3:2**

6th Philadelphia - ministry opportunities opened and faithfulness experienced - **3:8**

7th Laodicea - wealthy, proud, lax, deceived about their own condition - **3:16-17**

Characteristics of Christ found in **1:12-18** are appropriately distributed amongst the churches.

Promises per church if faithful (1 for 1, 2 for 2, 3 for 3, 4 for 4, 5 for 5, 6 for 6, 3 for 7!?)

Ephesus

You will "eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God"

Smyrna

"I will give thee a crown of life" and you "shall not be hurt of the second death"

Pergamos

I will "give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it"

Thyatira

"To him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star."

Sardis

"They shall walk with me in white" and will be "clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels"

Philadelphia

"I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation" and will make him a "pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name"

Laodicea

"I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me," and will grant him "to sit with me in my throne, even as I... am set down with my Father in his throne."

Suggestion: find where all the blessing phrases above are used in the other books of the Bible.

Repetitions: "I know thy works." "To him that overcometh." "He that hath an ear, let him hear..."

1st church era (Ephesus) blessed with the first Apostles and fresh Christian converts (He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, 2:1).

- **Peter**, in **Matt 26:31-75** and **Luke 22:31-32**, gives a real life example of this church's experience. With God for a time, left, came back, was held by the Lord Himself.

2nd church era (Smyrna) endured persecution and bloodshed (First and the Last, which was dead, and is alive, 2:8)

- **Paul** gives a real life example of this time era (**Acts 9:22-24, 14:19-20, 2 Corinthians 11:23-33**). He was the first and last apostle without walking with Christ, was persecuted fiercely, 'killed' with stones, and came back to life (in a figure).

3rd church era (Pergamos) experienced pagan people considering themselves Christian and joining the church, bringing their false gods, secular intentions, and other gospel messages (the sharp sword with two edges, 2:12).

- **Balaam**, supposed to be a Christian representative but rejected the words of God, was used by the king of a heathen/pagan people against God's church (**Numbers 22**).

4th church era (Thyatira) was challenged by the 'vicar' of God, secrecy, and another means of forgiveness (Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His feet are like fine brass, 2:18).

- The story of **Elijah**, with Ahab and Jezebel as leaders, matches the dark/middle ages period. An apostate king, married to a persecuting woman, drove God's people into the wilderness for 3 1/2 years, or 1260 days, and a secret system of false accusations was set up (**1 Kings 17-18, 21**).

5th church era (Sardis) was toward the end of the dark ages, yet God still had His people (the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars, 3:1).

- **Jonah**, thought to be alive but spiritually dead. Ready to die. He was called to repent while calling to repentance. The people were saved (clothed in white) in Nineveh (**Jonah 1-4**).

6th church era (Philadelphia) experienced the reformation where truth started spreading world-wide (He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth, 3:7) (British, Foreign, and American Bible societies.)

- **Daniel** was used to spread the gospel to the world—in two world ruling nations (**4:37, 6:25-27**).

7th church era (Laodicea) includes us today when God is judging all lives against the testimony of the Scriptures—when God's creative authority is challenged (the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, 3:14).

- **Bartimaeus** was blind, poor, miserable and wretched (thus crying for mercy), was 'rebuked' (in some translations), was zealous (crying out the more for the Son of David), he repented, and was naked (when throwing off his garment). He received counsel, the eye salve, the garment of righteousness, and the golden wealth of Christian faith (**Mark 10:46-52**).

The Ship Endurance

Nestled in the harbor,
The ship Endurance lay
Swaying, sinking, rotting,
Anchored in the bay.
Its bow was old and battered,
The masts were weak and worn,
The sails were torn and tattered,
Its stern looked sad, forlorn.

The cabin of the captain,
Was cold and rather bare,
Spider webs and spiders,
And mice were everywhere.
The rudder was now broken,
The helm no longer worked,
Whene'er a step was taken,
The ship deck creaked and jerked.

The Endurance was abandoned,
She was no more in use;
Her crewmen had destroyed her,
She had suffered from abuse.
The galley now was useless,
The hull was full of mold;
And half the shipmates quarters
Had fallen to the hold.

The Endurance only sat there,
And not a soul came by,
She simply waited patiently,
Gazing toward the sky.
One day a Master Builder,
Came and looked her o'er,
He looked at her with confidence
And said: "She'll leave this shore."

"One day she'll leave this cozy bay,
And sail the seven seas,
She will sail with confidence,
And go wheree'er she please.
I will soon rebuild her,
She'll be as good as new,
Then she will sail the golden sea
Upon the morning dew."

Soon He started working,
He built a brand new mast,
He scrubbed her, port and starboard,
A new anchor did He cast.

He fixed the rudder, changed the helm,
Mended bow and stern;
Refurbished the captain's cabin,
And caused the stove to burn.

He rebuilt the shipmates quarters,
And made a flawless deck,
He even cleaned the hull of mold,
Scrubbing every speck.
Soon the ship was finished,
New sails were unfurled;
The Endurance now was shining,
Set to sail the world.

I know you may be wond'ring,
If this story's true;
Whether yes or no my friend,
The answer's up to you!
For Jesus is the Captain,
And we, the ship, the church;
The Spirit is the builder,
And the ship is on its perch.

With the Word of God the Anchor,
And the Father as the Guide,
We need not fear the future,
The Church will safely ride.
Some of us are shipmates,
While others, staff or crew;
With the Father here to guide us,
We'll safely make it through.

Each of us is given
A task to do each day,
And if we will but do it,
We'll be on our way.
Do the job you're given,
Complete the task with pride;
Then one day you'll discover,
You've reached the other side.

Jesus is our Captain,
God the Father guides the way,
So do not sit there rotting,
Anchored in the bay.
Live your life for Jesus,
Endure the task at hand;
One day this ship will take us
To the Promised Land!

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Verse 1

Door (only three times, **3:8, 20**), Trumpet (similar to first time, **1:10**), Up (into Heaven), Hereafter (**1:19**).

Verse 2

In the Spirit (happens only 4 times—taken to another place/time)

1:10 - taken to where Christ was doing ministry midst the seven churches (candlesticks)

4:2 - taken into the Sanctuary in Heaven

17:3 - taken away into the wilderness to a future time

21:10 - taken away into a mountain to a future time

Throne (God's throne mentioned 12 times in this chapter--mentioned before the One sitting on it!)

Verse 3

Jasper is clear as crystal (**21:11**). If you have a clear stone/crystal with light shining through it, what colors in a prism do you see? (that's the color of God, as "God is light" in **1 John 1:5**... =) Jasper and emerald were on the **priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:15-20)**, and was on **Lucifer (Ezekiel 28:12-15)**. Sardine is a reddish yellow. There is a **rainbow** with highlights of green (See **Genesis 9:11-16**). The foundations of the wall of the city of God have some of these same gems (**Revelation 21:19**).

From searching a few of the references for the light of **God's countenance**:

Psalms 4:6 There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Psalms 44:3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.

Psalms 89:15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.

Psalms 90:8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

Psalms 104:1-2, Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Verse 4

24 thrones, **24** elders, **24** white garments, **24** crowns/wreathes of gold (victor's crowns as opposed to kingly). For more on 24, see **1 Chronicles 23:2-4** and **24:5-19**. 24,000 were numbered for the work of the tabernacle in the order of their course (rotating through with their groups). See **1 Chronicles 27:1-15**. The ark, and other items in the sanctuary, had crowns of gold (see **Exodus 25:10-11** for the ark).

Verse 5

Thunder - **4:5, 6:1, 8:5, 10:3-4, 11:19, 14:2, 16:18, 19:6**

Seven lamps which are the seven Spirits of God (see **1:4, 3:1, 4:5 5:6** and comments in chapter 1)

Verse 6-9

“Sea of glass” (mingled with fire in **15:2**). “Clear as crystal” speaks also of the “river of water of life” in **22:1**. Remember, the street of the city is transparent gold (**21:21**). Could the sea of glass mingled with fire be the glory of God reflecting from the street?

“The four beasts” (or living creatures) appear similarly in **Ezekiel 1:5-14**, mentioned as Cherubims with four wings in **Ezekiel 10:14-22**. See **Isaiah 6:1-8**. Also, the **four sons of Aaron (Exodus 28:1)**, were supposed to coordinate and organize the priestly ministry, but **1 Chronicles 24:1-2** explain what happened. Do the four Living creatures of **Revelation 4** coordinate and organize the heavenly ministry? The Lion, calf, man and eagle are portrayed on their faces. (Matt, Mark, Luke & John?)

Holy—three times... One for the Father, Son, and Their Spirit? (See **John 14:23**) Is that why the Son of God said, “My God, My God” while He was on the cross? (**Matt. 27:46**) Certainly not! It’s just as Jesus had said, “Martha, Martha” (**Luke 10:41**), or “Simon, Simon” (**Luke 22:31**), He had called out to His God. And we are told “The Father and the Son alone are to be exalted” (Sons and Daughters of God, 58.5). See **Revelation 5:11-13**.

Verse 10-11

God “created all things.” God created all things through His Son Jesus Christ (see **John 1:1-3, 14; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:14-19; Hebrews 1:1-2**) All things “*are* and were created.” The word ‘*are*’ could be translated ‘dure,’ or endure. God the Father keeps us going, as His Son doesn’t enter this picture until the next chapter!

Revelation 4 thru 6 in Verse:

Long ago on a bright blue stone,
sat the King of glory upon His throne.
Rainbow colors were about His face.
Darkness or evil? Not even a trace.
His servants did sing with joy, love, and fullness,
He astounded creation with all of His goodness.
Then looked He for One to open the book—
His voice roared like thunder! The universe shook!
Not ONE? Nowhere? So who could it be?
I’ve looked above and below, but none could I see!
I broke, I fell, I cried and I wept,
when a Lion—a Lamb! Exceptional! Adept!
He stood up in lowliness, beauty and power,
with strength in His eyes—all evil would cower.

He reached with a hand, torn with a hole,
and took from the throne the most marvelous
scroll,
Sealed with gems, jewels and glittering gold!
The Law of love He’s meant to uphold!
So Angels bore witness of His incredible journey,
through education in strife to become our Attorney.
Then I stood before Him, with eyes transfixed,
while He pronounced His pardon with mercy
unmixed.
And still today, He opens those seals
midst praise and honor, and Ezekiel’s wheels.
So take a closer look—come and behold—
There’s a book of life too... in it be enrolled.



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The word **book** is mentioned eight times in this chapter, whereas **throne** is mentioned five times.

• Verse 1

- “In the right hand of Him that sat on the throne” - See **Deuteronomy 17:18-20**
- “Written within and on the backside” - See **Ezekiel 2:7-3:4**
 - 9MR 7.2, EGW, “There in His open hand lay the book, the roll of the history of God's providences, the prophetic history of nations and the church. Herein was contained the divine utterances, His authority, His commandments, His laws, the whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal, and the history of all ruling powers in the nations. In symbolic language was contained in that roll the influence of every nation, tongue, and people from the beginning of earth's history to its close.”
- “Sealed...”
 - Making something **official**, as in the kings signet: (**1 Kings 21:8, Nehemiah 9:38, Esther 3:12, 8:8-10, Daniel 6:17, Daniel 12:4, 9, Matthew 27:66**), Something **close(d) up**: (**Job 14:17, Song 4:12, Ezekiel 28:12, Daniel 9:24**), A stamp signifying a **commitment** or a **transaction**: (**Song 8:6, Isaiah 8:13-9:7, Jeremiah 32:9-14, John 3:33, 6:27, Romans 4:11**) etc. (More later.)
 - See **Isa. 29:9-14 (Matthew 15:7-9)**

The book (scroll) was by the side of the king on his throne containing the law of God written by his own hand (**Deuteronomy 17:18-20**). **Ezekiel 2:7-3:4** speaks of a book written on two sides which contain the Words of the Lord (similar to the book in **Revelation 4 and 5**). The Lamb is the One who breaks/opens the seals in Revelation six. The book/scroll must also contain the deeds of all those who have lived on this earth either in concert or contrast to that law. (The final seal will be broken in chapter 8:1 when there is silence in heaven as God comes for His people... the book/scroll will then be fully unsealed and we will be able to look over the things written therein as judges in Heaven, **Revelation 20:4**). Paul says in **Romans 2:16**, “God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel [the things written by the prophets—and how we reacted to them].”

Verse 2

“Worthy” — used 4 times in this chapter (7 Xs all together in Rev). “Seal(s)” — this specific word used 16 times in the NT, 13 in Revelation. (Greek “sealed” used 1 time in NT, only in **5:1**.)

If only someone ‘worthy’ could loose the seals and open the scroll, what could be the standards for worthiness? If the book contained the law of God, along with “lamentations, and mourning, and woe” (**Ezekiel 2:10**), which could certainly refer to the curses found in the law (**Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28**), then total uprightness and consistency with the law would make one worthy. Only One has ever fulfilled that standard...

Verse 3-4

“Heaven, earth, under” in a search brings back references to **5:3**, and **13**. The Greek word for “under” appears also in **6:9** and **12:1** (more on “under” when dealing with chapter 6).

Verse 5

“Lion” - Occurring 6 times in Revelation, it shows the beast “like a lion” (4:7), “teeth/head/roar/mouth” (9:8, 17, 10:3, 13:2) obviously picking up the authority, strength and fear caused by the majestic animal. “Of the tribe of Juda” - Huh? What happened to Levi? (Study **Hebrews 7-10**.) “David” appears in 3:7 and 22:16. “Prevailed” - The same word is translated “overcometh.”

Verse 6

“Lamb as it has been slain” - This gives the timing, just after the cross. “Seven horns and seven eyes” - Completeness in power and knowledge (See **Habakkuk 3:3-4** for the horns. Consider the word “seer” (eyes) for the prophets—those who foretold the future and knew God’s counsel) “The seven Spirits of **God** sent forth into all the earth” - Horns, eyes, spirits (omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence).

Verse 7

Christ was the only one worthy to take the book, written for a king to sit upon the throne, from the right hand of God the Father.

Verses 8-10

Many wonder if the elders could be those raised at the crucifixion of Christ (**Matthew 27:52-53**, **Ephesians 4:8**).

“Redeemed us/men/people?” Looking at 30 different translations, most use the words “people” or “men,” and many italicize ‘men’, showing that it is not in the original text. The word “us” is used only 7 times in Revelation. If the word should be “us” instead of “men/people” in this context, would the “us” also include the “four beasts” that are mentioned in verse eight? It seems the best translation would be “men/people.”

They are elders (specially, “an Israelite Sanhedrist (also figuratively, member of the celestial council) or Christian “presbyter”: — elder(-est), old.” — Greek Strong’s). The word “elder” is used 67 times in the New Testament. In chapter 7:9-17 John sees the great multitude standing before the throne with white robes and palm branches, praising God and the Lamb. An **elder** then approaches John and says, “What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?” He then identifies them as those who’ve been redeemed from the earth—coming out of great tribulation—implying that he as an elder was not a part of that group.

In verse eight, they are seen as “having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.” These 24 elders are part of the communication network that God has set up to answer our prayers, so referring to them as humans would be a bit of a stretch in my mind.

Also, chapter four is a picture of the throne room of God the Father where He is alone sitting on His throne before the 24 elders and the four living creatures, **then** chapter five shows Christ, the Son, as a lion or a lamb come in to sit upon the throne next to His Father. If the 24 elders are men, why were they there and honored on their thrones **before** Christ was honored and placed on His Father’s throne?

If Christ can be known as the “King of kings” (**Revelation 19:16**), then who is Christ a king of? He is the “Lord of sabaoth” (sabaoth meaning armies). He is seen coming in **19:14** with “the armies which were in heaven follow[ing] him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”

Why do the elders wear **victory** crowns instead of kingly crowns? (**4:4, 10**) Victory over what? They have been warring against the temptations and deceptions of the enemy ever since the original fall of Lucifer (see **Isaiah 14:12-15**). The holy angels “excel in strength” (**Psalms 103:20**), and “have overcome the wicked one” (**1 John 2:13**).

Verses 11-14

The Bible gives a clear description of all the inhabitants of heaven and the earth worshipping two living Beings: God the Father and His Son. There are only two who should be worshipped, God because He is the “only true God” according to His Son (**John 17:3**), and the Son of God whom God the Father has exalted (**Philippians 2:8-11, Hebrews 1:6**).

In **Leviticus 23** and **Numbers 28-29** there is a layout of the yearly feasts of the Lord given to Moses. In the New Testament, the feasts were specifically labels as feasts for the Jews:

- **John 2:13** And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem...
- **John 5:1** After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- **John 6:4** And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.
- **John 7:2** Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.
- **John 11:55** And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.

The law given to Moses was “added” “till” the time of the “Seed” which is Christ, as it says in **Galatians 3:19**, “Wherefore then serveth the law? [Previous context proves this is speaking of the portion of the law given to Moses] It was **added** because of transgressions, **till** the **seed** should come to whom the promise was made.” The Seed is Christ, according to verse **16**. This is the law that was nailed to the cross (**Colossians 2:14-17**).

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, He is the one fulfilling the feasts! He is living out or fulfilling the types in His perfect antitypical way!

Passover

Revelation 1 speaks of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ more than the other chapters.

Revelation 1:5

- 1) “The first begotten of the dead... 2) washed us from our sins in His own blood.”

Revelation 1:7

- 3) “They also which pierced Him...”

Revelation 1:15

- 4) “His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace...”

Revelation 1:18

- 5) “I am He that liveth, and was dead... 6) I am alive for evermore... 7) keys of hell and of death.”

Pentecost

Revelation 4-5 - This two-chapter scene shows Christ taking His seat on the throne next to God the Father after being victorious on the earth. The Father was alone in chapter 4. When Christ was on the earth He said, “Our Father, which are in Heaven” (**Matthew 6:9, Luke 11:2**). Christ also had the Father speak from heaven during His baptism in **Matthew 3:17**. When Christ ascended as the “Lamb as it had been slain,” the Passover Lamb (**1 Corinthians 5:7**), “the seven **Spirits** of God [were] **sent forth** into all the earth.”

Acts 2:29-36 shows Peter’s burden in his Pentecost sermon—it was that Christ was now seated on His Father’s throne and He had received the gift of the Holy Ghost from the Father to send to those on the earth. That’s what the flames on the heads of the disciples and the sound of the mighty rushing wind represented (the **Spirits** of God being **sent forth** into all the earth).

It was at this momentous event that God anointed His Son as High Priest for those who believe! This experience is perfectly illustrated in **Psalms 133**:

Psalms 133:1 Behold, how **good** and how **pleasant** it is for **brethren** to dwell together in **unity** [the disciples were together in one accord in **Acts 2:1**]

Psalms 133:2 It is like the precious **ointment** [oil, representing the Holy Spirit] **upon the head** [for the inauguration of priesthood], that **ran down upon the beard**, even **Aaron's** [the high priest] beard: that **went down** to the **skirts** of his garments;

Psalms 133:3 As the dew of Hermon, and **as the dew that descended** upon the mountains of Zion: for **there the LORD commanded the blessing**, even **life for evermore**.

Aaron was anointed/inaugurated before taking the priesthood as **high priest**:

Leviticus 8:9 And he put the **mitre** upon his head; also upon the mitre, even upon his forefront, did he put the **golden plate**, the holy **crown**; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Leviticus 8:10 And Moses took the **anointing oil**, and **anointed** the **tabernacle** and **all that was therein**, and **sanctified** them.

Leviticus 8:11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

Leviticus 8:12 And he **poured** of the **anointing oil upon Aaron's head**, and anointed him, to sanctify him.

Trumpets

Revelation 8:2-6 - "There was given unto Him much **incense** that He should **offer** it." This "angel" was Christ. None other officiates as priest.

Just as in the OT, there was prayerful, reformatory preparation during the trumpet period that lead up to the Day of Atonement.

Day of Atonement

Revelation 11:19 - "There was seen **in His temple** the **ark of His testament**." The ark was only seen on the Day of Atonement in the Old and New Testaments. (More details regarding the day of atonement can be found in Leviticus 16.)

Christ Jesus fulfilled these feasts through His-story. He will continue to fulfill the unfulfilled prophecies that are in the Old and New Testaments, as spoken by Paul in **2 Corinthians 1:20**, "For **all** the promises [this word is used in conjunction with prophecies: Acts 7:17; 13:32-33, etc.] of God find their Yes in Him. That is why we utter the Amen through Him, to the glory of God."

Tabernacles

Revelation 21-22 - "Behold, the **tabernacle** of God is with men, and He will **dwell** (root word is tabernacle in the Greek - #4637 & 4636) with them" (**21:3**).

This feast has not yet seen its complete fulfillment in Christ Jesus, but IT WILL. (John 1:14 uses the same Greek word for 'dwell' as it does in **Revelation 21:3**.) In the days coming in the future, when the new earth is created, Jesus Christ will forever tabernacle with us.

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It's noteworthy that the seals are opened by the **Lamb**... and all four beasts are involved.

Notice also, the **first seal** was opened during the time the Lamb had been slain. (That was at the time of the cross.) The **sixth seal** shows the coming of the same Lamb in the clouds of Heaven—the second coming of Christ. The opening of the seals allow(ed) time to continue!

The first beast, with a voice like thunder could have said, "There was a white horse." But instead, the beast said, "Come and see." There was movement, an amount of time that it took to see the activities of the horse that the beast wanted John to see.

At first, John saw horses. Notice **Proverbs 21:31**, "The **horse** is prepared against the day of **battle**: but safety is of the LORD."

Verse 2

Notice the activities in this verse. It is not a still picture. **White** represents righteousness (**19:8**); War against the righteous by the wicked is what the **bow** represents (**Psalms 64**); The **crown** here is not kingly, but a reward for victory (see some of the blessings in **Leviticus 26:3-13**). The experience was white in that they were fresh from their experience with walking with the Lord.

Verses 3-4

Red is the color of blood(shed) (See **Isaiah 63:1-3**.) God's people, during the time of the moving of this horse, were persecuted unto death. Christ had foretold these things, **John 16:2-3**. Paul foretold these things as well in **Acts 20:28-30**. The great sword can represent, instead of representing 'the Word of God' as it reads in Hebrews 4:12, can also represent the power and authority of the state (**Romans 13:1-5**).

Verses 5-6

Black represents sinfulness (the opposite of white), destruction or astonishment (**Jeremiah 8:21**). The balance, according to the 18 translations of the word, can represent (dis)honesty in business, judgment and famine. Famine can be understood by the use of the word 'weight' in **Leviticus 26:26**. God has mentioned His 'four sore judgments' of sword, famine, beasts, and pestilence in **Ezekiel 14:12-23** which came upon the earth because of the general rejection of His law during the periods of the horses (see the four sore judgments of the curses in **Leviticus 26:14-39**).

God had used these different afflictions against His people before (see **Jeremiah 24:8-10**). Why has God done this? **Hosea 5:14-6:1** shows that He allows it to bring His people to understand their need of His healing.

The rich wheat, the symbolic bread of life, was expensive compared to the more common barley. Which do you suppose the people of that time took more of, wheat or barley?

Keeping the oil and the wine most certainly represents the Holy Spirit and the true gospel. (See **Exodus 27:20** which shows God's requirement to keep oil in the candlestick, which represents the Holy Spirit in His people on earth—see the study on chapters 1 & 4—and also see **Matthew 26:27-28** which explains the symbolism of the 'wine.'

Verses 7-8

Pale (dull green—like grass without chlorophyll), sword, hunger and beasts. **Isaiah 29:22** shows being ashamed as connected with being pale. There are only two times 'pale' is translated in the KJV. Each time the Greek word for 'hell' is used, our word grave could be placed there. Notice the list:

- **Matthew 11:23, 16:18**
- **Luke 10:15, 16:23**
- **Acts 2:27, 31**
- **1 Corinthians 15:55**
- **Revelation 1:18, 6:18, 20:13, 14**

Notice, "Hell followed with him" (**6:8**). Followed with who? Death, according to the verse. What is death according to the Bible?

Death is the opposite of life. Notice a study on death:

Acts 2:29-34 - What happens to people when they die is a crucial truth to understand. "David is **not ascended** in to the heavens." He is still in his grave awaiting the resurrection just like other holy men and women in the Bible. (See **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**)

Psalms 115:17 - "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

Psalms 6:5 - "For in death there is no remembrance of Thee: in the grave who shall give Thee thanks?"

Psalms 146:3-4 - Thoughts and feelings make up our character; in death these perish.

Job 7:9-10 - "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away; so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him an more." This makes it abundantly clear that men and women do not come back to haunt or bless their families after death. Jesus Christ has a far better plan for us.

Job 14:7-12 - There is more hope for a cut down tree to come back to life than for a man that dies. Only the Godhead has power to take up mens lives from death. Humans will all be resurrected together at the second coming of Jesus, and at that point it will be said, "Death is swallowed up in victory" (**1 Corinthians 15:54**).

Genesis 2:7 - This is a record of the creation of man: "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed unto his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." God's breath plus a body equals a living soul. No breath, no soul. No body, no soul. It takes both the breath and the body to make the soul.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 - "Then shall the dust (or body, **Genesis 2:7**) return to the earth as it was: and the spirit (or breath) shall return unto God who gave it." The words spirit and breath can be used in the Bible interchangeably. (See **Isaiah 42:5; Job 27:3**.)

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6,10 - “For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.”

1 Timothy 6:15-16 - “The King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who ONLY hath immortality...”

Romans 2:7 - “To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for... immortality.”

Luke 23:42-43 - What about the thief on the cross? Didn't he go straight to Heaven when he died along with Jesus? Did Christ ascend to Heaven when He died? No. In an account on Sunday, resurrection morning, we read what Christ said about Himself. See **John 20:17**. He had not yet ascended to His Father!

John 11:3-4 - Lazarus was sick.

John 11:11-14 - In the mean time he died, and then the disciples went with Christ to see him. Christ considered his death to be a sleep, one which he would awaken from. He then showed that He had the power to raise people from the dead in verses **23-27, 39-44**. Why don't we see a record of Lazarus saying, “Lord! I don't want to come back down to earth from Heaven!” Or, “Thank You Jesus! It was HOT down there!”? It's because Lazarus was only dead, not in Heaven or hell. Notice, when Jesus called Lazarus, He didn't say, “Lazarus, come down!” Neither did He say, “Lazarus, come up!” He said, “Come forth.” If we trust in Jesus we should not be afraid of death, which is only a sleep. If we do not know Jesus, then it is time to be worried, for the future lot of those that do not know Him is the second death, out of which there is no awakening. (See **Revelation 20:14**.) We may all die the first death, which our Savior calls a sleep, but we can rest in the hope of a resurrection into glory. There will be the uniting of broken families on that day, there will be no more death, pain, broken homes, or loss of loved ones. “Comfort one another with these words” (**1 Thessalonians. 4:18**).

Referring to death, the Bible uses the phrase “slept with his fathers” 36 times.

This is a deception that many people do not realize as being dangerous. What if you had a loved one appear to you claiming to be sent from God? It will pay to know “It is written” at that point. Satan will attempt to draw on our emotions using dead loved ones, and then will tell us things by them that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. The Scripture says:

Isaiah 8:20 - In context of spiritual manifestations; “To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” We should know the Bible well enough to detect if someone is misquoting it! This will save us from being confused and deceived. Satan is not playing games with our souls, he is trying everything he possibly can to get us to believe his deceptive sophistries. God, on the other hand, wants us all to be trusting in Him and His word so that when we need help, He will be there for us. He loves us, even more than His own life, He proved it on Calvary.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 - In context of prayer, Paul says, “This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

Each of the four horses illustrate what our actions demand from God in relation to His laws. His punishments often included the four sore judgments. Notice:

- **2 Chronicles 20:9**
- **Jeremiah 14-15:7, 24:8-10, 29:17-19**
- **Ezekiel 14:12-23**

Verses 9-11

Souls under the altar (persecuted for the same reasons that John was sent to the island [1:9]). A soul is a living human being (see **Acts 2:41** and **Genesis 2:7**). “Under the altar” - referring to what priests did with the blood of the slain animals: **Exodus 29:12, Leviticus 4:7, 18, 25, 30, 34, 5:9, 8:15, 9:9**. The blood of the sin offering on the altar of sacrifice was to be poured out at the bottom, or under the altar of sacrifice. This was not the altar that was in the holy place, but that which was in the courtyard. (Notice two altars in verses like **Leviticus 4:18**. The altar in the outer court was brazen (brass), the one in the holy place was golden.)

The outer court is symbolically and specifically dealing with the ministry of Christ while He was on the earth. The holy and most holy places show Christ’s ministry in Heaven. That is why Christ is in the midst of the candlesticks in **Revelation 1:13**; the timing was after His ascension, after He was in Heaven. The sanctuary, being a type, is a shadow of what would be done in God’s salvation history for mankind (Christ is the Door, He is our Sacrifice, the water came from His side, He is the Bread, the Light, the Priest, etc.). Christ gave His life in sacrifice for mankind here on the earth, not in heaven, neither will it be done in heaven. He spilled both the blood and the water on the earth, the altar of sacrifice and the laver being represented (**John 19:34**). The Priest ministers the blood in the holy place, as we see in the earthly type, but a lamb is not sacrificed there.

That being said, consider that the souls “under the altar” of sacrifice would be those that shed their blood for the cause of Christ. These were, as the text says, “slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held.” These souls would not appear in heaven, but in the outer court - or on the earth - where the altar of sacrifice was.

“Cried with a loud voice” - **Genesis 4:10** “Your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground, like a voice calling for revenge” (GNT). “How long...?” is the same question as in **Daniel 8:13**. There is an appeal to avenge the blood of those who were killed. The answer comes that they, the persecuted, should “**rest** [in peace, if you will] yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren... should be killed” (future) - see **Revelation 12:17** which speaks of a time of persecution.

The request for revenge was an appeal to the “Judge of all the earth” (**Genesis 18:25**). Speaking of the second coming of Christ, **Luke 17:28-29** shows that it will be similar at the time of Christ’s coming as it was when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. Looking at the story just before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, God was listening to the intercession of Abraham.

(See **Genesis 18:20-33**.) God was unwilling to destroy the cities of the plain until there was a general rejection of truth and righteousness. His mercy extended till the major majority rejected His call to repentance. Read more in **Genesis 19:1-29**.

The judgment was requested BEFORE the second coming of Jesus (which is described in **verses 14-17**). The decisions of God in the judgment must be made BEFORE He comes, else He wouldn't have on record who is coming back with Him to Heaven, and who is not. Take a moment to understand the investigation that takes place in many Bible stories BEFORE judgment is pronounced:

Genesis 3:6-13 – Here, God's children sinned against His command. God came down, knowing all too well what had occurred, and asked, "Where are thou?" "Who told thee that thou art naked?" "Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?" "What is this that thou hast done?" Before God pronounced judgment upon sin and sinners, He asked four questions. In those questions He made His creation to know, from one end of the universe to the other, all things that were necessary to be understood before pronouncing judgment upon His creatures. Judicially, in this order He dealt with the His creatures: the serpent, the woman, then the man. Notice, God was wondering whether or not His earthly children were obedient to His commands, and this was the premise upon which He judged the situation.

Genesis 4:1-15 - Cain slew his brother Abel. God did not destroy Cain without first investigating the situation. After questioning Cain prior to his sin, and then after the sin of murder, God asked these questions, "Why art thou wroth?" "Why is thy countenance fallen?" "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" "Where is Abel thy brother?" "What hast thou done?" In these five questions God made His entire creation to know, from one end of the universe to the other, all things that were necessary to be understood before pronouncing judgment upon His creature. He then dealt according to His mercy with Cain—he was left alive. Notice, God wondered whether or not His earthly child was obedient to His commands, and this was the premise upon which He judged the situation.

Genesis 6:3-12 – God, in His mercy, gave the inhabitants of the earth 120 years to repent. During that time He went down to see if the wickedness of man was great enough to be destroyed. Notice, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth" (**Vs. 5**). He went down and investigated for Himself before pronouncing judgment. "God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth" (**Vs. 12**). After 120 years of questions and answers from both God and Noah, and the other preachers of righteousness, He finally fulfilled His judgments upon the inhabitants of the earth. His command was to get into the ark; most forsook the counsel, and were judged accordingly.

Genesis 11:1-9 - At Babel, "The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded." After He saw the situation, He gave a brief explanation of what He was about to do, and then confounded their language. He investigated first, and then gave explanation, so that all of the inhabitants of the universe would see the reasoning behind His actions. What those people planned to do was contrary to God's command; therefore, He judged them (See **Gen. 9:1**).

Genesis 18:20-26 - The Good Lord heard the cry of the righteous in Sodom. Their prayers came up before Him into His holy temple. Notice the fair words spoken by the Master, "I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will know." Praise the Lord, He is merciful, He is just! Notice His justice and love as He conversed with man, when Abraham said to Him, "Wilt Thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" (**Vs. 23**) What was the answer of our God? "I will not destroy it for ten's sake" (**Vs. 32**). He came down to know for Himself that which was spoken to Him in prayer, concerning the cities of the wicked! He wished to make His creation know, from one end of the universe to the other, all things that were necessary to be understood before pronouncing judgment upon His creatures. God's commandments were being broken. This was why He pronounced judgment upon His creatures. (For the Angels commissioned of God to go and see the city in person, before the judgment, see chapter 19.)

Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-9 - God came down to see the affliction of His people in Egypt. He had heard the cry of His children; and as the Father of a captive son, He was about to do something to release them (**Ex. 4:22-23**). Before God pronounced His Divine judgments (**Ex. 6:6**), He went down personally and viewed the severity of the situation. This was done, that all might know, that He was just and righteous for doing what He planned. This also will be expressed in the seven last plagues of **Revelation 16:5**. How can this be said? Because prior investigation will have been made, evidence will be found and displayed, and a due recompense will be their reward (**Rev. 16:6-7**).

Exodus 32:7-10 - God watched and listened to His children as they, "turned aside quickly... made them a molten calf... worshiped it... sacrificed... and said..." etc. He then said, "I have seen this people." Again, God came down to personally see and hear what His children had done, so that He would pronounce His judgments intelligently. They had broken God's law, and on that premise, He would judge them. Time would fail us to go through the entire Bible to show all of the incidents that God came down to hear and see that which humans have said and done. The most important things to remember are these: God came down in the form of the Son of Man to hear and see what humans say and do. We killed the Son of Man by our sin; we would no more receive Him today than the Jews did two thousand years ago. We are wicked creatures that would crucify again the Christ if we were not subdued by the magnificent grace of our God. Let's reflect on our own lives. What do we say and do on a regular basis? If God were to come down to the area where we live, at any given time, what would He find us saying and doing?

Daniel 7:8-14, 21-22, 24-27 - This section of Scripture clearly describes a succession of events: The little horn's activity, the judgment, and the kingdom. The kingdom is not given to the Son of Man until after the judgment. This occurs, in the same order, three undeniable times in this chapter. God's point through His prophet was that there will be the time of the horn (or antichrist power), and then there would be a judgment that precedes the coming of our King.

Matthew 22:11-13 - The King Himself came in to the marriage feast, He saw those that were there, measured them by the standard of apparel by which He had set up (representing the robe of Christ's righteousness), and then pronounced judgment on the one that had not followed His will. God, pictured in this parable as the King, pronounced judgment after He investigated the situation.

Revelation 22:11-12 - "Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as His work shall be." He previously investigates, just as He did in His past, and then comes "with" His reward, not to create, or make it up—He comes with His reward.

Psalms 102:19-21 - "For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to loose those that are appointed to death; to declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem..." (See also **Ezekiel 33:11**).

The only question asked in the judgment will be, "Have they been obedient to My commandments?" (GW 315.1)

Verses 12-13

Earthquake - Nov. 1, 1755

Lisbon (4 million sq. miles) - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1755_Lisbon_earthquake, "The 1755 Lisbon earthquake, also known as the Great Lisbon earthquake, occurred in the Kingdom of Portugal on Saturday, 1 November, the holiday of All Saints' Day, at around 09:40 local time. In combination with subsequent fires and a tsunami (maremoto in Portuguese), the earthquake almost totally destroyed Lisbon and adjoining areas. Seismologists today estimate the Lisbon earthquake had a magnitude in the range 8.5–9.0"

Sun & moon - May 19, 1780

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/19/opinion/greene-day-of-darkness/>, "On that day in 1780, at around noon, much of New England -- meaning much of the new America -- went black. At midday, it was midnight. This was not an electrical blackout, of course; homes and businesses did not have electricity in those years, and were illuminated by lanterns and candles. Rather, the sky turned a deep, complete and unrelenting black, erasing the sun. It was not an eclipse. It was not a thunderstorm. Imagine, in the middle of a day in May, every bit of light suddenly and inexplicably disappearing from your world. The citizens were terrified. They waited for the darkness to lift. It did not. Minutes began to feel like months. One contemporaneous observer in Massachusetts, Samuel Williams, a professor at Harvard -- the "University at Cambridge," as he identified it -- wrote: "The birds having sung their evening song disappeared and became silent. . . The fowls retired to roost. ... Objects could not be distinguished but at a very little distance; and every thing bore the appearance and gloom of night." As the daytime hours of blackness wore on, some people, according to historical accounts, began to think that there might never be light again. There was widespread supposition that Judgment Day may have come."

Stars - Nov. 13, 1833,

2,000 per minute, and a quote about Abraham Lincoln, <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/wp-content/uploads/LincolnandLeonids.pdf>, "The great Leonid meteor storm on the morning of November 13, 1833, dazzled North Americans with a celestial spectacle they would never forget. From Canada to Mexico, the streaks of light filling the sky and the shouting in the streets roused people from their beds to witness what many assumed was the end of the world. Recently we

discovered a document indicating that one of the eyewitnesses was a future U.S. president, Abraham Lincoln. Startled from his slumber early one morning, a young Lincoln beheld the sky filled with falling stars and fireballs. Decades later the battlefield flames of the Civil War rekindled in him a memory of those fiery heavens. During one of the darkest times of the war, President Lincoln related an anecdote about the meteor shower and the fixed stars as a metaphor for the state of the Union. We found this tale not in any biography of Lincoln, but rather in the collected works of the American writer Walt Whitman (1819–92), a contemporary of Lincoln's who lived in Washington during the Civil War." See **Matthew 24:29-30, Joel 2:28-32.**

Verses 14-17

"Moved out of their places" - **Isaiah 13:13, 34:4, Psalm 46:1-3**

Consider the Second coming of Christ:

Revelation 1:7 - "Every eye shall see Him!"

Revelation 6:14-17 - "The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of His wrath is come; and **who shall be able to stand?**'"

Revelation 14:14-20 - "I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."

Revelation 19:7, 11-16 - "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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

John 14:1-3 - "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Psalms 50:1,3 - "The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about Him."

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 - "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power; When he shall come to be glorified in His saints."

1 Thessalonians 4:15-5:4 - "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [go before] them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

The living, when Christ comes, will be taken WITH the dead that have died in Christ. When the dead in Christ are raised with the living, they will BOTH be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. Any teaching contrary to this goes directly against Scripture. Also, the TIMING of Christ's coming, not His MANNER is what is referred to when He comes "as a thief in the night." Those who are Christian will not be taken by surprise as by a thief, because they know the timing mentioned in Scripture.

2 Peter 3:9-11 - "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?"

Matthew 24:26-31 - "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall

appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

Isaiah 25:9 - “It shall be said in that day, ‘Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is the Lord; We have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.’”

All who do not know God will ask the question, “Who shall be able to stand?” **Revelation 7** is the answer.

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Who shall be able to stand? The 144,000. (See **Malachi 3:1-6**)

Verse 1

There are 20 times the words “four corners” are used together. Most of which include the edges of the thing referred to, or its entirety. There are only four times “four angels” is translated, each in Revelation. “Four winds” is used nine times. Each seem to denote ‘worldwide.’ Wind can be used for destruction, see **Job 1:19, Jeremiah 51:1**. The earth is the opposite of the sea, the sea (many people, **Revelation 17:15**), and trees are mentioned which can mean both righteous or wicked people, **Psalms 37:35, 92:12, Isaiah 2:10-17, 55:12, 56:3, 61:3, Ezekiel 20:45-21:5, Daniel 4**.

Verses 2

The angel had a seal and ascending he ascended out of the east like the sun rising (the Greek word for ascending is used twice). As the sun ascends, it gets brighter. You can see the brightness of the seal becoming stronger and its meaning becoming clearer.

Revelation uses the word ‘seal’ more than other book. Notice the use of the term: **John 6:27, Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30, 2 Timothy 2:19**.

Verses 3

The words “earth,” “sea,” and “tree(s)” are not found in other verses of the Bible (see verse 1 and 3). The only other time the phrase “hurt not” is used in the Bible is **6:6**. The word forehead(s) is mentioned much more in Revelation than any other book. Generally, the forehead refers to what type of choices a person makes (see **Jeremiah 3:3** to read of a whore’s forehead). Either a seal, mark, or name will be on the foreheads of either God’s faithful, or the unfaithful in Revelation. The choices we make determine our eternal destiny. The Law and Words of God were to be on the frontlets (foreheads) of His people (**Deuteronomy 5-6:8, 11:18**).

There is an interesting section of the Bible that delivers a HUGE amount of information about the end of time, and it too pinpoints a mark on God’s people. **Ezekiel 7-9** tells of the end coming upon the four corners of the land (similar to **Revelation 7:1**), the sins of God’s people while in ministry for Him, a mark on the forehead of God’s people sighing and crying for the sins being committed by those who should be faithful, and the destruction of those who choose sin over the Savior. That section is extremely important to understand before moving forward in Revelation.

The Commandments of God & the Sabbath

The wages of sin is death:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin is breaking the law:

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Christ came to save from sin (which is breaking the law that brings death):

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

If there is no law, there is no sin, which means we don't have death and won't need a Savior!

Jesus did the will of His Father:

John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

John 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Psalms 40:7-8 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

Hebrews 10:7-9 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

When Christ gave a 'new commandment', He actually gave 'old' ones. Therefore, it cannot be a new commandment in content, but in practice—a new way of doing God's will—correctly:

Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 22:36-40 Master, which is the great commandment in the law [the Pentateuch]? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind [Jesus quoted from the Pentateuch]. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself [Jesus quoted again from the Pentateuch]. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets [The "law" would be the Pentateuch, the "prophets" would be all the rest of Scripture. These two 'new' commandments in no wise diminish the moral law of God].

In the last book of the Bible—relevant for end-time-Christians—Revelation gives characteristics of those who will NOT be deceived, who will NOT receive the mark of the beast or the number of his name:

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman [the church], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, AND have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, AND the faith of Jesus [though the “commandments of God” and the “faith of Jesus” are not two things—they are one—people have tried to separate them as though the “faith of Jesus” is somehow more important than the “commandments of God”].

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

Some verses that are commonly used to show we don't need the law, but notice them in context:

Romans 3:28-31 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 6:14-18 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. What is righteousness?

Isaiah 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

Isaiah 51:7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

Romans 8:4 [Christ came] That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: [this is dealing with our own works of righteousness, apart from a living experience with God through Christ.]

If the law was done away with at the cross, which one is no longer binding?

1. Having other gods before Him?
2. Creating and worshipping false idols?
3. Taking the name of God in vain?
4. Remembering the Sabbath?
5. Honoring father and mother?
6. Killing?
7. Stealing?
8. Committing adultery?
9. Bearing false witness?
10. Coveting?

Why would anyone say that all are good except the Sabbath? Wouldn't we call that confusion?

Regarding the Sabbath:

It was kept holy by Christ after He “finished” His work in creation on the 6th day:

Genesis 2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended [finished] his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

It was kept holy by Christ after He “finished” His earthly work in redemption on the 6th day:

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Luke 23:54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

John 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

Christ's disciples kept the Sabbath AFTER His death:

Luke 23:55-24:1 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

ALL the disciples kept the Sabbath in the book of Acts, even in Galatia, Philippi, Thessalonica and Corinth:

Acts 13:14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch [Galatia] in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

Acts 13:27 For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning him.

Acts 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

Acts 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

Acts 15:21 For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Acts 16:13 [Philippi] And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

Acts 17:2 [Thessalonica] And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Acts 18:4 [Corinth] And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

The Sabbath will be kept throughout all eternity:

Isaiah 66:22-23 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall ALL flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

Following is partial Scripture notes from a series of meetings regarding the Sabbath:

Heavenly bodies - The earth rotating around the sun gives us a **year**. The moon rotating around the earth gives us a **month**. The world rotating on its axis gives us a **day**. But what gives us a **week**? The entire world runs on a seven day weekly cycle because of Genesis 1-2.

Genesis 1-2:3 - In 6 days God created the heavens and the earth, but rested the 7th day. Notice what God did on the 7th day in 2:2-3. God rested from creation to spend time with His newly created human creatures. God created the Sabbath to be a day of relationship between Him and His followers. THIS is why the enemy *hates* this day.

Exodus 16:2-5, 23-30 - God tested His people regarding His law—specifically the 7th day sabbath—before He spoke the commandments from Mount Sinai in chapter 20!

Exodus 20:8-11 - “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

Luke 4:14-16 - “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”

Revelation 1:10 - “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.” The phrase “Lord's day” is only used one time in all of Scripture. What then could be the Lord's day?

Mark 2:27-28 - “The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.”

Revelation 22:14 - “Blessed are they that **do His commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Some translations render this “wash their robes” instead of “do His commandments.” Both are acceptable, as they both mean the same. Notice **Psalms 119:9-10** - “Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse his way**? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word. With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from thy **commandments**.”

John 14:15 - “If ye love Me, keep my commandments.” Jesus was quoting directly from the 2nd commandment of the Ten Commandment Law. Exodus 20:6 says, “Shewing mercy unto thousands of them that **love Me**, and **keep my commandments**.”

What made the most holy place the most holy place?

- “Thy city Jerusalem, Thy **holy mountain**.” **Daniel 9:16**
- “O Jerusalem, the **holy city**.” **Isaiah 52:1**
- “I worship toward Thy **holy temple**.” **Psalms 5:7**
- “He goeth in unto the **holy place**.” **Exodus 28:29**
- “The testimony in the **most holy place**.” **Exodus 26:34**
- “Remember the **sabbath day**, to keep it **holy**.” **Exodus 20:8**

(The Sabbath is the only commandment defining who we worship: Name, Title, Territory.)

	→	God is...	Law is...
Good		Lk 18:19	1 Tim 1:8
Holy		Is 5:16	Rom 7:12
Perfect		Mt 5:48	Ps 19:7
Pure		1 Jn 3:2-3	Ps 19:8
Just		Dt 32:4	Rom 7:12
True		Jn 3:33	Ps 19:9
Spiritual		1 Cor 10:4	Rom 7:14
Righteousness		Jer 23:6	Ps 119:172
Faithful		1 Cor 1:9	Ps 119:86
Love		1 Jn 4:8	Rom 13:10
Unchangeable		Jms 1:17	Mt 5:18
Eternal		Gen 21:3	Ps 111:7-8
Light		1 Jn 1:5	Pr 6:23

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, right? Sin is breaking God's law, and His glory is equal to His character (this can be seen in the story of when Moses asked God to show him His glory. God then answered by revealing His character, **Exodus 33:18-34:9**).

Revelation verses 4-8

144,000 is a number specific to Revelation. The other time the 144,000 are mentioned is in **14:1-5**. They were sealed with God the Father's name on their foreheads. The forehead can refer to the part of the brain where we make moral decisions, the frontal lobe. The 144,000 have chosen to follow God all the way—to have His character in their lives (name is synonymous with character in the Bible: Jacob, Israel; Abram, Abraham; Saul, Paul; James and John, sons of Boanerges; This was the reason why the names of Daniel and his three friends were changed—a failed attempt to change their characters).

Not all the tribes of Israel are mentioned (Dan was switched with the half-tribe of Manasseh, a son of Joseph), and they are out of birth order (**Genesis 30-31**, see the chart below). The number 12,000 is a bit more common in the Bible. **Numbers 31:1-24** uses the number 12,000 which can be understood symbolically to represent the end of time (Moses represents those who will be resurrected at the end of time—as Elijah represents those who will not taste of death—which can be seen in the story of the transfiguration of Christ. See **Matthew 17**. The Midianites sold Joseph, hired Balaam, and were party to lead Israel into apostasy at the Jordan—just before entering Canaan!).

When listing the names of the 144,000 in order with their meanings, there is a 'hidden message.'

Now will I praise the LORD: - **Judah – Genesis 29:35**

(for)

Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction – **Reuben – Genesis 29:32**

(.)

A troop cometh – **Gad - Genesis 30:11**

(and)

Happy am I – **Asher - Genesis 30:13**

(for)

With great wrestlings have I wrestled – **Naphtali – Genesis 30:8**

(and)

God... hath made me forget all my toil – **Manasseh – Genesis 41:51**

(for)

The LORD hath heard that I was hated – **Simeon – Genesis 29:33**

(.)

Now this time will my husband be joined unto me – **Levi – Genesis 29:34**

(.)

God hath given me my hire – **Issachar - Genesis 30:18**

(and)

God hath endued me with a good dowry – **Zebulun - Genesis 30:20**

(and)

God hath taken away my reproach – **Joseph – Genesis 30:23-24**

(for I will be)

The son of the right hand – **Benjamin – Genesis 35:18** – margin.

1 Chronicles 25 contains interesting information. King David had “captains of the host separated” “who should prophesy” with music. They “prophesied according to the order of the king.” They were numbered. There were 288 of them. They were chosen by casting lots (something people would do to find the will of God, such as in **Acts 2:26**). They were chosen from the “small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.” There were 24 divisions of 12 equalling 288. Half of 288 is 144. Half of 24 is 12. This seems interesting as there were 144,000 with divisions of 12,000 in **Revelation 7**... And in **Revelation 14:3** the 144,000 sing a “new song.”

Judges 21 - One tribe was lacking, but the C.o.I. repented for causing it. 12,000 men were summoned to kill the men and the women who were defiled. Brought virgins to Canaan.

2 Samuel 17 - Ahithophel, someone with a grudge against David which is a type of Christ, spoke to Absalom the arch-enemy suggesting they gather 12,000 to attack the Leader only. Hushai, a friend of David, suggested the arch-enemy show up in person to defeat all of them at the same time. It was the Lord's plan, yet it was to defeat Absalom. This will happen in reality at the end of time. The arch-enemy will impersonate Christ, showing up personally to deceive all the people upon whom the death sentence had been passed—the faithful followers of Christ.

Notice this study regarding who Israel is:

1. Israel dreamed of a **ladder** reaching heaven where angels ascended and descended, **Genesis 28:12**
A. Jesus was the **Ladder** reaching heaven with angels ascending and descending, **John 1:51**
2. Joseph, a child of Israel, **dreamed** of Egypt, **Genesis 37:5-8**
A. Joseph, a child of Israel, **dreamed** of Egypt, **Matthew 2:13**
3. Joseph was given a **second dream** about Egypt – **Genesis 37:9-10**
A. Joseph, father of the Child Israel, was given a **second dream** in Egypt – **Matthew 2:19-20**
4. While the children of Israel were in Egypt all of the male children were **killed**, **Exodus 1:22**
A. While the Child Israel was in Egypt all of the male children were **killed**, **Matthew 2:16**
5. The children of Israel came **out of Egypt**, **Exodus 12:30-32**
A. The Child Israel came **out of Egypt**, **Matthew 2:20-21**
6. The children of Israel were **baptized** in water, **Exodus 14:21-22**, **1 Corinthians 10:1-2**
A. The Child Israel was **baptized** in water, **Matthew 3:16**
7. The children of Israel went into the **wilderness** after baptism for 40..., **Exodus 15:22**, **Acts 7:36**
A. The Child Israel went into the **wilderness** after baptism for 40..., **Matthew 4:1-2**
8. The children of Israel were fed with **bread** which comes down from Heaven, **Exodus 16:14-15**
A. The children of Israel were fed with **Bread** which came down from Heaven, **John 6:48-51**
9. The children of Israel were offered **water** from a rock, **Exodus 17:6**
A. The children of Israel were offered **Water** from the Rock, **John 7:37-38**
10. By command of the father, the leader of Israel **appointed able men** to be heads or rulers to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, **Exodus 18:24-26**
A. By command of the Father, the Leader, Israel, **appointed able men** to be heads or rulers to judge the twelve tribes of Israel, **Matthew 19:27-28**
11. The law of God was proclaimed by Jesus to Israel from a **mountain**, **Exodus 19:16 - 20:18**
A. The law of God was proclaimed by Jesus to Israel from a **mountain**, **Matthew 5:1 - 7:29**
12. The old covenant with twelve tribes was **ratified** by blood, **Exodus 24:7-8**
A. The new covenant with twelve apostles was **ratified** by blood, **John 19:34**
13. God wished for a **sanctuary** so that He may dwell among the children of Israel, **Exodus 25:8**
A. God wishes for a **sanctuary** to dwell among the spiritual children of Israel, **1 Corinthians 3:16**

~In the Old Testament the **entire nation** of Israel came through one man, Jacob.

~In the New Testament the **entire Israel** of God comes through One Man, Jesus.

“When Israel was a child, then I loved Him, and called My Son out of Egypt.” **Hosea 11:1**, **Matthew 2:13-15**. (See **2 Corinthians 1:19-20**.)

“If ye be Christ’s, **then** are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” **Galatians 3:29**

Genesis 29-35 Order (Their birth)	Genesis 49 Order (The blessings)	Exodus 1 Order (Going to Egypt)	1Chronicles 2 Order (The records)	Revelation 7 Order (The sealing)
1. Reuben - Leah	1. Reuben - Leah	1. Reuben - Leah	1. Reuben – Leah	4. Judah - Leah
2. Simeon - Leah	2. Simeon - Leah	2. Simeon - Leah	2. Simeon – Leah	1. Reuben - Leah
3. Levi - Leah	3. Levi – Leah	3. Levi - Leah	3. Levi - Leah	7. Gad - Zilpah
4. Judah - Leah	4. Judah - Leah	4. Judah - Leah	4. Judah – Leah	8. Asher – Zilpah
5. Dan - Bilhah	10. Zebulun - Leah	9. Issachar - Leah	9. Issachar – Leah	6. Naphtali - Bilhah
6. Naphtali - Bilhah	9. Issachar - Leah	10. Zebulun - Leah	10. Zebulun – Leah	Manasseh-(5. Dan?)
7. Gad - Zilpah	5. Dan - Bilhah	12. Benjamin - Rachel	5. Dan – Bilhah	2. Simeon - Leah
8. Asher - Zilpah	7. Gad - Zilpah	5. Dan - Bilhah	11. Joseph – Rachel	3. Levi - Leah
9. Issachar - Leah	8. Asher - Zilpah	6. Naphtali - Bilhah	12. Benjamin–Rachel	9. Issachar - Leah
10. Zebulun - Leah	6. Naphtali - Bilhah	7. Gad - Zilpah	6. Naphtali – Bilhah	10. Zebulun - Leah
11. Joseph - Rachel	11. Joseph - Rachel	8. Asher - Zilpah	7. Gad – Zilpah	11. Joseph - Rachel
12. Benjamin - Rachel	12. Benjamin - Rachel	11. Joseph - Rachel	8. Asher - Zilpah	12. Benjamin - Rachel

With a symbolic seal to be put symbolically on our foreheads, with the earth, sea, and trees to be kept safe from a symbolic wind, why should we say the number 144,000 is literal? Symbolic or literal, it will be a small number (Flood, 8 - Sodom, 3 - Wilderness, 2 - Furnace, 3 - Lions den, 1 - Elijah in the wilderness, 1 etc. [all stories referenced are symbolic of the end of time, each can illustrate the 144,000, and each have a different number of those who are faithful]).

Verses 9-12

The great multitude stood before the throne which will be on the earth after the millennium. Palm branches prove the location of the earth to be true, as they were used in the feast of tabernacles which, in antitype, will be fulfilled after the 1,000 years - **Leviticus, 23:34-40, Revelation 21:3**. See **Psalms 92:12**.

Verses 13-17

The great tribulation is past tense in these verses, meaning, the people who are arrayed in white had already come out of that troublous time. They certainly could be the 144,000, but if they are, they are pictured on the earth after the 1,000 years or millennium (because they are holding palm branches, showing the fulfillment of tabernacles). See **Deuteronomy 4:27-31, Psalm 91:3-12, Daniel 12:1-3, Matthew 24:20-31, John 16:33**. Also, it is in this context of the fulfillment of the feast of tabernacles, after the 1,000 years—as in **Revelation 7:15** and **21:4**—when God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The book of **James** could be a book applicable for the 144,000. “To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad...” (**James 1:1, Revelation 7:4-8**). James desires all to have “patience” as saints (**James 1:4, Revelation 14:12**). James calls people to know what sin is and to overcome it, “Do not err...” and “they are without fault...” (**James 1:12-18, Revelation 14:5**). James calls all to be a “doer of the work,” referring to “the perfect law of liberty” (**James 1:22-25, Revelation 14:12**). James speaks of “pure religion and undefiled” (**James 1:27, Revelation 14:4**). James calls for all to have no “guile” in their mouths (**James 3, Revelation 14:5**), and much more.

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Christ, the Son of God, opens the seventh seal. There is **silence** for about 1/2 an hour. Time in prophecy can be understood symbolically (1260, 42 months, etc.). See **Numbers 14:34, Ezekiel 4:1-6**. This half hour time segment can be understood symbolically as well.

While the prophetic day is understood as a literal year in prophecy, it can be divided by the number of hours in a day, then divided again to find a half hour. Notice: in prophecy, 1 day is equal to 1 year (with 360 days—understood by the time, times, and dividing of time, and the 42 months both equalling 1260). Dividing both the prophetic day and the literal year by 24 (to reflect the hours in a day), we have 1 hour and also 15 days. Now, cut the 1 hour from the day and the 15 days from the year in half to find the 'half hour.' Half of 1 is the half, half of 15 is 7.5. So, half hour in prophetic time is equal to 7.5 literal days. See also **Matthew 17:1-2, Mark 9:2-3, and Luke 9:28-29**—all three times refer to about 7.5 days.

Regarding the '**silence**' in **8:1**, this word is used twice in the NT—the other time being **Acts 21:40**. There was a great silence so a large crowd of people could hear Paul speaking. It seems the Father, along with all the angels, will be with Christ Jesus as He comes again to make up His jewels (**Matthew 16:27, Mark 8:38, Luke 9:26, Revelation 6:16**). Jesus will come in the glory of His angels, but that doesn't mean the angels won't be with Him, therefore, coming in the glory of the Father doesn't have to mean that God the Father will not be with Him either.

As it was in the days of Noah... He too had 7 days of waiting, or silence. **Genesis 7**. Also, another thought to consider, "We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass..." Early Writings, 16. Or, "While the cloud was passing from the Holiest to the East, which took a number of days, the synagogue of Satan worshipped at the saints' feet." Maranatha, 287.

Trumpets (the first of which is recorded in **Exodus 19** before the 10 Commandments were given)

Celebration - **2 Samuel 6:15**

Commandments - **Exodus 19-20**

Coronation - **2 Samuel 15:10, 1 Kings 1:34, 2 Kings 9:13**

Gatherings - **Leviticus 23:24, Numbers 10:1-10**

Retreat - **2 Samuel 18:16**

Second Coming - **Matthew 24:31, 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16**

Voice of God - **Revelation 1:10, 4:1**

War - **Joshua 6:4-5, Jeremiah 4:19, 42:14, Ezekiel 7:14, 33:3-4, 1 Corinthians 14:8**

(There are many more trumpet references)

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Before the trumpets were blown, there is pictured “another angel” which “came and stood at the altar” in verse 3. While standing there with a golden censer, “there was given unto Him much incense,” which He obviously hadn’t had before this time. (5:8 showed prayers symbolized as odors in golden vials, which the 24 elders didn’t offer, they simply held.) In chapter 8, He offered the incense with the prayers of God’s people. This is a picture of mediation, or intercessory work—this is a picture of Jesus. (The high priest was to offer the incense upon the golden altar; see **Exodus 30:7-8**. Jesus is our High Priest as shown in **Hebrews 3:1**.) This shows that people will continue praying—God will have His people. (Christ is pictured here before the altar of incense. He is at the table of shewbread in chapter 5, shown by the table of shewbread having two crowns in **Exodus 25:24-25**. He is in the midst of the candlesticks in 1:13 during His heavenly ministry in the sanctuary.)

The angel took the censer and filled it with fire. This is similar language to **Leviticus 16:12-13**, which is Day of Atonement terminology. Casting it unto, or upon the earth must mean His intercessory work in Heaven is completed (as illustrated in 15:8), because He no longer holds the censer to mediate. Notice from Early Writings, “I saw angels hurrying to and fro in heaven. An angel with a writer's inkhorn by his side [**Ezekiel 9**] returned from the earth and reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed [**Revelation 7**]. Then I saw Jesus, who had been ministering before the ark containing the Ten Commandments, throw down the censer [**Revelation 8**]. He raised His hands, and with a loud voice said, “It is done.” [**Revelation 16**] And all the angelic host laid off their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.” [**Revelation 22**] 279, 280 [brackets mine].

Verse 6 mentions the seven angels preparing themselves to sound as if verses 2-5 had already finished, though it makes better sense to take the picture of Christ interceding as a microcosm. It illustrates what He has been doing since receiving the incense till the end of time when He is finished and therefore throws down the incense (this would represent Christ’s ministry from the time of ascension and inauguration during Pentecost, till the close of the Day of Atonement, or the second coming).

The images on page one start small and grow in size through the first four trumpets:

8:7 - **first** angel sounded... **hail**

8:8 - And the **second** angel sounded... **mountain**

8:10 - And the **third** angel sounded... **star**

8:12 - And the **fourth** angel sounded... **sun**

The imagery started as an unwelcome symbol and got worse as time progressed.

The literary structure of Revelation 1-11 can be something like this:

- Christ, **Churches** 1-7 (“People in **judgment**”, the meaning of the name Laodicea)
- Christ, **Seals** 1-6, **interlude**, 7th seal (5th seal specifically mentions **judgment**)
- Christ, **Trumpets** 1-6, **interlude**, 7th trumpet (6th trumpet refers to the golden altar which is directly connected to the Day of Atonement, which is a time of **judgment**).

The word “**third**” occurs often—22 times in Revelation. “**Third part**” occurs 14 times in the Revelation, all of which are in the seven trumpets other than what leads to the explanation in **12:4**. The enemy of souls used his tail to deceive the angels of Heaven, and his history of deception shows the same through the trumpets. The tail represents the false prophet(s) that teach lies (**Isaiah 9:15**). It seems also that these terrible trumpets are but a small part, a third, of what will come upon the world at the end of time. The mercy of God is extended throughout the history of this earth in preparation for the more serious and final judgments in **Revelation 16**. The number could also be a reference to the Godhead which is impersonated in chapters **12-13** and ultimately **16**.

The trumpets are very similar to the plagues of chapter **16**, but due to the literary structure of the churches, seals, and trumpets, they cannot be during the same times. The trumpets, therefore, must be a warning through past years against the coming final and world-wide judgments of the plagues.

Similar to the Vials

1st trumpet = earth, 8:7	1st plague = earth, 16:2
2nd trumpet = sea, 8:8	2nd plague = sea, 16:3
3rd trumpet = fountains of waters, 8:10	3rd plague = fountains of waters, 16:4
4th trumpet = sun, 8:12	4th plague = sun, 16:8
5th trumpet = darkness, 9:2	5th plague = darkness, 16:10
6th trumpet = Euphrates, 9:14	6th plague = Euphrates, 16:12
7th trumpet = kingdom, voice, earthquake, 11:15	7th plague = kingdom, voice, earthquake, 16:17

Trumpet 1 - (8:7) Early church, ~70 AD
 (“**The Great Controversy**” chapter 1? ([Links to PDF or Audio](#)))

The third parts destroyed in this first trumpet were on the earth.

Hail and brimstone are never used together in the same verse, yet it seems they would be related—though one is made of ice (cold) and the other made of fiery pitch (hot). Hail is a word used more than twice the amount of times than brimstone (also, hail sometimes refers to worship/reverence, “All hail.”). The first time the word brimstone is used is in the destruction of Sodom, **Genesis 19:24**. The only other single verse that includes the words translated hail(stones), fire and blood is found in **Ezekiel 38:22** which is during the destruction of Gog and Magog. Each of these sections are depicting punishment or judgment. **Exodus 9:13-35** is the first time the Bible uses the word hail and seems rich with meaning for the first trumpet. All the elements of hail, fire, blood, trees and grass are found therein. The reason for the hail in Exodus is highly significant. Egypt was a nation persecuting God’s people and withholding them from true worship. During the time of John, the nation fulfilling the same against God’s people was none other than Rome. God was calling His people Israel out of Egypt in Exodus 9. Could this first trumpet be showing a similar calling out for God’s new Israel in the Christian era? (**Romans 2:17-29, 9:6, 10:19-21, 11:11**)

What is seen in the first trumpet is both hail and fire—cold and hot. Christ had said in **Revelation 3:15-16** that He preferred either cold or hot, as a lukewarm state would be spewed out of His mouth. A similar plea is in **Ezekiel 20:39** where God was asking for His people to either serve Him completely or go and serve their idols. It seems as though the people were neither cold nor hot.

The seven trumpets are in a similar literary structure in the book of Revelation as the seven churches and the seven seals, we could therefore conclude that they cover the same amount of time

—going over the same ground from a different perspective—from the time of Christ’s first until His second advent. Could this first trumpet therefore be during the time of the early Christians? If so, what was the marked judgment of God including His people and Rome? **Luke 21:20-22** foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, “When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.” This was also the fulfillment of the “troublous times,” “desolations,” and “consummation” of **Daniel 9:25-27**.

“Looking down the ages, He saw the covenant people scattered in every land, "like wrecks on a desert shore." In the temporal retribution about to fall upon her children, He saw but the first draft from that cup of wrath which at the final judgment she must drain to its dregs.” {GC 21.2}

“The destruction of Jerusalem is a fearful and solemn warning to all who are trifling with the offers of divine grace and resisting the pleadings of divine mercy. Never was there given a more decisive testimony to God's hatred of sin and to the certain punishment that will fall upon the guilty.” {GC 36.1}

Trumpet 2 - (8:8-9) Persecution, ~100 AD **(“The Great Controversy” chapter 2? (Links to [PDF](#) or [Audio](#)))**

The third parts destroyed in this second trumpet were in the sea.

The ‘great mountain’ is used in the KJV in three places of the Bible other than **Revelation 8:8**:

- **Psalms 36:6** “Thy righteousness is like the **great mountains**; thy judgments are a great deep: O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.”
- **Daniel 2:35** “Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a **great mountain**, and filled the whole earth.” (See verse **44** for the interpretation of the mountain being a kingdom.)
- **Zechariah 4:7** “Who art thou, O **great mountain**? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.”

Isaiah refers to mountains often and gives a fairly good representation of what mountains can mean, and some of those verses can show a mountain as a place for a kingdom:

Isaiah 2:2-5, 11:9, 13:3-4, 14:13, and more.

Some verses in Isaiah show that the “holy mountain” is God’s desired place of worship for His people, or where His truth is:

Isaiah 11:9, 56:6-7, 13, 65:11, 25, 66:20, and more.

Jeremiah 51:24-25 (in the context of the fall of Babylon) makes an interesting statement about Babylon being as a mountain: “I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord. Behold, I am against thee, O **destroying mountain**, saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a **burnt mountain**.”

Fire can represent many things. It can show either the blessings of God or the impersonation of those blessings (see **1 Kings 18:38-39** and **Revelation 13:13** as two quick examples). It can also represent purification (**Psalms 12:6**). It can also represent judgment (**2 Thessalonians 1:7-8**).

Because blood can represent the gospel's forgiveness (**Matthew 26:28**), I cannot in good conscience apply the interpretation that the third part of the sea here represents people as noted in **Revelation 17:15** (though the first reference to the sea in this verse could refer to people). Else it would either mean the third part of the populace accepted forgiveness or were killed. If that were the case, what would the creatures and ships represent which were in the sea? Neither do I know of a time when these things were literally fulfilled—a mountain burning with fire being thrown into the ocean? A third of all people, creatures, and ships being destroyed? Certainly that would have made early Christian history.

Blood can represent persecution, as in the red horse of the second seal and the characteristics of Christ being dead and now alive during the second church. Could God's judgments on a world-ruling kingdom/nation trying to usurp God's position be represented? Was it while the true church was being persecuted? History indicates this as true. Was the livelihood (fishing for creatures in the sea) and commerce (trade/sales by ships) affected?

The most well known mountain burning with fire has been Mount Sinai. **Exodus 19:16-19** and **Hebrews 12:18** tell about it. Was the Roman power ruling during this time in history trying/ planning to usurp God's holy law?

Waters turning to blood can be seen in the first plague that came upon Egypt: **Exodus 7:14-25**.

Trumpet 3 - (8:10-11) False religion, ~300 AD
 ("The Great Controversy" chapter 3? ([Links to PDF or Audio](#)))

The third parts destroyed in this third trumpet were made up of rivers and fountains of waters.

With 66 uses of star(s) in the KJV (most referring to vast numbers), a few verses stand out as significant. **Genesis 1:16** states that God made the stars, after calling the sun—a star—one of the "two great lights." The stars, unlike the moons, have their own 'glory,' and don't need something else to help them shine (as in reflecting light). **Genesis 37:9** represents stars as what later became nations—the brothers of Joseph, or the children of Israel. **Numbers 24:17** is a prophecy of Christ as a Star, or King. **Judges 5:20** speaks of stars fighting in their courses. **Nehemiah 4:21** shows that stars come out when it's dark or night. **Job 38:7** speak of morning stars, which are commonly understood as angels. **Matthew 2:2** shows a star used for guidance (which were angels). **Luke 21:25** says stars can be for signs of the times. **Amos 5:26** and **Acts 7:43** mention "the star of your god," referring to idols made with hands. In **Revelation 1:20** we can see that stars are the angels to the churches.

"There fell a great star from heaven." Notice a few verses of things falling from heaven: **Job 1:16**, the fire of God. **Isaiah 14:12**, Lucifer. **Daniel 4:31**, a voice. **Daniel 8:10**, stars cast down. **Matthew 24:29**, **Mark 13:25**, stars falling. **Luke 10:18**, Satan as lightning. **Revelation 6:13**, **9:1**, **16:21**, stars or hail.

It burned "as it were a lamp," which may mean that it was not the light of the world, but trying to be. It was after all, a great star that burned only as a lamp.

With a name called “**Wormwood**” we can know it was bitter. Every time “wormwood” (one time hemlock) is used in the OT, it is consistently a bad/poisonous thing. It’s only used twice in the NT (**Revelation 8:11**).

Did a great ruler come “as a star” which was purposed to lead people ‘to the light’ “as a lamp,” when his ways were pagan and contrary to God’s will? Did the “rivers” and “fountains of waters” which were supposed to be the ‘water of life’ really bring death instead?

God’s “Word is a lamp unto my feet...” **Psalm 119:105**.

Probably the most applicable passage to help us understand the wormwood scenario is found in **Jeremiah 9:13-15**. “And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with **wormwood**, and give them water of gall to drink.”

Trumpet 4 - (8:12-13) Church/state unity, ~500 AD
(“**The Great Controversy**” chapters 4-6? ([Links to PDF](#) or [Audio](#)))

The third parts destroyed in this fourth trumpet were in the second heavens.

The third part of the sun, moon and stars were “smitten” (the only use of this word in the Bible) and it caused them to be one-third darkened. Visually, physically, this was going into a darker time.

Does this refer to an attack on the true Light of the world? (See **John 8:12, 9:5**) Is this an attack on the truth of creation? Was this a way to symbolize dark leadership? Did this symbolize and attempt to change God’s prophetic times (and seasons)? **Genesis 1:14-19** shows that the different bodies in the second heavens were given to lighten the earth, to divide light from darkness, to keep times and seasons, and to be rulers by day or by night. **Daniel 7:25** exposes a power speaking against God, persecuting the saints, thinking to change times and laws, and ruling for a period of time. If these things are so, this is in concert with the fourth church and the fourth seal.

The Three Angels

There was activities pictured in **Heaven** in **8:2-6**. The first trumpet dealt with things affecting the **earth** in verse 7. The second trumpet affects things in the **sea**, verses **8-9**. The third affects the **fountains of waters**, verse **10**. (The fourth affects the sun in the second heavens as there are three heavens pictured in the Bible, **Genesis 1:8, 20** for the first, **Psalm 19:1-4** for the second, **2 Corinthians 12:1-4** for the third, verse **12**.) It seems there was punishment for leading people astray into false worship of the true God in the trumpets, while reform is called for in **Revelation 14:7**, “Worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (The same sequence is in the first vials in chapter **16**.)

8:13 speaks of an angel flying through the midst of heaven with a loud voice and a message of three angels with woes. **14:6** shows an angel flying in the midst of heaven with a loud voice as one of three angels with the everlasting gospel. Can we see in the last three trumpets the continuing agenda of a false gospel, a way to lead God’s people away from true worship?

It's important to notice in the structure of the trumpets that the first four take up 13 verses. The next three take up 26 with an additional reference in **10:7**. By just looking at the volume of information in the last three trumpets, it seems clear that they are the focus, perhaps the more important in the big picture of the trumpets.

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Trumpet 5 - (9:1-12) False religious movements, ~1500 AD (“The Great Controversy” chapters 7-14? (Links to [PDF](#) or [Audio](#)))

With **Revelation 8:13** sounding very similar to the three angels mentioned in **14:6-12**, we may find some parallels or connections between the false and true in these next three trumpets.

These next three trumpets in Revelation **9-11** include much more information than the previous four trumpets. This may represent importance or an intended focus, comparatively.

Just as mentioned in **8:10**, a star can represent many things, but very likely a leader—just as in **1:20**. Falling stars burn for a short time and this one is noted to hit the earth. The star is then referred to as “him” who received a key.

“Key” is a word used only 6 times in the New Testament (NT), four of which are in the Revelation. **Matthew 16:19** speaks of the “keys of the Kingdom.” **Luke 11:52** refer to the “key of knowledge.” **Revelation 1:18** tells of the “keys of hell and of death,” while **3:7** speaks of the “key of David.” **9:1** and **20:1** both refer to the “key of the bottomless pit.” Obviously the key is used to access, exit or unlock something.

The word “bottomless” is the Greek word for the abyss (abussos). It occurs nine times in the NT, seven of which are in the Revelation. (**Luke 8:31, Romans 10:7, Revelation 9:1, 2, 11, 11:7, 17:8, 20:1, 3**) Each of these references seemingly indicates a Godless place—where God is not ruler, welcomed, or He has chosen not to be there.

The first verse of chapter **9** could refer to a great leader (star) who was intending to represent God (from heaven) who had the ability to begin (key) a godless religion (bottomless pit).

Verse **2** shows the darkening influence of that smoke which was enough to blacken out the sun—again the dark ages. **Isaiah 65:5** shows that pride in religiosity is like a smoke in God’s nose.

“Locust(s)” is translated as such 28 times in the KJV. The first seven are in **Exodus 10:1-20**, referring again to the plagues of Egypt—the eighth. Locusts are generally noticed in the Bible for their numbers and ability to destroy life or livelihood. Another interesting use of the word is found in **Proverbs 30:27** when speaking of things exceeding wise, “The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands.” (By bands could be translated “gathered together.”) The word ‘locusts’ is used in verses **3** and **7** of chapter **9**.

With only 11 translations in the Bible, **Revelation 9:2** refers to “scorpions.” Scorpions survive in a desert land according to **Deuteronomy 8:15. 1 Kings 12:11, 14** shows them as a tool to breed fear. **Luke 10:19** refers to them as a symbol of spiritual wickedness.

Verse 4 tells of the locusts *not* hurting what they normally would—grass, green things and trees. These green items are mentioned in contrast to men which do not have the seal of God (those with the seal keep the law of God which reflects His character. See the “God is... Law is...” chart in the notes for chapter 7). In concert with verse 4, verse 5 says they were to be tormented, not killed. There are similar ideas in **Ezekiel 9:4**, **Revelation 6:6** and **7:3**.

Verse 6 speaks of desiring death but not being able to obtain it. Job seemed to have a similar situation. Read all of **Job 3**, noticing verse 21 which speaks of those in misery “which long for death, but it cometh not.” Job was going through what God allowed, yet didn’t understand it.

Verses 7-9 mention “gold” “lions” and “iron.” All symbols used of Babylon. (See **Jeremiah 51:7** for the gold, **50:17** for the lions, and **28:14** for iron.) Babylon is a symbol of religious confusion in the book of Revelation (studied more later), and the book of Jeremiah was written mainly to warn against the coming of Babylon to capture and destroy God’s people Israel. These locusts are described as having what looks like golden crowns. There are only three verses in the Revelation that have the words “gold(en)” and “crown(s)” in them, **4:4**, **9:7** and **14:14**. The first are “crowns of gold,” while the second are “crowns like gold.” Big difference! The enemy has a multitudinous group that only looks like God’s priesthood! In **Psalms 57**, David describes a time when he was, as a believer, surrounded by lions on fire with teeth. He was hunted, yet focused on praise, God’s mercy and truth. A fitting section of Scripture to compare with the fifth trumpet.

The words “chariot,” “horse,” and “battle” of verse 9 are used together in two other verses in the KJV. **Deuteronomy 20:1** and **Zechariah 9:10**.

The Greek word for breastplate (thorax), is used only 5 times in the New Testament. Three times in Revelation (**9:9**, **17**) and only **Ephesians 6:14** and **1 Thessalonians 5:8**, both representing spiritual protection. There are 31 translations of “breastplate(s)” in the KJV, and every time they are referring to the dress of the priesthood or spiritual protection. The fifth trumpet is obviously referring to false systems of worship, having made the sun dark (**9:2**).

Verse 10 mentions tails while **Isaiah 9:15** interprets the tail as “the prophet that teaches lies.” They were given a period of five months, the second mention of this specific time period in the fifth trumpet. It seems the reason the time period is referred to twice is that in verses 4-6 it shows what the locusts were commanded and allowed to do, while verses 7-10 show what they looked and sounded like. Five prophetic months are equal to 150 years which will be discussed further in the next trumpet. (Each day equals a year in Bible prophecy and each year had twelve months of thirty days. See **Number 14:34** and **Ezekiel 4:1-6**.)

Verse 11 tells of a king which had a name in Hebrew and Greek—the two major languages of the New and Old Testaments. The names both mean “destroying angel” or “destroyer.” That king was a ‘messenger’ (or angel, consider **1:20**) of the bottomless pit. This enemy is none other than the dragon in a different guise, which in this same time period referred to in chapter **13:2**, gave that 1st beast “power, seat and great authority” in a similar way as he gave to the locusts of chapter 9.

This fifth trumpet—in light of the book of Joel—must represent the false messengers of the enemy trying to counteract what God was doing through the Christian reformation. The wording of the fifth trumpet seems similar to the words of **Joel 1-2**. Please notice the next page with lines drawn to show a few similarities.

Revelation 9:1 And the fifth angel **sounded**, and I saw a star fall from **heaven** unto the **earth**: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

Revelation 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the **smoke of a great furnace**; and the **sun** and the air were **darkened** by reason of the smoke of the pit.

Revelation 9:3 And there came out of the smoke **locusts** upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. (**Joel 1:4**)

Revelation 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not **hurt** the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only **those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads**.

Revelation 9:5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that **they should be tormented** five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Revelation 9:6 And in those days shall **men seek death, and shall not find it**; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Revelation 9:7 And the shapes of the locusts were **like unto horses** prepared unto **battle**; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the **faces of men**.

Revelation 9:8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the **teeth of lions**. (**Joel 1:6**)

Revelation 9:9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was **as the sound of chariots** of many horses running to battle.

Revelation 9:10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

Revelation 9:11 And **they had a king over them**, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.

Revelation 9:12 **One woe** is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Joel 2:1 ¶ Blow ye the **trumpet** in Zion, and sound an alarm in **my holy mountain**: let all the inhabitants of the **land** tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:2 A day of **darkness** and of **gloominess**, a day of **clouds** and of **thick darkness**, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

Joel 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and **nothing shall escape them**.

Joel 2:4 The appearance of them is as the **appearance of horses**; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Joel 2:5 **Like the noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in **battle** array.

Joel 2:6 Before their face **the people shall be much pained**: all faces shall gather blackness.

Joel 2:7 They shall run like **mighty men**; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

Joel 2:8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and **when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded**.

Joel 2:9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the **sun** and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

Joel 2:11 And **the LORD shall utter his voice before his army**: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is **great and very terrible**; and who can abide it?

(See **Joel 2:25**)

Trumpet 6 - (9:13-12) Prophecies fulfilled, ~1800 AD
("The Great Controversy" chapters 15-34? (Links to [PDF](#) or [Audio](#)))

The sixth trumpet brings attention to the horns of the golden altar of incense which is before God in Heaven. Though the horns of the altar were used in the daily service of the sanctuary, the timing of this scenario demands the timing of the Day of Atonement (DofA) which also included the altar of incense. See **Leviticus 16:18**. The DofA scenario in **Leviticus 16** shows the sequence of the ceremony as well as the activities contained therein. The blood being applied on the horns of the altar is one of the last steps in the completion of the DofA. This trumpet then, must take place just before Christ takes the censer to "cast it unto the earth" in **8:5**. It was at this historic time also that God's truth was made clear about the Heavenly sanctuary and all that He is doing up there.

Verse **14** shows the loosing of the four angels which are bound in the great River Euphrates. Euphrates was a river in Babylon. It must be that at this time the strength of the message (angels) of Babylon was let loose with a greater influence in the world. Spiritual Babylon had fallen and went forth with a message contrary to the truth found in the Bible at this time.

Verse **15** shows angels prepared "for" a time. The word "for" can be translated "at" a time.

The best explanation of verse 15 is found in *The Great Controversy*:

"Many who witnessed the **falling of the stars**, looked upon it as a herald of the coming judgment, "an awful type, a sure forerunner, a merciful sign, of that great and dreadful day." --"The Old Countryman," in Portland Evening Advertiser, Nov. 26, **1833**. Thus the attention of the people was directed to the fulfillment of prophecy, and many were led to give heed to the warning of the second advent.

In the year **1840** another **remarkable fulfillment of prophecy** excited widespread interest. Two years before, Josiah Litch, one of the leading ministers preaching the second advent, published an exposition of Revelation 9, predicting the **fall of the Ottoman Empire**. According to his calculations, this power was to be overthrown "in A.D. 1840, sometime in the month of August;" and only a few days previous to its accomplishment he wrote: "Allowing the first period, 150 years, to have been exactly fulfilled before Deacozes ascended the throne by permission of the Turks, and that **the 391 years, fifteen days**, commenced at the close of the first period, it will end on the **11th of August, 1840**, when the Ottoman power in Constantinople may be expected to be broken. And this, I believe, will be found to be the case."--Josiah Litch, in Signs of the Times, and Expositor of Prophecy, Aug. 1, 1840.

At the very time specified, Turkey, through her ambassadors, accepted the protection of the allied powers of Europe, and thus placed herself under the control of Christian nations. The event exactly fulfilled the prediction. (See Appendix.) When it became known, multitudes were convinced of the correctness of the principles of prophetic interpretation adopted by Miller and his associates, and a wonderful impetus was given to the advent movement. Men of learning and position united with Miller, both in preaching and in publishing his views, and from 1840 to 1844 the work rapidly extended. {GC 334-335}

Here are the appendix:

“PAGE 335. FALL OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.--THE IMPACT OF MOSLEM TURKEY UPON EUROPE AFTER THE FALL OF CONSTANTINOPLE IN 1453 WAS AS SEVERE AS HAD BEEN THE CATASTROPHIC CONQUESTS OF THE MOSLEM SARACENS, DURING THE CENTURY AND A HALF AFTER THE DEATH OF MOHAMMED, UPON THE EASTERN ROMAN EMPIRE. THROUGHOUT THE REFORMATION ERA, TURKEY WAS A CONTINUAL THREAT AT THE EASTERN GATES OF EUROPEAN CHRISTENDOM; THE WRITINGS OF THE REFORMERS ARE FULL OF CONDEMNATION OF THE OTTOMAN POWER. CHRISTIAN WRITERS SINCE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE ROLE OF TURKEY IN FUTURE WORLD EVENTS, AND COMMENTATORS ON PROPHECY HAVE SEEN TURKISH POWER AND ITS DECLINE FORECAST IN SCRIPTURE.

FOR THE LATTER CHAPTER, UNDER THE "HOUR, DAY, MONTH, YEAR" PROPHECY, AS PART OF THE SIXTH TRUMPET, JOSIAH LITCH WORKED OUT AN APPLICATION OF THE TIME PROPHECY, TERMINATING TURKISH INDEPENDENCE IN AUGUST, 1840. LITCH'S VIEW CAN BE FOUND IN FULL IN HIS THE PROBABILITY OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST ABOUT A.D. 1843 (PUBLISHED IN JUNE, 1838); AN ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY (PUBLISHED IN THE SPRING OF 1840; A SECOND EDITION, WITH HISTORICAL DATA IN SUPPORT OF THE ACCURACY OF FORMER CALCULATIONS OF THE PROPHECIC PERIOD EXTENDING TO THE FALL OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, WAS PUBLISHED IN 1841); AND AN ARTICLE IN SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND EXPOSITOR OF PROPHECY, AUG. 1, 1840. SEE ALSO ARTICLE IN SIGNS OF THE TIMES AND EXPOSITOR OF PROPHECY, FEB. 1, 1841; AND J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH, THE GREAT SECOND ADVENT MOVEMENT (1905 ED.), PP. 129-132. THE BOOK BY URIAH SMITH, THOUGHTS ON DANIEL AND THE REVELATION, REV. ED. OF 1944, DISCUSSES THE PROPHECIC TIMING OF THIS PROPHECY ON PAGES 506-517.

FOR THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND THE DECLINE OF THE TURKISH POWER, SEE ALSO WILLIAM MILLER, THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND ITS SUCCESSORS, 1801-1927 (CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND: UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1936); GEORGE G. S. L. EVERSLEY, THE TURKISH EMPIRE FROM 1288 TO 1914 (LONDON : T. FISHER UNWIN, LTD., 2D ED., 1923); JOSEPH VON HAMMER-PURGSTALL, GESCHICHTE DES OSMANNISCHEN REICHES (PESTH: C. A. HARTLEBEN, 2D ED., 1834-36), 4 VOLS.; HERBERT A. GIBBONS, FOUNDATION OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE, 1300-1403 (OXFORD: UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1916); ARNOLD J. TOYNBEE AND KENNETH B. KIRKWOOD, TURKEY (LONDON, 1926). {GC 691.3}”

“I heard the number of them” is used only twice in the Revelation: **7:4** and **9:16**. Each telling of a symbolic number organized by a great leader to do marvelous works. One group true, the other group false.

The general imagery of verses **16-19** is broad yet native to the Revelation while used together. Horses, riders, breastplates, lions, brimstone, fire, smoke, powerful mouths and serpents together seem fairly harmful and destructive... Fire and brimstone are used three times in verse **17-18** while smoke is mentioned twice. (The fire is most definitely “strange fire,” as mentioned in **Leviticus 10:1-2**, while the ‘jacinth,’ which in Strong’s definition is “deep blue” must be a different type of blue compared to what was commanded in **Numbers 15:38-40**.) Notice, the power was in their mouths in verse **18**, from where words of the gospel are spoken. Verse **19** uses two terms which are normally used for deception or evil in the Bible—the tail and the serpent. As mentioned earlier, the tail can refer to a false prophet, while the deceptive enemy of souls has been coined as a serpent since the garden of Eden. Since the trumpets are generally chronological, these deceptive and devil-inspired powers should be looked for during and after the 1840s. This could very well refer to apostate protestantism having fallen just after that time. (What if the 200 thousand thousand could somehow be connected to **Song of Solomon 8:11-12**?)

Verse **20** calls the harmful and destructive devices mentioned above as plagues. Since a third part of men were killed in verse **18**, verse **20** says those still living continued with unrepentant hearts worshipping devils (the inroads of mysticism) and false gods (of various materials similar to the metals used in the prophecy of **Daniel 2**, showing the consistency of falsehood throughout the history of all the nations from Babylon till now).

Verse **21** shows God’s desire of repentance from breaking His commandments: murder, adultery, stealing. The word “sorceries” appears only three times in the Bible. We will discuss that in chapter **13**.

Galatians 5:19-25 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
 And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

NOTE 1:

The “third part” was mentioned 13 times in these six trumpets. The Revelation shows the 14th time in **12:4** referring to the deceptions of the enemy. The rest of the Bible gives 21 other uses of that phrase: some for sanctuary service offerings or organization, some in organizing for war or protection, some in declaring judgments, and finally one speaking of God refining a third part of His people through fiery trials. All of these applications can easily fit into the history of the trumpets.

NOTE 2:

The literary structure of the churches, seals and trumpets in the first half of the Revelation is a good reason to believe the trumpets shouldn't be taken out of their context and put into the future.

- There's a picture of Christ in chapter 1, then 7 churches in chapters 2-3
- There's a picture of Christ in chapter 5, then 7 seals in chapters 6-8 with an interlude between the 6th and 7th seal (chapter 7)
- There's a picture of Christ in chapter 8, then 7 trumpets in chapters 8-11 with an interlude between the 6th and 7th trumpet (chapters 10-11)
 - This has taken God's people to the **candlesticks** in chapter one, the **table of shewbread** in chapter five and the **altar of incense** in chapter eight (all coming before entering the **Most Holy Place** of chapter 11).

This is good evidence that they should be kept together as a description of history from three different perspectives.

- The **churches** - the messages to the churches
- The **seals** - the history of the churches which received either the blessings or the curses because of their response to the messages
- The **trumpets** - the history of the deceptive powers warring against God's church and truth

Another reason to believe the trumpets should not be placed in the future is the way the Revelation is laid out in terms of the sanctuary. Here we could look again at the chronological structure of the feasts. **Passover**, **Unleavened Bread**, and **Wave-sheaf** were all in chapter one. **Pentecost** is pictured in chapter five. The **Trumpets** are in chapter eight. The **Day of Atonement** is in chapter eleven with the final feast of **Tabernacles** pictured in chapter twenty-one. (All seven yearly festivals in chronological order.)

So, to take the trumpets and put them into the future would not only break the literary structure of the first half of the book and the purposeful walk through the Sanctuary, but would also break the chronological structure of the yearly feasts through the entire Revelation.

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Who, of God's people on earth, teach and hold to the truths of the Bible? Has God raised up a group who have the teachings of Scripture as their rule of faith near the end of this world's history? Is there still a people, like Israel, who are God's chosen group on earth today, or are God's people scattered throughout the world in every denomination?

Weren't Adam and Eve God's chosen people on earth? What about Noah and his sons? God called Abraham, right? What about Isaac, Jacob, and his sons which became the children of Israel? Didn't Christ give the keys of the Kingdom to the Apostles that He chose? If God has had a special people all throughout the history of the Bible, what about at the end of time?

Just before the interlude of the sixth and seventh seals, which is chapter 7 speaking of the 144,000, the world is in such physical chaos that the question was asked, "who shall be able to stand?" (See **Revelation 6:14-17**.) Also, just before the interlude of the sixth and seventh trumpets, which is chapters 10 and most of 11, the world is in such religious chaos that the question could be asked, "who shall be able to stand?" (See **Revelation 9:20-21**.)

In the sixth seal (specifically **6:13**), the stars fell in magnificent splendor in 1833. The sixth trumpet (specifically **9:15**) brought us to 1840. God was highlighting a special work during that time.

Verse 1 - The Angel mentioned is clothed with a cloud. Clouds are often referred to in the Bible, and sometimes (in the context of other symbols) they can represent Angels. Compare **Psalms 104:3** and **68:17**. The rainbow is the token of the covenant(s) God made and still makes with His people (see **Genesis 9:12-17**). His face and feet were similarly spoken of in **Revelation 1:12-16** (See **Psalms 67:1-2** and **Exodus 13:21-22**). This Angel could be compared with **Daniel 10:5-6**, which is none other than Jesus Christ.

Revelation 10:1 alludes to the book of Daniel. In **Daniel 12:4, 9** an Angel commands Daniel to seal his book until the time of the end. **Revelation 10:2** tells of a little book opened.

Verse 3 refers to a loud voice as when a lion roars. Consider **Isaiah 31:4**, "For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof." At the time of the end, when the little book is opened, seven thunders (seven referring to completeness, thunders in Revelation often associated with the voice and presence of God) could represent the complete message of God to the world—the total explanation of Truth. At the time John was writing, the world was not ready for the whole truth of the Bible. Now, just before Christ comes in the clouds of Heaven, during the time of the 1840s as depicted in the sixth trumpet in **9:15**, God has and is revealing major truths to this world through his Word.

Verse 4 - Because the seven thunders were not written at that time, doesn't mean they would never be written. "The special light given to John, which was expressed in the seven thunders, was a delineation of events that would transpire under the first and second angels' messages. . . The first and second angels' messages were to be proclaimed, but no further light was to be revealed before these messages had done their specific work. . ." (Christ Triumphant, 344.4) John and his fellow

Christians in the first century were not ready for a complete message of truth God was going to give starting in the 1840s (see **John 16:12**).

Verse **5-6** - **Daniel 12:7** saw a man clothed with linen, standing on water, having both hands up, and he swore by Him that lives forever about time and the finishing of a vision.

John in **Revelation 10:1-6** saw an Angel clothed with a cloud, a rainbow, a face like the sun, feet as fire. His feet were on the sea and on the earth. He shouted with a loud voice, having one hand up with an open book in the other hand, and swore by Him that lives forever and ever, who created the heaven, the earth, and the sea, about time (of the vision) being no longer (this was a vision of time in greater detail—progressive revelation—than what was seen by Daniel).

In **Daniel 8:14** there was a vision about time, 2300 days (days in prophecy equal years, so it's 2300 years). It's a vision relating to the time of the end (see **8:16-19**). Daniel didn't understand the vision shown him about the 2300 days—except that it was awful and true—and he fainted before it was fully explained to him (see **8:26-27**). **Daniel 9** is a later record of Daniel's practice of study and prayer. While he was in prayer, Gabriel, the same Angel that visited him in chapter **8:16**, came again to explain what hadn't been explained because of Daniel's previous fainting (see **9:21-23**). The next portion of the vision, **9:24-27**, is much of what is needed to understand the prophecy of the 2300 years, which takes us to the year 1844—the same time frame as the sixth seal and trumpet!

All of this is why it's important that the Angel in **Revelation 10** is holding the little book of Daniel open! Daniel's prophecies not only related to that time, but were understood during the time of the 1840s—during the Great Awakening. "The term Great Awakening can refer to several periods of religious revival in American religious history. Historians and theologians identify three or four waves of increased religious enthusiasm occurring between the early 18th century and the late 19th century." Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Awakening, 9-17-2015.

Verse 7 - 7th Angel hadn't sounded yet, "when he *shall* begin to sound..." Chapter **10** is obviously meant to relate to the sixth trumpet, which gave us the year 1840. The mystery of God can be explained in **1 Timothy 3:16** and **Colossians 1:26-27**.

Verses 8-9 - The little book (mentioned 4 times in the Revelation, all in chapter **10**), is here eaten, becoming sweet in the belly. **Jeremiah 15:16** shows Jeremiah eating God's Words. **Ezekiel 3:1-4** shows Ezekiel eating a scroll (roll in KJV) which was sweet like honey, and then was told to speak with God's Words. See **Psalms 119:103**. The book was taken from the One with feet upon the sea and upon the earth—meaning, he had a world-wide intention with the message of Daniel.

Verses 10-11 - The truth found in the book was sweet, then bitter. John was told to prophesy again—with God's Word's presumably. What was he told to prophesy about? **11:1-2** speaks of the sanctuary. Read all about this time in "The Great Second Advent Movement" by J. N. Loughborough, and "The Great Controversy" by Ellen G. White—amazing books. Free audio and text online—ask for links through the RdD website.

After the prophecy of **Revelation 9** (wherein the year 1840 was a highlight) we see chapter **10** prophesying about a greater or more detailed revelation than Daniel could give, a loud and world-wide message to be given, a time when God is noted as the Creator, when prophetic time would be no longer, when the mystery of God is ready for completion, when Daniel's little book was opened and would be eaten, when there would be a sweet and bitter experience that would lead to another world-wide message! Looking at these characteristics, it's AMAZING to see God fulfilling these predictions since the time of the 1840s through the Seventh-day Adventist movement!

There has been a major change in the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) denomination today, which differs from the initial movement that was started in the 1840s. The church has undergone many changes, stepping away from the solid Biblical positions that they once held—the way God had designed them to be as His movement.

The SDA church made its greatest change in 1980 when voting into their fundamental doctrines a belief in the trinity at what is called the general conference that was held in Dallas, TX. Having been a pastor in that denomination for years, and having been a trinitarian as well, I was quite shocked when learning that the trinity doctrine is not even found in the Bible! Here are 50 questions that will help people think through the concepts the Bible brings out about God and how a trinity doesn't seem to fit: <https://www.revelationwithdaniel.com/50-bible-questions-about-the-trinity/>

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Verse 1 - A reed (3 times in Revelation, **11:1** and **21:15-16**) was used to measure/study/research. See **Ezekiel 40:2-4** and **43:9-11**. God was calling Israel to reformation in their lives and worship. “Rise,” in **Revelation 11:1** is similar to **4:1**, which says, “Come up hither.” He was to measure the temple, altar, and occupants which are in Heaven. Those on earth who occupy Heaven are those who are God the Father, His Son, holy angels, and those “in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” by faith (**Ephesians 2:6**).

During the timing of the interlude of the sixth trumpet, with the golden altar of incense specified in **9:13** (which is directly connected to both the holy place and most holy place ministries), the year 1840 highlighted in **9:15**, 1844 being the timing of chapter **10** with the opening of the “little book,” and the forthcoming vision of the “ark of His testament” in **11:19**, we must conclude that the desired reformation and judgment of the Day of Atonement is what is being referred to in the call to “measure the temple of God.” “This solemn work is to be done upon the earth. Look and see how stands your measurement of character as compared with God's standard of righteousness, His holy law. The worshipers are to pass under the measuring line of God” (YI, August 25, 1886 par. 5).

Zechariah 1-4, a prophet contemporary with **Haggai** during the rebuilding of Jerusalem with **Ezra** and **Nehemiah**, speaks using similar concepts and language as that being spoken of in **Revelation 10-11**. Zechariah pleads with the Children of Israel to be more faithful than their forefathers—to listen to the Words of God through His prophets (**1:1-6**). The message continues with a question of how long God would not have mercy on His people, which is answered with “good words and comfortable words.” God was angry with those who mistreated His people and said, “A line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.” In other words, the city would be rebuilt. Four powers scattered God's people in judgment, and four carpenters were sent to fray (startle) those powers and build again the waste places. (**1:12-21**). See **Isaiah 58:12-14**.

In **Zechariah 2:1-5** there's a promise that God will restore His broken down representation of truth—His holy city—a work God is doing in His people at the end of time. Verses **6-13** give a powerful call to come out of Babylon and that God will restore and live in the midst of His people! There's a message of righteousness by faith in chapter **3** and a helpful explanation in chapter **4** for **Revelation 11**, which will be discussed shortly.

Revelation 11:2 - There were three sections of the Old Testament sanctuary: the outer court, holy place and most holy place. Each represented an aspect of Christ's ministry: the earthly, intercessory, and judgment phases. Here, the outer court (the earthly ministry of Christ) was already given to the world—and they treated it with scorn and disrespect (see **Isaiah 53**). At this time in earth's history, the 1840s of chapters **9-10**, a new subject was to be studied (**11:1**)—the holy place in Heaven (Daniel's prophecies of chapter **7**, **8**, and **9** fit in here). The Gentiles (they that did not accept the true gospel of Jesus Christ) trampled God's holy place under foot (**Daniel 8:9-13**, **Luke 21:24**) for the same amount of time the two witnesses were in sackcloth, as stated in verse **3**.

Verse **2** mentioned the 42 months (a month being a set of 30 days, $42 \times 30 = 1260$), verse **3** mentions the 1260 days. Same period, different focus. Verse **2** speaks of God's truth being trampled. Verse **3** speaks of God's truth given the ability to “prophesy” or “exercise the prophetic

office,” (#4295 Strong’s) yet under dire circumstances—clothed in sackcloth. The seven times the Bible mentions this time frame (each from a different perspective) are in **Daniel 7:25, 12:7, Revelation 11:2, 3, 12:6, 14, 13:5**.

The time, times, and a half a time equal the same as the 42 months and the 1260 days. One “time” is equal to one year, “times” equals two years without a qualifying number to clarify otherwise, while “half a time” is half a year. So then, if one year is 12 months of 30 days, there’d be 360 days in each year. With two years (or times), there’d be 720 days added to the first 360, which equals 1080. Add half of 360, which is 180, to 1080 and you have 1260. All 3.5 “times” equal 1260 prophetic days, or literal years.

Sackcloth, most often translated in the Old Testament and only used four times in the New Testament out of 47 total, often equal morning, despair, sadness. The “two witnesses” are pictured as covered with sackcloth because of the condition of truth during the time of the 1260 day period, beginning in the Dark Ages.

Verse 4 - The “two witnesses” are the olive trees and candlesticks also found in **Zechariah 4:1-6, 14**. The answer to the question of what they represented was, “This is the Word of the Lord...” There is a connection with the Word of God and angels ministering that Word and many other blessings, actually pouring from themselves the golden oil that illustrates the Holy Spirit. John 6:63 says, “The **words** that I speak unto you, **they are spirit**, and they are **life**.”

Angels are spirit beings (**Hebrews 1:7**).

The word is spirit (**John 6:63**).

They work together (**Zechariah 4, Revelation 11:3-6**).

Verses 5-6 - Fire devouring enemies and heaven being shut with no rain? Sounds like what happened in the life of Elijah (see **2 Kings 1:6-15** and **1 Kings 17:1, 18:1**). (**Luke 4:25** clarifies that it was 3.5 years that there was no rain. The Elijah story illustrates the same amount of time as the 42 months, 1260 days, or time, times, and half a time. As mentioned while studying the seven churches, during the time of Elijah there was an apostate king, an evil woman who lead a band of false prophets, and God’s people were persecuted and hiding in the wilderness for that amount of time.) Turning water into blood and smiting the earth with plagues? Sounds like what happened in the life of Moses (See **Exodus 7:14-11:10**). Scripture compares the two witnesses to the Bible—the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). See the transfiguration **Matthew 17:1-6, Mark 9:2-7, Luke 9:28-35**.

Verse 7 - When the two witnesses finish the 1260 days (the years of 538-1798, which equal 1260 years), the beast (representing a king/kingdom in **Daniel 7:17**) ascends out of the bottomless pit (the abyss, used seven times in Revelation, representing godlessness) to make war, overcome and kill them (them being the two witnesses of the Law and the Prophets). We’re now looking for a **1) nation** that **2) rises at the end of the 1260** years. The nation would be **3) godless** and make war on and **4) overcome the Bible** for a time.

Verse 8 - Sodom was a place of homosexual debauchery and wickedness (**Genesis 19**). Egypt was a place of godless leadership (**Exodus 5:1-2**). Where our Lord was crucified—Jerusalem (an ultra-religious but godless place). We’re still looking for a place where **5) sodomy** and debauchery were notably practiced, **6) where leadership was openly godless**, and where **7) the Lord was treated with disdain and judged incorrectly**—as He was in Jerusalem.

Verse 9-10 - They of the “people and kindreds and tongues and nations” will see them. **8)** This had a world-wide effect. The ‘dead bodies’ of **9)** God’s Holy Word would be mistreated for a specified 3.5 years but not buried out of sight (3.5 years—written differently than the time, times and dividing of times, and not to be confused as such). The word “suffer” in the KJV (interestingly) is most often translated “forgive(n)” (44 times) and “left” (36 times). (See **Matthew 6:12**.) The earth rejoiced that God’s Word seemed silenced. To understand the Bible’s ‘torment’ see **John 16:7-11**.

We’ve seen four ways this chapter has referred to the Old and the New Testaments, “two witnesses,” “two olive trees,” “two candlesticks” and “two prophets.” (**11:3-4, 10**)

It’s evident, with the nine identifying marks, that the nation was France during the French Revolution. (See the chapter, “The Bible and the French Revolution” in The Great Controversy.)

What’s interesting about verse **8** above is the word “street.” (This word for street can be translated “open square,” #G4113, Strong’s.) With nine uses of this specific word in the Bible, the majority of uses refer to being out in public. Notice what the “Place de la Concorde” represented—one of the major public squares—during the French Revolution:

“During the French Revolution the statue of Louis XV of France was torn down and the area renamed Place de la Révolution. The new revolutionary government erected the guillotine in the square, and it was here that King Louis XVI was executed on 21 January 1793.

Other important figures guillotined on the site, often in front of cheering crowds, were Queen Marie Antoinette, Princess Élisabeth of France, Charlotte Corday, Madame du Barry, Georges Danton, Camille Desmoulins, Antoine Lavoisier, Maximilien Robespierre, Louis de Saint-Just and Olympe de Gouges.

In 1795, under the Directory, the square was renamed Place de la Concorde as a gesture of reconciliation after the turmoil of the French Revolution. After the Bourbon Restoration of 1814, the name was changed back to Place Louis XV, and in 1826 the square was renamed Place Louis XVI. After the July Revolution of 1830 the name was returned to Place de la Concorde and has remained since” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Place_de_la_Concorde, Sept. 23, 2015).

Verse 11-12 - After 3.5 years the Bible would be brought back to its intended position—within sight of all who dwell upon the earth (the 3.5 years were from 11-26-1793 thru 6-17-1797). Just after that time the British and Foreign Bible Society founded in 1804, Philadelphia Bible Society was founded in 1808 (the first in the US), the New York Bible Society (later renamed the International Bible Society) came in 1809 and much more. Great fear fell on those that saw (“**Fear God...**” **14:7**).

Verse 13 - Other places the Bible uses the term “great earthquake” are in **Matthew 28:2, Acts 16:26, Revelation 6:12, 11:13, and 16:18**. “Those who had chosen the service of rebellion were left to reap its fruits until the land was filled with crimes too horrible for pen to trace. From devastated provinces and ruined cities a terrible cry was heard—a cry of bitterest anguish. France was shaken as if by an earthquake. Religion, law, social order, the family, the state, and the church—all were smitten down by the impious hand that had been lifted against the law of God” (The Great Controversy, 286). There are 25 times the Bibles uses the term “seven thousand.” The one most significant for this section is its antithesis, **1 Kings 19:18** (after Elijah was hiding in the wilderness for 3.5 years, 1260 days, or 42 months). Regarding those that were affrighted, they were called the “remnant” and they gave glory to the God of Heaven (There are other pictures of the end of time revealing the “remnant” “which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (**12:17, 14:12**). Notice, the faithful “...**give glory to Him**” **14:7**).

A random find on the internet: "The French Revolution did not directly produce the 19th century ideologies known as socialism or communism. But the Revolution did provide an intellectual and social environment in which these ideologies, and their spokesmen, could flourish."

<http://www.historyguide.org/intellect/lecture19a.html>

The French Revolution, with the timing and affect it had on the earth with its poisonous ideologies, was the enemy's warfare against truth. This is one good reason why God allowed the seven thunders to utter their voices during the 1840s. God raised up the Seventh-day Adventists at that time.

Trumpet 7 - (11:15-19) End time scenarios, ~1800 AD

("The Great Controversy" chapters 35-42? (Links to [PDF](#) or [Audio](#)))

Four times in **Joshua 6** the words "seven trumpets" are used. In the story of Jericho's walls falling, we have a great spiritual illustration of the end of time and God's victories over the enemy with his walls of falsehood coming down. When the final trumpet was blown, all hope for those within the city was lost. Just as God gave Jericho into the hands of Joshua, God again gives the kingdoms of this world into the hands of His Son Jesus Christ!

Verse 15-17 - The last Angel from chapters **8-9** sounds the trumpet. Voices from heaven proclaim the kingdom rights of Christ. The 24 elders refer to Christ as the One "which art, and wast, and art to come." These verses occur in Heaven. **18** focuses on earth, and **19** again in Heaven.

"The signs of Christ's coming are fast fulfilling. Satan sees that he has but a short time in which to work, and he has set his agencies to work to stir up the elements of the world, that men may be deceived, deluded, and kept occupied and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended and the door of mercy be forever shut.

The kingdoms of this world have not yet become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Do not deceive yourselves; be wide awake and move rapidly, for the night cometh in which no man can work. Do not encourage students who come to you burdened with the work of saving their fellow men, to enter upon course after course of study. Do not lengthen out to many years the time for obtaining an education. By so doing you give them the impression that there is time enough, and this very plan proves a snare to their souls" (Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students 414.2).

"The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God." 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Says the prophet of Patmos: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7.

About His coming cluster the glories of that "restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:21. Then the long-continued rule of evil shall be broken; "the kingdoms of this world" will become "the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever." Revelation 11:15. "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." "The Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." He shall be "for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of His people. Isaiah 40:5; 61:11; Isaiah 28:5.

It is then that the peaceful and long-desired kingdom of the Messiah shall be established under the whole heaven" (The Great Controversy 301-302).

Verse 18 - The time of the seventh angel sounding is a time for judgment. **10:7** says it is also, at the beginning of the sounding, a time when the "mystery of God should be finished!"

“I saw that Jesus would not leave the most holy place until every case was decided either for salvation or destruction, and that the wrath of God could not come until Jesus had finished His work in the most holy place, laid off His priestly attire, and clothed Himself with the garments of vengeance. Then Jesus will step out from between the Father and man, and God will keep silence no longer, but pour out His wrath on those who have rejected His truth. I saw that the anger of the nations, the wrath of God, and the time to judge the dead were separate and distinct, one following the other, also that Michael had not stood up, and that the time of trouble, such as never was, had not yet commenced. The nations are now getting angry, but when our High Priest has finished His work in the sanctuary, He will stand up, put on the garments of vengeance, and then the seven last plagues will be poured out” (Maranatha 258.2).

Verse 19 - The heavenly temple of God is shown opened, enabling the ark containing the ten commandments to be seen. The Old Testament is clear that the Most Holy Place was seen only at a specified time. It was only on the Day of Atonement (DoA) when the one chosen by God could come in at the right time and in the right way. See **Leviticus 16** for further explanation. Because this is mentioned *after* the anger of the nations and the wrath of God, it must be referring to the *close* of probation, the end of the DoA. Thus, the reference to the golden altar in **9:13** must be the *start* of the DoA. The only other time the ark of the testament is seen in the Revelation is in **15:5**, which is the close of the DoA. (Due to the timing of both chapters, the temple seems opened for Christ to come out, not for Him to go in.)

The bigger picture shows God completing the final phase of His heavenly ministry (the Outer Court was the earthy and first phase, the intercessory or Holy Place ministry was the second yet first of the heavenly phases, and judgment or the Most Holy Place ministry is the last phase before His coming. All these are described in detail by studying the Sanctuary—and there’s still more to be fulfilled).

We are currently living in the time of the seventh Angel, the time of God’s final judgment hour (“...**for the hour of His judgment has come**” **14:7**).

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Chapter **12** is the beginning of the second half of the Revelation. This chapter starts similarly to **15:1**, with a wonder in heaven. (The other verses that use the word for sign/wonder/miracle are **13:13-14**, **16:14**, **19:20**.) The differences between these two chapters (**12** and **15**) is the timing. **12** starts just before the time of Christ on earth, while **15** starts near the end of Christ's ministry in Heaven, just before His second coming. It's clear that between the two great signs/wonders in heaven, of chapters **12** and **15**, there is a time span similar to what is witnessed in the churches, seals and trumpets—from the first coming to the second coming.

Chapter **12** can be broken up into three sections. It speaks of the church during the time of Christ on earth (**verses 1-5**), the time after the cross when Christ completely cast down the enemy out of Heaven (**7-12**), and the way Christ has kept the church since the enemy has been cast down (**13-17**).

The enemy can be seen in Heaven before the cross in two places: **1 Kings 22:19-23**, and **Job 1:6-12**. We don't find him there after the cross.

There is somewhat of a chronological order in **chapters 12-15**. In chapter **12** the church started with Christ in her belly, He was caught up to Heaven after the cross, then there was war between Christ and the enemy, and the church escaped with Christ in her heart into the wilderness during the time the antichrist ruled (**chapter 13**). After the antichrist and the image (or false prophet) come together (the two beasts of chapter 13), the 144,000 of **chapter 14:1-5** will be prepared while globally spreading the everlasting gospel contained in the three angels' messages of **14:6-12**. This precedes their persecution (**14:13**), which is followed by the second coming of Jesus (**14:14-16**). Chapter **15** shows victory over the beast and the image while Christ's ministry in Heaven is closed.

In chapters **12-13**, the dragon impersonates the Father, the beast impersonates the Son Jesus Christ, and the false prophet impersonates the Holy Spirit—engaging the world in spiritual warfare. A study of the false godhead, entitled "The Fraudhead" can be found here: <https://www.revelationwithdaniel.com/the-fraudhead/>

Verse 1

The church (a woman in prophecy: **Jeremiah 6:2**, **2 Corinthians 11:2**, **Lamentations 1:1-7**) is clothed with the "sun of righteousness" (**Malachi 4:2**), standing on the moon—that which has light only by reflection (we as Christians, and/or the Law reflecting God's character), with a victors, not kingly, crown which bore the kingdom number (12 tribes, 12 apostles).

Verses 2-3

Christ was near to be birthed on earth, when another sign/wonder occurred. The enemy was using the nation of Rome (the dragon). The color red represents persecution, as noted before. (Notice the crowns—kingly not victors—are on the heads, whereas in **13:1** the crowns are on the horns—perhaps a difference between political and religio-political leadership?). The word "dragon" appears translated 19 times in the KJV. **Jeremiah 51:34** and **Ezekiel 29:3** relate it to both Babylon and Egypt—two nations either representing spiritual confusion or godlessness. The "seven heads" occur five times in the Bible: **Revelation 12:3**, **13:1**, **17:3**, **7**, **9**. These chapters are all related through the imagery of this dragon beast.

Verses 4-6

The first portion of this Scripture can help understand what happened when Lucifer was cast out of Heaven as Satan, taking a third of the angels with him. Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (**Luke 10:18**) as a past tense experience. (See also **Isaiah 14:12-16** and **Ezekiel 28:12-17**).

The dragon is the enemy—the devil, **12:9**—which, in verse 4, used Rome to fulfill his mission against Christ. Remember when Roman leadership and military attacked what they thought was the Son of God in **Matthew 2:16-18**? This was the devil inspiring Rome to "devour" the church's "Child as soon as it was born." It was Christ who ultimately won and was caught up to God. The enemy is shown to have used his tail, which as mentioned before, represents "the prophet that teaches lies" (**Isaiah 9:15**). The woman fled into the wilderness for the same amount of time mentioned also in verse **14**. God had prepared a place for her, the church, where "they" would feed her there for the same amount of time Elijah, in type, was fed by ravens. (See **1 Kings 17-18:1**, **Luke 4:25**.)

It seems that John mentioned the 1260 year period twice, not only to emphasize the preceding events in the first (**12:1-6**), but the following events in the second (**12:13-17**). Also, could the enemy be seen as making pagan war before the first 1260 (**12:1-6**), and spiritual war before and after the second? (**12:7-17**)

Verses 7-12

After Christ's victory at the cross, the devil—the accuser of the brethren which deceives the world—had no more access into the Heavenly courts (as he did before the cross, **2 Chronicles 18:18-22** & **Job 1:6-12**). His angels were cast out with him, though he has one evil angel for every two good angels of God (verse **4**). Jesus said, while on the earth, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out" (**John 12:31**). Christ gained victory over the enemy through His people on earth by His blood and the word of their testimony. Many, unfortunately, have lost their lives for their faith. Those who rejoice can even now live "in Heavenly places in Christ" (**Ephesians 2:6**).

Verses 13-14

The enemy was still angry about the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ and chased His church as a result. Here the woman, or church, is given two wings of a great eagle. This is similar language to when Christ was speaking with Moses and bringing His people out of Egypt (See **Exodus 19:1-6**, right before He gave them His Ten Commandments). Just as God nourished His people throughout their wilderness experience, so He fed His people through this dark time as well. The 1260 prophetic day/year period mentioned here is pointed out seven times: **Daniel 7:25**, **12:11**, **Revelation 11:2**, **3**, **12:6**, **14**, and **13:5**. Each has a different perspective of the same historic time—the years between 538 and 1798.

Verse 15-16

The waters (from where the next beast comes from in **13:1-10**), or people (**17:15**), were ungodly, having come out the of serpent's mouth, yet trying to join ranks with the church to thwart her from within. The earth (from where the third beast comes from in **13:11-18**, the opposite of water, an unpopulated place), helped the church. America was a place of refuge for believers (the Pilgrims, 1620) toward the end of the 1260 year period. The Declaration of Independence was later signed in 1776.

Verse 17

This is when we are living now. For other end-time pre-advent 'war' scenarios, see Revelation **13:15**, **14:13**, **16:13-16**, **17:12-14**, **19:19-21**. The devil is not angry with every church, but especially the one that keeps the Commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus (see **19:10** & **22:9**). Similar references to the people of God are in **13:10** and **14:12**.

It's clear in the last verse of this chapter that the enemy is wroth (severely angered) with the church or people who keep God the Father's commandments with the testimony of His Son, Jesus Christ. Again, it's the Father and the Son the enemy is after, and if we are believing in the Father and the Son we are on the path to keeping away from the enemy's greatest deceptions—the antichrist system.

1 John 2:22 says, “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **antichrist**, that **denieth** the **Father** and the **Son**.”

1 John 5:4-5 says, “For whatsoever is **born of God** **overcometh** the world: and this is the **victory** that **overcometh** the world, even our **faith**. ⁵ Who is he that **overcometh** the world, but he that **believeth** that **Jesus is the Son of God**?”

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The Dragon

1. His place was in heaven – 12:7-8
2. He is called the father – John 8:44
3. He was great – 12:3
4. He had a throne/seat to give – 13:2, 2:13
5. Worshipped because of the one after – 13:4
6. Destroyed forever – 20:9-10

The Beast

1. He was a beast – 13:1
2. He came up out of water – 13:1
3. He looked like the one before him – 13:1
4. He had 10 horns – 13:1
5. He had 10 crowns – 13:1
6. He had a name written on him – 13:1
7. He looked like a leopard, bear, and lion – 13:2
8. He had power, throne & authority – 13:2
9. He was wounded to death – 13:3
10. His deadly wound was healed – 13:3
11. All the world wondered after him – 13:3
12. He continued 3 ½ years – 13:5

The False Prophet

1. A false prophet to deceive – 16:13, 19:20
2. Lamb-like – 13:11
3. Speaks like one before – 13:11
4. Exercises authority of the one before – 13:12
5. Directs worship to the one before – 13:12,15
6. Performs miracles – 13:13
7. Brings fire from heaven – 13:13
8. Gives life/breath to the image – 13:15
9. Applies mark on the hand or forehead – 13:16

The Father

1. His place is in Heaven – 4:5
2. He is called the Father – Matt 28:19
3. He is great – John 14:28
4. He had a throne/seat to give – 3:21
5. Worshipped because of the One after – 4:10-11
6. Lives forever – 4:9

The Son

1. He was a beast – 5:6
2. He came up out of water – Matt 3:16
3. He looked like the One before Him – John 14:9
4. He had 7 horns – 5:6
5. He had many crowns – 19:12
6. He had a name written on Him – 19:12, 16
7. He looked like a leopard, bear and lion – Hos 13:4-8
8. He had power, throne & authority – Matt 28:18
9. He was wounded to death – Phil 2:8
10. His deadly wound was healed – Matt 28:5-6
11. All the world wondered after Him – John 12:19
12. He continued 3 ½ years – John 2:13, 5:1, 6:4, 13:1

The Spirit

1. Spirit to guide into Truth – John 16:13
2. Lamb-like – John 14:26
3. Speaks like One before – John 16:13-14
4. Exercises authority of the One before – John 16:13-14
5. Directs worship to the One before – John 16:14
6. Performs miracles – Acts 15:12, Galatians 3:5
7. Came like fire from heaven – Acts 2:2-4
8. Gives life/breath to Christ's followers – John 20:22
9. Applies God's seal on forehead – 2 Cor. 1:22, Rev. 7:3

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This chapter unveils the dreaded antichrist so many Christians are fearing will come at some time in the unknown future. There is plenty to fear, but it certainly doesn't have to be unknown as to who or when it comes. Consider the following characteristics to decipher who the beast really is:

- It's a beast, or a nation (**13:1, Daniel 7:17, 23**)
- This nation has a sandy foundation (**13:1, Matthew 7:26-27**)
- It rose up out of the sea, or a populated area (**13:1, Revelation 17:15**)
- It had seven heads and ten horns like the Roman power before it (**13:1, 12:3**)
- It had kingly crowns upon the horns (**13:1, European leadership**)
- It bore the name of blaspheme (**13:1**)
 - Knowing better, yet committing sin against God (**Ezekiel 20:27**)
 - Assuming the ability to forgive sin (**Mark 2:7**)
 - Claiming to be God as a man (**John 10:33**)
- It looked much like the nation before it, Greece (**13:2, Daniel 8:20-21**)
 - It had characteristics of Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece (**13:2, Daniel 7:1-7**)
- The Roman power, or dragon, gave this nation power, a throne, and authority (**13:2, 12:3**)
- This nation would have a notable wound (**13:3, 1798 with Napoleon Bonaparte**)
- After healing from its political power being taken away, the world follows this nation (**13:3**)
- People would worship the devil himself that gave power to this Roman nation (**13:4, 12:3, 9**)
 - This therefore, would be a religious nation to receive worship (**13:4**)
- No other nation would be like this one or be able to make war with it (**13:4, 18:18**)
- While speaking great things and blasphemies, this nation would exist 1260 years (**13:5**)
- This nation would blaspheme God's character (name), the ministry of Christ (tabernacle), and them which dwell therein (the followers) (**13:6**)
- This nation would persecute God's people and would rule all the world (**13:7, Daniel 7:25**)
- This nation will have the worship of also the non-Christians of the world (**13:8**)

Verse 1 - Sand is not solid ground (**Matthew 7:24-27**). A beast in Bible prophecy is a nation (**Daniel 7:17, 23**). This beast rises out of the sea, or a populated area (**Revelation 17:15**). The beast has seven heads, which are mountains upon which the woman in **17:9** sits. Horns can represent nations in Bible prophecy (**Daniel 7:24**). Horns can also represent strength or power (**Habakkuk 3:3-4**). There are two words/types of crowns in Revelation: the victory crown and the kingly (defined by the original Greek words). These crowns are kingly, not representing victory. Upon the beasts heads—its foundation, or the mountains upon which it sits (being the same power of **Revelation 17**)—is the name, or character, of blaspheme. Blaspheme can be defined by the Bible as transgressing God's law, claiming to forgive sin, or claiming to be God as a man (**Ezekiel 20:27, Mark 2:7, John 10:33**).

Verse 2 - This beast, or nation looks—in this order—mostly like a leopard, then a bear, and a lion. We've seen these beasts, or nations, before—but in a different order. **Daniel 7:1-7** shows the lion, bear, and the leopard—in that, or reversed, order. Why? The nation referred to in this first of the **Revelation 13** beasts is the fourth beast of **Daniel 7**, and is therefore not mentioned here. The nations before Rome were Greece (the leopard), Medo-Persia (the bear), and Babylon (the lion). The nations leading up to Rome were Babylon (the lion), Medo-Persia (the bear), and Greece (the

leopard). The view from Daniel looks to Rome as a future kingdom, but the view from Revelation looks at Rome as current with the beasts before it as history, not future—therefore, a reversed order. The majority of Rome was like Greece (the body—because it had just come out the nation of Greece), it moved like Medo-Persia (the feet), and spoke like Babylon (the mouth)... and the devil/dragon, gave Rome its power, throne and authority. Rome, in its political and religious unity, has been the creation and tool of the enemy.

Regarding the animals of this composite beast: the leopard has characteristics of watching before attacking (**Jeremiah 5:6, Hosea 13:7**) and is unable to change itself (**Jeremiah 13:23**). The bear and the lion both take lambs out of the flock (**1 Samuel 17:34**) and the Lord can deliver out of the paw of both of them (**17:37**). The bear becomes angry when her cubs are robbed (**2 Samuel 17:8, Proverbs 17:12, Hosea 13:8**). Both the lion and the bear are equated to a wicked ruler over a poor people (**Proverbs 28:15**). Both the bear and the lion have characteristics of hiding before an attack (**Lamentations 3:10**). You'd be in trouble for meeting a lion or a bear (**Amos 5:19**). The lion has many Biblical references which tell of the following: crouching, eating, bringing fear, roaring, jumping, being strong, courage, as temple decorations, being fierce, tearing with claws, hiding in wait for prey, being greedy and lurking in secret places, having great teeth, equal to a king's wrath, being bold, strongest among beasts, a destroyer of the Gentiles, hunting in the forest, being covert, driving away sheep, and as both an image of Christ and of the enemy (with many more).

Verse 3 - In 1798, at the time the pope was made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound (having its political power taken away), and the prediction was fulfilled, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity" (**13:10**). ([Read more online here.](#)) "On February 11th, 1929, an historic treaty was signed between the Italian Government and the Vatican re-establishing the political power and diplomatic standing of the Catholic Church, which had been lost when Italy seized Rome, the last of the Papal States, on September 20th, 1870."

Regarding the healing of the wound, which hasn't yet fully healed, [read more online here.](#)

There isn't the need to explain the phrase, "all the world wondered after the beast" except to say (as the notes show in the first part of this Revelation 13 study), the beast has done all in its power to personate the ministry of Christ. No wonder all the world has been misguided!

Verse 4 - By worshipping the beast, people really worship the devil himself, as the beast system is the devil's devising. "Who is like unto the beast?" Even today in the United Nations, there is no other church/state nation as a non-member/permanent observer represented other than the Holy See, or Vatican.

Verse 5 - A mouth speaking great things is possible because of its financial and world-wide influence. Blasphemies can be defined by looking at the notes from the end of verse one. He continued with power (authority of jurisdiction) for 42 months, or the 1260 years discussed before, with both religious and political power. This, again, was from 538 to 1798 AD.

Verse 6 - Blaspheming God's name (His character or law which reflects His character—see the chart in study notes for chapter seven), his tabernacle (His sanctuary ministry in Heaven to save souls), and them that dwell in Heaven (those in Heavenly places in Christ, see **Ephesians 2:6**).

Verse 7 - During the 1260 years this reigning power was responsible from between 50-75 million people slain for contrary beliefs—belief in the Bible. Authority or jurisdiction was given the beast over the entire then-known world.

Verse 8 - Anyone on the earth who fulfills God requirements to be taken out of His book will be taken out: “The LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of My book” (**Exodus 32:33**). It’s obvious from Scripture that God has great long-suffering for people, but He will take us out of His book if we habitually choose to sin rather than repent and follow Him. When we continue choosing to sin—which means transgressing the commandments of God (**1 John 3:4**)—then by default we are worshipping the other leader, the devil. The Lamb of God has been slain in God’s great plan since the foundation of this world. He has sent His Son to fulfill His own wishes, and He has fulfilled the goal: He paid for the sin that has brought humanity into eternal ruin, so people like you and I can choose to accept they payment for our sins rather than pay for them ourselves! I accept!

Verse 9 - Similar to this verse can be found in many places in the Bible. It would do well to study each section to know we understand what God would have us to understand. A literal rendition is, “Whoever has the faculty of attending and understanding, let him use it” (Lexicon).

Verse 10 - The beast represented by this chapter has led billions into the captivity of disobedience and sin, and therefore has gone and will go into captivity in return. Killing with the sword has been in its history, and unfortunately, it is in its future as well. The sword here represents also the power of the state, as mentioned in **Romans 13:1-4**.

“Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” This works well with the timing of both **14:12** and **12:17** (patience and faith in 14:12 leads to commandment keeping, and commandment keeping is a characteristic in 12:17. Both are end time scenarios).

Regarding the forgiveness of sins, “If we look to it’s ministers [the Roman Catholic Church], or to the manner in which it is to be exercised, the extent of this power will not appear so great; for it is a power not given to all, but to bishops and priests only; and sins can only be forgiven through the Sacraments, when duly administered. The Church has received no power otherwise to remit sin.” (John A. McHugh and Charles J. Callan, *Catechism of the Council of Trent for Parish Priests*, p. 82-83) Taken from a reprint, 1992 edition.

From the Convert’s Catechism of Catholic Doctrine,

“Q. Which is the Sabbath day?

A. Saturday is the Sabbath day.

Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea, (AD 336) transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday....

Q. Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, because Christ rose from the dead on a Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the Apostles on a Sunday.

Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her!

—Rev. Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., (1946), p. 50.



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One of the first things we notice about this second beast of chapter thirteen is where it comes from. The first beast came from the waters, this second beast came from the earth. **Revelation 12:15-16** show us that the first beast in the fraudhead trilogy, the dragon, had water in its mouth. Then, the earth helped the woman. Could it be that the dragon beast was in the same water that the first beast of chapter thirteen came out of? Is that where the dragon was able to get the water that was in its mouth? Also, did the beast which came from the earth have anything to do with helping the woman?

Verse 11 - Another beast (or nation) came up out of the earth. 'Coming up' means to "arise, ascend, climb up" (Strong's Greek #305). Notice, this beast didn't come up like a beast of prey, but rather, more like a plant—peaceably. The 'earth' is never explained symbolically, but it is opposite of the sea, which we know to be a populated area (**17:15**). This nation had two horns (horns can be symbolized as nations, but a horn can also be understood to mean power. Notice **Habakkuk 3:3-4**). These horns are specifically "like a lamb." 29 times the book of Revelation uses the word "lamb." Every time but this one refers to Jesus Christ. This time the horns, or powers, are lamb *like*. While looking like Christian powers, they eventually speak as a dragon—the devil. This is sacrilege...

Verse 12 - He, a nation that sprung up without a fight in an unpopulated area with Christian powers/principles that end up speaking like the devil, has and exercises all the power of the beast of verses **1-10**. When the first beast was going into captivity, what peaceful nation sprung up in an unpopulated area with Christian principles that has a voice like the devil—stealthily turning people away from God when acting/looking like all purposes are pure? America, with the Christian principles of protestantism and republicanism! One for the church, the other for the state... This **1)** nation **2)** fought no wars coming into power, it started in an **3)** unpopulated area, it is **4)** a nation with Christian principles, it **5)** came up while the previous beast was going into captivity, and it **6)** has worldwide influence to be able to fulfill the global predictions of this prophecy, and **7)** will unite church with state. America will lead the world, through principle and example, to worship the papal system of the first ten verses (occurring after the deadly wound began to heal in 1929).

Verse 13 - America will do great "miracles" (wonders, a Greek word used 7 times in the Revelation) to make people believe God has accepted them. Fire coming down from Heaven in the Bible is some times proof that God has accepted a situation (**Leviticus 9:23-24, 1 Kings 18:38, 2 Kings 1:10, 12, 2 Chronicles 7:1, Acts 2:1-3**). Much of the time fire from heaven refers to judgment, but here it seems to falsely represent God's acceptance, so as to deceive those that dwell on the earth that God is behind the US movement. Great wonders/miracles and fire coming from God out of Heaven seems to be a mimic of what was described in **11:5-6** with the two witnesses.

Verse 14 - The purpose of the miracles is plainly stated in this verse, to deceive. "Many will be ensnared through the belief that spiritualism is a merely human imposture; when brought face to face with manifestations which they cannot but regard as supernatural, they will be deceived, and will be led to accept them as the great power of God... No mere impostures are here foretold. Men are deceived by the miracles which Satan's agents have power to do, not which they pretend to do." {Darkness Before Dawn, 19-20} Examples of deceptive miracles when God was delivering His people are presented in **Exodus 7:22** and **8:7**. Notice, Pharaoh's heart was hardened in disbelief.

America will have (currently has) a voice speaking to the entire world saying “that *they* should make an image to the first beast.” “Here is clearly presented a form of government in which the legislative power rests with the people, a most striking evidence that the United States is the nation denoted in the prophecy” (The Great Controversy, 442). The beast which had a wound by a sword which is being healed is Catholicism empowered with civil authority. When the wound of world-wide civil authority is given again to the Papacy, this prophecy will quickly see its complete fulfillment.

Verse 15 - America will have power to give life (breath—the ability to live) to the image (representation, resemblance) of the beast. America will be behind the re-creation of what has already been during the 1260 years of prophetic history (Rome united with the Catholic church). America will be responsible for enabling the image of what has been (church and state unity) to both speak (make known their desires through laws) and cause people (enforce those laws) to worship. Church and state will be united, and the death penalty will be enforced against those who will not submit their will to the authority of the church/state in their interpretation of worship. Only those who know God personally will be able to stand during these trying times. Spending time *speaking* words to God and *hearing* His words is the best way to get to know Him personally (consistent daily devotions of prayer and reading His Word).

Verse 16 - America will cause all (by legal force) to receive a mark in their right hands or foreheads. All terms in this section are symbolic, therefore, the mark is the same. The right hand represents works (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**), while the forehead represents choices (**Revelation 7:3**). (See also **Exodus 13:9, Deuteronomy 6:5-8**) Most will either follow (receive the mark) out of ease, or by choice, but there is a people who will not submit to any authority contrary to God’s desires. In concert with the first study of **Revelation 7** in this series, the mark is the greatest sin portrayed that God’s people are sighing and crying against in **Ezekiel 8-9**. It is worshipping the sun in the form or honoring Sunday in place of God’s Sabbath. Again, God’s commandments show Him as God, the Creator, of heaven and earth—only in the fourth or Sabbath commandment—the only commandment that gives specifics of whose commandments they are. The issue, according to **Revelation 13:15**, is worship in this end time scenario. The questions can be boiled down to one: who have I given authority in my life, God or man?

Verse 17 - There will be an economic boycott against those who do not follow the dictates of the foretold church/state union. If someone doesn’t follow the conscience of the union of world leaders causing all to worship the image of the beast, they will be in dire straights! But the truth is this: if we follow God we will be punished by the world, and when we follow the world we will be punished by God. I choose the former.

There are three characteristics mentioned of those who will be able to buy and sell during that time: he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Having the mark seems to represent those who follow along with the system because of a lack of conviction. They are just going along with the flow to stay out of trouble. Those with the name have the character of the system, as a name in the Bible often refers to character. Those with the number have calculated their position. They know exactly what is going on and have studied into where they believe. Could the three groups represent 1. those who are following out of ease, 2. the believers and 3. the leaders?

Also, if today we are addicted to anything—nicotine, alcohol, medications, the internet, video games, even caffeine, what will be our plight when we cannot buy or sell? Our bodies would make it impossible to resist the physical demand for such things during that time. We would thus be more willing to surrender to receiving the mark of the beast—out of necessity. God’s Word desires us to

The foolish and wise virgins are spoken of in a parable by Christ representing humans spiritual conditions at the end of time. One thing the foolish needed to do was buy and sell. “The foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut” (**Matthew 25:8-10**). This parable represents the time just before and after the close of probation. Those who are not filled with the oil of the Holy Spirit will have no other options but to go to them which have the mark of the beast—those which will be able to buy and sell. The righteous will have no earthly support at this time, but “We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (**2 Corinthians 4:18**).

Though there are many ways to find the numbers 666 in various places, this one is the number of the name of a man connected to the beast. The Bible is specific...

V	=	5
I	=	1
C	=	100
A	=	0
R	=	0
F	=	0
I	=	1
L	=	50
D	=	500
V	=	5
E	=	0
S	=	0
I	=	1

The second beast, or false prophet scenario of **Revelation 13**, can be illustrated by an Old Testament Bible story that has elements of a nation causing all to worship an image on pain of death for dissension. Find that story in **Daniel 3**. A more detailed explanation can be found by listening to part three of these presentations: RevelationWithDaniel.com/3-angels-in-daniel-1-6-at-secrets-unsealed-studio.

Some may ask, “How can the United States of America, a nation started by God and being a help to His people, turn against God’s people?” Historic examples of nations that were first for and then against God’s people are here:

After the days of **Joseph** in the famine of Egypt (which was a time that God used Egypt to bless His people), God brought His people out of the bondage of Egypt. Later, Egypt came against God’s people with what seemed to be a death decree.

“When Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness?” (**Exodus 14:10-11**)

Notice what happened before the days of **Esther**: Cyrus, king of Persia, was used of God to call His people out of Babylon. The prophecy was given many years in advance found in **Isaiah 44:28**. That same prophecy was fulfilled in the record of **Ezra 1:1-3**. Later, Persia was a tool in the hand of the enemy to bring a death decree against God’s people. See **Esther 3:8-15**.

The nations of the Medes and Persians that **Daniel** prophesied about to overtake Babylon (**Daniel 5:25-31**) were later the tool to throw Daniel (representing God’s people) into the lion’s den during a death decree (see **Daniel 6**).

America was a safe haven for God’s people coming out of Rome and America will later make an image to Rome and bring the death decree against God’s people (**Revelation 13:15**).

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Revelation 12 starts with the history of when Christ was on the earth while the end of chapter **14** brings us to His second coming. This is the same layout of the churches, seals and trumpets. Between the sixth and seventh seals and trumpets there are interludes which include a picture of the 144,000. In Revelation **14** there is another picture of the 144,000, which fits into the same layout and time frame as the interludes of the seals and trumpets!

- **Christ**, seven **churches** (there are blessings corresponding to the number of each church, i.e. one blessing for the first church, two blessings for the second church, etc. There is a marked difference between the sixth and seventh churches when it comes to blessings; there are six for the sixth church, yet only three for the seventh church. Could this hint of an interlude?)
- **Christ**, seven **seals** (interlude between the 6th and 7th including the 144,000), **second coming**
- **Christ**, seven **trumpets** (interlude between the 6th and 7th including the 144,000), **second coming**
- **Christ**, the **dragon**, **beast**, and **false prophet** (interlude including the 144,000), **second coming**
 - The interlude of the seals tell **who** the 144,000 are
 - The interlude of the trumpets tell **when** and **where** the 144,000 come from
 - The interlude of the beasts tell **what** the 144,000 will say
- There is natural trouble in the sixth seal just before this interlude: **Revelation 6:12-17**
- There is moral trouble in the sixth trumpet just before this interlude: **Revelation 9:20-21**
- There is civil, religious and economic trouble just before this interlude: **Revelation 13:15-17**

Between Revelation 13:11-17 and 14:1-5:

There is earth (**13:11**)

There are lamb like horns (**13:11**)

All the power of the first (**13:12**)

Them which dwell on the earth (**13:12**)

Mark on the foreheads (**13:16**)

Fire from heaven (**13:13**)

Worship and music (**13:15, Daniel 3:5-6**)

Spiritual fornicators (**13:14-17, 17:2, 18:3**)

These follow the image (**13:15-17**)

There is a mountain (**14:1**)

There is a Lamb (**14:1**)

All the power of the First (**14:1, Matthew 28:18**)

The 144,000 (**14:1**)

Name/seal on the foreheads (**14:1, 7:3**)

Voice from Heaven (**14:2**)

Worship and music (**14:2-3**)

Spiritual virgins (**14:4**)

These follow the Lamb (**14:4-5**)

Verse 1 - In the midst of seeing a dragon and beasts, John sees a Lamb. The Lamb is on Mount Sion, also called Hermon (**Deuteronomy 4:48**). (See **Hebrews 12:18-23, Isaiah 52:1**) "Its modern name is Jebel-esh-Sheikh, "the chief mountain." It is one of the most conspicuous mountains in Palestine or Syria. "In whatever part of Palestine the Israelite turned his eye northward, Hermon was there, terminating the view. From the plain along the coast, from the Jordan Valley, from the heights of Moab and Gilead, from the plateau of Bashan, the pale, blue, snow-capped cone forms the one feature in the northern horizon" (Easton; Hermon). With the Lamb are the 144,000. They have the Father's name in their foreheads (not the mark of the beast), representing their unswerving choices and requests to have God's character as their own (name represents character and God's

character is transcribed by His ten commandment law (see chart in notes for chapter seven)—“If ye love Me, keep My commandments” (**John 14:15**)).

Verse 2-3 - The voice from heaven sounded like many people (**17:15**), and like thunder. What does thunder sound like? Its sound quakes the earth! These voices were in concert with harpers, and a new song rang throughout the heavenly courts from the throne of God. The song was designed and kept only for the 144,000. No-one had ever sung that song before, and no-one will be able to sing it in the same way afterward. The 144,000 will have a unique experience that will be their own throughout all eternity.

Verse 4 - The 144,000 were not soiled or defiled by women. They were virgins—a fitting term which brings us to the 10 virgins parable of **Matthew 25:1-13**. Five virgins could not buy or sell, so they told the others which needed to, to go to those which had the mark of the beast so they could buy oil, as the only other available option. The oil represents a living, Christian experience wherein the Holy Spirit has had the opportunity to change the character into the image of Jesus Christ. The world wants us to worship the image of the beast in **13:15**. The not buying and selling of **13:17** reflects the 144,000 virgin's experience. So, the impersonation of the Holy Spirit by the third beast in the Fraudhead shows the worldly goal to create in us a worldly image, rather than Christ's image.

The women in Revelation are either God's pure church (**12:1**), or the apostate church and the harlot daughters (**17:5**). **2 Corinthians 11:2-3** says, “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one Husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” The 144,000 have Christ 100% in their lives. There is no need for the 144,000 to wonder in and out of a relationship with Him, nor to serve other gods, for Christ is their everything. Harvested at Christ's second coming while living, they are a firstfruits unto God.

Daniel and his three faithful friends could be seen as types of the 144,000. They stood with the Lamb while others knelt before an idol. They had God's character in their lives, or His name written on their foreheads. Because of their age at the time of their captivity, there's a good chance they were actually virgins (symbolically in Revelation of not being defiled with unfaithful 'women,' or unfaithful religious affiliations). They were redeemed from death either from the furnace or the lion's den, they were without fault—as no faults are specified in their Biblical history, and Daniel was without fault before the king and God after coming out of the lion's den persecution.

Also, in **Genesis 24** there is the story of Isaac and the virgin **Rebekah**. This story can illustrate God's salvific plan for His Son and church. Abraham (the Ancient of Days, if you will), sent out his most trusted servant (the work of the Holy Spirit). The servant was purposed to find a virgin wife (the church) for Abraham's son (Jesus Christ).

Read the story of **Esther** to find another end-time illustration including a virgin.

Verse 5 - In their mouth (where they either eat or speak) is no guile. The word guile can be translated “bait.” Guile is translated seven times in the New Testament: **John 1:47**, **2 Corinthians 12:16**, **1 Thessalonians 2:3**, **1 Peter 2:1**, **1 Peter 2:22**, **1 Peter 3:10**. The word can be translated subtlety, deceit, craft and guile. These are without the purpose of evil. They are desirous of only good, right, and justice. “Without fault” can be a reality only through the experience of righteousness by faith.

Verse 6-12 - The loud proclamation of the gospel goes out to all the world. "Fear God and give glory to Him" (**Daniel 1**). "For the hour of His judgment has come" (**Daniel 2**). "Worship Him that made" (**Daniel 3**). "Babylon has fallen" (the first time, **Daniel 4**). "Is fallen (the second time) because she made all nations drink of the wine" (**Daniel 5**). "If any man worship the beast and his image... the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath... Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (**Daniel 6**). Find this online series here: www.revelationwithdaniel.com/3-angels-in-daniel-1-6-at-secrets-unsealed-studio/

Here are some notable Scripture texts to go along with a few of the concepts in the three angels' messages: "Fear God," **Proverbs 2:1-5, 8:13, Psalm 55:19**. "Give glory to Him," **1 Corinthians 10:31**. "The hour of His judgment has come," **1 Peter 4:17**. "Worship Him that made..." **Exodus 20:11**. "Babylon is fallen, is fallen," **Isaiah 21:9, Jeremiah 50-51, Revelation 18:2**. "The cup of His indignation," **Psalm 11:6, Isaiah 51:17, Matthew 26:39**. "Fire and brimstone," **Ezekiel 38:22, Luke 17:29, Revelation 20:10, 21:8**. "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever," **Isaiah 34:8-10, Psalms 37:20, Psalm 68:2**. "They have no rest," **Revelation 4:8, Matthew 11:28-12:1, Hebrews 4:1-11**. "The patience of the saints," **Hebrews 10:36, 12:1, Revelation 13:10**. "Keep the commandments of God," **John 14:15, 1 John 2:3-6, 1 John 5:1-5, Exodus 20:1-17**. "Faith of Jesus," **Galatians 2:16**.

Who is the God we are called to worship in verse seven? Please go through these questions and see if logic and Bible answers can help us define who is referred to in the three angels messages above: www.revelationwithdaniel.com/50-bible-questions-about-the-trinity/

You'll notice how it is that God does everything by going through this quick series of verses:

God the Father is the:

- **Comforter** through the Son: (2 Corinthians 1:3)
- **Creator** through His Son: (Ephesians 3:9)
- **Deliverer** through His Son: (Colossians 1:12-14)
- **Judge** through His Son: (John 5:22, 27)
- **Life** through His Son: (1 John 5:11-12)
- **Reconciler** through His Son: (2 Corinthians 5:19)
- **Redeemer** through His Son: (Galatians 4:4-6)
- **Resurrector** through His Son: (2 Corinthians 4:14)
- **Revealer** through His Son: (Matthew 11:25-26)
- **Saviour** through His Son: (1 Timothy 1:1)
- **Sealer** through His Son: (John 6:27)
- **Supplier** through His Son: (Philippians 4:19)

God the Father:

- Gave His Son all power Matthew 28:18
- Gave His Spirit to His Son John 3:34
- Gave all things into His Son's hand John 3:35
- Gave to His Son life John 5:26
- Committed all judgment unto His Son John 5:22, 27

- Gave His Son authority John 5:27
- Commanded His Son what to say John 12:49
- Gave His Son power over all flesh John 17:2
- Gave His Son a work to do John 17:4
- God is the head of Christ 1 Corinthians 11:3
- Christ always will be subject to His Father 1 Corinthians 15:28
- God is the God of our Lord Jesus Christ Hebrews 1:9
- The Son is an heir/inheritor Hebrews 1:2, 4
- God gave His Son a name Hebrews 1:4, Phil 2:9
- God has highly exalted His Son Phil 2:9
- God Anointed His Son Hebrews 1:9
- God told His Son to sit at His right hand Hebrews 1:13
- God sent His Son 1 John 4:14, John 3:34
- Sent the Spirit of His Son Galatians 4:4, 6

Verse 13 - This is the second of the seven “blessed” statements in the Revelation. Blessed is anyone who dies in the Lord. The timing of this verse—between the three angels’ messages and the second coming of the next verses—shows that the fires of persecution will be rekindled before Christ comes in the clouds of glory.

Verse 14-16 - God is waiting for the righteous harvest to ripen. He will not come until this is so. He has long patience that none should perish, but that as many as will come to repentance will have the opportunity to do so. (See **2 Peter 3:9**.)

Verse 17-20 - Another harvest is organized “without the city” during the end of time—the harvest of the wicked. The word “winepress” is used five times in the New Testament, each in the context of Christ’s second coming (**Matthew 21:33, Revelation 14:19, 20, 19:15**). God is not waiting for the wicked to become more wicked on this earth, He’s waiting for His righteous harvest to be fully ripened, matured, ready.

Just as Christ was crushed under the weight of our sins outside the city (**Hebrews 13:11-12**), so the wicked will be trampled “without the city.” As Christ’s blood was spilled outside the city for our sins which leads to salvation, so the wicked will spill their blood without the city for their sins without salvation. No amount of tainted blood could be spilled in order to pay the penalty for man’s sin. Only the blood of the spotless Lamb of God could pay the debt—but in this case, the efficacy of that blood has been rejected.

I choose the sacrifice of the Lamb and wish to follow Him whithersoever He goes.

“Hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us...” (**1 John 3:24**).

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Verse 1 - This is the only time the KJV uses the phrase “sign in heaven.” A similar phrase is used twice in the Revelation, “wonder in heaven” (**12:1, 3**). All three of these signs or wonders are “in heaven.” One shows a woman, the other shows a dragon, while this last one shows seven angels with seven last plagues. Does this phrase connect chapters **12** through **15**? We’ve seen that the chapters **12-14** show the first coming of Christ through His second coming, but can chapter **15** have a part to play as well? Yes! Including chapter **16**, which both go from the close of human probation until the coming of Christ after the plagues. It’s as though chapters **15-16** illustrate what’s going on in Heaven and on earth just before Christ comes in the clouds of glory. (The words “wonder” and “sign” are both the same word, G4592, which is used seven times in the Revelation.)

Mentioned in this verse are the seven ‘last’ plagues—the first three in Exodus were on everyone living—including the people of God—but the seven ‘last’ of the Exodus plagues were only for the nonbelievers. (See **Exodus 7-12**.)

The phrase “wrath of God” can be found in ten Bible verses (notice how many are in the Old Testament): **Psalms 78:31, John 3:36, Romans 1:18, Ephesians 5:6, Colossians 3:6, Revelation 14:10, 19, 15:1, 7, 16:1**. (Wrath and God in the same verse yields eighty search results in the KJV.)

Looking in the Revelation for sections of Scripture that correlate with the timing of the seven last plagues, look to the sixth and seventh churches, seals and trumpets, including their interludes. This is when the four angels are free to let loose the four winds of the earth (**7:1**), when the servants of God are completely sealed with God’s seal and name on their foreheads (**7:3**), when there will be great tribulation with hunger, thirst and great heat (**7:14, 16**), when the nations are angry and God’s wrath is come (**11:18**), when the dragon is expressing its wrath against the woman who keeps the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (**12:17**), when there will be persecution unto death from those who have the mark, number, or name of the beast toward those who are patient saints who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus (**14:7-13**), and when soon after we will all see Christ coming in the clouds of Heaven (**14:14**). Remember from the study of chapter **14**, there is natural, moral, religious, civil and economic trouble just before the plagues.

Verse 2-4 - The phrase “sea of glass” appears three times in the Bible, **4:6** and here. This is the only verse that uses both the words glass and fire. Could the “sea of glass mingled with fire” be a reflection of God’s physical glory from Heaven’s transparent gold? (**1 John 1:5** says, “God is light.”) Also, here is a list of the ways the enemy is and will be working to deceive God’s people. We need “victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name” (which in **13:18** is “the number of a man”). “The beast” mentioned in this message, whose worship is enforced by the two-horned beast, is the first, or leopard-like beast of **Revelation 13**—the papacy. The “image to the beast” represents that form of apostate Protestantism which will be developed when the Protestant churches shall seek the aid of the civil power for the enforcement of their dogmas” (The Great Controversy, 445). The “mark of the beast” is dealing with worship, as in **Revelation 14:9-12**, where those who “worship the beast and his image” will receive the beast’s mark, as those who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” will not. The true Sabbath versus Sunday will be the deciding factor to define who’s authority worshippers surrender to. This idea can be illustrated in the story of Cain and Abel, **Genesis 4:1-15**. We will either worship

God the Father and His image—His Son—or we will worship the beast and his image. There are only four players on the side of evil: the dragon, the beast, the image, and those who worship the beast and his image in their lives. Also, there are only four players on the side of right: the Father, the Son, the holy angels, and those who worship the Father and His Image in their lives. (These thoughts have been extracted from chapters **12:3-14:12**.)

The harps are found only in **5:8**, **14:2**, and here. Each time, those who have gained victory have one. They sing the song of the redeemed from Egypt, the song of Moses. Not only were they redeemed from Egypt with Moses, but also from the slavery of sin by the Lamb. God's people, at this point, will have come out of spiritual Egypt and Babylon to serve "the only true God, and Jesus Christ" (**John 17:3**). The words Moses and lamb together lead the mind to the sanctuary service of the Old Testament. The purpose of the lamb was to bring forgiveness to anyone who had broken the law of the Lord, the moral law of the ten commandments found in **Exodus 20** and **Deuteronomy 5**.

They sing the song of praise for God's judgments, which are great, marvelous, just, and true. The saved will come and worship before God because His judgments will be made manifest before all those who are there. We will know of a surety that what God has done is good, and we will praise Him for His decisions. It will be a special work for the redeemed to judge what God has decided: **Matthew 19:28**, **Luke 22:28-30**, **1 Corinthians 6:1-3**. God, during this time, will be on trial. How? Because we will be looking over the records of those who God (through Christ, **John 5:22**) had judged before the second coming. We will be able to say, "Thy judgments are made manifest."

There will be three surprises when we get to Heaven. 1) Those who you thought should be there will not be. 2) Those who you thought should not be there are there. 3) You're there! Because of the questions these scenarios will raise, God will have to expose all the judgments He made before sending His Son to earth to take His own back to Heaven with to be with Him. "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (**1 Corinthians 13:12**).

Verse 5 - The temple that contained the tabernacle of the testimony was opened in Heaven (the 'testimony' refers to the ten commandments. See **Exodus 40:20**). In the Old Testament, only during the Day of Atonement was the temple opened for the High Priest to access the Most Holy Place (**Leviticus 16:2**). This points again to the time of judgment. ("The hour of His judgment has come." **Revelation 14:7**) This, with what follows, is when the judgment hour is completed.

Verse 6-7 - These verses, showing angels dressed as priests (**1:13**), recall a similar experience in **Ezekiel 9**. They are both end time scenarios, are both dealing from different perspectives, and the imagery is astounding. Notice that in **Revelation 7:1-3** and **Ezekiel 9:1-4** it is the angels who have been commanded to place a seal upon God's people.

Verse 8 - When the sanctuary was filled with smoke in **Exodus 40:34-35**, Moses was unable to enter. **1 Kings 8:10-11** and **2 Chronicles 5:13-14** both say that ministers could not do service in the temple when the cloud of the Lord filled the place. Therefore, in the Revelation during the time of the seven last plagues, we see a people without an Intercessor, without a Mediator between God and man. "Says the prophet: "Who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." **Malachi 3:2, 3**. Those who are living upon

the earth when the intercession of Christ shall cease in the sanctuary above are to stand in the sight of a holy God without a mediator. Their robes must be spotless, their characters must be purified from sin by the blood of sprinkling. Through the grace of God and their own diligent effort they must be conquerors in the battle with evil. While the investigative judgment is going forward in heaven, while the sins of penitent believers are being removed from the sanctuary, there is to be a special work of purification, of putting away of sin, among God's people upon earth. This work is more clearly presented in the messages of **Revelation 14**" (The Great Controversy, 425).

We are living in solemn times. Prophecy speaks of and to people who will have victory, and those who will not. I choose to follow Christ with a full heart of love, respect and reverence. I choose to learn from Him daily of His desires and purposes for my life from the study of His holy Word, the Bible.

Currently, most likely while you're reading this, we are under the leadership of Jesus Christ as He sits upon the "throne of grace." The "throne of glory" has not yet been established. According to the times in the New Testament where these phrases are used, it is now the time to make a decision before it's too late, while Christ is still on the "throne of grace." The decision would include giving your life to God entirely, taking time every day (for as long as time and sense allow) to study His holy Word, and to commit to asking for yourself and others in prayer to be renewed and used of God in His service to save others from sin. Every work, whether good or evil, will be brought into judgment before the day of His appearing, and if we have chosen to serve ourselves over God, that will become evident—which will determine where we want to be for eternity—either perished, or as partakers of eternal life (see **John 3:16**).

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

In this chapter, when the ministry of Heaven's forgiveness and transformation of human lives is complete, when Jesus Christ is done with His intercessory ministry and leaves the temple that has been opened, He will change from His priestly garments into His kingly attire to come for His own (see **19:11-16**).

Today I accept Christ as my Priest, and will continue serving Him as my Lord.

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Revelation 16 highlights the final days of all of God's enemies just before He sends His Son. Not unlike God, there is another six with an interlude—six plagues and an interlude of Christ speaking to the 144,000 just before the seventh plague (this is the first time Christ has spoken since **3:22**). Each of the previous four interludes have included the 144,000, just as this one does as well.

Verse 1 - The previous verse, **15:8**, shows that nobody has access into the Heavenly Sanctuary until the seven plagues had done their work. Notice, they were told here to pour out their vials/bowls upon the earth. At the time of these plagues, no one on earth could receive the blessings that had previously been available through the ministry Christ while He was in the Heavenly Sanctuary. The choice of every human will have been made (currently future). Notice **Hebrews 4:15-16**. It's now in this time of grace that we have opportunity to come to Christ. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" (**Hebrews 2:3**)

God will have given mercy to the inhabitants of this earth for over 6,000 years during the fulfillment of these plagues of wrath. His merciful acceptance will no longer be available. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (**2 Corinthians 6:2**).

It's also noteworthy that the heavens (**16:1**), the earth (**16:2**), the sea (**16:3**), the fountains of waters (**16:4**), judgment (**16:5, 7**), glory (**16:9**), and three messengers (**16:13**) are mentioned during this time—Just like in the three Angels' messages of **14:6-12**.

Similar to the Trumpets

1st trumpet = earth, **8:7**
 2nd trumpet = sea, **8:8**
 3rd trumpet = fountains of waters, **8:10**
 4th trumpet = sun, **8:12**
 5th trumpet = darkness, **9:2**
 6th trumpet = Euphrates, **9:14**
 7th trumpet = kingdom, voice, earthquake, **11:15**

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 6th plague = Euphrates, **16:12**
 7th plague = kingdom, voice, earthquake, **16:17**

Verse 2 - The Bible says the first Angel went alone, not that all went together. There is a chronological succession of seven plagues that will fall upon the earth. Each with the purpose of taking the false gods of the enemy's devising, and showing the inhabitant on the earth and elsewhere, that those false gods cannot save. The issue is worship.

The first false god that received a plague was self (physical, mental, spiritual self). Anyone who would choose their own way and understanding will be given an opportunity to show their own power, or the power they chose to have as their authority, to demonstrate deliverance.

The first plague will be sores. The first time in the Bible we read about an affliction to the skin translated a "sore" is at the end of **Leviticus 13**, a chapter about leprosy. (Leprosy was on king Uzziah. Notice **Isaiah 1:6** which described it, using the word sores.) The next bodily sore is found in the midst of the curses of **Deuteronomy 28:35**, "The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head."

Also, during the prayer of Solomon in **2 Chronicles 6**, he asked for God to be merciful during the prayers of His people if they were infected with any sores. The sores were a good reason for people to seek the Lord (notice verses **28-31**), but during these last plagues, there's no more intercession, or

God listening to the mediation of His Son, interceding on behalf of the prayers of the repentant. By this time, everyone would have had their chance to accept God's mercy or reject it. Chronologically, **Job 2:7** shows the first bodily grievance given from Satan. They were "sore boils." **Luke 16:20-21** show Christ's parable about the rich man and Lazarus, which was full of sores. There is also record of one of the plagues of ancient Egypt that brought forth boils. See **Exodus 9:9-11**.

The story of **Job** illustrates the experience of the 144,000. Here's how:

- His name means "hated" or "persecuted." (Strongs, H0347)
- He was unique in the earth, was perfect, upright, feared God and eschewed evil. (1:8)
- He was the center of the war between God and the enemy. (1-2)
- Job looked like he was in the wrong with even his wife and friends against him. (2:9, 5:17)
- The "four corners" and "wind" are mentioned as destructive in his experience. (1:19)
- All earthly support was cut off. (1:21)
- Job was searching his heart to find what he had done that was wrong. (6:24)
- The enemy was able to do almost everything against him but take his life. (2:6, Psalm 91:7)
- Though he was the minority in question, he was the one that had it right. (1:22)
- He was willing to serve God in good and in bad times. (2:10, 13:15, 23:12)
- After the victory of faith, he was rewarded with more than he ever could have imagined. (42:10)

Verse 3 - The next plague is directed toward livelihood or resources, a means of traffic, gain or trade (See **18:16-19**). Because the Angels are pouring out the wrath of God (which is not symbolic), and because the plagues are effecting real people who worship a real power, I don't take the 'sea' in this verse to represent people, as it does in 17:15. If the sea represented people, "every living soul" would die in the second plague, leaving the other plagues to have no purpose.

Verses 4-7 - The fresh water resources that are on earth will be taken away and God will be praised for His true and righteous judgments. Verse 5 says a voice came from the "angel of the waters," which would have been on the earth, as the plague was poured out upon earth's rivers and fountains. Verse 7 states that a voice came "out of the altar." That voice would have been in Heaven. Since the angels won't pour out their vials all together, but rather in succession, could the angels—the fourth through the seventh—still be in the temple while these verses occur? Could the altar being spoken of be the one in Heaven? I believe so, and here's why:

15:6 says, "the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues." Notice verse 7 too, it states *how* the angels received the plagues. "One of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials." So it seems that verse 7 steps back in time to *when* they received the bowls. Therefore, they could still be in the temple where they received the bowls when the smoke comes in verse 8, and one by one they will come out of the temple to fulfill their priestly duty for the High Priest. This could be why **16:1** says there was "a great voice out of the temple..." So, in verses 5 and 7 there is a response about God's justice from both earth and Heaven.

Exodus 7:20 also speaks of the waters of the river turning to blood.

There are only four verses in the Bible where the words "true" and "righteous" are used together. Each of them contain the word "judgment." (**Psalm 19:9, 119:160, Revelation 19:2**.)

Verses 8-9 - It seems that most people today turn to God in times of adversity. During this time of plagues, people will turn away from God when things get tough. They will blaspheme God, something they had already chosen to do, and will not repent, proving that what God has done in trying to reach them by using the gospel wouldn't work even still. God can't, even now, bring these people to repentance through goodness or severity. God will have a people though who will serve

Him in good and bad weather. Notice **7:16**. This plague attacked one of the gods the pagans have worshipped throughout history—the sun. When the sun scorches men with fire, they will finally see that God has power over the items used in the plagues, this time, the sun.

Verses 10-11 - A darkness that could be felt is coming to those that made darkness their means to wealth, pomp, and position. A similar darkness is found in **Exodus 10:21-23**. **Revelation 16:2** and **11** both talk about sores. There's no description of a new set of sores since verse **2**, so it may be that the sores spoken of in verse **2** will continue afflicting the blasphemers till the plagues are finished.

Verse 12 - This plague turns symbolic, as the previous are better understood as literal (the switch between symbolic to literal can be seen in the seals too. Here it is the other way around). The River Euphrates ran directly through Babylon in ancient history. Those symbolic waters are mentioned here and will dry up to prepare for spiritual Babylon's final destruction. Just as, back in history, the Medo-Persians came from the east and rerouted the Euphrates to march under the walls and through the gates into the city to overthrow it, the waters will be dried up again. (Cyrus, a ruler from the east of Babylon, was used of God to overtake ancient Babylon. See **Isaiah 44:24-45:1**.) Cyrus represents Christ coming from the east while the waters drying up show that the kingdoms of this world and their earthly support are soon to fail under the destructive power of the coming of the Son of Man.

Verse 13-14 - Three messengers to deceive... Just as God has three messengers to warn and lead to truth (**14:6-12**). The unclean spirits may very well represent the mystic, miracle working spiritualism involved in the unity of the powers preceding and coming up to this time of trouble. Notice that a frog captures its prey with its tongue. The three that make up the fraudhead—the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet—are STILL (even after the close of probation in the time of in the plagues) used by the enemy to try and defeat the Everlasting God and His people! The deceptive miracles the enemy works during this time are just what the kings of the earth desire. They don't want truth that God offers through His Word, they want the mystic and supernatural. The dragon represents the power behind all the nations being used at the time, the beast represents the papal system or antichrist power, and the false prophet represents apostate Christians pushing for laws to mandate worship, specifically in the United States. The enemy uses deceptive measures again to gather people together with the false impression that they can overthrow God.

During the plagues of Egypt there were two miracles that were worked by the Egyptian magicians that mimicked what God had done through Moses: changing water into blood, **Exodus 7:22**, and bringing forth frogs, **8:7**. The last Egyptian miracle including frogs was their best and last effort to deceive both parties: the Egyptians and the Israelites. In the same way, the fraudhead at the end of time will pull together their best and last efforts to deceive all the inhabitants of the earth. The way they will do this is through what is known as “the strong, almost overmastering delusion.”

“The wrath of Satan increases as his time grows short, and his work of deceit and destruction will reach its culmination in the time of trouble.

Fearful sights of a supernatural character will soon be revealed in the heavens, in token of the power of miracle-working demons. The spirits of devils will go forth to the kings of the earth and to the whole world, to fasten them in deception, and urge them on to unite with Satan in his last struggle against the government of heaven.

By these agencies, rulers and subjects will be alike deceived. Persons will arise pretending to be Christ Himself, and claiming the title and worship which belong to the world's Redeemer. They will perform wonderful miracles of healing and will profess to have revelations from heaven contradicting the testimony of the Scriptures.

As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10" (The Great Controversy, 624-625).

Gathering the world together "to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" is referring to Armageddon of verse 16. This general war scenario can be found in other portions of the Revelation as well: **6:17, 11:18, 12:17, 13:15-18, 14:13, 17:13-16 and 19:19-21.**

Verse 15 - The New Testament uses the word "thief" 15 times. Not in every case is it referring to Christ's coming, but in the cases it is, it is specifically talking about the TIMING of the coming, not the manner. Notice **Matthew 24:42-44** ("for in such an hour as ye think not..."). Also, after explaining in detail the second coming of our Lord in **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**, Paul continues with chapter **5:1-6** explaining the TIMING of Christ's coming. Notice the manner... **2 Peter 3:10**. Thieves don't break in with great noise to then set off a bomb so people won't know they had been there! It's the timing that thieves are after. Thankfully, we don't have to be in darkness concerning the timing of Christ's coming. Though we do NOT know the day or the hour, we can certainly tell that our "redemption draweth nigh" (**Luke 21:28**).

This is another of the 'blessed' statements. Blessed are those who study Bible prophecy, keep their garments of righteousness and watch for the timing of our Lord's return. This is a call for nothing short of God's people experiencing the perfect righteousness of Christ.

The enemy will bring out his best deception at this time, doing all he can to break the commitment of one of God's children that have been sealed. Why? Because if the enemy can win over to his side one of those that are sealed, then—just like he would have if he had won in the life of Christ—he would win the battle between good and evil. (We must understand that the enemy believes he can win because he *is* deceived.)

Verse 16 - He, being the enemy using the symbolized powers of verses **13-14**. In the previous verses people were gathered together to battle. This end-time during-the-seven-last-plagues-battle, is called Armageddon. Here is the only time this word is used in the Bible. Interestingly, the battle starts at the second coming of Christ, and ends in the third. More on that later. =) One thing interesting is how a battle in the Old Testament shows victory in the valley of Megiddo:

“The valley or plain of Megiddo [meaning “place of troops”] was part of the plain of Esdraelon, the great battle-field of Palestine. It was here Barak gained a notable victory over Jabin, the king of Hazor, whose general, Sisera, led on the hostile army. Barak rallied the warriors of the northern tribes, and under the encouragement of Deborah (q.v.), the prophetess, attacked the Canaanites in the great plain. The army of Sisera was thrown into complete confusion, and was engulfed in the waters of the Kishon, which had risen and overflowed its banks (Judg. 4:5).” (Easton Bible Dictionary, “Megiddo”)

One major difference is the waters dried up in Revelation 16, but the elements that make it an end time scenario are here:

- A notable victory for God’s people
- A hostile army coming against God’s people
- God rallied warriors from the land of the north
- God’s people under the encouragement of a prophetess
- God’s people warring against those who inhabit the land of the Israelites (the Canaanites)
- God throwing the enemy armies into a complete confusion
- Ultimately, deliverance came from the Lord through a woman (Jael, representing the church) who drove a stake through the temple of Sisera (the ultimate mark of the beast on the forehead?)

Verses 17-21 - (In the seventh seal of **8:1**, the wording can best be understood as symbolic. So, having changed in the seals from symbolic to literal language in the sixth, then back to symbolic language in the seventh, here we will do similar. The first five plagues are literal, the sixth is symbolic, and the seventh seems to use both symbolic and literal.) Regarding what could be symbolic and what could be literal: the voices, thunders and lightnings, the earthquake, the great city, the cup of God’s wrath, these all could be understood as symbolic, yet, the islands fleeing away and the mountains moving out of their places is nearly a direct quote from the literal portion of the sixth seal (**6:14**). Job equates the hail with the time of trouble and of war: “Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?” (**Job 38:22-23**)

Here the Son of God says in the New Testament for the second time, “It is done.” He said it first on the cross (**John 19:30**). He will say it again in **21:6**. This phrase has huge meaning.

The first time it was said meant that His first ministry phase of the sanctuary,—the outer court—had been completed. The second time, during the plagues, shows the second ministry phase of the sanctuary—the Heavenly Holy Place—is completed. The third time, after recreating the earth from its fiery judgment, shows the final ministry phase completed from the Most Holy Place.

Earthquakes are mentioned seven times in the Revelation: **6:12**, **8:5**, **11:13**, **19** and here. The earthquake explained without calling it an earthquake, yet relating to the same time, is in **6:14-17**. The great city, Babylon, was divided into three parts, one for the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. This is the spiritual city they had hoped to rule after defeating God. The hailstones were, according to several commentators, about 75-130 pounds each. “The plague thereof was exceeding great.”

With this second time Christ says, “It is done/finished” and the great earthquake, could there be a reference to the another resurrection? During the first time Christ said, “It is finished” in John, the Bible says there was a special resurrection (see **Matthew 27:50-53**). What is this second time Christ says, “It is done” there is another special resurrection? How could Revelation 1:7 be fulfilled without one? “Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen” (**Revelation 1:7**).

Notice this paragraph from a book entitled "Darkness Before Dawn." "Graves are opened, and "many [notice it doesn't say ALL] of them that sleep in the dust of the earth. . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2. All [this does mean everybody] who have died in the faith of the third angel's message [which was given in the 1840's] come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him" (Revelation 1:7), those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His glory and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient." {Darkness Before Dawn 47.1} [bracketed comments are mine]

Christ, when standing before the high priest, said what is included in the following, "The high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye [speaking to the group around him specifically, as "ye" is a plural term] shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven [the second coming]" (**Mark 14:60-62**). So Christ prophesied that the high priest would be able to see Him coming again! How could that be without a special resurrection?

Praise God we can know the Saviour in a relational way, and He CAN and WILL save us from the forthcoming plagues if we are willing to surrender to His authority.

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Verse 1 - One of the seven angels that was seen in **15:1, 7** and **16:1**, came to John saying, 'Come here, I will show you something about a woman.' In **21:9** John writes almost the identical thing. This shows that there is a parallel between two 'great cities' mentioned in each chapter. Notice the comparison between the two buildings:

I will shew thee the (Bride), **Rev. 21:9**
 The Lamb's wife, **21:9**
 Carried away in the Spirit, **21:10**
 To a great and high mountain, **21:10**
 Shewed me that great city, **21:10**
 The Holy Jerusalem, **21:10**
 Out of Heaven from God, **21:10**
 Having the glory of God, **21:11**
 She is a queen, marrying a King, **21:2**
 A stone most precious, **21:11**
 City had twelve foundations, **21:14**
 City was pure gold, **21:18**
 Precious stones... pearls, **21:19-21**
 Glory of God did lighten it, **21:23**
 Kings bring their glory, **21:24**
 She has daughters, **Song 3:11, Isa. 3:16**
 She has mountains, **Psalms 133:3**

I will shew thee the (whore), **Rev. 17:1**
 The great whore, **17:1**
 Carried away in the Spirit, **17:3**
 Into the wilderness, **17:3**
 Thou sawest... that great city, **17:18**
 Babylon the great, **17:5**
 Great city Babylon... Thrown down, **18:21**
 She hath glorified herself, **18:7**
 She claims to be a queen, **18:7**
 Precious stones, **18:16**
 Sitteth upon many waters, **17:1**
 Decked with gold, **18:16**
 Precious stones and pearls, **18:16**
 A candle shall shine no more, **18:23**
 Kings... bewail... lament, **18:9**
 She has daughters, **17:5**
 She has mountains, **17:9**

Again, the enemy has personated. This brings new meaning to **Revelation 13:6**. The woman is sitting on many waters. The last waters spoken of were from the Euphrates in **16:12**. This chapter is an exposition of who will rule before the waters (people) dry up (withdraw their support) at the *very* end of time.

Verse 2 - Just to put it simply, she allures the leadership and inhabitants of the earth with spiritual sex and alcohol. Fornication is mentioned 12 times in the Revelation. The whore described in this chapter leads people deceptively with pleasures and lusts, into a condemned state—trapped by their own lack of understanding and poor decisions to ultimately be destroyed by God. A sad reality for people deceived at the end of time. Fornication between her (a church) and kings (men in political positions) represents an oppressive unity of church and state.

Verse 3 - In verse **1** the angel said, "Come hither." In verse **3** John is "carried... away." Where was he carried and how? He's carried away "in the Spirit into the wilderness." John was taken to another place in space and time. Remember, John was taken to another place where Christ was in **1:10**—not on the island where there were no 'churches'—but "in the midst of the seven candlesticks," or churches where Christ was ministering as Priest. In **4:2**, John was "in the Spirit." He was in the Spirit immediately after **4:1** which said, "Come up hither..." Again, John was taken to another time and

place. In this case, he was taken where Christ was about to come into the throne room of God to be accepted as a perfect sacrifice. It's important to see too that John was "carried away in the Spirit" in **21:10** also. He was taken to the Holy City which is in Heaven. This helps us determine the potential 'when' and 'where' of chapter **17**—it doesn't have to be during John's then-current time on the island.

The woman and the beast in this verse are connected to the beasts of chapter **13**, the little yet exceeding great horn of **Daniel 8:9-12**, the beast and little horn of **Daniel 7:8**, and the feet of iron and clay of **Daniel 2:4:41-43**. When connecting all these chapters together, we come up with a (partial) list of identifying marks that tell us who this power is:

Identifying points of the Antichrist:

1. It's a "little" horn (**Daniel 7:8**)
2. 3 horns were "plucked up," "fell," or were "subdued" by it (**7:8, 20, 24**)
3. It had eyes like the eyes of a man (**7:8**—man's understanding, **Ephesians 1:18**)
4. It had a "mouth speaking great things" or "words against the Most High (**7:8, 25**)
5. "The same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them" (**7:21**)
6. It's called a kingdom—"another [kingdom] shall arise" (**7:24**)
7. It would come up "after" the 10 divided kingdoms of Rome (**7:24**)
8. It would be "diverse" or different from the other 10 horns [being religious] (**7:24**)
9. It would "think to change times and laws" (**7:25**)
10. It would rule over God's people for "a time, and times, and the dividing of time" (**7:25**)—the same period found in **Daniel 12:7, Revelation 11:2,3, 12:6,14, 13:5** (See **Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:1-6** for the prophetic principle of a day for a year)
11. It would "magnify himself even to the Prince of the host" (**8:11**)
12. By it "the place of [God's] sanctuary was cast down" (**8:11**)
13. "It cast down the truth to the ground" (**8:12**)
14. It would be "a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences" (**8:23**)
15. "His power shall be mighty" (**2:40, 8:24**)
16. "He shall cause craft to prosper in his hand" (**8:25**)
17. "He shall also stand up against the Prince of princes" (**8:25**)
18. It will look/act like Jesus in multiple ways (**Revelation 13:1-5**)
19. It will come out of a populated area, "the sea" (**13:1**. See **17:15** for the Bible's interpretation of the sea/waters)
20. It would have "crowns" upon the "horns"—kings in the divisions of Rome (**13:1**)
21. It would have "the name of blasphemy" upon it (**13:1**—Biblically, blaspheme has been 1.) Sinning against God [**Ezekiel 20:27**], 2.) Claiming to forgive sins while not being God [**Mark 2:7**], 3.) Making one's human self to be God [**John 10:33**])
22. It would be made up of elements from Greece, Medo-Persia, and Babylon (**13:2**, see **Daniel 7:3-6**)
23. It would have a wound unto death that would be healed (**13:3**—regarding the wound, please read from "The history of the French revolution, tr. with notes by F. Shoberl, by Marie Joseph L. Adolphe Thiers, 1838, pg 204)
24. The prominent colors would be "purple", "scarlet" (red), and "gold" (**17:4**)
25. The city sits on seven mountains—known as 'the city of seven hills' - (**17:9**)

Verse 4 - The woman was arrayed in several colors here and in **18:16** (purple, red, gold, and fine linen). These are the same colors, minus one, that the priests would wear in the sanctuary (**Exodus 28:2-5**). Purple is a color used by the Bible that can symbolize royalty (**Judges 8:26**). Red represents the forgiveness of sin in the context of the sanctuary (**Isaiah 1:18**). Gold can be equated with faith tried by fire (**1 Peter 1:7**). Fine linen represents righteousness (**Revelation 19:8**), yet why did she not wear the blue? Notice **Numbers 15:38-41**. The woman wants to be seen as God's accepted priesthood on earth, but is unwilling to be obedient to His Word. It seems like the similar tactic used in the prophecy of **Isaiah 4:1**. The golden cup in her hand also exposes her wealth. She was made rich through the abominations and fornication she seduced the kings and inhabitants of the earth into. The golden cup could bring us to **Daniel 5**, where a heathen Babylonian king drank wine from the holy golden vessels of God before judgment came. She too treats holy things as common. Notice **Jeremiah 51:7**, "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."

Revelation 6:6, 14:8, 10, 20, 16:19, 17:2, 18:3, 13, 19:15 speak of the wine in various ways.

Psalms 11:6 and **75:8** speak of the wicked drinking God's cup of wrath. Christ offered the cup of blessing to His followers (**Matthew 26:27-28**) while He was willing to take the cup of suffering for Himself (**26:38-44**).

"Canvassers, remember that in the books you handle you are presenting, not the **cup** containing the **wine** of Babylon, **doctrines of error** dealt to the kings of the earth, but the **cup** full of the preciousness of the **truths of redemption**" (Colporteur Evangelism, 10).

"There are **few** to whom you bring the truth, who have **not been drinking of the wine of Babylon**. It is **hard** for them to comprehend the truth, therefore the necessity of teaching it as it is in Jesus" (1 Selected Messages, 405).

Verse 5 - Upon her forehead, or, because of her choices that have made up her character, she is called "Mystery, Babylon..." (a whore's forehead in **Jeremiah 3:3**.) (Mystery can be understood as secrecy. Strong's G3466.) Mystery is used in chapter **17** and **10:7**. The 'mystery of the Kingdom of God' is often how this word is used. She is the mother of harlots that has joined forces with the father of lies (**John 8:44**). The harlot with the daughters is understood by what is portrayed in the relationship between the first and second beasts of **Revelation 13**—the image of the beast. The Roman Catholic Church combined with the religious powers of North America form this destructive and deceptive unity. The harlot with daughters can be further understood by studying the story of John the Baptist before a harlot and her daughter while interacting with one a king of the earth (**Mark 6:14-29**).

Verse 6 - She is responsible for the blood of many Christians through deceit and persecution (See **18:24**). She's also very attractive. She doesn't fornicate with the kings of the earth because she's ugly... even John "wondered with great admiration" when he saw her... Wondered is the same word used in **13:3**—a word that is used 4 times in the Revelation, only in chapters **13** and **17**. Even those as dedicated to Christ as John need be wary! This Greek word "admiration" is used once in the New Testament. (**Isaiah 49:24-26** is interesting.) This woman is drunken with blood from a golden cup. The Bible gives reference to only four verses that use the words blood and cup together: **Luke 22:20, 1 Corinthians 10:16, 25, 27**. Each of these verses are used in the context of the Lord's supper. Again, the antichrist system is impersonating Christ's ministry—offering and experiencing a false gospel.

Verse 7 - John was rebuked by the angel for his moment of mesmerism. In this verse, the angel said he would explain what John had seen in the woman, the water, the beast, the heads, and the horns. The angel speaks of the “**beast**” in verse **8**, the “**heads**” in verse **9**, the “**horns**” in verse **12**, the “**waters**” in verse **15**, and the “**woman**” in verse **18**.

This chapter can be broken into two parts: what is seen in verses **1-7**, and what is explained in verses **8-18**.

Verse 8 - (Recalling the earlier notes from verse **3**, it is seen here that John was taken to another place and time while “in the spirit.”) Has there been a time when the beast “was, and is not”? Yes, it was at the same time the identical beast received its deadly wound in **13:3**. The beast then, after its deadly wound, ascends out of the “bottomless pit.” After ascending, it goes into perdition. (Just as John experienced in **17:6**, the earth will wonder at this power, just as it is prophesied that they will wonder after the beast in **13:3**.)

While the antichrist beast was “not” (when it had received its deadly wound), which beast was? In **11:7** we see France, the beast which also ascended out of the bottomless pit. France is the political power that brought the Catholic political church to a point of being “is not.” As the power of France was from the bottomless pit, it would make sense that when the Catholic church received life again—after its deadly wound—it too would have come out of the bottomless pit.

From the middle to the end of **17:8**, it corresponds with **13:8**. The very end of **17:8** tells of this antichrist beast “that was [during the dark ages], and is not [during the time France took the political power away from the antichrist system], and yet is [in that the beast system wasn't fully destroyed, as the religious aspect of the Catholic church has never been fully exterminated].”

Verse 9 - There are only two times the Revelation uses the word “wisdom” when not talking about God: here and in **13:18**. Both point to the same religio-political power, one having the number of a man's name (**15:2**) directly connected to the beast, while this other points out characteristics that have been looked at in the notes of chapter **8**, trumpet two. A mountain can refer to a kingdom, so here is portrayed the women (the Roman Catholic Church) sitting on “seven” kingdoms, or all the kingdoms of the world that have been directly connected with the prophecies of God's people. This has also been used to show the physical characteristics of the Vatican as the city of seven hills. Again, just as God has His foundation on mountains, so does this impersonating and deceptive power. “His foundation is in the holy mountains” (**Psalms 87:1**).

Verse 10 - The phrase in the King James Version, “And there are” can be translated, “And are,” as the word “there” is translated as “they” in many other versions. This means that the mountains can also be called kings or kingdoms. Seven kings all together. Five were fallen. One “is” (that accounts for 6). When the beast (or Papacy) of verse **8** “is not,” there was a beast which “is” according to this verse. Notice: 1) Babylon, 2) Medo-Persia, 3) Greece, 4) pagan Rome, 5) papal Rome (which fell to France receiving a deadly wound), 6) France brings us to the one which “is” in this prophecy. The other that is not yet come (into full power at that time) would be the next major player in Biblical prophecy—7) The United States of America. America will only continue a “short space” because of the times in which we live—the end of time.

Verse 11 - "The beast that was, and is not" is the Catholic church/state system, or Papacy, that had a deadly wound that would be healed. AND, she "is the eighth!" Yes, she "is of the seven." In fact, she was number five in verse **10**. (Remember again, her deadly wound was promised to be healed, **13:3**.) The Catholic church, along with Protestant America, will work together (as foretold in chapter **13**) to go into "perdition" (a word used only twice in Revelation, verses **8** and **11**). The "son of perdition" is found in **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4**, which is also equated to Judas, **John 17:12**.

Don't forget about Judas which was:

- One of the disciples (**Matthew 10:2-5**)
- Trusted with and empowered by the Holy Spirit (**Luke 9:1**)
- In the know regarding the deep things of the Master (**Matthew 24:3**)
- A worker of miracles (**Matthew 10:1**)
- At the counsels of the Master (**John 6:3**)
- Highly respected (**Matthew 26:14**)
- An inner betrayer/deceiver (**John 6:70-71**)
- Outwardly focused on ministering to the poor (**John 12:5-6**)
- Holder of the money bags (**John 12:6**)
- One who received a deadly wound, on a tree, the same day, outside the city, just as the Messiah (**Matthew 27:3-10, Acts 1:15-20**) (See the Desire of Ages, 722.5)

Verse 12 - The number ten could refer to a similar situation as the ten divisions of Rome in both **Daniel 2** and **7**, where the entire political world is referred to. Could a world-wide consortium be prophesied? If so, there is power given them for just a short time at the end. One prophetic hour represents about fifteen days, though I don't believe this has to be taken as prophetic time, just as "the hour" of God's judgment should not be understood that way either (**14:7**).

Verses 13-14 - Having one mind and giving their (political) strength to the beast (the church/state union), which here represents the Papacy united with Protestant America and all other nations of the world, they make war against God (His people on earth that have come out of spiritual Babylon, **18:4**). God's people, though suffering persecution, will prevail in the light of eternity.

"The line of distinction between professed Christians and the ungodly is now hardly distinguishable. Church members love what the world loves and are ready to join with them, and Satan determines to unite them in one body and thus strengthen his cause by sweeping all into the ranks of spiritualism. Papists, who boast of miracles as a certain sign of the true church, will be readily deceived by this wonder-working power; and Protestants, having cast away the shield of truth, will also be deluded. Papists, Protestants, and worldlings will alike accept the form of godliness without the power, and they will see in this union a grand movement for the conversion of the world and the ushering in of the long-expected millennium" (GC 588).

Christ said after two different parables, "Many are called, but few are chosen" (**Matthew 20:16, 22:14**). In this verse, they are not only called and chosen, but also faithful. Perhaps few are chosen because few are faithful...? May the Lord bless our decisions to follow Him. There is one other time Christ has a similar name, see **19:16**. (Here they gather for the battle of Armageddon, see **16:14,16**.)

Verse 15 - Waters, in most Bible prophecy, represents people (where in places like **21:1** it makes best sense that it doesn't represent people. What would the new earth be without people?).

Verses 16-17 - After making a pact with the beast, the kings of the earth turn against her, burn her with fire and eat her flesh (it makes sense that the order of events would be that she would be burnt and then eaten, rather than eaten and then burnt, right?).

Could the kings of the earth be offering her up to their 'god' as a burnt offering? God told the children of Israel to burn a lamb and eat its flesh during the passover service (**Exodus 12:8**). Worship *is* the central issue at the end of time. Also, the only times people were specifically, "burnt with fire" can be found in three verses:

- **Leviticus 20:14** And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. (Notice **Revelation 20:10**.)
- **Leviticus 21:9** And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.
- **Joshua 7:15** And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

Weren't those that made up spiritual Babylon, during the beginning of the Christian age, Christ's? Paul said, "I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (**Acts 20:29-30**)? Aren't our worst enemies those from within? (**See Micah 7:6**.) We need to fear God, but we ought also to fear ourselves.

Verse 18 - The church/state will reign over the leaders of the earth. Church and state, when united in a carnal world, always leads to the persecution of God's true Bible believers. (Haman wanted worship as a leader of the nation in the story of **Esther**, King Nebuchadnezzar commanded worship in Babylon in **Daniel 3**, the leaders of the Medes set up a false system of worship in **Daniel 6**, the church appealed to have no king but Caesar in **John 19**, and the 50-75 millions who were slaughtered by the dark ages church when not submitting to her political will and authority are only a few examples.)

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Verse 1 - At the time when the three angels' messages of **14:6-12** have been ignored or rejected, the same message will lighten the earth. As early as **Numbers 14:21** the Bible has called for "all the earth [to] be filled with the glory of the LORD." **Ezekiel 43:1-7** shares similar thoughts along with **Revelation 7:2**. The glory from the east, the earth being filled, and a holy people—God's desires.

Verse 2-3 - Babylon falling (failing in the Greek) repeated twice can be partly understood by the physical and spiritual conditions of the characters found in **Daniel 4-5**. Please find presentations on those chapters here: www.RevelationWithDaniel.com/3-angels-in-daniel-1-6-at-secrets-unsealed-studio. Nebuchadnezzar lost his kingly position for a time (becoming a vegan for seven years), then his 'deadly wound was healed' in chapter 4. Belshazzar rejected the straight testimony of the true witness in chapter 5 and was destroyed along with Babylon by the king from the east. **Jeremiah 5:20-31** shows that God's people at a time were similar to this end-time Babylonian condition. Remember, Israel went to Assyria and Judah to Babylon... God is certainly merciful, as we can see from His dealings with His children, but He too has a limit.

Verse 4 - At this end-time scenario, the sinful purposes of falsehood will be fully exposed. God will call His people out of the confusion of faith so prevalent in this world, but to where will He call them? **Deuteronomy 6:21-25** shows that God called the children of Israel *out* of Egypt that He might bring them *in* to the land of Canaan. Just so at the end of time, God calls people *out* of Babylon to call them *in* to His remnant church which keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (**Revelation 12:17**). **Isaiah 48:20-21** shows that God relates the coming out of Babylon with the escape of God's people from Egypt.

See **Isaiah 21:1-10**, **Jeremiah 50-51** regarding the fall of Babylon, and notice also how **Isaiah 23:14-18** and **Ezekiel 26-28:10** show Tyre to be a lot like Babylon in **Revelation 17-18**!

Verse 5 - **Jeremiah 51:9**, **Genesis 18:21**, **Ezra 9:6**, **Jonah 1:2**, and **Psalms 102:19-22** all show that God is interested in what is happening on this earth. Any study will show numerous examples of the Lord beholding us from Heaven. He watches (through His "watchers," see **Daniel 4:13, 17, 23** also referred to as the "eyes of the Lord." See **2 Chronicles 16:9**, **Zechariah 4**) because He loves us, He takes note of those who accept His salvation, truth and love. (See **Malachi 3:16-18**) Also, according to this verse, He watches because He can see both good and evil (**Proverbs 15:3**). Our works will be proof of our eternal desires: **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**, **2 Corinthians 5:10**.

Verse 6 - The word double is used three times in this verse. It's a solemn mistake to reject God's mercy and to choose our own paths. **Psalms 137:7-9** can be hard to understand, but in the context of God recompensing to Babylon what she has done to others, it makes perfect sense. This will be done in **Revelation 18**. Consider **Isaiah 13** in this context as well.

Verse 7 - In her own glory and kingdom she will receive retribution as she sits a queen. **Isaiah 47:8-11** uses similar wording (consider reading the entire chapter). Remember that both "great cities" in chapters 21 and 17 are queens! (See the list on the first page of the notes for chapter 17.)

Verses 8-19 - (These verses are describing the drying up of the waters of the Euphrates which ran through the midst of Babylon, see **16:12**.) “In one day, death, and morning, and famine...,” “in one hour is thy judgment come...,” “in one hour so great riches is come to nought...,” “in one hour is she made desolate...” verses **8, 11, 17, and 19** say. One day equals a year, and one hour equals 15 days in prophetic time. We would have one year and 45 days on our hands if we used prophetic calculations, but I do not believe these to be time specific, i.e., it would be contrary to **10:6** to put dates on the beginning and ending of these time periods. Perhaps they will be that length of time when they occur, but I cannot see how we could set a date for each beginning and/or ending. Also, would the 45 days come to pass within the year? Would they take place consecutively, or at different times throughout that year? Whenever it happens, it won't take long. The financial breakdown of the world economy is portrayed in this chapter which will occur suddenly.

The word “alas” is the same word for “woe,” a word used 47 times in the New Testament, yet only translated “alas” these six times... ? Perhaps we won't know till Heaven why it was translated differently here.

Verse 20 - This verse calls heaven and earth to rejoice that the time of Christ's coming is at hand, just as **19:1-2** shows heaven rejoicing. **6:9-11** asked the question how long it will be until God avenges His people. Here is the answer. (See also **Deuteronomy 32:43**.)

Verse 21 - There are striking similarities between the destruction of ancient Babylon and spiritual Babylon in the Revelation. One such section is found in **Jeremiah 51:63-64**. Could the double statements saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen,” also refer to both the fall of historic and spiritual Babylon? Also, verses in **Matthew 18:6-7** are telling as to why Babylon is cast into the sea.

Verses 22-23 - The arts of music will be destroyed, creativity will be no more, general work for daily needs will be done away with, and marriage will be obsolete (also, the voice of Christ, the ‘bridegroom’ and His church, the ‘bride’ will no longer be heard calling for repentance). Compare these verses with what happened to Israel just before being sent into Babylon: **Jeremiah 25:8-11**. Sorceries and/or witchcraft used in the Revelation is the original word is pharmakeia. We use the word today by saying pharmacy. Could one of the strategies of the enemy be to get as many people addicted to as many things as possible, to prepare them for the time in which men can't buy or sell unless they have the mark, name, or number of the beast? Are people addicted to mixtures containing caffeine? What about nicotine? What about narcotics? What about medicine? The brews, mixtures, concoctions, potions, or whatever you'd like to call them are designed by the enemy to create addicts. And how much harder will it be, when in times of trial and strife, we have to choose between the spiritual and the physical? What will it be for you, spiritual conviction or physical addiction?

“By thy sorceries were all nations deceived...” Study God's health message, “lest satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices” (**2 Corinthians 2:11**).

Verse 24 - Babylon, the mother and her daughters, are responsible for the death and deception of countless prophets and saints.

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Verses 1-6 - The word “Alleluia” is used four times in this chapter, the only four times it’s used in the Bible! “True and righteous” for judgment is similar to what is found in **15:4** and **16:5**. Here, all Heaven has been able to sing about the *everlasting gospel*, saying in the *fear* of *God* while giving *glory to Him*, “Salvation, and glory, and honor and power!” (See **5:6, 13, 12:10, 14:6-7**) At this end time scenario the cry is made because *Babylon is fallen* due to the just judgments of God. He had avenged the blood of His servants (compare **6:10-11** and **14:8**). *The smoke of her torment* arises forever and ever, as predicted in **14:11**. Those that *keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus* are portrayed in the next few verses. (Notice **14:12**.) It’s interesting in verse **5** to read that it inadvertently reveals that it is God the Father being praised as on the throne. Notice the words: “Praise **our** God...” Every being in the universe has a God except God the Father. Please watch these short videos:

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Verse 7-9 - The “marriage of the Lamb” includes an invitation to the “marriage supper of the Lamb.” You’ll notice there are two suppers in this chapter, one where people are the main guests, and the other where people are the main course (see verses **17-18**). I choose the former! (**Matthew 22:1-14** illustrates a king desiring to invite people to the supper He had prepared for his son’s marriage. These are the same ideas contained here in the Revelation.)

The wife, at this future time, has made herself ready for the marriage (as the 144,000). Christ has been waiting for her to get ready, just as He is waiting for the precious harvest of the earth to be ripe (**14:14-15**). She is ready because she has arrayed herself in righteousness—Christ’s righteousness—the only righteousness acceptable for salvation. If Christ were to come to earth without the wife or harvest being ready, He would have no one to take back to Heaven! See Job’s thoughts about the robe of righteousness in **Job 29:14-17**.

Verse 10 - John worshipped at the feet of the angel and was told not to do it. The response was, “I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus.” In **22:8-9**, John worshipped at the feet of the angel and was told not to do it. The response was, “I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophets.”

The phrase “testimony of Jesus” is used 5 times in the Bible, each in the Revelation. (**1:2, 9, 12:17** and **19:10**). Each time it is referring to the words of the prophets, the “spirit of prophecy.” John was persecuted and sent to the island of Patmos because he faithfully declared the words of the prophets (see also **2 Timothy 3:12**).

Verses 11-16 - There are two well known characters in the Revelation on white horses: one in **6:2** and here in verse **11**. This one represents Jesus Christ coming in glory—referred to often as the second coming. Heaven is opened here as it is in **6:14**, during the second coming, and Christ is called “Faithful” just as He is in **1:5**, just as He is “True” in **3:14**. This time He doesn’t come as a Lamb to be slain, He comes as a King to judge and make war. His eyes as a flame of fire remind us of **1:14**, and the many crowns are specifically Kingly. **Isaiah 63:3** shares why His garment is dipped in blood, and **John 1:1-3 & 14** tells us that while Christ came to this earth, the Word was made flesh! (Something He will retain throughout all eternity. “God so loved the world that He gave...” **John 3:16**.) The armies of Heaven do His commandments and are therefore white with righteousness and mightier than any other (**Psalms 103:20**). Out of Christ’s mouth comes the Word of God (**Hebrews 4:12**. See **Hosea 6:5**). He will smite the nations and rule them with a rod of iron, as He promised

would happen to the victors in the fourth church (see **2:27**), representing the dark ages era. He was also prophesied to rule with a rod of iron during the days of Rome in **12:5**. He will tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God just as is mentioned in **14:19-20**. He is bold during this second coming. No mystery here, it will be written on His garments that He rules.

Verses 17-18 - The significance of the angel standing in the sun could mean that his message would spread as far and wide as its rays, and that he casts no shadows, only light (See **James 1:17**). He calls for the second supper in this chapter. The call for “fowls” of the air is interesting, in that the word for fowls is only used three times in the New Testament—each time in the Revelation (**18:2** and **19:21**). This must be the same supper (in the context of the second coming) that Christ spoke of in **Luke 17:37** (see that eagles are near where the slain are in **Job 39:27-30**). When Christ was asked, “Where Lord?” The question was not where were the people in the story left, but rather, where were they taken. They were taken unto death where the eagles/vultures would gather together. That’s also what happened to Noah in **Luke 17:26-27**, the wicked were referred to as taken to death. The wicked taken to their death is the context of Lot in **17:28-30** as well. Lot’s wife was referred to as taken to her death in verse **32**. Notice **Jeremiah 7:33-34**, “The carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.” See also **Ezekiel 39:17-22** noticing the context being the destruction of Gog (referred to in chapter **20** of the Revelation).

Verse 19 - The beast system, joined together with the kings and armies of the earth (representing the unity of church and state using the force of their armies, or military power) stand ready to fight against the One on the horse, which is Jesus Christ accompanied by Heaven’s armies. This is another aspect of the war mentioned in **17:12-14**, **16:13-16**, **13:15-17**, and **12:17**.

Verse 20 - The beast and false prophet were pointed out as being guilty for working miracles to deceive people into worshipping idols. John saw them cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone, yet saw in another vision of **20:14-15** that the lake of fire doesn’t burn in its completion until after the one thousand years.

Verse 21 - Any of the wicked left from the physical and spiritual war, along with the plagues of chapter **16**, here called the remnant, were slain by the Word of God. The very Word that created the heavens and the earth, by which we are given new life (**Psalms 33:6**, **1 Peter 1:23**), also destroys those who choose to walk in unrighteousness.

Let’s all make decisions to heed the call to the marriage supper of the Lamb, to be saved, and to be guests at the first supper mentioned in this chapter.

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Revelation 20 cycles through the time of the thousand years using what seems to be a pattern. Three times this chapter goes over the same time frame which can better be understood by using the words beginning, during, and after. This pattern can be seen in verses **1-3**, **4-10**, and **11-15**. The cycles can be viewed as referring to different characters/settings in this controversy: the first cycle deals with the devil, the second deals with the righteous and the wicked, and the third reveals God's final judgments against sin and its originator—satan.

Verses 1-3 - The Greek word for “Bottomless pit” occurs exactly seven times in the Revelation. Here, its key is in the hand of a representative of Heaven. That angel carries a chain to bind the devil for 1,000 years (what's known as a thousand years), casting him into the bottomless pit to be there for the entire 1,000 year duration. (Keys were a concept considered in the study of chapter one.)

Each time reference is made to the bottomless pit in the Revelation, it refers to a place which God is un-welcomed. The enemy rules there. (Consider this: God is not everywhere. God is in Heaven [search the two words “father” and “heaven” in the New Testament]. If God were everywhere, then everywhere would be Heaven. God is not in the sinner, therefore, God is not everywhere. [Consider that God gives the Holy Spirit to them that obey Him, **Acts 5:32**.]) So, during the 1,000 years, the enemy will be locked up in his unpopulated kingdom, knowing he will be destroyed after the earth has had her Sabbath rest (there will be roughly 6,000 years of earth's history before Christ comes—known by the genealogies of the Bible and also the times in which we live wherein prophecies are rapidly fulfilling—with 1,000 years of ‘rest’ following as the seventh thousand years). A similar idea is found in **Leviticus 25:3-5**.

Another fascinating point in verse three is that satan will be bound and have to go into a pit, be sealed, spend what seems like an eternity there, then come out alive for his final reward. Christ also was treated that way. He was bound and went into a pit (grave/sepulcher), was sealed, was there for what seemed like an eternity, and came out alive to receive His final reward (**Matthew 27:59-28:7**).

Verse 4 - Christ promised thrones to His faithful disciples (**Matthew 19:28**). Paul said the faithful would judge angels (**1 Corinthians 6:1-3**). These faithful were beheaded, or persecuted, for their faith in the witness/testimony of Jesus and the Word of God (just as John the Baptist, **Mark 6:14-29**). Because they were faithful to the Word of the Lord, they were *not* worshippers of the beast, his image, nor did they receive his mark. Faithfulness to God's Word is the *only* safe course for humans today. The promise to the faithful in this verse is this: during the time the enemy is in the bottomless pit, Christ's followers will reign with Him during that 1,000 years! Christ will be in Heaven during that time, coming down to earth at the *end* of the 1,000 years (**21:2**)—therefore, the faithful will be in Heaven while the enemy is trapped here on earth.

Verses 5-6 - The dead, those that were not faithful to the Word of God, will live again. But they will not live again until the 1,000 years are expired/finished. This point is imperative. When Christ comes during what is known as the second coming, He will destroy all the unfaithful with the brightness of His coming (**2 Thessalonians 2:8**). They will be dead/unburied/eaten by the fowls of the air (**Jeremiah 4:23-27, 25:33, Revelation 19:17-18**). When the 1,000 years are finished, the

wicked will be raised to life again to face their final punishment which the saints have been able to verify as just (**Revelation 15:3-4**). The verse continues with, “This is the first resurrection...” It cannot mean the first resurrection of the dead, as verse six says you’re blessed if you have part in it. So the reference to the first resurrection must be speaking of what is said in verse six. It makes sense that the first part of verse five should be in parenthesis.

Verses 7-8 - The enemy will be loosed from his prison to deceive again those on the earth who were unfaithful to God’s Word while they were alive 1,000 years before. Gog and Magog are mentioned in this context. That refers to a time where God will be vindicated in His glory (something explained further in **Ezekiel 38-39**). It’s a time when all will know who is the Lord, the Holy One.

Philippians 2:10-11 prophesies that *every* knee will bow and *every* tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father—everyone, including the enemies.

Verse 9 - They, referring to the unbelievers, are on the earth. They surround the camp of the saints, the beloved city. At this time, when the unbelievers have been resurrected by God to face their final judgment, while on the earth, fire comes down from God out of heaven to ‘devour’ them.

The word devour literally means “to eat down.” **Malachi 4:1,3** says that when God destroys the proud and those who do wickedly, they will be as ashes unto the soles of your feet. They will be burnt up/devoured/consumed/turned to ashes. (Notice **Psalms 37:20** or **Matthew 10:28** where the word for ‘hell’ is *geenna* [geh-henna]—a place of fire.)

Verse 10 - This is where it can be a little confusing. The devil is thrown into the lake of fire with the beast and false prophet (both made up of people) to be tormented day and night forever and ever... What gives? We were just told in verse nine that they would be devoured, right?

Verse **14** says death and hell themselves were cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second*, or final death for sin. The Bible then says in **1 Corinthians 15:26**, “The *last* enemy that shall be destroyed is death” (not the devil). The devil is already in the lake of fire, therefore, he is destroyed before death. Remember verse **15**; if you’re not found in the book of life, you’re in the lake of fire to be totally devoured. In the earth made new there will be no more death, as the last death would have been in the lake of fire (**Revelation 21:4**). We know this is true from **2 Peter 3:10**, “The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the *earth* also and the works that are therein shall be *burned up*.” We also know the earth will be consumed because **21:1** says there will be “a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were *passed away*.”

Too, when looking at the phrase, “forever,” we can see in other Scriptures what is meant. **Exodus 21:6** says if a servant wants to stay with his master, he will then have his ear pierced “and he shall serve him for ever.” How long is forever in this verse? Until the servant dies. In the same way, the devil/beast/false prophet will be tormented until they die—and then even death, the last enemy, will be destroyed. See **Luke 12:47-48**, **Jude 1:5-7** and **Jeremiah 17:27** in light of eternity. Is Sodom and Jerusalem still burning today? Or was the fire eternal until it had completed its purpose?

Revelation 14:11 tells us that the “*smoke* [not flames] of their torment ascends up forever and ever.”

Verse 11 - Here, what could include a picture of what was happening at the beginning of the thousand years, the throne looked white. In **Daniel 7:9** the throne looked like a fiery flame. In **Ezekiel 1:26** and **10:1** the throne looked like sapphire, or blue. **Exodus 24:10-12** refers to a sapphire

stone under God's feet. When God called Moses to come to Him, He said He would give him "tables of stone." BUT, there is a definite article in that verse, which should read "tables of THE stone..." the blue one that was last referred to. So, the original commandments of God were **blue**! Remember, blue represents keeping the commandments of God (see **Numbers 15:38-41**).

Back in the Revelation, God's face caused the earth and heaven to flee away (likely referring to the consumption of the earth in flames referred to in verses **9, 14-15**, which will be at the end of the thousand years. There will be a new heaven and a new earth after the lake of fire. See **21:1**).

Verses 12-13 - The dead standing before God are those who will have been resurrected by God after the 1,000 years (as mentioned in verse **5**). They will be brought up to be judged for the choices they had made in their lives while living on the earth—as all will be judged by their works (See **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, 2 Corinthians 5:10**).

While the dead (dead in sins, **Ephesians 2:5**—some could say this is the closest the Bible brings our thoughts to zombies) stand before God, there are several books opened: they will be judged out of the things written in the books (plural), and we read that the deeds of the dead were written in those books. Also, the book of life (singular) will be opened (notice verse **15**). Don't forget about the book of remembrance found in **Malachi 3:16-18**! =)

Verses 14-15 - Refer to verse **10** again to read thoughts about these verses. The reality is, we want to be found in the book of Life. The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord *shall* be saved" (**Romans 10:13**), and, "He that believeth and is baptized *shall* be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (**Mark 16:16**). If we honestly call and really believe, we *will* be saved! **John 14:12** shows that believing is an action experience. Also, **Exodus 32:33** says, "the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of My book." God is calling us to be in that book, which is to turn to Him in righteousness—the righteousness given through the gift of His Son! (See **2 Corinthians 5:21**).

This chapter can be understood by the symbols or types represented in the rite of the day of atonement of the Old Testament Jewish festivals. "When he [the high priest] hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat [also known as the scapegoat]: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness" (**Leviticus 16:20-22**).

Find a parable that can be confusing regarding hell in **Luke 16:19-31**. "There was a certain rich man..." Here Christ starts another parable. (See **Luke 12:16, 15:11 & 16:1** for every time the words "certain rich man" is used in the Bible. Each time is in Luke and all of them are the beginnings of parables.) In the audience of Christ were the Pharisees, the rulers of religion for those days. "The rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day," represented the Jewish nation. Purple was a color representing royalty and wealth in the Old Testament (**Esther 1:6**). The "beggar named Lazarus" represented the Gentiles who were not allowed into the temple, so they were "at his gate". Lazarus "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table" represented the Gentile nation desiring the blessings of the gospel from the Jewish nation. "The dogs came and licked his sores" (The dogs represent the Gentiles as well, see **Matthew 15:22-28**). The beggar goes to the best place possible—"Abraham's bosom," which would have been

contrary to the beliefs of the Jewish nation. I am sure that Christ's audience was astonished at His teaching. Christ was very bold and stated that the rich man went into "torments" (something no wealthy man would have said—especially if they believed the parable was about them). In verse **24** the Jewish nation was asking kindness from the Gentiles. Christ had turned the parable completely around to show the standing audience that they understood the gospel in an incorrect light. You can also read a little satire in Christ's words. Really, would a drop of water help someone in the torments of flames? Verse **25** is the main text to explain Christ's position, "Remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." Compare verse **26** with **Matthew 23:13**; the Jews were, with their false and wicked teachings, keeping people from entering the kingdom of heaven, teaching them to reject Christ. Verses **27-28** have the rich man asking to send Lazarus to the Jewish nation "lest they also come into this place of torment." What was the answer? Verse **29**, "They have Moses and the prophets [the Bible]; let them hear them." The rich man said, "If one went unto them from the dead, they will repent" (and believe in Christ). The final word is, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets [the Bible], neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Jesus made it clear that if the Jewish nation did not accept Christ strictly on the foundation of the fulfilled Scriptures, then they would not believe even if He were to raise someone from the dead (or if He were to be raised Himself). Isn't it interesting that Jesus chose the name Lazarus in this parable, in light of the fact that He would later raise up Lazarus from the dead in **John 11:41-45**?

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Verse 1 - A new heaven and a new earth is what we are pressing toward. This world is waxing old as a garment and it will be changed (**Hebrews 1:10-12**). **Isaiah 65:17, 66:22-23, John 14:1-3, 2 Peter 3:11-13**, and many other Scriptures speak about the new heavens and the new earth. Notice **Hebrews 11:10**, by faith Abraham “looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” How did God make the city? Through His Son! (See **John 14:1-3**)

There was no more sea. Can it be that waters, or the sea in this reference, means people? On the new earth will there be no more people? I believe we are reading here of a physical description of the new earth. No more sea, which separated John from the people he had given his life to minister for. There would be no more waters of separation representing persecution for the faith he loved so dearly (see **Revelation 1:9**). There would be no more loneliness and distance from loved ones. He saw a new and perfect earth.

Verse 2 - Picking up from the vision John had seen earlier (**17:18**), yet with a major difference: this city was holy. This holy city is not coming down to the earth populated with the unbelievers which had been resurrected and trying to overtake the city. This is when that same city had come down (as in **20:9**), yet after the creation of the new heavens and the new earth! Will we, the chosen, called, and faithful be able to watch and listen to the Word of God create the heavens and the earth again? Is Heaven our honeymoon and the new earth our first home? (See **Matthew 5:5**.) Look to **Revelation 3:12** to see similar thoughts to this verse.

This verse speaks of the city of God as a bride adorned for her Husband. There's one other verse in the Bible with similar language, it's found in **Isaiah 61:10-11**. It speaks of righteousness being as the garments of a bride with that same righteousness springing up as a flower before the nations.

Verse 3 - The words ‘tabernacle’ and ‘dwell’ are both from the same root word. They can both be understood as meaning tent, or tabernacle. The tabernacle of God is with men and He did tabernacle with them. This is the fulfillment of the last, long awaited feast day (**Leviticus 23:34**). God has wanted to be His people's “only true God” (**John 17:3**) for a long time. Notice **Genesis 17:8, Exodus 29:45, Jeremiah 24:7, 31:33, 32:38, Ezekiel 11:20, 14:11, 34:30, 37:23, 37:27, Zechariah 8:8, 2 Corinthians 6:16, Hebrews 8:10, and Revelation 21:7**.

Verse 4 - It isn't until *after* the 1,000 years that God will wipe away all tears, where the emotions of this world will be consumed with His glory. During the 1,000 years, when we will be asking why our friends or relatives aren't saved and in Heaven, there will be great emotional outbreaks, longings for those who had rejected God's mercy while they were living on earth. I suppose we will be feeling the personal responsibilities for not making more asserted efforts to show them truth with God's love. But God will make all things new—our understanding of the history of this earth, the purposes He has had from the beginning, and everything about us, to give us that beautiful and coveted eternity with Him. May God give us all the ability to see with His eyes while living on this side of eternity! (Similar thoughts on death are in **Isaiah 25:8, Hosea 13:14, and 1 Corinthians 15:54-55**.)

Verse 5 - God says He will make “all things new.” Does that mean that we as humans will finally be recreated at that time as well? No. Our recreation begins on this earth. See **2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 John 3:2-3**. Also, in the building of Solomon’s earthly temple there was an illustration in the process. Notice **1 Kings 6:7** which says, “The house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready *before* it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.” The stones were prepared before they were brought up to Mount Zion to be put in place to “build the house of the LORD” (**1 Kings 6:1**). It is the same with us today, our characters must be prepared “as lively stones” while here on earth before being brought up to the heavenly Mount Zion! (See **Hebrews 3:6, 1 Peter 2:5-12, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19** [ye and you are plural terms in the KJV, while thee and thou are singular]).

Verses 6-8 - This is the fourth time the Bible shows God saying something like, “It is done.” What is done? The final ministry phase of the sanctuary service! God has shown, through figures and types in the sanctuary services, what He will be doing throughout the ages. He has given us the ability to see what He will be doing/has done in all of the phases of ministry. The last phase, in the Most Holy place, He will have completed the judgment ministry for this world—the pre-thousand year, thousand year, and post-thousand year judgments (investigating, being investigated, and the final executive judgments).

The first time we find God saying, “It is done” is in the prophecy relating to this very time—during the destruction of God and Magog—in **Ezekiel 39:8**. We then find, in the New Testament, Christ saying it on the cross, fulfilling and completing the Outer Court ministry (**John 19:30**). We read of Christ saying it after the intercession between Himself and God is completed in **Revelation 16:17** (fulfilling and completing the Holy Place ministry), and finally at the end of all evil when He fulfills the final Most Holy Place ministry.

Some other verses that are interesting in this section are as follows: **Isaiah 41:4, 6, 48:12, 55:1, Revelation 1:8, 11, 17, 2:8, 22:13**.

Verses 9-11 - Look to the study of chapter 17 to see the similarities between this Great City, and the other great city.

Verses 12-14 - “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him” (**1 Corinthians 2:9**). God’s people on earth, as a “holy temple” are “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone” (**Ephesians 2:20-21**).

An interesting thing to notice here in these verse is what seems to some as inequality. If God’s trajectory idea was to include women as spiritual leaders, why would He put the names of twelve men on the gates and the names of twelve men on the foundations? Wouldn’t it have suited Him well to include the name of at least one woman in this everlasting list of twenty-four men?

Verses 15-17 - Some wonder if this city is one size or another. Let’s consider the two options I’m aware of: from the 80 freeway in the center of Sacramento to the Ventura Freeway (which is the 134) in Glendale, CA it is 375 miles. Driving 60 mph for 6.25 hours will get you there. That’s one side of the New Jerusalem if the entire building is 1500 miles around.

But if the New Jerusalem is 1500 miles on each side, then we're talking about a building that has one of its four walls being more than half the length of the United States! (which is roughly 2,850 miles from sea to sea) Remember, the building is as tall as it is wide, according to verse 16.

The word “foursquare” occurs throughout the Bible ten times, each of which point out specifics of the sanctuary services of the Old Testament except for this one in verse 16.

Verses 18-21 - The two stones that make up the wall and the city are jasper and gold. The only other places in the Bible where jasper and gold are found together are either on the priests (as on the breastplate which is “foursquare” as in **Exodus 28:20**) or on Lucifer (as in **Ezekiel 28:13**).

The gates being made of pearls (with angels standing at each of them, **21:12**) could represent the trials God's people have been brought through here on earth. Watch this brief video which explains the making of a pearl: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T18E58vOTus>. An irritant comes inside the shell of an oyster (interestingly, an unclean animal), and that irritant is covered by the host time and time again for years by a thin layer of tiny crystals called nacre. Each layer of nacre builds upon the last until finally the tiny crystals work together to reflect light in the beautiful display of a pearl. Do a little research on your own about pearls to be amazed at what the symbol of a pearl could represent in your own life.

Verse 22 - God has been illustrated by the temple since it was created by Bezaleel and Aholiab (**Exodus 36:1**). Imagine the head of Jesus Christ at the Most Holy place, while “in his right hand [are] seven stars” (**1:16**) as He is “standing upon the altar” of sacrifice (**Amos 9:1**). The sanctuary has illustrated the salvation plan of God ever since its inception. When we are in the new earth, how much *more* will we be able to see the beauty, meaning, illustrations, and truth of the way the earthly and Heavenly sanctuaries represent the gospel and character of our Lord!

Verses 23-26 - The city had no need of the sun. This doesn't mean there will be no sun. Anyway, by the grace of God, I will be there with my family!

Verse 27 - Obviously, from reading this verse alone, those who are in the Lamb's book of life are surrounded in Christ's righteousness, undefiled by everything unholy, had been given a new heart through miraculous re-creation, and are honest and true in their dealings. God has always wanted a people who are willing to reflect His image. May the God of mercy continue to change my heart that I'll be used of Him to show forth His most worthy and amazing character!

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Verse 1 - There are only three times the Bible uses the phrase “water of life” in the KJV:

Revelation 21:6, 22:1, and 22:17, though there are seven times where “living water(s)” is used: **Song of Solomon 4:15, Jeremiah 2:13, 17:13, Zechariah 14:6-9, John 4:10, 11, 7:38-39**. Jeremiah uses the term “Fountain of living waters” as one of the names of Christ and His Spirit (**Galatians 4:6**) which fills the minds of His people. We should be unbroken cisterns that hold the spiritual Water of Life. It’s just as **Philippians 2:5** says, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Also, the water of life is clear as ‘crystal,’ a word translated only five times throughout the Bible: **Job 28:17, Ezekiel 1:22, Revelation 4:6, 21:11, 21:1**. Both God and the river are clear as crystal (**4:3, 21:11**). Could the Water of Life be referring to the Holy Spirit which comes forth from the throne? Absolutely! Including everything it means, it will be beyond beautiful to see the glory of the Lord personally in the new earth!

Verses 2-3 - Compare **Ezekiel 47:12**, as Ezekiel saw the same as John! **Psalms 67** will be completely fulfilled at this time. There are ten times the phrase “tree of life” is used in the KJV, **Genesis 2:9, 3:22, 24, Proverbs 3:18, 11:30, 13:12, 15:4, Revelation 2:7**, here, and **22:14**. Healing of the nations? Isn’t Heaven going to be a place for those who are already healed, whole, and happy? What about healing the *relationships* of the nations—historically, culturally, and interpersonally? When the Bible says, “there shall be no more curse,” it must be referring back to **Genesis 3:17-19**.

Verse 4 - **Matthew 5:8**, which says, “They shall see God” will be fulfilled in the phrase, “They shall see His face.” His name on the forehead of His people represents the character of God the Father being fully replicated in their lives, by choice, through the ministry of His beloved Son. We will be like the Father because His Son became like us! (**1 John 3:2**)

The face of God is mentioned throughout the Bible in various ways and reasons: **Genesis 32:30, Exodus 33:11, 20-23, Leviticus 17:10, 20:3, 26:27, Numbers 6:25-26, Deuteronomy 5:4, 31:17-18, 34:10, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 30:9, Job 34:29, Psalm 4:6, 13:1, 22:24, 24:6, 27:9, 30:7, 31:16, 34:16, 44:24, 51:9, 67:1, 69:17, 80:19, 88:14, 102:2, 104:29, 105:4, 119:135, 143:7, Isaiah 8:17, 54:8, 64:7, Jeremiah 18:17, 33:5, Ezekiel 7:22, 14:8, 15:7, 20:35, 39:23-24, 29, Hosea 5:15, Micah 3:4, Matthew 18:10, 1 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Peter 3:12, Revelation 6:16**, and more...

Also, according to the Bible, God has hair (**Daniel 7:9**), eyes (**Genesis 6:8**), ears (**Numbers 14:28**), a nose (**Isaiah 65:5**), nostrils (**2 Samuel 22:7-10**), a mouth (**Deuteronomy 8:3**), lips (**Psalms 89:34**), arms (**Isaiah 53:1**), a back (**Exodus 33:20-23**), hands (**Joshua 4:24**), legs (**Genesis 3:8**), and feet (**Isaiah 66:1**). (Remember **John 14:9**.)

Verse 5 - See **21:23**. There will be no more night to sleep in. Sleep represents death and resurrection, and there will be no more death there. Neither will there be any places of darkness where God’s presence is not invited. He will be welcomed everywhere, again established as the Ruler of His universe with no rebellion against His government. I want to be there!

Verses 6-7 - The angel here is restating some of the things mentioned in the first chapter. A reminder of the blessings that come from taking heed to God’s will in this book—which is made up

from parts of all the other 65 books in the Bible. ‘Coming quickly’ is mentioned 3 times in this chapter: **22:7, 12, 20**.

Verses 8-9 - See the notes from **19:10**. The angel explains in chapter 19 that he personally has the “testimony of Jesus” which is the “spirit of prophecy,” and here explains that he is “of thy brethren the prophets.” The angels, as part of the family of God the Father and His Son (sons by creation, not being begotten as was God’s only begotten Son), are involved with hearing the message from God and bringing it to men—seen in the first verse of the book of Revelation. Another serious consideration is found in **Isaiah 6:1-7**. After the seraphim (angel) followed God’s will for Isaiah, he was able to say, “thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.” So... and angel did that?! Yes! They are co-workers with God. Just for clarity, the angels are not divine as God is, just as a human using a tool doesn’t make the tool human. So, they are part of God’s team for the salvation of men.

Verse 10 - This book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ never was and never will be sealed. Also, the word “prophecy” is translated 21 times in the KJV Bible, seven of which are in the Revelation—four of which are in chapter **22**! (Verses **7, 10, 18, 19**)

Verses 11-13 - Before Christ comes He will pronounce those who wish to be either unjust, filthy, righteous, or holy, to continue being that still. Just after He says verse **11** He says, “Behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with Me...” He will come with each person’s reward. He will not come to decide what the reward will be. There is a judgment that occurs before His second coming.

Verse 14 - The moral law of God, the ten commandments, represent God’s character (shown on the chart below). If we are willing to walk in His ways in accordance with His commandments, we have a *right* to the tree of life. **21:27** says nothing that defiles will enter into the Holy City, and God’s people living His will (after the divine work of regeneration and their choices to walk after the Spirit) will be enabled to have full access into that lovely place God has prepared for them.

	God is...	Law is...
Good	Lk 18:19	1 Tim 1:8
Holy	Is 5:16	Rom 7:12
Perfect	Mt 5:48	Ps 19:7
Pure	1 Jn 3:2-3	Ps 19:8
Just	Dt 32:4	Rom 7:12
True	Jn 3:33	Ps 19:9
Spiritual	1 Cor 10:4	Rom 7:14
Righteousness	Jer 23:6	Ps 119:172
Faithful	1 Cor 1:9	Ps 119:86
Love	1 Jn 4:8	Rom 13:10
Unchangeable	Jms 1:17	Mt 5:18
Eternal	Gen 21:3	Ps 111:7-8
Light	1 Jn 1:5	Pr 6:23

Verse 15 - Each of these listed items are not only contrary to the will and character of God, but each could have their own page of consideration. Desiring to keep these studies short and concise, I will focus on just two:

First, ‘dogs’ do not refer to canines in this verse. **Isaiah 56:10-12** applies the term to ignorant and greedy pastors with no foresight. **Deuteronomy 23:17-18** compares a whore with a sodomite, a.k.a., a dog. (The whore would be female, while the dog would be male.)

Second, ‘sorcerers’ are condemned throughout the Bible as witches (**Exodus 22:18**, **Deuteronomy 18:10-13**), yet here the word is akin to **18:23**, pharmakeia, “Medication, or magic” (G5331, Strong’s Concordance). I don’t believe for a minute that all doctors are condemned, as Jesus was a healer, but anyone with the purpose of making money at the expense of humanity’s health and the dangers of addiction, needs to repent and learn new ways of practicing medicine, as they are perhaps unintentionally preparing people to receive the mark of the beast (see notes and presentation on **Revelation 13**).

Verse 16 - Notice that Jesus used His (“mine”) angel to deliver the message of the Revelation. **Hebrews 1:14** says, “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” In this verse Christ also stated that He is the “root and the offspring of David.” This is the same statement, in other words, that was used by Jesus Christ while He was on earth when He mentioned David calling Him Lord while He was also his Son, in **Matthew 22:41-46**. Also, the term “morning star” is used only twice in the Bible: here and in **2:28**. It’s interesting to note that the exact phrase is used to define the meaning of the name “Lucifer” in the Hebrew. Lucifer had a very high and honored position before he chose to follow his own ways, and now look around to see the results of his rebellion...

Verse 17 - The Spirit and the church are mentioned as working together and saying, “Come.” Everyone is to hear and give this invitation to draw near and accept the “water of life.” I accept!

Verses 18-19 - This is a loving and solemn appeal to accept the unadulterated message that God has sent through His angel to anyone who believes. Beware not to change what He has revealed. In writing these notes, my desire has been to share the truth of what God had shown His servant John—may God give us all greater understanding.

Verses 20-21 - This is the third time in this chapter where Christ has said He is coming quickly (**22:7, 12**). Here is the second and final time in the Revelation that the word grace is used, as an end cap. The book of Revelation is encapsulated in grace—the power and Spirit of His Son that God extends to each of us.

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