

# Revelation Revisited

## A Chronological Approach

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# Finding Gold

There is an old saying, "Gold is where you find it." Gold is rarely found in big veins, easy to dig out and melt into big bars. It is scattered throughout the mountains as very fine flakes and pieces. It is deposited as placer gold at the base of mountains where nature has done much of the separating. It is found in the bottom of creeks as small flakes and nuggets. Many times, one can be standing in a very profitable gold mine and never see a piece of gold. It is hidden in the quartz and other related metals. Much refining has to be done to separate the gold. It is so small it is called gold dust. So it is with the gold of the word of God. It is like fine dust scattered throughout the pages of the Holy Bible. It takes digging, crushing, separating, smelting, refining, and consolidating to get the pure bars of the Gold of God's Word.

During the months of January and February of 2001, God revealed to me about thirty nuggets of gold pertaining to the book of Revelation, one a day for about thirty days. It was an incredible experience. Things that had been hidden for twenty-five years finally came to light. What I had to do was get on the bulldozer of the Holy Ghost and clear out a mountain of tradition and human understanding to reach the placer gold at the base of the Mountain of God. How beautiful it was, and still is. The nuggets that God revealed to me primarily had to do with the chronological order of the events between chapters four and nineteen of the book of Revelation.

I am now making editions and additions to some of what was first written in 2001. It is now 10/13/2009. I just finished attending a month long prophesy seminar put on by the local Seventh Day Adventist Church. The presenter was Scott Hakes of Phoenix, Arizona. I was very disappointed but his erroneous teachings helped clarify some of my previous thoughts and opened my understanding to new thoughts. Perhaps the most remarkable is the fact that the Mark of the Beast is the Mark of Islam. God revealed this to me last Sunday morning while I was teaching Bible Study to my grand children and wife. I checked it out on the internet as soon as possible to see if I had a witness. Amazing. A former member of the PLO, Walid Shoebat, had the same revelation several years earlier while reading the original Greek translation of Revelation. The expression for 666 in Greek is actually the Arabic for, "in the name of Allah, followed by crossed swords." If you have read the earlier version of this publication, it is time to read it again.

## What is a Parable?

Ps 78:2, *"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter **dark sayings** of old."*

Pr 1:6, *"To understand a **proverb**, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their **dark sayings**."*

De 29:29, *"The **secret** things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."*

Ps 25:14, “The **secret** of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”

Lu 8:10, “And he said, Unto you it is given to know the **mysteries** of the kingdom of God: but to others in **parables**; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.”

Re 10:7, “But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the **mystery** of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”

Most people fail to realize that everything Jesus said was a parable, that is, a dark saying, a mystery, a riddle. Only by living a holy life can one expect to understand the secret things of God. God reveals his mysteries to them that fear him, love him, and serve him. Don't expect to understand the secrets of God without obedience, prayer, study, fasting, and patience. The mysteries are promised to them who diligently seek God, the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 45:15 “*Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.*”

God hides himself in his word. The Bible is like a huge, million piece puzzle that has been dumped on the floor. The saint's job is to gather up the pieces and put them together in their proper place. This can only be done with the help of God's Spirit. Paul speaks of this in 1Corinthians 2:6-16,

*“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, 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. **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.** But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

We can, with the help of God, teach doctrine, but “*precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; **here a little, and there a little.**” (Isaiah 28:9-13) We must search the Bible for two or three witnesses that every word may be established.*

God's word teaches us that things should be verified in the mouth of two or three witnesses. This principle was given in the Law of Moses and reiterated by Paul in the New Testament. **It is my guiding principle.** Let every word be established in the mouth of two or three Bible witnesses. Search the Bible for the missing pieces of the puzzle. The witnesses are scattered throughout the scriptures: here a little and there a little.

# The Apostle John.

I firmly believe that the author of the Book of Revelation is the Apostle John. John's gospel is full of the mysteries of God, with many dark sayings, proverbs, parables, types, and shadows. John understood many secret things that were left out of the gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke. The scripture states that Jesus loved John more than the other disciples. This statement itself is a parable. Jesus didn't love John more than Peter, but John loved Jesus more than Peter. Because of John's great love for the Master, the Master revealed more to John.

The Book of Revelation is full of the same types of dark sayings, parables, types, and shadows. Perhaps the biggest mystery of the book of Revelation is the **chronological order** of events that transpire between chapter four and chapter twenty. It is because of recent revelations that I have received concerning the **chronological order** of events in these chapters that I have been inspired to write this booklet. Nearly every one that has read the book of Revelation will admit that such words as beasts, stars, horns, and heads, are used symbolically. But in their search for the meaning of all the symbols, most people seem to have overlooked a more crucial hidden aspect of the book of Revelation. I have read time and again, that beginning with chapter four, a seven year great tribulation period will begin with the opening of seven seal judgments, which are then followed, several years later, by seven trumpet judgments, which are then followed, again several years later, by seven vial judgments. This will all culminate in the battle of Armageddon, and then will begin the glorious millennial reign of Jesus Christ. What I have found is that chapters four through nineteen, and many verses within the chapters, are chronologically out of order, to a high degree, much more so than scholars have suspected.

Many treatises on Revelation begin with a glaring error by assuming that verse one of chapter four represents the actual rapture of the church, and that everything that happens afterwards must happen after the rapture of the church. This is a gross mistake. What I will attempt to do in the remaining chapters of this book is present the verses in chapters four through nineteen in their correct chronological order. The chapters of this booklet will be divided into fourteen time frames. The following chart contains the periods of time.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Genesis (4,000 B.C.)	Daniel Chapter 12 (535 B.C.)	Seven Years to Battle of Armageddon (30 A.D.)	Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (33.5 A.D.)	Church Age (34-2001? A.D.)	Church Raptured	3.5 Years to Battle of Armageddon
Rev 4:2-11	Daniel 12:4 Rev 5:1-4	Daniel 9:24-27	Rev 5:5-7 Rev 12:1-5 Rev 12:7	Rev 12:9-13 Rev 6:9-11 Rev 22:6-21 Rev 6:1-8	Rev 5:8-12 Rev 6:1-8 Rev 7:1-14 Rev 14:1-5 Rev 14:14-16*	Rev 11:1-6 Rev 12:6 Rev 12:14-17 Rev 13:1-18 Rev 14:6-7 Rev 14:9-13

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7 Months to Battle of Armageddon	7 Weeks to Battle of Armageddon	7 Days to Battle of Armageddon	Battle of Armageddon	Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ	White Throne judgment	New Heaven & New Earth
Rev 6:12-13	Rev 9:13-17	Rev 6:14-17	Rev 11:15-19	Rev 20:4-10	Rev 5:13-14	Rev 21:1-27
Rev 8:1-13	Rev 10:1-11	Rev 9:18-21	Rev 14:20		Rev 20:11-15	Rev 22:1-5
Rev 9:1-12	Rev 14:17-19	Rev 11:7-14	Rev 10:6-7			
Rev 14:14-16	Rev 15:1-8	Rev 14:8	Rev 19:1-21			
	Rev 16:1-15	Rev 16:16-21	Rev 20:1-3			
	Rev 17:1-18	Rev 18:1-24				

## Chapter 1, (Revelation Chapters 4 & 5)

God is seen and worshipped as Creator of All Things. God is seen with a glorified human-like appearance (Christ, the Son of Man\*) seated on a throne in heaven. This is an anointed visible image of Jehovah. Similar visions of God were seen by Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jacob, and perhaps Solomon. Moses and Abraham also saw and spoke to a visible human like manifestation of Jehovah God. The Son of Man\*, Not the Son of God!\*\* This is God as Alpha, the Creator.

In Chapter 5, we discover that Jehovah God, the Lion of Judah, David's creator and Father, his Root, has manifested Himself in the flesh as a Sacrificial Lamb. This sacrificial lamb, the Son of God, is now ascended into heaven and sits on the throne of God as the Redeemer. He is worshipped by all creation. This is the end of all things as we know them and God is now seen as Omega, and as the Redeemer Saviour.

So, in these two chapters we have gone from God the Creator, the beginning of Creation as Alpha, to God the Redeemer, the Saviour, Restorer of all things; to the end of creation. God is now seen as Omega. In order to make the transition from creator to savior, the Word of God had to become a man. The Father, by turning his Word into a strand of fleshly DNA and impregnating Mary's egg, caused the Christ, the Word of God, to be both Father and Son, Lion and Lamb, Root and Offspring, High Priest and Sacrifice, the Great Shepherd and Lamb of God. And it is through a Glorified Human Being, the Son of God, the Lamb, that God is worshipped.

Not many people seem to grasp the fact that Christ does not mean the Son of God. Christ is a Greek term that means anointed. In the Bible, God manifested his presence on earth in a visible form on many occasions, and perhaps in heaven at all times. Those forms were anointed with the Spirit of God, therefore Christ. The rock in the wilderness was anointed with the Spirit of God when Moses struck it and he was rebuked for doing so because that rock was Christ. (Numbers 20:8 & 1Cor 10:4)

\***The Son of Man** was a term used by Jesus to refer to the fact that he was the **Word of God**. The Ultimate Christ is the Word of God. The Word of God lets us know that it can exist as a separate entity from the Spirit of God.

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word

was God.” John 1:2, “The same was in the beginning with God.”

John 1:14, “And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

The word of God can exist as a rock, a human being, as ink on a piece of paper, and as electrical charges on a computer hard drive, but it also, always, exists in spirit form as God.

John 6:63, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**”

God’s word is his link between him and his creation. All things that were created were done so by the Word of God. The Word of God can also become a part of creation. John chapter three indicates that that which is spirit is spirit and that which is flesh is flesh, but the word of God which is spirit can also be made flesh. God’s word is his mediator between the spirit and the flesh. When God was manifest in the flesh, all of God that could be made flesh was made flesh, and that which was God that could be made flesh was his Word. And it was that “holy thing,” the flesh, that was called the Son of God.

Lu 1:35, “And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also **that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called **\*\*the Son of God.****”

Unfortunately almost everyone believes that the term “**Son of Man**” refers to Christ’s humanity and that the term “**Son of God**” refers to Christ’s deity. It is actually the other way around. The term Son of Man refers to the Word of God or Christ’s divinity, as he existed from the beginning of time as the wisdom and image of the invisible God. The term Son of God refers to his humanity, the mystery of Godliness, that God was manifest in the flesh. God, the Word, was made flesh. That which was God, the Son of Man, was made flesh and became the Son of God. That which was Christ, the Son of Man, became Christ, the Son of God. Christ, the anointed visible image of God in the Old Testament, the Son of Man, became Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the visible image of God in the New Testament.

John 3:13, “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the **Son of man which is in heaven.**” John 6:62 “What and if ye shall see the **Son of man** ascend up where he was before?”

The Word of God came down from heaven and existed as the Son of God, and at the same time was still in heaven existing in spirit form as God. What was seen by Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jacob, and Solomon, was Christ, the Son of Man. A visible manifestation of Jehovah God. What the Apostles saw was Christ, the Son of God, the Son of Man come in the flesh as the Son of God. Christ, Jehovah’s visible anointed image of the old testament came in the flesh as the only begotten Son of God. For those of you who may be wondering, God is a spirit and has filled the universe as such from everlasting to everlasting. When he chose to manifest himself to the world in a man, made and born of a woman, he still existed as the eternal Spirit that fills heaven and earth. Even though Christ, the Son of God, is the visible image of the invisible God, and is divine, he is not God. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is not a clone. The Son of God had a mother. Minister Charles G. Marlowe 1/8/2001

## Chapter 2, The Sealed Book.

Da 12:4, “*But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book**, even to the time of the end:*”

It is quite likely that the sealed book in the book of Revelation, is the same book referred to in Daniel chapter twelve. Many revelations were given to Daniel, beginning with a dream that Nebuchadnezzar had. In Daniel chapter two, God showed Daniel the dream and the interpretation of the dream. This dream shows the times of the gentile kingdoms from Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, to the Antichrist, from 600 B.C. to the Battle of Armageddon. In Daniel chapter seven, Daniel records a vision which presents the same gentile kingdoms, but they are represented by four beasts instead of a great human-like image. The vision also reveals that the last gentile kingdom will be given into the hands of an Antichrist for three and a half years. Daniel 12:7.

In the first seven chapters Daniel used the Aramaic Language to describe the events that pertain mainly to the Gentile Kings and kingdoms. Then in Chapters eight through twelve we see Daniel using the Hebrew language. That means these prophecies are more particularly to the Jews and their final destination.

In Daniel chapter eight, a vision is given to Daniel which gives a detailed description of events that will happen during the second and third worldwide gentile kingdoms, these being the Medo-Persian and Grecian empires, led by Darius, Cyrus, and Alexander the Great. The vision ends with Antiochus Epiphanes(IV), who sacks and profanes the temple in Jerusalem, circa 170 B.C. He is a type of the end time Antichrist.

In Daniel chapter nine, a vision of Seventy Weeks is given to Daniel.

Daniel 9:24, “*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*”

The end of the last week extends to the Battle of Armageddon. Understanding Daniel 9:24-27, requires a revelation from God.

Daniel chapter eleven and twelve also present things that represent the gentile kingdoms, the Antichrist, and end with the resurrection of Israel after the Battle of Armageddon. Daniel 12:11, “*And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the **abomination** that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.*” Mr 13:14, “*But when ye shall see the **abomination** of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*”

Because of Jesus making reference to Daniel 12:11, we know that it is something that had not taken place prior to that time. It would appear to be speaking of the Antichrist just after the rapture of the Church. The end of the book of Daniel is a sealed book until the rapture of the Church. Then Jesus begins opening the seals.

Rev 5:9, “*And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the **seals** thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*”

This has to be the raptured church speaking to Jesus in anticipation of the final great tribulation period. But we are getting ahead of ourselves. Chapter twelve of the book that Daniel was commanded to write, was to be sealed. Only the resurrected Jesus Christ, the Son of God, could open the seals pertaining to the last three and a half years of the times of the gentiles.

## Chapter 3, Seven Years to the Battle of Armageddon.

The seven years to the Battle of Armageddon are very long indeed. They are very long because they are divided into two groups of three and a half years separated by approximately two thousand years.

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The fate of Israel and Jerusalem is going to be completed in seventy weeks of years (490 years).

9:25, “*Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*”

During the first seven weeks of years (49 years), the temple will be rebuilt. After the next sixty-two weeks of years(434 years), the Messiah, the Prince, shall come.

9:26, “*And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*”

After the sixty-nine weeks of years (483 years), The Messiah shall be cut off, and another prince shall come who will destroy the city and the sanctuary. This war will end in devastation.

9:27, “*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*”

Who is the “*he*” that is being discussed in this verse. I believe that it is “*the Messiah the Prince* .” Nowhere in the Book of Revelation is there a seven year period spoken of. It is always a time, times, and half a time, or forty and two months, or a thousand two hundred and threescore days. These all add up to three and a half years. This then gives us the key to interpreting the Seventieth week.

Upon reexamining the above scriptures we see that the **most holy** is anointed. The Seventieth week begins with Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist and being anointed with the Holy Ghost. After three and a half years(or perhaps two and a half years) he is crucified. Messiah is cut off. This was according to the predetermined will of God, not Satan. Zec 13:7 “**Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the**

*man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: **smite the shepherd**, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.” John 10:17-18, “Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” And again, Acts 2:23, “Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.”*

When Jesus was crucified he fulfilled the Law of Moses and took it out of the way for the Believer. He broke down the middle wall of partition (Eph 2:14-18). Mr 15:38\* *“And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.”* Jesus caused the sacrifice and oblation to cease when he died. Whether or not Jews continued to offer sacrifices in the temple is irrelevant. It was meaningless to God because he had abolished it with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Verse 9:26 speaks of *“the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”* The prince that shall come is the Antichrist. Jesus said, John 5:43, *“I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: **if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.**”*

When Jesus was crucified, a New Testament(Covenant) was bought by God with his own blood(Acts 20:28). The New Testament replaced the Old Testament. The New Testament Church is the Kingdom of God on this earth at present. Israel as a nation is displaced by the New Testament Church as long as the Church remains on earth. As far as the Nation of Israel is concerned, their prophetic clock stopped the second Jesus died, and it will remain so until the Church is caught away(raptured). At that point, Israel is God's witness on this earth, and his chosen people, his elect. Israel's prophetic clock starts ticking again.

This also lets us know that the rapture of the church will take place three and a half years before the battle of Armageddon. Not seven years before, not in the middle of the tribulation period, not at the end of the tribulation period. There is no seven year tribulation period as such. The trials of the saints will become more and more severe as the day of the rapture approaches, but the actual period of **Great Tribulation** will begin about **three and a half years** before the battle of Armeggedon, and the **Wrath of God** will begin **Seven months** before the **battle of Armeggedon**. Amended 2-11-2010. There may be a seven year period with the Islamic Messiah, called the Mahdi, making an agreement with the Jews. If there is an agreement, it will be broken after the rapture of the Church. When the Mahdi appears, probably in Iraq, Islam will be greatly strengthened and the persecution of true saints will be increased considerably. But it is not until the rapture takes place that he will exalt himself as God. The false Prophet will appear requiring people to worship the beast and to take the mark of the Beast, which is the Mark of Islam.

**In Summary**, the Seventieth week of Daniel's Seventy weeks begins with Jesus receiving the Holy Ghost. The week is interrupted by the death of Jesus. This is when the Sacrifice and Oblations cease. The week starts again when the church is raptured. The Antichrist rules for three and a half years. He declares himself God and sets his image in the temple of God. He makes war against the saints in Jerusalem. God then destroys Jerusalem with a great earthquake and makes war with the

Antichrist and his armies. The seventy weeks are fulfilled and God sets up his new kingdom in a new temple, in a rebuilt Jerusalem, and reigns for a thousand years.  
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## Chapter 4, The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. War in Heaven.

Revelation chapter five speaks of the resurrected lamb of God seen in heaven, but chapter twelve also speaks of the man child who is to be born and is caught up to heaven, to the throne of God. I believe that chapter twelve covers the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Let's review the scriptures.

Rev. 12:1 *"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"*

The Bible interprets this in Genesis 37:9-10, *"And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?"*

The woman is Israel.

Rev 12:2, *"And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."*

Israel is about to bring forth the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 12:3, *"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."*

Satan is here depicted as being in heaven. He has not yet been cast out but has access to heaven. Job 1:6, *"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them."*

1Kgs. 22:21-22, *"And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so."*

Rev 12:4, *"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."*

Satan deceives and persuades a third of the angels(stars) of heaven to follow him to earth to destroy the Lord Jesus Christ at his birth. Matt. 2:16, *"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men."*

Rev. 12:5, *"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne."*

Israel brings forth Jesus Christ who is crucified, raised from the dead, and is seated on the throne of God. He will rule the nations with a rod of Iron.

Rev. 19:13, *"And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."* Rev. 19:15, *"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."* Rev 3:21, *"To him that overcometh will*

*I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."*

Rev 12:6, *"And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days."*

This verse is probably out of context and is the same as Rev 12:14. That is where it fits chronologically. As mentioned before, Israel's time clock stopped ticking with the death of Jesus. This verse illustrates the point. We read that the man child is caught up to heaven and the very next verse jumps two thousand years later with a remnant of Israel being protected from the Antichrist. The next verse pulls us back to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Rev 12:7, *"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,"*

In verse 12:5, it omits the fact that Jesus died before being caught up to God and it was at this time that he went to hades and preached to the dead. While Jesus was setting free the faithful captive of the Old Testament, Satan thought that he had won the battle against Christ and tried to ascend into heaven and to the throne of God. He was met, not by Christ, who was in hell, but by Michael and his angels. Satan was out numbered two to one and was defeated and cast out of heaven once and for all.

1Pet 4:6, *"For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit."*

1Pet 3:18-20, *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."*

Ps 68:18, *"Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men;"*

Acts 2:31, *"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."*

Matt 27:52-53, *"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."*

Rev 12:8, *"And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."*

When Satan first sinned against God, he was not banned from heaven, he only fell from his position of light to an angel of darkness. He still had access into heaven until this final battle with Michael. Now he is the prince of the power of the air, the first heaven, and not allowed into the third heaven, or God's heaven, any longer.

Rev 12:9, *"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."*

Notice that all his angels are also cast down to the earth with him. These evil spirits are often referred to as demons and they fulfill their evil deeds by dwelling in the bodies of humans and even animals. These evil spirits, which came down with Satan at the birth of Jesus, had already inhabited many individuals. One of the main types of miracles that Jesus performed was the casting out of evil spirits, i.e. Satan's angels.

Rev 12:10, *“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”*

I find this verse most significant in determining when Satan was cast out of heaven. Salvation came with the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the Kingdom of God. Christ ascends into heaven having all power. Matt 28:18, *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”*

Paul quotes the Old Testament in 2Cor 6:2, *“... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”* He uses this text to clearly state that this dispensation of the church age is truly the day of salvation. Now is come salvation. Now is come the Kingdom of God, not with observation, but in the power of the Holy Ghost dwelling in the New Testament Church. Now, instead of Satan accusing us before the Father day and night, 1John 2:1, *“... we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”*

Rev 12:11, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*

Now is the day of salvation because we can be baptized into the name of Jesus and have his blood applied to our hearts and lives. And after being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Spirit we can hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. (Acts 2:38-39, Hebr. 10:23) I will not be surprised if some of us are put to death for Christ's sake just as some of the early saints were.

Rev 12:12, *“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”*

This last phrase, a short time, has troubled me because I don't think 2,000 years is a short time. Having been defeated by Michael in heaven and the blood of Christ on earth, Satan knows that his days are numbered. The **short** time refers to the fact that Satan knows he will have three and a half years to destroy Israel. The Christian nations have prevented Satan from destroying Israel but when the Church is caught up to heaven, Satan will have his way. His reign will come to an end though, and he has been doing everything within his power since the first New Testament Day of Pentecost to destroy the Church of Christ and Israel. There has been an incredible amount of death and destruction wrought upon this old earth through wars, famine and disease. Fear of persecution, and deception through false doctrine has also prevented many a soul from living for God. Of course there has always been the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life to prevent people from living for God, and Satan has promoted these vices to the utmost.

Rev 12:13, *“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.”*

If ever there was a persecuted people it has been the Jews. They have been driven from one country to the next and have been slaughtered by the millions. Finally, in this last hour of the Church, Israel has been gathered together to their homeland as prophesied by nearly all the prophets of God.

Rev 12:14, *“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”*

It is now the end of the church dispensation, the church has been raptured, and the Antichrist has risen to power. A select remnant of Jews will be sealed by God and protected against the destructive powers of Satan, and will go through a period of great tribulation and the period of the wrath of God, and finally call upon the Lord Jesus Christ. He will come and save them and set up his new kingdom in Israel.

Exod 19:4, *"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself."*

Rev 12:15, *"And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood."*

Several times in the Old Testament the armies of great nations that rose up against other nations were referred to as a flood. Isa. 59:19 *"...When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him."*

Satan, through the Antichrist, will gather all the nations to come against Jerusalem, the two prophets, and the remnant to try and utterly destroy Israel from off the face of the earth. Psalm 83.

Rev 12:16-17, *"And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*

For three and a half years God protects a remnant of Israel. But eventually Satan succeeds in killing the two prophets in Jerusalem. After three days of celebrating, the earth quakes as never before and destroys many of the enemy and Michael with his angels, and the Lord Jesus with his saints, do battle with Satan, and are victorious in what is called the Battle of Armageddon.

A lot is covered in chapter twelve of Revelation, but chronologically, the first thirteen verses, excepting verse six, refer to the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the beginning of the New Testament church. Verses six, and fourteen to the end, refer to the last three and a half years of Daniel's seventieth week, the reign of the Antichrist.

## Chapter 5

### The Church Age: 34 A.D. to the Rapture.

The first three chapters of Revelation deal with the church age. I don't believe that the seven churches of Asia are symbolic of seven different periods during the church age. I believe that they were seven literal churches in Asia, and that they show that apostasy (the mystery of iniquity) was already occurring in the churches at the end of the first century A.D. Most of the prophesy in Revelation, which begins in chapter five, relates to the Church already being raptured, and those that will be saved during the seal judgments, Satan's Beasts, the Great Whore, and the nation of Israel. There are several passages, though, intermingled throughout chapters five through twenty-two, that pertain to the church age. Several were discussed in the preceding chapter where Satan is cast down from heaven and persecutes Israel. This

has taken place for the past two thousand years fulfilling the request in Mt 27:25, “Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.” Revelation 12:10-13, discusses New Testament salvation and Satan being cast out of heaven.

I recently attended a month long prophesy seminar put on by the Seventh Day Adventist Church which interprets everything in Revelation as occurring during the Church Age. And I mean everything. Everything is spiritualized and symbolized. I disagree with almost everything they teach. The seven churches of Asia and the four horsemen might have something to do with church history over the past two thousand years, but I doubt it.

The four horsemen mentioned in Revelation 6:1-8, have been around since the creation of man and no doubt have been doing business during the church age. They are given a new commission beginning seven months before the Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 22:6-21, concludes the book of Revelation by bringing the reader back to the time of the New Testament Church. The emphasis is still on the fact that the prophecies are real and soon to come to pass.

Rev 22:7, “Behold, **I come quickly**: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” Rev 22:12, “And, behold, **I come quickly**; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.” Rev 22:20, “He which testifieth these things saith, Surely **I come quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

## Chapter 6

### The Church is Caught Up (Raptured).

1Th 4:15-17, “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 them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet 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.”

This verse is perhaps the greatest hope of the church. To be raised from the dead and given glorified bodies and to be with the Lord for ever. What a great hope. Revelation 5:9-10, Gives us a glimpse of the Raptured Church. “**And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**”

This is the New Testament Church.

Many people speak of a period called “**The Great Tribulation.**” There is no expression “The Great Tribulation” mentioned in the Bible. The expression **great tribulation** is mentioned several times, and is used to describe the period of the reign of the Anti-Christ, but that does not mean that all the people in heaven mentioned in Rev 7:14, came out of that period. According to Paul, all New Testament saints “**must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**” Acts 14:22. The Greek word translated **much** in this verse is also translated as **great**, 59 times in the KJV. The following verse is also a witness. 2Timothy 3:12 “**Yea, and all that will live**

godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**”

The N. T. Church is seen again in Revelation 14:1-5.

Rev 14:1-5, “*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a **new song** before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*”

This group of people has caused confusion among many bible students, but on close examination this group is an exact description of the Church. Since there are obviously more than one hundred and forty four thousand Saints, this number is symbolic rather than literal. For example, it states that “*they are virgins.*” Paul uses this description with reference to the church in 2Corinthians 11:2, “*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.*” We see that the church in general is referred to as a chaste virgin. In Rev 3:12, Jesus promises the church that the name of God will be written in their foreheads. In Galations 3:13, and 1Peter 1:18, it states that Christ has redeemed the Church with his blood. In Revelation 5:9, It states that the Raptured Church sings a new song unto the Lamb. Also, in 1Thessalonians 4:17, Paul states that the entire Raptured Church will forever be with the Lord. “*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.***” This coincides with, Rev 14:4, “*These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.*” Also, Paul state on numerous occasions that there is no difference between nationalities in the church. Both Jews and Gentiles are considered the same in Christ. Galations 3:28, “*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*” With regard to the fact that they have, “no guile in their mouths,” Peter states, 1Pe 3:10, “*For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they **speak no guile.***” Rev 14:4, “*These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*” In James 1:18, it states that we are the Firstfruits unto God. Christ, the Head, and his body, the church, are the Firstfruits. When all of these verses are taken into consideration, I think it must be concluded that the 144,000 saints, presented in Revelation 14:1-5, do symbolically represent the entire Bride of Christ, the Raptured New Testament Church. The number is probably symbolic of 1.44 Billion Saints. Rev 19:1-14, Also depicts the Church in heaven as the Wife that has made herself ready and she is ready to return to earth with Christ.

## Chapter 7

### 3.5 Years to the Battle of Armageddon.

# The Beast that Rises out of the Sea, Two Propheying Witnesses, The Remnant of Israel, The Great Whore, The Everlasting Gospel.

I long wondered why the kingdoms of Nimrod and Pharaoh were not included in the great kingdoms that were seen in Daniel's visions. The reason is they are not relevant to the problem at hand. God chose Israel to be his nation of witness on this earth. This began with the building of the Ark of the Covenant by Moses, but after nearly a thousand years of Israel profaning the name of the Lord, God gave them over to the Gentile nations. The priests in the temple were actually observing the Babylonian religion of weeping for Tamuzz and worshipping the sun god and many other such devotions and observances. Ezekiel 8:8-16. God gave the Babylonian Empire, led by Nebuchadnezzar, the power to judge Israel and take over the world. Nebuchadnezzar's greatest conquest was the taking, and destruction, of Jerusalem. This is the beginning of the "**times of the Gentiles.**" The prophecies of Daniel also begin with Daniel and it is at this time that God rejects His Israeli Theocracy because of the failure of its leadership. It has been nearly a thousand years since God set up his seat among the Israelites with Moses and the Ark of the testimony and later with David and Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. But it failed. Man cannot successfully rule on earth without the blood of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and a Glorified body.

We can now understand Revelation 13, with a **Beast** that rises out of the Sea, with a body like a Leopard, and feet like a Bear, and a mouth like a Lion. The beast also has Seven heads, and Ten Horns and Ten Crowns upon the Ten Horns. These are all kingdoms that have been inspired, and empowered by Satan to conquer all other nations. Many nations and ambitious kings have aspired to this position, but the Bible lets us know that only four major kingdoms have succeeded in truly qualifying. They are the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian and Roman empires. Their leaders have been the likes of Nebuchadnezzar, Darius the Mede, Cyrus the Persian, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Constantine the Great, the Popes, and the Mahdi.

These kingdoms are described by John in reverse order than that of Daniel, because they are presented in historical context from the present to the past. Daniel presents them from his time unfolding into the future. So the Lion is Babylonia, the Bear is the Medo-Persian empire, the Leopard is the Grecian Empire.

It should be noted that the vision that John has, shows all the animals presented as one great beast. Daniel's vision in Daniel chapter seven, presents the beasts as three individual beasts. But a fourth beast, that is not described as an animal, but is described as "dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns." Notice the **feet** of it, and that it is diverse from all the others, and the ten horns.

Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel chapter two, shows all of the kingdoms to be

one Great Image in the Shape of a Man, with a Head of Gold, Arms of Silver, a Belly of Brass, Legs of Iron, and Feet with Ten Toes made of Iron mixed with Clay. Although the First Kingdom, Nebuchadnezzar's, was set up by God, it was taken over by Satan, and all the rest of the kingdoms are for the most part inspired by Satan. All of its leaders are recognized as deities. All of the kingdoms that come after Nebuchadnezzar's are inferior to his and each one is typified by a metal stronger than the preceding one. Plus, with the head, two arms, belly, two legs, and the final ten toes, we come up with seven parts. These represent the seven heads as mentioned in Rev chapter 17:9-10 "And here *is* the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: **five are fallen**, and one is, *and* the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."

The following is a composite of the scriptures in Revelation about the beast. **A great red dragon, a scarlet coloured beast, rises from the sea, having seven heads and seven crowns upon his heads, and ten horns, and ten crowns upon his horns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy, and the beast was like unto a leopard, with the feet of a bear, and the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, sits upon the beast.** When we read the full description of Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, we find that she drinks the blood of Prophets, and Saints, and the Martyrs of Jesus. Mystery Babylon has been around since the real Babylon. She has been a part of all of the great kingdoms of the world. She completely infiltrated the religious system of Israel and the Temple in Jerusalem. She infiltrated the early church and corrupted its religious system and doctrines. She is false doctrine in what was the true church. She is the Mystery of Iniquity (2Thes. 2:7). She is Satan's deceptions in disguise.

Rev 17:9, "*And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The **seven heads are seven mountains**, on which the woman sitteth.*"

Everything mentioned in the compiled verses given above is symbolic. The various expressions, heads, horns, crowns, beast, red dragon, leopard, bear, lion, Babylon, etc., are all representative of something else. These words are all symbolic, not just some of them. In closely studying the Bible, we find that the Great Red Dragon, and the Scarlet Colored Beast, are both Satan. The Sea represents peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. The Seven Heads are Seven Mountains. But the seven mountains are also seven locations where Satan's Seat has been located. The Seven Heads are seven kingdoms, because the Seven Crowns represent the leaders or kings of the Seven Heads, that sit in Satan's Seat. The Ten Horns are individual kingdoms that are not Satan's seat, and each has a ruler represented by the Ten Crowns. These ten kings give their power and authority to Satan, in the form of the Antichrist, for one Hour, and all at the same time. The Hour is a short period of time, like a year, or perhaps a month. The Name of Blasphemy upon the Heads, means that the rulers in the seven seats of Satan's authority, are recognized as Deities. The Leopard, Bear, and Lion, are three of Satan's Worldwide kingdoms. The

Grecian Empire, the Medo-Persian Empire, and the Babylonian Empire.

We see that in the Medo-Persian Empire, Daniel prospered under two great kings, **Darius the Median** and **Cyrus the Persian**, (Daniel 6:28). In the vision, this kingdom is represented by Two Arms of Silver. In the Roman Empire, represented by Two Legs of Iron, we must also have two great types of leaders from different backgrounds. Julius Caesar of the Western Roman empire and Constantine the Great of the Eastern Roman empire. Both recognized as deities. The Popes take over the Western empire and the Caliphs (Islamic leaders) take over the Eastern empire. The Pope, or Holy Father, has a name of Deity and the final Caliph called the Mahdi, will also be recognized as a Deity. History repeats itself.

So, I believe the Seven Heads must be Satan's Seven Seats of Authority, within the Four Great Worldwide Kingdoms. Re 17:10, *"And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space."* The Crowns upon The Head of Gold, Two Arms of Silver, Belly of Brass, and One Leg of Iron, are the Five that have fallen. There is a Crown on One Leg of Iron alive, and a Crown which will come on one Confederacy of Ten Diverse Kingdoms led by One Antichrist which is to come. The two legs of Iron represent the Roman Empire, but its western power was temporarily diminished when Constantine went to Constantinople. According to Ralph Woodrow, in his book, "**Babylon Mystery Religion**" (ISBN 0-916938-00-x) page 81, the Roman emperor Gratian declined the position and title of **Pontifex Maximus** in 376 A.D. In 378 A.D., the **Bishop of Rome**, Demasus, was elected the **Pontifex Maximus**, the official high priest of the Babylonian Mysteries.

Here we see a fourth great kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar's dream with Two Legs, (Two Heads) and Two Crowns, which are headquartered in Rome and Istanbul. First, the Roman Empire led by the Caesars which moves to Constantinople, and then the Roman Catholic Church led by the Popes in Rome. Both were Satan's seat. Both were the seat of the **Pontifex Maximus, Mystery Babylon**. The leaders of both were recognized as Deities. One still is, the Pope, who is referred to as the Holy Father. This is a **name of blasphemy**. Five heads are fallen, one is, and one is to come.

The last kingdom, or head, will be the kingdom of the Antichrist, which is made up of the two feet and the ten toes.

Revelation Chapter 13, gives us a hint of who he will be. Part of the end time beast will have a mouth speaking great things. The beast is described as the body of a Leopard, feet like a Bear, and the mouth of a Lion. It will be a Confederation of Nations. The Antichrist will be a political leader of this group and someone will be his Prophet. I believe that the Antichrist and his false prophet are real individual people. The Antichrist won't be the Pope. He is the leader of the Great Whore at this time but when the Church is raptured that will change. Satan fills whoever is worshipped as God because this is how Satan wants to be worshipped. Satan does it vicariously through the humans he possess. When the Church is raptured, and millions are left behind because they believed in the teachings of the Catholic Church, and her protes-

tant offspring, they will turn on the Pope, and the protestant churches, and destroy them. The **Great Whore** will be throne down to the ground by her church members. There will be hell to pay. Vatican City will be burned to the ground. God will put it into the hearts of the ten kings(muslims) to, "hate the whore, and make her desolate and naked, and eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." This is what will happen to the false Christian churches after the True Church is raptured. Muslims hate people who believe in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God, and millions of people filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Catholics and Protestants don't truly believe this. They believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But the Bible teaches, 1Cor 8:6, "*But to us there is but **one God**, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.*" And, 1John 2:22, "*Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is **anti-christ**, that denieth the Father and the Son.*" And John 17:3, "*And this is life **eternal**, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*" But Muslims don't believe in any of this.

Satan will take up residence in a man of Islam. He will become the King or President of Iraq. The head that was wounded unto death is the **eastern** Roman Empire. Later (1,450) it became the Islamic Ottoman empire. It will be revived as a confederacy of all Muslim countries. The Leopard is modern day Turkey, Libya, Egypt, Northern Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Afganistan. The Bear is modern day Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and Iran. The Lion is modern day Iraq. This is the beast that rises up out of the sea. It is the modern day nations, or confederacy, of Islam. All the world will marvel after this beast. These are revived as nations of Islam. With the church raptured and a leader of Islam given power by Satan himself, who will be able to resist him? The first ten versus of Rev. Chapter 13, describe this revived empire and leader. In the second half of Revelation Chapter 13, it says that a lamb with two horns will rise up with the same power as the first beast. Because the Medo-Persian empire is described as a ram with two horns, this is probably modern day Syria and Iran. Daniel 7:24, indicates that the Antichrist will subdue these three kingdoms into one: Syria, Iraq, and Iran. This is the true Axis of Evil.

**The Mark of the Beast will be the Mark of Islam.** It will be the Arabic writing of "In the Name of Allah," the sign of crossed swords, and possibly the sign of the crescent moon. After all, Allah was the ancient Arabian moon god. His wife was the sun and the stars were his children. Allah is actually the Great Red Dragon, or Satan. The one who gives power to all the prophetic gentile nations.

Babylon, which is still the false religious beliefs being perpetrated throughout the world by the Antichrist and false prophet, will still be seated upon the Seventh Head, probably in Iraq. This is the original **Babylon**. The seat of that Head will eventually move to Jerusalem, where the Antichrist will set up his kingdom, or headquarters. His Image will be set up in the Temple of God or the place where the Temple of God used to be located, the temple mount purchased by King David. "So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight." This must be the Temple Mount. This is spoken of by Jesus.

Matthew 24:15, "*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of*

*by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"* The abomination of desolation, standing in the holy place is probably The Antichrist standing in the Dome of the Rock or a rebuilt Jewish Temple. This would be a double abomination. What if it included the discovered Ark of the Covenant?

**In Summary**, we have Nebuchadnezzar's dream with its seven body parts, head, two arms, belly, two legs, and ten toes, represented in Revelation as the beast with seven heads. The seven body parts are the same as the seven heads. They are seven mountains, which means, seven kingdoms. These seven kingdoms exist within the four major empires, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman. Each head has a crown, or a monarchical leader. The Antichrist is the monarch of one of the seven heads. His reign will begin shortly after the church is raptured. He will reign for three and one half years. He will be the **Messiah(Mahadi) of the Islamic nations**, not of the Christian Nations. The Christian nations will be in total chaos after the rapture of the church. The Islamic nations will gain control of the world. Europe will come under Islamic rule. Beginning in Europe, people will be forced to accept Islam or Islamic rule, or be beheaded. Anyone who rejects the Mark of Islam will be slain. Without the Mark of Islam, one will not be able to buy or sell. Muslims will rule the world. With the Christian nations severely weakened by the rapture of the church, Israel will lose much of its protection provided by the United States and other sympathetic nations. God will send his angels to protect her for three and a half years. Plus, Israel's army and nuclear weapons will make the Islamic nations think twice before invading her.

## Two Propheying Witnesses

At the same time the Church is caught up, two prophesying witnesses will descend and appear in Jerusalem. They will also continue for three and one half years. They have power to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will (Rev 11:6). These witnesses have the same power that Moses and Elijah had, and I would not be surprised if the two witnesses were Moses and Elijah. Elijah did not die a natural death, and the Bible is not clear on exactly what happened to Moses either. It says God buried him in a valley of Moab, but Moses was of full strength when he died. It would seem that the Lord just took him. We know that Michael disputed with Satan over the body of Moses, Jude 9. We do know that Moses and Elijah were both talking with Jesus in the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:3). Revelation 11:4, says that these two witnesses are "*...the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*" Zechariah 4:14, also mentions them. "*Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.*" Malachi 4:5-6, states that God "*will send Elijah the prophet before the great and dreadful day of the Lord.*" If we put these four verses together, we come up with Moses and Elijah, the Law and the Prophets, two of God's great witnesses, prophets, and mediators to Israel. It is these two prophets that invoke the Seven Trumpet Judgments and the Seven Vial Plagues. These seven trumpet and seven vial plagues will not be invoked until the last seven months before the Battle of Armageddon.

# The Remnant of Israel

At the beginning of Revelation chapter seven, the four horsemen are represented again as the four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of earth. There are 144,000 Israelites sealed in their foreheads with the seal of God by an angel, out of eleven of the twelve tribes. This seal is not the Holy Spirit. It is an inscription put on by an angel or angels and perhaps only visible to angels or spirits. The tribe of Dan is left out. Joseph is counted twice (Joseph (Ephraim) and Manases). In the book of Judges we read that the tribe of Dan went to the north of Israel and made the city of Dan where tribal idolatry was instituted. Later a Golden Calf was set up there. No wonder that they were left out. It could also be possible that a descendant of Dan is the false prophet. The false prophet tells the people of the earth that they should make an **image** to the beast and those that would not worship the **image** of the beast should be killed. In other words, the false prophet sets up idolatry again. Dan means Judge, and it is prophesied in Genesis that Dan will judge his brothers. Ge 49:16-17, *“Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.”*

I believe that the 144,000 are symbolic of the **remnant** of God’s Chosen People (Israelites) which will go through the tribulation period, the reign of the Antichrist, and the period of the seven trumpet and vial plagues, and come out on the other side to begin the new nation of Israel during the millennial reign of Christ. This group is discussed in Ezekiel chapter 36:16-38. 36:31 “Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32 Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.” This group is saved because of the promises that God gave their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Rom 11:28 “As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching **the election**, *they are* beloved for the fathers’ sakes.” This is not the 144,000 discussed in Rev chapt 14. They are the raptured church.

This group of Israelites is probably sealed at the time the church is raptured since they are the **woman** that *“fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days,”* (Rev12:6).

# The Everlasting Gospel

Let’s examine the Everlasting Gospel. Re 14:6-7, *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”*

Contrary to my own belief that the “Times of the Gentiles” ended with the rapture of the Church, the Times of the Gentiles ends with the battle of Armageddon. This means that both Jews and Gentiles will be saved after the rapture of the Church. The question is, what is the gospel that will be preached during the tribulation period?

Part of it is to fear God and to worship God, as stated above. But, the rest is outlined in Rev 14:9-13, *“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”*

The Gospel message during the tribulation period is, Fear and Worship God, keep his commandments, refuse to worship the Beast and his Image, and refuse to receive his Mark. It is explained that this will cost the saint his life, but the good news is that he will live and reign with Jesus. Rev 20:4, *“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: **and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded** for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”* This also fulfills the saying of Jesus, Mark 8:35, *“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.”* These tribulation saints are described again in Rev 15:2, *“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.”*

It should be pointed out that these saints are a mixture of Israelites and Gentiles and it appears that they do not have the Seal of God in their foreheads, nor the Name of the Father in their foreheads. These saints would appear not to be a part of the Bride, the New Testament Church. These are a part of the same group mentioned in Rev 6:9-11, *“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”*

The rest of Revelation chapter fifteen lets us know that the Seven Vial Plagues have not yet been poured out. Everyone that is going to be killed for not worshiping the Beast and not receiving his Mark, has already been killed before the final wrath of God is poured out. This group does not include the remnant of sealed Israelites.

Rev 14:14-17, *“And 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."*

The first sickle represents the harvesting of Saints from the earth during the time of the Antichrist. Because of the location of this verse it represents the death of tribulation saints and by what means they will be saved. They will be beheaded for their faith. Mr 4:26-29, "...*So is the kingdom of God,*" the earth will bring forth fruit, "*But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*"

**In summarizing this chapter**, there are six main things that begin three and a half years before the Battle of Armageddon.

Firstly, Israel's time clock starts ticking again with the rapture of the Church. The last half of Daniel's Seventieth Week begins unfolding. A remnant of Israel, represented by **144,000 Israelites sealed** with the seal of God in their foreheads, is prepared to go through the reign of the Antichrist and the great tribulation and the wrath of God.

Secondly, the **four seals are opened that present the four horseman** which are angels from heaven that promote the plan of God.

Thirdly, the **Great Whore, the Mystery of Iniquity, the false Christian churches, are Judged**. The nations of Islam will be used by God to Judge the false Christians.

Fourthly, **Two prophesying witnesses appear in Jerusalem**. They have power to smite the earth with all the plagues of Moses and Elijah, although most of the plagues do not begin for almost three years.

Fifthly, the **Antichrist is revealed**. He is the leader of the Islamic Nations. He begins by taking political and economic control of the world. The **False Prophet** also appears and causes all men, both small and great, to **worship** the Antichrist and to take the mark of the Antichrist, the **Mark of Islam**, and all that refuse will be put to death. Neither will they be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast in their hand or forehead. The Mark of Islam, is "In the Name of Ala," the symbol of two crossed swords, and possibly the crescent moon.

Sixthly, the **Everlasting Gospel will start being preached**, which is that men must fear God and keep his commandments, worship and give glory to him, refuse to worship the Antichrist and his image, and refuse to take the mark of the beast in one's hand or forehead. This will result in the beheading of the offending individual, but it will also insure his or her salvation. This everlasting gospel is preached by the White angels. This is represented by the White Horse in Revelation Chapter Six, where the seals are opened.

## Chapter 8

### Seven Months to the Battle of Armageddon.

The famous seven seals are opened by the Lamb.

# The Seven Trumpet Judgments Begin.

Da 12:4, *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and **seal the book**, even to the time of the end:”*

The beginning of the Seven Seals that were opened in Revelation Chapter Six represent four groups of angels. The White horses help spread the Everlasting Gospel. The Red Horses help protect Israel and cause wars to break out upon those who reject the nation of Israel. The Black Horses help in the judgement and destruction of the Great Whore, and the Pale Horses are involved in the death caused by the confusion and aftermath of the Raptured Church such as famine and disease. These horsemen do not represent people or long periods of church history, but angels from heaven. These are God’s angels that carry out his will. They are first mentioned as different colored horsemen in the book of Zechariah, chapters one and six, where it appears that there, they are entire companies, or legions, of white, red, black, and pale horses. In Revelation they have riders on them. No doubt they each have a leader, or archangel.

The white horses, I believe, represent angels of God’s word, law, testimonies, and prophecies. I believe their leader is Gabriel, the angel of prophecy (Rev 19:10). The red horses, the angels of war, represent angels that carry out the wrath, punishment, or judgment of God. They are God's executioners. This can be seen many times in the Old Testament where God's angels are sent into battle to kill scores of thousands of Israel's enemies. I believe their leader is the archangel Michael, Captain of the Lords Host (Dan 12:1, Jos 5:14). The black horses represent God's judges, and God’s judgmental pronouncements. Their leader is the angel of judgment. I don’t know his name. The pale horses promote death that is the result of sin throughout the world, which is caused by disease, hunger, murder, and death from animals or perhaps people and nations that act like beasts. Their leader is the angel of death (1Ch 21:14-16). This could possibly be Satan Himself and all his demons and fallen angels. These four horsemen are defined in Zechariah 6:5 as, *“... These are **the four spirits** of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.”*

The Bible also states that **Spirits** is another word for **Angels**. Ps 104:4, *“Who maketh his **angels spirits**; his ministers a flaming fire.”* And, Heb 1:14, *“Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”*

At the beginning of Revelation chapter seven, it mentions the **four spirits** as **four angels**, Rev 7:1 *“And after these things I saw **four angels** standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.”* These are none other than the **four horsemen**.

These are also the **four beasts or creatures** mentioned in seven of the chapters of the book of Revelation. These beasts are full of eyes. The term eyes is symbolic of spirits (Rev 5:6), which are also angels. In this case it means that the four beasts are actually four legions of angels. The four beasts are four legions of angels, each led by an archangel. The White, Gabriel, with the head of a man. The Red, Michael, with the head of a Lion. The Black, Judgment, with the head of an Eagle.

The Pale, Death, with the face of a Calf. These four beasts were also represented on earth by the four companies of Israelites as they were encamped about the tabernacle in the wilderness. Judah, the Lion, Reuben, the Man, Dan, the Eagle, and Ephraim, the Calf.

As mentioned before, these angels (four horsemen and four groups of horsemen) have been around for a long time. They are given a new assignment, or commission, at the beginning of the Seven Trumpet Judgments.

REV 6: 9-11, *“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”*

The saints from the fifth seal were not baptized in Jesus Name (washed their own robes white in the blood of the Lamb, Rev 7:14). They were given white robes. This means that they were saved after the rapture (catching away) of the church.

In reading about the Everlasting Gospel in chapter fourteen and fifteen, we see that both the raptured church, and those who were saved by refusing the mark of the beast, are all in heaven before the Seven Trumpet Judgments are sounded. They are definitely in heaven before the Seven Vials are poured out. Also note that the first four seals that are opened are pretty much business as usual. The Gospel being preached, wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, people dying by the sword, etc. Of course, now it is because of Islamic leaders taking over the east, the false christian church being judged by God, and the overall state of confusion caused by the rapture of the Church. But when we get to the sixth seal, we get to the seven trumpet and seven vial judgements. These judgements involve great cataclysmic **geological and meteorological disasters**.

REV 6:12-16 *“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And 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; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.”*

The sixth seal takes us to the end of the tribulation period, and to the end of the reign of the Antichrist. Verses twelve through sixteen are referring to the end of the Seventh Vial Plague leading up to the seventh and Last Trump!

Revelation chapters 8, 9, and 11, present the Seven Trumpet Judgments, which begin **seven months** before the Battle of Armageddon. Everything from this point on is revealed in the Seventh Seal. The Seventh Seal is actually a detailed description of the Sixth Seal. Yes, the Seventh Seal leads up to the end of what happens in the Sixth Seal. **The Book of Revelation is not a book of linear chronological order. It takes a revelation from God to understand its symbology and its chronology.**

## Revelation Chapters 8, 9, and 11, Seven Trumpets.

Revelation 8:1, *"And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour."*

Exactly what this silence is all about, I don't know, but this is definitely the calm before the storm. The last time the trumpet was sounded was when the Church was raptured, or caught up from earth to be with Jesus. The Antichrist has come to power. 144,000, Israelites have been sealed in the foreheads by angels. The Great Whore has been Judged. All of the tribulation saints have been beheaded for not worshipping the beast. It is now down to **the last seven months** before the Lord returns to set up his millennial kingdom on earth. The two witnesses in Jerusalem begin calling for things to happen. They have power to smite the earth with all plagues as often as they will (Rev 11:6).

**The first plague** reported to have been called by them on the earth is the first trumpet plague, *"...hail and fire mingled with blood were cast upon the earth and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."* This was preceded by lightnings, thunderings, and an earthquake.

**The second trumpet is their second plague.** *"...a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood. And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."*

**The third trumpet plague is,** *"a great star fell from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."* It should be pointed out here that this is one of the stars that was mentioned in Chapter 6:13, *"And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, ..."* **The stars are angels.** This angel has a name, it is called Wormwood.

**The fourth trumpet plague is,** *"the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."* The second plague consisted of a mountain, perhaps an asteroid, hitting the earth with great force. It landed in one of the oceans and struck the earth at such an angle that it started the earth's rotation to speed up. We now have 18 hour days. If the burning mountain did not cause the rotation to speed up, then it was simply done by the power of God.

**The fifth trumpet plague** consists of another star falling from heaven. This angel has the key to the bottomless pit and lets loose a great army of demons that have power to sting men with their tails. *"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. 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. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them."* The wording of this plague lets us know that the trumpet plagues must have begun at least six months before the end the tribulation period. The people that are tormented are the Nations of Islam. Those that are not tormented have the seal of God. These are those Israelites

of the twelve tribes mentioned in Revelation Chapter 7:4-8.

**Let's slow down for a moment.** The first four trumpet judgments seem to be grouped together because after they are presented there is an angel in heaven crying, *"Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"*

**The fifth trumpet plague** consists of an army of demons being let loose from the bottomless pit. Rev 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."* This king is mentioned in such a way as to make him seem to be someone other than Satan. But, after much reading and searching, I have come to the conclusion that this is none other than Satan himself. **Satan is the King and Archangel of the bottomless pit.**

In the gospel of Jude, there is a verse of interest here.

Jude 1:6, *"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."* It could well be that the angels let out of the bottomless pit are the same ones that have been *"reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."* They are also referred to by Peter. *2Pe 2:4\** *"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;"* Practically all of the verses in the Bible referring to the Great Day, and the Day of the Lord and judgment, are referring to the Battle of Armageddon.

## The Sixth Trumpet judgment

Before presenting the Sixth Trumpet Judgment it should be pointed out that even though it may be sounded immediately after the Fifth Trumpet, it is not completely fulfilled until the day of the Battle of Armageddon. That is the hour that the Angelic Armies have been prepared for.

Rev 9:13-15, ***"And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men."***

These four angels have been bound for a long time. These are representatives of the White, Red, Black, and Pale horses spoken of back in Rev 6:1-8, and in Zechariah Chapters one and six. They are loosed at the sound of the sixth trumpet, this is the beginning of the **seven vial judgments** being poured out. **The sixth trumpet plague** consists of an angelic army of 200,000,000 horsemen. This is an army of angels led by Michael, the Archangel(Daniel 12:1). These are the red horsemen. They have heads like Lions. This is the clue that these are the red horsemen. If you recall, the four beasts around the throne of God represent the four groups of horsemen. The white beast has a head like a man, **the red beast the head of a lion**, the black like an eagle, and the pale like a calf. *"And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths."*

God sends these angels among a great army of Muslim men from at least ten

nations(Rev 17:12-17) that have come to destroy the remnant of Israel and the two witnesses, Moses and Elijah. This is the battle of Jerusalem. But the battle of Armageddon doesn't happen though, until the Seventh Trumpet begins to sound.

One more thing should be mentioned before concluding this chapter. The tribulation saints that will be saved according to the Everlasting Gospel, have all been killed by now. They are seen in heaven before the Seven Vial plagues are poured out. And if the second sickle in Revelation chapter fourteen is speaking of the Seven Trumpet plagues as well as the Seven Vial plagues, then the tribulation saints have definitely been reaped from the earth. Rev 14:14, *“And 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. 15 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. 16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. 17 And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. 18 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. 19 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.** 20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.”*

**In Summary**, two major things happen seven months before the Battle of Armageddon. Firstly, the tribulation saints are reaped, and secondly, the seven trumpet judgments begin being sounded. Over the next two months five are sounded. It will be another couple of months before the sixth trumpet blows.

## Chapter 9

### Seven Weeks to the Battle of Armageddon. Seven Thunders Utter Their Voices. Five Vial Plagues Are Poured Out.

Revelation chapters ten and fifteen go together hand in hand. They both introduce the Seven Vial Plagues. Rev 15:1, *“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, **seven angels having the seven last plagues**; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.”* Rev15:7, *“And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.”*

This Beast is probably the one with the head of an Eagle, a Black Horseman, the Spirit of judgment. As soon as he gives the seven golden vials to the seven angels, a great and mighty angel is seen standing with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the earth(Rev 10:1-11). He cries with a loud voice like the **roaring of a lion** and **seven thunders** utter their voices.

My first thought was that this is the Angel of Prophecy, or Gabriel, but on second thought, it must be Michael, because he roars **like a lion** and he is the leader of the great army of angels that will destroy all the nations that will come down and take Jerusalem captive and kill the two witnesses.

John is told to seal up what was said in the seven thunders, and not to write it in the book of Revelation. The seven thunders are the seven last prophesies given by the two witnesses in Jerusalem. They are the prophesies which will result in the seven vial plagues being poured out. Exactly what will be said will not be known until the time comes. This is the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who is speaking with John. The angel swears to God that there should be time no longer. *“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”*

We see here that the seven vial judgments must come before the sounding of the seventh trumpet. John is told to take the little book and eat it, which he does, and it is sweet in his mouth, but bitter in his belly. The reason it is so bitter is because it is the prophecy of every living thing in the ocean dying, all the rivers and fountains of waters turning into blood, the killing of the two prophets themselves, the destruction of Jerusalem, and battle of Armageddon. This prophecy will be given by the two witnesses and will truly be bitterness because it will end in their own deaths.

Re 14:18, *“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.*

Re 14:19 *“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.**”*

The individual seven vial plagues of the wrath of God are presented in Rev. chapter sixteen. Chapter sixteen occurs before the end of chapter eleven. These vial plagues begin after the Sixth Trumpet is sounded, and end just before the Seventh Trumpet. The **Seventh Vial** must occur before the **Seventh (Last) Trumpet.** This is similar to when Joshua fought the battle of Jericho. They circled the city once each day for six days. But on the seventh day they circled the city Seven Times. Joshua 6:4, *“And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.”*

As I see it, the seven trumpet judgments begin seven months before the Battle of Armageddon. The seven vial judgments occur during the last seven weeks and lead up to the Seventh Trumpet, **The Last Trump.** If the seventh trumpet is the last trump, the end of everything, not the beginning of the end, then the seven vial judgments come after the Sixth Trumpet, but before the Seventh Trumpet. If this seems confusing, reconsider the Jericho situation again.

Six Days, represent the first Six Trumpets. The Seventh Day begins with the city being circled Seven Times. These are the Seven Vial plagues. After the city is circled seven times, the last great blast of the trumpet is made and the people give a great shout. This is the Last, Seventh Trumpet. As was mentioned before, **things in the book of Revelation are not presented in a linear Chronological or-**

der. The pieces of the puzzle are many, and varied, both symbolically and chronologically.

Before presenting the Seven Vials, I would like to point out that they correspond directly with the seven trumpet judgments. The Vials appear to be the completion of what was begun with the Trumpets, so I will discuss this correlation as the vials are presented.

**The first vial plague**, *"and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."* This appears to correspond with the fifth trumpet where stings of demons torment men for five months.

**The second vial**, the sea *"became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."* This is the completion of the second trumpet, where a third part of the sea became blood. It has now spread around the world and now every living soul in the sea dies, not just a third.

**The third vial** is poured *"upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy."*

This corresponds with, and is the completion of the third trumpet, where the angel Wormwood, probably the same as the angel of the waters, makes a third of the fountains and rivers of waters bitter, which kill many men. Now they are all made blood.

**The fourth vial** is poured *"upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."* This corresponds to the disruption of our solar system that began with the fourth trumpet. Apparently the protection of the earth's atmosphere has been lost, and/or there have been great flares or storms on the sun.

**"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."** This corresponds directly with the fifth trumpet, where the demons are let loose from the bottomless pit to torment men for five months, and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

**In summary**, approximately seven weeks before the Battle of Armageddon, Seven Vial plagues begin being called down from heaven by the two prophesying witnesses in Jerusalem. These plagues represent the ultimate wrath of God. They so infuriate Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet, that they send out invitations to the kings of the earth to come and join them in battle against the two witnesses and the remnant of Israel which are located in Jerusalem. With the **sixth vial**, the river Euphrates is dried up to make way for the kings of the east. The stage is set for the final week before the Battle of Armageddon.

## Chapter 10

# Seven Days to the Battle of Armageddon. War Against the Saints. Jerusalem is Taken. Two Witnesses are Killed.

The last week before the Battle of Armageddon is full of action. Preparation for this week has been made possible by the **Sixth Vial**.

Rev 16:12, *"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."*

Before the Battle of Armageddon, there is a great battle in Jerusalem in which many kings, led by the Antichrist, take the city. The various nations and kings that have been called to take place in this battle are described in Ezekiel chapter thirty-eight.

Magog, Tubal, Meshech, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Togarmah are nations mentioned that will take part in this battle.

This battle is described in detail in Zechariah 14:2, 12, *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."* Zec 14:12, *"And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem;"*

Before the seventh trumpet is sounded in Revelation chapter eleven, the completion of the sixth vial is described. It picks up where the two witnesses in Jerusalem are killed. Rev 11:7-8, *"And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of **the great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."*

**Before the battle of Armageddon.** Jerusalem is invaded and many people are taken captive and many are killed, including our two witnesses. Daniel 7:21, *"I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them."*

These two witnesses have the same power that Moses and Elijah had, and I would not be surprised if the two witnesses are Moses and Elijah. Elijah did not die a natural death, and the Bible is not clear on exactly what happened to Moses either. It says God buried him in a valley of Moab, but Moses was of full strength when he died. It would seem that the Lord just took him.

We do know that Moses and Elijah were both talking with Jesus in the Mount of Transfiguration(Matthew 17:3). In Rev 11:4, these witnesses are described as *"...the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth."* And again, Zec 4:12, *"... What be these **two olive branches**...?"* Zec 4:14 *"...These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."* Malachi 4:5, states, *"Behold, I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."*

The world celebrates the death of these two witnesses by sending gifts to one another. But after three and a half days, the two men are resurrected into heaven and this is immediately followed by the **Seventh Vial**. Rev 11:13, *“And the same hour was there a **great earthquake**, and **the tenth part of the city fell**, and in the earthquake **were slain of men seven thousand**: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.”*

**The Seventh Vial**, Revelation 16:17-21, *“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake**, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And **the great city was divided into three parts**, and **the cities of the nations fell**: and **great Babylon came in remembrance before God**, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And **there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven**, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.”*

This is what was being described in the Sixth Seal of Revelation 6:15-17, *“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?”*

When hail stones, the weight of an hundred pounds each, begin falling on men, it is definitely time for them to begin hiding themselves in the dens of the earth.

It is at the time of these great earthquakes and cataclysmic storms that Babylon is destroyed. Babylon, and Mystery Babylon, are all destroyed.

**Mystery Babylon**, Rev 17:18, *“And the woman which thou sawest is that **great city**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”* In Revelations chapter 17:5, one of the great mysteries of the Bible is discussed: a woman that sits on a beast that has seven heads, and ten horns. The beast is Satan, or his kingdom, or his seat of power. The seven heads are seven mountains(Kingdoms) and their seven kings. Five are fallen, one is, and one is to come. One of the seven heads(kingdoms) is wounded unto death and his wound is healed and all the earth wonders after this kingdom and its king and worships him saying “Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”

The last verse of chapter 17, defines the Woman that sits on the beast. Rev 17:18, *“And the woman which thou sawest is that **great city**, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”* This woman is the “Mystery of Iniquity”, or the false Christian church. Its headquarters is Rome. God puts it in the hearts of the ten Islamic leaders or nations, to burn her with fire. This is described in Rev 17:16. But, in Revelation chapter 11, **the great city is Jerusalem**. In Chapter 16, again **the great city is Jerusalem**. And now it is mentioned that, *“**great Babylon came in remembrance before God**, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.”* My conclusion is that this last **Great City, Babylon, is Jerusalem**. The **great city** mentioned in Rev 17:18, is **Rome**. It has already been judged three years before when the rapture took place. So this final **great Babylon is Jerusalem**.

Mystery, Babylon the Great, is probably Satan’s seat throughout the “times of

the Gentiles.” It was probably Jerusalem at one time, Pergamos during the time of the early church, and Rome at our present time. But Satan’s final seat of power will be in Jerusalem. Many people think that the **Mystery Babylon**, mentioned in Revelations chapters 17 & 18, is either Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, or a Worldwide System of Political and Religious Corruption. At present, this is correct. But the final Mystery Babylon is Jerusalem. And **Mystery Babylon’s** final punishment is the destruction of Jerusalem, plus all the other cities in which she has resided.

**A Summary** of the last few weeks before the Battle of Armageddon. The Sixth Vial is poured out. The Euphrates river is dried up to prepare the way for the armies of the east. Muslim armies come from all directions. Jerusalem is plundered. The women are raped. The two witnesses are killed. The plagues stop. Satan is winning. Everyone celebrates and gives gifts to one another.

But, after three and a half days, the two witnesses are resurrected into heaven. Then a great earthquake devastates Jerusalem. Within the space of an hour, thousands of people are killed in the city, it is divided into three parts, and a tenth part is utterly destroyed. By the end of the Seventh Vial the entire city is destroyed by fires, earthquakes, and great hail.

Many of the commentaries that I have read on Mystery Babylon state that her destruction will come in the midst of a seven year reign of the Antichrist. He will dump her religious system after three and a half years, and move his headquarters to Jerusalem where he will reign supreme the last three and a half years. The one who dumps Rome is Satan. His new Antichrist is the great Islamic leader, the Mahdi. The last great Babylon is Satan’s final seat of power and is brought into remembrance just before the battle of Armageddon. What was judged before was the Great Whore, not Islam. This is the Roman Catholic Church and every other church that teaches a false Christian plan of salvation. God chooses the Great Nation of Ishmael, which has become the Islamic nations that completely surround Israel, to judge the false Christian nations and Israel.

## Chapter 11

# The Battle of Armageddon.

After ten chapters we finally make it to the great and terrible Day of the Lord. No truer words were spoken than those by Jesus when he said, *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.”*

(Matthew 23:37-39)

Finally, a remnant of Jews, survivors of the battle at Jerusalem and the great earthquakes, cry out to Jesus, “Lord, Save Us!” Rev 11:13, *“And the same hour was there **a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of***

heaven.” Praise be to God, someone finally gave glory to Him that hath all power and salvation.

Jesus, Save Us! This is what brings Jesus and his Wife back to earth to do battle against Satan and his armies. This is the rallying cry that brings that great Archangel Michael and his armies to fight against the devil and his legions of demons.

Joel 2:32, “*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*”

Upon close examination of the Seventh Vial and the Seventh Trumpet, it appears they have much in common. They both end in an earthquake and with a plague of great hail. But, even closer examination shows that the seventh vial is the earthquake in the city of Jerusalem which elicits the cry for help. But the earthquake of the Seventh Trumpet is when the Lord comes to the Mount of Olives and it splits in two. (Zec 14:4)

Again, this corresponds with Joshua’s battle at Jericho. The last day they march around the city seven times and at the end of the seventh time they blow the last trumpet and the people give a great shout. The battle of Armageddon is signaled with the Last Trump. It is interesting to note that in Rev 15:7, the temple of God “was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.”

In Rev 11:19, after the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet, “the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

This is another proof that the Seven Vial plagues come before the Seventh Trumpet. The Battle of Armageddon begins with the Seventh Trumpet. Parts of it are described in many places throughout the Bible. Ezekiel chapter thirty nine is devoted to the battle and its aftermath, as well as much of Zechariah chapter fourteen. Joel chapters two and three, and Revelation chapter nineteen also describe the battle of Armageddon.

God uses Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet to bring all nations down to make war with the saints in Jerusalem. These armies are lead by the leader of Islam, the Antichrist. After their apparent victory, they celebrate. Most of the armies are camped in the valley of Megiddo. When the two witnesses are resurrected from the dead and the great earthquake hits Jerusalem, the remnant of Israelites cry out to Jesus, and he comes to do warfare against all the nations in the valley of Megiddo. This is the Battle of Armageddon. The angels that were bound in the Euphrates river were let loose for this battle. These are the four horsemen, with the red horsemen led by Michael. They have heads like lions. Pale horsemen are also sent into this battle because men are killed by the plague as well as by the sword. Michael’s angels also fight against Satan and his angels. There is angelic warfare as well as human warfare taking place. A third of all men are killed in this great battle (Rev 9:18).

In Rev 12:7-8, Michael defeated Satan in the war in heaven. Now Satan and his angels are defeated on earth. Satan is bound in the bottomless pit for a thousand

years and his angels are, no doubt, cast into hell along with the Antichrist and False Prophet. The bottomless pit is the center of the earth.

*Zechariah 14:3-5, "Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee."*

*Zec 14:12-13, "And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour."*

These verses, 12 and 13, explain what the horsemen with heads of lions are going to do. Fire will issue out of their mouths and kill the enemy, and they will cause a great tumult where the men will kill one another. This is reminiscent of what these angels did in Second Chronicles 20:22-24, *"the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped."*

This time is also referred to in Second Thessalonians 1:7-8, *"And to you who are troubled rest with us, 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:"* A third part of men is killed in this great battle of angels and men, the battle of Armageddon. The number will reach into the hundreds of millions. This battle, contrary to many commentaries, is described in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. Eze 38:21-22, *"And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."*

Where pestilence is mentioned in the verse above, it is referring to destruction from the **Pale Horsemen**

There is some confusion as to whom it is that is coming back with the Lord to fight at the battle of Armageddon because some verses indicate that Jesus is coming back with his saints, and others that he is coming back with his angels. The fact is, Jesus is coming back to fight the battle with both his Wife, and perhaps other resurrected saints, as well as with his mighty angels.

The following two verses let us know that we will come back with the Lord at the Battle of Armageddon. Re 17:14, *"These(Satan and his armies) shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**"* Rev 19:11-15, *"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 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.”

The armies mentioned here are the New Testament Saints of God. We are the Called, Chosen, and Faithful, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, riding on white horses. Jesus comes back to earth with both his heavenly angels (white, red, black, and pale horsemen), and the raptured New Testament Saints(Psalm 149:5-9) .

## Chapter 12

### The Resurrection of Israel.

### The New Temple.

### The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

Rev 10:7, *“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the **mystery of God** should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.”* Rev 11:15, *“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*

### Rapture or Resurrection?

We can tell from Revelation, chapters 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, and 19, that many saints of God from the New Testament have made their way to heaven. First Thessalonians lets us know that the church shall be caught up to be with the Lord. Notice that the trump mentioned here is not called the last trump. 1Thess 4:13-17, *“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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 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.”*

Hebrews 12:14, *“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”* This verse lets us know that when the church is raptured, no one will see the Lord except his bride. But, Rev 1:7, *“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.”* This verse refers to Jesus’ coming at the Battle of Armageddon.

These verses let us know that we will come back with the Lord at the battle of Armageddon. Re 17:14, *“These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**”*

But, as we shall see, there will be a resurrection of the Old Testament Saints after the battle of Armageddon, at the beginning of the Millennial Reign. After the Last Trump is sounded in Revelations chapter eleven, we have the following verse.

Re 11:18, *“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the **time of the dead**, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.”*

1Corinthians 15:51-52, *“Behold, **I shew you a mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

Daniel 12:1-3, *“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”*

Paul does not mention the dead in **Christ** in his discourse in Corinthians 15:51-52. Instead he quotes Hosea 13:14, which refers to the Jews that will be raised from the dead. This is the group mentioned in 1Cor 15:22-26, “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**; afterward **they that are Christ's at his coming.**”

We, the church, are included in the **Firstfruits**. This is the secret rapture. Then Israel, which are **they that are Christ's at his coming.**” This is at the battle of **Armageddon**.

Rev 11:18, and Daniel 12:3, both mention a judging of the people that are raised from the dead. Some will be rewarded and others punished. So, at the sound of the last trump, we have a resurrection of Israel, not of the whole world, and not of the Church. The Old Testament nation of Israel is judged at this time. Some of Israel to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those “to life” will live during the Millennium Kingdom. This resurrection and judgment is not the White Throne judgment mentioned in Rev 20:11. This resurrection from Daniel 12:3, will probably be from Abraham to John the Baptist. Luke 13:28, *“There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.”*

The following verses also attest to the resurrection of Israel.

Isaiah 26:19, *“Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.”*

Eze 37:12, *“Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.”*

After Israel is resurrected and Judged, there is much work to be done. First of all, all of the dead from the Battle of Armageddon must be found and buried.

Eze 39:9-16, *“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall burn them with fire seven years: So that they shall*

*take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with fire: and they shall spoil those that spoiled them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land. Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. And the passengers that pass through the land, when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamongog. And also the name of the city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land."*

## The New Temple.

The new temple will have to be built, and a priesthood sanctified to minister in it, and the land of Israel will have to be reapportioned to the twelve tribes. This is all spoken of in the book of Ezekiel, chapters forty through forty-eight.

## The Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ.

And thrones of Judgment will be set for the saints to rule and reign from with the Lord Jesus.

*Mt 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."*

*Rev 20:4, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."*

The nations that have survived the Battle of Armageddon will now come to worship God in Jerusalem.

*Zechariah 14:16-21, "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts."*

There will be great peace in Israel and the world during the thousand year reign of Christ. *Isaiah 11:6-9, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."*

Isaiah 2: 2-4, *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”*

Micah 4:3-4, *“And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.”*

## Chapter 13

### Satan Let Lose for a Short Season. The Great White Throne Judgment.

Rev 20:6-10, *“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. And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”*

The true love and faithfulness of the world's population will be put to the test one more time. Everyone has been living in peace for a thousand years and there has been very little in the way of temptation. God wants to know if an individual truly loves him before allowing that person to be an heir of the Kingdom of God. Satan is able to separate the saints from the ain'ts in short order. They come up to do battle with the saints, but God appears to have no patience with them. He calls fire down from heaven and they are consumed on the spot. Apparently the earth and heaven are consumed as well. This is probably what Peter spoke of in, 2Peter 3:10-12, *“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, Looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”*

Immediately after this great event will come the great white throne judgment.

Rev 20:11-15, *“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

# Chapter 14

## A New Heaven and a New Earth. New Jerusalem.

### Chapter 15

#### Jericho to Jerusalem

The first six chapters of the book of Joshua are a remarkable and beautiful type of the time of the rapture of the church until the end of the battle of Armageddon. Every event is not in the same chronological order, but all the events are present. Two spies are sent into Jericho by Joshua. The two spies represent the two witnesses that are sent from heaven to Jerusalem by Jesus. Jericho is Jerusalem. Joshua is Jesus. The spies are protected by a harlot. The two witnesses cannot be killed for three and a half years. The harlot is the remnant of Jews that are protected by the Lord during the great tribulation period. The spies are let out over the wall and they hide in the hills for three days before returning to Joshua to tell him what they had seen and heard. The two witnesses are killed and after three days ascend into heaven to be with Jesus.

All of Israel crossing over the Jordan river with Joshua represents the rapture of the Church. And just like the kings that were afraid of when the Lord stopped up the Jordan for Israel to pass over, the kings of this time will also be afraid when the Church is raptured. The confusion and fear that is caused will create an entrance for the Antichrist. All of Israel being circumcised represents the Church being baptized unto Jesus, and just as the reproach of Egypt was rolled from off Israel, so are our sins rolled off from us by water baptism in Jesus' name.

When Joshua was contemplating the capture of Jericho he saw a man with a sword in his hand and asked him if he was for him or against him. The man told Joshua that he was Captain of the Lord's Host. So it is that when Jesus comes back with ten thousands of his saints to do battle with the Antichrist, so will Michael, the Captain of the Lord's Host, go into battle against all the nations that have defeated Jerusalem. This is the battle of Armageddon.

Just as seven priests blew seven trumpets before the Lord, once each day as Israel circled Jericho, so will seven angels of God blow seven trumpet judgments before the Lord returns to capture Jerusalem from Satan. Just as Israel circled Jericho once each day for the first six days, so will there be six trumpet judgments. And just as Jericho was circled seven times on the last day before the Last Trump, so will seven vial plagues of the wrath of God be poured out before the Last Trump. And just as the walls of Jericho fell down at the Last Trump and with the shout of the people of Israel led by Joshua, so will Jerusalem fall with a great earthquake at the return of Jesus with his saints. And just as Joshua and Israel took the city of Jericho, so will Jesus and all his saints be victorious over the Antichrist, the false prophet, and Satan, and will begin the Millennium Kingdom of God in Jerusalem.

In summary, I believe that the end times will be like before. Like Solomon said, there is nothing new under the Sun. Just as Nebuchadnezzar carried away the royal seed with Daniel, then Ezekiel, then destroyed Jerusalem, so will God rapture the Church, then glean the tribulation saints, then return to destroy all His enemies. And just as the Jewish leaders rejected Jesus at his first coming, so does most of the Church leadership today, reject the teachings of Christ and the plan of salvation. My hope and prayer is that God will raise up a generation of prophets with apostolic power to convert the so called Christians of this world before it is everlasting too late. My latest revelation on 10/11/2009, that the mark of the beast will be the Mark of Islam, was truly startling. When I checked it out on the internet for a witness and had my revelation confirmed, it reminded me of all the revelations God gave me eight years ago that inspired this book in the first place. It is so clear now that the head in Revelation 13:3, that was wounded unto to death is modern day Iraq. It is clear that the false prophet is a false Christ converting people to Islam. It is clear that the ten nation confederacy is the Islamic stronghold of nations that surround Israel. It is clear that the Antichrist will be the leader or Mahdi of Islam. He will be their Messiah. It is clear that the Great Whore is Catholicism with all her protestant offspring. It is clear that all of the Christian nations will be in a state of utter confusion after the Rapture of the Church. It is clear that God will use the nation of Islam to purge the Christian nations, destroy the Great Whore, and seal the fate of all those remaining on this earth. It is clear that Satan will use Islam to wage war with the saints.

In the final study chart below there are empty spaces provided for you to find and fill in scriptures of your own research.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Genesis	Daniel	Seven Years	Death and	Church Age	Church Raptured	3.5 Years to
	Chapter 12	to Battle of	Resurrection			Battle of
		Armageddon	of Jesus Christ			Armageddon
(4,000 B.C.)	(535 B.C.)	(30 A.D.)	(33.5 A.D.)	(34-2000? A.D.)		
Rev 4:2-11	Daniel 12:4	Daniel 9:24-27	Rev 5:5-7	Rev 12:9-13	Rev 5:8-12	Rev 11:1-6
	Rev 5:1-4		Rev 12:1-5	Rev 6:9-11	Rev 6:1-8	Rev 12:6
			Rev 12:7	Rev 22:6-21	Rev 7:1-14	Rev 12:14-17
				Rev 6:1-8	Rev 14:1-5	Rev 13:1-18
					Rev 14:14-16*	Rev 14:6-7
						Rev 14:9-13
	Isaiah 6:1-3	Luke 3:22	1Pet 3:18-20	Joel 2:28-29	1Thess 4:16-17	2Thess 2:8
	Ezekiel 1:26-28	Luke 4:34	1Pet 4:6	Acts Chpt. 2	2Thess 2:8	Daniel 7:7-8
	Genesis 28:12-13	Acts 10:38	John 5:25	Hosea 6:1-3		Daniel 7:23-25
		Mt 27:51	Acts 2:31	Rom 11:25-32		
		Luke 13:34-35				

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
7 Months to Battle of Armageddon	7 Weeks to Battle of Armageddon	7 Days to Battle of Armageddon	Battle of Armageddon	Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ	White Throne Judgement	New Heaven & New Earth
Rev 6:12-13	Rev 9:13-17	Rev 6:14-17	Rev 11:15-19	Rev 20:4-10	Rev 5:13-14	Rev 21:1-27
Rev 8:1-13	Rev 10:1-11	Rev 9:18-21	Rev 14:20		Rev 20:11-15	Rev 22:1-5
Rev 9:1-12	Rev 14:17-19	Rev 11:7-14	Rev 10:6-7			
Rev 14:14-16*	Rev 15:1-8	Rev 14:8	Rev 19:1-21			
	Rev 16:1-15	Rev 16:16-21	Rev 20:1-3			
	Rev 17:1-18	Rev 18:1-24				
	Joel 3:2-15	Joel 2:12-17	Joel 3:16	Joel 2:18-27		
		Joel 2:30-31	Joel 2:32	Joel 3:17-21		
			Joel 2:1-11	Hosea 6:2		
			Zech 14:5-7	Zech 14:8-11		
			Zech 14:12-15	Zech 14:16-21		

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The following three sections discuss the necessity of being baptized in the name of Jesus as a part of New Testament Salvation.

### Baptism in the Name of Jesus

Baptism, which was originally done in water by immersion, was eventually changed into the sprinkling and pouring of water. This custom has been promoted by the Catholic Church for hundreds of years. Even the protestant churches that came out of the Catholic church continue to sprinkle candidates for salvation. For example Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist churches have sprinkled converts for over a hundred years, many of those churches for hundreds of years.

Baptism is even left out of many church's doctrines and ordinances. But, thank God, there are many churches today that have recognized and restored baptism by immersion to its original practice. Baptist, Pentecostal, and Apostolic churches have been baptizing by immersion since their inception. But these churches all have different interpretations of the meaning or purpose of baptism. Some say baptism is an outward testimony of an inward work and it is not necessary for salvation. Some baptize repeating Matthew 28:19, saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Some teach that baptism is absolutely necessary for salvation because it washes away sin and puts one into the body of Christ. Some baptize repeating the formula given by Peter on the Day of Pentecost, "I baptize you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

### What does the Bible teach?

First of all, many things that are said in the Bible are said as a parable or riddle. For example, the Bible states that everything that Jesus said publicly was said as a parable. Matthew 13:34. This was not done to make it easy to understand what Jesus was saying. Even Christ's own disciples did not understand the parables. The Bible states that a parable is a Dark Saying. In other words the truth is hidden in the words that are spoken. Jesus's own disciples even asked Him why he taught in parables. In response to this Jesus said unto them, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, **and not perceive**; and hearing they may hear, **and not understand**; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?"

This is exactly why there appears to be a discrepancy between what Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," and what Peter said in Acts 2:38, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." I've know preachers who have said that Peter made a mistake. I've heard others ask, "Who are you going to believe, Peter or Jesus?"

Obviously Peter and Jesus were on the same page. Jesus said he gave the Keys of the Kingdom to Peter and made him the chief Apostle. He said to Peter, "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Jesus also said unto his disciples, "Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." It was Peter who stood up on the day of Pentecost and preached the first New Testament message. Peter was full of the Holy Ghost and most certainly did not start the Church with a glaring lie!

Jesus spoke in parables, but Jesus said to Peter, "it is given to you to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." If we could find a place in the Bible where Peter, or any other apostle, repeated, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," while baptizing someone then that formula would be fine. The problem is that the expression, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," is only found once in the entire Bible. Amazing! This is perhaps the most repeated verse in churches today, and it is only found once in the entire Bible.

Obviously Peter and the Apostles understood what Jesus was saying. Jesus was saying that they were to baptize in the authority of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and the only way they could do that was to use the **Name of Jesus**.

It is also quite possible that **Jesus** is the **Name** of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. We know that it is God's only saving name for this dispensation. Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." John 20:31, "But

these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." Acts 10:43, "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins." John 1:12," But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on **his name.**"

Jesus said he came in his father's name(John 5:43). He said the Holy Ghost would come in his Name(John 14:26). The name Jesus, or Jehoshua (Hebrew), is a contraction of "Jehovah is salvation." In the book of Hebrews 1:4, it states, "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." Jesus inherited his name from His Father just like I did. My last name is Marlowe, and it is my most important name. I inherited it from my father. God has many names, but his Saving name is **JESUS.**

The Apostles and Ministers of Jesus knew this and that is why Peter, Phillip, and Paul always baptized in the name of Jesus. Acts 2:38, Acts 8:16, Acts 10:48, and Acts 19:5. That is also why they never said, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." Ministers who don't baptize in the name JESUS for the remission of sins don't fear God. They don't have a revelation or understanding of one of the most important parables of Jesus Christ. Psalm 25:14, "The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant."

**Acts 2:38 is the New Covenant** or Testament. The New Testament Plan of Salvation began at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, **Save yourselves** from this untoward generation."

Peter was not speaking in parables on the day of Pentecost, but speaking plainly the mysteries of God. Are you able to hear what God is saying to you or are you so bound by tradition, unbelief, and sin that you too will reject the saving Name of Jesus in baptism. Jesus said that no man can come unto God the Father but by him. That is one of the many reasons why we must be baptized into the Name of JESUS. That is how we prove to God and unto the world that we have come to God through his Son Jesus Christ. If we reject the Power of Jesus Name in baptism, we have denied Jesus. And if we deny Jesus, he will also deny us before his Father which is in heaven. Matthew 10:33. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are not names. They are titles. God wants us to use the name JESUS, not titles.

There are many gods and lords and powers and principalities and angels in heaven and in the world, but only one goes by the name of JESUS. He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Paul says to the church in, I Corinthians 6:11, "but ye are **washed**, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, and by the Spirit of our God," and again in Colossians 3:17, Paul admonishes, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the **name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Can it be anymore clearer than that? God wants us to get baptized in

the Name of Jesus for the remission of our sins. That is how we give glory to God through his Son. If we reject Jesus's saving name in baptism, then we have rejected him as our Saviour. This is not Good. For we are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27, "For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." We take the name of Jesus in baptism and are espoused to Him. Jesus is coming back for a church called by his name.

When Jesus told Peter that he gave the Keys of the Kingdom to him he was speaking of the baptism of repentance in the name of Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. That is why Peter had to be present when salvation went to the Jews, the Samaritans, and the Gentiles. That is why on those three occasions Peter had to be present and why on those three occasions it explains in detail what was said and done. On the day of Pentecost Peter preached to the Jews and told them specifically to get baptized in the name of Jesus and they would receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Scripture tells us that three thousand souls received his message and were baptized that day. When Phillip went down to Samaria in Acts chapter 8, he preached the name of Jesus and the Kingdom of God. The whole city believed and got baptized in the **name of the Lord Jesus**. Only thing is, nobody got the Holy Ghost. That couldn't happen without Peter being present. So they sent for Peter and John and when they came down and prayed for them and laid hands on them they received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

God also chose Peter to go to the house of one Cornelius, the first Gentile to be saved. When he came to Cornelius' house hold he preached Jesus and the power of Jesus name to remit sins. While he was preaching these things God poured out the Holy Ghost on Cornelius and his household. Peter knew they had received the Holy Ghost because they all spoke with tongues and magnified God. Then Peter commanded them to be baptized in the **name of Jesus Christ**.

Once Peter was present on those three different occasions with the three different groups of people that Jesus had spoken of, the door of salvation had been open to all peoples of the World.

We also have another group of people that had to be baptized in the name of Jesus. They were the disciple of John the Baptist who had to be rebaptized in the name of Jesus after the day of Pentecost. This is described in Acts Chapter 19:1-6. "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were **baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they

spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

We can clearly see to what great extent the scripture has gone to show us how important it is that we be baptized in the name of Jesus. That is how we get into Christ. By being baptized into his Name. We are buried into His death by baptism. That is why it must be in His Name. We become a member of the Body of Christ, of his flesh and of his bones, when we are baptized into him through the name of Jesus. Ephesians 5:30. The circumcision of the New Testament is baptism in the Name of Jesus. We are circumcised in Him. We are set free from the law of Moses by being baptized in the name of Jesus. We become a part of the priesthood of Jesus, who is our High Priest, made an High priest after the order of Melchizedek, by being baptized in the Name of Jesus. We become the Sons of God by being baptized into the name of Jesus who is the only begotten Son of God.

May God bless you to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom.

## Is Water Baptism in the Name of Jesus Absolutely Necessary for Salvation?

# Baptism

1. Washes away Sin. Acts 2:38, 22:16, Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3, Eph 5:25, 1Cor 6:11, Tit 3:5
2. Buries us into the death of Jesus so that we can be set free from the Law of Moses. Rom 6:3-4, 7:1-4, Gal 2:19, Col 3:3.
3. Is the Circumcision of the New Testament. Col 2:11-14
4. Puts us into the Body of Christ as individual members and heirs according to the promises made to Abraham. Galations 3:27-29
5. Joins us physically to our head which is Christ and makes us a part of the Temple of God. Col 2:19, Eph 4:15, John 2:19-21, Eph 5:30, 1Cor 3:16-17, 2Cor 6:16
6. Espouses us to Jesus. 2Cor 11:2, Rom 6:3, 7:4, Acts 15:17, Matt 22:11-13, Eph 5-26-32.

7. Applies the Blood of Jesus to our Hearts and Bodies. Heb 10:22, Rev 1:5, John 19:34.
  8. Prepares our garments for Salvation. Rev 7:14, Matt 22:11-13, Rev 3:18, 3:4
  9. Is the answer of a good conscience towards God, The answer of a repented, humble, submissive, obedient, faithful, trusting, and loving heart towards God necessary for Salvation. 1Pet 3:21, Col 2:12, Mark 16:16, Rom 1:5
  10. Prepares us to be a priest even as Christ himself had to be baptized to assume the role of High Priest of Heaven and Earth. Heb 2:17, Exod 29:4, Matt 3:15, 2Pet 2:5, Rev 1:6, 5:10
1. Friend, if your sins are not washed away, you cannot be saved.
  2. Friend, if you are not set free from the curse of the Law of Moses, you cannot be saved.
  3. Friend, if you have not been circumcised with the circumcision of Christ, you cannot be saved.
  4. Friend, if you are not an heir of Abraham, you cannot be saved.
  5. Friend, if you are not connected to Christ our Head and are not a part of the Temple of God, you cannot be saved.
  6. Friend, if you are not espoused to Christ our Bridegroom, you cannot be saved.
  7. Friend, if the Blood of Christ has not been applied to your heart and body, you cannot be saved.
  8. Friend, if you have not put on the garment of salvation and washed it and kept it clean, you cannot be saved.
  9. My friend, if you do not have a repented, humble, submissive, obedient, faithful, trusting, and loving heart towards God and Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, you cannot be saved.

10. Friend, if you are not part of the royal priesthood of Christ, you are not saved.

Friend, why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins.

## Old Testament Archetypes

Old Testament Archetypes lay the Foundation for New Testament Salvation. And there are many demonstrations of the efficacy of water when combined with faith and obedience and the necessity of it as part of God's plan for humanity.

Two major Archetypes of baptism being necessary for salvation are given as examples by the leading Apostles of the New Testament Church, Peter and Paul. Both examples point to the fact that they were used by God to save those that had faith in Him. The first example is in 1Corinthians 10:1-4.

“Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.”

Many points are being made in this chapter but the one I want to call your attention to is that when Israel left Egypt, which is a type of the world and sin, they went through the Red Sea, which is a type of the blood of Christ and the Red Sea was used by God to destroy Pharaoh, his armies, and his power which are all a type of the sins of the world and Satan and his daemons which have us all bound until we are set free by Baptism in Jesus Name. The Red Sea destroying Pharaoh and his armies was a type of our being water baptized into Christ and our sins being washed away.

The second important Archetype is found in Peter 3:18-21. Peter states that as Noah and his family were saved by water, so are we saved by Baptism. It is very interesting to note that Noah and his family were not saved by the Ark! How were they saved by water? God used water to wash away all the sins of the world. This is what happens when we are baptized in Jesus precious name. All our past sins, as well as the curse on us from Adam on down, are all washed away. Once we are baptized into Christ we become the children of God. As children of God we can then lay claim to all of the promises of the New Testament. The letters of Paul, Peter, James, Jude, and John were not written to the world, they were written to the children of God, the saints, the Church. For example many people think that just by calling on the name of the Lord they are saved, or that by confessing their sins to God they are forgiven. But this is not true. One must first be Water Baptized into Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit before one can come boldly before the throne of grace.

1John 1:9 states, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” This promise is to the church, the body of baptized believers, not the world.

Some more Old Testament examples of God using water for purification and salvation include Leviticus 14:1-32, Numbers 19:1-22, 2Kings 5:1-14, Joshua chapters 4 and 5, and Judges chapter 7.

In Leviticus it is interesting to note that a person healed of Leprosy was not clean before the Lord. So it is today. Just because God heals someone according to their faith does not mean they are saved. God uses healing to get the sinner's attention and increase his faith to the point where he will obey the plan of salvation. The leper was not clean before God until he went before the priest and showed that God had indeed healed him. Then the priest killed a dove over fresh water, mixed the blood with the water, dipped cedar wood, scarlet, and hyssop into the mixture and sprinkled it on the one that had already been healed, and caused the individual to be completely bathed in water, and eventually the healed leper was considered cleansed before God and able to return into the camp.

Obviously leprosy is a type of sin and the cleansing process was a type of New Testament baptism for cleansing, necessary for salvation.

In the Gospel of John 20:23 Jesus said to his apostles, "Whose soever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." He also said, "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." It is apparent that Jesus gave his apostles the power to forgive or not forgive people their sins. This was accomplished with the baptism in Jesus name which was for the remission of sins which began being preached on the day of Pentecost. This is the birthday of the Church and the **first time the New Testament plan of Salvation was preached**. The New Testament plan of salvation did not begin with some "Sinner's Prayer" or "Roman's Road" that began being taught hundreds of years later. **Acts 2:38-39**, is the original and only plan of salvation ever taught in the New Testament. The book of Acts is where saved people told unsaved people how to get saved. The letters of Paul, Peter, John, James, and Jude, tell the church how to stay saved.

In Numbers chapter 19, it speaks of a heifer being killed and burned outside the camp, which was a type of Christ being crucified, and that the ashes were to be mixed with water and sprinkled on one who had come in contact with a dead body. We are all responsible for the death of Christ, in that he died for all, he had to die for me and you, so we put him to death and need to pass through the "water of separation," which is a purification for sin, Numbers 19:9. What is our water of separation for sin? It is water baptism in the name of Jesus. The "ashes of the heifer" are the name of Jesus being mixed with our faith. The priest is a pastor. In Second Kings chapter five, we have the archetype of the Gentiles being saved by water baptism in Jesus' Name. At first Naaman rejected the baptism in the river Jordan just as many people today reject the baptism in Jesus Name. But as acts 19:1-6, shows us that it does make a difference in whose name we are baptized, so did Naaman's example show us beforehand, that how we are baptized today makes all the difference in the world. It must be in the Name of Jesus, just as Naaman's had to be in the Jordan River, not the rivers Abana and Pharpar of Damascus.

In Joshua chapters 4 and 5, we have Israel being baptized unto Joshua through the river Jordan in a similar fashion as the older generation of Israel was baptized unto Moses through the Red Sea. The older generation did not have the

faith necessary to cross over Jordan into the promised land and they all, except for Joshua and Caleb, died in the wilderness. But the younger generation, led by Joshua, whose name in the Greek is Jesus, crossed over into the promised land which is a type of New Testament salvation. It is noteworthy that the first thing Israel had to do after crossing Jor-dan was to be circumcised, thus demonstrating that New Testament baptism in Jesus Name is the circumcision of the New Testament. Col 2:11-14, and that it is absolutely necessary for salvation.

Hopefully the reader of this pamphlet is beginning to understand the importance of water in the plan of salvation and how God has used water to separate his people from the world ever since the flood. One more example is Judges chapter 7.

Gideon is an unlikely character to be called by an angel of God, a mighty man of valour. But God can transform anyone who is willing to trust in Him. God used Gideon to deliver a great victory in Israel but not before trimming his army down considerably. God used water to separate 300 men out of 10,000, to fight the battle of faith. So it is that God uses water baptism in the name of Jesus to weed out those today who are not willing to suffer for the name of Jesus. Matt 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

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## WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Is Jesus Christ God the Father, God the Son, The Son of God, the Son of Man, the Son of David, the Archangel Michael, the Son of Joseph, all of the above, some of the above, none of the above? What Say Ye? What Says the Bible?

Having actively believed in God for the past thirtyfive years I have both heard and believed many things about who Jesus is. Is it absolutely critical that one know who Jesus is to be saved? What does the Bible say. John 17:3, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 8:32, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." These verses alone indicate that it is a pretty good idea to know who Jesus is if you want to be saved.

Is Jesus God the Father? Despite the fact that there are many Old Testament references to Jesus being the Son of God, there is one very prominent verse referring to him possibly as being God the Father. Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince

of Peace.” However, this verse is never used in the New Testament to establish the identity of Jesus Christ. Since it says his Name shall be called these various titles, maybe it is saying that Jesus is the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Maybe it is saying that Jesus Christ will be called all of these things, but in fact he is not. Perhaps it is referring to a future time. Since this verse is not directly referenced by Jesus or his apostles, maybe it should be left out of the discussion. I am a firm believer that, “In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”

Did Jesus say that he was God? No. He said that God was his Father, John 5:18. He referred to himself as the Son of Man, Matt 25:31, and he did not deny that He was the Son of God, John 10:36. He questioned the term Son of David in reference to Himself, Matt 22:42-45. If David called him Lord, how could he then be his son? Jesus said that he and his Father were one, John 10:30, and he said, “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father” This is in keeping with three verses that state that Christ is the image of the invisible God. The Bible states that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. The Bible also states that all things were made by Christ and for him. But does this make Jesus Christ God? The apostle John probably had a better understanding of who Jesus was more than anyone else in the Bible and his conclusion was, John 20:31, “But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.”

John also said, John 1:1-2, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.” He also said this, John 1:14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” And again, 1John 1:1, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life.” Again in Revelation 19:13, “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.” Clearly Jesus is the Word of God. And in the beginning the Word was God. But, the Word proceeded out from God. Isaiah 55:11, “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Jesus fulfilled this saying when The Word was made flesh. John 16:27-28, “I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.” Jesus was made of a woman, made under the law. He was begotten. Psalm 2:7, “I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.” Hebrews 5:5, “So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.”

Jesus, the Son of God, had a beginning. God does not. The Word of God was the DNA that God used to impregnate Mary’s egg, she being of the lineage of David, of Abraham, of Eve. Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” So Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. Both of God and of a Woman.

A New Creature, a one of a kind. God did not say to Adam that Christ would come from his seed, but from Eve's seed. Christ was "made of a woman." Gal 4:4. God had to break the Adamic bloodline with its sinful nature.

Jesus, being the only begotten Son of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, because God was his Father. This means that Jesus Christ is Divine, but not God. As the scripture says, 1 Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." And again, 1 Corinthians 8:6, "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." Jesus can be regarded as our Father because he is the Word whereby we have been begotten, but he is not God the Father. Who is your father, the sperm that caused your mother to become pregnant or the man from whom came that sperm? From the man I would presume. So Christ is the Son of God, not God. Christ does not say he is our father, but our brother. Matt 12:50, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Hebrews 2:11-12, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, 'I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.'"

Who was the early church praying to when they lifted up their voice to God and said, "Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus?" They were not praying to Jesus Christ but to His Father and our Father, His God and our God. John 20:17.

The term "God the Son" is not in the Bible so we don't have to worry about that one. There is only one God, The Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. Ephesians 4:4-6, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Trinitarians believe there is one God in three persons. But the scripture not only states that there is one God but that God is ONE. Gal 3:20. If there is one point that God tried to get across to the Jews it was that God is One. The Holy Ghost is not a person but the "Spirit of Truth" which proceeds from the Father. John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me." The Word of God exists in at least three different forms, or is manifested in three different ways. Just as water can exist as steam (Gas), water (Liquid), and Ice (Solid), so does God's word exist as divine Light (radiant vibration), Holy Spirit (fluid vibration) and Christ (static vibration). These

are not persons. They are different manifestations of the One True God. God is not a person. Numbers 23:19, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent." God did impregnate Mary with His Word and manifested himself to the world as a man, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This man had a human spirit, soul, and body, and learned obedience through suffering, and gave his life for ours, and for this cause, "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Isaiah 53:12 "Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Is Jesus an Angel? Hebrews 1:5 "For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" Hebrews 1:4, says that Jesus was made so much better than the angels, and 1:6, says let all the angels of God worship Christ. And that He was made lower than the angels, but exalted above them. So much for that idea. It's time to review our original questions. Is Jesus Christ God the Father? Not any more than I am my father. Is Jesus Christ God the Son? The expression is not in the Bible so why should we use it? He is not the second or third person in a triune God. God is not a committee or a corporation. Is Jesus Christ the Son of God? Clearly he is, and this is what all the books of the Bible teach us, that this is what we must believe. Is Jesus Christ the "Son of Man?" Jesus used this term to refer to himself. It does not say Son of a Man. I believe the expression "Son of Man" is used symbolically when referring to Jesus. Son of Man means Word of God. Is Jesus literally the Son of David? Some well meaning people believe this, using 2Samuel 7:13-14, to prove their point. But David clarifies this in 2Chronicles 22:8-10, "But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be **Solomon**, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever." Is Jesus the Archangel Michael? Jesus is not one of the chief princes. Daniel 10:3. He is the Chief Prince. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. He is head of all the angelic powers and head of all the earthly powers. As Jesus said in, Matt 28.18, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Is Jesus the Son of Joseph, David, Abraham, or any other man? No. Joseph, nor anyone else, had known Mary intimately before she was impregnated by the Holy Ghost. God did not preserve a seed from some man in heaven and use it to artificially impregnate Mary. The Word in Spirit Form, was made Flesh and used by God to impregnate Mary with his only begotten Son. Praise be to God.

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