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A Commentary On

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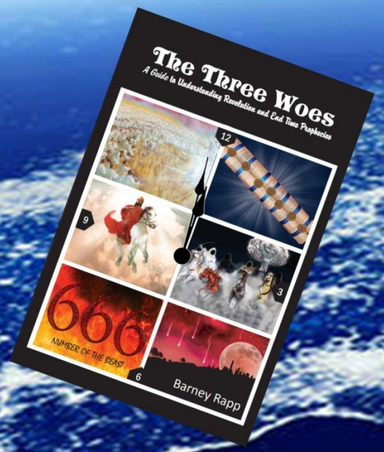

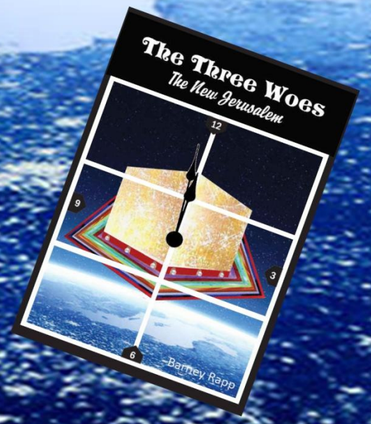

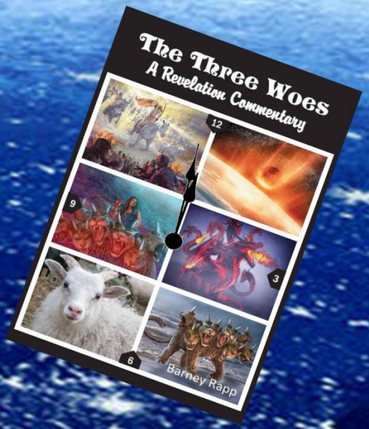

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, however, God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Peruse

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Who knows the meaning of this word?

Peruse

To examine in detail

To read carefully

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To read carefully

To read something in a relaxed way, or skim

To read something in a casual way

You don't measure

THE TRUTH

of something

by the number of people that believe it.

You measure

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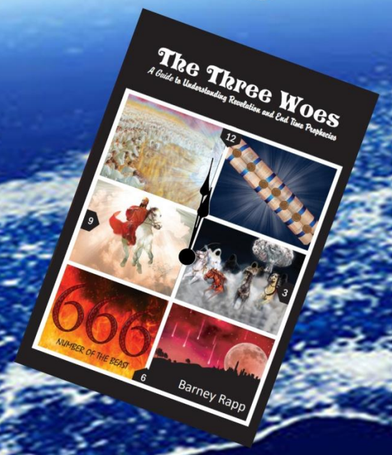

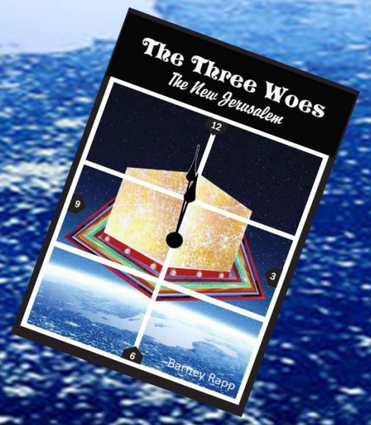

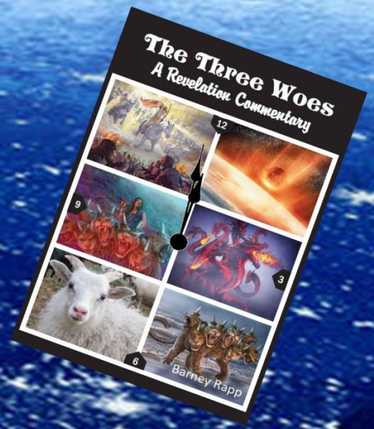

Revelation 1:1-2 KJV

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This document or book is the Revelation or Revealing of Jesus Christ and it is being sent to Jesus' servants meaning all those who have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

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The Source of the Message

The Book of Revelation came from God the Father.

In it, the prophetic account of Jesus' end time ministry is being conveyed to us by His angel.

This angel presents it to the world through Jesus' love servant John.

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John is confirming that this Revelation came from God the Father and that it is the testimony of Jesus Himself.

John further confirms that what we are about to read is in fact visions of what he himself really saw.

What is the difference between the word “or” and “and”?

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If we are speaking of gifts, the “and” is very positive.

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If we are speaking of tasks, the “and” requires more from us.

Keep this in mind as we look at the next verse.

Revelation 1:3 KJV

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The blessing is not to the reader or to the hearer but only to the reader and hearer who also keeps the commands of Jesus.

Revelation 1:3 KJV

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This verse is tied to Revelation 22:7

Revelation 22:7 KJV

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

These two verses that are speaking of a blessing are directly connected to each other.

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The general message to the churches is to repent and the church with the severest condemnation was Leodicea.

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The seven letters in Revelation are tied to seven congregations of John’s day. The seven letters are also prophetic in nature, revealing seven successive eras of the Church Age which take us up to the time of Christ’s return to rapture His Church.

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Each of us who consider ourselves to be servants of Jesus Christ need to examine ourselves relative to the admonitions that Jesus presented to each of the seven churches.

This is how we earn the blessing spoken of by Jesus.

We will see what the blessing Jesus is speaking of soon!

Revelation 1:4-6 KJV

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

John's Salutation

John greets the seven churches in the name of the one who is, who was and who is to come, this is God the Father, and also from the seven spirits before the throne of God, which is the Holy Spirit, and from Jesus Christ.

So John’s greeting is from the three members of the Holy Trinity.

Revelation 1:4-5… KJV

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The Holy Spirit

1 The Spirit of the LORD
2 The Spirit of wisdom
3 The Spirit of understanding
4 The Spirit of counsel
5 The Spirit of might
6 The Spirit of knowledge
7 The Spirit of the fear of the Lord

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Jesus Christ

1 The Faithful Witness
2 The First Begotten of the Dead
3 The Prince of Kings
4 The Washer of Sins
5 The Shedder of Blood
6 The Maker of Kings
7 The Maker of Priests

Revelation 1:7 KJV

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.

John Announces the Theme of the Message of Revelation

I believe this message is speaking of His return when He comes to rapture His church away.

The theme and the message of Revelation is the return of Jesus Christ. For those individuals who have called on His name and asked for forgiveness of their sins, the day of His return will be an awesome and glorious day. For all others it will be a day of extreme terror and great dread.

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This verse is tied to Revelation 6:15-17

Revelation 6:15-17 KJV

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: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Revelation 1:8 KJV

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

When most of us first see the phrase “Alpha and Omega” we think of Jesus, but John clearly tells us that this is not Jesus speaking but rather His eternal Father. We know this by the phrase “which is, and which was, and which is to come.”

Revelation 1:9-13 KJV

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

John Introduces Himself and Reveals His Purpose

John introduces himself as being a fellow brother and companion in the kingdom of Jesus Christ. John declares that it is the Lord’s Day and he is worshiping God in the Spirit, meaning the Holy Spirit, when he hears a mighty voice behind him. The voice in Verse 11 proclaims he is “Alpha and Omega.”

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Is this the voice of God the Father? **No.**

As we read on to Verse 13 we discover that this voice belongs to the Son of Man, Jesus Christ. This verse is a full confirmation that Jesus is completely equal to God the Father in His Deity.

In Verse 11 Jesus is instructing John to write a book about what he sees.

Revelation 1:13-18 KJV

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

The Son of Man Is Described

We know the Son of Man is our risen savior but the description we are given doesn't seem to resemble the Christ on the cross or even the Christ that was briefly transfigured when He encountered Moses and Elias (Elijah). This is the risen Christ who now sits in glory at the right hand of Almighty God being fully transformed and waiting in His Father's presence for the command to return for His bride.

Did you notice the two Alpha and Omegas?

In verse 8, Father God is Alpha and Omega – which is, and which was, and which is to come

Revelation 1:8 KJV

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

But in verse 18, Jesus is Alpha and Omega – I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore

Revelation 1:18 KJV

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The keys here are the keys to unlock and lock the bottomless pit as seen in Revelation 9:1 & Revelation 20:1

This is the Christ of eternity, the one with hair like wool as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire and His feet were like brass. In His right hand were seven stars. He had a sharp two edged sword and the countenance on His face was as bright as the sun.

Even the righteous man John fell at His feet as dead. No wonder the people of the world will hide themselves at His appearing. He is the one who was dead and now He is alive forevermore. He is the one who has the keys of death and hell. He is the one we will soon see in the eastern sky when He comes to gather His faithful followers.

Revelation 1:19-20 KJV

Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; 20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

The angel also explains to John the mystery of the seven stars and the seven candlesticks. According to the King James Version of the Bible, John is told that the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven candlesticks are the seven churches.

As we look at the Greek word for angel, **ἄγγελοι** we find that it **can** mean either “messenger” or “angel” depending on the context. The word “messenger” fits much better in this context but this “messenger” is not an individual such as an ordinary letter carrier, who is transporting the individual letters from John to a specific church.

Instead this “messenger” is the one watching over and ministering to the affairs of the local church or assembly. This messenger is likely the pastor over the local church.

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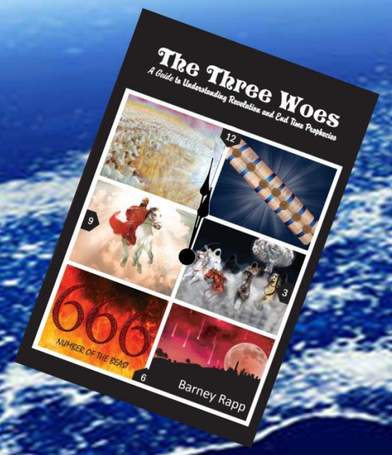

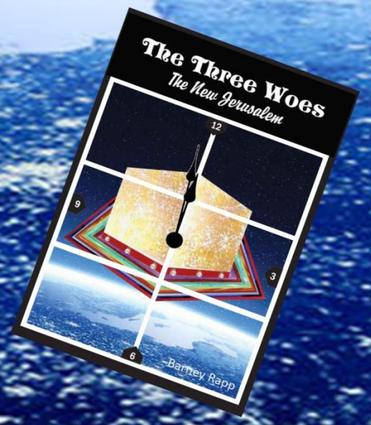

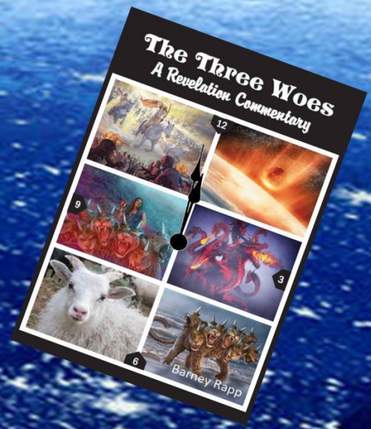

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The Blessing Associated with the Message

There is a promised blessing to all who read and hear and keep the commands given in the Book of Revelation.

We determined that the commands we are told to keep are found in the letters to the churches.

The Structure of Each Letter to the Churches

Unto the angel	Mailing Address
Write	John’s Instruction
These things saith	Proclamation from Jesus of His Authority
I know thy works	Jesus’ Critique and Admonition
To him that overcometh	The Over Comer’s Promise

The Structure of Each Letter

Revelation 2:1-7 KJV

Unto the angel (pastor) of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Four churches are addressed in Chapter 2. They are Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos and Thyatira. There are three churches addressed in Chapter 3. They are Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. They all follow the same format.

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As we read the messages to each of the seven churches, keep in mind that these seven individual letters (four in this chapter and three in the next chapter) are all from Jesus Christ and not from John.

John is merely the recorder of the message. Therefore, the first thing we see in each letter is what could easily be mistaken for a salutation to the pastor but is really more like a mailing address.

After this address we find the command instructing John to write. We have now reached the beginning of the message that Jesus has for this particular pastor and congregation.

Now that we have reached the heart of the message, the first thing Jesus does is to proclaim who He is. In each letter, Jesus selects some personal attribute pertaining to His Deity and Authority over the pastor and the congregation that He is about to critique.

Jesus then states that He knows the churches' works and He proceeds to review both the good and the bad that He sees within the church body.

Jesus closes with a recommendation of how to be a more faithful and obedient servant and with a promise of eternal blessing to all those who are willing to be overcomers.

Jesus again declares His Deity and authority through the promise He makes to each individual church pastor and congregation.

This is a promise that only Jesus, being the Son of God, can make and keep. Every over comer will be the beneficiary of the promises made to each church.

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The Church of Ephesus

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The Church of Smyrna

Revelation 2:8-11 KJV

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

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and

I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

The Church of Pergamos

Revelation 2:12-17 KJV

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

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

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;

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

The Church of Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29 KJV

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

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

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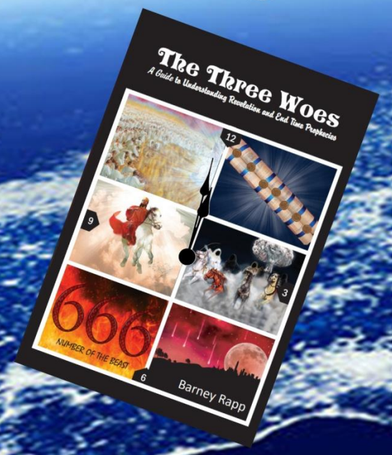

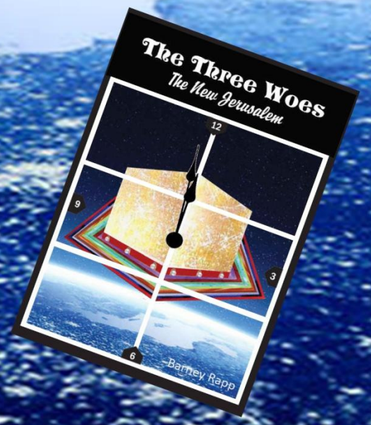

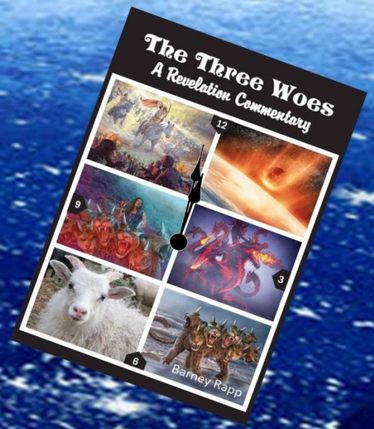

The Church of Sardis

Revelation 3:1-6 KJV

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars;

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for

I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church of Philadelphia

Revelation 3:7-13 KJV

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

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

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The Church of Laodicea

Revelation 3:14-22 KJV

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

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

If anyone questions the interpretation of Revelation 1:3,

that the things we are to keep are the instructions to the seven churches,

then take notice of verse 22.

Revelation 3:22 KJV

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

You will find this phrase at the end of each church admonition, confirming that the promise of verse 3 is to those who read, hear and keep these commands.

Notice that “churches” is plural.

We are to keep the commands sent to each of the seven churches.

Don’t think of the letters to the churches as seven impersonal messages to seven strange churches.

Think of the letters to the churches as seven very personal and intimate conversations between you and your personal Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The letters are for our personal edification.

They are there to assist us in obtaining the blessing of eternal life.

Revelation 1:3 KJV

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

The Letters to the churches are associated with the Blessing.

The Blessing is the gift of eternal life with Jesus Christ our savior provided we are part of the over comers.

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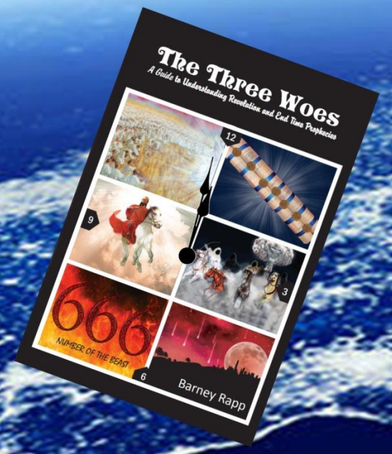

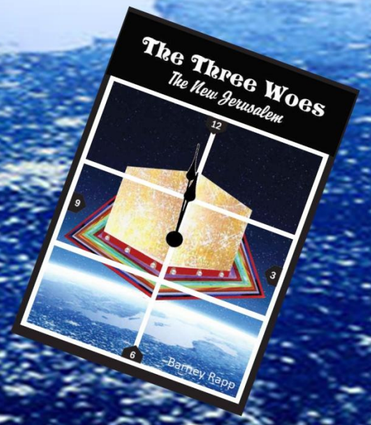

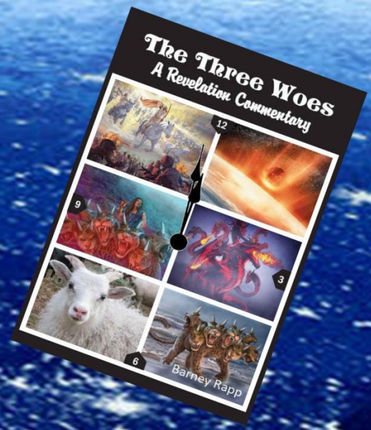

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Revelation 4:1 KJV

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

A Door Opened in Heaven

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Who is being called up to heaven here? Is it just John or could this call be a symbolic call to the church as well? Could this call be the rapture of the church occurring as John is being called up to heaven?

There are a number of issues with this interpretation.

First Issue

First, there is no support from any other verse of scripture in the Bible to suggest that this call to come up hither includes the church, either symbolically or literally.

As Peter so strongly states, no scripture is of any private interpretation. Therefore, to interpret this verse as the rapture of the church is to violate 2 Peter 1:20.

2 Peter 1:20

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

If Revelation 4:1 was a call to the church, there should be other scripture to support it, but I don’t know of any other scriptures to support it.

Second Issue

Second, even if the call to the church was only symbolic, then we should still see the raptured church somewhere in John's view of heaven. To this point, there is another aspect of the rapture that must be considered.

In Thessalonians' we are told that once the rapture of the church occurs, the church will always be with Christ. As we continue our study of the scripture, the church is not to be seen in either Chapter 4 or Chapter 5 of Revelation and Christ is not seen in Chapters 4 or 5 until Revelation 5:6.

Some believe the twenty-four elders are a symbolic representation of the raptured church. We will disprove this later, but even if the twenty-four elders did represent the church, Christ is not seen with them in Chapter 4.

We must see

Jesus!

and the church together
for Revelation 4:1 to be the rapture.

Third Issue

Third, the phrase “come up hither” is used twice in the Book of Revelation: in Revelation 4:1 as well as Revelation 11:12 when the two witnesses are called up to heaven.

As we examine the Greek verbs translated “come up” in these two verses, we find that the verb in both verses is identical except for the plurality of the verb.

The verb for John is singular indicating that only John is being called up and the verb for the two witnesses is plural indicating that more than one person is being called up.

Rev. 4:1

The Throne in Heaven

Meta	tauta	eidon	kai	idou	thyra	ēneōgmenē	en
Μετὰ	ταῦτα	εἶδον	καὶ	ἰδοὺ	θύρα	ἠνεῳγμένη	ἐν
After	these things	I looked	and	behold	a door	was standing open	in

tō	ouranō	kai	hē	phōnē	hē	prōtē	Hēn	ēkousa
τῷ	οὐρανῷ	καὶ	ἡ	φωνὴ	ἡ	πρώτη	ἣν	ἤκουσα
-	heaven	and	the	voice	-	first	that	I heard

hōs	salpingos	lalousēs	met'	emou	legōn	Anaba	hōde
ὡς	σάλπιγγος	λαλούσης	μετ'	ἐμο	λέγων	Ἀνάβα	ὧδε
like	a trumpet	was speaking	with	me	saying	Come up	here

Rev. 11:12

The Witnesses Killed and Raised

kai	ēkousan	phōnēs	megalēs
καὶ	ἤκουσαν	φωνῆς	μεγάλης
And	they heard	a voice	great

ek	tou	ouranou	legousēs
ἐκ	τοῦ	οὐρανοῦ	λεγούσης
out of	-	heaven	saying

autois	Anabate	hōde
αὐτοῖς	Ἀνάβατε	ὧδε
to them	Come up	here

The only difference in the words is the plurality of the verb that is used because John is singular and the witnesses are plural. Just like in English, we would say:

John is called up. **The two witnesses are called up.**

Revelation 4:1 KJV

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A Door Opened in Heaven

The simple truth being taught by this verse is that John sees an open door and he alone is called up to give us the Revelation of Jesus Christ that we enjoy today.

Revelation 4:2-3 KJV

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

A Throne in Heaven

John informs us that he is immediately in the spirit and also in heaven. What John sees in heaven is a throne and God the Father is sitting on that throne.

We know this is the Father and not Jesus because of Revelation 5:6-7 where we see the Lamb, Jesus, taking the seven sealed book from the one sitting on the throne who is God the Father.

Here in Chapter 4 is the first of three important views of heaven that John will share with us. The other two occur at Revelation 7:9-17 and at Revelation 15:2-3. There is much that God reveals to us as we study and compare these three special views of heaven which we will do later in our study.

Revelation 4:4-5 KJV

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

The Twenty-Four Elders

Around the throne John sees twenty-four elders sitting. They are clothed in white robes and they have golden crowns on their heads. It would be easy to assume that twelve of these elders represent the old testament saints and twelve of the elders represent the new testament church, but the Word does not state that anywhere.

In fact, we will soon see scripture that opposes that concept. John simply does not disclose who the twenty-four elders are. These elders are not symbolic representatives of the old and new testament saints nor are they the raptured church. They are probably special members of God's creation who are assigned to minister to the affairs of the old and new testament saints and to the raptured church.

Proving the Elders Do Not Represent the Church

We know the elders don't represent the church because of 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 and Revelation 5:3. Thessalonians tells us that following the rapture, those of us who make up the raptured church will forever be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV

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: 17 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.

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Revelation 5:3 KJV

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

This scripture is telling us that between Revelation 4:1 and 5:6, Jesus was not in heaven.

If Jesus was not in heaven then the raptured church can not be there either per Thessalonians.

Revelation 4:4-5 KJV

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The Seven Spirits of God

Here we are introduced to seven lamps of fire burning before God's throne. John tells us they are the seven Spirits of God, but he does not disclose exactly who these seven Spirits of God are, as he did not disclose who the twenty-four elders were.

It seems John is giving a high level overview of what he is seeing.

The Seven Spirits of God

Most of us are well acquainted with the three members the Holy Trinity consisting of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit, but we don’t know much about the seven Spirits of God.

These are the same spirits we saw before the throne in Revelation 1:4. and we went to Isaiah to identify them.

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An explanation of the seven Spirits of God can be found in Isaiah 11:2. The seven Spirits of God are the seven attributes of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 11:2 KJV

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

The Seven Spirits of God

Therefore, John is describing the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's attributes are:

1 The Spirit of the LORD
2 The Spirit of wisdom
3 The Spirit of understanding
4 The Spirit of counsel
5 The Spirit of power
6 The Spirit of knowledge
7 The Spirit of the fear of the Lord

Revelation 4:6-8 KJV

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

The Crystal Sea

The next thing that John views is a sea of glass like crystal. This may seem unimportant, but in the next view of heaven at Revelation 7:9 we will notice that John cannot view the sea of glass.

In Revelation 7 the view of the crystal sea is blocked by a great multitude of people, who will prove to be the raptured church.

However, at Revelation 15:2 the sea of glass is once again in view. Revelation 15 describes a small group of people who refused to take the mark of the beast and Revelation 20:4 tells us they were beheaded.

Revelation 7:9 KJV

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

Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

Revelation 20:4 KJV

... 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, ...

Revelation 4:6-8 KJV

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The Four Living Creatures

Following the sea of glass, John tells us that there are four creatures surrounding Father God's throne. Without looking to Ezekiel Chapters 1 and 10, it would be difficult to understand what is being described here. John is describing one of God's very special creations. This is a cherubim angel. A cherubim angel has four faces.

Ezekiel 1:1, 5-6 & 10

… and I saw visions of God. 5 Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

The Four Living Creatures

John is describing one of God’s very special creations. This is a cherubim angel. A cherubim angel has four faces.

One face is of a lion, the second face is an ox or calf (also called a cherub), the third face is the face of a man, and the fourth and final face is that of an eagle.

Not a cherub.

Revelation 4:9-11 KJV

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Worshiping Around the Throne

As John concludes his initial view of heaven we now see all the heavenly creatures that he has introduced to us. Each of the creatures is worshiping God the Father as He sets upon His throne.

Worshiping Around the Throne

In summary, the following table lists the participants and special scenes that were presented to us in John's introduction.

Participants in John's View of Heaven

One sitting on a throne who is God the Father
24 elders sitting in seats, not the church or saints
Seven Spirits of God – the Holy Spirit
Four beasts – one cherubim angel
A sea of glass

Notice in this table that Christ is not in the list. Even if the elders did represent the saints and the church, Christ would need to be present to fulfill the 1 Thessalonians 4:17 scripture which places Christ forever with His church following the rapture.

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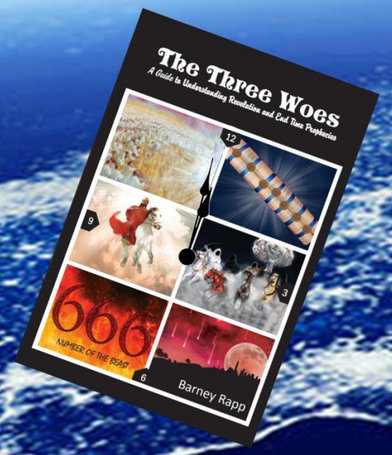
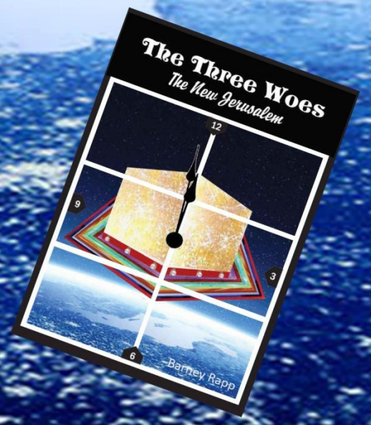
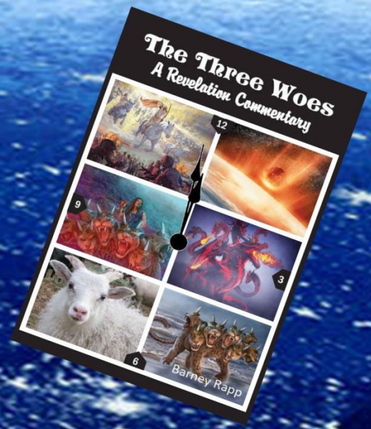




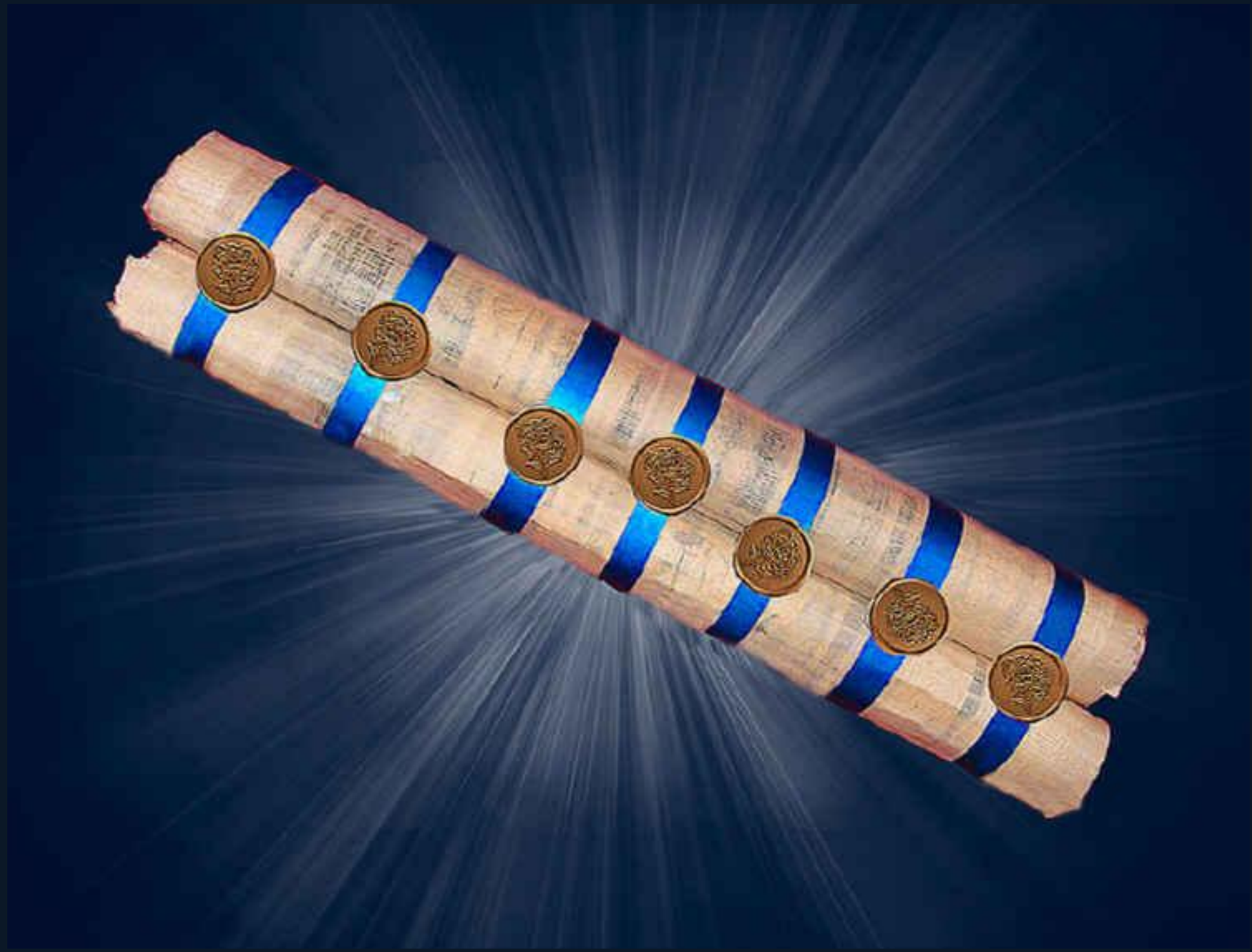


Revelation 5:1-4 KJV

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

The Seven Sealed Book

Kings would seal important documents with hot wax using their signet ring to place a special mark in the seal. This document must be very important since it has seven seals.



The Seven Sealed Book

In **the first Three Woes book** we determined that the seven sealed book was the redemption paper for Christ to reclaim the earth. Ownership of the earth was lost to Satan by Adam when Adam committed sin in the Garden of Eden.

This analysis of the seven sealed book is confirmed by Revelation 11:15, where we see the sounding of the seventh trumpet judgment angel. With the sounding of the seventh trumpet judgment angel we hear voices in heaven proclaiming *“the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.”*

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No Man Was Able To Open The Seven Sealed Book

There was a search performed in heaven and no one was found who was worthy or able to open the seven sealed book. Here is our proof that Jesus was not in heaven in Chapter 4. Following this search, John had time to weep and cry before Jesus appears on the scene.

Revelation 5:5-6 KJV

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

The One Who Can Open The Seven Sealed Book

The Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, our savior Jesus Christ was found worthy to open the book. Notice how Jesus is suddenly in the middle of this heavenly scene. Jesus didn't just arrive, He didn't come running, He was instantly in the midst and this is the first time we see Jesus in John's first view of heaven.

Revelation 5:7-8 KJV

And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Jesus Takes the Book from the Father

Jesus has just taken the book from God the Father. It is important to notice at this point that the twenty-four elders are in possession of the prayers of the saints. The elders are not in possession of their own prayers but the prayers of the saints. God is here distinguishing the elders and the saints as two different groups of beings. Again, the elders appear to be a special servant group whose job is to minister to the affairs of the saints.

Revelation 5:9-10 KJV

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; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Worship of the One Who Can Open the Book

They (the four beasts and the twenty-four elders) are singing a song of praise to the Lamb of God. The song of praise is for the redemption of the saints that the Lamb has provided. Since the elders are singing this, it could make one think that the elders are the saints. But how many of you have sung a theme song for a branch of military service that you were never a member of? Singing a song does not make the elders the saints.

Another confirmation that the twenty-four elders are not part of the raptured church and the saints can be found at Revelation 19:4-7. Here we see the great multitude, which is the Lamb's bride with the twenty-four elders.

Revelation 19:4-7

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 7:9

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Revelation 5:11-14 KJV

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. 13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. 14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

As we close Chapter 5 the great multitude from Chapter 19 is not in heaven yet.

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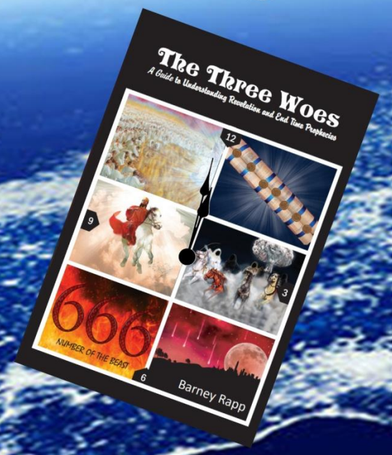
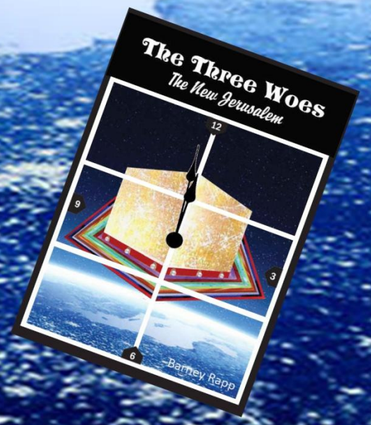
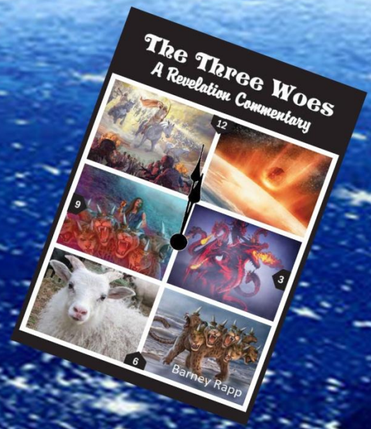
A Commentary On

Revelation Chapter 6

Our World is Changing and Revelation is our Road Map to What Comes Next!







Revelation 6:1-2 KJV

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The Opening of the Seals

In Chapter 5 we were introduced to the seven sealed book and it is now time for the seals of that book to be broken. As John sees the Lamb open the first seal, he hears a noise like thunder. It is coming from the first beast, the roaring lion, who John introduced to us in Chapter 4. The roaring lion is telling John to look at what the opening of the first seal will bring upon the earth.

The First Seal - Deception

With the opening of the first seal we see a white horse and its rider being released upon the earth. It seems about half of the church world believes that the rider on this white horse is the antichrist and the other half believes the rider is Christ. One of these two groups is wrong or deceived as to who this rider is. It seems that this horse and his rider are releasing deception upon the world and that corresponds to the first sign as recorded in Matthew 24.

Is there any easier way to overcome and conquer someone than through deception or deceit?

The Opening of the Seals

For years we have been deceived into believing that the rapture of the church occurred when John was “called up hither.” In Chapter 4.

This teaching caused many to assume that the opening of the seals and the arrival of the four horsemen of the apocalypse marked the beginning of the Seven Years of Jacob’s Trouble.

This is not true! We are currently living through the first five seals!

The return of Jesus and the rapture of the church occurs with the opening of the sixth seal.

The Seals Correspond to the Signs of Christ's Return

Notice how the Seals correspond to the Signs as we go through Chapter 6. Jesus said these signs would precede His Return.

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4th Seal	Pestilences
5th Seal	Persecution

MATTHEW	
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These seals/signs do not follow Jesus' return to rapture His church, they precede it. The rapture occurs with the opening of the sixth seal.

Revelation 6:3-4 KJV

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

The Second Seal - Wars

When the Lamb opens the second seal, John hears the second beast, the calf or ox, inviting him to see a red horse going forth to take peace from the earth by means of war and force. Many think wars and rumors of wars is the first sign in the gospels, but deception is actually the first sign. In addition, the warning to be aware of deception is repeated three times as recorded in Mathew 24:4, 5 & 11.

As we continue opening these seals, make note that the seals are cumulative. Just because the next seal is opened, the impact of the opening of the prior seals does not cease.

Revelation 6:5-6 KJV

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

The Third Seal - Famine

The third beast, the man, introduces the black horse as his rider brings famine upon the earth. In John's day one denarius or penny represented a day's wage. We are being told that food prices are high because of famine. One can buy three measures of barley, a poor man's food, or one measure of wheat, a rich man's food, for one day's wage. A measure equals about 2/3s of a quart.

Revelation 6:7-8 KJV

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

The Fourth Seal - Pestilence

The opening of the fourth seal is announced by the eagle and it brings a wave of pestilences upon the world. The beasts of the earth that kill mankind are the microbes that cause such diseases as Cholera, Typhoid, Smallpox, HIV/AIDS, COVID and etc. This seal is inclusive of the second and third seals. **Sword & Hunger**

Revelation 6:9-11 KJV

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: 10 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? 11 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 Fifth Seal - Persecution

The first four seals brought forth the four horsemen of the Apocalypse who directed trouble toward the people of the world while the opening of the fifth seal sees trouble being directed toward God's people.

These individuals were killed for their testimony not for refusing the mark of the beast. They were asking God to avenge their deaths, but God said not yet, wait a while.

The Fifth Seal - Persecution

In the book of Matthew, the next sign that Jesus warns us to watch for after deception, wars, famines and pestilences is persecution.

Matthew 24:7-9 KJV

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

This fifth seal is a picture of saints being martyred for their faith. It is not a picture of ungodly men refusing to worship the image of the beast. Remember, men won’t receive the mark of the beast without first worshiping the beast.

The mark of the beast system will not be implemented until Chapter 13 of Revelation, and those that refuse to take the mark of the beast are not seen until John's third view of heaven at Revelation 15:2 & 3.

Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

The fifth seal martyrs are being slain for the word of God and for their testimony.

They are all fellow Christians who will make up the bride of Christ.

We see the Chapter 6 martyrs asking God to avenge their deaths but God refuses to do so just yet. The reason for God's refusal is because the time of God's wrath has not yet arrived. These martyrs are still living during the age of grace which is prior to the rapture of the church. God's wrath isn't poured out upon the world until after the opening of the sixth seal. It is also worthy to note that each of these martyred saints are given white robes which is the attire of the saints, the great multitude, as seen in both Revelation 7:9 and 19:6-8.

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Signs Pointing To Christ's Return

Jehovah's Witnesses
Mormon Church
Christian Science
Charles Darwin
Theory of Evolution
Karl Marx
Communist Manifesto

WWI
WWII
Many Other Wars

Famines
of the
Twentieth
Century

Cholera Pandemic
Smallpox Pandemic
1918 Influenza Pandemic
HIV/AIDS Pandemic
Polio Virus
Ebola Virus
COVID-19 Pandemic

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Revelation 6:12-14 KJV

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; 13 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. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

The Sixth Seal – The Rapture

A great earthquake appears to kickoff the celestial events that make up the Cosmic Signs. It seems logical to believe that the Cosmic Signs will have a worldwide effect, meaning the entire earth will be engulfed with the impact of what causes them.

As we review the opening of the sixth seal in Revelation and the accounts of Jesus' coming in the three Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, it is easy to see the parallels. Each of these three accounts describes the cosmic events involving the sun, the moon and the stars. It is apparent that each account is describing the same celestial events that usher in Jesus' return to rapture His Church.

Mark 13:24-27 KJV

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

What we see in Mark 13:6-23 is Christ speaking of the signs that will foreshadow His coming.

Mark 13:9 KJV

But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

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Many people tend to relate the phrase “after that tribulation” in the book of Mark as referring to the Seven Years of Jacob’s Trouble.

However, the term “tribulation” is used 19 times in the Bible and each is a proclamation of “trouble” upon Christian believers within the body of the Church.

There is only one exception. It is found in Romans 2:9 where “trouble” is proclaimed upon all mankind, not just the church.

Revelation 6:12-14 KJV

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The Sixth Seal – Cataclysmic Events

Before the Cosmic Signs, something very cataclysmic has occurred. Every mountain and island has been moved out of their place. Since the end of World War 2, theologians have surmised that these events would be the result of a major nuclear conflict, potentially World War 3. Could a manmade nuclear war really move every mountain and island all around the world?

Is Nuclear War the Cause of the Cosmic Signs?

Most of us have always believed that a nuclear war would be the catalyst to bring about the Cosmic Signs.

But is a nuclear war really able to move all the mountains and islands around the world?

It seems doubtful.

So what could cause such a massive world wide earthquake that would move every island and mountain?

The Root Cause of the Cosmic Signs

Until just recently, nearly all scientists have believed in the Standard Model of the Universe. This model holds that everything in the universe is primarily controlled and ruled by gravity even though scientists can’t explain gravity’s function.

Over the past decade some scientists have put forth a new model of the universe called the Electric Universe Model. This model pretty much dismisses gravity as the controlling influence and explains that electricity holds the universe together and controls all things within the universe much like the workings of an atom with its perfectly balanced protons and neutrons.

The Root Cause of the Cosmic Signs

The Electric Universe Model states that our sun is much like an LED light bulb, that can easily be brightened or dimmed due to electromagnetic currents. When the sun is putting off light it is said that it is in glow mode; and when it is dark it is said that it is in dark mode.

These electromagnetic currents can affect local solar flares on the sun, cause geomagnetic storms, initiate coronal mass ejections, and cause micro novas or even super novas.

The electromagnetic current has the potential to either brighten or dim our sun or even turn it off. Before you begin to think this is too far out there in the sci-fi world, let’s see if the Bible supports such a concept.

In the Book of Exodus, God instructs Moses to stretch forth his hand toward the heavens and that there would be thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. This is darkness like you would experience if you were in the depths of a great cave with no light. We are told that the Egyptians couldn’t see one another and didn’t leave where they were for three days. The Egyptians couldn’t even see their hand in front of their own face. This is describing the complete extinguishing of the sun for three complete days.

Exodus 10:22-23 KJV

And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: 23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

We have been taught that matter has three states: 1) solid, 2) liquid and 3) gaseous. We have also been taught that our sun is a burning gaseous globe. Scientists now tell us that both of these teachings are in fact false. They now tell us there are four states of matter, the fourth state being plasma and our sun is plasma.

Some scientists believe an exceptionally powerful solar flare, coronal mass ejection, or other outpourings from our home star could cause our planet’s crust to shift, shake, and shudder.

The earthquake described at Revelation 6:12 could be the result of a coronal mass ejection, we really don’t know. We do know that a cataclysmic earthquake is going to strike the earth at the time of the Rapture of the church. This worldwide earthquake will be the initial kickoff to the rapture quickly followed by the sun going into dark mode and the moon looking like blood.

Revelation 6:15-17 KJV

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: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

The Sixth Seal – Those Left Behind

The concluding verses of Chapter 6 paint us a picture of how mankind is responding to the earthquake, the Cosmic Signs and the rapture of the church. Everyone who is left on earth following the rapture of the church, no matter their standing in society or their financial status, is trying to hide themselves from the face of God and from His wrath.

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The Sixth Seal – Those Left Behind

During the time of the fifth seal God was unwilling to avenge the deaths of the martyred saints, but now we are told that the day of His wrath is come. What has changed in the five verses since Revelation 6:11 is the rapture of the church, marked by the opening of the sixth seal in verse 12.

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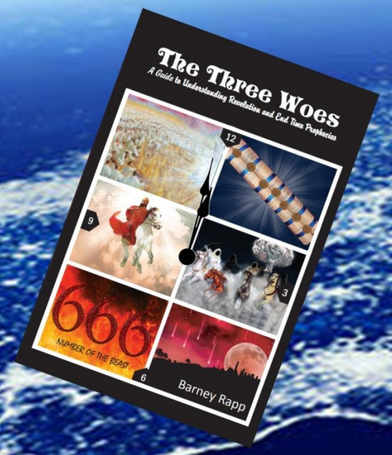

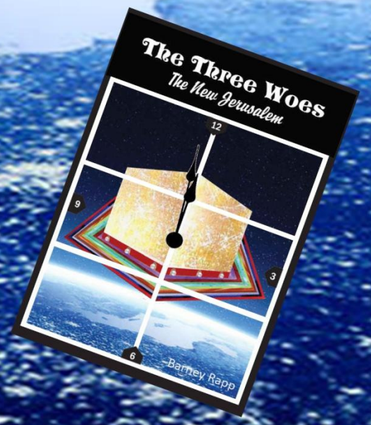

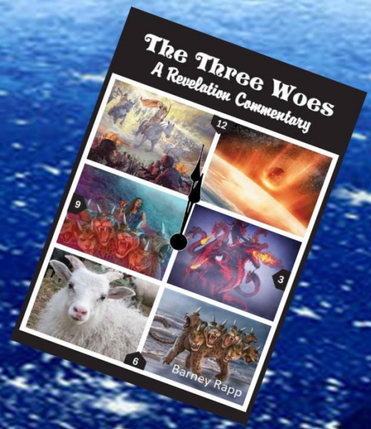

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Review From Last Week

We proved scripturally that Revelation 4:1 is not the rapture.

We showed that the seals are the signs Jesus said would come before His return.

We proved scripturally that Revelation 6:12 is the rapture of the church.

Revelation 7:1-3 KJV

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. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The Four Trumpet Angels from Chapter 8

These four angels are commanded to not yet hurt the earth, the sea, nor the trees. They are the same four Trumpet Angels from Chapter 8:7-12.

They are the angels that do harm to the trees, the grass, the seas and the rivers in Chapter 8.

Revelation 7:4 KJV

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

The Sealing of the 144,000

This angel issuing the commands here is assigned the job of sealing the 144,000 special servants of God. **Who are the 144,000**?

Everyone on earth who was righteous was taken in the Rapture. Only evil and unrighteous people are left on earth, **so who are they**?

Revelation 7:5-8 KJV

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

The Sealing of the 144,000

Therefore, the 144,000 are a very special select group of people who were gathered at the time of the rapture. They are a very special segment of the raptured church.

Revelation 14:3-4 KJV

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. 4 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.

What We Know About the 144,000

- The 144,000 sang a new song
- The 144,000 were all virgins
- The 144,000 were all males
- The 144,000 were the first fruits
- The 144,000 represented all 12 tribes of Israel

I believe the 144,000 are most likely the male infants who were murdered by Herod as he tried to destroy the Christ Child.

We know the 144,000 will be on earth until the beginning of the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble. They will probably be on earth until the mid-point of the seven years, but we aren't told when they are taken to heaven. Following Revelation 9:4, we next see the 144,000 in heaven on mount Sion with Christ in Chapter 14 Verse 1.

Revelation 9:4 KJV

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

Revelation 14:1 KJV

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

Revelation 7:9-10 KJV

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

This is the first time we see the raptured church and the church is with Jesus in heaven.

We have been taught that this is a great end-time revival following the rapture. We have also been told that these are the people who refused the mark of the beast, but scripture doesn't support this interpretation. Let's look at why.

This is the Raptured Church not an End-time Revival

1. The mark of the beast system isn't implemented until Revelation 13

Revelation 13:16-17 KJV

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

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2. Those who refused the mark of the beast are seen at Revelation 15

Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

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3. The sea of glass is not in view in Revelation 7 but it is in Revelation 4 & 15

Revelation 4:6 KJV

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

John can't see the sea of glass in Chapter 7 because of the great multitude.

Revelation Chapters 4, 7 & 15 are the 3 views of heaven that help define these people.

A Great Multitude Is the Raptured Church

Revelation 7:9-10 KJV

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The Raptured Church.

Revelation 19:6 KJV

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The Raptured Church.

Revelation 19:1 KJV

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, …

This is the raptured church, the great multitude. In the original Greek the words are identical.

Revelation 19:1

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after	these things	heard	[something] like	a voice	loud	of a multitude	great

Revelation 19:6

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, …KJV

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Revelation 7:9-12 KJV

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Here we see the great multitude with the Lamb. The 24 elders are also here. This is further proof that the elders are not the raptured church. The elders were in Chapter 4 but Jesus was not there.

Revelation 7:9-14 KJV

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The term “tribulation” is used 19 times in the Bible. Three times in the Old Testament and Sixteen times in the New Testament.

Within these 19 times, the word “great” is added 3 times.

In Revelation 2:22 it is directed to the church of Thyatira.

In Matthew 24:21 it is directed to the people of Judaea.

Here in Revelation 7:14 it is directed to the church who has just been raptured out of the time of church martyrdom, Revelation 6:9-11.

This term “tribulation” here is not referring to the Seven Years of Jacob’s Trouble.

Revelation 7:9 KJV

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Revelation 7:15-17 KJV

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Three Views of Heaven

Christ Absent

Rev. 4:1 thru Rev. 5:5

... a throne was set in heaven, and **one sat on the throne**. 3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats **I saw four and twenty elders** sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 And **before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal**: and **in the midst of the throne**, and round about the throne, **were four beasts** full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come...

The Raptured Church

Rev. 7:9 thru Rev. 7:17

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"Sea of Glass not in View"

Refused the Mark

Rev. 15:2 thru Rev. 15:4

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. 3 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. 4 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.

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Revelation Chapter 8

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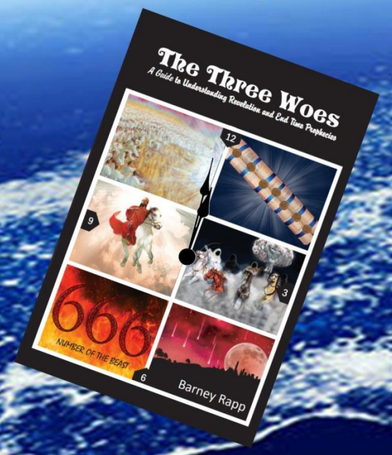

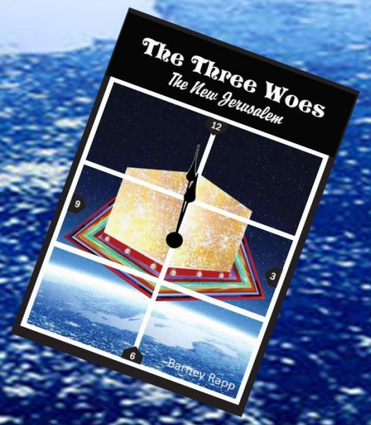

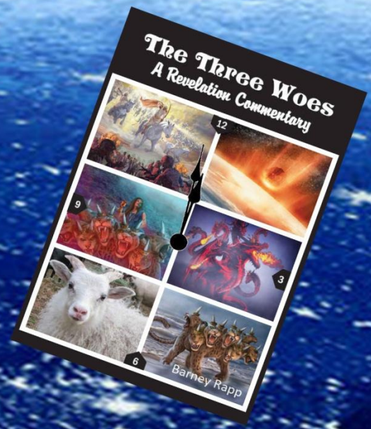

Revelation 8:1-4 KJV

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but it seems this is a time of reverence and silence as the prayers of all the saints are offered upon the altar before God's throne. These prayers are likely the prayers of the saints that are offered by the 4 beasts and the 24 elders at Revelation 5:8. Also, this is likely tied to Revelation 15:7 where the vial/bowl judgment angels receive their vials.

Notice that verse 4 is speaking of the saints not the 24 elders.

Revelation 8:5 KJV

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

This casting of the fire from the altar to the earth is not part of the seven trumpet judgments.

The seven trumpet judgments have not started to sound yet.

Here, we see another earthquake taking place. Remember we just had an earthquake that shook the entire world back in Chapter 6 when the rapture of the church occurred.

The Earth is beginning to tear itself apart.

Revelation 8:6 KJV

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

Revelation 8:7 KJV

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

This angel destroys 1/3 of the trees and all green grass.

Revelation 7:3 KJV

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Here in these verses we can again see the relationship between these trumpet angels and the four angels from Revelation 7:2 that are commanded to not hurt the earth, yet.

Revelation 8:8-9 KJV

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 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.

This angel turns 1/3 of the sea to blood.

Revelation 7:3 KJV

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

This great mountain that falls into the sea or ocean is likely a very large meteor or a small asteroid.

Revelation 8:10-11 KJV

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; 11 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.

This star sounds very much like a large asteroid impacting the earth.

Revelation 7:3 KJV

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 8:12 KJV

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

John is describing what is happening on the earth by showing the impact it is having on celestial bodies. This is likely describing the results of the asteroid impact from the previous verses.

Revelation 7:3 KJV

Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 8:13

For years, many people have taught that Revelation jumps around in time using flashbacks, etc.

They say Revelation may be speaking about one subject and then jump back in time only to jump forward again.

But, what does the scripture tell us?

Let’s look at the scripture to see what we can find.

Revelation 8:13 KJV

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

The Key to understanding Revelation is found at Revelation 8:13.

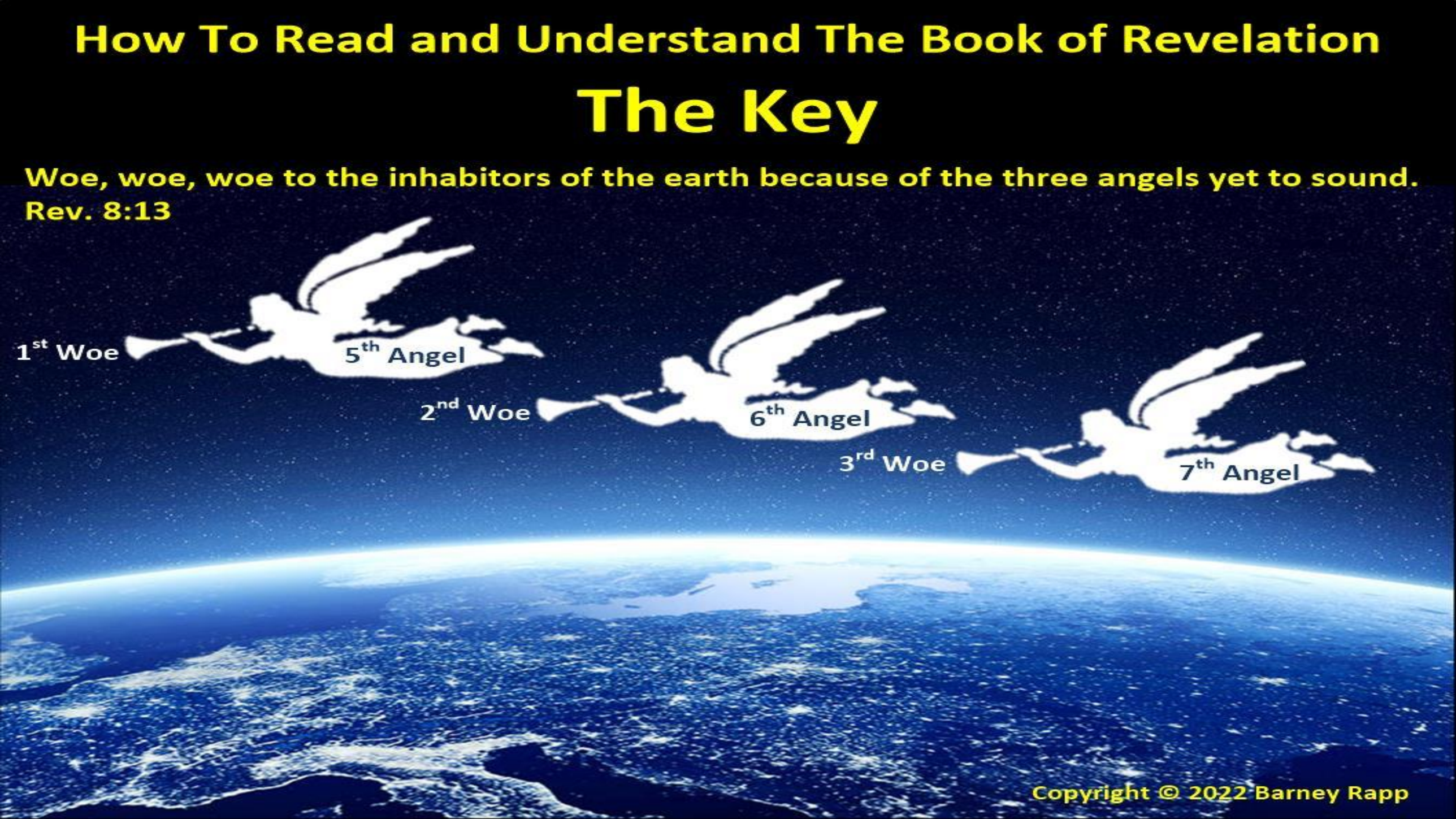
This is probably the most important verse in all of Revelation.

The Book of Revelation doesn't come with a Legend or Key printed in the corner like a map does. In fact, God has an amazing ability to hide gems of truth in plain sight until He is ready to reveal them. Is there anyone who hasn't found a new gem of truth in a verse of scripture you've read dozens of times before?

How To Read and Understand The Book of Revelation

The Key

Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitors of the earth because of the three angels yet to sound. Rev. 8:13



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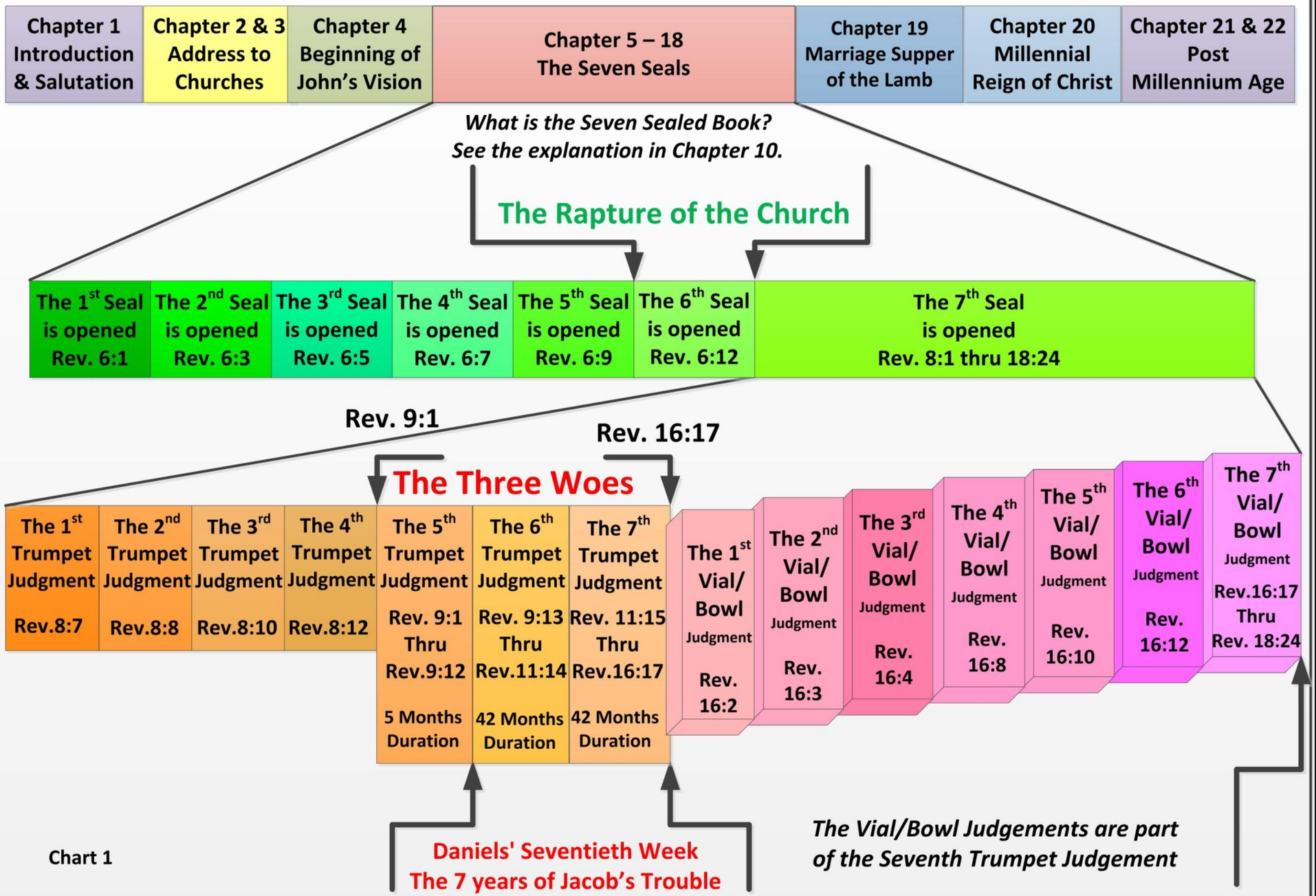

Chart 1

Before we delve into the three woes, let's review what we believe or think we know about the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble.

How long is Jacob's Trouble?

Hint: We typically call it the 7 Years of Great Tribulation

What else do we know about it?

Hint: We always divide it into two equal parts, 3.5 Years each

What activities do we associate with these two halves?

Hint: The Two Witnesses ***Israel Persecuted by the Antichrist***

The Three Woes

Revelation Time Lines Found in the Three Woes

Rev. 8:13
Woe, woe, woe to the inhibitors of the earth because of the three angels yet to sound.

Start	**Rev. 9:1**	And the fifth trumpet angel sounded
	Rev. 9:2-5	Locusts from the bottomless pit have power to torment men five months
Stop	**Rev. 9:12**	**One woe is past;** and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

Start	**Rev.9:13**	And the sixth trumpet angel sounded	
	Rev. 9:14-15	The sixth angel loosed four angels from Euphrates river to slay a third of men for an hour, and a day, and a month and a year	*A point in time*
	Rev. 11:2-3	The holy city shall be tread under foot by the Gentiles for forty two months	*These times*
		Two witnesses given power to prophesy for a thousand two hundred and three score days	*coincide with one another*
	Rev. 11:7	The two witnesses complete their prophesy and are killed by the beast that is described by the seventh trumpet angel.	
Stop	**Rev. 11:14**	**The second woe is past;** and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.	

Start	**Rev. 11:15**	The seventh trumpet angel sounded	
	Rev. 12:1-3	A woman (Israel) appears in heaven - A great red dragon appears in heaven	
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	Rev. 12:13-14	The serpent (*dragon*) persecutes the woman for a time, and times and half a time	*These times will coincide*
	Rev. 13:1-7	The beast makes war with the saints for forty two months and overcomes them. These saints are the Israeli people who turned to God through the ministry of the two witnesses and the144,000 sealed children of Israel.	
Stop	**Rev. 16:17**	**It is done.**	

How to read and understand the Book of Revelation

The Vial/Bowl Judgements are part of the Seventh Trumpet Judgement

Daniels' Seventieth Week
The 7 years of Jacob's Trouble

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Rev. 11:7 The two witnesses complete their prophesy and are killed by the beast that is described by the seventh *trumpet* angel

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Rev. 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

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Rev. 16:17 It is done.

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	Rev. 11:2-3	The holy city shall tread under foot by the Gentiles for forty two months	*These times will coincide and overlap the above 13 months*
		Two witnesses given power to prophesy for a thousand two hundred and three score days	
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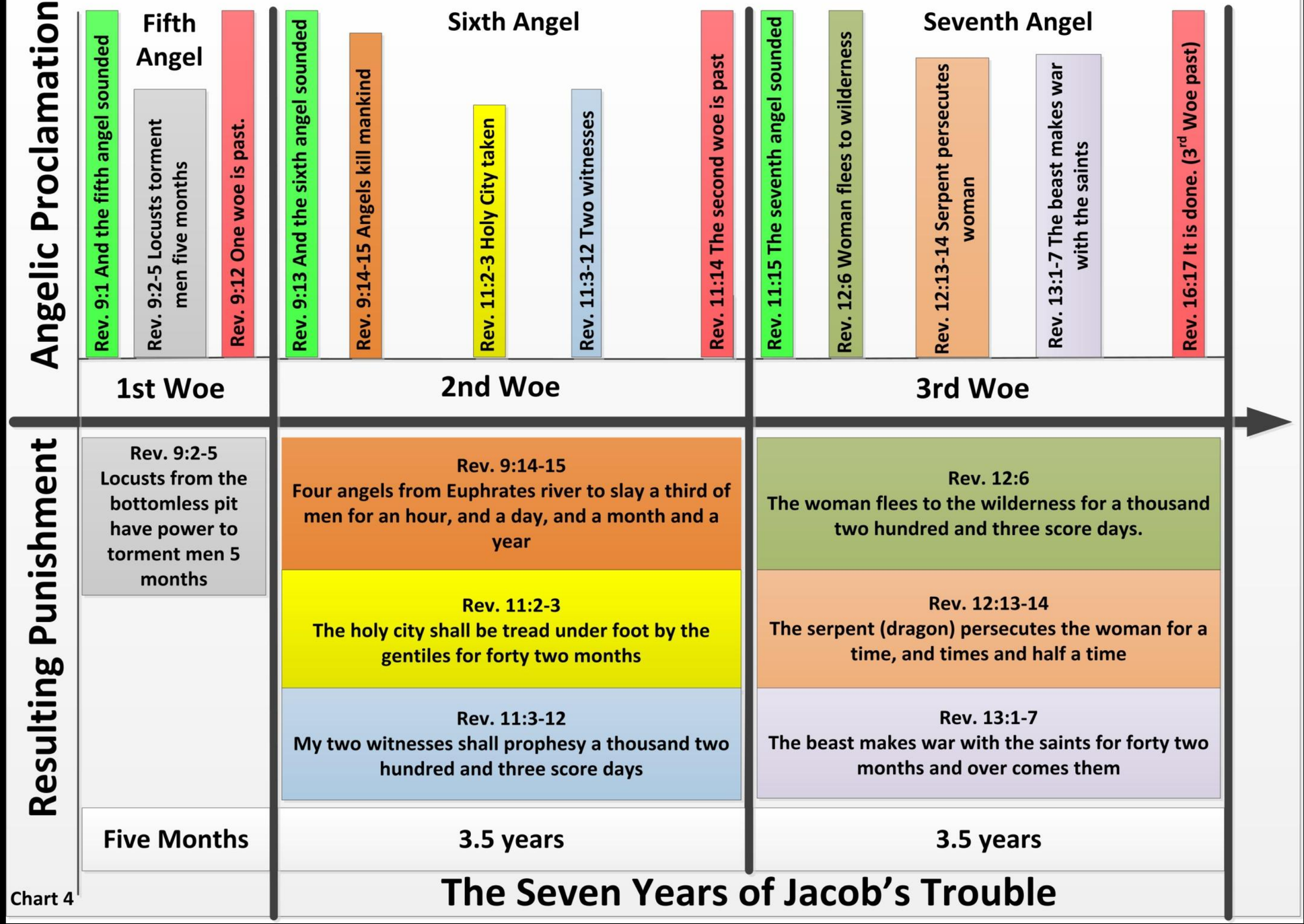
Stop	Rev. 16:17	It is done.

Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble

Rev. 8:13 Woe, woe, woe to the inhabiters of the earth because of the three angels yet to sound.



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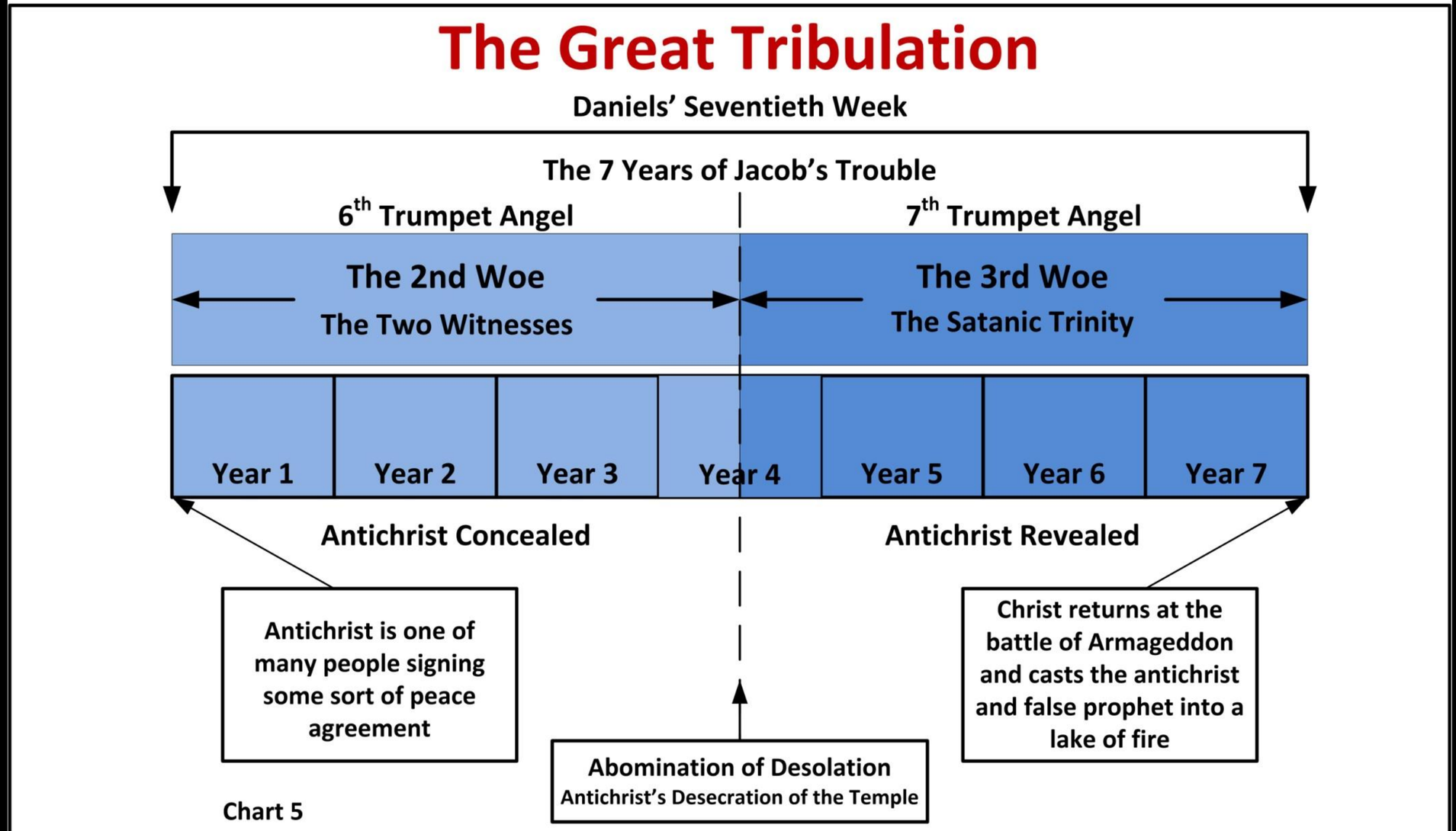
Daniels's Seventieth Week – The 7 Years of Jacob's Trouble



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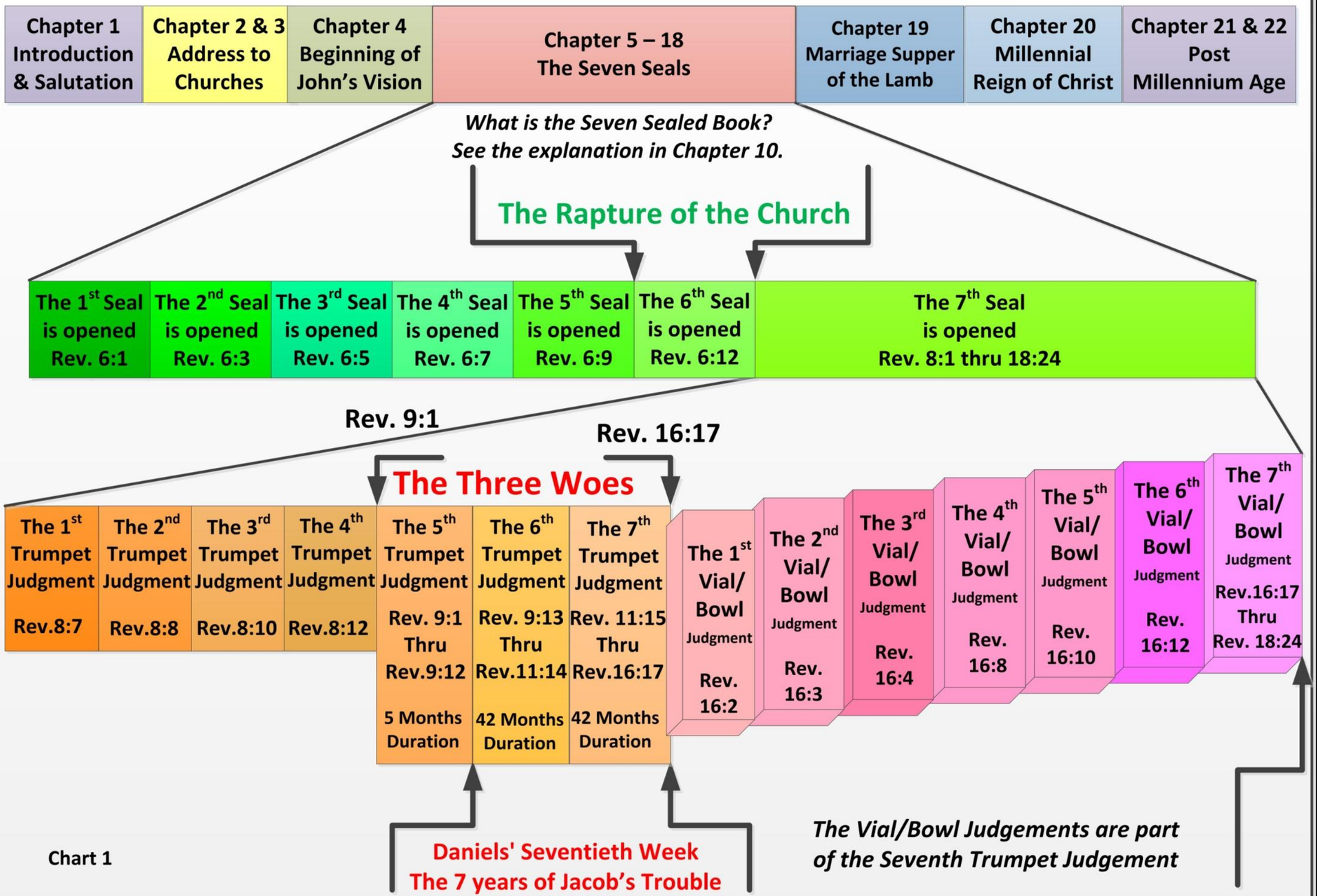

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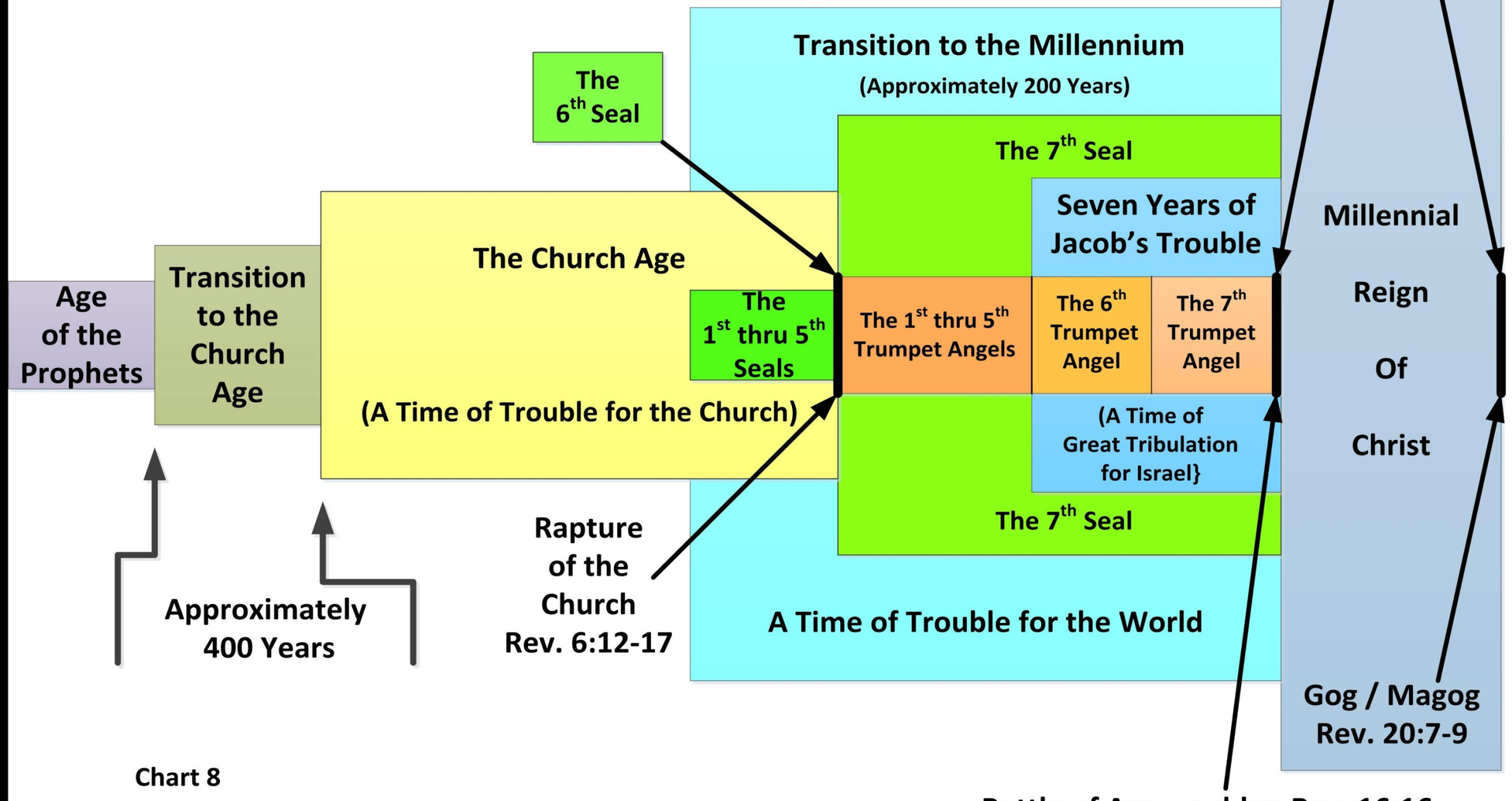
End-Time Timeline According to Revelation

and the Cosmic Signs



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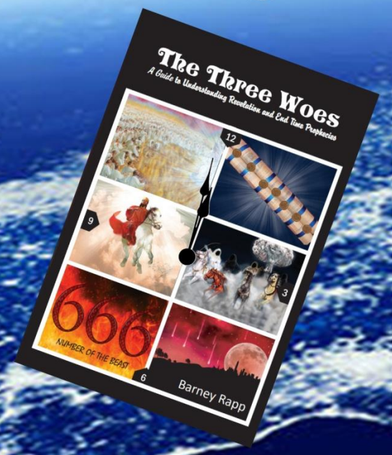

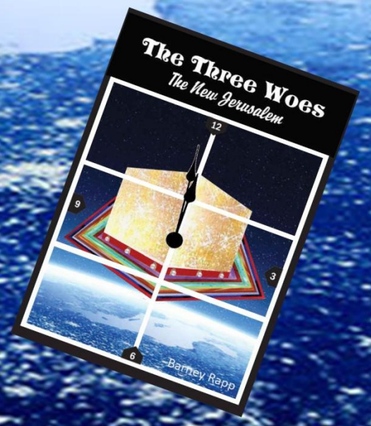

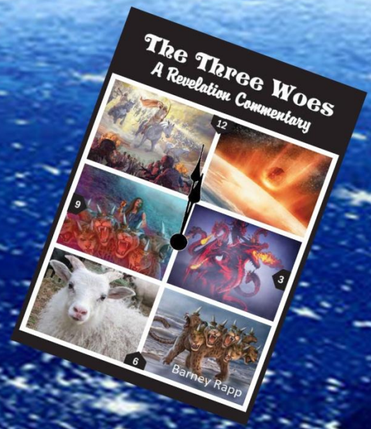

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Review From Last Week

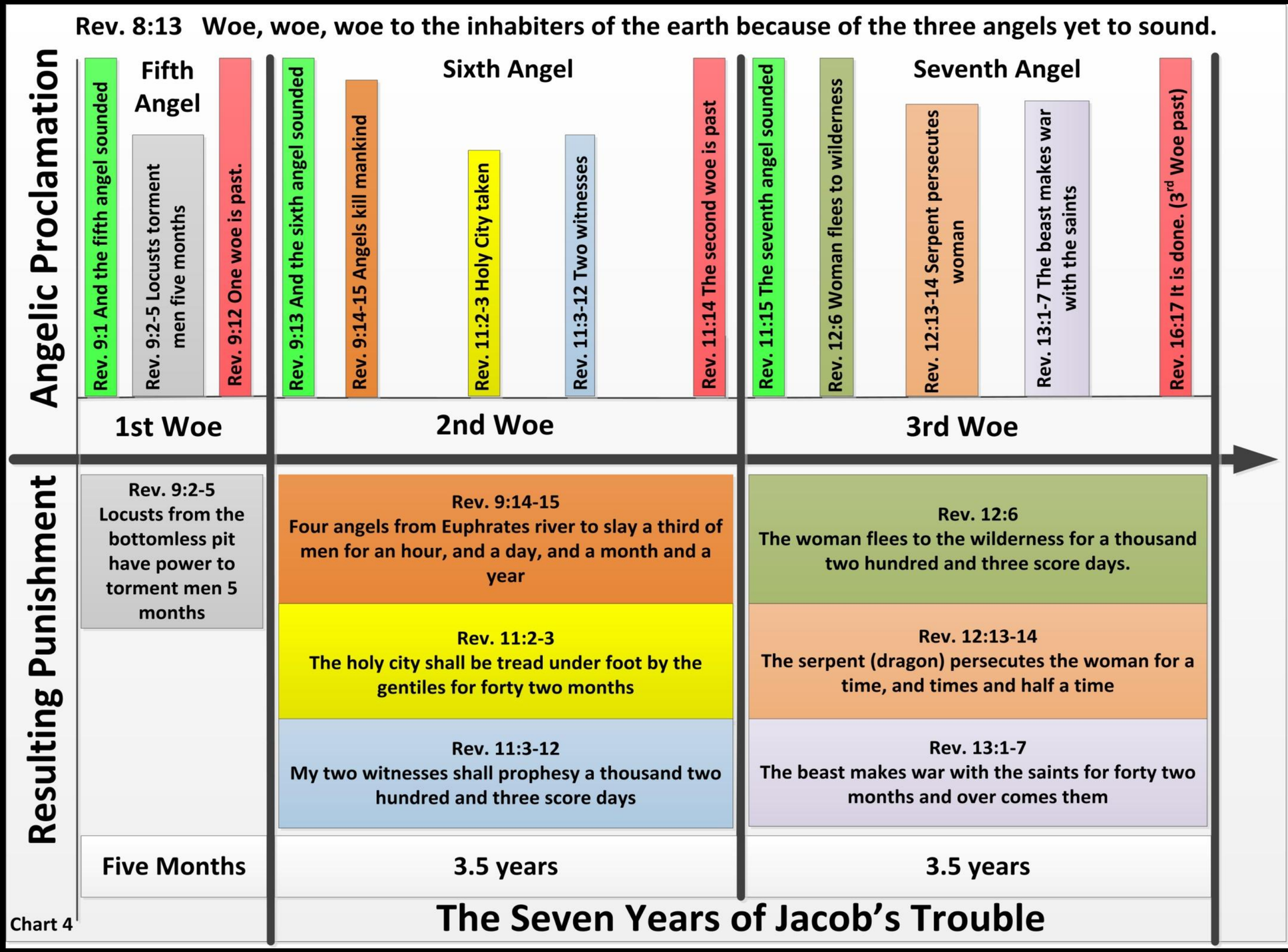
We established that Revelation 8:13 is the Key to understanding Revelation.

It ties the three woes to the 5th, 6th and 7th Trumpet Judgment Angels.

We showed that the 6th and 7th Trumpet Judgment Angels are the 7 Years of Jacobs Trouble.

We showed that the angel is revealing things to John sequentially but they are really happening simultaneously.

In other words, the 6th and 7th Trumpet Judgments are sequential but the activities within them are all happening simultaneously.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Seventh Angel
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Rev. 12:6 Woman flees to wilderness
Rev. 12:13-14 Serpent persecutes woman
Rev. 13:1-7 The beast makes war with the saints
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2nd Woe
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The holy city shall be tread under foot by the gentiles for forty two months
Rev. 11:3-12
My two witnesses shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days
Rev. 12:6
The woman flees to the wilderness for a thousand two hundred and three score days.
Rev. 12:13-14
The serpent (dragon) persecutes the woman for a time, and times and half a time
Rev. 13:1-7
The beast makes war with the saints for forty two months and over comes them
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Chart 4
The Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble

Revelation 9:1-2 KJV

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It would be easy to jump into the story here, but the first thing we must be aware of is the sounding of the fifth trumpet angel.

This marks the beginning of the first woe, be sure to keep this in mind as we continue with the story.

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This star falling from heaven is actually an angel. We know this because John assigns the pronoun “him” to this star. Notice that this angel has a key, it is important.

The next question is who is this angel?

Is this angel Satan or some other angel?

Revelation 1:18 KJV

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 20:1-2 KJV

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Based on these two verses, we can be pretty certain that this star is not Jesus, this star is one of God's angels that God is sending to open this bottomless pit. Jesus is telling us that since He arose from the grave, He has possession of the keys for death and hell. In chapter 9 God is releasing more of His wrath upon an ungodly world.

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After the angel opens the bottomless pit a smoke rises and darkens the sun. This is a different darkening of the sun than the darkening we saw back at Revelation 6:12 when the rapture of the church occurred.

Revelation 9:3-5 KJV

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

Following the smoke came locusts which had power like scorpions.

I call them scorpion locusts and they had power to torment men for 5 months.

They were not allowed to harm the 144,000 sealed servants of God.

Revelation 9:6 KJV

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

Men will be in such agonizing pain that they will desire to die. This will be a pain that won’t last for just minutes or hours but will continue for weeks and months.

This pain is likely to drive men insane and even lead to a vast increase in demonic possession.

Revelation 9:7-10 KJV

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.

As we build a mental picture of these scorpion locusts, we discover a resemblance to an Apache helicopter more than any locust we have ever seen.

What is John really seeing?

In Ezekiel 9:2-6 God calls on the guardian angels that have charge over the city. God commands one with an inkhorn to place a mark on the foreheads of all who sigh and cry for the sins of Israel. God then commands the other guardian angels with their slaughter weapons to go forth and kill all who do not have the mark of God on their foreheads.

The point here is that both good and evil angels use tools to enhance their powers. These scorpion locusts are likely demonic angels or other satanic beings using demonic tools to empower them to torment mankind for the assigned five month timeframe.

The other lesson we should learn from this is – Maybe we need to be sighing and crying over the sins of America.

Revelation 9:11-12 KJV

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

It would seem that all we are being told here is that these scorpion locusts have a demonic angel king who rules over them and his name is Abaddon or Apollyon.

However, there is a lot more information here if we look deep enough to discover it.

Let's look for it, take note of the phrase!

the angel of the bottomless pit

Abaddon and Apollyon both mean destroyer.

Revelation 11:7 KJV

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.

(the beast or angel from the bottomless pit will kill the two witnesses)

Revelation 13:3 KJV

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Revelation 17:8 KJV

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 19:20 KJV

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

(the beast is the antichrist)

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The Angel King from the bottomless pit is the beast.

The Angel King from the bottomless pit is the antichrist.

The antichrist's name in Hebrew is Abaddon.

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Here we are told the first woe is past and that two more woes are yet to come.

This is the break point before we reach our next mile marker. The impact of the sounding of the 5th Trumpet Angel is complete and its five month time frame is now history. The next thing we will see is the sounding of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel marking the beginning of the second woe.

Also, notice the two more woes. As we read the remainder of Revelation we will only find the ending of the second woe, we will have to search for ending of the third woe. It is not as obvious as the first two woes, but it is there.

Revelation 9:13-16 KJV

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. 15 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. 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

Immediately in Verse 13 we see the sounding of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel.

There is no intervening activity, there is no time gap. John is confirming here that Revelation is to be read sequentially. From one seal to the next and from one trumpet judgment to the next.

We read it sequentially but the activities within the woes are still simultaneous.

Revelation 9:13-16 KJV

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them.

John doesn’t tell us whose voice he hears, but it may be God the Father’s.

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The four angels were loosed at a specific point in time. This is not a 13 month long war. The war will likely last for 42 months.

This 2,000,000 man army will kill a third of mankind. This is the beginning of Daniel's Seventieth Week, the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble, what we like to call the seven years of the great tribulation.

Daniel 9:27 KJV

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, …

the one week = 7 years

The sounding of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel marks the signing of the so called "peace covenant" described in Daniel.

One issue should be considered, it's related to the "peace covenant" referenced in Daniel. Many people expect the antichrist will be revealed with its signing. However, it is not clear if his signing of this agreement exposes him as the antichrist or merely as one of many signers.

The signer of the covenant is a world leader and the beast will possess the body of that world leader per Revelation 13:3.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. Rev. 13:3 KJV

Revelation 9:17-19 KJV

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. 18 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. 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

Here we see John giving us a description of this 2 million man army.

This is no doubt a demonic army and the army kills one third of mankind but it is unlikely that any of this demonic army are killed or even injured. Twice John tells of this army killing a third of mankind, but never does he mention harm coming to any of them who made up the army.

Revelation 9:20-21 KJV

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Here we see a picture of how mankind is reacting to God's wrath. Instead of repenting and turning toward God, they are hardening their hearts and continuing to pursue their evil ways.

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Revelation Chapter 10

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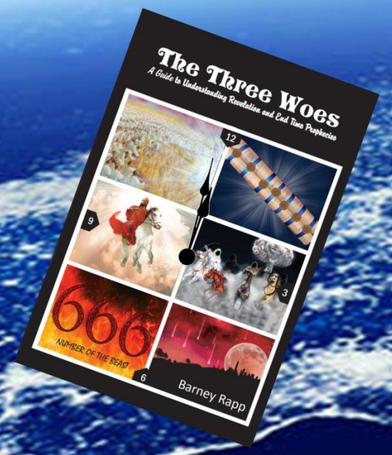

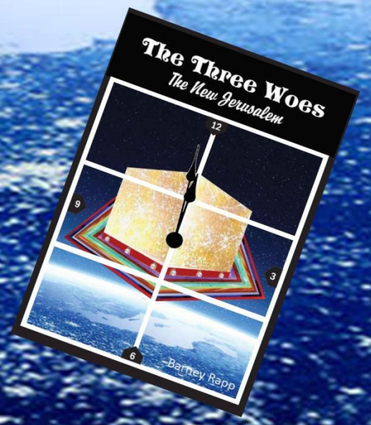

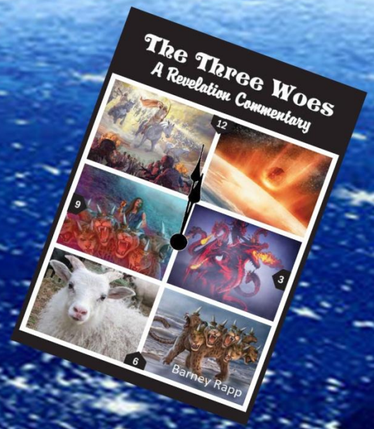

Revelation 10:1-4 KJV

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

Here John sees an angel clothed with a cloud and the angel's face is like the sun and his feet are like pillars of fire.

Is this angel Jesus?

Many scholars believe this angel is either Gabriel or Jesus.

We know the angel can't be Jesus because Jesus won't set foot on the earth until He returns and sets foot on the Mount of Olives.

It could be Gabriel, but it could also be a cherubim angel.

We saw in Chapter 6 where the cherubim with the face of a lion thundered the announcement of the opening of the first seal. We even described the thundering voice as a roaring lion.

Rev. 10:3 …a loud voice, as when a lion roareth …

However, we really don't know this angel's true identity.

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As John concludes his description of this angel, he tells us that the angel has a small book open in his hand. Since John is told to seal this book, we don't know what this book is. But we do know, it is definitely not the seven sealed book from Chapter 5 of Revelation.

Revelation 10:5-7 KJV

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 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.

Following God's sealing of the book and the message of the seven thunders, John hears the angel proclaim an oath. The King James translation says there shall be "time no longer," but Young's literal translation says that the time is not yet. It seems the intended message here is that the prophecies of God's servants are not yet fulfilled but will be fulfilled when the 7th Trumpet angel sounds.

Revelation 10:8-11 KJV

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

The angel instructs John to take the little book and eat it. Have you ever eaten something that was so delicious while you were eating it but afterwards you had severe indigestion? That is what happened to John, but why?

It seems the answer to that question is found in Verse 11.

John is told that he must prophesy again and the angel describes John's audience.

John's audience rivals that of any modern day superstar. It will involve many people groups as well as many nations and languages. His audience will extend from the common man to the kings and leaders of the nations of the world.

Verse 11 seems to strongly imply that John may be one of the two witnesses as defined in Revelation 11:3.

The other witness to prophesy with John will likely be Elijah.

… Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.
Rev. 10:11 KJV

Remember! Even though we are at Revelation 10:11 in our reading and studying, we are still at Revelation 9:13 chronologically. Rev. 9:13 marks the beginning of the sounding of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel.

John is just now introducing us to the two witnesses and they prophesy for the full 3.5 years of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel and its 2nd woe.

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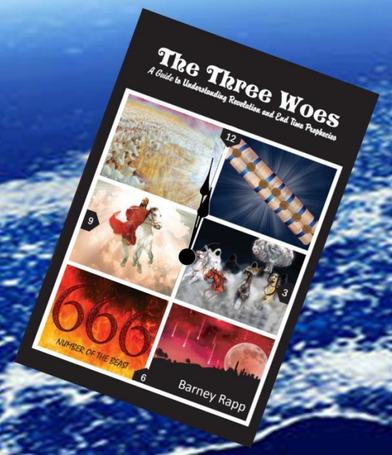
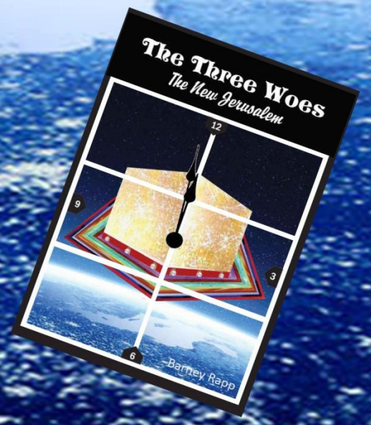
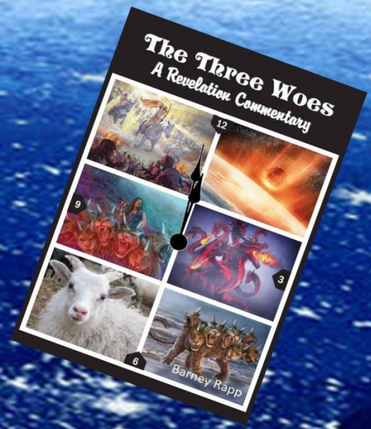
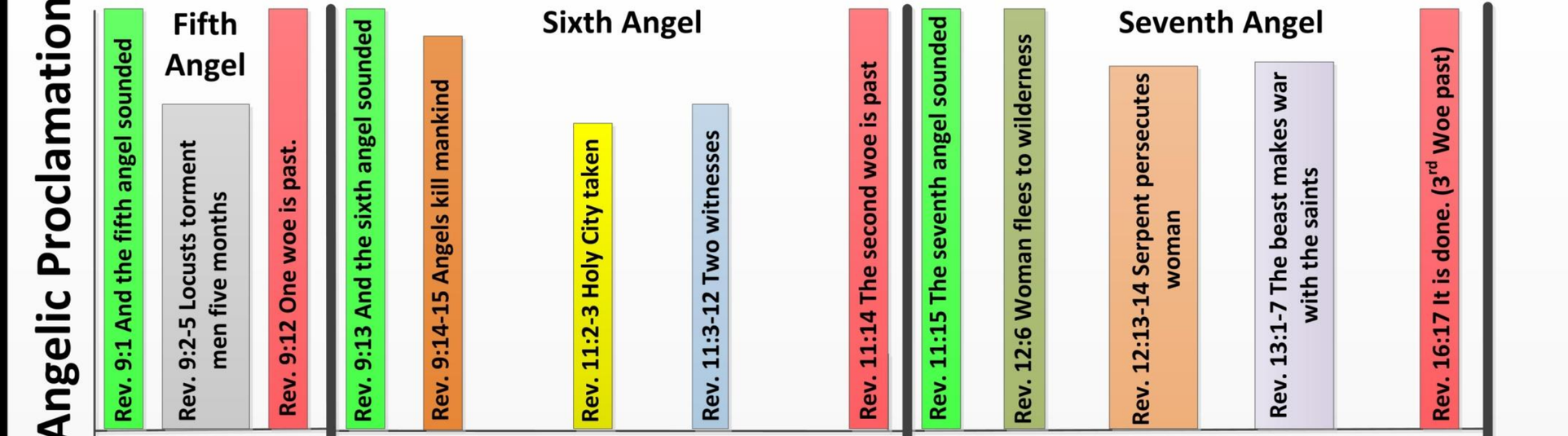






Rev. 8:13 Woe, woe, woe to the inhabiters of the earth because of the three angels yet to sound.



Resulting Punishment

1st Woe	2nd Woe	3rd Woe
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Chart 4

The Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble

Revelation 11:1-4 KJV

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. 3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Many people see this measuring of the temple and compare it to Ezekiel's description of a temple in Ezekiel Chapters 40 through 43. But these are not the same two temples. Ezekiel is describing the Millennial Temple that will be built and used by Israel during the 1,000 year reign of Christ known as the Kingdom Age. John, on the other hand, is describing the Tribulation Temple that will exist during the first one-half of the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble.

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This is also a perfect way for John to introduce us to the two witnesses. John tells us that these two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days. This is not only the same as forty-two months but also the exact time frame that the Gentiles will occupy Jerusalem. John refers to these two witnesses as two olive trees which is a reference to Zechariah 4:11-14.

Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? 12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? 13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. 14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:11-14 KJV

Revelation 11:5-6 KJV

And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

As John continues, he tells us about the ministry of the two witnesses. Their work must be a powerful ministry that cuts to the quick, and the miracles they perform are severely punishing to a world that is already reeling in chaos. Many of those that hear their message appear to have a strong desire to harm them. We are told that fire will come from the mouths of the two witnesses and kill their enemies. These witnesses will likely speak the command and fire will come down from heaven as Elijah commanded in 2 Kings.

Revelation 11:7-8 KJV

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. 8 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.

After three and one-half years, someone will come forth to slay these two spiritual giants who have tormented mankind while remaining impervious to assault or attack. We aren't told exactly how their enemy comes against them to kill them, but it seems he must make a show of it because it is called a war.

Remarkably, John tells us who murderers the two witnesses. It is the beast from the bottomless pit who is the angel Apollyon from Revelation 9:1-12.

Revelation 11:9-10 KJV

And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

By the end of their three and one-half years of torment, the people of the earth will be in a rage against the two witnesses. It is the custom of most people from the Middle East, both Jewish and Islamic, to bury a dead body as quickly as possible. Burial usually occurs 24 to 48 hours following death as cremation and embalming are not allowed by either faith.

For these two bodies to be left in the street for 84 hours indicates an extreme hatred and disgust toward the two witnesses.

Revelation 11:11-12 KJV

And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

It is impossible to know how long the dead bodies would have remained in the street if almighty God had not intervened. After 84 hours, God did intervene by breathing the breath of life into the dead bodies.

The two witnesses stood on their feet as they heard a voice from heaven commanding them to “Come up hither.” These are the same words that were spoken to John in Chapter 4:1 of Revelation.

Revelation 11:13-14 KJV

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. 14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

Verse 14 is another one of our break points that helps define Revelation's timeline. This is where we are told that the second woe is past, meaning that one-half of Daniel's Seventieth Week is now history.

We can confidently call this the first one-half of Jacob's Trouble because of the activities that occurred during its forty-two month timeframe, namely the ministry of the two witnesses as well as the Gentile occupation of Jerusalem for forty-two months. We are also told that the third woe will come quickly.

Note: The earthquake won't span the 3.5 year time frame.

Revelation 11:15-17 KJV

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. 16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

We were told in Verse 14 that the third woe would come quickly; and here in Verse 15 we see the sounding of the 7th Trumpet Judgment Angel that initiates the beginning of the third woe.

The last seal was opened in Chapter 8 and the last Trumpet Judgment Angel has now sounded. The duration of the 7th Trumpet Judgment Angel's woe is equal to the second half of Daniel's Seventieth Week.

Verse 15 is where we see the conformation that the Seven Sealed Scroll deals with the ownership of the earth.

Revelation 11:18-19 KJV

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. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

As Christ takes up His power to rule, we see an angry response from the nations of the world. Carnal mankind does not want anyone in authority over him, especially a righteous and holy God. God's wrath began to be poured out at Revelation 6:17 with the opening of the 6th Seal, and now His wrath is about to be poured out in full strength. The pouring out of God's wrath and the work of the 7th Trumpet Judgment Angel won't be complete until Revelation 16:17 where we are told, "It is done."

Revelation 11:18-19 KJV

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. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

The second half of Verse 18 speaks of reward to God's servants. It specifically mentions God's prophets and His saints. This is clearly including Old Testament prophets and saints as well as New Testament saints. Verse 19 concludes with an earthquake on earth as God's temple in heaven is opened accompanied by lightening, thundering and great hail on the earth.

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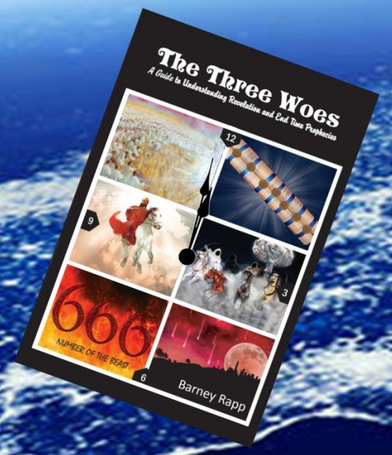
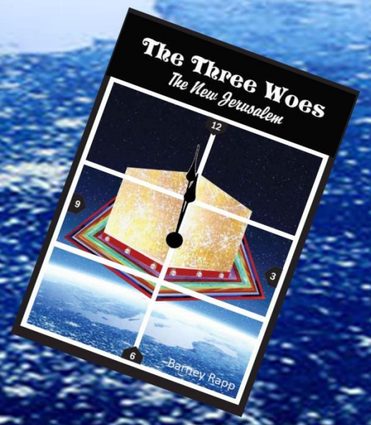
Making Revelation Simple

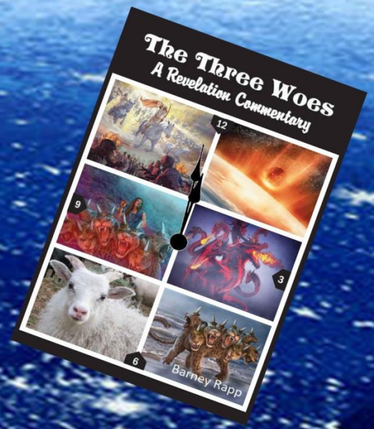
A Commentary On

Revelation Chapter 12

Our World is Changing and Revelation is our Road Map to What Comes Next!







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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Review From Last Week

We saw where the angel king from the bottomless pit is the antichrist, the beast of Rev. 13 & 17.

His name is Apollyon in Greek and Abaddon in Hebrew, both mean destruction.

We saw the sounding of the 6th Trumpet Judgment Angel which marks the beginning of the Seven Years of Jacobs Trouble.

We saw a 2,000,000 man demonic army going out to kill 1/3 of mankind.

We saw where John is likely one of the two witnesses along with Elijah.

We saw the antichrist kill the two witnesses at the end of the second woe.

Revelation 12:1-2 KJV

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

Chapter 12 is a real stumbling block for many people. It seems to break the continuity of John’s vision, so people tend to describe it as a flashback in time.

In fact, Chapter 12 fits perfectly just where it is once the reader understands its true purpose. In the closing verses of Chapter 11, Jesus declared war against the forces of evil, and what we see in the opening verses of Chapter 12 is an introduction to the primary players in that war.

Revelation 11:15 KJV

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.

Revelation 11:18 KJV

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.

Consider how one might tell the story of the USA entering World War II. One might say,

“On December 7, 1941, the imperial nation of Japan launched a surprise attack on the territory of Pearl Harbor, USA. The USA is the original thirteen colonies that declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776 and grew to forty eight colonies or states by 1941.” The story of WWII hasn’t jumped back to 1776; you are just describing who the USA is by using a historical reference.

This is what John is doing with the woman, who is Israel, and the child, who is Christ.

Revelation 12:1-2 KJV

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

We recognize this woman as Israel and her child as Jesus, but the story has not jumped back to the time of the nativity. We are told John sees the wonder in heaven.

The night sky in 2017 per Stellarium mirrors John’s vision.

Revelation 12:3-5 KJV

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. 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. 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.

As John continues with the introductions, he sees a great red dragon, Satan, who wants to destroy the woman's child. Notice that the dragon has seven heads and ten horns with crowns on the seven heads. The stars are fallen angels who followed the dragon, Satan, in his rebellion against God.

As we reach Verse 5 John confirms that the woman's child is the God-man, Jesus Christ, who will rule the nations for 1,000 years.

The principal players that we have been introduced to in these first five verses of Chapter 12 are listed in the following table.

The Principal Players	
Israel	The woman with child
Jesus Christ	The man child
Satan	The great red dragon
The Fallen Angels	One third of the stars of heaven

Revelation 12:6-9 KJV

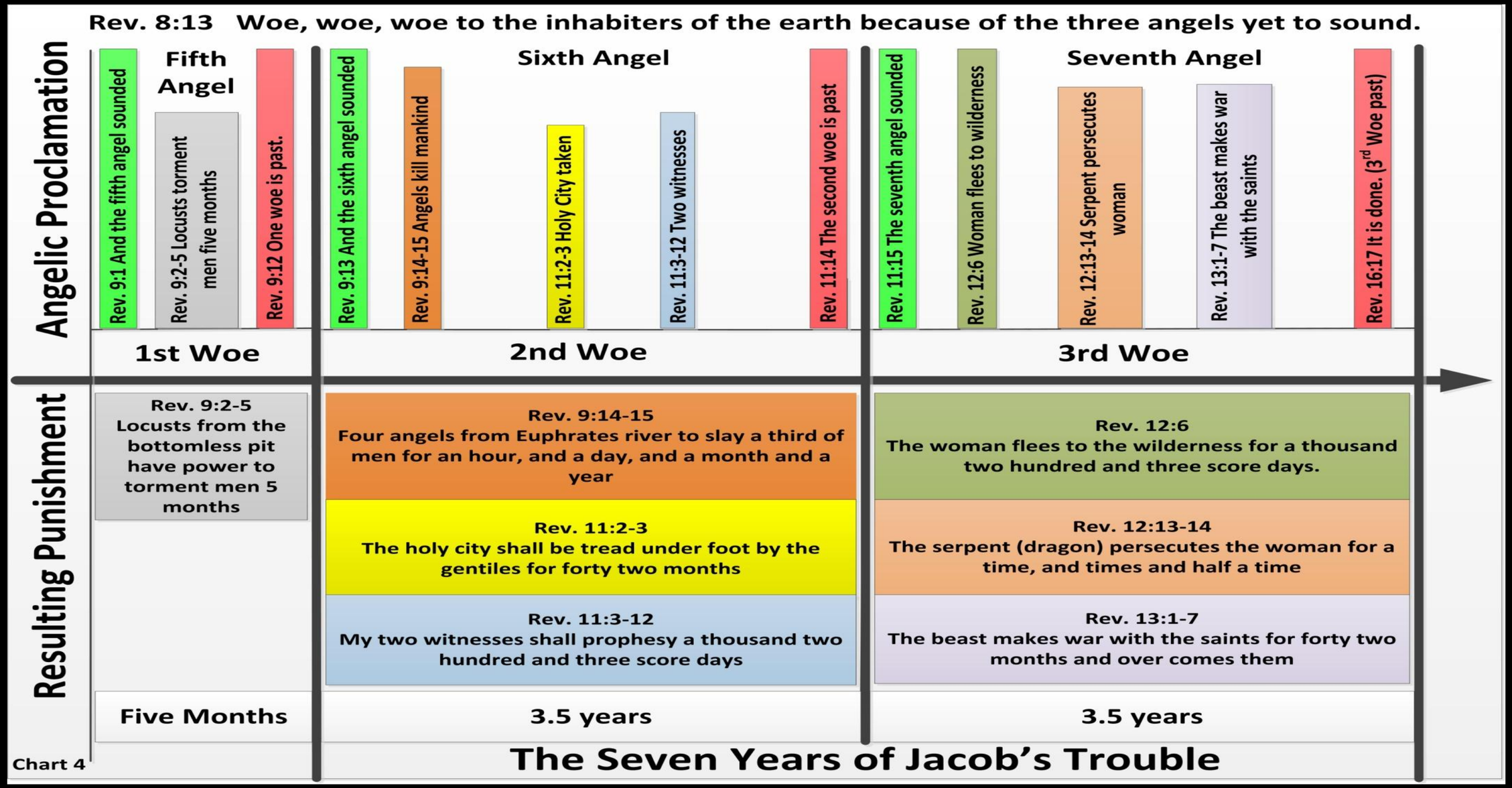
And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, 8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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.

Now that the introductions are complete, John continues with his narrative.

As we observed in Chapter 11, Christ openly declared war against the forces of evil. Here in Verse 6 of Chapter 12, we see the progression of that war as the woman, Israel, is fleeing into the wilderness hiding from the forces of Satan.

Suddenly, Chapter 12 no longer sounds like a flashback.

John is no longer doing introductions at this time. We are told that the woman will be in the wilderness for forty-two months which is the full second one-half of the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble.



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We know that this great dragon is the Devil, Satan, because John spells it out for us in Verse 9.

John also tells us that Satan is the deceiver of the whole world.

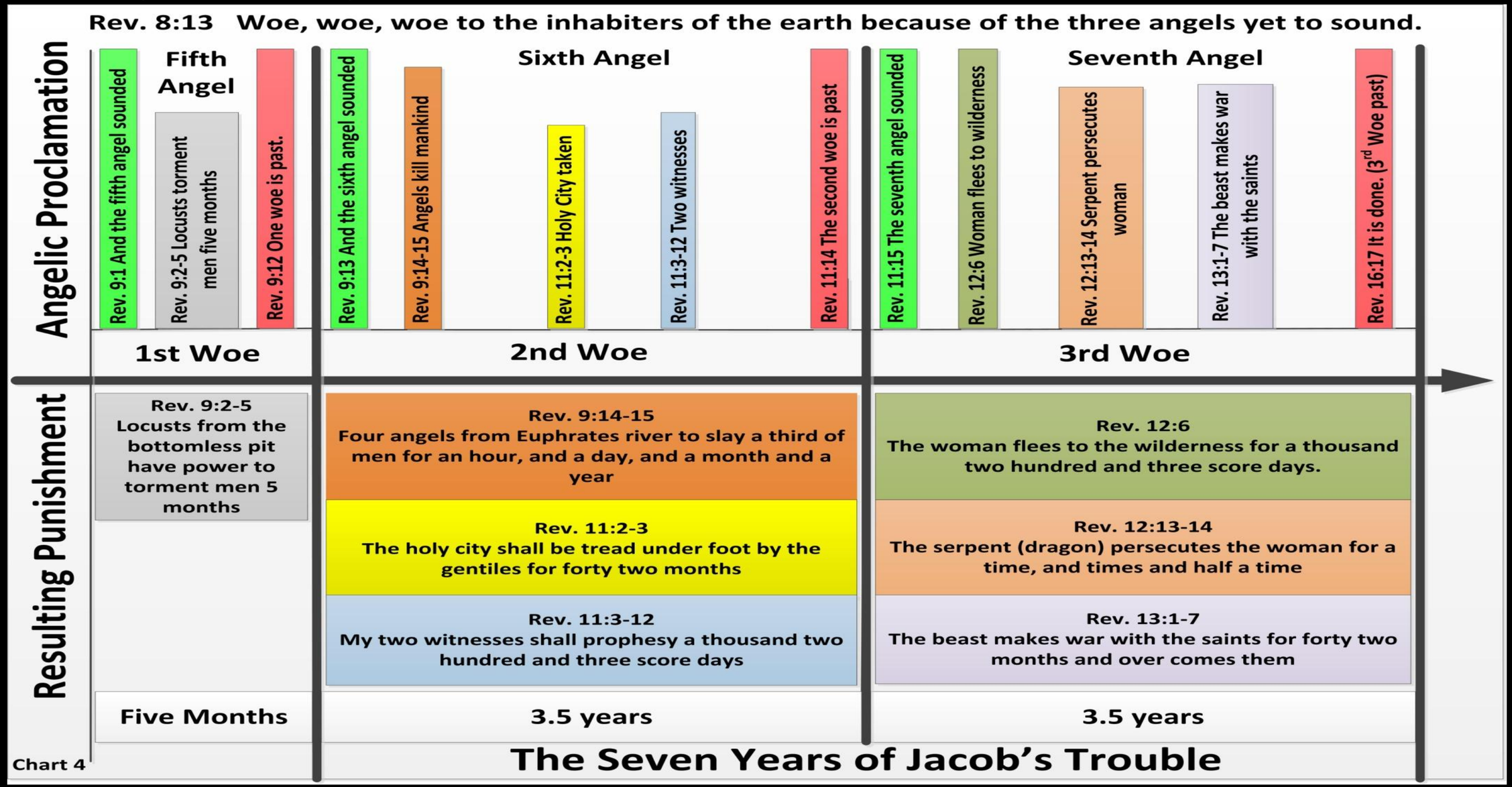
Now is a good place to establish the rules of how we need to study Revelation as we move forward.

We just used the USA in World War II as an example of a historical reference. Now we can use World War II as the basis for our study parameters. World War II lasted for six years and many of the world's nations were involved in the conflict. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of stories that could be written about World War II. Many of those stories would overlap in time.

So it is as John paints the story of the second half of Daniel's Seventieth Week. We must recognize that John will be describing many "simultaneous events" over the next several chapters of Revelation.

As we read Revelation we see it as a set of sequential events as shown below in the top of the chart.

But in reality it is actually a set of simultaneous events as shown below in the bottom of the chart.



Revelation 12:10-13 KJV

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. 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. 12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters 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. 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

In Verse 6 the woman fled from Satan into the wilderness and here in Verses 12 & 13 the dragon is persecuting the woman.

Revelation 12:14-17 KJV

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. 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. 16 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. 17 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.

Many assume that the two wings of a great eagle here is referring to the United States, but the same phrase, wings of a great eagle, is used in Ezekiel 17:3 & 17:7 and is referring to the king of Babylon an the king of Egypt respectively.

So it is very unlikely that this phrase is referencing the USA here. It is also found in Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:31 KJV

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Revelation 12:14-17 KJV

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. 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. 16 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. 17 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.

We are told the devil sends a flood to try and destroy the woman, Israel, but the earth swallows up the flood and defeats the devils plans.

Revelation 12:14-17 KJV

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When the dragon fails to destroy the woman with the flood, he turns his attention to destroying the remainder of the Jews who are scattered around the world.

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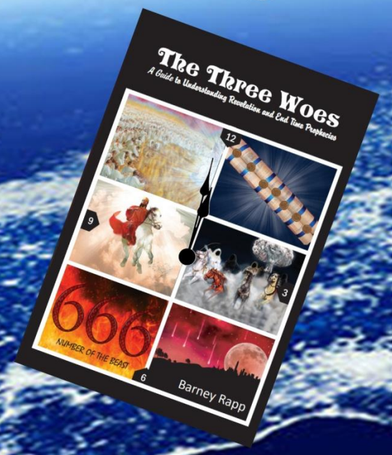
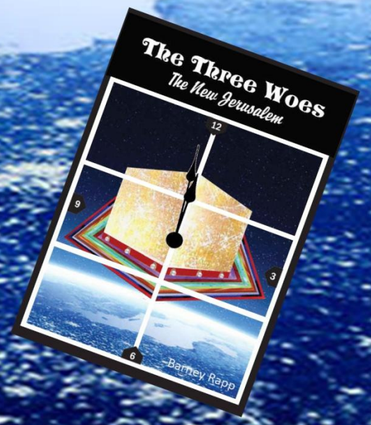
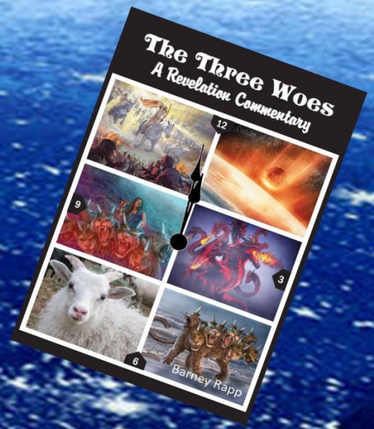
A Commentary On

Revelation Chapter 13

Our World is Changing and Revelation is our Road Map to What Comes Next!







Revelation 13:1-2 KJV

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

This beast in Chapter 13 is not the same beast from Chapter 12. Both beasts have seven heads and ten horns, but this beast has ten crowns on its ten horns while the Chapter 12 beast has seven crowns on its seven heads.

This beast is rising up out of the sea while the Chapter 12 beast or dragon was in heaven.

Continuing to Verse 2 we see that this beast gets its power, seat and authority from the Chapter 12 beast who is the red dragon, Satan. So, they are definitely two distinct beasts.

Here in Chapter 13 John describes a beast he saw rise up out of the sea. The word waters (or sea in this case) is frequently synonymous with people. This is the same beast we see in Chapter 17. We also know from our study of Revelation Chapter 17 that the seven heads of this beast represent seven mountains or seven continents.

Chapter 17 also tells us that the ten horns are ten kings.

Revelation 17:7 & 9 & 12 KJV

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. 9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. 12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

Many have assumed that this New World Order will be the European Union, but John tells us that these ten kings have no kingdom and no power until the beast gives them their power.

In Rev. 13:2, John describes the beast as being like a leopard with the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion. This is a composite of the three beasts from Daniel Chapter 7:1-6, and as we look at Verse 7 of that Chapter, we find that Daniel is describing John's beast.

Daniel 7:3-7 KJV

And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: … 5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, ... 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

Satan, The Dragon

Antichrist, The Beast

Revelation 13:3-5 KJV

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

In Verse 3, we see where one of the beast's heads received **as it were** a deadly wound. Notice the wound only seemed to be deadly.

Don't get confused here. This wounded head is not one of the seven heads that represented the seven continents. This wounded head is one of the kings of state making up the ten nation alliance which were allegorically pictured as ten horns with ten crowns.

This is where the beast from the bottomless pit demonically possesses the body of the wounded leader.

Rev. 17:9 & 12

The seven heads are seven mountains, ... the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings,

Allegorical Imagery

Seven Heads

Ten Horns

Angelic Interpretation

Seven Mountains

Ten Kings

Chart 13

Don't confuse the Allegorical Imagery with the Angelic Interpretation

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This is also the point where this allegorical beast transforms from being a ten nation alliance with ten kings (horns) to a ten nation alliance with seven kings (horns). This is explained in Daniel 7:7-8 where we see three of the horns being plucked up.

After the plucking of the three horns, the ten nation alliance is under the control of a single horn: the human world leader who was wounded. Following what looks like the death of the national leader and what appears to be his resurrection, the multi-nation alliance that was originally led by ten kings becomes the kingdom of the antichrist which is led and ruled by the antichrist.

Daniel 7:7-8 KJV

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

We aren’t told how this simulated resurrection will come to be, but it appears as though the beast from the bottomless pit will likely enter the seemingly dead body of the national leader creating what looks like a supernatural recovery that tries to mimic the resurrection of Jesus.

In Revelation 11:7 we were told that the beast from the bottomless pit was the one who killed the two witnesses. That is the same angel we were introduced to in Chapter 9, the angel named Apollyon who was the king over the scorpion locust. This same beast from the bottomless pit is identified as the antichrist in Revelation 17:8.

Revelation 17:8 KJV

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Revelation 1:18 KJV

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Revelation 13:3-5 KJV

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Notice in Verses 3 through 5 how the pronouns referring to the beast seem to have shifted from pointing to an entity (the multi-nation alliance) to an individual (the wounded head or dictatorial leader of the multi-nation alliance) who will be embodied by the antichrist.

The national leader will suffer a head wound leaving him comatose and Apollyon will enter the seemingly dead body simulating the resurrection of the national leader.

This could explain Revelation 17:10-11 where we are told that the beast *was and is not*, because he is now one of the seven national leaders even though he is really the eighth national leader. Furthermore, this explains these two verses where the national leader is the head of the alliance for a short space of time but replaced by the beast, Apollyon, who is the eighth leader, though he is actually the seventh in appearance.

Revelation 17:11 KJV

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

Revelation 13:6-10 KJV

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

The antichrist makes war against the saints of Israel and we are told that he overcomes them and gains power over most of the world. We are told that all people upon the earth at this time who have not chosen to follow God will worship the beast. The scripture here implies that those who choose to follow God will be few in number.

Revelation 13:6-10 KJV

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Each of the letters to the churches in Chapters 2 and 3 closed with the words:

He that hath an ear, let him hear

It seems that Christ expected the New Testament churches would at least listen to the message they were given, but here in Verse 9, John seems to imply that mankind may be so ungodly, so self centered, and so hard hearted that mankind no longer has an ear to be able to hear God's message.

Revelation 13:9-10 KJV

If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

What is God's Message?

John appears to be telling the world that whatever actions they take attempting to resist the cruel rule of the antichrist will be turned back upon them by the antichrist.

The overall warning appears to suggest the adoption of a passive acceptance of what is happening. Be patient and trust in your faith. Be like Daniel in the Lion's den. Be like the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. John is telling us that the only way for most people to escape this terrible time of tribulation is to be beheaded.

Revelation 13:11-12 KJV

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

At Verse 11 John introduces us to yet another beast. Notice that this beast arose from the earth while the first beast arose from the sea.

To arise from the sea depicts a more tumultuous beginning, one marked by a violent or overwhelming upheaval. To arise from the earth depicts a more civilized and orderly consolidation of power that would be acceptable to society in general.

The description of this beast is dripping with deception. Its appearance is that of a gentle and passive lamb having two horns, but its actions and words are like those of the dragon, Satan himself.

Revelation 13:13-15 KJV

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

As we continue reading we are told that this second beast will deceive mankind by means of great miracles and wonders. This beast will make fire come down from heaven.

What does that remind us of? The two witnesses called down fire to destroy their enemies and we now see this beast calling down fire in the presence of the antichrist, the one who killed the two witnesses.

Revelation 13:13-15 KJV

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This beast seems to garner a stamp of great approval by calling down fire in the presence of the one who overcame and killed the two witnesses.

Who is this beast with two little horns that calls fire down from heaven?

We know from Revelation Chapter 16:13 that this beast is called the false prophet. This title clearly defines this beast as being part of the world's religious establishment.

Revelation 13:13-15 KJV

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As we read Verses 14-15 we see where the false prophet urges mankind to make an image of the beast, the antichrist, who suffered the deadly wound and survived.

The false prophet does not make the image of the beast, but he does seem to give life to the image so that it speaks, most likely in the form of Artificial Intelligence.

The false prophet then forces all mankind to worship the image they made.

Revelation 13:14-16 KJV

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

The False Prophet casts a wide net: small or great, rich or poor, free or slave, there are no exceptions, no exemptions, everyone must worship or die.

We learn later at Revelation 20:4 that all who refused to worship the image of the beast were beheaded. Following the rapture, the age of grace is over. The only way to save ones eternal soul is to be beheaded.

Once an individual forfeits his eternal soul by worshiping the image of the beast, he is allowed to receive a sign or mark indicating his or her surrender and yielding to pure evil.

Age of Grace

Salvation Is Free

RAPTURE

Tribulation

Salvation Will Cost You Everything

Revelation 13:15-17 KJV

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

In return for their capitulation, each individual will be given the right to receive one of three symbols in either their right hand or their forehead.

The symbol will be either the mark of the beast, the name of the beast which is Apollyon in Greek and Abaddon in Hebrew, or the number of his name.

Once individuals have fully succumbed to demonic pressure and received their mark, they will be granted the earthly benefit of being able to buy and sell in order to feed themselves and possibly their immediate family.

Revelation 13:18 KJV

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

The last verse of Chapter 13 has puzzled mankind for centuries. It tells us that the number of the beast is 666. We know the specific number; however, we don't know how that number is associated with mankind. Some have used a system called Gematria whereby a numerical value is assigned to a letter, somewhat like Latin Roman numerals.

I = 1, **V** = 5, **X** = 10, **L** = 50, **C** = 100, **D** = 500, **M** = 1,000

Greek and Hebrew use a similar method: where each letter of each alphabet represents a number.

Revelation 13:18 KJV

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Since John was a Hebrew and was writing in Greek, Gematria could be a possible solution.

Many modern scholars have tried to associate the number to an identification card issued by some country or nation such as the American Social Security number, but many national identification numbering systems were not designed to handle that many individual numbers.

Will the mark of the beast number be a potential future world ID number, a telephone number or the number contained within one's residential address where the street, city, state and country make it unique?

We don't know, but they are all potential candidates.

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A Commentary On

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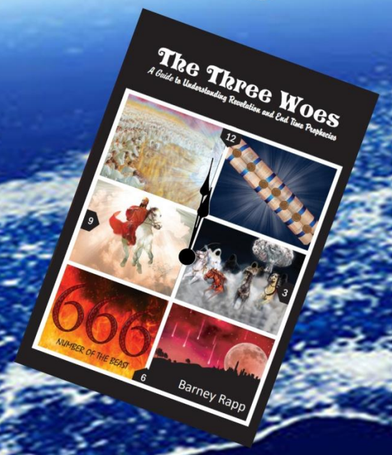

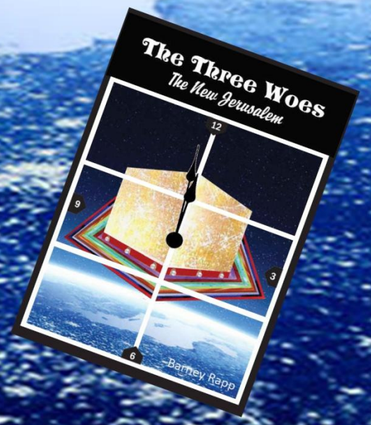

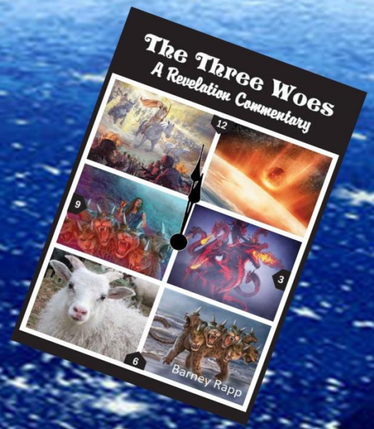

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Revelation 14:1 KJV

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.

As we read the first verse of Chapter 14 it would be easy to assume that John is witnessing activities that are occurring on earth. John tells us he sees Jesus and the 144,000 on Mount Sion; we know that Mount Zion is a hill just outside the city walls of old Jerusalem.

It is normal for our thoughts to gravitate toward what we know and what we are familiar with. However, as we read on, we find that the scripture overwhelming contradicts this assumption and paints a clear picture that the Mount Sion John is seeing is a vision in heaven.

This is the first time we have seen the 144,000 since their sealing in Chapter 7 and we saw where the scorpion locusts were commanded to not hurt the 144,000 in Chapter 9.

We aren’t told how the 144,000 got to heaven.

Revelation 14:2-5 KJV

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: 3 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. 4 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. 5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

This is where we learn that the 144,000 are all virgins and they are all males. The 144,000 are likely the male infants that Herod murdered while trying to kill the Christ child.

We also learn that the 144,000 are the firstfruits to God. Who do we know to be the firstfruits?

The Raptured Church, so the 144,000 are part of the Raptured Church.

1 Corinthians 15:20 KJV

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

James 1:18 KJV

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

What we are told is that the 144,000 are in heaven rejoicing and singing before the Lamb, the four beasts and the 24 elders.

The 144,000 are a very special and select group who were redeemed from among men. They are the first fruits being resurrected on earth or to earth even before the remainder of the Bride of Christ.

Resurrection as defined scripturally does not include a new body, it seems to point more to a lively return to earth at some point in time following a death experience. Notice that Jesus never received a new body but He was resurrected.

Revelation 14:6-7 KJV

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, 7 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.

At the end of Chapter 8 we saw an angel flying in the midst of heaven announcing the three woes that were yet to come.

Here we see another angel flying in the midst of heaven preaching a sermon. We are told that this message is an everlasting and unchanging message to every nation and to all people.

Remember, the antichrist is at the zenith of his power and the false prophet has erected the image of the beast and people are being beheaded if they refuse to worship the beast.

This angel tells us that the hour of God's judgment is come as we will see in the coming verses with messages from several more angelic beings.

Revelation 14:8 KJV

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

As we continue to Verse 8, where we learn of the fall of Babylon, it would be good to remind everyone that John is telling a complicated story that spans a lengthy period of time. The second half of Daniel's Seventieth Week began at Revelation 11:15 and goes through Revelation 16:17. Some of what John is seeing during these five chapters is occurring simultaneously.

With that in mind, be aware that chronologically this is where the fall of Babylon occurs, although John will give us a detailed account of the fall of Babylon and describe who Babylon is in Chapters 17 and 18.

There isn't a lot to be said about this one verse other than to notice that John calls Babylon a great city. For many years, theologians have studied the allegorical description of Babylon as presented in Chapters 17 and 18 and have interpreted Babylon as being a religious system, a spiritual system or a world system. We will investigate this in more detail later when we get to Chapters 17 and 18.

Rev. 8:13 Woe, woe, woe to the inhabiters of the earth because of the three angels yet to sound.

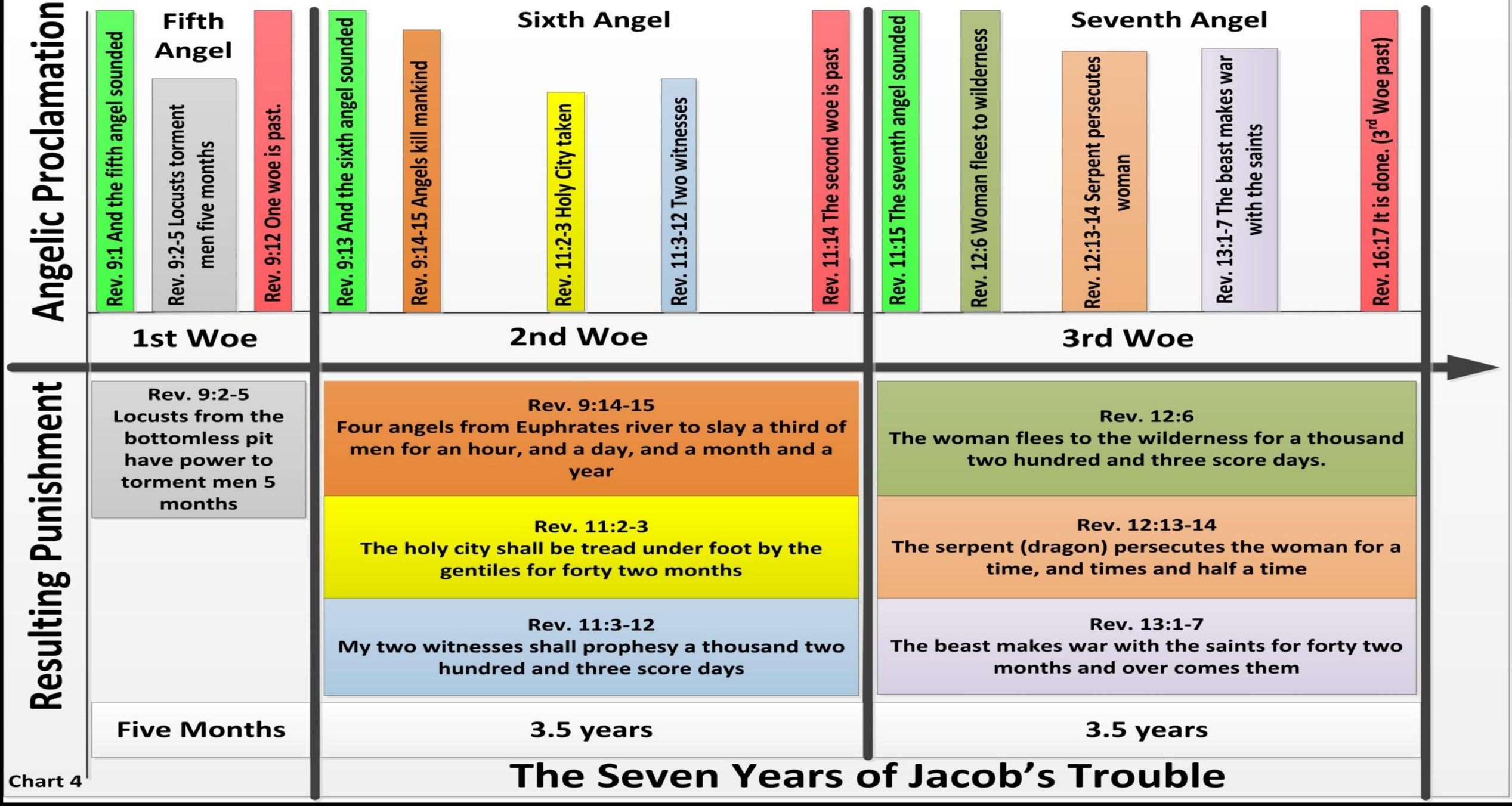

Chart 4

Revelation 14:9-11 KJV

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, 10 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: 11 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.

We have now reached the third angel in this sequence of heavenly announcements. The prior angel from Verses 6 and 7 preached a message urging mankind to worship God. Now this angel is preaching a message warning mankind against worshiping the beast and his image. This angel warns the world that they will suffer the torment of fire and brimstone forever and ever if they don’t heed the warning.

Once anyone worships the beast there will be no forgiveness. Their doomed fate is eternally sealed.

Age of Grace

Salvation Is Free

RAPTURE

Tribulation

Salvation Will
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Revelation 14:12 KJV

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

This verse seems to be tied to Revelation 13:10 which also mentions the patience of the saints. Keep in mind that the definition of “the saints” has changed at this point in time. John is no longer talking about the church or even the raptured church.

John is talking about a select group of Godly people predominately from the House of Israel. They are all individuals who have refused to worship the beast or his image. They are probably converts from the ministry of the two witnesses and the 144,000.

These saints are faithfully keeping the commandments of God as they patiently await the destruction of the antichrist. Remember, they either survive until Christ returns to the Mount of Olives or they succumb to the antichrist via beheading.

Revelation 13:5-7 KJV

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Revelation 13:5-7 tells us that the antichrist was given power to make war with the saints for forty-two months.

We aren't told how long these saints have been patiently enduring at this point in time, but based on Revelation 14:14, we are most likely very near the time of Jesus' return to the Mount of Olives. So it seems safe to assume that we are nearing the end of Daniel's Seventieth Week.

Revelation 14:13-14 KJV

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. 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.

John now hears the sound of another voice from heaven proclaiming a blessing on all those who are about to die in the Lord. According to the second half of Verse 13, the voice John hears is likely that of the Holy Spirit not an angel. The Spirit is promising them rest and peace from the stress and terror they have lived under as the antichrist's reign of persecution sought to devour them.

As soon as John finishes hearing the voice of the Spirit, he sees a white cloud, and upon that cloud sits one like the Son of man. This is the phrase John used to describe Jesus Christ back at Revelation 1:13. The Son of Man is no doubt the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS.

This Reaper of the earth is none other than our Lord and Savior. This time He doesn't come to earth as a meek child to forgive the sins of the world. This time He returns as the conquering King who will subdue all His enemies and sit in divine judgment over the entire world.

Most of us understand that Christ will not return, stepping foot on earth, until the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble is complete or nearly complete. So what is going on here?

We have obviously just read about what looks like Christ's return, however we have not yet reached the end of the third woe which occurs at Revelation 16:17. We aren't told exactly how far into the 7th Trumpet Judgment we are, but we will soon be told that the seven Vial/Bowl Judgment angels have not yet sounded.

We will also soon be told that the Battle of Armageddon is just beginning. So what has just happened here? Did we just witness the return of Christ? The answer is no.

Verses 14-20, are probably the most complicated and the most misunderstand portion of scripture in all the Book of Revelation.

So let's see if we can decipher just what John is trying to tell us in the latter half of Chapter 14.

Revelation 14:14-20 KJV

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.

As we continue with Verses 15 and 16, we see an angel who seems to be issuing a command to the Son of Man to thrust in His sickle and to begin reaping the harvest of the earth. But this angel was coming from the temple which is the abode of God the Father. This angel is not issuing a command to Christ, but rather he is relaying a message from the Father to the Son. This angel is letting Christ know that the Father has now released Him to begin His harvest of the earth.

Revelation 14:14-20 KJV

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Once Christ has received the command from the Father, He thrusts in His sickle to reap the earth. All would be simple and straight forward if this was the end of this segment of scripture, but Verses 17–20 paint a parallel story that must be taken into account.

The first thing to keep in mind is that we are talking about harvests and not judgments. At this point in time, neither the righteous nor the unrighteous have been judged, but the Son of man definitely knows who is righteous and who is unrighteous.

The Son of Man is harvesting all the righteous who have died since the rapture of the church. They are being resurrected to take part in the activities of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

They are the saints we see standing on the sea of glass in John's third view of heaven at Revelation 15:2-3. They are not part of the Bride of Christ, but they will reign and rule with the Bride and with Christ.

Revelation 15:2-3 KJV

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. 3 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.

Let’s return to Verse 17 and the angel with the sickle. If Christ just harvested and resurrected the dead in the Lord, then what is this angel doing? Christ’s harvest was the harvest of the grain (the good wheat) and this angel’s harvest will be the gathering of the grapes of the earth. Why two different types of harvests? What is the significance?

The angel’s harvest is the gathering of the grapes of the earth. The grapes of the earth are the people of the earth. These are the ones who never yielded their life to God. They are the ones who bowed to the image of the beast. These are the ones who accepted the mark of the beast. Verses 18 and 19 tell us that the crop of the earth is fully ripe and ready to be gathered. As the ripe grapes are picked, we are told they are cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God. This is the beginning of the slaughter of all the wicked followers of the antichrist at the Battle of Armageddon.

Verse 20 then paints a picture that the great winepress of God is what Revelation 16:16 calls Armageddon.

Revelation 14:20 KJV

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.

Joel 3:12-14 KJV

Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

All of this is the beginning of the reaping of the ungodly, and the description of this will continue through Revelation 16:17.

Rev.14:15 portrays Christ as reaping or harvesting the righteous of the earth.

And the angel with the sickle in Rev.14:18 is the grim reaper harvesting or gathering the unrighteous of the earth.

John doesn’t tell us how long it will be before Christ actually steps foot on the Mount of Olives, but it must be very soon.

At that time, Christ will come and subdue the Antichrist along with the last of the antichrist’s followers.

Christ will then set up His kingdom on the earth. For the believer, this is a time that we desirably look forward to. On that day, we will come down to the earth with Jesus as He sets up His kingdom, and we will rule and reign with Him for 1,000 years during the Kingdom Age.

Zechariah 14:4 KJV

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.

To summarize this segment of scripture, we have two harvests:

one for the righteous who died in the Lord, they were beheaded by the false prophet following the rapture,

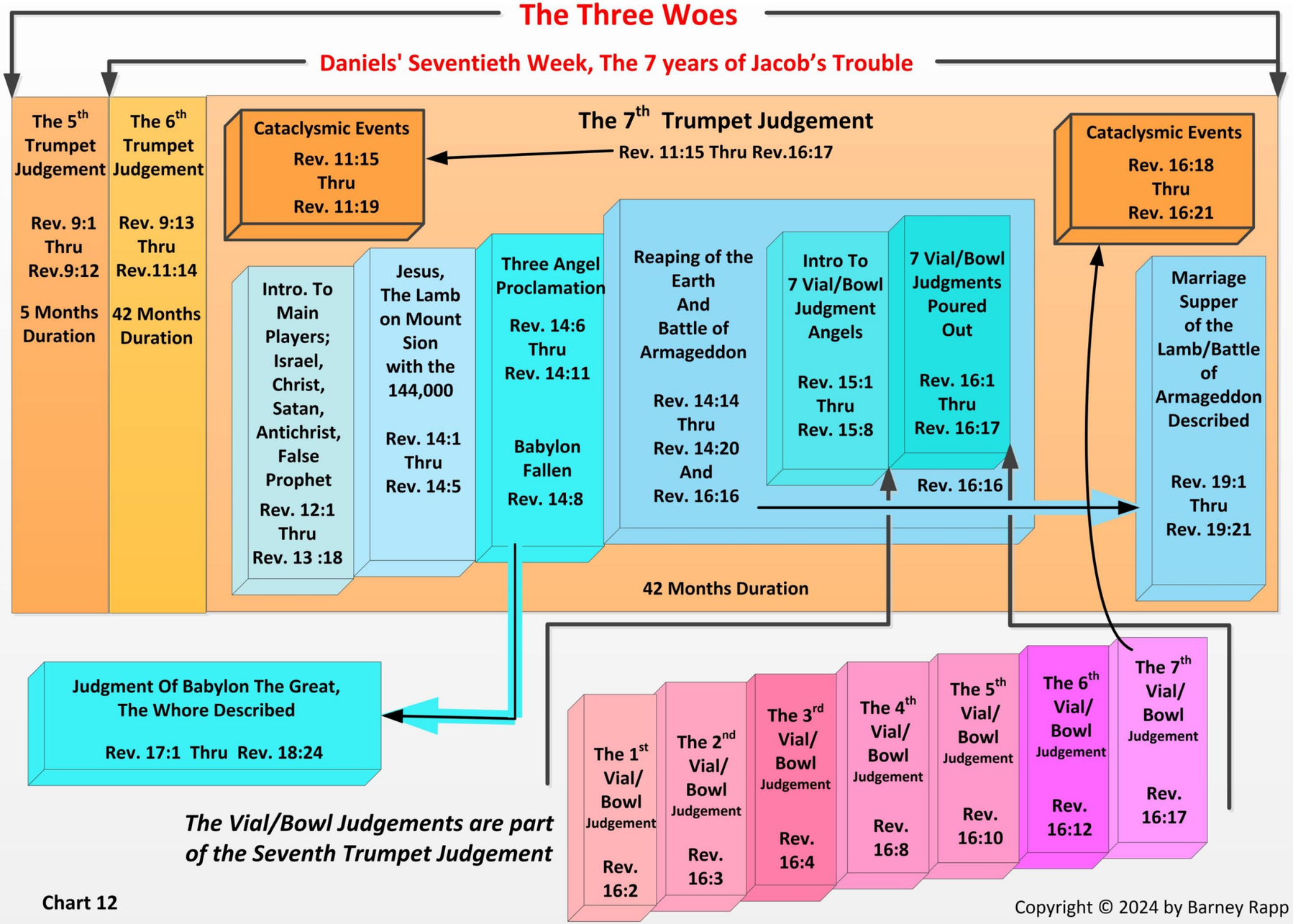
and the second for the unrighteous who chose to worship the image of the beast and not God.

We have two harvesters; one is the Son of Man to resurrect the righteous and the other is the grim reaper to collect the unrighteous.

The two harvests are separated by a small space in time so that the righteous who died in the Lord following the rapture can partake in the Marriage Supper activities with the Bride of Christ.

In the first harvest the grain is only harvested, not winnowed or threshed or burned, but in the second harvest the grapes are harvested and then trampled in the winepress of the wrath of God.

The Seventh Trumpet Judgment – Complete View



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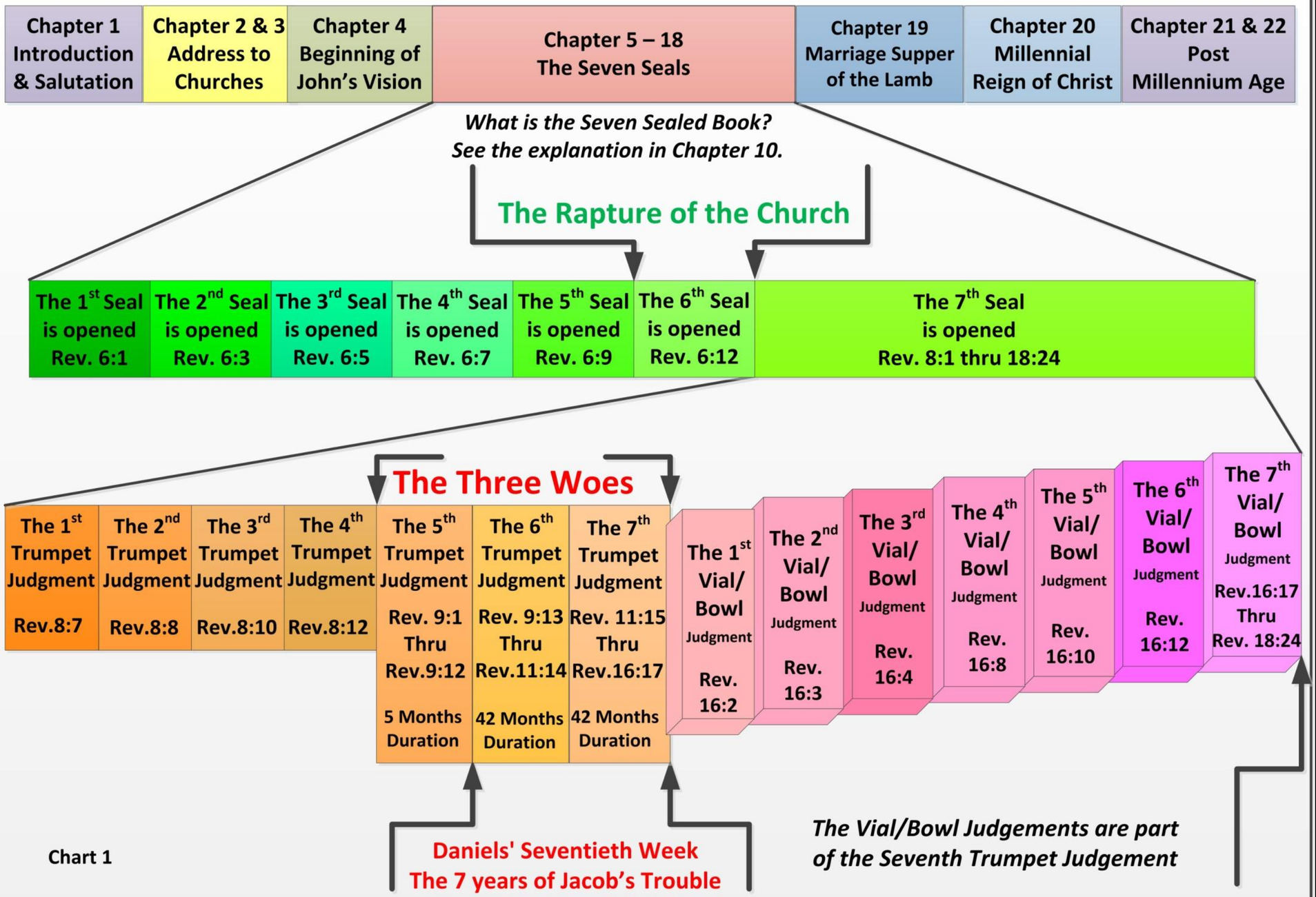
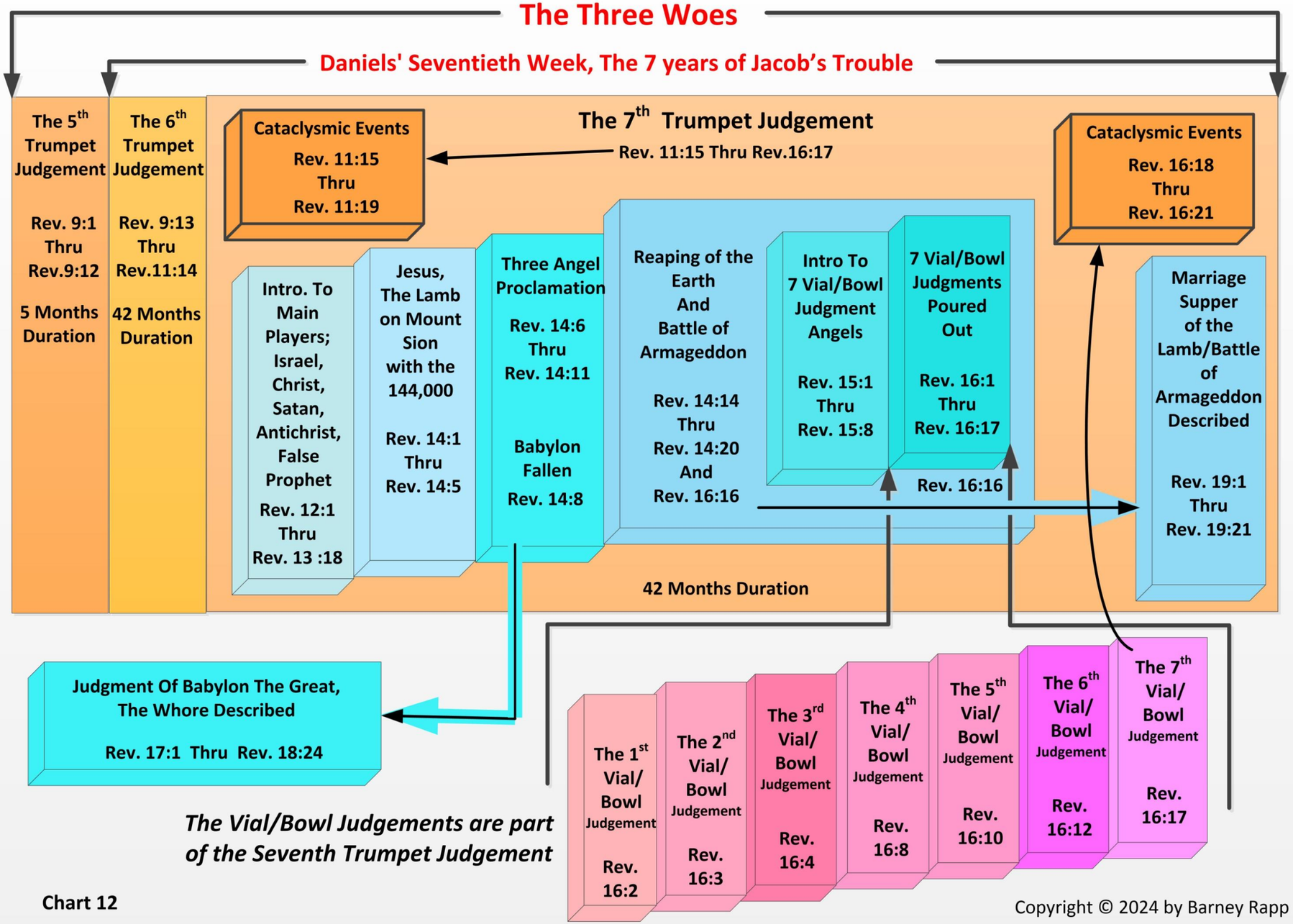


Chart 1

These two earthquakes are very similar but they are definitely two distinct earthquakes!

Rev 11:13-15 & 19	Rev 16:18-21
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. 14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. 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. 19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. KJV	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. 19 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. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 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. KJV

The Seventh Trumpet Judgment – Complete View



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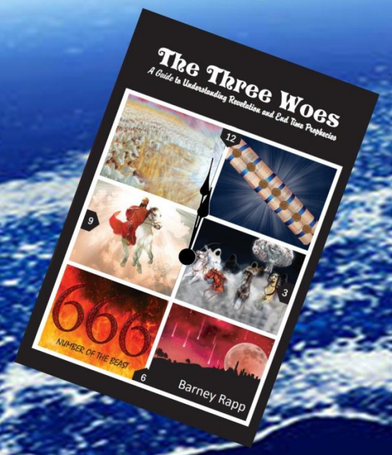

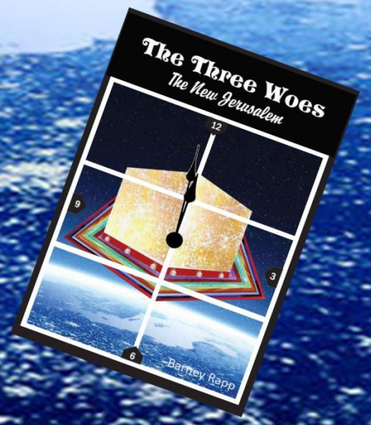

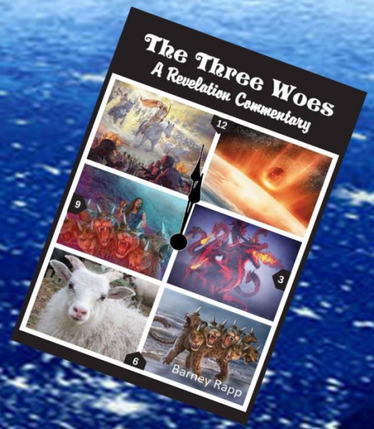

You might wonder why we call Chapter 15 John’s third view of heaven. Chapter 4 was his first view and Chapter 7 was the second view.

However, it’s quite obvious that John has given us many other glimpses of heaven between Chapters 7 and 15.

What makes these three views special?

The answer to that question involves the various created beings that John tells us he sees in each of these views.

In Chapter 4 we discussed that the raptured saints and Jesus were nowhere to be seen.

In Chapter 7 we see a great multitude gathered before God's throne, and Jesus, the Lamb, is there as well.

So why is this important?

What truths can we learn from these three views of heaven?

Mainstream prophetic teaching tells us that the great multitude from Chapter 7 consists of the individuals who got saved during the “great tribulation.” The teaching goes on to proclaim that this multitude is part of a great end-time revival.

The problem with this teaching is that everyone who refused to worship the beast and chooses to trust in God (except those few who fled to Judea) will be beheaded.

Does the scripture tell us anywhere that these individuals from Chapter 7 were beheaded? The answer is no.

The only place where a group of beheaded people are seen in the Book of Revelation is in Chapter 20, and they are directly tied to the people who refused to worship the antichrist. They are the same people we see described in Verse 2 of Chapter 15.

Revelation 20:4 KJV

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

Revelation 20:4 KJV

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Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

These three views of heaven debunk the concept of a great end-time revival following the rapture. They also prove that the Chapter 7 multitude is the glorified church that was just raptured at the end of Chapter 6 with the opening of the sixth seal.

This third view of heaven also proves that the number of those who will be beheaded will be a much smaller group than the number of those who were raptured with the opening of the sixth seal. How do we know that?

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In Chapter 7 we see a great multitude gathered before God's throne, and Jesus, the Lamb, is there as well. So why is this important? What truths can we learn from these three views of heaven?

In Verse 2 of Chapter 15 the beheaded ones are seen standing on the sea of glass. The sea of glass can't be seen in Chapter 7 because of the great multitude but it can be seen in Chapter 15.

The number of those who refused to worship the beast was so small that part of the sea of glass is still in view. Chapter 15 proves that there will not be a great end-time revival following the rapture and the number of those who refuse to worship the beast will be very small.

Revelation 15:1 KJV

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.

It's not clear why John put Verse 1 here. It seems like it would fit better if it was inserted between Verse 4 and 5. Nevertheless, John did place this verse here.

After telling us about the Angel's harvesting of the grapes of the earth and putting those grapes into the great winepress of God's wrath, John begins to tell us about a group of seven angels. John points out that these seven angels have seven plagues. He indicates that these seven plagues are filled with the wrath of God.

Maybe that is why John put this verse where it is. Maybe he is trying to convey the message that God's wrath is overflowing as are each of the vials that the angels are about to pour out in Chapter 16.

Revelation 15:2-4 KJV

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. 3 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. 4 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.

As John's attention is turned away from the seven angels, he notices a sea of glass. This is the same sea John had seen back in Chapter 4 but it could not be seen in Chapter 7. This time however, the sea of glass is mingled with fire. It isn't clear why the sea of glass is mingled with fire, but it seems to be connected to the angel from Revelation 14:18. Remember this angel that came forth from the altar had power over fire. This is the angel that released the one we called the grim reaper to harvest the grapes of the earth.

In Verse 2, John introduces us for the first time to the individuals who had gotten the victory over the beast and over the beast's mark.

These individuals have harps and they are singing. They are singing both the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb which seems to indicate that this group is made up of both Hebrews and Gentiles.

Notice also that John always refers to the raptured church as the great multitude and to those who refused to worship the image of the beast as them, indicating a small group.

The raptured church is a very large group and the beheaded ones are a very small group.

Revelation 15:5-6 KJV

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: 6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

As we reach Verse 5, John once again turns his attention back to the seven vial angels as they exit the temple of the testimony. John tells us nothing of what transpired in the tabernacle. This may be due to the fact that Verse 8 states that no man was able to enter the temple, therefore John was unable to see what took place within it.

It is also interesting that John did not describe these angels as they were entering the tabernacle, but he now sees them clothed in pure white linen and wearing a golden girdle just like the remainder of God's armies in Chapter 19.

Revelation 19:14 KJV

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Notice that these angels had the seven plagues when they entered the tabernacle and they still have them as they leave.

What they do not have yet are the vials that are filled with the wrath of God.

The vials will be given to the angels at the end of Chapter 15 and will be poured out in Chapter 16.

Revelation 15:7-8 KJV

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. 8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

The first thing we see happening in Verse 7 is one of the four beasts, a cherubim angel, giving a vial to each of the seven angels. We are told that these vials are full of the wrath of God but we aren't told much more about them, or are we?

If we go back to Chapter 5 we see the four beasts and the twenty-four elders with golden vials. These vials are full of the prayers of the saints. Then as we move forward to Chapter 8 we see an angel with a golden censer offering incense and the prayers of saints before the throne of God. John tells us that the smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

Revelation 5:8 KJV

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Revelation 8:3 KJV

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

Revelation 8:4 KJV

And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

The vials full of the prayers of the saints appear to have been transformed. While they were in the presence of God within the temple, the vials became full of the plagues and wrath of God. These vials now full of the plagues and wrath of God will soon be poured out upon mankind by the Vial Judgment Angels.

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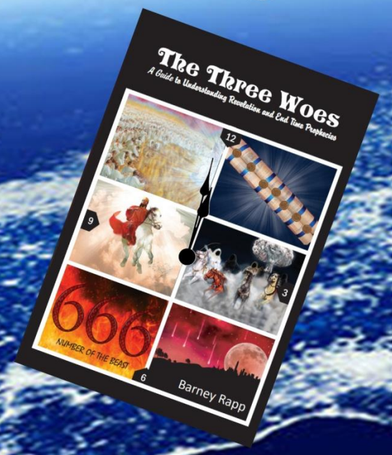
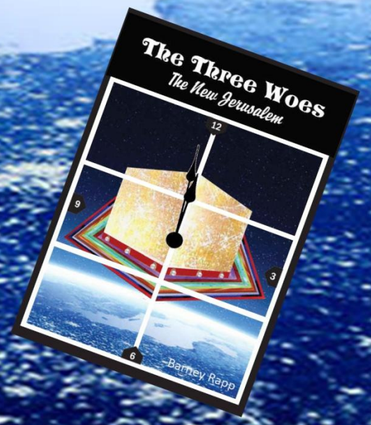
Making Revelation Simple

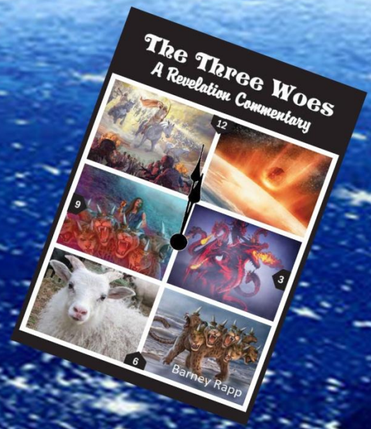
A Commentary On

Revelation Chapter 16

Our World is Changing and Revelation is our Road Map to What Comes Next!







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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

The second half of Daniel’s Seventieth Week began at Revelation 11:15. We then saw where Chapter 14 took us up to the Battle of Armageddon.

This was defined by the angel doing the reaping and casting the grapes into the winepress of God.

Chapters 15 and 16 are a continuation of Chapter 14 but they are describing a very small sliver of time leading up to Christ’s final victory at Revelation 16:17.

Keep this in mind as we continue reading about the Vial Judgment Angels.

Revelation 16:1 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

As we read Verse 1 we see where the Seven Vial Judgment Angels receive their command from the temple to pour out their vials. We aren't told who gave the command as Verse 1 simply says it was a great voice. Based on prior commands coming from the temple it would be logical to assume that it is God the Father's voice. As we read on to Verse 17 John confirms this by identifying the great voice from the temple as coming from the throne.

The only other very important clue that we can glean from this verse is that all seven of these angels heard the same voice at the same time. Since these angels all heard and received the command to pour out their vials at the same point in time, it would be logical that everything taking place from Verse 1 through Verse 21 of Chapter 16 is all happening simultaneously.

The individuals who took the mark of the beast will receive their sores which are caused by the first vial judgment angel at the same time that the great earthquake occurs which is caused by the seventh vial judgment angel.

Revelation 16:2 KJV

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

When the first Vial Angel pours out his vial of wrath upon mankind, everyone who took the mark of the beast begins to develop sores. The King James translation says that the sores are noisome and grievous but what does that mean? Young's Literal Translation says the sores are bad and grievous which makes much more sense to us than the word noisome.

Revelation 16:3 KJV

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

As nearly everyone on earth begins to suffer from horrible sores and boils, all the oceans and seas are turned to blood and all the living creatures in them die by the hand of the second Vial Angel.

What a massive stench and putrid smell this will produce along all the beaches of the world. Imagine what this will do to the world's ecosystem. The salt water based seas and oceans are the world's purifying and cleansing system, and now, in a moment of time they are all shutdown and polluted.

Revelation 16:4-6 KJV

And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. 5 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. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

The third Vial Angel has a task very similar to the second angel except that he is turning all the fresh water rivers to blood. We are told that this angel will also turn the fountains of waters to blood. What are the fountains of waters? The fountains of waters seem to imply the springs of water that emerge from the ground and the underground rivers and lake sources that feed those springs to keep them running continually.

Due to the second and third angel plagues, virtually all water on earth has been turned to blood. All mankind is now worse off than any man stranded in the middle of a desert with little or no water. At this point, the angel who is in charge of the waters of the earth proclaims how just and righteous God is for judging in such a manner. These evil doers shed the blood of saints and prophets, and now God is giving them blood to drink.

Revelation 16:7 KJV

And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

This voice from the altar seems to be relating back to the martyred saints of Revelation 6:9-10. Before the rapture of the church these martyrs were crying for justice. It now seems that the martyrs are commending God and giving glory to God for His righteous judgment concerning the waters.

Revelation 16:8-9 KJV

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. 9 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.

The fourth Vial Angel is where it gets very interesting. This angel pours his vial out upon the sun such that the sun's intensity begins to scorch mankind with extreme heat. In Chapter 6, we introduced you to the Electric Universe Model of the universe and the concept that our sun is very much like an LED light bulb. It was proposed that the sun was darkened and the moon turned to blood because the sun dimmed due to a weakening of the electromagnetic force impacting the sun.

What we see taking place here with the fourth Vial Angel is a sudden increase in the forces controlling the sun. The electro-magnetic field controlling the sun has just increased causing the sun's brightness and intensity to increase proportionally. It functions much like an LED light that is on a dimmer switch. When more electricity flows through the rheostat, the diode brightens; and when less energy flows through the rheostat, the diode dims.

Isaiah 30:26 KJV

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

This verse in Isaiah seems to be speaking of the work of the fourth vial angel.

Isaiah says this will occur when God is working to restore His chosen people to Himself.

Also, notice that the sun will not be seven times hotter but seven times brighter.

Revelation 16:10-11 KJV

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, 11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

As we view the wrath from the fifth Angel's vial, we see darkness fall upon the kingdom or throne of the beast, the antichrist. This wrath is in stark contrast to the wrath of the fourth Vial Angel and the brightening of the sun. How are we to resolve the seeming contradiction between these two plagues?

The fourth angel's scorching with great heat impacts the entire world, but we are told that the fifth plague affects only the kingdom of the antichrist. This darkness is not over the complete world, as it only causes chaos and darkness for the kingdom of the beast.

We should be asking where the beast's seat is located. The beast appears to set himself up as god in the Jewish Temple and proceeds to rule over his kingdom from this location much like Christ will rule during the Kingdom Age.

What is the source of this chaotic darkness?

The answer to that question is that we are not told the cause. We can only surmise what it might be. Could it be a localized darkening of the sky due to a limited nuclear exchange?

As we read in the Old Testament, it is prophesied that several Middle Eastern cities are totally destroyed in a short period of time, some in a matter of hours. The names of some of these cities are Damascus, Ar, Nebo and Medeba.

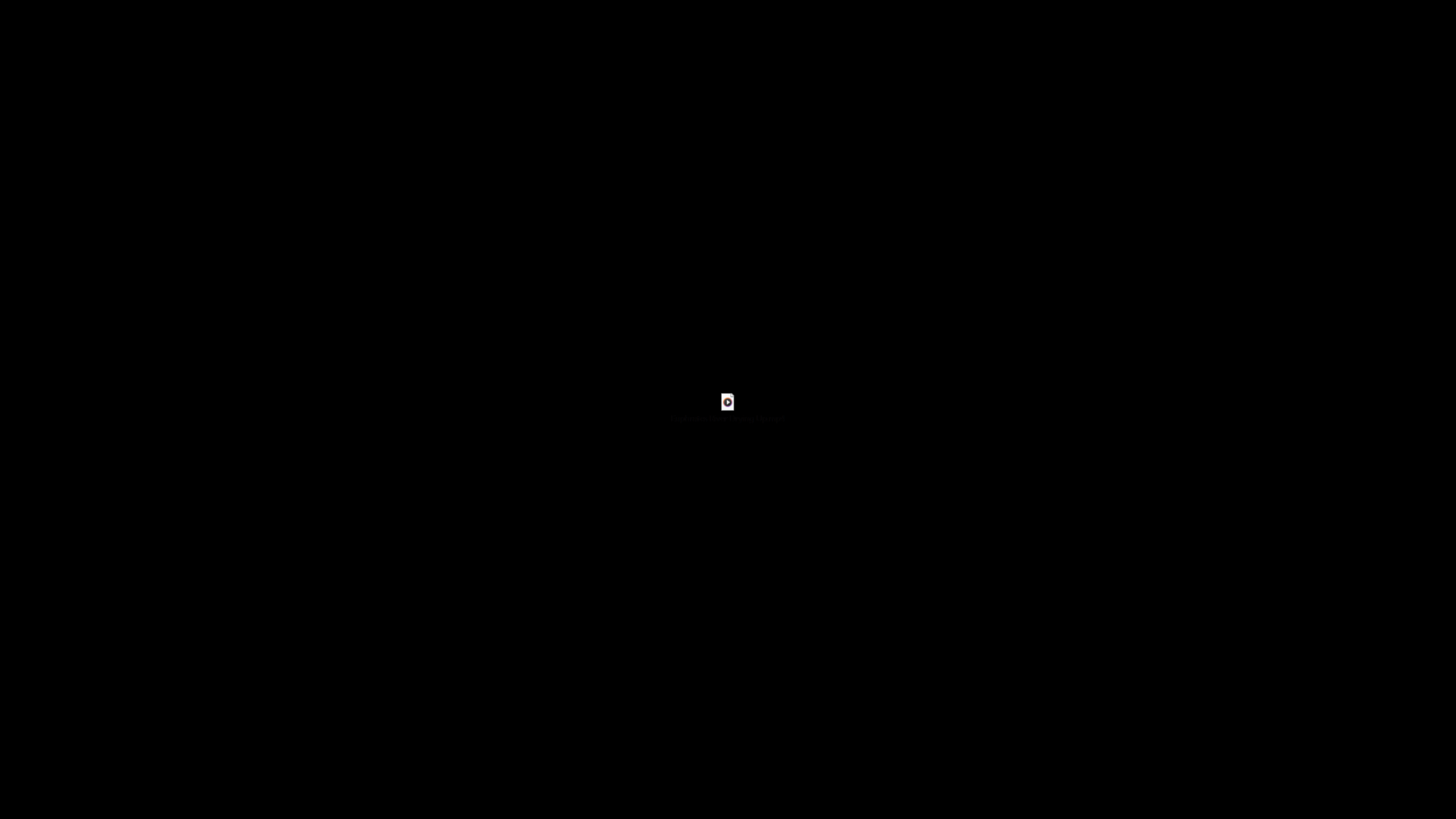
Could the dust cloud from such a potential nuclear occurrence be the cause of this localized darkening of the sky?

We can't be certain, but it seems possible since the destruction of these cities has not been prophetically accounted for thus far in the historic/prophetic time-line. These cities are also in fairly close proximity to Jerusalem, the seat of the beast, if the beast rules from the Tribulation Temple.

Revelation 16:12 KJV

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.

The vial of the sixth angel calls for the drying up of the Euphrates River to make way for the kings of the east. We aren't told who these kings are, but currently the kingdoms east of the Euphrates consists of Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to name some of the nearest ones. Whoever these kings are it seems that the way will be cleared for them to be able to make their way to the Battle of Armageddon as mentioned in Verse 16.



Revelation 16:13-14 KJV

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. 14 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.

John describes three unclean spirits. At this point we should ask ourselves, “What is an unclean spirit?” The term “unclean spirit” is used 19 other times in the King James Version of the Bible and all but one of them is in the New Testament.

On each of these occurrences the term is referring to what we commonly call a demonic spirit. An interesting side note here is that the word “demon/s” is not used anywhere in the KJV but nearly everyone refers to an unclean spirit as a demon.

Revelation 16:13-14 KJV

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These spirits are not frogs, but John says they are like frogs. This is likely referring to the uncleanness of these spirits. In ancient times a frog was considered an extremely dirty and disgusting animal. We are told that these spirits are evil powers with the ability to exert evil influences over mankind. John tells us that he sees these spirits. It is very likely that John was given divine eyesight to see into the spirit world just as Gehazi received special spiritual sight into the spirit world after Elisha, his master, prayed for his eyes to be opened.

2 Kings 6:17 KJV

And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Revelation 16:13-14 KJV

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In Verse 13, the word “come” is not part of the original text but was added for clarity and understanding. However, its addition may have caused more confusion rather than clarification. The inclusion of the word “come” denotes the concept that the demons are coming forth from within the three members of the demonic trio.

While this may be possible, it seems more likely that these three demons were each a special assistant to the dragon and the two beasts respectively. They are now being given a verbal command by each of their superiors to go forth to the kings of the earth and compel them to gather together for the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 16:15-16 KJV

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. 16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Verse 15 brings us to an interesting interjection in the midst of the pouring out of the seven vials. Remember, it is very likely that all seven of the vials are being poured out simultaneously and that their impact upon mankind will continue for some period of time. Based on the location of this interjection, it probably occurs near the time when the seven vial's impact is about to come to an end.

No matter the timing, it's a message from our Lord, the coming King of Glory. Just as He told us He would come as a thief to rapture His church, He will come as a thief to the Battle of Armageddon. Satan is arraying his forces to dominate the world, and although he knows he will lose, his followers believe they will win. His followers don't know that the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS will be leading a great army against them.

Revelation 16:15-16 KJV

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Christ's message here is an offer of hope and encouragement to those who are still resisting the forces of evil. To all who have refused to worship the image of the beast, He extends a blessed promise. This verse reminds us of the warning to the church of Laodicea where Christ admonished them to buy gold tried in the fire and to buy white raiment so that their nakedness will not be exposed. Christ is encouraging all His faithful followers to be watchful till the end. Our Lord concludes Verse 16 by telling us that He is the One who is ultimately gathering everyone to the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation 3:18 KJV

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 16:17 KJV

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.

We have finally come to the pouring out of the seventh vial which is poured out into the air over the earth. Remember, John is telling us the details about the vials as he can fit it into his overall story. The Battle of Armageddon actually began near the middle of Chapter 14. Once again John hears a great voice out of the temple. This time the voice is saying, “It is done.”

This statement marks the completion of the third woe. It also marks the culmination of the seventh Trumpet Judgment. Not only that, but all that pertained to the opening of the seventh seal is now finished. That is why the words “It is done” are used instead of the words “The third woe is past.”

At Revelation 11:15 we were told “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord.” Christ legally held the title to the earth at that point, but Satan wouldn’t surrender without a fight. The KING of KINGS is now going forth to physically exercise His dominion over not only the world but over Satan himself.

Revelation 16:18-19 KJV

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. 19 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.

As we read on, John tells us he hears more voices and thunderings and he sees lightening. John then describes a great earthquake. This is the greatest earthquake our planet has ever experienced. It is even mightier than the earthquake that preceded the rapture of the church in Chapter 6. We are told that this earthquake divides the great city into three parts. The city John is speaking of is no doubt Jerusalem.

These two earthquakes are very similar but they are definitely two distinct earthquakes!

Rev 11:13-15 & 19

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.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

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.

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.
KJV

Rev 16:17-21

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20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

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KJV

Revelation 11:13 KJV

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell,

Revelation 11:19 KJV

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Revelation 16:18 KJV

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.

The two earthquakes at Rev. 11:13 & 19 are not the same earthquakes. One is at the end of the second woe and the other is at the end of the third woe. They are definitely not the same earthquake as Rev. 16:18.

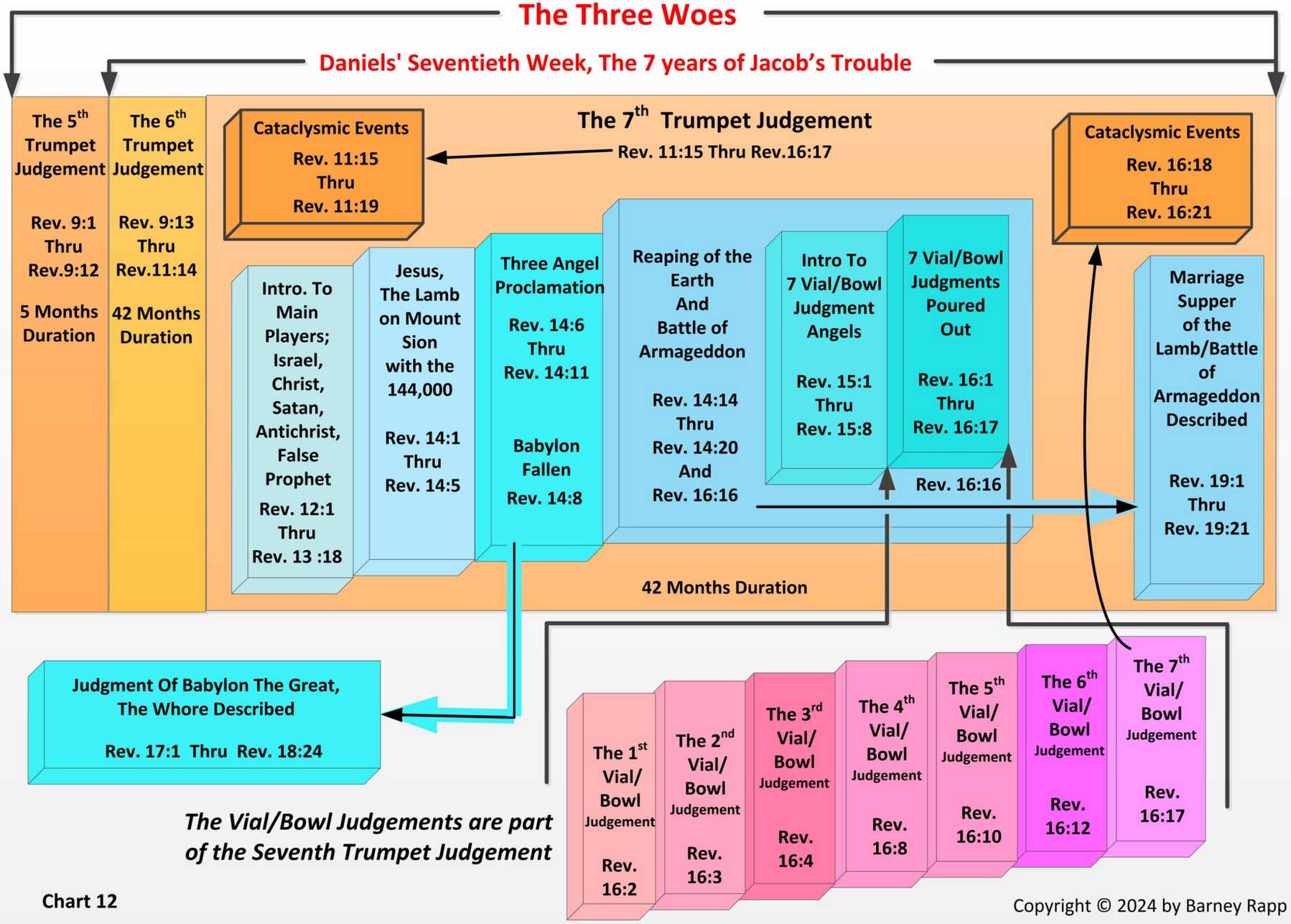
Rev. 16:18 may be when Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives.

The Book of Zechariah tells us that when the Lord returns to establish His kingdom, the Mount of Olives will split in half. This earthquake that divides the city into three parts is probably the earthquake that splits the Mount of Olives at the time of Christ's bodily return to earth.

Zechariah 14:3 & 4 KJV

Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 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.

The Seventh Trumpet Judgment – Complete View



The Vial/Bowl Judgements are part of the Seventh Trumpet Judgement

Chart 12

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Revelation 16:19 KJV

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.

Following the earthquake John tells us that God focuses His attention on great Babylon (Mystery Babylon) to give her, her just reward.

We just learned that all that John is telling us here in Chapter 16 was actually taking place during the latter half of Chapter 14. This comment in Chapter 16 about Babylon is further confirmation of that fact.

If you recall, John told us in Revelation 14:8 that Babylon had fallen, and we will see the details of that fall in Chapters 17 and 18.

Revelation 14:8 KJV

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Why is the word fallen repeated?

This phrase is fallen is only used three times, twice in Revelation and once in Isaiah.

Why is the phrase is fallen repeated? Is one referring to ancient Babylon and the other referring to mystery Babylon?

Revelation 14:8 KJV

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Isaiah 21:9 KJV

And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

Revelation 18:2 KJV

And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Revelation 16:20-21 KJV

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 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.

Following the reference to Babylon, John tells us that every island on earth has fled away. Just what does that mean? Has every island been moved to a different location or has every island been completely remove from existence?

We are also told that the mountains are now gone as well. What is actually happening to planet earth?

Are the descriptions of what happens to the islands and mountains symbolic or literal?

Since these dramatic changes to the earth appear to be connected to the great earthquake of Verse 18, one must assume that John's explanation is literal, but is there further proof of that?

Revelation 16:20-21 KJV

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 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.

To answer the questions posed in the previous paragraph, let's look forward to Revelation 21:1 where we are told that there will be a new heaven and a new earth. There are two Greek words that have been translated as *new*. One word is *neos* which relates to time or being brand new; the other is *kainos* which means quality or being improved.

The scripture uses *kainos* to describe the new heaven and the new earth of Chapter 21. So our earth is not going to be replaced, but it will be refurbished. The next part of that verse tells us that there will be no more seas.

Therefore, the scripture suggests that the islands and the mountains will literally be destroyed and so will the seas and the oceans of the world. After all, something will need to be done to rid the world of all the blood that is now filling the oceans.

However, we must be careful that we don’t get ahead of ourselves. Chapter 16 is telling us that every mountain and island will be removed, and we noted in the previous slide, in Chapter 21 God will refurbish the earth and not replace it with a new earth.

What we must keep in mind is that the removing of the mountains and islands and the refurbishing of the earth are separated from each other by the one thousand year Millennial Reign of Christ. Although the earth is being radically changed, it is not yet time for it to be refurbished.

Chapter 16:21 is obviously the end point of Daniel’s Seventieth Week and Chapters 17 thru 19 are an overlay or retelling of these events.

Therefore it would be logical to acknowledge that we have come to the day of the Lord. 2 Peter tells us that this day will come as a sudden surprise much like the rapture of the church.

2 Peter 3:10-12 KJV

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. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting 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?

To summarize Chapter 16, immediately, all who accepted the mark of the beast were subjected to horrible sores and boils. At the same time, all the oceans and fresh waters of the earth turned to blood and all the creatures in the waters died. All the while the sun became brighter and men were scorched by its heat, yet the headquarters and the kingdom of the beast were full of darkness. The river Euphrates dried up and the kings of the east started on their journey to the Battle of Armageddon.

Then just a few days after all this took place, a nova event on the sun caused a great earthquake that destroyed all the islands and leveled all the mountains. The earth's crust was shaken and reformed, reshaping the appearance of our current world.

It is difficult to comprehend that all of this is taking place concurrently, but that is definitely what the scriptures portray.

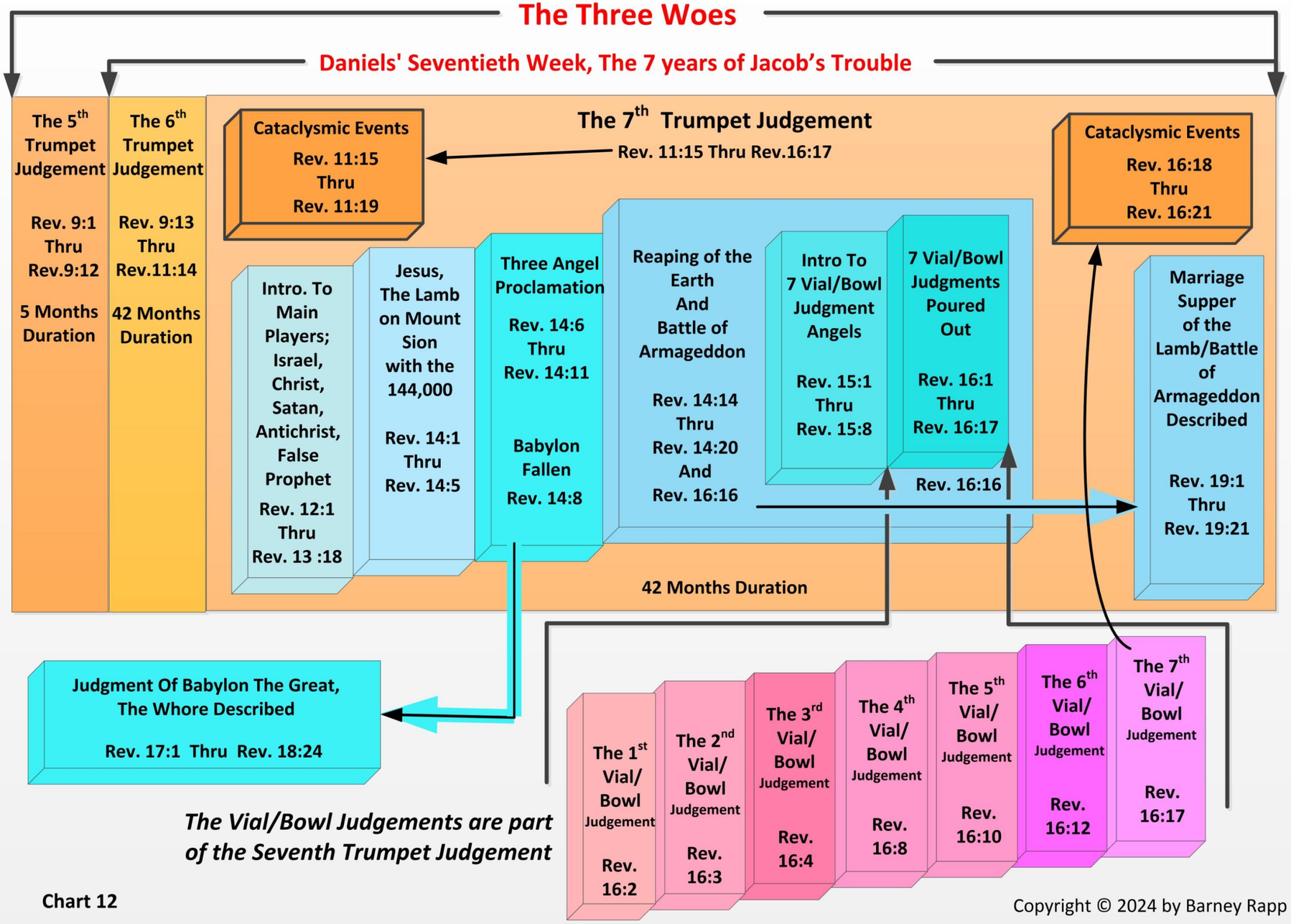
We aren’t given enough information to know whether Chapter 14 spans a few days, a few weeks or possibly a few months.

What we do know is that the third woe began at Revelation 11:15, starting the time clock of the woman (the saints of Israel) being persecuted by the dragon and the beast for forty-two months.

It seems obvious that Chapter 14 is very near the end of this forty-two month time frame, but we don’t know how close. We do know that the end of the forty-two months occurs at Revelation 16:17.

Both Chapters 15 and 16 are a continuation of Chapter 14, but they likely cover only a very short span of time.

The Seventh Trumpet Judgment – Complete View



The Vial/Bowl Judgements are part of the Seventh Trumpet Judgement

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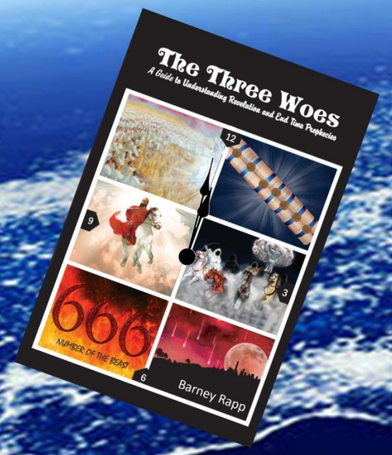

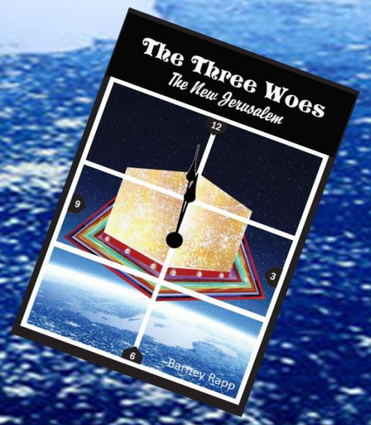

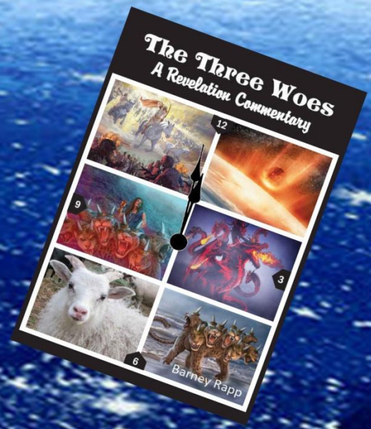

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Chapters 17 and 18 give us is a detailed account of an event that took place at Revelation 14:8. That event is the fall or destruction of Mystery Babylon. These next two chapters are a detailed accounting of that fall.

Revelation 17:1 KJV

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

As we read this first verse of Chapter 17, we see where John has given us another clue to understanding Chapter 14 and the timeline of Revelation.

The angel that John is talking to is one of the Vial Judgment Angels, but that raises a question. Has this angel's vial been poured out or is it full?

To answer that question, we need to go back and review Revelation 14:6-10.

What we find is Chapter 17:1 is confirming the sequential timeline of Chapter 14.

Verse 6 paints a picture of an angel flying through the air **preaching** to the people of the earth.
Verse 7 continues with this same angel warning that God's judgment **is come** and that the **time to repent** and to worship God **is now**.
Verse 8 has a second angel announcing that **Babylon is fallen**.
Verses 9 and 10, has a third angle proclaiming that all who worship the beast **shall drink of the wrath of God**.

The picture that John is painting here is a concise timeline of Chapter 14. The sequential events within the chapter are clearly displayed in the following table. Babylon is destroyed and the Wrath of God (the vials) is poured out upon mankind via the Battle of Armageddon.

Revelation Chapter 14 Timeline

Verb	Timeline	Activity
Is Come	Present Tense	Preaching of Judgment
Is Now	Present Tense +	Repentance
Is Fallen	Past Tense	Babylon is Fallen
Shall Drink	Future Tense	Wrath of God (the vials)

After reviewing Verses 6-10, we can now state that the angel's vial is full of plagues but not yet full of the wrath of God, since the pouring out of God's wrath follows the fall of Babylon.

This angel is telling John about the great whore, Babylon, before entering the temple and receiving his instructions to empty out God's wrath upon the world.

Revelation 17:1-2 KJV

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: 2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

The angel closes Verse 2 by condemning the actions of the kings of the earth and the people of the earth who colluded with the great whore in all the evil which she did.

Revelation 17:3-5 KJV

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: 5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

In Verses 1 and 2, John was invited to go with the angel to see the judgment of the great whore. In Verses 3 and 4, John states that he was carried away to the wilderness where he saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet colored beast. This beast has seven heads and ten horns and full of the names of blasphemy.

This is the same beast that we were introduced to at Revelation 13:1. In Verse 5, John tells us the woman had a name written on her forehead. Although John said one name, he reads what appears to be three names. Maybe we should think of them as first, middle and last name.

Mystery

Babylon the Great

The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth

The woman is a Mystery to John.

He doesn’t recognize this woman. He doesn’t know her real name. She resembles Babylon the Great, but that isn’t who she is.

She is the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. This woman is the ultimate pattern of the most evil and disgusting of all great cities.

The bottom line is that John doesn't recognize this city, who is being described as a woman, because she didn't exist in John's time. She reminds him of Babylon the Great except that she is much worse. She is the master template of all that is evil.

Revelation 17:6-7 KJV

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

We are told that, the woman riding the beast is drinking herself into a stupor from the evilness of her doings. She is addicted to spilling the blood of the saints and making martyrs for Christ. John is perplexed as he marvels at who this woman is and who the beast is that carries her.

But the angel comforts John, telling John that the mystery of the woman and of the beast will be disclosed.

If the angel is going to tell us who the woman is, then why do we all still wonder who she is?

Are we having a problem believing what the angel is telling us?

Revelation 17:8 KJV

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

John begins this verse by briefly telling us about the history of the beast. This beast was and is not but shall ascend out of the bottomless pit. Remember at Revelation 9:11 where we were introduced to the angel that ascended out of the bottomless pit?

The angel's name was Apollyon which means destruction.

Here in Verse 8, John refers to this demonic angel as the beast which ties him to the beast of Revelation 13:3 and also to one of the heads that is wounded to death and then healed. John tells us that everyone who is not serving God will be taken in and deceived by this beast.

Revelation 17:9 KJV

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

We are told that the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

But are they really mountains?

It seems a key phrase here is “the mind which hath wisdom.” The angel seems to be telling us that the obvious explanation is not the accurate interpretation. It’s going to take some wisdom to truly grasp the message here. Could these seven mountains really be the seven continents of the world?

I believe they are.

Revelation 17:10 KJV

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 first thing to realize here is that these seven kings are not referring to the seven heads, John has just changed his subject to the ten horns.

John is beginning to explain the ten horns to us. Before explaining the ten horns John is giving us a brief history lesson. The lesson is based on John's time, not our time.

1. EGYPT	Est. 3100 BC		fallen
2. ASSYRIA	Est. 2500 BC		fallen
3. BABYLON	Est. 626 BC	Nebuchadnezzar	fallen
4. MEDO/PERSIA	Est. 550 BC	Cyrus	fallen
5. GREECE	Est. 325 BC	Alexander the Great	fallen
6. ROMAN EMPIRE	Est. 27 BC	Augustus Caesar	one is
7. NEW WORLD ORDER		Antichrist	not yet come

Revelation 17:11 KJV

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

This verse is our conformation that John is no longer talking about the seven heads but has changed the subject to the ten horns.

The beast is the eighth and is one of the seven, but what does that mean?

We need to look to Daniel to find that out.

Revelation 17:11 KJV

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

This verse is our conformation that John is not talking about the seven heads but the ten horns.

The beast is the eighth and is one of the seven, but what does that mean?

We need to look to Daniel to find that out.

Daniel 7:24 KJV

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

The ten horn alliance of Revelation 13 rises from the sea and the antichrist subdues three kings and becomes the leader of the New World Order.

Revelation 17:12 KJV

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

In Verse 12 the angel is finally telling us that the ten horns are ten kings.

Many have tried to identify this ten nation alliance as the European Union, but since these kings have no kingdom as yet, this interpretation doesn’t seem to fit.

Revelation 17:12 KJV

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Daniel 7:24 KJV

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

Did you notice how similar these two verses are?

They both speak of ten horns being ten kings, and they are both referring to the last World Empire. Then notice that the end of Verse 24 in Daniel resets the number of kings to seven just as Revelation 17:11 sets the number of kings to seven.

Rev. 17:9 & 12

The seven heads are seven mountains, … the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings,

Allegorical Imagery

Seven Heads

Ten Horns

Angelic Interpretation

Seven Mountains

Ten Kings

Chart 13

Don't confuse the Allegorical Imagery with the Angelic Interpretation

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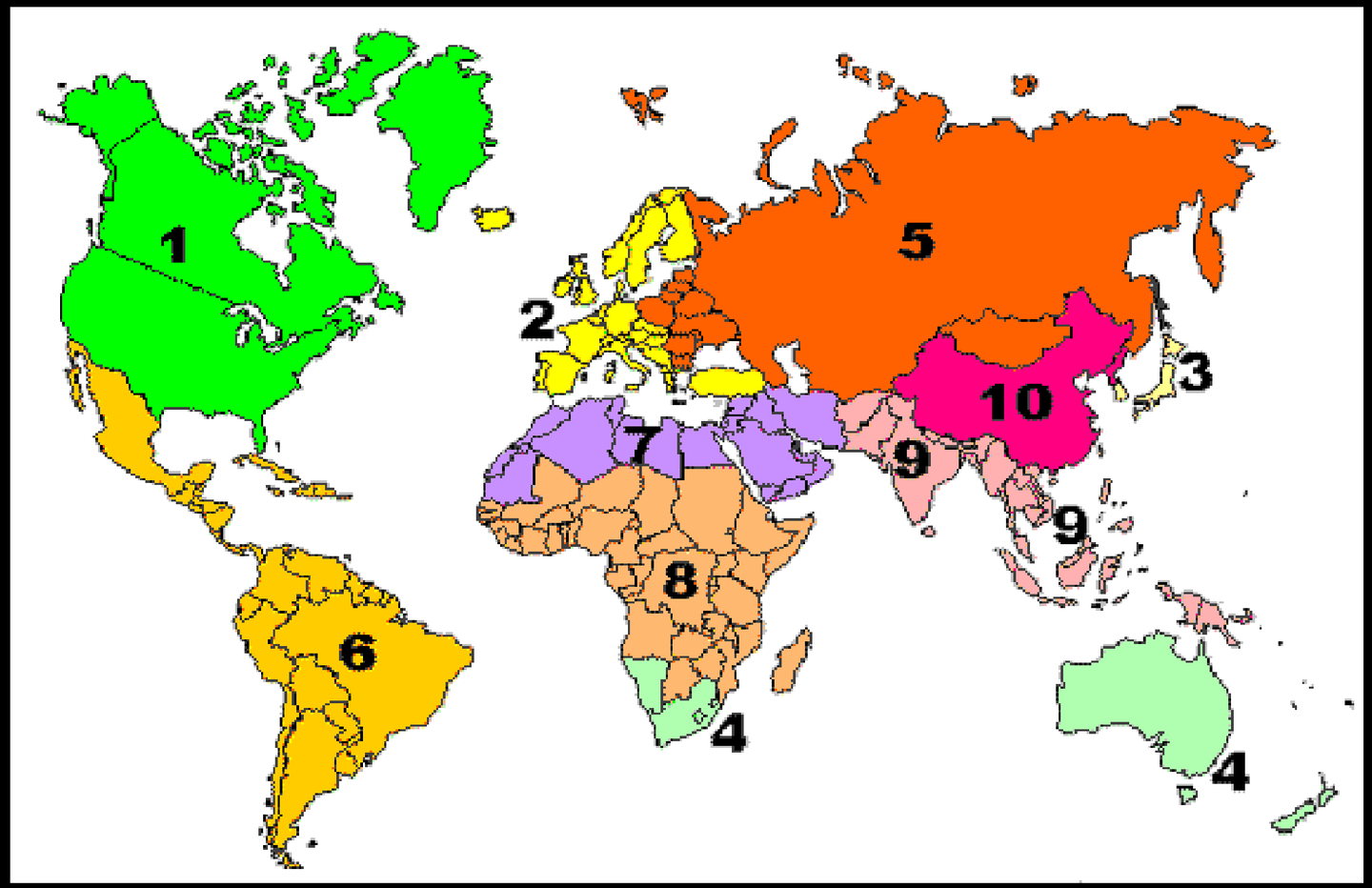
Revelation 17:12 KJV

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

I believe the Club of Rome is a likely candidate.



Revelation 17:13 KJV

These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

This verse mirrors the first few verses of Chapter 13 where we see the beast (the multination alliance) becoming the beast (the antichrist).

In this verse we see all the other kings giving their power and strength to the antichrist.

Revelation 17:14 KJV

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.

This verse is telling us that these kings and the antichrist will make war with Christ.

This verse is referring to the Battle of Armageddon which runs from Rev. 14:19 thru Rev. 16:17.

Revelation 17:15 KJV

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

The angel is now going to tell us who this woman is.

We are told the woman sits or rules over a diverse and large number of people.

Revelation 17:16 KJV

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Notice that the relationship between the woman and the horns is not good.

Verse 16 references ten horns, but we know that three of the kings representing three of the ten horns were subdued early on by the antichrist.

That leaves us with only seven kings. So these ten horns here seem to point to the ten regions of the world that were representative of the New World Order.

The ten horns of the beast will burn the woman with fire.

Revelation 17:17 KJV

For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

The angel is telling us that God has put it in the hearts of these kings to fully support the antichrist.

Revelation 17:18 KJV

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

The angel told us in Verse 7 that he would tell us who this woman is and in Verse 18 we have the answer, the woman is a great city.

Revelation 17:7 KJV

And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

Many have tried to define the woman as a religious system, a spiritual system or a world system but the angel says the woman is a city. Some will claim that the phrase a city is a symbolic representation for the religious, spiritual or world system but no where does the scripture support this concept.

Revelation 17:18 KJV

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 17:16 KJV

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 18:10 KJV

Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

In Verse 16, we are told the great city Babylon is destroyed with fire.

At Rev. 18:10 we are told the fire destroys the city in one hour.

How could a religious, spiritual or world system be destroyed in one hour with fire?

A city could be destroyed in one hour with fire.

Revelation 17:18 KJV

And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

Nine times we are told mystery Babylon a city.

Rev. 14:8	that great city	
Rev. 17:18	that great city	
Rev. 18:10	that great city Babylon	that mighty city!
Rev. 18:16	that great city	
Rev. 18:18	What city is like unto this great city!	
Rev. 18:19	that great city	
Rev. 18:21	that great city Babylon	

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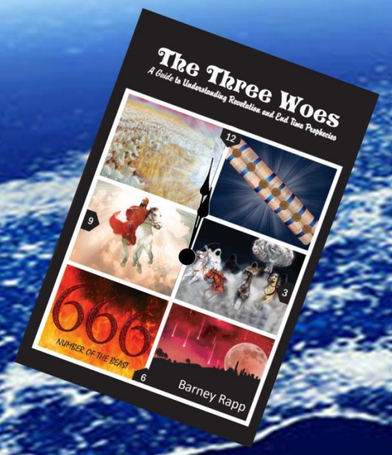

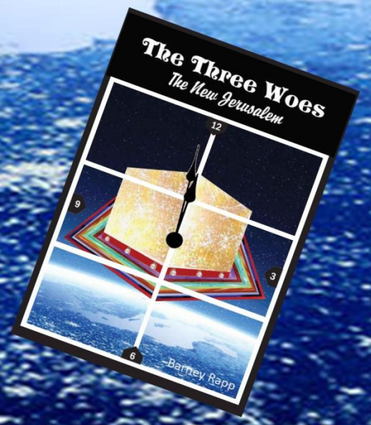

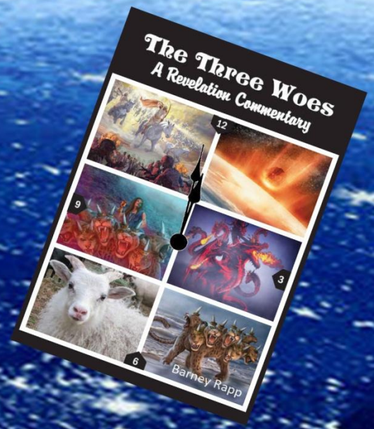

Reviewing Chapter 17 and Setting the scene for Chapter 18

Chapters 17 and 18 go together like a pair of matching bookends.

In the first half of Chapter 17 one of the vial angels introduced us to a great whore and then described the relationship this whore had with the beast from Chapter 13.

In Revelation 17:11, the same vial angel reveals the identity of the beast from Chapter 13. The beast is the demonic angel from the bottomless pit as seen in Revelation 9:8.

Chapter 18 presents three different parties telling the same story of Mystery Babylon from three different points of view.

The first view is found in Verses 1-3 and is told by another angel.
The second view is found in Verses 4-20 and is told from God's point of view.
The third view is found in Verses 21-24 and is told from a mighty angel's point of view.

Revelation 18:1-2 KJV

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Throughout Chapter 17 John was conversing with one of the Vial Judgment Angels, but here in Chapter 18 another angel takes up the story of Babylon.

The first thing that John hears, is this angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen.” This statement confirms that Babylon fell at Revelation 14:8 and Chapter 18 is providing us with the details of that fall.

Revelation 18:3 KJV

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

As the angel continues, we are told that every nation and most, if not all, of the kings of the earth have corrupted themselves through their evil and carnally wicked business dealings. As they entered into these business dealings and partook of Babylon's opportunities, they became wealthy financially and powerful in their positions.

The opportunity to degrade and corrupt themselves wasn't limited to just kings. The merchants of the earth became rich as well from all the many opportunities this city afforded them.

Verse 3 uses the word fornication to specifically describe these business dealings. In the Bible, the word fornication means idolatry. In all of these dealings, God was left out of the picture and the almighty dollar was raised up above Almighty God.

Revelation 18:4-5 KJV

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Another voice is heard which is obviously a divine voice. This voice may be the voice of Christ Himself asking His people to come out of this city and not partake of her sins. This admonition is being given before the destruction of the city, otherwise it would be impossible for God's people to escape.

Remember how we demonstrated that Chapter 18 is actually three separate stories describing the fall of Babylon. This second story demonstrates God's merciful attitude in calling for His people to come out of Babylon before judgment comes. This viewpoint paints a scenario much like the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Before God destroyed Sodom, He warned Abraham and sent an angel to lead Lot and his family out of Sodom before God's judgment actually fell on the city. God is telling us that Mystery Babylon's sins have become so great that He, God, can't permit it to continue any longer. God must intervene with judgment, but before that judgment comes, God is calling for His people to leave the city.

Revelation 18:6-7 KJV

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

The voice from heaven is pronouncing judgment upon this evil woman.

The voice who we said was probably Christ is calling for the woman to be rewarded double for her iniquity and sins.

She has lifted herself up in place of God and has caused so much suffering and torment. In her arrogance she thinks she can’t be touched or harmed in any way.

Revelation 18:8 KJV

Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

This verse declares that the woman's judgment shall come in one day. She shall suffer death and sorrow and famine. We are told that she will be utterly burned with fire.

This paints a picture suggesting that this woman riding on the beast will be destroyed by a nuclear attack that brings about the woman's destruction in a matter of hours.

The source of this sudden destruction seems to either come from, or is caused by, the ten horns of the beast which the woman is riding. This fact was presented to us at Revelation 17:16.

Revelation 17:16 KJV

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Revelation 18:9-10 KJV

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

Once again we see Babylon being called a city. We are also told that the kings of the earth are actually seeing the smoke of her burning proving Babylon is a city and not a system.

Revelation 18:11-14 KJV

And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

The products and goods that this city offers are so immense that it seems there is nothing that can't be purchased there. If mankind can imagine it or make it, this city offers it. It doesn't matter how evil or vile the product or service might be, this city is proud to offer it even to the point of offering slaves and the souls of men.

For those who still think Mystery Babylon could be a religious system, a spiritual system or even a world system, can you point to any such system that offers such a wide array of goods or products?

Revelation 18:15-18 KJV

The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

Like the kings in the prior segment of scripture, here we see merchants from around the world are watching the destruction of this great city.

These verses describe the city as being a great port city which trades around the world by sea. The verses close by describing a great number of people in ships watching the burning of the city from afar.

In Verse 18, we are told two more times that Babylon is indeed a city, however this time it is the sea captains and people aboard the ships who are making the proclamation that this is a great city.

Revelation 18:19-20 KJV

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

The people aboard the ships are lamenting the destruction of this great city.

Once again we are told that Babylon's destruction occurred within a one hour time frame.

In stark comparison to the grief of the great host aboard the ships, the heavens and all the holy apostles and prophets are prompted to rejoice over God's judgment and the destruction of this great city who defied God and His statutes.

Revelation 18:21-24 KJV

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

In these verses, John hears from a mighty angel who presents a third view of the destruction of Mystery Babylon. This angel compares the fall of Babylon to a millstone being cast into the sea. The angel tells us that the demise of the city will be a violent one and the city will never recover.

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This angel tells us that the sounds of joy that were once heard in the city will never again be heard.

The sound of manufacturing will never again ring out in this city.
The lights of this city that were once bright will never again shine forth.

Babylon seduced the merchants of the world through her sorceries and the blood of prophets and saints are on her hands.

Concluding Thoughts on Chapter Eighteen

Now that we have reached the end of Chapter 18, it is easy to look back and see that there are three different authors telling the story of Mystery Babylon's destruction from three different perspectives.

Trying to read this chapter as one composite story coming from one individual will only lead to confusion. Such an interpretation leaves the reader with a story where the time line of the story seems to strangely jump around.

Once we have identified the fact that Chapter 18 was told to John by three separate story-tellers with three different perspectives, everything falls into place. Suddenly there is clarity where before there was confusion.

Who is Mystery Babylon?

18 Characteristics of Mystery Babylon

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Rev. 17:18	She reigns over the kings of the earth
Rev. 18:2	She becomes the habitation of devils and foul spirits
Rev. 18:3	All nations and all kings have been involved with her
Rev. 18:3	The merchants of the earth have become rich because of her
Rev. 18:4	God's people are commanded to come out of her
Rev. 18:8	She shall be burned with fire
Rev. 18:9	Kings shall mourn her destruction
Rev. 18:9	Kings shall see the smoke of her burning
Rev. 18:11	The merchants of the earth shall mourn her destruction
Rev. 18:12-14	Virtually every sort of product was available via her markets, even slaves and the souls of men
Rev. 18:17-18	Every shipmaster and crew saw the smoke of her burning
Rev. 18:17-18	It is implied that she is a great port city
Rev. 18:22	She was a center for arts and entertainment
Rev. 18:22	She was a center for skilled trades and various craftsmen
Rev. 18:23	She deceived all nations by her sorceries
Rev. 18:24	She was responsible for the deaths of prophets and saints

- America is a melting pot, New York City is a great melting pot of people
- New York City hosts and is home to the United Nations
- The United Nations is the home of all nations
- New York City became a great world market, stock markets started here

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- **New York City is home for a large concentration of Jewish people**
- **The destruction of New York City would be mourned by kings via the UN**
- **The merchants of the world would mourn New York City's destruction**
- **New York markets offer all goods, both legal and illegal**

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- New York is a great port city
- New York is a center for the arts and entertainment
- All trades can be found in New York City
- The nations of the world have been deceived into following her sin
- New York City via the UN will likely kill many prophets and saints

Who is Mystery Babylon?

The only attribute that doesn’t fit is New York does not sit on seven hills.

But if the seven mountains are seven continents,

Then New York would rule over the seven continents via the United Nations.

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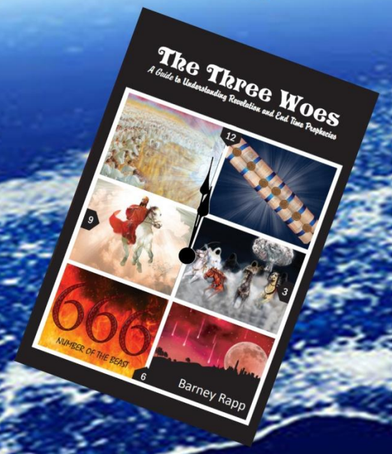

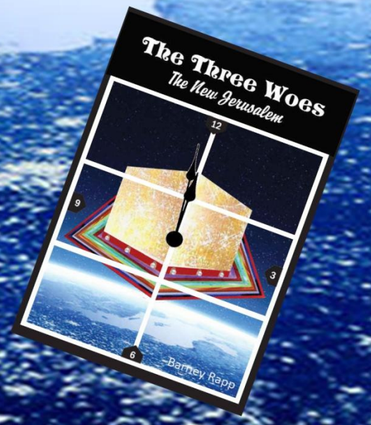

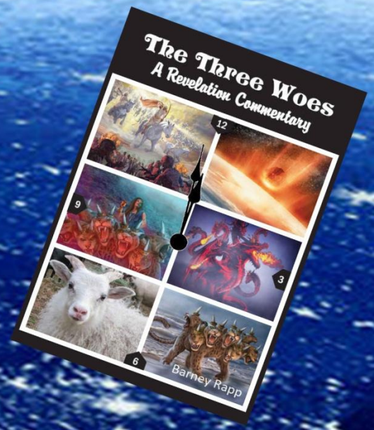

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

Back at the beginning of chapter 17, we described how Chapters 17 and 18 were providing details of an event from Chapter 14.

In Chapter 19 we have the same concept taking place. This chapter is giving us a detailed view of an event that took place in Chapter 14. In Chapter 19 John is giving us details of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and details of the Battle of Armageddon.

What comes as a shock to many is the fact that these two events are actually one and the same. You will soon see the evidence of this as we continue with this chapter.

Chapter 19 begins by paralleling Revelation 14:17-20 where the angel is gathering the grapes of the earth for the winepress of God's wrath. The major difference is that the scene in Chapter 14 is on the earth, and the scene in Chapter 19 begins in heaven and ends on the earth.

Keeping this in mind, let's delve into the heavenly scene as John is seeing it.

Revelation 19:1-3 KJV

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

The first thing we should notice here is that this scene is set in Heaven.

Then we should ask, who are these much people?

John doesn't clearly tell us here, but he gives us a hint as we look forward to Verse 6.

Revelation 19:6 KJV

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Where have we seen this phrase "a great multitude" before?

Revelation 19:6 KJV

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Revelation 7:9 KJV

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

We said the rapture took place at the end of Chapter 6 and then following the sealing of the 144,000 in Chapter 7 we saw this great multitude standing before God's throne with the Lamb.

This great multitude is the raptured church.

In some translations such as the New KJV "much people" of Rev. 19:1 is translated as "a great multitude".

In Verse 1 we find the words “much people” and then as we read forward to Verse 6 and find the words “a great multitude”. One would tend to believe John is identifying two different groups.

However, as we examine the original Greek we find that John uses the same two Greek words “pollou ochlou” in both verses 1 and 6, the best translation for these two words is “a great multitude.”

Rev. 19:1

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	Meta	tauta	ēkousa	hōs	phōnēn	megalēn	ochlou	pollou
1	Μετὰ	ταῦτα	ἤκουσα	ὡς	φωνὴν	μεγάλην	ὄχλου	πολλοῦ
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Feminine Form

The great multitude of Revelation 7:9 are the same two words as well.

Rev. 7:9

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9	Μετὰ	ταῦτα	εἶδον	καὶ	ἰδοὺ	ὄχλος	πολύς
	After	these things	I looked	and	behold	a multitude	great
	Prep	DPro-ANP	V-AIA-1S	Conj	V-AMA-2S	N-NMS	Adj-NMS

Masculine Form

Revelation 19:1 KJV

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Revelation 19:6 KJV

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

This group of "much people" rejoicing in heaven in verse 1 is the "great multitude" as seen in verse 6.

We have only seen two groups of people make it to heaven. One large group called a great multitude in Revelation 7:9 and a smaller group called them in Revelation. 15:2. Therefore, this much people or great multitude per NKJV in Revelation 19:1 is the raptured church.

Revelation 15:2 KJV

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.

Revelation 19:4 KJV

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

At Verse 4 we see the twenty-four elders worshiping before the throne of God. They are likewise attending the marriage supper. Looking forward to Verses 6-8, we observe a great multitude described as the bride of the Lamb.

Therefore, the twenty-four elders are neither part of the bride nor representative of the raptured church.

They are likely the bride's attendees.

Revelation 19:5 KJV

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

The scripture doesn't define who this voice belongs to, but we would be inclined to think that the voice is probably that of an angel until we read forward to Verse 10. As we read ahead, we see the scripture implying that this voice may belong to a prophet or patriarch of old.

Revelation 19:10 KJV

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

However, as we read even further to Revelation 22:9, we discover that one of the Vial Judgment Angels ascribes himself as being one of John's fellow servants and brethren. Therefore, this voice most likely belongs to an angel performing this task and acting as a heavenly choir leader directing all of God's servants to offer up praise unto God.

Revelation 19:6-8 KJV

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

We have now reached Verse 6 where John tells us about the great multitude that we have been referencing.

The multitude is described as a voice of many waters which we know the scriptures define as many peoples, and it is a mighty and powerful voice. This great multitude is proclaiming that "God omnipotent reigneth."

Two of the most important words in this section of scripture are in Verse 7; "Let us." This great multitude is glad and rejoicing that the marriage of the Lamb is taking place. This great multitude is the bride of Christ; they are the ones who have made themselves ready. They are the ones clothed in white linen. They are the righteous saints.

Revelation 19:9-10 KJV

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Everyone who is invited to the marriage supper is blessed. Whether you are part of the bride of Christ or an attendee you are blessed.

This seems to be the fulfillment of the promise from Revelation 1:3 and Revelation 22:7 where we are promised a blessing for reading, hearing and keeping the commands of this prophecy.

The promised blessing is to be part of the Bride of Christ.

Revelation 19:11-13 KJV

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. 12 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. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

The Groom Has Arrived

John sees heaven opened, but just what is John telling us here?

From the very first verse of Chapter 19, John's vision has been focused on scenes of heaven. So what is different about what John is seeing here?

It seems that John may be describing an opening or a portal between heaven and earth. At the front of this opening is the rider of a white horse, and as we read ahead, we see the armies of heaven following this rider who appears to be bound for earth.

Revelation 19:11-13 KJV

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John describes the rider of the white horse as being Faithful and True. Notice that these two words are capitalized. They are not just attributes of the rider but they are His names.

At Revelation 3:14, Christ called Himself the faithful and true witness when He was addressing the Laodicean church.

We are also told that the rider of the white horse is going forth to judge and to make war.

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At Verse 12, John begins to provide us with a personal description of this rider.

He has eyes like fire and a name that only He knows. His robe is dipped in blood and His name is the Word of God.

John is obviously describing our savior Jesus Christ. Unlike the rider of the white horse back at Revelation 6:2, there is no uncertainty as to the identity of this rider.

He is the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS.

Revelation 19:14-16 KJV

And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 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. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND Lord OF LordS.

As John continues with his vision, he tells us that the armies of heaven are also on white horses following their Leader to the winepress of the wrath of God which is the Battle of Armageddon.

At this point John provides us with additional details concerning the one on the white horse.

He has a sharp sword which He will use to smite the nations and He will rule them with a rod of iron. John is also painting a picture of the victor of the Battle of Armageddon.

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. **Revelation 14:19 KJV**

Revelation 19:14-16 KJV

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As John proceeds with his description of the rider on the white horse, he tells us that this rider has a name written on His thigh “KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS.” Notice again that John leaves no question as to the personage of the rider of this white horse.

This is in stark contrast to Revelation 6:2 where everyone was trying to guess the identity of the rider on that white horse.

The real difference between these two visions is the focus of the vision. In Chapter 19, the rider of the white horse (Jesus Christ) is the focal point, whereas in Chapter 6 the center of attention was meant to be on the white horse and the deception it brings, not on the rider.

Revelation 19:17-18 KJV

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Chapter 19 started with a view of heaven and then the perspective shifted to the Battle of Armageddon on earth.

Now we suddenly find ourselves looking at an angel standing in the sun. What does “in the sun” mean? Notice that John uses the word *in* and not *on*.

This angel and his purpose probably have no connection to the angel who poured out his vial upon the sun at Revelation 16:8. It is more likely that this angel is standing in the midst of heaven between the earth and the sun such that the birds on the earth can see and hear the angel who has the sun to his back.

Revelation 19:17-18 KJV

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This angel is inviting these birds to a great feast. The feast is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. This is where we learn that the Marriage Supper and the Battle of Armageddon are the same events.

This angel is continuing with his prophecy of how this Battle of Armageddon will end. The angel is inviting these birds to come and feast on the flesh of kings, captains and mighty men.

The angel is declaring that Christ and His armies will vanquish the antichrist and his followers. All who follow the antichrist are going to be dinner for the fowls of the air no matter what status, position or rank they hold.

Revelation 19:19-21 KJV

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

John sees the antichrist and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered in array to make war against the KING of KINGS and His army. The battle is not portrayed as a long drawn out event.

The beast (who is the antichrist) and the false prophet are both taken and cast alive into the lake of fire. Their followers consisting of the kings, captains, and everyone else whether bond or free were slain by the sword of the One on the white horse.

The carcasses of these men are all left for the fowls of the air to dine on at the great Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

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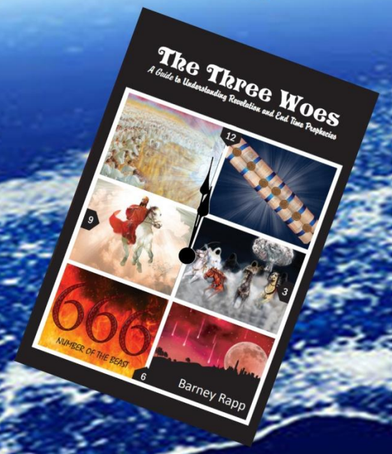

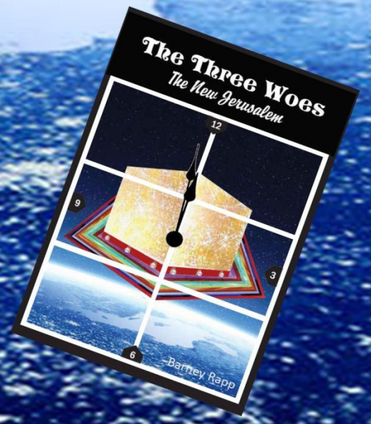

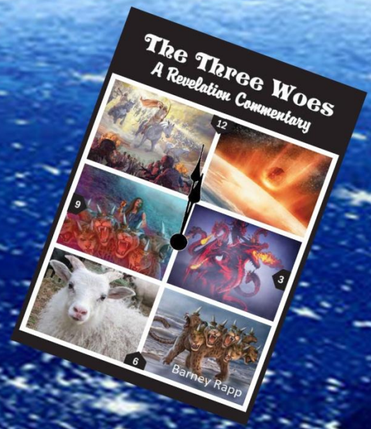

Since the beast (who is the antichrist) is cast into the lake of fire, this could offer another level of conformation that the beast that had a simulated resurrection from death in Chapter 13 is the demonic angel Apollyon who inhabits the dead body of the human political figure.

If the antichrist were a human he would be required to stand before the great white throne judgment of Revelation 20:11. Instead the antichrist, Apollyon, is cast into the lake of fire.

However, this line of thought doesn't work for the false prophet. If he was a human, why didn't he stand at the great white throne judgment?

Both the antichrist and the false prophet are cast directly into the lake of fire.

There is no indication that anyone ever comes out of the lake of fire.

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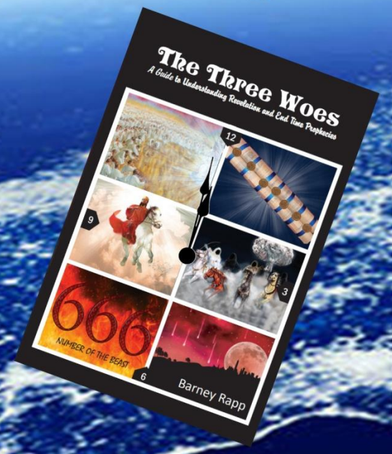

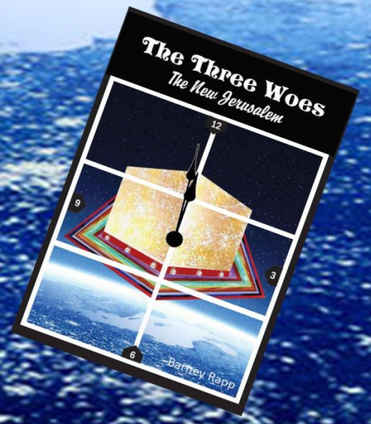

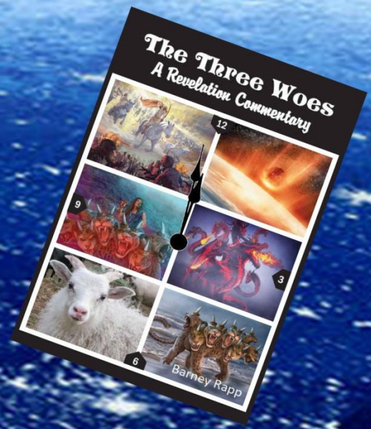

The Continuation of the Revelation Story

Chapters 17, 18 and 19 provided further details of what was happening in Chapters 14 and 15. Chapter 20 is now picking up exactly where Chapter 19 left off.

The antichrist and the false prophet are in the lake of fire and we are now about to see that old serpent the dragon (who is Satan) bound and cast into the bottomless pit for one thousand years.

With this event, Chapter 20 picks up exactly where Chapter 16 through 19 ended. Chapter 20 transitions to give us a brief view of the one thousand year Millennial Reign and provides a forewarning of the coming time of God’s judgment.

Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

In Verse 1 John sees an angel come down from heaven having the key to the bottomless pit. This is very likely the same angel John saw releasing the scorpion locusts at Revelation 9:1.

This time, however, the angel is tasked with binding Satan with a great chain and locking the devil in the bottomless pit for one thousand years.

For the duration of Christ's one thousand year rule, the nations of the world and people of the world will not be deceived by the great tempter of mankind. But following this time, Satan will once again be released upon mankind to tempt and draw mankind from God.

Revelation 20:4-6 KJV

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. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

While waiting for the thousand years to pass, John presents us with a brief glimpse into Christ's Millennial Reign, the Kingdom Age. The description John presents depicts the stature and authority given to Christ's bride.

Notice that John gives no mention of what life will be like for those few who managed to live through the time of Jacob's Trouble and are now living in the Kingdom Age with regular earthly bodies.

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What we do see is the bride of Christ sitting upon thrones functioning as judges in Christ's Kingdom. John then gives a special salute to those individuals who were beheaded for refusing to worship the beast.

These martyrs are also depicted as having a position of authority since they are living and reigning with Christ during the one thousand years, but they are not the ones sitting on the thrones. What we see here in Verse 4 are the saints of God in their glorified bodies. This body of saints consists of both the bride of Christ and the beheaded martyrs from Revelation 15:2 each fulfilling their respective positions in the Kingdom.

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In Verse 5 John addresses the physical status of all mankind who died without their names being written in the Lamb's Book of Life. John confirms that all who died in this unsaved state will remain dead for the duration of the thousand years, until the time of judgment.

John goes on to tell us that all those who took part in this first resurrection are blessed and holy. All of these individuals who died with their names written in the Book of Life are living and reigning on earth with Christ. They are now enjoying the benefits of living in their new glorified bodies that are both immortal and incorruptible. They will be functioning as priests of God and of Christ for the next one thousand years.

Revelation 20:7-9 KJV

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 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. 9 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.

Following the thousand year reign of Christ, Satan will be loosed from the bottomless pit for a short season.

During this time Satan will go forth deceiving the nations around the globe. Satan will gather them together in one last desperate attempt to overthrow the KING of KINGS.

Satan will encircle the city of Jerusalem to destroy it, but he will never have an opportunity to strike one blow. Almighty God the Father will rain down fire upon Satan and his followers and utterly destroy 5/6 of them, that is 83 percent of them.

You might ask, where do I get the 5/6?

Ezekiel 39:2 KJV

And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:

Gog and Magog War = Ezekiel's War

Ezekiel's War actually covers three prophecies:

	Activity	Time Frame
1	the war,	hours
2	the burial of the dead,	7 months
3	and the burning of the weapons of war.	7 years

If Ezekiel's War occurs before the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble, then where is the time of peace to bury the dead and burn war weapons.

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Ezekiel 37:26 KJV

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

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Ezekiel's Thirteen Visions

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3	Ezekiel 20:1	And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month,
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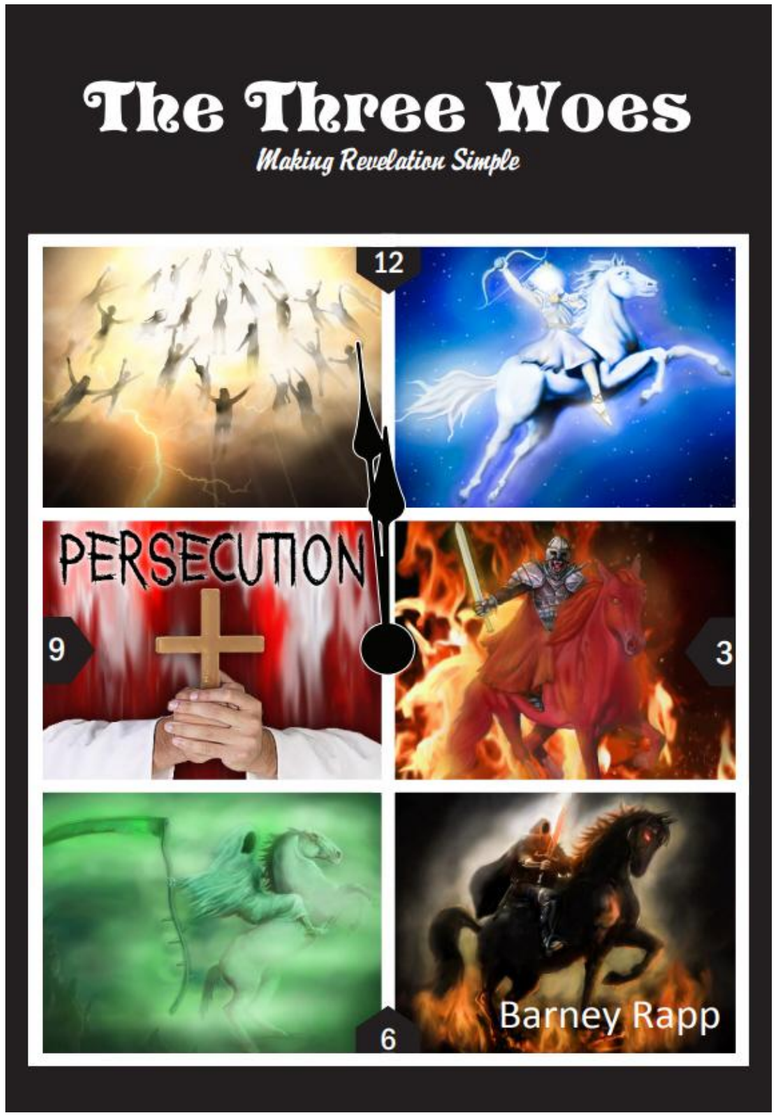
5	Ezekiel 26:1	And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month,
6	Ezekiel 29:1	In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month,
7	Ezekiel 29:17	And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month,
8	Ezekiel 30:20	And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month,
9	Ezekiel 31:1	And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month
10	Ezekiel 32:1	And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month,
11	Ezekiel 32:17	It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month,
12	Ezekiel 33:21	And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month,
13	Ezekiel 40:1	In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month,



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If this covenant was made before the Seven Years of Jacob's Trouble, God would be bound to protect Israel from the antichrist during the seven years.

Therefore this covenant and Ezekiel's War must both occur following the Kingdom Age.

Ezekiel's last dated vision before the covenant and Ezekiel's War occurred at Ezekiel 33:21.

Ezekiel 37:26 KJV

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Ezekiel 38:2-3 KJV

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

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Knowing the order and structure of how to read a Book of the Bible is very important.

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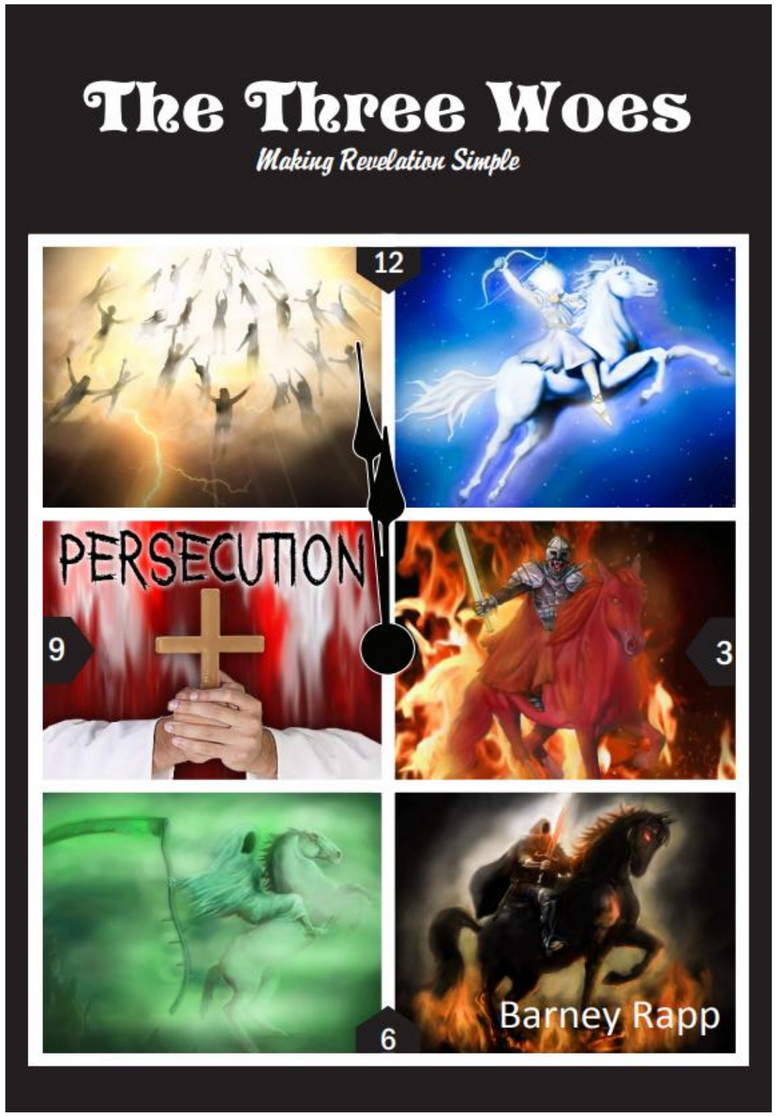

Revelation 20:10 KJV

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.

Now that God the Father has vanquished the evil followers of Satan, Satan alone is left to be dealt with. We are told that the devil is now cast into the lake of fire where the beast and the false prophet are.

There the old serpent, the dragon, will be tormented forever and ever. Although the scripture doesn't directly tell us this, it does imply that once one is cast into the lake of fire, there is no way out.

Unlike the bottomless pit where Satan was temporarily imprisoned, there will be no release from the lake of fire. We saw the scorpion locusts come out of the bottomless pit at Chapter 9 but we never see anyone come out of the lake of fire once they are cast into it.

Revelation 20:11-15 KJV

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. 12 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. 13 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. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Following Satan's banishment to the lake of fire, we see the setting for the great white throne judgment. John doesn't tell us here who is sitting on this throne, but the Gospel of John does tell us that the judge is Jesus, the Son of God.

John 5:22 KJV

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

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At Verse 12 John sees all the dead standing before God. “The dead” in this verse refers to all the people (both good and evil) who died without their names being written in the Lamb’s Book of Life.

All who had their names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (saved individuals, righteous through the blood of Christ) were raised in the first resurrection and lived and reigned with Christ on earth for the duration of Christ’s one thousand year reign.

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John goes on to talk about the books by which the dead will be judged. John doesn’t specifically specify any book other than the Book of Life, but Matthew Henry defined them as “a book of remembrance both for good and bad and the book of the sinner's conscience.”

These suggested titles for the additional books seem appropriate. Malachi mentions a book of remembrance; its purpose seems to be for the recording of good deeds performed by those who fear the Lord and serve Him.

Malachi 3:16 KJV

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.

Revelation 20:13-15 KJV

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The sea gave up its dead and the mountains and islands were removed by the great earthquake, but the seas were not destroyed at this time. Here we are, a thousand years past the Day of the Lord, and the seas still exist as the earth has not yet been refurbished.

Death and hell are cast into the lake of fire in Verse 14. There is no second resurrection for the ungodly. Without a resurrection the departed spirit of the individual will remain a disembodied spirit for all eternity.

To be cast into the lake of fire as a disembodied spirit for all eternity is the second death. It is an unending time of torment with pain and suffering while having all the memories, feelings and thoughts that made you the person you were while alive in a human body on earth. There is no second chance, there is but one life to live and then the judgment.

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A Commentary On

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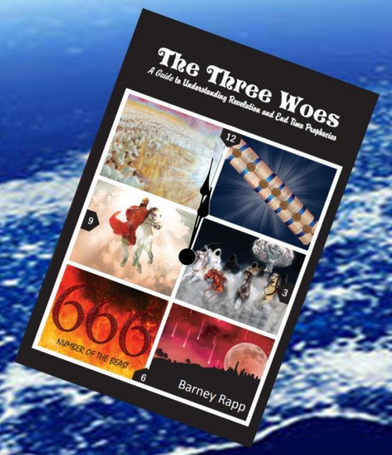

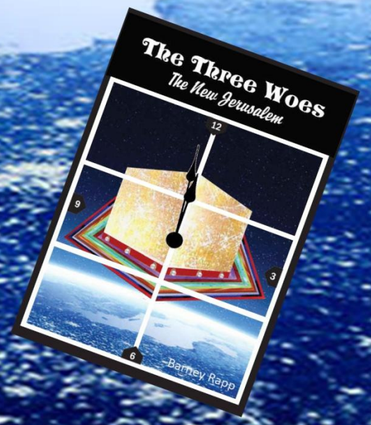

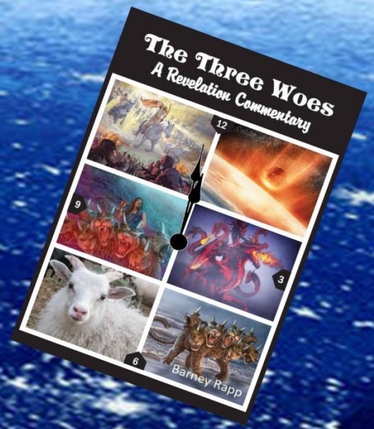

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.

As we study Revelation John uses many allegorical descriptions which could be scary to some people, but God didn't give us Revelation to scare us, but to prepare us.

I want this teaching to leave you with positive feelings.

If we have confessed our sins and we are living for Jesus we won't be on earth when these awful times begin. We will be in Heaven with Jesus.

My goal is to stir each of us to do all we can to take as many as we can to Heaven with us.

Cindy and I taught a GPS class (Godly Prepared Saints) and our motto was to:

Pray, Plan and Prepare to Prevent Potential Problems

By knowing what's coming and how very soon it will arrive hopefully we can be stirred to win many to Christ.

The New Jerusalem

The earth endured catastrophic damage and enormous change during the time of Jacob's Trouble, then everything settled down during the Thousand Year Kingdom Age.

One might have expected that the earth would have been refurbished and restored before the millennial reign of Christ, but that was not in God's divine plan.

God has scheduled the restoration of the earth to occur at the end of Christ's reign just before eternity future.

Revelation 21:1-2 KJV

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In Verse 1 we see God establishing a new heaven and a new earth.

Earlier we mentioned that there are two Greek words that have been translated as “new.” One word is *neos* which relates to time or being brand new, the other is *kainos* which means quality or being improved.

The scripture uses *kainos* to describe the new heaven and the new earth of Chapter 21. So it seems our earth is not going to be replaced, but it will be refurbished.

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Verse 1 tells us that the oceans and seas will not be a part of the new topography of the earth, but the landscape of the earth will include a New Jerusalem. John sees it coming down from heaven and describes it as being a beautiful bride as she is adorned for her husband.

One might expect that all of this chapter would be about the restoration of the earth, but it is not. The remainder of this chapter is dedicated to providing us with a detailed view of the appearance of this beautiful city which John saw descending from heaven.

Notice that Jerusalem is prepared “as a bride,” it doesn’t say she is the bride, but she has been prepared and adorned like Christ’s true bride, His Church.

Revelation 21:3-4 KJV

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Once again John hears a voice from heaven announcing that the tabernacle of God is with men.

This city (the New Jerusalem) has been prepared for Christ's bride, and the bride will dwell there. God the Father and His Son, Jesus, will dwell there as well.

The former things will be passed away. There will be no more tears, no more death, no more sorrow, no crying and no more pain.

Revelation 21:5-6 KJV

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

“Behold, I will make all things new!”

Who is saying this?

This is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking. This is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

This is the One who said on the cross, “It is finished,” when the last vial was poured out He said, “It is done,” and now that the earth has been refurbished and the New Jerusalem is coming down from heaven, He says once again, “It is done.”

Mankind is now entering eternity future.

Revelation 21:7-8 KJV

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

In Verse 7, Jesus again confirms our adoption into the family of God. Provided we remain true and faithful to Him, we will be full partakers with Christ in His inheritance.

In Verse 8, Jesus faithfully provides a warning of what can rob us of this inheritance. Any one of these named sins will not only cost us our inheritance but will also condemn us to the lake of fire and the second death from which there is no escape.

Revelation 21:9-10 KJV

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

It appears that the angel from Revelation 17:1 who described Mystery Babylon is the angel who will provide John with details of the New Jerusalem.

Notice that the name of the city has gone from the New Jerusalem in Verse 2 to the Holy Jerusalem in Verse 10. The original Jerusalem is no more and the new Jerusalem is still in the process of descending from heaven. It is also interesting to note that the angel tells John that he is going to show him the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Is the city, the Holy Jerusalem, the bride? The answer is no, but the bride's abode is the Holy Jerusalem. All who had their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life (the living saints and those who died in Christ) at the coming of Jesus will call this city their home.

Revelation 21:11-13 KJV

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

As John continues with his description of the city, we find that the light of the city comes from the divine shechinah glory of God. The light is crystal clear like a Jasper stone. Jasper comes in different colors, but this particular stone is probably clear in color.

The wall of the city has twelve gates, three per side. Each gate will be attended by an angel, probably a cherubim angel like the one assigned to the Garden of Eden.

This time the angel will not be there to keep the bride out, but to keep all others out. The gates will be named after the twelve tribes of Israel and will never be shut.

Ezekiel 48:31-35 Defines which gates are named after which tribes.

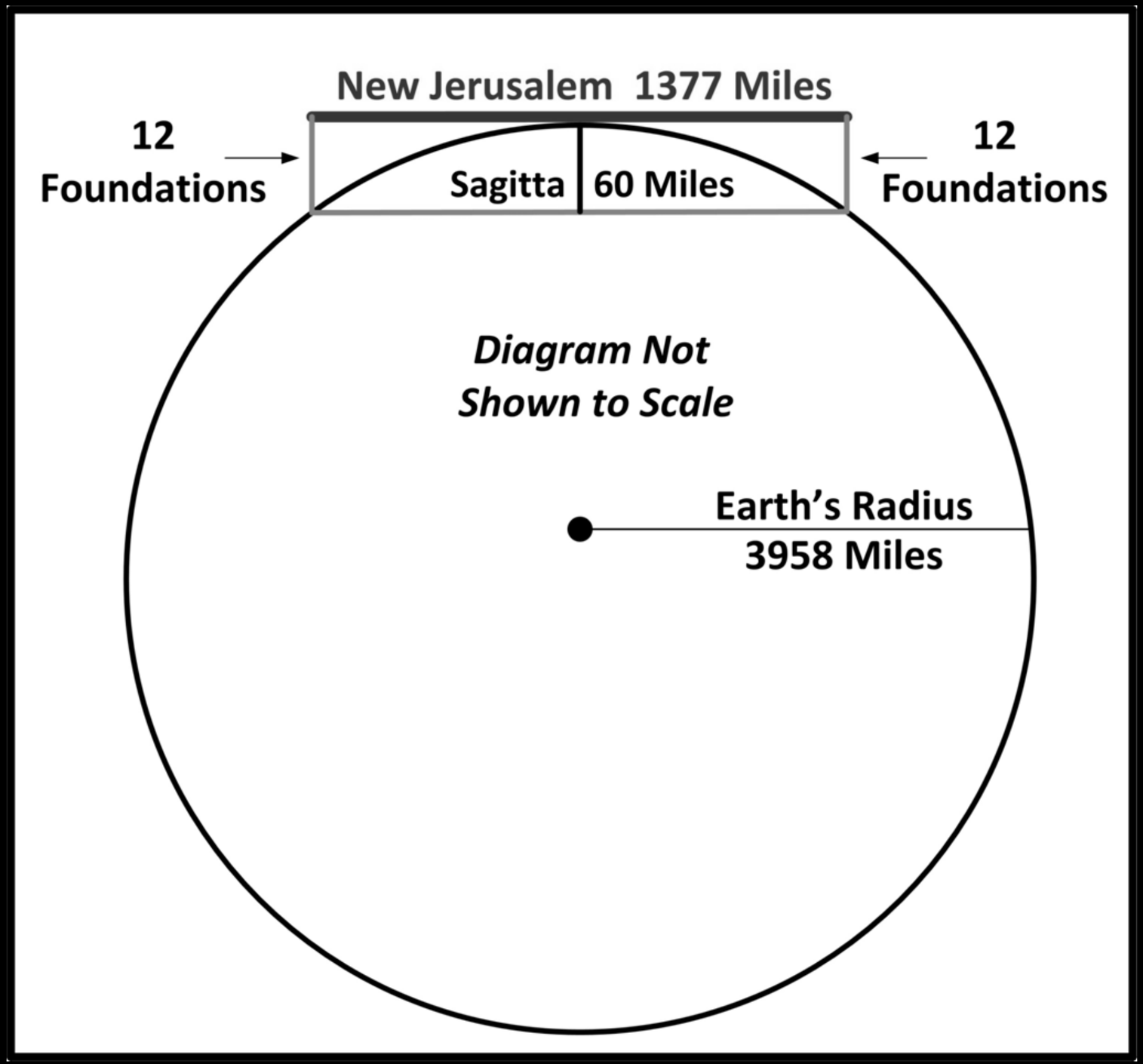
Revelation 21:14-16 KJV

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

John tells us that the wall of the city has twelve foundations. The wall is not that tall, so why would it wall require twelve foundations?

The wall needs a massive foundation because of its length not because of its height.

John tells us the city is not only a square, but it is literally a cube. It is actually a very, very large cube measuring approximately 1,377 miles on each side.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Revelation 21:14-16 KJV

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

Now that we have dealt with the footprint of this awesome city, we should also take a look at its height. It reaches a staggering 1,377 miles into the sky.

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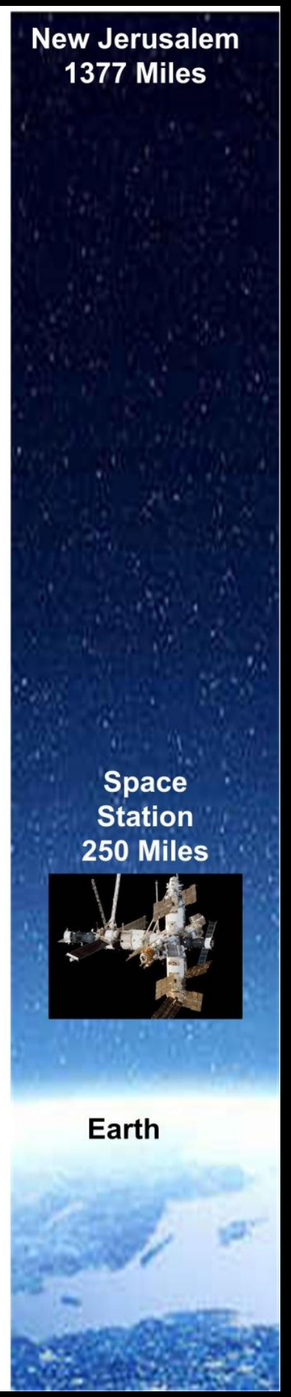

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The height of this city alone tells us a lot about our new glorified bodies.

Our earthly bodies begin dying when we climb to the top of Mount Everest at just 29,032 feet.

Yet, in our new glorified bodies we will be able to inhabit and enjoy every corner of the new holy city of God.

We won’t be dependent on oxygen. We won’t be a slave to gravity. What a glorious experience it will be to have that new glorified body and be able to go anywhere within the New Jerusalem.

Let’s look at where the New Jerusalem will be located on earth.

Slovenia
Croatia
Belgrade
Београд
Romania
Odesa
Одеса
Bucharest
Serbia
Sarajevo
Sofia
София
Italy
Podgorica
Подгорица
Kosovo
Bulgaria
Black Sea
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Athens
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Turkmenistan
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Syria
Lebanon
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Jeddah
جدة
Makkah
مكة
Oman
Red Sea
Abha
أبها
Sudan
Sana'a

Revelation 21:17-18 KJV

And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. 18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Before describing the foundations, John returns to describing the wall of the city which is 216 feet tall.

The wall is of Jasper, and this time the Jasper is most likely blood red.

Jasper does exist as a blood red stone that can be either transparent like a window pane or opaque.

John also tells us that the city is pure gold just like a clear pane of glass.

Jasper is the color of blood. We are told that the new Jersualem is crystal clear. Notice how we can see the fingers through the stone.

Revelation 21:19-20 KJV

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; 20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

John continues with his description of the city by describing the appearance of each foundation.

The first one is Jasper, and again, the color is most likely blood red.

The following graphic will provide a rough idea of what the foundations might look like.

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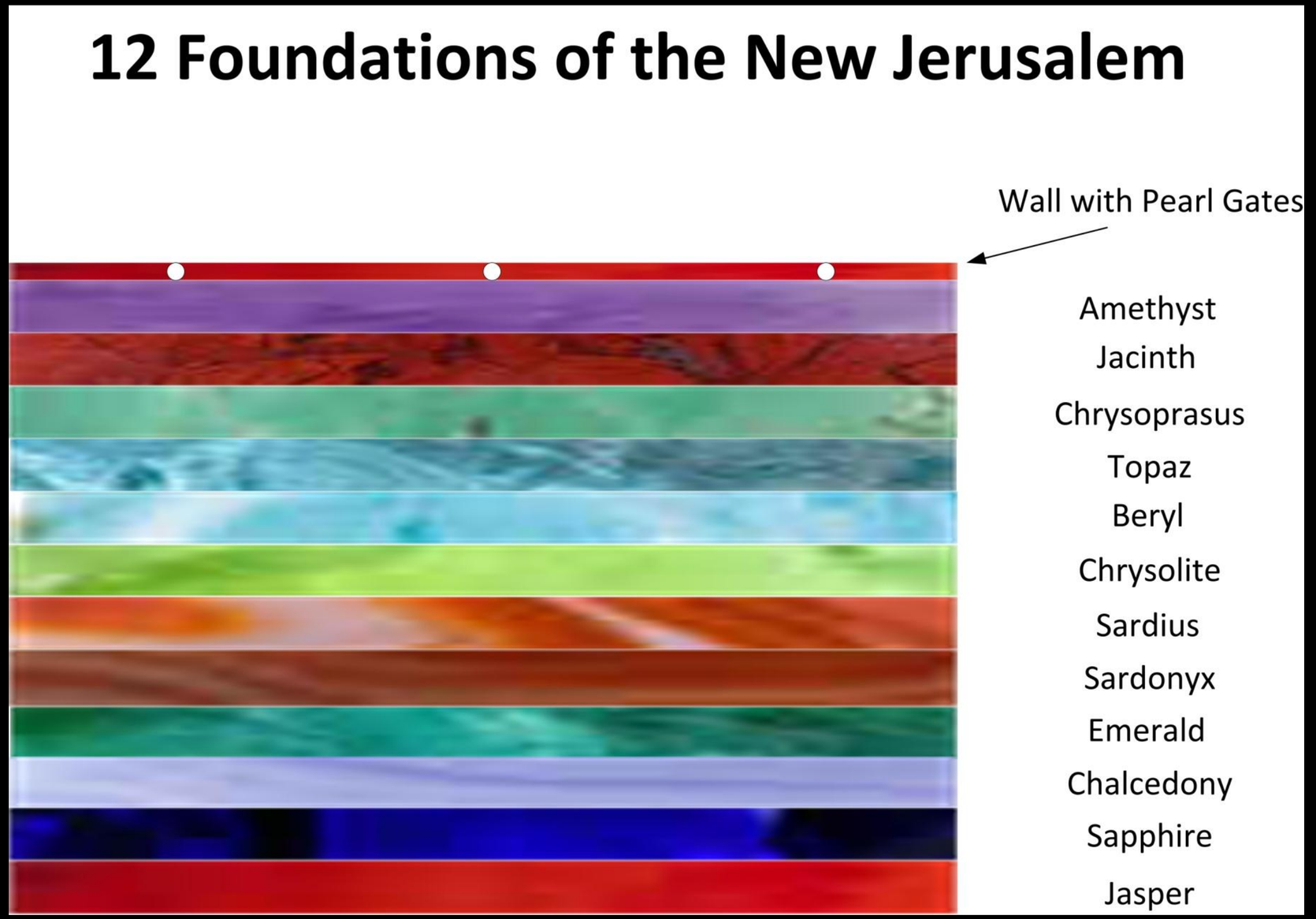


Revelation 21:21 KJV

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

The wall of the city has twelve gates, three on each side, and each one is made of a single pearl.

John tells us that the street is pure gold and as transparent as glass.

As we looked at the various forms of Jasper, we discovered that it could be found in both opaque and transparent forms. Apparently God has made gold in both forms as well.

This transparent form of gold seems to be the primary building material used to create both Holy Jerusalem and its streets.

Revelation 21:22-23 KJV

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. 23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

John tells us that God the Father and the Lamb are the temple of the new city, and once again he tells us that the source of the city's light is from both God the Father, and from the Lamb.

Revelation 21:24-26 KJV

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. 25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

It's not entirely clear what John is trying to tell us in Verse 24. It sounds as though the nations of the world are somehow benefiting from the light of the city, and the kings of the world are submitting themselves to God by bestowing their glory and honor to this city of God.

John goes on to tell us that the gates of the city will never be shut.

Furthermore, there will never be night within or around the city.

Revelation 21:27 KJV

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

In his closing, John reiterates that the Holy Jerusalem is exactly that, holy.

There will be nothing of an unclean or unholy nature ever allowed to enter its gates. Only those who made themselves pure through the blood of the Lamb and had their names written in the Lamb’s Book of Life will be allowed to enter through those gates.

Remember, there will be a cherubim angel stationed at each of the twelve gates. Also keep in mind that this isn’t the baby doll angel most of us imagine. It is more likely a fearsome angel with a flaming sword like the one placed at the entrance to the Garden of Eden.

This is a picture of a Cherubim Angel.

This is the angel that protected the Garden of Eden with a flaming sword when Adam and Eve were cast out.

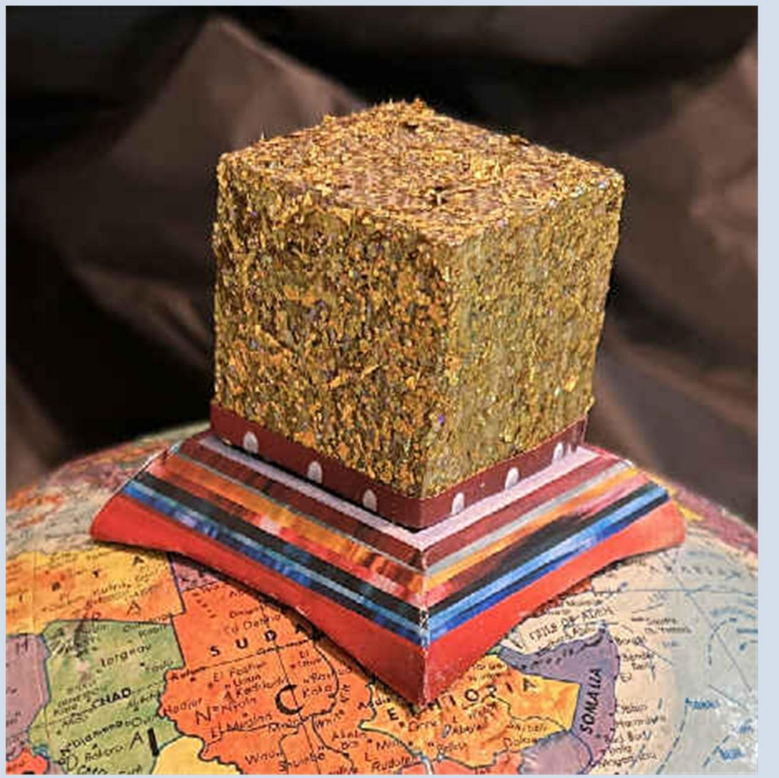
The fierceness of a lion, the sight of an eagle, the strength of an ox and the intellect of a man.

New Jerusalem from Above

The New Jerusalem pictured over the middle east. It fits between the Nile River and the Euphrates River which is the exact area of land that God promised to Abraham in Genesis 15:18.

New Jerusalem without the Foundations

At the center of each wall the gap between the New Jerusalem and the earth is 60 miles and at the corners the gap is 120 miles. The bottom of the New Jerusalem will only touch the earth at the center of the city.



New Jerusalem with the Foundations

The foundations will provide the filler for this gap and will extend out from the perimeter of the city providing a gentle taper from the earth up to the pearl entrance gates of the city.

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Making Revelation Simple

A Commentary On

Revelation Chapter 22

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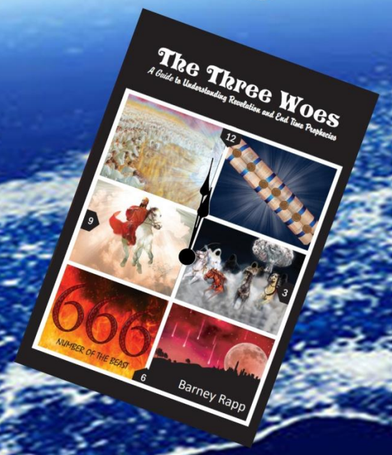

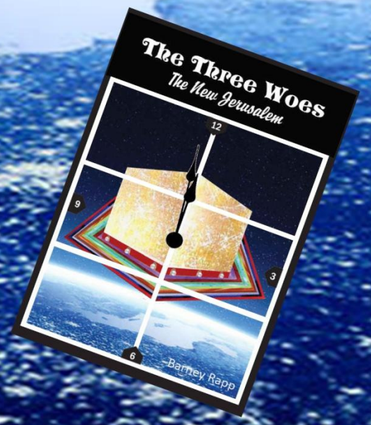

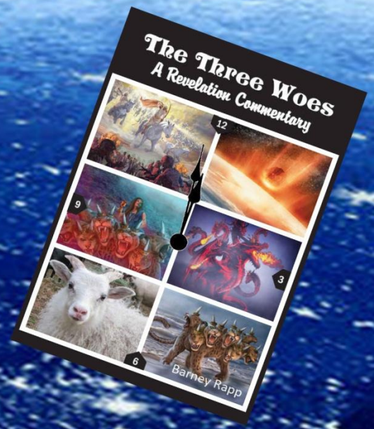

Revelation 22:1-2 KJV

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

As we reach Chapter 22, the vial angel from Revelation 21:9 continues to reveal features of the New Jerusalem to John.

The first thing John sees here is a crystal clear river. This river is different from any we have ever seen.

Its source is not from a spring or from a melting ice cap. This river's source is from the throne of God.

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In Verse 2, John sees a street and uses the phrase “in the midst of the street of it.” The “it” here refers to the city New Jerusalem not to the river.

John goes on to tell us that on both sides of the river is the tree of life.

John doesn’t give us a real clear picture here, but it seems that the tree of life is a massive tree that reaches to both banks of the river.

The largest Banyan tree on earth covers over 4 acres.

As John continues with his account of the tree of life, John informs us that it will bear twelve different fruits, one fruit per month.

The tree’s function is to feed the saints in the New Jerusalem. Since the city is so large, the tree must also be large enough to feed the great multitude of saints who will call the city home.

Revelation 22:3-4 KJV

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

John tells us that the curse which was placed upon the earth when Adam sinned has now been lifted. This implies that the curse was still in place during the Kingdom Age.

Once again the it in the phrase “shall be in it” is referring to the thrones being in the New Jerusalem.

We, His servants, shall serve Him and we shall see His face and His name shall be in our foreheads.

This sounds like a similar sealing that we saw with the 144,000 back in Chapter 7.

Revelation 22:5 KJV

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The New Jerusalem will be eternally lit by the presence of God. There will be no need for the sun or any other source of light and the saints will reign with the Lord God forever.

Revelation 22:6-7 KJV

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. 7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

John quotes the angel who is telling him that these things are true and they will come to pass.

The angel tells John that the God of the prophets sent His angel to show His saints all these things which must shortly come to pass.

The angel then quotes the Lord Jesus who says that He will come quickly and that all who keep the commands of this prophecy will be blessed.

This is a recap of the promise from Revelation 1:3.

Revelation 22:8-9 KJV

And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. 9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

John begins to close this book by confirming that all he has written in this book are things he has actually seen and heard. John's humble attitude at this point is to bow down and worship the one who is doing the revealing, but the angel quickly reproves John. John must be in total awe.

This is the second time he has bowed to worship. He did so back at Revelation 19:10 and was cautioned not to do it. Not that it is wrong to worship, but worship must be directed to the one deserving, to God and to no other. That is exactly what the angel directs John to do here. To worship God!

Revelation 22:10-11 KJV

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

In Verse 10, the angel instructs John not to seal up this prophecy.

John's Book of Revelation is very likely the book that Daniel was commanded to seal up back in Daniel Chapter 12.

God told Daniel not to reveal this Revelation until the time of the end.

The angel is now making it clear to John that the time is now at hand for this book to be revealed.

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In Verse 11 we are presented with pairs of opposites, but what is the verse telling us?

Does it mean that time is so short that there is no need to minster to anyone?

Or perhaps it means that we have now reached a point in time where everyone's future destiny has already been determined and there is no opportunity for change?

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Throughout the entire Bible God is seen calling man to repentance so time is not the issue here. This verse reminds me of Hebrews 9:27.

… it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: Hebrews 9:27 KJV

As long as an individual still draws breath, there is still opportunity to repent and to follow God. Moreover, God seems to be warning us that whatever state we are in spiritually once we draw that last breath is the state we will be in eternally. If we have committed ourselves to following God and keeping His commandments, then we will forever enjoy the blessings of the righteous. On the other hand, if we chose to ignore the sacrifice of Christ and die without Christ's blood giving us remission for our sins, then we will forever reap the torment of eternal death in the lake of fire with the devil and his angels.

Revelation 22:12-13 KJV

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Note that the messenger in Verse 12 has changed from the angel to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Just as John presented his closing statement, we now see Jesus presenting His closing statement. Jesus tells us once again that He is coming quickly and that His reward will be with Him.

This seems to be a further confirmation of the interpretation of Verse 11. According to how a man lives, meaning his spiritual condition at the time of his death, that will determine how he will spend all eternity. Verse 13 confirms to us who is now speaking. Jesus identifies Himself by signing this revelation with three divine titles that are frequently used to signify both His deity and His eternity.

Revelation 22:14-15 KJV

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

As we continue with Verse 14, one might think that the angel is again speaking, but that is not the case. The messenger is still the Lord Jesus who is pronouncing a blessing on those who keep God's commandments.

Jesus is promising them the right to partake of the tree of life. Jesus is promising them free access to the New Jerusalem.

Jesus closes with Verse 15 where He describes those who will be denied access to the city.

Revelation 22:16 KJV

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

In case there was any question as to who is speaking, Jesus states His name here in Verse 16. Jesus also confirms that the angel who has been speaking to John was sent by Him and that this message is to be proclaimed in the churches.

Jesus continues by providing two more titles that state who He is.

By declaring He is David's (root) Lord, He shows He is eternally God.

By saying He is David's offspring, He tells us He has the right to reign forever.

The title *bright and morning star* signifies the brightness of Christ's eternal glory.

Revelation 22:17 KJV

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

In Verse 12 Jesus announced that He comes quickly, and here in Verse 17, we see both the Holy Spirit and the bride of Christ saying “Come.”

Additionally, all who thirst for salvation and eternal life with righteousness are invited to come. They are also invited to partake of the water of life freely.

In church we tend to hear a lot about the tree of life, but little is said about the water of life. This chapter opened by showing us the water and river of life and now we see the chapter closing with the water of life.

Revelation 22:18-19 KJV

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Keep in mind that Jesus is still the one speaking. We see Him here giving an ominous warning to all who hear the words of this prophecy.

If any man adds to the words of this prophecy, or if any man subtracts from the words of this prophecy, God promises to remove his name from the book of life and his right to the holy city.

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As we read this warning, we should be asking if the warning is speaking only of the Book of Revelation or does it also apply to the other books of the Bible?

As we study the scriptures can we find other similar admonitions?

The answer is yes. One is located at Deuteronomy 4:2. While the command in Deuteronomy doesn't come with the pronouncement of a harsh judgment like what is found in this book, it certainly seems to expand Revelation's warning to include all sixty six books of the Bible.

Deuteronomy 4:2 KJV

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

As you read this warning, you might be wondering why anyone calling themselves a Christian would intentionally add to or subtract from the Word as God has given it.

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Yet, many fine Christians are unaware of how some Bible versions are subtly altering the original Word as given by God.

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Some of these alterations are easy to discern, but others are more difficult to spot.

The more obvious examples generally consist of man simply paraphrasing what God has said.

Some of these paraphrases might be accurate and good, but in other instances the new rendering may skew the real meaning of what God is saying.

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Some translations or versions with changes are harder to recognize.

Sometimes these versions are missing a single verse here and there, and on other occasions many verses are either removed or placed in a footnote.

If they are removed, they are going against God's command to not add or subtract. If the version is moving a verse or a segment of a chapter to a footnote, then the version seems to be implying that God's Word is not accurate. Such an act can cause individuals to question God and their own faith.

You can’t blindly trust a publisher to always do what is in your best interest.

For example, Zondervan began as a Christian publisher in 1931.

Zondervan is now owned by Harper Collins publishing.

Harper Collins publishes The Satanic Bible and The Joy of Gay Sex.

The following Web site compares six early Bible translations. You might want to compare verses in your translation to these versions.

http://www.GenevaBible.org/files/Geneva_Bible/6_Version_Comparison.pdf

- John Wycliffe Bible of 1382
- John Purvey Bible of 1395
- William Tyndale Bibles of 1526 and 1534
- Geneva Bible of 1599
- King James Bible of 1611-1881

Remember we said DECEPTION was turned loose upon the world in the mid 1800's.

The King James Bible (KJV): 783,137 words.
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The Three Woes: A Revelation Commentary 60,113 words
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Missing Verses from some Bible versions

(1) Matthew 17:21
(2) Matthew 18:11
(3) Matthew 23:14
(4) Mark 7:16
(5) Mark 9:44
(6) Mark 9:46
(7) Mark 11:26
(8) Mark 15:28
(9) Mark 16:9-20
(10) Luke 17:36
(11) John 5:4
(12) Acts 8:37
(13) 1 John 5:7

I am not focused on trying to diminish any particular version, but I would encourage you to do your own investigation on Google.

Mark 16:9-20 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. 10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. 11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. 12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. 13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. 14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 .They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. KJV

What frequently seems to be in question here is God's Deity.

It has been relegated to a footnote.

How many read the footnotes?

If Christ didn't rise from the dead,
then he is just another man
and our hope for eternal life is void.

The Alexandrian manuscripts Sinaticus and Vaticanus versus the Masoretic Hebrew text was used and The New Testament was translated using the Textus Receptus

Here is a good study site for comparing Alexandrian VS. Antioch versions.

http://textus-receptus.com/
wiki/List_of_Omitted_Bible_Verses

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Matthew 18:11	O	O	F	O	O	O	F
Matthew 21:44	F			O	F	F	
Matthew 23:14	O	O	F	O	O	O	
Mark 7:16	O	O	F	O	O	O	O
Mark 9:44	O	O	F	O	O	O	O
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Luke 24:12		F		O	F		
Luke 24:40		O		O	F		
John 5:4	O	O	F	O	O	O	F
John 7:53-8:11	F	F		O	F	F	F
Acts 8:37	O	O	F	O	O	O	F
Acts 15:34	O	O	F	O	O	O	O
Acts 24:7		O	O		O	O	O
Acts 28:29	O	O	F	O	O	O	O
Romans 16:24	O	O	F	O	O	O	

Revelation 22:20-21 KJV

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

We have reached the last two verses of Revelation and it appears that the speaker has changed.

Christ is no longer speaking. Now John is telling us that this Book of Revelation is the testimony of Jesus Christ.

John gives us a last reminder that Jesus will come quickly, then John himself expresses his own desire for Jesus to come quickly.

Finally, John now closes this revelation of Jesus Christ with a blessing of grace to us all.

Thank you so much for attending this Bible Study on the Book of Revelation.

I sincerely hope you enjoyed it and that you will share it with your friends.

Maranatha!

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Where we are Prophetically?

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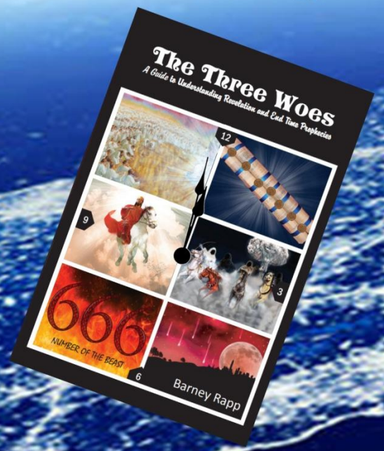
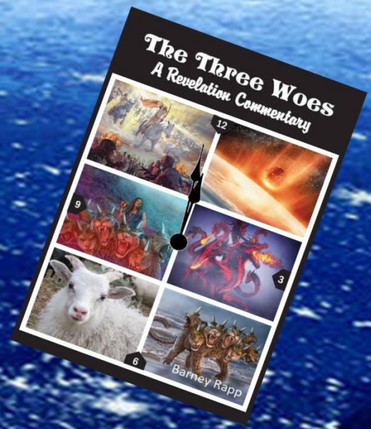
Making Revelation Simple

Intercessory Prayer

Our World is Changing and Revelation is our Road Map to What Comes Next!





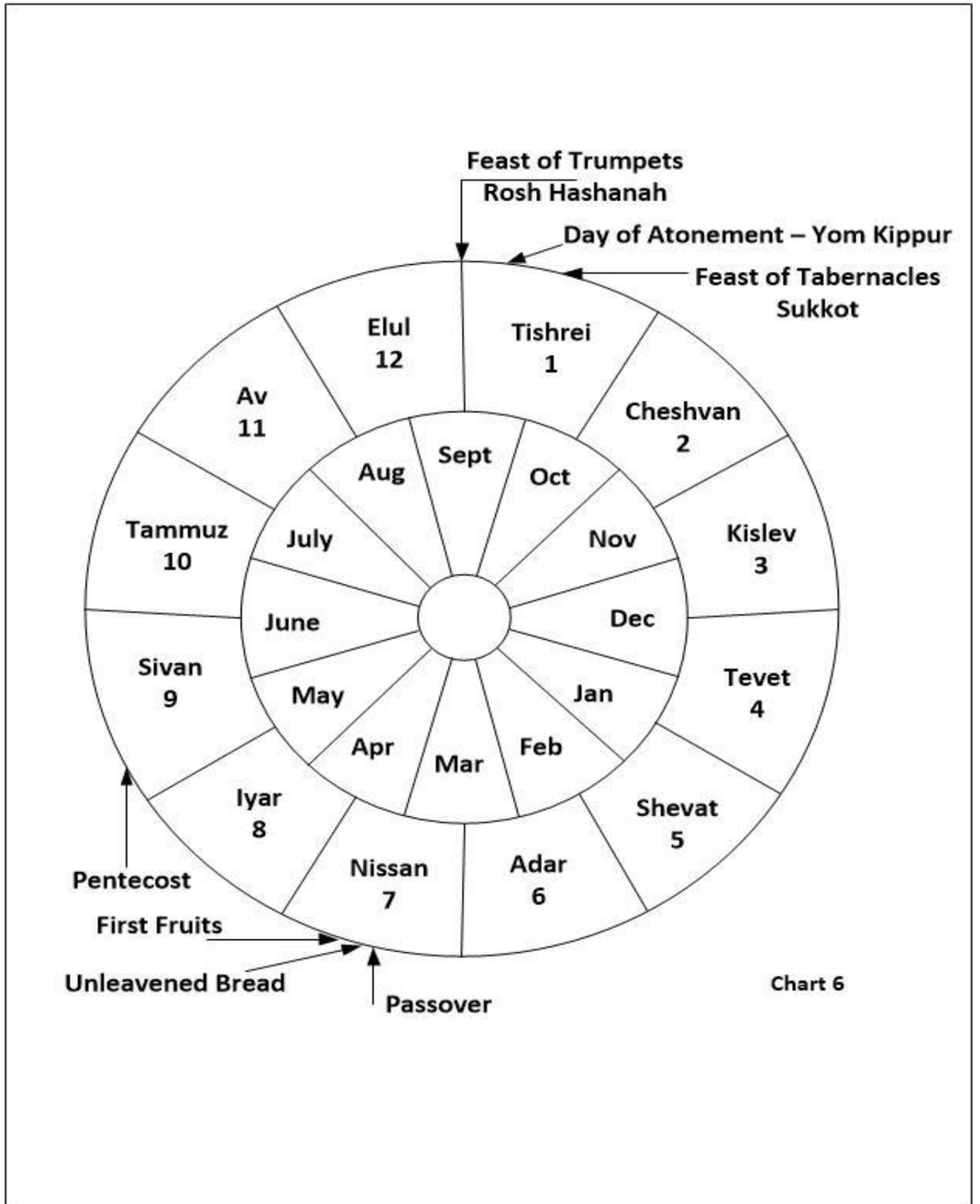
The Feast Days Of The Lord
God's Appointed Times

Lev 23:1-2 KJV

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

The Jewish Feast Days Ordained by God in Leviticus



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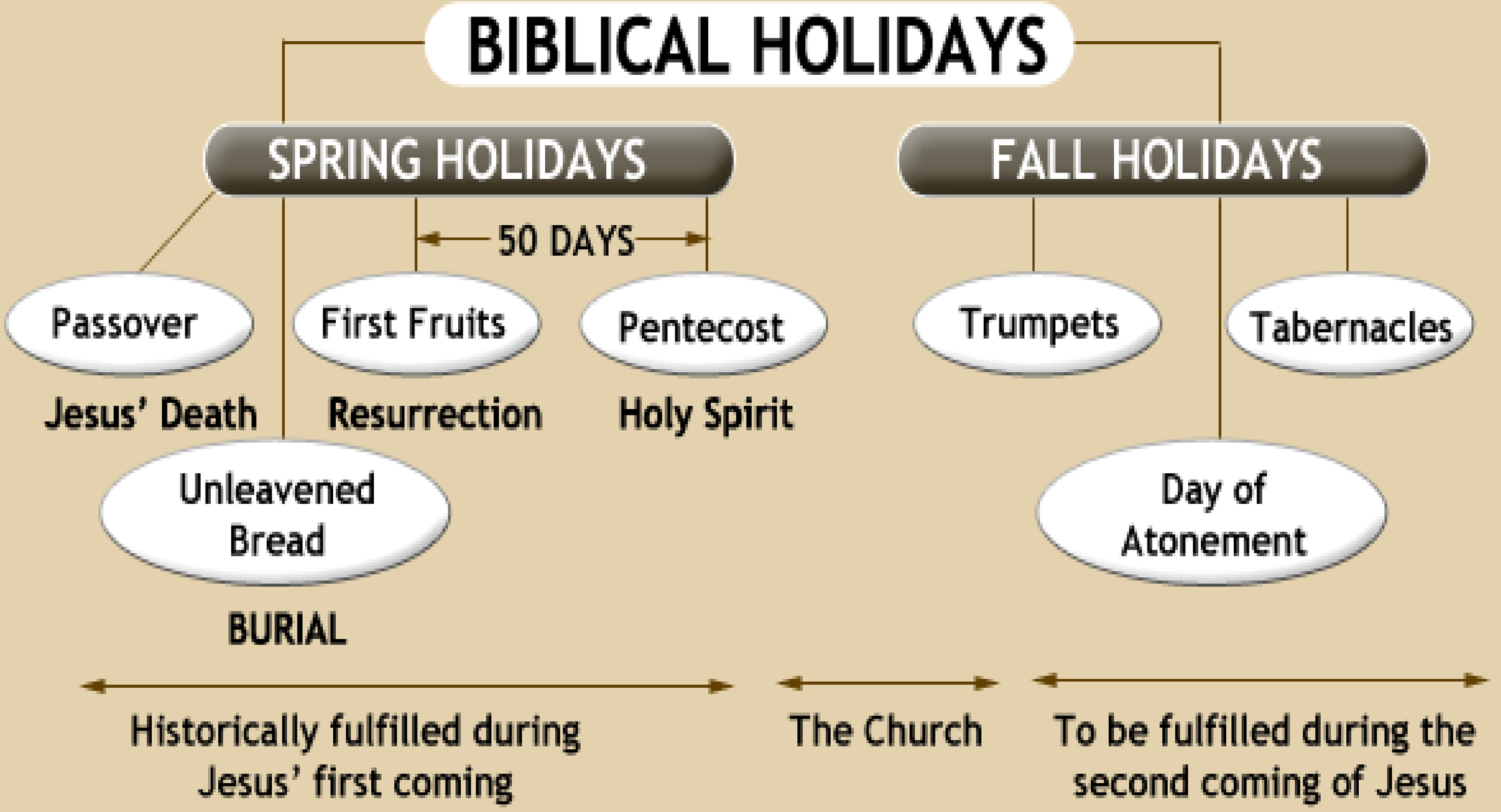
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50 DAYS
Passover
First Fruits
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Jesus' Death
Resurrection
Holy Spirit
Unleavened Bread
Day of Atonement
BURIAL
Historically fulfilled during Jesus' first coming
The Church
To be fulfilled during the second coming of Jesus

God's Ordained Feast Days

The Jewish Feast Days Ordained by God in Leviticus

Jewish Feast Day	Ordained by God in Leviticus
Passover	*In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover.* **Leviticus 23:5 KJV**
Seder	*And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.* **Leviticus 23:6 KJV**
Yom HaBikkurim	*Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the Lord.* **Leviticus 23:17 KJV**
Shavuot	*Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the Lord.* **Leviticus 23:16 KJV**
Rosh Hashanah	*Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.* **Leviticus 23:24 KJV**
Yom Kippur	*Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.* **Leviticus 23:27 KJV**
Sukkot	*Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord.* **Leviticus 23:34 KJV**

Jewish Feast Day	Leviticus Equivalent	Christian New Testament Equivalent	Status
Passover	Feast of Passover	Christ's Death	Fulfilled
Seder	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Christ's Burial	Fulfilled
Yom HaBikkurim	Feast of First Fruits	Christ's Resurrection	Fulfilled
Shavuot	Festival of Weeks	Pentecost, Giving of the Holy Spirit	Fulfilled
Rosh Hashanah	Feast of Trumpets	Christ's Return to Rapture His Church	unfulfilled
Yom Kippur	Feast of Atonement	Christ's Return to Earth	unfulfilled
Sukkot	Feast of Tabernacles	Christ's 1,000 Year Millennial Reign	unfulfilled

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Mark 14:1 After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death. KJV

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: KJV

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. KJV

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. KJV

Jesus: The Passover Lamb

And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priest answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16 **Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.**

John 19:14-16 KJV

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*therefore, for **ye know neither the day nor the hour** wherein the Son of man cometh.*

Matthew 25:13 KJV

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therefore, for ***ye know neither the day nor the hour*** *wherein the Son of man cometh.*
Matthew 25:13 KJV

Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?
Luke 12:56 KJV

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When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, ***Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*** *And he said unto them* ***It is not for you to know the times or the seasons****, which the Father hath put in his own power.*

Acts 1:6-7 KJV

But of the times and the seasons *brethren,* ***ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night****. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 KJV

Think about the world, when Christ returns to rapture His church, He will circumvent the earth in the twinkling of an eye collecting His saints. A twinkle is less time than it takes to blink your eye. For some His return will be today but for others it will be yesterday or tomorrow depending on which side of the International Date Line you are living on. For some He will come at midnight but for others He will come at noon day. Think about the New Year celebration in the western hemisphere, it can be early afternoon on New Year's eve and people in America are watching Sidney, Australia ring in the New Year. Our earth is divided into twenty four time zones, and for each one the rapture will occur at a different hour. As the Word tells us, we will not know the day nor the hour, but we can know the time and the season.

So, What Do We Know About When This Might Occur?

Matthew 24:31 KJV
And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:34 KJV
Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Matthew 24:36 KJV
But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

What Generation is Jesus speaking of?

Matthew 24:32 KJV
Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

The fig tree is often used as a symbol of Israel, the nation or the people.

What is a Generation or the length of a Generation?

For many years we heard 30 years or 33 years used as a generation, and then as time passed we began to hear 40 years.

But what really is the length of a Generation?

The time between generations is 20 to 40 years but a Generation is usually about 70 years.

Psalm 90:10 KJV

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and **if by reason of strength they be** **fourscore years**, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, **and we fly away.**

Matthew 24:34 KJV

Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass,** till all these things be fulfilled.

Modern Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948

May	1948	Birth of Israel
	+ 70	A standard generation

May	2018	The passing of a standard generation

May	1948	Birth of Israel
	+ 80	A strengthened generation

May	2028	The passing of a strengthened generation

If the rapture occurs on Rosh Hashanah then potential dates for the rapture of the Church would be:

September 6, 2021 thru September 8, 2021	History
September 25, 2022 thru September 27, 2022	History
September 15, 2023 thru September 17, 2023	History
October 2, 2024 thru October 4, 2024	History
September 22, 2025 thru September 24, 2025	History
September 11, 2026 thru September 13, 2026	8 Months Away
October 1, 2027 thru October 3, 2027	20 Months Away

If our interpretation of Psalm 90:10 and Matthew 24:34 is correct, then
The Rapture must occur before May of 2028.

Matthew 24:36 KJV
But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

October 1, 2027 thru October 3, 2027 **20 Months Away**

Even if Jesus told us He was returning in 2027, we still wouldn't know the day nor the hour.

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Rosh Hashanah **October 1, 2027 thru October 3, 2027** **20 Months Away**

It is very likely that we have 21 months or less to inter into Intercessory Prayer for our loved ones.

The world seems to **believe** that **Christ will never return**. And, **sadly** that attitude seems to have crept into **the church**, **maybe not the belief but the attitude**. How many of us have **loved ones** that are **unsaved**? And what are we doing about it? The only thing that is going to change the hearts of our loved ones is prayer. **Intercessory Prayer!**

The Crucial Power
of Intercessory
Prayer

Gen 27:30-33 KJV

And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn Esau. 33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, and he shall be blessed.

I marvel at Isaac's faith yet he didn't live to really see his prayer of blessing fulfilled. On the other hand, we have seen his prayer fulfilled for the past 4,000 years and I feel like a spiritual cripple compared to Isaac.

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Time is short, and many are unprepared.