



An Outline of the Book of Revelation

Preface

This outline is the result of Bible studies in the book of Revelation. It will be necessary to look up the Scriptures shown in the outline to get a more complete picture of the subjects addressed. These studies will benefit the reader in his prophetic understanding and show him what the news has reported, is reporting and will be reporting in the time to come. The prophetic teaching in these studies is to be subject to the prophets (I Corinthians 14:29, 32). The meaning of this is that every believer is to look to the Lord Jesus, through the Spirit to show him the truths in this study. For the Spirit has come; His coming is to reveal all truth to the one indwelt of the Spirit (John 16:13). The Spirit of God has not given His Church this prophetic book, except that He gives discernment to the Christian who looks to Him. Teaching of Scripture is God's method of imparting truth. Looking to God in faith, in diligent study will bring forth that which the Spirit revealed to the Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos. It is the intention of God that His people not be ignorant of that which He has revealed to His Church.

An Outline of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

Prelude

The book of Revelation begins with a blessing on those who read it. (Revelation 1:3). It also ends with a blessing in Revelation 22:7 on those who read and keep the saying of this book. Revelation is recorded so that all believers can understand, what was given to those who live in the Church Age. Not as a dead book of past days, but as a living document of future events given by Jesus Christ to His Church. In Amos 3:7 we are instructed in this truth “Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveal His secret to His servants the prophets.”

This outline is not a complete study of Revelation. The reader should complete this outline by digging out the gems in the Scripture for himself. One must depend on the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures for understanding. It should be noted that the symbols in this book are found in most cases in other books in the Scripture. To understand this outline one must read the Scripture verse by verse.

Chapter 1

Verse 1

We read in this opening verse that what we are about to learn is what Jesus is showing His servants, that which is yet future. At the time of John’s writing all was yet future. The Apostle John, the chosen recipient of this revelation of God.

2.

John tells us that what he saw was from God. Also that it bears record to the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3.

The blessing in reading this book and keeping the sayings of this book is for every believer.

4.

Verses 4-8 bring a salutation to the seven churches. These churches were in Asia Minor when John received this revelation. The divine person is revealed, as Him: “which is, which was, and which is to come.” The seven Spirits are found in Isaiah 11:2. These seven Spirits are manifestations of His person. The

number seven is the number of 'The Divine' for perfection in connection with man on the earth.

5.

Jesus Christ is here spoken to as a faithful witness, this being even unto death. Also He is the firstborn from the dead. Jesus Christ is the only one continuing to live after being raised from the dead, the only true Prince of the earth. "To Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." This speaks to the love of God for the believer, who bought the believer, and at what price.

6.

The truth of this verse is that every Christian is made a priest of God. The believer has direct access to God through his High Priest in heaven. The believer will also reign with Christ in His kingdom.

7.

Zechariah 12:10-14 instructs us as to this verse. "And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn." This speaks of Jesus coming to Israel again at this time, to rule and reign in His earthly millennial kingdom.

8.

The Lord Jesus speaks clearly of Himself. He is the beginning of all things and the end of everything (John 1:1-3). He is Jehovah, the Almighty (Isaiah 45:12).

9.

John was a faithful witness, who was exiled to the isle of Patmos for his testimony of Jesus Christ. In this place of confinement God used His servant to reveal a vision of the future. This place of quietness may have been necessary to receive this revelation about to be unfolded before him. The devil used the Emperor Domitian to silence John, however, God gave John this message in which all believers have rejoiced in for nineteen hundred years.

10.

The first day of the week has been held as the Lord's Day from the inception of the Church. It is written in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." Also read Acts 20:7. In John's day there was universal understanding as to which day was the Lord's Day. In Colossians 3:1 we are told to set our mind on the

things above. This John was doing as he was in the Spirit. The trumpet here reminds us of the trumpet that will sound before the catching away of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

11.

Jesus in His divinity is in the midst of His assemblies. He has turned His attention to these seven assemblies. For prophetic purposes, He has pointed out these seven assemblies, because they symbolize the history of the Church from its beginning, till He comes for it again. These seven churches represent seven time periods. This does not mean that facets of these messages could not apply to any assembly, anywhere, at anytime, as they did those seven assemblies.

12.

These candlesticks are individual candlesticks not the Jewish Menorah, the seven-branched candle holder found in the temple. The candlestick is the testimony of Jesus in the midst of His assembly. In Matthew 5:14, Jesus tells His own, they are the light of the world. This light is what they hold corporately in the assembly, Christ among them.

13.

This phase Son of Man is found throughout the book of Ezekiel. The clothing appears to be the high priestly garment. The golden girdle appears to be for service.

14.

The description here is the same as found in Daniel 7:9. In this chapter we learn He is the Jehovah of Israel. When we search this subject out it becomes clear that Jehovah in the Old Testament is Jesus in the New Testament. His eyes are the eyes of penetration.

15.

The brass in the Old Testament is for judgment. (Exodus 39:39). Evil has penetrated His assemblies. He walks among His assemblies in judgment. His voice has all power. His voice calmed the raging storm, He spoke and Lazarus came forth from the dead, He caused the blind to see. The same voice bids us to follow Him.

16.

These seven stars speak of the light shining from His assemblies. They are stars shining in a dark place. They are in His hand. The two edged sword is the Word of God. (Hebrews 4:12). This light shined on Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:3).

17. - 18.

A divine encounter brings us to realize our place very quickly.

19.

The division of the book of Revelation is seen in this verse.

1. The things that thou hast seen: John's present experience.
2. The things that are: These things are the present dispensation. The seven churches in chapters two and three give us the time that we are now in, this being the Church Age. Each of the seven churches represents a period of time in church history.
3. The things that will be after those things: Starting with chapter four we are informed of the future after the Church Age, when the bride is caught up to be with her husband in heaven.

20.

The angels are the seven stars; they are representative of the seven assemblies. They are mystical in the sense that they are spoken to as the spiritual representatives of the seven churches.

Chapter 2

Prophetic Time period: At the date of John's writing it is approximately 96 A. D.

Ephesus: Desirable

1.

Christ is addressing the angels for the purpose of commending, or to bring repentance to the assemblies.

2.

Christ commends Ephesus for dealing with those professors that are false. Is it not just as necessary for the Christian to under take the same task in our day?

3.

As the early believers met unto the name of Jesus and Him alone, their suffering was not for the sake of denominations, sects, religious theories, or to follow men good or bad.

4.

For this assembly, to leave their first love (Christ) is a most serious charge. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness (Romans 10:10). Religious

flesh within man is quick to take up works over faith. The decline of the Church was in process (Acts 20:29-30; 2 Timothy 1:15).

5.

The warning here is to come back to the place of faith, where in the love of Christ abounds. In this place no assembly will fail. Other wise the lamp stand (testimony) will be taken away.

6.

The clerical system had been taking root in the early Church. Ephesus detested this system. The name Nicolaitans is a conjoining of two Greek words. Nikao: meaning, to rule over. Laos: meaning, the people, or laity. Some have attempted to teach that the Nicolaitans were a sect; however there is no ancient authority for a sect of the Nicolaitans. From the beginning of the Church, men have attempted to Judaize the Church into a clerical system. The Scriptures teach that all Christians have been made priests in an equal brotherhood. The premise of a clergy and laity finds its foundation in the Law of Moses. Ephesus was still in a spiritual state to be able to recognize the evil involved in this system (Matthew 18:1-11; 20:25-28; 23:8-12; Luke 22:25-27; 2 Corinthians 11:13; 3 John 9-10).

7.

The message is to the assembly: however, if it will not hear the appeal, the message is then to the individual within the assembly (2 Timothy 2:9-21). He that is of God hears God's words (John 8:47). The believer is enjoined to respond to the Spirits appeal.

8.

Prophetic Time period: Up to 316 A.D.

Smyrna: Myrrh

Myrrh has been used for embalming the dead, but it first must be crushed. Smyrna was under the iron that breaks all things, spoken to in Daniel 2:40. Smyrna is reminded of Him who is the First and the Last; He who was once dead is now alive. Their hope is found in this 'One' divine person alone. Smyrna is about to suffer much.

9.

They were poor in the eyes of the world, but rich in the heart of God. They were treated as criminals and worse by the Roman Empire. Those who say they are Jews are attempting to Judaize the church.

10.

“Foxes book of Martyrs” has recorded ten separate persecutions that were carried out by decree of the rulers of the Roman Empire. Starting with Nero in the year 64 A.D. These persecutions went on until 312 A.D. The crown of life is given to all who overcome.

11.

The Christian has overcome in Christ (1 John 5:4-5). The admonition is this; do not fear what man may do to the body. There were untold numbers of Christian martyrs during this period.

12-13

Time period prophetic: 316 A.D. to the end of the Church Age.

Pergamos: Marriage and Elevation

Constantine became Emperor of Rome and stopped all persecution of Christians. He is said to have become a Christian. He raised bishops up and made religious dignitaries out of them, and they became a part of his empire. Thus the world that crucified the Lord of glory, and the Church became one. Placing the Church under the sphere where Satan is the prince and power of the air, and the prince of the world (John 14:30; Ephesians 2:2). The Church found its dwelling place where Satan’s seat (power) is. The Church hung on to the truth of Christ, even though now dwelling where Satan’s seat is. There is no record as to who Antipas was.

14.

The people of God are blessed of God and cannot be cursed. Balaam helped King Balak to corrupt Israel with Midianitish women, so that the anger of God would turn against them. This is the doctrine of Balaam.

In this time period of the Church; it has moved from its pilgrim character to a marriage of immorality with the world. In James 4:4 we learn that who ever will be a friend of the world will be an enemy of God.

15.

As one thing leads to another, so is the progression of clericalism. What became the deeds of the Nicolaitans in Ephesus has now become an acceptable Church doctrine. Clericalism became the standard of Christianity. The Christ who came among us, and became our servant and sacrificed Himself unto death, speaks to this lofty Church position. “The doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.” As we can see to this day, the false doctrine of Nicolaitanism has infected the Church.

16.

Repentance is called for, or there will be the Word of God opposing, and fighting against the church at Pergamos.

17.

Again only those who have an ear to hear are appealed to. Christ is that hidden Manna (John 6:33). The promise of intimacy with Christ is the reward of over coming by faith. It is said that a white stone was given to the acquitted in legal cases of that day, so it is for those in Christ.

18.

Prophetic Time Period: 500 to 1500 A. D. to the end of the Church Age.
Thyatira: Scholars suggest it means “continual sacrifice.”

The Mass practiced by the Roman Catholic priests state that they offer a continual sacrifice for the living and the dead.

This part suggests judgment by the Son of God. Both the flame of fire and the brass are instruments of divine judgment (Deuteronomy 28:23; Matthew 3:10-11).

19.

There are six actions the Lord commends in this verse. Number six is man’s number. God’s number in relationship to this world is seven, which is perfection (Genesis 2:2; Isaiah 11:2).

20.

In Israel’s history Ahab was the King, and his wife was Jezebel. She mixed paganism with what God had laid down for Israel. This is what Romanism has done, to mix Judaism, Paganism, and Christianity together. Spiritual fornication is taking the allegiance that belongs to God alone, and mixing it in with these other allegiances. The God of the Scriptures forbade idol worship (Exodus 20:4). Yet, this practice goes on in Rome’s churches throughout the world. Lighting candles and praying to these idols is common practice. Praying to Mary, and the saints is to pray to created beings. When Eve looked to Satan (a created being) for her spiritual help, her deception was complete.

21.

The Reformation was God’s mercy on Rome, to give her space to repent. However, Rome did not repent. Since the sixteenth century, she has added to her blasphemies and erroneous teachings, declaring that Mary was sinless, raising her up to the place of a female God. Rome teaches that she was caught up to heaven and crowned Queen of heaven, also teaching the dogma of the infallibility of her popes.

22.

Rome will go through the tribulation as this verse teaches us, also in chapters 18, and 19.

23.

God Himself will bring judgment upon Rome, and all who give their allegiance to her, rather than to the Son of God.

24.

No doubt there are those in the Roman Church who have not put their hope in her teaching, but have put their trust in Christ alone.

25.

These are exhorted to hold onto the person of Christ.

26.

This verse is a promise to those caught up in this system to continue to follow only the truth in Christ.

27.

This one will rule with Christ and rule over the nations.

28.

Christ is the Morning Star, or Daystar as is spoken in 2 Peter 2:19. The Lord Jesus Christ is the reward of every believer.

29.

The exhortation finishes with a word to anyone with a hearing ear.

Chapter 3

Prophetic time period: 1500's, Reformation Period to the end of the Church Age.

Sardis: Remnant or those who have escaped.

1.

The Sardis Church takes us into Protestantism, that which recovered the foundational truth of justification by faith alone. The truth of justification by faith brought life to those who received it. However, many of the practices of Rome were still embraced in Protestant churches. The result was state churches that turned lifeless. Formalism was the finished end. Deliverance from clericalism was not to be at this time.

2.

The Sardis Church taught baptismal regeneration, and many taught the presence of Christ in the communion. When men are taught that they get spiritual life through their physical actions, spiritual deadness will be the end result. Spiritual life only comes from the Tree of Life (Christ) not what men do religiously. Their works are not perfect, because they did not continue in the truth of justification by faith alone, and spiritual life through Christ alone.

3.

In the beginning of the reformation, the Sardis Church held to Christ alone or “Sola Scriptura” as a rallying point. The result was that men were set free from Rome and the blasphemies found there in. Christ’s warning to Sardis is to come back to that truth. The promise and hope to believers is found in I Thessalonians chapter four, that hope is without judgment. To unregenerate churchmen in Sardis the warning is: I will come upon you if you do not repent. First Thessalonians 5:2-5 teaches the difference between these two positions.

4.

These few names spoken to in Sardis are those born of the Spirit of Christ. Their garments cannot be defiled, because they are the righteousness of Christ (Matthew 22:11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 19:8). All believers are worthy, the blood of Christ has made them worthy.

5.

In I John 4:4-6 we learn who it is that overcomes. They are those who have the Spirit of Christ in them (Romans 8:9). There are many on the church rolls whose names will be blotted out on that day. However, the one born of God (John 1:12-13), will never have his name blotted out of the Lambs Book of Life. Second Timothy 2:13 speaks to us of the faithfulness of God to His own. Second Timothy 2:19 shows us that the Lord knows His own (Luke 12:8). All that are in the Sardis Church system have a name to live; few however may have eternal life.

6.

Again the admonishment is to him that hath an ear to hear. Believers are directed to believe what the Spirit reveals. The Spirit speaks to Christ’s faithfulness and testimony. Religionists cannot hear, but are responsible to believe God, nonetheless.

7.

Prophetic Time Period: Late 1700's and 1800's.

Philadelphia: Brotherly Love

The work of the Spirit of God, and the clock that God has set for church history, is seen in the Philadelphian period through the opening up of recovered Scriptural truth, and life through the Spirit. This is in contrast to clerical and formal church systems.

Isaiah 22:22 tells us that the key of David was the treasury to David's house. The Lord Jesus is the true David. The key is Jesus Himself, who will open the treasures of Himself, to any who will follow His voice alone. No man can open or close this kingdom. Unbelief will keep the door shut and no man can open it.

8.

I know thy works; they are of the Spirit of God. So Christ can set an open door before this assembly. This happened in the 1800's as the Spirit of God opened the door of simplicity in Christ. This simplicity was not received by the church system. The numbers were small, however the door all over the world was opened. The truth of Christ alone, among His people is magnified in hearts of faith. The strength was not of man's religion, but of the Spirit of Christ. God had sent a spark of life among His people. Life came into this assembly through confessing His name without denominationalism, clericalism, doctrines of law, all of which deny His name and character. Simplicity of Christ was found in an equal brotherhood of priests, as they gathered unto the Lord Jesus in there midst, with the Holy Spirit giving unction and bringing forth quiet power.

9.

The Judaizing system opposes the grace of God and is opposed by God. Some Gentiles even claimed to be spiritual Israel. This system applies earthly Jewish hopes to the heavenly bride, the Church, while attempting to put Christians under a Judaized form of Christianity. Satan's work is just such a work.

10.

Here the Lord speaks with a promise. The promise that the 'hour of temptation' or tribulation that will come upon the world, however it will not come upon those that have set their hearts on the Christ above (Colossians 3:1-2). When the tribulation takes place, the catching away of the saints will have already happened (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). The application is to every Christian born from above, of the Spirit of God. Earth dwellers are those not born the second time.

11.

Philadelphia's spiritual eyes had been opened; they were to embrace the work of the Spirit of God. They are encouraged to hold on to this place of grace and truth. The Holy Spirit's leading, followed in faith, will bring the crown.

12.

The promise to the believer is that his position is eternally secure. The Christian will have part in all heavenly places with the Lord of glory. He will be named and known of God (Galatians 4.9).

13.

These things promised to the assembly are almost too wonderful for the Christian to contemplate. However, the Lord Himself has promised this to the one who will hear 'Him.'

14.

Prophetic Time Period: Now to the end of the Church Age.

Laodicea: The people's rights or the people rule.

This age of Laodicea is an age of democracy in the world and in the church. The word of God and the Holy Spirit are not primary for the church. The people's rights are primary; the word of Christ is secondary. Many truths taught in the Scripture are thought to be out of date in this church. The word amen here means, Jesus is unchangeable as the faithful and true witness. He is the beginning and the end of all things (Colossians 1:15; Revelation 1:8).

15.

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot" is the outward expression of an undecided heart. It is an observing heart, rather than a holder and expresser of the love and grace of God. With Laodicea, it is more a question of how the people feel, rather than living by every word that comes out of the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4).

16.

This condition exists because there is no receiving of the life of Jesus (the Living Water) through the renewing of the Holy Spirit. This church is in the place of judgment. The intellectual ascension to truth is not life through the Holy Spirit. The Word of Christ is made subject to the people's vote or rule. This church is rejected of Christ.

17.

Making great spiritual claims for itself and filled with man's ways, this church is largely unaware of the meaning of being born of the Spirit of God. The rules of men in things that belong to God have brought this church to a state of wretchedness, miserable-ness, being poor in the things of God. Laodicea is blind to the truth and without the covering of God. The rights of Christ over His people are not given a primary place.

18.

The counsel of Jesus to this church is this; buy that which has real value, which is the wealth of the kingdom of God. Buy the gold that has no dross, the Lord Jesus. The riches of His kingdom are inexhaustible. Only through this covering is there eternally raiment, and the nakedness of man's unbelief and sin is not seen. The eye salve is the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit to give eyesight to see those things that are unknown to the religious natural man.

19.

To those that are His, they are to listen to the Spirit, the word to this church is to repent.

20.

Jesus is outside this church knocking at the door. Since the church is not answering, Jesus appeals to any individual inside the church who will open the door of his heart to the beckoning call of His voice. He promises to come to him. This means Jesus will dine with that person in the things of Himself (John 6:53).

21.

In 1 John 5:4-5 the identity of the overcomer is revealed. The promise is to the person who will give heed to the Spirit in spite of the condition of the church. The promise is to the over comer who will sit on his throne with Christ (Ephesians 2:6).

22.

Again the appeal is to the individual to respond in faith to God's Word.

Chapter 4

“Things that must be hereafter”

The prophetic conditions of the first three churches were fulfilled in the first centuries after Pentecost. The last four church conditions go on until the end of the Church Age. The Lord Jesus coming for His Church will complete the dispensation of the Grace of God. The catching away of the Church is before the beginning of chapter four. We do not read in the Revelation after this chapter of the Church on earth again. The saints spoken to hereafter are Jewish saints. The 70th week of Daniel now proceeds with Israel as the center of prophetic fulfillment.

1.

John now is taken up into a heavenly place to be shown the last of the three time events, “the things here after.” (Revelations 1:19). The voice of the trumpet is that final trump written about in 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.

2.

The throne of God is shown here. Then John is taken into the glory of God.

3.

Jasper here is no doubt the stone of Revelation 21:11. The sardine

stone is blood red, it may be a ruby. These stones appear to be the first and the last stones on the breastplate that the High Priest wore (Exodus 28:17-20). The rainbow is what Ezekiel saw as recorded in Ezekiel 1:28. The rainbow tells us that God will keep His covenant with Israel, even in the judgments that are yet coming upon Israel.

4.

These twenty-four elders are representative of the twelve apostles, and the twelve patriarchal heads of the tribes of Israel. The twenty-four elders are priests and worshippers. The white raiment speaks of the robe of righteousness, which every saint of God has been given in every age. The crown of gold is the prize given to those who have overcome through faith in God (2 Timothy 4:18).

5.

The lightning, thunders, and voices are speaking about the judgments that are about to fall upon the world. The seven lamps are the completeness of the Spirit of God (Revelation 1:4). Christ reveals these seven spirits, fulfilling the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah 11:2.

6.

The brazen laver has glass instead of water. It is permanent holiness, cleaning is no longer necessary. The four beasts are instruments of the throne.

7.

For man these beasts are seen in four aspects: man, cattle, beast of the field and fowl of the air. These four are seen in Ezekiel chapter one, and symbolized in the four gospels. The Lion: the Lion of Judah - Matthew's gospel. The ox: the servant - Mark's gospel. Man: humanity, shown in Luke's gospel. The eagle: divinity, flies in the heavens - John's gospel. These four creatures represent the attributes of God as seen by man.

8.

The six wings give the beasts perfect perfection of motion. The eyes see all things as God sees them. With these attributes the glory of God is spoken to day and night.

9.

This place of worship is without end before the throne of God.

10-11

There can be no question as to who it is that sits on the throne. In John chapter one, Colossians chapter one, and Hebrews chapter one, Christ is declared to be the Creator of all things. Here all heaven worships the One who created all things. The redeemed and all heavenly ones bow before Him.

Chapter 5

1.

He that sat on the throne is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. The book is the title to this world. The seals keep out all except the owner.

2.

This question proclaimed by the angel of who is worthy to open the book, is also the question today of people in the world, who are not saints of God. History is full of self pro-claimers who attempted to take this title of the world to themselves.

3.

The title to this world was originally given to the first Adam. He lost it in the garden. Because of sin, Adam is not able to step forward and take the book and open its seals.

4.

No man or angel has the qualifications to open the book. John sorrows at this announcement.

5.

The Lamb that was once slain, is now revealed as the Lion of Judah, Genesis 49:8-10, and the root of David (Isaiah 11:1). The second Adam Jesus, as king upon His throne has the power and the right to open the seals.

6.

The seven horns speak of the power of God made known in Christ alone. The seven eyes are the Holy Spirit working in seven aspects upon the earth (Isaiah 11:2). Seven is the number of the perfection of God.

7,

The Lamb takes the book of which He alone has the rightful title.

8.

All of those in heaven fall down in obeisance; the harps are there for music for the song that is to come. These vials are filled with the odors or incense of the prayers of the saints.

9.

This heavenly throng sings the new song of redemption; this song will be sung throughout eternity, for saints the song will not get old.

10.

Every saint of God in every age has been made a priest of God. He is the Great King who shall reign (Psalms chapter 24). The saints reign with Him as kings over the earth.

11.

An uncountable number of worshippers will fill heaven forever, as all the heavenly throng worship the Son.

12.

Seven elevations of worship are noted in this verse. This number is the perfect, and the divine number in heaven for worship.

13.

All of heaven will be centered on the Lamb. This adoration of Him will not grow old or lose its luster.

14.

What is emphasized in these last two verses is that worship is the eternal state of the redeemed.

Chapter 6.

1.

Here we look at the beginning of the seven seals that are about to be opened. The first seal is opened, and we hear the thundering noise that is about to break upon the earth.

2.

This one on the white horse has a bow in his hand. The white horse speaks of conquering ruler ship and the bow of warfare. As Christ has been rejected of this world, this is mans attempt to rule without Christ.

3.

John is now invited to see what only a heavenly one can see.

4.

The second seal is opened and a red horse appears. Blood, warfare and violence follows. Order through government keeps peace among men. This horse will bring anarchy. The great sword is used to bring civil disorder and anarchy, it will take away that which brings order and peace.

5-6.

The third seal is opened. What any major war or civil upheaval brings is the lack of available food. The cost of food will be a days labor for a measure of wheat. This is enough for a meal. Oil and wine and food for the wealthy is not taken away.

7.

The fourth seal is opened; John is then to look upon the fourth horse.

8.

The color of the fourth horse is pale. This is not a solid color, but the color of a corpse. The fourth part of the Roman earth or empire is the sphere of this horse and rider. The sword, hunger, death, and the beast of the field, these penalties of judgment are found in Ezekiel 5:17. They are here as in Ezekiel, seen as divine judgments.

9.

These saints who were slain are tribulation Jewish saints, and are those whom God has hidden for the time of testimony and martyrdom. The altar is their place of sacrifice for the Word of God.

10.

The character of the church is not of retribution, but to suffer here with Christ. The Jewish calling is to look for judgment on her enemies (Psalms 101:7-8; Isaiah 61:2).

The Church at this point has already been caught up to be with Christ. Then God is dealing with Israel again, to fulfill what is prophetically spoken of them through the prophets.

11.

The white robe is the righteousness of Christ, acquired by these saints through their faith. This righteousness is the same as that in Revelation chapter 19. Those appointed for the testimony of the Word of God, the Jewish remnant must finish this course, before the iniquity is full and judgment comes upon the world. Identical to this waiting for judgment, is found in Genesis 15:16. The time of “Jacob’s trouble” must be completed (Jeremiah 30:7).

12 – 13

The sixth seal is opened and much upheaval comes about from it. The sun blotted out is God’s authority no longer accepted. The moon’s reflection of God’s authority is torn down, anarchy will reign. The stars are religious leaders who no longer give lip service to God’s authority over man. We read of a similar divine revelation in Genesis 37:9.

14 – 15

The prayers of saints keep order in the world today. These prayers invite the Spirit of God to work in this world. With the Church gone, the prayers of the saints go with it. Every stable institution will be shaken and lose power of stability. The mountains and islands are these institutions. No man great or small will escape these events.

16 – 17

The day of “Jacob’s trouble” is the day of the wrath of God. This time is at the end of the seventh week in the ninth chapter of the book of Daniel. No man can withstand this day, yet we read of no repentance of men.

Chapter 7

1.

The number four is the number for the world that man lives in. It is God's number for this world. The angels hold the power over the earth.

2- 3

The Jewish remnant must be preserved. The storm that is to break upon the earth is to be held back till they are sealed. Their sealing is to protect them from the day of evil. They are to be for the millennium and Christ's reigning.

4 – 8

In these verses we learn who this remnant is, even pin pointing each tribe. The tribe of Dan is left out of these tribes. Joseph is put in Dan's place through Ephraim and Manasseh. Ephraim bears the name of Joseph in verse 8.

9.

The scene in this verse is on the earth. These worshippers are those who have come through the tribulation. The white robes are the righteousness of Christ. These are Gentiles who will have part in the millennium blessing. We learn this in verse fourteen. They are not said to have went to heaven. These are those in Matthew 25, who are appointed to inherit the kingdom.

10.

Their place here is that of millennium worshippers.

11.

This scene is heavenly and repeats what is shown to us in chapters five and six.

12.

The seven amen's: blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might. This number is God's number in perfection. Heavenly hosts worship accordingly. Earth's number in worship is four. In chapter 5:13, the earthly host worship according to earth's number four.

13.

John is asked a question he cannot answer.

14.

These have come to faith in the tribulation, and enter into the Kingdom Age.

15.

These saints serve in the fourth temple to be built according to Ezekiel chapters 40-48. At this time Christ will sit on the throne of David and rule over His people. The earth is in view as there is no day or night in heaven.

16.

In that millennial day all Israel will know God from the least to the greatest (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The creation as God intended for man on the earth will come to Israel in that day, in complete fulfillment of the promises God made to Israel. Israel and those connected closest with the temple will be in the good of what we read in this verse.

17.

Israel's blessings will be full in that day. Their blessing will come directly from the Lamb of God, who sits on His throne in their midst. The lion will lay down with the lamb. Children will play on the den of the serpent, and it will not hurt them. Isaiah chapter 11 gives us the details of this time.

Chapter 8

There are 4 sevens of events in the book of Revelation, seven churches, seven seals, seven vials, and seven trumpets. Chronologically when we get to Chapter 11:18, we have reached chapter 20:11. After chapter 11:18 we look at the same sequence of events in the world from a different view. This view has Israel in the center of prophesy.

1-2.

The seventh seal introduces the seven trumpets. Jericho was in the place of God's judgment and fell at the sound of seven trumpets. (Joshua 6:4-5, 20). Jericho was a type of the present world we live in, as this world will fall at the sound of these seven trumpets.

3.

Angels are created and do not function as priests. This Angel (messenger) is a Priest. Jesus appeared in the Old Testament as an angel many times. To Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, etc. Burning incense on the altar was the function of the high priest only (Exodus 30:7). Christ the High Priest alone functions in heaven in this capacity. Here He is the advocate for the 144,000 Jewish saints on the earth.

4.

The Angel Priest functions in heaven for the Church now. The prayers of the saints reach unto God now, and the Jewish saints during Daniel's 70 th week.

5.

5

The prayers of these saints on the earth cause God to answer. God's answer to His saints on the earth is to bring judgment on the earth. This comes in the form of false voices, (leaders) thundering, (threatening judgment) lighting, (power of destruction) and earthquakes (the world system will be shaken).

6.

These are angels of judgment on the earth. Each in his turn will bring his own power, given of God to bring man to repentance.

7.

These judgments come upon the Roman earth that is the boundaries of the old Roman Empire. The trees may well be man in his pride (Daniel 4:10-23; Luke 3:9). Grass symbolizes man, in his subjection to the violence in nature (Isaiah 40:6; 1 Peter 1:24-25).

8-9

In Jeremiah 5:25-42, Babylon is a mountain that is under the judgment of God. The sea covers her and she is no more. Spiritual Babylon's judgment will be just as complete as shown in this verse. The sea in Scripture is humanity. The ships may be islands of refuge.

10-11.

Stars are religious dignitaries in prophetic Scripture. The religious leader spoken of here may be the Pope, who rules over untold millions of Romanists. The Pope has worshipped with, Muslims, Hindus, Western Indians, and any sort of evil spirit. One day this may bring down even an outward testimony of Christian expression by the pope's spiritual oneness with these demonic forces. The men who have trusted in the Roman system may no longer be able follow this system anymore.

12.

Spiritual darkness is the result of rejecting the light of God. Christ has been rejected in this world. Darkness then is inevitable. However, the Restrainer (The Holy Spirit) keeps the darkness back until He is taken away (2 Thessalonians 2:7, 12). The Holy Spirit taken away with the Church sets the stage for the beginning of sorrows (Matthew 24:8).

13.

The term inhabitants of the earth, is the same as those who dwell upon the earth. We find this term in many Scriptures in Revelation. In Colossians 3:1-2, Christians are told to "seek those things which are above where Christ sits on

the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” Earth dwellers have set their mind on things of the earth.

Chapter 9

1.

The fifth angel sounds and a star falls out of heaven. This star is an apostate leader who is released on the earth. This is spoken to under the third trumpet.

2.

The key implies teaching and knowledge from the pit, “for ye have taken away the key of knowledge” (Luke 11:52). Sun and air become dark, is Satan’s power to deceive.

3.

Scorpion and locusts, conveys the thought that evil teaching will prevail over men hearts and minds to seduce them. Because men did not receive the love of the truth, “God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

4.

It is clear from this verse that the locusts could hurt the grass and trees. Only unbelievers will be hurt, those who do not have the seal of God on their forehead (Ezekiel 9:4-5).

5.

Men are not to be killed at this time only tormented. This phase is to last five months.

6.

Those men seeking death are those who have been deceived by evil doctrines and do not have the hope of life through the truth.

7- 8.

Crowns of gold indicate power of words that men could not resist. Faces of men imply intelligence; these evil teachers make great appeal to men’s intellect or human reasoning. The hair of women speaks of seductiveness (Solomon 7:5). These will have desirable beauty to seduce. The teeth of Lions show us they will tear apart those who trust in them.

9.

Breastplates of iron, these will render them impervious to the truth, so their conscience is never reached. Wings whose sound is as that of chariots rushing to battle speaks of the swiftness that they conquer those who do not receive the truth.

10.

The scorpions have power to hurt men for 5 months; this would indicate that God has limited the time of their power, see verse 5.

11 - 12.

The angel of the bottomless pit is Satan. As this passes, one woe is done.

13.

In response to the prayers of the saints on the earth, may be what brings forth the voice from the Altar.

14.

Geographically to the east of Jerusalem and beyond one must look for the events that the angels will release.

15.

There is an exact time in prophetic history when in the mind of God this is set to take place. The third part men are no doubt those within the boundaries of the old Roman Empire.

16.

The number of this army is 200,000,000 men.

17.

This army coming from the East is where Asian numbers would be able to bring forth this large of an army. The heads of lions speak of kingly power and ferocity. Fire, smoke and brimstone reveal the satanic character.

18.

A third part of the old geographic Roman world will die.

19.

In Isaiah 9:15 we learn that Satan's tactics are the same in all generations. Deception and lies are at the bottom of Satan's power with men.

20.

Judgment rarely produces permanent repentance.

21.

Stony hearts do not repent even by these terrible things. If the love of God is rejected in the Messiah what else is left but judgment (Hebrews 10:26).

Chapter 10

1.

This angel is the same as in chapter 8:5. The Angel Priest (Christ) dealing with Israel His earthly people. As their Messiah they do not know Him. His dealing with them is as in the Old Testament. The cloud leading Israel out of Egypt, The cloud in the tabernacle, the cloud in Solomon's Temple, Jesus left in a cloud, and He will return in a cloud. Saul of Tarsus saw Jesus as the brightness of the Sun. His feet as pillars of fire speak of judgment.

2.

The book in His hand is the title deed to the earth. His feet that are standing on earth and sea are His claim to what belongs to Him.

3.

The Lion of Judah roars with the voice of a conqueror.

4.

Seven thunders are the voices of divine things hidden from man. They are known of God and those to whom He reveals them. John was one such a person.

5.

The Angel is Christ; the right hand lifted up is shown in Daniel 12:7.

6.

The time has come. A more correct reading is "there should be no delay."

7.

The mystery of God is; those things that we do not now understand yet will be opened. The eternal counsels of God concerning man will be seen.

8-9.

John is told to take the book. We read of Ezekiel doing the same in Ezekiel chapter 3. The truth of God and His works are found in the eating of it. The inner man is built up by feeding on it. Dispensational truth is discovered, salvation by grace, etc.

10.

Sweetness of the book is truth received by faith. Bitterness is living in this world and being of another kingdom. Truth changes or hardens, the heart, this is our decision.

11.

John is to prophesy in regard to these nations.

Chapter 11

1.

In Zechariah chapter two a future day is looked to with the measuring of Jerusalem. God measures what belongs to Him. This is the third temple functioning in the time of Daniel's 70th week witnessing and worshipping Jews will be therein.

2.

Gentiles will control until the Lord returns. The Temple Mount is now under Gentile control.

3.

These 1260 days are the first half of the 7-year tribulation period. Only God knows these two witnesses, possibly Enoch and Elijah.

4.

In Zechariah 4:3 the two olive trees are representative of the priesthood and the prophetic. They keep the candlestick shining of God. In this verse it is the same.

5.

The two witnesses are immortal till their work is done. Some have given consideration as to Enoch and Elijah being the two witnesses because neither died, but were taken.

6.

These plagues were also in Egypt. The two witnesses have power over their enemies until their testimony is complete.

7.

We will learn more of this in Chapter 13. The Beast appears to be the Roman Head of State.

8.

The two witnesses will be killed in Jerusalem. They have followed in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus and died where He was crucified.

9-10.

When these two witnesses are killed the people rejoice. A holy day will be set up. Marked by the giving of gifts to one another. The world has its holy days in our day as well; Christmas, Easter, (the killing of the Lord) Ramadan, feast of Purim, etc.

11.

In the final week of the 70 weeks another rapture takes place as the two witnesses receive life from God and are resurrected.

12.

The two witnesses, like their Lord, ascended in a cloud. This happens while their enemies behold this marvelous event.

13.

They gave glory to the God of Heaven, but nowhere is faith or repentance seen to be a part of their actions. Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar gave glory to God, but did not repent unto faith.

14.

The third woe is the seventh trumpet and the last trumpet. This ushers in the world kingdom of God and Christ.

15.

Heaven rejoices as the voices announce the reign of the coming Christ.

16.

The twenty-four heavenly representatives of the earthly saints worship at this prospect.

17.

The three aspects of God revealing Himself to man is seen here in Christ. He is from eternity past Micah 5:2, He who lived among man John 1:14, He who is coming again (Acts 1:11).

18.

This verse covers the entire millennium and takes us onto the judgment of the wicked dead to the end of time. All judgment has been committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. Judgment will begin at the start of the millennium. Also at this time rewards will be given to His servants who honored His Jewish brethren (Matthew 25). Verse 18 carries us as far as chapter 20:11-15. This is chronological.

19.

This verse belongs to the next chapter. The Ark appears to relate to Israel and judgment, which are involved with it. This shows us that God has not forgotten Israel. Judgment of God follows this shaking in the heavens (chapter 15:5).

Chapter 12

Chapters 12; 13 and 14 form a connecting outline of events. To understand the book of Revelation, it is necessary to understand the four openings in the book.

The four openings are:

1. 4:1- the heavenly view.
2. 12:11:19 - Judgment on the earth (the Ark) preserving Israel.
3. 15:15 – a. Seven plagues. b. Care for His earthly people.
4. 19:11 – Millennial Kingdom.

1.

Man-child: Christ

Rod of iron: Revelation 2:26-28.

The Woman: Israel

Israel: Travail for the Messiah, Micah 5:2; Isaiah 66:7-8.

12 Stars: Twelve patriarchs, Genesis 37:9.

Moon: Beneath her feet reflected glory of the old covenant.

Sun: Speaks of the new covenant.

2.

Christ was born in a time of great trouble. Israel giving birth to its true Son, Christ. Israel travailing is found in: (Isaiah 66:7-8; Micah 5:2).

3.

The Roman Empire seen, with satanic power as the government tries to destroy the Christ of God through Herod, then Pilate (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:18).

The Seven Heads: divine government allotment. The Ten Horns: man in responsibility. Seven Crowns: ruling power.

4.

The Christ child was delivered from the dragon, by an angel, and was sent into Egypt. Then many mothers lost their children by Satan, the dragon seeking the Christ Child (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:18).

5.

The Man Child was caught up to God in resurrection, and sits on the right hand of God.

6.

The Church is not looked at in these verses, only Israel. As time is not a factor. Israel's wilderness, is no doubt living among the nations, rather than living in their true calling, the land of Israel (Ezekiel 20:23, 33- 35). 1260 days: The first half of the tribulation is spoken to here.

7.

Michael: the keeper and watchman over God's people (Daniel, chapter 12).

8.

Michael and his angels prevail over Satan's domain. His domain is, the prince and power of the air.

9.

When the Lord Jesus returns for His Church, Scripture tells us that the voice of the Archangel will be heard from heaven. Those who are to take part in the first Resurrection will go up to meet Jesus in the air. Satan will no longer have freedom in the heavens at this time. He will be cast down upon the earth to reveal, or give energy to the old Roman Empire.

10.

Satan having no longer access to the Throne of God finds his activities only on the earth. The accuser of the brethren no longer is there to bring up our sins to God.

11.

I hear the accuser roar
of ills that I have done.
I know them all and thousands more.
Jehovah findeth none.

Or

Though the restless foe accuses
sins recounting like a flood.
Every charge our God refuses.
Christ has answered with His blood.

Author unknown

It is the Spirit of God that brings the reality of the work of Christ into our hearts, so that the one of faith is able to overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

12.

Those in heaven rejoice, those on the earth have great woe, because Satan is now released among them (2 Thessalonians 2:7). The restraint of the Holy Spirit has been removed.

13.

Satan will go after Israel at this time with a new vengeance.

14.

Exodus 19:4, reminds us that God preserved Israel on eagle's wings to Himself. The wilderness appears again to be the Gentiles nations. This 3 ½ years is the remnant of Jews preserved till the kingdom is to begin at the coming of the Messiah to Israel. God has pledged Himself to preserve Israel for the millennial time (Isaiah 43:1-2).

15.

The flood: Gentiles fit this description with Babylon the fountainhead of idolatry. There are many evil teachings in Christendom today, Jews also taking hold of them, so in that day, Satan will attempt to deceive them. Jews are the special interest of Satan, because in them, the promises of God for this earth will be fulfilled.

16.

Nature itself cannot co-exist with these satanic efforts. In I Corinthians 11:14 nature teaches.

17.

The dragon then goes after the Jews in the land. These Jews keep the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus. The 144,000 will be active at this time, and they will be under attack.

Chapter 13

In chapter 13 Rome comes to power in the time of the end.

1.

As Satan has been thrown down to earth and turned loose, we now see the result. Daniel chapter 7:24, 26, notes this beast as Rome is revived for this hour. Ten horns are ten kings under democracy and imperialism. This is the meaning of Daniel's man with ten toes of iron and clay (Daniel 2:40-43). It is now Satan's time to call up those who will head up this revived kingdom.

2.

In Daniel 7:4, 6 there are three animals spoken of, the leopard, bear and lion. All of these qualities are incorporated into the Roman Empire. Grecian: swiftness. Persian: tenacity of purpose. Babylonian: voracity.

3.

It is necessary to read Revelation 17:8-13 to understand the meaning of this verse. "Was, was not, and yet is again". The Roman Empire is reborn under the beast. A man will fill this position. This is an attempt to show the world they do not need this Christ of God. Seven mountains are the home of the imperial city. Seven mountains are seven forms of Roman government. Roman historian "Livy" recorded 5 forms of government for Rome. The 6th form was in existence in John's day. That was the Imperial form, and was destroyed in the fall of Rome. The seventh will be elected, then as Napoleon did throw off all restraint and became an empirical form which is the 8th.

4.

His power will be so complete that men will pay homage to the beast, and the dragon. Like Napoleon none can make war with him.

5.

The Beast will rule in the last half of the tribulations – 3 1/2 years.

6.

The nature of Satan is clearly seen through this verse.

7.

With his power he will go after the Jews and he will prevail against Israel.

8.

Only those whose names are not written in the book of life will give the Beast homage.

9.

The Lord gave this warning while on the earth. Also, He gave it through the Spirit to the seven churches. To hear the word of the Holy Spirit is mans place in any age.

10.

Those in that day without faith in the God of heaven will look to this leader for their answer. This means following the Beast, and their ultimate destruction. God will preserve those Jews who persevere to the end (Matthew 24:13).

Another Beast here is the false Messiah, the man of sin (Daniel 11:36-45).

He will not regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women. This is taken to mean he has no regard for the Messiah (Genesis 3:15). Notice that he comes out of the LAND or the land of Palestine. He does not come from the Gentile nations. The two horns indicate that he has the meekness of a lamb and he speaks as a dragon.

12.

The willful king will pay tribute to the Roman beast. This tribute was always given by the kings, which ruled Israel, for Rome. Herod, Pilate and every king in the Roman Empire did the same.

13.

Second Thessalonians 2:3-12 gives us a description of this man. One of the signs of the times is the unhealthy craving for marvels and wonders, which go on today. It is a dangerous condition of the mind and heart. Jesus said a wicked and adulteress generation seeks after a sign (Matthew 12:39). Where in Scripture do we find signs and wonders written for the last days? Satanic signs and wonders will increase in the last days and will be in preparation for the last days.

14.

Signs and wonders will be the sign of Satan's power in the last days. The mind of man is greatly affected by these things. Men will believe many untruths if signs and wonders are taking place.

15.

This man was spoken of by the Lord Jesus in John 5:43, also in Zechariah 11:16-17. This is a time when Jews who have faith should flee from Palestine.

16.

The mark will be a manifestation of man's ultimate attempt to rule without God's Christ. Communism, Nazism, Fascism, Totalitarianism, and all other totalitarian earth dwellers have the same demonic influences directing them.

17.

This is the mark of Satan. The mark that God puts on is seen in Genesis 4:5; Ezekiel 9:4-6; Psalms 37:37. Those marked of man (Philippians 3:17; Romans 16:17). These are three different marks: of Satan, of God, and of man.

18.

Six is man's number. Three is the number of manifestation. Man's heart manifesting itself through the power of Satan is the understanding of what we read here.

Chapter 14

Chapter 14 consists of one vision divided into 6 parts. This period of time is in the last half of the tribulation.

1.

Part one - Mt Zion: On the earth the Lamb comes back at this time. He will gather to Himself the 144,000. God has protected these Jewish saints for this day. These saints are the remnant that God will preserve into the millennium (Revelation chapter 7). These have been sealed of God.

2.

Part two - Heaven: These harpers are singing of redemption. The redeemed now in heaven and those on the earth pass through the same experiences.

3.

The 144,000 are the first fruits of the coming millennium age.

4.

In 1 Corinthians 7:8, 29, 32, Paul teaches in this Scripture that if we are able, that the unmarried place is better in the Lord.

5.

Guileless is their position before God. The same as Nathaniel or the man we read of in Psalm 32. This does not mean they have no sin. It means they are totally open with God to confess it.

6.

The everlasting gospel is the same gospel as it has always been.
1. God is sovereign. 2. Mans completeness as God's creature is found in recognizing Gods authority. In our age Gods authority is found in the gospel of grace. The gospel of the kingdom is just another aspect of the same truth. Galatians 1:6.

7.

This appears to be the final call to repent before judgment falls.

8.

Part three - Babylon: Chapter 17 and 18 gives us a much fuller description of Babylon. We will look at this verse when we get to those chapters. Babylon modern day and ancient is the center of idolatry. This will be the center of spirituality in the coming days.

9.

Those who reject the word of God, and turn away from the true God and worship the Beast, will suffer the wrath of God.

10.

The eternal perdition of the wrath of God is seen here.

11.

This clearly shows that this torment lasts forever and forever. The serpent said to the woman “Hath God said” (Genesis 3:1). The end result to man questioning what God has said is to follow someone else, in this case, the Beast.

12.

Part four - Jewish: These believers will be Jewish tribulation saints. These Jews keep the commandments of God. Yet their faith is in Jesus. Their portion is not in the body of Christ. The present age of grace is not the dispensation that they live in. Their place is with the godly Jews who lived in the 69 weeks of Daniel chapter 9. As the Jewish age will start again finishing the 70th week of Daniel. The perception of these godly Jews is based on the Jewish relationship with God.

13.

The thought here for believers is, that it is far better to be with the Lord in all ages.

14-16

Part five - Harvest: This portion answers to Matthew 25 and the judgment before the millennium. He gathers those for this time that will be judged and those that are to enter the Kingdom Age.

17-19.

Sixth Part - Apostate Israel: The sickle is set for the vine, which is apostate Israel. In Hosea 10:1 the Spirit of God calls Israel “an empty vine.” We can see the same language in Psalms chapters 80 and 81. The Lord Jesus calls Himself the true vine. Religious flesh produces no fruit for God. Whether Christian or Jewish the flesh is still the flesh. In Israel’s case religious flesh will bring on the time of Jacob’s trouble. Read Jeremiah 30:7.

20.

The length of Israel today, is approximately 180 to 210 miles (1600 furlongs). Blood will be the color of the land at that time. The promised land of Israel in the millennium is 340 miles approximately.

Chapter 15

Chapters 15 and 16 show us the final scenes of judgment upon the earth. The end result of judgment of the earth is that the new heavens and the new earth are to be ushered in at the consummation. These warnings are given to the Christian so that he may avoid every form of apostasy.

1-2.

This scene is in heaven. These are Jewish saints; the Song of Moses is a victory song. Israel also sang when they defeated their enemies in the days of Moses. The Song of the Lamb is the song of redemption. These saints have been slain during the last apostate power, raised from the dead, and raptured during the tribulation. The harps are a sign of complete peace and rest of God. The brazen sea in Solomon's Temple and the brazen laver in the court of the tabernacle, answers to what is a reality in heaven. It is the word of God in heaven. The glassy sea mingled with fire is the word of God, which directed the martyrs to pass through in fiery trail.

3.

King of saints in this verse is not in the better manuscripts. It is more properly translated King of nations or ages.

4.

The sovereignty of God is seen in this verse.

5.

Israel again is in view when we read this verse. The word tabernacle is our clue. The nations that oppressed Israel must be punished (Zechariah 12:3).

6.

The angels are God's agent of judgment. The number seven as noted earlier is God's number. The pure and white linen is the righteousness of God. Golden girdles present us with kingly authority.

7.

The four beasts are the revelation of God revealed in the creation of nature. Golden vials speak to the kingly wrath of God.

8.

It appears that man will not be able to worship God during this time of judgment. In Exodus 19:21 and Isaiah 6:4-5 a similar thing to this is recorded in connection with Israel.

Chapter 16

1.

These bowls of the wrath of God are like the ten plagues that God brought on Egypt.

2.

This answers to the plague that God put upon the Egyptians. In chapter eight the first trumpet appears to be the same here.

3.

The second bowl links up with the second trumpet of chapter eight.

4.

Again the third trumpet and the third bowl of wrath, have the same plague upon those who have taken the mark or worship the beast.

5.

The heavens declare God's eternal righteousness. Man sees God's righteousness in past, present, and in future judgments.

6.

Recompense of God is shown in these verses, the same as Egypt experienced under Pharaoh.

7.

True and right are the judgments of God, no one will be able to contradict.

8.

The fourth vial and the fourth trumpet appear as the same only with more intensity in the fourth vial.

9.

The judgments of God are true and righteous so says the Psalmist in Psalms 19:9. The creatures prefer judgment rather than giving glory to God.

10-11.

The fifth angel goes to the every center of where the beast lives to bring judgment (Rome). Again there is no repentance but a hardening of men's hearts.

12.

This is the sixth angel's vial, which starts the battle of Armageddon. Who are the kings of the east? It would be a guess that they are Muslims no matter what country they are from. The river Euphrates may dry up from the fourth vial.

13.

The unholy trinity is Satan's power on the earth at this time. 1. The false prophet is the antichrist, the man of sin. 2. The dragon is Satan. 3. The Beast is Rome.

14.

Kings of the earth speak of the Roman prophetic earth. The whole world, are those nations outside the prophetic earth. This will be the battle of Armageddon.

15.

This is a call of the Lord to His people of that day, to keep the truth of God's word. The call of God is to walk in this world separate from the deception of that day. For the Christian the calling is now.

16.

Where is Armageddon? It is the plain of Megiddo, King Saul was killed there, Josiah was killed there, and Gideon's victory over the Midianites was there. It is located about 10 miles southwest of the Sea of Galilee.

17-21.

The seventh vial is the overthrow of every spiritual institution that man has built apart from God. This is the complete ruin of man's dream on the earth for an enlightened age. Babylon is Rome as we have seen. The final result is that men still did not receive the God of heaven, nor His Son, nor His Word. This is put forth in chapter 17.

Chapter 17

The sequence of events would be that chapter 19 follows chapter 16. This woman who is the false church is not taken at the catching away of the saints.

1.

The functional definition of this verse is that the woman is the religious system that dominates the civil power, at least for a time. Many waters are a reference to the influence that the woman has over the world.

2.

The religious system that she represents is vast. Her power has made her one with the world, even to be in bed with the kings of the earth. Her whoredom is such that the Son of God is not her spiritual head.

3.

The wilderness is the Gentile nations. The Beast is the same as in chapter 13. Again, as what has already been noted, the 10 kings are heads of 10 nations, and the 7 heads are 7 mountains, also represent 7 kingdoms. Rome the western half of the Roman Empire and Constantinople the eastern half of the Roman Empire are each called the city on 7 hills. Some Roman coins engraved 7 hills on them.

4.

Purple is the color of royalty and priestly garments (Exodus 28:5-6; Zechariah 6:12-14). Scarlet speaks of redemption that comes only through the high priest (Leviticus 19:4; Hebrews 9:19). The power of kings is seen in gold. Precious stones are what the natural man values in this world. A sign of wealth in this world, Christian women are admonished not to deck themselves out in this manner (1 Timothy 2:9). The golden cup illustrates Romanism in her fallen condition, power mixed with ungodliness in this world (Jeremiah 51:7).

5.

Rome is Babylon of the Church Age. Is it not noteworthy that she is also the mother of harlots? Who are these harlots? Nimrod was the founder of Babel or Babylon. Nimrod was a grandson of Ham. Nimrod's wife was named Semiramis. Babylon was a center for those that did not walk with God. Semiramis was reported to be the high priestess of idolatry and the founder of Babylon mysteries. Alexander Hislop, in his book, "The Two Babylon's" has traced the line of idolatry started there, through the ages to the Roman Empire's pagan practices, to the religious system in the present day. The pagan priest in Rome had the title printed in his mitre "Pontifex Maximus." As Rome became a world power, all the Emperors of Rome took this title to themselves. Later as the Roman Empire's power fell this title was transferred to the bishops of Rome and is the title of the Pope today.

6.

The apostle seeing the blood of saints spilled by this woman wonders with wonderment. The history of the Roman Church is filled with the blood of saints and those killed for the testimony of Jesus.

7.

The Roman Church will again have great power in the governments of men. Even now, do not the governments of the world send emissaries to Rome for talks and consolations.

8.

This wonderment of events in the world that is without spiritual discernment will not allow the world to understand what is unfolding before them. Deception will have run its course to the destruction of men who have followed the Beast that was. All this we see through the history of the Roman Empire. Now the world waits for the manifestation of the Beast that is not, and yet is.

9.

Rome, as previously stated, is the city of 7 hills.

10.

The world waits without knowing that they are waiting for their king and leader the 7th Beast.

11.

This Beast will be the leader of the old Roman geography.

12.

It is a question to consider as to who these nation kings are. The European Common Market certainly sets the foundation for this fulfillment. The official name of the Common Market at its inception was “the Treaty of Rome.”

13.

The 10 Kings act in full unity with the Beast. This cannot be in the past history as some say, as this has not happened before.

14.

This war with the Lamb is at the end of the tribulation. Revelation chapter 19 tells us who those are with Him when He comes.

15.

We learn what the waters are in this verse. We also learn that this woman who has deceived the nations in the past will be again in the place of prominence to do so in the future.

16.

The 10 Kings will hate Romanism, in her final state. This will come about at the end of her days. Her idolatry will bring her to ruin. Her ruin will be final and complete.

17.

We read in many places in Scripture that God will put it in the heart of certain people to do His will. So it is here, this time He does it to bring judgment upon the Harlot.

18.

The Vatican is that great city. Her unfaithfulness is fully known in history for all the atrocities that she has committed. Her roots of idolatry are well documented in the book, "Millers Church History" by Andrew Miller. This historical documentation is from the beginning of the Church in Acts.

Chapter 18

1.

This seems to match the message of the angel in Revelation 14:8. In Revelation 16:19, the seventh vial is revealed in judgment, this appears to be the same.

2.

The Beast will rid itself of the woman who is riding on its back chapter 18 verse 7. This will happen right before the destruction of the Beast himself by the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The antichrist will be the pretended seed of the woman Genesis 3:15, and be accepted by apostate Judaism and Christendom. Signs and wonders will be the power to deceive the people (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; Revelation 13:13-14).

3.

When we look back at history it reveals Rome controlled governments, also governments being in bed with Rome for mutual benefit.

4.

This call is from heaven and no doubt spiritual in nature. The message is that judgment is falling, and to escape requires leaving the place where judgment will be. This has always been the Holy Spirits call to Gods people.

5.

History is brought up here as to all the evil she has done over the centuries.

6.

The people of God have suffered over the eons of time from her, now her time has come.

7.

This statement "I am a Queen, I shall see no evil" is the center of the heart of an evil course in man (Isaiah 47:7-10). Rome teaches that when the Pope speaks from Peter's chair, it is the same as God speaking. It is the same spirit that killed the martyrs.

8.

The judgment of God upon the woman is sure (Hebrews 10:31). The Beast and the 10 kings bring her down. Could an earthquake destroy the city in one day?

9.

This is a human view of the end of Babylon. It is not uncommon for smoke and fire to follow an earthquake.

10.

These kings do not get too close, so as not to be a part of her judgment.

11.

Commerce is centered on this Babylonian system.

12-13.

The wealth that Rome possesses will fall with her. Not slaves here, but “bodies and souls.”

14.

Rome has always insisted that the Pope is Christ’s mouthpiece on the earth. Wealth would be a part of her queenly power.

15.

Even now, rulers of the nations go to Rome to get the Popes blessing. This includes well-known evangelists from the western countries. Rome is the merchant of men’s bodies and souls, and much wealth.

16.

These colors and wealth are her earthly position. Full of her works righteousness. Linen: supposed righteousness. Purple: supposed queenly power. Scarlet: dispensing the blood of Christ through the mass. Gold and jewels show her queenly power on the earth. She is not a stranger and a pilgrim here, but a ruler over the mysteries of Babylon.

17.

Every shipmaster (Rome’s priests) may well stand for the trafficking of souls of men on the sea (Gentile nations.)

18.

In other words, upon the earth who will replace her? Their life is tied up with her.

19.

Their life is hid in this woman, who they have put their earthly and eternal hope in. By contrast a Christian’s life is hid in Christ, not in an earthly organization.

20

This woman has done her best to destroy what God has built through Christ the Chief Cornerstone. God has made the apostles and prophets the foundation (Ephesians 2:20). Now is the time of rejoicing, she who did her best to destroy the Church of God is destroyed.

21.

Her destruction is complete; she is no more a threat to the people of God.

22 – 23

She who has built herself an earthly kingdom, and placed herself at the helm of men's souls by deception and sorceries, has lost her power in one day.

24.

The history of the Church shows us how the saints of God have been slain by her for their faith in Christ alone. The multitudes of those slain by her may run into the tens of millions.

Chapter 19

1-2.

Every saint that knew of this awful power of iniquity will rejoice when it is over and judged. This power started back with Nimrod and his wife Semiramis at the Tower of Babel. This power has come down to our day through pagan deities and Romanism as the mysteries of Babylon. This was discussed in earlier verses.

3-4.

Her judgment is forever. The four Beasts and twenty-four elders are not seen again in Revelation after this verse. Their place starts with worship and ends with worship in this verse.

5.

This evil system has been judged of God, which brings us to happier times in future events. It is also true for us, that if we judge evil systems that have a hold on us. Praise begins in heaven with the conclusion of this judgment.

6.

The time of rejoicing begins with what is about to come to pass.

7.

The Church at this point is in heaven, unspiritual works have been judged. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 22:12). This bride is

the same as written in Ephesians 5:30-32. It is now the time of the marriage supper of the Lamb. The Church has been caught away, the false church has been judged. Now a time of fulfillment begins. The bridegroom now has His bride with him.

8.

The righteousness of saints is the works of the saints while on the earth. No one would question that the indwelling Holy Spirit has prompted these acts. This righteousness is not the imputed righteousness. This distinction comes from authorities in the Greek language.

9.

These who are called to share in the joy of the bride and the groom are Old Testament and tribulation saints. They also enter into the joy of the Lord, even though they are not the bride of Christ.

10.

This angel will not receive worship as Jesus did in many places when He walked on the earth. The testimony of Jesus is speaking the word of God, in a word of prophecy.

11.

A question that needs answering is, what will follow the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? The time of Daniel 2:34-35, is at hand. Also Isaiah 11:4-5, will be in the time of fulfillment.

12.

This description is the King coming in judgment to set things right in what is to be His kingdom. All the Psalms of David that speak of God taking retribution on His enemies will now take place. A name no man knows, speaks of His intimate glory with the Father as the eternal Son, even before the world was. This is beyond man to understand.

13.

The blood speaks of His redemption and of His work. The Word of God speaks of who He is (John 1:1).

14.

Who are these armies who follow Him? They are three separate groups of saints. 1. The Church. 2. The saints of former dispensations. 3. The tribulation saints slain under the Antichrist and the Beast. The fine linen is the righteousness of Jesus.

15.

The sharp sword is the word of God (Revelation 2:16). With it He will smite the nations (Psalms chapter 2). The Messianic rule as in Isaiah 11:4 will be with a rod of iron, see also Psalms 101:8. The wine press is a picture of unsparing judgment (Isaiah 63:1-6). This is the day of the wrath of God.

16.

He will not come this time as a lowly servant, but as a conquering King.

17.

This supper is the supper of the great God, and is the end of all His enemies.

18.

Ezekiel 32:21-32, gives a description of what will happen at that time. This is the consummation of all men that reject God's Messiah, and Israel His chosen.

19.

This final battle will be decisive and the Lord will put away His enemies at this time and place at Armageddon.

20.

Two captives are taken, the Beast and the False Prophet. He that deceived by miracles will now be judged. The two will be thrown into the lake of fire. These two are still in the lake of fire one thousand years later and are still suffering (Revelation 20:10). For those who think that any thrown into the fire just inhibits them, are following the doctrines of Satan.

21.

The Lord returns here as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30 and puts an end to all resistance.

Chapter 20.

1.

Humans have no power to put Satan in the bottomless pit. An angel of God has the power of God and the key to the bottomless pit.

2.

The thousand years is of course the length of time that the millennial reign of Christ will be on the earth. Satan will be shut up, but man will still have his sin nature. Sin will not be erased at this time, but dealt with by a rod of iron (Isaiah 11:4; Psalms 2:9).

3.

Man is going to see the kingdom of God on the earth, because God's King will be reigning during the thousand years. As Christians are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:20) by a divine work, so Satan is sealed unto the thousand years by an angel of God.

4.

These are those that lived in the last week of the 70th week of Daniel 9. Their reign as William Kelly sees it will be in the heavens. These are part of the first resurrection and are the throne sitters.

5.

We learn here that the resurrection of the unjust will not take place until after the thousand years reign is over.

6.

The first resurrection does not come at a time period like the resurrection of the unjust. All who are part of the first resurrection will be raised in the catching away of the saints. These in the 70th week of Daniel, and any who die during the millennium will be a part of the first resurrection. Jeremiah 31:31-34 gives us a description of this time during the millennium reign of Christ. Also, Isaiah 61; Jeremiah 23:5-7, as well. These are only a couple references; all the Minor Prophets except Jonah speak to the restitution of Israel and the glory that will be theirs.

7.

The righteous rule of the Messiah on this earth will end with Satan being loosed on the earth for a season.

8.

This verse shows that even with the blessings of Messiah's rule upon the earth, the heart of man has not changed. Only being reborn by faith will a man change the direction of his heart.

9.

The center of the heart of God in the earth is Jerusalem. Satan has no trouble getting untold numbers to follow him, and to attack the place of the affection of God. The fire coming down is the judgment upon the unregenerate of men. God had forced on mankind His blessing upon the earth. Man's answer is to follow Satan to overturn the blessings of God. In every dispensation man's answer to God's blessing has been the same.

10.

This verse shows us Satan's eternal torment, and his final place in prison is without end. The beast and false prophet shall be his companions.

11.

He that sits on the throne is the Lord Jesus (John 5:22). This is the final judgment and end for all the unsaved. There is no place to hide from this day of reckoning.

12.

The Lord's own will have already been raised 1000 years earlier before this time at the first resurrection. The judgment seat of Christ for believers will have already taken place. All things not according to the mind of God will be judged. Every evil act of man will be judged. As in any court men will be judged for their evil deeds. Good deeds are not involved in a court of judgment.

13.

Everyone who has ever lived and refused the grace of God will be raised for this consummation of the ages. In this judgment, all are guilty (Romans 3:19). Severity of penalty for men's deeds will be the issue of sentence (Luke 12:47-48).

14.

The correct reading of this is that Death and Hades will be cast into the lake of fire. This fire shall go on forever and ever (Mark 9:43-48). The second death is the end of Gods grace for man.

15.

This book of life is the Lambs book of life (Revelation 21:27). As distinguished from the book of mans life on the earth. (Exodus 32:32-33). It could well be written over the portal into the lake of fire "Abandon all hope everyone who enters here."

Chapter 21

There appears to be three divisions to finish the last two chapters. Which are:

1. 21:1-8. Eternal issues.
2. Verse 9 through chapters 22 verse 5. A more detailed account of the New Jerusalem, which will be heavens influence over the earth during the millennium.

3. Verse 6 to the finish of the book, the glorified Lord speaks from heaven.

1.

The new heaven and new earth will be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22 speak directly to these verses, although in Isaiah the millennium is the primary view. In 2 Peter 3:13, we see the eternal view.

2.

The bride, even after a thousand years, is still in a state of eternal bliss.

3.

This is the day that the heart of every believer cries out for, to be in the presence of God forever more.

4.

All the things that we experience on earth will be no more.

5.

But as it is written "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those that love Him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

6.

The Alpha and Omega is none other than the Lord Jesus (Revelation 1:11; John 7:37-38).

7.

First John 4, tells us that we are children of God, and have overcome the evil kingdom of darkness. We overcome, because Christ in us is greater than he that is in the world. To live in this blessing is simply to believe God in faith according to revealed truth.

8.

The place of these people is the lake of fire. This is in contrast with a believer as found in John 5:24; 15:3; I Corinthians 6:9-11.

9.

The angels, who showed John the wrath of God, now show him the heavenly Jerusalem, the Lamb's wife. This is the home of the saints.

10.

The Jerusalem above is the place prepared for the people of God (Hebrews 12:22).

11.

This was designed to reflect this glory. This glory is reflected as pure and unrestrained for us, for now we see through a glass dimly. First Corinthians 13:12, but in ages to come this glory will show its true nature (Ephesians 3:21).

12.

The wall gives us the thought of separation; this truth has come to us from the Garden of Eden, even to the end of the ages. This is for the protection of Gods people. Blessing is within and protection from the evil outside. The twelve gates speak of the government of God.

13.

This is a fulfillment of the shadow shown in Israel through the tabernacle, given through the Law of God. In Hebrews 8:5 we learn that what was on the earth was only a shadow of the heavenly reality (Hebrews 12:15).

14.

In Ephesians 2:20 we learn that the Church is built upon the twelve apostles, Christ being the Chief Cornerstone. It appears the apostles will hold their respective authority, even in the ages to come.

15.

A reed is about 10 feet.

16.

A furlong is about 582 feet. The dimensions are about 1322 miles each way. The height is the same so it is a cube. Some like to think of it as a pyramid. 12 is the number of government. The government of God is seen everywhere in these measurements.

17.

The wall also is $12 \times 12 = 144$. The number twelve is used in administration in Scripture, and in nature. 12 months, 12 hours of the day. There are 12 amen's to 12 curses in Deuteronomy 27. The breastplate had 12 stones, 12 loaves, and 12 stones taken from the Jordan, 12 spies, etc.

18.

The glory of God is seen in this: the jasper clean as crystal, the city of pure gold. All of this is incomprehensible by the mind of natural man.

19 – 20.

The stone speaks of the ephod the high priest wore in his tabernacle duties.

21.

These gates that were twelve pearls, remind us of the heavenly merchantman who sold all that he had to buy the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:4- 46). This pearl is the Church of God, the only gate into the city.

22.

On the earth the temple of God is the Church. In heaven the Lamb and God are the Temple. For without the Holy Spirit in the Church, the temple does not exist on the earth. (I Corinthians 3:16-17; 1 Timothy 3:15).

23.

The Glory of God is seen in this world through the Light of God, Jesus. (John 1:4-5; 8:12; 12:46; 13:9). So it will be in heaven, the Light of God will be in Jesus. As in Him there is no darkness at all. The radiance of God will shine in Him.

24.

In heaven and earth, Jesus is the Light of God, and all living things are subject to Him. (Isaiah 45:23; 60:3; Philippians 2:10).

25.

The gates do not need to be shut, for light is there without end. There is no night. Satan will never enter in this place.

26.

The earth will be as God desired for Adam in the garden when He created Adam. This will be a new earth without sin.

27.

Only those who have aligned themselves with the rejected man, whose blood was shed on the cross of Calvary, will be written in the Lambs Book of Life. These being the ones who have judged themselves, in the light of God and His Word, and have traded their life for His.

Chapter 22

1.

In John 7:37 Jesus said, “if any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.” In John 7:39 Scripture tells us He spoke of the Holy Spirit. This water of life is the same. When one drinks of this water does he not desire

2.

The cherubim protected the tree of life that was in the garden of Eden. The cherubim had a flaming sword. The sword went into the heart of the Lord Jesus. The one who died and rose again is the tree of life. The fruit will be for refreshment and gladness of His saints as they dwell at the river of joy. The leaves will bring wholeness to the nations. There will be no hirelings in this heavenly delight.

3.

The curse came on man because something foreign to his creation was brought in. This shall never again happen.

4.

Those that are His are marked of Him (Ezekiel 9:4). In John 13:18 Jesus said, "I know whom I have chosen."

5.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." This light is forever and ever. As where ever He is, the light is there.

6-7.

This verse is like the opening verse in this book. In Amos 3:7 God has said He will do nothing unless He reveal, His secrets to His servants, the prophets. Again we are told that there is a blessing for those who keep the saying of this book (chapter 1:3).

8-9.

These verses show us that angel worship is not of God. In Hebrews 1:6 we learn that an angel of God is a worshipper, not a receiver of worship.

10.

Daniel was told to seal up what the angel had showed him, Daniel 12:4. Now the time is here to unseal this book. The things spoken prophetically in this book are shortly to come to pass.

11.

The meaning of this verse seems clear; those that are of this world should eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow is the judgment. However; those that are in faith should allow their calling to separate them from this world.

12.

The righteous judge will come and do that which is right on the face of the earth (Psalms 96:13).

13.

We learn here that the divine One is the Lord Jesus Christ, coming in all the majesty of Lord, and Ruler of the heavens and the earth.

14.

The revised version and other good manuscripts render this passage this way: “Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Also JND renders it the same. Works will never give us a ticket into heaven only the effectual, righteous blood of Christ.

15.

These are outside because the One who died for them was not received by them (John 1:5, 9-10).

16.

These things the Lord Jesus is showing His saints in the churches. So there is no mistake about who is declaring these things, He identifies Himself, first as the root of Jesse, Isaiah 11:1. Then as the anointed one found in Numbers 24:17; 2 Peter 2:19; Revelation 2:28.

17.

The bride and the Spirit are stirred in desire for His coming to bring His bride to Himself. To those outside the last invitation goes out the call to come and drink of the waters of life freely. Or drink while the waters are available, before the last trump.

18.

For anyone to change the divine message given in this book is to invite the divine judgment.

19

I think it is fair to say that the man of faith will not change the words of the One he follows. He will attempt to carry them out as a faithful servant.

20.

The blessed hope is found in Titus 2:13. The desire of the heart of the saints is found in these words.

21.

He finishes with a blessing of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ upon us.

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