

## OVERVIEW OF REVELATION

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### *The Book of Revelation*

#### I. THE BOOK OF REVELATION: PREPARING TO RECEIVE

- A. Revelation gives us more information on the End-Times than any other book in Scripture. It was written to help God's people ***endure and overcome in victory*** in the Great Tribulation, which is the final 3.5 years of this age. Because it details specific events in chronological order, it will be used as the "prayer manual" for the End-Time Church.
- B. Revelation was a letter given to the churches to give us ***insight*** and ***specific information*** on the end-times. Its ***purpose*** is to give us the necessary information that would help ***strengthen, encourage*** and ***prepare*** God's people as a mature ***bride*** to endure and overcome the "unique dynamics" and events of the end-times in great victory. Jesus wanted the churches to have this letter to help equip them to overcome sin and have understanding of what was coming.
- C. We cannot accept any view of the End-times without studying for ourselves. Truth is never damaged by scrutiny but rather it is confirmed by it. You must boldly challenge all ideas that you hear. Refuse any that you cannot clearly see in Scripture for yourself. The Bereans searched the Scriptures to see if the things that Paul said were so (Acts 17:10-11).
- <sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded...in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. (Acts 17:11)***
- E. The book of Revelation was written to be ***understood by everyone***. The majority of people throughout history were poor and uneducated. A common lie is that this book is impossible to understand unless you're a scholar. Anyone can learn the ***main storyline*** of the book of Revelation in ***less than one hour*** and be able to explain it to someone else ***in less than one day***.
- F. It is unique in being the only book in the Bible that God promises a special blessing to anyone who reads or hears it (Rev. 1:3) as well as cursed if anyone adds or subtracts from it.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book...<sup>18</sup> If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues...in this book <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of...this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life... (Rev. 22:7-19)***
- D. Revelation reveals that Jesus will do 7 primary things in the last days:
1. He will ***prepare His bride*** in power (gifts, fruit, wisdom), bring in the ***Great Harvest***, openly ***defeat Satan*** and the ***Antichrist empire***, ***purge the earth of sin*** and bring forth the ***salvation of Israel***, while overthrowing every ***evil government*** on earth (232 nations) in one sweeping series of events called the ***Great Tribulation***.

## II. THIS IS THE UNVEILING OF JESUS: HIS HEART, HIS PLAN, HIS VICTORY THROUGH JUDGMENTS

*“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Revelation 19:10c*

- A. The testimony of Jesus is what He is like, what He is doing, and what He will do in the future. Revelation is a prophetic book telling us Jesus’ testimony concerning the end of the age. Revelation is the *unveiling of Jesus’ heart to bring forth a victorious bride, His power to overcome sin and Satan, and His leadership to prepare the nations for the glory of God.* He is bringing us through this time in history known as the Great Tribulation, but **He wants us to understand who He is, why He is doing it, and the assurance of His victory** so that we can remain faithful.

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants (Rev 1.1)*

This is a revelation God wanted us to have! He gave it so that we would understand it and be strengthened by it.

- B. In the End-Times some believers will give heed to doctrines that lie about the person of Jesus.  
*<sup>1</sup> The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons...<sup>2</sup> having their conscience seared... (1 Tim. 4:1-2)*  
*...even as there will be false teachers among you who secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them... (2 Peter 2.1)*
- C. One of the primary conflicts at the end of the age will center on who Jesus is and what He is doing. We must love God on His terms. Love for God is loyalty to His truth as seen in Jesus.
- D. Our love of the truth must be expressed in alliance with the Jesus of the Bible, not the Jesus of humanistic sentiment, nor religious exercises.  
*They will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 Many will...betray one another, and will hate one another. (Mt. 24:9-10)*
- E. In this hour there is a battle for truth regarding the person and purpose of Jesus Christ. This battle will continue to rage until the end of the age, and reach its fullness in the End Times. There are **three key revelations of Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge found in Revelation** that are completely offensive to the nations at the end of the age. In the BOR, God is exalting these truths about Jesus like never before.
- F. Three offensive truths about Jesus include:

1. **He is a perfect King** who established absolute standards for the nations to operate under and He will have dominion over every nation. Because He is God, He holds the right to establish absolute standards for which the nations are accountable to Him for. His position as King is the “*how*” He has the ability and authority to do what He does in Revelation.

*“...and from Jesus Christ...the ruler over the kings of the earth...” Rev. 1:5*

*“...the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” Rev. 11:15*

*“...on His head were many crowns...And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.” Rev. 19:12, 16*

2. **His sacrificial Love as a Bridegroom God.** His heart as a Bridegroom is the “*why*” He is coming back with zeal to save His people and release wrath on His enemies: it is for love.

*“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though it had been slain...” Rev. 5:6*

*“Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” Rev. 19:7*

3. **He is a Judge** who will enforce His absolute standards in every nation. He possesses the wisdom and love to judge sin in time and eternity. Jesus is NOT tolerant and accepting of everyone’s view of righteousness and love. His mandate as Judge is the “*what*” He is doing when He returns and how he will prepare the nations for God’s glory.

*“The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged... and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints...and should destroy those who destroy the earth.” Rev. 11:18”, Rev. 11:18*

*“...and in righteousness He judges and makes war...” Rev. 19:11*

- G. We need to understand and have clarity of His heart as Bridegroom, His position as King, and His mandate as Judge so that we will not be offended as He comes back to accomplish His purposes in the earth. We cannot accept one truth about Jesus and forsake another.

*22 Consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. (Rom. 11:22)*

- H. Do not be embarrassed by Jesus as The Judge as if His judgments are lacking love and are too extreme.

*And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me. (Mt 11.6)*

*Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 Many will come in My name...and will deceive many... 11 Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many...24 False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. (Mt. 24:4-5, 11, 24-25)*

### III. HIS PURPOSES OF JUDGMENT

- A. There are four main purposes God is releasing judgment upon the earth, and is the reason for the severity of the events in the book of Revelation. His purpose is to bring forth righteousness and mature love.

*“For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.” Isaiah 26:9b*

1. To exalt His name in the earth
  - Psalm 46
  - Isaiah 2
2. To bring the counsels of the nations to nothing
  - Psalm 2
  - Psalm 33:10
  - Isaiah 10
3. To restore the nation of Israel from their sin *and* save them from the Antichrist
  - Isaiah 10:10-22
  - Daniel 12:1
  - Hosea 2:14-20
4. To purify the saints and prepare them for the wedding supper
  - Daniel 11:33-35; 12:3
  - Revelation 2:10
  - Revelation 12: 10-11

- B. God's enemy is sin. Jesus is opposed to every operation of sin. Israel made herself God's enemy by living in sin (Isa. 63:10). The nations of the earth make war against God through lives of sin. They set themselves in an adversarial relationship with God.

***4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (Jas 4:4)***

- C. In Revelation we see the culmination of God's judgement across the nations because of their alignment with sin (moving Israel's borders, selling God's people, killing the saints- see Joel 3). All of the prophecies found in the OT will reach their fullness during the Great Tribulation when He judges the nations for their offenses against God and His people Israel for generations past.

- D. ***God's purpose in judgment:*** to remove every sin that hinders love. The problems of the earth arise simply because of sin (Is. 24). He is moving in judgment to cleanse the earth of unrighteousness that His throne might be established in absolute righteousness, the effect of which will be peace, love, joy- His kingdom on earth.

***"Take away the dross from silver, and it will go to the silversmith for jewelry. Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness." Pr. 25:4-6***

***"Therefore the Lord says, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, 'Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, and take vengeance on My enemies. I will turn My hand against you, and thoroughly purge away your dross, and take away all your alloy [mixture of metals]" Is. 2:24-25***

***"The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever. My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation." Is. 32:17-18a***

- E. ***God's principle in judgment:*** God uses the ***least severe*** means to reach the ***greatest number*** of people at the ***deepest level*** of love without violating anyone's ***free will*** for His justice, in training the future ***rulers*** of the earth.

- F. God always releases a testimony of His judgment, but there will be false prophets during this time. One aspect of false prophecy is to promise peace and prosperity in a time of coming judgment.

***16 Do not listen to the words of the prophets...they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They continually say ... 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace"; and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'" 18 For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and has perceived and heard His word?...20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jer. 23:16-20)***

- G. The truth about Jesus and what He plans to do is politically incorrect. It exposes the natural core humanism and the fear of man.

*<sup>12</sup> They have lied about the LORD, and said, "It is not He. Neither will evil come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. (Jer. 5:12)*

*<sup>10</sup> They have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace... (Ezek. 13:10)*

*<sup>12</sup> I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil.' (Zeph. 1:12)*

### III. MERCY: A FOUNDATIONAL THEME IN THE MIDST OF JUDGMENT

- A. The Book of Revelation comprises beauty and terror. While it reveals a time in history of the Great Tribulation where God judges the nations, it also holds a profound revelation of God's mercy. He never stops one aspect of who He is when He exemplifies another. The Day of the Lord (the narrow day of the Lord) is both glorious and terrible (Zeph. 1:14-16; Joel 2:11).
- B. God has revealed His glory to man as being merciful, gracious, longsuffering, forgiving iniquity while also requiring payment from the guilty (Exodus 33:6-7). We see God's mercy all throughout Revelation in the midst of His judgment.
1. Mercy surrounds the throne of God- Revelation 4:3
  2. Jesus is the Faithful Witness, the meek Lamb who only does what His Father is doing
    - a. Throughout the text Jesus is shown as "the Lamb" a total twenty-five times which is quantifiably more than any other description of Him found in Revelation (5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, 16; 7:9, 10, 14, 17; 12:11; 13:8, 14:1, 4, 10; 15:3; 17:14; 19:7, 9; 21:9, 14, 22, 23, 27; 22:1). Jesus is presented as the Lamb in reference to Him laying down His life and shedding His blood to cleanse the world of sin (John 1:29). Through His identity as the Lamb His mercy is displayed as it was the Lamb who gave His life for His enemies under the leadership of the Father (John 10:17-18).
    - b. Because of this selfless act, the Lamb is found worthy to receive the authority to both receive God's judgements and release God's judgements (5:7, 6:1). God was looking for someone who would be able to release judgement in accordance with His mercy, and Jesus was the One who exemplifies the character of the Father in this way. Thus it is the Lamb who opens the scroll and leads people through the end-time events (6:1, 7:17, 14:4).
- C. There are 21 judgments rather than 1! Because there are 21 judgments, it gives the apostate time to repent, which is openly shown as God's motive.

*"And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God, who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory." Rev. 16:9*

***“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and HE will have mercy on him...” Is. 55:6-7a***

- D. In God’s mercy He offers **time** for repentance during these judgments. Revelation is God’s plan to pressure the nations to expose men’s sin by allowing it to come to the surface. Only He can see into the depths of peoples hearts, and He alone knows what it will take for people to turn to Him and away from sin. Even Judas was afforded time to turn back to Jesus as he was betraying Him- Jesus called him “friend” in the garden of gethsemane (Matt. 26:50).
1. He does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked but desires men to turn to Him in repentance in order to be saved (Ezekiel 33:11).
  2. The ***increasing intensity of judgements also reveal God’s mercy and using the least severe means to judge the earth.*** There are seven trumpet judgements that precede the bowl judgements (8:7-9:21, 11:15-19, 16:1-21). Just a trumpet is used to announce, warn, alarm and awaken, so the trumpet judgements are lesser in intensity than the bowls for the direct purpose of warning men that things are getting worse. The bowls complete God’s wrath (15:1) but before these are poured out He sounds seven trumpet blasts as a warning of what is to come. The first four trumpets are described as only affecting 1/3 of the trees, sea, water, and light while the second, third, and fifth bowl completely destroy the same things (8:7-12, 16:3-4, 10).
- E. As another act of mercy, the praying Church will be in the midst of the last generation who will partner with God to see sin vanquished underneath His feet. There will be a witness of truth amidst all of the deception (Rev. 11 as the most profound example)

#### IV. THE END-TIME BOOK OF ACTS

- A. Revelation is the ***“End-Time Book of Acts”*** written in advance. As the Book of Acts describes the power of the Holy Spirit that was released through the early church, so the Book of Revelation describes the power of the Holy Spirit that will be released through the end-time church.
- B. It’s ***inspired*** (written by the Holy Spirit) ***canonized*** (biblical), and therefore ***infallible*** (sure), so all of the saints around the world can ***agree on it*** and ***trust it’s outcome***.
- C. The fact that the Book of Revelation has been ***canonized*** is significant in unifying the end-time church worldwide; the entire Body of Christ will eventually use it as their ***prayer manual- because we will all know what is going to happen next! It’s chronological, which we will get to.*** God made it that way so we would all know, together, what was coming next.
- D. As Jesus’ judgments progressively unfold according to their numbered sequence, the ***global church*** will become increasingly ***unified*** and ***focused*** in the prayer of ***faith***. Momentum will build as the church sees the seals and trumpets released in numerical order 1-7, releasing ***“global unified eschatological prayers of faith”***.

- E. The early church in the Book of Acts released the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through ***unified corporate prayer and fasting***, so also the end-time church will be instrumental in releasing the power of the Holy Spirit through ***global unified prayer with fasting***. The purpose of this is unto a witness being released (God pours out His Spirit, men and women prophesy, and the promise is that “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord is saved.” God wants to unify the church at this hour in prayer by knowing what is coming next to release a witness to the nations in the midst of the greatest hour of tribulation the earth has faced. Its for the harvest. Jesus gathered the church together in Acts for the purpose of building the church and gathering harvest.

***But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams... 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.’ (Acts 2:16)***

- F. As Daniel released God’s written plan by prayer (Dan. 9:1-3), so also the end-time church, as a corporate Daniel, will be instrumental in releasing God’s end-time “***battle plan***” by ***global unified prayers of faith*** (Rev. 6-19). In Acts, the early church released God’s written plan by prayer (Acts 1:15-26; 2:1-21; 2:24-33)

***In the first year of Darius... 2 I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem. 3 Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. (Dan. 9:1-3)***

- G. The greatest manifestations of power in history will be openly manifest through prayer at the end of the age. The end-time church will “***bind***” stopping Satan’s activities and “***loose***” releasing Jesus power on behalf of the church and against the Antichrist.

- H. The Holy Spirit is maturing the church in ***love*** and ***wisdom*** to be entrusted with ***power*** to operate in a “***greater works anointing***” (John 14:12) that will “***bind and loose***” the judgments and the coming revival according to the Father’s “***blueprint***” and Jesus “***battle plan***”.

***I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades (authority of hell) shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. (Matt. 18:18-19)***

- I. As Moses “***stretched forth his rod***” releasing God’s judgments on Pharaoh by prayer (Ex. 7-12), so the end-time church will stretch forth the “***rod of intercession***” and release the Great Tribulation judgments on the end-time Pharaoh (Antichrist) by prayer.

- J. The “miracles and judgments” in the Book of Exodus and the “signs and wonders” in the Book of Acts will be ***combined, multiplied*** and ***released globally*** by prayer, during the Great Tribulation, as seen in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 6-19).

- K. Psalm 68, 145, the church finds joy in His judgments because we understand His purpose in it. We also release it through song, just like the Israelites upon their foreign armies. This rejoicing will be inspired of the Spirit as we see God vindicate His name and His people upon His enemies (these are unique times of judgment in history).

#### IV. DAY OF THE LORD - TWO EXTREMES

- A. The subject emphasized in the book of Revelation is the *Day of the Lord*, referring to the unusual events, both **great** and **terrible**, related to *Jesus Second Coming*. It will be a Great Day for the responsive who will experience the greatest revival in history (Acts 2:17-19). It will be a very Terrible Day for the rebellious who will experience the most severe judgments of God in history during the *Great Tribulation*.

*For the day of the LORD is **great** and **very terrible**; who can endure it? (Joel 2:11)*

*For the **great day of His wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev 6.17)*

- B. The **great** and **terrible dimensions** of the Day of the Lord will both increase dramatically the closer we get to the return of Jesus and will find their fullest expressions in the final 3 ½ years of natural human history.
- C. **Great Day** – The Day of the Lord will have “great” attributes and characteristics for those that respond to Him as He releases the greatest manifestation of His power in natural human history. He is going to change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the whole earth in one generation. It will be the greatest time for the church in history.
- D. **Very Terrible Day** – The Day of the Lord will also be the most severe time of God’s judgment ever on earth since the beginning of human history. (Rev 6-20)

*...Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but heaven also...that the things, which cannot be shaken, remain. (Heb 12.26-27)*

*<sup>15</sup> The four angels, who had been **prepared** for the hour and day...were released **to kill a third of mankind**. (Rev. 9:15-16)*

- E. There has never been a day like this before on the face of the earth. Not in power or pressure. Cloud and pillar of fire? World War II? (50 million dead) Hitler? Stalin? Revival?

*I will pour My Spirit out on all flesh...I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood, fire and pillars of smoke...(Joel 2.28-30)*

*For then there will be great tribulation, such has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Matt 24.21)*

- F. The **Great Tribulation** emphasizes the negative dimensions of the 3½ years prior to Jesus return (Matt. 24:7-8, 21). Four **eschatological winds** will come together in fullness creating the “perfect storm” to purify the church, bring in the great harvest and remove all that hinders love. The four-fold winds are **creations groan** (Rom. 8:22), **man’s sin** (Dan. 8:23), **Satan’s rage** (Rev. 12:12) and **God’s zeal** displayed in a **seven-fold shaking** (Hag. 2:6-9) of both **wrath** (Rev. 15:1) and **glory** (Acts 2:17-19).
- G. The projected population of the Earth in 2025 is **10 billion** people. In the Fourth Seal judgment (Rev 6.8) 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the population dies. Using the hypothetical 10 billion-population estimate, **7.5 billion** people would still be alive.
- H. The Sixth Trumpet points to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of this **7.5 billion** dying leaving **5 billion** people alive on the Earth. *The death toll of these two judgments would equal 5 billion or 50% of the original number of over 10 billion living on earth before the Great Tribulation.*
- I. The death toll of World War II in a six-year period (1939-45) was nearly 50 million people. The death toll of the two judgments (Fourth Seal and Sixth Seal) will be nearly **100 times** the total of World War II yet in half the time. If **5 billion** people die in the last **3 1/2 years** (1260 days) then **4 million** would die on an average every day. **The principle of judgment:** God will use the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love without violating anyone’s freewill. Revelation is God’s “least severe” means.

***There will be great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world... nor ever shall be. 22 Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved... (Mt. 24:21)***

## V. OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION: 4 MAIN PARTS

- A. **Part 1 - John’s CALLING** (Rev. 1) The clearest picture of **who Jesus is**, as the “**Son of Man**”, highlighting 50 strategic aspects of His majesty that transformed John, like Isaiah (Is. 6), giving him the right perspective to prophesy the following events. They will transform us as well.
- B. **Part 2 – 7 LETTERS** (Rev. 2-3) The clearest picture of **what Jesus wants** in His Bride. This is Jesus giving His strategic instruction to the church at the end of the age that will cause them to **walk in power**, **unity**, and **sustain His presence**.
- C. **Part 3 – Jesus takes the SCROLL** (Rev. 4-5) The clearest picture of Jesus’ right, authority and glory. The heavenly court scene takes place at the very throne of God, all of the power and resources of heaven are given to Jesus. He is commissioned by the Father and given a scroll that contains the “battle plan” to judge, cleanse and prepare the nations for a spiritual and natural transition in which Jesus will lead the nations.
- D. **Part 4 – Jesus’ BATTLE PLAN** (Rev. 6-22) The clearest picture of what God will do when heaven and earth begin to come together in one. Jesus breaks the seals, which open the scroll and initiate His plan to remove anything that hinders love. This is the main story line that reveals the events of the **great tribulation**, **Millennium** that leads to eternity.

1. The ***BATTLE PLAN*** covers the largest section in the Book of Revelation. John highlights the 3 numbered judgment series (7 Seals, Trumpets and Bowls). They are **literal** (actual events not to be explained away symbolically), **future** (greatest fulfillment is future), **progressive** (increasing in intensity—> last 3 trumpets described as “woe” see rev. 8:13) and **numbered** (released in a sequential order (8:1 “when He opened the 7th seal,” 8:7 “the first angel sounded” 8:8 “then the second angel sounded,” 8:10 “then the third angel sounded...”).
2. Part 4 is best explained through chronological and parenthetical sections called “Angelic Explanations”. These are events that follow a certain timeline (chronological) and then interrupted with angelic explanations of the chronological events that give more clarity.
3. The chronological sections tell us what happens to the Antichrist empire by detailing the 7 seals, trumpets, and bowls.
4. The angelic explanations are designed like a “pause” from the chronological details. In them the angel answers important questions: “Why is God’s wrath so severe? What will happen to us?”

### SECTION ONE

Rev. 6 *Chronological section #1*: the ***SEAL JUDGMENTS*** against the kingdom of darkness  
 Rev. 7 *Angelic Explanation #1*: we receive ***PROTECTION*** from judgments and falling away

### SECTION TWO

Rev. 8-9 *Chronological section #2*: the ***TRUMPET JUDGMENTS*** against Antichrist empire  
 Rev. 10-11 *Angelic Explanation #2*: we receive ***DIRECTION*** by increase of prophetic ministry

### SECTION THREE

Rev. 11:15-19 *Chronological section #3*: the ***SECOND COMING PROCESSION*** and ***RAPTURE***  
 Rev. 12-14 *Angelic Explanation #3*: the violent ***CONFRONTATION*** against saints by Antichrist

### SECTION FOUR

Rev. 15-16 *Chronological section #4*: the ***BOWL JUDGMENTS*** destroy evil infrastructures  
 Rev. 17-18 *Angelic Explanation #4*: the ***SEDUCTION*** of Babylon’s evil religion permeates all

## SECTION FIVE

Rev. 19-20 *Chronological section #5*: Jesus **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** into Jerusalem

Rev. 21-22 *Angelic Explanation #5*: the **RESTORATION** of all things (Acts 3:21)

## VI. FIRST CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION: SEAL OF JUDGMENTS (REV. 6)

- A. The seven seals are released by Jesus, the Lamb of God (Rev. 5:5; 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1).

*<sup>1</sup> I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals... (Rev. 6:1)*

An opening up, and unsealing of the Antichrist's true nature that sets forth upon the earth cataclysmic events. As the Antichrist comes to power (Rev. 6:2), world war (Rev. 6:3-4), famine (rev. 6:5-6), and disease and death (rev. 6:7-8) take place.

Could be the time that the “restrainer” is taken out of the way. Perhaps the restrainer being removed is the opening of the first seal (2 Thess. 2:6-7)

We have seen pictures of this happen throughout history- WWI, II etc, but this will be the most severe the earth has ever seen (Dan. 12). It will inspire heaven to cry out for vengeance, the heavens to be shaken, and an increase in heaven inspired prayer and intervention on behalf of the saints.

**B. THE SEVEN SEALS** (Rev. 6:1-17; 8:1)

**First Seal** (White Horse): Antichrist's political aggression (Rev. 6:1-2)- deception

**Second Seal** (Red Horse): bloodshed and World War (Rev. 6:3-4)- war

**Third Seal** (Black Horse): famine and economic crisis (Rev. 6:5-6)- famine

**Fourth Seal** (Pale Horse): disease and death to 1/4 of the earth (Rev. 6:7-8)- death

**Fifth Seal** (Prayer Movement): spiritual atmosphere – releasing God's judgment (Rev. 6:9-11)- response

*“How long O Lord?” Why do the martyrs in heaven cry out? Are these the great cloud of witnesses? Heaven is mourning over the state of the earth and crying out for vengeance. I believe this heavenly cry is a representation of the unity of the church in heaven and earth crying out in this hour for God to come and judge the earth because the sin is so great. This cry is a seal judgment- why would the saints crying out be a judgment? Because it is so bad that they are praying for God to do something about it. He hears that cry.*

**Sixth Seal** (Cosmic Disturbances): natural atmosphere – cosmic crisis (Rev. 6:12-17)- earth and world's response

**Seventh Seal** (Anointed Prayer): heavenly atmosphere – an angel is given divine incense to enhance the End-Time prayer movement that contributes in releasing the 7 Trumpets (Rev. 8-9) - *heaven's response*

## VII. FIRST ANGELIC EXPLANATION: PROTECTION (REV. 7)

*17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand? (Rev. 6:17)*

- A. This Parenthetical Section answers the question, “Who can stand?” John sees a divine sealing on people that gives them physical and spiritual protection (Rev. 7:1-17). There will be 144,000 Jewish believers who will stand in victory (Rev. 7:1-8). Gentile believers (7:9-17) will also stand strong without wavering even in persecution. Many saints will be physically protected in the End-Times (Rev. 9:4; Zeph. 2:3; Mic. 7:14-19; Isa. 11:15-16).

*<sup>3</sup> Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup> I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 of all the tribes of... Israel were sealed...<sup>9</sup> Behold, a great multitude...of all nations...before the Throne ...clothed with white robes...<sup>10</sup> saying, "Salvation belongs to our God... (Rev. 7:3-10)*

- B. God puts a protective seal on His people before He strikes the earth (Rev. 7:3). Other believers (Gentiles) will be sealed by God (Rev 9:4). In the Exodus, Israel received a “protective mark” on their doors that saved their first born from death. The Goshen Principle: Ex. 8:22-23; 9:4, 6, 26.

## VIII. SECOND CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION: TRUMPET JUDGMENTS (REV. 8-9)

- A. The Trumpet judgments are supernatural acts of God to destroy the Antichrist’s resources. Similar to the judgment God cast upon Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone from heaven, many of these (first three these judgments and the 6th) involve fire.

*“Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace.” Gen. 19:28*

- B. This assures us that this is God’s judgment *against* wickedness. God’s servants are sealed during this time, as the angels that held the 4 winds were commanded to not harm the earth, sea, or trees until we are sealed (REv. 7:3)

*8:7 “The first angel sounded; and hail and fire followed...”*

*8:8 “Then the second angel sounded: and something like a great mountain burning with fire...”*

*8:10 “The the third angel sounded: and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch...”*

*9:17-18 “and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed– by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.”*

- First Trumpet** (Food Supply): burning 1/3 of the earth's vegetation (Rev. 8:7)  
**Second Trumpet** (Food Supply): destroying 1/3 of the sea (Rev. 8:8-9)  
**Third Trumpet** (Water Supply): poisoning 1/3 of the earth's fresh water (Rev. 8:10-11)  
**Fourth Trumpet** (Light, Energy): darkening 1/3 of the earth's light (Rev. 8:12)  
**Fifth Trumpet** (Torment): releasing demonic locusts that torment for 5 months (Rev. 9:1-12)  
we have power over serpents and scorpions! (9:5, 9:19—> )  
**Sixth Trumpet** (Death): releasing demonic horsemen that kill 1/3 of the earth (Rev. 9:13-21)

## IX. SECOND ANGELIC EXPLANATION: DIRECTION (REV. 10-11)

- A. Rev. 10:1-11:13 is a parenthetical section after the crisis of the six Trumpet judgments. This section is focused on the welfare of the saints as God promises to provide prophetic direction and power by releasing an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17-21).
- B. God has concealed key information that will be vital in the End-Times. He will reveal it to the Church (Rev. 10:4). He will raise up the ***Two Witnesses*** (prophets) who will help God's people with great power during the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. Jesus will also raise up prophetic messengers who will carry the "seven thunders prophetic messages". My prayer is for 10,000 forerunners to serve in the End-Time drama in each local and regional part of the earth.
- C. Reveals God's **promise of prophetic direction**, our **responsibility to eat the scroll** to see our victory but also receive the bitterness of walking through this hour of history, and also the centralized **focus of what will be happening in Jerusalem** during this time. This is the first timing indicator we receive of how long the Gentiles will rule over Jerusalem before the Lord returns to destroy them (11:2).

## X. THIRD CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION: 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING AND RAPTURE (REV. 11:15-19)

*<sup>15</sup> The seventh angel sounded...voices...saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord..." 17 You have taken Your power and reigned. (Rev. 11:15-17)*

*<sup>51</sup> We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment...at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible... (1 Cor. 15:51-52)*

- A. The Rapture occurs at the Last Trumpet, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Rev. 11:15; 1 Cor. 15:52). The Last Trumpet signals the time that Jesus raptures the Church. The Rapture is the first event in the Second Coming Procession (that has three stages). First, Jesus comes across the earth in the sky (Rev. 1:7) to Rapture the saints. Second, He comes across the land (Isa. 63:1-6; Hab. 3:3-16). Third, Jesus enters Jerusalem (Mt. 23:39) using the 7 Bowls of wrath to destroy the Antichrist's armies that are gathered around Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1-3; 14:1-5). He will replace all the evil governments on earth.

- B. The last 3 trumpets are described as “Woe” upon the earth. The 5th is the plague of demonic locusts who cause men (except the servants of God), to be tormented for 5 months and desire death. The 6th trumpet and 2nd woe are the plagues released from the demonic army. These are characterized as scorpions and serpents, which Scripture promises believers have power over.
- C. But the 7th trumpet is Jesus second coming...and this is the last “woe” upon the earth. Why is this a “woe,” and how could Jesus coming be a “woe?” The previous 2 trumpets were “woeful” to those who are not sealed and who do not believe. Jesus return is a “woe” for those who do not believe because He is coming with vengeance and great wrath. It is not a woe for us, it is a woe for the earth.

## XI. THIRD ANGELIC EXPLANATION: CONFRONTATION (REV. 12-14)

- A. This angelic explanation occurs after the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet and the Rapture (Rev. 11:15). It gives us insight into the magnitude of Satan’s attack against the Church and thus **why God’s wrath is so severe**. Namely, Satan makes war through his two evil vessels the Antichrist and the False Prophet. In this Section, the saints are assured of full **victory** and judgment on the Antichrist.
- B. This parenthetical section occurs just before the announcement of the release of the 7 Bowls of wrath (Rev. 15-16). This Section gives insight as to **why God’s wrath is so severe as to require the 7 Bowls of wrath**. The answer is that billions will willingly worship the Antichrist as god. Consequently, they will operate in the same spirit and do the same deeds. God will allow man’s free will to be exercised to its full degree. Thus, the seven Bowls of wrath will be necessary to stop evil men from exterminating the whole human race and polluting the earth with evil.
- C. In Rev. 13:1-10, the Antichrist will wage war against God and His people with a political, military and economic alliance of a ten-nation confederation. In Rev. 13:11-18, the False Prophet will be devoted to causing all nations to worship Satan and the Antichrist (Rev. 13:4, 8).

Similar passages:

Rev. 12:9; Rev. 6:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:6-8; Rev. 13:2

## XII. FOURTH CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION: BOWL JUDGMENTS (REV. 15-16)

- A. The 7 Bowls of wrath are the third and final numbered judgment series (Rev. 16). Jesus will release the 7 Bowls in a way that parallels Moses releasing the ten plagues of Egypt against Pharaoh (Exod 7-12). They will destroy the resources of the armies of the Antichrist. All the Bowls will be poured out over a 30 day period as Jesus marches up through Jordan to fight the final battle in the Armageddon campaign in Jerusalem and to rescue the unsaved remnant of Israel (Zech. 12:1-9; 14:1-5; Isa. 63:1-6; Hab. 3:3-16).
- B. The Second Coming Procession occurs over a **30 day period** which can be seen by comparing the 1,260 day (3½ year) time frame in Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 9:27; 12:7 with the 1,290 days of Dan. 12:11.
- C. The 7 Bowls of wrath (3rd Judgment series) recalls the ten plagues of Egypt (Exod 7-12).  
**First Bowl** (Sores): painful sores on those who worship the Antichrist (Rev. 16:1-2)  
**Second Bowl** (Food Supply): destroying the sea with blood and killing all in it (Rev. 16:3)  
**Third Bowl** (Water Supply): poisoning the earth's fresh water with blood (Rev. 16:4-7)  
**Fourth Bowl** (Torment): scorching heat and fire from the sun (Rev. 16:8-9)  
**Fifth Bowl** (Destruction): darkness on the Antichrist's global empire (Rev. 16:10-11)  
**Sixth Bowl** (Global Guilt): deceiving the nations to come to Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16)  
**Seventh Bowl** (Annihilation): shaking by earthquakes and hail stones (Rev. 16:17-21)

### XIII. FOURTH ANGELIC EXPLANATION: SEDUCTION (REV. 17-18)

The Seventh Bowl declares God's fierce judgment on Babylon (Rev. 16:19). This parenthetical section tells why such severe judgment is necessary. God assures the saints that judgment is certain to come on Babylon, who seems invincible in her evil worldwide economic and religious networks that seduce many to do evil and to persecute the saints. The judgment of the Great Harlot (Rev. 17) and the fall of Babylon (Rev. 18) will destroy many of the resources for the infrastructures of darkness. The Marriage supper of the Lamb is the revelation that motivates each believer (Rev. 19:7-10).

### XIV. FIFTH CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION: TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (REV. 19-20)

***11 Behold, a white horse. And He (Jesus) who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war....14 And the armies in heaven...followed Him on white horses. 15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them...16 He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS...20 The Beast (Antichrist) was captured, and with him the False Prophet ... These two were cast alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. (Rev. 19:11-21)***

- A. In this section, Jesus marches into Jerusalem as the Warrior-King (Rev. 19:11-21) to end the Armageddon campaign by destroying the armies of the Antichrist. These passage describes Jesus' Second Coming to Jerusalem to sit on an earthly Throne as King over all kings. He will cast the Antichrist and False Prophet in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20).
- B. Jesus will cast Satan into prison (Rev. 20:1-3) and establish the Millennium (Rev. 20:4-10).

<sup>2</sup> *He (angel) laid hold of...Satan and bound him for 1000 years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit...4 I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them...They lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years...6 They shall reign with Him 1000 years. (Rev. 20:2-6)*

- C. The Millennium is a literal 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world from Jerusalem in righteousness and peace. Millennium is from the Latin “*mille*” (a thousand). At this time the Kingdom of God will be openly manifest worldwide affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc.).
- D. The result will be a 1,000-year period of unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteousness and prosperity, and restores the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life to some of the conditions that were seen in the Garden of Eden (Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2:6-12; 110:1-7; Deut. 8; 28; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21).
- E. Immediately following the Millennium, all unbelievers will be judged before the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15). The earth will be cleansed by fire (2 Pet. 3:10-13) to be the New Earth.

## **XV. FIFTH ANGELIC EXPLANATION: RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS (REV. 21-22)**

- A. This Parenthetical Section shows the victory of the Bride and describes the New Jerusalem’s relationship to the Millennial earth. (Rev. 21:9-22:5). God shows how fully He will vindicate and reward the saints for standing true throughout the Great Tribulation. In other words, it will be worth it. This parenthetical section produces great hope and stability.
- B. The *New Jerusalem descends* during the Millennium (Rev. 21:10) revealing heaven coming down to earth. Jesus brings the heavenly and earthly realms together. (Eph. 1:9-10). When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. New Jerusalem is the place where resurrected saints will live. The earth will continue forever (Ps. 37:29; 78:69; 104:5; 105:10-11; 125:1-2; 1 Chr. 23:25; 28:8; Isa. 60:21; Ezek. 37:25; Joel 3:20).

<sup>12</sup> *The New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Rev. 3:12)*

- C. The New Jerusalem will descend with the Father’s Throne (Rev. 21:1-8). The New Jerusalem will descend to the earth (Rev. 3:21) in two stages. First, it descends at the time of Jesus’ Coming to begin the Millennium (Rev. 21:10). Second, it will descend to the New Earth after the Millennium (Rev. 21:2). Stage one of the descent of the New Jerusalem is partial yet substantial. Stage two is total and ultimate after the Millennium.
- D. The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above Millennial Jerusalem (Temple on Mt. Zion) creating a vast “governmental complex” joined by a “Corridor of Glory.” It will be the governmental center of heaven and earth referred to as Jesus’ Throne of glory (Mt. 19:28; 25:31).

<sup>31</sup> *When the Son of Man comes...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. (Mt. 25:31)*

## **XVI. SEVEN PRIMARY SYMBOLS IN THE PARENTHETICAL SECTIONS**

- A. How do we know when a passage is symbolic? When the text clearly indicates that it is. For example, the angel tells John the 7 lamp stands are symbolic of seven churches (Rev. 1:20). Daniel used some of the same symbols as John (Dan 7:3-7, 12, 17; 8:4).
- B. Daniel prophesied of the Antichrist as the Beast with an evil empire (Dan. 7:7, 11, 19, 20-23) that was supported by ten kings seen as ten horns (Dan. 7:7, 20, 24; 2:41-42; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16).
- C. **The dragon:** is always symbolic of Satan (Rev. 12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4; 16:13; 20:2).
- D. **The first Beast:** is symbolic of the Antichrist (Rev. 13; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4, 10). He is called the Beast 36 times in Revelation
- E. **Another Beast:** is symbolic of the False Prophet who is only called, “another Beast” one time. Every other time he is called the False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10)
- F. **The 7 heads:** are 7 empires from history that persecuted Israel (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, revived Roman Empire of Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16)
- G. **The 10 horns:** speak of a future 10-nation confederation that will rule simultaneously over their own nation as they come into an enthusiastic agreement or partnership together under the Antichrist’s authority (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16)
- H. **The Harlot Babylon:** will be established in the literal re-built city of Babylon on the Euphrates River in Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) that will be restored and used as a headquarters for the Antichrist. It will function as the center of worldwide demonic religious and economic networks (Rev. 17-18; Isa. 13-14; 21; Jer. 50-51). It will seduce many to sin and to persecute the saints.
- I. **The Woman with the Male-child (Jesus):** the woman is the faithful remnant of Israel through history (Rev. 12:1-5). Satan wars with her offspring who are Gentile believers (Rev. 12:17).
- J. The 7 beatitudes in Revelation are brief injections (some are parenthetical encouragements) that do not advance the unfolding story line (Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14).

#### HOW DO WE KNOW WE WILL GO THROUGH THE TIME OF THE TRIBULATION IF WE ARE NOT APPOINTED TO GOD’S WRATH?

- A. We cannot take one verse, namely, that we are not appointed to wrath, and forsake the burden of Scripture that reveals that God has always had His people present even while He releases wrath and judgment. The end times are unique in that it is the transition of the entire earth from the kingdom of Satan to Christ, but in the midst of this transition God will leave a remnant of His people. He will use the remnant of faithful believers to: purify them and bring them into full maturity as His Bride with great authority and power; and to release a witness through the Church to the unrepentant.

1. To purify the saints and bring them into maturity:

*“yet for many days they [those of understanding, see vs. 33] shall fall by the sword and flame, by captivity and plundering...<sup>35</sup>And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end, because it is still for the appointed time.” Daniel 11:32b-33, 35*

*“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life...” Revelation 2:10*

*“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.” Revelation 12:9*

2. To release a witness to unbelievers...UNTIL THE END:

*“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14*

*“...the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits. <sup>34</sup>And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...<sup>35</sup>And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end, because it is still for the appointed time.” Daniel 11:33, 35*

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...<sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*

- B. Both the righteous and the unrighteous are being brought forth into maturity simultaneously **until the end**. God is maturing the church to be the pure and spotless Bride worthy to rule the nations with Jesus as we overcome hell itself, while also maturing wickedness that His judgment is fully righteous. God never releases judgment until judgment is due (Genesis 15). He will allow the fullness of evil to mature on the earth before He releases the fullness of His wrath upon it. He will also use the church to be a witness to the principalities and powers His righteous plans.

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat...so the servants of the owner came and said to him...’Do you want us to go and gather them [the tares] up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the what...Let both grow together until the harvest...” Matthew 13:24-30*

***“...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places...” Ephesians 3:10***

- C. We may not be appointed to God’s wrath, but we will likely suffer because of the unique dynamics of God’s wrath, Satan’s rage, man’s sin, and creation’s groan. Consistent in Scripture God’s people are protected in measure but affected by these various things. The fact that God’s people suffer *is what is consistent in Scripture*.
1. God was pouring out His wrath and judgment upon the earth and Noah was hidden in the ark. Noah had to go through the time of crisis and was affected by it, but was preserved from God’s wrath in the ark.
  2. God was pouring out His wrath upon Sodom and Gomorrah during its time of judgment. Lot was saved through mercy, but lost all of his possessions! He was affected by God’s wrath but was saved from it.
  3. God was pouring out His wrath upon Pharaoh’s evil kingdom, and while Israel was not appointed to that wrath, they also walked through it and in measure was affected by it. They didn’t have their “normal food” which caused them to complain, but God was teaching them something else!
  4. God left Jeremiah in the midst of Jerusalem during the scourge of the Babylonian army. He left him there to be a witness to what God was doing, and Jeremiah suffered greatly because of it, being put into stocks, thrown into the bottom of what we would call a port-o-potty, and put into prison.
  5. In the end of the age, God is going to pour out wrath in increasing judgments finding their fulfillment with the bowl judgments. He is pouring out His wrath upon the Antichrist empire that has its fullness in the last 3.5 years of human history. As the church, we are not appointed to this wrath but we will suffer some of the effects of them, just as God’s people have historically.
- D. How do we know we will be protected during this time?
1. Revelation 7: Angels told to not harm earth or sea until saints are sealed
  2. Revelation 9: We have been given power over serpents and scorpions
- “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19***
3. This does not mean we will not suffer. It does mean we will not be under the weight of God’s fury and wrath. But as God’s wrath, Satan’s rage, man’s sin and creation’s groan intersect in a violent storm, we will be in the midst finding refuge in the name of the Lord as we will know He who is shaking all things.

4. Good questions to ask:
- a. If we will not be here, why would Jesus tell us of the greatest time of tribulation ever to hit the earth and warn us of so much deception?  
  
*“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time...false christ and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.” Matthew 24:21-25*
  - b. Why would He give us Psalm 46?  
  
*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled...<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolation in the earth...<sup>10</sup>Be still and know that I am God...”*
  - c. Why would we even care about 9/10ths of the Old Testament if we will not be here during His judgment upon the nations? SO MANY of the prophecies concerning His second coming revolve around His judgments upon unrighteous nations. If we will not be here, why would God even tell us about it? Isaiah, Zephaniah, Hosea, Malachi, Jeremiah...
- E. God does not delight in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11), but ever works to release truth to them. In His zeal for His name and the preservation of the ones He loves, He even sends prophets to unrighteous nations that they might be brought back into truth. See the book of Jonah!

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OVERVIEW OF KEY END TIME EVENTS

