

BEWARE THE LAMB



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST Introduction

New Testament

Gospels & Acts - 5

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

30 years

Acts

SALVATION

Paul's Epistles - 13

Romans
1, 2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1, 2 Thessalonians
Titus
Philemon

30 years

Hebrew Epistles - 8

Hebrews
James
1, 2 Peter
1, 2, 3, John
Jude

SANCTIFICATION

Prophetic - 1

3,000 years

Revelation

REDEMPTION

The Day of the Lord Return of Christ to Rule

- 1,845 references in the Old Testament
 - 17 books give prominence to the event
 - nearly all 39 reference it in some way
- 318 references in the New Testament
 - 216 of 260 chapters
 - 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event

*For every prophecy of Christ's 1st
Coming there are 8 of His 2nd Coming!*

BIBLE PROPHECY IS A STUDY OF HISTORY.

- Some of prophecy already has happened.

IT IS PAST - IT IS THERE FOR US TO SEE,

- Some of prophecy is happening right before our eyes.

IT IS PRESENT - IT IS THERE FOR US TO WITNESS

- Some of prophecy is future.

*IT HASN'T HAPPENED YET.
IT IS FOR US TO EXPECT AND TO LOOK FOR.*

**THE FUTURE EVENTS IN THE BIBLE ARE JUST AS SURE
AS THE EVENTS COMPLETED IN THE PAST**

***GOD'S PROPHECY IS GOD'S PROMISE
IT WILL BE KEPT !***

INDEX OF HISTORY

ETERNITY PAST = >4000 YEARS BC

DIVINE FIAT = CREATION TO ADAM
INNOCENCE = PRE-FALLEN ADAM

AGE OF CONSCIENCE = 4000-2000 BC

CONSCIENCE = FALLEN ADAM TO THE FLOOD (3975 BC TO 2318 BC)

HUMAN GOVERNMENT = NOAH TO CALL OF ABRAHAM (2318 BC TO 1927 BC)

PROMISE - CALL OF ABRAHAM TO MOSES (1927 BC TO 1462 BC)

A MEDIATOR - A MAN CHOSEN BY GOD

NATION ISRAEL (HEBREWS) ESTABLISHED - LAW GIVEN / HOST SEPARATED

ISRAEL UNDER LAW = 2000 BC-30 AD

LAW - MOSES TO JESUS RESURRECTION = (1462 BC TO 29 AD)

CHURCH ON EARTH = 30 AD - ?????

- EPHESUS - DUTY W/O LOVE = (33 AD TO 100 AD)
- SMYRNA - POOR, PERSECUTED BUT RICH = (100 AD TO 300 AD) = *NO CRITICISM*
- PERGAMOS - COMPROMISE WITH THE WORLD = (300 AD TO 600 AD)
- THYATIRA - THE GREAT COUNTERFEIT = (600 AD TO 1500 AD)
- SARDIS - DEAD ORTHODOXY = (1500 AD TO 1750 AD) = *NO COMMENDATION*
- PHILADELPHIA - REVIVAL AND EVANGELISM (1750 AD TO 1900 AD) = *NO CRITICISM*
- LAODICEA - COMPROMISE AND APOSTASY - (1900 TO ?????) = *NO COMMENDATION*

→ *Specific reference to Jesus 2nd Coming is made*

APOSTASY - THE BEGINING OF SORROWS

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APOSTASY - THE BEGINING OF SORROWS

RAPTURE = JUST PRIOR TO TRIBULATION PERIOD
1ST RESSURECTION

RESTRAINER (HOLY SPIRIT AS HE INDWELLS THE CHURCH) REMOVED

CHURCH IN HEAVEN

JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST - REWARDS

MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

• *TEMPLE (OR TABERNACLE) WORSHIP IS RE-ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL - SACRIFICES BEGIN*

• *GOG / MAGOG INVASION OF ISRAEL OCCURS*

“MAN OF SIN” REVEALED / COMES TO POWER

COVENANT IS ENFORCED UPON ISRAEL

DAY OF THE LORD / DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK OF YEARS BEGINS

- *AT SOME POINT IN THIS SEQUENCE OF EVENTS,*
 - *THE GOG / MAGOG INVASION OF ISRAEL OCCURS WEAPONS BURNED 7 YEARS AND*
 - *THE TEMPLE (OR TABERNACLE) IS RESESTABLISHED AND SACRIFICES BEGIN WHICH ARE STOPPED BY THE ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION AT THE MIDPOINT OF DANIEL'S 70th WEEK*

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DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK OF YEARS - PERIOD OF WOE ON UNBELIEVING ISRAEL AND THE "EARTH DWELLERS"

TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE = 3.5 YEARS / 42 MONTHS / 1,260 DAYS

- SEAL 1 - RIDER ON A WHITE HORSE - PEACE, ANTI-CHRIST REVEALED
- SEAL 2 - RIDER ON A RED HORSE - 1ST WAR, THE RUSSIAN INVASION
- SEAL 3 - RIDER ON A BLACK HORSE WITH BALANCES- FAMINE
- SEAL 4 - RIDER ON A PALE HORSE - DEATH
- SEAL 5 - MARTYRED SOULS AT THE ALTER - PERSECUTION
- SEAL 6 - CATASTROPHIC CHANGES IN THE EARTH - DESTRUCTION
- SEAL 7 - SILENCE - 144,000 JEWS SEALED

SATAN CAST OUT OF HEAVEN / ENTER'S THE 'MAN OF SIN'

ABOMINATION THAT CAUSES DESOLATION = MID-POINT OF TRIBULATION

FAITHFUL REMNANT IN JERUSALEM (ISRAEL) TOLD TO FLEE TO EDM / MOAB (MODERN JORDAN WHICH FOR SOME REASON IS NOT IN THE CONTROL OR OR INFLUENCED BY THE 'MAN OF SIN'.

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WRATH OF GOD = LATER PART OF DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK - 3.5 YEAR / 42 MONTHS / 1,260 DAYS "THE GREAT TRIBULATION"

TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

- 1ST TRUMPET - HAIL, FIRE AND BLOOD
 - ALL GRASS AND 1/3 TREES BURNED, 1/3 EARTH ON FIRE
- 2ND TRUMPET - FALLING METEOR
 - 1/3 SHIPS DESTROYED, 1/3 FISH KILLED, 1/3 SEA FILLED W/ BLOOD
- 3RD TRUMPET - FALLING STAR
 - 1/3 OF WATER POISONED
- 4TH TRUMPET - SUN, MOON, AND STARS
 - 1/3 HEAVENS DARKENED, LIGHT DIMINISHED BY 1/3
- 5TH TRUMPET - DEMON LOCUSTS
 - STING PEOPLE WITHOUT THE MARK OF GOD IN THEIR FOREHEADS CAUSING 5 MONTHS OF TORMENT
- 6TH TRUMPET
 - SATAN'S ARMY GATHERED (200 MILLION), KILL 1/3 OF MANKIND

INTERVAL

TWO WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AFTER TESTIFYING FOR 1,260 DAYS ARE KILLED. AFTER 3.5 DAYS THEY ARE RAISED AGAIN AND CALLED UP INTO HEAVEN. (ELIJAH AND MOSES)

- 7TH TRUMPET - EARTHQUAKE
 - 7,000 DIE IN JERUSALEM - PEOPLE RUN TO THE MOUNTAINS

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VIAL (BOWL) JUDGMENTS

- 1ST VIAL - BOILS
 - MALIGNANT SORES AFFECT THOSE WITH MARK OF THE BEAST
- 2ND VIAL - SEA OF BLOOD
 - EVERYTHING IN THE OCEAN DIES
- 3RD VIAL - RIVERS OF BLOOD
 - RIVERS AND SPRINGS TURN TO BLOOD
- 4TH VIAL - OPPRESSIVE HEAT
 - SUN SCORCHES ALL MANKIND
- 5TH VIAL - DARKNESS
 - EARTH IN TOTAL DARKNESS / DARKNESS THAT IS 'FELT' (I.E. EGYPT)
- 6TH VIAL - EUPHRATES DRIES UP
 - NATIONS ARMIES MARCH ON ISRAEL
- 7TH VIAL - HAIL
 - CITIES CRUMBLE

AT SOME POINT DURING DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK - LIKELY FROM THE MIDPOINT THRU THE GATHERING AT ARMAGEDDON – A REMNANT OF ISRAEL REPENTS - RETURNS TO GOD - RECOGNIZES JESUS AS THE MESSIAH, FLEES TO BOSRAH AND CALLS FOR THE LORD'S HELP AND CALLS FOR HIS RETURN

ARMAGEDDON

KINGS OF THE SOUTH MOVE ON ISRAEL, KINGS OF THE NORTH AND EAST AND "ANTI-CHRIST'S" ARMIES RESPOND. THEY TURN FROM WARRING WITH EACH OTHER AND GATHER TO MARCH ON THE NOW FAITHFUL ISRAEL TO ELIMINATE ANY LAST ELEMENT OF GOD'S FAITHFUL FROM THE EARTH

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SECOND COMING OF JESUS

JESUS RETURNS TO MAKE WAR ON THE 'UNFAITHFUL' PUTTING DOWN ALL OPPOSITION SAINTS / BRIDE RETURN WITH HIM BUT DO NOT MAKE WAR THEMSELVES

BEAST (ANTI-CHRIST) AND FALSE PROPHET CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE
SATAN BOUND IN ABYSS (BOTTOMLESS PIT) FOR 1,000 YEARS (A MILLENNIUM)
JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS - SHEEP and GOATS

MILLENNIUM (1,000 YEARS = MILLI ANNUM)
EARTHLY RULE OF JESUS AND SAINTS.
EARTH IS RULED RIGHTEOUSNESSLY WITH A ROD OF IRON

AFTER 1000 YEARS, SATAN LOOSED FOR A SHORT TIME
MANY JOIN HIM AND REBEL

FINAL REBELLION PUT DOWN

SATAN CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR ETERNITY

GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT - 2ND RESURRECTION
WORKS OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS LIVING AND DEAD JUDGED INADEQUATE
THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE ARE CAST INTO
THE LAKE OF FIRE FOR ETERNITY

PRESENT HEAVEN AND EARTH DESTROYED (TRANSFORMED) BY FIRE AND A NEW HEAVEN
AND NEW EARTH ARE ESTABLISHED
JESUS AND BRIDE (CHURCH) AND OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS ABIDE IN THE NEW
JERUSALEM)
THE SIFTED (PURGED AND PURIFIED NATIONS OF MAN LIVE ON THE NEW EARTH IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS).

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COMPLETING THE PUZZLE

WITHOUT THE FINISHED PICTURE IN VIEW, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO COMPLETE CORRECTLY.

THERE ARE MANY COMBINATIONS THAT SEEM CORRECT AT THE TIME WE PLACE THEM BUT AS THE PICTURE TAKES FORM, IT TURNS OUT WE MUST REPOSITION MANY OF OUR PREVIOUSLY PLACED PIECES.

THERE IS ONLY ONE CORRECT, COMPLETELY FINISHED PICTURE WITH ALL THE PIECES IN THE CORRECT PLACE.

IF WHERE YOU HAVE PLACED A PIECE, IT CANNOT FIT GOD'S PICTURE, YOU'RE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUZZLE IS WRONG. THE PIECE NEED TO BE PICKED UP AND PUT DOWN AGAIN IN IT'S CORRECT POSITION.

1Co 15:51

Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ...

Something previously secret, now revealed

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Genesis vs. Revelation

Genesis = Beginning; Creation

Revelation = Redemption; Completion

	<u>Genesis</u>	<u>Revelation</u>
Earth Created	1:1	
Earth Passed away		21:1
Sun, moon, stars	1:14-16	4:12; 8:12
Earth's government	37	
Earth's judgment		16:8
Sun to govern Day	1:16	
No need of sun		21:23
Darkness called night	1:5	22:5
No night there		
Waters He called seas	1:10	21:1
No more sea		
A river for earth's blessing	2:10-14	
A river for New Earth		22:1,2
Man in God's Image	1:26	
Man Headed by Satan's Image		13
Entrance of sin	3	
End of sin		21, 22
Curse pronounced	3:14-17	
No more curse		22:3
Death entered	3:19	
No more death		21:4
Cherubim first mentioned	3:24	
Cherubim final mention		19:4
Man driven out of Eden	3:24	
Man restored		22
Tree of life guarded	3:24	
Access to Tree of life		22:14
Sorrow & suffering enter	3:17	
No more sorrow		22:4

	<u>Genesis</u>	<u>Revelation</u>
Religion, art, and science separated from God	4	
judged, destroyed		18
Nimrod founds Babylon	10:8-10	
Babylon falls		17, 18
God's Flood to		
Destroy evil generation	6 - 9	
Satan's flood to		
Destroy elect generation		12
A bow: God's promise	9:13	
A bow for remembrance		4:3; 10:1
Sodom & Egypt:		
- Corruption, judgement	13, 19	
- Sodom & Egypt* (Jerusalem)	11:8	
A confederation vs.		
Abraham's people	14	
Abraham's Seed		12
A bride for Abraham's son	24	
A bride for Abraham's Seed		19
Marriage of 1st Adam	2:18-23	
Marriage of Last Adam		19
Promised Seed:		
Possess gate of enemies	29:8	
Promised Seed possessing		19
Man's dominion ceased and		
Satan's begun	3:24	
Satan's domain ended and		
man's restored		22

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Hermeneutics

Interpreting; explaining; unfolding the significance

The art of finding the meaning of an author's words and phrases, and of explaining it to others.

IF SOMETHING CAN BE TAKEN LITERALLY, IT MUST BE TAKEN LITERALLY.

THE BEST INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE IS NO INTERPRETATION AT ALL.

THE BEST COMMENTARY ON GOD'S WORD IS GOD'S WORD

IF SCRIPTURE PROPHECY IS INTENDED TO BE "SPIRITUALIZED" OR IS MEANT TO BE AN "ALLEGORY", SCRIPTURE ITSELF WILL MAKE THAT CLEAR.

THE HEAVENLY LAYER CAKE

NEARLY ALL SCRIPTURAL PROPHECY HAS MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS AND FULFILLMENTS

FULFILLMENTS:

- **NATURAL AND A SPIRITUAL**
- **CONTEMPORARY AND FUTURE**

APPLICATIONS:

- **A PERSONAL**
- **A CORPORATE**
- **A HISTORICAL, WORLDWIDE**
- **A SPIRITUAL, ETERNAL, TIMELESS**

CODES

It is impossible to comprehend Revelation without being conversant with Old Testament allusions and symbols:

Mountain: symbol of "government" and "authority"

Horn: symbol of "strength" and "power"

Sea: symbol of "peoples and nations" or "unrest"

Various numbers: eg: 7 = Completion, Complete

And many more... *404 verses; 800+ allusions to the OT*

Hos 12:10

I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes by the ministry of the prophets.

Isa 28:10

For precept *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

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Sampling of the Sevens in Revelation

Seven Churches	1:4, 11, 20	Seven Features of Jesus	1
Seven Lampstands	1:12, 13, 20; 2:1	Seven Divisions in each Letter	2, 3
Seven Spirits	1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6	Seven Personages	12, 13
Seven Stars	1:16, 20; 2:1; 3:1	(Woman, Man-Child, Red Dragon, 7-headed Beast, False Prophet, Michael, Lamb)	
Seven Lamps	4; 5	Seven Beatitudes	1:3, 14:3, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, 22:14
Seven "Title-pairs"	2; 3	Seven Years of Judgments	11:3; 12:6, 14; 13:5
Seven Promises to the Overcomer	2:3	Seven "I Am's" of Christ	1:8, 11, 17, 18; 21:6; 22:13, 16
Seven Seals	5:1,6	Seven Doxologies in heaven	4:9-11; 5:8-13; 7:9-12; 11:16-18; 14:2,3; 15:2-4; 19:1-6
Seven Horns	5:6	Seven New Things	20, 21
Seven Eyes	5:6		
Seven Angels	8:2,6; 15:1,6,7,8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9		
Seven Trumpets	8:2, 6		
Seven Thunders	10:3, 4		
Seven Thousand	11:13		
Seven Heads	12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 9		
Seven Crowns	12:3		
Seven Plagues	15:1, 6, 8; 21:9		
Seven Bowls	15:7; 17:1; 21:9		
Seven Mountains	7:9		
Seven Kings	17:10,11		
(some are more subtle)			

...and many, many more.
(perhaps Seventy times Seven as many?)

Then identify the multiples of seven and the number of 7's skyrockets...

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PURPOSE

DELIVERED IN SIGNS AND SYMBOLS BUT INTENDED TO BE UNDERSTOOD SO THAT GIVEN A KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS TO COME, WE WILL:

CHANGE THE WAY WE LIVE TODAY.

2Pe 1:19-21

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; to which ye do well that ye take heed, as to a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: **20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21** For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 JOHN 2:28

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

PERSPECTIVE

**AS YOU STUDY SCRIPTURE KEEP SEVERAL THINGS IN ORDER AND IN PERSPECTIVE:
SORT OUT THE TIMES AND EVENTS IN ORDER.**

**WHO WHERE WHAT
HOW WHEN WHY**

**May not know the ‘day or hour’
or the ‘times and seasons’ in advance.**

But neither should we be caught ‘unawares’

**Once we know the “Signs or the Times”
We will recognize the “Time of the Signs”**

Time of the Signs

1. **Weapons of Mass Destruction - Matthew 24:22**
2. **The Rise of Islam - 2 Thessalonians 2:4ff**
3. **The Struggle for Jerusalem - Zechariah 12; Luke 21**
4. **The Magog Invasion - Ezekiel 38, 39**
5. **The Rise of European Superstate - Daniel 2, 7**
6. **The Rise of China - Isaiah 49; Revelation 16**
7. **Trend toward Global Government - Daniel 11, Rev 13**
8. **New Ecumenical Religion - Revelation 13, 17, 18**
9. **Biotech and Global Pestilence - Revelation 6:8**
10. **The Predicament of America - Hosea 4 – 14**

GROUPS OF PEOPLE TO KEEP TRACK OF

1. **THE ISRAELITES (THE JEWS) ON EARTH**
2. **THE NATIONS (THE GENTILES - UNSAVED NON-ISRAELITES) ON EARTH**
3. **THE CHURCH ON EARTH**
4. **THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD**
5. **THE UNRIGHTEOUS DEAD**

The Kingdom of God / The Kingdom of Heaven

Other Issues in our time to watch:

- Alignment for the Magog Invasion
- Rebuilding of the Temple
- Rebuilding of Babylon
- Preparation for Armageddon
- Preparation for Refuge in Edom [Jordan]
- Rise of a European Super State
- Rise of the Far East to world power status

Things Out of Place Beginning vs End of Revelation

Israel: Supposed to be in the Land

Scattered among the nations of the earth

Church: Supposed to be with the Lord in their 'Chambers'

On the earth, waiting and watching

Jesus: Supposed to be Ruling from David's Throne

*Seated on the Father's throne until
His enemies are put under His feet*

Satan: Supposed to be Bound

*Accusing the brethren
Roaming the earth seeking some to devour*

Basic Divisions (found in Rev 1:19):

Ch:

- 1 The things which thou hast seen.
- 2-3 The things which are.
- 4-22 The things which shall be after these things.

Four times John says he was *“...in the Spirit...”*

Ch: **Where was he:**

- 1:10 on the day of the Lord Patmos
- 4:2 straightway I was... A throne in heaven
- 17:3 carried me away... in the wilderness
- 21:10 carried me away... to a mountain

“Thunders, voices, lightnings, and an earthquake”

4:5 Throne
8:5 Seals
11:19 Trumpets
16:18 Bowls

Intensity Escalation toward the End

1:6 (2) Glory, dominion
4:11 (3) Glory, honor, power
5:13 (5) Blessing, honor, glory, power
7:12 (7) Blessing,
 glory,
 wisdom,
 thanksgiving,
 honor,
 power,
 might

Songs

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|----|-----------------|--|
| 1) | 4:8 | Holy, holy, holy |
| 2) | 4:11; 5:8-10 | worthy art thou |
| 3) | 5:11-13 | unto Him that sitteth |
| 4) | 7:9,10
11,12 | Salvation to our God
Amen; Blessing... |
| 5) | 11:15
16-18 | Kingdoms of the world
We give thee thanks |
| 6) | 15:2-4 | great & marvelous... |
| 7) | 19:1-8 4 | hallelujahs |

Note: Only the redeemed sing...

The Three Tenses of Redemption

	Past	Present	Future
God (Rev 1:4)	Which Was (Col 1:15-17; Jn 8:58)	Which is (Heb 7:25)	Which Is to Come (Rev 1:7)
Jesus Christ (Rev 1:5)	The Faithful Witness (Jn 14:1-3; Jn 8:14)	First Begotten of the Dead (Col 1:18-20)	Prince of the Kings of the Earth (Mt 25:31,32; 1 Cor 15:24,25)
Unto Him That (Rev 1:5)	Washed Us from our Sins in His Own Blood (Heb 7:25; 9:14)	Loves Us (Gal 2:20; Jn 3:16)	Made Us Kings /Priests (1 Pet 2:9; Lk 19:17; Rev 2:26,26; 5:10; 20:4; 22:5)

Write (Rev 1:19)

The Things Which:

<u>Thou Hast Seen</u> (Rev 1:12-18) <i>(Gospel of John)</i>	<u>Are</u> (Rev 2 & 3) <i>(1, 2, 3 John)</i>	<u>Shall Be Hereafter</u> (Rev 4-22)
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Three Women

Wife of YHWH	(Israel)	Woman of Rev 12
Virgin Bride	(Church)	Bride of Christ
		New Jerusalem
		Rev 21/22
Harlot	(Religion)	Mystery Babylon
		of Rev 17

Three Wars

- **Gog / Magog Invasion of Israel**
– Ezek 38/39
- **War in Heaven – Satan cast down**
– Rev 12
- **Armageddon Massacre**
– Rev 19

Preparatory Issues

**You should really read the entire Bible by next time
(Take notes as you read) !!!**

- In Genesis, the role of the “serpent,” the “seed of the woman,” the kinsman-redeemer, the coats of skins, the Way of the Tree of Life;
- In Exodus, the concept of Redemption, deliverance from bondage, the plagues, the burning bush and why it wasn’t consumed, etc.;
- In Leviticus, the Feasts, their offerings and the Jewish calendar;
- In Numbers, the way the Camp of Israel was laid out;
- In Joshua, the parallels between it and the Book of Revelation;
- In Ruth, the title of real estate, redemption, and the kinsman-redeemer;
- In 2 Samuel, David dividing the priests into 24 courses;
- In Daniel, the 70 Week Prophecy;
- Distinction between Israel and the Church;
- Categories of “saints,” “elect,” etc.

***If you stay with us and the Lord waits,
we’ll cover most of these together***

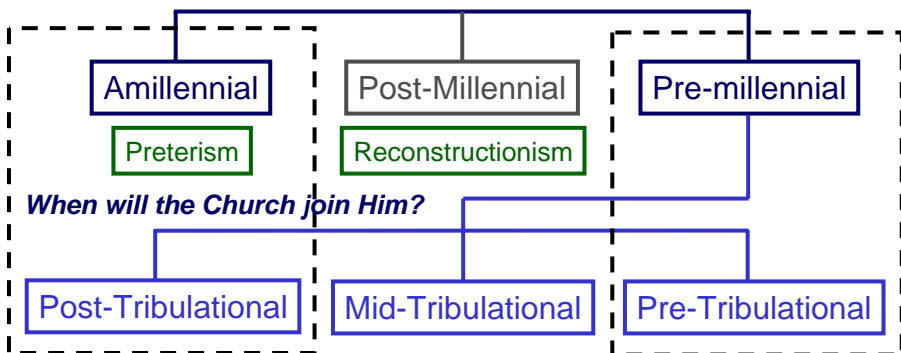
Divisions of 'Systematic' Theology

- **Bibliology** **The Bible**
- **Theology Proper** **Attributes of God**
- **Christology** **Lord Jesus Christ**
- **Pneumatology** **Holy Spirit**
- **Angelology** **Angels, fallen and unfallen**
- **Anthropology** **Man**
- **Soteriology** **Salvation**
- **Ecclesiology** **The Church**
- **Eschatology** **End-Times; Last Things**
- **Israelology** **Israel as God's instrument**

The reason we have so many denominations today...

Eschatology: Doctrine of last things

When will Christ rule on the earth?



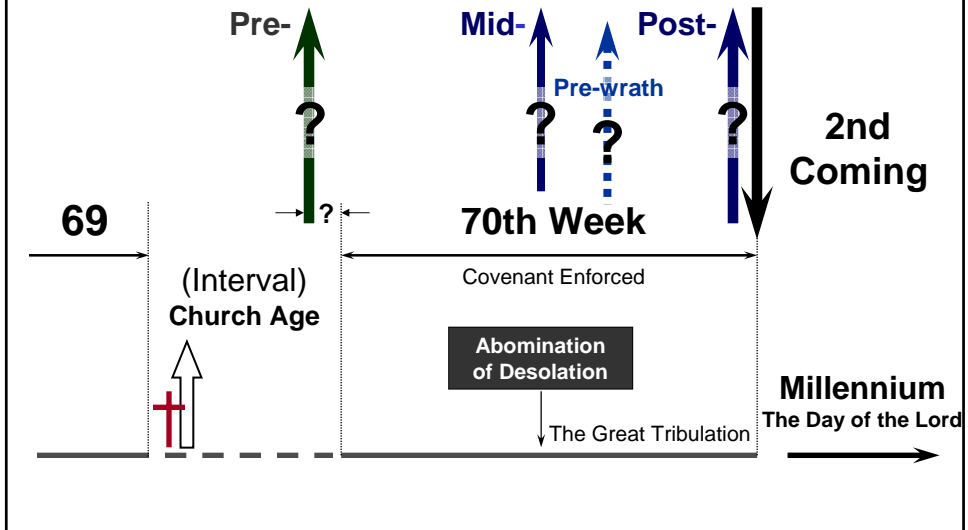
When will the Church join Him?

Many Denominations

Fundamentalists

Allegorical ← **Hermeneutics** → Literal

Alternative “Tribulation” Views



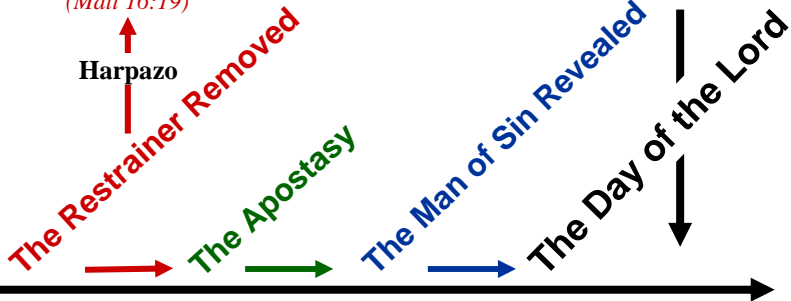
2 Thessalonians 2

- 1 Now we beseech you, brethren, *by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*
- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that *the day of the Lord is at hand.*
- 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: *for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that Man of Sin be revealed, the Son of Perdition;*
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 6 And now ye know *what* restraineth that he might be revealed in his time.
- 7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: *only He who now restraineth will restrain, until He be taken out of the way.*
- 8 And then shall that *Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

The Order of Events

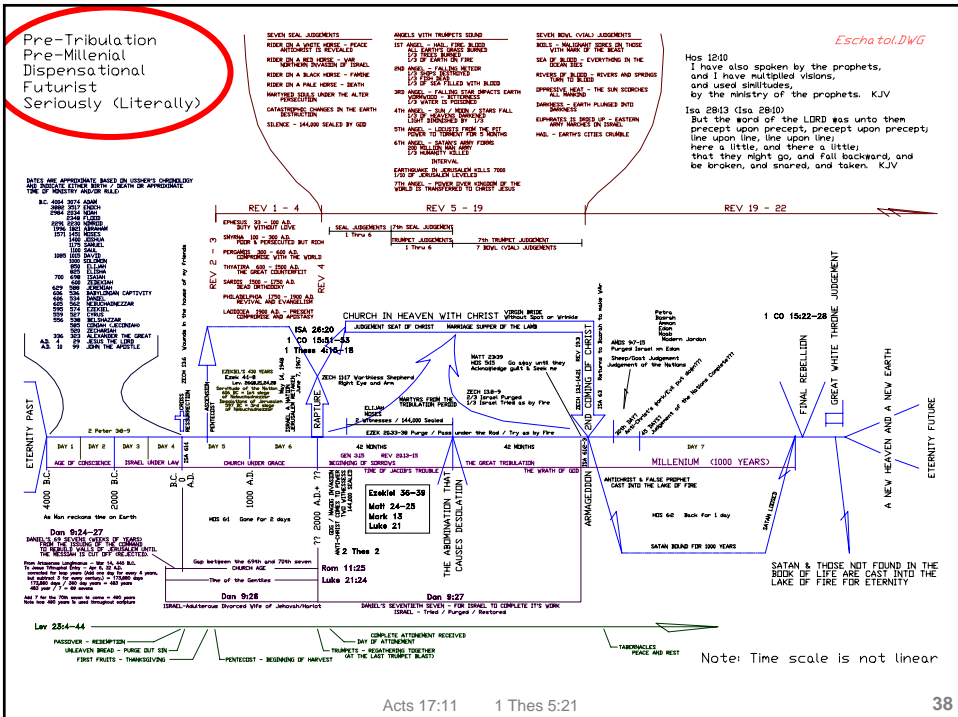
Matt 18:18
Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

(Matt 16:19)



For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first v.3
 He who now [restraineth] will [restrain], until He be taken out of the way v.7
 And then shall that Wicked One be revealed v.8,

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FOR THE RECORD

FUTURIST: MOST OF THE EVENTS ARE YET TO HAPPEN,

SEQUENTIAL: REVELATION WAS GIVEN IN HISTORICAL TIME ORDER

PREMILLENNIAL: THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST HAPPENS BEFORE THE LITERAL MILLENIUM BEGINS

PRETRIBULATIONAL: THE RAPTURE OCCURS PRIOR TO THE GREAT TRIBULATION

DISPENSATIONAL: GOD USES DIFFERENT GROUPS AND PEOPLE TO REPRESENT AND REVEAL HIMSELF TO MANKIND AT DIFFERENT TIMES

~~LITERAL:~~ WHAT GOD SAYS, HE MEANS,
SERIOUSLY WHAT HE PROMISED, HE WILL DO

Acts 17:11 1 Thes 5:21

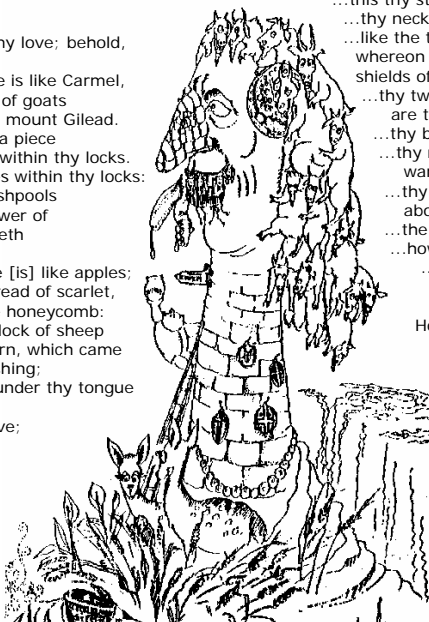
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The Song of Solomon Illustrated

(for the traditional literalist followers of the King James Version)

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold,
thou art fair;
...thine head upon thee is like Carmel,
...thy hair is as a flock of goats
that appear from mount Gilead.
...thy temples are like a piece
of a pomegranate within thy locks.
...thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks:
...thine eyes like the fishpools
...thy nose is as the tower of
Lebanon which looketh
toward Damascus.
...the smell of thy nose [is] like apples;
...thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,
...thy lips...drop as the honeycomb:
...thy teeth are like a flock of sheep
that are even shorn, which came
up from the washing;
...honey and milk are under thy tongue

Thou art all fair, my love;



...this thy stature is like to a palm tree,
...thy neck is as a tower of ivory;
...like the tower of David builded for an armoury,
whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all
shields of mighty men.
...thy two breasts are like two young roes that
are twins, which feed among the lillies
...thy breasts to clusters of grapes.
...thy navel is like a round goblet, which
wanteth not liquor:
...thy belly is like an heap of wheat set
about with lilies.
...the joints of thy thighs are like jewels,
...how beautiful are thy feet with shoes,
...the smell of thy garments is like
the smell of Lebanon.

How fair and how pleasant
art thou, O love, for delights!

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**For those who believe,
No explanation is necessary.**

**For those who do not believe,
No explanation is sufficient.**

Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

1Th 5:21

Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.