

| Assembly | Ephesus | Smyrna | Pergamos | Thyatira |
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| Seals Seals take time to play out. | 1 Seal White horse (Papacy, UN/URI) NWO | 2 Seal Red horse (Marxism Socialism) | 3 Seal Black Horse (Capitalism Bilderberg, Fed) | 4 Seal Green/Grey Dappled Horse (Islam, and Islamic terror) |
| Trumpets Trumpets take time to play out. Destruction by 1/3. (Begin 3.5 years?) | 1 Trump Hail, fire and blood. 1/3 trees all green grass burned up | 2 Trump Mountain cast into sea 1/3 sea becomes blood, 1/3 ships, living | 3 Trump Wormwood Great star falls from heaven, 1/3 of the waters become wormwood. Many men die | 4 Trump 1/3 sun struck, 1/3 moon, 1/3 day not shine |
| Insets (adds information) Describes Israel, two beasts, Lamb, 144,000, Babylon. | Chapter 12 (inset) Woman (Israel) flees 3.5 years | Chapter 13 (inset) Describes the beasts from sea (same as four/five beasts of Daniel) | Chapter 13 (inset) describes the beast from the land (UN/URI) | Chapter 14 (inset) Lamb and 144,000 on Mount Tzion, and also before the throne |
| Cups/Bowl Happen all at once. Destruction nearly total. "Day of Yahweh?" | 1 Cup Sores on men who worship the beast | 2 Cup Sea becomes blood. All sea creatures die | 3 Cup Rivers and fountains of water become blood. | 4 Cup Men burned with great heat from sun. |
| (Ch. 17, 18 inset) Wedding Feast, Satan bound, Millennium | Chapter 17 (inset) Describes Babylon (RCC and her daughters) | Chapter 18 (inset) Babylon is fallen in one hour | 19.11 Yeshua's return. Armageddon (= Wedding Feast?) Same time frame as Seventh Trumpet? | 19.17 Armageddon = Gog 1 = Wedding Feast. Ephraim is married Hosea 2:20 |
| Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach prophecies play out. | | | | |
| End of Millennium and the New Earth | 20.7 Satan Released. Gog 2. Devil cast into Lake of Fire | 20.11 White Throne Judgment | 21 New Earth Renewed Jerusalem as a bride | |

| Sardis | Philadelphia | (not used) | Laodecia |
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| 5 Seal More have to die before the blood of the martyrs will be avenged. | 6 Seal Quake, stars fall, sun black, moon blood, heaven departs | Sealing of 144,000 protected against trumpets | 7 Seal Silence in heaven ½ hour Introduces trumpets |
| 5 Trump Figurative star (Satan?) falls to earth, opens pit, plague all but the sealed 5 months. WOE 1 | 6 Trump 200 million man army kills 1/3 men. (Seven thunders take place, are sealed up) WOE 2 | Chapter 11: Outer Court trodden underfoot 42 months. Two Witnesses end 3.5 year testimony, are resurrected. | 7 Trump Yeshua seen at "Last trump"? Earth quake. Heaven departs (nuke?) Reign of YHWH begins. WOE 3 |
| 14.7 (inset) Hour of Judgment | 14.8 (inset) Bavel fallen (in heaven? Plays out in 18) | 14.13 (inset) Blessed are those who die in YHWH from now on. | 14.14 (inset) Son of Man on cloud, with sickle. Earth reaped (at the end of the age) |
| 5 Cup poured on the beast's throne. | 6 Cup Euphrates dried up. 3 unclean spirits like frogs are seen. | 16.16 Men gather for Armageddon | 7 Cup Big quake. Jerusalem divided. Islands flee, mountains not found. |
| 19.20 Beast (UN/Pope) and False Prophet (Mohammed) into Lake of Fire (false religions) | 20.1 Satan Bound 1,000 years. Millennium begins. | 20.4-6 First Resurrection. (Spiritual resurrection.) | Millennium Tanach prophecies play out. (Second Exodus?) |
| Millennium (1,000 years). Tanach Prophecies play out | | | |
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Non-shaded areas belong to the timeline.
Shaded areas give details "inset" into the timeline.

A Big Picture Overview of Revelation

Revelation is a complex and highly symbolic book. For many, it can seem “closed.” Our job here is to help it seem just a little more “open.”

This study is organized in three sections. In this first chapter we will try to give a “big picture overview” of Revelation. Along the way we will suggest a framework for understanding Scripture that hopefully will seem intuitive. If it does not seem intuitive to you, please read along with us. In the second section we will try to go through the Revelation timeline in more detail, which hopefully will make things clearer. Finally, in the third section, wherever more detail is needed we will break out special topics by chapters.

Revelation is both frightening and exciting. It speaks of events that will not be pleasant to bear in the flesh. However, if we understand the timeline Revelation describes it can really help build our faith, because it helps us make sense of what is going on in the world around us.

All of us are born as babes. As babies, our focus is on ourselves. Whenever we want something, we cry, and we keep crying until someone takes care of our needs. Slowly we grow to adulthood; and over time, hopefully we learn the importance of caring for (and taking care of) others. This is often referred to as “maturity,” and in the *Nazarene Israel* study we talk about how Yahweh has helped lead and grow Israel to spiritual maturity over the years.

Yet even as mature as we might become, and as much as we might seek to put others before ourselves, as long as we inhabit fleshly bodies we still have fleshly needs to be met. If we don’t get enough food, we starve. If we don’t have enough clothing, we can die of exposure. And if someone cuts our head off, or burns us at the stake, we die.

It is not fun to think about, but just as Yahweh asks us to grow in our maturity as human beings, He also asks us to grow in our level of trust. We are told that there will come a day when many of us will be asked to give the proof of our faith, by electing to die rather than renounce our faith in Yeshua.

Luqa (Luke) 12:4-9

4 "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

6 "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before Elohim.

7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

8 "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the messengers of Elohim.

9 But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the messengers of Elohim."

At the time of this writing (2011 CE) we can already see the beginnings of a day like this. While we do not know the specifics, some things are logically inevitable.

As the world grows closer together and more nations develop nuclear weapons, there is ever-increasing pressure to form a one world government, with one single currency, and a united world religion. The hope is that by forging one single “official” faith, the kinds of religious wars that have historically torn continents apart can be averted in a nuclear age.

Yet it will not be an easy thing to overcome national and ethnic boundaries. The irony is that it will likely take a nuclear exchange of some kind, before a one world government can be formed. Yet if there is such a nuclear exchange, it would likely call the masses of earth to demand the formation of such a one world government and a one world religion at any price, including the death of anyone who stands in the way of the formation of this new world order.

Because Islam teaches that their Mahdi (Islam’s messiah) will arrive as a result of an apocalypse, the more fundamentalist Muslims look forward to a nuclear conflagration. Thus as nuclear technology spreads it is almost a given that the kind of nuclear exchange that will lead the people of earth to demand a one world government (along with a one world religion) will sooner or later take place.

While we cannot know the details in advance, neither the Catholic Church nor Islam are strangers to forced conversions. If the new united religion was to be a blend of Catholicism and Islam, this would satisfy a great many prophecies (which we will detail later in this book). And if the world sees belief in Yeshua as being a major stumbling block to the establishment of this new united religion (which they believe will give them “peace and safety”), this could easily lead to a scenario in which we are forced to convert, or die.

In Revelation 13, imagine the beast that comes up out of the earth is a manifestation of Satan with two facets: The United Nations (UN) and its United Religions Initiative (URI). As we will see, the “first beast” refers to a succession of Babylonian-style empires, the most recent of which is a combination of Roman Catholicism and Islam. If the URI is also based on Catholicism and Islam, this could serve as the “image of the beast,” to which all must either “bow down,” or die.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 13:11-18

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb (UN and URI) and spoke like a dragon (Satan).

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast (Rome/Islam) in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (Rome/Islam), whose deadly wound was healed (Ottoman Empire).

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived (Ottoman Empire).

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast (possibly URI), that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666 (chi xi stigma).

But why would Yahweh create a world in which we have to prove our faith, by being willing to lay down our lives here on earth? What does He get out of that? In *Nazarene Israel* we explain how many scholars believe Yahweh originally chose Satan as His bride, but that Satan rose up in rebellion against Yahweh, trying to take over in heaven.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 14:12-15

**12 "How you are fallen from heaven,
O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground,
You who weakened the nations!**

**13 For you have said in your heart:
'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my
throne above the stars of Elohim; I will also sit
on the mount of the congregation on the
farthest sides of the north;**

**14 I will ascend above the heights of the
clouds; I will be like the Most High.'**

**15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol
(i.e., "Hell"), to the lowest depths of the Pit."**

Many scholars also believe that Satan led a third of the messengers (angels) away from Yahweh in his rebellion. They believe these fallen messengers are called "demons," and they are likely what the "stars" in this passage represent.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 12:3-5

**3 And another sign appeared in heaven:
behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven
heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on
his heads.**

**4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven
and threw them to the earth. And the dragon
stood before the woman who was ready to
give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it
was born.**

If this theory is true, then it would seem perfectly logical for Yahweh not to give immortality to anyone who has not first been greatly tempted in the flesh, but who has proven his loyalty in the face of temptation by doing good works borne of His Spirit.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 16:24-27

**24 Then Yeshua said to His disciples, "If
anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny
himself, and take up his cross (or stake), and
follow Me.**

**25 For whoever desires to save his life will
lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake
will find it.**

**26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the
whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what
will a man give in exchange for his soul?**

**27 For the Son of Man will come in the glory of
His Father with His angels, and then He will
reward each according to his works."**

Another way a man can show his devotion is to make a conscious decision to forfeit his life rather than serve a false elohim (false g-d), such as the Image of the Beast. Then it should be clear that his devotion to Yahweh exceeds his devotion to himself.

It does not promise to be an easy time, but Yeshua tells us that even if we lose our lives, on the far side eternal life awaits for His faithful ones.

Luqa (Luke) 21:10-19

10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

19 By your patience possess your souls."

As we will see, there are at least two resurrections in Scripture. The first resurrection comes at or just after the great tribulation (while the second resurrection comes a thousand years later, after what is known as the *millennium*). In verse 18, Yeshua tells us that even

if we are put to death, not a hair of our heads will be lost. This is because those who are faithful unto the death will be judged as being faithful, and in the first resurrection they will be given immortal spiritual bodies, and will sit on thrones in the heavenly realm.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Yeshua and for the word of Elohim, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and set apart is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

The apostles will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Because they sacrificed, and laid down their lives for Him, and did not love their lives to the death, they have proven themselves worthy of eternal spiritual life. They are part of His bride.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 19:28-30

28 So Yeshua said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

**29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.
30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."**

Although Scripture tells us that some people have been physically resurrected, the key to understanding the end times is to understand that the first and second resurrections are not physical, but spiritual. That is, those who are raised are given immortal, incorruptible spiritual bodies, but they do not reside here on earth. Yeshua tells us that when He comes He plans to take His bride back to His Father's house, in which there are many mansions. That is where He resides.

Yochanan (John) 14:2-3

2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

As we will see, a major change happens at the time of the seventh trumpet. While Yeshua or His *sign* will appear in the clouds at the sixth seal, the time of Yeshua's physical return is at the seventh trumpet. This is also when the wedding takes place (and as we will see, Armageddon/1 Gog serves as the wedding feast). Because the wedding is now past, those saints who sleep in Messiah will be given immortal spiritual bodies, and will be caught up to be with Him, and will always be with Him, from then on. However, those who are still alive do not get to go be with Him until such time as they die (and are "released from duty").

Thessaloniqim Aleph (1 Thess.) 4:13-17

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep (died), lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Yeshua died and rose again, even so Elohim will bring with Him those who sleep in Yeshua.

15 For this we say to you by the word of Yahweh, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of Yahweh (i.e., Yeshua) will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For Yahweh Himself (i.e., Yeshua) will descend from heaven with a shout (trumpet blast), with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of Elohim. And the dead in Messiah will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet Yahweh (Yeshua) in the air. And thus we shall always be with Yahweh (Yeshua).

The seventh trumpet opens the cup (bowl) judgments, which are essentially poured out all at once. The cup judgments essentially "break" the harlot Babylon and her Babylonian system, and this is one more reason why they lose to Yeshua and His forces at the Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:11). This ends the time of the great tribulation.

One might easily conclude that those saints who have been caught up to be with Yeshua at His return are the "elect," but Yeshua tells us that the tribulation will be shortened for the elect's sake. This tells us that the elect will continue on, on earth.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:21-22

21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

We know that those who are raised with immortal spiritual bodies will neither marry, nor give in marriage; nor can they die anymore, for they will become like the messengers in the heavens.

Luqa (Luke) 20:34-38

34 Yeshua answered and said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.

35 But those who are counted worthy to attain that age, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage;

36 nor can they die anymore, for they are equal to the messengers and are sons of Elohim, being sons of the resurrection.

Yet we know that those who are not classified as "saints," and who are not taken out at Yeshua's coming will continue to marry and give in marriage. We know this because the *nasi* (prince or prime minister) of Ezekiel's temple will marry, and have earthly sons. That is incompatible with Yeshua's description of the sons of the resurrection.

Yehezqel (Ezekiel) 46:16-17

16 'Thus says Yahweh Elohim: "If the nasi gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance."

We also know that there will be marrying and giving in marriage in the new earth, because Isaiah speaks of infants dying young, and offspring.

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 65:17-23

17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be the descendants of the blessed of Yahweh, and their offspring with them."

If there are sons on earth during the millennium, and there also offspring in the new earth, then where will those with immortal spiritual bodies live? They will live in the spiritual realm, as they always have.

There is also the “dry bones” resurrection of Ezekiel 37, which we will explain later. It may also be that certain individuals (such as King David) are raised up in bodily form. We will discuss these in later chapters.

If these things are not intuitive, or if they leave issues in your mind, please bear with us. We will now attempt to go through the timeline in detail, and explain how everything all fits together.