

Revelation and the End Times

Unraveling the Prophetic Timeline
in the Book of the Revelation

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May YHWH's name be glorified in all the earth.

In Yeshua's name,

Amein.

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Preface:

No two people alive agree on everything, particularly when it comes to end time prophecy. Prophecy is also not given to us so that we can look ahead and know the future, but so that when events come to pass, we can have a confirmation of our faith.

We hope you enjoy our study, and we encourage you to examine this study carefully, and test everything carefully according to your own copy of the Scriptures. We do not ask that you believe anything because we say it, but we ask that you please join us in learning and growing more of His word together. We would like to think of this as a “living study,” which will change and grow as our Creator Yahweh (sometimes called “Jehovah”) shows us more.

Our goal in this study was to learn how the end times play out. Once we meet the cast of characters, we will try to explain the timeline in the Book of the Revelation, and show how various end-time prophecies relate to it. We will also break out other topics into their own separate chapters.

Yahweh revealed some new information that builds on what we had learned in *The Post-Millennial Return* study, but since we are approaching the subject from a completely different angle, it seemed that it merited a new title as well.

Sometimes people ask what version of the Scriptures I use. Normally I start with the New King James Version (NKJV) as a base, and then correct the names and

terms to the Hebraic forms. My reason for this is simply that the NKJV is easy to read, and I can copy and paste electronically (which reduces error, and saves time). Whenever the NKJV does not give the needed information, I refer to the source languages.

Studies such as this one often refer to the source texts (i.e., Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek). For the Hebrew I normally use the Masoretic Text (MT). We know it was altered by the Masoretes (Karaite scribes) in the Middle Ages, but it is the best thing that presently exists. For the Renewed Covenant (“New” Testament) I like to use the Peshitta Aramaic, but this is not always practicable. As we show elsewhere, the Peshitta is most likely a backward translation from the Greek, and since the Greek is older, it is often better for textual analysis. Text is copied electronically from PC Study Bible 5, BibleWorks 8, and from the Hebrew Masoretic Text.

I am always looking to improve my studies. If you have constructive suggestions or spot any errors, please write me at servant@nazareneisrael.org. May Yahweh bless you for proving all things.

Shalom.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira
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	

Non-shaded areas belong to the timeline.
Shaded areas give details "inset" into the timeline.

Sardis	Philadelphia	(not used)	Laodecia
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			

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 discuss the seven assemblies of Revelation, and then we will go through the timeline in detail, to explain how everything fits together.

The Timeline and the Assemblies

Before Revelation discusses the timeline, first it talks about the seven assemblies. While there are various interpretations of what each of these assemblies are, the members of each assembly have various strengths and weaknesses. Many scholars believe they may be seven basic “personality types” that Yahweh’s people fall into. Some of them suffer tribulation, and even die. Scholars theorize that this may be either because they need to be refined by various trials (to become more pleasing to Him), or because He plans to give them a better reward in the resurrection. At the other end of the spectrum, some of the assemblies do not suffer tribulation (perhaps because they do not need it).

Hitgalut (Revelation) 1-22 (all)

1:1 The Revelation of Yeshua Messiah, which Elohim gave Him to show His servants — things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His messenger to His servant Yochanan (John),

2 who bore witness to the word of Elohim, and to the testimony of Yeshua Messiah, to all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

4 Yochanan (John), to the seven assemblies which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5 and from Yeshua Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and has made us kings and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amein.

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him.

And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amein.

Scholars debate whether the “tribes of the earth” refer to non-Israelites around the world, or whether it refers to the tribes of Israel (which are dispersed around the world). If it is the latter, then this may also refer to Zechariah 12:10, where the tribes of Judah mourn on account of Him whom they have pierced.

Zechariah 12:10-11

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

In verse 9, Yochanan tells us he is our companion in tribulation, which may indicate that there has been tribulation since the time Revelation was first written, even going all the way back to the first century.

Hitgalut (Revelation) 1:8-11

8 "I am the Aleph and the Tav, the Beginning and the End," says Yahweh, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

9 I, Yochanan, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Yeshua Messiah, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of Elohim and for the testimony of Yeshua Messiah.

10 I was in the Spirit on Yahweh's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

11 saying, "I am the Aleph and the Tav, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven assemblies which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

The seven assemblies are all located in modern-day Turkey, where the (Islamic) Turkish Ottoman Empire is prophesied to be re-established. (We give more details in later chapters.)

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven assemblies, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven assemblies.

Those in Ephesus test all things. They are patient, and work for Him. They have not become weary. They hate evil, and they hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which Yahweh also hates. The word "Nicolaitan" translates to "Victory over the laity." Some scholars believe this represents an episcopal or "hierarchical" church, in which follow the leadership blindly. Yahweh says they have left their first love, which may be to say that they no longer really follow Yahweh/Yeshua.

2:1 "To the messenger of the assembly of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love (Yahweh/Yeshua).

5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place — unless you repent.

6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of Elohim."

Other scholars identify the Nicolaitans as the followers of a certain Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch who later advocated Gnosticism and syncretism (mixing pagan elements into the faith). He is mentioned in Acts 6:5.

Ma'asei (Acts) 6:5-6

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Set-apart Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

More information on Nicolas can be found in Irenaeus, *Against Heresies*, iii, 11. However, it is ironic that traditional scholarship should condemn Gnosticism and syncretism, since that is essentially what mainstream Christianity is. Gnosticism teaches that "belief (without obedience) is all that really matters, and Christianity has a great deal of sun worship mixed in with it.

Those in Smyrna work. They are in physical poverty, but in fact they have great spiritual riches. They suffer tribulation, and some of them even die in tribulation, and yet Yeshua tells them that if they will be faithful unto the death, He will give them the crown of life. The assemblies in predominantly Muslim nations come to mind.

8 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Smyrna write,

'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:

9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

10 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.

11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

Traditional scholarship tells us this may be a reference to Polycarp, who was the bishop at the assembly in Smyrna. He was martyred in 166 CE. The attribute the ten days of persecution to the ten years of affliction that all of the assemblies in Asia suffered under Diocletian.

Pergamos calls to mind any number of the mainstream churches. Those in Pergamos do well, holding fast to His name, and not denying the faith even in the face of

death. However, they hold to the doctrine of Balaam, who altered Yahweh's message on account of money. They also allow those who practice sexually immoral behavior into their assemblies, and they eat things that have been sacrificed to idols (e.g., communion given to honor IHS [Isis, Horus, and Seb]). Some also hold to the doctrine of the Nicolaitans ("victory over the laity", or the Gnosticism/syncretism).

12 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Pergamos write,

'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.

15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

In a later chapter we will see more information on Satan's throne, and how it may be set up either in Turkey, or on the Temple Mount (in Jerusalem).

Thyatira also calls to mind a number of mainstream Christian churches (and perhaps even some Messianic assemblies). They have works, love, service, faith, and patience. Their works also get better over time. Nonetheless, they allow the woman Jezebel (who calls herself a prophetess) to teach His people to commit sexual immorality, and to eat things sacrificed to idols (crosses, hexagrams, etc.). (In *Covenant Relationships* we explain that sexual immorality also includes many types of divorce, especially wrongful divorce.)

18 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of Elohim, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

23 I will kill her children with death, and all the assemblies shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

25 But hold fast what you have till I come.

The name Israel (ישראל) is often interpreted to mean, the "upright ones of Elohim," or "the overcomers of Elohim." Yeshua tells us "he who overcomes" (Israel) will be given power over the nations, and they will rule them with the rod Yeshua receives from His father.

26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations —

27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' —

as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.

29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.""

In Psalms 2, Yahweh tells Yeshua that He will dash the nations to pieces, like potter's vessels.

Tehillim (Psalms) 2:7-9

7 "I will declare the decree:

Yahweh has said to Me,

'You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You.

8 Ask of Me, and I will give You

The nations for Your inheritance,

And the ends of the earth for Your possession.

9 You shall break them with a rod of iron;

You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.""

If Yahweh gives Yeshua a rod, and Yeshua then gives this same rod to His body (verses 26-27, above), then Yeshua does not need to be physically present in order to dash the nations to pieces (as His body can do it for Him). We will discuss this later in more detail.

The assembly in Sardis reminds one of an assembly in which the people have no personal relationship with Yeshua, or the Spirit. Those in Sardis claim to be alive, but they are dead (they are not filled with His Spirit). Nonetheless, some in Sardis will yet walk with Him in white, because they are worthy.

3:1 *"And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write,*

'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before Elohim.

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

4 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

Those in Philadelphia are dedicated. They have works, they have kept His word, and they have not denied His name. Yeshua promises to keep them from the hour of trial that shall come on the whole world, because they have persevered in doing what is right.

7 *"And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is set apart, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":*

8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Why does Yeshua keep those in Philadelphia from the hour of trial, which tests those who dwell on the earth? Is it that Yahweh does not need to prove them through trials, because they have already proven themselves?

Later we will see that although Revelation tells us "all" men must either take the mark of the beast or be killed, some men do not take it, and yet they live. Could those who escape taking the mark of the beast belong to the "congregation of Philadelphia"?

11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My Elohim, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My Elohim. And I will write on him My new name.

13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

Scholars differ as to whether the promise in verse 12 is to be taken literally, or figuratively. They also differ as to whether verses 11 thru 13 pertain to all of His people or just Philadelphia.

Physical Laodicea lies near Philadelphia. In ancient times it was a rich town, having a strong trade in fine wool. The town was destroyed by an earthquake in 62 DC, and the citizens were able to rebuild it without any help from the state. However, their wealth led them to be very self-satisfied, and thinking that they had need of nothing. This may be why Yeshua says that they are lukewarm, without true zeal for Yahweh and His word.

Laodicea means, "The people rule." This may be the opposite of the Nicolaitan spirit ("victory over the laity"). (It is not clear if Yeshua is referring to congregationalist or Presbyterian styles of assembly here.)

14 "And to the messenger of the assembly of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amein, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim:

15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked —

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.""

In verse 20, the reference to hearing His voice, opening the door and inviting Him in to dine is the same concept as the indwelling of the Spirit mentioned in John 15.

Yochanan (John) 15:4

4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

In Revelation 4:1, Yochanan tells us of a “door standing open in heaven.” This is a remez (hint) that what we are seeing is a vision. In 4:2 we are also told that Yochanan is “in the Spirit.” We should not expect that the fulfillment of visions will look exactly like the vision is depicted.

4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.

6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

The four living creatures parallel those in Ezekiel 10:14.

8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Qodesh, Qodesh, Qodesh, Yahweh Elohim Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "You are worthy, O Yahweh, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."

The scroll is now opened, which begins the timeline. We know that the events here are highly symbolic, as Yeshua is depicted as a Lion in verse 5, and then as a Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes in verse 6. It would be ridiculous to expect these verses to play out on earth as they read. However, some suggest these events will play out literally in heaven.

5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

2 Then I saw a strong messenger proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim sent out into all the earth.

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

10 And have made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth."

It is important to note that verse 10 tells us we shall reign on the earth (rather than in heaven). This agrees with Yeshua, who says the tribulation will be shortened for the sake of the elect (who remain on earth).

Mattityahu (Matthew) 24:21-22

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

Also, verse 9 tells us that those who will reign on the earth will be chosen from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. These verses are reminiscent of the second exodus of Deuteronomy 30:1-6, which tells us that the believers will be called back to the land of Israel from the farthest corners of the earth.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:4-6

4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there Yahweh your Elohim will gather you, and from there He will bring you.

5 Then Yahweh your Elohim will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 And Yahweh your Elohim will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Later we will see evidence that the ingathering may take place after the Battle of Armageddon, which takes place after the tribulation is complete, during what is popularly called "the Millennium" (the final 1,000 years of earth's history).

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

12 saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,

To receive power and riches and wisdom,

And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

**"Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"**

14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amein!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

As we will see, Revelation progresses first through the seals, then through the trumpets, and then finally the cups (bowls) are poured out in judgment. After this is the battle of Har Megiddo (Armageddon), also known as the first war of Gog and Magog. This war serves as the wedding feast, after which the Ephraimites will be married to Yeshua, and will be brought back home to the land of Israel.

But in order for us to grasp all that Revelation speaks of, we need to take it in small pieces. Therefore, in the next chapter, let us focus on the first five of the seals.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira
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	

Non-shaded areas belong to the timeline.
Shaded areas give details "inset" into the timeline.

Sardis	Philadelphia	(not used)	Laodecia
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			

The First Five Seals

The timeline chronology progresses this way:

1. Seals 1 thru 7
2. Trumpets 1 thru 7
3. Cups (Bowls) 1 thru 7
4. Armageddon (Gog 1, the Wedding Feast)

In this chapter we are only going to discuss the first five seals. This is because a lot happens at the sixth seal, and we need to spend several chapters on it.

When the first four seals open we will see four horses, each of a different color. What is interesting about these horses is that they seem to be the same as the horses in Zechariah. Zechariah 6:5 tells us that these horses are four spirits of heaven, which have gone out from their station before Yahweh.

Zechariah 6:1-8

1 Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze.

2 With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses,

3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses — strong steeds.

4 Then I answered and said to the messenger who talked with me, "What are these, my adon?"

5 And the messenger answered and said to me, "These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Adon of all the earth."

6 The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country."

7 Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, "Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth." So they walked to and fro throughout the earth.

8 And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country."

The translation of verse 3 is debated, so let us look at it in Hebrew.

<p>Zechariah 6:3 3 with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled, strong (steeds).</p>	<p>(3) וּבַמֶּרְכָבָה הַשְּׁלִישִׁית סוּסִים לְבָנִים וּבַמֶּרְכָבָה הָרְבִיעִית סוּסִים בְּרֻדִים אַמְצִים :</p>
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The horses of the fourth chariot are “b’rudim” (בְּרֻדִים), which is translated in various ways. The King James Version renders this as “grizzled,” but *Strong’s Hebrew Concordance* renders it as “spotted,” as if by hail (i.e., dappled).

OT:1261 barod (baw-rode’); from OT:1258; spotted (as if with hail); KJV - grisled.

When we look up the reference at OT:1258, we see that it is also a reference to hail, which makes “spotted” or “dappled” seem accurate.

OT:1258 barad (baw-rad'); a primitive root, to hail:

The other word that is translated in different ways is “amutzim” (אַמְצִים). Technically the word means simply “strong,” but the King James Version renders this as “bay” (a strong reddish-brown color).

OT:554 'amots (aw-mohts'); probably from OT:553; of a strong color, i.e. red (others fleet): (KJV – bay)

Scholars do not argue that “amutzim” means strong. Rather, the question is whether this word refers to the horses or not. Literally, אַמְצִים בְּרֵדִים translates to “horses dappled strong.” We will talk more about this when we talk about the fourth horse of the Revelation, because while the first three horses are the same colors as Zechariah (just presented in a different order) the fourth horse in Revelation is either “pale” (rather than “strong”), or else it is “green.”

Verse Five tells us the horses represent “spirits of heaven” that have gone out from their stations before Yahweh. Sometimes people have a difficult time with the idea that all of these spirits have a rightful place before Yahweh, because at least in western thought these spirits are considered to be the antithesis of each other. And yet, since they have gone out from before Yahweh, Yahweh has a place and a use for all of them. As we will see, these spirits are:

1. **Red:** communism and (democratic) socialism.
2. **Black:** capitalism and free market economics.
3. **White:** Catholicism, Protestantism and ‘the church.’
4. **Dappled/Strong/Pale/Green:** associated with Islam (or “submission” to the will of the Spirit).

In another place we will show that while the dispersed Ephraimites went every which way, into every nation on earth, the majority of them migrated slowly northward and westward over time, ultimately settling in what later became Protestant northwestern Europe. Therefore, when Yahweh calls “to the north,” this is the direction the lost ten tribes of the house of Ephraim have gone. This is significant in that Zechariah tells us that first the black horses (capitalism) went to the “north country,” and then the white horses (representing the church) followed after, much as missions followed the settlers of the new world. No matter what one might think of “the church,” Yahweh says these spirits (i.e., capitalism and the church) “gave rest to His Spirit in the north country.” While this does not exclude any believer in any country on earth, we might also note that this is the general direction Yahweh calls to, when He decides to bring the Ephraimites home.

Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 3:11-12

11 Then Yahweh said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say:

'Return, backsliding Israel,' says Yahweh;

'I will not cause My anger to fall on you.

For I am merciful,' says Yahweh;

'I will not remain angry forever.'”

In verse 6, we also see the dappled horses (which represent Islam) go toward the south country. We might note that Islam originally spread southward into the Arabian Peninsula, and then into Africa. It was only later that Islam spread to the east, and up into Europe. (In general, Islam’s spread has been southerly).

Verse 7 describes the dappled horses of Islam as “strong steeds,” which walk to and fro throughout the earth (rather than staying in one place). We are not told that these horses gave Yahweh’s Spirit rest, and considering all of the destruction associated with Islam, some might find it difficult to believe that Islam can be a spirit of heaven. To this we can only comment that the Muslims do not receive Yahweh’s blessings because they worship a false elohim (All-h’). Their concept of justice is also incorrect because they do not have His Spirit. However, the Muslims do seem to understand that genuine faith dictates that the faithful observe a certain style of life (even if they have the wrong idea of what that ought to be). Muslims also seem to observe several of the commandments Yahweh spells out with regards to congregational discipline, which sadly are neglected in most Jewish and Christian societies. Most predominantly Muslim nations have the color green in their flag, and green is used as a symbol for Islam.

The red horses represent communism, socialism, and perhaps also democracy. In Communist China (and in the former Soviet Union) the color red represents the workers, or the collective. This concept is very much alive in America as well (with the “red, white and blue.”)

First Seal: White Horse. In Revelation 19:11, Yeshua rides a white horse. However, the destructive horse here is not Yeshua’s horse. It likely represents the papacy, which seeks world domination through the United Nations (UN) and its United Religions Initiative (URI). If so, this seal is undoubtedly already open.

6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Second Seal: Red Horse: In *Torah Government* we discuss the place of believing communalism in the Levitical priesthood. However, the red horse in Revelation represents secular Marxism/socialism (and the destruction it causes). Most communist/socialist nations have red in their flags (as do many democratic ones as well). Red is a symbol for Marxism, socialism and democracy all around the world. This horse has probably been released.

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Third Seal: Black Horse: In *Torah Government* we show why the priesthood is forbidden to sell the word of Yahweh, or to operate on capitalist principles. The rest of the tribes, however, need to operate on free market principles, as this provides for the strongest economy. However, the black horse of Revelation is not a healthy type of capitalism. It may represent the “Yahweh-less capitalism” of the Rothschilds, the Bilderbergers, the World Bank, the Federal Reserve and the International Monetary Fund, which control Ephraimite governments through central banking. Those who adhere to this kind of capitalism are sometimes described as having “hearts as black as coal.” This seal is open.

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Some commentators also believe the black horse may represent the stock exchanges, which buy, sell and trade without regard for anything but profit.

Fourth Seal: Green/Gray/Pale/Dappled Horse: While in Zechariah the horses are described as being "strong" or "dappled" in color, the Greek word here is "chloros." Chloros has been rendered as "pale" or "grey" in the past, but it refers to the color green (as in chlorophyll). This is most likely a reference to Islam, as green is generally used as a symbol for Islam, and most Islamic nations have green in their flags. Muslims also occupy about one fourth of the earth, and they cause death by the sword and hunger wherever they are. This seal is likely already open, but as we will see, there will be much more Islamic devastation ahead.

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, a green horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

Fifth Seal: The Martyrs Cry Out: At the fifth seal, the martyrs cry out for justice. They are told to wait, as more believers must die before their blood is avenged. Since this event is basically "invisible" from earth, we do not know if the fifth seal is open or not.

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of Elohim and for the testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Yahweh, Qodesh and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Next we will talk about the sixth seal (and the tribulation that comes with it). Since there is a lot involved with the sixth seal, we will break it out as a separate chapter.

Assembly	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira
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	

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Shaded areas give details "inset" into the timeline.

Sardis	Philadelphia	(not used)	Laodecia
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			