

# THE END TIMES (THE LAST DAYS)

## Bible Study Outline on Eschatology

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### ESCHATOLOGY

Eschatology (from Grk=**eschatos** which means 'last') is the **study of last things** as revealed in the Scripture, which includes

- **last things** for the INDIVIDUAL soul (Intermediate State i.e. life-after-death, Final State i.e. life after resurrection and Judgment),
- **last things** for the CHURCH (Great Tribulation, Christ's Second Coming, Millennium),
- **last things** for the whole WORLD (the Judgement and Hell) and
- **last things** for the UNIVERSE at large (New Heaven and Earth).

*The common tendency today about Eschatological studies is to be distracted by interests in sequences, dates calculations and predictions, instead of focusing on the possible impact and implications of these coming LAST THINGS and events on our Christian worship and witness and the relevant readiness and responsibilities required of us in order to remain with Christ.*

### MILLENNIALISM

Millenarian truth as God's way to "**bring all things under Christ's feet**" before the end (1Cor 15:23-27) was first revealed to John in Rev 20:1-7, who taught same in Asia Minor in AD 90s. The Ancient Church knew and taught this **Historic** truth of single open "**First Resurrection**" as the **only glorious resurrection for all the Saints (Jewish and Gentile) at Premillennial Second Advent of Christ** as it is plain in the Scriptures. Later, some "wise" theories based on "what if" and "could it be", "typologies" and "allegories" came up first with carnal and speculative Chillasism in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, then **Amillennialism** in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, next was **Postmillennialism** in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, now in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, we have several **Dispensational** "parenthesis" theories of double Second Comings, separated "wall-partitioned" Jew and Gentile Churches and secret escape rapture for the Gentile Church Bride to heaven while the Jewish Church Bride stays on earth. It is important to be aware that some eschatological views popular in the Church today were never taught by Christ nor ever believed by the Apostles and the Church Fathers.

- **Amillennialism** is the teaching that there will be no Millennial Reign when Christ returns.
- **Postmillennialism** is the teaching that the millennial reign will lead to the return of Christ.
- **Dispensational Premillennialism** is the teaching that Christ will return to secretly rapture the Gentile Church to close their theoretical "parenthesis" of the Dispensation of Grace for Gentiles before the Tribulation for Jews and thereafter return again for the Second Coming to establish the Millennial Reign.  
*Dispensationalists postulate that the resurrection for the rapture of the Church should antedate the Second Coming and will inaugurate the Tribulation.*
- **Historic Premillennialism** is the teaching that Christ will return only ONCE to terminate the Tribulation, destroy the Antichrist and raise all the Saints (Jews and Gentiles) for the Millennial Reign.  
*The Historic doctrine of the early Church is that the resurrection for the rapture of the Church will coincide with the Second Coming and will terminate the Tribulation and inaugurate the Millennium.*

## FOUR VIEWS OF THE END TIMES

	Amillennialism	Postmillennialism	Dispensational Premillennialism	Historic Premillennialism
Will Jesus return physically?	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.
When will Jesus return?	Anytime; a detailed time frame is not important.	After the millennium.	After a 7-year tribulation; before the millennium.	After tribulation; before the millennium.
Do the rapture as in 1Thes 4:15-17 and second coming of Christ occur at the same time as in Matt 24:25-31 and 2Thes 2:1-3?	Yes.	Yes.	No; they are events separated by either 7 years (pre-tribulation rapture) or 3½ years (mid-tribulation rapture).	Yes.
Will there be a great (Antichrist, worst, final) tribulation as spoken in Matt 24:21-25; 2Thes 2:1-12?	Tribulation occurs anytime Christians are persecuted or wars and disasters occur.	Tribulation is either the first century Jewish-Roman War or the on-going conflict between good and evil prior to millennium.	Yes.	Yes.
Will Christians suffer during the tribulation?	Yes, Christians will suffer and endure persecutions until Jesus returns; persecutions will increase in the end.	Yes, Christians are called to share the gospel and tribulation will occur when that gospel is opposed.	Christians are either raptured before the tribulation (pre-tribulation rapture) or 3½ years into the tribulation (mid-tribulation rapture).	Yes, Christians will go through the tribulation but "sealed" to endure suffering and persecution for the cause of Christ.
Will there be a literal 1,000-year millennium as in Rev 20:1-6?	No, the millennium refers to the reign of Christ in the hearts of believers.	No, the millennium refers to a period of peace when the gospel reaches all people.	Yes, after the 7-year tribulation, Christ will return and reign for 1,000 years.	Yes, after the tribulation, Christ will return and reign for 1,000 years.
Who is saved?	Christians only.	Christians only.	Christians only.	Christians only.
Is the modern state of Israel relevant to the prophecies in Revelation?	No.	No.	Yes.	No.
Did the 70 weeks of Dan 9:24 end with the desolation of Jerusalem Temple as spoken by Daniel in Dan 9:27 and by Christ in Matt 24:1-4, 15-18?	Yes.	Yes.	No; the 70 <sup>th</sup> week or the last half of the 70 <sup>th</sup> week was suspended for latter fulfilment in future modern Jerusalem Temple.	Yes.
When was this view most held?	Well known from the AD 300s. It became widespread since the AD 400s. Continues to be accepted today.	Popular in the 18 <sup>th</sup> century missionary and colonisation Europe but lost popularity after the two World Wars.	Became popular in the 19 <sup>th</sup> century Adventism circles. Has increased in popularity since after the two World Wars and birth of modern Israel.	The earliest popular view of the end times at the end of the first century, through the ministry of Apostle John. Still accepted today.
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THE BIBLE'S TIME TABLE OF ALL AGES FOR ALL HUMANITY (DEVELOPED & DESIGNED BY VEN. DR. I. U. IBEME <a href="http://www.scribd.com/ifeeco">www.scribd.com/ifeeco</a> )																
←----- OLD TESTAMENT ERA -----→										←----- NEW TESTAMENT ERA -----→						
PEOPLE OF GOD	Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Melchizedech, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph		Moses, Joshua, Judges, Samuel		KINGS: David, Solomon, Josiah, etc. PROPHETS: Nathan, Elijah, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, etc		APOCRYPHA & DEUTERO-CANON		1 <sup>ST</sup> COMING		2 <sup>ND</sup> COMING		LAST JUDGMENT			
									Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors & the Free True Propagating CHURCH		Persecuted True Church & Popular Fake Church		Resurrected Saints' Reigning Church		Glorious, Eternal Bliss	
									GOSPEL ERA		TRIBULATION		1000 YRS		NEW UNIVERSE	
HOUSEHOLD MONOTHEISM			JUDGES		KINGS & PROPHETS		DAN & EZEK		EZRA & NEH		MACCABEES		HEROD			
PATRIARCHS			JUDGES		KINGS & PROPHETS		DAN & EZEK		EZRA & NEH		MACCABEES		HEROD			
HOUSEHOLD MONOTHEISM			NATIONAL YAHWEISM (MOSESISM)		EXILE		NATIONAL JUDAISM		Full Time		UNIVERSAL CHRISTIANITY		Full Times			
FIRST WORLD (778BC-3008BC)			CITY STATES (3008BC-2008BC)		EGYPT (Pharaohs) (2000BC-722BC)		ASSYRIA (722BC-606BC)		BABYLON (606BC-538BC)		MEDIA AND PERSIA (538BC-333BC)		GREECE (& Antiochus) (333BC-63BC)			
SONS OF MEN			CITY STATES (3008BC-2008BC)		EGYPT (Pharaohs) (2000BC-722BC)		ASSYRIA (722BC-606BC)		BABYLON (606BC-538BC)		MEDIA AND PERSIA (538BC-333BC)		GREECE (& Antiochus) (333BC-63BC)			
←----- THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES (Lk 21:24; Rom 11:25; Rev 11:2) -----→																
BELOW ARE SOME APOCALYPTIC SYMBOLISMS FOR WORLD TIME TABLE IN THE BIBLE																
BIBLE REFS		INTERPRETATIONS		HEAD OF GOLD		CHEST OF SILVER		BELLY OF BRAS		LEGS OF IRON		FEET OF IRON & CLAY		CRUSHED MASS OF RUBBLE		
DANIEL 2		MAN'S KINGDOM ALONGSIDE WITH CHRIST'S KINGDOM		HEAD OF GOLD		CHEST OF SILVER		BELLY OF BRAS		LEGS OF IRON		FEET OF IRON & CLAY		CRUSHED MASS OF RUBBLE		
DANIEL 7		WORLD KINGDOMS & GOD'S KINGDOM		LION		BEAR		LEOPARD		TERRIBLE BEAST (Dragon)		TEN HORNS of the Beast		LITTLE HORN		
DANIEL 8		GENTILE WORLD POWERS BEFORE CHRIST'S BIRTH		RAM of 2 Horns		HE-GOAT of 4 Horns (& Little Horn)		Rise and fall of Babylonian ROME (scarlet-clothed Prostitute riding the Beast for a while Rev 17-18)		Need for Wisdom, Patience & Faith for the Saints (Rev 13:10,18)						
DANIEL 9		JERUSALEM'S TIME To see the Anointed Christ who remits sin, brings righteousness, & fulfils prophecy		538BC ----- 70 WEEKS ----- 70AD		Jerusalem Rebuilt		Temple JUDAISM		CHRIST anointed & Jerusalem Destroyed		Jerusalem trodden under-foot, Witnessing Saints persecuted & killed for 42 months or 1260+ days or 3½ times (Rev 11, 12, 13; Dan 7, 12)		Saints take over world's kingdoms (Rev 20)		
REVELATION 13		WORLD POWERS FROM EGYPT TILL ROME & ETC EMPOWERED BY THE DRAGON		Note: SEA BEAST=Mysterious Antichrist Principality; EARTH BEAST=Obvious Antichrist Personality. SEA BEAST: 7 Heads & 10 Horns/Crowns (warring & reigning for 42 (6x7) months of GENTILE TIMES)												
REVELATION 17		THE 7 HEADED (Bottomless Pit) BEAST RIDDEN BY THE WHORE OF WORLD POWER		1ST HEAD		2ND HEAD		3TH HEAD		4TH HEAD		5TH HEAD		6TH HEAD		
												7TH HEAD: 10HORN & 10 CROWNS		8TH (revived) OF 7TH HEAD		

It is best to follow the sequence that emerges straight from what Christ Himself plainly revealed, especially in **Matthew 24** (and its synoptic parallels) about times **before** His Coming, as well as in **Revelation 20-21** about times **after** His Coming. This is called **Historic Premillennialism** and agrees with the common historic understanding taught by the Apostolic Fathers and ancient Church Fathers of the second and third centuries Church, such as Papias, a close associate of St John (c. 70-155AD), Justin (c. 110-165AD), Irenaeus (c. 120-202AD), Tertullian (c. 145-220AD), Cyprian (c. 200-258AD) and in the Church discipleship teaching manual called *Didache* (c. 120AD).

There are various theories about sequence of eschatological events and reasons for such schemes. These ever increasing eschatological theories, all of which tend to distract us from the Scripture, are Chiliasm, Amillennialism, Pre-millennialism, Post-millennialism, Pre-tribulationism, Mid-tribulationism, Post-tribulationism, Dispensationalism, Futurism, Preterism, Idealism, Historicism, etc. It is advisable to take all the plain biblical aspects of the above views and disregards every of their conjectures and theories that reengineer or discountenance parts of the Scripture (Joh 3:33; Rom 3:4; 2Co 4:1-6). In this way, whatever is beclouded and confused by philosophical and preferential fancies and views, denominational polemics, theological polishing by schools of thought becomes unveiled and straightforward through the simple acceptance of God's plain testimony in the Scriptures.

(For more details visit <http://www.scribd.com/doc/19347123/Covenants-in-the-Scripture> And <http://priscaquila.6te.net/seminars/millennium.html>).

The difference between ancient Historic Premillennialism and modern Dispensational Premillennialism is because Dispensationalists deny or confuse the Spiritual ALL Remnant Israel (Rom 11:26) with Natural ENTIRE Political Israel and muddle up the Spiritual FULL NUMBER Redeemed Gentiles (Rom 11:25) with Natural ENTIRE Gentile Population. They deny Christ's final breaking of the partition wall (Eph 2:11-22) to unite the Spiritual Remnant Israel and the Spiritual Redeemed Gentiles into One New Testament Church of Christ. Dispensationalists' modern theory rejects the way the Apostles and the Early Church spiritually applied the Old Testament Scriptures to the New Testament Church.

Another reason for difference between ancient Historic Premillennialism and modern Dispensational Premillennialism is because Dispensationalists teach that their Christ's open glorious Second Coming shall be WITH the Church not FOR the Church. Therefore their Christ must have to come first FOR the Church in a prior secret Rapture. Historic Premillennialists from Apostolic times have taught that it is during Christ's only Second and final trumpet Coming that in open and visible glory, He will **TAKE** (Raise, Rapture, Catch up or Gather 1Thes 4:17; 2Thes 2:1) **His believing saints to Himself** (John 14:1-3) to reign with them on the earth and in eternity. To Dispensationalists, the resurrection rapture of the saints is not for welcoming Christ to earth at His Second Coming but for prior escape of the Gentile Church to heaven so that the Israel Church would suffer Tribulation before Christ's Second Coming. Therefore, they reinterpret the word "keep" in Rev. 3:10 to mean "remove" or "rapture away" (of the Gentile Church with the Jewish Apostles?) from the world (even adding "secretly")! But the Scriptures clearly show that "keep" in Rev 3:10 as recorded by John does NOT mean "removal from", but rightly means "protection from" the tribulation. The Lord shall surely preserve and sustain His faithful saints from falling as victims in the day of the worst adversity. Hallelujah!

**What do Jesus' saying and John's (Greek) writing mean by the phrase: "KEEP FROM"?**

**Does it mean REMOVAL from the world or PROTECTION FROM the hour and the evil?**

**Revelation 3:10**

*(10) Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will KEEP YOU FROM the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

**John 17:15**

*(15) I pray NOT THAT YOU SHOULD TAKE THEM OUT of the world, but that you should KEEP THEM FROM the evil.*

**Christ will KEEP His own from the evil of the evil hour, NOT TAKE them out of the world.**

*In any case, even if the Church were to be resurrected before the wrath and evil of the Great Tribulation, which still means that the Saints would already be in their glorious body and so could not be harmed by the wrath and evil. So why take them away from the world? For safety? What safety? How could their glorious bodies be endangered in the midst of unglorified mortals? This modern dispensational theory does not just make sense, no wonder the Prophets, Christ and His Apostles neither taught nor preached it.*

*The big difficulty of Dispensationalism is their modern doctrine or theory about termination of Christ's New Testament reign on earth at the rapture, in order to make way for God to purportedly resume the Old Testament to fulfil Christless (or even Davidless) promise for a post-Christian Israel! Giving Israel the redemptive place*



which should be due only to Christ and making Christ irrelevant is a dangerously subtle apostasy – Israelianity instead of Christianity. *Yet the Scripture is unanimous that Christ the Son of David shall never cease His New Testament reign on earth, both invisibly through His Church and the Holy Spirit and visibly in glory till the earth passes away and till forever in eternity (Luk 1:33; Heb 1:8; Rev 11:15).*

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## **END TIMES or LAST DAYS or LAST HOUR or ACCEPTABLE YEAR or DAY OF SALVATION**

(Isa 2:2; Luk 4:19; Act 2:16-21; 2Cor 6:2; 1Ti 4:1; Heb 1:2; 2Pe 3:3; 1Jn 2:18):

### **2 Corinthians 6:2**

(2) *For he says, "I heard you at the acceptable time, and in the day of salvation I helped you." Look, NOW is "the acceptable time"; look, NOW is "the day of salvation"!*

This is the period or era of PREACHING SALVATION (2Cor 6:2) that follows after Christ's Natal FIRST COMING with GRACE for the LAST DAYS OF OUTPOURING for UNIVERSAL REDEMPTION and SALVATION (Act 2:17, 21) until His Parousial SECOND COMING with GLORY for the DREADFUL DAY OF THE LORD'S WRATH (Act 2:20) for UNIVERSAL SUBJUGATION and RETRIBUTION. This FIRST COMING for redemption is referred to as Christ's:

**ERCHOMAI** (Coming Joh 1:14-16; 1Jn 4:2) *in the flesh*;

**PHANEROS** (made Manifest, made Known/Shown/Apparent 1Jn 1:2; Joh 1:31; Rom 16:26; Col 1:26; 1Ti 3:16; 2Ti 1:10; 1Pe 1:20);

**APOKALUPSIS** (Revelation Luk 2:32; Rom 16:25; Eph 3:3-6) *of grace*.

**END TIMES span effectively from the Spirit Out-Pouring of the "Last DAYS of Salvation" (Act 2:17,21) till the Last Judgments of the "Dreadful Last DAY of the Lord" (Act 2:20).**

*It refers to the days that follow AFTER Christ's earthly ministry and ascension to heaven "till the end of the age" (Mat 28:20) and dissolution of this physical world (2Pe 3:20). This is the period when God's righteousness and truth are revealed to all people through the Gospel of Christ (2Th 1:1-12) in the form of God's grace/mercy and God's wrath/severity (Rom 1:17-18; Rom 11:19-23; Tit 2:11), for the purpose of man's salvation (2Co 6:2; 1Pe 1:5), then tribulation (2Th 1:6; 2Ti 3:1) and judgment finally (Joh 16:7-11).*

- Notice that what was earlier referred to (together) as "**The Last Day**" by Christ (Joh 6:39, Joh 6:40, Joh 6:44, Joh 6:54; Joh 11:24; Joh 12:48) and as though one aggregate final event by the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles Dan 12:1-4; Mat 25:46; Joh 5:25-30; Act 24:15; 2Co 5:10), was latter detailed into an extended period in Rev 20:1-15 and even in 1Co 15:20-26, made up of "**First Resurrection-Millennium-Judgment-Second Death**" sequentially.
- It is also worthy of note that the singular glorious **FIRST RESURRECTION UNTO LIFE or GATHERING/CATCHING UP OF THE ELECT** Mat 24:31; 1Cor 15:23, 52; 1Thes 4:16-17; Rev 20:4-6; (**for THE JUST** Luk 14:14) was depicted as the first and separate event from the **RESURRECTION TO SHAME/CONTEMPT or DAMNATION OF SECOND DEATH (for THE UNJUST** Act 24:15), by both Christ and the Apostles (Dan 12:2; Mat 25:46; Joh 5:24-29; Rev 20:13-14).
- Eschatological "**Last Day**" or the great "**Day of the Lord**" does not seem to be exactly the same with our 24 hour day since it is not humanly but divinely estimated (Psa 90:4; 2Pe 3:8); justifiably *some think that what applies to the eschaton 'DAY' could have also applied to the creation 'DAY'* (Gen 2:4). We should not be dogmatic about this.

## Seventy Weeks of Daniel Chapter 9:

### ***NOT for the Anti-Christ, BUT for the Anointed Christ.***

**Duration:** From Command to Zerubbabel (Sheshbazzar) for the Jerusalem Temple in 537 BC (Ezra 1 and 6) or From Command to Nehemiah for the Jerusalem Wall in 444 BC (Neh 2) to Sack of Judah and Destruction of Jerusalem by Romans in 70 AD.

#### **Daniel 9:24**

*(24) Seventy weeks are DETERMINED upon YOUR PEOPLE and upon YOUR HOLY CITY, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to ANOINT THE MOST HOLY.*

#### Daniel 9:24-27

- a) IT'S PURPOSE: For Jerusalem and the Christ (NOT for Antichrist). Dan 9:24.
- b) IT'S DETAILS: Rebuilding the City, Covenant Atonement by the Christ and Wars of desolation against the City and Temple. Dan 9:25-27a.
- c) IT'S TERMINUS: The Determined Desolation of Jerusalem and the Abominated Temple. Dan 9:27b; **as confirmed by Christ** Mat 24:25-26; 33-34; Mark 13:14, 28-31; Luk 21:20-23.

NOTICE that in its clear and plain context (devoid of dispensationalist and other modern theories), the 70 Weeks were NOT appointed for the end time coming of the **Antichrist**, BUT for the first coming of the **Anointed Christ** to make the once-for-all atonement for sins (Dan 9:24). This was to occur within the period between the **restoration** of Jerusalem before Christ's birth and the **desolation** of the Temple after Christ's ascension.

According to Christ (Mat 24:15-18), the Final 70<sup>th</sup> Week was to end with cessation of Jewish sacrificial worship, the defilement of the Temple and determined desolation of both the Temple and the City (Dan 9:27). **Neither Daniel nor Christ made mention of any postponement.** History also confirmed that this was not postponed but was unmistakably fulfilled in 70AD as Christ predicted (Luk 21:5-9, 20-24). Nevertheless, the desolation of the Temple could be repeated if the present Israeli Jews rebuild the Temple.

The possible "seven years" or "seven seasons" (time, times and half-time Dan 7:25 and Dan 12:7) and "extra years" (Dan 12:11-12) of the Great Tribulations (Mat 24:21-29) are times of the reign of the Antichrist King (Dan 7:24-27; 11:36-45). In other parts of the Scripture, NOT IN DANIEL CHAPTER 9, it is predicted that **the Antichrist shall be destroyed by Christ at the same time that He comes again to glorify His Saints** (2Thes 1:5-10; Rev 19:19-20:5). Forcing Christ's second coming into Daniel 9 or extending and postponing part of it to the future is neither warranted by the context of this Scripture nor by the facts of its known historical fulfilment.

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## The Book Of Revelation Demystified: Simple Expository Outline

***The Book of Revelation should be understood to be in harmony with the whole Scripture.***

In Apostolic times and in the early Church the eschatological events of "great TRIBULATION and eternal GLORY" were known and expected.

**FROM THE GOSPELS TO THE EPISTLES, we see expectations of:**

- Perilous worsening of the present reprobation and tribulation till it reaches WHAT GOD CONSIDERS the greatest antichristian lawlessness optimally bearable for His Saints (called Great Tribulation and Antichrist Cultic Reign).
- The Cataclysmic and Glorious Coming/Parousia/Appearing/Revelation of Christ to raise and GATHER His just Saints rapturously (called First Resurrection/Rapture/Glorification).

- The decimation of the antichristian syndicate of heathenish modernity and abysmal enchainment of Satan (associated with Armageddon War)

**FROM REVELATION 19-22 & 2PETER 3, we see these special additions:**

- The iron-sceptre subjugation of the whole world under Christ and His redeemed overcoming Saints (called Millennial Reign or Marriage Supper)
- The Final Conflict and destruction of all unbelievers (associated with Gog and Magog Revolt)
- The Great Conflagration of the elemental/physiochemical universe with fervent heat and loud explosive noise (2Peter 3)

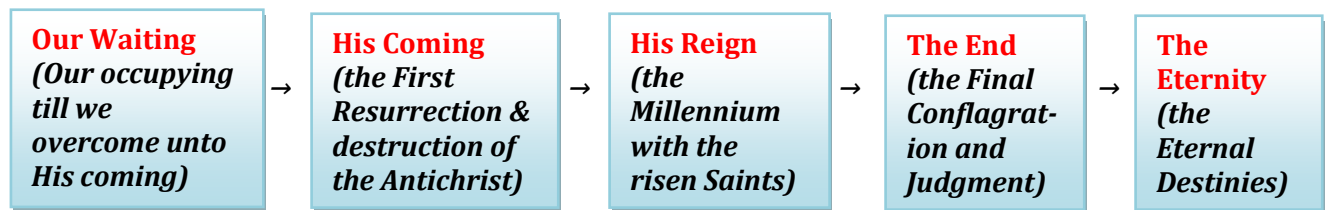
**FROM THE GOSPELS TO REVELATION, we generally see:**

- The Final Throne-Bema Judgment-Roll Call for **eternal retribution of contempt and torment** to the Unjust (in the Lake of Sulphur and Brimstone) and **eternal reward of glory and bliss** to the Just (in the New Heaven and New Earth).

**Contrary to disjointed cut-and-paste sequence of Dispensationalists and other theoretical eschatologists, events of the End Times are best sequenced together in Mat 24:1-31 and Rev 20:1-21:8.**

**Also helpful in getting the right sequence of End Times events are Acts 3:19-21; 1Cor 15:20-26 and Tit 2:11-13, as shown below:**

- **Matt 24.** (The Travail Tribulation Mat 24:3-14; [→ The Temple Desolation Mat 24:15-20;] → The Great Tribulation-The Cataclysm Mat 24:21-29; → The Coming-The Resurrection Mat 24:30-31; Mat 24:36-44; → The Reign [-The End of the Age-] → The Judgement Mat 24:45-51; Mat 25).
- **Acts 3:19-21.** (Times of Refreshing→ Second Coming of Christ→ Time of Restoration of all things).
- **1Co 15:20-26.** (After Christ's Resurrection as the Firstfruits: NEXT is The Saints' Resurrection at Christ's Second Coming→ then Christ's Reign *for universal subjugation*→ then The End→ then The Judgment of even death itself→ and finally The Handover to the Father *for eternal worship*).
- **Tit 2:11-13.** (Grace HAS Appeared→ **Godliness/Hope** for the Present→ **Glory** WILL Appear).
- **REVELATION 1-22.**



Nowadays, some have made out of “**the things seen, things which are, and things which shall come after**” of Rev 1:19, their basis for the modern theory of dispensational futurism with its speculation of secret rapture before Christ’s Second Coming. However, using Christ “**Who was, and is, and is to come**” of Rev 1:4 and 8, as the best interpretative key to this verse, it seems to simply mean:

1. “**The things which you have SEEN**” (THE PAST AGE=till Christ's Finished Work at His First Coming),
2. “**The things which ARE**” (THE PRESENT AGE=while the Church Occupies till Christ Comes again),
3. “**The things which must take place AFTER**” (THE FUTURE AGE=from Christ's Second Coming till Eternity).

Our study here shall simply follow the book of Revelation plainly as it naturally unfolds (Historic Premillennialism) which also agrees with Christ in Mat 24 and with St Peter in Acts 3:19-21 and St Paul in 1Cor 15:20-26, (JUST AS THE ANCIENT CHURCH FATHERS DID) in this order:

**OUR WAITING** (Our occupying/His redeeming till we overcome at His coming) →→  
**HIS COMING** (the First Resurrection and destruction of the Antichrist) →→  
**HIS REIGN** (the Millennium Reign with the risen Saints) →→

**THE END (the Final Conflagration and Judgment) →→**  
**THE ETERNITY (the Eternal Destinies of torment or glory).**

**1. OUR WAITING: (Our Occupying/His Redeeming)**

**Rev 1-5. The Church Militant and Triumphant**

- **Rev 2-3** The Church Militant **FULLY** Exhorted (7 Admonitions and 7 Assurances) to overcome (*by witness, works, worship and waiting*) unto the end to be **sealed or kept from/in** (i.e. **protected from BUT NOT removed from Joh 17:15**) the "Hour of Trial" or days of evil (**Joh 17:15; Jas 5:7; Rev 2:10; Rev 3:10; Rev 7:3**), {AS THE PERSECUTED ISRAEL WAS SEALED/KEPT IN THE HOUR OF THE PLAGUES IN EGYPT **Exo 8:22; Exo 9:26; Exo 12:12-13**}, till the Lord comes to **glorify** all His Saints and **subjugate** all His enemies as footstool.
- **Rev 4-5** The Church Triumphant before the Throne- **Heavenly** realm (Unresurrected redeemed souls in Paradise, "**absent from the body but present with Christ**") from the Church of both Old and New Testaments (**Rev 15:2-5**), *worshipping* the Lord and *waiting* for the completion of the ingathering and the singular glorious First Resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ (**Rev 6:9-17**).

**Rev 6-18. God's REDEMPTIVE JUSTICE (Rev 16:5-6; 2Th 1:6) which brings victorious Dominion for the Saints (Rev 5:9-10; 6:1-11) BUT brings wrathful Damnation (Rev 6:12-17) against Satan's spiritual and temporal evil systems in the "Hour of Trial" which is in the form of Plagues on the ungodly who Persecute and Corrupt the Saints:**

- God's Justice **FULLY** Revealed (7 Seals) - **PAST** (*by Scripture*) - **Rev 6-7**;
- God's Justice **FULLY** Proclaimed (7 Trumps) - **PRESENT** (*by Preaching*) - **Rev 8-11** (**Mat 10:34-39**);
- God's Judgment Enforced - **Spiritual** realm (against Satan/The Beast/Antichrist) - **Rev 12-14**;
- God's Justice **FULLY** Executed (7 Bowls) - **FUTURE** (*by Plagues*) - **Rev 15-16**;
- God's Judgment Exemplified - **Physical** realm (against The Prostitute=Rome, fulfilled in 5<sup>th</sup> century) - **Rev 17-18**.

**2. HIS COMING: (the First Resurrection)**

- **Rev 19.** The Coming of the Lord (**WITH His Angels but FOR – not with – His Church** **Mat 24:31; 25:31; Mar 13:26-27; Col 3:4; 1Th 4:16-17; 1Jn 3:2**) and Conquest of the Antichrist **2Th 2:8**.
- **Rev 20:4-5.** The Glorified Believers of the First Resurrection from the Church of both Old and New Testaments (**Rev 15:2-3**), who victoriously died or were ready to die for the pure Gospel/Word, than be cajoled or coerced into either **initiation** (*with the mark*) into the cult of, or **adoration** (*to the image*) of, the ever metamorphosing, wonder-working, whore-ridden and seven-headed **Evil Beast** of past, present and future ages (**Rev 17:8**).

**3. HIS REIGN: (the Millennium Reign)**

- **Rev 20:1-10.** The Kingdom Domination by Christ over evil (**2Tim 4:1**) through conquest, Millennium, and eventual desolation.

**4. THE END: (the Final Judgment)**

- **Rev 20:11-13.** The great Conflagration of Old physiochemical Universe and exposure of sinners' souls/spirits.
- **Rev 20:12-15.** The Judgement of the Second Death and eternal designations.

**5. THE ETERNITY: (the Eternal Destinies)**

- **Rev 21:1-8.** The creation of New imperishable World for eternal destinies of souls/spirits.
- **Rev 21:9-22:5.** More details on Eternal Bliss of all the Saints as one Body in **one City** **Rev 21:9-27; Rev 22:1-14**, and Eternal Doom (**Mar 9:43-48; Rev 14:9-11**) of all the Wicked in **one Lake** **Rev 21:8; Rev 22:15**.

**Rev 22:6-15. Final eschatological warnings.**

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**What Happens at Death since the Time of Christ's Cross and Ascension?**

Before Christ's resurrection and ascension all spirit-souls of the dead were all sent down to Sheol-Hades below. After Christ's resurrection and ascension, whenever someone dies, the spirit-soul leaves the body for burial in the grave or other form of destruction and decay. The disembodied spirit-soul returns to God but remain subconsciously aware



- either of DIVINE FAVOUR in **paradise of comfort** (i.e. SHEOL'S Abraham-bay or bosom in the OT, but now at HEAVEN'S Altar-base in the NT) Luk 19:22a; 23:43; John 17:24; Phil 1:23; Rev 6:9-11;
- or of DIVINE DISFAVOUR in **dungeon of torment** (i.e. the OT *shachath-sheol* of gloomy captivity or NT *gehenna-hades* of scorching torment) Job 3:17-20; Job 17:16; Ps 88:4-8; Luk 16:22b-23.

This dreamlike awareness of comfort or torment continues till the **comforted saints** are first awakened by resurrection when Christ comes again to destroy the Antichrist, terminate the tribulation and establish His Millennium reign with His glorified saints (2Thes 1:6-10; 2Thes 2:1-8; Rev 20:4-6). Thereafter, the **tormented infidels** shall wake at the final judgment, only to be cast again into severest torment and ruin in the everlasting furnace (Rev 20:13-14; Rev 21:8). As for demons of extreme evil, they are presently imprisoned in the *tartarus* or abyss of darkness, pending the final judgement (2Pe 2:4; Jud 1:6). Even Satan shall be detained in this abyss during the Millennium before the final judgement (Rev 20:1-12).

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## FROM THE OUTLAY OF EVENTS IN THE FOREGOING SCRIPTURES, THE END TIMES COULD BE DIVIDED INTO THREE STAGES OR PHASES:

### **END TIMES Phase 1:**

Time of our WAITING for Christ with *assurance* (Heb 3:6; Heb 6:11);

WAITING *i.e. BEING ON THE LOOK-OUT hopefully* (*apek-/pros-dechomai* 1Co 1:7; Php 3:20; Tit 2:13; Heb 9:28);

WATCHING *i.e. BEING VIGILANT carefully* (*gregoreuo* Mat 24:42; Mat 26:41; Act 20:29-31; 1Pe 5:8);

OCCUPYING *i.e. BEING BUSY actively* (*pragmateuomai* Luk 19:13);

PREPARING *i.e. BEING READY* (Mat 24:44; Mat 25:10-13; 1Jn 2:28);

OVERCOMING *i.e. BEING SUPER-CONQUERORS* (Rom 8:37; 1Jn 5:4-5).

**BEFORE THE DAY OF CHRIST'S COMING AGAIN TO RAISE (GATHER or RAPTURE) ALL HIS FAITHFUL SAINTS (i.e. THE CHURCH) FOR HIS MILLENNIAL REIGN WITH THEM.**

According to Christ, details about the desolation of the Jerusalem and its Temple as well as the antecedent signs of His Second Coming and the end of the age are these (*These sign-events began to be fulfilled immediately after Christ's death, beginning with the martyrdom of Stephen in 36 AD and the abomination and desolation of Jerusalem Temple in 70 AD*):

- Worldwide religious deception, commotions, military conflicts, sorcery, Mat 24:4-5; Mat 24:7-8; Mat 24:24; 2Th 2:9;
- Worldwide militant apostate agnosticism, anti-morality, anti-values, anti-Christianity and anti-Semitism Mat 24:9-13; 2Th 2:3-7;
- Worldwide evangelization and information network technology, Mat 24:6; Mat 24:13-14;
- Desolation of the Jerusalem Temple and sacking of Judea Dan 9:27; Mat 24:15-20;
- Worldwide advances in transportation, knowledge, science and technology Dan 12:4;
- Worldwide *apokalupsis* or *parousia* of Antichrist and his apostate rule with the worst tribulation or trial in human history Mat 24:21-25; 2Th 2:3-4; 2Th 2:8-9; Rev 3:10.
- Worldwide manifestation of God's wrath and the greatest tribulation (against anti-Christian lawlessness for persistently rejecting Christ and persecuting the saints) in the form of

delusion to believe lies, plagues, cataclysms, sky-wonders, leading to frantic despair among the wicked **Mat 24:7b; Mat 24:12; Mat 24:29; 2Th 2:10-12; Rev 6:12-17.**

According to Christ and His Apostles there will eventually be the worldwide domination by the Antichrist's bestial-miraculous-cultic-government syndicate. This evil syndicate (beast, prophet, armies and dragon Rev 19:17-20:3) will be decimated **when Christ comes in glory with His Angelic armies** (Mat 16:27; 25:31; Luk 9:26; 2Thes 1:6-8; Rev 19:11-16)

- ☞ to OPENLY resurrect (the dead elect saints), translate (the living elect saints), rapture ALL the saints unto Himself, (*modern Dispensationalists theorise that this will secretly occur before Christ's second coming*) and
- ☞ to OPENLY conquer all nations and reign on earth and then forever with His risen saints as His holy and only Bride Church (1Cor 15:50-53; Rev 19:11-20:6).

#### **Revelation 20:1-6**

- (1) *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
- (2) *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
- (3) *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little while.*
- (4) *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and THEY LIVED AND REIGNED WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.*
- (5) *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. THIS IS THE FIRST RESURRECTION.*
- (6) *Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: ON SUCH THE SECOND DEATH HAS NO POWER, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

This perverse pagan-secular system of postmodern spirit of this age is already eroding and **“TAKING OUT OF THE WAY” all State governance, moral order and godly restraint internationally (2Thes 2:3-7)** as being advocated for by the Hippie counterculture, the New Age movements and the Illuminati secret cults (e.g. atheistic, occultist, abortionist, brigandage, hippie, promiscuous and homosexual resurgence “taking away” moral values and godly restraint).

#### **2Thessalonians 2:7-14**

- (7) *For the MYSTERY OF INIQUITY does already work: only he who now restrains will do so, until he be TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY.*
- (8) *And then shall that Wicked One be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*
- (9) *Even him, whose coming is AFTER THE WORKING OF SATAN WITH ALL POWER AND SIGNS AND LYING WONDERS,*
- (10) *And with ALL DECEPTION OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*
- (11) *And for this cause GOD SHALL SEND THEM A STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE:*
- (12) *That they all might be condemned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*
- (13) *But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*
- (14) *To which he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**To some Christians who are being put off-guard are are falling prey to deceptive Illuminati manipulations, the “taken out of the way” all system of legal and orderly restraint amongst nations (2Thes 2:7) due to the Pax-Romana and State government is misunderstood to mean that the Church's restraint will be “taken up to heaven” or “caught away up to the air” or “caught up to heaven” (1Thes 4:17). What the Apostle predicted will first occur before the Antichrist will be revealed is the “FALLING AWAY” from the faith (2Thes 2:3) NOT “catching away to the air” and “gathering” to meet the coming Christ. Also THE DAY of meeting the coming Christ IN THE AIR is specifically said that it will not come until AFTER THE ANTICHRIST SON OF PERDITION (2Thes 2:1-3). Besides, “out of the way” here is unlikely to mean “up to heaven” since the taking away of the restraint and the revelation of the Antichrist must first happen before the Church is gathered at the coming Lord (2Thes 2:3). Contrary to Dispensationalist pre-tribulation rapture theory, the Apostle insists that**

these trends and events (anarchy, apostasy which will lead to the Antichrist tribulation) are clearly predicted in the Scriptures as inevitable ANTECEDENTS before Christ **comes** or descends from the heavens with glorious clouds and holy Angels to **destroy** the Antichrist and **gather** His saints unto Himself to reign with them:

#### **2Thessalonians 2:1-6**

- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,
- (2) That you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, 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 THE FALLING AWAY FIRST, AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED, THE SON OF PERDITION;
- (4) Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God sits in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- (5) Do you not remember, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- (6) And now you know what restrains that he might be revealed in his time.

Christ referred to this as the time of the FINAL AND GREATEST TRIBULATION in Matt 24:21. Notice that this is contrary to the American, modern and escapist Dispensationalist theory of “secrete” rapture popularly taught with confused casuistry in many Churches today.

#### **Matthew 24:21-22**

- (21) For then shall be GREAT tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, NOR EVER SHALL BE.
- (22) And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE those days shall be shortened.

#### **Matthew 24:24-31**

- (24) For there shall arise FALSE CHRISTS, AND FALSE PROPHETS, AND SHALL SHOW GREAT SIGNS AND WONDERS; so that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- (25) Behold, I have told you before.
- (26) Therefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.
- (27) FOR AS THE LIGHTNING CAME OUT OF THE EAST, AND SHINES EVEN UNTO THE WEST; SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE.
- (28) For wherever the carcass is, there will the vultures be gathered together.
- (29) IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- (30) And THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IN HEAVEN: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- (31) And he shall send HIS ANGELS WITH A GREAT SOUND OF A TRUMPET, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

## **THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS “666” MARK/NUMBER.**

All believers should know that many antichrists and false-christs, false prophets and false teachers who deceive many with syncretistic false doctrines and yet demonstrate miraculous powers (Mat 24:24-25), will always be there within and outside the Church, as they have been from the time of the Apostles (Mat 24:5, 11, 24; Mar 13:22; 2Pet 2:1-3; Jude 1:4; 1John 2:18, 22; 4:1-3; 2John 1:3). Christians must beware of such merchants of the Gospel and commercial corruptors of God's Word (2Cor 2:17) who burn strange fires in God's sanctuary (Lev 10:1-3).

#### **2 Peter 2:17-20**

- (17) These men are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm, for whom the utter depths of darkness have been reserved.
- (18) For by speaking high-sounding but empty words they are able to entice, with fleshly desires and with debauchery, people who have just escaped from those who reside in error.
- (19) Although these false teachers promise such people freedom, they themselves are enslaved to immorality. For whatever a person succumbs to, to that he is enslaved.
- (20) For if after they have escaped the filthy things of the world through the rich knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they again get entangled in them and succumb to them, their last state has become worse for them than their first.

Because of their **corrupt minds** and **love of money**, False Prophets, False Teachers and False Brethren shall degrade **grace and godliness** to mean **licentiousness and money** (1Tim 6:3-12; Jude 1:4); they shall operate their spiritual power “simonically” for **money** and **fame** mixed with gall **bitterness** and evil **bondage** (Act 8:9-24). The Scripture teaches that False Prophets are either **POWERFUL DECEIVERS** or **POWERLESS PRETENDERS**. Through these charlatans will come The Apostasy of GROWING COLD (Mat 24:12), FALLING AWAY (2Thes 2:3), DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH (1Tim 4:1) or TURNING AWAY (2Tim 4:4) to usher in the Perilous Times for the manifestation of the Antichrist evil trinity (Rev 16:13; 20:10), the Great Woes and Plagues detailed in Rev 11-16 during the Great Tribulation (shortened for the saints’ sake Mat 24:21-22; Luk 21:25-28).

To prepare believers who will still be alive just before His Second Coming, **CHRIST** (our **Horn** of salvation Luk 1:69, the **Lamb** of atonement John 1:29; Rev 5; 7:17 and the victorious **Lion** Rev 5:5) together with His Apostles warned the Church about the coming reign of the **ANTICHRIST** (1John 2:18, 22; 4:3). This Antichrist, also called **Man of Sin, Son of Perdition** and **Wicked One** (2Thes 2:3, 8) and figuratively described as the **Blasphemous Horn** (Dan 7; Rev 17) or **Miraculous Lamb-Beast** and “**666**” **Marker-Dragon’s Agent** (Rev 13:11-18), will be preceded by PSEUDOCRISTS and Pseudoprophets (Mat 24:23-24; 1John 2:18) The Antichrist shall rule during the Great Tribulation just before Christ comes to raise and gather (rapture) the Saints to reign with them on earth (Rev 5:12; 17:18) from the Beloved City or Saint’s Camp (Rev 20:9). According to the Scriptures (disregarding theories and conjectures), it is only at Christ’s Second Coming (Mat 24:29-31; 2Thes 2:1-3) with His glorious Angels (2Thes 1:7), that He will terminate the Great Tribulation with the resurrection and gathering (rapture) of the Saints and overthrow of the Antichrist all at the same time (2Thes 1:6-10; 2:8).

### **2Thessalonians 2:1-3, 8**

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*(8) And then shall that WICKED ONE be revealed, WHOM THE LORD SHALL CONSUME WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH, AND SHALL DESTROY WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS COMING:*

### **Matthew 24:29-31**

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Prophecy meant for times of Greek Empire before Christ (Dan 8:9-14; 21-22) but similar to those of the End Time **Antichrist** had been revealed and explained to Daniel (Dan 8:15-27) and been fulfilled in Judea in the past (171-169 BC) before the End Time (Dan 11:29-32). A Seleucid



(Greek) King of Syria (north of Israel) called **Antiochus Epiphanes** – during his struggle for the control of the Holy Land with the Ptolemaic (Greek) Kings of Egypt (south of Israel) Dan 11:1-28 – defiled and looted Jerusalem Temple and killed many Jews till God helped the Maccabaeans (priestly Jewish insurgents) to revolt, regain independence and cleanse the Temple again in 168 BC (Dan 11:29-32). The Antioch metropolis in Syria (now Antakya in Turkey) known for its Daphnis temple licentiousness but large Gentile Church (Act 11:19-26; 15:23, 35) and the smaller Antioch colony in Pisidia (Act 13:14) were built by the Seleucids. These antecedent fulfilments help us appreciate prophecies about the future Tribulation and the Antichrist.

The Temple remained under the Maccabaeen High Priests until Christ came, but thereafter the Roman Caesars came to abominate and utterly desolate the Temple again in 70 AD as prophesied by Christ (Mat 24:15-20; Mar 13:14-18; Luk 21:20-24) to end the 70 weeks prophesied earlier in Dan 9:24-27. The big Mediterranean port and capital city of the Roman province of Judaea called Caesarea (Act 9:30; 18:22; 25:1-13) where the first Gentile Christian, Cornelius was converted (Act 10, now Kaisariyeh, south of Haifa in Israel) and the smaller inland Caesarea Philippi near the mouth of River Jordan (Mat 16:13) were built by the Herods to honour the Roman Caesars. Since then, **Jerusalem Temple has remained desolate and trodden by Gentiles till today** as Christ declared in Luk 21:24; meanwhile the gathering of full number of REDEEMED Gentiles and all REMNANT Israel into Christ continues (Rom 11:25-27).

For now, because the end is yet to come, God's people shall continue to experience **revivals and declensions** (Dan 11:32-35) while the nations shall continue to experience "iron and clay" **alliances and conflicts** (Dan 2:41-43) until Antichrist's sole dominance comes with the ultimate Tribulation prophesied by Daniel (Dan 11:36-45) and confirmed by Christ in Mat 24:21-27 and Mar 13:19-24, as also reiterated by Paul in 2Thes 2:3-14 and revealed to John in Rev 11 to 16. Rev 17 and 18 predict in accurate details the first sack of Rome by Alaric the Visigoths in 410 AD until the final sack of Rome by the Vandals in 455 AD.

The Antichrist Beast has also been foreshadowed in the purple-dressed blood-drunken **Babylonish Prostitute** (explained to mean the city of **Rome** in **Rev 17:3-6, 16-18**; *NOT the Roman Catholic Church*) carried by ***the age-old Scarlet Beast that ever resurges from the abyss*** to **control the cultures of Gentile world-powers** from ancient times. The Rome-Prostitute rode on the Beast to destroy Jerusalem in 70 AD and sack the Jews from Judea (which they renamed Palestine), and ruthlessly persecuted the Early Church until Constantine's religious toleration Edict of Milan in 313 AD, but She was destroyed by the Beast on which She rode as prophesied in **Rev 17:16-18** and **Rev 18**. The city of Rome fell in the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD under attacks by Germanic wondering and warring Visigoths and Vandals who, being Arian heretics rejected the divine sonship of Christ (like Jehovah Witnesses of today), also persecuted Christians who believed the Nicene Creed. The Roman Popes struggled to step into the shoes of the Roman Empire in the belief that it was realising the Millennium of **Rev 20:1-4**, even though there was neither resurrection nor *parousia* as indicated in **Rev 20:5-6**, but after 1000 years (500-1500 AD) of dominating the world with unbiblical and worldly Christianity; God truncated Papal dominance through the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

The postmodern Church with its worldly and unbiblical Christianity of commercialism, carnality and syncretism heavily influenced by rave and hippie movements (with their rebellious counterculture of dance-drug-sex-atheism), shows that the ancient demonic Beast still lives today and works as the **"mystery of iniquity/lawlessness"** (**2Th 2:7**) or the **"mysterious**

***Babylon Prostitute” (Rev 17:5). This Antichrist demonic Beast is resurging again in our time not carrying Roman Empire on its back, but as multi-horned and hydra-headed globalist ILLUMINATISM in the forms of Western PAGANISING POSTMODERNISM and GLOBAL NEW AGE OCCULTISM corrupting Biblical truth, values and morals, combined with MILITANCY and GLOBAL TERRORISM attacking the Church’s structure and membership. These dominate today’s Mass Media, Market and Mores. Will this be the ultimate when the age-old Beast will summate in one blasphemous self-deifying Personage? Time will tell.***

*To escape the Antichrist demon, true believers should insist on biblical values and biblical faith. Believers must refuse to copy heathen “Christianity” of licentious postmodern trends, resist occultist manipulations by false "prophets" and neither be deterred by terrorist attacks nor give in to scorn and persecution. The Devil and all evil must be resisted with steadfast faith.*

The Antichrist will emerge with ANTICHRISTIAN NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM OF SOCIAL ORDER which will have varieties of CULTIC MARKs/TATTOOs/SYMBOLs/CODEs or Microchips bearing Antichrist’s CULTIC NAMEs (similar to the identity chips of today which are precursors to Antichrist’s code). The Antichrist cultic mark/tattoo/code could also be in the form of ancient Greek alphabetical numerals whose total numerical value will be equal to modern arithmetic Arabic numerals of 666 (Rev 13:15-18). With Satanist illuminatism, tattooing and chip-tagging becoming the vogue today, people could already be carrying THE MARK OF THE BEAST secretly or unknowingly.

The following is the Greek alphabet, with the numerical value of each letter affixed, according to the generally received system: -

α (alpha)- 1	ι (iota)- 10	ρ (rho)- 100
β (beta)- 2	κ (kappa)- 20	σ,ς (sigma)- 200
γ (gamma)- 3	λ (lambda)- 30	τ (tau)- 300
δ (delta)- 4	μ (mu)- 40	υ (upsilon)- 400
ε (epsilon)- 5	ν (nu)- 50	φ (phi)- 500
ζ (zeta)- 7	ξ (ksi)- 60	χ (chi)- 600
η (eta)- 8	ο (omicron)- 70	ψ (psi)- 700
θ (theta)- 9	π (pi)- 80	ω (omega)- 800

Thus, in the apocryphal *Epistle of Barnabas* written about 140 AD by an unknown allegorist in Alexandria, we are told that the name JESUS (Ιησους) is expressed by the number 888.

Ι = 10; η = 8; σ = 200; ο = 70; υ = 400; ς = 200.

The book of the Revelation was written in Greek. The Greeks had no number figures; they used alphabets to represent numbers. The modern arithmetic number figures and number system were developed from Hindu-Arabic numerals in early 13<sup>th</sup> century AD. In the old Greek number system, a number like 666 could be written in a thousand different ways! Any or all of these could be used by the Antichrist! Hence “**Let him that has understanding count (calculate/figure out) the number of the beast**” (Rev 13:18). When calculated/counted/figured in the Arabic numerals, the number is “666” but in the Roman numeral system it is “DCLXVI”, which incidentally contains all but one (M) of the numeric letters that make up the Roman numeral system, arranged in order from the maximum to the minimum!

- The **conservation** of the restored remnant Israel against anti-Semitism and her final **conversion** from unbelief, just before the coming of Christ *Zec 12:7-12; Isa 59:18-21; Jer 31:9; Jer 50:4; Ezek 39-48; Rom 11:25-27.*
- Notice the transition from the **outpouring** of the Spirit of grace and **supplication** (sealing of the symbolic 144,000) for **conversion of remnant Israel before the parousial visible appearing** of the pierced Saviour (*Zec 12:10 a*), unto the subsequent despair and mourning

of **humiliation by all nations** *during the parousia* (Zec 12:10 b; Mat 24:30; Rev 1:7). **Grace and supplication** are neither the same as, nor concurrent with **mourning and despair**. The specific Spirit outpouring on Israel precedes the general Saviour's appearing to all. We should no longer muddle up what the New Testament has clarified, just as we no longer muddle up Joe 2:28-32 as if the **outpouring** of the Spirit (Joe 2:28-29, 32; Act 2:33) and the **wonders** in heaven (Joe 2:30-31; Mat 24:29) occur the same time.

## **SEALED 144,000 SAINTS: LITERAL and SYMBOLIC.**

*Before Christ (PRE-MESSIANIC AGE), nationalities mattered but since the coming of Christ (MESSIANIC AGE), God no longer deals with us according to the nations we belong to, whether we are Israelites or Gentiles. What matters to God eschatologically, is whether we are in Christ or against Christ. That is why the Gospel and End Times prophecy is NOT about Nationalities (Israelites and Gentiles) BUT about global Personages – Christ and Antichrist. Again the reality and facts of history is that the full Twelve Tribes of Israel no longer exist except the Jews who are from the southern Two Tribes of Israel, so also is ancient political geography no more extant.*

There are about 14 million Jews in the world today with half of these residing in the State of Israel, and there may be more or less at the Tribulation when the 144,000 restored remnant shall be sealed. The elect “144,000 of Israel” is NOT MERELY a “**literal number**” of “all the Tribulation-Saints OF JACOB’S NATURAL ISRAEL” who may be **alive during the final tribulation** just before Christ’s second coming (Rev 7:1-4), BUT ALSO the “**symbolic number**” of “all the Redeemed-Saints OF JESUS’ SPIRITUAL ISRAEL=the Church” (Rev 7:14), who are being redeemed with Christ’s Blood and sealed with the Holy Spirit since Calvary till the end of the Great Tribulation (2Cor 1:22; 5:5; Eph 1:13-14).

Therefore, the sealed “**144,000 Tribulation Saints of all Israel**” (Rev 7:1-8) also symbolically represents the REMNANT “**all Israel that are children of promise**” (Rom 11:26-28) i.e. ALL elect Israel who truly believe (Rom 9:6-9) as well as the “**inwardly Jews of heart and spirit**” (Rom 2:28-29). Conversely the REDEEMED “**complete number of the Gentiles**” (Rom 11:25-26) i.e. complete number of ALL nations who truly believe (John 12:32; Rom 11:32) or “**the innumerable Saints of every Nation**” (Rev 7:9-12; 14:2-3) “**cleansed and redeemed with Christ’s Blood from all Humanity**” since the beginning of creation till the end of the Great Tribulation (Rev 7:13-17; 14:1-4). ALL remnant Israel and ALL redeemed People do not literally mean EVERY SINGLE Israelite and EVERY SINGLE Person. National Israel and National Gentiles are **not replaced by** Christ’s Spiritual Israel (The Church); rather, Christ’s Spiritual Israel (The Church) **is redeemed from** National Israel and National Gentiles.

### **Acts 15:15-18**

(15) *This agrees with the words of the prophets. As it is written,*

(16) *'After this, I will come back and set up David's fallen tent again. I will restore its ruined places and set it up again*

(17) *so that the rest of the people may search for the Lord, including all the gentiles who are called by my name, declares the Lord. He is the one who has been doing these things*

(18) *that have always been known.'*

Everyone knows (or should know) that pure blooded descendants of Ten out of the Twelve Tribes of Israel can no longer be distinguished from the Middle Eastern peoples. The northern Ten Tribes of Israel carried away by Assyria in 722 BC were scattered and got lost by



assimilation among the Middle Eastern nations and never returned nor retained their Israelite identity. They were replaced by the Samaritans brought from other Middle Eastern nations by the Assyrians (1Kings 17:21-24).

The JEWS are not the 12 Tribes of Israel but the southern Israelites from JUDEA (made up of the southern Tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi) who maintained their pure blood and identity. These were mostly carried away to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 582 BC (2Kings 25:8-12) while the rest of them took Prophet Jeremiah along and migrated to Egypt (2Kings 25:25-26). Some of those Jews (southern Israelites) carried to Babylon returned later to Judea with Zerubbabel in 538 BC, with Ezra in 458 BC, and with Nehemiah in 444 BC.

After the time of Christ, the Jews were again sacked from Judea by the Romans and replaced by the Palestinians in 70 AD as prophesied by Daniel and Christ in Dan 9:27b and Matt 24:2,15,16. Since then, in fulfilment of Christ's prophecy in Luke 21:24, Jews have suffered anti-Semitism as sojourners in all nations while Jerusalem remained "*trodden by the Gentiles*" – ruled in turns by Romans, Syrians, Arabs, Crusaders, Egyptians, Turks, and Britons, till the Jews returned eventually to found the modern State of Israel (*Medinat Yisrael*) in 1948 after the Second World War. Today, the Jews still share Jerusalem with the Palestinians (Rev 11:2).

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## **END TIMES Phase 2:**

Time of Christ's *Parousia* **SECOND COMING** to raise all the Saints and subdue all kingdoms;

*ERCHOMAI* (Coming Mat 24:30; 26:64; Luk 21:27; Joh 14:3) *again, in the clouds and glory*;

*PAROUSIA* (Arrival, Coming, Presence 2Th 2:1) *in glory*;

*EPIPHANEIA* (Appearing *to all*, Brightness *to all* *i.e. by Himself* Col 3:4; 2Th 2:8; 1Ti 6:14);

*APOKALUPSIS* (Revelation Luk 17:30; 1Co 1:7) *of glory*.

**Beginning From the Day of His Coming Again to RAISE (GATHER) AND REIGN WITH (NOT raise and run away with) all Believers.**

- The Universally Visible Sign of the Son of Man **Zec 12:10b-12**; Mat 24:25-28; Mat 26:64; Rev 1:7; Christ glory and sign shall envelop the whole earth;
- The Appearance of the Son of Man in glory **WITH** the Angels **FOR** the Church Mat 24:29-30; 2Th 1:6-10;
- The Last Trumpet call of the Saints by the Archangel Mat 24:31; Joh 5:25; 1Co 15:52; 1Th 4:16;
- The visible and singular glorious **First Resurrection** of ALL dead Saints and **Change** of ALL living Saints Mat 24:37-42; 1Co 15:50-53; 1Th 4:16-17; Rev 20:4-6;

There is no biblical reason to hold any view other than what the Scriptures clearly teaches; which is that "**the first resurrection**" with our "**catching away**" or our "**gathering**" together to Christ at His single Glorious Coming: (1) shall occur "**immediately after the tribulation in those days**" according to Christ (Mat 24:29), (2) and that it "**will not be except the man of sin is revealed first**" according to the Apostle (2Thes 2:3), (3) and shall include "**those who were killed for resisting the beast (tribulation) worship**" according to the Revelation (Rev 20:4-5).

- The open **Rapture** or *spiritual ecstatic transport* (similar to Eze 3:12-14; Eze 11:1; Act 8:39; 2Co 12:2-4; Rev 4:1-2; Rev 12:5; Rev 17:3) of resurrected/changed Saints GATHERED to MEET the Lord in the air on His arrival to conquer and reign on the earth 1Th 4:16-17;

- The Rapture MEETING is NOT for SECRET escape/departure with Christ back to heaven (Joh 17:15; Rev 3:10), BUT to OPENLY usher down the King coming to reign on the earth (Mat 25:5-11; Joh 12:12-13; Act 28:15; 2Th 1:7-10); as He descends from His divine dwelling in the Third (divine) **Heaven**, past the starry space **firmament** of the Second (astral) Heaven, into the atmospheric First (ethereal) Heaven of the **clouds** and the **air**, about to destroy the Antichrist and reign on Earth with the resurrected Saints (Dan 7:27; Rev 5:9-10; Rev 20:4-6);
- *The modern teaching on “**secret Rapture**” is not the same as the biblical singular glorious First Resurrection but a cowardly, secret escape of a division of the Church **before the Second Coming of Christ!** This has no place in Christ's promise or in the Apostolic Scriptures, but derives from the modern day divisive theories, and is capable of weakening the Church to fall away due to despair (2Th 2:3; 2Tim 2:17-18; Mat 24:12; Mat 24:24) in turbulent times, with a false hope of second chance.*
- The **Mourning** (Zec 12:10b-12; Mat 24:30; Rev 1:7) by all reprobates, who shall be forbidden from the parousial rapture of the singular glorious First Resurrection gathering (Mat 25:11-12; Luk 13:24-28).

### Christ will come again OPENLY and ONCE, not SECRETLY or TWICE.

No place in the Bible is there any thought or mention of Jesus appearing to go away with His Church before any form of tribulation and coming again “again” with them thereafter. The Scriptures are explicit that Christ’s second coming will be once and for all and shall NOT BE until AFTER the Antichrist-Tribulation period (Mat 24:27-31; 2Thes 2:1-3). In fact, there is a specific apostolic caution against such speculations (2Thes 2:1-3 and 8). The Bible NEVER indicates that Jesus will COME WITH His Church to the earth rather than Christ will COME from heaven WITH the Angels (called Saints in Psa 68:17; 1Thes 3:13; 2Thes 1:7; Jude 1:14) to the earth FOR the Church. The Scriptures clearly indicated that it is the Angels that Christ COMES WITH (Mat 25:31; Jude 14) and it is the Church that Christ COMES FOR (Mat 24:31).

Plain Scripture teaches that Christ will come one single second time in glory WITH His Angels (visible Revelation/Appearing at His glorious Presence/Coming) to resurrect and gather (Rapture) His Church and destroy the Antichrist, ALL AT THE SAME SINGLE EVENT (Mat 24:29-31; 25:31; 1Cor 15:20-24; 2Thes 1:6-10; 2:1-8; Rev 1:7). This single Second Coming to gather (raise and rapture) the Church terminates the “Great Tribulation” of the Antichrist reign and begins the Glorious Subjugation of the “Millennium” reign, which leads to the “Final Conflict” of Gog and Magog, then the “Great Conflagration” and “Final Judgment”.

This is what the Church had always believed in Apostolic times till the 4<sup>th</sup> Century when Amillennialists allegorised things and recently in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries when the Dispensationalists conceptualised and theorised their double Church and double second comings – first for secret escapist rapture and another coming back “again-again” to reign.

Contrary to Dispensationalist theoretical splitting of Christ’s Coming and splitting of Christ’s Church to different destinies, Christ’s coming or appearing and our singular glorious gathering together (first resurrection and rapture) unto Him are always the same synchronous single event in the Scriptures (Mat 24:27-31; 25:31; 1Thes 4:15-17; 2Thes 1:6-10; 2Thes 2:1-3 and 8; 1John 2:28; Jude 14).

NOTE that the “LAST DAY” Resurrection shall not occur concurrently for believers together with unbelievers at the same single instance, but shall be separated into two (Dan 12:2; Joh 5:24-29; Rev 20:4-6):

- (1) RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL LIFE or FIRST RESURRECTION: the premillennial rapturous, general and glorious resurrection (for all dead Believers) cum transfiguration (for all living Believers) at Christ’s COMING to Subdue every kingdoms on earth and
- (2) RESURRECTION TO ETERNAL CONTEMPT or SECOND DEATH: the postmillennial contemptible, general and shameful resurrection for all dead Unbelievers at Christ’s SITTING to Judge every soul and spirit.

It is also important to note that:

- (1) In the Millennial Kingdom (or the Regeneration/Restoration/Marriage Supper Mat 19:28; Act 3:19-21; Rev 19:7-8; Rev 21:2) on this earth before the universe is conflagrated, believers shall sit on their kingly thrones in the Throne Camp of the Saints (the Beloved City) with Christ, to reign over (judge and rule) unbelievers and demons on the earth (Dan 7:18; Dan 7:26-27; 1Co 6:2-3; Rev 3:21; Rev 20:4) with the righteous sceptre of iron (Rev 2:25-27). Believers will NOT rule over subservient fellow believers as each

believer is equally a wreath-crowned king-priest (1Pe 2:9; Rev 1:6; Rev 5:10) directly under the one King of kings, Who alone is crowned with many royal diadems (Rev 19:12).

(2) In the Eternal Bliss in heaven after earth's conflagration, believers shall have finished ruling over unbelievers with their thrones or sceptres but sit on their **priestly throne** before Christ's Heavenly Sanctuary throne for **worship** and lay down their wreath-crowns in worship at the feet of Christ (Rev 4:4-11), stand to wave their worship palm-fronds to God not brandish sceptres of iron (Rev 7:9). The believer's crowns are not royal-diadems (Grk=*diadema*), but champions' prize-wreaths (Grk=*stephanos*) of glory.

- The destruction of the Antichrist apostate confederacy and the binding of Satan 2Th 1:6-10; 2Th 2:8; Rev 19:11-21, (i.e. military-battle mobilised by the Antichrist at **Armageddon** Rev 16:13-16; Rev 17:8-14; Rev 19:19-21),
- The "**Millennial**" **Universal Subjugation** (**Marriage Supper** Rev 19:7-8; Rev 21:2) domination by the Lord and ALL His Redeemed Saints over the nations of the earth Rev 20:1-6, with iron sceptre Rev 2:25-27; Rev 19:15, [They shall reign **on earth 1000 years** from their capital territory and *the bridal Camp of the Saints* or the "**Beloved City**" of saints' thrones (Rev 5:10; Psa 122:2-6), to be surpassed later by the eternal Jerusalem descended from heaven (Heb 11:16; Rev 20:9), fully described in Rev 21:9-22:5],
- The final mass desolation of Satan and ALL living unbelievers at the **Gog and Magog** mass-revolt instigated by bailed Satan against the saints in the Beloved City from heaven (Rev 20:7-10).

### **ESCHATOLOGICAL PLACE OF TEMPORAL ISRAELITE NATION AND TEMPORAL GENTILE NATIONS.**

The royal priesthood Church of Christ with both Jews and Gentiles (Exo 19:5-6; 1Pe 2:9) is the NEW **Spiritual Israel** of Jews and Gentiles (Rom 2:28-29; Rom 9:6; Gal 6:16; Php 3:3), and NEITHER replaced temporal Israel nation (Joh 8:39-44) NOR temporal Gentile nations. According to divine covenant in the Scriptures (Deut 4:24-31; Deut 28:63-68), **temporal Israel** shall because of sin be repeatedly decimated by **temporal Gentile nations**, but repeatedly restored by God's help until the end (Dan 11:32-35). By the time of the end **ALL the remnant** Israelites (Rom 11:26) shall have been converted (Zec 12:7-10a) and be united with **the FULL NUMBER of redeemed Gentiles** (Rom 11:25) into the ONE BRIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST (Rom 11:23-33). In the Scriptures, **PRE-MESSIANIC Jacob's Israel is the exemplary symbol/TYPE or foreshadow of God's People, whereas MESSIANIC Christ's Church (of both Israelites and Gentiles) is the expected substance/ANTITYPE or fulfilment** (1Cor 10:6, 11; Rom 5:14; Heb 9:24; 11:40; 1Pe 1:9-12; 3:21).

Notice the similarity between Ezekiel's and Daniel's prophecies about the End Times repeated defeat of every **Anti-Semite alliance** against the **restored Israel** (Ezek 38-39; Dan 11). This has been and shall be fulfilled in:

- the 167-164BC Antiochus-Maccabean war and
- the 1967 Arab-Israeli 7days' war, as well as
- **any other repeat of looming Anti-Zionist mobilisation in the Middle East** (Dan 11:29-36).

Similar conflicts apply ultimately to the Church as prophesied by Apostle John in Revelation:

- the End Time decimation (Armageddon war Rev 16:12-22) of the **Antichrist alliance** by the **returning Christ** (Rev 19) and finally
- the terminal crushing of the futile **Gog-Magog mass revolt** against the resurrected Saints at the end of the Millennium (Rev 20:7-10).

This will finally be followed by the dissolution of the physical Universe in an explosive conflagration, leaving only all spiritual beings to face the **White Throne “Bema”** judgment-roll call (Dan 7:9-10; Rom 14:10; 2Cor 5:10; Rev 20:11-15).

Also the restored Jerusalem-Temple details in Ezek 40-42 and 47 shows some semblance with the heavenly bridal Beloved City of Rev 21:9-22:5.

Despite the assurances and warning in Rev 21:5; Rev 22:6; Rev 22:18-19, and the fact that John was himself a Jew who was fully aware of Ezekiel, some eschatologists today use OT Ezekiel to do retrograde over-rule of NT Revelation! They paradoxically believe that Ezekiel is literal despite its symbolic geography but maintain that Revelation is not literal because of its symbolic imageries! However, it is more appropriate to see Ezekiel as a typological **shadow** (figurative partial pattern) pointing to Revelation as the antitype **substance** (final fuller reality) to be fulfilled by Christ. This is always the general case with other comparable Old and New Testament Scriptures (Gal 4:25-26; Col 2:16-17; Heb 8:5-7; Heb 9:9-12; Heb 9:22-24; Heb 10:1) e.g. (spiritual) Egyptian Bondage, Circumcision (without hands), (spiritual/heavenly) Kingdom, (heavenly) Throne of Grace, (heavenly) Tabernacle, (heavenly) Jerusalem, etc. **Israel (or Jews) is always a physical, national and temporal figure (SHADOW) for which the Church of Christ (both Jews and Gentiles) is the spiritual, universal and eternal fulfilment (SUBSTANCE).**

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### **END TIMES Phase 3:**

Time of the FINAL JUDGMENT of all souls, spirits and elements by Christ (Act 17:31; 2Ti 4:1; 2Pe 3:7; 1Jn 4:17).

#### **After the melting away of the Old Physiochemical Universe.**

- The **conflagration** and vanishing of the Old physiochemical Universe (2Pe 3:7-12; Isa 34:4; Rev 20:11). *NOTE that non-physical creation like Souls, Hades, Death, the Fiery Lake and the Heavenly City will not vanish but remain for judgment.*
- The "**exposure/resurrection of ALL unbelieving dead souls**" (RESURRECTION OF CONDEMNATION) for judgement Rev 20:13-14; Rev 21:8,
- The Final General Tribunal (at the *White Throne-Bema Judgment Seat* Dan 7:9-10; Rom 14:10; 2Co 5:10; Rev 20:11-15) for **accountability** (Mat 12:36-37; Rom 14:10-12; 1Pe 4:5-6), **vindication** (Rev 3:4-5) and **retribution** Mat 13:40-43; 16:27; Joh 5:24; 2Co 5:10; 1Co 11:31-32; Jud 1:14-15; Rev 22:11-15,  
*Ruling high thrones of ancient authorities were same as their judgment seats and the throne room was same as the audience room or court/tribune. This is the sense in which Christ's great glorious royal Throne (Mat 25:31; Rev 20:11) is same as Christ's Judgment Seat of the Great Day of reckoning (John 5:22-27; 2Cor 5:10; Rom 14:10; Rev 20:11).*
- The designation to final destinies Mat 25:46 (eternal BLISS in the **Glorious City** and the New imperishable World for the Saints of the only First Resurrection Heb 13:14; Rev 21:1-8 and eternal AGONY in the **Fiery Lake** for the Wicked of the Second Death Rev 20:10; Rev 20:14-15),
- The substitution of the Old physiochemical Universe with the New imperishable Universe of crystal fountains and glory but no sea and sun Isa 65:17-19; 2Pe 3:13; Rev 21:1-6.

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### **The ETERNITY:**

The FINAL DESTINIES for ETERNAL Rewards and Retributions.



## **After the Final "White Throne" Bema Judgment-Roll Call and Second Death Condemnation.**

Further details are given on:

1. **Eternal Bliss** of the one (1Co 12:13; Eph 4:4-6), holy and universal (Eph 2:17-22) Church of all the Saints in the same **one-and-only Bride City** (Gal 4:26; Rev 21:9-27; Rev 22:1-14); Here the Saints shall need nothing but have all things.
2. **Eternal Doom** of all the Wicked (Mar 9:43-48; Luk 13:24-28; Rev 14:9-11) who shall be dumped into the same **one Fiery Furnace** (Rev 21:8; Rev 22:15), because their names are missing from the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev 20:15). Here the wicked shall need all things but have nothing.

## **A LITTLE GLIMPSE OF THE GLORIES OF HEAVEN**

From what Christ revealed to His beloved Apostle John, we have this picture of Heaven.

**AROUND Christ's Throne** in Heaven's Throne or Worship Room we have: 35 Special Angelic Beings which include:

- 4 six-winged many-eyed Throne Creatures and
- 24 enthroned Elders (Revelation 4), plus
- 7 special starry Executive Angels (Rev 8:2; 16:1).

The other Angels are innumerable ministering Spirits that worship God (Rev 5:11-12; 7:11) and execute God's commands for the good of the Saints (Heb 1:7, 14; 12:22).

The Throne Room also has Seven Fiery-Spirits golden Lamps (Rev 1:3-6; 4:5) and a golden Incense Altar (Rev 6:9; 8:3-5)

**BEFORE Christ's Throne**, there shall be resurrected Saints redeemed through Christ who worship God blissfully. These who shall be raised and gathered/raptured unto Christ as One Bride when Christ comes (1Thes 4:16-17; Rev 1:7) include:

- the 144,000 faithful Saints of the 12 Tribes of Israel (Rev 7:1-8; 14:1-5) and
- Innumerable overcoming Saints from Every Tribe and Tongue both great and small (Rev 7:9-17).

**NOTE that for now (before Christ comes in glory to raise His Saints), all unresurrected disembodied souls of triumphant sleeping Saints (spirits of just men made perfect Heb 12:22-24) congregate under the golden altar before the Throne (Rev 6:9) and join the Church in prayers of the Saints. The Angels burn these prayers of the Saints with incense on the heavenly altar to give it great power (Rev 8:3-5).**

**OUTSIDE the Throne Worship Room**, is the **nightless golden Heavenly City** (Rev 21:9-27) with its River of Life issuing from Christ's Throne (Rev 22:1-5) and many mansions prepared for all redeemed believers (John 14:1-4) who have been registered in the Lamb's book of Life since the beginning of the world (Rev 21:27). These registered redeemed believers who become indigenised in the celestial ornamental City include:

- **the 12 Tribes of Israel as the City's pearl Gates** (Rev 21:9-13, Rev 21:21),
- **the 12 Apostles as the City's precious-stone wall foundations/pillars** (Rev 21:14-20), and
- **the Saved (i.e. Kings/Priests Rev 5:10; 20:6) of all Nations as contributors to the City's glory and honour and beneficiaries of the City's illumination** (Rev 21:24-27).

During the 1000years reign of the Saints on earth (Rev 5:10) before the Great Conflagration and Final Judgment, this celestial bridal City shall be foreshadowed as the “**Camp of the Saints**” or Beloved City (Rev 20:9) sanctified by Christ’s presence (Rev 20:4) as the capital territory for the Saints to sit on thrones to reign and judge (for the Great Subjugation of) the world (Rev 20:1-10).

**BEYOND the Heavenly City** shall be the vast expanse of the “New Heaven and New Earth” for the eternal heritage of the Saints who overcome in Christ unto the end (2Pet 3:13; Rev 21:1-8).

**Christ Is Coming Only ONCE More For His Only ONE Redeemed Body**

*Reserved for Christ's **ONE undivided/indivisible** Church of both Jews and Gentiles, as the **only** Bride of the Lamb, is the **one** beloved Holy City: the bridal heavenly Jerusalem without Temple but the Glorious Throne of God and the Lamb Who dwell in it as its Tabernacle and glorious illumination (Rev 21:3, Rev 21:22-23). This one Bride City consists of **ALL THE SAINTS EVER REDEEMED SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD** together, registered in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev 21:27), without any exclusion or division (Act 15:16-17; Rom 11:11-33; Eph 2:10-22; Eph 3:3-6).*

*The Celestial City is clearly described as having NO walls of partition between any of the following groups of people (Eph 2:11-22; Eph 3:4-6; Gal 3:26-29) with the*

- **12 Apostles as its precious-stone wall foundations** (Rev 21:14-20) **AND BELIEVERS FROM the**
- **12 Tribes of Israel as its pearl Gates** (Rev 21:9-13, Rev 21:21), and the
- **Saved (i.e. Kings/Priests Rev 5:10; 20:6) of all Nations as contributors to its glory and honour** and beneficiaries of its illumination (Rev 21:24-27).

***This agrees perfectly with the indigenization of the Gentiles in the New Commonwealth of Israel*** (Eze 47:22-23) ***and the New “Jehovah Shammah” Holy City*** (Isa 24:23; Isa 56:6-7; Jer 3:17; Eze 48:35) ***as the Prophets had consistently indicated long time ago.***

***This composite ONE True Church shall be raised ONCE in open, visible glory (at the ONE blast of the angelic LAST trumpet), as ONE Body (Eph 4:4-6) and ONE Bride, at the ONE glorious Second Coming and ONE rapturous First Resurrection (1Co 15:22-26, 1Co 15:50-53; 1Th 4:14-18; Rev 1:7) – not two or more separate second comings, not two separate first resurrections, and not two or more separate brides as if to a polygamous Lord!***

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