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To show his servants " things which must shortly come to pass." 1:1 To give blessings to the reader. 1:3 " The time is at hand." 1:3

NOTE: In Daniel we have a picture of some of the tribulation, and final prophecy. However, God told Daniel in chapter twelve verse nine to, " Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

Now we are told in Revelation 1:3, " For the time is at hand." And in Revelation 22:10 John is told, " Seal not the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand."

Now with Daniel and Revelation to compare, along with other Scripture, the christian can know what God's plans are.

Revelation is a picture of the coming calamity we call the seven year tribulation. God calls it his wrath. Matthew 3:7 Luke 21:23 Romans 5:9 1 Thessalonians 1:10 5:9 Revelation 6:16,17 11:18 12:12

God also gave us Revelation to show the deity of Jesus Christ. His perfection His right to be glorified and so forth.

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Therefore the author of Revelation is the trinity. Being that the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one, we have one author in the trinity.

THE HUMAN WRITER

The one who was moved to write Revelation is none other than the apostle John. ref. 1:1,4,9,10,19

John the apostle was one of the first four apostles chosen to follow Christ. He, along with James, was the son of Zebedee. ref. Mark 1:16-20

James and John were surnamed, " Boaner'ges," which means "sons of thunder." ref. Mark 3:17

John, James and Peter, it seems were always in the thick of things. They were in the chamber of death. ref. Mark 5:37 They were at the transfiguration. ref. Matt. 17:1

John is given the honor of taking the Lord's mother to be his own. ref. John 19:26,27

History, or rather tradition, says, He ultimately settled in Ephesus. Under the persecution of Domitian, he is taken to Rome and cast into boiling oil which had no effect on him. Thereby gaining the crown of martyrdom.

He is sent into hard labor and finally exiled on the Isle of Patmos, where he is given the Revelation.

It might be interesting to note that he is exiled for his testimony for the Word of God, and that is where he received the final Word of God. ref. Revelation 1:1,2 ,9

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REVELATION

OUTLINE

The outline is found in Revelation 1:19. In 1:19 we have the past, the present, and the future.

This writer believes the past represents historical events up to and including the Cross. The present represents the church age. And the future represents events after the rapture of the church.

Throughout Revelation, the Holy Spirit often eludes to the past.

1:1 -- 1:20 we have the introduction and the salutation.

2:1 - 3:22 we have the warning and admonition to the seven churches.

4:1 -- 5:14 is a picture of the church in heaven. There is also a picture of the Lord being glorified in heaven as he is surrounded by the church and his saints.

6:1 -- 6:17 is a picture of the Antichrist as he comes into his own. We also have the first six out of seven seals.

7:1 -- 7:17 is a "parenthesis," in the book which describes 144,000 and those who are saved during the first half of the tribulation.

8:1 -- 9:21 is a picture of the seventh seal being opened which is made up of seven trumpet judgements. Through 9:21 we have only six trumpets. The seventh trumpet has not sounded as yet.

10:1 -- 11:14 there is another interlude and it seems like a lull in the action as Christ shows us some things taking place.

In chapter ten we also have the seven thunders. These are the only judgements in Revelation where God does not see fit to reveal. ref. 10:4

In chapter eleven we have the two witnesses. ref. 11:3-14

11:15-19 the seventh angel is about to sound the seventh trumpet.

12:1 - 17 is another "parenthesis," and there is a historical account of the conflict between Satan, Israel, and the "Christ child."

13:1 - 17 shows the rise and the reign of the Antichrist.

14:1 - 20 are parenthetical visions. 1 - 4 Christ and 144,000 on Mount Zion. 6 - 7 the everlasting gospel is preached. 8 the doom of Babylon foretold. 9 - 12 the future of those who worship the beast. 11 the blessed dead. 14 - 20 the future Armageddon.

15:1 - 8 a glorious scene in heaven.

20:11 - 15 the great white throne judgement.

21:1 - 22:5 the new heavens and earth.

22:6 - 21 conclusion

Unless otherwise notified, there will be six tests on Revelation that we expect to be turned in. Throughout the course there will be questions. It will be the students responsibility to see the questions and find the answers. The answers to these questions will be turned in at six intervals until the six tests have been completed.

The course is divided into two twelve week classes. At the end of each twelve week class there will be a brief quiz.

All answers will come from a King James Bible. We do this because of uniformity. Your textbooks will be.. A King James Bible.. A Strongs Concordance.. and the literature we provide.

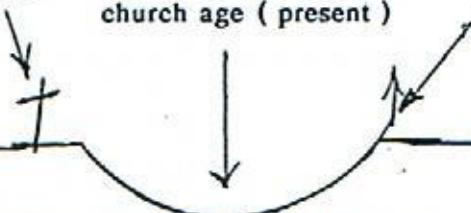
A BRIEF OUTLINE OF REVELATION

Revelation 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter.

The things which thou hast seen
Chapter 1 the vision of the glorious Christ.

The things which are
Chapter 2 & 3 the church age (present)

Things which shall be hereafter Chapter 4-22 beginning with the rapture



One of the many promises of Revelation is found in Revelation 10:7 *But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets.*

The word for Revelation is the Greek word (*APOKALUPSIS*) and it means to uncover or unveiling. This is in perfect harmony with the word " mystery," which is used throughout the New Testament. To reveal.. to unveil.. to make known. (ref. Romans 16:24 - 27)

REVELATION

GODS JUDGEMENT BEGINS

In Revelation chapter five, we see the seven sealed Scroll. When the seals on the Scroll begin to open we see the beginning of, " the things which shall be hereafter."



First seal.. Rev. 6:1

Second seal.. Rev. 6:3

Third seal.. Rev. 6:5

Fourth seal.. Rev. 6:7

Fifth seal.. Rev. 6:9

Sixth seal.. Rev. 6:12

Chapter seven is a parenthesis, before the seventh seal is opened. The second half of the tribulation is about to begin.

NOTE: The judgement of Revelation is made up of sevens. The seven seals which culminate in the seven trumpets. The seven trumpets, which culminate in the seven vials.

There are many theories concerning the judgements, and at which time they take place during the tribulation. Dr. M.R. DeHaan puts the trumpets in the first half. Salem Kirban puts the trumpets in the last half.

Who is right? The Bible is right. We should be able to decide at what time these events take place by using logic in the Word.

THE SEVENTH SEAL: In chapter eight verse one the seventh seal is opened and there is silence in heaven. (to be discussed later)

The seventh seal is made up of seven trumpets, or rather the seven trumpets are a part of the seventh seal.

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The second trumpet sounds. Rev. 8:8



The third trumpet sounds. Rev. 8:10



The fourth trumpet sounds. Rev. 8:12



The fifth trumpet sounds. Rev. 9:1



The sixth trumpet sounds. Rev. 9:13



The seventh trumpet sounds. Rev. 11:15

There are also three woes pronounced upon the earth in Revelation 8:13. The first woe is fulfilled by Revelation 9:13. " One woe is past,.....two woes more hereafter."

The second woe is complete in 11:14 and there is one more to come. The third woe begins with the seventh angel and the seven vials.

NOTE: In 10:1 - 4 we have the seven thunders which God did not allow John to write. This is the only place where God did not reveal what would take place.

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ANOTHER OUTLINE

Chapter one: Things thou has seen. The past, and the person of the book. (Jesus Christ)

Chapter two and three: The things which are. The history of the church

Chapter 4:1 4: The things which shall be.. including the rapture of the church.

Chapter 4 and 5 The church in heaven

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REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

In chapter two verse one through chapter three verse twenty two we have, " the things which are." The present. The church age.

We are still living in the church age. In Revelation 1:19 it is called the things which are. In Rev. 1:12 - 17 we see a picture of the glorified Christ. He is holding in his right hand the seven stars and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword. He was also, " in the midst of the seven candlesticks.

In verses 19 & 20 he tells us who and what they are. The candlesticks are the seven churches. And the stars are the messengers of the seven churches.

The messengers are the leaders of the church. Primarily the pastor. Then come the men of authority, then the congregation. EVERY ONE IN THE CHURCH IS A MESSENGER.

The message we are supposed to bring to the world is the gospel. The two edged sword is the Word of God. ref. Rev. 19:15 Hebrews 4:12 Isaiah 49:2 66:16 34:6 Judges 7:18

The seven churches were seven literal churches that existed at the time John received the vision and wrote the book.

The seven churches also represent the seven types of local churches that have existed throughout history.

The seven churches also represent seven types of christians throughout history.

The seven churches also represent seven types of churches that exist today.

The seven churches also represent seven periods of church history throughout the church age.

NOTE: Some men differ as to time periods that are represented throughout the history of the church. Example: Dr. M.R. DeHaan has it this way

Ephesus	first century
Smyrna	second century
Pergamos	312 A.D. -- 500 A.D.
Thyatira	Dark ages to the sixteenth century
Sardis	Renaissance to the Reformation
Piladelphia	Revival of the nineteenth century
Laodicea	End time church

REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.

Question .. In a encyclopedia look up the seven cities where the seven churches are mentioned and give a brief description of the city and determine which of those cities are prosperous today.

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2:1 - 7 EPHESUS .. The word means desirable, or desirable one. Historically, it represents the church of the apostolic age. From the inception of the church until around A.D. (100)

During this period of time, some of the apostles were still alive. (30 A.D. --

Question .. In Rev. 2:5 the word "Fallen," is the Greek word *ekpipto*. Look the word up in a Strong's Concordance and determine if it means you can lose your salvation. What does the word mean in relationship to the christian.

Ephesus: The good points

The bad points

2:8 - 11 SMYRNA .. The name comes from the word Myrrh. The Greek word for myrrh is the word *smurna*. Hence the word Smyrna. Myrrh was a perfume which was extracted from a tree. In order to obtain myrrh, the fruit had to be beaten and pounded similar to the way flour is made.

The taste is bitter and was usually reddish in color. It was used as an antiseptic, a stimulant, and as a perfume.

Therefore, it is only fitting the church in Smyrna received no admonition from the Lord. They were the persecuted church, the beaten church, which became the sweet fragrance of perfume.

The word of God can be sweet and bitter, yet, it can be an antiseptic, and a stimulant, and a purifier. HOWEVER, we may suffer persecution if we preach it.

Smyrna was one of the few churches we know of that had an early church father as its pastor. His name was Polycarp. (69 - 155) He was a student of the Scriptures and a disciple of the apostle John, the man who gave us Revelation. He was martyred for the Word. The word of God may seem bitter indeed!! ref. Rev. 10:9-11 Jer. 15:16 Ezek. 2:8

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2:1-7 EPHESUS

The good points

The bad points

2:8-11 SMYRNA

The good points

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2:12-17 PERGAMOS

The good points

The bad points

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REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.

Smyrna .. The good points

The bad points

2:12 - 17 PERGAMOS .. The word means " married," it also means, "elevation, or height." This church represents the time period of around 310 A.D., right after the church at Smyrna, until around 500 A.D.

Because of the doctrines in this church they assumed a position of pride. Pride and arrogance are lofty and high in attitude. (elevation) They were, like many churches today, " married " to the world. Unlike Smyrna, they enjoyed prominence and preeminence.

The deeds of the Nicolaitans at the church in Ephesus became a "doctrine" in Pergamos. vs. 2:15. Satans throne was in this church vs. 2:13, and they held the doctrine of Balaam vs: 2:14

NOTE: The word pergamos is really from the root word (purgos), which means a high tower or castle. The word "burgh" is a derivative of the word purgos. Hence the German word "burgh," which has been adopted into the English language. I.E. (Pittsburgh)

The good points

The bad points

NOTE: The doctrine of Balaam .. ref. 11 Peter 2:15 Jude 11 Numbers 31:15 - 16 22:5 23:8 The doctrine of Balaam, as mentioned in 11 Peter is the teaching or doctrine of the lost. However, the saved may fall into the trap of the teaching of the lost. Therefore, the warning. Basically, Balaam used the Word of God for personal and financial gain.

If it is not from God, it must come from somewhere else. That somewhere else can only be Satan. If it comes from Satan it is **WORLDLY**. The warning to the seven churches is to avoid the world and the traps of the world, and remember our first love, Jesus Christ the Lord, and the Cross of Calvary.

That is why Satans throne was in the church at Pergamos. They were a worldly church, which served Satan.

REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.

NOTE: The doctrine of the Nicolaitans. The word Nicolaitans comes from two words. Niko = overcomers. Laity = people. The Nicolaitans were and are the overcomers of the people. They are the Clergy and the leader of the churches. The ones who overcome the people with lies and the desire for money. These men want the recognition and the authority and will do anything to get it. In many cases they even put themselves up as God or even above God.

NOTE: In Revelation 1:19, the "things which are," is written in the present, and continuous sense. Therefore it could read, the things which are in progress. The church age. Church history.

NOTE: Galatianism had finally crept into Ephesus, and the strong, persecuted church of Smyrna, gave way to the church of Pergamos.

NOTE: Seven is the number of perfection. It is the number of Gods perfection. That is the reason God uses the number seven throughout Revelation. The seven spirits.. ref. Rev. 1:4 3:1 4:5 5:6

The seven stars .. ref. Rev. 1:16 1:20

The seven churches .. 1:4 1:11,12,13,20 The seven angels ..etc.

2:18 - 29 THYATIRA .. A never tiring sacrifice. This church represents the period between 500 to around 1500 A.D. The church of the dark ages.

This church held onto the teachings of Jezebel. This was the church of continual idolatry. Ceremonies and rituals.

This church still exists today, as do all the churches of Revelation. These are the Pharisees of Christs day, and the Hebrews of the Old Testament. ref. Matt. 23:1 - 39 Isaiah 1:10 - 17

Jezebel.. Jezebel is likened unto a harlot, which is likened unto false religion. Jezebel was used as a figure to represent false religion. This jezebel is the same as the great harlot Babylon and will see the same destruction.

God says she will be cast into, "Great tribulation with her followers." ref. Rev. 2:20 - 23. Compare with Proverbs chapter seven and Rev. 14:8 - 12 16:19 17 through 19:6

The good points

The bad points

REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.

3:1 - 6 SARDIS It means a remnant, or those who have escaped, and that which remained. The time period of 1500 to 1700 . Historically, we go from the church of the dark age, at Thyatira, to the church of the reformation, Sardis.

The christian church really began its reformation around 1000 A.D. Along came men with zeal and spirit. John Wycliffe 1320 - 1384 John Huss 1369 - 1415 Martin Luther 1483 - 1546

There were many great men who are not often heard of such as; Girolamo Savonarola 1452 - 1498 Balthasar Hubmaier 1480 - 1528

The faithful remnant of the thirteenth and fourteenth centurys began to rebuild the church.

Good points

Bad points

3:7 - 13 PHILADELPHIA The church of " brotherly love " From 1700 to 1900. The church of Philadelphia along with the church of Smyrna, are the only two churches the Lord did not rebuke.

Good points

Bad points

NOTE: During the 1800's the world saw a great revival. Men like Moody, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Scofield, Darby, Torrey, and so many more. The church of brotherly love was on fire for the Lord.

These were the men of the "open door" church of Philadelphia.

REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.

IDENTIFICATION: As we come to the seventh church, we may see the problems in the world today. Young and old alike are searching for identification. The young have seen Mom and Dad go through life with no identification. They see everyone looking for something or someone to identify with.

Even those who do go to church have an identity problem. If their identity is not with Christ, it is something else. If you are not labeled with a denomination, you do not identify with anything.

3:14 - 22 **LAODICEA** The church in the latter days. 1900 -? Laodicea comes from two words. Laos = a people and Dike = a decision and its execution, judgement, and punishment. Therefore Laodicea is the the punishment of the people and their decision.

This is the church of compromise and identification. This church is the church of the closed door. The open door of Phiadelphia, which was established on sound doctrine, has become the closed door of Laodicea, which is founded on compromise.

We will compromise with the world so we can say we love everyone and we will accept every false doctrine because we are so "loving."

It is true that some will be saved during this time, however, there will be no revivals as there were during the church of brotherly love. ref. Rev. 3:20 "If any man.."

The good points

The bad points

REVELATION

CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

The church age ends with the closed door of the church of Laodicea. Laodicea is a picture of the church at the end of the church age.

Chapter four and five shows the church in heaven. In our lesson on Revelation chapter four and five we will ask questions and give answers, and make some points.

It is important to notice that in the seven churches there are no denominations. There are no denominations mentioned in the Word of God. God would not chose a denomination to serve him. That would be like saying, "If you are not a Baptist, or a Methodist, or a Catholic, or some other denomination, you are not his."

Revelation 4:1 "After this I looked and," After what? After the church age has ended. In Revelation 1:19 we see "the things which are." That is the church age. The age of grace. In Rev. 4:1 John sees a picture of the end of the church and the rapture of the church. Rev. 4:1....." Come up here, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter."

The rest of Revelation is " the things which must be hereafter."

4:1 .." a door was opened in heaven.." Jesus Christ the Lord is the door to heaven. ref. John 10:1,2,7,8,9 Not only is he the door, he is the one who opens and shuts the doors. ref. Acts 14:27 1 Corinthians 16:9 Rev. 3:8

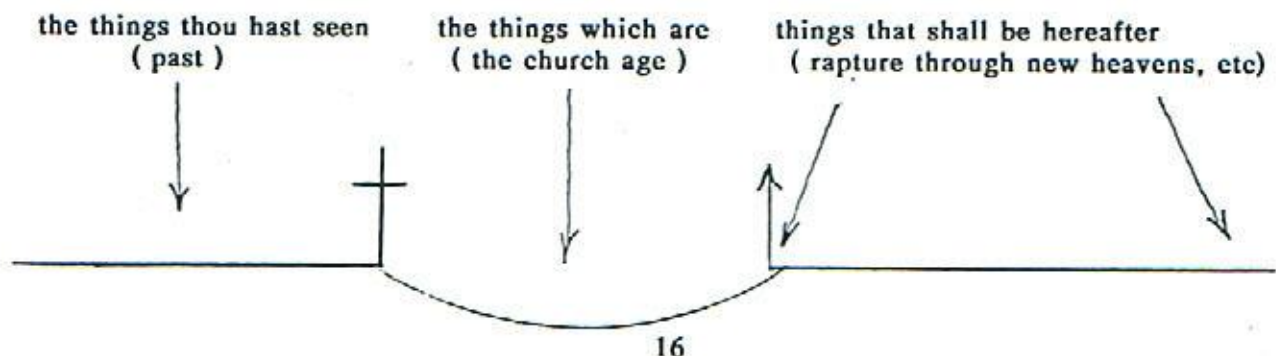
When Christ takes his church home, it will be an open door in heaven.

4:1 .." and the first voice that I heard was, as it were, of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up here." When Christ calls his church home the first thing we will hear is the voice of Christ calling us home. ref. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

4:2 .." And immediately I was in the Spirit.." The rapture will take place in an instant. Immediately. ref. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

4:2 .." I was in the Spirit.." It is the Holy Spirit that gaurantees we will be taken at the rapture. John 14:15-18 Ephesians 1:13-14

REVELATION 1:19



REVELATION

CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

Jesus Christ came the first time to die on the Cross. He will come again as he has promised. His second coming will be in two parts. It will be divided by a seven year period called the tribulation.

In the first part he will come for his church. In the second part he will come with his church

His first coming was fulfilled to the letter. He fulfilled over three hundred prophecies in his first coming.

His second coming is also prophecied. This also will be fulfilled to the letter. The rapture The kingdom



NOTE: In the New Testament there are many prophecies concerning his second coming. Some have to do with the rapture of the church and some have to do with his coming to set up the kingdom. **THERE ARE NO PROPHECIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT CONCERNING THE RAPTURE BECAUSE THE CHURCH WAS A MYSTERY.** ref. 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 Ephesians 3:1-7 6:19 Colossians 4:3

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following is a list of questions and answers. These are not to be turned in with the questions we have been giving. However, you are expected to know the questions and the answers. Some of them may be given in your final test.

Question: What are the seven spirits of God?

Answer: In Isaiah 11:1-5 we have a list of the seven spirits. They are ; Wisdom. Understanding. Counsel. Might. Knowledge. Fear of the LORD. Righteousness.

Question: In Revelation 4:5 the seven spirits are mentioned again as seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. What is the meaning of the seven lamps of fire?

Answer: In Exodus 25:31-37 The LORD commanded Moses to make a lampstand with seven lamps for the Tabernacle. The Lampstand represented Christ our light. The lamps are the seven spirits of God which burn continually. ref. Leviticus 24:1-4 (The church)

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CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

THE SEVEN LAMPS CONT. In Exodus 25 the Golden Candelstick is symbolic of the Lord Jesus Christ. (ref. John 9:5) It also points to the Word of God, who also is Jesus Christ. (ref. Psalm 119:105)

The lamps were lighted by OIL. (ref. Exodus 25:6) This oil was called the anointing oil. (ref. Exodus 29:2,7 29:21) This oil is symbolic of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The word " Messiah," translated "Christ," means the anointed one. (ref. Isaiah 61:1 Acts 10:38)

The lamps are the seven spirits of God, which are a light to all christians, who are anointed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the light and the one who imparts the seven spirits. Notice also that the light of the lamps is before the throne of God, where the Holy Spirit is, and so also is every christian. **THE CHURCH IS IN HEAVEN.**

Question: In Revelation 5:6 The seven spirits of God are mentioned again as seven horns and seven eyes. What are the seven horns and seven eyes?

Answer: The number seven is the number of perfection. The word horn (Hebrew- qeren) (Greek - keras) means either strength, pride, or political and military might. The Lord uses the word HORN to describe himself, (ref. Deuteronomy 33: 17-27 1 Samuel 2:10 11 Samuel 22:3 Psalm 18:2 132:17) and also others. (ref. Daniel 8:7)

In Revelation 5:6 The seven horns are the might and power of God through his seven spirit perfection.

The eyes are the seven spirits of God who see and know all things. They run to and fro through the earth and see all things. (ref. Zechariah 3:8,9 4:10) According to Zechariah 3:9 Jesus Christ is the seven eyes.

Also according to Isaiah 11:3,4 The Lord Jesus Christ who is the all seeing God, will not judge by what he sees, even though he sees everything, he will judge with righteousness. He does that with the cross. (ref. John 3:16-18)

Question: What does Revelation 1:5 say about works for salvation?

Answer: We are washed by his own blood.

Question: Which church in Revelation would you call the open door church?

Answer: Philadelphia (ref. Rev.3:8)

Question: Why did Christ create all things?

Answer: Revelation 4:11 For his pleasure.

Question: Which verses in Revelation chapter four show the church receiving rewards in heaven?

Answer: 4:4 The twenty four elders around the throne. 4:4,10 The crowns of gold.

REVELATION

CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

We have already given notes on various themes in chapter four of Revelation. We have given our interpretation of the seven horns and the seven eyes, etc.

We get various interpretations from something that is called "first mention," in the Bible. If we find a doctrine we do not understand, we generally must find the first place that doctrine or theme is mentioned, then compare the Scripture.

An example would be the seven lamps found in Rev. 4:5 and compare them to the seven lamps of Exodus 25.

NOTE: WHEN STUDYING PROPHECY IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ALL PROPHECY, HISTORICALLY, POINTS TO THE CROSS: ALL PROPHECY, GEOGRAPHICALLY, POINTS TO JERUSALEM:

Question. In Revelation 4:3 we see three stones. We may see the same stones upon the breastplate of the priest in Exodus 28:15 - 21. John saw the Lord Jesus Christ and he saw three of the stones. Look up the meaning of the Jasper and the Sardius stone, and determine which would represent judgement, and which would represent the blood shed at the Cross.

THE TWENTY FOUR ELDERS

So far we have seen that chapter four is a picture of the church being taken into heaven. We know that because they have received the crowns the Lord promised them in Revelation 2:10, and the throne he promised in Rev. 3:21.

We also see in Rev. 4:10 they are casting their crowns before the throne of God and praising him because he is worthy.

However, what is the meaning of the "four and twenty elders?" The phrase is used in Rev. 4:4 4:10 5:8 5:14 11:16 19:4. The answer, we believe, may be found in 1 Chronicles 24.

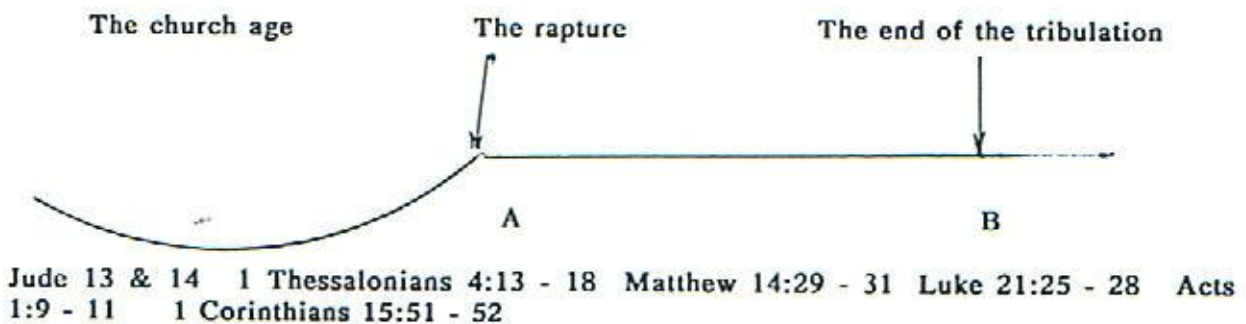
In this portion of Scripture, King David chose twenty four priests to represent the entire Levitical priesthood. The priesthood were thousands in number. The entire tribe of the Levite family were numbered with the priests. (male) David chose twenty four to represent the entire priesthood in their precincts.

How does this represent the church? ... Because each individual christian is part of the Holy Priesthood!!! ref. 1 Peter 2:5,9 Revelation 1:6 5:10 20:6

REVELATION

CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

Question. In the prophecy chart below is a diagram of the second coming of Christ. We know he is coming in two parts. He is coming for his saints at the rapture, and his coming with his saints seven years later to judge the world. Considering when the rapture occurs, the only ones who will see him are the saved, and at the end of the tribulation, the whole world will see him, show which of the following verses fit which event and show why.



THE SEVEN SEALED BOOK OF REV. 5

In chapter five the Lord is preparing for the seven year tribulation. He is about to judge the world. In Revelation chapter five he is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. The root of David. The Lamb. All things are about ready to be consummated.

However, there is a matter of the a seven sealed book (scroll) that needs to be opened. John said, " no man in heaven, or in earth, neither under the earth," was able to open the book. NO MAN.. ONLY CHRIST can open the book.

The LION ref. Hosea 5:14,15 Genesis 49:8 - 12 The Lion is the king of beasts and represents power and authority.

NOTE: Satan would like to rule with authority, but he can only try to be a lion. It is a weak roar at the most. ref. 1 Peter 5:8

The LAMB ref. Genesis 22:8 John 1:29 1 Peter 1:19 Galatians 1:4

Only the LION and the LAMB are able to open the book because they are one and the same. The Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BOOK OF REDEMPTION

The book is a book of redemption. No man, (Isa. 59:16 63:5) can open the book, " for it is sealed." (Isa. 29:11

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CHAPTER 4 & 5 THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

THE LAW OF REDEMPTION

In the Old Testament the Lord made provision for redemption from debt and redemption of land.

God made provision for the redemption of a wife, a slave, and the land. (Leviticus 25:)

The redeemer had to have three qualities.

1. He had to be a kinsman. (relative, = Jewish)
2. He had to be willing.
3. He had to have the means to pay the price.

When a man had fallen into debt a document was prepared to show he owed a debt and to who he owed that debt. On the year of Jubilee he was given his possession, or in the meantime, it could be purchased by a redeemer.

Man has lost his possession because of the fall of Adam. (Genesis 3)

A TYPE OF THE REDEEMER

Jeremiah 32:6 - 15

Ruth 4:1---

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CHAPTER SIX (the man of sin)

In Revelation chapter five we saw the Redeemer, who is Jesus Christ the Lord. Because he is the Lamb, he has become the Lion, and the only one who can open the seven sealed Scroll. (Rev. 5:5-7) He is about to redeem the earth from the curse.

Question. From the following verses, show the difference between the curse and the perfect kingdom. Genesis 3:14-19 Genesis 9:2,3 Romans 8:18-24 Isaiah 35:1-10 11:5-10 65:18-25

Question. Look up the word "book," found in Rev. 5:1,2,3,4,5,7, and from the Strongs Concordance, determine how many meanings it could have, and follow the the word to the "root" meaning.

Question. In Revelation 4:6,7,8,9 5:8,14 we have the word "beast." In Revelation 6:7 and 6:8 we also have the word "beast." Look the words up in a Strongs Concordance and determine the difference.

THE FOUR HORSES OF REVELATION 6

THE WHITE HORSE



We are now ready for the seven year tribulation to begin. Throughout the Old Testament it is called, "the day of the LORD" (Zech. 14:11) "The great and dreadful day of the LORD." (Mal. 4:5) "That day." (Isa. 11:10,11)

It is called, " a time of trouble." (Dan. 12:1) " The time of Jacobs trouble." (Jer. 30:7) "The indignation." (Isa. 26:20)

Another term used throughout Scripture is the word "wrath." (Rev. 6:16,17 1 Thess. 1:10 1 Thess. 5:9)

When the Lord opens the first seal the tribulation begins with the arrival of the Antichrist. (Rev. 6:1,2)

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In Rev. 6:1,2 A rider on a white horse appears. The horses are symbolic of the personality of Satan. The white horse shows he comes offering peace. ref. Daniel 8:25 11:21,24 9:27

In Daniel 9:27 he confirms the covenant with Israel. This shows he will be accepted as the Messiah.

The Lord himself will give the Antichrist his power and authority. ref. Dan. 7:25 Therefore, he is given a crown. (authority) He is given a bow. (but no arrows) He is not the one who rides the white horse of Rev. 19:11

He will protect Israel against the invading armies of Ezekial 38 & 39.

NOTES:

THE RED HORSE



Immediately following the peaceful entry of the man of sin, we see the red horse. This is the horse of death. (We know the white horse offered peace because now the red is come to "take peace." Rev. 6:4

He is given a great sword. This indicates death and war. Some think there will be mass cannibalism. ref. 11 Kings 6:24-33

In 70 A.D. when the Roman soldiers besieged Jerusalem and destroyed the temple, the Jews ate one another. (according to historical accounts) There have been many stories of people eating one another during extreme hunger.

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Red is death and destruction. Satan is called the red Dragon in Revelation 12:3.

THE BLACK HORSE



When the third seal is opened we see a rider on a black horse. He had a pair of balances. This is symbolic of measurement. Because of wars and destruction of the red horse, there is a lack of food.

A measure is about a quart. A penny or a denarius would probably be about a weeks wages. Some say a months wages.

The oil and the wine, I believe is the saved out of Israel who will go into the kingdom. Some say the oil and the wine represent the rich. Oil and wine are the fruit of the fruit. If you pick grapes, that is the fruit of the vine. If you make wine from the grapes, that is the fruit of the fruit. ref. Numb. 18:8-15

In Rev. 14:1-5 we have the 144,000 of the tribes of Israel. They are called the first fruits. (vs. 5) The oil and the wine, I believe, are the fruit of the first fruits, who are saved because of the testimony of the first fruits.

THE PALE HORSE



The fourth seal is opened and a rider emerges on a pale horse. His name is death and hell. (That is physical death, and eternal death in hell) Power was given him over 1/4 of the earth to kill them. (between 8 and 9 million people)

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In verse 8 it says that man shall be killed by wild beasts of "the earth." In Genesis 9:2,3 God told Noah that every beast of the earth should fear man. And that every moving thing that lives would be for food.

Now during the tribulation man will fear "every" beast, because man will be the food. Mans sinfulness is finally being judged. The animal rights activists and the environmentalists who reject and deny Christ, and worship the animals and the creation instead of God, are getting what they deserve. ref. Romans 1:21-25

THE FIFTH SEAL

When the fifth seal is opened we see the souls under the altar. These are those who rejected the Antichrist and trusted Christ as their Savior during the first half of the tribulation. Under the altar means they have not received their resurrected bodies yet. They are told to wait for those who will yet be martyred during the tribulation.

NOTE: A lot of those who were in the luke warm church of Laodicea and were lost, now realize the gospel was the truth. What little bit of truth they heard before the tribulation, now makes sense.

NOTE: We also see that there is no purgatory or limbo. ref. Psalm 49:7,8

NOTES:

THE SIXTH SEAL

When the sixth seal is opened in verses 12 - 17 we see the mighty hand of God as he begins to plague the earth. There are earthquakes, stars fell, the sun darkened, mountains and islands moved, and etc. ref. Joel 2:30-32 Isaiah 13:9-16 24:19-21 Matthew 24:4-29 Luke 21:8-26 21:35

NOTE: Many of these things take place "before the great and terrible day of the LORD." Which means the last half of the trib. ref. Matt. 24:15-21 Isaiah 2:19-22

NOTE: The antichrist shall think to change times and laws. ref. Dan. 7:25. Even now he is trying to do so. The leaders of this world have the ability create tremors in the earth, and to make it rain and storm, thanks to the technology of a man named Tesla. In Alaska the U.S. Navy has a weather station that creates disastrous weather, and they use it. During the tribulation, Satan will no doubt try to use this technology. It will no doubt backfire and God will show his MIGHTY POWER. REF. Rev. 6:14-17

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CHAPTER 7 vs. FALSE DOCTRINE

In chapter six verse one through chapter eleven verse fourteen, we have the first half of the seven year tribulation. We have the first six seals..6:1 - 6:17

Then we have a "parenthesis," in chapter seven. In this parenthetic view we see some of the things that are going on during the first three and one half years. There is the 144,000 servants of God who are sealed. These are Jews. They are 12,000 of every tribe of Israel. They are not only Jews, they are males who have not had any women. (7:1-8 14:1-5)

THE FALSE DOCTRINE: Those today who claim to be spiratual Jews are wrong on their doctrine. This clearly states that the 144,000 are Jews. God deals with Israel and the church in his own way.

Then in chapter seven verses 9 through 17 we see a scene in heaven. There is a great multitude of people in heaven. These are the ones who are saved during the last half of the tribulation.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

1. The church is taken into heaven. (Rev. 4:1)
2. There is a scene in heaven which pictures the church and the Lamb with the seven sealed book. (Rev. 4 & 5)
3. The Antichrist enters the scene on a white horse promising peace. This is the first seal.
4. During the first three and one half years the seven seals are opened. When the seventh seal is opened there is silence in heaven (great expectation). Then begins the seven trumpet judgements.
 - 4.A.. Personally, I believe the seventh seal is made up of the seven trumpets.
 - 4.B.. The seventh angel does not sound the trumpet until the beginning of the second half of the tribulation
5. While all of these events are taking place, God is calling out and sealing the 144,000 of the tribes of Israel. (The parenthesis of chapter seven 7:1-8) Also in 7:9-17 John sees a glimpse of a multitude in heaven.
6. Also during the first half of the tribulation we see the temple being measured in Rev. 11:1. This shows it will be built during the first half, because it will be, "trodden under foot forty and two months," by the Gentiles. (the last half)

THE TWO WITNESSES PREACH THE GOSPEL...

BECAUSE OF THEIR TESTIMONY A MULTITUDE WILL BE SAVED Rev. 6:9

BECAUSE OF THEIR TESTIMONY THE 144,000 WILL BE SAVED. Rev. 7:1-8 14:1-5

BECAUSE OF THE TESTIMONY OF THE 144,000 A MULTITUDE WILL BE SAVED
DURING THE LAST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION, Rev. 7:9-17

FALSE DOCTRINE: To those who claim death is a cessation of existence or that the soul ceases to exist at death, they should read Revelation 6:9,10 7:9-15

They are "under the altar," in heaven. They are, "before the throne and before the Lamb." They are alive in heaven.

THEN WE SEE THE 144,000 ARE IN HEAVEN. THEY WERE AND ARE REDEEMED
IN Revelation 14:1-5

Question: From Revelation 7:17 how do we know this is a future event?

Question: Personally, I believe some of the plagues God brings upon man may be from his own doing. If this is true, what would be a great catastrophic event that would sound like Rev. 6:12

Question: The multitude of Revelation 7:9,13,14, must be at what location according to 7:9,10,11,15

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CHAPTERS 8 & 9

In Revelation 8 and 9 we have the first six of seven trumpet judgements. In 8:1 there is silence in heaven (probably for the first time ever). There is great expectation as God prepares his final judgements upon the earth.

The seventh seal is opened, there is silence in heaven, and the seven angels are ready to sound their trumpets.

In 8:2-6 we see there is a golden altar in heaven. The prayers of all saints is about ready to be answered. In reality, the prayers of most all saints is, "how long oh Lord?" This is the prayer in 6:10. It should be interesting for the christian to know that God hears and saves our prayers.

1st trumpet.. vs. 7.. Hail and fire mixed with blood and 1/3 of the trees and all green grass was burned up.

2nd trumpet.. vs. 8,9.. third part of the sea became blood and 1/3 of all creatures and ships were destroyed.

3rd trumpet.. vs. 10,11.. third of all waters became bitter. In Genesis 1:9-13 God gathered the waters together on the third day. Now one third will be made bitter.

4th trumpet.. vs. 12,13.. third part of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened and three woes are pronounced upon the earth.

In 9:1-12 is the fifth trumpet and the first woe. A star falls from heaven with a key to the bottomless pit. He opens the pit and locusts came out of the pit and torment mankind.

They had a king over them whose name is Abaddon and Apollyon.

NOTE: The star must be an angel because God uses the term, " him." 9:1

6th trumpet..vs 13-21 when the sixth angel sounds four angels are loosed from the river Euphrates. We also see a mighty army that will kill 1/3 part of mankind. This is the same army mentioned in 16:12.

They are the kings of the east. They boast a ²⁰⁰2,000,000 man army.

NOTES: Russia has already built dams along the river Euphrates. They claim they can dry the river up below the dams.

China has claimed to maintain a ^(200,000,000)2 million man army for at least the past two centuries.

The description in 9:13-21 sounds like large tanks or some other war machinery.

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CHAPTERS 7 & 8

Once again, our goal is not to do a verse by verse exposition on Revelation. Our goal is to prove our position and disprove false doctrine.

POINTS TO CONSIDER IN CHAPTERS 7 & 8

1. There is an altar in heaven before the throne of God. ref. 8:2 9:13 There is also a temple in heaven and the ark of God is in heaven. ref. Rev. 3:12 7:15 11:19

The Temple and the Ark that God commanded Moses to build was fashioned after the ones in Heaven. ref. Hebrews 8:1-5

2. In a day and age when people are contemplating and committing suicide, they wish to die but cannot during this terrible time. ref. 9:5,6

3. The locusts, who are accustomed to devouring vegetation, are commanded not to. They are commanded to hurt only men. ref. 9:4

4. They are also commanded not to hurt those who have the seal of God. This includes all who are saved. ref. 9:4 Every christian is sealed by God through the Holy Spirit. ref. Ephesians 1:13

The christian is sealed while he is serving God on this earth. That is physical protection. When he dies he is sealed from everlasting death and destruction.

5. The 144,000 are also specially sealed. To those who claim that only 144,00 will inherit eternal life, God says there is in heaven, " a multitude which no man could number." Rev.7:9

6. Satan, who is the father of those who reject Christ, is the one who is the king of the ones who torture those who are his own. ref. 9:11

7. The two hundred million man army kills 1/3 of the population. In Revelation 6:8 we saw that 1/4 of the population was killed. That is over 1/2 of the population in just seven years killed by plagues alone

8. One of the reasons for Gods judgements upon the earth is found in 9:20. Worshipping false idols and false gods. " Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3 The First commandment.

Question: Look up and define the word (wormwood) 8:11

Question: Look up and define the word (locust) 9:3

Question: Look up and define the words (Abaddon and Apollyon) 9:11

Question: Look up and define the word (destruction) Job 28:22

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CHAPTER 10 & 11

THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT COMPARED

In this lesson number 11 we will take time to compare the Old and the New Testament in light of God's word and it's perfection. We will also take this opportunity to make some statements concerning the "truths" found in Revelation.

In chapter 8 verse 1 we see the seventh seal being opened. When it is we see the seven trumpet judgements. The first six trumpets are sounded in Revelation chapters 8 and 9. We also see the the three woes pronounced upon the earth. When the fifth trumpet sounds the first woe is past. There are two more woes to come. (ref. 9:12)

THE ARMY FROM THE EAST

In Revelation chapter 9 verses 13 through 21 there is an army of 200 million ready to play their role. Then in Revelation chapter 16 verses 12 through 16 the Lord gives us another picture of the same army as they are prepared to do battle.

Also in Revelation chapter 19 verses 11 through 19 we see the the battle taking place that the Lord has been telling us about. This is the battle of Armageddon which takes place at the end of the seven year tribulation. At this battle the blood will run deep as we see in Revelation 14:14-20.

References to this battle in Revelation... 9:13-21 14:14-20 16:12-16 17:14 19:11-19

References to this battle in the gospels... Matthew 24:26-31 Mark 13:24-27 Luke 21:25-28

References to this battle in the epistles... 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

References to this battle in the Old Testament... Joel 2:1-11 3:1-16 Zechariah 12:1-9 14:1-5

This army from the east, which is first mentioned in Rev. 9:13-21 is not the army in Ezekial 38 and 39 because...

1. In Ezekial the army comes from the north. Ezekial 38:15 39:2 In Revelation they come from the east. Revelation 16:12

2. In Ezekial when this battle takes place, Israel will think it is at peace. Ezekial 38:8,11,14 In Revelation there is no peace. As a matter of fact God has already unleashed his wrath upon the earth. Revelation 6:16,17

3. Ezekial takes place at the beginning of the seven years because they will burn the weapons of war for "seven years." Ezekial 39:9,10 Revelation takes place just before the reign of Christ. Revelation 20:4

NOTE: ONCE AGAIN WE NEED TO SAY THAT REVELATION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY UNLESS THE CONTEXT STATES OTHERWISE:

EXAMPLE: In Rev. 8:8 the second angel sounded and John saw, "as it were a great mountain...cast into the sea." What John saw was not a literal mountain, since he could not describe it, he saw, "as it were" a great mountain.

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THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT COMPARED

In Revelation chapter ten the first thing we see is a mighty angel. If we take a first look it seems as though it might be the Lord Jesus Christ. Many Bible teachers believe it is Jesus Christ.

However, if we take a closer look, we see that this angel, "swore by him that liveth forever and ever." (ref. 10:6) It appears as though he does not swear by himself, but by another who lives forever and ever, who would be Christ. (ref. 1:6,8,17,18)

In his hand was a "little" book, or scroll. When the angel cried seven thunders uttered. John was about to write what the thunders were and he was told not to. (ref. 10:4)

NOTE: This also proves that John wrote Revelation.. and he wrote according to what he was commanded!!!!!!

The mighty angel stood with his feet on the sea and the land. reclamation!!

Verse 6 does not mean there will be no more time. It means no more delay!

Verse 7 shows that prophecy is about ready to be fulfilled completely. (ref. Isaiah 42:8,9 Amos 3:6,7,8)

Verses 8 through 11 we see that Christ commands John to take the little book and eat it. It did just what he was told it would do. It was sweet to eat, but it was bitter in the belly.

This shows us that Gods word is sometimes nice to listen to and nice to read, but sometimes it is hard to digest. (ref. Joshua 1:18 Nehemiah 8:1-12 Jeremiah 15:15-21 Ezekial 2:1 - 3:27)

The Word of God is sweet but it becomes bitter if ... 1. It is rejected. 2. We do not teach and preach it. 3. If it condemns our lifestyle.

Gods Word is a sharp two edged sword. It cuts both ways. It may seem bitter to many as they begin to preach the Word because of the opposition we receive. However, if we keep faithful, and preach the Word in spite of opposition, it will remain sweet.

CHAPTER 11

In chapter 11 verses one and two we see the first half of the tribulation and the last half of the tribulation. In verse 1 we see the temple being measured and built. (first half) Then we see the temple being trodden down by the Gentiles. (last half)

THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES

This denotes a certain time period in history. It overlaps the church. It begins with the Gentile dominance of the world. At one time Israel ruled the world because the light of God lit the world through Israel.

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THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT COMPARED

Before we continue in the study of the times of the Gentiles we should take one more look at chapter ten and the little scroll.

God's Word is bitter and sweet. God's love is sweet. It is full of mercy and grace. All of this grace and mercy meets at the Cross of Calvary. It is the Word of God that reveals the Cross and the forgiveness through faith in Christ who shed his blood on the Cross for the sins of man. That is sweet.

However, to those who reject the love of Christ, and the Cross of Calvary, and deny the reality of the Word of God, there awaits judgement. The judgement of God is bitter. The seven year tribulation is the wrath and judgement of God. This is just a temporary judgement because the final judgement is eternal separation from God in eternal judgement. That is bitter.

The angel in Revelation 10:1 had a rainbow upon his head. When God destroyed the world with a flood he told Noah he would never destroy the earth with a flood again. (ref. Genesis 9:9 - 17)

He will however, destroy the earth again. It will be by fire and his Word. (ref. 11 Peter 3:1 - 12 Revelation 21)

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the Sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits: that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Deuteronomy 28:45 Moreover, all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed, because thou hearkenest not to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee;

Deuteronomy 30:3 That then the LORD thy God will turn captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations where the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

The captivity of Israel began when they were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon. Therefore also began the times of the Gentiles. (ref. 11 Chronicles 36:10 - 21 Jeremiah 25:1 - 11)

The end of the captivity will be when God once again brings Israel back as his people at the end of the seven year tribulation. (note: Deuteronomy 30:3)

Many Bible teachers believe the times of the Gentiles mentioned in Luke 21:24 and the fulness of the Gentiles mentioned in Romans 11:25 are separate. However, I believe they are one and the same.

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THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT COMPARED

In Luke 21:24 Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles. We read in Revelation 11:2 that the holy city will be trodden under foot.

In Romans 11:25 the fulness of the Gentiles will come in just before Israel shall be delivered in Romans 11:26

In Ezekial 40 - 44 we see that Ezekial had a vision concerning the future temple. He was told to measure it also. In Ezekial 43:6,7 Ezekial saw the glory of the LORD from the temple. The LORD told Ezekial his throne would be in the temple. In Ezekial 1:26 he saw a likeness of a throne and a likeness of a man upon it. The man is none other than Christ upon his throne.

WHO ARE THE TWO WITNESSES?

In Ezekial 11:3-13 we see two witnesses. These two witnesses shall testify for Christ (preach the gospel) for 3 1/2 years.

They have power to perform miracles. The things they do seem like the powers Moses and Elijah had. Therefore, many have assumed they will be Moses and Elijah brought back.

However, when Christ was on the mount at his transfiguration, Peter, James, and John were with him. When Moses and Elijah appeared, Peter recognized them, even though he never saw them before.

John was also on the mount with him and John never mentioned in Revelation that he knew the two witnesses.

Also Zechariah saw theses two witnesses (Olive trees Zechariah 4:2-14 Rev. 11:4) and he asked who they were. If Peter recognized them, Zechariah and John would have recognized them.

They are just two special men God has set aside for this task. God always has special men set aside for his special tasks.

In 11:5 we see that fire proceeds out of their mouth to devour their enemies. Some think this may refer to Elijah calling fire down from heaven. (11 Kings 1:10..)

However, many feel, and so do I, that the fire is the word of God. (Jeremiah 5:14 Deuteronomy 4:4)

3. Which verse would show salvation is free, without works.
4. Which verse would show Christ's coming at the end of the tribulation?
5. Which verse, or verses, would show Christ is eternal?

In Revelation chapter one verse nine through nineteen ... answer the following

6. Which verse would show who wrote Revelation, where he was, and why he was there?
7. Which verse would give the outline of Revelation?
8. What is the sharp two-edged sword of verse 16? give reference
9. Which verses show the glorified Christ?

In chapters two and three we have the message to the seven churches. To every church are the words "to him, or he, that overcometh."

10. What is the meaning of "overcometh?"
11. Pick one of the seven churches, read the verses, and do a brief excerpt on your understanding of that portion of Scripture.

12. Chapter four verse one is a picture of what?
13. Using your notes and any other source, give a description of the meaning of the book, or scroll, of Revelation chapter five, and give the importance if you can.
14. Give a description of the four horses of Revelation chapter six verse one through eight.
15. In chapter six verse nine what is the meaning of "under the altar"?
16. Some churches deny heaven. In chapter seven verse nine through seventeen which verses show literal people in heaven?
17. Look up the meaning of "parenthesis" in a dictionary. Then explain what we mean by "parenthesis" in Revelation.
18. Would chapter seven be a parenthesis?
19. In a Strongs Concordance look up the word mystery. Give the meaning. Then find the text in the New Testament that would show us that the Old Testament prophets were unaware of the church age.
20. In chapter seven verses one through eight and chapter fourteen verses one through five answer the question .. who are the 144,000 and how do we know that?
21. Do a prophecy chart. On your chart show the Old Testament, the Cross, the church age, the rapture, and the seven year tribulation. You may use the charts we have given to draw your conclusions.
22. Do a prophecy chart. On your chart show where the four horses fit into place and the reason for your answer.
23. Where do the two witnesses of Revelation chapter eleven verses three through twelve fit into the seven year tribulation?
24. In Revelation chapter eleven verse eight, we are told where the dead bodies of the witnesses will lie. How do we know where that is?

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Lesson 13

REVIEW

Revelation was given to the apostle John to show the servants (christians) things which must shortly come to pass. That is future events in God's prophetic calendar. (Rev. 1:1)

Blessings are promised to those who read, hear, and keep, (consider) the words of this prophecy. (Rev. 1:3)

In Daniel 12:9 the Lord told Daniel to seal up the words till the time of the end. In Revelation 1:3 and 22:10 the Lord told John not to seal the words for the time is at hand.

Since the book of Revelation was written the time has been at hand. It has been 2000 years since Revelation was written. Being that God is eternal, 2000 years is nothing with God.

The outline of Revelation is given in 1:19 which is the past, present, and future. Chapter one is a picture of the past and the eternal Christ. Chapter two and three represent the present church age, and we are still in the present. Chapter four verse one through the rest of Revelation are future events.

Chapters two and three show seven literal churches. They also represent seven types of churches, and seven periods of church history.

4:1 is a picture of the rapture of the church. (ref. Romans 8:1-39 [8:28,29,30] 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 Ephesians 1:10-14 Colossians 3:1-4 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 11 Thessalonians 2:1 Titus 2:13)

4:2 through 5:14 is a picture of the church in heaven with Christ. (ref. Romans 14:8-12 1 Corinthians 3:13-17 11 Corinthians 5:8-10 Ephesians 3:21 Philippians 3:20,21 1 Peter 1:4,5)

QUESTION: How do we know those mentioned in chapters four and five are the church?

ANSWER: They have received the promises given to those in chapters two and three.

1. White raiment .. 4:1 (ref. 3:5)
2. The crowns .. 4:10 (ref. 2:10) also 1 Cor. 9:25 Psalms 4:1 1 Thess. 2:19 11 Timothy 2:5 4:8 James 1:12 1 Peter 5:4
3. They are priests and shall reign on the earth. (ref. 5:9,10 1:6 20:6 1 Peter 2:5)

In 6:1 we see the beginning of the seven year tribulation with the revealing of the Antichrist. (ref. 11 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

6:1 through 19:21 is a description of the seven year tribulation with occasional parenthesis.

20:1 through 20:15 we see the 1000 years and the great white throne judgement.

21:1 through 22:21 the new heavens and earth and eternity.

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lesson 13 cont.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

The second twelve lessons begins with chapter thirteen and the Antichrist taking complete control of the earth.

In chapter twelve we had a parenthesis and a picture of the historical conflict between Israel and Satan. This conflict will culminate in the tribulation and come to a conclusion.

References to this period in history are given throughout the Old Testament and parts of the New Testament.

Matthew chapter twenty four, Mark 13, and Luke 21 reflects this terrible time to come upon Israel. Romans chapter eleven deal with Israels future. (particularly 11:25,26)

11 Thessalonians 2:4-12 is a picture of the second half of the tribulation with, "the man of sin," and, "the son of perdition," sitting on the throne claiming to be God.

Matthew 24:15 shows the beginning of the second half of the tribulation beginning with the, "abomination of desolation." (Mark 13:14 Luke 21:20)

DANIEL AND THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

Daniel saw this prophecy. However, God did not allow him to see the whole thing as he did John.

Daniel saw the abomination of desolation. (ref. Daniel 9:26,27 11:31)

In Daniel chapter two, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. In his dream he saw the future. He forgot the dream however, and troubled him. Finally, Daniel told the king about the dream and then Daniel interpreted the dream.

Part of this dream has been fulfilled and part of the dream remains to be fulfilled. Nebuchadnezzar saw a great image.

In 2:31-35 Daniel explains the dream to the king and then in 2:36-45 Daniel gives the interpretation.

In Daniel chapter seven, Daniel had a similiar dream. Even though Daniel did not see the image as Nebuchadnezzar did, he saw the same things and the same kingdoms.

Both Daniels vision and Nebuchadnezzars dream ended with the Lord setting up his kingdom. (Daniel 2:34,35 2:44,45 7:9-14)

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CHAPTER THIRTEEN AND DANIEL

Daniel 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, it's breast and it's arms of silver, it's belly and it's thighs of brass,

Daniel 2:33 It's legs of iron, it's feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar he was the head of gold. vs.38 After him there would be three more kingdoms. (vs. 39,40) The fourth kingdom, which is Rome, would be divided and become ten kingdoms. (vs.41-43)

During the ten kingdoms God will set up his kingdom. This is known as the "ten toes of Daniel." (vs. 44,45 ref. Revelation 17:12)

Daniel's vision in Daniel 7:1-28 shows four great beasts come up out of the sea. He saw a lion, a bear, a leopard, and a dreadful beast with horns.

In Revelation thirteen, John saw the same thing, only backwards.

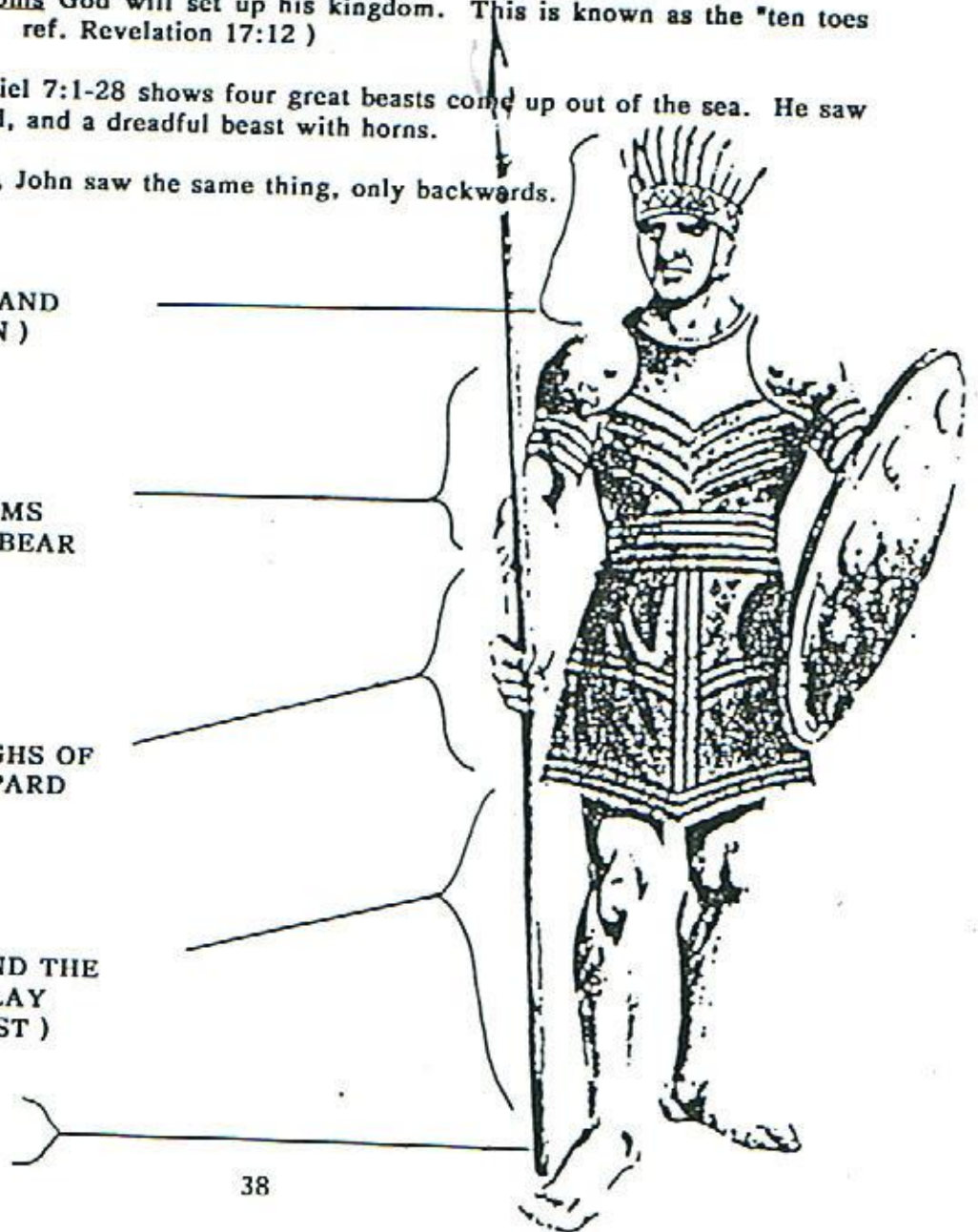
THE HEAD OF GOLD AND
THE LION (BABYLON)

THE BREAST AND ARMS
OF SILVER AND THE BEAR
(MEDO-PERSIA)

THE BELLY AND THIGHS OF
BRASS AND THE LEOPARD
(GREECE)

THE LEGS OF IRON AND THE
FEET OF IRON AND CLAY
(THE DREADFUL BEAST)

THE CHURCH AGE



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lesson 13

CHAPTER THIRTEEN AND DANIEL

John saw the same thing Daniel saw, however, he saw it from a different period of time in history. The head of gold is Babylon. The breast and arms of silver was the Medo-Persia empire. The thighs of brass refers to Greece, and the legs of iron is none other than Rome.

The ten toes however, are yet future. Therefore, Daniel 2:33 is only partly fulfilled. We know this from the Scripture. (Daniel 2:42-45 Revelation 17:12 Daniel 7:15-28)

NOTES:

The comparison of Daniel 7:1-3 and Revelation 13:1

NOTES:

QUESTION: Give the dates of the four kingdoms mentioned in Daniel. Give the approximate dates of the four kingdoms and their rulers.

QUESTION: How do we know the ten toes of Daniel fit into the prophecy of Revelation?

QUESTION: Explain the meaning of the word "sea" found in Revelation 13:1 and Daniel 7:2

REVELATION

lesson 14

UNDERSTANDING GODS CALENDAR

As we have stated before, it is not our goal to do an exposition on every issue and phrase in the book of Revelation.

Even though every word has significance, we do not have the time in these twenty four lessons to expound on every small doctrine.

OUR GOAL: Our goal in Revelation, as it is in every class at C.B.I., is to prove our position. If we believe the entire church will be raptured before the seven year tribulation, we are obligated to prove it according to the Bible.

EXAMPLE: In Revelation 12:14 we are told that, "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness." Personally, I do not know what the two wings are. However, I do know the woman is Israel, and God protects her from the Antichrist during the seven year tribulation.

Therefore, I can only go to Scripture, and conclude from Scripture, the only meaning possible.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

We know that the 1000 year reign of Christ will be inhabited by literal people. We also know they will all be saved. We also know it is primarily a kingdom reserved for Israel.

Therefore, we conclude, according to Scripture, that the wings of eagles is simply Gods divine protection upon Israel, as he hides them from the Antichrist.

GETTING THE PICTURE

"A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS."

The reason we have given pictures and diagrams is because we think it helps to have a better understanding of Gods time table. Often times, it is easier to understand something if I have a picture of it in my mind.

We suggest therefore that the student of the Bible try to paint a picture in his mind of events as he reads them.

IMPORTANT POINT. In doing that however, it is up to the student to paint the right picture, "according to the Word of God."

EXAMPLE: In Revelation 13:1 we are told about a beast rising out of the sea. It would be easy to picture a literal beast rising out of a body of water. However, by comparing Scripture, we conclude that the sea is really the sea of humanity. (Rev. 17:15)

REVELATION Lesson 14 cont. UNDERSTANDING GODS CALENDAR

In lesson 12 we saw that chapter 12 was a parenthesis. It showed the historical conflict between Israel and Satan. In 12:13 we saw the dragon, who is Satan, cast down to the earth.

When Satan indwells a man the Bible calls the antichrist, he will be cast down to the earth. The reason is simple. He no longer has the capability to move as he did before being confined to an earthly body.

This takes place at the beginning of the seven year tribulation.

During the tribulation he will persecute the woman, (Israel) and God will divinely protect her. (vs. 12:13-17)

Then chapter thirteen opens with a description of the beast rising up out of the sea of humanity. This sea of humanity is descriptive of the Gentile, or heathen nations.

NOTE: It is interesting to note that the Bible was not originally written in chapter form. However, as we have it now, it is divided into chapters.

In doing so it is quite a coincidence to see how numbers seem to fit. 12 is the number of Israel. Chapter twelve is given to describe the nation of Israel. 13 is the number of rebellion and disaster and judgement. Chapter thirteen is given to describe the antichrist and his rebellion and the disaster and judgement.

THE BEAST OF DANIEL AND REVELATION 13

As we saw in lesson number thirteen, Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar saw an image. (Daniel 2:31-45 7:1-14) The image, or vision they saw was a different vision, however, they both represent the same thing.

In Revelation chapter thirteen and chapter seventeen is a description of the beast they saw and the ten horns of Daniel 7:7,8 and the ten toes of Daniel 2:33-35,42-45.

These visions in Daniel represent the times of Gentile dominion over the earth. It is called the times of the Gentiles by the Lord in Luke 21:24 and also Romans 11:25.

The times of the Gentiles began in around 597 B.C. when Babylon took Israel captive and the first deportation of Israel took place. The final deportation of Israel took place around 586 B.C. (11 Kings 24 11 Chronicles 36)

Therefore Nebuchadnezzars vision and Daniels vision began with Babylon. Neither vision has completely been fulfilled as of yet.

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UNDERSTANDING GODS CALENDAR

OUTLINE OF REVELATION 13

13:1-4 In verses 1 through four is a picture of the antichrist as he comes into power during the first half of the tribulation.

When he rises up out of the sea of humanity, we see in verse one, he will be affiliated with ten horns and ten crowns. These are ten rulers. The horns are a symbol of authority and the crowns are symbolic of rulership. It could be the United Nations.

These ten horns and the beast are what Daniel saw in his vision. The Roman Empire was the last empire to rule the entire earth. It was literally a "one world government."

This government under the Antichrist will also be a one world government. The one world government of the Roman Empire, has been lying dormant, for almost 2000 years.

It will be revived during the seven year tribulation. That does not mean it will be a Roman govt. It simply means it will be a continuation of the GENTILE rulership.

The difference is, it will once again be a "ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT."

In 13:2 we see the dragon, who is Satan, gives the beast his power and authority. We see the same thing in 11 Thessalonians 2:8,9.

In 13:3 we see the beast is wounded, or seems as though he is wounded to the point of death. When he survives, the world wonders after him.

In 13:4 we see they worshipped the dragon who gave power unto the beast, and they worshipped the beast. In other words, while they worshipped the beast, they were unknowingly worshipping Satan. (11 Thess. 2:10-12)

In 13:5 we see the beginning of the last half of the seven year tribulation. How do we know that? HE WOULD CONTINUE 42 MONTHS.

In 13:5 through 13:17 we see some important events taking place during the last half of the tribulation.

He blasphemes God, the tabernacle, and the church. vs. 6 (ref. Isaiah 14:12-17 Ezekial 28:16-19

He has power over all the earth. Everyone who is not written in the book of life will worship him. vs.8,9,10

A second beast arises who does many great miracles and causes everyone to worship the beast or die. vs.11-15

He also initiates the famous "mark of the beast," so no one can buy or sell unless they have the mark. vs.16,17,18

REVELATION

lesson 14 cont.

UNDERSTANDING GODS CALENDAR

SATAN THE IMITATOR

Satan has always wanted to be God. He imitates God. However, he is always the opposite of God. Below is a contrast between Satan and God.

CHRIST	ANTICHRIST
Christ came from above John 6:38	Antichrist ascends from the pit Revelation 11:7
Christ came in his Fathers name John 5:43	Antichrist comes in his own name John 5:43
Christ humbled himself Philippians 2:8	Antichrist exalts himself 11 Thessalonians 2:4
Christ despised Isaiah 53:3 Luke 23:18	Antichrist admired Revelation 13:3,4
Christ exalted Philippians 2:9	Antichrist cast down to hell Isaiah 14:14,15 Rev. 19:20
Christ does his Fathers will John 6:38	Antichrist to do his own will Daniel 11:36
Christ came to save Luke 19:10	Antichrist comes to destroy Daniel 8:24
Christ is the good shepherd John 10:4-15	Antichrist is the idol (evil) shepherd Zechariah 11:16,17
Christ is the true vine John 15:1	Antichrist is the vine of the earth Revelation 14:18
Christ is truth John 14:6	Antichrist is the lie John 8:44 11 Thessalonians 2:11
Christ is the Holy One Mark 1:24	Antichrist is the lawless one 11 Thessalonians 2:8
Christ is the man of sorrows Isaiah 53:3	Antichrist is the man of sin 11 Thessalonians 2:3
Christ is the Son of God Luke 1:35	Antichrist is the son of perdition 11 Thessalonians 2:3
Christ is the Mystery of Godliness (God manifest in the flesh) 1 Timothy 3:16	Antichrist is the Mystery of iniquity (Satan manifest in the flesh) 11 Thessalonians 2:7

On top of all of this, Christ is life and their is life in him. (John 1:4 5:24 1 John 1:2 5:11)

Satan is death, and their is no life in him. (John 8:44 Revelation 6:8 Romans 5:12 6:23)

NOTE: The chart above is adapted from the book Charts On Revelation, by Salem Kirban.

REVELATION lesson 14 cont. UNDERSTANDING GODS CALENDAR

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Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred three-score and six. (666)

Six is the number of man. The first beast is a man. The second beast is a man. They are both controlled by Satan who is an imitation of God the Father.

The number of God is seven. It means completeness. It signifies full and abundant. God is a trinity. He is a Holy Trinity.

Six is the Greek word *hex*, and it signifies incompleteness.

Therefore, six is the number of a man, and six is the number of the unholy trinity. Satan, who is indwelling a man, the first beast who is just a man, and the second beast who is just a man. (666)

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REVELATION

lesson 15

SALVATION AND JUDGEMENT

The book of Revelation was written concerning two basic doctrines. They are salvation and judgement.

Revelation shows the consequences of John 3:16,17,18. Those who trust Christ as their Savior will inherit eternal life. Those who reject Christ as payment for their sin will receive eternal damnation and judgement.

Chapters fourteen and fifteen are a continuation and an enhancement of that doctrine.

In 14:6 we have an angel with the everlasting gospel to preach. To those who believe the gospel we see they are blessed and are at rest. (vs. 14:7,13 15:2-4)

To those who reject the gospel we see there is torment, the wrath of God, plagues, and no rest. (vs. 14:9-11 15:1 15:5-8)

THE 144,000

In 14:1-5 we see the 144,000. The scene is in heaven. We know that because they, "follow the Lamb," (vs.4) and they are, "before the throne of God." (vs.5)

These are the same 144,000 we see in 7:3-8. They were led to Christ by the two witnesses in 11:3-13. They preached the gospel and were apparently killed by the antichrist, and are now in heaven, where they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

FIRSTFRUITS: They are the first fruits because they are the first saved out of the Nation of Israel during the seven year tribulation.(vs.4)

Because of their preaching, a multitude of Israel will be saved and God will protect them during the tribulation. (vs.12:13-17)

JEHOVAH WITNESSES AND FALSE DOCTRINE OF THE 144,000: The Jehovah Witness claims there will be only 144,000 who will make it to heaven. They use this portion of Scripture to back up their claim.

However, the 144,000 according to Scripture are Jews. (vs.7:3-8) They are also male virgins, (vs.14:4) and they are before the throne of God. (vs.14:5)

Also, we see in 7:9-13, there is a multitude which no man could number in heaven. In 15:2,3 we see those who had gotten the victory over the beast and they are described as a sea of glass. This would indicate a vast amount of people.

MOUNT ZION: In 14:1 we see the 144,000 are on Mount Zion with the Lamb (Christ). Some would think this means they are on the earthly Mount Zion. However, the Scripture tells us there are two Mount Zions, and one of them is the heavenly Mount Zion. (Hebrews 12:18-24)

REVELATION lesson 15 cont. SALVATION AND JUDGEMENT

FALSE DOCTRINE CONCERNING JUDGEMENT: There are many who claim that a loving God would not send any one to hell. As a matter of fact the Jehovah Witness church claims there is no hell.

The Catholic church claims a person goes to an intermediate place and has a chance to get prayed out.

Both doctrines are false according to the Bible. In Revelation we see the wrath and judgement of God. In chapter fourteen and fifteen we see the enhancement of that doctrine.

CONDEMNATION

There are two judgements waiting. One is judged saved, the other is judged lost. It is not God who does the condemning. God provided a way for all men to have eternal life. He died on the Cross and shed his blood. John 3:16,17,18 tells us that he who believes in Christ is not condemned, and he who believes not is condemned already.

Those who reject Christ are condemned of their own selves. Whosoever goes to hell and is judged, does so of their own free will.

TWO EDGED SWORD

Gods word is a two edged sword. It either saves when we believe, or it condemns when rejected. It is the Word of God that judges us.

TWO SEALS

In Revelation we have two seals. The seal of God, and the seal of Satan. If we accept Christ as Savior we are sealed as children of God for eternity. If we reject Christ as Savior we are sealed for eternal damnation.

QUESTION: Do a brief study on Mount Zion. Give a brief historical account and how Mount Zion compares to Jerusalem. Be brief but informative.

QUESTION: How many angels do we see in Revelation fourteen?

REVELATION

lesson 16

THE LAST 3½ YEARS

In chapter 11 verse 15 we see the seventh angel with the trumpet as he is ready to sound. When he does the seven vials are poured out upon the earth.

However, before he does, we are given various descriptions of events as they appear. In chapter twelve verses 1 through 17 we see the conflict between Israel and Satan. It is a historical account showing the Dragon (Satan) from the time he is cast out of heaven until he unleashes his wrath upon Israel during the seven year tribulation.

In chapter 13 we are given a picture of the antichrist as he rises up out of the sea of humanity at the beginning of the seven year tribulation. He is called the beast. He will be a man, but the beast is a description of his personality. We also see the second beast who is the false prophet and the mark of the beast being implemented.

Chapters 14 and 15 are both a parenthesis. We see the 144,000 in heaven. We see the two types of those who are sealed. There are those who are saved and are sealed by Christ, and there are those who are lost and are sealed by the beast.

The events that take place beginning at Rev. 13:5 are in the last half of the seven year tribulation.

The major events to follow are the...

1. Doom of Babylon.. The first mention of the fall of Babylon is in Rev. 14:8. Then in 16:17 through 18:24 is devoted to the fall of Babylon

2. The Battle of Armageddon... This great battle takes place at the end of the seven years, just before the judgement of the beast and the false prophet and nations. Rev. 19:11-19

John sees visions of this battle, or glimpses of this battle in 9:13-21 14:14-20 16:13-16

3. The judgement of the nations.. vs. 19:20,21 Matthew 24:40,41 25:31-46

CHAPTER 16 THE SEVEN VIALS

In 11:15 the seventh angel who had the seventh trumpet sounded. The seventh trumpet is made up of the seven vials, which contain the seven last plagues, which are poured out by the seven angels of 15:1. We are told that in these seven last plagues is "filled up the wrath of God."

This is the third woe. We must remember that in chapter eleven we saw the antichrist claims his throne in the temple, (vs.2) and slays the two witnesses, (vs.3-13) and the second woe is past, (vs.14)

We are now ready for the third woe to begin. Chapter sixteen is a picture of the beginning of the last 3½ years.

In chapter nine verses 13 through 21 we have another picture of Armageddon. In verses 13,14, and 15 we see the angel who has the sixth trumpet. He had the power to loose the four angels who are bound in the river Euphrates. He loosed them and they were prepared for the 2 million man army.

Now we see in 16:12 the sixth angel poured out his vial and the four angels who were "prepared," in 9:13-15 now dry the river Euphrates so the kings of the east may cross.

16:17-21 The seventh vial and the doom of Babylon is foretold.

NOTES:

REVELATION

lesson 17

THE LAST 3½ YEARS cont.

COMMENCEMENT - CONTINUATION - CONSUMMATION

In Revelation we have the consummation of all things. Today the world continues to revolve, and God's calendar is moving just as he has planned. At one time there was a beginning.

Throughout the Bible we have parallels, types, and shadows. In Revelation the types in the Old Testament become more clear.

In Revelation is the final judgement of all things that are anti-God and anti-Christ. Once again, in the end, all things will be brought back to God.

Commencement .. beginning	Continuation	Consummation ..end
God created Genesis 1:1	God controls future Acts 17:22-31	New creation Revelation 21:-
Satan's rebellion Ezekial 28:11-18	His present influence John 8:43-45	His judgement Revelation 20:10
Origin of Sin Genesis 3:1-7	Present condition Romans 5:12	Judgement of sin Revelation 20:11-15
Origin of false religion Genesis 3:5 11:1-9	Todays influence Matthew 7:15-23 11 Corinthians 4:2-5 11 Corinthians 11:13-15	Judgement of.. Revelation 14:8 16:19 Revelation 17 & 18

THE PARALLEL OF THE PLAGUES IN REV. 16

The seven vials of Revelation chapter sixteen closely parallel the plagues God unleashed on the Pharaoh and Egypt in Exodus 7:1 through 12:36.

The*interesting thing about the plagues in Exodus is that the magicians copied the plagues up to a point. They realized however, they could not compete with God. Then in Revelation 16:9 we see that, "God, who hath power over these plagues."

The reason these magicians (they are named in 11 Timothy 3:8) could perform their magical tricks is through demonology.

These demons also had a beginning, they continue to work today, and they possess many in the tribulation to bring all things to a consummation. (Genesis 6:1-7 Revelation 16:13-16)

REVELATION

lesson 17

THE LAST 3½ YEARS cont.

BABYLON PARALLELS, TYPES, AND SHADOWS

At this point in Revelation we have reached another type and parallel found in the Old Testament, and that is Babylon. Babylon had a distinct beginning. We read about that in Genesis 10:8 through 11:9.

Babylon began with Nimrod. (Hebrew scholars note that Nimrod means to rebel) Nimrod's kingdom was Babel. At Babel they decided to build a city and a tower. When God saw what they were doing, he confounded their language, and broke up their party.

THE DELUSION OF SATAN

However, the idea of false religion began with Satan in the garden. He gave Eve the delusion that she could be as God.

Scripture: Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

Since that time man has had the delusion he could be as God. Man thinks if he knows good and evil, and does good, he will be as God.

Therefore we have Babel. Man has created religion after religion in his attempt to be as God. In reality, man has tried to take God out of his life in his attempt to be God.

In Genesis 9:1 God told man to multiply and replenish the earth. In Genesis 11:4, mankind, under the leadership of Nimrod, banded together in an attempt to keep from being scattered.

This was in direct rebellion against the commandment of God.

Nimrod means rebellion, or valiant one. Nimrod rebelled against God. In Genesis 10:9 we read that Nimrod was a mighty hunter before God. It should read Nimrod was a mighty hunter against God.

Originally the word Babel came from two words; Bab-El, which means gate to God. God however changed the meaning in Genesis 11:9 to "confusion."

Babbel means confusion until this day. (1 Timothy 6:20)

REVELATION

lesson 18

THE LAST 3½ YEARS cont.

As we have seen up to now, the last three and one half years of the tribulation begins with the Antichrist sitting on the throne in Jerusalem claiming to be God. (Daniel 9:27 11 Thessalonians 2:4 Revelation 11:2 13:5-8)

This is called the abomination of desolation by Christ. (Matthew 24:15 Mark 13:14 Daniel 9:26,27 11:31)

As the Antichrist takes his place on the throne he kills the two witnesses and after three days they have a resurrection. Satan will not allow anyone to witness for Christ in public while he claims to be God. This is only logical. (Revelation 11:3-14)

Then in Revelation 11:15 we have the seventh angel who is ready to sound the seventh trumpet. The seventh trumpet ushers in the last three and one half years and the seven vial judgements of God.

Between 11:15 and 15:1 the Lord paints a few pictures of events that will be taking place during the last 3½ years, or the time of "Great Wrath."

In chapter twelve we have an historical account of the conflict between Israel and Satan. In chapter thirteen we have a picture of the rise of the Antichrist, who is the first beast, and the second beast, who is the false prophet, and instituting of the mark of the beast.

In chapter fourteen we have a picture of the 144,000 in heaven before the destruction of Babylon, the beast and his followers, and the battle of Armageddon.

THE PLAGUES

We have stated that we believe that some of the plagues in Revelation will be self induced by man himself. I.E. nuclear bombs.. atom bombs.. weather control.. chemical and biological warfare and etc.

However, some of the plagues will be distinctly from God because wants man to know he is the one they are dealing with. He did the same thing to Egypt. (Rev. 15:1,8 16:1,9)

DESTRUCTION OF THE THREE B'S

Now we have the prophecy of the destruction of the three B's in the last 3½ years. These are the destruction of Babylon, the beasts, and the Battle of Armageddon.

Last week we saw the beginning of false doctrine and the beginning of babylon in Genesis. the two go together, and adhere with the Antichrist for a short time.

QUESTION: In a concordance look up the word blood and give four references in the New Testament that show forgiveness by the blood of Christ.

REVELATION

lesson 18

THE LAST 3½ YEARS

Throughout history, as we look at the many cultures, we can see how they mixed religion with government.

The Egyptians did it, the Assyrians did it, and so on. The political leaders even built temples and altars to their false gods. Often times these temples became the center of their social life.

It began with Nimrod. He said, "Let us build a city." His goal was to band mankind together against God. His goal was to mix politics and religion.

They called it, "The gate to God." God called it, "Confusion."

The beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was in the land of Shinar. (Genesis 10:10) Out of that land went forth Asshur and ... (Genesis 10:11) Notice they went out of that land but the idea went with them.

The idea of Babylon remains to this day. The World Council of Churches. The United Council of Churches. The United Nations.

The seven year tribulation will be the Tower of Babel in its fruition. We will have a one world church and a one world government and it's leader will be the Antichrist.

In Revelation 17:1 through 19:21 is an account of God's judgement upon the three B's of the seven year tribulation.

SATAN AND FALSE RELIGION

Satan acknowledges God but he questions God and his word.
So does false religion.

Satan promotes eternity and salvation, but it is by works and not God's grace.
So does false religion.

Satan illiminates the importance of the blood of Christ.
So does false religion.

Satan promotes the idea of a goddess of some kind.
So does false religion.

QUESTION: In Revelation 15:2 we see those who had gotten the victory over the beast. According to Revelation 1:5 and 12:11 how did they get the victory?

REVELATION

lesson 19

an explanation of terms in 17 and 18

17:1,2,15 18:3,9 These verses reveal that all humanity has followed false religion and rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation and God the father.

17:3 Shows that false religion, which is founded on Satan, will use the Antichrist to become the one world religious system during the seven year tribulation. It will be the mixture of the religious and political system of the revived beast of Daniel under the Gentiles. (The ten toes of Daniel 2:36-43 7:1-8 Rev. 13:1-4 17:7-13)

17:6,24 Shows that false religion hates the truth. Being the offspring of Satan she is a murderer and a liar.

17:7,12,13 Shows the ten kings who will rule with the Antichrist during the seven years. They receive power "one hour" with the beast. One hour literally means "a short time." Once again, these are the ten toes of Daniel.

17:8-11 These verses reveal the Antichrist who is wounded and has a resurrection. He "was, is not, yet is." (Rev. 13:3,4)

The seven heads and seven mountains are seven kings. (vs.10) Five are fallen..one is..the other is not yet come..

1. Assyria .. The kingdom established by Nimrod. A Gentile religious and political system. (Micah 5:3-6)
 2. Egypt .. A Gentile religious and political system.
 3. Babylon .. The system continues
 4. Medo - Persia .. The Gentile system continues
 5. Rome .. The religious and political system during Christ
- These five are fallen....

One is.. The idea of Rome is still alive and thought of a one world government and religious system without God as the head is the hope of mankind.

The one who is not yet come is the Antichrist. " He will continue a short space." Therefore he is the seventh, which makes him "of the seven," and he is resurrected which makes him the "eighth."

17:14 The battle of Armageddon

17:16-18 The Antichrist and his ten kings will put an end to all forms of religious worship and the beast will be worshipped.

18:1-23 Shows how Babylon, false religion, feels about herself, and those who are trapped in her web feel about their false sense of security in false doctrine. It also shows how many people get rich on false religion. (Acts 19:23-41)

QUESTION.. Look up the word sorceries in 18:23 in a Strongs Concordance. Do a brief explanation of how it might fit into this verse.

REVELATION

lesson 20

THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

REVELATION 19:1 - 10

In Revelation 17 and 18 we have just witnessed the doom of Babylon, which is false religion.

We are now entering the final stages of the seven year tribulation.

The sequence of events are as follows..

1. The rapture takes place and the church is in heaven. 4:1 through 5:14
2. The Antichrist enters the scene and promises peace. Israel accepts him as their long awaited Messiah. 6:1
3. He swiftly takes peace away and the world is thrown into wrath and judgement. 6:2 ..
4. In the middle of the tribulation he sits on the throne in Israel and claims to be God. 11:2 13:4-6
5. He allows False religion to become well established. (Babylon rides the beast) 17:3
6. He makes an alliance with ten kings (nations) and they destroy Babylon, or put an end to all religious worship. 17:12-18
7. He is now ready to make war with Christ and his people. 17:14 19:17-19

THE SCENE IN HEAVEN

During this time the church has been in heaven. As we draw close to the end of the seven year tribulation we have a heavenly scene in Revelation 19:1-10.

In 19:1 John says, "after these things." After all these things have taken place we have the "hallelujah chorus" being sung in heaven. This is a picture of the church rejoicing in heaven over the doom of Babylon. 19:1-3.

This is also a picture of the church of Christ making herself ready to reign with Christ upon the earth. 19:4-6

In 19:7-10 we see the bride as she is prepared for the wedding feast of the Lamb.

The marriage is symbolic of the church being married to Christ. (Ephesians 5:22-33 11 Corinthians 11:1-3)

She is ready because the church has just stood before the judgement seat of Christ and every christian has been rewarded according to the labors for the Lord while they lived upon the earth. (Romans 14:8-12 1 Corinthians 3:11-17 11 Corinthians 5:8-10)

In verse 8 we see the righteousness is not mans righteousness but God rewarding each man with his righteousness. (Romans 3:10-23 Isaiah 1:18 Revelation 3:5)

Verse 10 shows how easy it is for man to worship angels or saints without thinking.

REVELATION

lesson 21

THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

REVELATION 19:11-19

Babylon has been destroyed. The bride of Christ has made herself ready. Soon Christ will set up his kingdom upon the earth. There will be no place for false religion during the reign of Christ.

Before Christ sets up his kingdom the world must be judged.

We are about ready for the battle of Armageddon to begin. In verse 11 we see Christ riding on a white horse. Instead of the Lamb going to the Cross, we now see the glorious King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

In 6:1 we saw a rider on a white horse. This rider, however, is going to judge with righteousness.

At the battle of Armageddon he defeats the enemy with his Word. (vs.15) We also see the second supper of God.(vs. 17,18) This supper takes place on the earth and is reserved for the fowl of the air.

The armies of the east mentioned in 9:13-21 and 14:14-20 and 16:12-16 along with 17:14, have finally gathered themselves together.

THE HEAVENLY ARMY

There is another army mentioned in 19:14 and this is a heavenly army. This army is following Christ to victory. There will really be no battle. Christ will destroy the enemy with his WORD.

This army is made up of saved, born again christians. They are also mentioned in Matthew 24:29-31 and Joel 2:1-11 and Isaiah 13:1-16.

FACTS CONCERNING THE LORDS ARMY

1. This event takes place after the tribulation. Matthew 24:29
2. The whole world will see his coming. Matthew 24:30
3. His army shall be "gathered .. from one end of heaven to another." Matthew 24:31
4. They are so great they make a great noise. Joel 2:2-5
5. Nothing will be able to stop them. Joel 2:7,8
6. They cannot be hurt. Because they have new glorified bodies. Joel 2:8
7. They are capable of climbing walls. Joel 2:9

THE WORLDS ARMY

1. This is not the army mentioned in Ezekial 38 and 39 because they come from the "north parts." Ezekial 38:6,15 39:2
2. They will burn the weapons of war for 7 years. Ezekial 39:9,10
3. The Lord will be known by "many nations." Ezekial 38:23

At the battle of Armageddon he will be known by all nations. Ezekial 39:21
Matthew 24:30

the following are a group of questions concerning the battle of Armageddon. Many think they are the same battle.

In Ezekial 38 and 39 is the account of a future battle. Here are some questions concerning that event.

1. How do we know the kings in Ezekial are not the same as in Revelation. Ezekial 38:6,15 39:2 with Revelation 16:12
2. How do we know Ezek. 38 is yet future? Ezek. 38:8,11,12,14
3. How do we know Ezek. 38 takes place at the beginning of the seven year tribulation? Ezek. 39:9,10
4. How do we know the battle of Armageddon takes place at the end of the trib.? Matthew 24:29
5. How do we know Matthew 24:29,30 are not the rapture?
6. According to Ezekial 38:23 how do we know this is not the battle of Armageddon?
7. How do we know 1 Thessalonians 5:2,3,4 is a picture of the beginning of the seven year trib.? Ezekial 38:14 Revelation 6:1,2
8. How do we know the Lords army is saved born again christians? Matthew 24:31 Joel 2:8

REVELATION

lesson 22

JUDGEMENT OF THE LOST

In this lesson we have given a chart showing the judgement of the lost. In our next lesson we will give a chart showing the resurrection of the saved.

As we see on the chart there is no one in the lake of fire, the final abode of the lost, today.

The first record we have in the Bible of people cast into the lake of fire will be at the end of the seven year tribulation.

At that time the beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire and every one alive on the earth at that time who have rejected Christ as Savior will be cast into the lake of fire.

Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit for one thousand years. At the end of the thousand years he will be let loose and deceive many. There will be the final battle of Magog and Satan will be cast into the lake of fire.

Christ will set up the great white throne judgement and every one who is not written in the book of life (lost) will be cast into the lake of fire.

QUESTION: Many people claim that physical death is cessation of existence. They claim it is complete annihilation. According to Revelation 20:10 why is this not true?

QUESTION: According to Revelation 20:7-9 will everyone during the 1000 year reign of Christ be saved just because Christ is reigning as King? Also what does this tell us about mankind?

QUESTION: Some people claim Christ went to hell when he died on the cross. After reading Acts 2:27, Psalm 16:10, Matthew 12:38-40, and Luke 23:42,43, answer the following questions.

1. Where did Christ go?
2. What is the Hebrew word for hell in Psalm 16:10?
3. What is the Greek word for hell in Acts 2:27?

REVELATION

lesson 23

RESURRECTION OF THE SAVED

Revelation 20:4-6 And I saw thrones, and they say upon them, and judgement 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 worshipped 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.

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

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The saved, born again, believer in Christ will not taste of the second death. The second death is what we looked at last week, and that is the judgement of the lost.

The lost will be resurrected and taken into judgement. The saved will be resurrected and will not be judged with the lost. Therefore, there will be two resurrections. The saved are those who take part in the first resurrection. (ref. Daniel 12:1-3 John 5:28,29 Revelation 20:4-15)

The first part of the first resurrection was at the resurrection of Christ. (ref. Matthew 27:50-53 1 Corinthians 15:12-28)

The second part will be at the rapture of the church. At this time the church will be resurrected in it's complete unity. (ref. 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 11 Thessalonians 2:1-3 Ephesians 1:10,11 Romans 8:23,29 1 John 3:2)

The third part of the first resurrection will be at the end of the seven year tribulation. (ref. Daniel 12:1-3 John 5:28,29 Revelation 20:4-6)

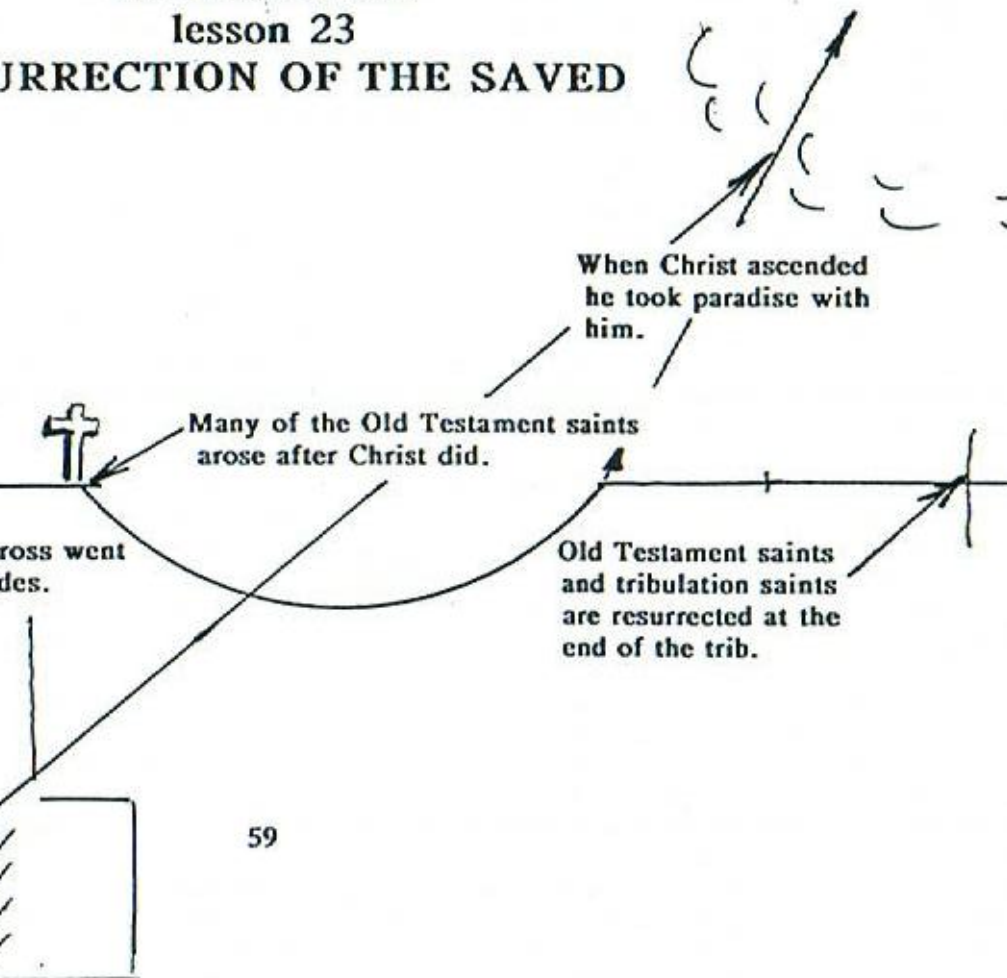
NOTE: Since the rapture was a mystery, then Daniel and John were not talking about the rapture of the church. Also in Matthew 27 not all the saints were resurrected. There remains to be more Old Testament saints resurrected.

Also, those who die in Christ during the tribulation period, were waiting for their resurrection. (ref. Revelation 6:9-11 7:9-17 14:13 20:4-6)

The Old Testament saints and the tribulation saints are resurrected at the third part of the first resurrection.

Even though Christ took Paradise into heaven when he ascended into heaven at the beginning of the church age, (ref. Acts 1:9) we do not believe they received their glorified bodies at that time.

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RESURRECTION OF THE SAVED



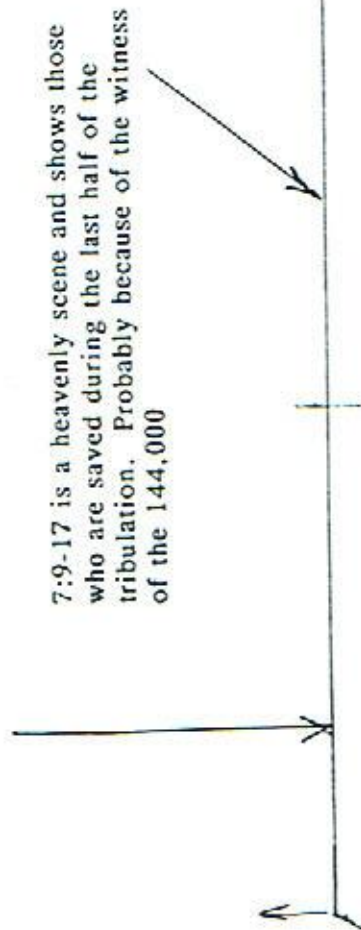
PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 6

Revelation 6:1 through 16 take place during the first half of the tribulation.



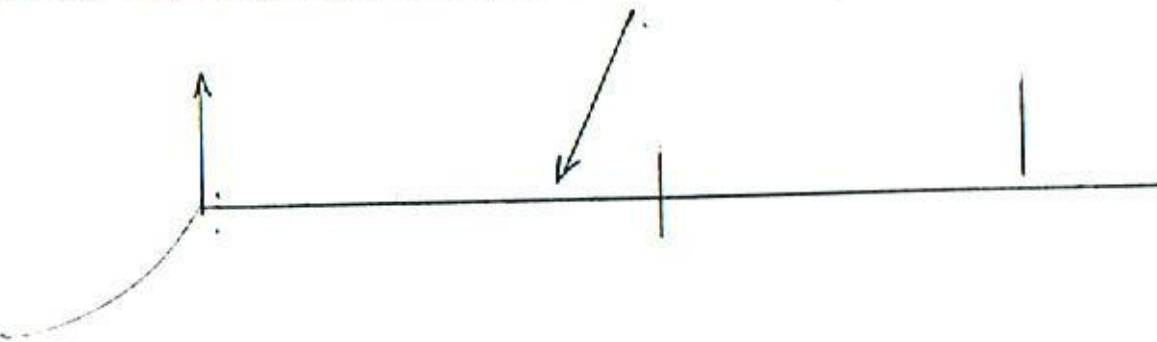
REVELATION 7

Revelation 7:1-8 shows the 144,000 Jews who are saved during the first half of the tribulation.



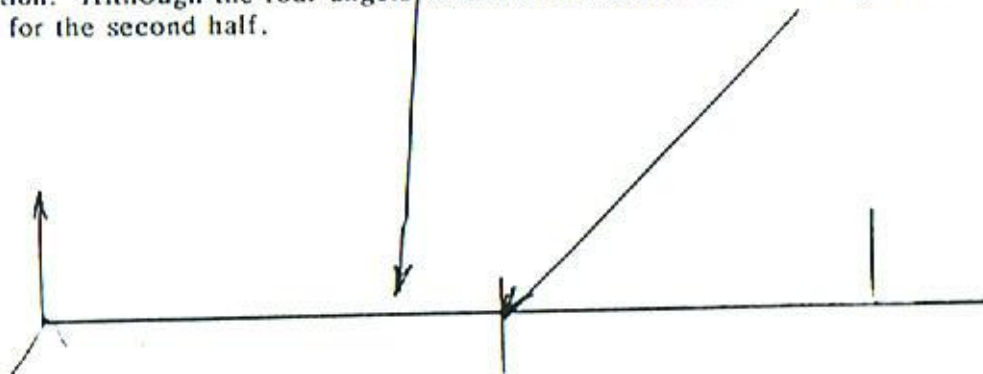
PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 8

ation chapter eight begins with the seventh seal. It is made up of the seven trumpets
ter eight verse one through thirteen contains the first four trumpets.



REVELATION 9

ter nine contains the fifth and sixth trumpets. They also take place during the first
of the tribulation. Although the four angels who are let loose in the river Euphrates,
n preparation for the second half.



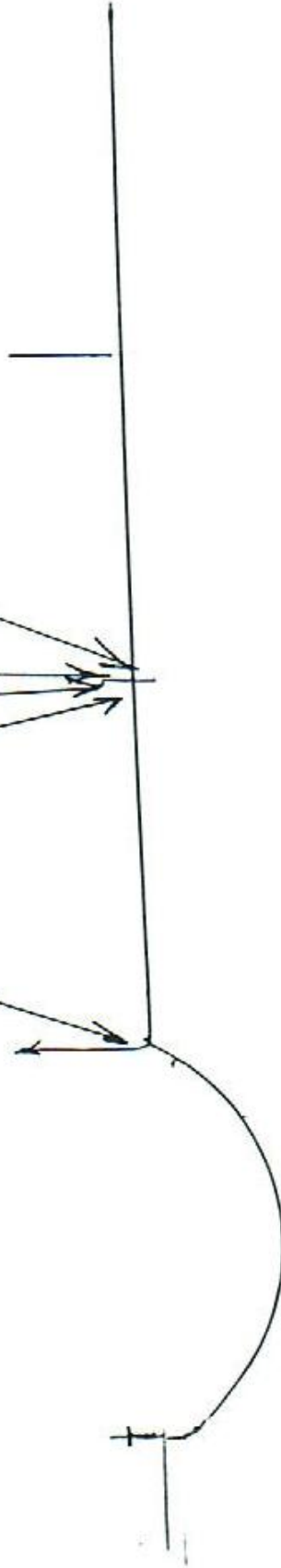
PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 11

In verse one we see the measuring and building of the temple. This takes place at the beginning of the seven years. It takes $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to complete.

In verse two the "holy city shall be trodden under foot." The antichrist sits on the throne in the middle of the 7 yrs. (note 42 months)

Rev. 11:3-14 two witnesses slain

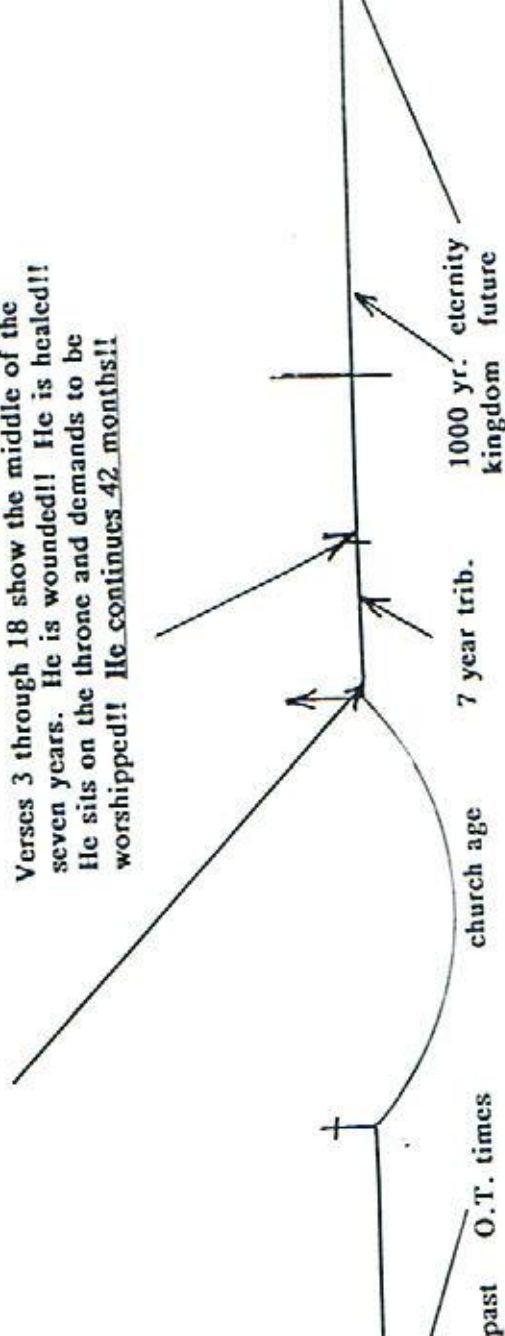
Rev. 11:15-19 poised for the last $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.



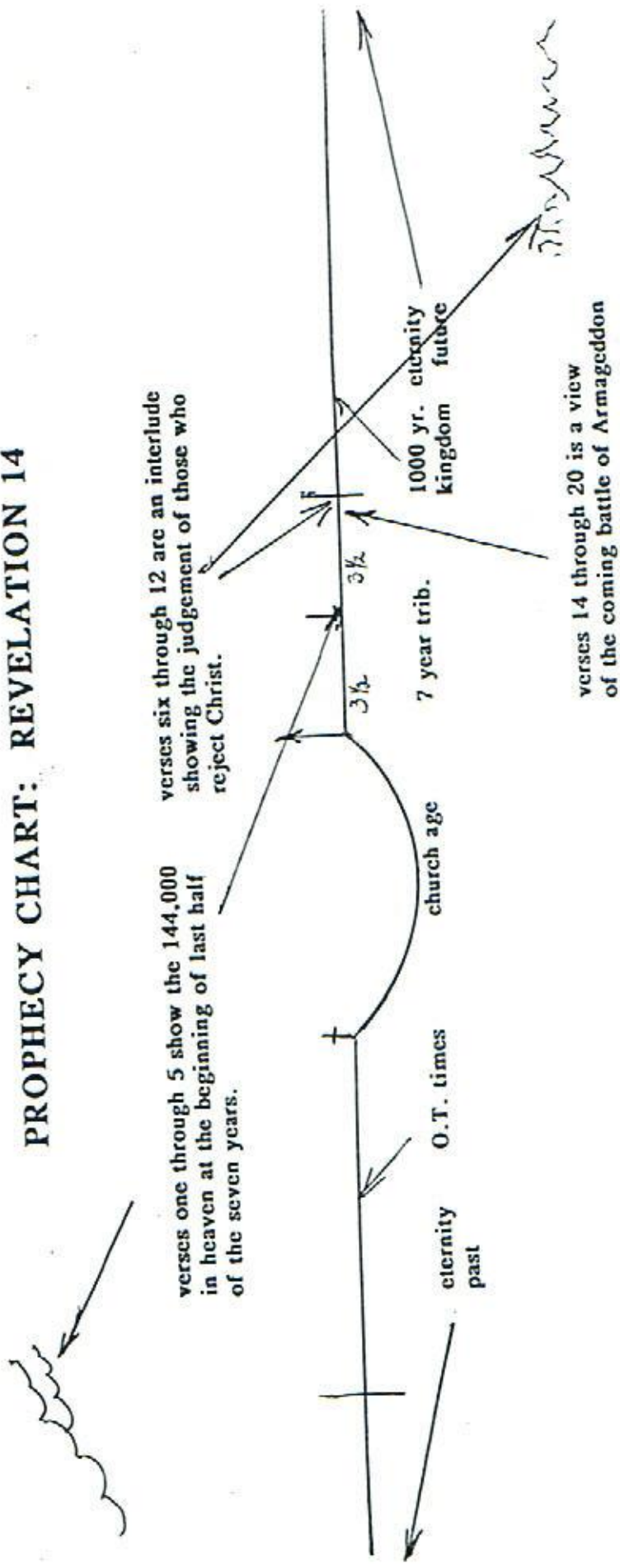
PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 13

1 & 2 we see the manifestation of the antichrist at the beginning of the seven

Verses 3 through 18 show the middle of the seven years. He is wounded!! He is healed!! He sits on the throne and demands to be worshipped!! He continues 42 months!!



PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 14

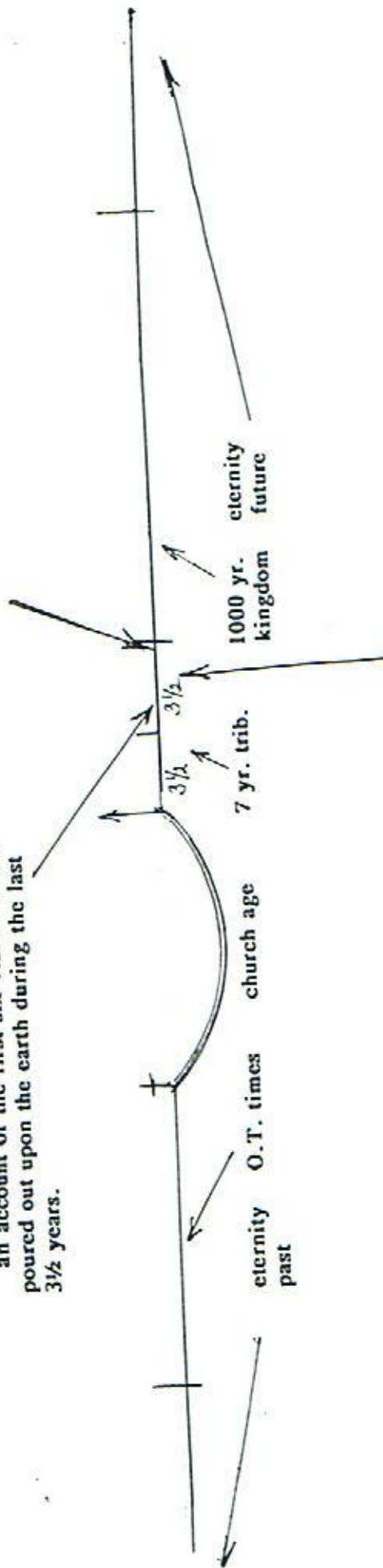


PROPHECY CHART: REVELATION 16

NOTE: CHAPTER 15 is a scene in heaven.

verses 1 through 12 we have a picture of an account of the first six vial of wrath poured out upon the earth during the last 3 1/2 years.

verses 13 through 16 is a picture of the battle of Armageddon



appendix F