

# The Woman, Dragon & Man Child Revelation 12



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# Disclaimer

Before beginning the study, we will disclose upfront that we will share some things that don't agree with the institutional template for teaching the book of Revelation, or end-time prophecy. We intentionally use the word institution because, depending on a person's denomination or affiliation, their teachings are sanctioned by committee and set in stone. There are Calvinists, Armenians, Preterism, amillennialism, replacement theology, dispensational, pre-trib, pre-wrath, mid-trib, post-trib, and myriads of other opposing viewpoints, and not everybody can be right. You can find those teachings everywhere; we don't want to echo all the various viewpoints; this book is not for seminary professors; we want to keep it simple and brief. We know the standard traditional teachings and can go along with most of them, but we can still have questions and opinions. Regarding the book of Revelation and the end-times prophecies, everybody speculates to some degree, and we can have different opinions and agree to disagree. This book is not the final word; we are still learning and adapting to how we see prophecy developing. Each person is responsible for questioning, researching, and examining the scriptures to form independent personal convictions, and hopefully this study can be a blessing in that pursuit. Any feedback would be appreciated, email: [ears@ears2hear.online](mailto:ears@ears2hear.online)

2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:10-11

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## The Time Frame

Revelation 12 reveals four prophetic actors and brings them together on the same stage, then follows them as they interact at a critical juncture of time, and each actor has a crucial role in fulfilling end-time prophecies. These actors are the woman, the manchild, the dragon, and the remnant of her seed. So, let's read Revelation 12:1-5 in the Amplified Version to see what it says.

**Revelation 12:1-2, 5** And **a great sign [warning of an ominous and frightening FUTURE EVENT]** appeared in heaven: a **woman** clothed with the **sun**, with the **moon** beneath her feet, and on her head a **crown of twelve stars**. She was with **child (the Messiah)** and she cried out, **being in labor and in pain to give birth**. ... She bore **a male Child** who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. **And her Child was caught up to God and His throne**.

The Amplified Bible clearly says that Revelation chapter 12 verse 1 warns of an ominous and frightening **FUTURE EVENT**. However, in the study notes of the same Bible, they ignore that it is a future event and teach that these events represent the past. Their study notes say these verses speak of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob, his wife Rachael, the nation of Israel giving birth to Jesus, and the ascension of Jesus to heaven after his resurrection. So, they are saying these future prophetic events symbolize things that already happened in the past. What happened to their ominous future event? Is it acceptable to say historical events are the fulfillment of future prophecy? Should we ignore the context and look to the past to understand the end times? Is this a series of prophetic future events or not? If we take scripture literally, no interpretation is required; the future is the future, and the past is the past. The Apostle John heard a voice like a trumpet that said everything that follows after Revelation chapter 4, verse 1, is a future event. So, who should we believe, John or the Amplified Bible study notes? My vote is for the Apostle John.

The Amplified translators are not alone; traditionally, this is how most Christians read this portion of the scriptures. But the truth does not come by tradition, consensus, or majority rule. Among other things, truth is the word of God rightly divided. So, we will look at some traditional viewpoints with their objections. At the forefront of our objections to popular teaching is that the events in Revelation chapter 12 are exclusively future events, as stated in Revelation chapter 4, verse 1. The historical background adds to our understanding, but the actual events themselves must happen to fulfill future prophecies.

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






Many people avoid the book of Revelation because they don't understand the symbolism, which could be from negligence, spiritual blindness, or simply because some things will remain mysteries until they are unsealed. However, the word revelation means to reveal, and there is a special blessing for those who read this book [*Revelation 1:3*]. When trying to understand the book of Revelation, a literal interpretation is the best wherever possible; after that, the symbolism should fit the context and be cross-referenced and interpreted by other scriptures. We will begin Revelation 12 by first looking at the Dragon, Satan, and his role in this vision and end-time prophecy.

## **The Dragon's heads & horns**

We'll start by examining the description of Satan, the Dragon, and his seven heads and ten horns. Satan has a kingdom, represented by the horns and kings, and his end times agenda is to set up a global government that his chosen leader, the antichrist, will rule over the kingdoms of this world in defiance of God. The seven heads or empires and ten horns symbolize ten kings, rulers, or oligarchs with power over regions or global resources. This kingdom will be partly strong and weak [*Daniel 2:37-45*], with dissimilar resources, ethnicities, and cultures forming an authoritarian global government as the tribulation period approaches. The following verse speaks of

the Dragon, and then later verses [7-12] tell us that this Dragon is the Devil or Satan.

**Revelation 12:3** *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads*

<b>Daniel 2</b>		<b>Daniel 7</b>	
<b>Gold</b>		<b>Babylon</b> 605-539 BC	
<b>Silver</b>		<b>Medo-Persia</b> 539-331 BC	
<b>Brass</b>		<b>Greece</b> 331-168 BC	
<b>Iron</b>		<b>Rome</b> 168 BC - 476 AD	
<b>Iron &amp; Clay</b>			

The identity of the seven heads and ten horns comes from Revelation chapter 18. The seven heads are empires; five are from the past, one was active in John's time, and one was yet to come, totaling seven. In Daniel, he described the Gentile empires from his time to the final empire in the end times. Before Daniel's time, there was [1] **Egypt** and [2] **Assyria**, then during his time was [3] **Babylon**, and he prophesied the rise of [4] **Medo-Persia**, [5] **Greece**, and [6] **Rome**. The Antichrist will rule over a revived [7] **Roman Empire** to be part of the seven. Then, the Antichrist will die of a headwound and resurrect to reign again as the eighth. So, the [8] **Antichrist's empire** is of the seven and is the eighth king over the last Gentile

empire.

**Revelation 17:10 "There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 "And the beast [Antichrist] that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.**

These seven heads and crowns of rulership are chief rulers or princes in the Satanic global hierarchy. They are over empires, regions, and powers, influencing cultures and societies. An example would be the prince of Persia, who has ruled over Iran since the time of Daniel and continues to have considerable power with a global impact today. [Daniel 10:13-20].

The ten horns (powers) are ten kings, rulers, or oligarchs in Satan's global human government. One example of a horn or powerful oligarch could be Elon Musk, with entire nations depending on him to provide various services. Suppose the United States government or NASA needs to transport astronauts to the international space station. In that case, they turn to Elon Musk's company, SpaceX, because they don't have rocket ships to do it themselves. When Ukraine went to war with Russia and needed internet connections on the battlefield, only one company worldwide could provide that service: Elon Musk's company, Starlink. And that's not all Musk controls; he has multiple influential companies, including advanced technology with artificial intelligence, robotics, transportation, global tracking, communications, brain chips, etc. We are not saying Elon Musk will be a ruler in the antichrist's global government, but we are not saying he will not be a global ruler either.

When the tribulation begins, the Antichrist goes out to conquer [Revelation 6:2]; three horns will resist the Antichrist's reign, leading the Antichrist to uproot them [rulers, Daniel 7:7-8]. Although he suffers a mortal headwound [Revelation 13:3], the Antichrist prevails, and in the middle of the tribulation, Satan coronates the Antichrist with his power and authority [Revelation 13:2]. Eventually, all the kings will give their power and authority to the Antichrist.

**Revelation 17:12** *"The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast [Antichrist]."*

John's vision was a continuation of Daniel's vision in which Daniel prophesied about the antichrist and his empire. Daniel saw how terrible and devastating this beast, the antichrist, would be. He also saw the power struggles from within the kingdom from when the antichrist first came up as a little horn and how he will defeat three other horns, world leaders, to become a global dictator.

**Daniel 7:7** *After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. 8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.*

That should briefly explain the seven heads and ten horns representing the kingdoms of this world that the Dragon, Satan, will transfer to the antichrist and coronate him with his power. Also, note that Satan once tried to offer this kingdom to Christ [Luke 4:5-8]. Let's look at the Dragon's activities.

## **Stars vs Satan cast down**

Next, the Dragon will use his tail to cast one-third of the stars to the earth. Most Christians use this scenario to describe the popular myth that has become a cliché in Christian circles, that in ages past, Satan led a rebellion where he took one-third of God's angels with him when he fell from Heaven. Contrary to the widespread consensus, Satan has not been cast down from Heaven yet. That myth takes the text out of context and fabricates a view of history from an event that has not happened yet. Besides, God has innumerable angels [Hebrews



12:22]. So, what is one-third of innumerable? How can you break innumerable into a percentage? That doesn't matter anyway because the stars in question are not fallen angels, and the stars will get cast down in the future if they haven't already begun to fall. Let's look at the **one-third of the stars** that will get thrown to the earth.

***Revelation 12:4 [The Dragon] His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.***

**After one-third of the stars get cast down, Satan and his angels will go to war with God's angels** under Michael, the archangel's command. Satan and his angels get thrown out of heaven and cast to the earth. The angels cast to earth differ from the stars thrown down by Satan's tail. They are two distinct groups and two separate events happening at different times.

***Revelation 12:7-9 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.***

It doesn't make sense that the stars in verse 4 speak of Satan's angels; why would Satan cast down Satan's angels? According to that theory, Satan cast one-third of his angels out of heaven and then went to war with a significantly smaller army to fight so he could stay in heaven. That makes no sense. Jesus said that if Satan casts out Satan, his kingdom would be divided and would fall [Matthew 12:26]. So, we will look at a different viewpoint of this scripture, not the cliché Satanic rebellion against God, but from the perspective of a prophetic event yet to come. And we will identify the stars that get cast down. Of course, the book of Revelation provides the best answer to who the stars would be. In John's vision, Jesus said that the stars are the angels of the seven churches in chapters 1 to 3. So, that raises another question: who are the seven angels of the seven churches?

**Revelation 1:20** "The mystery of **the seven stars** which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches,** and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

Some people think these angels are winged angelic beings from heaven. Have you ever seen or heard a literal heavenly angel preach in a church? Neither have I. The Greek word *aggelos*, translated as an angel, means a messenger, which can be angelic or human. We have an example from the book of Revelation where John falls at the feet of what he thought was an angel of God, but he discovers that it was one of his fellow servants of his brethren, the prophets. That happened twice to John; we should also remember that in heaven, we will be like angels and possibly serve God in the same capacity as the angels, much like this fellow servant and prophet did. Heaven is not just floating around on clouds; God's servants will serve him.

**Revelation 22:8-9** Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, **I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets,** and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

**Revelation 19:10** **And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus.** Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

**Matthew 22:30** "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, **but are like angels of God in heaven.**

**Revelation 22:3** [heaven] and there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, **and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.**

Here are a few more examples of human "aggelos" messengers: John the Baptist, his disciples, and Jesus' disciples.

**Matthew 11:9-10 [John the Baptist]** *But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, **Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,** which shall prepare thy way before thee.*

**Luke 7:24 [John's disciples]** *And **when the messengers of John were departed,** he began to speak unto the people concerning John, what went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?*

**Luke 9:51-52 [Jesus' disciples]** *And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, **he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face:** and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him.*

Also, spiritually speaking, the believers of Jesus are seated in heavenly places with Christ, like stars in the heavens. So, Satan seeks to throw us down from our vision of eternity in heaven to chase after earthly pursuits and fall into sin.

**Ephesians 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,***

**Colossians 3:1-4** *If then you have a new life with Christ, give your attention to the **things of heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Keep your mind on the higher things, not on the things of earth. 3 For your life on earth is done, and you have a secret life with Christ in God. 4 At the coming of Christ who is our life, you will be seen with him in glory.***

**Ephesians 2:5-6** *even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **and raised us up together, and made us sit***

**together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

The seven angels in the seven churches were most likely the human Pastors of the churches. In the scene of John's vision, the Dragon's tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. We could read this as one-third of pastors or ministers getting cast down in a great apostasy or falling away from the faith in end times.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,*

**1 Timothy 4:1** *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,*

**Revelation 2:1** *"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: ... 4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place unless you repent.*

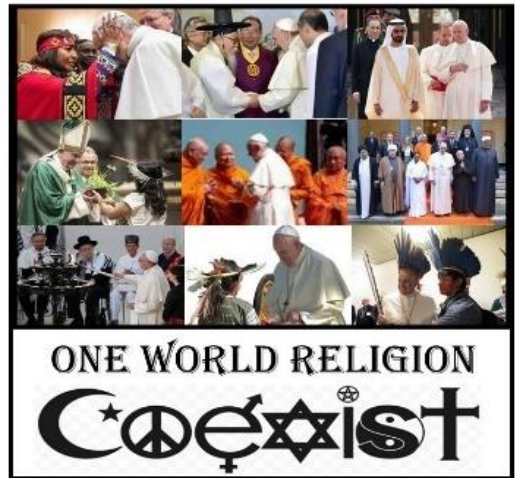
In the last days, one-third of the church stars, pastors, and leaders will get thrown from their heavenly vision of serving God, abandoning the faith to follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. The tail that the Dragon uses to throw the stars to the earth is all the false prophets speaking lies, culminating with THE false prophet; they deceive and promote the antichrist spirit [1 John 4:3].

**Isaiah 9:14-16** *Therefore the LORD will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day. The elder and honorable, he is the head; the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this*

**people cause them to err, and those who are led by them are destroyed.**

The prophet speaking lies is the false prophet. The Antichrist has a sidekick; his mission is to deceive people and force them to worship the Antichrist. He's called the second beast, or the false prophet, and he has equal Satanic powers as the Antichrist in the trinity of evil. He will be the world's religious leader; he has horns like a lamb and speaks like a dragon. The horns represent the power to do satanic miracles. He's like a lamb; he's a religious fake and imitates Christ. He speaks like a dragon, using lies, seduction, and deception. The purpose of his miraculous signs is to deceive, intimidate, and threaten the entire world with death if they refuse to worship Satan and the Antichrist. The false prophet is the one who will set up the image of the beast (Antichrist) and cause as many that refuse to bow to die. But preceding THE false prophet will be many false prophets and deceivers moving the masses in the same direction [Matthew 24:23-24].

The Roman Catholic Pope is a prime candidate for the role of False Prophet, or the tail that speaks lies. With over a billion followers, he has a lot of political and religious clout. Can you imagine the response if the Pope started live-streaming miraculous signs on social media? He would have a tremendous global impact, and how many followers would he have? The False Prophet will deceive the whole world, and seducing spirits and doctrines of demons are already at work and will continue to gain influence until the antichrist comes to power. One-third of all religious leaders will not only fall from the faith themselves, but they will sell themselves and their followers, like a harlot, to the antichrist.



All it takes is a little compromise, lukewarmness, backsliding, greed, fleshly indulgence, and compliance with a godless tyranny. That's the

trap and deception the Lutheran pastors faced in Hitler's Germany. The Antichrist is the little horn in Daniel's vision. Daniel saw him going after the stars, casting them down, and trampling them. Stars, those seated in heavenly places with Christ, the pastors, and religious leaders will be his targets, and many will fall before the Antichrist or die. The Antichrist is a man, not an angel, and he will cast down men who had been the stars of the faith to the ground and trample them.

***Daniel 8:9-10*** And out of one of them came a **little horn** [antichrist] which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. **And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them.**

Jude prophesied about the coming of the Lord to execute judgment on wandering stars who are twice dead. These people had been dead in their sins and then became born again. But they went astray; their faith got uprooted, and they returned to a lifestyle of sin and died in unrepentant intentional sin, so they will go to the second death, being twice dead [Revelation 21:8]. And, there is a special place reserved for them in eternal darkness.

***Jude 1:12-15*** **These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.** Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, **"Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all,** to convict all who are **ungodly** among them of all their **ungodly** deeds which they have committed in an **ungodly** way, and of all the harsh things which **ungodly** sinners have spoken against Him."

Satan, the accuser of the brethren, still has access to heavenly places. But when war breaks out in heaven (who knows when), Satan and his angels will be thrown out of heaven and cast to the earth. Satan will have great wrath because his time is short, seven years at a maximum, and then he will be locked in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years [Revelation 20:3].

**Revelation 12:7-12** *And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So, the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.* Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God, day and night, has been cast down. ... "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

## The Woman

Now, let's go back to the beginning of the vision and look at the woman; she is pregnant and is experiencing intense birth pains. Jesus said that the signs of his coming and the end of the age would be like the birth pains of a pregnant woman.

**Revelation 12:1-5** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

**Matthew 24:3-8** *As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. Tell us they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the*

**sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ, 'and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **All these are the beginning of birth pains.****

There are no warning signs for the rapture, which could happen anytime unexpectedly, like childbirth. The "birth pains" relate to how all the end times signs and warnings will converge together simultaneously with greater intensity and frequency until the global conditions are ripe for the tribulation to begin after the rapture. Examining the context of Revelation 12, it describes events that unfold after the rapture going into the great tribulation. Let's connect the dots, identify the characters involved, present the popular opinions, and make the case for who may be the most likely group to be the woman of Revelation.

We'll begin by looking at the popular teachings about the woman, which say she is Israel or Mary. One premise is that Joseph's dream from the book of Genesis, where the sun is Jacob and the moon is Rachel, proves that the woman is Israel. Others say that the woman is a picture of Mary giving birth to Jesus, with the resurrection and ascension of Jesus to heaven as the manchild. Let's look at those theories and see how they stand up to scrutiny. They fail the first test since they are past historical events and will not fulfill future prophecies [Revelation 4:1]. But apart from the historical disqualifier, let's look at other problems with Mary or Israel as the woman in Revelation 12. In the Catholic religion, many see Mary as the Queen of Heaven. But the Old Testament scriptural references for the Queen of Heaven refer to a pagan Babylonian goddess whom the prophet Jeremiah condemned.

In **John's vision**, he saw the woman clothed with the sun, and Ezekiel saw a vision of the Jews worshipping the sun and the queen of heaven.



**Ezekiel 8:15-16** Then He said to me, "Have you seen this, O son of man? Turn again, you will see **greater abominations than these.**" So, he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house; and there, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east, **and they were worshiping the sun toward the east.**

**Jeremiah 44:17-19** "But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, **to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem.** For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. "But since we stopped **burning incense to the queen of heaven** and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine." The women also said, "And **when we burned incense to the queen of heaven** and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?"

**Acts 7:42-43** "Then **God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven,** as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? **You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan,** Images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

The pagan priest wore ceremonial vestments to worship the sun, and they adorned their idols and artwork with sunbursts, which the Catholics adopted and Christianized sometime after the year 325 AD. However, this woman could symbolically represent both the

Babylonian Queen of Heaven and the Catholic Mary because both are idolatry. The Israelites had a history of worshipping this pagan goddess, as we see in the book of Jeremiah. Israel worshipped the Queen of Heaven with star cakes and idols. She had stars around her head with sunbursts or halos.

Some statues and artwork of Mary show twelve stars around her head. The number twelve represents Israel or the church, 12 tribes, and 12 apostles. The woman's crown in Revelation 12 is a victor's crown, the Greek word *stephanos*, a garland or wreath made of twisted olive leaves given to the victors at athletic competitions. The woman's crown is temporary and will wilt and fade away [1 Corinthians 9:24-27], and her victories will be short-lived, seven years or less. By contrast, Satan's seven crowns are the Greek word *diadema*, or kingly crown, a perpetual symbol of authority he took from Adam and Eve when they obeyed his voice [Romans 6:16, Luke 4:5-8].



**Revelation 12:1 [John's vision]** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

In **Joseph's dream**, the **sun and moon were his parents**, Jacob and Rachael; **the eleven (not 12) stars were his brothers**, as interpreted by Jacob. Joseph's dream had its fulfillment around 15 years later in Egypt.

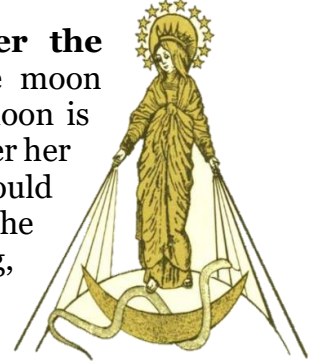


**Genesis 37:9 [Joseph's dream]** *Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me." So, he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is*

this dream that you have dreamed? **Shall your mother and I and your brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?"**

In **John's vision**, the woman was wearing the sun, obviously not wearing Jacob, as we already saw that wearing the sun could speak of wearing pagan worship robes, vestments.

In **John's vision**, the moon was under the woman's feet. So, in Joseph's dream, the moon represented his mother, Rachael. So, if the moon is Rachael, who is this woman to put Rachael under her feet? Would Mary trample Rachael? Or Would Israel put their feet on Rachael's neck? Putting the enemies under the feet symbolizes defeating, conquering, and having domination over one's enemies [1 Corinthians 15:24-25, Joshua 10:24].



The Jewish people live by a 360-day lunar calendar. The new moons would signal the starting point for religious festivals, feasts, and cultural events and are extremely important to the Jewish identity. The primary scriptural reference for the moon is that it represents a faithful witness of the Messianic covenant between David and God. David would perpetually have a son to sit on his throne, speaking of Jesus, and Israel would be God's people forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.

**Psalms 89:34-37** *My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once **I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, even like the faithful witness in the sky.***

**Jeremiah 31:35-36** *Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): **"If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from***

***being a nation before Me forever. "***

So, Mary and Israel don't fit the woman in symbolism, and as we'll see, they do not align with her function. The prophecy about the woman does not end with the birth of the manchild; we can see the influence and activity of the woman throughout the tribulation.

Let's go back to Revelation 12; we see three groups that "come out" of the woman, and that will provide more clues to who she is. The seven years of tribulation will be a time of severe testing and separation of God's people from the Devil's. This separation is not an option; it is a process that everyone must undergo, especially when it comes to levels of participation with the antichrist. The ultimate separation is between those who will bow to the image of the beast and take his mark on their hand or forehead and those who refuse to do so. That separation is the difference between heaven and hell.

The first group to separate from the woman is the manchild, a distinct group inside the woman; they come out and are separate from her at birth and are immediately caught up (harpazo) to heaven.

***Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up [harpazo] unto God, and to his throne.***

Later in the chapter of Revelation 12, there is another offspring from the woman, whom the King James Version calls the remnant of "her seed." They also had been birthed out of the woman, showing the woman had multiple children. The symbolism illustrates how one group of people separates from another. An example would be how the protestant churches were birthed from the Catholic church, separating themselves because of their religious convictions. One leader of the protestant movement, Martin Luther (an ex-Catholic monk), gained a large following which became the Lutheran denomination. All the churches and denominations birthed out of the protestant movement are the daughters of the Catholic church. But the Catholic church herself is the great-great-granddaughter of Babylon, mother of harlots, along with all the other false religions in the world.

The great whore of Babylon is like the Satanic version of Eve, giving birth to all the false religions and authoritarian governments of the world. The Babylonian harlot has always been the state religion that controls the laws of the land, dominates the people, and is the chief persecutor and killer of God's people. An example would be how the Chief Priests, Pharisees, and Sadducees, who held the highest positions in the Jewish religious community, rejected, persecuted, and killed Christ. Or how the early Catholic church tortured or killed multitudes of Christians who disagreed with the Catholic idolatry, teachings, and Papal powers. The same fallen angels and demonic spirits that were behind the scenes and influenced the people at the tower of Babel are active in the false religions, spiritual deceptions, and tyrannies of today and tomorrow.

***Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.***

Another group that separated from the woman was the remnant of her seed. When the manchild got caught up to heaven, there was a remnant who was left behind, and they kept the commandments of God and had the testimony of Jesus Christ. But there is no mention of any conversion among that remnant; they were already "Christians" from the information provided. Also, they had, at some point, separated from the woman before she fled from the Dragon into the wilderness. In the woman's absence, the Dragon turns his attention and rage toward the remnant, the woman's offspring that had separated from her, and the Dragon makes war against them. (We will come back to the remnant later)

***Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

Finally, there is a group of Jews that comes out of the woman before God judges Babylon. The Jews begin the tribulation by confirming a covenant with the antichrist for seven years. They are covenant partners with the antichrist and his global religious and financial

systems, aka the beast system. At the end of the tribulation, before God judges Babylon, he calls his people to come out of her.

**Revelation 18:2** *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, **Babylon the great is fallen**, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 **For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.*****

All three groups that come out of "the woman" are religious, showing that the woman is a global religious system. But all who are godly eventually separate from her and then become targets of Satanic persecution. So, it may be the case where the birth process refers to being forced out or separating themselves from institutional religion for scriptural convictions or safety reasons. Uncompromising Christians always suffer persecution, starting with the first church that got forced to go underground, house to house, until today in the Communist, Muslim, and Hindu countries. Severe persecution will come to the United States, Western countries, and all the world under the Antichrist. All who are godly will suffer persecution.

**2 Timothy 3:12** ***Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.***

God also commands us to come out and be separate from whatever is unclean and ungodly in our culture and fake churches. Everyone who desires to live a godly life should feel the need to separate themselves from evil and refuse to compromise the truth with hypocrisy. There will be a falling away [2 Thessalonians 2:3] and a departure from the faith, where demons will preach and teach through people [1 Timothy 4:1], which will create a separation between the harlot church and the bride of Christ like the Grand Canyon.

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Therefore **"Come out from among them and be separate**, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

## The **Woman** of Revelation

Who comes out and separates from her?



**Manchild**, gets caught up, harpazo, raptured to heaven  
**Rev.12:1-5**



Dragon wars against the **remnant of her seed**, with testimony of Jesus, & keeps God's commands  
**Rev. 12:17** (Remnant those left behind)



Babylon is fallen, come out of her **my people (Israel)** lest you sin, and receive her plagues  
**Rev. 18:4**

**Come out** from among them, and **be separate**, says the Lord, **2 Cor 6:17**

Could the woman be Israel? Yes and no. When secular Israel confirms the seven-year covenant with the Antichrist, that is the starting point for the seven years of tribulation and joins the secular Jews to the Antichrist, making Israel joined to the beast system.

**Daniel 7:26** ... And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. **The end of it shall be with a flood**, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 **Then he [antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many for one week [7 years]; But in the middle of the week, He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate**, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

The covenant puts Israel into a working agreement with the Antichrist, making them identify with his global dictatorship and the financial and religious beast system. Also, In Revelation chapters 2 & 3, in the messages to the seven churches, the only mention of a woman is identified as “that woman,” Jezebel. From chapters 4 to 19, the only woman mentioned is the harlot, the great whore of Babylon. From Revelation 19:3 and forward, the church is called the bride or wife of the Lamb, not the woman. The implication could be the woman in chapter 12 represents the world’s religions under the Antichrist.

The next thing we see in chapter 12 is the woman fleeing from Satan, the Dragon, into the wilderness for 3 ½ years. The woman flees for a reason. Satan, the antichrist, and ten kings hate her, but she is a harlot, and they do not destroy her until after they get what they want from her, which is the souls of all her children [Revelation 17:16]. A place is prepared by God for the Jews in her midst until they separate from the woman.

**Revelation 12:6** Then **the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 ½ years).

An interesting verse may or may not add some color to this picture. In Revelation 12, the woman has two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness for 3 ½ years. In Zechariah, we see a similar picture of a woman in a basket with two women with great wings carrying her to a house built for her in Babylon. The woman who rides the red beast (antichrist and his government) has two aspects: the **religious** harlot and **financial** Babylon. [Revelation 17 & 18]; they are two wings of the same bird, or two sides of the same coin because the false prophet oversees both the **worship** of the image of the beast and the ability to **buy or sell** using the mark of the beast [Revelation 13:11-18].

**Revelation 12:14** But **the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of**



**the serpent.** 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 **But the earth helped the woman,** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

**Zechariah 5:5** Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, "Look up and see what this is that is appearing." 6 I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a measuring basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land." 7 Then the cover of lead was raised, and **there in the basket sat a woman!** 8 **He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed the lead cover down over its mouth.** 9 **Then I looked up and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork,** and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth. 10 **"Where are they taking the basket?"** I asked the angel who was speaking to me. 11 He replied, **"To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When it is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."**

The covenant made by Israel with the antichrist gets broken in the middle of the seven years. Isaiah prophesies that God will annul Israel's covenant with death and hell [*Sheol*], and the secular Jews who made the covenant would get trampled by an overflowing scourge of death.

**Isaiah 28:14** Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, 15 Because you have said, **"We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves."** ... 17 Also I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place. 18 **Your covenant**

**with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; When the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.**

The next time we see the woman is in chapter 17, and she is coming out of the wilderness riding on the back of the beast, aka the antichrist and his global government.

**Revelation 17:3** **So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.**

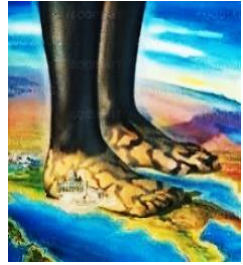
We last saw the red Dragon (Satan) with seven heads and ten horns; now we see the woman coming out of the wilderness riding a red beast (antichrist) with seven heads and ten horns. The beast, the antichrist, has received authority over Satan's kingdoms, and the woman has entered into a working relationship with him.



The next scene approaches the end of the great tribulation; just before God judges the woman, he calls the believing Jews to **"come out of her, my people."** **If Israel is the woman, she can't come out of herself.** But the fact that God calls Israel out of her confirms that Israel had been part of the woman up to that point. And so, all of the believing Jews will come out of Babylon before judgment falls, and they will survive the tribulation and will enter the millennium.

**Revelation 18:2-4** **And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." And I**

**heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.**



Now, let's look at the two women that are pillars in the beast system. The beast system has two key cities that are seats of power: **religious** and **financial**. In Daniel's Metallic Man, the final kingdom, which was the Roman Empire, had **two legs** of iron and **two feet** of iron mixed with clay.

Rev 17 Religious Harlot - versus - Rev 18 Financial Babylon			
Dan 2:42	<b>Western Foot - Rome</b> West: Judeo/Christian roots, secular, paganism, atheism	Dan 2:42	<b>Eastern Foot Constantinople (Istanbul)</b> East: Muslim rule & oil money, Communism, Marxism
Rev 17:16	<b>Antichrist &amp; Kings hate the Harlot with her coalition of the world's coexist religions</b>	Rev 18:3	<b>Kings &amp; merchants love trading with financial Babylon and are made rich by her global fascism</b>
Rev 17:9	<b>Rome / Vatican City sits on 7 hills, and about 50 miles to the nearest sea port (15 to sea)</b>	Rev 18:17-19	<b>Babylon is by sea, has a shipping trade, sea captains will mourn when she is destroyed</b>
Rev 17:6	<b>Religious Harlot drunk with blood of saints &amp; martyrs of Jesus, she kills for religious reasons</b>	Rev 18:24	<b>Financial Babylon sold sorcery (Greek: pharmakeia) drugs, big pharma &amp; tech, global corporations, she kills the saints &amp; prophets for profit</b>
Rev 17:15 12:5 & 17; Rev 6:9; 7:9-17; Matt 25:31-46	<b>Religious woman sits on many waters meaning multitudes of people: the manchild, a remnant with the testimony of Jesus, martyrs, Jews, sheep &amp; goats</b>	Rev 18:12-14	<b>Financial Babylon has a long list of luxury items and choice foods she ships to the kings and elites: gold, cattle, wine, oil, human trafficking, etc., the elites live with abundance in luxury while the earth is starving.</b>
Rev 17:16	<b>The Kings hate, destroy, and burn the religious Harlot</b>	Rev 18:17-23 18:11,15	<b>God judges, and destroys Babylon in one hour, shocking the world</b>

The Roman Empire became divided into the West (Rome) and the East (Constantinople, now Istanbul). The feet represent a revived Roman Empire that will be the antichrist's global government, a.k.a. the beast system. The Vatican, headed by the Pope, has been the **religious capital** of the West for over 1500 years, controlling kings and countries, amassing lands and great wealth, waging wars, and

killing religious opposition. The Vatican, i.e., the Pope, still yields considerable power and influence worldwide. **[Revelation 17]**

The future **financial capital** of the world will be in the East, Babylon (not Wall Street). The obvious question is whether they will rebuild Babylon at or near the original site. In 1983, Saddam Hussein, imagining himself as heir to Nebuchadnezzar, ordered the rebuilding of Babylon. Saddam died in 2006, and they abandoned the project. Others may build a new Babylon like we saw in Zechariah 5:5-11 with the woman carried there in a basket. Or, Babylon could be a symbolic designation of an existing city. Regardless of how it happens, one day, there will be a new global center of finance and commerce for the antichrist empire in a port city symbolized by Babylon. **[Revelation 18]**

That's who the harlot will be in the future tribulation, but let's go back to her roots and see how the Mother of Harlots is part of a spiritual hierarchy of fallen angels and demons ruled by Satan. These demonic powers never die, but they change names and faces to control the nations, generation after generation.

### **Tower of Babel, Nimrod & Semiramis**

The woman is called Mystery, Babylon, the Great, Mother of Harlots, which reveals that her roots go back to the tower of Babel, just after Noah's flood. At Babel, God confused the languages and scattered the people worldwide. When they left Babylon, they took the culture, religion, and politics with them, which made Babylon the mother of all pagan religions, cultures, and dictatorships. We have seen the daughters of the Babylonian harlot throughout the ages because the woman is a ruling spirit in Satan's kingdom. The Tower of Babel's political and religious systems, their paganism, and witchcraft have powerfully impacted humanity from Genesis to Revelation. The Babylonian harlot, a mystery religion, is like Satan's Eve, and she is the spirit behind the Harlot bride of the antichrist.

**Revelation 17:3-6** *So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. **And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast** which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **The woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and*

pearls, **having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.** And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Going back to Genesis, we see Nimrod, whose name means "he rebelled." **Nimrod** was a mighty hunter before the Lord, or more accurately, "against" the Lord. So, this Nimrod was a leader who rebelled against the Lord and was the world's first dictator and pagan religious leader. Nimrod had a vast empire, and two of his nations, **Assyria** and **Babylon**, centuries later would conquer Israel and Judah. Assyria conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and intermarried them with pagans, destroying their bloodline and identity as Jews. The Babylonians would lay siege to Jerusalem, burn and pillage the temple of God, and take the Jewish people into bondage to Babylon. Nimrod is the prototype of the antichrist.

**Genesis 10:8-12** *Cush begot **Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD**; therefore, it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD." And **the beginning of his kingdom was Babel [Babylon], Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).***

Next, we see the Tower of Babel building project, and we assume Nimrod's in charge because Babylon is one of his cities. Nimrod expressly wanted to centralize power and the population, saying lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the earth. He controlled the resources from one location, in direct rebellion with the specific command of God to Noah to fill the world with people.

**Genesis 9:1** ***So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the***

**earth.**

**Genesis 11:1-4 [Tower of Babel] lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."**

**Genesis 11:8 [Tower of Babel] So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.**

Nimrods look at people like bricks to build their kingdoms. Bricks are symbolic of slavery in the Bible [Exodus 5:4-21] and could represent human systems to mass produce multitudes of followers who will conform to an institutional mold like mindless zombies coming off an assembly line without individuality, character, or free will. They exist as part of the crowd, nameless, voiceless, as supporters to prop up the Dictator's agenda. More bricks mean a higher tower, up to heaven, to make a name for themselves. But the only name that is known is Nimrod's. The tower displayed man's wisdom, strength, and resources, attempting to reach the heavens to be like gods.

**Genesis 11:1-4 Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar [Babylon], and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."**

By contrast, God builds with living stones formed by his hand, and bricks or stones, cut or carved by man, were forbidden in his altars [Exodus 20:25]. Building the church is the work of God, which points to the contrast between the fake harlot church and God's people who worship in Spirit and truth. God transforms raw minerals into jewels and new creations in Christ, each with different gifts, callings, and fruit of the Spirit, and each one is a temple of the Holy Spirit, a sanctuary for the presence of God.

**1 Peter 2:4-5** *Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

**1 Corinthians 3:6** *Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

Nimrod built the tower in rebellion against God, and the height was to survive another flood. The top was in the heavens for religious reasons because the Babylonians were into astrology and astronomy and worshipped the Sun, moon, and stars. Building a tower to ascend to heaven was also inspired by Lucifer, the Devil, who rebelled against God by saying "I will" five times regarding how he would sit above the stars of God and be like God. Those were Lucifer's (aka Satan's) famous last words before his fall.

**Genesis 11:1-4** *[Tower of Babel] And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves,*

**Isaiah 14:12-14** *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! 13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most-High.' 15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.*

When God came down to the tower of Babel, he confused them with different languages (Babel means confusion), so they could not communicate. Then, he separated them into people groups by language and scattered them over the earth by regions. Those regions became various nations that remained separated because of the language barriers, conflicts, and wars.

## Babylon myth & mystery

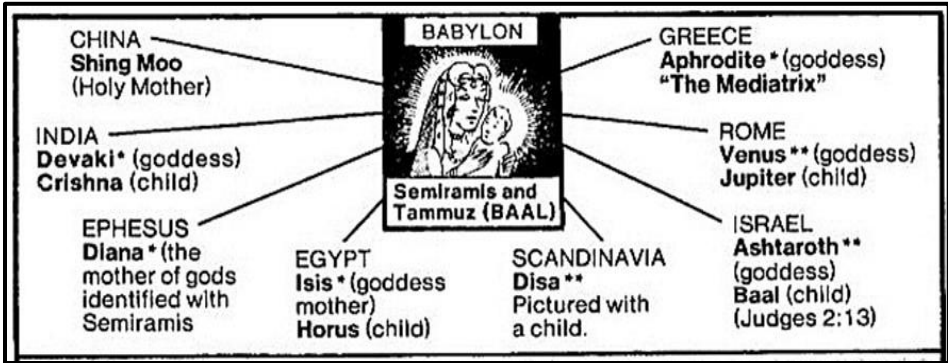
Except for Jesus, the King of kings, whenever all power is in the hands of one person, it does not turn out well, whether a Nimrod, a king, a dictator, a Pope, a pastor, or the antichrist. Nimrod was a dictator and became a deity in Babylonian mythology setting the pattern for following cultures. Without going too far into Babylonian mythology, here is a brief outline of what the legends say.

The story goes that after Nimrod's death, his wife, Semiramis gave birth to a son, and she claimed that Nimrod became the **Sun god**, the lord of heaven, and then he reincarnated as her son, who she named Tammuz. That's the mythology of the Babylonian false trinity, with Nimrod, the father; Sun, Lord of Heaven, with Semiramis as the **Queen of Heaven**; and **Tammuz**, the reincarnated son, usually seen as an infant. Semiramis and Tammuz became a mother and infant cult. It is possible that Semiramis knew the prophecy to Adam and Eve about the seed of the woman [Genesis 3:15] and usurped and corrupted it.

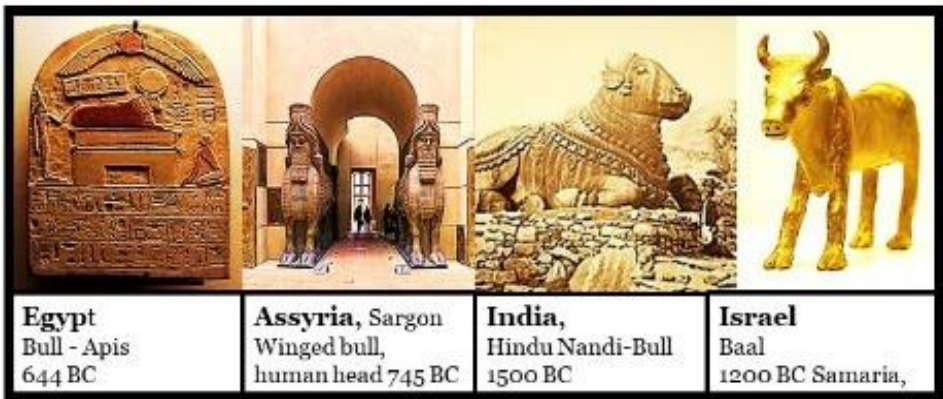
When God confused the languages and scattered the people from the tower of Babel, they spread the Babylonian false gospel to every part of the world with all its myths, paganism, astrology, idolatry, witchcraft, and occult practices. Since God confused their languages, the pronunciation of Babylonian names became translated into other languages differently in different countries. That is how the story of Noah's flood went around the world with various names for Noah, and that's also how Babylon became the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. The mythologies, religions, and cultures of Babel with Nimrod, Semiramis, and Tammuz morphed into every culture worldwide with variations of the story and different names.







**Genesis 11:8-9** So **the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth**, and they ceased building the city. Therefore, its name is called Babel [confusion], because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there **the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.**



## Golden calves, Molech, Baal, Ashtaroth

Semiramis morphed into a fertility (sex) goddess with her male counterpart, whose strength and fertility became symbolized by a bull. Israel's first encounter with the bull idolatry was in Egypt, but when God took Israel out of Egypt, the idolatry of Egypt was still in the hearts of some of the Israelites. While Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, the children of Israel reverted to the idolatry of Egypt and made a golden calf, the Egyptian bull god Apis.

The Israelites had a festival, ate, got drunk, got naked, and began to play (have an orgy). The Golden Calf incident was a display of paganism where people yielded themselves to the demons of eroticism. Let's compare the golden calf to our culture. We use animals as symbols of our countries or team mascots (American Eagle, Russian Bear, Chicago Bulls basketball, etc.), which can become idols. However, when it turns to idolatry, it opens the doors for demons, and the ungodly rituals (drunkenness, drugs, sex, etc.) let the demons come in. The ironic part of this story is that Israel was breaking the Ten Commandments while Moses was receiving them, showing the need for the new covenant under Christ. It also pointed to the spiritual deception and blindness of sin in those who claim to be people of God. The number of those involved in the Golden Calf incident was huge, and that sin cost 23,000 people their lives and their souls.



**Exodus 32:2** Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him **and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."** 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, **"Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD."** 6 So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. **Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.**

**Exodus 32:19** When Moses approached the camp and saw **the calf and the dancing**, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ... 25 Moses saw that **the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control** and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.

**1 Corinthians 10:6** Now these things became our examples, to the intent that **we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." 8 We should not commit sexual immorality (Greek = porneuo, pornography), as some of them did and in one day twenty-three thousands of them died.**

When the children of Israel were about to enter the promised land, God warned them not to get involved with pagan worship there. The pagans in the Middle East also had a bull idol, which went by different names and was part of the Baal and Ashtaroth cults, called Milcom, Chemosh, or Molech. The worshippers of these pagan deities would kill their babies, seeking a more prosperous life. Multitudes today abort their babies for similar reasons as the Baal worshippers: to have more money to spend on themselves, to be free of the responsibility of children, and to have a promiscuous lifestyle. A recent fad is called "DINKS," Dual Income No Kids, which falls right in line with the worshippers of Baal, Ashtaroth, and Molech. Currently, the number one cause of death globally is abortion.

The Baal and Molech versions of sex worship incorporated infanticide. They had a metal statue that had the body of a man with a bull's head seated in a chair. The body was hollow with an opening for a fire inside. Baal's arms were open to receive the infant, and he had a flat grill in his lap between its arms. After stoking a fire and making the metal statue red hot, the parents would place their child on the grill between Baal's arms. When the infant screamed in pain, drummers would pound their drums very loudly to drown out the sound of the screams of the baby. And, after the baby died between Molech's arms, then all the participants of the ritual would engage in an orgy.



**Deuteronomy 18:9** "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10 **"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11 "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 "For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.**

God commanded Israel to stone to death anyone who killed their children in the fires of Molech, practices witchcraft, is a spiritist, or is involved with any demonic, perverse, or pagan religious activities. God compares those activities to **spiritual adultery**, which is the connection between the Babylon mystery religion and the harlot church of Revelation 17 and all false religions. In the New Testament, James says that friendship with the world (pagan culture) is spiritual adultery, and the spiritual adulterer is an enemy of God.

**Leviticus 20:2** "Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, **who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 'I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. 4 'And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, 5 'then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech. 6 'And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.**

**James 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.** <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

## **Solomon's idolatry**

The children of Israel ignored God's command to destroy and remove pagan idolatry, and worst of all, the wisest man, the son of David, king of Israel, Solomon, was the person who officially introduced the worship of Molech to Israel. Solomon had 1,000 pagan wives who eventually influenced him to engage in pagan worship; he even set up an altar to Molech on the Mount of Olives, which they called the Mount of Corruption [2 Kings 23:13].

**1 Kings 11:4-9** For it was so, **when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods;** and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David. For **Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.** And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods. **So, the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel**

God was angry with Solomon and pronounced judgment by taking ten of the twelve tribes from his kingdom but postponed the sentence until his son Rehoboam assumed power. When Rehoboam came to power, Jeroboam led a revolt and took away ten tribes of Israel in the northern territory [1 Kings 11:31], and Rehoboam held on to the tribe of Judah in the south. The Levitical priests and all those who feared God went to the southern kingdom of Judah to worship in Jerusalem according to the Law of Moses.

## Jeroboam – golden calves

When Jeroboam took the northern tribes, they forsook the God of Israel, God's temple in Jerusalem, and the covenant of the Law. Jeroboam feared that all the people from the northern kingdom would return to Jerusalem and to the temple of God to worship.

**1 Kings 12:26-27** And Jeroboam said in his heart, **"Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: "If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam** king of Judah."

So, Jeroboam hatched a plan to create a pagan alternative to worshipping God in Jerusalem. He built temples to Baal, ordained pagan priests, and held feasts to pagan gods. He celebrated feasts on the same days as the feast in Jerusalem, and he made two golden calves and many pagan idols. The pagan feasts meant lots of food, music, alcohol, drugs, sex, and killing babies for Molech (maybe some fog machines, big screens, a rock band, and a woke preacher). Jeroboam's plan worked, and he kept the people in the northern kingdom from returning to Judah. (Do whatever it takes to fill the seats, right?)



**1 Kings 12:28-33** Therefore the king asked advice, **made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!"** And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ... **He made shrines on the high places [to Ashtaroth], and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi. Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah,** and offered

sacrifices on the altar. So, he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel **he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. So, he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart**<sup>2</sup> **Kings 17:16-17** **So they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, made for themselves a molded image and two calves, made a wooden image and worshiped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. And they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil** in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

Jeroboam built his worship centers in Dan at the northern extreme of Israel and Bethel in the south bordering Judah, just twelve miles from Jerusalem. He said it was too far to go the extra twelve miles past Bethel to Jerusalem to worship, and he lured them into a counterfeit religion that was an abomination to God. Jeroboam established a dynasty where he was the king and the high priest of a pagan religion that he invented by mixing Baal and Ashtaroah worship with Jewish religious holidays and worship. Every one of the kings in the northern kingdom of Israel did evil because they continued Jeroboam's sin of idolatry with the golden calves, Baal, and Ashtaroah worship.

Eventually, Jeroboam's tactics of mixing religions would backfire against Israel when the **Assyrians** conquered them. The Assyrians laid siege to **Samaria**, the capital of Israel, deported a large segment of the Jewish population, and replaced them with people from different nations [2 Kings 17:24-41]. The remaining Israelis intermarried with the implanted foreign immigrants and adopted their pagan culture and gods. From that time, the **Samaritans** lost their identity as Jews, were considered a mixed breed, became hated by the Jews, and were rejected from the genealogy of Israel [Ezra 2:62]. The tactic of mixing cultures and religions was an effective way of conquering people in the ancient world, as it is today.

## **Jezebel – Baal & Ashtaroth**

The Northern Kingdom of Israel did evil, and they rejected the royal line of David, so they were ruled by tyrants who ascended the throne by sedition and murder. They had bloody takeovers and power struggles amidst continuous moral decay and cultural rot. That led to Ahab, an incredibly evil King, and his wife Jezebel, one of the most wicked and vile persons in the history of Israel.

***1 Kings 16:30-33*** Now **Ahab** the son of Omri **did evil** in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. And it came to pass, **as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.**

Ahab married a pagan high priestess of the cult of Baal, Jezebel. The name Jezebel means Baal exalts; Baal is husband to or unchaste. So, the implied meaning of her name is the harlot wife of Baal. Also, Baal means Lord, but he is a fake lord, not the LORD God. So, people thought they were serving the LORD, but it was a demonic impostor. And Jezebel is a type of the Harlot church, the unchaste priestess wife of the Devil; she killed the true prophets of God, had 400 false prophets on her paid staff, and ruled Israel with an iron fist.

The narrative of Jezebel and Elijah runs parallel with the accounts in the book of Revelation. Jesus said Elijah would be a forerunner to prepare the way of the Lord, and some believe he could be one of the two witnesses during the tribulation. But even the mighty Elijah ran when Jezebel threatened to kill him, and likewise, the harlot in the book of Revelation gets drunk with the blood of the saints. Elijah prophesied Jezebel's death, which Jehu fulfilled when he trampled her to death with his horses.



**2 Kings 9:30-33** Now when **Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window.** Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?" And he looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So, two or three eunuchs looked out at him. Then he said, **"Throw her down." So, they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot.**

Jezebel	Woman, Harlot, Babylon & Tribulation
Jezebel: <b>whore, pagan gods &amp; sacrifice, witchcraft, sorcery</b> [2 Kings 9:22, 2 Chronicles 21:13]	Babylon the great <b>whore, sorcery, worships Antichrist/image/Satan</b> [Revelation 17:1-6]
Jezebel was both a princess & queen, ruled over <b>multitudes</b> [1 Kings 6:30-32]	Babylon over many waters, peoples, <b>multitudes</b> , nations, tongues [Revelation 17:15]
Jezebel was wealthy, her father & husband both <b>wealthy</b> kings [1 Kings 6:30-32]	Harlot-Babylon, <b>wealthy</b> , global business, shipping, buying & selling [Revelation 17&18]
Jezebel fed <b>400 false prophets</b> at her table [1 Kings 18:19, 22:6, 2 Chronicles 18:5]	That woman Jezebel, <b>false prophet &amp; teacher, depths of Satan</b> [Revelation 2:20-24]
Jezebel <b>persecuted, killed God's prophets</b> , threatens to kill Elijah [1 Kings 18:4, 19:1-2, 2 Kings 9:7]	Woman <b>drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus</b> [Revelation 17:4-6]
<b>Elijah prophesied Jezebel's death &amp; her children's death</b> (Mother of Harlots) [2 Kings 10:9-11, 1 Kings 21:17-24]	<b>Jesus prophesied Jezebel cast into great tribulation &amp; will kill her children</b> (Mother of Harlots) [Revelation 2:21-22]
<b>Jezebel trampled to death by Jehu's horses</b> , dogs ate her & lapped her blood [2 Kings 9:30-37]	<b>Jesus comes on white horse, feet of brass to trample Jezebel &amp; nations</b> , beast will feast on bodies [Revelation 2:18, 19:11, Isaiah 63]
<b>Elijah called for a draught, lasted 3 1/2 years</b> [1 Kings 17:1, 18:1, James 5:17]	<b>Woman goes 3 1/2 years in the wilderness</b> during tribulation [Revelation 12:14]

In the book of Revelation, Jesus, speaking to the church in Thyatira, warned that they had "that woman," Jezebel, in their church. Jesus warned that Jezebel was a false prophet and a teacher, and she was promoting sexual immorality in the church. Jezebel is dead, and there are no idols of Baal in modern churches, but the same spirit that worked through Jezebel in Israel is active in the church in these end times. Jesus revealed himself to the Thyatira church as having feet of brass, reminding the church of how Jehu trampled Jezebel to death under his horse's hooves.

**Revelation 2:18** *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, **These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:** 19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. 20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because **you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts.** And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*

Jesus said he would cast anyone in the church who associates with "that woman" Jezebel into the great tribulation unless they repent. That makes the Jezebel of Revelation 2 a prime candidate to be "that woman" in Revelation 12, 17 and 18. Jezebel is in the church, and she and her followers will be in the great tribulation as part of the harlot church. After Baal and Ashtaroth in the time of Jezebel in Israel, the mother of harlots had more daughters that spread from the Middle East, across the Mediterranean to the Greeks, and then to the Roman Empire and became central figures in their mythology, which have influenced the western culture.

## Europa – woman rides the beast

According to Greek mythology, Europa was a beautiful Phoenician maiden (from modern Tyre, Lebanon), and she and her helpers, other maidens, were picking flowers. When Zeus saw her, he was captivated by her beauty, so he changed himself into a tame white bull and mixed with her father's herd. Then he approached Europa. She began to pet him, and Zeus knelt before Europa, so she climbed on his back. Once she got on his back, Zeus took off and ran across the sea and ran to Crete, where he reverted back to his human form and then raped her under an evergreen tree.

The myth continues that Zeus had three children with her, giving her three gifts: a bronze automaton (a brass mechanized man, a robot, image of the beast? Rev 13:17) named Talos, who became her bodyguard. Zeus gave her a dog named Laelaps, who always succeeded in catching his prey, and a javelin that never missed (a guided weapon).

One night, Europa dreamed that two continents in the form of two women were arguing over her. Asia argued she was entitled to Europa because she was born in Asia. The other continent was nameless, and she said the birthplace was unimportant. Zeus settled the argument and named the unnamed continent after Europa, and that's how the continent of Europe got its name. When Europa died, Zeus transformed her into a cluster of stars, and then Zeus merged with her again; he took the shape of a white bull and formed the constellation of Taurus.



These myths still hold symbolic meaning in our current times. At the opening ceremony of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in England, they performed the myth of the rape of Europa for a global audience. They had a giant mechanized bull and a field of virgins, and the bull knelt so Europa could climb on its back. Then, the woman rode the red beast out of the stadium (like the woman in Revelation 17).

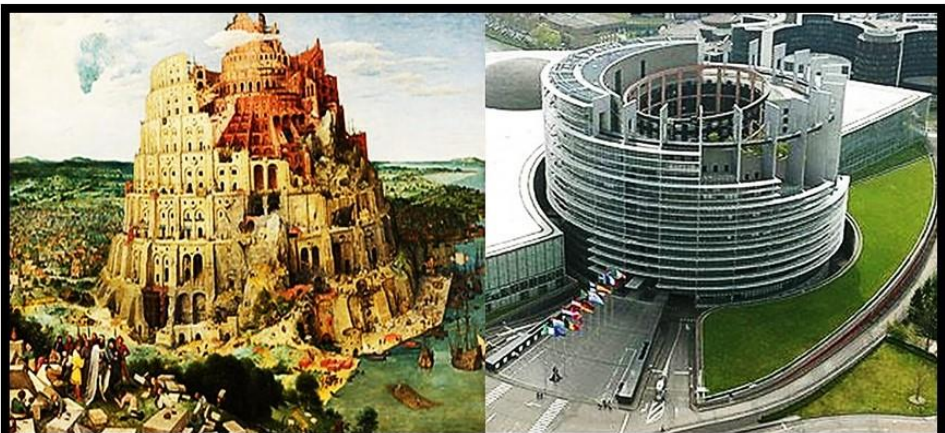


**Ancient pottery of the rape of Europa by Zeus**



**2022 Commonwealth Games Birmingham opening ceremony**

The Romans adopted Greek mythology but renamed the characters from Zeus to Jupiter, and they named one of Jupiter's moons after Europa; the Phoenicians also associated Europa with the moon. As a result, Europa could also be considered a type of the pagan Queen of Heaven. Many Bible teachers believe that the antichrist will arise out of a revived Roman Empire, which may be the European Union, NATO, etc. The European Union designed its Parliament building after a painting from the year 1563 of the Tower of Babel in direct defiance of God, the same as Nimrod.



**Tower of Babel – European Union Parliament Building**

The European Union flag shows heaven with 12 stars, the same number of stars as the woman in Revelation 12, and the 2 Euro coin shows Europa riding Zeus surrounded by 12 stars. The use of symbolism and mythology by the Europeans is intentional and possibly demonically inspired.



In the European Parliament zone in Brussels, they have a statue of the rape of Europa. In New York, the pagan symbol of strength and prosperity, the Wall Street bull, is rushing toward a young girl, showing that the same spirits are working globally.



## Catholic Queen of Heaven

The Roman Emperor Constantine rose to power in 306 AD. Legend says that before a major battle in 312, he looked at the sun and saw a cross of lights above it with the Greek words saying, by this conquer. Afterward, Constantine painted crosses on the shields of his soldiers, and they went out and won the battle. Many believe that Constantine's supposed conversion was a cunning political and military strategy to unite the Eastern and Western parts of the Roman Empire. Regardless of motives, Constantine became the leader of a divided empire. As a result, in 313 A.D., he made the Edict of Milan and granted tolerance to Christians, ending their persecution. In 325 A.D., Constantine ordered the Council of Nicaea to establish state-approved teachings to keep unity in the empire. That ultimately reinstated persecution against any Christian who disagreed with the state-approved doctrine and silenced opposition from anyone they deemed heretical, effectively taking Christianity hostage and turning it into the harlot religion of Rome.

The Roman government began paganizing the church, mixing it with Roman mythology, idolatry, and perverting the scriptures. Constantine incorporated the secular government hierarchy into the church, and the church became corrupted by selling leadership positions for bribes to ungodly men and politicizing church positions. Pagan temples became churches, statues of pagan gods became renamed after Biblical saints, and they incorporated the Roman pagan calendar over the Jewish calendar and holidays. The Romans paganized the church like the Assyrians did to the Samaritans in Israel.

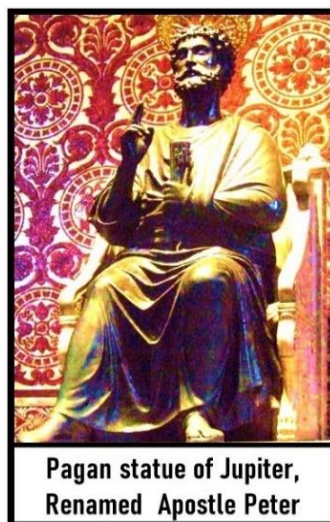
The Roman Catholic church began to venerate and idolize Mary as the mother of God, often showing her holding the infant baby Jesus and effectively perpetuating the pagan mother-infant cult of Semiramis and Tammuz that began in Babylon. Yes, Mary was highly honored by God to give birth to Christ, so she is respected, but she is not a god or God's mother, but a sinner who needed to receive salvation by faith, just like everyone else. The Catholics worship Mary,



light candles, and direct prayers to her, asking her to intercede for them, making her equal to God, which is idolatry. We should not pray to Mary or dead saints, use pagan prayer rituals like burning candles and incense, or count repetitious prayers with rosary beads. Each person should pray in secret directly to the Father in Jesus' name [Matthew 6:4-6].

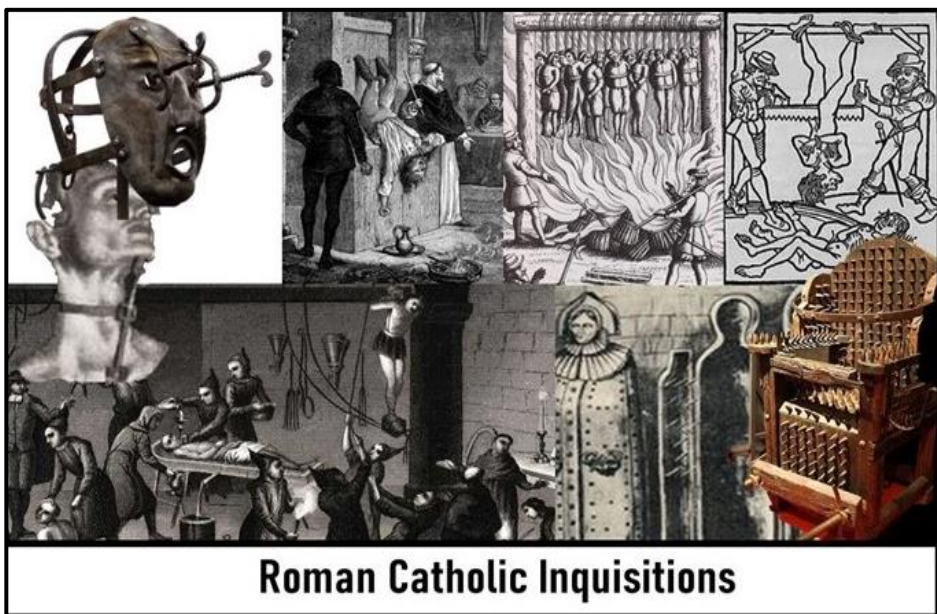
Christian church buildings did not exist for the first three hundred years of the church because the original Christians were persecuted and met in homes or wherever they could find refuge. After Constantine, the Romans converted their pagan temples into churches. Catholics also built massive cathedrals, which allowed them to restrict every aspect of ministry, teaching, and worship to the confines of a building. Then, they set up a church government with a hierarchy of authority to rule over the people, creating a priesthood that separated clergy from laity. The Roman church leadership hierarchy is pagan and is contrary to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles, who taught about servant leadership [Matthew 20:25-26]. Also, the church functions as a body where every member has a function, and every member is equally esteemed [1 Corinthians 12:12-31]. The whole church is supposed to be kings and priests to God, and Jesus commanded every believer to preach the gospel and make disciples [Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-18, Revelation 1:6]

The Romans took their pagan statues of Jupiter, Apollo, and Mercury and gave them Biblical names like Peter, John, and Paul and continued to burn candles and incense and pray to them as idols, as they had done for centuries. As time passed, they added to this sin by elevating dead people to sainthood, making them like pagan demigods, and praying to the dead, which is strictly forbidden and an abomination to God. Burning incense or candles before a statue, a cross, or a picture of any image is pagan idolatry and a damnable heresy [1 Corinthians 6:9].



After the Council of Nicaea, the official teachings of the Catholic Church became enforced by government powers, and dissenters became enemies of the state. The Catholic theologians held counsels or issued Papal decrees to justify violence in making their opposition recant and renounce their beliefs, accept Catholic dogma, or be tortured and put to death. Since they held all secular and church power, they kept the people captive and deprived them of religious freedom or independent thought. The Popes and priests did horrendous acts of cruelty in the name of God during the inquisitions of Christians while forcing conversions of Jews and Muslims.

The Catholic priests, Jesuits in particular, were responsible for millions of people being severely tortured or killed, especially from the 1100s to the 1600s. In those Dark Ages or medieval times, anyone who disagreed with Catholic teachings became labeled a heretic. The charge of heresy evoked an inquiry (torture), no trial, no jury, in a cruel dungeon with torturers as judges. The purpose of the inquisitions was to force a heretic to recant and renounce their beliefs or suffer a slow, painful death. Possibly, the most evil and cruel tortures ever invented happened to believers of Jesus who refused to compromise the truth in those dungeons. The Spanish Inquisition was most infamous for its cruelty.



**Roman Catholic Inquisitions**



<b>Catholic Heresies</b>	
<b>Mary Worship</b>	Virgin & Child, mother infant cult, Mary not god, not the mother of God, not intercessor
<b>Papal Succession</b>	Roman Emperor Nero had Peter crucified upside down, Peter had no successors
<b>Infallibility of Popes</b>	Claims by any human to be god on earth, sinless, incapable of error are blasphemous and antichrist
<b>Priestly Orders</b>	Separation of priest from laity (church congregation) was for power and control and unbiblical
<b>Celibacy of Priest</b>	All the Apostles were married but Paul, Paul said Bishops, Pastors should be husbands of one wife
<b>Purgatory</b>	Invented in 12 <sup>th</sup> Century, a place of cleansing of sin, scam, pay church money to get out of Hellish place
<b>The Inquisitions</b>	Protesters against Catholic teaching were labeled heretics, forced to recant or be tortured & killed
<b>Jesuit Priests</b>	The priest who conducted the inquisitions, torturers, killers of the opposition voices
<b>Latin Bibles</b>	Language and literacy were weaponized to keep uneducated ignorant, Bible translators were killed
<b>Transubstantiation</b>	Transubstantiation, belief that blessed communion bread & wine become literal body & blood of Jesus
<b>Confessionals</b>	1700s French – worthless, empowers priests, should confess directly to God and the person offended
<b>Indulgences</b>	Pay to play, prepay for forgiveness before sinning, fundraising fraud built St. Peters Basilica
<b>Penance</b>	Acts of attrition to pay for sin by afflicting yourself, useless, salvation by works, Jesus death alone forgives
<b>Idolatry</b>	No idols, statues or images of saints, Mary or Jesus, one of the 10 commandments, God is Spirit no image
<b>The Rosary</b>	Pagan prayer beads a ritual to count prayers, mindless repetitions, scripted prayers are dead religion
<b>Prayers to dead saints</b>	Jesus is the only mediator we can pray to; it is a sin to talk to the dead
<b>Prayers for the Dead</b>	The dead are either in heaven or hell, there is nothing that can change that
<b>Baptism</b>	Prerequisites repentance & faith, baptism represents burying the old life, by immersion not sprinkling
<b>Infant Baptism</b>	Age requirement, old enough to repent & belief in Christ, worthless tradition, only baptize after salvation
<b>Last Rites</b>	Person who is dying must repent & believe in Christ for forgiveness to be saved, rituals cannot save souls

We recommend reading **Foxes Book of Martyrs** (free downloads online). However, nothing will compare to the bloodshed that the harlot church will inflict on the saints of God who get martyred in the tribulation; the Harlot church will be drunk with blood [*Revelation 17:6*].

Many original truths given by Jesus and the apostles got corrupted, tainted, or replaced with traditions taken from pagan religions and canonized over time. Bringing back the buried truth cost the lives of many courageous reformers, but sadly, what remains of the reformers' sacrifice are the ashes of a fire that went out long ago. The movements, churches, and denominations created by the reformers have long since become cold and dead. In many cases, the institutions they left behind have become the same Harlot religion they fought against.

### **Circe – golden cup of sorcery**

The King James Version, aka the Authorized Anglican Version of the Bible, has been the gold standard for Bibles since 1611. But one word in that translation has had a profound negative impact on the followers of Jesus: **church**. The word church appears nowhere in the original Greek scriptures but was inserted into the English Bible by translators. The original word was **ekklesia**, which means called out, a congregation or assembly of people. Ekklesia speaks of people and has nothing to do with a building or an institution. So, for example, the correct reading of Matthew 16:18 would be, “And I also say to thee, that thou art a rock, and upon this rock, **I will build my assembly**, and gates of Hades shall not prevail against it (Youngs Literal Translation).

The word "church" is not in the original Greek text of the Bible because its roots are pagan. So, how did a pagan word replace the words congregation or assembly in our Bibles? Let's Follow the History: starting in **1382, John Wycliffe** translated the word ekklesia as chirche, which was in the Old English of his time. But Wycliffe did not speak Greek and translated from a Latin Bible into English (translation of a translation). That may explain why he used the word chirche instead of assembly or congregation. However, Wycliffe was not a proponent of religious buildings and institutions and spoke of the invisible church of the elect. The translations that followed

Wycliffe rendered the word ekklesia as a congregation:

### **Renderings of Matthew 16:18**

In **1526** Tyndale's Bible, ekklesia is rendered "congregation"

In **1535** Coverdale Bible, ekklesia is rendered "congregation"

In **1537** Matthew Bible, ekklesia is rendered "congregation"

In **1539** The Great Bible, ekklesia is rendered "congregation"

In **1568** Bishops Bible, ekklesia is rendered "congregation"

In **1560**, the Geneva Bible used the word "church." However, the Geneva Bible is unique for many reasons. First, John Calvin, John Knox, Myles Coverdale, John Foxe, and other reformers produced it in Switzerland. They had fled there to escape persecution from the Roman Catholic Queen of England, Bloody Mary. **The Geneva Bible was the first to separate into chapters and verses** (chapter separations only began in the 1200s). It was the first study bible with commentary on the side margins. But it had the books of the Apocrypha, a carryover of Catholic influence and errors, which may be why they used the word church. Fifty years after its first printing, the King James Version copied 90% of its exact wording, minus the Apocrypha. Shakespeare quoted the Geneva Bible, and the first Pilgrims to America brought it with them.

**In 1611**, the translators inserted the word church into the King James Version, and we will look at some of their motives. But before we do, we will go back a few years to get some background history. In **1526**, **William Tyndale** was the first to translate an English version of the Bible directly from the original languages. In **1534**, King Henry the 8th broke away from the Catholic Church, so He could divorce his wife, which the Pope would not allow. Ironically, King Henry used one of William Tyndale's writings as the rationale for the split from Catholicism and later killed Tyndale for his writings. So basically, breaking away from the Catholic church just meant Henry renounced the Pope and the Catholic church, renamed the existing churches in England from Catholic to Anglican, and appointed himself and his heirs as the head of the church and state. (Sounds like the Roman takeover!)

That was a time of persecution for true believers; anyone who challenged church authority or practice could be deemed a heretic and severely beaten, imprisoned, or killed. The church used Biblical ignorance as a weapon to have power over the people. Most Bibles were in Latin and not available to the



general public, and translating the Bible into English was illegal and considered a threat to the monarchy and church establishment. In **1535**, **William Tyndale** got arrested and jailed because he translated the Bible into English and for his other writings. In the year **1536**, William Tyndale was convicted of heresy and sentenced to be burned alive. When the executioner tied him to the stake, he shouted, “Lord! Open the King of England’s eyes,” the executioner then strangled him to death and burned his body afterward.

Just 75 years after William Tyndale’s martyrdom, King James became the head of the church. The Reformation movement had grown, and King James faced different factions struggling for influence and power between the Catholics, Presbyterians, Church of England, and Puritans, not to mention the British Parliament. That growing friction created political and religious problems for King James, and his highest priority as a dictator was protecting his power and the monarchy. With the advent of the printing press, people were getting Bibles in English with commentaries that James deemed unfavorable to the state and his Calvinist theology. The Puritans had Arminian leanings and were pushing for more reforms to remove more of the Romish Popery, and these Congregationalists sought independence from the state. Therefore, King James authorized a new Bible translation to consolidate the religious groups, strengthen his power, and suppress other Bible translations and unauthorized writings.

**King James** selected 47 Scholars and gave them 15 edicts controlling how they translated the new version. In the 3rd edict, He made it forbidden to use the word “congregation” as it had been in earlier translations. Also, anything that pertained to church

leadership got translated to influence a mindset that supported the king, orthodox clergy, institutions, and state-sanctioned university education of ministers with official ordination. Only officially ordained ministers could minister exclusively out of authorized prayer books; the king prohibited spontaneous prayers, music, or sermons, or offenders would face losing their pastoral career, fines, and imprisonment. The King James Bible was the only officially approved version, and James branded all other translations as seditious, like the Geneva Bible.

Before moving on, just a side note about the word “church” and its pagan origins, which existed in all the Celtic dialects long before its Greek counterparts. No doubt the word means a circle. The places of worship among the German and Celtic nations were always circular. The Druids had their Stonehenge, and the Celts and Saxons also met around stone circles to worship their gods. Many of the first English buildings for Christian worship were located on top of those same circle sites or built using stones from those sites. That may be why **William Tyndale** used the word “chirche” (circle) in his Bible translation written in **1382**. We also get the word circus (like a three-ring circus) from chirche, or in our conversations, we speak to our circle of friends or have a circle of influence. There is also another, darker meaning for this word. In the dialects of the Anglo-Saxon, it was circe, a small church, with circol, a circle. In the Scottish dialect, it was called Kirk; in German, it was Kirche; in England, it is the word Circe.



**Circe** was also the name of a Goddess in Greek mythology. Circe was the daughter of the Sun god Helios, the fertility goddess, and a sorceress. (sound familiar?) She supposedly lived and was buried on the island of Aiaiai, which was in a chain of islands within eyesight of the isle of Patmos, where the Apostle John was banished when he wrote the book of Revelation. Circe was famous for taming wild animals for her circus. She was said



to have the power to change men into lions, wolves, and pigs. She would seduce men to drink from her Gold Cup, which she had mixed with wine and drugs. After drinking from the cup, they transformed into a hybrid of man and animal. The men would retain their human senses but get trapped in an animal body. We don't know what the King James translators knew about Circe and Greek mythology, but one thing is clear: Circe and her story greatly resemble the Harlot of the book of Revelation.

**Revelation 17:3-6** ... And **I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast** ... The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.** And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. **I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.** And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

**Revelation 18:3** "For all the nations **have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication,**

**Revelation 18:6** "Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; **in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.**

**Revelation 18:23** For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for **by your sorcery** all the nations were deceived. "And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

The King James Version [KJV] forever altered the English vocabulary by using the word "church" instead of the original Greek word meaning congregation. The word church is permanently ingrained in the culture now. We must use the word church if we want people to relate to what we are saying. It may be semantics, but it has a profound psychological impact on how we think. All that to say, most Christians are "**institutionalized,**" meaning they are programmed

to think of the church as an institution, a building, a denomination, rituals, or traditions. On the contrary, the "ekklesia" is people, a family gathering of believers, a congregation, an assembly of believers for fellowship and encouraging each other's faith. There are other words that the interpreters used to satisfy King James's requirements, and they are subtle, almost subliminally creating the institutional mindset.

People exposed to institutional religious control and manipulation over a long time may develop a mindset of corporate salvation and indoctrination, becoming mentally hostage to the institution. Israel came out of Egypt, but it took years to get Egypt out of Israel. Unfortunately, many churches and ministries hold their people hostage to traditions and teachings designed to control, fleece, and create dependence on the organization or minister rather than focusing on evangelism and discipleship. Most people who have become institutionalized are unaware of their situation. Discerning religious bondage and errors, while embedded in any group, requires a willingness to ask questions, forge a renewed mindset, and be transformed by becoming a new creation in Christ, focusing on Jesus, being filled with the Spirit, and devouring the word of God.

**Matthew 24:4** *And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.*

**Romans 12:2** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**2 Corinthians 10:4** *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

**Colossians 3:9-10** *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the*

*image of Him who created him,*

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

We have followed the woman called Mystery Babylon from the Tower of Babel to our present day. The harlot church is a wolf in sheep's clothing. The people of God have bowed before her altars in ancient Israel and Rome and worldwide for so long that she has subtly become the norm in society. Her deceptions have become so acceptable that people don't know the difference between the Harlot church and the Bride of Christ. Meanwhile, we are in the midst of a global revolution orchestrated by Satan to usher in the Antichrist. Satan will use the religious leaders of the harlot church to influence their followers to accept the Antichrist. When the false prophet arrives, he will force all the world's religions to worship the Antichrist or get beheaded.

The harlot religion will consist of billions of people, who comprise a large percentage of the world's population. Currently, the world's religions have about 1.9 billion Muslims, 1.2 billion Hindus, 500 million Buddhists and 2.4 billion Christians, of which about 1.4 are Catholics, about six billion people, not counting the myriads of lesser-known religions.

**Revelation 17:15** *Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues."*

**Revelation 13:12** *[the False Prophet] And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast [Antichrist], whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was*



**granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**



The entire world will worship the Antichrist during the tribulation or die. All the Catholics, religious denominations, independents, Muslims, Hindus, pagans, etc., will be part of the "coexist" world coalition of religions that bow to the Antichrist. They will be deceived by thinking they are doing the right thing by following the crowd and all the religious leaders, denominations, and institutions. Born-again believers in Jesus who remain faithful to Christ will get persecuted by the other religions, the woman, the harlot church will get drunk with the blood of the saints.

**Revelation 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration**

After Hitler came to power, in less than a year, most of the German churches replaced the Bible and Jesus with Hitler, Nazi propaganda, and antisemitism. It's stunning how fear and self-preservation can change people. Hitler, Moa, and Stalin killed tens of millions of people. The Antichrist will kill billions, and he will be the incarnation of Satan on Earth, and demons will torment men; there will be starvation, plagues, and natural disasters. There is no comparison of any time in history to the hell that gets released on Earth at that time. Every religion worldwide will get forced to worship the Antichrist, but he will kill them anyway.

## War against Babylon Mother of Harlots

The Antichrist works with the woman; coming out of the wilderness, she rides on the Beast's back, and he carries her. The leaders of the world's religions prostitute themselves and their religious influence over their people to push their sheep to the Antichrist to save their necks. Think of all the Lutheran Pastors who sold their souls and churches to Hitler to save their necks; where are they now? (it rhymes with Hell)

***Revelation 17:1** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, **"Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,** <sup>2</sup> "with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." <sup>3</sup> So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And **I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast** which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

The woman is drinking from a golden cup, which speaks of communion for Christians. At the Last Supper, Jesus took a cup of wine and said it represented the blood he would shed for the forgiveness of sins [1 Corinthians 11:25-27]. But the Harlot's cup is full of the blood of the saints she killed, and she is drunk with murder. Combining all the world's religions into one cup is a dangerous concoction.

Some of these religious groups are mortal enemies and have slaughtered each other for centuries. When it comes time to bow to the Antichrist, the False Prophet's executioners will gladly kill the heretics, Christians, and Jews that they already hate. You can imagine an Islamist terrorist who believes that the Antichrist is the Twelfth Imam, the Mahdi, and if he sees a Christian who refuses to bow to his Mahdi, he will gladly torture and take his head off with a sword. It will be open season to kill the believers in Jesus, and there will be a great multitude of martyrs, and fake religious people will be responsible for their share of bloodshed, as they have throughout history.

**Revelation 17:4** **The woman** was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand **a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.** And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

**Revelation 13:15** He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak **and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed**

**Revelation 20:4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. **And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

The Antichrist and the ten kings (horns) will be secular politicians or oligarchs under the influence of Satan, and they hate the Harlot (religious people). Once the Beast firmly controls the multitudes, he and the ten kings will destroy, humiliate, and burn down all the religious institutions of the woman. Then, the kings will give their total allegiance to the Antichrist, and all the ten kings unite behind the Antichrist and agree to surrender their kingdoms to him.

**Revelation 17:16** **"And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.**

## Judgment of Babylon

When Jesus comes to judge the nations, Babylon, the Mother of Harlots, the world's financial center, will be one of the first cities slated for judgment, wrath, and destruction. Babylon is also addressed as a woman, as God issues the final warning for his people to get out of her and then unleashes his judgment against Babylon. Babylon gets demolished, and all the trade ports, cargo ships, cyber-infrastructure, and people go up in smoke in one day. When Babylon falls, the merchants of the earth will weep for the loss of their wealth, and the ruins of Babylon will become a prison and haunt for demons.

***Revelation 18:1** After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. **2** And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "**Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** **3** "**For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.**" **4** And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.***

Besides the miscellaneous merchandise, Babylon was a center for exporting sorcery, drugs, and deception. They also sold the bodies and souls of men. which raises some questions. How does one person sell another person's soul? Whatever it is, it must be demonic. Selling the bodies could be slavery, prostitution, child trafficking, and organ harvesting. Organ harvesting may be the most insidious. There have been reports that people within organizations like Planned Parenthood have sold organs harvested from aborted babies for large sums of money. There have also been reports of adult political prisoners in China, Muslim Uyghurs, getting executed to sell their body parts. People will be property whose organs and souls are for sale. The financial capital of the Devil incarnated, the Beast system will be more wicked than we can imagine, and God will destroy her in one hour.

**Revelation 18:8** *"Therefore her plagues will come in one day death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ... and bodies and souls of men. ... 17 'For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ... Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour, she is made desolate."*

There are interesting similarities between the next verse and recent events. This verse speaks of the merchants of Babylon as the great men of the earth. The word for merchant relates to a supplier, not a retailer, so they represent big business or a global corporation. The merchants were great men of the earth, so they could be considered global elites or oligarchs. These global elites deceived all the nations by their sorcery. The Greek word for sorcery is pharmakeia, our root word for pharmacy, pharmaceuticals, and drugs.

**Revelation 18:23** *... For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.*

So, when we put all that together, we have global elites who are with big pharma, international pharmaceutical manufacturers who get filthy rich by deceiving the whole world with their DNA-altering injection to protect the world from a pandemic they created that would kill less than 1% of the population. But these global elites would double the wealth of the world's top 10 wealthiest men by shutting down small businesses, deeming them non-essential, and taking their profits. They would also roll out this plan globally, with every country participating and shutting down their countries simultaneously, observing all the same mandates and restrictions, implementing what became a global medical tyranny that gave emergency powers to governments, allowing them to bypass all their national laws and exercise dictatorial powers over their subjects, which powers did not get expunged but lie dormant until the next

created pandemic.

Wow! Did we read too much into that verse? That's crazy! Nothing like that could ever happen, right? But if something like that did happen, they would probably use it as a test run to preprogram the people for the next crisis, tweak some things, and repeat until they have a global government with global agencies to protect the public from the problems they make, with the added benefit of making the global elites and governments more wealthy and powerful.

Those crazy fictitious merchants! You would think they were trying to create a Marxist global government or something. If they did do something like that, God would probably judge and destroy them and their evil system, and he would probably do it in one day!

Speaking of judgment, that and the salvation of the Jews are the primary purposes of the tribulation. When Jesus returns, he will reveal himself to the Jews, and they will get saved; then, he will destroy the armies of the antichrist and will cast the antichrist and false prophet alive into the eternal lake of fire. After that, Jesus will judge the nations. Jesus divided people into two groups: sheep versus goats, wheat versus tares, light versus darkness, lost versus saved. Jesus compared it to a harvest. The harvest is a process that lasts for a season, from the rapture to the second coming of Christ. God will separate the wheat, his children, from the tares, Satan's children. The two groups look the same and are mixed and grow together in the same field, the world. The two groups are often intermingled in the same church building, sitting on the same pews, but one will get taken, and one left behind [Matthew 24:40-42]. Jesus explained this separation process in the parable of the wheat and tares.

**Matthew 13:24** Another parable He (Jesus) put forth to them, saying: **"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ... 27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The**

**servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 'But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"**

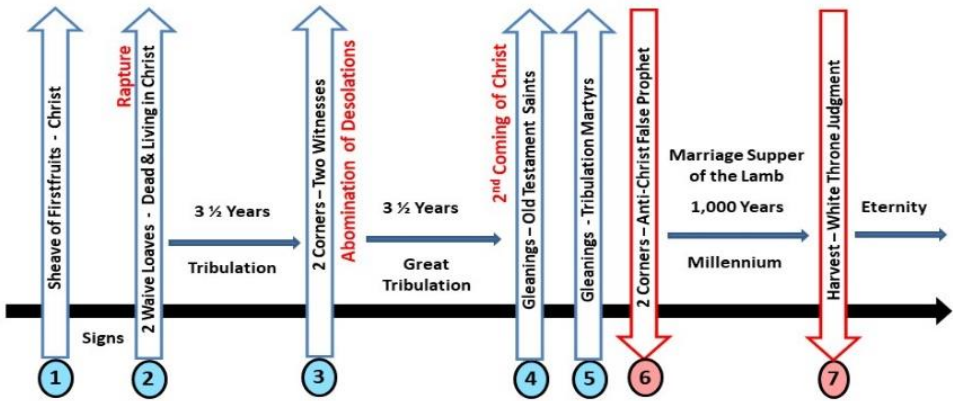
The disciples had difficulty understanding this parable and asked Jesus for an interpretation. So, Jesus gave more details, identifying the parties involved and what will happen in the future.

**Matthew 13:36** *Then Jesus ... answered and said to them:*  
**"He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"**

God's children and Satan's children have always existed side by side in the world; both occupy the same field until the harvest at the end of the age. The end of the age is the second coming of Christ. When the time is right, the harvest or resurrection will happen in stages, with each group resurrected in a particular order. In the order of resurrections, Christ is the first of the first fruits, a single sheaf of wheat. Next will be the first fruits, two loaves of bread, the dead and living in Christ at the rapture. Following that are the two witnesses, the tribulation martyrs and the Old Testament saints, who are resurrected by Christ and taken to the marriage supper of the Lamb

at the second coming of Christ.

### Order of Resurrections – Laws of the Harvest



Order of Resurrections (1 Corinthians 15:23) / Laws of the Harvest (Leviticus 23)

- = 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection - Judgment Seat of Christ - All Saints - (2 Corinthians 5:10)
- = 2<sup>nd</sup> Death - Great White Throne - All Sinners (Revelation 20:5)

Then Christ will judge the nations by gathering the tares, first casting the Antichrist and false prophet into the Lake of Fire, destroying the world's armies, the beast's government infrastructure and idolatry, and everything that offends God. Then Jesus will send the angels to gather the remaining wheat and tares, sheep and goats, righteous and wicked, to the Valley of Jehosaphat [Joel 3:12-14], where Christ will sit on the throne of His Glory and judge the nations [Matthew 25:31-46]. The tares, goats, will be gathered together and sent to the fires of hell to await the final judgment at the Great White Throne [Revelation 20:11-15]. The sheep will get escorted into the barn, that is Millennium, to live during the one-thousand-year reign of Christ on the earth, where they will shine [Revelation 20:1-6].

We can see how the wheat and tares have intermingled throughout history and follow a repeated pattern. Over and over, the tares infiltrate God's field to destroy his wheat, the children of God. The evil spirits behind the tares of idolatry, pagan religions, and authoritarian government find a way to intermingle and grow in God's field with God's people. The tares have one purpose: to deceive, damage, and destroy the wheat. Israel comingled with Baal and Ashtaroth,



and pagan Rome hijacked the early church and took it into hostage. Today, like the days of Lot, sodomy, perversion, and cultural rot have been planted into the church. Meanwhile, violence and lawlessness on the streets, wars, famines, and global political power struggles are Satan's seeds that are growing to establish the Antichrist's empire, creating a revolution that leads to global fascism, a Marxist dictatorship with a unified coalition of the world's religions. It is the same ancient demons wearing a different mask; they are behind the scenes planting tares in the field. And thank God, Jesus will pull us out of the field before he sets the tares on fire.

## **The Man Child**

Back to the beginning of Revelation 12, let's consider who the manchild is. We first notice that the Dragon is not concerned about the woman, who is "with child," but is obsessed with the manchild who will separate from her. That speaks volumes; this child is a higher priority target to Satan, possibly because, as we have previously suggested, this woman may be compromised, and there are prophecies that this manchild will be caught up (harpazo, raptured) to God and his throne. Satan knows the prophecies, and he will try to prevent it from happening, but he can't stop it.

***Revelation 12:2, 4-5 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.... and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up [harpazo] unto God, and to his throne.***

Some teach that the manchild is Jesus. Besides the fact that Jesus' earthly ministry happened over 2,000 years ago and is not a future prophecy, there are other problems with that interpretation. The Greek word for "caught up" is **harpazo**. The first Bible translation from Greek to Latin translated the word harpazo as rapturo, and then from Latin to English, the word rapturo became translated as the **rapture**. Harpazo means to seize, catch away, or violently take by force.

**Matthew 11:12** "And from the days of John the Baptist until now **the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force (harpazo).**

Nobody could ever grab, seize, or capture Jesus violently by force. Christ is the one who will do all the snatching when he takes his bride out of this cesspool of sin and takes her to heaven. And, no one could ever lay a hand on him. Also, in Revelation 12, the man-child ascends immediately to Heaven; Jesus didn't immediately ascend after his birth. Jesus lived 33 years, was crucified, died, was buried, and descended first to Hell. Three days later, he ascended to Heaven by HIS mighty power. Death, the grave, and Hell could not hold Jesus down because of the exceeding greatness of his resurrection power. Jesus voluntarily laid down his life and took it up again to ascend far above all principality, power, might, dominion, and name.

**John 10:17** [Jesus' speaking] "Therefore My Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.** This command I have received from My Father."

**Ephesians 4:8-10** Therefore He says: **"When He ascended** on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" what does it mean but that **He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens,** that He might fill all things.)

**Ephesians 1:19-21** ... and **what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.**

**Romans 1:4** [Jesus]... **declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.**

Another argument they make for Jesus to be the man-child is that the text says the man-child will rule all nations with a rod of iron. But previously, in Revelation chapter 2, Jesus promised those who would overcome the Jezebel spirit that he would give them power over the nations, and they shall rule them with a rod of iron. Jesus promised to reward his disciples with positions of authority, that they would sit on 12 thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel, and that some faithful believers would rule over ten cities and others over five cities [Luke 19:17-19].

**Revelation 2:25-27** [Jesus to the Thyatira church] "But hold fast what you have till I come. "And **he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron;** They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' as I also have received from My Father;

**Matthew 19:28** So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, **you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

**Luke 22:28-30** "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, **"that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

Some say the manchild is the nation of Israel, which was born on one day, May 14, 1948. That's true; Israel was born in a day, but they did not get raptured to heaven on that day. Israel is a secular nation; they will enter the tribulation by confirming a covenant with the Antichrist, and they convert to Christ at the end of the tribulation so they are not the manchild.

The manchild goes straight to heaven, so there's no evidence they got martyred first. And the martyrs are killed one by one, not as a group, and they will get martyred throughout the tribulation. Therefore, the tribulation martyrs are not the manchild.

There is another group, the remnant of her seed, the offspring of the woman, who had the testimony of Jesus, but they were left behind when the manchild got caught up in heaven; they are not the manchild.

**Revelation 12:17** *And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Regarding the manchild, after this group gets snatched off the earth, harpazo, and raptured, three different allotments of 3 1/2 years are assigned to three distinct groups. Determining when each group's 3 1/2 year assignment takes place will help identify when the manchild gets caught up and who they are.

The two witnesses are the first group we'll look at. They are assigned 3 1/2 years of authority. They will have the power to call for droughts and plagues and to kill their enemies by calling down fire from heaven. At the end of the two witnesses' ministry, they get killed by the antichrist, ending their 3 1/2 years of authority.

**Revelation 11:3** *"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 1/2 years), clothed in sackcloth. ... 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. and if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. 7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.*



The correlation between the witnesses and the Antichrist is that the two witnesses have the authority to kill their enemies until the Antichrist kills them. Then, the Antichrist has the authority to kill the saints for the last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation. So, that places the two witnesses' ministry in the first 3 1/2 years and the Antichrist's authority to kill in the second 3 1/2 years.

**Revelation 13:1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And **I saw a beast (antichrist) rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns,** and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. **The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.** ... 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, **and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months (3 1/2 years).** 7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

The two witnesses lived in Jerusalem and had the power to kill their enemies, so they were like the city's guardians. So, when the Antichrist comes up from the bottomless pit, empowered by Satan, he kills the two witnesses, goes into the holy place in the temple, sets up an image of himself, declares himself god, and demands to be worshipped. Jesus and Daniel called this the abomination of desolation. After that, Jerusalem and the temple grounds will get trampled by the Gentiles for 3 1/2 years. The verses with the death of the two witnesses are not in sequence, with the verses of Jerusalem

and the temple grounds getting trampled.

**Revelation 11:3** "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 ½ years), clothed in sackcloth." ... 7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

**Daniel 9:26** ... And the people of the prince (Antichrist) who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years of tribulation); But in the middle of the week (3 ½ year mark) He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

**Matthew 24:15** "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** ¶ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, (Antichrist) 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

**Revelation 11:1** Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2

***"But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months (3 ½ years)."***

So, the manchild gets caught up to heaven before the Dragon transfers his kingdom to the Antichrist in the middle of the tribulation. How long before? We would say at minimum 3 ½ years. We believe the woman giving birth refers to the harpazo or rapture of the church, then tribulation begins, and she spends the next 3 ½ years in the wilderness. That is the pre-tribulation rapture view. The woman represents all the churches and religions of the world, and the manchild is the bride of Christ, those who died **"in Christ,"** and the living who are found **"in Christ"** when Christ's return [1 Thessalonians 4:16-17].

***Revelation 12:5, 6 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up (harpazo, rapture) unto God, and to his throne. Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 ½ years).***

Now, we just opened up a big can of worms. Many teach that the book of Revelation flows chronologically from chapter one to chapter 22, so they form their opinions about prophetic timing based on that premise. You may have noticed we already gave one example from Revelation 11 regarding the two witnesses, where we see it differently from them. Yes, the seven seals, trumpets, and bowls are chronological because they are in numerical order: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. However, other passages appear out of sequence if there is a strict chronological order. Again, we are challenging the status quo for some people, but let's dare look at the scriptures from another angle.

First, all the standard teachings about the woman and the manchild use symbolism with Jesus, Jacob, Rachel, Joseph, and the eleven patriarchs, saying Israel gives birth to Jesus in the middle of the tribulation, after which the woman Israel flees into the wilderness,

then hides in Petra. (Side note: Petra is not a good hiding place if everybody knows about it.) If we follow that teaching, they have Jesus getting raptured in the middle of the tribulation. Really? As mentioned, Revelation 12 is a future prophecy, not a recount of history [*Revelation 4:1*].

If we move the time frame of the harpazo (rapture) of the manchild and say he represents the church, many theologians would go into cardiac arrest. But to say Jesus is the manchild and ignore a 2,000-year discrepancy between history and future prophecy, they have no problems. People are very strongly indoctrinated and opinionated with highly divisive opinions on these topics and seemingly becoming more dogmatic and emotional as we get closer to Christ's return. If you spend any time researching, you will see Christianity divided into different camps regarding the end times prophecies. We encourage open and friendly dialogue; iron sharpens iron, and we can learn from each other. As much as possible, and we should agree to disagree when we reach an impasse.

We believe the harpazo, the rapture, occurs before the tribulation begins, so let's examine the justification for that viewpoint. Placing time frames in the Book of Revelation is like walking through a minefield; some areas have safe footing, and others are questionable. Everybody speculates and makes assumptions regarding the prophetic timeline because we don't have concrete evidence. Admittedly, we only know in part, so here we go. [*1 Corinthians 13:9-12*].

Many Bible teachers create timestamps and chronological standards where none exists. They say the seven churches in Revelation chapters two and three represent seven dispensations of time written in a fixed chronological order. Without scriptures to support their theory, they stretch dispensationalism too far, putting time boundaries or fences where none exist. Similarly, cessationists have created a special dispensation for the gifts of the Spirit, which they say ended when the last Biblical apostle died. We have a different opinion; we find no scriptural evidence to support those theories.

The early church reformers had a saying, *solo scriptura*, meaning scripture alone; we should avoid going outside and beyond the scriptures.



Let's be clear: each of the messages to the seven churches has significance and importance to every generation of believers and is especially relevant for the end-of-time churches, and chronology is not a factor.

Our carnal minds cannot fathom the depths of John's vision without the Holy Spirit. The book of Revelation is a prophetic vision that can go back and forth from eternity in heaven to time on the earth, from literal to symbolic, and the vision seems to end and then start up again from different viewpoints. In chapter 10, the angel tells John you must prophesy again. So, he completed one viewpoint of the prophecy and began to prophesy again from a different perspective of the vision. And that form of jumping from one view and timeframe to another happens multiple times throughout the book.

***Revelation 10:11*** *And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."*

The judgments of the seven seals, trumpets, and bowls are in chronological order, but they overlap from the first seal to the last trumpet and bowl. For example, the first seal, the rider on the white horse, the antichrist, and his global government are the first to get released to begin the tribulation, and they are the last to get destroyed when Christ returns at the end of the tribulation. Likewise, the following seals releasing war, famines, and death will continue throughout all seven years of the tribulation. [see chart 1](#)\*

Another example of how the seals, trumpets, and bowls overlap is how the second trumpet blasts and 1/3 of everything in the sea dies [*Revelation 8:8-9*], then when the second bowl gets poured out, every living creature in the sea dies [*Revelation 16:3*] so, the second bowl completes what the second trumpet started.

In chapter 13, the beast (present tense) has the ten horns and authority from the Dragon Satan. In chapter 17, the ten horns haven't received their kingdoms yet, and they haven't given their kingdoms to the beast yet (future tense). So, it appears that chapter 17 is out of sequence and points to chapter 13 as a future prophecy.

**Revelation 17:12** "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 "These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

**Revelation 13:1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ...

So, back to chapter 17, we see that the Antichrist will get killed and ascends out of the bottomless pit (future tense). That prophecy is fulfilled in chapter 11 when he ascends from the bottomless pit to kill the two witnesses. Then, in chapter 13, the world marvels over his ascension from his mortal head wound (present tense).

**Revelation 17:7** But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

**Revelation 11:7** When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street ...

**Revelation 13:3** And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ... 12 And he (False Prophet) exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Then, going back to chapter 17, the ten kings unify with one mind to give their kingdoms to the Antichrist, as seen in Chapter 13 when Satan gave his kingdoms, the ten horns, his authority, and power to the Antichrist. So, after the Antichrist gets coronated and empowered, he goes to make war against the saints and slaughters them for the last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation.

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**Revelation 13:1** *Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. ... 4 So they worshiped the dragon (Satan) who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast (Antichrist), saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months (3 1/2 years). ...7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.*

Then, going back to chapter 17, after the Antichrist gets what he wants from the harlot religion, i.e., her followers, he throws the harlot off and turns her over to the ten kings. The ten kings hate the harlot; they will humiliate her, make her desolate, and burn down her institutions. Then, after they destroy the woman, it is repeated that at that time, they give their kingdoms to the Antichrist, which implies that this happens at the time of the Antichrist's coronation, in the middle of the tribulation. Suppose the woman gets destroyed in the middle of the tribulation that would end her 3 1/2 years in the wilderness. That implies that she gave birth to the manchild, and he got raptured to heaven sometime before tribulation started. That also means the destruction of the woman, the global religious institutions, and war to slaughter the saints immediately after the

Antichrist declares himself a god, sets up an image of himself, and demands worship or death. The first name on his hit list to kill is the woman, the harlot who sold out her followers.

**Revelation 17:15** Then he said to me, **"The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. 17 "For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 "And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth."**

**Revelation 13:7** **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ...**

**Revelation 13:14** **And he (the False Prophet) deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

If we back up to the woman's time in the wilderness, what was she doing for 3 1/2 years? She came out of the wilderness riding the Beast, showing she was in bed with the Antichrist. Then, she was wearing royal robes and had a golden communion cup in her hand that was full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication, and she was drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.

The cup was in her hand; she had a hand in the death of millions, and it was an intoxicating drink for her. The woman, the Antichrist's Harlot, the leaders of all the world's religions, will unify under the False Prophet (Pope?) to worship the Antichrist or die. These leaders betray their followers, deceiving them, and get them killed. After the Harlot betrays her people, the Antichrist betrays the Harlot to the ten kings who destroy her.

**Revelation 17:4** *The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.* **5** *And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. ... 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.*

**Revelation 17:16** *"And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.* **17** *"For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.*

## **Different views**

We see the prophetic time frame of the harpazo, the rapture of the manchild, as happening before the tribulation. Other factors also bring us to that conclusion. First, the manchild plays no role in the tribulation because he immediately gets taken to heaven. Second, we see a principle with God throughout the Bible: God will not judge the righteous with the wicked. God has not destined the bride of Christ to God's wrath, and all seven years of the tribulation are the wrath of God [Revelation 6:1, 16; 14:10]. Jesus will rapture the bride of Christ before the tribulation begins.

After that, those left behind in the tribulation will experience times of wrath and taste suffering. But God has mercy on a remnant of Jews and Gentiles that turn to him, and he will preserve their lives and

bring them through the tribulation to live in the millennium. God even shows mercy on the martyrs, allowing them the hope of salvation and demonstrating his mercy by giving grace and inner strength to empower them to be faithful unto death on their path to eternal comfort and rewards in heaven. Meanwhile, the ungodly in the world will suffer hopelessly in agony on their path to an eternity in hell.

We see examples of God delivering the righteous in the days of Noah and Lot [Luke 17:26-30] and with the plagues in Egypt leading to Israel's exodus. Also, note that most of the ten plagues in Egypt will happen during the tribulation. Here is a short list of scriptures showing how God spares the righteous while judging the wicked.

### **Noah**

**Hebrew 11:7** *By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark **for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world** and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

### **Abraham's intercession for Lot**

**Genesis 18:23** *And Abraham came near and said, [to God] **"Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked?"** <sup>24</sup> "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup> **"Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"***

**2 Peter 2:7** ***... and delivered righteous Lot,** who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) <sup>9</sup> then **the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who walk according to the flesh** in*

the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,

### **God judged Egypt, not Israel**

**Exodus 8:22-23** And in that day, **I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell**, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the land. **I will make a difference between My people and your people.**

**Exodus 9:4-7** And **the LORD will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So, nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.**"<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD appointed a set time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."<sup>6</sup> **So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.** <sup>7</sup> **Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead.** But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go.

**Exodus 9:25-26** And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. <sup>26</sup> **Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.**

**Exodus 10:22-23** <sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and **there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.** <sup>23</sup> They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. **But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.**

**Exodus 11:6-7** <sup>6</sup> Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. <sup>7</sup> But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, **that you may know that the LORD does make a difference**

**between the Egyptians and Israel.'**

**Exodus 12:23-27** <sup>23</sup> For **the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians**; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door **and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. ...** <sup>27</sup> **it is the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households."** So, the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

Moses	Elijah	2 Witnesses	Trumpets & Bowls
<b>Snakes</b> Ex 7:8-13	<b>Prophecy Jezebel</b> 1 Ki 21:17-24	<b>Calls for plagues</b> Rev 11:6, 16:19	<b>That Old Serpent – Satan</b> Rev 12:9
<b>Nile to Blood</b> 7:14-22	<b>Water/Drought</b> 1 Ki 17:1-4	<b>Water to Blood</b> Rev 11:6	<b>1/3 Fish/Ships/Water Blood</b> Rev 8:8-9, 16:3
	<b>Drought 3.5 yrs.</b> 1 Ki 18:1-4, Jas 5:14	<b>Drought 3.5 yrs.</b> Rev 11:6	<b>1/3 Waters/Poison Blood</b> Rev 8:10-11, 16:4
<b>Frogs</b> 8:1-14	←-----→		<b>3 Frog Spirits - false trinity</b> Rev 16:13
<b>Flies</b> 8:20-30	<b>Elijah rebukes Ahaziah for seeking help from Baalzebub - Lord of Flies, 2 Ki 1:1-3</b>		<b>1/3 Plants/Hail-Fire-Blood Sores</b> Rev 8:7
<b>Fire Kills Priest</b> Num 16:35	<b>Calls' fire/kills men</b> 1 Ki 18:38, 2Ki 1:9-12	<b>Calls' fire/kills men</b> Rev 11:5	<b>Sun Scorches men</b> Rev 16:8
<b>Boils</b> 9:8-10	←-----→		<b>Sores on those with mark</b> Rev 16:1-2
<b>Hail, Fire</b> 9:13-33	←-----→		<b>100 Pound Hailstones</b> Rev 8:7, 11:19, 16:20
<b>Locust</b> 10:1-20	←-----→		<b>Demonic Locust from pit</b> Rev 9:1-12, 16:10
<b>Darkness</b> 10:21-29	←-----→		<b>Darkness / beast kingdom</b> Rev 8:12, 16:10-11
	←-----→		<b>1/3 Sun Darkened</b> Rev 8:12, 16:8-9
<b>Thunder/Hail</b> Ex 9:23 24	←-----→		<b>Thunder Lightning</b> Earthquake Rev 16:17-19
<b>Red Sea Crossing</b> Ex 14:16, 22	<b>Plagues on Egypt not on Israel</b> Ex 8:22, 9:4-6, 11:6-13		<b>Euphrates River dried</b> <b>Kings of East cross</b> Rev 16:12
<b>Moses Body</b> Jude 9	<b>Elijah Raptured</b> 2 Ki 2:11	<b>Witnesses Resurrected</b> Rev 11:12	<b>Antichrist/false prophet</b> <b>Lake of Fire</b> - Rev 19:20



Finally, this was Paul's message to the churches: God has not destined us to wrath, but salvation. The manchild is immediately raptured to heaven and will not experience God's wrath in the tribulation.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9** *For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,* 10 *who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.* 11 **Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.**

So, who is the manchild? We have eliminated all the standard answers, Jesus, Israel, and martyrs, so who is left? Who would be the group of people who will get raptured before God's wrath and judgments get released on the earth? Who is the only group of people that the Bible explicitly singles out and prophesies will be harpazo, raptured in the future? We believe that will be the Spirit-filled church.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.* 17 *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (Harpazo) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord.* 18 *Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

**1 Corinthians 15:51** *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed* 52 *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

**Philippians 3:20** *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* 21 *who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,*

**according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.**

In this study, we present the pre-tribulation view of the rapture. We can agree to disagree with those who don't see our point of view as long as we agree with them on the essential doctrines of salvation. You can believe any view of the rapture you want, and as Jesus said, "Be it unto you according to your faith" [Matthew 9:29]. We will avoid a long, detailed study with every angle and view of every rapture theory. But we will briefly summarize some rapture theories of the most popular teachings.

### **Pre - Tribulation - prepare to fly**

Those looking for the pre-tribulation rapture expect Christ to come like a thief at night without warning; it can happen anytime. In a moment, a complete transformation happens. The dead and the living in Christ will be harpazo, raptured, and their bodies will be transformed into their eternal resurrected bodies while ascending through clouds to meet Jesus in the air. **The pre-trib people are watching, praying, and preparing to fly.**

### **Mid - Trib, prepare to die or fly**

Some believe Jesus will come in the middle of the seven-year tribulation to rapture them away. What happens in the middle of the tribulation? The antichrist commits the abomination of desolation, and he will have authority for 3 1/2 years to kill the saints. [Revelation 13:4-7, 15]. So, they believe they would go through the first 3 1/2 years of wrath. And, if they can survive the first judgments, starvation, plagues, and millions of people dying, they believe they will get raptured before the antichrist gets unleashed on a murder rampage against the saints. **The mid-trib people must prepare to survive or die, then fly.**

### **Pre- wrath - prepare to die or fly**

Some teach a pre-wrath rapture, which is a variation of the mid-tribulation view, and the only difference is that they believe they will get removed before the worst judgments and wrath strike the earth. They say pre-wrath, but in reality, all seven years of the tribulation are the wrath of God, with increasing intensity of pain, suffering, and death, escalating with each added judgment, reaching a pinnacle of

suffering, destruction, and death when Jesus appears to make war and judge the world. Like the mid-trib people, they may be preppers and think they will survive the plagues, famines, natural disasters, and millions dying to get raptured when Jesus comes. **The pre-wrath people must prepare to survive or die, then fly.**

### **Post Tribulation – prepare to die or survive**

Finally, some hold to a post-tribulation rapture that believes Jesus comes for his people after the tribulation period. They are preppers, possibly off the grid. Their strategy is to survive a massive percentage of the world's population dying or getting killed by starvation, plagues, wars, earthquakes, and possible radioactive and biological pollution, and should they survive, they will get raptured. Besides having terrible survival odds, one of the biggest problems with that theory is that at the second coming, Jesus returns to make war and judge the world [*Revelation 19:14, Jude 14*], his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, then he enters the Eastern Gate of Jerusalem [*Zechariah 14:3-5, Ezekiel 43:1-5*]. Jesus brings the saints with him at the second coming, and they come from heaven to Earth, whereas at the rapture, the saints go from Earth to meet Jesus in the heavens. Maybe they expect to go up and make an immediate U-turn to return to Earth. **The post-trib people must prepare to survive or die, then fly and fight.**

### **The no rapture people**

We will say upfront that the following belief systems are erroneous and full of deceptions. Some people don't believe there will be a rapture or a millennium, and those people fall into a few categories. There are the **amillennialism** people who don't believe in the 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth or the rapture. The **preterists** think that when the Romans destroyed the Jewish temple in 70 A.D., that was the fulfillment of all the Biblical prophecies. The **New Apostolic Reformation** (NAR) is another group that doesn't believe in the rapture. They think that they must conquer seven mountains of the culture and society and establish a global Christian empire before Christ comes back to reign on his earthly throne. Ironically, they have a seven-mountain mandate, and Revelation 17:10 says, "Here is the mind which has wisdom: **The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.**" So, the woman, the mother of Harlots, sits on seven

mountains; maybe they're unintentionally helping to build the wrong kingdom. **They will either do nothing or try to conquer the world,**

The Rapture / Church	Second Coming / Israel
Believers disappear	Christ appears
Unseen – like a thief	Every eye sees Him
Rapture, over in a moment,	Christ wars & judges nations
Meet the Lord in air	Rules on earth 1,000 years
Christ comes for his Bride	Christ returns with His Bride
Ushers in the tribulation	Ushers in the Millennium
Imminent – no warnings	Preceded by many signs
Message of comfort	Message of judgment
Program for the church	Program for Israel & nations
New Testament only	From Genesis to Revelation
Believers are judged	Nations & Israel are judged
Leaves creation unchanged	Creation is changed
Nations are unaffected	The nations are judged
Israel's covenants unfulfilled	All Israel's covenants fulfilled
No effect on sin in the world	Sin is judged, destroyed
Before the day of wrath	Christ executes God's wrath
Is for believers only	Affects everyone on earth

There are too many groups and teachings to cover; we will finish by saying most, if not all, of these types of erroneous teachings, are the result of **replacement theology** that says that God has replaced Israel with the church. We non-Jewish people, Gentiles, have been adopted into God's family by his grace and we partake of the covenants and promises through the Jewish Messiah, Jesus the Christ. God has an eternal covenant with Israel; God will never break his covenant with Israel and will never replace Israel. Also, Israel is the key to understanding the Bible, especially end-time prophecy.

Let's pick up where we left off from a pre-trib view. Returning to the harpazo, the rapture, the only future group we know for sure will be harpazo, raptured is the Spirit-filled church. Jesus gave himself to sanctify the church to present her to himself as a holy, spotless bride. Jesus will not marry Jezebel, the harlot church. The Bride of Christ will keep themselves from being defiled by the perverse culture and immorality so they can maintain unbroken communion with Christ. Can you imagine Jesus' spending eternity with a harlot? We used to be harlots [*1 Corinthians 6:9-11*], but now we are new creations in Christ, and the old life has passed away, and everything has become new [*2 Corinthians 5:17*]. The bride is dressed in holy and spotless linen garments and waits, watching, hoping, and looking for the day Christ returns to meet them in the air. If anyone lacks that love for Christ, they're lukewarm, apathetic, and backslidden, then maybe they're not the bride of Christ [*Revelation 3:15-16*].

***Ephesians 5:25*** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ... 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

***Revelation 19:7*** *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the*

## **saints.**

Jesus encouraged us to watch and pray always that he finds us worthy to escape what is coming and to stand before him. We could never be worthy to earn salvation for ourselves, which is only by God's grace. But we should watch and pray that he finds us worthy to be raptured and escape the coming wrath and judgment in the tribulation. To watch at all times and pray every moment requires a diligent and consistent effort by those who want to be deemed worthy. To do that, we must know what we are watching for by understanding the scriptures, following the signs of the times, and then faithfully praying about them.

***Luke 21:36 "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."***

Only God knows the precise standard for those counted worthy to be raptured. Any vagueness about the standard is likely intentional to keep us on our toes, living right, watching, and praying. If the manchild is the Spirit-filled church, then who is the remnant of her seed that had the testimony of Jesus but missed the rapture? We could put all professing Christians in two camps, and at various times: those who have the fruit of the Spirit and those who manifest the works of the flesh. Jesus said, by their fruits, you will know them [Matthew 7:16-20]. Only by the grace of God can we live by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which lifts us above the law of sin and death [Romans 8:1-3]. But those who intentionally gratify the lusts of their flesh, who live in open sin and rebellion against God, walking in hypocrisy while playing church, take the risk of being left behind and facing the great tribulation.

***Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you***

**now being made perfect by the flesh?**

**Galatians 5:16** *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.* <sup>17</sup> For the **flesh** lusts against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law. **19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

**Galatians 5:22** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

All those who want to get raptured when Jesus comes should realize the importance of dependence on the helper, the Holy Spirit, to make us worthy to escape with Jesus when he returns for the church. In the last few words of the Bible, the Holy Spirit and the Bride of Christ speak with one voice.

**Revelation 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

Something to note for those who want to escape the wrath and judgment of God in the rapture: we are not exempt from suffering and should expect and be willing to suffer persecution and even

martyrdom before the rapture happens. There are more Christian martyrs now than at any time in history, but martyrdom in Muslim, Hindu, and Communist countries does not get reported to the Western world. The tide of persecution is rapidly rising and spreading across the globe against Jews and Christians, especially after the October 7 massacre in Israel.

For those who try to live a godly life, there is a type of cultural persecution that grinds against the soul, a kind of social stigma, isolation, government retribution, and moral rot that creates an abrasive environment for the followers of Jesus in the secular society. Daily while living in Sodom, Lot's righteous soul felt vexed and grieved by the ungodly behavior and aggressive threats of the Sodomites. The Sodomites tried to attack Lot, but two Angels forcibly snatched, seized, and removed him from the rapists of Sodom. The angels blinded the perverts and removed Lot from Sodom before God sent fire and brimstone to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Similarly, Christ will snatch away the church before his judgment against the whole world, but we may suffer first.

***Luke 17:28-29 "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; "but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.***

***2 Peter 2:6-9 ... and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,***

As the overcoming church watches for the return of Jesus, we should feel like Lot, grieved and vexed in our spirit as we see the deluge of



perversion and wickedness flooding the earth. Also, our godly testimony will result in greater and greater persecution by the secular and religious world until the manchild is forced out and snatched up by Jesus to take us out of this wicked world. Until then, the fires of persecution and the fear of God will purify those who hope in Christ.

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yes, and **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.**

**1 Peter 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, **you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,** 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

**1 John 3:2-3** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, **but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

**2 Corinthians 7:1** **Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

The coming of Jesus is the blessed hope of his bride; all those who love his appearing will eagerly watch for Jesus to rapture his church.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 **teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from**

***every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.***

***2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.***

## **The Remnant & Martyrs**

Back to Revelation 12, we see Satan go after the remnant of the woman's seed, her offspring. These are those who also came out and separated from the woman, and they already had the testimony of Jesus, but they were left behind when the rapture of the manchild happened. This remnant also stayed separate from the woman when she went into the wilderness. As a remnant, separated from the woman, with the testimony of Jesus and obeying the commandments of God, they became the primary target of Satan, who declared war against them. There is zero indication that these are new converts; to the contrary, they already have an established testimony with Jesus.

***Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.***

So, who are these people? Whoever they are, there are only three possible outcomes for their future:

- 1.** They refuse the mark of the beast and die as martyrs for the testimony of Jesus and go to heaven. Also, note that dying as a martyr without faith in Christ profits nothing; an unbeliever who gets killed for whatever reason will still go to hell [1 Corinthians 13:1-3].
- 2.** They take the mark of the beast and go to hell when they die.
- 3.** There will be a remnant who survive the tribulation and become one of the sheep (Gentile) nations who will live during the 1,000-year reign of Christ on the earth

Let's focus on the group that will die as martyrs. We know there will be a great multitude of martyrs during the tribulation, but there is some controversy about who these martyrs are and where they come from.

**Revelation 6:9** *When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.*

**Revelation 7:9-14** ... *and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ... Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

Many Bible teachers believe that the multitudes of tribulation martyrs are new converts to Christ who get saved during the tribulation. Those who promote that theory say the most significant revival in the history of mankind happens during the tribulation. Preachers use verses like one that says an angel preaches the everlasting gospel to all the world. That is true; the angel preaches, but the verses in question say nothing about the result of his preaching, and there is no indication of any revival.

**Revelation 14:6** *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

*(No results given, on to the next angel)*

**8** *And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."*

They say the 144,000 Jews that get sealed in Revelation chapter 7 will be flaming evangelists; again, the verses tell us there are 12,000 from 12 tribes of Israel, and the 144,000 are sealed and protected by God, but there is no mention of any preaching, ministry, or revival. Perhaps their only job is to survive the tribulation, and maybe if they have a ministry, it will begin in the Millennium.

**Revelation 7:3 ... saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: ... 8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.**

**(End of the verses, about 144,000 sealed Israeli servants, with no mention of any preaching, repentance, or conversions; the next verse shows the multitude of martyrs)**

**9** *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

They also say that the two witnesses in Revelation chapter 11 will be evangelists. But we read that the Gentiles hate the two witnesses and exchange gifts to celebrate when the antichrist kills them. So, the Gentiles will not repent or get converted by the ministries of the two witnesses.

**Revelation 11:8** (speaking of the 2 witnesses) *And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 **Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three and a half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.***

But the Jews living in Jerusalem who were eyewitnesses of the two witness's resurrection and their ascension, followed by the earthquake, will be afraid and give glory to God, which may or may not suggest some Jews will get saved after that event.

**Revelation 11:11** *Now after the three-and -a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." **And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.***

Here is the problem with the "great tribulation revival" theory: no scriptures mention anything about a revival during the tribulation. The bottom line is that those who espouse the revival theory teach that ALL Christians get raptured, so that means there are zero Christians at the beginning of the tribulation. Their problem is giving an account for the innumerable Christian martyrs in the tribulation, and their best answer is that there must be a great revival rather than considering the possibility that not all who claim to be Christian will get raptured. And, if there is a historic revival with innumerable conversions, that also assumes that there would be a genocide of equal proportions with the same converts within a seven-year time frame, which is just adding one assumption on top of the other.

The tribulation revival theory attempts to justify some theological positions advanced by a particular creed that says Christians cannot lose their salvation; therefore, ALL Christians get raptured. Their assumptions are slanted to support their theology, which is OK; everyone has a right to their opinions. Here is the risk: they say that everyone who repeats a sinner's prayer is saved and will get raptured. You've probably heard preachers asking people to repeat the sinner's prayer on the television or radio, then giving assurances of salvation and the rapture without any personal contact or follow-up with the viewers or listeners.

That "repeat this after me" group prayer is like a factory assembly line or a fast-food drive-thru with a side of salvation; it's a business model of modern evangelism created by man. There is no sinner's prayer in the Bible. And giving lost souls a false sense of security with modern seeker-friendly tactics or easy belief-ism can be deceiving and destructive.

Yes, you can believe that teaching, if you want, millions do. It may be semantics over whether someone was ever "saved" or not. But giving out guaranteed salvations and unconditional rapture tickets by repeating a sinners' prayer, without people showing signs of repentance and getting born again, could be a formula for disaster. That said, we see no evidence of the Gentiles repenting during the tribulation, but on the contrary, we see the opposite: they refuse to repent, and they curse God.

***Revelation 9:20*** ***But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.***

***Revelation 16:9*** ***And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.*** *10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full*

*of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.*

So, where do the multitude of tribulation martyrs come from? In Revelation 12, the vision shows us a remnant who missed the rapture but has the testimony of Jesus. They are established Christians who, for whatever reason, were left behind. From our perspective, this remnant is the most likely group to become the innumerable group of martyrs. Were they lukewarm believers, hypocrites, prodigal sons who missed the rapture? Were they last-minute conversions like the Thief on the Cross? Or will it be a combination of Christians who missed the rapture and new conversions? We don't know for sure. What we do know is martyrdom is not a walk in the park. And, if it's hard to be a Christian now, how hard will it be when it costs you your life? These martyrs will make life-and-death decisions not just for themselves but their decisions will affect their families and loved ones, dealing with the choice between starvation, extreme suffering, and death or bowing to the Antichrist. Only the supernatural grace of God will enable them to be faithful unto death for the testimony of Jesus.

***Jeremiah 12:5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?"***

***Matthew 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

***Revelation 2:10 "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.***

Let's look again at the remnants that came out from the woman and got left behind after the harpazo of the manchild, who were believers before the rapture. For whatever reason, they missed the rapture, but they had the testimony of Jesus, and there is no mention of them converting to Christ at any time. Also, the scripture clearly says that Satan, being enraged, will make war with them; that makes them the prime candidates to become the great multitude of martyrs.

***Revelation 12:17* And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.**

There is one example where Jesus explicitly threatens to cast some of the congregation that belong to his church into the great tribulation. Maybe all the martyrs are like the brothers from the church of Thyatira who were in bed with a Jezebel spirit or had other sins. Jesus said that he would cast the unrepentant adulterers (church members) into great tribulation and kill Jezebel's children, her followers who are in the church. So, it appears that Christians who refuse to repent before the rapture will have to repent during the tribulation or face eternal judgment.

***Revelation 2:20-23* [church in Thyatira] "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. "Indeed, I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.**

## **Why so many warnings?**

If all Christians automatically get raptured, no matter how ungodly their lifestyle is, why are there so many warnings about living right, praying, and watching for his coming?



**1 Thessalonians 5:6** *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*

**1 Peter 4:7** *But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

**Mark 13:35** *"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning 36 "lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"*

Why be watchful? Why not just buy, sell, eat, drink, and do business as usual? What difference does it make? The difference could be between getting into the ark or drowning. When Jesus said to watch and pray "that you may" be worthy to escape the tribulation, he implied that there are some conditions and standards to be deemed worthy. Noah preached, warned, and moved with fear to build an ark to save his family and whosoever would get into the ark to save their souls. If Noah moved with fear to prepare the ark to save souls, then we also should be moved with the fear of God to live godly and get souls into Christ, who is the ark of salvation.

**Hebrews 11:7** *By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.*

**Matthew 24:37** *"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 "and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Why live holy if you'll get raptured no matter what you do? Why watch and pray? One YouTube preacher said that you can be doing

crack and watching porn when Jesus comes, and you will get taken in the rapture!!! Can you imagine how destructive that statement is to the people struggling with those demonic addictions? He gave them a free pass to sin! Does that preacher think Jesus is coming for the Jezebel church that's in bed with the Devil? On the contrary, the bride of Christ has made herself ready, and she will be a holy, spotless bride without blemish.

Yes, Christ's holiness is imparted to us spiritually by his grace. But we are responsible for living out that holiness before the world and growing spiritually by becoming more like Jesus. Without holiness, no man will see the Lord.

**Revelation 19:7** *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

**Ephesians 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

**Hebrews 12:14** *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*

The natural response of everyone with the hope of being raptured is to purify and cleanse their lives by walking in the fear of God.

**1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this*

**hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

**2 Corinthians 7:1** *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

We must heed the warnings that he finds us watching and praying to be ready for the rapture. Let's look at a few examples and note the distinctions between the sleepers and the watchers, the drunks and those who are sober, those who experience sudden destruction, and those who obtain salvation.

**Matthew 24:43** *"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:2** *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when THEY say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon THEM, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And THEY shall not escape. 4 But YOU, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake YOU as a thief. 5 YOU are all sons of light and sons of the day. WE are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let US not sleep, as others do, but let US watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let US who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint US to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

We could list many verses that give warnings and exhortations about watching, praying, and living worthy of the Lord upon his return. But making lists into legalism won't help. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit has to stir a person's heart to love Jesus, walk in the Spirit, and receive grace to be the bride of Christ. All the warnings are to wake up before it's too late. Sinners in the world don't know about Jesus' second coming; it is the church people who mock, saying where is the promise of his coming? They say they've heard about the rapture for years, and Jesus hasn't returned, or his coming is in the distant future. They mock as a way of dismissing the rapture so they can live an ungodly lifestyle without the fear of God.

**2 Peter 3:3 ... knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."**

**Jude 1:17** But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.**

Let's look at a parable that paints a picture that could explain who the bride is and where the martyrs come from in the tribulation. Be warned, this may not play out as you may expect.

## **The Ten Virgins**

Once again, we will challenge the traditional teaching and the status quo. We will put forward the premise that the parable of the ten virgins is a reference to the remnant who misses the rapture and not the bride of Christ. So, let's look at the text, context, and arguments, and you can form your own opinion.

In the early 1500s, they added chapter and verse divisions to the Bible; so, when Bible translators came to Jesus speaking to his disciples about the end times in Matthew (the Olivet discourse), it was one very long message, so they divided it into chapters 24 & 25. The context of the entire message is about the tribulation period in both chapters. The church is not directly mentioned in chapters 24 or 25, probably because the church will not go through the tribulation.

Those who subscribe to replacement theology, believing the church has replaced Israel, insert the church into Matthew 24 & 25, and they don't see Israel, so they consider the ten virgins to be the bride of Christ. But, nowhere in scripture is the bride of Christ referred to in the plural as the ten brides of Christ. Our position is that the bride is one, and there are ten potential bridesmaids. We will start with a few Bible versions to prove that point; the first examples add that the bridegroom is coming with the bride, and the others identify the virgins as bridesmaids, maidens, or young women.



**Latin Vulgate** (*This is the version that gave us the word rapture*)  
*tunc simile erit regnum caelorum decem virginibus quae accipientes lampadas suas exierunt obviam **sponso et sponsae** (**husband and wife**)*

### **Aramaic Bible in Plain English**

*“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be compared to ten virgins; the same took their lamps and went to meet **the groom and the bride.***

### **Douay-Rheims Bible**

*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet **the bridegroom and the bride.***

### **International Standard Version**

*Foot note: 25:1 Other mss. read **the groom and the bride***

## **Contemporary English Version**

Foot note: 25.1: Some manuscripts add **“and the bride**

**Wycliffe's Bible** (John Wycliffe translated from the Latin Vulgate). Then the kingdom of heavens shall be like to ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went out to meet the **husband and the wife;**

## **Bible in Basic English**

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins, **the friends of the bride,** who took their lights, and went out with the purpose of meeting the **husband.**

## **Weymouth New Testament**

Then will the Kingdom of the Heavens be found to be like ten **bridesmaids** who took their torches and went out to meet the bridegroom.

## **God's Word Translation**

"When the end comes, the kingdom of heaven will be like ten **bridesmaids.** They took their oil lamps and went to meet the groom.

## **Common English Bible**

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young **bridesmaids**

## **New Century Version**

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten **bridesmaids**

## **New International Reader Version**

"Here is what the kingdom of heaven will be like at that time. Ten **bridesmaids** took their lamps and went out to meet the groom.

## **New Living Translation**

“Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten **bridesmaids**

## **Good News Translation**

“At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there were ten **young women** who took their oil lamps and went out ...

### ***The Scriptures (ISR 1998)***

*"Then the reign of the heavens shall be compared to ten **maidens***

### ***Revised Standard Version***

*"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten **maidens***

### ***New Revised Standard Version***

*"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten **bridesmaids***

### ***Complete Jewish Bible***

*"The Kingdom of Heaven at that time will be like ten **bridesmaids***

Those translations speak for themselves and make a convincing case that the ten virgins are bridesmaids, not the bride. The parable doesn't make sense for ten virgins to be one bride. For example, have you ever heard of one man marrying ten young women simultaneously? How many women would get married if they had to share their wedding day and the bridegroom with nine other women? What bride carries an oil lamp (or torch) instead of a floral bouquet? Also, the word virgin means an unmarried young maiden, which in Jewish culture implies they were not even engaged to be married. An engaged woman was considered the same as being married. Joseph almost divorced Mary while they were engaged before they were married. That means these ten young girls were not espoused to the bridegroom and were most likely bridesmaids, maids of honor, or flower girls, but not the bride.

***Matthew 25:2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.***

The bridegroom came at midnight; who gets married at midnight? In the context of Jesus' narrative of the end times events, wouldn't midnight symbolize the middle of the tribulation? That's when the antichrist has the authority to kill the saints for the last 3 1/2 years of

the tribulation [Revelation 13:5-7], followed by the marriage supper of the Lamb [Revelation 19:9], which is the event the bridesmaids would attend. For those with the testimony of Jesus in the tribulation, martyrdom is their ticket to the marriage supper. At the second coming of Christ, the bridegroom, Jesus, will resurrect the martyrs and take them to the wedding feast.

These young women were asleep, and their lamps had gone out, precisely the opposite of what Jesus warned about, saying to stay awake, watch, and keep the lamps burning. Jesus also mentions the second and third watches, so would the rapture be considered the first watch, and the tribulation martyrs and Old Testament saints the second and third watches in the first resurrection? [Revelation 20:1-6]

**Luke 12:35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. 37 "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 "And if he should come in the **second watch**, or come in the **third watch**, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

When the virgins wake up and prepare to meet the bridegroom, they have a conversation; the foolish are unprepared and need oil for their lamps. Since the rapture happens in a moment, in the twinkle of an eye [1 Corinthians 15:52], when did the ten virgins have time for this discussion about buying oil for their lamps? Did they have a conversation while ascending through the clouds in a twinkle of an eye? No, they were flat-footed on the ground, not caught up to heaven. Also, who plans a shopping trip with the girls on the way to get married? They were not the bride; they were guests attending a



wedding reception, and some missed the opportunity to join the banquet.

**Matthew 25:8** *"And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'"*

In the parable, the girls try to chase down the bridegroom. In the rapture, Jesus snatches the church up. None of the rapture scenarios fit this parable, and the context of Matthew 25 takes place during the tribulation. The conversation about oil for the lamps happens after the wedding (rapture) when the bridegroom returns from the wedding to bring the guests to the wedding reception. Then the wise virgins go with him and enter the feast, and the door slams shut. Later, when the five foolish arrive at the feast, they knock at the door, and Jesus answers the door but says that he never knew them. Would Jesus ever get engaged without his knowledge of it? They were strangers, wedding crashers, and Jesus slams the door shut with the words that will echo in their souls throughout eternity, "I don't know you."

**Matthew 25:10** *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."*

**John 17:3** *"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."*

Let's take a closer look at the foolish virgins, and please allow us to embellish this story for the sake of illustration. First, they are virgins, which implies they are morally pure and sexually chaste. They belonged to a congregation of believers; we'll call them the church of

the Virgins, and the whole church lived holy lives. They probably said the sinner's prayer to make Jesus their personal Lord and Savior, they called him Lord, Lord. This church taught about the end times, and they were preparing for Christ's return. Each was equipped with a lamp to light their way and make them a light to the world. But after some time, half the church of the virgins became lukewarm, negligent, and apathetic; they stopped getting filled and let their lights go out. And when Jesus returned, the virgins who had gone dark fully expected Jesus to open the door and receive them with open arms. They must have been shocked when Jesus said he didn't know them. They cried out to Jesus, Lord, Lord, open the door! They claimed that Jesus was their Lord; what happened? They were moral, decent church girls who had been on fire for Jesus and full of oil in the past, but they let the oil run dry, and their flame died, and their lights went out.

**Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"**

The moral of this story is not primarily about the wedding or a sleepover for wedding guests. The most important message of the warnings is about salvation, staying awake, being vigilant, and watching for Jesus' return. We cannot live in blatant rebellion and intentional sin against God and have confidence that we will be ready to meet Jesus whenever he comes for us. It may be semantics; we may be saying similar things differently, seeing the same parable, and coming away with different viewpoints. The once-saved, always-saved people would say that the five foolish virgins had never been born again. But their logic that says someone can be doing crack, watching porn in open rebellion against God but still holds guaranteed irrevocable salvation is a gamble that is extremely risky and irresponsible. We would put the "Christians" with that kind of lifestyle in the company of the foolish virgins. They risk dying in their sin and losing their souls.

**Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."**

**Hebrews 10:37** "For yet a little while, And **He who is coming will come and will not tarry.** 38 **Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him."** 39 **But we are not of those who draw back to perdition (destruction, damnation), but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.**

There is another parable that deals with a similar issue regarding salvation. The prodigal son was a child of God the Father; he threw his inheritance away for a life of sin but later regretted, repented, and returned to his Father.

**Luke 15:11** Then He said: "A certain man had **two sons.** 12 **"And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.'**(his inheritance) ... 13 "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, **journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living.** 14 **"But when he had spent all,** there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, **and he sent him into his fields (pig pen) to feed swine.** ... 17 **"But when he came to himself (repentance),** he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and

*to spare, and I perish with hunger!*

Backsliders are like the prodigal son. They lost their way and ended up in a pig pen of sin. If they stay in the pig pen and die in their sin, they lose their inheritance and lose their souls. But if they return to the Father's house, God will run to meet them and take them back into his arms with a big hug and a celebration.

***Luke 15:18 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.***

While celebrating the return of the prodigal, the Father said that his son was dead; he was not physically dead but spiritually dead in sin. But the son repented and left the pig pen of sin, and when he returned to the Father, he was forgiven, reconciled, and restored to fellowship with the Father, so he became alive to God again. The Father did not join the prodigal in the pig pen, would not allow sin in his house, but waited for the son to change his life, leave the pig pen behind him, and return to receive forgiveness from the Father.

***Luke 15:23 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. .... (The older son speaking) 30 ... as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' ... It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"***

The once-saved, always-saved people would say as long as the prodigal son is in the pig pen, he was never born again, never had an experience with God, and had never been a child of God the Father. We say the prodigal son was a child of God who backslid and fell into sin, but the conviction of the Holy Spirit pulled him out of the pig pen and brought him to repentance and restoration with God the Father.

Semantics? A person's free will and choices determine their lifestyle and consequences, whether they choose to be a faithful, obedient child of God or choose a life of disobedience, rebellion, and sin. There are consequences for prodigals, especially if they stay in the pig pen. It would be better to have never been a born-again child of God than to return to wallowing in the pig pen as a backslider or a hypocrite after being born again.

***2 Peter 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."***

When Jesus returns, it is not as a suffering servant or a sacrificial lamb but as the King of kings, Lord of Lords, master, and judge of all the earth. The believers will get judged for rewards, the unbelievers will get judged for punishment, and each person's judgment is determined by what they know and have done. When Jesus returns the Bride of Christ, tribulation martyrs and Old Testament saints will receive eternal rewards.

***2 Corinthians 5:9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good***

**or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;** but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

But the unbelievers will be judged and punished. The worst punishment will be for the backsliders and hypocrites, who knew God's will but intentionally rebelled and disobeyed. That is why Jesus gave so many strong warnings about his return that we should be vigilant, watch, and pray to be worthy [Luke 12:36].

**Luke 12:46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour, he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. 47 "That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.**

People choose to roll the dice on God's mercy and unconditional salvation. They can let their lights grow dim or see how muddy they can get in the pig pen and still be saved. As a result, they risk losing everything for what? Temporary pleasure and disobedience versus eternal life with joy unspeakable and full of glory in the presence of God. This is the dilemma of the prodigal sons and foolish virgins.

**Matthew 25:11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.**

**Matthew 24:50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and**

**assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

**Matthew 23:15** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

Let's go back to the five wise virgins are bridesmaids; they were in a spiritual slumber when the rapture happened. But they woke up in the middle of the tribulation; at midnight, they had the testimony of Jesus and enough oil of the Holy Spirit to refuse the mark of the Beast and die as martyrs. Then Jesus came and resurrected them and took them to the wedding supper of the Lamb.

**Revelation 7:9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ... 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So, he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

The thing to take away from the parables is that we want to be on fire for God now, be vigilant, sober, watching, and praying to be the bride

of Christ and to be harpazo, raptured with Jesus when he comes. Otherwise, if we miss the rapture, the only options are to die as a martyr for Jesus, survive hell on Earth for seven years as a follower of Jesus, or bow to the Antichrist and go to hell forever. How we live our lives now, our decisions and actions could have consequences that last for an eternity.

## **Sheep remnant**

The most miraculous and glorious revival of all times is coming, but it doesn't happen during the tribulation, and the new converts to Christ don't die or get killed; they remain alive. The entire nation of Israel, all the Jews who survived the tribulation, will see Christ coming in the clouds, and God will pour out his Spirit on them, and they will repent and believe in Jesus as their Messiah. And all Israel will be saved. That will be the most unbelievable miracle of all time; after thousands of years of being dispersed around the world, persecutions, and many genocides attempted against them, Israel will get saved, triumph over their enemies, and reign for 1,000 years with Christ as their king.

**Revelation 1:7** *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.* *Even so, Amen.*

**Zechariah 12:9** *"It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

**Romans 11:25** *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out*



***of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."***

Some of the remnant of her seed, Gentile believers, will survive the tribulation. After Armageddon, God will gather the nations in the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and Jesus will sit on the throne of his glory to judge the nations and divide the sheep from the goats. The surviving remnant believers who helped Israel (Jesus' brethren) are the sheep, and they will enter the Millennial Kingdom. The unbelieving goats who are godless and ignored or abused Israel will get sent to hell. Also, note that the parable of the sheep and goats is in Matthew 25; the context is the second coming after the great tribulation.

***Matthew 25:31-34, 41 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ... "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:***

From beginning to end, we have covered controversial issues. As we get closer to the rapture and the seven-year tribulation, all these issues become more relevant to how we live our lives. So, there's no time to play church. There is a combination of God's part and our part. God has done his part by freely giving us the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. But on our part, those who are born-again are crucified with Christ; we no longer live; it is Christ who lives in us, and through us, we surrender our will and take up our crosses to follow him, or we cannot be his disciples or his bride.

***Luke 14:27 "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.***

**Mark 8:34** When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, **"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.**

**Galatians 2:20** **"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

**Romans 12:1** **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19** **Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**

If we have been born again, keep the first and great commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we can be confident that the Holy Spirit will prepare us to be the bride of Christ, and we can look for the blessed hope, and glorious appearing of Jesus with great joy.

**Jude 1:24** **Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.**

**Revelation 22:17** *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. ... 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!*

## **Call to Action**

We live in the end times, and we know what is coming and can see it coming. The 2020 shutdowns taught us that global changes can happen quickly. There will be real persecution and a great falling away from Christ; as more churches go apostate or get shut down, true believers may have to find or create small groups for fellowship. While we have time and freedom, we should preach the gospel, study the scriptures, and fellowship with other believers in Jesus. For free resources, free books covering foundational & end-times teachings, free Bibles & charts, etc. Visit our website at:

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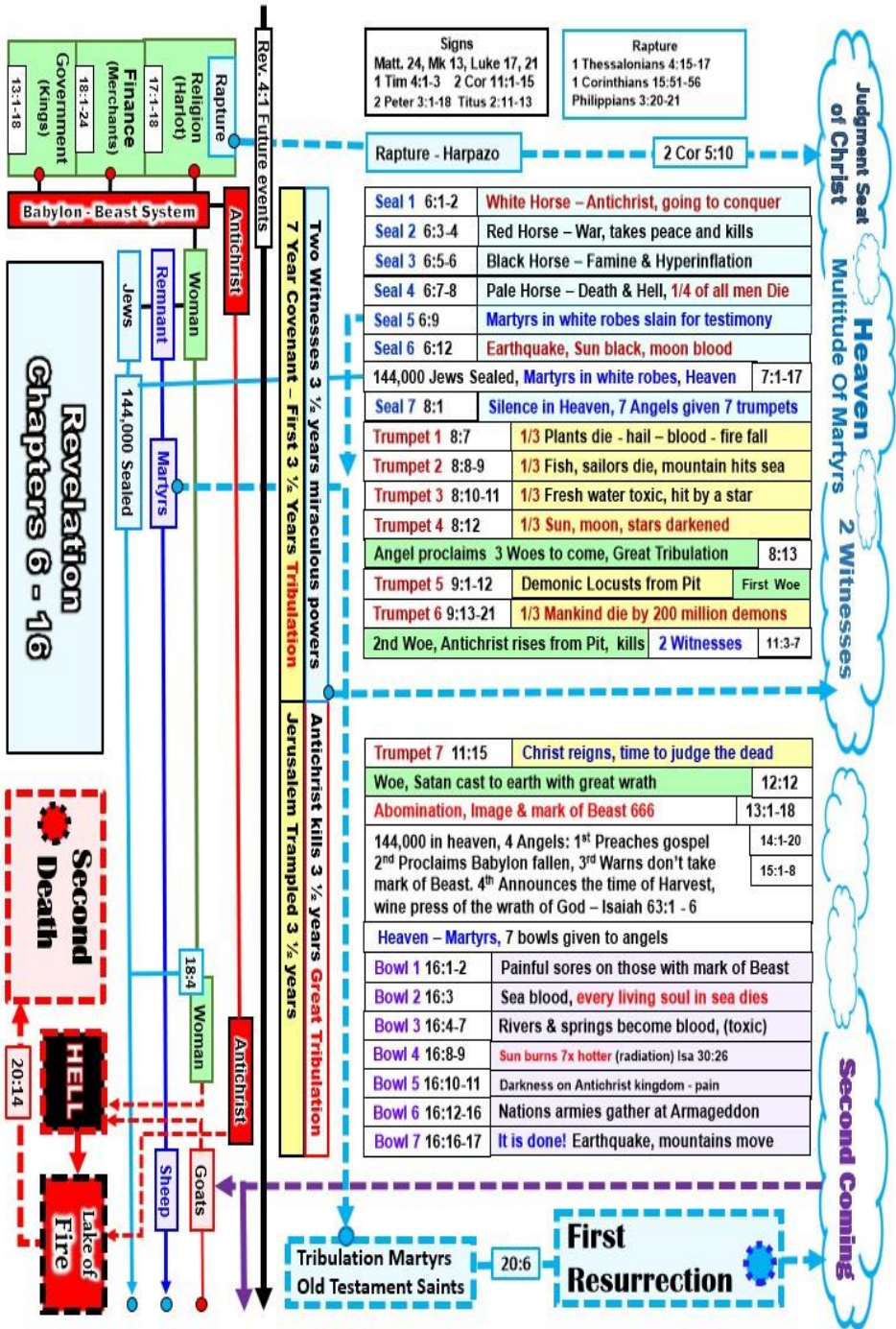
# Charts

## Revelation - 777 - Seals, Trumpets, Bowls

Chapter & Verse		7 - Years	
Seal 1 - 6:1-2	White Horse - Rider - Antichrist, Global Government		
Seal 2 - 6:3-4	Red Horse - War, Death		
Seal 3 - 6:5-6	Black Horse - Hyperinflation, Famine		
Seal 4 - 6:7-8	Pale Horse - Rider - Death, Hell followed, 1/4 Men die		
Seal 5 - 6:9-11	Martyrs in White Robes		
Seal 6 - 6:12	Great Earthquake, Sun black, Moon blood, Stars fall, Mountains move, Wrath of Lamb		
144,000 Jews sealed 12 Tribes		7:2-12	Heaven - Martyrs in white robes 7:13-17
Seal 7 - 8:1	Silence in Heaven		
Trumpet 1 - 8:7	Hail / fire / blood cast to earth, 1/3 Plants die		
Trumpet 2 - 8:8-9	Burning mountain thrown into sea, 1/3 Fish die, 1/3 ships destroyed		
Trumpet 3 - 8:10-11	Great star (Wormwood) falls to earth, 1/3 Waters Poisoned		
Trumpet 4 - 8:12	1/3 Sun, moon, stars darkened, 1/3 Daylight darkened		
Great Tribulation		WOE WOE WOE	8:13
Trumpet 5 - 9:1-12	Fallen angel opens pit releases demonic locust	First WOE over	
Trumpet 6 - 9:13-21	4 Fallen angels released with army 200 million, 1/3 Mankind killed		
Second WOE		Antichrist rises from Pit - kills 2 Witnesses 11:3-7	
Trumpet 7 - 11:15	Mystery of God finished!		
WOE		Satan cast to earth with great wrath, 12:12	
		Abomination - Image & Mark of the Beast 13:1 -18	
		144,000 in Heaven, 3 angels: Gospel, Babylon fallen, don't take mark Wine press of wrath 14:1-20 Heaven - Martyrs, bowls 15:1-8	
Bowl 1 - 16:1-2	Foul & painful sores on those with mark of the Beast		
Bowl 2 - 16:3	Sea turns to blood & everything in the sea dies		
Bowl 3 - 16:4-7	Rivers & springs (drinking water) turn to blood (toxic)		
Bowl 4 - 16:8-9	Sun's rays burn men, 7 times hotter (Isaiah 30:26)		
Bowl 5 - 16:10-11	Darkness on Antichrist's kingdom, pain & sores		
Bowl 6 - 16:12-6	World's armies gather to battle, Armageddon		
Bowl 7 - 16:16-7	It is Done!	Earthquake, Islands & mountains move, 100 lbs hail	

Second Coming of Christ

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## End Times - Time Line

Time	Event	Description
Pre-tribulation	Signs	Signs for coming tribulation, <b>Matt 24, Lk 13, 21, Mk 13</b>
?	Rapture	Rapture, judgment seat of Christ <b>1 Thess. 4:16, 2 Cor 5:10</b>
Gap		Unknown time between rapture and the tribulation
?	Gog Magog	Unknown when this battle begins <b>Ezekiel 38, 39</b>
7 Year Trib Begins	Covenant Confirmed	Israel confirms 7-year covenant with the antichrist, Tribulation begins antichrist revealed <b>Daniel 9:27</b>
	7 Seals	7 judgments released, 4 horsemen, antichrist, war, famine, ¼ people die, <b>Revelation 6:1 to 8:1</b>
	2 Witnesses	Two Jewish Witnesses confront the nations for 3 ½ years, martyred by antichrist, resurrected in 3 ½ days <b>Rev 11</b>
	144,000 Jews	12,000 Jews from each of the 12 tribes of Israel are sealed and protected, <b>Revelation 7:1-8</b>
Mid tribulation 3 ½ Years	Antichrist Power	Satan, 10 Kings give power to antichrist, he has power for 3 ½ years to kill the saints, commits abomination of desolation, declares himself god, demands worship <b>Rev 13</b>
	Martyrs	Innumerable number refuse to worship image of the antichrist, or take his mark and die as martyrs <b>Rev 7:9-17</b>
	7 Trumpets	7 judgments released, 1/3 plants, fish, people die, water poisoned, demons released from pit of hell <b>Rev 8:7 to 10:7</b>
	7 Bowls	7 judgments released, sores those with mark, sea life dies, rivers & springs turn to blood, Armageddon, <b>Rev 16</b>
Post-tribulation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming	Jerusalem attacked <b>Luke 21:24, Zech 14:2</b> Christ appears Israel repents is saved <b>Zech 12:8-10, Rom 11:26-27</b>
	Armageddon	Every eye sees Jesus & saints behind him, destroys armies of the nations, antichrist & false prophet cast into Lake of Fire <b>Rev 19:11-21</b> Satan bound 1,000 years <b>Rev 20:1-3</b>
	Mt. of Olives	Jesus descends, his feet touch the Mount of Olives which splits the mountain creating a valley <b>Zechariah 14:4</b>
	Eastern Gate	Jesus enters Eastern Gate of Jerusalem <b>Ezekiel 44:2</b>
	Judgment	Angels gather nations to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, <b>Joel 3</b> Jesus on throne of glory, separates sheep from goats, goats go to Hell, sheep to Millennial kingdom <b>Matt 25:31-46</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Resurrection		Old Testament saints & tribulation martyrs resurrected & receive rewards, Marriage supper of the Lamb <b>Rev 19:7</b>
Gap	Transition	75 days between 2nd coming & Millennium, <b>Dan 12:11-12</b>
Millennium	Kingdom Rule	Christ rules from Jerusalem, Jewish temple, worship, people live hundreds of years, earth restored, animals tame <b>Isa 2:14, 11:6-12, 19:19-24, 35, 65:17-25, Ezekiel 40-48</b>
	Gog Magog	Satan released, final battle, time is no more <b>Rev 20:8-10</b>
Eternity	White Throne	Whoever's name is not in the book of life is judged sent to the Lake of Fire, which is the Second Death <b>Rev 20:11-15</b>