

**ARE YOU CURIOUS?**

# **The End Times!!**

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**How many people here are curious? Do you like to know what is going to happen in the future?**

**When you read a book, do you look ahead to see what the final outcome is going to be?**

**Maybe some of you here have in the past gone to fortunetellers to see what the future holds for you.**

**Maybe you've wanted to know what kind of job you were going to get, or who your husband or wife was going to be, or if your life would be successful or not.**

# ARE YOU CURIOUS?

As Christians we know that we are not to seek out fortunetellers, spiritists, or astrologers.

Lev.19:26 tells us, “Do not practice divination or sorcery.”

Then Lev.19:31 says, “Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God.”

# ARE YOU CURIOUS?

You see in Isaiah 44:24-26 God said,

**“This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers.”**

**God foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners.**

**He overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense.**

**He carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers.**

# ARE YOU CURIOUS?

**Let's see Joshua 21:45. The people of Israel had entered the Promised Land.**

**Many people think that the Promised Land is heaven but I believe it is for us here and now. It is a “spiritual” condition and not a place.**

**The enemies of Israel had lived there but their spiritual condition was ungodly.**

**The promised land is a picture of the spiritual man trusting God and entering into the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life.**

## **ARE YOU CURIOUS?**

**God had taken the people out of Egypt (the world), taken them far from the temptations of Egypt (sin), and destroyed the works of Pharaoh in their lives (Satan). This was “Salvation”.**

**He took them across the Red Sea. This is a picture of our baptism with Christ. Not an outer cleansing but being baptized in the name of Christ and “identifying” with Christ. Telling the world that I have left it and am now totally Christ’s.**

**Then God had them go through a desert experience.**

**They could have arrived in a very short time but the desert experience is something every Christian must go through.**

**It is a time of learning how much we need God and learning to become dependent on Him.**

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**We all need this desert experience to become prepared to fight the bigger fights God has for us. It is a Christian's boot camp.**

**How long we stay in our desert experience depends on our willingness to sanctify ourselves, to obey God, and be willing to die to self and the world.**

**Then, God took the people across the Jordan River.**

**This is a picture of entering into the Spirit-filled life.**

**The Spirit-filled life is where the "real" tests begin. But God says, "The Lord your God himself will crossover ahead of you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you will take possession of their land. Joshua also will cross over ahead of you, as the Lord said". (Deut.31:3).**



## ARE YOU CURIOUS?

Not only the Lord your God will be with you but he sent Joshua (a type of Jesus) to go with the people.

Jesus was with them too. You may say that God is up in heaven while I'm down here going through a tough time. But all through the Bible we see God coming to be with His people and this was no better portrayed than when Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us.

After, the Jordan, the people entered the Promised Land. And we know they conquered kingdoms and in the power of God's Spirit took possession of the land.

Now, look at Joshua 21:45, **“Not one of all the Lord's good promises to the house of Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled.”**

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**Joshua 24:13 says, “So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build, and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.”**

**The Spirit-filled life is a land of plenty. It is God’s promise as we continue to walk with Him.**

**Are you still curious? Now, you know you will walk through a desert period as a Christian. A time of spiritual boot camp.**

**You know that God will call you into the Spirit-filled life of trusting Him, being obedient to Him, and letting Him live His life through you.**

**You also know that it is a land of plenty and that “Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to the house of Israel failed; everyone was fulfilled.”**

# ARE YOU CURIOUS?

**Are you still curious in your life? Why did God give us this “curious” tendency? God has made us curious and it is for a reason.**

**The reason is that properly executed, curiosity will cause us to seek God.**

**In John chapter 4, Jesus gives us a wonderful example of using curiosity to witness to someone.**

**In verse 10 he says, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”**

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- Immediately the woman at the well became “curious” and asked, **“Where can you get this living water?”**
- Her curiosity had been aroused. Jesus had something special and she was curious how she could obtain this.
- Brothers and sisters, you have “Someone” special and people today are still curious.
- So we see that that curious tendency causes people to seek God.

# FIVE DIFFERENT THEORIES OF THE END TIMES

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- **The majority of professing Christians admit the fact of the Second Coming of Christ, but they are not agreed as to the “manner” or “time”.**
- **Here are the five theories of Christ’s Second Coming people adhere to:**

## FIVE DIFFERENT THEORIES OF END TIMES

### 1) “SPIRITUAL” & FULFILLED AT PENTECOST:

- Christ did not come at Pentecost but the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit’s coming was conditioned on Christ’s absence, Jesus said, **But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. (John 16:7).**
- If the Holy Spirit is only another manifestation of Christ, then they are identical, and that Nullifies the Trinity.
- The fact is, the whole New Testament was written AFTER PENTECOST, and declares 150 times that the Second Coming of Christ was still FUTURE.
- None of the events predicted as accompanying the Second Coming occurred at Pentecost (“Resurrection of the ‘Dead in Christ’”, the Translation of the “Living Saints”, the “Binding of Satan”, etc.)

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### 2) **“CONVERSION OF THE SINNER” is the Coming of the Lord**

- This cannot be, for at conversion, the Sinner comes to Christ, not Christ to the sinner.
- The conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit, and not the work of Christ.
- Yes, there is a spiritual indwelling of Christ, but His Second Coming, like His First Coming, is to be an outward, visible, personal coming.



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### 3) “DEATH” is the Coming of the Lord

- **“Watch, therefore; for you know neither the day or the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.” (Matt.25:13).**
- The context shows that this refers to a future coming of Christ. Christ could not come to the earth every time a person dies for two reasons:
  - a) a soul passes into eternity every second, and this would necessitate Christ’s remaining continuously on earth
  - b) Christ is engaged in His High Priestly functions in the Heavens, and could not leave them to come to the earth for the souls of the dying.

The fact is, at death the believer “goes” to Christ. Christ does not come to him.

- Death is always a departure. **“Absent from the body, present (at home) with the Lord.” (2 Cor.5:6-8).**

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- Death is an enemy (2 Cor.15:26,55), holds us in the grave, robs the body of its attractiveness, is the “Wages of Sin”, and the result of God’s wrath.
- The Second Coming is a manifestation of His love. Christ is the “Prince of Life”. There’s no death where He is.
- Death flees at Christ’s coming.
- When He was on Earth nothing could remain dead in His presence.
- Christ is the **“Resurrection and the Life”**. When He comes He will change our vile body to be like His Glorious Body.

**But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. (Philippians 3:20-21)**

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### 4) DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM in 70 AD by Romans is the Coming of the Lord

- The Lord was not present at the destruction at Jerusalem. It was destroyed by Roman soldiers, and none of the things that are to occur at the “Second Coming” occurred at the destruction of Jerusalem. Such as the resurrection of the dead, the translation of the Living Saints, and the physical changes that are to occur at Jerusalem and in the land of Palestine at Christ’s coming. (Zech.4:4-11; Ezek.47:1-12).
- Christ’s purpose in coming back is not to destroy Jerusalem, but to RESTORE IT.
  - It must be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the “Times of the Gentiles” are fulfilled, **“They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ”**There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is

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**coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:24-28)**

- **The Book of Revelation, written 26 years after the destruction of Jerusalem, speaks of the Second Coming of Christ as still FUTURE.**

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### 5) “DIFFUSION OF CHRISTIANITY” is the Second Coming of Christ

- This can't be true for the “Diffusion of Christianity” is gradual, whereas the Scriptures declare that the “Return of the Lord” shall be SUDDEN and UNEXPECTED, as a “Thief in the Night.”

**“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (Matt:24:27)**

**"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (Matthew 24:36)**

**"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. (Matthew 24:42)**

**So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matt. 24:44)**

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for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thess.5:2)

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. (Rev.3:3).

- It is a process (Diffusion of Christianity), while the Scriptures speak of Christ's return as an EVENT.
- The Diffusion of Christianity brings SALVATION to the wicked, whereas the "Return of the Lord" is said to bring not salvation BUT SUDDEN DESTRUCTION.

for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. (1 Thess.5:2-3)

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and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. (2 Thess.1:7-10).

# THE END TIMES

**So we have talked about the different theories of the end times.**

- **Are you still a little bit curious?**
- **Well, today we are going to see God's truth. Not an astrologist, spiritist, or soothsayer, but God's truth about the "end times".**
- **So let's do an "overview" of the Book of Revelation. Let's find out how everything is going to end.**
- **I would pray that you would ask God to speak to you, to lead you into proper teachings, and that you will be open to His Word today.**



## Revelation Introduction

# An Overview of the Book of Revelation

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- **Now we are going to go through the Book of Revelation and study what many Christians believe to be the truth of the end times.**
- **Remember, NEVER FOLLOW a teaching but the TEACHER, JESUS CHRIST!!**
- **NEVER FOLLOW a teacher but the TEACHER, JESUS CHRIST!!**
- **Christian, you have the Holy Spirit Who promises to lead you into ALL TRUTH!!**

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## The revelation of Jesus Christ, (1:1)

- Isn't it wonderful that God has revealed His truth to us through His Living Word, Jesus Christ?
- This is not the revelation of a man but of God to man.

**which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. (1:1)**

- One day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day to God.
- The end times are nearer now than ever before.

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**He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. (1:1b-2)**

- **God has made these things known.**
- **This is a “Christophany”: Christ coming as an angel.**
- **John was with Jesus daily for 3 years.**
- **John knew Jesus intimately, loved Him, and *knew the “voice of Jesus”*.**

***My sheep listen to my voice. (John 10:27)***

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- **Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, (1:3)**
- **If you read this book you will be blessed – that is a PROMISE.**
- **We must believe the promise of God by faith – we will be blessed!!**

**and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, (1:3)**

- **We are blessed if we “hear it”.**
- **We are blessed if we “take it to heart”.**

**because the time is near. (1:3)**

- **Jesus is coming soon!! Hallelujah!!**

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**WARNING: I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. (Rev.22:18)**

- The Mormons add the Book of Mormon.
- The Jehovah Witnesses add their own version of the Bible.
- The Catholics add “and the traditions of the church” & “the Apocrypha” (Jesus never quoted from it).
- The Liberals don’t allow the Bible to speak for itself.
- We are not to add to this book but let God’s Word stand as it is – it is God’s Word --- He has “kept & sustained it”.

**so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)**

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**And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. (Rev.22:19)**

- **And we are not to take away from this book. We are not to “lessen” it (and not “add” to it).**

# Revelation (Rev.1:4-6)

## John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: (1:4)

- John is also writing to the CHURCH – to us!!
- The church is a “living, moving, breathing organism” not an “organization”. Not writing to a denomination but to those who are saved through faith in the shed blood of Christ, through faith in His resurrection, and have asked Jesus into their heart to be their Lord and Savior.

## Grace and peace to you (1:4)

- What a wonderful blessing to US!
- Now, we will see this blessing is from the FATHER, the SON, & the HOLY SPIRIT written through the Apostle John to US!!



## Revelation (Rev.1:4-6)

**from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, (1:4)**

- Here we see the FATHER.

**and from the seven spirits before his throne,(1:4)**

- Here we see the HOLY SPIRIT. A better interpretation is the SEVENFOLD SPIRIT – seven being perfection & completion!!

**and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (1:5)**

- Here we see JESUS CHRIST.

## Revelation (Rev.1:4-6)

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- Let's look at Christ's

Three Fold Ministry here!!

**Faithful Witness**

- as Prophet (Deut.18:15,18), Jesus is God's Word.

**Firstborn from the Dead**

- as Priest, Jesus is God's Lamb.

**Ruler of the Kings Of The Earth**

- as King, Jesus is God's Lion.

Here we see Christ's threefold ministry

**PROPHET – PRIEST – KING**

## Revelation (Rev.1:4-6)

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father (1:5b-6)

### HIS INVOLVEMENT

- He Freed Us
- He Loved Us
- He Made Us (kings and priests)
- captured OT kings were sometimes shown “grace.”  
They would be brought to sit at the King’s table –  
DEATH DESERVED BUT GRACE GIVEN

All this: **by his blood!!!**

## Revelation (Rev.1:4-6)

**to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (1:6)**

**LET'S GIVE JESUS THE GLORY AND POWER FOR EVER  
AND EVER! AMEN!**

**And he is the head of the body, the church; he is  
the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that  
in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:18)**

**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
(1 Corinthians 15:20)**

## Revelation (Rev.1:7-8)

**Look, he is coming with the clouds,**

John dramatically announces the one event above all others that **"must soon take place"** (1:1), that is, the **"coming"** of Jesus (see Rev.1:4,8) (see slide #40 for part 2)

Jesus himself will repeat His coming several times in John's visions (**"I am coming" or "I will come"**), more as warning/threat than a promise

(see: 2:5,16; 3:3,11; 16:15; 22:7,12).

At the end of the book, John has made his peace with Christ's coming.

Jesus says, **"Yes, I am coming soon"** and John answers, **"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus"** (22:20).

**HAVE YOU MADE PEACE WITH CHRIST'S COMING?**

## Revelation (Rev.1:7-8)

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.  
(Daniel 7:13a)

## Revelation (Rev.1:7-8)

**and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. (Rev.1:7)**

**"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. (Zechariah12:10)**

## Revelation (Rev.1:7-8)

**"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev.1:8)**

- **Christian's hope is based on verse 8, where the Lord God becomes the Speaker: I am the Alpha and the Omega . . . who is, and who was, and who is to come—echoing and affirming the letter's opening words, Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come (1:4).**
- **Only twice in Revelation does God speak directly (the other 21:5-8).**
- **Both times it is with the self-identification**  
**"I am the Alpha and the Omega".**
- **THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE IS COMING.**  
**Is that OK?            Are you ready?**



## Revelation (Rev.1:9-16)

**I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. (Rev.1:9)**

- **John was put on this island because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.**
- **Even in those difficult circumstances, God spoke through John**

## Revelation (Rev.1:9-16)

**On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." (1:10---11)**

- **There were other churches but these seem to signify a different time period of the churches (among other things which will discuss soon).**
- **Many believe these churches represent different times of the Christian church after Pentecost up until now.**

## Revelation (Rev.1:9-16)

**I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, (1:12)**

- **seven lampstands – the seven churches (1:20)**

**and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. (1:13)**

- **here we see Jesus!!!**

## Revelation (Rev.1:9-16)

**His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, (1:14)**

- **Head and hair – Ancient of Days in Daniel 7:9. From all eternity He is God!!**

**and his eyes were like blazing fire. (1:14)**

- **Eyes – First coming they were gentle, loving eyes. Now eyes of a JUDGE!**

**His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, (1:15)**

- **Feet – He will crush Satan under His feet**

**and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. (1:15)**

- **Voice – “Depart from me” will be heard for those who He doesn’t know!!**

## Revelation (Rev.1:9-16)

**In his right hand he held seven stars, (1:16)**

- Hand --- seven stars – the angels (messengers) of the seven churches (1:20)

**and out of his mouth came a sharp---double---edge sword. (1:16)**

- Mouth – Sword of Justice

**His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. (1:16)**

- His Face – Sun of Righteousness at His return at the Revelation!!

## Revelation (Rev.1:17-18)

**When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead.(1:17)**

- After John saw Christ as Judge He was overwhelmed – he fell at Christ’s feet as though dead. It is an awesome thing to see Christ as Judge!!

**Then he placed his right hand on me and said:**

**"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. (1:17)**

- But Jesus as Judge knows who are His.
- His calm word to us who know and love Him is  
**"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last." (Isaiah 44:6)**

## Revelation (Rev.1:17-18)

### I am the Living One; (1:18)

- Jesus is not dead – He is the Living One.

### I was dead, (1:18)

- He testifies **“I WAS DEAD”**. Some people say Jesus never really died. But Jesus testifies that He was dead.

### and behold I am alive for ever and ever! (1:18)

- Jesus is **“ALIVE FOR EVER AND EVER”**.
- Death has been swallowed up in victory!!
- Jesus has conquered death and He is LIFE – Life Eternal – Eternal Life

### And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (1:18)

- Jesus is the Just Judge and **HAS ALL AUTHORITY!!**  
**“All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)**

## Revelation (Rev.1:19-20)

- **THE KEY VERSE** is Revelation 1:19. This verse tells us the message of Revelation & how the book is set up.

**"Write, therefore, what you have seen, (1:19)"**

- What John had seen was in Revelation 1:9-18.
- What John had seen was Christ as Judge in Rev.1:9-18.



# Revelation (Rev.1:19-20)

## what is now (1:19)

- **“What is now”** is the “Church Age”.
  - In Chapters 2-3 John talks about the Church.
  - We are living in the glorious age of the Church.
  - This started with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Then, with Cornelius in Acts 10 when the Holy Spirit was given to the Gentiles.
  - Peter had the keys meaning God used Peter (the one who denied Christ) to open up the keys to heaven:  
first at Pentecost  
and second in Acts Chapter 10 to the Gentiles!!
  - The church age will continue until the Rapture
  - when Christ comes back for His church.
- (see 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

## Revelation (Rev.1:19-20)

**and what will take place later. (1:19)**

- **What will take place later is Chapters 4-22 of Revelation where God shows us the future.**

**The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. (1:20)**

## Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- In John 1:19 we see John was to: **Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.**
- **“What is now”** is the Church Age in Rev.2:1-3:22.
- Jesus had returned to the Father, the Spirit had been sent, and the Church had been birthed.

John was to write about these 7 churches. These churches were:  
churches at the time,  
time periods of the churches,  
& general characteristics of the churches  
(as well as speaking to individuals).

## Revelation (Rev.2-3)

Let's look at Jesus Speaking about & Making Promises to the Seven Churches:

- Ephesus

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands:

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

1) Ephesus: a backslidden church. (AD 70-170)

"Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding."  
(Jeremiah 3:22)

## Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- Smyrna

**These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.**

**He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.**

**2) Smyrna: a persecuted church (AD 170 - 312 – Constantine)**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
(Matthew 5:10)**

## Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- Pergamum

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.

To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

### 3) Pergamos a wicked church (AD 312-606)

When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."  
(Acts 3:26)

# Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- **Thyatira**

**These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.**

**To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'— just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star.**

#### **4) Thyatira: lax church: (AD 606-1520 – Reformation)**

**Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:8-9)**

## Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- **Sardis**

**These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.**

**He who overcomes will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out his name from the book of life, but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels.**

**5) Sardis: a dead church**

**(AD 1520-1750 – Word brought forth but lots to recover)**

**the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were. (Romans 4:17)**



# Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- **Philadelphia**

**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.**

**Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.**

**6) Philadelphia: favored church (AD 1750-1900 – Revivals)**

**O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; (Psalm 30:7)**

# Revelation (Rev.2-3)

- **Laodicea**

**These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.**

**To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. (see John 10:33; 1 John 4:4)**

**7) Laodicea: a lukewarm church (AD 1900 – Christ's return)**

**Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy's body grew warm. (2 Kings 4:34---35)**

# Revelation (Rev.4:1-5:14)

## SUMMARY of the “KEY VERSE” (Rev.1:19)

- In John 1:19 we see John was to:  
**Write, therefore, what you have seen,**  
This, remember is Revelation 1:9-18 when John sees Jesus as  
JUDGE.
- This is Revelation Chapters 2 & 3 – the Church Age. This is NOW.  
what is now
- What will take place later begins in Revelation 4:1 until the end of  
the Book of Revelation.  
and what will take place later.

**In Revelation 4:1-5:14, we see what is going on in heaven!!  
In Rev.4:1-2, John, a type of the Church, is “caught up” to the throne of God. **and what will take place later.****

**After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."**

**At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (Rev.4:1-2)**

- **This is a wonderful picture of the Church being caught up to be with the Lord at the Rapture..**
- **At the Transfiguration, John (Peter & James) is a picture of the church, Moses is a picture of Old Testament saints, Elijah is a picture of the raptured.**

- We see John here, “caught up”.

**"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (Rev.4:1b-2) There are two parts to Christ's second coming. Let's look at each part separately:**

- **The FIRST PART is the Rapture where the church is caught up. (second part is slide 73)**

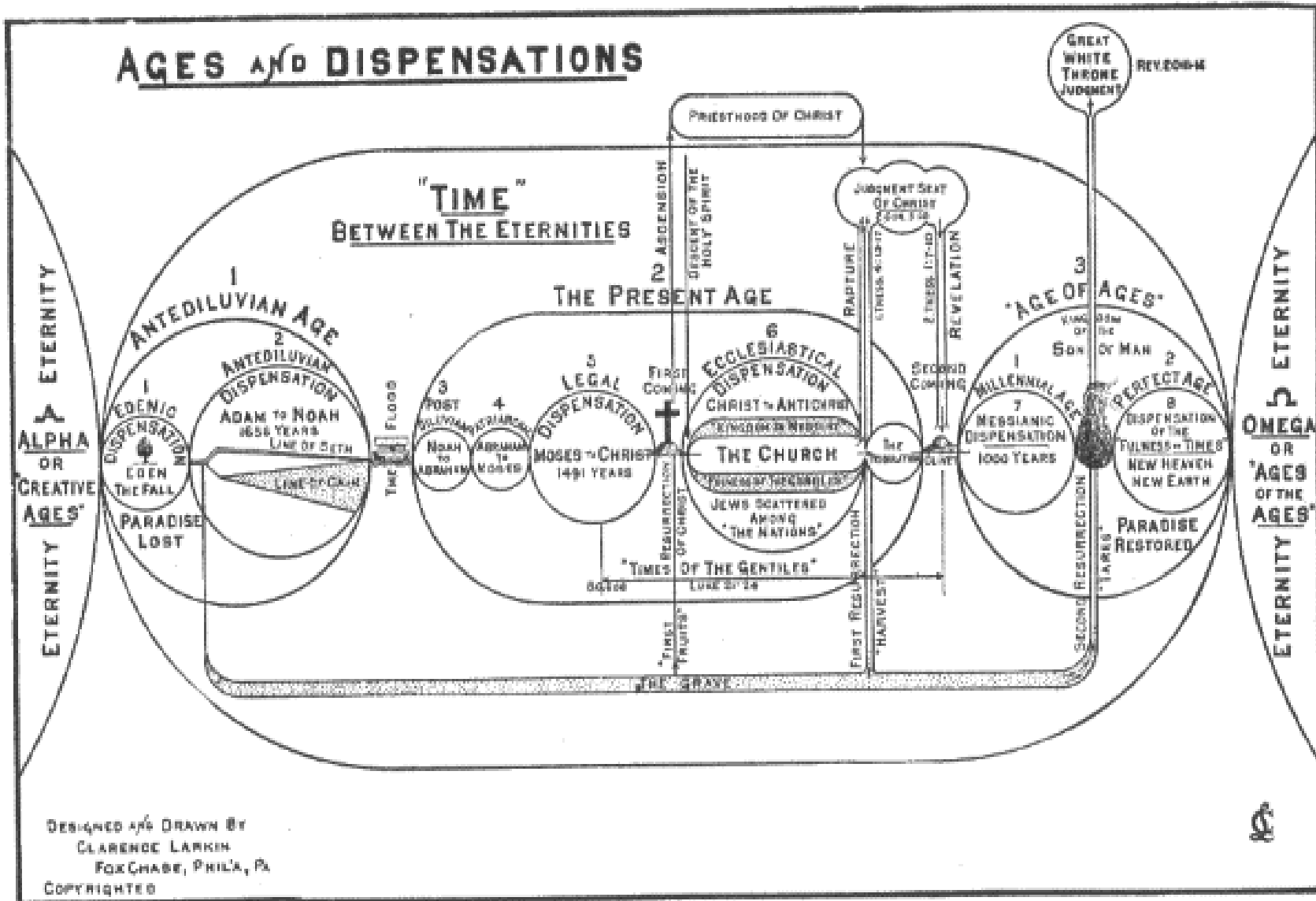
**"For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (1 Thess.4:16-18).**

- The “dead saints” will be caught up first and we who are “alive” (the church) will be caught up together with them.
- NOTE: Jesus does not put his feet on the ground here. We are “caught up in to the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”





# AGES AND DISPENSATIONS



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**REVELATION 6:1-18:24** Then, while the Church and the “dead saints” are in heaven, on earth it will be the time of Jacob’s trouble (the 7 Year Tribulation)

**“How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.” (Jeremiah 30:7)**

The Church is not ESCAPEES avoiding persecution. The church is always persecuted. **“Anyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted” (2 Timothy 3:12).**

But we will escape God’s WRATH. Jesus took God’s wrath upon Himself for us (PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!) What a gift!! **“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.” (2 Cor. 9:15).**

You see Jesus took God’s wrath upon Himself for us!!! But those who don’t believe in Christ’s redemption will suffer “God’s wrath!!)

**Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them. (John 3:36)**

**The two New Testament books that describe the end times (giving hope to the saints) were 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians.**

**In 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:16-17 we see Christ coming at the rapture for the saved!! Notice in the same book we see these verses:**

**“and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.” (1 Thess.1:10)**

**“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thess.5:9)**

**Praise God we won't suffer His wrath – Jesus took it on Himself. But we will be persecuted if we truly follow Christ. Also, those who get saved during the tribulation will suffer persecution.**

**What will happen to those caught up in the air while the tribulation is going on below?**

**Believers at the Judgement Seat of Christ for works**

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Cor.5:10)**

**<sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. <sup>14</sup> If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. (1 Cor.3:10-15)**

**“Work” is separate from “salvation”. We are “saved” but then judged for “works”.**

**Without getting into the Tribulation it will be a time when Israel will be tried by fire, when the ungodly will go through God's wrath, and a time when most will continue to rebel against God. BUT MANY WILL BE SAVED.**

- **The Church, though, will be raptured out before and we will escape God's wrath during the Tribulation.**
- **WARNING: when someone says that so and so is happening make sure you understand what "period" they are talking about. Many get deceived by not knowing these periods. eg) the 144,000 (evangelists) are during the Tribulation.**

**COMPARE: (notice Rev.6 is the start of the Tribulation)**

**Matthew 24:3-5 to Rev.6:2; Matthew 24:6 to Rev.6:3-4;**

**Matthew 24:7 to Rev.6:5-6; Matthew 24:7 to Rev.6:7-8;**

**Matthew 24:8-9 to Rev.6:9; Matthew 24:29 to Rev.6:12-16**

## Revelation is the Book of SEVENS:

- 7 Churches                    2:1-3:22 (church age)
- 7 Seals                        6:1-8:5 (tribulation)
- 7 Trumpets                  8:7-11:19 (tribulation)
- 7 Personages                12:1-13:18 (tribulation)
- 7 Vials                        15:1-16:21 (tribulation)
- 7 Dooms                      17:1-20:15 (during & after tribulation)
- 7 New Things                21:1-22:5 (after tribulation)

**Seven sevens!! The perfect & complete number.**

**We are now going to skip through Rev.6:1-18:24. If a person is born again, then they're not going to be here for that hell on earth.**

- **It doesn't mean we don't care. We care. We want our loved ones to get saved before that. We are motivated / compelled to see they are saved. But for some, they are going to have to go through the Tribulation to realize that they need God.**

# Revelation (SIDE NOTE)

**FIVE JUDGEMENTS:** God deals with 3 people:

The Jews, Gentiles, and the Church. (1 Cor.10:32)

**Believers for sin** (John 5:24) (Done at the cross for “It is finished”.

Salvation is by grace not works). God’s wrath went upon Jesus!

**Believers for works** (2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.3:10-15) (Done after the Rapture; before the Wedding of the Lamb in the heavenly realms during Tribulation.)

**Jews during Tribulation** (Matt.24:20-21)

(The “elect” here are the Jews – Jeremiah 30:7)

**The Gentile Nations** (Matt.25:31-32)

(The throne of His glory where Christ comes at Revelation. Christ judges the nations on Earth before the Millennial Kingdom.)

**The “Wicked Dead”** (Rev.20:11-12)

(The Great White Throne for the “wicked dead” after the 1000 year Millennial reign of Christ.)

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

- Now, in Chapter 19 we see things unfolding.
- In 19:1 we see, **“After this”**. After “what”?  
**After the time of God’s wrath – the Tribulation.**
- In Rev.19:1-7 we have the Hallelujah chorus. Something is going to happen. It is time for the Marriage of the Lamb.
- In Rev.19:8-10 we have the Marriage of the Lamb.
- Jesus has been promised to a spotless bride from the **“foundations of the world”**.
- He had patiently waited for His bride.
- The church has been caught up, they have been judged for their works (what they’ve done good or bad in the body) not for salvation because that was done at the Cross of Jesus Christ.

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

The Raptured have been judged for works. Now is the Marriage of the Lamb. They will come back with the bridegroom. He came “for” them (rapture) and is now coming “with” them.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.” (Revelation 19:8-10)



## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

In Rev.19:11-21 the Raptured are coming back with the bridegroom.

- Jesus had come for them at the Rapture before the Tribulation. Now he is coming with them at the Revelation (2<sup>nd</sup> part of His coming).

**“On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.” (Zech.14:4)**

**and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)**

## **Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)**

**And Jesus is going to “Kick some Butt” at Armageddon and throw the beast and false prophet into the “fiery lake of burning sulphur.”**

**He is also going to save Israel out of the Tribulation as well as others who have not bowed down to Satan.**

**And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.” Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. (Rev.19:17-21; 16:13-16)**

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

**JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS: (God's Fourth Judgment): THE GENTILE NATIONS AFTER ARMEGGEDON: The Throne of His Glory where Christ comes at the Revelation. Christ judges the nations on earth coming out of the Tribulation. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep (nations of blessing that will go into the Millennial Kingdom) from the goats (nations that will NOT go into the Millennial Kingdom). He will put the sheep (nations) on his right and the goats (nations) on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry (Israel during Tribulation) and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the**

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' "Then he will say to those on his left (goats who did not help Israel during Tribulation), 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

- In Rev.20:1-6, Jesus sets up his 1,000 year reign (Millennial Kingdom) on Earth

**The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child (not Jesus: just a child) will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9).**

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

- In Rev.20:7-10 we see Satan's doom during Millennial.
- In Rev.20:11-15, (God's Fifth Judgment): The Great White Throne for the "wicked dead" after the 1,000 year Millennium reign of Christ. **Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. (Revelation 20:11-12)**
- During this time we will have the earth's "renovation by fire". **"By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly man." (2 Peter 3:7)**
- He didn't come to fix the earth but to destroy it by fire that nothing ungodly would remain.

# Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

**Rev.21:1--Rev.22:21 we see SEVEN NEW THINGS.**

- 1. The New Heaven: (21:1) (New atmosphere around the Earth)**
- 2. The New Earth (21:1) (Prepared for the Jews)**  
**The MEEK Shall inherit the EARTH**
- 3. The New City (21:9-23)**  
**(Church returns in the new city – John 14:1-3)**
- 4. The New Nations (21:24-27)**  
**(The Nations will walk by its light)**
- 5. The New River (22:1-2a,3)**  
**(Flows from the throne of God in the New City)**
- 6. The New Tree of Life (Rev.22:2b)**  
**(For the healing of the nations)**
- 7. The New Throne (Rev.22:3-5)**  
**(Where the New River flows from in the New City)**

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

We don't know how long this time will be but then comes the GREAT ABDICATION. Christ's work is done as the Son of Man for us. God shall be "All in All".

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor.15:24-28)



## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

- Then we will have the “OMEGA AGES”. Time will cease and the “eternal ages” will begin. Eternity is still young. We don’t know much about this time but I’m curious enough to want to be there.
- Rev. 22:6-21: Final Testimony – Warnings

**I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."**

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. (Rev.22:18-21)**

## Revelation (Rev.19:1 – 22:21)

- **God in His grace has shown us what is going to happen.**
- **He's the "Eternal One" – He knows.**
- **Not one of His promises to Israel failed and not one of His promises to His Church will fail.**
- **All we have to do now is to continue to be obedient, yielded to God, "WATCH & PRAY", and serve Him in the Power of His Holy Spirit**

## SUMMARY (WITH BIBLE VERSES)

**CALVARY: (God's First Judgment) CHRIST'S FIRST COMING.** Those who are born again and put their trust in Christ's death and resurrection. They are SAVED and will be caught up at the Rapture and will avoid the Tribulation. God's WRATH was put upon Jesus and so the saved will not experience God's WRATH (persecution but not His Wrath). Believers for sin. Done at the cross for "It is finished". Salvation is by grace – a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. (John 5:24) "Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. (John 3:36) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

**CHURCH: (Pentecost to Rapture)** (Acts 2:1-4: birth of Church) (Revelation Chapter 2-3: different kinds of churches over 2,000 years as well as different church time periods. Also different characteristics of the churches that overlap)

**RAPTURE: (Revelation 4:1-2)** After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. (1 Thessalonians 5:2) for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thess.4:16-17) For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. (Matthew 24:37-40) As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. (1 Thessalonians 1:10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. (1 Thessalonians 5:9) For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Genesis 5:24) Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. (2 Kings 2:11) As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

**JUDGMENT OF BELIEVERS FOR WORKS AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST: (God's Second Judgment in heaven after the Rapture):** (2 Corinthians 5:10) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (Romans 14:10) You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister (fellow believers)? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all (believers) stand before God's judgment seat. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. If what has been built survives, the

builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

**TRIBULATION: Tribulation (7 years on earth). The time of JACOB'S TROUBLE.** (Jeremiah 30:4-9) These are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: “This is what the Lord says: “Cries of fear are heard—terror, not peace. Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it. “In that day,’ declares the Lord Almighty, ‘I will break the yoke off their necks and will tear off their bonds; no longer will foreigners enslave them. Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. (Matthew 24:21) For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. (Daniel 12:1) “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. (2 Peter 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. (Matthew 24:29) “Immediately after the distress of those days “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ (Daniel 9:24) “Seventy ‘sevens’ are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place. (Revelation 6:16-17) They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?” (Matthew 24:22) “If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.

**JEWS DURING TRIBULATION: (God's Third Judgment):** The “Elect” here are the Jews (Jeremiah 30:7) How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

**MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB:** The Raptured have been judged for works. Now is the Marriage of the Lamb. They will come back with the bridegroom. He came “for” them (rapture) and is now coming “with” them. (Revelation 19:8-10) Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.” At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

**REVELATION:** (Zechariah 14:4) On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10) and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our

Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

**ARMAGEDDON:** After Jesus has come back with His own He is going to “kick some butt” at Armageddon and throw the beast and false prophet into the “fiery lake of burning sulphur”. He is also going to save Israel out of the Tribulation as well as others who have not bowed down to Satan. (Rev.19:17-21; 16:13-16) And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.” Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

**JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS: (God’s Fourth Judgment): THE GENTILE NATIONS AFTER ARMAGEDDON:** The Throne of His Glory where Christ comes at the Revelation. Christ judges the nations on earth coming out of the Tribulation. (Matthew 25:31-46) “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep (nations of blessing that will go into the Millennial Kingdom) from the goats (nations that will NOT go into the Millennial Kingdom). He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry (Israel during Tribulation) and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ “Then he will say to those on his left (goats who did not help Israel during Tribulation), ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

**MILLENNIAL KINGDOM:** (Revelation 20:1-3) Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great

chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. (Isaiah 11:9/Habakkuk 2:14) For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6) And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them. (Isaiah 65:20) “No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be thought accursed. **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE:** (God’s Fifth Judgment): (Revelation 20:11-15) The Great White Throne for the “wicked dead” after the 1,000 year Millennium reign of Christ. (Revelation 20:11-12) Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

**SEVEN NEW THINGS: (Revelation 21:1-22:21)** We see the: 1) New Heaven (21:1: new atmosphere around the earth); 2) the New Earth (Rev.21:1: prepared for the Jews – the Meek shall inherit the earth); 3) the New City (21:9-23: Church returns in the New City) (John 14:1-3) “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4) the New Nations (Rev.21:24-27: the Nations will walk by its light) 5) the New River (22:1-3: flows from the throne of God in the New City) 6) the New Tree of Life (Rev.22:2b: For the healing of the nations) 7) the New Throne (22:3-5: where the New River flows from in the New City)

**GREAT ABDICATION:** we don’t know how long this will be for the Great Abdication. Christ’s work is done as “The Son of Man” for us. God shall be “All in All”. (1 Corinthians 15:24-28) Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

**EVEN SO, COME LORD JESUS!!**

**COMPARING  
GENESIS 1-3 to  
REVELATION 20-22**

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- We started with the question,  
    **“Are you curious?”**
- We talked about the beauty of God’s Word and that we as Christians can know the beginning from the end.
- We just saw an overview of the Book of Revelation
- Now, I want to do a study comparing the first three chapters in the Book of Genesis with the last three chapters in the Book of Revelation.



# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- Genesis is the Book of Origins showing us the creation of man, man's fall, God's promised Redeemer. Genesis gives us types and promises of God's Redemption.
- The Book of Revelation is, in verse one, **“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place.”**

Many people feel that Revelation is impossible to understand and they go flipping through it.

Yet the “cults” (and other groups) take people who have little knowledge about the Bible and use this very book to lead them into hell.

- I would pray that you would ask God to speak to you, to lead you into proper teachings, and that you will be open to His Word today.

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- In Rev.1:3, it says, **“Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near.”**
- God has promised to bless you if you just read the words of this prophecy. And a further blessing to those who hear it and take to heart what is written.

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- Now the key verse in Revelation is Rev.1:19, **“Write therefore, what you have seen (Rev.1:9-18: Christ as Judge), what is now (Rev.2-3: Church age), and what will take place later (Rev.4:1-22:20: the future).”**
- Today we will see God’s original workings with man contrasted with how He is going to restore man in the last three chapters of Revelation.

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- In Genesis 1:1 it says, **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”**
- This was foretold in Isaiah 65:17, **“Behold, I will create new heavens and new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”**
- In Rev. 21:1 it says, **“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- In 2 Peter 3:7, **“By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of godly men.”**
- Then in 2 Peter 3:13, **“But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”**
- The earth (present form) is passing away. **Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.**

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- In Genesis 1:5, “God called the darkness night.”
- In Rev.21:25, “for there will be no night there.”
- In Gen.1:16, “And God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day (sun) and the lesser light to govern the night (moon). He also made the stars”.
- Rev. 21:23, “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- **SIDE NOTE: Proofs that God wrote the Pentateuch through Moses**

**“Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.”  
(Exodus 24:4)**

**“When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God”. (Exodus 31:18)**

**“The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.” (Exodus 32:16)**

**“At the Lord’s command Moses recorded the stages in their journey.” (Numbers 33:2)**

**“After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end.” (Deut. 31:24)**

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

Let's continue comparing Gen.1-3 with Rev.20-22.

“but you must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”  
(Genesis 2:17)

- Death entered the world.

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or crying, or mourning, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev.21:4)

- No more death.



## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.” (Gen.3:1)**

- **Satan appears to deceive man.**

**“And the devil who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and false prophet had been thrown.**

**They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Rev.20:10)**

- **Satan disappears.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.” (Gen.3:6-7)**

- **Shown a garden into which defilement entered.**

**“Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” (Rev.21:27)**

- **Shown a city into which defilement will never enter.**

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- Let's compare these two verses:

**“For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man,  
the lust of his eyes  
and the boasting of what he has and does  
– comes not from the Father but from the world.” (1 John 2:16)**

**“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food  
and pleasing to the eye,  
and also desirable for gaining wisdom,  
she took some and ate it.” (Gen.3:6-7)**

**We see sin and the enemy working on mankind.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” (Gen.3:8-10)**

- **Walk of God with man interrupted.**

**“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” (Rev.21:3)**

- **Walk of God with man resumed.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me and I ate.” (Gen.3:13)**

- **Initial triumph of Satan.**

**“And the devil who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (Rev.20:10)**

- **Ultimate triumph of the Lamb.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”  
(Gen.3:16)**

- **Sorrow multiplied.**

**“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev.21:4)**

- **No more sorrow.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it.” “Cursed is the ground because of you, through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.”**

**(Gen.3:17)**

- **The ground is cursed for our sake to show us our need for God.**

**“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him.”**

**(Rev.22:3)**

- **No more curse.**

**Let’s look at the curse....**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13)**

**“you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God’s curse.” (Deut.21:23)**



## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.”  
(Gen.2:19)**

- **Man given dominion.**

**“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return. (Gen.3:19)**

- **Man’s dominion broken in the fall of the first man, Adam.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“They will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Rev.22:5)**

- **Man’s dominion restored in the rule of the new man Christ.**

**“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (Rev.1:5b-6)**

- **We will reign with Him.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

“So the Lord God banished him from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.” (Gen.3:23)

- First paradise closed.

“On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.” (Rev.21:25)

- New paradise opened.

“Like water spilled to the ground which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But God does not take away life, instead, he devices ways that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.” (2 Samuel 14:14)

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- “After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life” (Gen.3:24)
- Access to the tree of life disinherited in Adam.  
“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” (Rev.22:14)
  - Access to the tree of life reinstated in Christ.

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**“After he drove the man out, he placed on the eastside of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life” (Gen.3:24)**

- They were driven from God’s presence.

**“They will see his face, and their names will be on their foreheads. (Rev.22:4)**

- They shall see His face.

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

**This is a good book. I used to read other books but the Bible is the BEST for its author is God.**

**I don't need any fortune teller, any astrologer, any futuristic spiritist who is filled with lying spirits, familiar spirits and a child of the devil. I have the Word of God.**

**I may have been curious about what the end of this book says but what God revealed to Moses in Genesis is right in line with what God revealed to John in Revelation.**

**Jesus is Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and the Beginning and the End.**

## Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

In Hebrews 11:1, it says, **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...”**

I don't have to have faith in some wishy-washy statement but I can rest my life on the promises in this book.

Jesus is coming back. He wants to take a bride home with Him. He is preparing a place for us in His Father's house. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is with us to the ends of the world.

The truths in Revelation are substance truths that we can put our faith in.

**There are more prophecies about Christ's Second Coming than about His First Coming!!**

# Comparing Genesis 1-3 to Revelation 20-22

- Let's turn to Titus 2:11-14,

**“For the grace of God that brings salvation  
has appeared to all men (justification).**

It teaches us to say “NO” to ungodliness and worldly passions,  
and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this  
present age, (sanctification)

**while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of  
our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (glorification).**

- Past (Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming & at the cross): justification
- Present: sanctification
- Future (at Christ's return): glorification

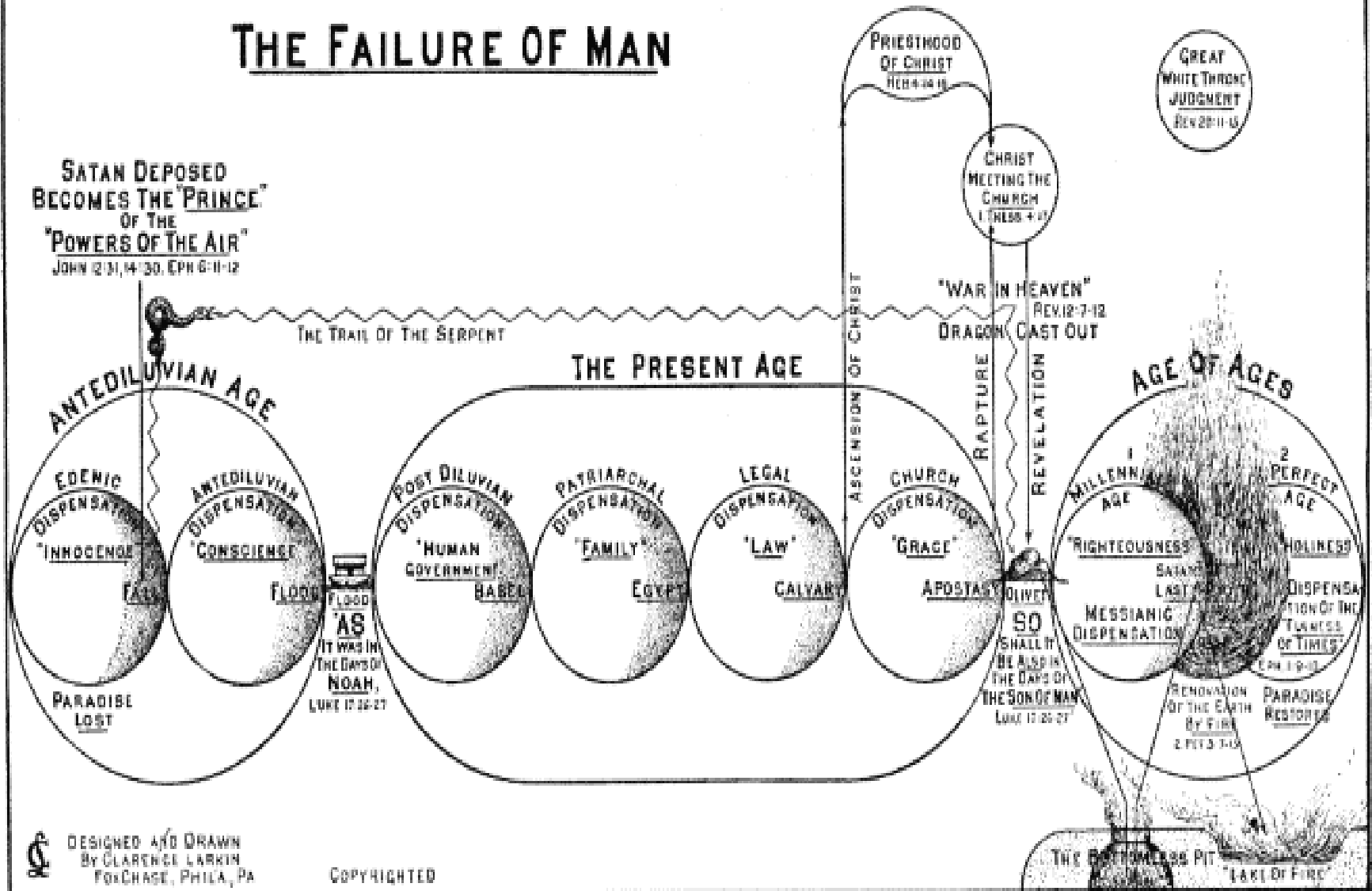


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- All of his books are excellent especially “Rightly Dividing the Truth”, “God’s Plan and Purpose for the Ages”, “Christ’s Second Coming” and “Revelation”. He also has a book of charts that are very useful to visually see how God has moved throughout the ages.

**“Love Jesus with ALL your heart  
because He loves you with ALL His heart!”**

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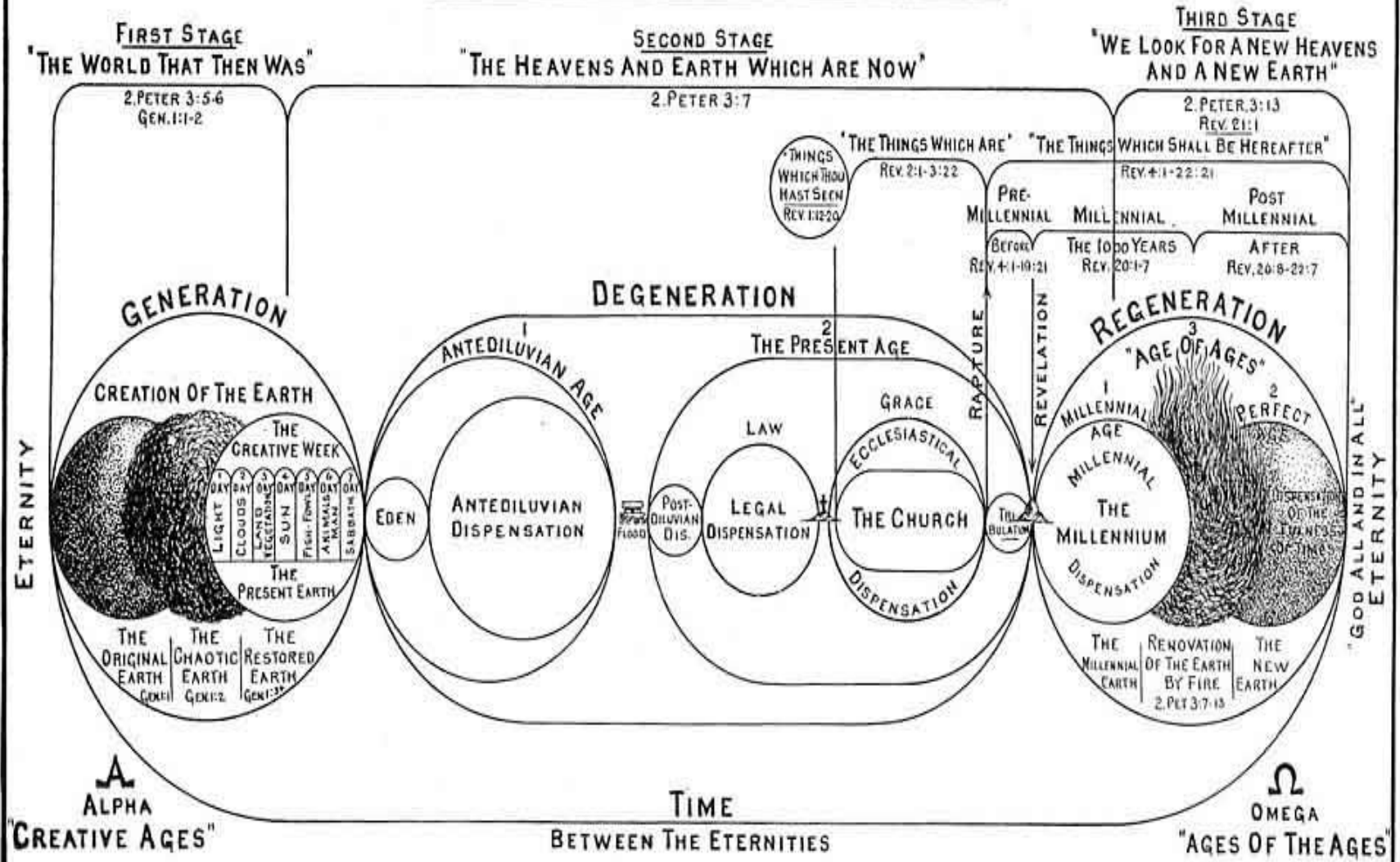
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OF THE  
"POWERS OF THE AIR"  
JOHN 12:31, 14:30, EPH 6:11-12



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