

# ROADMAP OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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## Roadmap of Revelation: Overview of Parts, Sections and Symbols

### I. THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS EASY FOR EVERYONE TO UNDERSTAND

A. The book of Revelation was *written simply* to be *easily understood* by everyone. The majority of people throughout history were poor and uneducated. A common misconception is that this book is impossible to understand unless you're a scholar. *Anyone* can learn the "*main storyline*" of the book of Revelation in *less than ONE HOUR* and be able to explain it to someone else *in less than ONE DAY*.

B. The Holy Spirit is our "*Guide*" to teach us all things, remind us of everything that Jesus said, testify about Jesus (what He thinks, feels, does), guide us into all truth, tell us things to come, glorify Jesus and reveal the deep things of God to us (Jn. 14:16, 19-21, 26; 15:26; 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:9-12; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27). We have confidence in learning this book, not because we're great learners, but because *He's a great teacher!*

*Jn. 14:26 Holy Spirit... will teach you ALL things, and bring to your remembrance ALL things I said...*

*Jn. 16:13 When... the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into ALL truth... and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (Jn. 15:26)*

C. The Holy Spirit is our "*Escort*" into the deep things of God's heart (1 Cor. 2:9-12). I've heard it said, "I wish I could see what the angels see." In reality, we've been given divine eyes that see far beyond!

*1 Cor. 2:9 "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God... 12 We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

D. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus opened up the understanding of two disciples that they might comprehend *all of the Scriptures*. Later, He did the same for the other disciples as well (Lk. 24:27, 32, 44-45).

*Lk. 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in ALL the Scriptures the things concerning Himself... 32 They said... "Did not our heart burn within us... while He opened the Scriptures to us?" 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.*

E. David asked God to "*open his eyes*" to His word (Ps. 119:18). Paul prayed for a spirit of revelation (Eph. 1:17-19). Jesus exhorted the Laodicean church to anoint their own eyes with eye salve to see (Rev. 3:18).

*Ps. 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.*

*Rev. 3:18 I counsel you to... anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

F. After studying the Scripture diligently for decades Daniel was given "skill to understand" what is noted in the "Scripture of Truth" (Dan. 7:15-16; 8:16-17, 19; 9:1, 20-23; 10:11, 14, 21; 11:2, 32-33, 35; 12:9-10). Why would God give us more insight if we neglect the treasure that He's already spoken in the Word?

*Dan. 9:22 And he [Gabriel] informed me... and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand... 10:21 I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth.*

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## II. HAVING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE OF REVELATION - 7 WAYS TO VIEW THE BOOK

A. **End-Time Book of Acts:** As the book of Acts describes the power of the Holy Spirit released through the **early Church**, so the book of Revelation describes the power of the Holy Spirit released through the **end-time Church**. It's inspired by Holy Spirit, canonized by the early church father's and therefore infallible, so all of the saints around the world can agree upon it and trust it's outcome. Imagine how helpful it would have been for the early Church to know where the revival centers and persecution would be ahead of time!

1. Revelation is **our story** written in advance. It's the climax of the **one great love story** from which all others find their inspiration. The story of paradise, innocent love, the beautiful maiden's fall's into captivity and deliverance from darkness by her conquering hero unto the restoration of what was lost is written on the heart of every human being. We must see ourselves in this beautiful storyline.

2. Revelation is our infallible "**compass**" in the **coming storm**. Like plowmen setting their sights on a tree at the end of the furrow to remain straight, we keep Revelation in our sights for our direction.

3. Revelation is our guide or "**box top**" to the puzzle of the end-times. By regularly meditating on and getting familiar with the storyline of Revelation, we begin to see where all the individual pieces fit.

B. **Bridal Prep-Book:** Even as Esther was prepared to meet her king, so also the Holy Spirit is preparing the Bride of Christ in maturity for her King. Since we "become what we behold" (2 Cor. 3:18), greater maturity of the Bride into the image of God is dependent upon a greater revelation of God. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has saved the **greatest revelation** of Jesus for last! As we behold the Revelation of Jesus Christ, we are being progressively transformed into the same image, taking on the same qualities in our lives and ministries, both now and in the age-to-come. Prior to Jesus' return, the Bride will be **fully mature** in wisdom, fruit and gifts.

**Rev. 19:7 Rejoice... for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.**

1. **Divine insight** (wisdom) - The saints will have mature understanding concerning God's end-time plan (Jer. 23:20; 30:24), both partnering to release it and instruct many about it (Dan. 11:32-33; 12:10).

**Jer. 23:20 The Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart [His plans]. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly [in a mature way]. (Jer 30:24)**

2. **Godly character** (fruit) - The Church will see unprecedented unity, purity, maturity (Eph. 4:13; 5:27).

**Eph. 5:27 A glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle... but... holy and without blemish.**

3. **Supernatural power** (gifts) - The Church will walk in great victory (Dan. 11:32-33; Mt. 16:18-19).

**Jn. 14:12 he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do; and greater works than these...**

**Dan. 11:32 The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. 33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...**

4. Men are the "**Bride of Christ**" related to accessing **God's heart**, His emotions, affection and delight. Women are the "**Sons of God**" related to accessing **God's Throne**, His Kingdom, power and glory.

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C. ***Catalytic Scroll:*** The Church must “eat the scroll” like John, Ezekiel and Jeremiah (Ezek. 2:8-3:3; Jer. 15:16; Rev. 10:8-11), before proclaiming “***this Gospel***” of the Kingdom in all nations (Mt. 24:15). This “Gospel” is much more than simply the “Gospel of forgiveness”, but in context must include the permanent coming of a ***Jewish King*** along with ***His Kingdom*** to the planet forever (Rev. 11:15-19)!

***Mt. 24:15 And this gospel of the kingdom [and coming King] will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.***

1. In the same way a “***catalyst***” increases the rate of a chemical reaction this message will be a catalyst to expose the truth in the heart of all men. The “Day of the Lord” message is both great and terrible, being a “judicial warning” to the rebellious and “gracious invitation” to the responsive (Joel 2:11).

2. “***The same sun that hardens the clay, melts the wax***” – African proverb

D. ***Canonized Prayer Manual:*** Revelation is our “infallible prayer manual,” informing us of the Father’s “***action plan***” for Jesus to take possession of His promised inheritance of the nations (Ps. 2:8-9). Jesus will release this end-time “***battle plan***” or strategy to transition natural human history unto the age-to-come in dynamic partnership with the saints (Ps. 149:6-9). 21 judgments will be released in one sweeping series of unprecedented events called the Great Tribulation (Mt. 24:15). As the judgment events progressively unfold according to their numbered sequence 1-7, international momentum will build, causing the global Church to become increasingly unified and focused, releasing “***global unified eschatological prayers of faith***”.

***Rev. 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” (Isa. 42:10-13)***

1. The end-time prayer movement under Jesus’ leadership will release His judgments through prayer (Acts 2:17-21; Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5; 9:13; 10:6; 14:18; 16:7; 19:2). We need not fear that they ***happen to us as helpless victims***, but rather, are ***released through us as active participants***.

***Ps. 149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth... 7 To execute vengeance on the nations... 9 To execute on them the written judgment- this honor have all His saints.***

2. Revelation is our “***playbook***” for understanding what comes next at the Spirit’s direction. How can we participate except we understand it? How can a sports team execute a play without understanding it?

E. ***Prophetic Warning:*** The end-time Church will prophesy with perfect accuracy (Acts 2:17-19), having a “more sure word” written in advance (2 Pet. 1:19-21; Rev. 1:3; 22:7, 10, 18-19). Even as the “***weather service***” provides invaluable information concerning imminent crisis so people can safely prepare, so also the Church has prophetic information that cannot be ignored as irrelevant or unimportant, because people’s lives depend on it. Like Noah, we prepare people ahead of time to respond rightly to God by ***making known His plans in advance***, giving people time to make sense of what will happen before the intense activities begin. The wisdom of Noah’s ark wasn’t apparent until after the rain, but by then it was too late (Heb. 11:7).

***Ezek. 33:6 If the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person... his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.***

***Am. 3:7 Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.***

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F. ***Second Exodus***: As Moses “*stretched forth his rod*” to release God’s judgment upon Pharaoh through prayer (Ex. 7-12), so also the end-time Church will stretch forth the “*rod of intercession*” and release the Great Tribulation judgments upon the end-time Pharaoh, called the Antichrist, through prayer (Isa. 11:11-16; Jer. 16:14-15; 23:7-8; Mic. 7:15). The “*miracles and judgments*” in the book of Exodus and the “*signs and wonders*” in the book of Acts will be ***combined, multiplied*** and ***released in power on a global level*** by the end-time Church through prayer, as seen in the book of Revelation (Acts 2:17-19; Rev. 6-19).

***Mic. 7:15 As in the days when you came out of... Egypt, I will show them wonders.***

***Isa. 11:11 In that day the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left... 12 from the four corners of the earth... 15 The Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt [Red Sea]; with His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River [Euphrates], and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dry-shod. 16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be left... as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from Egypt.***

1. Many in the Church are waiting to “*go up*” and ***escape the Tribulation***, while God is waiting for the Church to “*grow up*” and ***release the Tribulation***. It is inconceivable that after 40 years of preparation in the wilderness, God would “*rapture*” Moses out of Egypt to ***escape His judgments***, rather than using him to deliver His people by ***releasing His judgments*** through prayer.

2. We want to know this “*master plan*” now, not just begin in the midst of it unfolding upon the earth.

G. ***Antitypical Fulfillment***: In the book of Revelation, Jesus unveils Himself as the “antitypical fulfillment” of all those who went before Him as ***prophetic types***. In other words, what the “first Adam” foreshadowed ***in part***, Jesus completely fulfilled as the Second Man and Last Adam in ***fullness*** (Rom. 5:14; 1 Cor. 15:45-49).

***Rom. 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.***

1. Jesus is the “***Last Adam***” who subdues the earth and takes dominion over everything (Gen. 1:28).
2. Jesus is the “***greater Abel***” martyred for doing the Father’s will, whose blood cries out for justice.
3. Jesus is the “***greater Noah***” who builds the Church according to God’s divine blueprint to prevail in the midst of judgment, while calling those with “ears to hear” to repentance in the midst of the universal disregard of multitudes of scoffers (Mt. 16:18-19).
4. Jesus is the “***greater Abraham***” who left His Father’s home to travel to a far country.
5. Jesus is the “***greater Isaac***” who laid down His life for the Father, and had a Bride prepared for Him.
6. Jesus is the “***greater Jacob***” who works for His Bride, gives birth to Israel and prevails in prayer.
7. Jesus is the “***greater Joseph***” who was betrayed by His brothers, provides for the saving of the entire nation of Israel during seven years of great trial and reveals Himself to His brothers with tears.
8. Jesus is the “***greater Moses***” who leads the second Exodus out of captivity and defeats the Antichrist.
9. Jesus is the “***greater Aaron***” who sits before God as High Priest in the greater Tabernacle on High.
10. Jesus is the “***greater Joshua***” who defeats Israel’s enemies, brings down kingdoms with 7 trumpets, stops the sun and moon, uses hailstones from heaven in battle and brings Israel into the Promised Land.
11. Jesus is the “***greater Sampson***” dedicated to God as a Nazarite and prevails over the gates of hell.
12. Jesus is the “***greater David***” who is a prophet, priest and king, a Man after God’s own heart, defeats all of Israel’s enemies, captures Jerusalem and sets the Ark in the Tabernacle that He established.
13. Jesus is the “***greater Elijah***” who confronts wicked leadership and false prophets, turns the heart of the nation of Israel back to God in one day and executes His enemies with the sword.

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## III. PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A. Revelation gives us ***more insight*** and ***specific information*** on the end-times than any other book in Scripture, giving us the necessary information to ***strengthen***, ***encourage*** and ***prepare*** God's people, as a ***mature bride to prevail*** through the unique dynamics and unusual events of the end-times in great victory. It's been relevant to God's people throughout history, but uniquely designed for the end-time saints. The Bride will be prepared in ***understanding*** (wisdom), ***character*** (fruit) and ***power*** (gifts) before Jesus returns.

***Rev. 19:7 For the marriage of the Lamb has come... His wife has made herself ready. (Eph. 4:13; 5:27)***

B. Many things Jesus wanted to say to His disciples were delayed until the end-times (Jn. 16:12; Rev. 10).

***Jn. 16:12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (Mk. 4:33)***

C. Some say, ***"I'm not really into the end-times."*** If understood correctly, the end-times is really about ***Jesus!*** As the Gospels (89 chapters) give us a record of Jesus' ***beauty***, ***power*** and ***leadership*** at ***His first coming***, the end-time Scriptures (150+ chapters) describe Jesus' ***beauty***, ***power*** and ***leadership*** at ***His second coming*** to fulfill what He began 2000 years before. It is the rest of the unfolding ***Gospel*** storyline! The Gospels and end-time Scriptures reveal the ***same Jesus*** operating in the ***same power*** of the ***same Holy Spirit***, using the ***same wisdom***, under the ***same authority*** of the ***same Father***, recorded in the ***same Bible***.

***Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. 9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. (Ps. 102:27; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 1:12)***

D. The Father's ***primary purpose*** for this book is to reveal the ***infinite beauty*** and ***eternal majesty*** of His Son (Isa. 4:2; Hag. 2:7), as well as, the ***brilliance*** of His unfolding ***"battle plan"*** to ***transform*** His people (2 Cor. 3:18) and ***prepare*** them (wisdom, fruit, gifts) for ***partnership*** in the "restoration of all things" (Acts 3:21).

E. The ***title*** of the book is the ***"unveiling of the glory of Jesus Christ"*** (Rev. 1:1), because it gives unprecedented revelation concerning the perfection of Jesus' ***heart***, ***power*** and ***leadership*** in preparing the nations for the glory of God (Hab. 2:14; Num. 14:21; Ps. 72:19; Isa. 11:9). The book of Revelation (every word and phrase) reveals the ***glory of a Man*** and the ***wisdom of His plan*** (Eph. 1:17-19).

***Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God [Father] gave Him [Jesus] to show His servants...***

F. The Church will partner with Jesus, having a ***vibrant spirit*** (Dan. 11:32; Jn. 7:38; Eph. 3:16-19), being ***victorious over darkness*** and having ***authority in intercession*** to the degree we understand the revelation of Jesus Christ, as the ***"Son of Man"*** (Rev. 1:13; 14:14), who is both ***fully God*** and ***fully Man***.

***Mt. 16:16 "You are the Christ [human], the Son of the living God..." 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter [identity], and on this rock [of truth] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."***

***Dan. 11:32 The people who know their God shall be strong [vibrant in inner man Eph. 3:16-19], and carry out great exploits. 33 And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...***

***Jn. 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.***

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G. The **main theme** of the book of Revelation is the **return of Jesus Christ** to rule all nations on the “**Day of the Lord**” (Rev. 1:7). As the “**Son of Man**”, He will take legal, comprehensive and everlasting leadership of the earth in partnership with His Bride, physically confronting and ultimately destroying everything that rages against this (Rev. 11:15-19). The **secondary theme** is the **persecution of Israel and the saints** by the Antichrist. Out of 404 verses, only 12 verses (less than 3%) speak directly about persecution (Rev. 6:9-11; 11:7; 12:17; 13:7, 15; 16:6; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2; 20:4) the other 392 (97%) describe our victory over Satan

**Rev. 11:15 Then the 7th [trumpet] angel sounded: And there were loud voices... “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”**

H. Revelation is unique as the only book God promises a **special blessing** to anyone who reads, hears and keeps the prophecy (Rev. 1:3), as well as, a **destructive curse** for anyone who adds to or subtracts from it.

**Rev. 22:7 Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book... 18 If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues... in this book 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of... this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life... (Rev. 1:3)**

## IV. DAY OF THE LORD - TWO EXTREMES

A. The emphasis on the “**Day of the Lord**” in Revelation (Rev. 6:17) refers to the unique dynamics and unusual events, both **great** and **terrible**, surrounding Jesus’ return. This is His Day or the “day” that the Lord has made (Ps. 118). It will be a “great Day” for the responsive who experience the **greatest revival** in history (Acts 2:17-19; Rev. 12:10) and a “very terrible Day” for the rebellious who experience 21 of God’s **most severe judgments** in history during the “Great Tribulation” (Mt. 24:21; Rev. 7:14).

**Joel 2:11 For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it? (Mal. 4:5)**

B. The “**Day of the Lord**” has both a narrow and broad application. The “Narrow Day” is a literal 24 hr. day in which Jesus returns to Jerusalem (Zech. 14:1-9). The “Broad Day” refers to the time when Jesus begins to manifest His power openly from the tribulation to the culmination at the end of the Millennium (2 Pet. 3:8).

**Zech. 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming... 2 For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem... 3 Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives... 5 Thus the LORD will come, and all the saints... 7 It shall be one day which is known to the LORD - neither day nor night... 9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be - “The LORD is one,” And His name One.**

C. The “**Great Tribulation**” emphasizes the negative dimensions of the final 3½ years prior to Jesus’ return (Mt. 24:7-8, 21). Four “**eschatological winds**” will come together in fullness creating the “perfect storm” to purify the church, bring in the great harvest and remove all that hinders love. The “four winds” are **creations groan** (Rom. 8:22), **man’s sin** (Dan. 8:23), **Satan’s rage** (Rev. 12:12) and **God’s zeal** displayed in a **seven-fold shaking** (Hag. 2:6-9) of both **wrath** (Rev. 15:1) and **glory** (Acts 2:17-19). It will be the greatest time of pressure (Mt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1) and **catalyst** that transitions the earth into the Millennium (Isa. 66:8).

**Mt. 24:21 There will be Great Tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world... nor ever shall be. 22 Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [survive]... (Dan. 12:1)**

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## V. THE ROADMAP OF REVELATION - PARTS, SECTIONS AND SYMBOLS

A. Two reasons that many do not read the book of Revelation is because they are confused by the **basic structure** (parts and sections) and the **main symbols** found in the book. However, if we know its basic structure and few main symbols, then we have a “**clear roadmap**” and can know “**where we are**” in the unfolding storyline, giving confidence that we can understand, enjoy and begin partnering with the Lord, as we “**keep those things**” which are written in the book of Revelation.

*Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words [understand] of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

B. There are **four parts** in the basic structure of the book of Revelation. The “**fourth part**” contains **five chronological sections** in which the events occur in sequential order, followed by an **angelic explanation** of each. That is only a total of nine pieces of information (4 parts, 5 sections), giving us a “**clear roadmap**” to know “**where we are**” in the unfolding storyline of the book.

C. There are only **7 main symbols** found throughout the book of Revelation.

## VI. THE BASIC STRUCTURE - FOUR PARTS

A. *Part One - John's CALLING to Prophecy About the End-Times (Rev. 1)*

B. *Part Two - Jesus Gave 7 LETTERS to 7 Churches (Rev. 2-3)*

C. *Part Three - Jesus Takes the SCROLL (Rev. 4-5)*

D. *Part Four - Jesus' BATTLE PLAN (Rev. 6-22)*

## VII. PART ONE: JOHN'S CALLING TO PROPHECY ABOUT THE END-TIMES (REV. 1)

Rev. 1 gives us the clearest picture of **who Jesus is**, as the “**Son of Man**”, revealed as a **Bridegroom, King and Judge**. In Rev. 1, the Father commissioned Jesus to “unveil” certain dimensions of His **infinite beauty** and **eternal majesty** (Isa. 4:2; Hag. 2:7), as well as, the **brilliance** of His unfolding “**battle plan**” (Dan. 9:24), revealing His heart, power and leadership in preparing the nations for the glory of God +/- (Hab. 2:14; Num. 14:21; Ps. 72:19; Isa. 11:9). Jesus then showed John intimate details about Himself, as the “**Son of Man**”, highlighting **52 distinct aspects** of His majesty, strategically given in **14 titles**, **10 attributes** and **28 descriptions** that were meant to **impact** the message and the manner by which he would prophesy. Jesus was intentionally **transforming** John to interpret correctly, as well as, giving him the truths necessary to prepare and equip the church to overcome the unfolding events of the end-time drama in great victory (Rev. 7:9-17).

*Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God [Father] gave Him [Jesus] to show His servants... And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John...*

*Rev. 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!” (Rev. 12:11; 15:2-4; 19:1-8)*

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## VIII. PART TWO: JESUS GAVE 7 LETTERS TO 7 CHURCHES (REV. 2-3)

Rev. 2-3 give us the clearest picture of *what Jesus desires* in His Church, defining the “*dwelling place*” that He, as a wise “*Master Builder*” is constructing (Ps. 132; Mt. 16:18). In them, He reveals the “*blueprints*” for the “*Church after God’s heart*” that as an “*Ark of Safety*” will loose the power of God, keep them in unified safety (provision, protection, direction), while sustaining His presence in her midst long-term, without unnecessary injury. In Rev. 2-3 Jesus gives practical instruction to 7 historical churches, while prophetically calling and equipping the universal church to overcome (Rev. 1:11; 2-3). However, these 7 letters find their greatest application in the end-time Church, who will prevail over the unique dynamics and unusual events of the end-times in great victory. Jesus reveals 85 distinct aspects of His majesty, specifically magnifying 1-2 aspects of His character and ministry on behalf of each Church to overcome the challenge and obtain the promise that is specifically highlighted, giving a total of 26 eternal rewards to those who “overcome” by sustaining their dedication until the end (Rev. 2:7, 10, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21).

*Rev. 1:11 What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea...*

*Jn. 2:17 it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up [burns in Me like a fire].” (Ps. 69:9)*

## IX. PART THREE: JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL (REV. 4-5)

Rev. 4-5 give us the clearest picture of *Jesus’ infinite worth & resources*. In Rev. 4 John is translated to heaven where he sees the sovereignty and power of the *Eternal Creator* displayed in the *Father’s Throne*, giving us the greatest revelation of the Father’s Person and surroundings, referred to as the “*beauty realm of God*”. The Holy Spirit reveals to John how the Father feels about Jesus, including His full endorsement and commissioning, along with the infinite resources made available to Jesus for the execution of the Father’s “*master plan*” of exalting Him as a human King over all the nations forever. In Rev. 5, Jesus takes the scroll from the Father’s hand. As the “*Lamb slain*”, He is the only One worthy, meaning qualified, confirmed, capable and committed, to loose the seals and open the scroll, representing the “*title deed*” of the earth and the “*battle plan*” (Rev. 6-19) necessary to prepare a mature Church, bring in the Great Harvest of all nations (Israel) and loose the Great Tribulation (judgment and revival) against the Antichrist’s worldwide empire.

*Rev. 4:2 I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne [Father]... 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll... sealed with seven seals... 7 Then He [Jesus] came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.*

## X. PART FOUR: JESUS’ BATTLE PLAN (REV. 6-22)

Rev. 6-22 give us the clearest picture of *what Jesus will do* and how far love is willing to go to “*restore all things*” (Acts 3:21), including the convergence of heaven and earth in preparation for the Father’s permanent coming (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Eph. 1:10). The Lamb breaks the seals, to open the scroll, unfolding His “*battle plan*” to remove everything that hinders love (Hag. 2:6-9, 21; Zeph. 1:18; 3:8; Heb. 12:25-29). This is the *main storyline* of events seen in 7 seals, 7 trumpets and 7 bowls, covering the largest section of the book, including the *Great Tribulation*, which does not happen to us, but rather occurs through us!

*Rev. 19:11 Behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns... 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood... 15 out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron...*

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## XI. THE FOURTH PART: “JESUS’ BATTLE PLAN” HAS FIVE SECTIONS (REV. 6-22)

A. In **Part Four** of the book of Revelation “**Jesus’ Battle Plan**” there are “**five chronological sections**” that describe events unfolding on earth in a sequential order, beginning with the Tribulation period, continuing on into the Millennium and culminating with the Eternal Age. Each “**chronological section**” is followed by an “**angelic explanation**” to help us understand the “**why’s**” behind the “**what’s**” of that section.

B. The **five chronological sections** tell us “**what happens to the Antichrist’s empire and his follower’s**” in twenty-one judgment events (7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls) that intensify in severity, as they unfold on earth in a sequential order. They are the **main storyline** of judgment released against the kingdom of darkness upon the earth through the praying Church in the order that they occur.

C. The **five angelic explanations** following each of the chronological sections, function as a “parenthesis”, putting the storyline on “pause”, while an angel gives John a pastoral, “heart to heart”, behind the scene’s explanation as to “**Why God’s wrath is so severe?**” and “**What will happen to God’s people?**” including:

1. What **Satan will do to oppose us**, using the Antichrist’s persecution and Babylon’s seduction.
2. What **Jesus will do to help us** through angelic intervention and the prophetic ministry of the Two Witnesses, while releasing power, provision, protection, direction and reward.

### PART FOUR: JESUS’ BATTLE PLAN (REV. 6-22)

#### SECTION ONE

Rev. 6 **Chronological section #1**: the **SEAL JUDGMENTS** prepare the nations for God’s glory +/-  
Rev. 7 **Angelic Explanation #1**: God gives divine PROTECTION from judgments and falling away

#### SECTION TWO

Rev. 8-9 **Chronological section #2**: the **TRUMPET JUDGMENTS** against the Antichrist empire  
Rev. 10-11 **Angelic Explanation #2**: God gives DIRECTION by increased prophetic ministry

#### SECTION THREE

Rev. 11:15-19 **Chronological section #3**: Jesus’ **SECOND COMING & RAPTURE** of the church  
Rev. 12-14 **Angelic Explanation #3**: God reveals Satan’s CONFRONTATION against the saints

#### SECTION FOUR

Rev. 15-16 **Chronological section #4**: the **BOWL JUDGMENTS** destroy evil infrastructures  
Rev. 17-18 **Angelic Explanation #4**: God reveals the SEDUCTION of Harlot Babylon

#### SECTION FIVE

Rev. 19-20 **Chronological section #5**: Jesus’ **TRIUMPHAL ENTRY** into Jerusalem  
Rev. 21-22 **Angelic Explanation #5**: God reveals the RESTORATION of all things (Acts 3:21)

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## XII. THE SEVEN MAIN SYMBOLS OF REVELATION

A. Most of the symbolism in the book of Revelation is found within the *“five angelic explanations”*. All *events* and *numbers* in Revelation are to be understood literally, in their plain or “common sense” meaning, unless the Scripture specifically indicates that they are symbolic (Rev. 1:20; 5:6; 11:8; 12:1, 3, 9; 17:7, 9, 15-18, etc.). In other words, *“it means what it says and it says what it means”*. For example, Jesus tells us plainly that the *“mystery”* of the *seven lampstands* are symbolic of the *seven churches* (Rev. 1:20). To call something *“symbolic”* when it isn’t meant to be is not only deceptive, but it causes great confusion.

***Rev. 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars... 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.***

1. ***Dragon***: is always symbolic of *“Satan”* (Rev. 12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17; 13:2, 4; 16:13; 20:2).
2. ***Beast***: is symbolic of the *“Antichrist”*, who is called the “Beast” 36 times in Revelation (Rev. 13; 14:9-11; 17:3-17; 19:19-21; 20:4, 10).
3. ***Another Beast***: is symbolic of the *“False Prophet”*, who is called “another Beast” just once (Rev. 13:11). Every other time he is called the False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-17; 16:13; 19:20; 20:10).
4. ***Seven Heads***: are symbolic of *“7 historical world empires”* that persecuted Israel - Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome and the future revived Roman Empire (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3-16). The majority of commentators agree with this, as confirmed by history. The combined strengths of their wickedness will increase and emerge again under the Antichrist’s rule (Rev. 13:1-2).
5. ***Ten Horns***: are symbolic of a future *“10-nation confederation”* out of the old Roman Empire territory that will rule simultaneously over their own nation, while coming into partnership to serve under the Antichrist together (Dan. 2:41-42; 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev. 12:3; 13:1; 17:3, 7, 12, 16).
6. ***Harlot Babylon***: is symbolic of a *“global religious and economic system”* that is demonically inspired and empowered from the center of the rebuilt city of Babylon on the Euphrates river in Iraq, 50 miles south of Baghdad. This ancient city will literally be restored and used as a command post for the Antichrist to seduce many to sin, while persecuting the saints (Isa. 13-14; Jer. 50-51; Rev. 17-18).
7. ***Woman with Male-Child***: is symbolic of the *“faithful remnant of ethnic Israel”* throughout history that “gave birth” to *“Jesus, the Male-Child”* who will “rule all nations with a rod of iron” (Mt. 1:1-17; Rev. 12:1-5). Satan wars with the “rest of her offspring” who are Gentile believers (Rev. 12:17).

B. *“If Jesus meant it to be simple, then why did he make things symbolic?”* First, “simple” is *NOT* the opposite of “symbolic”. ***Symbols can be simple***. A symbol says much more, in less language, than the object that it represents. For example, Jesus holding the *“7 stars”* simply says much more in a symbolic way than listing every individual truth related to Him tenderly upholding, directing and protecting His messengers.

C. Like *“parables”*, Jesus used *“symbols”* to hide truth from the proud and unbelieving, while giving deep insight to the humble and the hungry, because they will always search it out (Mt. 13:10-13; Lk. 1:52-53).

***Mt. 13:34 Jesus spoke... in parables; and without a parable He did not speak... 35 “I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.” (Mt. 13:10-17)***

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D. Many commentators see the “*little book open*” (Rev. 10), as the unsealed book of Daniel, which an angel told Daniel to “*shut up*”, “*close*” and “*seal*” until the time of the end (Dan. 12:4, 9). Many of the same symbols and concepts partially veiled in the book of Daniel are clearly revealed in the book of Revelation (Rev. 22:10). The “*Beast*” (Dan. 7:7, 11, 19, 23), the “*Ten Horns*” (Dan. 7:7, 20, 24) and the “*abomination of desolation*” (Dan. 8:13; 9:26; 11:31; 12:11; Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Rev. 13:14-18) are clearly explained.

*Rev. 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven... 2 He had a little book open in his hand... 10 Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, “You must prophesy again [a second time] about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.” (Dan. 12:4, 9)*

E. Daniel’s prayer for understanding (Dan. 12:8-9) was answered 500 years later in the book of Revelation given to John. Interestingly, the “*seven thunders prophecies*”, given to John were also “sealed”, awaiting the maturity of the end-time church to understand their significance and prophesy their release (Rev. 10:4).

*Dan. 12:8 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, “My lord, what shall be the end of these things?” 9 And he said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. 10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand [end-time saints]. (Dan. 11:32-35; 12:4)*

*Rev. 10:4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”*

## XIII. THE SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION

The “*7 beatitudes*” found within Revelation describe realities that release “blessedness” in our lives. To be “*blessed*” is to experience the *Spirit’s supernatural abundant life*. They are brief interjections that function as “parenthetical encouragement” and do not advance the storyline (Rev. 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7, 14).

A. *Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

B. *Rev. 14:13 Then I heard a voice... saying, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”*

C. *Rev. 16:15 “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”*

D. *Rev. 19:9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”*

E. *Rev. 20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

F. *Rev. 22:7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy...”*

G. *Rev. 22:14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.*

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## XIV. SEVEN COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS CONCERNING THE END-TIMES

### A. Misconception #1: “Jesus will return at any moment”

1. Scripture teaches that Jesus will only return a 2<sup>nd</sup> time (not 3<sup>rd</sup>) for His corporate people (Heb. 9:28) and that His “**second coming**” occurs during the same period of time as the “**gathering of the saints**” or “**rapture of the church**”, which occurs at the 7<sup>th</sup> and final trumpet (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17).

***Mt. 24:30 Then... all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man COMING on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [Rev. 1:7]. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet], and they will GATHER together His elect... (Rev. 11:15-19)***

2. Paul also teaches that it can only occur after the “**great falling away**” (1 Tim. 4:1-3) and the **revealing of the Antichrist** (2 Thes. 2:1-4), which coincides with the establishment of the “**Abomination of Desolation**” spoken of by Daniel, initiating the “**Great Tribulation**” (Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14).

***2 Thes. 2:1 Concerning the COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ and our GATHERING together to Him [rapture]... 3 Let no one deceive you... for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed... so he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God [Abomination of Desolation].***

### B. Misconception #2: “The Church will be ‘raptured’ at any moment”

1. The popular “**pre-tribulation rapture**” view teaches that the Church will be “**raptured**” at any moment, therefore missing the unique dynamics and unusual events of the great end-time drama.

2. The word “**rapture**” comes from the Latin word ‘**raptus**’ meaning, “**snatching away**”. The Bible teaches that the church will be “**caught up**” (1 Thes. 4:17), however the issue is one of timing. The church will go through the “**Great Tribulation**” in great victory and power, being “**gathered together**” at the end, rather than at its beginning (Mt. 24:29-31; 1 Thes. 2:19; 5:10; 2 Thes. 2:1). The “**rapture**” occurs only after the **resurrection of the dead**, when the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds at Jesus’ second coming (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:15-17). This is a serious mistake leaving many unprepared for the future.

***1 Thes. 4:16 For the Lord will descend from heaven [second coming]... with the [7<sup>th</sup> and last] trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first [resurrection]. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air [rapture]...***

***1 Cor. 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 [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet]. For the trumpet will sound [Jesus’ return], and the dead will be raised incorruptible [resurrection], and we shall be changed [rapture].***

***Mt. 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days [seals 1-5] the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken [seal 6]. 30 Then... all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory [Rev. 1:7]. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet], and they will gather together His elect...***

***Mk. 13:27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth [rapture] to the farthest part of heaven [resurrection].***

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## C. Misconception #3: “Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> coming occurs in a moment”

1. It is clear from Scripture that although the “*rapture*” occurs during *Jesus’ second coming*, they are clearly two distinguishable events or “two sides of the same coin”. The “*second coming*” describes what Jesus does when He permanently returns to the earth. The “*rapture*” describes what happens to the saints when they see Him appear in the sky.

2. In 1 Cor. 15:51-52, the phrase “*in a moment*” refers to the “*rapture*” and qualifies how fast the individuals will be “*changed*” when they see Him, not how much time it takes for the entire church worldwide to be gathered to Him.

***1 Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet [7<sup>th</sup> trumpet]. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

3. Jesus’ second coming is a “royal eschatological procession”, involving many events over a 30-day period of time (Dan. 12:11) in the days of the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (Ps. 19:4-6; Rev. 10:7).

***Rev 10:7 In the days of the sounding of the seventh [trumpet] angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.***

## D. Misconception #4: “The Church is going away to live in heaven forever”

1. Jesus isn’t coming to “*go away*”, He is coming “*to stay*” and when He returns, heaven is coming to earth with Him forever! The centerpiece of God’s eternal purpose is for Jesus to join the heavenly and earthly realms together forever. This convergence is central to the “restoration of all things” (Acts 3:21).

***Eph. 1:9 Having made known to us the mystery [hidden plan] of His will... 10 that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth- in Him.***

2. God’s eternal plan has always been to dwell in unhindered face-to-face communion with His people in paradise upon the earth forever. This happens when the New Jerusalem descends from heaven and God’s glory fills the Millennial earth, taking 1000 years to restore the conditions (atmosphere, agriculture, animal life and age length) originally seen in the Garden of Eden (Rev. 21-22). This is the interpretive key to understanding the end-times. Without this foundational piece, confusion is inevitable.

***Rev. 21:3 Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... (Rev. 22:4)***

3. As Gentiles believers, our most natural paradigm is to think of going away to worship Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. We emphasize Jesus deity as the Son of God. Whereas the Jewish paradigm most naturally thinks of staying and reigning with the Messianic King as a man in the natural conditions of the earth. They emphasize the Messiah’s humanity as the Son of David. ***The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together in the revelation of the “Son of Man” who comes from heaven on clouds to rule the nations of the earth upon the throne of David forever!***

***Lk. 1:31 you [Mary] will... bring forth a Son, and call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Isa. 9:7)***

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4. God created two realms in the universe. **Heaven:** the spiritual and supernatural realm where the beauty of God's presence and power are openly manifest (Rev. 4:2-8; Dan 7:9-10). **Earth:** the material and physical realm where the natural human process of growth cycles, seasons, temperature, time, direction, weather patterns and physical sensation reach their fullest expression, requiring a resurrected body (Gen. 8:22; Ps. 74:16-17; Eccl. 3:1-8; Mk. 4:26-29). **Jesus will rule earth with the natural human processes not suspended, but significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit.**

5. Heaven is where a believer's soul and spirit has gone for the last 2,000 years, from the cross to Jesus' second coming (2 Cor. 5:8), as a "temporary holding pattern" before receiving a resurrected body at Jesus' return (1 Cor. 15:52). The saints do not need a resurrected body to relate to the spiritual environment of heaven. Only as the spiritual and natural realms come together can we realize the fullness of God and express the fullness of His purpose (Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13; Col. 1:19-20; 2:9-10).

## E. **Misconception #5: "God's end-time judgments are against the Church"**

1. God's judgments are directed at darkness, therefore it is not true that they are against the church, except where those in the church have embraced and agreed with darkness (Eccl. 10:8; Rev. 18:4).

**Rev. 18:4 Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.**

**Eccl. 10:8 He who digs a pit will fall into it and whoever breaks a wall will be bitten by a serpent.**

2. God has promised that He will "**shake everything that can be shaken**", beginning with His people (Hag. 2:6-9, 21; 1 Pet. 4:17; Heb. 12:25-29). Even so, there is a clear distinction between God's "**redemptive judgments**", meaning to redeem the objective of His judgment through discipline and His "**punitive judgments**", which are meant to punish the object of His judgment through wrath.

**Heb. 12:26 He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us... serve God... with reverence and godly fear.**

3. Principle of Judgment: **God will use the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love, without violating anyone's freewill.** This book is God's "least severe" means.

4. The church is never appointed unto God's wrath (Rom. 5:9; 1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9). However, the Father tenderly disciplines the son whom He loves (Pr. 3:11-12; Heb. 12:3-11; Rev. 3:19), knowing that His goodness leads to repentance (Rom. 2:4). **The Lord's correction of us is not His rejection of us.**

**1 Thes. 1:10 Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come... (Rom. 5:9; 1 Thes. 5:9)**

5. Due to having a totally wrong paradigm of God's end-time judgments, some in the church are waiting to go up and escape them, while God is waiting for us to grow up and release them. It is inconceivable that after 40 years of preparation in the wilderness, God would "**rapture**" Moses out of Egypt to escape, instead of using him to deliver His people by releasing His judgments through prayer.

6. The Lord will preserve His people in the midst of judgment like Noah, Israel in Goshen and Daniel in the lions den, through supernatural provision, protection, direction and power (Lk. 17:26-30; Rev. 9:4).

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## F. Misconception #6: “The end of the world is coming”

1. There is no **“end of the world”**. The earth abides forever (Ps. 78:69; 104:5; Eccl. 1:4). However, the **“end of the age”** is coming, meaning the way the earth is governed by sinful men under Satan’s influence. When describing the earth “passing away” (Rev. 21:1) John uses the same Greek word describing your “passing away” as well (2 Cor. 5:17). However, you’re still here, just transformed.

**Ps. 78:69** *And He built His sanctuary like the heights, like the earth which He has established forever.*

2. Jesus will assert His rightful leadership over the entire planet at the beginning of next age called the **“Millennium”** (Rev. 20:4-6). Jesus primary mandate will be to prepare the earth for the Father’s permanent coming by voluntarily bringing all the nations into mature righteousness, while destroying sin, sickness, Satan and finally death in the Lake of Fire (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 20:7-15).

**1 Cor. 15:24** *Then comes the end [of the Millennial age], when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. 25 He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death... 28 when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him [Father] (Rev. 20:7-15)*

3. Righteousness will be substantial in the **“Millennium”** and then perfect in the **“New Earth”** after being purged with holy fire (Zeph. 1:18; 3:8; 2 Pet. 3:10-13; Heb. 12:29; Rev. 20:9).

**2 Pet. 3:10** *The day of the Lord will come as a thief... in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works in it will be burned up... 12 the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we... look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

## G. Misconception #7: “What we do now won’t matter once Jesus returns”

1. We all appear before the **“judgment seat of Christ”** to give an account for what we did in the body, whether good or bad (Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:9-11). Jesus will personally evaluate and reward believers in 7 categories: **God** (Gen. 15:1; Mt. 5:8; Rev. 21:3, 7; 22:4), **Glory** (Dan. 12:1; 1 Cor. 15:35-58), **Garments** (Rev. 3:5, 18; 19:8, 14), **Government** (Lk. 19:11-27; Dan. 7:18, 22, 27; Rev. 20:4-6), **Gifts** (Isa. 40:10; 62:11; Mt. 5-7; 1 Cor. 3:9-15; Rev. 2-3; 11:18; 22:12), the **New Jerusalem** (Jn. 14:2-3; Rev. 21:9-22:5) and **New Heavens and New Earth** (Isa. 65:17; 66:22; Acts 3:21; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1, 5-7).

2. All our **“works”** (faithful obedience and sustained dedication to our personal assignments in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> commandments, in the secret place of our heart, when no one is looking, under pressure and over time, especially through the mundane seasons of routine life) that are motivated by love (Heb. 6:10) and done according to His will in truth and in righteousness will endure the “revealing fire” of that Day (1 Cor. 3:9-15), transcending the physical tribulation shakings to be rewarded by the Lord Himself (Heb. 12:25-29). Even a simple cup of cold water is seen, valued and rewarded by Him (Mt. 10:42; Mk. 9:41).

3. All works of love in this age will have substantial continuity in the age to come, because they are eternal in nature (Heb. 12:26-27; 1 Jn. 4:7-16), being revealed by fire (gold, silver, precious stones) unto the glory and praise of God (1 Cor. 3:9-15). This 70-year internship is a weighty “moment” that determines and prepares us for an even greater assignment in the Millennial Kingdom and beyond. The greatest spiritual breakthroughs in history affecting our global culture will occur during the end-times, as God makes known His wisdom in the areas of government, business, education, media, arts, etc.