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A Biblical Israelite's Interpretation of Revelations By Rev. Deshina Buck

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PREFACE

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines a revelation as an act of revealing or communicating divine truth. Most of us have revelations of a seemingly less divine nature every day. We call these, epiphanies, which is defined as a divine manifestation.

We experience divine truths in our everyday lives; however, many of us simply do not acknowledge them for what they are and are therefore limited in our understanding of the divine and its power. We have been conditioned to erroneously believe that we are the creator of things we cannot see such as our own thoughts, ideas, and feelings.

Yes, the divine is working in us every day! We only began to recognize it when we acknowledge that we are not the creator of our thoughts and ideas, but the recipients of such from a higher power.

As you read this book, understand that science is our explanation of the divine and the divine is God's explanation of our reality. We understand God's workings by theorizing than studying and testing our theories until one fits.

For example, there is a documentary that identified a scientific explanation for the parting of the Red Sea. The theory was tested and seems very plausible. So, does it mean that God did not part the Red Sea for Moses and the other children of Israel? You may ask yourself about the odds of such an event happening just in the nick of time. See, the real miracle is in the timing of God's works. Nevertheless, his works are miracles in themselves. So, remember that science is man's reasoning of the Creator's creations.

Likewise, understand that the events of revelations are God's explanation of those things that were to come at the time of John's prophetic experience. We call our process of understanding those things created by God, science. There is a scientific explanation for everything, even when our science doesn't have the explanation yet.

The same holds true for this prophecy. Every character and every event exists in our reality, although our perspective may be different from God's perspective. Revelations helps us to understand the world through the eyes of God.

Additionally, it's important to read this book with an opened mind and no preconceived notions about Revelations, the world, religion, etc. This book is not a religious, scientific, or academic book. Rather, it is a book directed and ultimately created by Yahuwah – the Most High. It explains the inner mysteries of the Book of Revelations as He has given it to me and takes our generation into the next era of time in His plan for us all. This book will explain, in common terms, the purpose, plan, and message of the Book of Revelations, which also is the purpose, plan, and message for you and all of mankind.

The message of the entire Bible is summarized in the Book of Revelations. It tells you: who God is, how Yah will judge you personally, and how he will judge the world. The Book of Revelations also explains all significant events that have happened since the crucifixion of Yahushua and events that will happen until the end of time. It also tells you what to do to be found worthy in Yah's sight and what your purpose is in Yah's kingdom on earth, and in heaven.

The information it contains is so massive, intricate, and that we must know that man could not conjure this up on his own.

If you have doubts, just read this book in its entirety, and you will see that most of the prophecies in Revelations has already happened and many are happening now. As we get closer to the turning point that we call the end of the world,

these prophecies are manifesting faster and more frequently leading up to an unexpected and abrupt end of the world as we know it.

Furthermore, Revelations tell us who the twelve tribes of Israel are, what our purpose is on earth and our position in the kingdom of heaven, and where we are in the world today. This information is significant as this group is tasked by Yah to bring the truth and true gospel of salvation to the whole world, prompting the beginning of the end and Yahushua's 1000-year reign.

Here's the good news! You are talked about in Revelations, and Yah loves you and does so despite if you know it, know Him, or love Him back. If you are reading this book, Yah has directed you to find His truth and to take your place in His kingdom - no matter your race, religion, beliefs, or disbelief.

Revelations reveal the most foundational information, as well as, the more in-depth information. It explains the purpose of life and gives instruction about what we were sent here to do. It tells us what the end times look like, who to trust and whom not to trust, what to believe and what not to believe, how to live, and how not to live, and so much more.

It's important that readers are aware of some commonly misunderstood titles which will be used extensively throughout the book.

First understand that the groups called Jews and Christians were not the same people in New Testament times that we identify these groups as today.

Jews of the New Testament consisted of the children of Israel, people who lived in Judea, rather Jew or gentile, or people who practiced the religion of Judaism. It is not always referring to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, as Yahushua called his people.

Second, New Testament Christians were students, i.e. disciples, of the anointed ones, Israel, after Yahushua's death and resurrection. Additionally, recognize that Christians did not come into existence until after Yahushua's death and resurrection and they were never Christ's audience. Rather, Yahushua taught Israel to testify of Yah in his name to the entire world.

Understanding the terms "Christian" and "Messiah" is of the utmost importance. A Christian is not anyone who call themselves Christian, but those who learn from and follow the Messiah, or the anointed, who are Christians.

There are four Hebrew words translated as anoint in scripture. These can help us to better define this English word. The most prominent are mashach (משיח), meaning to smear oil to consecrate for office, i.e. to anoint, and mashiach (משיח) meaning anointed.

Interestingly, the other Hebrew words translated as anoint or anointed is Tsuk (מוֹך), sometimes spelled Suk (סוֹר), literally meaning to cast an image. Therefore, an anointed person, in the spiritual sense, is one who is the image of God or Yahushua. In either case, an anointed one is the image of God, because Yahushua is also the image of God. Therefore, those who are the image of God leads Christians who are the followers of the anointed (Messiah).

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¹ Acts 11:26

² Strong's #H5480 and AHLB #1410-J (V)

We see that these anointed people became like the Christ as they too healed the sick, raised the dead, and preached the truth of Yahuwah. They served the Christian's in this capacity as Israel manifested to Christians what Yahushua had taught to them and what they received from the Spirit of Truth, just as he instructed them.³

The point is that Israel's destiny is to lead Christians to God. On the other hand, Israelites were, are, or will be Christians at some point in their journey, but it's not their destination – just a phase on their path to their complete redemption.

So, when this book references Christians and Jews throughout this book, these are the, often overlooked, biblical truths I have in mind. First, New Testament Jews can be one of the three groups of people mentioned. Second, Christians, who can be Israelite or Gentile, rely on the anointed one and the anointed ones for Godly leadership and without it, they are not true followers of the Messiah [anointed], but of some worldly and inaccurate representation of YHWH. This is ultimately, religion.

Also, since every modern Israelite, will at some point also be Christian, this classification may refer to both Gentiles and Israelites who have not harnessed the anointing image of the One True God.

In the New Testament we learn about several of Yahushua's students, who Yahushua tells us are only those of the House of Israel and are the anointed. He explains to his direct disciples that they are to be like him, the salt of the earth and light of the world.⁴ He specified that the message that was to go out only to the house of Israel those things he taught to them and that it was time for the kingdom of heaven.⁵

This message can be seen manifested in the after-Christ New Testament books as it were Israelites who taught the New Testament followers called Christians and who, through Old and new Testament scripture, teach us all today. During his life and after his resurrection, the Messiah was represented by Israelites who became an image of him.

Additionally, the Hebrew names of Jesus, which is Yahushua, and of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, which is Yahuwah or Yah in its shortened form, is used throughout this book. These names are restored in the scriptural text of this book.

If you are not familiar with these names, a brief search of the Hebrew names written in scripture will confirm this for you. Just remember, Yah is God, Yahushua is Jesus, and the Messiah is Christ. These are simply the original pronunciations of the names of God and Jesus and title of the Christ, which were later changed in our English translations of the Bible. These are not new or alternative gods, just the original names of the One True God and His son.

Finally, please understand that what is written in this book was revealed to me by Yah. Of my own understanding, I cannot know any of this.

He also told me to share this with my family first and showed me that my family was of the twelve tribes of Isreal, then with the Gentiles.

Each of us should pray to Yah for understanding and to be led by His Spirit, rather than simply taking someone else's word for it. My hope is that I plant seeds in your spirit that will lead you to all truth!

³ Matthew 28:20, John 16:13

⁴ Matthew 5:13-14

⁵ Matthew 4:17, 10:7, Mark 1:15, Luke 21:31

Although I have no preference for particular bibles, the King James Version (KJV) is the version predominantly used for this interpretation. All corresponding verses of applicable scripture are included throughout the book. Compare the interpretation in this book to the scripture.

The first chapter contains accounts of some of my prophetic experiences that led me to write this book.

I pray you receive this message of Revelations with an open heart. Enjoy!

CHAPTER 1: 30 DAYS OF REVELATIONS

It's difficult to say when this all started since I did have spiritual experiences throughout my life. However, it was nothing like what happened over about a thirty-day period beginning in July of 2016. These experiences are worth mentioning because I want you to understand the power of our God and how he inspired this book and taught me everything I know.

In John 14:10, Yahushua taught us it was not him, but his Father in him who spoke and did the works he had manifested. I am mirroring His teaching and giving all the glory to the Creator - my Father in heaven.

These stories are not to lift myself up in anyway, but for you to know the power of our God. You should be aware that He can and will inspire you also, if only you seek Him and be separate from the world.

I remember I was in my bathroom one day and began to feel strongly that I had three years left. At first, I was frightened at what that might mean and felt in my spirit that it was literally the time I had left on earth.

A few days later I began having visions, but each time I lost my sense of physical presence, I became afraid and would almost immediately jump, and it was gone. After this had happened a few times, I began to pray for Yah to remove my fear. I wanted to know what He had to show me. While praying for about seven days, it happened, again and again, each day. On the seventh night, I was in a vision, and I saw an angel with its wings lifted up toward the sky. I recall thinking, "I'm in! I'm not afraid. This is so beautiful!" I felt a feeling of peace as I drew closer and closer to the angel. Just as quickly as all this happened, I was face to face with what I can only describe as a baby demon. Of course, in fear, I came back to, and the vision was over. It is worth noting that I don't believe in the traditional image of angels as winged humans, but this is what I saw.

The next night, in a dream, I was asleep at my dad's house, I heard Yah say, "The end is near." and He told me, "October 30, 2020". When I woke up, I felt deeply that the day was October 30, 2016.

Still in this dream, I quickly ran to my dad and said, "We have to get ready the day of wrath is near." He was talking to some strange younger woman, and he asked me to leave because he had company.

Next, it was night, and I found myself standing out in my dad's front yard as something strange began to appear in the sky. It looked like another galaxy approaching earth, but it formed the image of a woman clothed in yellow, gold, ruby, and bluish-white stars. I remember thinking, "He's really coming to save us from all of this chaos."

Suddenly, I was at my aunt's house, and a family friend was there. She invited me to a party and mentioned her "fancy drinks." I declined and told her and my cousins they had to prepare because the day of wrath was near. They all declined and chose to go to the party instead.

Just then, I saw my aunt and her husband getting into a blue bus. I didn't recognize the bus and became hopeful that they were, in some way, preparing. I hoped they would heed the warning. My uncle had just fixed the bus and was about to test-drive it. Therefore, I hopped in with him and my aunt. I listened as they talked about the features of the bus with excitement, then I began to tell them they needed to prepare. Her husband parked at a gas station and got out of the bus. I continued to warn my aunt, and while she was convinced of what I said, she remained unable to prepare - in bondage of sorts. I looked over, and my uncle was buying crack cocaine from a dealer in the parking lot of the store. When he came back, I tried convincing him, knowing that he was the reason my aunt could not prepare for Yahushua's coming. It ended

in an argument, and I left the gas station walking. On my way back to my car, I saw my aunt's oldest daughter riding in a white car.

Then, suddenly, I was on a ship. While boarding the ship, I recall feeling guilty about leaving my family behind and trying to escape Yah's wrath. I felt pressure to go back and be with them and that I should face his wrath like everyone else had to. As we were boarding the ship and preparing to leave the port, I felt so much confusion, guilt, hurt, and shame about leaving my family behind. My husband and two daughters were there, but I still felt so alone without all of them and my sons.

As the ship began to take off, I looked over at my husband and daughters and saw that we all had tags around our necks. The tags had the prices we had paid to get on the ship. My price was 1,987, my husband's was 1,427, and my youngest daughter's price was 895. My eldest daughter's was strange. It said nine, but I knew it was actually one and an additional eight which was a separate fee she paid for all of us to get on the ship. The thing is, these were not currency prices, we paid with something other than money.

As the ship departed from the port and was going through a channel, I heard another passenger say, "The water is black." Then all the passengers began to say the same. So, I looked over and all of the waters were black. I began to recall that in the Book of Revelations, the sea and ships were also destroyed. This was concerning because at that moment I believed I was trying to escape the wrath of Yah. I became more fearful and began to regret having gotten on the ship, but it was too late to do anything about it.

Just then, I noticed evidence that my cousin, who I had seen in the white car before being on the ship, was also on the ship. I saw her identification card and began to search for her. I found out that she had given her ticket to a strange woman.

Suddenly, the ship began to experience turbulence as though it was going up and down massive waterfalls. The same thing happened about three times before the ship became lodged on a big rock. The captain of the ship instructed the passengers to rock back and forth in unison to dislodge the ship, and we all did and it was dislodged. Soon after, the waters became blue, and everything was calm. I realized we were in heaven.

When I awoke, I heard the voice of Yahushua as he explained some portions of the dream to me. He said I had not done anything wrong by leaving and he put me on the ship to show me how it would be in the end. He said I would warn people, but not all would heed the warning and I would eventually have to leave without them.

Later, I realized that everything that kept my family from preparing for Yahushua's coming in my dream was closely tied to things that held them in bondage in real life. Needless to say, I told my family members of this dream right away, and those who were on the ship with me began to make changes immediately, while others did not.

Another message of this vision was that, in these last days, we will have to rock in unison to dislodge the ship and enter into heaven. We are currently stuck on a rock, but we are headed for the kingdom of heaven and peace, but we must unite in spirit to dislodge the ship.

I also learned that, like my cousin, some of us will give our "ticket" to strange women, gods, ideologies, and false prophets if we are not careful.

Last but not least, even if the end as we perceive it does not come, I am confident my world will end within the next three years since prophecy always has spiritual and physical implications. This reminded me that while we wait for the return of Yahushua, the rise of the kingdom of heaven, or the destruction of the entire world, we are each living our own spiritual revelation, although we may not see the end. Therefore, we must live every day prepared, as though our personal end could be today.

It was at this point that I began studying the Book of Revelations in depth, which I had been far too afraid to look at my entire life. The few times I had attempted to read it, it gave me nightmares, so I stayed away and focused on what I needed to do to be right with Yah as opposed to what was going to happen in the last days. I erroneously believed that the Book of Revelations only told of end time events, which were Yah's punishments to the world. Now, however, I was on a mission and quickly learned this was not the actual message and purpose of Revelations.

For the next few days following this, I had no dreams or visions that I could remember but had prophetic experiences every night before I went to sleep. Most of them were concerning knowledge. Quite frequently, I knew it happened and was making an effort to recall everything verbatim, but for some reason, I could not remember once it was over.

Once, I heard Yah tell me "All things work for the good of those who serve Me – bad things, good things, big things, small things, new life, and death. All things work for the good of those who serve and love Me."

Three days after the first dream, I had a vision where I saw my family encircled by wind, as though they were in the center of a tornado. The wind was keeping them separate from the rest of the world. I heard Yah say, "It is time to decide." Many of my family ascended to heaven, but some were left. Those who were left searched for the others, then realized they had already gone to heaven.

The message of this vision was that Yah had separated us, warned us, and gave us a choice, but some were still too distracted with the things of this world to notice the decision was necessary right then. These were left behind.

The next night as I was asleep, I saw the whole world as if it was in my belly. I saw strange beasts, animals, and even rodents dying. Some of the beasts were big, some small. They died as a result of physical and spiritual means, and it was all by Yah's command.

While in this vision, my husband's foot hit my foot with significant force. I knew then that I was not asleep, and just then I heard a loud voice commanding demons from the world that was in my belly, and they began to drop dead as Yah spoke the words. My youngest son was also in my bed, and when he touched my belly, the world was removed from the area he touched on my belly.

Spiritually, I immediately knew what had just happened, but you'll see later that I didn't know the whole story. The knowledge I was given was that everything has a spiritual and a physical cause and effect and the physical and spiritual always intersects. Everything also has a spiritual and physical meaning, purpose, and manifestation. I knew now that the Bible was literal, spiritual, and symbolic. This complexity is the device of Yah, which ultimately gives Yahushua and His people the victory.

I later realized that Yah was renewing me. He was killing everything in me that was not of Him. Every demon, stronghold, and worldly desire was removed. He was separating me -making me holy. By the way, this is the true meaning of holy – to be separate.

I had two more nights where I knew I had received knowledge, but could not remember what I was given. I believe it was on one of these nights that Yah gave me the message that the Bible was three-dimensional in several ways. The book itself is physically three-dimensional, and the text is three-dimensional. I understood, through this and other visions, that every message of the Bible has a separate meaning across time – past, present, and future and should be evaluated for the appropriate and relevant time-period.

I also understood that the text has a surface meaning, which is its literal meaning according to the English language. It has an original meaning, which has to be reverse engineered back into its original language to be understood. The text also has an underlying message, which is often the best interpretation, because it is how the written Word becomes applicable to our lives before we understand the Bible at greater depths.

Three nights later, I had my last experience regarding my family's salvation. This time it was all about my husband and children. I saw myself moving into a glass house, and all those living in truth were permitted to live there, while those living in deception refused to enter into the beautiful glass house and chose to remain in wooden shacks and lies. However, even those who initially refused were permitted once they accepted the truth.

The message of this vision was that to be permitted into Yah's kingdom, we must be willing to live in a glass house. In other words, your life is pleasing to Him when you have nothing to hide. It also taught me that we must <u>choose</u> to live in truth in order to be found worthy of the unlimited and supernatural power of God.

After several nights of more experiences that I could not remember, I began to pray and ask Yah to help me remember. Immediately I heard Him say, "It will be there when you need it." More time went by, and I asked Him why I could not remember. It was then that I heard Him say, "The flesh doesn't need to know all the things of the Spirit. It will be there when you need it." So, I stopped asking and accepted His answer humbly.

On August 23, 2016, I was about to fall asleep when I saw what looked like a bright light peeking under a closed door. I opened my eyes to see if someone was shining a light in the bedroom, but it was dark. So, I closed my eyes and tried to go to sleep. Soon after, I noticed what sounded like angels singing in my head. I heard "Salvation and honor and glory belongs to you." It went on and on, alternating words of praise. Just as I asked myself, "Why am I singing this song in my head?", I heard my spirit sing, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus." Then it started again, "Salvation and honor and glory and power belongs to you."

Then, suddenly I heard the voice of Yah asking me if I was ready to leave my family and my possessions. He warned me of the cost of leaving and told me, "But where you are going, there will be no more tears, no more pain, and no more suffering." Without giving it a thought, my spirit said, "Lord, let your will be done." I began thinking, "Is this what it feels like to die? Am I dying in my sleep?" I sincerely thought I was not going to wake up in the morning, but I heard Yah say, "You are not dying. You still have work to do."

Immediately after this, I was in a temple. I knew that I was the temple and the temple was in me. Confusing right? More simply put, I and the temple were one temple constructed of three beings — Yah, Yahushua, and me. It felt like home and was dimly lit, peaceful, and serene. I looked down and saw that I was holding twelve stones in my right hand and although the stones were separate they hovered together like a single stone tablet. Then I saw a bright light that illuminated at the intersections of the stones, which created the shape of a cross and I knew it was Yahushua. I also knew he was holding these stones, that appeared separate, together.

As the cross illuminated at the intersections of the stones, I heard these strange sounds in a loud and authoritative voice. Somehow, I knew they were of Hebrew origin. As I heard each sound, I was taken away to get knowledge. I also knew that the knowledge that I received was somehow related to the sound that I heard and the stones that the cross touched each time I received knowledge. When it reached the fourth intersection, I heard the voice of a woman, as though she was interviewing someone on television.

During this experience, I remember feeling excited, because I knew with certainty that I would recall every detail when it was done. As I was coming out of the vision, I heard the word "goyim" and knew the spelling of it and that it was also Hebrew. This time I remembered every detail except the knowledge, but I knew it would be there when I needed it.

The next day, as soon as I woke up, I looked up the word goyim and found it was the Hebrew word for gentiles. I then researched the Hebrew sounds that I heard in the very beginning of this experience and they meant family, secure, first, and mark or sign. In my spirit, I understood perfectly that it meant to teach my family first to secure their mark or their place in His kingdom. I also knew that I was to teach them as Yah gave me the knowledge, as though time was of the essence. My spirit was aware that hearing goyim after the vision was over was an indication that I was to teach the gentiles after.

That night I had another prophetic experience. As I had looked at the Hebrew words and alphabet to figure out my last vision, I had some questions for Yah and was curious. So, I asked him, "Why is Hebrew a dead language?" He said, "Let Him who is all but dead be the keeper of His Word. In the beginning, I created the Word. Let the Living One hold the Word, which is the Spirit."

That night I saw Yahushua baptizing large Hebrew letters in water and felt in my spirit that I needed to go back to the basics. I had to do some reverse engineering on the Book of Revelations.

After witnessing this, I was like a temple of knowledge, like a school. Being the school, I could see all that was happening in it. I saw from the roof that the ceiling had a small whole that let in a bright light from within the school. Suddenly, the ceiling and the roof were gone, but I could still see the school and still was the school. It was like I was now the sky as well and my light now lit the school.

When I came out of the vision, I knew that a transformation had taken place within me. Yah had given me access to life changing knowledge. This is symbolic of the idea that Yah's knowledge starts as a small light from within, a seed sown, and when he transforms us, we become the light and the knowledge to the world. I felt as though I had graduated to a new level of divine enlightenment.

I now realize that these powerful visions were not all about me. I know that I was only a representation of you, Israel. God was showing me what we must all do. We must all be transformed and be the light, knowledge, and truth.

In the days following, I began getting tidbits of information reiterating that the Bible is three-dimensional and everything is past, present, and future. In other words, history really does repeat itself but is manifested slightly different each time. I also received instructions from Yah that it was now time to retrieve the knowledge he placed in me.

One day I went to Revelations and, directed by Yah, decided to look at things I had previously ignored because I didn't understand it. I ended up in Revelations 21:19-20 and began diligently trying to find the underlying message of the stones and had figured out that they had something to do with the twelve tribes.

It was a few days later when I told my husband how I just couldn't figure it out and he said, "Well does it have anything to do with the stones from your vision?" I can't quite explain it, but that was it. All sorts of lights started going off in my head.

I went back a few verses and realized that these stones were being used to describe the bride of the Lamb, which is Yahushua. So, the bride who is Israel becomes one with Yahushua. They too are the Lamb? This opened my spiritual eyes to all sorts of truths regarding Revelations. I realized I needed to look at Revelations in a whole new way and all the visions I had been having were leading me to understand Yah's Word, but I still didn't know what I was supposed to do with it.

Over the next couple of nights, I received more tidbits of information. I saw the tribes being connected to the word "Salvation" which, in my vision, I saw printed in scripture. Somehow, from that one word, I instantly understood the whole Bible and Revelations in a general sense. Most importantly, I understood that the entire Bible was about the Israelites and their journey to becoming salvation for the whole world. This was confirmation of the significance of the vision where I held twelve stones in my right hand.

See, in the Old Testament the Israelites were chosen as a sacrifice of sorts and were cursed in order to become a blessing and bring salvation to the whole world in the last days. In the New Testament an Israelite, Yahushua, was chosen as a sacrifice to be the salvation that the Israelites would later bring to the whole world. In Revelations, the two sacrifices become one, hence the analogies of the marriage and the bride, working together to win the victory over the adversary. As you'll see later, further studies would confirm this. I knew then, I had Yah on my side, and He was truly transforming me and had work for me to do.

These visions are not all inclusive, but I hope you get the idea. In summary, I have learned many things at the hand of Yah. Before these events began, I had no formal theological or biblical training. Nope, I am a business major!

Despite this, Yah has commanded me to share the knowledge He has given me with my brothers and sisters first, then with the gentiles, that all would have access to true salvation. I was warned that the end is near multiple times, so I feel it is urgent that we all know and come to accept the truth of our Father.

Yah revealed to me that I, a so-called African American, am a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - specifically, He said 'the fourth tribe.' Further research revealed that the fourth born to Jacob was Judah, from whom came Yahushua.

I now understand that my and the mission of many others like me is to spread the truth of Yah's word, as it applies to us today, so that the world will know Him and accept His salvation in the very near and imminent last chaotic days.

I have been divinely taught that children of Israel are destined for royalty, but also have a critical and often difficult role right here and now.

In the Book of Revelations, Yah reveals the role and judgment of every living person through His Word. I believe that every true Christ believing church should be preaching this truth, which Yah has given us and that every man needs to accept his place in the body of Yahushua and play his part, rather Gentile or Israelite. Yah tells each of us our roles in His kingdom and in the body, which exists here in this world and the next.

Finally, one day after all this, Yah told me, "Write a book." I had no idea what I was going to write or who was going to read it. I immediately went to my computer and began typing. As I typed, tears poured from my eyes as I came to the realization of what God was doing in me. All that He had given me, those things He said I would have when I needed it, effortlessly poured out onto these pages.

Most importantly, I learned that we can and will literally be made new and whole by Yah. I am graciously accepting my position and letting no man take my crown. I will do whatever my Father tells me to.

I pray His Spirit be upon you!

With Love,

Reverend Deshina Buck

CHAPTER 2: INTRODUCTION & FOUNDATION

First, be aware that this interpretation and these methods are based on knowledge given to me by God, and not by man. That being said, you may become uncomfortable with His Truth, but hang in there because it's well worth knowing!

Secondly, to fully understand Revelations, we must always keep in mind that everything in it has a particular purpose, but may have several messages. This is how Yah operates. Nothing He does is idol or vain and every statement, and even every concrete word, has an important message.

The next few pages will break down how this interpretation was formulated for Revelations 1:1-2; however, after these two verses it will be more straightforward. You may also want to take a look at <u>Table 1</u> to familiarize yourself with the structure of the prophecy before reading forward.

Chapter one of the Book of Revelations is often overlooked as merely an introduction to the book. However, this chapter of Revelations sets the stage for understanding the rest of Revelations.

As you study Revelations, information from previous chapters must be taken into account while reading all of the Book of Revelations. Chapter one is no exception.

Beginning with the very first verse, pertinent foundational information is relayed to the readers of His Word.

The Revelation of Yahushua the Messiah, which Yah gave unto him, to shew unto his servants' things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of Yah, and of the testimony of Yahushua the Messiah, and of all things that he saw. - Revelations 1:1-2, KJV

By going back to the original language that these verses were written in, in this case, Greek, or back to the Aramaic or Hebrew whenever possible, we get a deeper understanding of the scripture. We primarily use *Strong's Bible Concordance* and the Jeff Benner's *Ancient Hebrew Lexicon* to accomplish this. Here, verses one and two are interpreted.

Interpretation. The revealing of the truth of Yah is Salvation by the Anointed One, which Yah gave to the Anointed One to show those devoted to Him with disregard for their personal interests, the things which would soon happen. He sent and made it known by His messenger to His servant, John, who has firsthand experience with Yah and the testimony of Yahushua and the things he saw, and he recorded it.

What We Read	What Was Intended	What It All Means
(The Translation)	(The Reverse Engineered)	(The Underlying Messages)
The Revelation of Yahushua the Messiah,	The revealing of the truth of God is Salvation by the Anointed One	- This prophecy will reveal truth about Yahushua
		- The revealing of the truth of God is salvation and is a task carried out by the Anointed One or the ones who are anointed.

which Yah gave unto him, to shew unto his servants' things which must shortly come to pass;	which Yah gave to the Anointed One to show those devoted to Him with disregard for their personal interests, the things which would soon happen;	 The revelation was given to Yahushua by Yah, to show Yah's servants what would soon happen. Yah gives the truth to his Anointed One to show those devoted to him with disregard for their lives what will soon happen.
and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:	and he sent and made it known by his messenger to his servant, Gracious Giver.	 - He sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John - Yah sent the message through a messenger to his servant who was a gracious giver.
Who bare record of the word of Yah, and of the testimony of Yahushua the Messiah, and of all things that he saw.	John kept record of his experience with Yah, the testimony of Yahushua [is the spirit of prophecy], and all the things he saw.	 John bare record of the word of Yah and the testimony of Yahushua He kept record of the word of Yah and the testimony of Yahushua and all the prophetic things he saw

First, based on our English translation we understand that the truth would be revealed about Yahushua the Messiah. We also learn that this truth was given to Yahushua the Messiah to show Yah's servants things that would soon happen.

The message was sent and signified by Yah's angel, which is literally a messenger, to Yah's servant, Gracious Giver [meaning of John]. John kept record of the word of Yah and the testimony of Yahushua and all the things he was shown.

The next thing we will do is identify and define concrete words and names in the passage.

This verse revealed that the **truth of Yah is His salvation** which He gave to us through the Anointed One [Messiah]. It reveals the intended audience of Revelations is those who are devoted to Yah with disregard for their own lives. Additionally, it says that Revelations will show us things that will soon happen.

You now have two of the three dimensions of biblical interpretation. First, we get what is written in English, then what Yah intended for His servants when the scripture was originally written.

A more complete understanding of scripture comes with the third dimension, which is the underlying messages of both the English translation and the original scripture. The above table gives the main and most obvious messages of these scriptures; however, more can be understood by studying these verses in depth.

We can gather that Yahushua was an Anointed One sent by Yah to reveal the truth of Yah, which is salvation. This gift was given to us by Yah. The gift being the revelation of who our God is and who we are in Him. This is the act of being saved, salvation. Yah is the source and giver of this Truth by which we are saved.

The message is intended to reach those who are "servants" - those who are devoted to Yah with no regard for their own lives and interest because they serve Yah's purpose. Revelations repeatedly reveals that Yah's servants are of the twelve tribes of Israel.⁶

The things you are about to learn in the Book of Revelations were already happening at the time John received the prophecy.

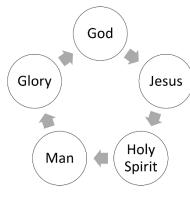


Figure 1

Yah sent and made this information known by His messenger, the Holy Spirit. Typically, we see the Holy Spirit as a separate entity from God. What God and Revelations has taught me is that this set apart Spirit is as much God's personal spirit, as our own spirits are our character and who we exist as. Particularly, our spirit is who we exist as from God's perspective.

Perhaps John, whose name means "gracious giver", was a gracious giver; thus, he was chosen to give this message to Yah's people.

Yah gave His Word to Yahushua and Yahushua gave the word to John through the Holy Spirit, who is the messenger. This sheds light on the hierarchy of the kingdom of heaven, but you'll learn that there is much more to it.

As we go forward, keep these principles and methods in mind. Other verses will not be broken down as they are above.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. - Revelations 1:3, KJV

This verse explains that people who acknowledge, understand, and obey, preserve, and possess the words and spirit of this communication from Yah will be happy because these prophecies are happening.

In other words, if someone is fearful, they haven't grasped the true interpretation of Revelations or are on the wrong side of the battle between Yah and the adversary – possibly both.

So, readers can receive understanding and not acknowledge the truth of Yah's word as a result of fear or resulting in fear. Likewise, they could recognize its truth and be fearful because they don't understand it.

He also tells us that we must do as it instructs us to do to be blessed. If a person acknowledges and understands they will still be fearful if they are not obeying Yah's word.

The blessing is not of material wealth or any worldly benefit. After all, we must consider that everything has a purpose working toward the manifestation of <u>His purpose</u>, not our own.

⁶ Revelations 2:20, 7:3, 10:7, 11:18, 19:2, 19:5, 22:3, and 22:6

To clarify this, the Hebrew word for bless is "barak" or "baruk" which literally means to fill the palms or hands or to fill the work of a person. In context, the word "blessed" is best translated as fulfillment. To be blessed is to be fulfilled, by fulfilling.

Also, recall that Revelations is for those who are devoted to Yah with no regard for their own interests. Readers who understand Yah's correct interpretation will not seek self-serving blessings but will know that reading, accepting, and understanding this prophecy will fulfill them, as they fulfill the will of Yah.

John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; And from Yahushua the Messiah, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto YaHuWaH and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. - Revelations 1:4-6, KJV

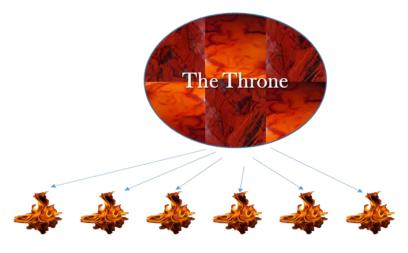


Figure 2

In these verses, John appears to be addressing his audience, but what does this scripture say to us?

We see here that Yah, Yahushua, and the seven spirits are sending grace and peace to the churches. Again, we see the distinction between Yah and Yahushua where John writes grace and peace from Yah [him which is, and which was...], the seven spirits, and Yahushua the Messiah.

The seven churches are all said to be real churches or assemblies located in Asia Minor during the time John recorded this prophecy. More importantly, in the context of the prophecy, it is the world divided into seven groups of people who have existed since the coming of salvation through Yahushua. Collectively, these groups are commonly referred to as the body of Christ or Christ's church.

These verses also tell us that Yah was here, is here, and will be here again.

Observe that there is a distinction between Yah, the Father, and Yahushua, the son. This is a huge debate throughout the world and especially across religions and religious denominations. It also appears to be a significant point Yah and Yahushua wanted to get across to their people since its brought up several times in chapter one of Revelations. Keep in

mind that the purpose of Revelations is to reveal to us the truth about Yahushua and Yah's Salvation. It is doing exactly that.

The Book of Revelations is revealing the truth of Yahuwah [God], which is our Salvation. In other words, knowing the truth of God is our way out of sin. This is only a portion of the truth we were told would be revealed, but it is clearly very significant.

It tells us exactly who Yahushua is and what his role is. We learn here that Yahushua is the faithful witness, the first to rise from the dead, the ruler over the kings of the earth, he loves us and gave his life for us, and has made us kings and priests of Yah, his Father.

This is a revelation that Yahushua is our ruler, our leader, but not God as is commonly misunderstood. He sacrificed himself that we would know the truth of God, which is our salvation.

Yahushua's status as a deity is highly controversial, but despite what we have been taught in church, Yahushua, Yah, and the Spirits are telling us that the man, Yahushua, is or was not God. However, we must note that he was the first person who Yah anointed with His Spirit, allowing flesh to embody His Spirit, which was in one human being, at the beginning of salvation. Yahushua confirms this for us throughout the New Testament.

Here, the seven spirits aren't explained in detail like Yah and Yahushua are; however, chapters two and three of Revelations and, to an extent, the entire book will reveal who or what these spirits are. The seven spirits are only mentioned together one other time throughout the Bible, in Isaiah.

And the spirit of Yah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Yah. - Isaiah 11:2, KJV

Seven Spirits

- 1. Spirit of Yahuwah
- 2. Spirit of wisdom
- 3. Spirit of understanding
- 4. Spirit of counsel
- 5. Spirit of might
- 6. Spirit of knowledge

We will learn that the seven spirits are the spirits that Yah has given to us as our strength and vessel to salvation, by which He will ultimately judge us all.

For example, those whom Yah gave counsel should use their gift of counsel for His glory. They will be held accountable to use their gift to bring forth His message, to edify the church, and to glorify Him.

He gave each of us a spirit, which will judge us in life, death, and at the end of time as we know it. These are the seven spirits. They are our gift, judgment, and responsibility in the Kingdom of Yah that is on earth.

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so,

Amen. - Revelations 1:7, KJV

Chapter one, verse seven, gives us a warning or notice that every person will see Yahushua when he comes, even those that killed him or caused him to be killed.

The word "behold" is used 25 times in the Book of Revelations. Always pay close attention when you see the word "behold" in Revelations. Most often, Yah is giving us a warning of something to which we should pay very close attention.

The three dimensions of interpretation are still in effect. Meaning that this reference is to those who pierce Yahushua's physical and spiritual body. It also means that Yahushua's coming in a cloud will, in some way, manifest literally; however, leading up to the end this is referring to a cloud as in a haze or covering. This haze or covering is one in which each person will see him in their own mind, then in those who represent him, who, similar to Yahushua, are not readily accepted or recognized.

Notice the passage uses "eye" which is singular; therefore, we know Yahushua is not referring to the physical eyes of a person, but our spirit or mind, by which we perceive. Perception does not require physical sight. Additionally, Yahushua taught us in the Gospels that the eye is the mind, from which true sight operates. 8

There are so many logical reasons why a literal coming of the Messiah in a cloud is invalid. And, yes, we do serve a logical God! Yah is real, and His thoughts are real, and His plans are very consistent and logical. If He didn't give us a prophecy about a worldwide healing of the blind and the lame, then it's not part of His plan.

We cannot afford to add to the Word of God. Many of the portrayals of the end of days convinces us of all sorts of non-biblical events. We must be careful not to confuse Hollywood fiction and biblical fact.

As you will learn throughout Revelations, every character and event has an earthly manifestation that isn't much different from what we see and experience today. This includes the manifestation of the son of man in a cloud. Now, there are also supernatural manifestations and it will be clear when those supernatural events occur.

Yahushua specifies in Matthew 6 that our eye must be single, meaning our mind must be of one accord, focused on one purpose, and having one love. Don't miss him because Satan told you he isn't coming at all or he is literally going to float into the earth's atmosphere on a cloud and everyone will see him with their natural sight. A person who believes either of these lies risks missing the warnings of His coming.

When he comes all those on earth will mourn. Revelations will tell us more about the mourning when it talks about the two witnesses. It is at that point that we will identify when, in the prophecy, he comes in a cloud. Readers will then have a better understanding of what his return will look like.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith Yah, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. - Revelations 1:8, KJV

Here Yah makes His presence known. We can be certain that this is Yah because he refers to himself as the Almighty and the Aramaic text actually says His name, YHWH, and not 'the Lord'. Furthermore, it is specified throughout Revelations that the Lord is Yahuwah the creator, except once when it is directly uses in John's closing statement.

Now keep in mind that Yahushua, the Spirit, and Yah are three beings of the same Spirit that all come from Yah. I can't emphasize this enough, we cannot get to the Father, except through Yahushua, he is our head and our only connection to the truth of Yah. His is the only testimony of the character of the True and Living God, and we can only come to know God's true identity and character through Yahushua's testimony. Thus, we must believe, study, and live his testimony to be saved.

⁷ Revelations 5:6

⁸ Matthew 6:22-23

What you will find is that God, Yahushua, and the Spirit merge to become nearly indistinguishable at the end of Revelations, but Yahushua will reveal who he is once and for all.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Yahushua the Messiah, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of Yah, and for the testimony of Yahushua the Messiah. – Revelations 1:9, KJV

In Revelations 1:9, it appears as though John is simply introducing himself. If we take a closer look, we see that it is much more than an introduction. In this passage, John explains how the vision began and says he is our brother and he too experienced the tribulation, and he diligently believed in Yahushua as we do.

He says he is in the kingdom as we are. This implies that the kingdom of Yah is not only in heaven but also on earth and has been, at least since the time of John's prophecy. It also confirms that the tribulation began during John's time.

He says he was on an island called Patmos, which translates to my killing, to hear the word of Yah and the testimony of Yahushua. A secondary interpretation of this is that John was away from others and allowed his flesh to be overtaken by the Spirit of Yah so he could receive prophecy. Here he is telling Yah's people how he hears from Yah, while also providing the setting for his prophetic experience.

I am not saying that John intentionally did this, but by the power of the Most High God, he gives us a more divine message.

I was in the Spirit on Yah's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. – Revelations 1:10-11, KJV

In these verses, John specifies that this revelation came to him on Yah's day, which is the Sabbath. He describes the voice like a trumpet instructing him to write letters to the seven churches.

The line "Saying I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last," must be explained. It was not in the original text and was later added to the Greek translation, creating confusion. Its confusion because it appears as though Yah introduces Himself again. One might also draw the conclusion that this is Yahushua; however, Yahushua presents himself later.

Since the entire first chapter is intended to tell us who these divine characters are, this little mishap causes confusion that may hinder readers' understanding of this prophecy. Who the characters are must be clear to understand the prophecy. Never the less, God was the last to introduce himself, so it is implied that it is him who is currently speaking to John.

Additionally, according to the Aramaic, it was Sunday and not on the Lord's day, which is the Sabbath. Our God is not one of confusion; therefore, we will rely on the original Aramaic text for this translation, which reads:

I was in the spirit on the first day of the week and I heard, from behind me, a voice great like a trumpet which said those things which you have seen, write in a book and send it to the seven assemblies: to Ephesus, Smyrna,

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⁹ Revelations 19:10

Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. - Revelations 1:10-11, The Aramaic English New Testament

This is a perfect example of the reason we should not worship a book, even if it's called a Bible. We must remember that while "scripture" is divine, a translation of scripture is just a translation of scripture and is susceptible to bias and error. We must do more than just read and accept. We must study!

And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. - Revelations 1:12-16, KJV

In verses 12 through 16, John is describing the body of Yahushua. The body of Yahushua is the physical appearance of Yahushua in John's vision, but more importantly, he is describing the different churches, which make up the body of Yahushua. These churches are not churches as we think of them in modern times. They are groups or kinds of people with some identical characteristics.

More specifically, the Greek word for "church" is "ekklesia" which means called out ones. Their positions and qualities are an explanation of their role in the kingdom of Yah; here on earth and in heaven.

What is heaven? Contrary to popular belief, it is not simply some place in the sky. Rather, it is a state of being perfected, complete, and limitless. It is used to define the place where Yah dwells, and it is. He dwells in perfection, completeness, and is unlimited.

Now that we have clarified the meanings of church and heaven, here are the positions and qualities of the body of the Messiah.

- The body of Yahushua <u>walks in the mist of the seven golden candlesticks</u>, which are later specified to be the seven churches. ¹⁰ Meaning, not the entire church is of the body, but the body is in the midst of all seven churches. More plainly put, some, but not all of the individuals in each church, make up the body of Yahushua.
- The body of Yahushua <u>looked like the Son of man</u>. The actual "body" will resemble Yahushua in the appearance of their character. Likewise, the body looks like the son of man, which is human.
- It was clothed in a garment down to his feet and wore a golden belt.
- The <u>head of it was white</u>.
- The eyes were like flames of fire.

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¹⁰ Revelations 1:20

- The feet were like fine brass that was burned.
- His voice was like many waters, which is later revealed to be many people.
- The son of man <u>held seven stars in his right hand</u>.
- A sharp two-edged sword came out of his mouth, which is the word of God.
- He appeared as one with the power to make the sun shine.

As we continue to learn about the seven churches, keep these in mind. Each of these phrases will be used again to describe something or someone else.

Knowing these phrases will help you identify who in the body are carrying out certain prophetic tasks or causing certain prophetic events.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; - Revelations 1:17-19, KJV

Here, we see that Yahushua does not want us to fear this prophecy. He describes himself as the first and the last and the one that lives and was dead. He specifies he will live forever.

Yahushua told John to write what he saw, was seeing, and would see during his prophecy. He says he has the power over hell.

In a literal and transparent since, Yahushua was telling John to write the things he saw, was presently seeing, and would see during his prophetic experience. More importantly, he reveals that everything that was already said and would be said were things that were happening at that time, is happening in our time, and would happen in the future.

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. - Revelations 1:20. KJV

Yahushua explained to John and us that the seven golden candlesticks are the seven churches and the seven stars are the seven messengers of the seven churches. He is about to talk about both the messengers and the churches in great detail.

Chapter one sets the foundation for understanding Revelations' prophecy. This foundation is a basic understanding of the characters in Revelations and what their roles are, including that of Yahushua and the Father. Essentially, this is one of the most important messages of Revelations.

By now we should be better prepared for what is to come in the rest of the prophecy. The foundation of our understanding is laid by explaining the purpose of the Book of Revelation, the main characters and their roles, and the setting of this prophecy.

In case you've forgotten...

- ✓ The purpose of Revelations is to reveal the truth of salvation by the Anointed One.
- ✓ The characters are John, Yahushua, Yah, Holy Spirit, and the seven spirits, churches, and messengers, which you will learn are essentially the same thing.
- ✓ The setting is all times beginning with the birth of Salvation, which is the rise of the Spirit of Yah in man, which occurred when Yahushua was resurrected.

This chapter also addresses some controversial topics. It tells us who God is, who Jesus is, and who we are and reveals the coming of the son of man.

We learned that we will see the son of man coming in a cloud. This event will occur in Revelations 10 where we get a better idea of what this will look like. We will also see a similar character in Chapter 14, except he's not clothed in the cloud, he sits on the cloud. So, to truly understand this, readers must first know what the son of man is.

Yahushua talks about the coming son of man in Matthew 24, where he warns us not to believe when people say look here or look there, because there will be many false messiahs.

So, he tells us that there will be no particular place we can look to see the son of man coming in a cloud. Therefore, he warns us not to follow after anyone who says "Look he is over here."

He goes on to say it will instead be like lightening coming out of the east and shining on the west, where all will see the light, but not all will see the bolt that produces the light. Another parallel is that when lightning strikes we don't always see it with our eyes, but we can all hear or feel the thunder that follows and know that it occurred.

He also explains that it will be like eagles gathering around a dead carcass, whereas you can see the eagles and know that there is a carcass even though you can't see the carcass itself. In this same manner will you see what Yahushua referred to as the son of man.

In both examples, he hints to a gathering of people that is one with him and that they are the light he emits and he is the reason they gather. In other words, we will know he is present although you will only see what he is clothed in or covered by.

Additionally, Yahushua taught, in John 12:34, that the son of man was the light. Meanwhile, in Matthew 5:14, he explains who or what the light is. He says it is those who follow and learn from him, his disciples. This message is consistent with his two analogies in Matthew 24.

Many times over, Yahushua taught us who or what the son of man is. He expresses that it's not only him, but all those who become one with him by becoming like him, the light, and he is the source. The son of man also literally means a human being which kind of gives it all away.

So, as we move forward in our study of the Book of Revelations, keep these characters in mind. Having a renewed since of who these characters are is key to understanding this prophecy.

Another important thing about chapter one is that it leaves us with the understanding that God instructed John to write this prophecy, but Yahushua is the one giving it to John. So, the messenger speaking to John throughout most of Revelations

is the spirit of Yahushua or the Spirit of Prophecy¹¹ as it is called in a later chapter. At certain points in the prophecy, the narrator changes and is specified as another messenger; however, Yahushua is always the giver of the prophecy to John. This is indicative of the idea that Yahushua's testimony is the Spirit of Prophecy and he, also being the Word of God¹², is the deliverer of prophecy.

¹¹ Revelations 19:10 ¹² Revelations 19:13

CHAPTER 3: THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Everything in Revelations corresponds to the seven churches. The churches represent time periods and people within the timeline of Revelations, which begins with the spiritual birth of Yahushua, which took place at his baptism, to the coming of the Son of man in the end. Additionally, each church represents the world divided into seven groups and twelve kinds who are in one of two armies – Yah's or Satan's. Through the prophecy these individuals can switch from being part of Satan's army to being in Yah's.

I know this is a lot, but don't be overwhelmed because it will be explained in the simplest way possible. Just keep in mind that Yah is omnipresent and His Word is a testament to that.

We will attempt to stay focused on those things that affect us in this church age. After all, the purpose of this book is to reveal the truth. The best way to do this is to speak to those things that directly affects and pertains to us in our current times.

Remember that a church in Revelations is not what we think of as a church today, but a group of like-minded individuals or people with similar experiences.

The following information is an interpretation of Revelations 2:1-7, which describes the church of Ephesus including who they are in the body of Yahushua or army of Satan, their judgment, their correction, excess judgment, and their promise from Yah.

Each church name has a meaning which corresponds with that particular church. For example, the first church is Ephesus, which means permitted.

Ephesus

The Identity of Ephesus. In the introductions of each church, it appears Yahushua is referring to himself in a different way for each church. A deeper look reveals that Yahushua is actually identifying that church's position and responsibility in the kingdom over which he reigns. Remember, that each church is to somehow represent the son of man described in chapter one.

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; - Revelations 2:1, KJV

In the body of Yahushua initially discussed by John in chapter one of the Book of Revelations, this church is the seven stars who walk in the midst of the seven churches. In other words, out of this group came the seven angels that are in the midst of the seven churches. From this church came those who make up the foundation, pioneers, or teachers of the body. Ephesus is representative of, at least, a portion of the early church.

The Judgment of Ephesus.

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. - Revelations 2:2-3, KJV

Yahushua tells this church he knows all the right they have done. They did good deeds, suffered, endured, did not support or tolerate evil, and challenged those who claimed to be messengers of Yah and proved them to be liars. He also says Ephesus bared, endured, and labored without growing weary for His name's sake.

Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. - Revelations 2:4-5, KJV

He then tells them what they have done wrong in the sight of Yah. He says this group left their first love. Their first love being their first works, the reason they served him in the beginning, which was brotherly love. In other words, Yahushua wants them to do what they do to save others because they love them, rather than solely because they want to serve Yahushua.

Notice how Yahushua is praising this group for doing all the right things for <u>his name's</u> sake. It is apparent that this group had a close connection with Yahushua, so much so that they were and are devoted to his cause; however, they have forgotten the reason they were doing it all, which was for the salvation of others out of love for them.

Now, he tells them how to correct their actions. He says for them to remember where they came from - the reason why they began following him in the beginning. He tells them to repent and do what they did at first.

This exemplifies what it means to repent. Too many people believe repenting is saying they are sorry and asking for forgiveness. It is more than that. You have to stop doing what you have been doing and do what you know is right in the sight of Yah. This is the true meaning of repentance, and it is befitting that the concept of repentance would be defined in the first church as it is the first step to salvation.

We show Yah we are sorry by not doing the same thing anymore, not by saying "I am sorry" or "forgive me." Our sincerity is demonstrated through our actions and our insincerity through our inaction. It doesn't mean we can't say these things; however, it does mean that just saying them and not correcting our path, is in vein.

Yahushua also told the church of Ephesus if they did not fix their error, he would come quickly and remove their church from the Kingdom of Yah. Notice, he didn't tell them to apologize. Instead, he said to fix it!

Also, observe that he threatens to take from them the spirit that he gave to them. He says he made them to walk in the midst of the churches, but if they fail, he will take their church. This is a common theme with the judgment of the churches. It is confirmation of the fact that the seven spirits are the spirits given to us to overcome, which is also the spirit by which we will all be judged.

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. - Revelations 2:6, KJV

Biblical names in the Hebrew and Greek language usually have a meaning. They aren't random, like most American names. The meaning of the names often proves significant in Bible studies. We have found that Yah's true message is commonly found in the names of characters.

So, let's look at this message and what Yahushua is saying to this church. He says they went above and beyond because they hate what he hates and mentions this separately. The name Nicolaitans means destruction of people. So, what Yahushua is really saying, even if you have no idea who the Nicolaitans are, is that he hates the destruction of people and he gave Ephesus extra credit for doing so as well.

The Spirit and Promise of Ephesus. Each message to the churches are closed with a warning and a promise that is unique to each church.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. - Revelations 2:7, KJV

The church of Ephesus is told: "He who has the ability to understand let him know what the Spirit is saying to the churches." This statement can be easily overlooked as insignificant. Remember, however, Yah is not an idol god that he would use vain words.

So, what Spirit? The Spirit that the Word is referring to for each church is one of the seven Spirits. Also, notice that they are to understand what the Spirit is saying to all the churches, not just their own.

For Ephesus, this spirit is the Spirit of Yah, which ultimately is a collection of the other six spirits of wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and fear of Yah. This church represents the seven angels, who administer the seven spirits of judgment. In other words, if the angels were physicians, the spirits would be their medicine. Alternatively, if the churches were students, the spirits would be their curricula and the focal point of their tests.

Yah's messengers who will carry out His judgment on the whole world are from the Church of Ephesus. He said those who would overcome would have eternal life in heaven. What this means is that the Spirit of God given to Ephesus is passed on to the other six groups of people and causes the fulfillment of God's judgment on earth.

It is imperative that we understand the omnipotent nature of God as we study Revelations. It is this omnipotence that cause some to misunderstand and misinterpret the message, often seeing only a partial truth.

That being said, God's one Spirit is the seven spirits given to seven churches. These spirits will bring about judgment as they manifest into the world, thus it is God's judgment, because they are brought on by His Spirit, although it is ultimately man who is carrying it out.

These are the "permitted" ones because they were chosen by default as the first fruits of salvation and of Yahushua, although salvation was not available until the resurrection of Christ.

These are His first believers who overcame. You can gather this from their judgment. Yahushua makes reference to their first love and how they did all the good solely for him and not for the love of his people. This signifies a personal relationship between this group and Yahushua, during his ministry on earth. These individuals were likely witnesses of his life or death. They knew firsthand that Yahushua lived, died, and rose again.

Nonetheless, many people embody the spirit of Ephesus, whereas they serve for the love of the Messiah and forget about the love of his people and the will of his Father. Yahushua warns all the churches to take heed of this error, that they would not be judged for it.

Smyrna

The Identity of Smyrna. The second letter is to the church of Smyrna. The Greek word Smyrna means myrrh. Myrrh is sweet smelling and bitter tasting. It was an antiseptic used to preserve a corpse and an expensive perfume with a pleasurable scent. Being identified as myrrh indicates that Smyrna appears to be one thing in one sense, but is the opposite in another.

Additionally, another Greek word for myrrh is "myron", which is translated in the new testament as ointment. It is tied to the Hebrew root word "miphras" meaning to be scattered, expanded, or spread out. Therefore, we can expect to see these characteristics in this church.

Unlike the church of Ephesus, the church of Smyrna is only mentioned in the Book of Revelations.

And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive. - Revelations 2:8, KJV

Yahushua does not use a member of his body to define Smyrna. Instead, he uses terms used to identify His whole self - the first and the last and the one who was dead but is alive.¹³ This is not only significant as the manner in which he identifies himself¹⁴, but the first and the last is also how Yah is identified.¹⁵ Notice how Yahushua inherited being the first and the last from the Father, and Smyrna inherits the same from Yahushua. As you read Revelations, you will see that a certain people are one with Yahushua and with Yah, whereas others are not. Smyrna is one of these groups.

It also identifies the children of Israel, whose identity and heritage was taken from them in the curse of Deuteronomy 28. The children of Israel were also the first chosen by Yah and will be the last chosen by Him and are currently considered lost, dead, or non-existent by many, but Revelations tells us that they are alive.

Judgment of Smyrna.

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. - Revelations 2:9, KJV

In their judgment, Yahushua tells Smyrna he knows their works, bondage, suffering, oppression, persecution, and poverty, but he tells them they are rich.

He says, "I know the false accusations about you that come from those who claim they are biblical Israelites and are not, but are a gathering of the adversaries of Yah and evil spirits."

It's no coincidence the people who were the first and the last, who was dead and is alive, also have an interest in those who call themselves Jews, but are not.

The Spirit & Promise of Smyrna.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. - Revelations 2:10-11, KJV

Yahushua instructs Smyrna not to fear any of the things they would suffer; but to beware of the devil, who is the slanderer, which would put some of Smyrna in prison or bondage. The devil would do this to test their faith and try to cause

¹³ Revelations 11:11 Two witnesses die and are made alive again

¹⁴ Revelations 1:17 Used to identify Yeshua and Smyrna

¹⁵ Revelations 1:11 Used to identify God and Smyrna

them to give up on Yah. He promised this would only go on for a set time and told Smyrna to be faithful until they die and they would be royalty for eternity and would not be hurt by the second death.¹⁶

Here, Yahushua is warning us of all that the adversary would do to this group to overcome them and how they would ultimately defeat the enemy by holding on to their faith, which is trust in Yah and the teachings of Yahushua. Most importantly, we must act in that trust to do what we know is right in the sight of Yah, despite our hardships, because we are confident in His will, word, and promise.

The reference to them not experiencing the second death is key to identifying this group throughout Revelations. Readers must look for a people who will suffer some tribulation but will partake in the first resurrection.¹⁷

This church is a group of Israelites. These have nothing more to offer, except their faith in Yah. Therefore, this is how they overcome. Faith is what they were given to overcome. Yahushua says to Smyrna, "I know it's hard, but just keep believing, and I promise you will be royalty for eternity."

Pergamos

The Identity of Pergamos. Pergamos means elevated. We can assume this group would rise, be of higher status, elevated in Yah's kingdom, or all three.

And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges... - Revelations 2:12. KJV

This church's position in chapter one's description of Yahushua was the sharp two-edge sword. Simply put, this church's job as a member of the body of Yahushua was and is to spread Yah's word.

The sword they have is two-edged because the word they spread is two sided. It cuts both ways and is not uniformed, indicating the word they spread has purpose, but is also merciless in that it is not one unified truth. Thus, it has the ability to draw people to or away from the truth of God.

The Judgment of Pergamos. The Spirit tells Pergamos there are somethings it is done right, yet somethings must be corrected.

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. - Revelations 2:13, KJV

These verses give Yah's judgment of the church of Pergamos. Yahushua says he knows that this church exists where Satan's seat is; however, they still hold fast his name and do not deny his existence. He mentions Satan's seat is in the same place where Antipas was killed, but the original Aramaic scripture does not say this.

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¹⁶ Revelations 20:6 Those who participate in the first resurrection are those who are not hurt by the second death.

¹⁷ Revelations 20:6

I know where you dwell, the place of Satan's throne, and you keep My Name and you have not denied My faith; in the days when you and My faithful witness contended for the sake of all My faithful witnesses, he was murdered among you. — Revelations 2:13- The Aramaic English New Testament

This verse could be modernized by saying, "I know that you live where Satan's throne is, yet you protect my identity and do not deny my existence, even during the time that you and my truthful witness fought for the sake of all my truthful witnesses and he was murdered in your presence."

The Spirit is saying that Pergamos are among those who killed Yahushua as he fought to preserve all the witnesses of the Truth of God, but they never denied his existence or his truth.

In short, this is a group or institution that was present during Yahushua's crucifixion. Although they were not perfect, they never denied him even when times were tough, and they kept his truth going.

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. - Revelations 2:14-15, KJV

We have to get in deep with this one. First, Yahushua says that Pergamos hold a doctrine that is <u>not of the people</u>¹⁸ and they teach the Devastator¹⁹ to set traps for the children of Israel to entice them to honor idols and false gods and to worship them. He also says Pergamos practices a doctrine of destroying people²⁰.

Secondly, if you know the story of Balaam, Balak, and the Israelites, it sheds more light on this verse and this character's role in the prophecies of Revelations. This is the people who, like Balaam, attempted to curse Israel under the instruction and direction of Balak, the Devastator or Destroyer.

Like Balak, they do so, because they love power. So, these people are a group who, in this prophecy, will attempt to curse Israel in exchange for "rewards", because the Devastator tells them to do so. However, they will end up blessing Israel, because God made it so. Thus, they may appear like the adversary, but are merely its puppets, who were enticed by a promise of power.²¹

To understand the concept of curses and blessings we have to come out of the mythical or western mindset we have about scripture. A curse and blessing is not a spell or a bad word. Rather, a curse is anything done to cause ill will toward someone and a blessing is actions that benefits or helps someone. It includes speaking ill of or toward a person, but the point is that a person's action or intent towards another person is a curse or blessing.

So, here we see even the "good" of Pergamos are teaching idol worship and supporting the destruction of others. Clearly, these are people, who may think they are doing right, but are not, or they feel obligated to oblige the adversary for their own selfish reasons.

¹⁸ Hebrew meaning of Balaam

¹⁹ Hebrew meaning of Balac

²⁰ Greek meaning of Nicolaitans

²¹ See story of Balaam and Balac in Numbers 22

Now we know from Yahushua's reference to the children of Israel that these are definitely not Israelites. We can therefore assume these people are gentile Christians who practice idol worship and from whom blessings has come by way of them spreading Yah's word and curses by way of teaching idol worship and causing the destruction of people.

Despite this we must realize that if it were not for the Romans, Catholicism, and all the evil they did, we would not have the Word of God and <u>testament</u> of Yahushua. This does not excuse their behavior; they will still suffer judgment. However, even in our sin, evil, and imperfection, God makes it work for our good.

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth... - Revelations 2:16, KJV

The Spirit tells Pergamos to repent, or he will fight against them with the sword of his mouth. Again we see that their gift or spirit will judge them. It will be turned against those who do not repent.²² It's like Yahushua says, "I gave you the sword to fight for my Father, and I will take it and fight against you with it if you continue to misuse what I have given you for evil."

Gentile Christians must put all idols and false gods out of their lives, pick up a <u>Bible</u>, and do what Yah commands them to do. They are to stop being a help to the adversary to cause harm to Israel and destroy people.

Pergamos' position is to preach and practice the truth and nothing but the truth. If they don't, he will come up against them with the word of his mouth, the very word he has charged them with spreading.

The wakeup call for Israelites practicing this type of faith or in such an institution is that this is not God's will for us. While this church has a great purpose, it casts a stumbling block for the children of Israel. Being aware of this obstacle should encourage Israel to find their way to truth outside of the religious ideologies of Pergamos or, as we call it today, Christianity.

The Spirit & Promise of Pergamos. The Spirit gives those of Pergamos who overcomes a promise.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. - Revelations 2:17, KJV

For those of Pergamos who repent, Yah has given them a promise. He will give them the bread of heaven²³ and a white stone of salvation with their new name on it. He has promised those who overcome a new name that only the one who receives it will know.²⁴ This is a new identity or character.

Thyatira

The Identity of Thyatira. Thyatira means odor of affliction, so expect some gruesome stuff with this church.

²² Revelations 19:21 Pergamos is identified as the armies which were slain with the sword of his mouth.

²³ Revelations 7:17 Pergamos identified as those who came out of the great tribulation standing before the throne.

²⁴ Revelations 19:12 Pergamos is identified as being with the Word of God.

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass... - Revelations 2:18, KJV

This church is labeled as the flame of fire²⁵ and feet like brass in the body of Yahushua. ²⁶

Here is my disclaimer: Just as we all have a purpose in the kingdom of Yah, this church has its purpose as well. The things you are about to hear may seem disturbing, but it is the word of Yah, for which I am unapologetic.

The Judgment of Thyatira. The Spirit tells Thyatira what they do right and where they went wrong.

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first; Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. - Revelations 2:19-22, KJV

Yahushua says this church work, love, minister, and trust in God. He says there most recent works are more than their first works; however, he says this church supports a false prophet and tempts Yah's servants to worship and honor idols and false gods. He says he gave the false prophet the opportunity to repent, but the false prophet did not repent.

He warns that the false prophet will be cast into the eternal fire and all of her followers will suffer through the last seven plagues called the great tribulation if they do not repent.

When one studies the story of Jezebel in 1 and 2 Kings, they will notice some parallels between Thyatira and the people of Samaria.

According to the Bible, Northern Israel was ruled by Israelites until the Israelites designated Omri, who was not likely an Israelite²⁷, to be their king. When Omri died, his son, Ahab, became king and married Jezebel who worshiped Baal and introduced this false god and idols to the people of their region, which included Israelites. When this happened, all hell broke loose, and she had the prophets and servants of Yah killed to give more power to Ahab. Ahab sold out for that power which Jezebel made possible through her introduction of the children of Israel to Baal worship and by causing their destruction.²⁸

In 2 Kings 9:7 the prophecy promises God's vengeance on Ahab's descendants by the hand of Jezebel. The judgment of the church of Thyatira speaks to this same prophecy, which has been happening for many centuries.

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²⁵ Revelations 14:18 & 16:8 Thyatira revealed as the angel with power over fire

²⁶ Revelations 1:14-15 Thyatira as a member of the body of Yeshua.

²⁷ Evident by a lack of lineage given as is done for Israelites

²⁸ 1 Kings 21:25

It is therefore, safe to deduce that this church, institution, or group is of Middle Eastern descent and is very closely related to Israel, but is not Israel. They are the descendants of Ahab, perhaps Ishmaelite²⁹ people who are also descendants of Abraham.

Genesis 16:11 hints toward these afflicted ones being descendants of Ishmael. It says Hagar, Abraham's concubine, was instructed by Yah to name her unborn child Ishmael because Yah heard Hagar's <u>affliction</u>. Hence, Thyatira, meaning odor of affliction.

Notably, some Samaritans were Israelites since they were also settled there during and after Ahab's reign. Yahushua mentioned the Samaritans in the New Testament where he instructed the disciples not to go to them, nor to the Gentiles.³⁰

Later, in John, Yahushua went to an area near Samaria and met with a Samaritan woman who said her forefather was Jacob and that they too were waiting for the Messiah, confirming that Israelites were still present in Samaria. Yahushua refused to go into the city, but he stayed with her and other Israelite Samaritans at the well for two days and taught them.³¹

While Ishmaelites or Thyatira were present in Samaria, Israelites also lived among them. Yahushua knew of the danger of going into the city of the false prophet and therefore remained outside of the city and taught his people who were still its residents.

The point is that even in Yahushua's day there were Israelites under the influence of the people who worshipped the false prophet. Yahushua saw these Samaritans as separate from Israel, but he still taught his people who were in that land. Additionally, he did not consider them all Gentiles and instead distinguished them as Samaritans because some of the lost sheep Yahushua was to lead were in fact in Samaria.

And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. - Revelations 2:23, KJV

Another measure of this church's judgment is that all those who follow the false prophet will be killed so that the rest of the world know that Yah searches the innermost thoughts and souls of men and will give unto everyone what he deserves.

See, God is one God, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, meaning he is the God of all of Abraham's descendants, including the Ishmaelite. This truth sometimes gets lost, and people think that "Muslims" are somehow serving a different god. Even Muslims sometimes believe they are serving a different god from the God we serve. The truth is they do not recognize the god modern Christians serve and honestly, neither do I.

Another issue is that there are those who worship the false profit and are confused about who God and His people are, and what their own purpose is, so they cause chaos and destruction wherever they go. We must remember, however, it is only those who follow the false prophet that is destroying others. There are others who do not worship the false prophet and who are worshiping the God of Abraham, even if they may not have received Yahushua just yet.

In search of modern day Thyatira, we should look for a people who worship the Most High God and who suffer great affliction because of their people's submission to a false prophet. These people suffer, not just because God commanded it to be so, but literally because they worship the false profit, are misguided by that prophet, and afflict pain, suffering, and

²⁹ Descendants of Isaac's brother, Ishmael

³⁰ Matthew 10:5

³¹ John 4:7-25

death on each other because of their belief in the false prophet. Like Jezebel, her followers believe in conquering the world and converting others to believe what they do.

One would look for a "nation" or institution of people who suffers a lot of death and war, by their own hands. A nation who, like the Israelites in the Jezebel story, persecute each other and others under the misdirection of a false prophet.

The Spirit & Promise of Thyatira. The Spirit explains to Thyatira, what must be done next.

But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelations 2:24-29, KJV

The Spirit promises those in the church of Thyatira who has not worshiped the false prophet and do not know the depths of Satan that he will not burden them any further. He instructs them to keep believing in the Supreme God until he comes. He says those who keep his works will rule the nations with a rod of iron and shatter them to pieces.³² After which, Yah says he will give these people the morning star, which is Yahushua according to Revelation 22:16.

So, we have a church that serves a false prophet, generally does or did not have Yahushua, was given power to rule the nations with a rod of iron bringing about destruction throughout the nations, and who suffers great destruction in the name of their god under the misdirection of the false prophet. This is Thyatira today.

Despite what people think, our God is the God of all "monotheistic" religions and all non-believers, i.e. the whole world. Those in this church have a predestined path and purpose, as we all do. Their purpose is to bring about destruction until they receive God's salvation through Yahushua. And now we understand why there is never peace in the Middle East!

Sardis

The Identity of Sardis. Sardis means red ones. Remember that red is symbolic for sin and white for salvation. Also, note that Esau and his descendants were called Edom which is red in Hebrew.

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars... - Revelations 3:1. KJV

The church of Sardis' position, like Ephesus, are as messengers. These messengers are different from the messengers of Ephesus as they do not operate under the authority of Yahushua and are not in the midst of the seven churches.

Also, this group as a whole will face great judgment, and those who overcome will be their greatest judges. Hence why there are the spirits of judgment within this church. Yahushua talks about this to the Pharisees in the Gospel of Matthew.

And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. – Matthew 12:27, KJV

³² Revelations 14:18 & 16:8 The angel with power over fire brings about the final and worst judgment.

Judgment of Sardis. The Spirit tells Sardis he knows all about them and gives them a warning.

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before Yah. - Revelations 3:1-2, KJV

The Spirit jumps right in and contrasts this group to the church of Smyrna by saying "I know you <u>have a name like you live but you are dead.</u>" In other words, Sardis' identity is false.

He says, "You better watch out Sardis, and strengthen what little righteousness and truth you have remaining among you because it's almost entirely gone." He signifies these people think they are perfect, but he reminds them they are not perfect in Yah's eyes. This is a self-righteous people, like the Pharisees and scribes of Yahushua's day.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. - Revelations 3:3, KJV

Let's put this into perspective... Smyrna's identity is stolen, and Sardis is the only church that has apparently taken someone else's identity. Yahushua tells Sardis in order to correct their wrong, all they have to do is remember who taught them what they've used to get what they have. The chances of that happening seem grim since Yahushua said the little righteousness and truth they had left was near death.

Yahushua reminds Sardis to remember how they received what they have and know what they know and repent or he will catch them by surprise.

Notice that Yahushua warns the thieves, that he will come to them as a thief, in the same manner, he warned Pergamos that he would come upon them with the sword of his mouth if they improperly used the sword of their mouths. He is confirming for us that Sardis are thieves and has stolen someone's identity.

The Spirit & Promise of Sardis. The Spirit instructs those who have not done this evil.

Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelations 3:4-6, KJV

Yahushua remembers those within this group who has not stolen the identity of the children of Israel and promises them to walk in white, be found worthy, and to have a place in heaven.

This is a message from Yah to those who call themselves Jews. "Jews" are not Yah's chosen people, but He still loves them enough to accept them into His kingdom if they repent. As we will learn later, only non-Israelite's names are written in the book of life; therefore, Sardis are Gentiles or a non-Israelite bloodline.

If you are one of these people, please turn away from the lies and deceit and live in truth that you may be found worthy. His Will will be done in the end. The only question is where will that leave you?

We all have our roles to play, and Sardis has played their role very well, but the jig is up. Yah says it's time for the truth to be revealed.

Speaking of truth... The next church is the manifestation of Yahushua as the Truth.

Philadelphia

Identity of Philadelphia. Philadelphia means brotherly love, which is what powers this church to overcome all things.

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth. - Revelation 3:7, KJV

The church of Philadelphia is quite special. As with Smyrna, Yahushua describes this group completely different from other churches. He says they are holy, true, have the key of David, opens and no man shuts, and shuts and no man opens. This church has been given the power of Yah through Yahushua.

The key of David makes reference to this groups power and authority that no man can hinder. This prophecy was also given in Isaiah 22:22. This is a perfect example of how biblical events repeat in a slightly different form throughout time. Isaiah seems to refer to Yahushua; however, we see here in Revelations; this exact same power is being given to this group of people in the church of Philadelphia.

Additionally, David united all the tribes of Israel in 2 Samuel 5:1-5. When the kingdom faced division again, only two tribes remained loyal to King David's dynasty, Judah and Benjamin. The other ten tribes opposed David's dynasty and sin divided them.

Here we see this is happening again; however, this time the ten tribes are further divided amongst themselves, as some of the ten tribes choose "David's dynasty" over sin. David's dynasty is the uniting force of the last days. They bring the kingdoms of Israel and Judah together one final time. This time, they unite the literal tribes, then the tribes of the whole world.

Because of such parallels, there are a few who believe that Revelations prophecy has already taken place in Yahushua's days, the fact that these churches are part of the prophecy of Revelations proves that this is not so. There were no Christbelieving churches during Yahushua's time. This is God's way of making it clear that this will happen again.

The Judgment of Philadelphia. The Spirit informs Philadelphia.

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. - Revelations 3:8-9, KJV

Yahushua confirms that his introduction is actually an introduction to the church as he reiterates he has given Philadelphia divine favor. He says the Philadelphians do not have a lot of strength or power, yet they keep His Word and do not deny his identity, which is why they have such favor.

Furthermore, he reminds this group that he knows about the people 'who call themselves Jews' and that they are a gathering of the adversary and evil spirits. He says these false Jews will worship at the feet of the Philadelphians and will know that Yah and Yahushua loves the Philadelphians.

The Spirit & Promise. The Spirit tells Philadelphia their destiny.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelations 3:10-13, KJV

The Word promises to keep the Philadelphians from the hour of temptation that the whole world will experience. He says to hold on and not to let anyone take their crown³³. Those who overcome will be made a structural support of the temple, which is the being of Yah and the Lamb³⁴, and will be given the identity of Yah, the identity of the city of Yah, and the new identity of Yahushua.

Understanding this is prudent to understanding the rest of Revelations. Philadelphia is a peculiar people, a chosen people who are given a entirely new identity. That identity is not one of their own, but the identities of Yah, Yahushua, and the New Jerusalem. This confirms that at least some of Israel becomes one with Yah and Yahushua and are the New Jerusalem sent down from God.

Notice that the New Jerusalem is coming down from God, not a physical city in the Middle East. This city that comes is Philadelphia, as they are those to whom the identity of the city is given.

Likewise, this church will represent Yahushua in the last days, hence they are given his new identity. In other words, they are his new identity – the son of man coming in a cloud.

Also, Yahushua repeatedly suggests that this church is a church of Israelites, which Yah had designated to profess the truth of God and expose the lies. This church has the supernatural power of Yahuwah behind them. They are the 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel who are the first fruits and the servants of God sealed in their foreheads in the sixth seal, before the tribulations get hectic.³⁵

Laodicea

The Identity of Laodicea. Laodicea means justice of people. This may speak more to the time period than to the group. As you will see, it is the period during the sounding of the last trumpet. You will also learn that the wrath that Yah pours out is not necessarily for punishment, but for justice and the last chance for non-believers to be saved. Justice for people indicates finality, a last chance, and a new beginning.

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God - Revelations 3:14, KJV

Yahushua is very direct with this church. He informs them of who he is. As you can see, Yahushua does not use any terms which were previously used in chapter one of Revelations, because they have no relationship with him. He tells them, I am the proof that there is a God. A trustworthy source that God does exist. He is literally introducing himself to non-

³³ Revelations 19:12 The Word of God wore many crowns; hence Philadelphia is the new identity of Yeshua.

³⁴ Revelations 21:22

³⁵ Revelations 7:3

believers. These are not only non-believers in him, but non-believers in the One True God. Yahushua is telling these people, who haven't felt compelled to know him or Yah, just who he is.

The Judgment of Laodicea. A call to salvation.

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. - Revelations 3:15-19, KJV

He tells them he knows how they are. They do not care for him one way or the other because they believe they have need of nothing. These people believe what is in this world is all that there is, so he rejects them and their simple beliefs.

He tells them that although they think they have everything, they have nothing. He warns them to clothe themselves with salvation to hide the shame of their nakedness.³⁶ This is because the purpose of this world is spiritual and not physical, yet they only know what is physical and therefore, are poor in the only thing that matters, the Spirit.

He tells them he loves them, even though they don't acknowledge him, and to repent.

This is a conglomerate of people from all areas of the world who simply never got to know the One True God because they were so distracted by the physical that they missed out on the spiritual truth of Yah and His son.

In the last days, these will be the last to submit to Yahuwah.³⁷

The Spirit & Promise of Laodicea. The spirit tells Laodicea that the door is open and they will be received.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. - Revelations 3:20-22, KJV

The Spirit challenges this group of people to take care in the things of Yah and let go of the things of this world. He promises these individuals who do not because they know not, that he will abide in them and permit them into the midst of the throne of they seek and acknowledge him when he speaks. This indicates that this church is also a group of Israelites, who have no belief in God.

The lesson here is that Yah and Yahushua also love non-believers and will give them one final chance to acknowledge Him and to seek them.

In summary, the church of Ephesus carries traits of earlier followers of Yahushua. These are being judged based on the reason behind their good works and the spirit in which they carry out those works. Yah wants us to serve Him out of love

³⁶ Revelations 16:15 Laodicea is called to clothe themselves.

³⁷ Revelations 16:15 Laodicea is called to salvation

for His people, rather than for some personal or self-serving reason. Yahushua wants us to serve him for God's purpose and not solely for his sake.

He reiterates this point throughout the Gospels, particularly in Matthew.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. — Matthew 7:21-23

While he appreciates us suffering and enduring for him, he prefers we do so for the same reason he suffered and endured, which is because he loves us and because it is the will of the Father.

Smyrna is a group of biblical Israelites. Individuals who call themselves Jews stole their identity. Smyrna is marked by their poverty, suffering, oppression, and unjust imprisonment. Most importantly, they are set apart by their continued faith through it all.

Brothers and sisters in the church of Smyrna, Yahushua says to hold on and keep believing until you die. He has a beautiful eternity prepared for you and you will never suffer again. Yah loves you and has made you rich in the Spirit of faith. It is His gift to you. Through your trials and by your faith, you will secure your place in His kingdom. Just keep believing!

Pergamos is a church of Gentile Christians. This church is marked by its spreading of the Word, but also its idol worship. If you are in this church, Yahushua says you must stop destroying people by teaching them to worship false gods and idols. This church brought the Gospel of Yahushua to the world, including the children of Israel. This is their task in the kingdom of Yah, but in doing so, they also spread a doctrine of idolatry to Israel.

The lesson here is to learn what Yah says before spreading misinformation and anti-God doctrine. Just because everyone else is doing it or believes it, doesn't make it right in the sight of Yahuwah. Ultimately, He is the judge, and we must obey His word and His will, not adding our own traditions and doctrines to any of it.

This began with the Babylonian religion that we now call Judaism and continued with the Catholic Church who Yah commissioned to spread His word. Although their intentions were not good for the people, Yah made it work in favor of His people.

Out of Catholicism came the modern day Christian faith and the Protestant Reformation, which includes many other denominations. Both Catholics and reformers had missionaries spreading the word of Yah throughout the world. This eventually led us to the truth we all have access to and the ability to receive today. These Gentile Christians were and are being used to spread Yah's word, particularly Yahushua's testimony. They prepared the way for the children of Israel to preach the full and true gospel of salvation. In general, they are our John the Baptist, but those who do wrong are workers for the adversary.

It is imperative to note that those of Pergamos, who overcome, are promised a new name on a white stone. Despite being Gentiles, they are adopted and given a new identity based on their salvation being built on a rock. This new character makes them like an Israelite.

Throughout the Old Testament, we read about sojourners and are taught to treat them like one of us. There is no justification in hating one of our own, even if they are adopted. Therefore, before we go judging and hating all gentiles,

keep in mind that our Father found some of them worthy; therefore, we must love them as we do ourselves. They are no longer outsiders when they have received a new identity to become a child of our Father. Who are we to despise what Yah and Yahushua loves?

Thyatira is a group of people who believe in the One True God; however, they do not have Yahushua. This church is marked by their faith, obedience, and their recent works being greater than their former works, but some worship a false prophet.

Yah says for these people to hold on to their faith in Yah and don't worship the false prophet and he will give them the authority to rule over gentiles with a harsh rule, bringing destruction to all nations and when they have done their duty on earth, he will give them Yahushua and access to salvation. He says these will be found worthy to eat with him.

The church of Sardis are people who are mostly self-righteous, yet are unrighteous in the eyes of Yah. They have stolen another group's identity and in doing so, lost their own identity. This nation considers themselves superior to the rest of the world. Yah warns them that they have minimal truth and righteousness left in them and they should increase what they have because the little they have is about to die.

Yah holds a special place for those in Sardis who hasn't stolen our identity and who repents. For these, to repent is to remember and make known who taught them what they know about Yah and tell the truth, which is that they are not the children of Isreal and to reveal who is and right their wrongs.

It's no accident that Sardis is directly followed by the church of Philadelphia. This church ushers in the coming of the Son of man and an era of supernatural manifestations of Yah, including the sounding of the last trumpet. They are marked as holy and the revealers of truth regarding the identity of the children of Israel, but more importantly the Truth of Yah. They are tasked with uniting all of God's children.

Once Philadelphia's mission is fulfilled the seventh trumpet sounds. These are the real children of Israel and not those who call themselves Jews today. This is another group of descendants of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Through these people, Yah's plan for the world will be brought to fruition in the last days.

The church of Laodicea is a group of non-believers who had never taken the time to know Yah or Yahushua or denied them because they felt no need for them. Yahushua explained they were blinded by the physical and missed the spiritual, which is the reality of our being. Yahushua reminds these people that he loves them and challenges them to seek and acknowledge him and he will give them salvation and a seat on the throne. This indicated that Laodicea includes Israelites who are the last of Israel to overcome.

Yah designated a position and responsibility for every living soul on earth, first to believe in Him then to serve Him. So, every character in Revelations is a manifestation of these seven churches. Those doing the evil, are those who did not overcome, whereas those doing Yah's will and being saved, are those who did overcome. So, hear what the Spirit is saying to you!

The subsequent chapters are descriptions of events that have happened, is happening, and will happen to these churches or groups of people throughout this world. Keep these characters in mind. In whole, there are twelve groups of people that this entire prophecy is all about.

- 1. Those of the church of Ephesus who overcome
- 2. Those of the church of Ephesus who did not overcome

- 3. Those of the church of Smyrna, destined to overcome and to whom no repentance is offered
- 4. Those of the church of Pergamos who overcome
- 5. Those of the church of Pergamos who do not overcome
- 6. Those of the church of Thyatira who overcome
- 7. Those of the church of Thyatira who do not overcome
- 8. Those of the church of Sardis who overcome
- 9. Those of the church of Sardis who do not overcome
- 10. Those of the church of Philadelphia to whom no repentance is offered
- 11. Those of the church of Laodicea who overcome
- 12. Those of the church of Laodicea who do not overcome

How can anyone assert that God's plan and will is not perfect? He divided the entire world into twelve tribes! Of the twelve, ten tribes will fall prey to the adversary, but five of the ten tribes will overcome, along with Smyrna and Philadelphia, that makes seven again- the number of completion.

Also, notice that these twelve 'tribes' are divided into a group of ten and a group of two, ten tribes are divided in their judgment and two remain united in their judgment.

When the kingdom was divided in the Old Testament, there were ten tribes in the upper kingdom of Israel and two tribes in the lower kingdom of Judah. These divided territories came to despise each other, but Isaiah prophesied that a descendant of David's father, would be a sign to His people and the enemies of Judah would be destroyed, Ephraim would no longer be jealous of Judah and Judah would no longer patronize Israel. Revelations takes us right into the final fulfillment of this prophecy.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Yah shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. - Isaiah 11:11-13, KJV

The next chapter gives us a new perspective on the identity of the children of Israel and the second coming of Yahushua.

CHAPTER 4: THE MASTER PLAN

The hardest thing about understanding the Book of Revelations is the order of the details of events. Some of the events are happening simultaneously despite being written in separate chapters and verses; however, Yah has given us ways to link these events to their appropriate place in the scheme of the prophecy.

Chapters 4 and 5 are particularly useful in determining the timeline of the prophecy, as it tells us at what point certain groups of people are being saved or redeemed to God. Thus, it can be used as a measuring stick of sorts.

Unlike previous chapters, all chapters going forward must be interpreted based on symbolic terms used and defined throughout Revelations and, rarely, other books of the Bible. The use of reverse engineering still applies, but symbolism is employed more frequently than in previous chapters.

Chapter four of Revelations is a fascinating chapter about events that occur in heaven. It is incredibly descriptive and symbolic and tells us when certain groups appear in the heavenly realm, why, when, and how. It's a chapter that can often be ignored but it is much more than a description of an after earth heaven and requires interpretation to understand the timeline of the prophecy.

"Timeline" Explained: When I speak of the timeline of the prophecy, I am not saying that you will know the date of the coming of the son of man or end of the world. What I mean is that, we are told where, in the scheme of the prophecy, certain things take place relevant to other events in the prophecy. i.e. Israel will be redeemed, then every creature will worship God. There are no dates involved, only signs of the times.

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. - Revelations 4:1, KJV

The door of heaven opened and John heard a voice that sounded like a trumpet. The voice told him to come up here and he would show him what would happen in the future.

We now know that whatever is being described in this chapter is something that would occur in the future. Therefore, we can assess that John was not simply seeing a literal heaven.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. - Revelations 4:2-3, KJV



Figure 3

John says he was in the spirit and saw a throne set in heaven and he described the one on the throne and those in and around the throne. He says the one that was on the thrown looked like jasper and sardine stones, which are both mixtures of browns, tans, and black colors and had a rainbow all around resembling an emerald.

The emerald rainbow is awkward because an emerald as we know it today is green and not colorful; however, John was likely referring to the shine or glisten of an emerald, and the prophecy may be alluding to the significance of the forth tribe which is later associated with the emerald stone in the Book of Revelations and in the Old Testament.³⁸

Furthermore, the rainbow is most likely indicative of the change and diversity in the physical appearance of Israel of the last days, whom we will learn are the messengers.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. - Revelations 4:4, KJV



Figure 4

The twenty-four elders are "round about" or all around the thrown. The elders are clothed in salvation and wore crowns like the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia did in the letters to the churches.

³⁸ Revelations 21:19, Exodus 28:18, 39:11

What you will soon learn is that these heavenly images began with the final image of Yah's kingdom already in heaven. i.e. the kingdom and the rainbow. Then we are given visuals of how the final kingdom will develop into its complete state. Hence, this is the first phase of the building of Yah's kingdom.

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. - Revelations 4:5, KJV

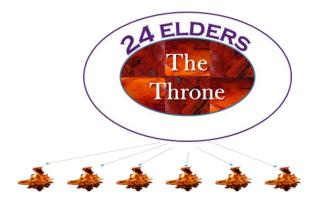


Figure 5

Readers will see "lightnings, thunderings, and voices" three more times in Revelations. Each time it indicates an increase in intensity. For example, the next time it appears in the prophecy, earthquake is added³⁹, after earthquake and hail is added to it⁴⁰, and the last time it is mentioned the earthquake is so great that mountains and islands disappear.⁴¹

This is to signify the beginning of an era of increased intensity of the end time signs. The last two times these signs are mentioned, however, is actually the same event – giving us three intensifications which aligns with the rest of Revelations.

We also see here that seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne. The seven lamps are defined here as the seven Spirits of Yah. These are the Spirits of Yah given to the seven candlesticks, which are the seven churches as told to us in chapter one of Revelations.

We know that the letters to the seven churches explain exactly how man will be judged, but it is also these seven churches or Spirits who are carrying out Yah's judgment on one another. Therefore, the churches are within whom the Spirits dwell.

Below is a simple illustration of this heavenly structure.

⁴⁰ Revelations 11:19

³⁹ Revelations 8:5

⁴¹ Revelations 16:18-21

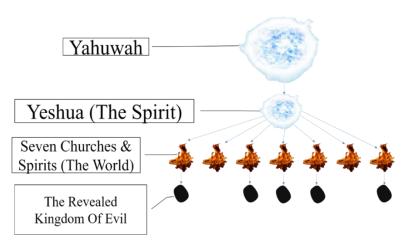


Figure 6

This illustration depicts how Yah gave His Spirit to Yahushua, who died on the cross that His Spirit can be given to the world. The world receives God's spirit which was initially given to Yahushua, that they may overcome evil just as Yahushua did. Evil is revealed and purged through the earthly judgment carried out by the seven Spirits given to each church.

The son of perdition is revealed⁴² and overcame. The black blobs symbolize the tares sown among wheat⁴³, which are purged by the fire that is the seven spirits of Yah.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: - Revelations 4:6-8, KJV



Figure 7

⁴² 2 Thessalonians 2:3

⁴³ Matthew 13:25-40

John says he saw a sea of glass in front of the thrown. Seas and waters in Revelations are usually symbolic of lots of people⁴⁴, while the terms glass, clear, and crystal are symbolic of purity. Crystal is also mentioned in Revelations 21 and 22, signifying this symbolic meaning.

Now, back to the throne. John sees four living creatures in the midst of and around the throne. This word "round about" is back. This is essentially because John is talking about the same figures around the throne; however, this time they are also in the midst of the throne.

Do you remember that back in chapter one of the Book of Revelations the seven stars were in the "midst" of the seven churches? It meant the angels, messengers, or spirits were of, among, and within the churches. So, here we have these four creatures of, among, or within, and also around the heavenly throne. These creatures were close to the heavenly throne, but then became one with it.

John says the first living creature was like a lion, the second was like a calf, the third had a face of man, and the fourth was like a flying eagle. These are commonly recognized as symbols of the twelve tribes. Judah is well known as being represented as a lion, which is directly confirmed throughout scripture; however, any other traditional connections to these particular beasts are speculative, as they are never directly mentioned in the Bible.

Nonetheless, we see these seemingly strange creatures are full of eyes, indicating each creature represents many souls. These creatures also each had six wings totaling 24 wings, representing the 24 elders.

In chapter two of the Book of Numbers, Yah instructed the children of Israel to set up camp in a peculiar manner. He divided the 12 tribes into four groups or camps surrounding the tabernacle. The Levites, however, were the priests of the tribes and lived among or in the midst of all of the tribes when the promised land was divided, were to be in the midst of the tabernacle as they all camped. So, the elders likely represent the Levitical priesthood. Essentially, John is prophetically describing that Israel has a similar setup in heaven.

The first thing he describes is the One sitting on the throne who appeared as two stones. Then, the children of Israel in the midst of the throne [I in my father, you in me, and I in you⁴⁵] as the inheritors of the royalty of Yah's kingdom as promised throughout scripture. The twelve tribes are the four beasts and the eyes before and behind are the descendants of the tribes. Furthermore, the six wings on each beast are descendants of Levi and are potentially the elders. The eyes within the wings represent the descendants of Levites.

This may indicate these descendants' have prophetic gifts of unique spiritual sight. It also conveys the idea that Israel is a unit and separate at the same time. Together, the people or spirits of Israel make up the beasts. Likewise, the beasts and God make up the throne. In essence, they are all one being or all come to exist as one being following a progression of events.

And they [the four beasts] rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever. The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to

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⁴⁴ Revelations 17:15

⁴⁵ John 14:20

receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. – Revelations 4:9-11, KJV

The Aramaic translation reads.

And they are not silent day and night saying, "holy, holy, holy, the Lord Yah God, holding all, whose being is and is coming. And when the four beasts gave glory and honor and acceptance of grace to Him sitting on the throne and to him who truly lives for the eternity of eternities, the 24 elders fell down in front of Him sitting on the throne and worshiped the Living One who is truly the eternity of eternities and will cast their crowns before the thrown while saying, "You are worthy our Lord and our God, to receive the glory, the honor, and the power because you created all things and by your pleasure they exist and were created. — Revelations 4:9-11, The Aramaic English Interlinear New Testament

The main difference between these two translations is that God is literally called the Lord, Yah God. Also, the four beasts gave glory, honor, and accepted God's grace, rather than just giving thanks as is according to the KJV.

This is significant because the four beasts represent at least some of the tribes of Israel and are accepting God's grace. When they accept God's grace, the 24 elders relinquish their crowns to the Most High, recognizing Him as worthy of it all since He is the creator of it all, i.e. they glorify God for Israel's acceptance of grace.

Now, the four beasts do not rest. They praise, glorify, and thank God and acknowledge His existence day and night. When they began to do this, the 24 elders also began to worship God.

These verses, again, make the distinction between Yah and Yahushua by pointing out that the one on the throne is Yah, who lives forever and ever, is worthy of the glory, honor and power, who created all things for His pleasure.

In whole, this vision is telling every person his relationship to Yah and His kingdom. You have the jasper and sardine stone, being one with Yah, the children of Israel being in the midst of and the glow of Yah, and all others being made pure as crystal by this union of Yah and the children of Israel, which includes Yahushua.

It is also an overview of how God's kingdom will "come on earth as it is in heaven." It reveals the end result of the end time events and the process for getting to that end. However, you'll see that the story doesn't end here. This is only a summary of the kingdom and Yah. The rest of John's prophecy will give more details about this union and the role of all of humanity in the second coming of Yahushua.

Before we can discuss the first five seals, we must review chapter five of Revelations, which talks about finding one worthy of opening these seals.

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. - Revelations 5:1-4, KJV

John says he sees the person sitting on the throne holding a book with writing on the inside and seals on the backside. It is Yah on the throne. The angel is calling out for someone who is worthy of opening the first seal, which is salvation, but no man in heaven, on earth, or beneath the earth was able to open the seal or even look at the book. John cried because no one could open or read the book. He is crying because this book opens up the possibility for the world to be saved.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. - Revelations 5:5, KJV

One of the elders told John not to cry because the Lion of the tribe of Judah, a descendant of King David, was found worthy to open the seals.

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. - Revelations 5:6. KJV



Figure 8

Notice here that Yah's word reiterates those in the midst of the throne are Yah, the children of Israel, and the elders, but now the Lamb that is the sacrifice is also present in the midst of them all. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes. This excerpt tells us that the seven eyes are the seven Spirits of Yah.

Yahushua embodies perfection of the Spirits; hence, why the seven churches are representative of his body and the letters tells of the seven spirits of judgment. He had the Spirit of Yah, understanding, knowledge, wisdom, counsel, might, and fear of Yah. By these will we also be judged.

Horns throughout Revelations symbolizes groups of people⁴⁶, i.e. nations or leaders with no kingdom. These particular horns are also specified to be the seven spirits.⁴⁷

This may be confusing for some, so let's break this down.

- 1.) The Lamb is a sacrificial Spirit that Yahushua was the first to embody.
- 2.) The Spirit is actually God's way of correcting and saving the people of the world.
- 3.) The one Spirit of God given to Yahushua is dispersed into seven different spirits or forms of correction as depicted in *Figure 5*.

⁴⁶ Revelations 17:12

⁴⁷ Revelations 5:6

- 4.) The world is divided into seven distinct groups, based on their need for correction being similar within each group.
- 5.) The seven horns and seven eyes are seven institutions or groups of people the seven churches. These are all characterized by their need for correction or their spirit [of the seven spirits], essentially making those who overcome representative of the Spirit because they eventually deliver the True Word which judge others.

And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. - Revelations 5:7-8, KJV

Yahushua takes the book out of the right hand of Yah. The right hand of Yah implies Yahushua was given authority by Yah. When he took the book, the children of Israel fell down before the Lamb to worship and pray.

It also says that the prayers of the saints are the prayers of the holy ones, who are the children of Israel. So, this excerpt reveals that Israel are those with harps and prayers, which are also the vials. These are the saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. - Revelations 5:9-10, KJV

The children of Israel that were in heaven sang a new song. The song tells us that Yahushua was slain to reunite the children of Israel with Yah, separating them from among the rest of the world. It also says, by this, Yahushua made the children of Israel royalty and priests and that the children of Israel would rule on earth. This is Israel's redemption song; thus, this marks the point when Israel is redeemed.

A new song in Revelations refers to someone living or manifesting a new message. For example, when the Messiah went into his ministry, he sang a new song.

He told the world that he was the Son of God and had been given authority over certain people of the world. He said that he would save the whole world, but many people did not understand, and they crucified him for his message. As you will see, the same will happen in the last days. These verses tell us exactly who is singing this new message in the last days.

It also says that the children of Israel will reign on earth, not only in heaven. The message is essentially the same as Yahushua's message, except this time it's not one man claiming to be the Son of God and the king of the earth, but it is a whole nation of people - Israel.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. - Revelations 5:11-12, KJV



Figure 9

Now, messengers are "round about" the throne, the beasts, and the elders. According to John, there were millions. They all sang praises saying the Lamb was worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessings. The angels are those saved by Yahushua, specifically Israel of the last days.

Another interesting thing about this image is that the angels are around Yah, Israel, and the elders; however, they are praising the Lamb who is not mentioned as being present near the throne. These verses indicate a transition, where the Lamb is now Yah, Israel, and the elders who are all in the midst of the throne.

The messengers praise the Lamb in response to the Israel's redemption; thus, they too are redeemed. Now, this is important because later you will hear about this moment and will need these verses to fill in the gap.

Making the Connection: In Revelations 14:1, when the 144,000 and the Lamb stand over Zion having their Father's name written on their foreheads, it is because when Israel is redeemed, Zion gave praise to the Lamb, thus they too became one with the Lamb. The Lamb and the 144,000 standing over Zion indicates that Israel recognized and accepted their redemption to God and to the Lamb. Thus, they received the character of Yah and of the Lamb.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever. - Revelations 5:13-15, KJV

After these events, every living thing in heaven and on and under earth praised Yah and the sacrifice, we know as Yahushua. The tribes said amen and the elders continued to worship Yah.

Here's the complete depiction of the redemption processes described in chapters 4 and 5.

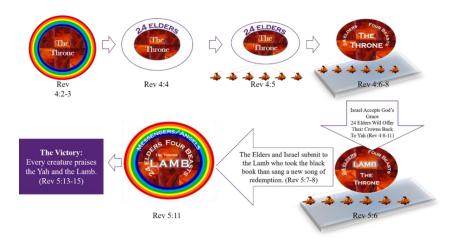


Figure 10

In summary, chapter four and five tells about the progressive redemption of humanity. These chapters also depict a transformation of the sacrificial spirit, the throne, and all of mankind.

The sacrificial spirit, referred to as the Lamb, was given as a result of the sacrifice of the elders when they offered back their crowns in response to early Israelite students of the Messiah accepting grace. Initially, it was the lost sheep of the tribes of Israel and at least one

Yahushua redeems Israel to God and makes them the kings and priests of the earth when they accept Yah's grace. After this, they began to sing a new song of redemption, which leads to the redemption of the messengers. When the angels get into this position, every creature praises Yah and the Lamb, which now includes the messengers, who are the last generation of Israelites redeemed and are a light to the Gentiles of the last days.

This chapter has effectively foretold Revelations in its entirety.

Notice that each time someone sacrifices, Yah and the Lamb are glorified. To be glorified is to be lifted up and increased. Thus, they receive more than they had at first.

When the elders and the four beasts worship and sacrifice their crowns, they get the Lamb, when they sacrifice themselves, they get the angels, and when the angels sacrifice, every creature will praise God. Every sacrifice becomes the Lamb, the first being Yahushua. You will see the final representation of the Lamb in chapter seven of Revelations.

The first era of redemption is redemption for Israel by the original Lamb, Yahushua. The second is redemption for the last Israelite generation which completes the New Jerusalem, and the third era is the victory for the rest of humanity, which is celebrated when every creature praises Yah and the Lamb.

This chapter may also be viewed as a heavenly premonition of what was, what is, and what is to come. For example, the rainbow around the throne is Yah's forethought of His kingdom at the end of all these seven phases, so in heaven or in

Yah's 'mind' it is already done. Before these things happen on earth, it already is in heaven. Hence, why we were instructed to pray, "... Let your kingdom come and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." **

Either way, the message and outcome is the same. When we sacrifice ourselves and give glory to Yahuwah and His sacrificial Spirit he sacrificed for us, we have overcome. This pattern repeats until all who are chosen for the kingdom, has overcome. This occurs three times, three eras; that is the seal, trumpet, and vial eras.

The first era focuses on the salvation of the church of Smyrna, the focus of the second era is the Philadelphians, and the third is the Laodiceans era.

Some may disagree that the Israelites are to be redeemed first, but consider the number of times the principle "To the House of Israel [Jew] first, then to the Gentile" has been employed and stated throughout the Bible, and more directly, in the New Testament. Yahushua based his ministry on this premise. This is because this has always been Yah's plan and how He deemed it to be. He chose Israel to be the first redeemed that they might sacrifice themselves for the rest of the world, as He has sacrificed for them from the beginning!

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⁴⁸ Matthew 6:9

CHAPTER 5: THE FIRST FIVE SEALS

Before we get into the events of John's prophecy, let's take a look at the characteristics of the characters of his prophecy, which is the seven world groups or churches from which Yah's kingdom, the Lamb [Yah, Elders, Israel, Messengers], and the servants, will bloom.⁴⁹ Keep in mind that those who represent Satan and his kingdom will also come from these seven churches.

The letters to the seven churches revealed to us that...

- 1.) The seven angels are from either Ephesus or Sardis. There are seven messengers of God and seven of Satan.
- 2.) Smyrna is a sacrifice and a testament of God who will be imprisoned, oppressed, lied on, and killed.
- 3.) Pergamos will sell-out for the promise of power and cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel.
- 4.) Thyatira will serve a false prophet and be war stricken and vessels of war on behalf of God Almighty.
- 5.) Sardis is the 'Red Ones' and represent Satan and his synagogue and have seven spirits of their own.
- 6.) Philadelphia are one with God, the new identity of Yahushua, and New Jerusalem and will be kept from the temptation of the last days. They will spread the Truth of God and protect the word of Yahushua.
- 7.) Laodicea will suffer through the great tribulation that they may turn to Yahushua for salvation.

... And you shall know a man by his fruit. - Yahushua HaMashiach

By now you should have drawn some of your own conclusions regarding who these groups are today. As you continue to study Revelations, identify which group or segment of these groups is responsible for certain events mentioned in the prophecy.

The First Seal

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. - Revelations 6:1-2, KJV

We see here, the first seal is the seal of Salvation. Yahushua goes into the world conquering and to conquer souls.

The white horse represents salvation. He is royalty, as he was given a crown. The Israelites were also given a crown in chapters two and three of the Book of Revelations.

⁴⁹ Table 1 Complete table of the characteristics of the seven churches

Making The Connection: Notice that this being on the white horse is one person, wearing one crown. Later in 19:12, this same character is wearing many crowns and has an army with him. Their mission is the same, but the being has been increased or glorified. Herein lies the mystery of Yeshua's new identity!

Also, Chapter 12 tells a story about a woman who is symbolic of Israel. This woman gives birth to a son that is taken up to God. This is the beginning of Salvation. It parallels this moment in time.

Imagine Yahushua as one divine spirit born into the flesh in the seal age, who returns as many divine people born in the flesh in the trumpet age, and a completely divine entity or kingdom sometime around the beginning of the vial age. At each age or era, the same things are repeating themselves, but with greater intensity each time; thus, those identified as the Lamb increase in number in each era.

Each manifestation or testament of Yah was or will be born, die, and rise again, in one since or another, just as Yahushua himself was born, died, and rose again in the beginning of salvation. These all have the Spirit of the Lamb, which is the Sacrificial Spirit given to Israel by Yah.

This is evident in Isreal itself. They lived and were known in the land, they died in that they lost their identity and the world doesn't really know who they are, then they are to resurface yet again as they are redeemed to God.

That being said, the "he" on the white horse was Yahushua and will be the real children of Israel, bringing salvation to the world. Yahushua came to conquer and Israel with Yahushua will go on conquering. This is only made possible through Yahushua and he is the head of this army of Israelites.

The Lamb is not written as "Jesus" or "Yahushua" because it signifies more than one sacrificial lamb. When Revelations refer to Yahushua as the man who walked this earth specifically, it calls him "Jesus" or "Yahushua", otherwise it's referencing the Spirit of Sacrifice, Yahushua, or Yahushua and Israel as a unit, who at some point, all have this Spirit of Sacrifice. These are all destined to die for the sake of others. Understanding what the lamb represents is another key factor in understanding this prophecy.

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. - Revelations 6:1-2, KJV

The Lamb opened one of the seals and one of the four beasts, which are symbolic of a branch of the twelve tribes, took John to see what happened when the seal was broken. When it was broken, salvation was made available as Yahushua, on the white horse with his bow and his crown, went forth conquering souls. Again, this is a reference to Yahushua the man, but also Yahushua the Salvation and sacrificial Spirit.

In summary, the church of Ephesus marks the beginning of Salvation through Yahushua which is the first seal. It parallels the period of Yahushua and his earliest disciples.

Yahushua was the first to receive the Spirit of Yah and broke the mold so that, ultimately, all of mankind could have access to the Spirit of Yah through him. This is salvation, the opportunity to receive Yah and know him for yourself. This is what saves you because when you have a personal relationship with Him you are led by Him and not by man. This personal relationship has been made available to us through the knowledge given to us by Yahushua and the Holy Spirit.

Ephesus is the beginning of a new era which began Satan's defeat. Revelations chapter twelve, tells of these events from the birth of Yahushua to the defeat of Satan. Again, this is also a reference to the twelve tribes of Israel bringing forth the truth of Salvation as witnesses of Yah and Yahushua in the last days. The first seal does not end when the second seal starts. All these things continue throughout Revelations. Salvation and the Lamb is increasing in intensity even as the seals increase to become the trumpets, and the trumpets become vials.

As you will see, it is difficult to talk about Yahushua, the original Lamb, without talking about Israel, the last Lamb. This is because their mission and fate is identical and all that Israel will accomplish is only possible because of Yahushua, their leader; thus, Yahushua is present wherever they are. He is the ruler of these kings and priests on earth.⁵⁰

The Second Seal

And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. - Revelations 6:3-4, KJV

This second seal is opened and the second beast, the calf, shows John the prophecy of the second seal. This time we see a red horse, which signifies sin and death. With Satan's fury, came this sin. Sin began to increase and spread wild on the earth. Peace was taken from it and people killed each other. Obviously, this has gone on throughout time, but it increased during the time of Yahushua's ministry and early Christianity. More importantly, it is being revealed as sin and evil because people now understand the Truth because of Yahushua.

This seal parallels the coming of the people who would pioneer the third church, the Romans - particularly with the execution of early followers of Yahushua. History tells us that during this period, Israelites were suffering genocide at the hands of the Pharisees, scribes, and Romans.

Making The Connection: Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelations tells us that Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven, never to return, just during the time Salvation became available. It also says that he went after the woman, Israel, relentlessly, but was unable to kill her.

The Third Seal

And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. - Revelations 6:5-6. KJV

The third seal was broken, and the third beast with the face of man showed John the prophecy of this seal. This seal was the black horse with a man, who held balances on it. These balances are symbolic of increased trading and greed.

Not hurting the wine and oil is the most significant part of this seal. Here people are becoming more in love with things such as wine and oil. However, Yah is also telling us, during this time, the first fruits of Yahushua and His chosen could not be harmed by this plague of greed.

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⁵⁰ Revelations 1:5 & 5:9-10

This seal parallels the third church, Pergamos because, like Balac, they sold out to Balaam for money and power -i.e. greed.

Poverty is often the cure for greed, thus this is the condition of Smyrna immediately before this period. It is difficult to hoard and fall in love with what you don't have. So, Israel is sentenced to poverty, as their protection from the plague of greed.

The Fourth Seal

And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. - Revelations 6:7-8, KJV

The fourth seal was broken, and the fourth beast like a flying eagle showed John the prophecy of that seal. This seal was death followed by hell. Now we all know death and hell had been in existence since the days of Adam and Eve. Therefore, we can deduce this is in reference to spiritual death followed by an instant hell, where one's judgment is his life. In other words, those who live or died in sin experienced hell immediately, rather than awaiting judgment.

Death by the hands of another, hunger, natural death, and death by beast would catch 25 percent of the people on earth in sin, never having accepted salvation. It also refers to the hell on earth that these same individuals would experience after spiritual death.

We must keep in mind that this seal is not an event that ends. So, this scripture reveals that 25 percent of all of humanity will die in their sin.

The fourth seal parallels to the fourth church, Thyatira, who are the afflicted and afflicter of war and death.

The Fifth Seal

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Yahuwah, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? - Revelations 6:9-10, KJV

The fifth seal was opened, and all those who had been slain for the Word of Yah and the Testimony of Yahushua were crying out for judgment to be served on earth.

They were beneath the altar, which represents Gentiles who will be saved and will be before Yah or the temple of Revelations 11:1-2.⁵¹ This image reveals that these souls are awaiting the fullness of the gentiles⁵², which is their salvation. Likewise, their fullness is their judgement, for which these persecuted souls cry out.

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⁵¹ Revelations 8:3

⁵² Luke 21:24

This is a checkpoint of sorts. Yah is reminding us in His word that the persecution has already begun. The Gentile people whose names are written in the book of life, are on top of these souls holding them in this temporary position. Israel cannot be made whole until they have fulfilled this mission.

The persecution began in the second seal. Here, three seals later, those who were killed are crying out for justice - justice they reveal will be initiated by the one that is holy and true, the church of Philadelphia.⁵³

This is the first mention of "holy and true" since it was said to the church of Philadelphia in chapter three of the Book of Revelations.

This goes back to the idea that the Israelites are the third manifestation of Yah on earth. The first being Yah himself with Adam and Eve and through the prophets, then Yah in Yahushua, now Yah in the children of Israel, the Philadelphians. Ultimately, these souls are calling out for those who hold the key of David, the Church of Philadelphia, to sound the last trumpet.

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. - Revelations 6:11, KJV

Yah gives these souls white robes and instructs them to wait for a short while until their fellow servants are killed as they were.

Now, here is a revelation for you! The sixth church, Philadelphia, are those who are "holy and true" and the seventh church is "Justice of people." In case it escapes you, this is confirmation of the times.

In the sixth trumpet, Israel rises up, this is the church of Philadelphia. Their work occurs in the seventh, which will be God's season of judgement and vengeance for all that Israel endured on earth, which these verses tell us will occur after the brothers and sisters of the souls under the alter are killed. We will see this manifest in Yah's vengeance against Babylon in the seventh vial.

This is what folk mean when they say scripture interprets scripture.

The judgment that Philadelphia carries out is them waking up and bringing forth the truth of the Word of Yah and manifesting His truth to the whole world. They are then killed, bringing forth God's judgement on the gentile nations. During their time, there will be chaos and destruction, but more importantly, the last of the lost will be found and souls saved. Israel will have served their purpose.

This is the first judgment. It is an opportunity for every single living person to get right with Yah. In other words, they will be fairly warned, thus fairly judged. No man or woman will be able to say, "Sorry Yah, I didn't know." at the final judgment. It is an opportunity for every person to judge themselves and get it right. However, no person can judge their self, if they do not know what they are being judged by. Thus, in the sixth seal, the sixth church brings forth truth and therefore, judgment. You will see proof of this in later chapters.

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⁵³ Revelations 3:7

Additionally, this verse should alert us to look for the moment when the brothers are killed as they were. According to it, when this happens than Yah will "judge and avenge" the blood of the souls of this fifth seal. Also, this tells us that whoever dies just before this judgment in Revelations are the fellow servants and siblings of these souls.

CHAPTER 6: THE SIXTH SEAL

The opening of the sixth seal is more in-depth as it is a significant turning point in Yah's plan to save all those who belong to Him. This chapter describes events leading up to the opening of the seventh seal, which is the release of the seven trumpets.

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places: And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? - Revelations 6:12-17, KJV)

Revelations chapter six, verse 12 through 17 describes the markers of the beginning of this seal. These markers likely are representative of a time in which a great earthquake, an event resembling a solar eclipse, one resembling a blood moon, and a meteor shower all occurred within a relatively short time span. Mountains and islands were moved out of their places.

Sounds farfetched? You should know that such an event happened in the United States over the course of three major earthquakes with the effects taking place in Tennessee and Missouri to the borders of Louisiana. According to usgs.gov these earthquakes occurred between December of 1811 and February of 1812. Not to say with any certainty that this was that event, but that it is entirely possible and is the result of natural disaster.

The word also says when this event happened every person, rich and poor, free and bond hid for cover for fear of Yah's wrath. This is where the sixth seal events began to manifest themselves on earth.

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. – Revelations 7:1, KJV

Isaiah 11:12 tells us that Yah would gather Judah from the four corners of the earth. Here there are four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the winds back.

And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. - Revelations 7:2-3, KJV

This messenger came from the east, and not down out of the sky. This tells us that this angel is a person or group that prolonged the coming destruction until the servants were sealed. You might say these servants were redeemed to God.⁵⁴

The messenger had the seal of the living God, which was some spiritual knowledge or a mind connected to Yah [seal in forehead], which led to a spiritual transformation of these people so that they would be protected by Yah through the coming tribulation.

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⁵⁴ Revelations 14:3-4

The sixth church, the church of Philadelphia, parallels to this sixth seal because they represent the 144,000 protected from the tribulation and the final redemption period for Israel.

They are not being beamed up into the sky before the troubles began, as many believe. Rather, they are protected even as they live in the midst of the chaos. Remember, they have not served their purpose yet.

And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand. - Revelations 7:4-8, KJV

Twelve thousand from each tribe receives a mark of protection from the coming tribulations. This protection is from being affected by the things that will take place. They will be present but not tempted by those evils that the rest of mankind would face. This is the manifestation of the promise made to Philadelphia in Revelations 3, which states, "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." ⁵⁵

Furthermore, take note that when the souls of those slain cry out for the one that is holy and true in the fifth seal, the age of the church of Philadelphia rises up and the 144,000 are sealed in the sixth.

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to Yahuwah which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped Yahuwah, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. - Revelations 7:9-12. KJV

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⁵⁵ Revelations 3:10



Figure 11

John sees an innumerable amount of people, who received salvation through Yahushua, praising Yah and the Lamb. These who are clothed in white standing before the throne are gentiles who received salvation.

We know this because we have repeatedly seen throughout Revelations that the children of Israel are royalty and are always a member of the throne and never before it. The verse also specifies that these are people from all nations, kindreds, people, and tongues.

Meanwhile, the angels who are round about the throne worshiped Yah for the blessings, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, which belongs to Yahuwah forever.



This image is very similar to the one described in Revelations 5:11-12 and depicted in *Figure* 9. The difference here is that there are Gentile people who are standing before the throne and before the Lamb, which now includes the angels who are around the throne, the throne, the elders, and the four beasts. Also, this time it is the angels who fall to the throne and worship Yah and not the elders or the four beasts.

The angels are looking to the throne, the elders, and the four beasts and are worshipping Yah who is now represented by these three entities. The significance is that the same process that the elders and Israel endured must also be endured by the messengers of the last days. Whereas they previously glorified the Lamb, they are now praising Yahuwah himself and the gentile people praise Yahuwah and the Lamb. This is because the angels are now the Lamb and do not praise themselves, but the God over them.

This is a premonition of the manifestation of Yah's will done and His kingdom coming on earth as is in heaven. It reveals the manifestation of the original image of the kingdom of God in *Figure 3*, depicted to the right. These are those destined for the kingdom and to be the Lamb, the multitude are those who must choose it.

The

Throne

It hasn't happened on earth yet, but John foresees that it will. This image is telling us that it is by the Lamb that the multitude will overcome, and it reveals exactly who the Lamb is in the last days.

Figure 3

Furthermore, Revelations 7:9-12 indicates that all nations, people, and tongues will praise Yahuwah because of the events of pertaining to the 144,000 sealed.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. - Revelations 7:13-17, KJV

In verse 13, John is asked who the people dressed in white were by one of the elders. John tells the elder, "I don't know, but you do." The elder then tells John they are the ones that came out of the great tribulation and received salvation by the sacrifice that is the Lamb. He says, because they received salvation by the sacrifice they are before the throne of Yah and serve him day and night in his temple, and he that sits on the throne dwells among them. He says these will no longer hunger or thirst and will not have the sun light on them and no heat would burn them because the Lamb feeds them and leads them to living fountains of waters and Yah will wipe away all of their tears.

Making The Connection: In the prophecy, when the tribulation is over, Revelations 21:4 reveals the actual moment these events occur.

The great tribulation has not yet happened in the prophecy, which confirms John is witnessing a premonition or the outcome of the tribulation at this point. Yah is telling us that the purpose of the tribulation is not to kill or punish everyone, but to save as many as will turn to him in the wake of extreme trials.

So in the end, The Lamb is the messengers, Yahushua, and the Children of Israel in an earthly sense. These are Yah's sacrifices who are the gentile's salvation given to them by Yah. The Lamb feeds them truth and the word and Yah takes away their tears.

Just in case you doubt me this was Isaiah's prophecies regarding the matter:

I Yahuwah have called thee [Israel] in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles... - Isaiah 42:6

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth. - Isaiah 49:6

Keep in mind that the things John see in heaven occur in heaven in the mind of Yahuwah before they manifest on earth, but are also things that will eventually happen in heaven to our knowledge.

Those who are in the premonitions of heaven will eventually come from earth. A good question to keep in the back of your mind is where these multitudes are coming from. Who are they in the prophecy?

Additionally, if all these are those who came out of the tribulation, then those who were depicted in heaven before them must have come from periods before the great tribulation. These are evidently, the last to be saved.

So, another good answer to look out for as we move forward is, "When did the others make it to heaven?" More clearly, when did they die, since the fifth seal revealed that the ultimate judgment would happen after their brothers and fellow servants were killed as they were.

When you see the death of a group just before the great tribulation, you have identified the brothers of the souls of the fifth seal and the servants of Yahuwah.

The sixth seal revealed that in it, the 144,000 Israelites will be prepared for what is to come. It also describes what they are being prepared for, which is to redeem Israel to God and sacrifice themselves for the multitude, who will then be saved.

Here is what the completion of God's plan will look like. You will see the fulfillment of this image manifested in chapter 19 of the Book of Revelations.

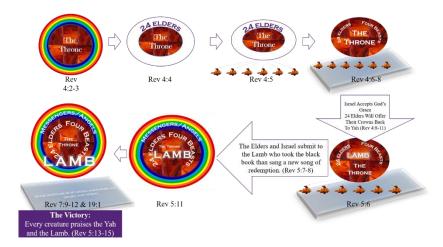


Figure 12

CHAPTER 7: THE SEVENTH SEAL – SIX TRUMPETS

The seventh seal is the seven trumpets. You can call this the second to last days. It is a series of end time events purposed to bring redemption to Israel. Also, as these events transpire, more and more people convert to the Truth that is God's true salvation.

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stood before Yahuwah; and to them were given seven trumpets. And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before Yahuwah out of the angel's hand. - Revelations 8:1-4, KJV

John tells us that there was silence in heaven for 30 minutes and he saw seven angels standing before Yah. These angels were each given trumpets.

A different angel went and stood on the altar. He had a golden censer and incense to burn with the prayers of the holy ones who keep or protect the commandments of Yah, the saints. The incense was to be offered upon the altar, or placed upon the Gentiles who were to be saved. When the incense was burned, the prayers and the smoke went up to Yah from the angel's hand.

Making The Connection: Revelations 14:12 reveals that the saints are the keepers of the commandments of Yah and faith of Yeshua. Additionally, Revelation 12:17 says that these are the remnant of the seed of the woman with the 12 stars on her head, whom the Dragon seeks to devour.

The Holy Ones of Israel are praying and their prayers are being delivered to Yah by way of a messenger and those prayers are to manifest on the altar, which are the four gentile churches, that they may be saved.

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. - Revelations 8:5-6, KJV

The prayers of the saints prompted the opening of the seventh seal as the messengers responded to the prayers of the saints after it had gone up to Yah, by casting the fire of the altar into the earth. Revelations 5:8 reveals that these prayers were held by the elders and Israel. Furthermore, these verses tell us that the fire being cast into the earth are manifested by the altar, one of the gentile churches.⁵⁶

Thundering, lightening and an earthquake prompts the seven angels to prepare to sound their trumpets.

The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. - Revelations 8:7, KJV

⁵⁶ Thyatira has been identified as the angel of fire.

When the first angel sounds hail and fire mingled with blood will come from the sky. It will burn up one-third of the trees and all of the grass.

And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. - Revelations 8:8, KJV

The second angel will sound and fire like a large mountain will be cast into the sea. One-third of the sea will be like blood, one-third of sea life will die, and one-third of ships will be destroyed.

And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. — Revelations 8:10-11, KJV

When the third angel sounds, a great star will fall from heaven and will burn like a lamp. It will contaminate one-third of the clean water sources. Many men will die from drinking the water.

And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. – Revelations 8:12, KJV

When the fourth angel sounds, one-third of the sun, moon, and stars will cease to give light. One-third of the night and one-third of the day will be completely darkened, meaning the earth will have no natural light for eight hours of the day.

And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! – Revelations 8:13, KJV

A messenger flying through the midst of heaven will give warning that the worse is yet to come.

And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. – Revelations 9:1-2

The fifth angel will sound, and a star will fall from heaven to earth. This star is an angel or messenger who will open the bottomless pit. Smoke will come from the pit and the sun and air will be darkened by it.

And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of Yah in their foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. – Revelations 9:3-5

Locusts will come from the pit and will have the power of scorpions. They were commanded not to hurt the grass, not any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who did not have the seal of Yah in their forehead. The locusts will not kill anyone, only torture them for five months. They are to torment unsealed people like a scorpion does.

And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. – Revelations 9:6, KJV

During the five months of torture, men will want to die, but will not be able to.

And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months. And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon. - Revelations 9:7-11

The shapes of the locusts were like horses prepared for battle. Their heads looked like gold crowns and their faces like men. They had hair like women and teeth like lions. They had breastplates that looked like iron, and their wings sounded like chariots of horses running to battle. They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. They were given authority to hurt men for five months.

The KJV and the Aramaic has a great discrepancy in verse 11. According to the Aramaic the names of the king of the bottomless pit were given in Hebrew and Aramaic and were Abdo and Shra respectively. Both words deal with the idea of a servant – someone or something working under the direction of another. This makes more sense, since the locust were released by an angel of God and instructed not to harm anything or destroy anyone. Whereas, the Greek version says Abaddon and Apollyon which mean destruction and destroyer, respectively.

These locusts don't seem like locusts at all, but a description of something completely different. Whatever they are, they are not authorized to kill or harm any green thing on earth, only to torment people other than those with the seal of God.

Locusts are used symbolically to represent plagues on humanity. They don't always refer to bugs but quite often they represent a large group of people, like a swarm, devouring the people, goods, or land of another nation. In this case, it appears to be people torturing other people for five months.

The prophet, Joel, sheds light on these prophetic locusts. His prophecy reveals that the locusts are an army of people who devours everything in their path and shall cause Zion to blow the trumpet and return to the Father. This army of locusts will then be judged.

One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter. - Revelations 9:12, KJV

One warning passed, and another two signs is coming.

This is an indication to the people of God, that when we see these things happen, we should turn to Him, if we haven't already. If we have turned to Him, we should prepare for what is to come. It is also a sign that the events described here are occurring chronologically.

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before Yah, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. - Revelations 9:13-15, KJV

When the sixth angel sounded, John heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar. The four horns of this altar are four Gentile churches or Spirits of God that was within four of the churches identified in chapters two and three.

These must be of Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira Sardis, or Laodicea, because Philadelphia and Smyrna are definitely not Gentile churches. Additionally, evidence suggests that Laodicea also represent some Israelites as they are promised to sit on the throne and are the last redeemed.

The prophet, Zechariah, tells us exactly who the four horns are in Zechariah 1:18-21. Some of this story has to be reinterpreted, otherwise it makes very little since. When we look at multiple bible translations we are able to gather what the scripture actually said about these four horns.

According to the KJV, Zechariah explicitly says that the four horns are the gentile people who scattered Judah and Israel. The LEB specified that the reason Israel was scattered was so that no one would, "according to the mouth of a man" lift up his head. My interpretation of this is that we were scattered so that the world would not listen or pay attention to what we had to say, so that they would not wake up or look up.

Interestingly, he goes on to say that Yahuwah showed him that these are also four skilled craftsmen who, by instilling fear in Israel, caused Israel to cast out those of the four horns who scattered them. This is the same narrative and Joel's prophecy mentioned earlier.

So, according to Zechariah, these locusts or this army instills fear in Israel, causing them to rise up and defeat Satan. Zechariah's prophecy fits perfectly into the scheme of John's, as the sixth trumpet is also the period of Israel's awakening as we'll see in chapters 10 and 11.

One of the angels from the four horns tell the sixth messenger to release the four angels, which are bound in the Euphrates River. These four angels had prepared for a particular time to kill one-third of humanity. It is these who prompt the sixth angel to release the four angels of the Euphrates.

So, the same people who scattered Israel will cause Satan and those who belong to him to be cast out by instilling fear in Israel with their actions.

This is exactly what is happening here in Revelations 9:15 and 14:18. Gentiles are causing and calling for judgement of other gentiles. Chances are that these gentile people have no idea of their role in God's plan and are just acting for other, less divine, reasons. Never the less, they carry out the will of God, as we all do, rather we know it or not.

So, the sixth trumpet events we see taking place here, in the beginning of the trumpet, are caused by and brought against gentiles. During this period Israel becomes fearful at what is occurring all around them and they turn back to God. Thus, God's purpose for the locusts and rumors of war in this trumpet is to awaken Israel that they might sound the seventh trumpet, i.e. be redeemed.

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. - Revelations 9:16-19, KJV

The number of the army was 200 million. There transportation had breastplates of fire and of jacinth, and sulfur. The heads of their transportation looked like a lion's head. Out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. They would kill one-third of humanity with the fire, smoke, and sulfur. Their power was in their mouth and tails.

This is clearly telling of a great war that would kill one-third of humanity.

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. – Revelations 9:20-21, KJV

So, the sixth trumpet sounds and is manifested and no one repented to stop committing idol worship, murders, sorceries, fornication, or thefts. People stop repenting and no one was turning from sin. This is what prompts the day of wrath.

At this point, Yah has sealed his people for their protection. Meanwhile, the world is continuing on as though nothing is happening.

Chapters 10 through 15 will tell of events and signs that will happen before the final day of Yah's wrath, including the revealing of Satan and Truth of Yah. This is the mission of the church of Philadelphia, which they will accomplish!

CHAPTER 8: A MIGHTY ANGEL, TEMPLE, & TWO WITNESSES

Chapters 10 and 11 of Revelations is details of events that span from the end of the sixth seal, when the 144,000 were sealed, through the end of the seventh trumpet, when the two witnesses are resurrected from the dead.

Essentially, these chapters reveal the rising up of Israel and what caused them to begin their ascension into their calling. It happens in three phases, beginning with the mighty messenger.

A Mighty Angel

And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth. - Revelations 10:1-2, KJV

This mighty angel is the Lamb found worthy to open the little book. If you can remember, no one else was found worthy to even look at the book. Now, the Lamb has removed all of the seals and he holds the book opened in his hand. So, here is where every eye shall see him coming down with a cloud and the rainbow on his head. Recall, in Revelations 4:3, the rainbow represents the last generation of Israelites.

So, the Lamb at this point appears to be Yahushua in a different form, the phrase "clothed with a cloud" tells us that the Lamb is "covered" or hidden within something else, as we saw in Revelations 1:7.

The mighty messenger is described by the physical characteristics of the body of Yahushua described in chapter one of the Book of Revelations. The rainbow upon his head was used to describe the rainbow round about the throne in Revelations 4:3. In verse six it is revealed that the four beasts full of eyes were also round about the throne, and Revelations 5:11 confirmed that the angels were round about the throne. These are those who appeared as a rainbow round about the throne, which is at the head of the Lamb. The physical manifestation of this angel is the Elders, early Israel, and the messengers who are the final generation of Israelites before the first resurrection occurs in Revelations 14 and 20.

Next, the mighty messenger's face was as it were the sun. This is another reference to the appearance of the body of Yahushua and was mentioned in Revelations 1:16. Yahushua refers to who these people are in Matthew 13:43 where he says:

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Additionally, Revelations 21:23 confirms that the Lamb, which is at the head of this angel is the light of the people and has replaced the sun. So, those who are righteous in Yahushua is the face that shines like the sun. The righteous are a representation of Yahushua.

Finally, this mighty angel had feet like pillars of fire, or more accurately, like fiery pillars. This wasn't exactly a physical characteristic of the body of Yahushua; however, in Revelations 3:12, Yahushua tells the church of Philadelphia he will make them pillars in the temple of Yah. This is the only other time the word "pillar" is referred to throughout Revelations.

Potentially, what we have is a Mighty Angel that is Israel at the head, the righteous messengers as the face and rainbow, and Philadelphia at the foundation of this angel, being the base for this point of escalation in the prophecy. All these symbolic characteristics point to Israel.

And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. - Revelations 10:3-7, KJV

The angel cried with the voice of a lion. John was instructed not to say what the seven thunders said when the angel cried out. The angel lifted his eyes to heaven and swore by Yah that there would be no more delay and when the seventh trumpet begin to sound, the mystery of Yah would be revealed to all, as He had revealed to the prophets.

So, while this image is describing Israel who are calling out for the truth to be revealed, it is also the spirit of Yahushua who calls out through these people. They are calling out in anger, saying. "Just wait and see. You will soon know the truth." It is the Spirit of Yahushua that prompts them to cry out.

In Joel, Yahuwah instructs Israel to cry out and to sound the trumpet. This is the moment where Israel obeys God's call. Essentially, they are turning to him. It is the first phase of Israel's redemption.

This gives us a hint of the timeline of the events that are about to take place. He is forewarning us that during the sounding of the seventh trumpet before the vials are poured out, the Truth will be revealed to all.

This angel, the Lamb, is angry because, despite all that has already manifested, people are not repenting. He is saying, "Enough is enough! You will all see the truth when Israel sounds the trumpet."

Through John's vision, Yah is telling us that he reveals the mysteries of Himself through prophets, during this time, everyone will know firsthand that those things the prophets were shown and shared with the world were true. The messenger that will cry out is certain of the prophetic groups described in chapters four and five of Revelations. They do not cry out by their own power, but by the power of the one they represent, Yahushua or the Spirit of the Lamb.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. - Revelations 10:8-11, KJV

This is confirmation of the previous explanation of the mighty messenger. The angel gave the little book, which contained the messages of Revelations to John to eat and he did and the angel told John he must prophesy to the world.

We know this prophecy was manifested. John is still prophesying to us till this very day through the Book of Revelations. This event, however, is also symbolic of the idea that Yahushua is represented by man. They are, in the end days, the mighty messenger. He hands the book to his representatives to prophesy to the world.

This also speaks to a spiritual representation of John's prophecy that serves as a tool to awaken the people of God. During this time, John's prophecies will have new life and new meaning. The truth of His Words and prophecy will be made clear by this final manifestation of Yahushua – Israel, the righteous, and Philadelphia.

Ultimately, this is a pivotal moment in the manifestation of prophecy, where certain people of the last days will also take the little book and eat it and it will be like honey in our mouths, but bitter in our belly.

In other words, those who are called to prophesy in the last days will come to know the truth first. As they come to this truth, it is like honey in their mouth until they began to see the disposition of the people of this world, at which time it will become bitter in their spirit or break their heart. When this happens, they feel compelled to prophesy the Truth because of their compassion.

In summary, chapter 10 reveals the coming of the Son of man. It tells us exactly who the son of man is and by whose power they speak. They are preparing to rise up only waiting on God's perfect timing.

It demonstrates, without a shadow of doubt, that the second coming of the son of man, is not some fictional imagery, but people being given prophecy to prophesy.

Consider this... The mighty angel comes down clothed in a cloud with the voice of a lion. He doesn't take everyone up into the sky to meet him or do anything to all of humanity at this point. Instead, he gives the little book to a living person and tells him to prophesy to all nations. The next chapters will elaborate on the purpose of this little book in more depth.

If the coming of the son of man was Yahushua coming to earth to rescue people from the destruction of the last days, he would have no need to hand over the spirit of prophecy to man. Instead, he gives it over to living beings to reveal truth. These people are the coming son of man. They are his covering.

Ultimately, the Spirit of Prophecy is being resurrected in God's elect, because they must prophesy again. This chapter detailed the beginning of this prophetic awakening of the last days.

A Temple

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months - Revelations 11:1-2. KJV

John was given a measuring stick and instructed by the angel to measure the temple, the altar, and the worshippers within the alter. However, he said not to measure the outer courtyard, because the Gentiles would trample the holy city for 42 months. The holy city is the children of Israel, also referred to as the New Jerusalem in Revelations chapter 21.

In other words, the children of Israel are in the temple, which is Yah and the Lord. The Gentiles will trample on the children of Israel for 42 months and therefore are not allowed within the temple, but are out in the courtyard with the altar. This 42-month period will be marked by prophetic events in Revelations which depict the chosen children of God being 'warred' against. The 42 months do not begin at this point, but they are foretold at this time in the prophecy to prepare Israel for what is to come.

Spiritually, the fact that the Gentiles will remain in the outer courtyard confirms images described in chapter seven of the Book of Revelations, where the gentiles remained before the throne and never roundabout or in the midst of it like the elders, Israel, and Yahuwah. Here it tells us why this is. Rather than receiving Israel, they war against them.

Additionally, this image shows us that some worshippers are in the outer courtyards. These are those worshiping in the altar, which is before the throne.

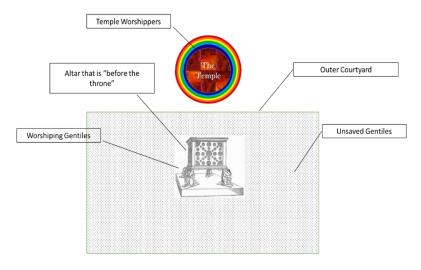


Figure 13

The revelation here is that, not only is the temple counted, but those who worship in the altar are also counted. It is only those who are in the outer court surrounding the altar who are not measured, it's these who are not measured who will trample the holy city.

This is another moment in the preparation. Here, those who belong to God, both Israelite and Gentile, are counted.

So, phase one of the rise of Israel was the outcry and prophecy given to them to prophesy to all nations, as John was instructed to. In this second phase, Israel and gentile worshippers are numbered. Yahuwah says, "Take inventory of who belongs to Me."

Two Witnesses

As with the Gentiles' 42-month trampling of the holy city, the events regarding the two witnesses are being foretold in the sixth trumpet but is not manifested until the seventh trumpet sounds.

It is also related to John having eaten the little book. It is a period of preparation for the seventh trumpet as the elect of God take the little book and began to come into Truth. It reveals what will happen in the seventh trumpet, as opposed to what is happening in the sixth trumpet. We can call it an awakening period for those who must prophesy for 1260 days (42 months) preceding their death and physical resurrection.

The gentiles aren't trampling Israel without cause, rather, they trample them because they speak the Truth of God which most of the gentiles do not want to accept. Because they reject this Truth for 42 months, they remain separate from the temple.

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. - Revelations 11:3-4, KJV

Yah then immediately goes from the Gentiles in the courtyard trampling the holy city for 42 months to discussing the two witnesses He will appoint to prophesy for 42 months (1260 days).

These witnesses are clothed in sackcloth as the children of Israel did as a show of repentance and mourning in the Old Testament. Essentially, this symbolizes the Children of Israel's repentance and mourning to be redeemed, and this is the prayers of the saints. As the end time signs escalate and God's people are becoming more and more persecuted, they continue to turn back to Yahuwah.

The two witnesses are said to be two olive trees and two candlesticks, which are the two churches standing before Yah. These are the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia.

We learned in Revelations chapters two and three that the church of Smyrna and Philadelphia were churches of the Children of Israel in the last days. Smyrna, like the Kingdom of Israel, struggle with the adversary and Philadelphia is like the Kingdom of Judah, who holds the key of David and brings unity to Yah's kingdom. These are the two churches, which are the two witnesses Yah is telling us about. One endures suffering and the other brings knowledge of God's truth and unity. The purpose of both is to identify who they are and help the world to accept the truth and reality of Yahuwah and the times. Zachariah sheds some light on this.

Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? Then said he, These are the two anointed [sons] ones, that stand by Yahuwah of the whole earth. Zechariah 4:11-12, 14, KJV

According to Zachariah's prophecy, there would be two anointed 'sons' who were the two olive branches to the left and right of the candlestick. These two anointed sons, were also sacrifices, as they poured out their anointing oil on the candlestick.

So, the two witnesses are two olive trees and two candlesticks. Defining the symbolism, the two witnesses are two anointed sons, which are also two churches.

And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. - Revelations 11:5, KJV

The Lexham English Bible (LEB) reads, "And if anyone wants to harm them, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, in this way he must be killed." This translation clarifies that it is by fire that proceeds out of the mouth of the witnesses that their enemies must be killed.

This appears to be a spiritual fire which consumes the evil that is within man, like the sword of the mouth. Jeremiah received this same power to use against Israel in the days of their disobedience.

Wherefore thus saith Yahuwah God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith Yahuwah: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. – Jeremiah 5:14, KJV

The fire was Yah's words in Jeremiah's mouth, and it was to devour Israel, which makes sense as the two witnesses are to prophesy to all nations. By the words of Yah that proceed from their lips, their enemies will be saved or condemned and evil devoured.

These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. - Revelations 11:6, KJV

These witnesses have the power to stop rain from falling, turn water into blood, and bring about plagues on earth as often as they want to. This tells us that these witnesses bring about the plagues that will take place in the seventh trumpet, which are the seven vials. These details tell us that plagues such as these will take place over a period of 42 months, leading up to the end of the witness' testimony. The second and third vials are most obviously caused by the two witnesses as they turned water to blood.⁵⁷

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. - Revelations 11:7, KJV

After 42 months (3.5 years) of prophesying the testimony of the truth of salvation and the mysteries of Yah, the beast will come up from the bottomless pit to make war against, overcome, and kill the two witnesses. This verse informs us that these details regarding two witnesses, at least, extends out into the seventh trumpet, because the bottomless pit beast does not ascend out of the bottomless pit until chapter 13 of Revelations, which is well into the seventh trumpet prophecies.

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. - Revelations 11:8-9, KJV

Yah's Word tells us that the bodies of these witnesses will be in the street of the great city, which is spiritually known as Sodom and Egypt. This place is also where Yahushua was crucified. This is a location that represents spiritual bondage and evil. Based on the statement that this is the place where Yahushua was crucified, this is modern day Jerusalem.

No one buried the witnesses' bodies for three and a half days.

And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. - Revelations 11:10, KJV

Everyone in the world was happy that the witnesses were killed and they celebrated their death because the witnesses tormented them for 42 months. This is another confirmation that all the plagues the witnesses were given authority to cause, happened over a period of 42 months. These witnesses are prophesying and causing the plagues at the same time. They are killed after their work is done, which is after 42 months.

Here it is revealed that the son of man, who would come in a cloud and cause all the earth to wail⁵⁸, is, in fact, the two witnesses who tormented those who dwell on earth during the pouring out of the seven vials⁵⁹. Furthermore, they are also

⁵⁷ Revelations 16:3-4

⁵⁸ Revelations 1:7

⁵⁹ Revelations 11:10

the cause of the mourning and wailing of merchants during the destruction of Babylon.⁶⁰ Yet, another confirmation that the two witnesses is the son of man and the prophets of the last days.

And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. - Revelations 11:11-12, KJV

After three and a half days, the Spirit of Life from Yah, brought the witnesses back to life. They stood to their feet, and all who saw became fearful. A voice from heaven called the two witnesses into heaven and they went up into a cloud, while their enemies watched.

Making The Connection: Chapter 14 talks about one like the son of man who sat on a cloud and reaped his harvest. This is that moment.

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. - Revelations 11:13, KJV

Within an hour of the witnesses ascending there was a great earthquake, and one-tenth of the great city fell and killed 7000 people, but those that remained in the city that is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt was filled with the fear of Yah and glorified the God of Heaven and was therefore saved.

The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. - Revelations 11:14, KJV

When the fifth angel sounded and the locusts were released in chapter 9, it was the first warning. Here, Yahushua tells the inhabitants of the world: This is your second of three warnings. When you see the witnesses killed and a great earthquake in Jerusalem or spiritual Sodom and Egypt, know that the final warning will soon follow.

He's prompting those still left in the world to get it right, turn to Yah, that they may have a place in heaven and not face the eternal fire. Notice that at least most of the children of Israel are gone, they are in heaven. The holy seed is definitely in heaven at this point.

The 144,000 were sealed for this very moment, to preach the Gospel in the last days and they were just killed by the beast of the bottomless pit. The world rejoices, but now Yah has little reason not to destroy it all, since He has His chosen with him.

The very people the world hates are the only reason the world still exists. Read the kingdom of Heaven parables Yahushua taught in Matthew. Yahushua gave us a bunch of similar parables that all said one thing. The world was allowed to survive for the sake of a few who would eventually be separated from the rest of the world, then the wrath of Yah would consume the world. These few are the witnesses and the profits, the children of Israel.

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⁶⁰ Revelations 14:10, 18:8, 18:15, 18:19

I pray every reader does see and accept Yah's gift of salvation as John prophesied. You don't have to wait for the second or third warning, give your life to the One True and Living God today.

The sixth trumpet talked about three entities or beings – the mighty angel, the temple, and the two witnesses. What is revealed is that these three are one. So, it teaches us that the two mighty angel is the temple and the two witnesses. It also reveals who these people are today. It says that they are Israel and potentially, the gentile worshippers who are in the alter that is in the outer courts.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of Yah, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever. -Revelations 11:15, KJV

Finally, the seventh trumpet sounds and Yah and Yahushua takes possession of the kingdoms of the world.

This scripture parallels Revelations 14:1 where the Lamb, 144,000 and Zion were the Lamb and Israel are united and pure, singing the redemption song. This is also the point at which the heavenly image of Israel stands over the sea of glass mingled with fire in Revelations 15:2. This all occurs just before the seven last plagues are poured out.

Keep in mind that these events were foretold in the previous trumpet, hence it is the prophecy that is being manifested the seventh trumpet.

Attention should be given to these events. Matthew 13:38 and 41 talks about this moment. It reads, "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

These are the exact events that are about to take place. Throughout the seven trumpets, the righteous are being separated from the evil, and the evil is being cast into the fire, that is initially the great tribulation, then the eternal fire.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord Yah Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. -Revelations 11:16-17, KJV

The elders, rejoice because Yah has taken back His kingdom.

And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth. - Revelations 11:18, KJV

At this point in the prophecy, every person on earth now knows the Truth of Yah and Salvation. This means they know what is to come, so they become angry. This is where Yah's wrath begins to manifest in full force. The time has arrived to judge and reward Yah's people, of whom many will have died. He will also destroy the destroyers of the time. Yah's elect who have died for the testimony of Him will rise and be rewarded and will reign with Yahushua.

Notice this says the dead would be judged, and the prophets, saints, and all those who fear Yah and those small and great would be rewarded. Over the past eleven chapters of Revelations we have learned that the prophets and saints are Yah's Israelite witnesses who protect Yah's commandments and have faith in Yahushua, and those that fear Yah are those who came to believe through fear of Yah, like those who saw the witnesses come back to life and ascend to heaven.

We know this is not referencing the final judgment, but the resurrection or the rising up of Yah's elect, which is the first resurrection described in Revelations 20. The final judgment doesn't happen for 1000 years after Yahushua begins his reign.

This event, however, is referencing something that is happening at a time nearer to the seventh vial. It marks the beginning of Yahushua's 1000-year reign.

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail. - Revelations 11:19, KIV

Yah's covenant holders, His covenant people, are with him than there is another sign - "lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

These events parallel those of chapter 16. The seventh trumpet events described in this and later chapters' overlap with the seventh vial events, which are in effect, the seventh trumpet.

During the seventh trumpet, John is one person seeing several events take place simultaneously. He is explaining, that the angel showed him events that were happening at the same time, in different places or settings, i.e. in heaven and on earth.

The death of the witnesses will not occur before the seventh trumpet sounds, rather it will take place just before the seventh angel pours out his vial, which will mark the end of their three-and-a-half-year mission, where also a great voice out of heaven declares, "It is done." in Revelations 16:17, when the seven plagues are fulfilled.

This is evident because we understand that the prophecies references to natural occurrences such as lightening, thundering, earthquakes, and hail always signify the coming of a new era of the end. Thus, making it a marker or a sign identifying each period.

In chapter 16, the intensification is identical to that of verse 19 of chapter 11, indicating these events are happening at the same time as the chapter 16 events. Additionally, these signs are described as occurring in heaven, so like all the other events that occur in heaven, it too must also manifest on earth and it does so in chapter 16.

It reads:

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. ⁶¹ ... And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. ⁶²

In summary, we learned the substance of Revelations here in chapters 10 and 11 of the Book of Revelations.

⁶¹ Revelations 16:17-18

⁶² Revelations 16:21

Chapter 10 showed us that Yah has many forms including the lamb, a mighty angel, a temple, and two witnesses, and in the last days He would show Himself through His witnesses. These three entities, at the spiritual maturity of the witnesses, become one to win the spiritual battle against Satan, which is to conquer the souls of man and purge out evil.

These will, like Yahushua, serve as a sacrifice for the salvation of those who don't believe in the Almighty God or haven't received true salvation, that came by Yahushua. These will be as one with Yah and Yahushua, while others remain in the outer courts, beating them down at every turn.

In the end of days, at least some Israelites will have the power to hold back rain, turn water into blood, and bring about plagues and it is by their prayers, the prayers of the saints, that these phenomena occur. We will see them carry this out throughout the seventh trumpet. These people have a selfless purpose, which is ultimately to redeem the remnant of their brothers from the world by preaching the Gospel of Truth, which is the message of the Book of Revelations.

The two witnesses from the 12 tribes of Israel will be killed after prophesying and plaguing the earth for 42 months and will rise again after three and a half days and in doing so Yah saves the last willing souls.

This is the first resurrection described in Revelations 20, which marks the beginning of the 1000-year reign of Yahushua and his elect. It is at this point that Satan will be bound and will not be able to deceive the world, because they will have witnessed the Truth.

CHAPTER 9: THE BIRTH OF A NATION

Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelations explains how things transpired with regards to Israel. It gives us an overview of how we, Israel came to be the enemy of Satan, beginning with the woman, who is Israel. It also parallels the story of the Children of Israel and is a measuring stick that informs us of the times in which we live.

Additionally, it is a continuation of the chapter 10 and 11 descriptions of the mighty angel, temple, and two witnesses. Yahuwah says, "Here are they of whom I spoke."

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. - Revelations 12:1-2, KJV

Israel is the great wonder that appears in heaven. It is clothed in the sun and has the moon at its feet, meaning it is clothed in righteousness and its foundation is light.

Furthermore, she has a crown of twelve stars, which we know are 12 messengers or angels. This crown represents one kingdom comprised of 12 groups of people, who are all messengers.

Israel is pregnant and in pain to deliver. As with birth pains her progress and pain intensifies over time. In the meantime, she is suffering to materialize something great. She is giving new life to something and someone. As she travails in birth, the New Jerusalem is on the verge of life.

The prophet Micah makes reference to this moment.

Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there Yahuwah shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. - Micah 4:10, KJV

He adds that Israel, the daughter of Zion, will be delivered and redeemed in Babylon, from the hand of her enemies. This prophecy parallels chapter 12 of Revelations exactly.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. - Revelations 12:3, KJV

Now, just as the birth of the son is manifesting, another kingdom rises up. This is a red dragon with 10 horns and seven crowned heads. This kingdom is sinful as signified by the color red and the dragon being identified as Satan.

Ironically, one of the names of the seven churches means red ones. This is the church of Sardis, which is the so-called Jews in Isreal today. These are those Yahushua pointed to as being the synagogue of Satan.

The dragon's kingdom is not unified. It has several leaders and is actually 10 individual kingdoms, with seven minds. Of course, as Yahushua taught, "A kingdom divided will fall."

Notably, Sardis is also the people who had seven angels that had no authority and was not in the midst of the seven churches.

Yahushua alludes to this moment in a parable in Matthew 13. He tells a parable about a sower who sowed good seed and an enemy who snuck in and sowed evil seed among them. He said the good and evil seed would mature together and when the good seed produced grain, the evil seed would be taken out of the kingdom and burned. He explains the parable in verses 37-43.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. — Matthew 13:37-43

Furthermore, Yah foretold that Isaac's sons, Esau and Jacob, would be two very different nations of people. One would be strong and the other would be weak. One was red and the other was "normal", one would be a master and the other would be his servant.

The following is a prophecy Yah recently gave to me. He has placed it on my spirit to share it here.

Yah had previously shown me the symbol of Satan was a six-point star. Hesitant to believe it was the so-called star of David, which represents Judaism, I searched for any other government, institution, or religion who was represented by this symbol. Of course, the only other group represented by this symbol was Satanic worshippers. This was too obvious, so I waited for another sign.

Then I received this message from Yah: "And there rose a beast that appeared like Israel. It had every feature that Yah had given the children of Israel, but it's purpose was opposite of Yah's chosen. These were chosen of the devil. In appearance it was Israel, but in deeds it was Satan. It has every law opposite of Yah's law. It is these whom Israel, the Kingdom of Yah, war against."

See, all the signs Yah has given us through scripture, history, and current events points to the descendants of Esau, the red and hairy twin of Jacob as a head of Satan's kingdom. They were twins, they share the same characteristics, but one is of Yah and one is of Satan.

Here we see another clue of their identity in the characteristic of being red. Furthermore, the true identity of modern Jews is no secret, except to many of Yah's chosen people. That is until now, in these last days. Satan's identity is being revealed right here in these scriptures!

Here, we see two powers which rose at about the same time are revealed. Israel who is to become the united Kingdom of God and the dragon, who is the divided kingdom of Satan.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. - Revelations 12:4, KJV

The dragon took one-third of the angels from heaven to war against Yah on earth. It stood waiting to consume Yahushua than the new Jerusalem when they were born. This tells us that the dragon was already present at the time of Yahushua's birth, confirming that the New Testament Jews were the serpent, Satan, just as Yahushua said throughout the four Gospels.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. - Revelations 12:5-6, KJV

This woman gave birth to a son who would rule the nations with a rod of iron and Yah took hold of the child as his own inheritor of his Kingdom. The woman fled to a place Yah had prepared for her where she would be fed for 1260 days.

These verses parallel to Matthew's account of Mary at the birth of Yahushua and the Israelites during the Exodus. However, they also speak regarding present and future events. Israel is spiritually fed for 1260 days - the amount of time in which Yahushua's ministry on earth targeted Israel only.

These events are a definite checkpoint of the times. It represents the birth, life, and crucifixion of Yahushua.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceive the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. - Revelations 12:7-9, KJV

Previously we saw the red dragon was preparing to make war by gathering together angels, then standing before the woman to devour her child. Now we see the first battle in action and the battle is taking place in heaven. The dragon is revealed as being the Devil and Satan who was defeated by Michael in heaven. Satan and his angels were cast out of heaven, never to return again. This happened after Yahushua was born and taken up to Yah, which was around the time Yahushua was crucified and resurrected.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. - Revelations 12:10-12. KJV

There is a celebration, but what are we celebrating? When Yahushua was taken up to Yah, the battle was already won because salvation became available by which the kingdom of Yah would overcome the devil that was cast down to earth.

This passage says that to overcome is to not love your life unto death. In other words, you have overcome when you are live and die in the Truth of Yah. The heavens rejoice because Israel has overcome by salvation, their testimony, and not loving their own lives until they die, but they warn those on earth that they are subject to Satan's wrath.

This is the third woe - the third warning or cry. Now, this third sign places these events at the end of days.

The stories told here parallel that of Yahushua which lets us know that this final call or cry began when salvation was made available by the death and resurrection of Yahushua. However, since the second woe happened in chapter 11 of Revelations, after the two witnesses were killed, we can see that the call doesn't end until the victory is won, which is what happened before the woe was announced.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. - Revelations 12:13-14, KJV

Historically, this marks the beginning of Satan's second battle which is with Jerusalem. This is not New Jerusalem who is the final manifestation of a complete and holy Jerusalem.

They were given two wings of a great eagle to fly to the wilderness, where they would be nourished for a time in preparation for the third battle with Satan. This was manifested through the Atlantic Slave Trade whereas our curse was also our protection to continue to exist as the people of Yah and to receive the Truth of Yah that is Yahushua, which we would, in the end, require to accomplish our God-given mission.

At the same time, it represents the amount of time Israel is to be spiritually fed before they rise up as the kingdom of God, under Yahushua.

Israel will be fed for a time, times, and half a time, which is the sixth trumpet period. Most interpret this to be 42 months; however, this is not clear in scripture. Daniel uses this term to define the amount of time the holy people would be delivered into the hands of the fourth and last kingdom, whom Israel will overcome.

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. - Revelations 12:15-16, KJV

During this era in Israelite history, the devil cast a flood from his mouth to try and overcome the woman. It is the blasphemy, slander, and lies which were intended to put an end to the woman, but the earth absorbed it and Israel lived on.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of Yahuwah, and have the testimony of Yahushua the Messiah. - Revelations 12:15-17, KJV

So the devil failed to defeat Michael, Yahushua, and the "old" Jerusalem. Now he is furious with Jerusalem and goes to make war with the remnant of her seed, that is the last Jerusalem which keeps the commandments of Yah and has the testimony of Yahushua.

In summary, the Hebrew root for the word time in the phase "time and times and half a time" can also be translated as again. This term is clearly one taken from Old Testament usage and is likely referring to a repetition of events. If this is the case, its definition is right here in chapter 12 of Revelations. Israel is to be hid and fed in 12:6 and again in 12:14, hence they are fed and hid "again and again", meaning two times.

The last portion of the term "and half a time" can also be interpreted as "unto the dividing of time", as the dividing of Satan's reign verses Yahushua and God's kingdom reign.

That being said, John and Daniel's prophecies tell us that the same events would repeat with the holy people two times until the dividing of time. When Satan goes after the remnant in 12:17, it is his last attempt and can also be perceived as "half a time."

At the dividing of time, Israel will wake up and take siege of God's kingdom, thus they prophesy for 42 months overcoming the beast in their death and resurrection. This occurs in the seventh trumpet period.

In this chapter, we can identify three distinct periods of time. We see that this story describes the birth of a nation of God, that is the woman. From this nation, came Yahushua and Israel of his days, whom he fed. Then came the final generation of Jerusalem who developed to become the remnant of Israel that have been groomed through generations of nourishment to be the keepers of the commandments and testimony of Yahushua.

It also summarizes for us, the life of Salvation. One important point to remember is that Salvation is a being of its own. It is a spirit of sorts, offered to us by Yah as a part of Himself. It was made possible through the testament of Yahushua, and by it, we overcome the devil.

Yah has given salvation in three forms. It was first given to the Israelites by law, but Satan was always accusing them. It then came by faith through Yahushua and in the last days, by faith or fear of Yah through the two witnesses, which is Israel of the last days and the plagues of the last trumpet over which Yah gave them power for three and a half years, as we saw in the last chapter.

The dragon is making war with the remnant of the 12 tribes because ultimately they will defeat him and take much of those he deceived with them.

The remnant of her seed are those children of Israel that remain scattered and as of now, hidden, throughout the world. Through a series of hardships and supernatural protections, Yah is, in a sense, forcing Israel to choose Him as he has chosen them, that they may become new.

This chapter has effectively told us that we are in the last days. Israel is in the wilderness and Satan is coming to war against the remnant of her seed.

If an Israelite read this story 500 years ago, they would have recognized that they were those in this story who were hidden in the first wilderness, Africa. 200 years ago, the reader would have understood that they were in the second wilderness on the wings of a great eagle, countries colonized by Europeans. Today, we must recognize that we are the remnant generation, with whom Satan wars and Yahuwah is preparing us for the final battle.

Here is a depiction of the events of verses 1 through 11.

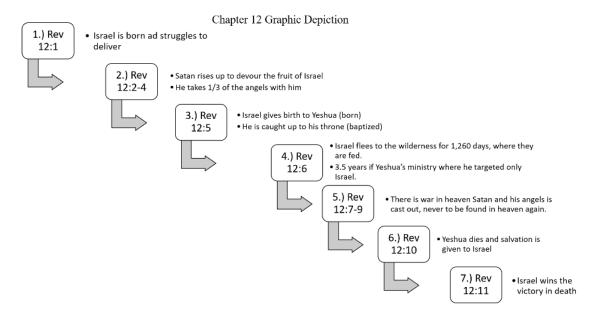


Figure 14

Verses 12 through 17 of Chapter 12 goes on to warn us of those things that are to come as a result of these events which are to take place on earth. These are not necessarily separate events, but are all part of the same narrative. These verses are the actual warning cry of the angel. It warns us of what will happen as a result of Satan's anger.

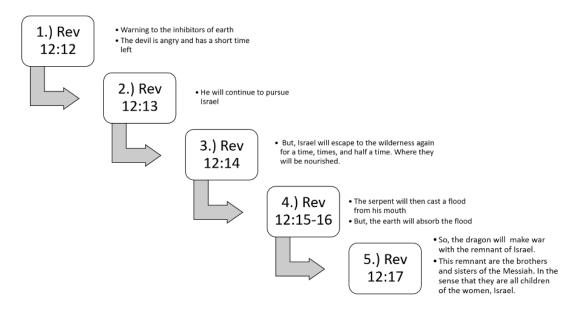


Figure 15

Making the Connection: Interestingly, Israel was set apart in the wilderness to be nourished, sustained, or made whole two times in this story. Both times this nourishment period preceded a war with Satan. This same pattern appears in Revelations where the sixth trumpet is that wilderness period where Israel is fed and the seventh trumpet is Israel's war with Satan.

Chapter 12 is a perfect representation of the multi-dimensional nature of God's Word. As we read this story we learn about commonly known historical events, spiritual realities, and the prophecy of future events all wrapped up in one story.

The story parallels Yahushua's story, as well as, Israel's or African American past, present, and future. The spiritual aspect helps us to understand why all of this stuff happens to this people. I have made the greatest effort to explain every aspect, or at least provide hints to readers for complete understanding.

So, as you study chapter 12 try comparing it to African American history and present conditions, as well as Israel's prophesied conditions. Furthermore, evaluate the spiritual cause and effect that's taking place.

From this story about Israel we can gather that Israel was disobedient because they were travailing in birth, or going through the necessary pains to deliver something and someone that was well worth the trouble.

We can also ascertain that even after Yahushua's coming, Satan accused Israel day and night, like the Pharisees did during Yahushua's lifetime.

It may be more difficult for some to accept that the Atlantic Slave Trade was another one of Israel's wilderness experiences. Just as Israel was in the wilderness for forty years after coming out of Egypt so that they could learn of their God and be made whole before entering into the promised land, they go into the wilderness for the same reason just before we face each battle with Satan.

Yahushua's teaching in the land of our forefathers was another wilderness experience for Israel.

So, as you study chapter 12, think about all of the parallels to the story and don't be limited in your understanding. This short chapter tells us about all these things and more.

CHAPTER 10: TWO BEASTS

Chapter 13 of the Book of Revelations describes to us the human manifestations of Satan. It begins by telling us how these figures came to power and under what spiritual authority they operate. It ends with the beast's final act against humanity in an attempt to win the war against Yah.

It is a continuation of the chapter 12 story as it describes what or who represents the red dragon that is Satan.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition- 2 Thessalonians 2:3, KJV

The primary purpose of this chapter is to help Yah's children recognize who the adversary is. In this chapter the man of sin is revealed. This is taking place in the seventh trumpet.

Furthermore, it tells what the beasts will do in the seventh trumpet. It also signifies that the Israel and the devil will be revealed during this period when Satan goes after the remnant in the seventh trumpet.

The First Beast.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. - Revelations 13:1, KJV

The first beast very closely resembled the devil himself – also having seven heads and ten horns. This is significant in that, Yah is telling us this beast is easily identifiable because it will clearly function like the red dragon.

Think about how the devil works. He is a deceiver, power hungry, can present himself as an image of light, is the adversary of Yahushua, and a tempter. If you look, you will see very similar traits in this beast. The beast would want you to serve anything but the True Living God.

The beast has power over many people and came up out of the sea having seven kings and ten kingdom leaders who wears blasphemous names on their heads.

Most believe this to be the Roman Empire which we see today as the Roman Catholic Church. The pope is actually an emperor over the country of the headquarters of their church, the Vatican, and he is also the head of the church, which is an international organization. Essentially, Rome has power throughout the whole world, because they possess power over the people, their parishioners, who are spread throughout the entire world. Thus they preside over people that are, in number, like the sand of the sea. But as we will see, this beast represents more than the Catholic religion. It represents religion as a whole, beginning at its inception and perpetuation in Babylon.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. - Revelations 13:2, KJV

This verse says that the beast's authority came directly from the, first beast, the devil. This beast was given power by the dragon who is Sardis, those who call themselves Jews.

The Catholic religion acquired the basis of their faith, which could be propagated as Godly, from the Jews and blended it with their pagan Egyptian religious traditions and customs. They took with them the worst part of what we know as the

Jewish faith - their Babylonian orthodox structure and so-called authority over the world. However, they are different in that they do not deny the Messiah, although they frequently depict him as a dead figure among the living "saints."

Many will go through endless effort trying to determine or prove who or what the lion, leopard, and bear symbolize, failing to realize the three-dimensional principle of the Bible. Some say this is one beast, the Roman Catholic Church or Islam, and others say it's a progression of empires. In truth, they are all correct.

In a historical since, pagan theologies, ideas, and customs from its inception to its spread, is Babylon. It began with Babylon and spread throughout the old and new world.

Consider this, people have all sorts of conspiracy theories. Some you may have heard, such as, America is Egypt, because of its perpetuation of Egyptian symbols and ideals. Rome is the anti-Christ because of its propitiation of the same, such as the Egyptian Obelisk in St. Peters Square, and worship of the sun god, Osiris, and Egyptian goddess, Isis, as well as other pagan deities. Others obsess over the free masons and their obsession with Egyptology.

The fact of the matter is that when we take a look at history, Egypt initiated nearly the entire medieval world into its religion. Its architecture was one aspect of its religion and in order to teach others how to build the infamous medieval structures in Greece and Rome, for example, they had to be initiated into the Egyptian religion. But how does this relate to Babylon?

Egypt got its religion from Babylon, particularly Nimrod, who is now called Osiris. The obelisks we see throughout our country's capital and the world is a representation of Nimrod's genitalia. Now there is much more to it, but I will not go any further. The point is that Babylon has existed since the first Babylon and represents all that Babylon represented, beginning with humanity's desire to build the Tower of Babel to reach heaven and make a name for themselves.

At Babel, humanity began to concede creating their own character, but God's plan was always to give us His character that we may be united to Him. After the people were scattered and their languages changed, Babylon went on to carry out its plan to create its own character. That character was then passed on from nation to nation as religiopolitical institutions.

These have become our current institutions which have power and influence over many people, nations, and tongues. This has been the case since Babylon. Thus, these beasts in Revelations 13:2 represent successive eras when this Babylonian power was most prevalent.

More importantly, we must know what the beast represents. Thing is, this beast has morphed from one thing to another or one group of people to another throughout history. So, it is nearly useless to identify the beast as a particular person or group. That could change tomorrow and, again, we would be subject to the beast's deception. Furthermore, the beast never departed from any nation, it simply went on to consume more nations.

So, what is essential to know is that the beast is powers, authorities, or institutions, that over time, came to perverse the Truth of God and confuse the people of God.

More importantly, the beasts of the last days develops out of five of the seven prophetic churches of Revelations as those who did not overcome – Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea, and Ephesus. As you study the seven churches; you will easily be able to identify those who represent the beast. They will be those who continues to commit the categories of sin discussed in the letters to the seven churches and in Revelations 21:8 and 22:15.

1.) Ephesus - Serves solely for Yahushua, but neglects God's purpose and cause – the rescue of people out of love for them.

- 2.) Pergamos Practice idolatry and worship false gods, and teach others including Israel to do the same. Causes the destruction of people.
- 3.) Thyatira Worships a false prophet and seduces Israel to do the same and to eat things in the name of idols.
- 4.) Sardis Thieves who takes what does not belong to them, are evil and self-righteous, and maintain a false identity.
- 5.) Laodicea Lack knowledge in the things of God, because they think they have need of nothing and therefore has not sought Him.

These are those whom Satan has recruited to represent him. These represent the beasts. They are the fearful, unbelieving, and abominable whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars who will burn in the lake of fire with their master.

Even knowing this we must be mindful that these too have the opportunity to overcome, before it's too late and they are mostly victims of deception.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him? - Revelations 13:3-4, KJV

This passage says that "one of the heads" of this beast died as the Roman Empire and rose as the Roman Catholic Church, but is essentially the same entity. There are, however, six other heads... This is a testament that the beast has and will change forms overtime or are different entities within the same institution.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. - Revelation 13:5-6, KJV

This beast was given the power to speak great things and blasphemies and to have power for 42 months. It spoke ungodly things against Yah and the people and things of Yah.

The key here is to realize that the beast will impress people with its words, but those words are not in line with Yah's Word.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. - Revelations 13:7-8, KJV

The beast was given authority to make war with those who kept Yah's commandments and had faith in Yahushua and to overcome them. The beast received power over every single person on earth whose names were not written in the book of the life of the Lamb.

What these verses reveal is that the beast would be in control of mankind and all those who live on earth would worship this beast if their lives did not favorably intertwine with the lives of the Lamb, who, at this point, also include the saints who are killed by the beast.

It is worth noting that there was a period in history where similar events took place. The Roman Catholic Church killed those who would not conform to their religion, considering them heretics. A heretic is a person whose beliefs or opinions opposed that of Roman Christianity. This was an offence punishable by death at the hand of the Romans. At the height of the Roman persecutions, 11 of the 12 disciples and many who believed like them were killed. Through such practices the Roman church became a world power, reigning over lands across the globe.

An example of the reach of their power can be found in African slavery. Slave traders received authorization from the Roman pontiff to enslave Africans, particularly non-Christians. ⁶³ At some point in history, it did not matter if an African was a Christian, since many slaves who were victims of the Atlantic Slave Trade were Christian prior to arriving to the so-called New World. This is evident in the Louisiana State University slave records, which lists some incoming slaves as Christians. ⁶⁴

Hence, there is already at least one point in history where a superpower killed the witnesses of Yahuwah, therefore gaining power over many people, nations, and tongues. This is not to say with any level of certainty that this is the event being foretold in Revelations, but that the powers of Satan have been at play and many have already been deceived and are still, to this day, wondering after the beast whose deadly wound was healed.

I say these things, not to narrow your mind, but to broaden it. Persecution has come to many people in many forms over many millennia. Revelations tell us that it is these beasts, Babylon, caused all persecution.

If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. - Revelations 13:9-10, KJV

Be ye watchful! Yah is telling you to open the ears of your understanding and accept his warnings and messages to you about the workings of the devil. The devil uses these institutions to lead souls into captivity and to kill them.

Those who are waiting on a horned beast to show himself and say "I am the devil. You must worship me.", will wait until they meet him face to face. At that point there is no return. He is cunning and deceitful. The devil will tell you what you think you want to hear and appear to you as what you think you want to see, as long as it will lead you astray. So, be ye watchful, indeed.

In short, the first beast is the institution of religion in all of its forms. Yahushua warns us to be aware of this truth. He goes on to say that these institutions will be destroyed in the same manner they destroy people and in this, the saints of God can take comfort.

The Second Beast.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. - Revelations 13:11, KJV

⁶³ https://www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices/timeline/171.html

⁶⁴ http://www.ibiblio.org/laslave/fields.php

So far, Satan has been revealed as the red dragon that rose up at about the same time as Israel and was kicked out of heaven at around the time of the Messiah's ministry or death.⁶⁵ We also learned that Satan empowered a beast, we call religious institution. This beast was to lead the world astray by world dominance through religious ideology.

This second beast came up from the earth and had two political powers. It appeared to be good and gentle, but its decrees are not so. This beast was like a sheep in wolf's clothing, appearing to be one thing, but the opposite in its actions, whereas the first beast is what it appeared to be and does not hide its anti-God nature.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. - Revelations 13:12-14, KJV

Verses 13 and 14 says that in addition to having all the power of the first, this beast gains influence over the world because it shoots down fire from the sky while the world watches and it deceives the whole world in doing so.

This is a political power that fights wars from the sky, making people believe they are fighting for a good cause, when their true motives are not good at all. The first beast gives this beast the authority to do these things. In exchange, the second beast causes people to worship the first beast's image.

Clearly this beast is a government or world power that gained its power by fighting wars from the sky. People would see this world power as a savior, because it gave noble reasons for fighting in this manner, but the reasons it gave were deceptive.

There is another way to look at this. The second beast is like religion with an army. It appears to be something other than religion because of its military warfare, but it really isn't. The same qualities that feed the dragon and the first beast, feeds the second. So, essentially they are all the same entity taking on different personas.

When we consider our world history, every major power that ever existed, did so by first gaining religious power. This is the epitome of the dragon, beasts, and Babylon.

This practice is still blatantly evident in Africa and the Middle East today. On the other hand, European countries portray a different character, but are indeed the same. They simply look like a lamb with the voice of a dragon!

The red dragon and his angels seek to devour the children of Israel. He fails at first so he empowers another like him to deceive the world into also warring against Israel, this is religion. It does so by deceiving the world with false religious ideology. Never the less, Israel is still rising up and the dragon and the first beast, is slowing their progression.

So, the dragon empowers another beast. This beast is just like the dragon and like the first, but it fights wars from the sky. This is modern government. Because this beast is also a military power, it is perceived as something different and better than the first. In fact, this beast is worse than the first because unlike the first beast, it has the authority to openly kill and it deceives the world into thinking its evil works are good.

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⁶⁵ Revelations 11

Some relevant occurrences are happening in government today. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001, President George W. Bush signed a bill into law allowing the president of any United States to use military force on anyone perceived as a terrorist threat. This bill is called the Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF).⁶⁶

It has since been used multiple times by Bush and each succeeding president. Its use is almost always questioned by the public and media, as the attacks carried out on certain countries don't always seem to have a direct tie to U.S. terrorist threats. More often than not, these are attacks on Middle Eastern countries who are enemies of the Israeli State and are in the form of fire coming from the sky, i.e. air strikes.

Hmmm... Suspicious right?

As I write these words, President Donald Trump is launching air strikes on at least seven Middle and Near Eastern countries, many are known enemies of the Israeli State. These include Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya and Somalia.

So, it is evident that some of these prophetic events are taking place at this very moment; however, this is not a new phenomenon. It has been going on for at least the past century. The only difference since 2001, is that the U.S. can bomb whomever they choose without declaring war against that nation and without the approval of congress and the American people.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. - Revelations 13:15, KJV

Additionally, the second beast has the means to give life to the first beast's image so that the image could speak and cause those who would not worship it to be killed.

Pay close attention. This second beast is giving the first beast an image, persona, or platform. It is the image of the first beast that was wounded and lived that causes those who will not worship it to be killed, not the beast. There is the second beast and the image of the first beast and both have life. These are two separate entities with one purpose.

This government power gives the first beast a platform on which people would be compelled to worship the image of the beast or this entity would kill them.

Since its inception, modern government, compelled people to abide by religious law and is constructed in the same manner as the kingdom of Satan. It is a kingdom divided. It is the beast that cause the people of the world to submit to the image of religious powers.

Government has given a platform to religious ideology, which most people don't recognize as religious. After all, our constitution mandates a separation of church and state – as though the two could actually be separated. This is the same as saying we can separate our flesh from our spirit and still have physical life.

Additionally, many of America's laws are man's interpretation of the Holy Bible. Now, it's not to say that this is right or wrong, good or bad. The point is that Revelations has just identified the second beast as religion veiled by a different name and armed with a military.

⁶⁶ https://www.congress.gov/107/plaws/publ40/PLAW-107publ40.pdf

Much more can be said about the connection of this second beast to the red dragon. For now, we'll leave it there.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. - Revelations 13:16-17, KJV

This beast causes every person to receive his mark in their hand or forehead. No person could buy or sell unless they have the mark, the name, or the number of his name.

There are some very important details here. A person could either receive the mark, the name, or the number of his name. The beast caused every person to receive the mark in their hand or forehead, but not his name or the number of his name. In other words, the beast did not cause every man to take on his identity, but caused everyone to take on signs or characteristics of his identity.

This scripture also says that wisdom is having understanding to count the number of the beast. The number of the beast is the final amount of one's spiritual development being equal to that of the beast. Those with this number, have chosen to be like the beast in every way. Ultimately, it is the number of a human [a man]. If we look back at the symbolism of the creation story. Yah created man on the sixth day and the seventh day belonged to Him. Symbolically, man's number is six and Yah's number is seven.

Thus, the number of the beast is the number of a man or the number of humanity which is six. In the sixth stage of each redemption era (seal, trumpet, and vial) humanity proves their simple human nature.

When the sixth seal is opened, man hid themselves in dens and mountains from the coming wrath of Yah.⁶⁷ After the sounding of the sixth trumpet, humanity did not repent.⁶⁸ When the sixth vial was poured, humanity gathered together to battle.⁶⁹

These events display humanity's tendency to avoid accepting something greater than themselves, and instead hide, rebel, or fight. This is what leads us to the same behaviors and ideals as the dragon and the beast. People who never rise above their basic human instincts will have the number of the beast.

In summary, chapter 13 details the identity of the dragon. The dragon is the entity that seeks to devour God's children before they bring God's truth and judgement to the world. This dragon is Sardis, the serpent, and the devil – also represented by modern day Babylonian Jews. Rather than doing all the work himself, the dragon gives authority to another entity- false Babylonian religion. At the head of false religion is the Catholic faith, whose deadly wound was healed. Then the dragon gave power to government institutions that are really an extension of the institution of false religion. In turn, government restored life to the image of false religion, thus increasing its power over humanity by way of deception. ⁷⁰

Understand that the point is not that Catholics, Jews, and government are evil. Rather, these institutions are points of reference for God's people. Looking at them and their history and development allows us to determine the times in which

⁶⁷ Revelations 6:15

⁶⁸ Revelations 9:20

⁶⁹ Revelations 16:14

⁷⁰ Revelations 20:3 & 20:8

we live. Having these points of reference also help us to understand the prophecy of this book and the character of the evil one.	
And here the man of sin is revealed!	

CHAPTER 11: A LAMB, 144,000, & SEVEN ANGELS

Chapter 14 of Revelations tells us how the victory is won by Yah. This happens after Satan is exposed and before the day of wrath. It is a summary of events that happened in the seventh trumpet, when Yah's wrath was poured out. This is also the point in the prophecy where the two witnesses are prophesying for 42 months, as detailed in chapter 11. From the perspective of the witnesses, these are the things that are happening in the world.

One thing regarding the timeline is not absolutely clear. The day of wrath can be all seven vials or only the seventh vial. Evidence suggest it is only the seventh vial; however, it is possible that it is all seven vials.

Essentially what is happening throughout the sixth trumpet is Israel is being prepared to win the final battle with Satan. When the sixth trumpet sounds, in the text and in real life, the spirit of prophecy is released in chapter 10.

Yahushua says, "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of Yahuwah should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets." ⁷¹ These mysteries have been being revealed since the seventh trumpet sounded and chapter 14 is also revealing those mysteries.

Additionally, in Matthew 24:31, Yahushua mentions that he will send his angels with the sound of a great trumpet and they will gather together the "elect" from the four winds. He asserts this will take place immediately after the tribulation.

Furthermore, he made two references indicating that the elect would still be present during the great tribulation. He explained that the great tribulation would be the worse events ever known to mankind and there would be nothing like it after. He said those days would be cut short for the sake of the elect [chosen ones]. He went on to explain that the false Christs and false prophets would show great signs and wonders, and if it were possible they would deceive the very elect. These statements lead us to believe that the prophecy of the two witnesses talked about in this chapter is happening during the pouring out of the seven vials, but the time will be cut short for the chosen ones. This all coincides with the idea that the elect's testimony will be finished just before the seventh vial.

So, the seventh trumpet sounds and the mystery of Yah is finished or revealed. In chapter 11 the two witnesses learn their purpose and mission. In chapter 12, we learn Israel's origin and journey.

Finally, chapter 13 revealed who Israel's opponent is. When the man of sin is revealed, in chapter 13 and in real life, this prompts the two witnesses to prophesy, which is where we are in chapter 14.

The 144,000 Israelites were sealed in chapter seven of Revelations just after the sixth seal. These are the first fruits of the church of Philadelphia who would be kept from the hour of temptation that the whole world would face. They received a seal of protection during these last days and are preparing for the battle.

⁷¹ Revelations 10:7

⁷² Matthew 24:21-24

To be kept from the temptation, does not mean they would not be present while it was happening, but that they would not be tempted by the evils of this world. Remember also that they would enter the temple, that is Yah and Yahushua⁷³, and would not go out again. ⁷⁴

It appears that after they were sealed, they did nothing; however, they have been going through their own labor pains as they redeem Israel and prepare for the final battle, which begins now.

Remember that the 144,000 were only the "first" to be redeemed to God, indicating others would also be redeemed through them. They have made themselves ready. They have received the spirit of prophecy and power of Yah, learning the mystery of Yah for themselves. Also keep in mind that those of the Philadelphian age who represent he church of Smyrna would suffer through the tribulation for 10 days. While Philadelphia was protected, Smyrna endured the tribulation which has been occurring from chapters 7 through 13. But in the beginning of chapter 14, we will see that they have been redeemed and are with the Lamb and the 144,000 as the mount Zion.

The following events are taking place just before the seven vials are poured out.

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. - Revelations 14:1, KJV

The Lamb and the 144,000 stood over all of Jerusalem and they all had the name of the Father written in their foreheads. We see this image of Yah's chosen and Yahushua fighting together against Satan and his beasts throughout the Book of Revelations. At this point, Yahushua is the leader and Israel are the troops. Together with the rest of Zion, they are one army under Yah fighting a spiritual warfare and possessing the power of Yah and Yahushua. Here are the two witnesses.

Making The Connection: Revelations 22:4 talks about this moment when God's name will be in the foreheads of all of Israel when the curse is lifted from them.

Now whereas the beasts stood on the sand and the sea, signifying many people, the Lamb and the 144,000 stood on mount Zion, signifying a smaller and more specific group of people, Zion.

Here we find the purpose of the 144,000 Israelites. Their duty is to conquer the souls of the rest of Yah's chosen people from the enemy and reign with Yahushua. This is confirmed in Revelations 5:10, 11:15, 20:6, and 22:5. But together with Zion, they have an even greater purpose, so their work continues.

They have the name of our Father written on their foreheads. Remember, in Revelations a name is not a title, but an identity. This is what Yahushua said about the name of the Father.

I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. – John 17:6, KJV

As previously mentioned, since we know Yahushua never gave us a literal name, but the identity or character of the Father, this confirms that having someone's name, is to take on their identity or character.

⁷³ Revelations 21:22

⁷⁴ Revelations 3:7

This is proven time and time again throughout Revelations. Sardis had a "name" like they lived, but were dead. Those of Pergamos who overcomes will receive a new name. The most convincing is Revelations 3:12 where Philadelphia receives three names, the name of the New Jerusalem, of Yahuwah, and the new name of Yahushua. Meaning, they will receive the identity of New Jerusalem, Yah, and the new identity of Yahushua. So Philadelphia becomes New Jerusalem, Yah, and Yahushua. Sounds outrageous?

John confirms it in his prophecy where he says, "And I saw no temple therein: for Yahuwah, God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it [New Jerusalem]." He reveals that the temple inside the people, New Jerusalem, is the Father and the Son.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. - Revelations 14:2-3, KJV

The 144,000 who were the first "redeemed" from the earth were taken out of the people of the earth, set apart to be different from them with the seal of God. They have the identity of Yah in their minds – i.e. his name on their foreheads.

The harpers sang a new song and only the 144,000 could learn the song that the harpers harped. The harpers are revealed in chapter five to be all of Israel.

Here is the mystery of the song of the 144,000. "And they [Israel] sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

It's been established that holy messengers and the Lamb refer to earthly manifestations in the last days. The 144,000 are the only ones to recognize when the redemption of Israel has occurred. Also, the 144,000 and the Lamb have effectively redeemed Israel to our God.

The mission of the 144,000 parallels to Yahushua's mission. When Yahushua began to preach the new message Yah had for his people, only he knew the message. Many knew he was coming and would bring salvation to Israel, but only Yahushua new exactly what he had to do and say to make that possible. Yahushua was tasked with spreading the new message to Israel just as the 144,000 are tasked with preaching this new message to Israel in the last days.

It's not a new concept, it's just not the common understanding that the world has in the last days. In the same manner, Yahushua's message was not new, but gave us a better understanding of the character and will of God. Thus, Israel was redeemed and Yah redeemed them by the Lamb and the 144,000 Israelites, who are also the angels, to whom he gave His character.

This is the manifestation of Yahushua's prophecy in Matthew 24:31 where he says, "...he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

⁷⁶ Revelations 5:9-10

⁷⁵ Revelations 21:22

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God. - Revelations 14:4-5. KJV

The virgins not defiled by women are children of Israel, not defiled by Babylon or any of Satan's devices, who haven't been contaminated by the ways of the world. In other words, these have not been corrupted.

Israel and other nations are commonly referred to as the virgins or virgin daughters throughout the Old Testament.

We see that in prophecy, male and female references are always symbolic of some idea. When the figurative nature of the term "virgin" is studied, what we realize is that it is referring to a perceived or actual un-breached nation. In this case, the term virgin is symbolic of purity from worldly influence or a group of people who are un-breached.

The women are symbolic of impurity. The false prophet, Babylon, and "old" Jerusalem who is the mother of the remnant are referred to as women. While the 144,000 are considered un-breached or uncontaminated. The figurative definition of "virgin" is right here in this passage.

It points out that a virgin:

- 1.) Is undefiled by women
- 2.) Follows the Lamb
- 3.) Is redeemed from among men
- 4.) Is not crafty or deceitful (no guile)
- 5.) Is without fault or without rebuke

These 144,000 Israelites have always been set apart to the extent they never partook in the norm or cared to be like the world. They were not perfect in the sight of man, but set apart, being perfect for the task in the sight of Yah. They are set apart enough to hear the commands of the Lamb and not be too afraid or embarrassed to follow him. They submit themselves to the Lamb even when it goes against the common doctrine or beliefs of the world.

Consider how Yah chose others who were missioned for His work. Today we say Yahushua was perfect; however, as he ministered the majority did not see it that way. Instead they saw him as a sorcerer doing miracles by the power of the prince of demons. In the sight of the "world" he was not fit for the calling. Likewise, his disciples were also not fit for the calling in the sight of man. He chose tax collectors, the poor, murderers, and other sinners to be disciples and teach us what we know today, 2000 years later.

Even when we reflect on the whole of Israel, in the sight of man, they are not worthy to be called chosen. They were slaved repeatedly and had far more bad days spent in disobedience, than good ones spent in obedience. Nonetheless, Yah chose them and promised never to forsake them and used their trials, mistakes, and successes as a testimony of His character and existence.

Additionally, the 144,000 are without fault and are of the church of Philadelphia who were without rebuke and who spoke truth, and had the key of David, as we learned in Chapter three of Revelations.

So, these verses are clearly about Israel's salvation. Romans 11 says after the fullness of the gentiles are manifested, ALL of Israel will be saved and their Deliverer will come out of Zion.⁷⁷

Paul quoted scripture which says that ALL of Israel would be saved and that a deliverer, would come out of the children of Israel and turn away ungodliness from Israel, at which point Yah would take away the sins of Israel. This deliverer is the Lamb and the 144,000 depicted in this prophecy.

Notice how Paul is referring to a deliverer coming out of Zion, after the time of Yahushua. He infers that the Old Testament Prophecy is referring to a second deliverer. Yahushua also confirmed this in Matthew 24:31, where he says he will send his angels to gather Israel at the sound of a great trumpet.

And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. - Revelations 14:6-7, KJV

Verses 6 and 7 explains how Israel will win the battle.

First, we saw in verse one that the end-time Israelites must be under the leadership and salvation of Yahushua, with him as their head.

This verse tells us exactly what will be preached. The angel is representative of the angel of the church of Philadelphia who will preach the everlasting gospel. It says exactly what that gospel is and it addresses some of the most controversial ideas among Christians today.

In chapter one of the Book of Revelations, Yah repeatedly made the distinction between him and Yahushua. Now we see the everlasting gospel is that we must fear Yah, give Yah the glory, Yah is judging us, and we must worship Yah. In case we are confused about who Yah is, it tells us He is the one who made heaven, earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Despite what we have been taught, Yah is telling us it's time to give Him His due. It's not because He's a glory hound, but because it is required for Israel and the rest of humanity to come to the realization of who they are in reference to Yahushua, Yah, Heaven, the Kingdom, and to the world.

Yah and Yahushua are not the same. Yahushua was a man of flesh anointed and ordained with the Spirit of Yah given to him by Yah to bring the truth of God, which is Salvation, to the world. The Spirit that is within him is divine, but most of us are not worshipping the Spirit, we are worshipping the man. Yahushua represents a union of man and Yah. Why is it that we choose to glorify the part of him that is most like us, rather than the One who created him and us?

Chapter 12 also points out this truth. It teaches us that Yahushua is our brother who Yah chose to reign over us, and our mother is Israel as a whole, being the nation to whom we were born, and of course our Father is Yahuwah.

Yahushua sets for us an example of Yah's gift to His anointed ones. Let's take a hint and leave behind the babel that has been handed to us, for it is not the Truth. While these old beliefs have served its purpose, the season has changed.

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⁷⁷ Romans 11:26-27

Yah says it's time for us to graduate from our infancy in His Kingdom because the fullness of the gentiles has come.

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. - Revelations 14:8, KJV

Israel rises up and shares the gospel of truth than the second angel announces the fall of Babylon. The story of her fall is detailed in a later chapter; however, this is the point of origin for her fall from the Israelite perspective.

Yah's wrath on Babylon, described in chapters 17 and 18, takes place after this gospel is preached, as you will hear the angel proclaim later in chapter 18, "Babylon has fallen..." Furthermore, just after the last vial is poured out, Yah remembers Babylon's evil and she is completely destroyed.

And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. - Revelations 14:9-11, KJV

The third angel is warning the world, that they will suffer Yah's wrath if they worship the beast and his image and receive his mark. Toward the end of these scriptures it appears this is repeated, but these are addressing two different groups of people.

The first part says any person who **worships** the beast and his image and receives his mark in their forehead or hand will experience the wrath of Yah that is poured out in the cup of his anger. These will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of holy messengers and the Lamb. This tells us that the holy messengers and the Lamb will still be present when this wrath is delivered. It's also important to know that not all of mankind is experiencing this wrath. Those whose names are written in the book of life never worships the beast; therefore, though they may be on earth, they are not directly experiencing the sting of Yah's wrath.

Furthermore, the statement "...he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb" confirms that the 144,000 are the holy angels who are around the throne in Revelations 5:11 and 7:11 and are those sent by Yahushua to redeem Israel. This puts into perspective the era that the world is in during this time.

By this time, the elders and Israel have submitted to the Lamb and sings the song of redemption, which manifested in the first verses of chapter 14 of the Book of Revelations, where the 144,000 stood on Zion with the Lamb and learned the song of Zion.

Next, it says the smoke of the torment of those who **worship** the beast and his image and receive the mark of his name will rise up forever and they will not rest day or night. The mark of his name is referring to those who not only worship the beast and his image, but willingly received his identity and shares in his character.

Here you have two classes of people who are affected by the mark of the beast. There's a group who worships the beast and whose mind and work is manipulated by the beast.⁷⁸ These or those who will endure the earthly wrath of Yah in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.⁷⁹ These are also those who are saved in the end.⁸⁰

On the other hand, there is a second group that worships the beast and share an identity with the beast⁸¹, and these are cast into the lake of fire for an eternity.⁸²

When we look around at the world we live in today, we see that most people are in the first group. Most are only doing what they believe is right. Rather it be an American celebrity, Islamic terrorists, white supremacist, or average Americans kissing their rosary beads. They all believe they are on the right team and doing what Yah wants them to do. They have been deceived and practice their faith extremely misguided. This even holds true for non-believers, who simply refuse to get caught up in the non-sense of religion, but in doing so they deny the existence of God or simply never get to know Him, this is the church of Laodicea. Therefore, this group serves the beast unknowingly and will face tribulation on earth because of their ignorance of the True God and the very real enemy of God.

On the other hand, there are some who do all those same things, but in their heart they know which side of the battle they are on. They choose to mislead and deceive people for profit. They choose the kill and falsely claim they are killing on behalf of the Almighty. They knowingly hate whole groups of Yah's people claiming it is the will of Yah, knowing in their heart, Yah's message is to love thy neighbor as thyself. They kiss the rosary, the wailing wall, and the feet of statues knowing Yah's Word condemns idolatry. Additionally, after the first angel preaches the everlasting gospel, these people still refuse to choose Yah.

In this we find individual accountability for one's sin. The beasts and Babylon have their day of wrath. Those thrown into the lake of fire to burn for eternity are those who were evil on purpose and who, despite all of God's efforts, refuse to live in truth, because they hate it and hate Yah.

Yah gives us a choice; we can choose truth or lies. Either way every man shall be judged and rewarded accordingly.

Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. - Revelations 14:12-13, KJV

"Here is the patience" signify someone's fate or reward for their longsuffering. In this case, the saints, who are those who keep the commandments of Yah and faith of Yahushua.

Yah's word tells us, that in these days, these saints who follow his commandment's and have faith in Yahushua will be blessed when they die so that they can rest, but their works on earth will not be in vain, for they will be rewarded.

⁷⁹ Revelations 14:10

⁷⁸ Revelations 13:16

⁸⁰ Revelations 11:13

⁸¹ Revelations 14:11

⁸² Revelations 19:20, 20:10, 20:15

Here the identity of the "saints" or the holy ones is revealed. Remember, every character in Revelations comes from one of the seven churches. So, who are these saints?

Revelations 12:17 tells us that it is the remnant of the seed of Israel "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Yahushua the Messiah." It also warns that the dragon would make war with this remnant.

In Revelations, the people who have the testimony and are killed are the two witnesses. In this, it is confirmed that the two witnesses are the saints spoken of throughout the prophecy.

Revelations 13:7 also confirms that the dragon will make war with the saints. In chapter 13, verse 10, the saints are assured that those who lead into captivity, will go into captivity and those who kill by the sword, will be killed by the sword. Those in this prophecy who suffer in captivity and are killed are the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia, who we have verified is the 144,000 Israelites and Zion.

Furthermore, the entire bible confirms that the saints are the children of Israel, who are an army of holy ones according to Old Testament usage. In the New Testament the Greek word for saints means holy ones, whereas Yahuwah is the Holy One.

Revelations 11 revealed that the two witnesses would be overcome by the dragon or beast from the bottomless pit once they had finished their testimony. They would be killed and rise and go up into heaven after three and a half days of lying dead in the streets of the city where Yahushua was crucified.

This warning regarding the dead being blessed tells us that the death of the two witnesses will occur during the period of the third angel of chapter 14.

When the Lamb and the 144,000 stood on Mount Zion and sung a new song, the first angel preached the everlasting gospel. The second angel announced that Babylon had fallen. The third angel warned of worshipping the beast and taking his mark and signifies that the end of the two witness's testimony is drawing nigh.

What happens next will surely confirm where we are in this prophecy!

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. - Revelations 14:14-16, KJV

One that looked like the son of man, wearing a golden crown, and holding a sharp pruning tool appeared on a white cloud. The fifth angel came out of the temple that is the Lamb and Yah⁸³ crying out for one on the cloud that looked like the son of man to reap his harvest, because it was time for him to collect his people. The one on the cloud thrusted the pruning tool and collected his people from the earth. We know that the one on the cloud is not of this earth because he is clearly coming from heaven to the earth to collect the people of Yah. On the other hand, the angel that was in the temple is of this earth, because in these prophetic days Israel is crying out and has become the Lamb or the sacrifice and are, with Yahuwah, the temple.

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⁸³ Revelations 21:22

Chapters 11, 14, and 20 of Revelations all speak of an apparent resurrection; however, chapter 20 tells us that it is the first resurrection. The events in chapters 11 and 14 are details of the chapter 20 resurrection, which is the first resurrection.

The second resurrection is also described in chapter 20, it is the final judgment of those who did not partake in the first resurrection.

In short, the earth is being pruned⁸⁴, the two witnesses are being taken up⁸⁵, and the first resurrection⁸⁶ is occurring and these are all one event being told from different perspectives.

The events of verses 14 through 16 is the physical manifestation of Yahushua's prophecy in Matthew 24. He says there will be a sign of the Son of Man in heaven and the tribes of the earth shall mourn and will see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven. This is when he will physically gather the elect. The elect must first be spiritually gathered [redeemed], in order to be physically gathered [resurrected].

We know this because the sinful will not be taken to heaven; therefore, Israel must be made spiritually pure and finish their testimony before they can be physically gather to heaven.

And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. - Revelations 14:17-20, KJV

The sixth angel came out of the temple, but now the temple of Yah is in heaven. The angel had a pruning tool. The seventh angel came out from the alter, which is representative of gentile churches, and cried out to the sixth angel to thrust the pruning tool into the earth to gather the vine of the earth and cast it into the wrath of Yah and blood was spread far and wide.

This seventh angel who came out of the alter with the power over fire, is the same as the gentile angel who caused the sixth trumpet events at the end of chapter 9 of Revelations. This is the seventh vial which is carried out by the angel with the sharp sickle, but it is the gentiles who calls for this final judgement to commence. So the gentile angel causes the sixth trumpet tribulation, which is war, and calls for God's final wrath, which is the pouring out of the seventh vial.

Revelations 10:7 told us, in the days when the seventh trumpet sounded, everyone would know the truth about Yah. Chapter 14 of Revelations is representative of that. In this chapter, we learned who will suffer the wrath of God, who will burn for eternity and why, as well as, who will preach truth and what the truth is. We also learned that those who preach the truth will be killed and Yah will reap his people than the finality of His wrath will be poured out.

Throughout this chapter, some common misconceptions have been debunked. This chapter confirms the redemption of Israel will come just at the beginning of the sounding of the seventh trumpet and they will be spiritually regathered to God. Then just before the seventh vial, they will be physically redeemed to Yah by the angel on the cloud, who we call

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⁸⁴ Revelations 14

⁸⁶ Revelations 20

Jesus. This is the moment of the "rapture" which is occurring three and a half days after the two witnesses lay dead in the streets. These are the events being described here in chapter 14.

It also reveals that the saints are not just any and every one who claim to know and serve Jesus Christ, but those who keep the commandments and have the testimony of Yahushua. These are the remnant of Israel, which are also the two witnesses.

Additionally, it debunks the many illusions that two virgin men or two reincarnated prophets will come to prophesy and perform miracles in the last days. Instead, it reveals that the two witnesses are two segments of Israel, Philadelphia who are the 144,000 and Smyrna who is depicted as Mount Zion.

It also reveals that the mysterious song that only the 144,000 could learn, was Israel's song of redemption. This means that the 144,000 would be the only to recognize when the spiritual redemption of God's people had occurred.

We learned that there is a resurrection prior to God's final wrath, but this resurrection is only for the two witnesses who are also known as the elect, prophets, saints, holy ones, holy angels, priests, and kings. These are all terms used to describe Israel throughout the bible and this prophecy.

Furthermore, the day of wrath that these individuals will escape is only that which occurs during the pouring out of the seventh vial, which we can assume is the worst of them all.

Chapter 14 tells us that the Lamb and the holy angels will be present while all those who worship the beast and his image and received his mark are tormented, which happens from the third vial to the time of the witnesses' death in the fifth or sixth vial, after which time this chapter tells us that the temple will be in heaven.

CHAPTER 12: THE SEVENTH TRUMPET - LAST SEVEN PLAGUES

Let's get all caught up.

Just before the seventh trumpet sounded, we were told of a lamb, a temple, and two witnesses. It was revealed that these entities were one. This is the setup for what was to take place when the seventh trumpet sounded.

Next the seventh trumpet sounded and we saw that Yah would take control of the kingdoms of the world and we are told that the hour of judgment has arrived. The covenant people are in Yah and Yah in them, making this moment the manifestation of Yah's covenant with Israel as prophesied by Old Testament prophets including, Daniel, Isaiah, Micah, and others promising Israel a royal seat and a reuniting of the people of God with Yah. In Revelations 10:7, the angel also told us would happen.

Chapters 12 and 13 regarding the mystery of Yah and the two beasts are mostly background information to help us understand how everything transpired and who will deceive the world during this trumpet. It also helps us to recognize what principalities, darkness, and spiritual wickedness we are up against and how they operate. We are given the identity of the beast and told how to avoid getting his mark, which is to refuse to accept his character as our own and to take on the character of Yahushua and Yah instead.

Chapter 14 provides a summary of events that happens after the seventh trumpet sounds. These events include the mission of the 144,000 to save souls by preaching Yah's truth and the redemption and rapture of Yah's elect.

The events mentioned in chapter 14 are manifested as the vials are being poured out in chapter 16. Which brings us to chapter 15 of Revelations, where it discloses more details regarding the moments just before the vials are poured out

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. - Revelations 10:7, KJV

Again, remember back in chapter 10 of Revelations the angel said when the seventh seal began to sound, the mystery of Yah would be finished as was prophesied by the prophets? Chapters 12 through 14 of the Book of Revelations revealed those mysteries. So, in the time of the seven vials everyone remaining on earth will know the truth about Yah, but many will refuse His true salvation.

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. - Revelations 15:1-2, KJV

Revelations 15:1 describes that there were seven angels holding Yah's wrath within themselves and having the seven last plagues. These angels came out of the temple and represents Israel. Also, it is the prayers of Israel that is Yah's wrath in the form of the seven vials.⁸⁷

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⁸⁷ Revelations 5:8 and 8:3-4.

John also saw those who had won victory over the beast, his image, his mark, and his name standing on a sea of glass mingled with fire. That is, they were standing over a lot of gentile people who were in the midst of turmoil and in a refining process.

These souls had the harps of Yah, those who held these harps were previously revealed to be Israel. 88

So, here we are witnessing an elevation of Israel in the heavenly realm – as though they reign.

In chapter 14, the 144,000 and the Lamb stood over Zion, now they all stand over the multitude. Israel is now sacrificing for the rest of the world, just as the Lamb and the 144,000 sacrificed for Israel. This is the manifestation of the heavenly images depicted in chapters four through seven of the Book of Revelations. Specifically, Revelations 7:9-12.

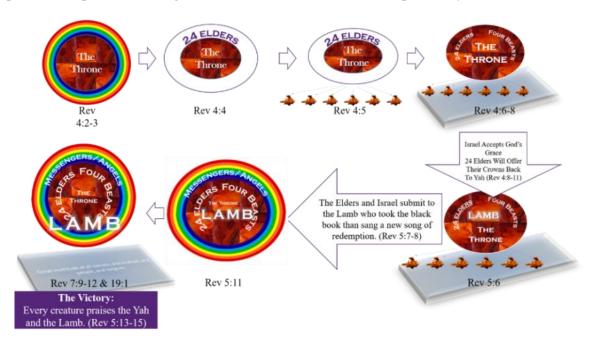


Figure 12

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest. - Revelations 15:3-4, KJV

These souls John see with harps of Yah are singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. Moses was the first profit and the Lamb is the first and last to be one with Yah. Specifically, the Lamb is the sacrifice, which is the people of Israel, including Yahushua. Those who overcame the beast are singing to Lord Yah Almighty, the Creator.

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⁸⁸ Revelations 5:8, 14:2

The song praises, worships, and glorifies Yah as being the only holy one. It also says all nations will come and worship Yah because His judgment has been manifested. Keep in mind His judgment is not only wrath and punishment, but reward. So, because the world will see everything he said in His word come to pass, they will worship Him!

Furthermore, the song of Moses and the Lamb represents the teachings of Moses and the Messiah. Essentially they taught the same thing – the character and will of Yah. Yahushua, however, also taught us how to connect with our Father that we can live in obedience to the will of our God, rather than solely relying on the written law itself.

This combination brings forth the perfection of ALL of God's people. Essentially the perfection of Israel and all of mankind is found in their obedience to God's law given to us by Moses and by becoming one with Him or taking on His character, as taught to us by Yahushua. This is the message of Moses and the Lamb.

This verse hints that the nations will be saved once they witness God's prophetic Word play out.

And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled. - Revelations 15:5-8, KJV

The song of Moses and the Lamb are sung by those who overcame the beast, then the seven plagues are released.

Remember back in chapter 14, the gentile alter cried out for the sickle to be thrust into the earth, which was the release of the seven plagues? Here is the outcome of their cry. They cry of the alter angel is gentiles crying out to Israel for God's judgment and their all is answered. Let's visualize the significance of harps and songs sung in Revelations.

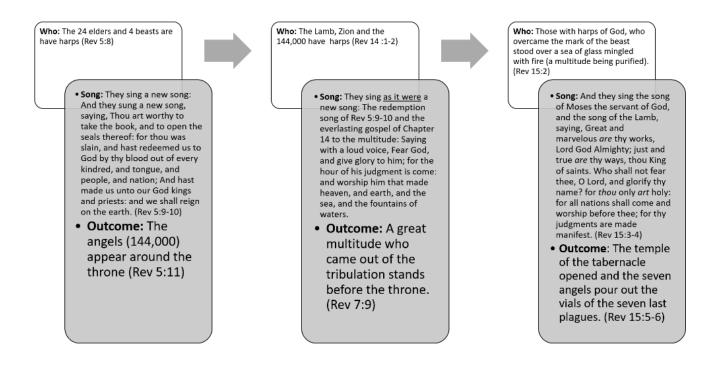


Figure 16

As we can see in Figure 16, each era of Israelites have harps of God, which is like the Spirit of God. Being given this gift, they sing a new song. The songs they sing cause a reaction. The first group sings a redemption song and glorify God so the angels, the 144,000, are added to the kingdom image.

The 144,000 joins with the Lamb and take dominion over Israel, thus redeeming them to God. Israel sings the redemption song and the 144,000 are the only ones who recognize that their redemption has occurred. Together, they go on preaching the everlasting Gospel and they have the Lamb or sacrificial spirit.

Finally, all of Israel are the Lamb and have harps and they began to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. In other words, they speak and live the truth of all of God's first witnesses. As a result, the seven vials are poured, purging evil from all nations.

The temple of those who hold the testimony of Yah was opened and from the temple came seven angels with the seven last plagues. They were clothed in salvation and had golden belts, like Yahushua did in chapter one and they represent the second coming of Yahushua.

One of the four beast, that is the children of Israel, gave the angels golden vials of Yah's wrath. The temple was filled with the glory and power of Yah and no man was able to enter into union with Yah and those who were already present until after the seven plagues were done.

This is telling us that during the last seven plagues no man whose heart is changed will be rescued from hell on earth until after Yah's wrath is fulfilled. Even if they get the fear of the Lord, like the people did after the two witnesses are

raptured or begin to pray and believe, they will have to endure until the end. It may seem as though Yah has forsaken them forever, but His Word says, they will not be able to enter <u>until after the plagues</u> are fulfilled.

And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. - Revelations 16:1, KJV

The seven angels were instructed to begin pouring out the vials of Yah's wrath.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image. - Revelations 16:2, KJV

The first vial is poured onto the earth and disgusting and serious sores was on those that had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. These are those that are still stuck in their old ways, not accepting Yah's newly clarified message. They continue to worship the image of the beast despite having heard the truth.

At this point they know Yah is real, they simply have not accepted Yah's message and repented of the err of their ways. After this experience some repented; however, they have to remain on earth through all seven plagues.

Repentance is evident because these scriptures tell us exactly when no one repents.

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea. - Revelations 16:3, KJV

The second angel poured out his vial and made the sea like the blood of a dead man and everything in the sea died. After this experience more people repented.

And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. - Revelations 16:4, KJV

The third angel poured out his vial on the rivers and fountains of water and they became blood. Not <u>like</u> blood, but blood. After this additional people repented.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. - Revelations 16:5-7, KJV

The angel of the waters represents the Lamb which is Yahushua, the two witnesses, and those they redeemed. These are they who was given power over the waters in Revelations 11:6. Additionally, they are often referred to as a source of living water and having the voice of many waters. These proclaim that Yahuwah is righteous because he judged those who shed the blood of the saints and prophets; therefore, He gave them blood to drink and they deserve it. Then the saved gentiles confirm the words of the Lamb.

The LEB and most other modern bible translations read: And <u>I heard the altar saying</u>, "Yes, Lord God All-Powerful, true and righteous are your judgments." This doesn't change the interpretation, however, it does clarify it as we see that the

whole altar speaks, confirming that the alter is a group of people in this prophecy. This is indicative that gentile alter has joined to the temple. Both had been measured⁸⁹ and is now worshipping in union.

They all praise God because he judged all of mankind fairly and gives everyone a chance to come to the Truth of who He is, thus who they are. He is also called just because even those who remain in these days were able to receive salvation, which is another chance to enter into union with God.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. - Revelations 16:8-9, KJV

The fourth angel poured out his vial on the sun and power was given to the sun to burn men with fire.

Once most of those whose names were written in the book of life came to repentance, Yah turned up the heat on his wrath. When they were burned, they were negative toward Yah, who had power over the plagues. These did not repent.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. - Revelations 16:10-11, KJV

The fifth angel will pour out his vial on the seat of the beast, which is the country or area where the beast's headquarters are. The country of the beast will be full of darkness. These gnawed their tongues because they were in so much pain. They did not repent, rather they spoke negatively toward Yah because of their pain and sores.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. - Revelations 16:12-14, KJV

The sixth angel poured out his vial upon the Euphrates river and the water dried up for the way of the kings of the east to be made clear. Three unclean spirits came out of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet. These spirits were miracle working demons that possessed the kings of the earth and the whole world to gather them together for the battle of the great day of God Almighty.

The only other time the Euphrates was mentioned in Revelations was in the sixth trumpet in Revelations chapter 9, verse 14. In it four angels came out of the Euphrates to prepare for a particular moment in time to bring destruction via war. They had been warring since and these four angels have now been permitted - their way has been made clear, for them to bring about the destruction they had been preparing for. This destruction will be a collaborative effort between four nations of the east.

We also see that three spirits of devils came from the dragon, the false prophet, and the beast. They went out to gather together allies in preparation for their day of wrath. In other words, the three evil nations will go out to find other nations

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⁸⁹ Revelations 11:1

and resources to help them fight a war they will know is coming. These three evil nations will war against the four nations of the east.

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. – Revelations 16:15, KJV

Here we see a reference being made to the Laodiceans. This is the same warning Yahushua gave to the church of Laodicea in Revelations 3:18. It reveals that the people of this time is living in the last church age. More importantly, it is clear that even some of these people still have time to turn to Yahuwah, otherwise he would not call them to salvation this one last time.

He specifically calls out to Laodicea here. It doesn't mean that they are the only remaining, but if they are another Israelite church, it explains why they final end has not yet come.

Paul tells us that all of Israel will be saved. 90 The next few lines indicate that God's purpose is complete. This could be the fullness of His purpose – to redeem the last of His people, Laodicea.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. Revelations 16:16, KJV

This verse indicates that after He calls Laodicea out, those who gather to war against Him will be gathered together at Armageddon or Har-Megidown [hill place of crowds]. Historically, Megidown represents a place where many people die in battle.

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. - Revelations 16:17-18, KJV

The seventh angel poured out his vial into the air and a great voice from heaven said "It is done." There were lightening, voices and thundering again, but this time there is also an extremely great earthquake.

As previously mentioned, this signifies an intensification of end times signs. This earthquake was the worst in the history of mankind and is the final intensification - the ultimate destruction of evil.

These events parallel those of chapter 11 and 14. In chapter 11 when the two witnesses were done testifying and had been resurrected, there were voices, lightening, thundering, an earthquake, and great hail. The hail is mentioned in the next few verses.

So, when the voice proclaims "It is done", he is referring to the 42 months in which the two witnesses were to prophesy and they are being taken up to Him. Likewise, all the souls that would be saved have been saved. The last who are saved are those who saw the two witnesses ascend to Yah and gave Yahuwah glory out of fear of what they saw. 91 Perhaps this is the church of Laodicea, whom he just called to salvation.

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⁹⁰ Romans 11:26

⁹¹ Revelations 11:13

Additionally, in chapter 14 of Revelations, the earth is reaped which is marked by the ascension of the two witnesses, which are those who will partake in the first resurrection. Then the evil is cast into the great winepress of God's wrath, which is the seventh vial. 92

It is important to make the distinction between a "rapture" and a resurrection. The reaping of the earth is the so-called rapture, whereas the resurrection is the moment when the elect of the dead live on earth again. The rapture or reaping happens three and a half days after the two witnesses are killed. The first resurrection happens after. The second resurrection is the point at which all the dead is judged and live again. This takes place 1000 years after the first resurrection. These are three separate events.

Also, notice that one must die to participate in the first rapture or resurrection. It's not exactly as in the movies. All the other people on earth who were not killed in this prophecy are still on earth when Babylon is being destroyed. They are watching the seventh vial unfold on Babylon.⁹³

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nation's fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. - Revelations 16:19-20, KJV

Again, in chapter 11 when the two witnesses are taken up, one-tenth of the city fell due to the earthquake. It was so great it divided the great city into three parts and the cities of the gentiles [nations] fell.

The city fell as Yah delivered the judgment of Babylon and released his wrath upon it. Every island fled away and mountains disappeared.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great. - Revelations 16:21, KJV

To add to the lightening, thundering, voices, and the worst earthquake ever, there was also great hail which weighed 100 to 200 pounds. The people still spoke ill of Yah because of the great hail.

This chapter tells us that some people will hold their position at 666, standing on the side of Satan and as the adversary until the very end of the day of wrath. These refuse to accept Yah and acknowledge He is supreme. They refused to submit to Him, but chapter 11 tells us that those who witnessed the resurrection of the two witnesses in these days, gave glory to Yah and therefore, were saved. Although some men blasphemed Yah, these verses do not state that all men did, nor does it say that no one repented, as in the previous vials.

Furthermore, as we come to the end, we come to discover the meaning of 666 as the mark of a man.

Here is the mystery of 666. Although each era of purging has seven warnings, such as seven seals, trumpets, and vials, man only has six opportunities to turn to Yah in each set. All these events are another sign to encourage man to spiritually develop beyond the number or maturity of humanity.

94 Revelations 11:13

⁹² Revelations 14:16-20

⁹³ Revelations 18

Those who end up with the name of the number of the beast did not mature at the completion of the sixth seal, this is the first six. Maturity is a response of repentance at the realization of the condition of the world and of mankind.

In the seals, salvation was first made available, that we would have an alternative to falling victim to the other conditions of the seals. These conditions are murder, a lack of peace, greed and consumption, illness, starvation, death, persecution, and natural disaster. These are warnings of the end drawing near. Those who recognizes it as such and repent are saved. Those who do not repent take on a mark of "6", having missed 6 opportunities for salvation.

It's like God is saying, "I will show you that my words shall come to pass. You can observe it to be so as you witness these conditions in the world. Should you fail to repent, you are one step closer to the lake of fire."

Nor did they mature at the completion of the sixth trumpet, this is the second six. In the sixth trumpets the natural disasters worsen with the first four trumpets. Then the locusts torment men for 5 months. During the sixth trumpet rumors of war began as the four kings of the east are released and began to kill a third of humanity.

Finally, by the time the seventh trumpet sounded, they still had not elevated beyond their simple understanding and human nature, and received the third six. Like the trumpets, the first four vials are yet another intensity of strange natural occurrences, except this time they are worse than before.

In the fifth, darkness overtakes the kingdoms of the beast. In the sixth vial, the world prepares for the ultimate battle of the day of God Almighty. God calls His people to Him one last time.

When the seventh angel pours out his vial, "It is done." All the opportunities for spiritual development were manifested and those maintaining their position at 666, the number of the nature of man, were cast into the final wrath of Yahuwah.

Those who receive this number as their final state are identified as the beasts, Babylon, and spiritual Sodom and Egypt.

What is revealed is that the mark of the beast, the name of the beast, and the number of his name are three different states of being. People gradually develop these states, while others develop spiritual maturity as they experience and accept the signs of the time. An individual with only the mark can be saved, but those who develop to take on the identity or number of the beast cannot.

Of course, there is more to the story. So keep reading!

CHAPTER 13: BABYLON'S JUDGEMENT

John has seen the events of the last days of the purging of evil, but now the angel wants him to see what happened to the whore of Babylon during this time. Like all the events beginning with chapter 11 of Revelations, this event is happening at the same time as the seven vials are being poured out. It's not an eighth vial, or even the seventh. Rather these are events that have been escalating throughout time, especially during the pouring of the seven vials.

Before we learn of Babylon's destruction, chapter 17 of Revelations will reveal who she is and what she did to warrant such wrath. It will also reveal Babylon as the final adversary to attempt to rise up against the Lamb after the 1000-year reign of Yahushua. This chapter also reveals that Gog and Magog, will be the last manifestation of Babylon.⁹⁵

The Whore Revealed.

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. - Revelations 17:1-2, KJV

The seven angels who had the seven vials are speaking with John. They tell him they will show him the judgment day of the whore of Babylon. Notice that the judgment is not of the beast, but of the whore that sits on many waters. The beasts are evolutionary manifestations of anti-Yah and anti-Yahushua systems. These systems are in their last phases of completion in the days of the whore of Babylon. On the other hand, the whore of Babylon has gained influence over leaders across the world and has used that power to influence people all around the world to sin against Yah.

So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. - Revelations 17:3-5. KJV

The woman sat upon a red beast which was full of slanderous names and had seven heads and ten horns. This is the same beast that came up from the sea in chapter 13 of Revelations. The woman on the beast is dressed in purple and red and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls and holds a golden cup in its hand and the cup is filled with abominations and the filth of its idolatry and satanic worship.

⁹⁵ Revelations 20:8

Does this look familiar?



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This portion of the prophecy baffles even the most avid Bible readers. While I believe the Catholic Church has some role here, ultimately, the whore is a country with global power. Of course the nature of Revelations tells us that this whore can be both a country and a religion with world power. It's also highly possible the two are one in the same.

As previously mentioned, Babylon is a religiopolitical institution which began in Medieval Babylon and developed throughout the world. Different institutions have come to represent this religiopolitical power over the millennia. It appears, however, that Revelations 17:3-5 is pointing to the Catholic institution of our day, in particular.

And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. - Revelations 17:6-7, KJV

The woman, the whore, killed Yahuwah's people. John looks at her and the angel tells him he will tell him the mystery of the whore and the beast.

The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. - Revelations 17:8, KJV

This beast is the same angel that ascends out of the bottomless pit in the fifth trumpet in chapter 9 of Revelations. This verse tells us that the story of the beast goes back in the timeline of the prophecy. Revelations 9 tells about that ascension of the beast. It is also the same beast that rose up out of the sea and whose deadly wound was healed and the world wondered after it, in chapter 13.

Verse eight says, this beast existed before John's prophecy, but did not exist at the time of John's prophecy. It says the beast would come out of the bottomless pit and go into utter destruction and people whose names were not written in the book of life would wonder after it when they saw the beast that used to be and was not, then came back again.

This is also the same beast that the dragon will use to kill the two witnesses according to Revelations 11:7.

And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition. - Revelations 17:9-11, KJV

This verse explains that the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits and are seven kings or kingdoms, five of which are fallen and one was in the time of John's Prophecy and the other had not yet come.

The kingdom which had not yet come would only be in existence for a short time, but an eighth kingdom would rise which would come out of the seventh kingdom. This eighth kingdom would go into utter destruction and is the last Babylon.

Some things to note here is that this passage is describing that the prostitute is at the head of eight kingdoms that have existed and will exist over time. She controlled five kingdoms that had fallen before John's prophecy, the one that existed during John's prophecy, and two more would rise after John's prophecy. The seventh would only last a short time and the eighth would come out of the seventh and they were therefore counted as one kingdom.

And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. - Revelations 17:12-13, KJV

Verse 12 tells us that the ten horns on the beast were ten kings that had no kingdoms. Hence, the first seven kings, were representative of kingdoms; however, these are not representative of kingdoms, but ten leaders or authorities. These receive temporary power as kings with the beast. They have one mind and give their authority to the beast.

An example of this is the way the United Nations is set up. It has 5 permanent council members with veto power and 10 elected members who serve two-year terms, authorizing this global power to act under the auspices of its diverse authority.

This is a lot, so let's break this down! The beast and the woman represents several different things. The beast in current times are the anti-Yahushua and anti-Yah systems of deception which have developed since the time of Yahushua, but were in the making long before. These systems have been developed by Satan to overcome the world. The heads of the beast are the world powers that control the systems. The horns of the beast are leaders who are not major powers, but together they give power to the beast and are always on the same page.

The whore sits on the beast, but is not the beast. Rather, she reigns over the beasts and is a separate entity that also has some form of control over the ten kings.

Additionally, the ten kings appear to be one with the beast, but are not. Their position is temporary because God made them to submit to the beast until His Word is fulfilled. Therefore, we can look for these ten kings to turn back to God after His word is fulfilled. This is the point at which they turn against the prostitute, whom they have always hated.

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. - Revelations 17:14, KJV

The ten kings will make war with the Lamb, but Yahushua and Israel will win because the Lamb is Lord of lords and King of kings and those who are one with the Lamb are called, chosen, and faithful.

The victory over these kingdoms will occur during the 1000-year reign of Yahushua and the elect. Hese 10 authorities are also those who war against the "King of kings and Lord of lords" in chapter 19 of Revelations.

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⁹⁶ Revelations 19:16

Making The Connections: Here chapter 17 is foretelling of the events that we will see occur at the end of chapter 19, were the beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. This is evident because it reads, "These shall make war with the Lamb", indicating that it is a future event. Additionally, the reference to the "King of king and Lord of lords" ties the two events together. Contrarily, in chapter 19, John tells us what was happening, at that time in his vision, rather than what will happen. This lets us know who gathered together to war against the Lamb in chapter 19 – the 10 kings without kingdoms.

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. - Revelations 17:15, KJV

The angel tells John that the whore has power over people vast in number, nations, and languages.

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. - Revelations 17:16-18, KJV

The ten leaders without kingdoms hate the whore and will destroy her with fire, but Yah put it in their hearts to give their power to the beast until the words of Yah are fulfilled. Additionally, the angel reveals that the whore is a country with global power.

So, the 10 authorities attempt to war with the Lamb and are overcome, then this same group ends up making Babylon desolate. This is significant information, because it tells readers that at the time of the desolation of Babylon, Yahushua is already reigning. Furthermore, the 10 kings now appear to be warring on Yah's side, since they have been overcome by the Lamb.

This is an indication that the Lamb is not winning wars by killing everyone or casting them to hell, but by changing their hearts. In other words, the Lamb is killing their flesh and resuscitating their God given spirit with the sword of his mouth!

Reflecting back over the last few verses we realize that the 10 kings were never on the beast's or Babylon's side. Rather, God placed them in position in preparation for a particular time – the fulfillment of His Word.

Judgment of Babylon.

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. – Revelations 18:1-2, KJV

Babylon is the great city which is the whore. Notice, that at this point, Babylon has fallen when it becomes the residence of devils, foul spirits, and is a cage for unclean and hateful spirits. This is significant in that the spiritual fall of Babylon precedes the physical fall of Babylon, thus her fall began during the voice of the second angel in chapter 14, but her complete destruction is not until much later.

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. - Revelations 18:3. KJV

Verse 3 tells how Babylon became the habitation of all ungodly things. It says it made all nations drunk with its fornication, which in this case is trading in the things of Yah for material wealth and the power it afforded this great city. Basically, if we took a close look at history to identify this great Babylon, we would find that it is a global power in the last days that sold its soul to become such a power.

Furthermore, this verse tells that this nation has caused the entire world to sell their souls just like it did which enabled merchants to become extraordinarily rich from the devilish goods, ideals, and culture it promoted.

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. - Revelations 18:4-5, KJV

A voice from heaven warns <u>Yah's people to separate themselves</u> from Babylon so they do not fall prey to her sin and experience Yah's wrath. This is his literal call to Israel for their redemption.

Think about it. If God promised to redeem Israel and during the time of the redemption he commands Israel to "Come out of Babylon", will His Word not be done? He's not simply warning us, but literally saying that it is at this point that He will redeem His people. So, what point is that exactly?

These verses are a precursor to the actual destruction of Babylon, its telling of her condition leading up to her demise. This verse tells us that the plagues have not been poured out at this point in the prophecy regarding Babylon, but will be soon. This takes us back to the moments before the vials are poured in 16, which is discussed in chapters 11 through 15 where Israel is rising up. Finally, in chapter 14, they are united under the Lamb and the 144,000 and are represented as Mount Zion. This is the result of Yah calling his people out of Babylon.

If this sounds confusing, remember that John is telling the same story from different perspectives. Think of it like this. There is an earthquake in your area and 10 people tell you what the experience was like from their perspective. You would not have one streamlined story, but 10 stories telling about the same event. You can link that moment when the quake hit in each story, tying all the stories to the one earthquake. This is what John's prophecy is like except he is one person describing every perspective. He tells us what's going on from Israel's point of view in chapter 14 and here he is telling us what's going on from the prospective of Babylon. At other times he is explaining what is happening in heaven as these events unfold on earth.

Babylon's sin has reached heaven and Yah was reminded of her evils. During the pouring of the seven vials, God remembered Babylon just as the seventh vial was poured in Revelations 16:9. We now know that these events are happening just as the seventh vial is poured.

It helps to know that Yah's people are Israel, whom he instructs throughout His word, to be separate [i.e. holy] from the world. The primary scriptures explaining this includes verses of Exodus where the phrase "my people" is directed toward Israel 28 times when Yah referred to Israel while they were in captivity in Egypt. Ezekiel uses this phrase 34 times with Yah claiming Israel to be His people. Israel is always the people Yah refers to as "My people" throughout scripture, not to mention, Yahushua is the narrator of John's prophecies and His people, literally, are Israel.

Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. - Revelations 18:6, KJV

Here we see what appears to be instruction to do harm to Babylon. In a sense it is, but not exactly in a physical sense. In once since, Verse 6 is telling Israel to let Babylon be judged, stop praying for her, stop trying to fix her, because she has

what is coming to her. Its saying that Israel should look forward to Yah's judgment of Babylon because Babylon has done so much to hurt Israel. He is telling us to sit back and watch as her judgment is served for all that she has done to His people.

In another since, and perhaps more importantly, He is calling Israel, the seven angels with the seven plagues, within whom is God's wrath, to release His wrath on the earth.⁹⁷ In other words, this scripture parallels Revelations 16:1 where the voice from heaven tells the seven angels to pour out the vials. The angels are His people, who he first redeems from Babylon in Revelations 14 and here in verse four. Then He calls them to complete their mission, which is to manifest these plagues through the prophecy and power given to them by Yah to manifest during the 42 months of their testimony.

Notice that it is after He calls Israel out, that he instructs them to release their pain and suffering, prayers, and pleadings by which Babylon will be judged.

How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. - Revelations 18:7, KJV

Verse 7 explains the fact of the matter, which is that Babylon only cared to preserve herself, her power, and her riches, and has wronged so many people in order to become and remain a global power. She lives extravagantly and believes she is untouchable, invulnerable, and will never experience the desolation, sorrow, and torment she brings to others.

Therefore, shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord Yah who judgeth her. - Revelations 18:8, KJV

Babylon's plagues will happen all in one prophetic day which will include death, morning, and hunger. Babylon will also be burned in her judgment.

This prophetic day, appears to parallel the 1000-year reign of Yahushua and his elect.

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. - Revelations 18:9-10, KJV

When Babylon is judged, all the leaders of the world that she influenced and lived extravagantly with will mourn her when they see her burning. They will stand afar off in fear of her fate saying, "This great country fell in one hour."

It's worth mentioning that while Babylon is being destroyed, not only is Israel still present, but so is the rest of the world who is watching from afar off. This is further confirmation that these events are happening during the pouring out of the seven vials at which time, the world did not end.

And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine,

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⁹⁷ Revelations 15:1

and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. - Revelations 18:11-13, KJV

These verses emphasize the materialistic nature of Babylon; however, it tells us something very significant to the identity of Babylon. We see in verse 11 that the merchants of the earth wept and mourned over her because she purchased all of their goods and now there would be no one to purchase those goods. This global power, which by this time, has come to naught, is a very materialistic culture and nation – one obsessed with consumption. Babylon also purchased the souls of men and slaves.

And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! - Revelations 18:14-15, KJV

Verse 14 explains that everything Babylon sold her soul for is destroyed and the people it made rich are only morning their loss of income and not the loss of a nation.

For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city! - Revelations 18:17-18, KJV

Verses 17 and 18 says this global power's great riches came to nothing in one hour. The amount of money, great systems, buildings, structures, and everything else will be as useless to the world as it has always been to Yah. Just one more reason to trade in the cares of carnal things for the promise of eternal life.

Someday soon, all that we are striving for that is of this world will come to nothing and it will have all been in vein, but when we strive for the eternal it is never in vain.

This is also another clue pointing to the identity of Babylon. She frequently trades by sea. The people on the ships are watching Babylon burn in astonishment.

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. - Revelations 18:19, KJV

The sailors, shipmasters, and others mourn the great city some more. We see again that Babylon is the queen of consumption. She made the tradesmen rich with her consumption and was made desolate in one hour because of it.

Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her. - Revelations 18:20, KJV

Verse 21 tells the heaven, the holy apostles, and the prophets to rejoice over the destruction of Babylon because Yah avenged her for them.

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever

craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. - Revelations 18:21-23, KJV

A mighty angel cast a stone into the sea and said that Babylon would be thrown down with great violence just like the stone that was cast into the sea and would be found no more. It emphasizes how desolate Babylon would be as the entertainers would no longer entertain, the workers would no longer work, the mills and factories would no longer operate, there would be no light, and no wedding celebrations or joy.

This was made so because the merchants of Babylon were great men of the earth and they deceived all the nations with sorceries. In other words, Babylon made the rich richer and deceived the people into falling prey to sorcery, materialism, consumerism, and greed to her benefit.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth. - Revelations 18:24, KJV

Babylon was found to be the cause of the death of prophets, saints, and all who were killed on earth. This verse is referencing the greed and consumption Babylon represents as being the cause of murder. The bible is telling us that at the foundation of the killings of the prophets and saints and of all people on earth, was greed for power or money and consumption.

I often ask myself why everyone can't just have their area of land, sufficient for their population and stop warring and killing each other and innocent people. The reason is greed. Every developed country wants more possessions; thus more power and control. For this power, people kill anyone who will not submit to their ideals and ways of life, because they are a threat to their power. One can only maintain power over others who are willing to submit.

The same holds true with our Father. Until we submit to Him, his power cannot fully flow through and for us. Remember that the kingdom of Satan is set up to mimic the Kingdom of God. So, likewise, in government and religion there is no power where there is no submission to human authority. For this reason, the prophets and saints are killed.

Thing is, when we submit to Yah, we cannot, need not, and will not submit to the authority of the evil ones. We will live in peace so long as we are never forced to choose any other authority over Yah's authority. However, Revelations tells us this has not been the case. It says we are forced to choose and some gave in, while others chose death, solely submitting themselves to Yah and refusing to submit to Satan, i.e. "the world".

This verse also reveals that Babylon is not a new entity, but one that has existed throughout time, since it is the cause of all deaths on earth. This brings us back to the idea that Babylon represents corrupt power.

In summary, Revelations 18 is about the destruction of Babylon which is representative of a global power or global powers, obsessed with economics, consumption, trade, and who is willing to deceive anyone, and even the whole world, to maintain this false sense of world dominance. She is called a whore, because she sells her soul for money and power and teaches individuals and leaders to do the same. She has caused Israel much suffering and Israel will be avenged by her judgment.

The whore is the cause of murder throughout the ages. That is, her greed and her unquenched thirst for power and control is the cause of sin throughout the earth. She will pay for the sins of all of the Babylons before her, as she is the ultimate manifestation of all that Babylon represents.

Babylon is spread across the earth in that several nations are representative of her. This chapter reveals that onlookers cry out three times, "alas, alas, that great city..." Chances are that these are spectators of the destruction of three geographic regions. Furthermore, Babylon has multiple names - The names of three cities: Babylon, Sodom, and Egypt. She is also called a mighty city, great city, and a whore. Furthermore, Revelations 16:19 tells us that the city is divided into three parts and are the cities of gentile nations. All of these nations have at least one thing in common, they consume a lot of stuff and makes the rich richer.

Revelations 18:10 reveal that Babylon includes a mighty city of great consumption, for whom the merchants mourned because there would be no one to buy their goods.

Revelations 18:16 reveals that it is also a great city clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet and is decked with gold and precious stones and pearls.

Revelations 18:19 states she frequently traded by sea and all those who had ships were made rich by here costliness.

These events are not happening after the seventh vial, but during it. Babylon fell when she became the residence of all things evil. 98 By the time the angel of fire appears with the fourth vial 99, the earth about to be reaped. 100 In the fifth vial darkness in the beast's kingdom occurs 101 and Babylon is already in the midst of destruction. When the sixth vial is poured, the kings of the east are prepared for battle, meanwhile 102, the 10 horns who are ten kings with no kingdoms 103, will be gathered together "to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" 104 and Babylon's wrath is intensified. In the seventh vial, Babylon is invaded, burned, and divided by a great earthquake and her destruction is completely fulfilled.

⁹⁸ Revelations 14:8, 18:2

⁹⁹ Revelations 16:8

¹⁰⁰ Revelations 14:16

¹⁰¹ Revelation 16:10

¹⁰² Revelations 16:12

¹⁰³ Revelations 17:16

¹⁰⁴ Revelations 16:14

CHAPTER 14: THE VICTORY

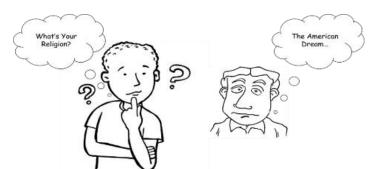
In chapter 18 of the Book of Revelations we learned of the whore and Babylon. Chapter 19 specifies that the whore and Babylon are one in the same.

Think of Babylon as the ultimate evil. It is a location where all evils converge in the last days. Ultimately, these are the evils of false religion and greed. The whore in chapter 17 represents false religion which converges with greed, described in chapter 18, to become Babylon - the ultimate location of all evil things.

Therefore, there is the whore and Babylon which, together, refers to the convergence of all evils; however, the whore particularly refers to the fornication in false religion, beliefs, ideologies, and doctrines.

We must think of religion in the true sense of the word. It is not only what we consider religion in modern terms, but religion as a set of ideals, beliefs, and practices held by a group or nation of people.

People are very religious about their success and prosperity. It becomes their god and they are its servants. If you or someone you know would become defensive about the fact that the American Dream is anti-God, what's the difference between you and a Christian defending what he or she believes in? Babylon particularly refers to the locations that houses the whore and all of her evils. The devil tricked us all by promising things that sound good and right like the pursuit of happiness, success, freedom of religion, and prosperity. Things we have all held sacred to the point of demanding the right to it. Everyone wants to be happy, successful, prosperous, and to freely practice their religious beliefs.



The wrong is not necessarily in the promise of these things, but in the reality of what they have led to. They have led to the very thing they were supposedly intended to prevent. From these ideas came inequality, oppression, death, depression, poverty, as well as, religious oppression, confusion, and deception. This is how the devil works and Yah allowed it as part of his plan to get all these evils together and destroy them once and for all, while preparing humanity for His presence.

Chapter 19 is all about Yah's victory over these evils. It shows a celebration of the devil's defeat and discusses how it was accomplished. It goes on to reveal the divine roles of some of the seven churches during the seven vials.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. - Revelations 19;1-3, KJV

All the people in heaven are praising Yah for judging "the whore" who corrupted the earth with her fornication. He also avenged the death of His servants who died at her hand.

This leads us back to two points. First, the whore is Babylon because we saw that the judgment in chapter 18 was of Babylon and here it refers to Babylon as the whore. Secondly, Babylon is not a new evil entity, but one that has existed throughout time and has had a hand in killing Yah's people throughout time.

The fornication that corrupted the world is everything the whore did to convince man to sell his soul.

Religion is the reason people killed other people for their faith in Yah and in Yahushua. Greed and religion converged, creating an ultimate religion which majority of the world submitted to which is the religion of the American Dream or some similar ideology. This has become the religion of most of the world and certainly of every world power. These are success and prosperity, which translates to money and power.

Together these two great forces, the religion of greed, conquered most of mankind under the auspices of being good and right, even godly – hence the whore had the names of great blasphemies.

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. — Revelations 19:4-6, KJV

Israel is depicted as the 24 elders and four beasts worshipping Yah on the throne and a voice came out of the thrown saying "praise our God, all ye his servants." This is significant because, again, we see Israel praising the one sitting on the throne and they are in the throne instructing all the servants and those who fear him to praise their God.

Then another voice which sounded like many people. These were the servants and those that feared, great and small praising Yah, saying Alleluia because Yah who has unlimited power is ruling. This signifies the rule of Yah over all who belong to Him – a new age.

This new age or the "kingdom come on earth" is complete when the elders and Israel instructs all who overcame to praise Yahuwah and they do.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. - Revelations 19:7-8, KJV

The marriage of the Lamb has come and his wife has made herself ready. She has become righteous and is clothed in salvation.

Marriage is another term that has been misconstrued by modern society. At its core, marriage is the joining together of two beings or entities that become one force. Here we see the Lamb has become one with a children of God. These are arrayed in righteousness, which was granted to them by Yah. At this point it seems unclear who the bride is and who represents the Lamb, however, chapter 21 of Revelations will clarify this.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. - Revelations 19:9, KJV

This same voice that came from the throne instructed John to write that those who are called to the marriage celebration are blessed. Meaning, some people or souls who are separate from the Lamb and his bride are invited to attend the union celebration and are blessed. These are gentiles who are called to celebrate the union of the Lamb and his bride. Here is where Jerusalem becomes New Jerusalem.

These verses parallel the end of the process of God uniting with man. In Revelations 5:13-14 and 7:9-14, Israel who is now New Jerusalem, along with the elders and those who came out of the tribulation are rejoicing. This is the fulfillment of those previously mentioned heavenly moments.

And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Yahushua: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
- Revelations 19:10, KJV

This was the second time John fell at the feet of the one who showed him these prophecies. The first time it was clear that this being was Yahushua, at which time he did not fall and worship, but he fell in fear and Yahushua comforted him. ¹⁰⁵ This time he fell to worship the one who was showing him these things, and he tells him not to do that, because he is his brother and fellow servant having the testimony of Yahushua. He goes on to say worship Yah because the testimony of Yahushua is the Spirit of Prophecy.

What Revelations reveals time and time again, is that Yahushua the man, was a representative of the Spirit of God within him. It's not the man that holds significance, but the Spirit he manifested. Yahushua is revealing that his spirit or being was and is the spirit of prophecy, anyone having that spirit is what we know as Yahushua or the Anointed One and is also a representative of the Living God. It is the man, Yahushua, that God sent us to literally give us the testimony, that we may also be its vessels. Here, he is saying I am just a keeper of the testament, which is the prophecy of God, as you are.

Notice that he did not tell John to worship Yahushua, but to worship Yah, because Yahushua's purpose, his testament, was the spirit of prophecy which comes from Yah and not by Yahushua. Yahushua is the messenger to Israel and like Israel he possesses the Spirit of Yah and was the first to whom it was given in the way it was given. Yahushua teaches Israel how to access the spirit of prophecy, which is the ability to directly communicate with our Father for direction, instruction, and provision.

What Yahushua teaches us is that when we make ourselves clean, pure, and separate from the world, Yah and all of his power will be manifested in us and direct us in our role in the coming rule of His kingdom. This is the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven, which had been "at hand" since the coming of our Messiah.

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¹⁰⁵ Revelations 1:17

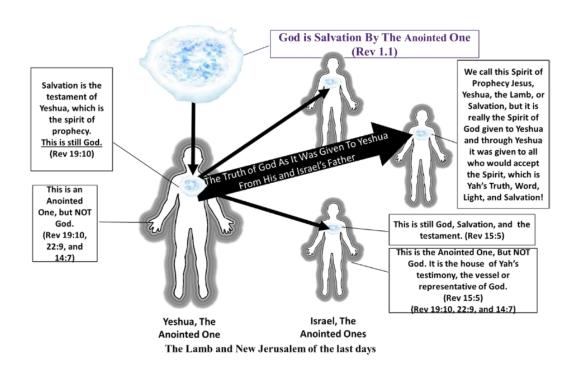


Figure 17

This is the most repeated revelation of truth in this prophecy. If readers miss, reject, or otherwise disregard this truth, they will never understand the prophecy. It's important that we understand this diagram; therefore, at the risk of redundancy, I will explain it.

God gave Yahushua the Truth of Him and who Yahushua was and is in Him. This truth is called by many names. Some call it Jesus or the Son of God. These references are from the perspective that the human being who walked this earth is God's truth, which is true but misunderstood. Others call this Truth knowledge, light, salvation, the testament, or the spirit of God. This is also true. Still there are some who call it prophecy or the Word of God. Again this is true.

The point is that no matter what we call it, it is God and it is separate from man until it is within him when man separates himself from the world. Even then, the Spirit is not the man, nor is the man the Spirit. The Spirit of God still stands alone. It is the source of salvation and the giver of Truth. Ultimately it is the character of God given to man. In which case, man can overcome Satan by his shared character which is like God.

No man can take on the character of another without knowledge of who that person is, how that person functions, or what it looks like to share that person's character. So, God gave such knowledge to Yahushua. Yahushua lived according to the character of Yahuwah. In doing so, he taught us how to also live in God's character or Spirit.

Now, because God is meticulous and logical, he chose a people to be His seed. That is to have a part of himself within them that could never die. This connection allows for this chosen people to hear his voice like no one else can, hence why they are called the prophets. A people who would hear his call to rise when he says rise and to play dead when he says to play dead, hence why they are called his children. A people who, despite the strength of the enemy, would always have something within them that could overcome the enemy, thus they are called the saints which is and army of holy ones. These are a people who could hear His voice over the enemy's. He anointed His own children – those who has Him imbedded in their DNA.

You might ask, "Why are these chosen people a part of His plan?" Good question! See he is not the only one with a seed. Yahushua tells us of another who planted evil seed, Satan. Just as the seed Yah placed in Israel, the enemy's seed has been placed in all of mankind. When Yah speaks to Israel, Israel eradicates Satan's seed from God's creation.

Revelations is telling us all about this eradication of evil. Step by step, meticulously, the evil is removed from God's creation. It is first removed from Israel, that they might awaken. This is what Yahushua was called to accomplish. Than it would be removed from gentiles, once and for all. This doesn't happen in two quick steps, but in multiple phases – the seven seals, trumpets, and vials.

Along the way, even Satan's seed has unintentionally played a role in the awakening of Israel. In return, Israel will awaken them. When they awake, they bring the world to the same Truth which was given to Yahushua by the Father and to them through Yahushua. Now, Israel must give what has been given to them, to the rest of the world. This thing which has been given doesn't belong to Israel, nor does it belong to Yahushua, rather it belongs to God. This thing is the Truth of the God of Heaven, who created all things good.

The next section of this chapter reveals that some from every church played a role in the coming kingdom.

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. - Revelations 19: 11-15, KJV

The heaven opened and a white horse is present and one called Faithful and True is on the horse. He judged in righteousness and made war. His eyes were like flames of fire and he wore many crowns. He had a name written on him which no man knew but himself. His armies were clothed in clean white linen.

Let's look back at who these characters are.

He who sits on the white horse, has been conquered by Salvation and went on conquering. According to Revelations 6:2, salvation came in the first seal and was similar to this character, except there was only one crown and he went conquering and to conquer, whereas this image wears many crowns, indicating many who are royalty in the kingdom.

- 1.) **Those who sit on the horse are called Faithful and True**. This is a reference to those who overcame from the church of <u>Laodicea</u>. Thus, the last is first.
- 2.) **He judged in righteousness.** According to Rev 6:10, the one who is holy and true will judge. This is the church of <u>Philadelphia</u>. ¹⁰⁷ Furthermore, the one on the white horse wore many crowns and according to Revelations 3:11, Philadelphia wore crowns.

¹⁰⁶ Revelations 3:14

¹⁰⁷ Revelations 3:7

- 3.) **He makes war.** According to Revelations 2:27, <u>Thyatira</u> would be given the authority to rule with a rod of iron and shatter the nations. His eyes was like a flame of fire. This term was used to describe the church of Thyatira as a member of the body of Yahushua. Also, the one on the white horse smite the nations and ruled over them with a rod of iron, again like Thyatira.
- 4.) **He had a name that no one knew but himself.** Revelations 2:17, tells us that <u>Pergamos</u> also had such a name. Additionally, Pergamos had a two-edged sword, however, now the sword is sharp and not two-edged, indicating there is but one truth and one judgment coming out of the mouth of this entity.
- 5.) **His armies were clothed in white.** The church of <u>Sardis</u> was promised to be clothed in white if they overcame ¹¹⁰, as was every person who received salvation throughout this prophecy.
- 6.) **He had a vesture dipped in blood.** The blood throughout this prophecy refers to the blood of the holy ones and the prophets. Smyrna was the only church to have been prophesied to trial and death and were identified to be one of the two witnesses sacrificed in the second to last days. Furthermore, they were also promised a crown.¹¹¹

It's no coincidence that all seven churches, except Ephesus, are depicted hear as Yahushua and his army. Remember Ephesus was permitted. They were those who were with Yahushua before salvation became available. However, Ephesus was the foundation of these churches so in a since they are present in them all.

Now, the one who was on the horse was clothed in a vesture dipped in blood and his name was also called the Word of Yah. The blood symbolizes those who took the sin of others upon themselves through sacrifice. They did so by professing the Word of Yah despite the price of doing so being their lives.

Remember, as Yahushua taught us, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." For one to lose his life for Yahushua's name sake, he must testify of Yahushua, which is the Word of God. Not only is Yahushua a sacrifice, but those who died for his names sake are also a sacrifice.

Keep in mind, that at this point in the prophecy, the two witnesses, Smyrna and Philadelphia, has already been killed for the sake and salvation of gentiles, all these are gathering for the marriage celebration, and therefore has made it into "heaven".

His armies were in heaven and followed him on white horses clothed in salvation made possible by those on the leading white horse, the Word of Yah.

These verses symbolize Yahushua as being represented by those who overcame through him. These are souls from at least six of the seven churches.

In summary, we see here that the Lamb, his bride, and those invited to the marriage celebrations are those who will conquer the remaining of those left to be conquered by the Word of Yah and with an iron rod.

109 Revelations 2:18

¹⁰⁸ Revelations 2:27

¹¹⁰ Revelations 3:4-5

¹¹¹ Revelations 2:10, 14:1

¹¹² Matthew 16:25

These events are a kingdom perspective description of the victory, which will occur during the last days. In a since, this is the original "church" restored to have one mission, under one God. These are those who overcame.

And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. - Revelations 19:16, KJV

Yahushua is commonly regarded as the King over kings and the Lord over lords and the elect as the kings and lords he rules over, which would indicate that it was by His name and authority that these churches overcame Satan.

On the other hand, Revelations 1:5 specifies that Yahushua is the <u>prince</u> over kings and Yah himself, is the <u>King</u> over saints according to Revelations 15:3. In which case this verse would indicate that this whole body, now has the Name of God written on them or they are clothed in a garment that represents the identity of the Most High God, Yahuwah.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. - Revelations 19:17-18, KJV

An angel tells the birds to prepare to eat the flesh of all men. This is symbolic of the death of the power of the flesh which had previously allowed mankind to be so easily deceived.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. - Revelations 19:19-20, KJV

The beast and the kings of the earth and their armies mounted up against the Lamb, the kings of heaven, and their armies, but the beast was taken and the false prophet that performed miracles for the beast was taken with him. The false prophet had deceived the world to accept the mark of the beast and to worship the image of the first beast. They were cast alive into the lake of fire, their final resting place.

The beast mentioned in these verses is the first beast mentioned in the beginning of Revelations 13:1-10. The false prophet is the second beast, described in Revelations 13:11-18. Essentially, it is at this time that all of Satan's vices are cast from earth, yet he remains. Satan is still on earth, but all of the systems, tools, and means by which he deceived the world will vanish from existence.

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. - Revelations 19:21, KJV

The vail is lifted from the eyes of the world and now they are capable of realizing the truth of God. The remnant was slain with the sword that proceeded out of the mouth of God's people. So believe it or not, Chapter 19 ends on a positive note.

The remnant of people who were still under the illusion created by Satan that good was bad and bad was good, were converted by the Word of God and they too overcame their flesh. The birds of heaven eating flesh, signifies the overcoming of the flesh or the death of the flesh and awakening of the spirit, which has been the whole point of these last days.

These beast's systems are ultimately those things that bolster greed and spiritual deception. Undoubtedly, some leaders who support the devil's systems will give their eternal life for it and will be cast into the lake of fire as part of these systems and tools of Satan.

The beasts are not only the systems, but the individuals that relentlessly fight for these systems – those warring on the side of Satan and against Yahushua and his armies. Likewise, the Kingdom of God is God, Yahushua, and all who are called, chosen, and faithful.

What this chapter is doing is telling of the roles each group played in the latter days. It reveals how the "end" came to be and by whose hands.

It is a summary of events that will take place during the fulfillment of the seventh vial, which is the period of the 1000-year reign of Yahushua and the elect.

From a literal perspective, when the two witnesses are resurrected just before the seventh vial, people convert to Truth and others become more faithful believers. These make up this body that will go to war for God and will win. They will have with them, the resurrected souls of the first resurrection as their leaders, i.e. kings and priests.

Although the source of greed and deception were destroyed with Babylon, the ideals and practices still linger in other nations of the world. The next chapter will tell of one last attempt by Satan to overcome the world. More than likely, the fall of the global power, Babylon, will inspire some to try and replace her to become the next global power; however, Yah has other plans for His world and His people. While Babylon is no longer there to rebuild Satan's systems, some leaders, deceived by Satan after his 1000-year imprisonment, will try to reinstitute the satanic systems.

CHAPTER 15: SATAN'S DEFEAT

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. - Revelations 20:1-3, KJV

The messenger comes from heaven having the key to the bottomless pit and a huge chain. He captured the devil and bound him in the bottomless pit for 1000 years that he would deceive the nations no more until the 1000 years were over. He would then be released from the bottomless pit for a short time.

We see that the purging of evil is not yet complete. Yah will give mankind 1000 years of life, uninfluenced by the devil, then will release the devil, who will essentially purge the remnant of evil left in mankind.

Furthermore, this 1000-year period parallels the 1000-year reign of Yahushua and Yah's chosen. The two beasts are cast into the lake of fire when the ten kings are overcome by the Word and destroys Babylon. When this occurs all of Satan's devices are cast from the earth and he is bound. The next verse reveals that this is also when God's elect return to earth to reign. So, all these events are happening almost simultaneously.

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Jesus a thousand years. - Revelations 20:4, KJV

The souls of those who died for the witness of Yahushua and for the Word of Yah were risen. As were the souls of those which had not worshipped the beast or his image, or received his mark in their forehead or hand and they were all judged and reigned with Yahushua for 1000 years.

This verse refers to the souls of the dead who gave their lives for Yahushua and the word of God and who did not receive the mark of the beast or worship his image. Revelations 13:8 says the only ones who did not worship the beast's image were those whose names were written in the book of life; however, even these received the mark in their forehead or hand according to Revelations 13:16. On the other hand, the 144,000 and Zion, the church of Philadelphia, who were sealed received the name of God in their forehead¹¹³ and were kept from the temptation of the world¹¹⁴ and died for the witness of Yahushua and the Word of Yah.¹¹⁵

That being said, Chapters 13 and 17 of Revelations tell us that this first resurrection is only of the 144,000 Israelites and Zion. These are the bride, the New Jerusalem, and the two witnesses who had the Father's name written in their foreheads. These will reign with Yahushua for 1000 years.

¹¹³ Revelations 7:3

¹¹⁴ Revelations 3:10

¹¹⁵ Revelations 11:7

¹¹⁶ Revelations 14:1

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. - Revelations 20:5, KJV

The rest of the dead did not live again until the 1000 years were over. This is the first resurrection in the scheme of this end times prophecy, which means there is none before it. Recall John's prophecy began with the coming of salvation which is the point when it was made available through the resurrection of Yahushua. Also, consider that biblical events happen in three's, what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen. Yahushua revealed this in earlier chapters of Revelations.

This is technically the second resurrection if we include the resurrection of Yahushua, the third resurrection will take place at the end of the 1000-year reign, but it is the first resurrection in the prophecy.

This resurrection event tells us that the 144,000 from the tribes of Israel and Zion will rise in this resurrection. The church of Smyrna, who are also of the 12 tribes, are those who Yahushua told us, in chapter 2, would receive a crown of life, indicating they too would reign. So, this is a resurrection of Smyrna and Philadelphia.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Jesus, and shall reign with him a thousand years. - Revelations 20:6, KJV

Verse 6 tells us that those that partake in this first resurrection are blessed and holy and the second death has no power over them and they will be priests of Yah and of Yahushua and reign with him for 1000 years. This is more than a simple promise. It is a description of those who will be resurrected in the first resurrection. So, let's take a closer look at the description of this group as depicted in this verse.

Verse 6 Description	Correlations
Blessed	Rev 1:3 - Blessed are the servants who read and understand this prophecy
	Rev 14:13 - Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord
	Rev 16:15 - Blessed is he that watcheth
	Rev 19:9 - Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper
Holy	Rev 3:7 - To the church of Philadelphiahe that is holy
No second death	Rev 2:11 - Smyrna: He that overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death
	Rev 3:12 – To Philadelphia, I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out
	Smyrna & Philadelphia – No rebuke
Priests of Yah and	Rev 3:12 – To Philadelphia, I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of
Yahushua	my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write
	<i>upon him</i> my new name.
	Rev 5:10 - four beasts and four and twenty elders [Israel] sang And hast made us unto our God
	kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
They reign with Yahushua	Rev 2:10 – To Smyrna, I will give thee a crown of life
	Rev 3:11 – To Philadelphia,that no man take thy crown
	Rev 3:21 – To Laodicea, To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne

All but one of these correlations link this passage to the tribes of Israel. In the reference to the second death, Revelations 3:12 says Philadelphia will enter into the temple and never go out again. While Revelations 2:11 says Smyrna will not be hurt by the second death.

John tells us in chapter 22 that the temple is Yah and the Lamb. Revelations 3:12 reiterates this point by promising Philadelphia the name of Yah and Yahushua and the New Jerusalem, unlike the church of Pergamos who would be given a

new individual separate identity. This indicates that Philadelphia's identity is tied into the identity of Yah, Yahushua, and the New Jerusalem.

Furthermore, Revelations 5:10 points out that the 24 elders and four beasts, whom we have determined is representative of the twelve tribes, sang the 'Lamb made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth'. Additionally, the letters to the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia indicate these groups are destined to be royalty in Yah's kingdom.

Finally, the very first line of verse 4 can be easily dismissed or overlooked; however, it is significant to the point of this verse. It reads, "And I saw <u>thrones</u>, and <u>they</u> sat upon <u>them</u>, and judgment was given unto <u>them</u>." In the first resurrection there are multiple thrones and multiple judges; whereas in the second resurrection, Yah himself judges the rest of the world.

In Matthew 19:28, Yahushua said to his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." These are those who sit on the thrones that John sees in his vision. Yahushua and his disciples are solely judging the 12 tribes of Israel. All this is evidence of who will experience this first resurrection.

Notice in the verse from Matthew referenced above, Yahushua mentions the regeneration which will take place when the Son of man sits in the throne of his glory. Symbolically, this resurrection is taking place during the regeneration or restoration of Israel, which occurs during the seventh trumpet.

We have been taught that Yahushua talks about himself in third party, referring to himself as the Son of man. He says this because he is not only referring to himself, but all of Israel in the last days including himself. He is literally saying when he sits on the throne of his glory; however, he is also referring to Israel who, according to Yah is also the son of man and His son. He will sit on the throne judging Israel, as Israel takes up the throne and brings judgement to the world in their redemption and resurrection. Ultimately, the throne is Israel's judgment and reward.

It is also notable that when the regeneration takes place, which we witness in Revelations 14:1, and in the resurrection, is when Israel is to be judged according to Yahushua. This confirms that the reign of Yahushua begins at the same time as Israel's rise. Initially it is a purely spiritual reign, but this resurrection marks a physical reign.

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

And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and <u>Jerusalem shall</u> be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. - Luke 21:24, KJV

According to scripture, Israel would be blind and trodden down until the time of the gentiles are fulfilled. Revelations 10:7 tells us exactly where in prophecy this time is.

It reads: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." This indicates that the time of the gentiles is in the seventh trumpet.

This tells us that the gentile's time will be fulfilled when the days of the voice of the seventh messenger begins to sound, which is also the time when Israel rises up in truth and with prophecy.

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of Yah, and of his Messiah; and he shall reign for ever and ever. – Revelations 11:15, KJV

So, the first resurrection is not something that takes place after all the chaos is over, but just as the final day of God's wrath begins. This happens at the same time the two witnesses are "raptured". When the witnesses rise up, this marks the new beginning. The first resurrection and judgment occurs and Yah and Yahushua begins their physical reign, with Israel as their kings and priests.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. - Revelations 20:7-9, KJV

After 1000 years, Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit, he will go out to deceive gentiles again. He will gather Gog and Magog, two gentile nations, together to battle and it will be a large number of people. They will surround Jerusalem and fire will come down from heaven and devoured them all.

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. - Revelations 20:10, KJV

The devil was cast into the lake of fire where the beast and false prophet was, in his final resting place. Here he would be tormented day and night forever.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. - Revelations 20:11, KJV

The main lesson Yahushua taught us is that Yah will not be present except it be holy. After all of the evils or rid from the earth, our Father reveals himself on a great white throne. Although he has made the people ready for his presence, the earth and heavens cannot abide in his presence so they disappear. All of this has been for Yah to be in our presence and us in His!

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. - Revelations 20:12, KJV

All of those who had not yet been judged, which are only non-Israelites, stand before the throne of Yah to be judged and the books are opened. One book is the book of life which holds the inner most truth of the life of each person whose names were written in it since the creation of the world. By this book that is the lives of these individuals, were the dead judged. They were judged based on what they did in their lives and were chosen by Yah to overcome the second death.

It's important to note that these gentiles are being judged by their works and not solely by their faith. Despite what anyone tells you or what you think you know about Yahushua, Yah, and the Word, the idea that you can just say you believe and are saved is a lie of the devil.

To believe is to act as one who believes, this is translated into actions, i.e. works, which is obedience to Yah's commandments and instruction. To think otherwise is pure foolishness and contempt for Yah and His laws.

It's not about doing the good deeds or "right" and "wrong", it's about believing in Yah and the testimony of Yahushua so much that you are compelled to please Yah. Pleasing Him means acknowledging who He is and taking on His character just as Satan's children take on the character of Satan. In the end, if a person does not have His character which is the mark of His name, that individual has the mark and character of the beast; thus, they belong to Satan

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. - Revelations 20:13, KJV

The sea gave up the dead which were in it and death and hell gave up the dead which were in them and they were also judged according to their works.

This is interesting because this subject has been highly debated among religious scholars. The question is, is there such a thing as purgatory? I don't know about purgatory, but I can surely tell you where the souls of sinners go when they die. This is revealed in the fourth seal.

After salvation was made available to the world in the first seal, peace was taken from the world by way of religious differences, then greed began to manifest itself like never before, and finally death was proceeded by hell. In other words, things became so bad, that the sinful souls in those days would go straight to hell when they died. We receive confirmation of this as both death and hell had a hold of the souls of men.

Now, I am not certain that 'hell' is what we have imagined it to be. Biblical evidence suggests that it is more accurately the "abyss" or a dark and empty place, maybe even nothingness.

We also read, in the verse, that those that died in the sea were still in the sea. Only God knows who goes where, when, and why; however, I would encourage you all to caution on the side of error. The bible also tells us of resting or sleeping souls, which we can assume are those called back from death and the sea.

Yah is telling me to remind you that souls never die. He is the God of the living and not of the dead. Only the flesh dies; however, souls are eternal. A "dead" soul is a living soul that lives as though it is dead, being useless to Yah. It is also a soul that suffers the second death, which is eternal torment. Ultimately, a soul considered "dead" in either sense is devoid of Godly purpose, is not of Yah, and does not belong to Him.

Yahushua explained this when he quoted Yahuwah saying, "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" and added, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." 117

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. - Revelations 20:14, KJV

The beast, the false prophet, and the devil are cast into the lake of fire and now death and hell are also cast into the lake of fire, along with those whose names were not found written in the book of life.

In summary, chapter 20 of Revelations provides details regarding the 'first' resurrection, the defeat of the devil, and the judgment which takes place after 1000 years of Yahushua, his kings, and his armies reigning over the world.

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¹¹⁷ Matthew 22:32

These events begin with the seventh trumpet. It all comes down to this, salvation offered to us by Yah and through Yahushua causes us [Israel] to temporarily suffer on earth, but have an eternity during Yahushua's reign on earth and in heaven. Our true souls will rise up rather we are living or dead.

Some people ignorantly choose to believe that only certain types of people have a job to do in the Kingdom of Yah while on earth. The truth is, our Father, being omnipresent and omnipotent, he makes no mistakes. He chose His kings, priests, prophets, apostles, and his armies since the beginning of time. Rather we like it or not, there are some from every nation who will offer service to the Kingdom of Yah.

There will be some faithful and honest Messianic 'Jews', there will be some dedicated gentile Christians, and some God fearing Muslims. Of course there will be the true children of Israel; the church of Philadelphia prepared to lead the world with the truth, power, and authority of Yah, but there will also be Smyrna who's only source for victory is their faith and their rebellious nature. Finally, there will be Laodiceans, some of whom will find salvation through fear and eventually find their place on the throne.

However, there will undoubtedly be more Sardis Jews facing hell and the lake of fire than there are in the kingdom of Yah. In the same manner, there will be the deceived worshippers of the false prophet in the church of Thyatira and the pagan practicing gentiles who will someday come face to face with Yah, who will judge them accordingly.

Revelations is about a one world order that has two ultimate powers and has existed at least since the time of salvation. Some of humanity are under the power of Satan and others are under the almighty power of Yah. Ironically, the armies on both sides come from the same world, the same church, or body – the same Creator.

It's exactly like Jesus explained it in the parable of the sower where some seed fell by the wayside, some on stony ground, and some on good ground. Within each church some will get it and others will not. Some simply will not get it, because their name has not been written in the book of life. Others will get it and trade it in for deception over truth, the devil over Yah. Yet, Revelations reveals that many will eventually get it and they will become fruitful in the things of Yah, keeping His Word and His Will until their judgment has come.

CHAPTER 16: THE NEW JERUSALEM

The last two chapters of Revelations is the good news. It describes the good that was happening in the midst of the evil and destruction of the last days, as well as those things that will happen after. It tells about the rising up of Israel and how they made gentiles ready for the Kingdom of God. As Babylon is falling and in the midst of adversity, the New Jerusalem is rising up or being spiritually resurrected.

This is an amazing story and shows us the righteous judgment and perfect will and plan of our Father and affirms his undying love for all of mankind.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. - Revelations 21:1-2, KJV

John sees a new heaven and earth. We know this has some literal context because not only has the old heaven and earth passed away, but the sea is gone.

The New Jerusalem; however, came down from heaven. The symbolism in these verses are in reference to the city which is actually a nation of people in the new earth. A people that has made themselves holy and prepared themselves for their kingdom. New Jerusalem, therefore, refers to the children of Israel. This becomes more evident in the next verses.

Some people believe that Israel must return to live in the physical land of Israel before these end time events take place; however, this is not evident in the Book of Revelations and barely so in the rest of scripture. We see here that the New Jerusalem will descend from Yah in heaven and is in reference to a new people.

Furthermore, if modern day Israelis, the "Jews", have already returned to their land and are truly God's people, then we would be living in the new heaven and earth. The evidence would be, at minimum, a progressively Godly world and a physical environment with no sea. We all know, however, that neither is the case. So, what does the rest of the bible actually say about this?

Ezekiel 37 makes multiple references to a regathering of Israel to their land. Yah asked Ezekiel, "Can these dry bones live?" Then said that he would breathe life into them and they will live. It says the dry bones was the whole house of Israel. Yah says, "I have opened your graves and bring you into the land of Israel, the land of your fathers. I will put my spirit upon you and you shall live in the place. You will live where they lived and your children and their children."

Based on Ezekiel's prophecy, it is clear that, after Israel is awakened and have the spirit of God in us, we will be gathered into the physical land of Israel.

Just as in the days of the Exodus, Israel must wonder in the desert for a time, learning the ways and will of Yah. The first gathering of the New Jerusalem is spiritual, whereas we have learned and prepared ourselves for both the physical and spiritual promised land.

Yah always says <u>He will gather Israel</u> from the four corners of the earth, meaning all areas throughout the earth. He also tells Israel, in Isaiah 52:11-12, not to go anywhere or take flight, but to separate ourselves from sin and from the ways of this world than he would redeem Israel. Additionally, in the apocrypha, Buruch 2:30-34, as well as Zechariah 10:9 and other canonized scripture says Israel will remember who they are <u>in the land of their captivity</u> and return to Yah and He will return

them to their land, never to be driven out again. Many other prophecies reiterate this point. That is that Israel must be spiritually redeemed before God will return them to their land.

So, perhaps during the two witnesses' testimony and the 1000-year reign, Israel is in the land of their forefathers. For example, when the two witnesses are killed in the place where the Messiah was crucified. Also, when Gog and Magog gather around their camp and are burned... However, according the scripture, Israel will in no way return to the land of their forefathers prior to them turning back to Yahuwah, which can only happen after their Messiah comes.

This undoubtedly proves that the people in the land of Israel today are not the children of Israel, as Israel is to be in the land of their captivity until Yah regathers them, which is fulfilled in Revelations 14:1.

Secondly, how can a people possibly return to the land that they claim God Himself removed them from before God sends them His promised deliverer to redeem them back to Him so that He could return them to the land? It's not possible. According to the Word which they take credit for, they must have a Messiah before they can return to the land. Either they are not Israel or are determined to prove that God's Word is not true, maybe both.

So, Israel will be physically returned to their land someday but Revelations and the other text points to a spiritual regathering and a heavenly Jerusalem, which are the children of Israel, prior to us physically going into the land of Israel.

I guess what I'm saying is that when these events occur, everyone will know and no one will have to wonder if God's real people are in the land.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. - Revelations 21:3, KJV

Despite common misinterpretation, the tabernacle of Yah with men, referred to here, is the New Jerusalem which has just come out of heaven.

Yah will dwell within "them" and they shall be His people and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

This verse is particularly in reference to Israel. These promises are always used to refer to the literal descendants of Israel; however, some choose to change this very literal and historical idea in favor of a whole-world union with Yah or a replacement theology. Don't believe the deception.

This idea that Israel is anything other than the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is debunked in the next few verses. What we will find is that the rest of humanity will also become a part of heaven, but not a part of Israel or the tabernacle.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. – Revelations 21:4-6, KJV

Yah has made His people new. Now that they have been restored and no longer suffers, Yah says, "It is done!"

This is an indication that this has been the plan all along. Ultimately, God's plan and all that has happened was to restore the children of Israel that they may receive the promise made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Interestingly, "it" had been done once before in Revelations 16:17, just after the seventh vial was poured. This is an indication that this chapter describes an earthly heaven during the 1000-year reign and the after-earth heaven. When the seventh vial is poured out on the earth, all of Jerusalem has already been gathered and Yah is establishing the New Jerusalem.

At the same time, this is what we have to look forward to after the 1000 years are over. Like everything else in revelations, everything Godly thing that happens on earth also happens in heaven and vice versa. For 1000 years, Israel is to be God's representative on earth. After which, they will be the same in heaven.

This is confirmation of previous interpretations regarding the regathering and resurrection. From an earthly perspective, these events are not taking place after the final judgment, but at the same time that it was first "done" in chapter 16.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. – Revelations 21:7, KJV

Yah promises that when we overcome we will inherit all things and he will be our God and we will be his son.

Additional confirmation of the theme throughout Revelations and the Gospels that the Son of man or Son of God is not only Yahushua, but New Jerusalem who has become one with the Lamb in the marriage.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. - Revelations 21:8

John reveals what it means to overcome and who will experience the lake of fire. He says the fearful and others will be thrown in to the lake of fire. This is because the fearful are overcome by their fear and the unbelieving are overcome by their unbelief.

This is significant because this verse is giving an inside look at the nature and natural consequence of sin. See, it is not simply sinning that will cause some to be cast into the lake of fire, but the natural result of their sin. 118

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the, seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, - Revelations 21:9-10, KJV

One of the seven angels who poured out the vials came to John and said he would show him the bride, who is the lamb's wife. When we think of marriage we think of the carnal union of man and wife, but marriage is exactly what the bible tells us it is - a spiritual union between two entities or people.

¹¹⁸ Read more about this in the Life Lessons section titled The Hidden Obviousness of Sin

The angel carried John away into a high mountain and showed him the holy Jerusalem coming out of heaven from God. This is not only a city, but a people – this is the New Jerusalem. The children of Israel have been restored to their intended glory, by becoming **HOLY**.

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. - Revelations 21:11-14, KJV

Verses 11 through 15 is a very symbolic and detailed description of the children of Israel after this regeneration or rebirth of our nation. John describes our light as pure, radiant, different shades of color, and clear. The light, purity, and shades of color are self-explanatory if you have been reading this entire book; however, what does it mean for Israel to be clear? Perhaps we are transparent, barely detectable, or without blemish.

The rest of what I am about to say did not come from me, so I cannot give readers a rationale behind it. This is Yah's explanation, not my own.

It goes on to describe a great wall as having twelve entries with a messenger at each entry. John says the names of the twelve tribes were written at the entry way and there were three entrances on each side – the north, south, east, and west.

First, the 12 entrances are representative of the means by which Israel is brought out of darkness and into light, in the last days. Secondly, the geographic location of each gate signifies, where Israel will be at the time of their regeneration or gathering. This is the period in which the true descendants of Jacob are realizing who they are by way of messengers or angels.

John also mentioned that the walls also had 12 foundations which were the 12 disciples of the Lamb. This is important information. Yah is telling us how we will overcome. The teachings of the 12 disciples are and will be our foundation.

I must point out that Paul was never one of the 12 disciples, but an apostle to the gentiles. This confirms he was not intended to teach Israel, but gentiles. It also supports the idea that the church of Pergamos is like a 13th tribe as Paul was like a 13th disciple; however, these have different benefits and a different relationship to Yah. Further evidence of this is in the next few verses.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. - Revelations 21:15-17, KJV

Here, John says the angel that spoke with him had a gold measuring rod and measured the street, the city, and the wall. He says the children of Israel was like a cube without a ceiling, enclosed by the 144,000 messengers of Yah.

The thing we must remember is God's view of us is as one – one son, one nation, and one being with him. This concept has been demonized by religion but remember that the adversary never wants us to realize the truth of who and what we are. The reason is that in this truth is his ultimate defeat.

So, the reference to the angel, which means messenger, is a reference to a group of Israelites who received the truth from Yah, having one mind and one message, this is the 144,000 from the twelve tribes who were sealed. They give entry into the city to God's true people by sharing the message of truth and keeps them enclosed in this truth of who they are in God when they are of one mind. Thus, in verse 1 of chapter 14, the Lamb and the 144,000 stand over Mount Zion, who is Israel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. - Revelations 21:18-21, KJV

John says the wall was made of jasper, which is the 144,000 who is the sealed messenger. He explains the city that is New Jerusalem, the people, is pure gold and like clear glass indicating a people who have been tried in the fire and overcame.

The foundations of the wall, like the foundation of New Jerusalem, are disciples for each of the 12 tribes who followed in the footsteps of the original disciples. These disciples are at the foundation of the 144,000 of the church of Philadelphia who, again, are the walls.

We see that the twelve gates, which are symbolic of entry into the New Jerusalem, were 12 pearls. These pearls are representative of how individuals overcame and took their place in the New Jerusalem. The pearls are knowledge given to the New Jerusalem by the church of Philadelphia. The next few verses will elaborate this point.

John also stated the streets of the city were pure gold and appeared like clear glass. Yah is making the point that everyone that is the "city" is pure, clean, and refined.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. - Revelations 21:22-23, KJV

Verse 22 tells us that there was no temple in the city because Yah and the Lamb was the temple. He goes on to say these people did not need the sun or moon to shine on it because it was lit by the glory of God and it was the light.

This is confirmation of what this book as repeated throughout. Jerusalem is the Lamb, rather than Yahushua the Messiah alone, and is one with Yah or powered by Yah, like no other.

The fearful will be concerned that this is somehow blasphemous, but Yahushua himself tried to explain this concept to a spiritually ignorant people. He said he and his father are one and we (Israel) are one with him and with the Father.

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: - John 17:21-22, KJV

Looking back, I wonder how we could have so badly misunderstood Yahushua. After all, he was pretty direct in his teachings. Then I remember that Yah had made us blind for a time that the gentiles might have a chance at salvation and that his plan and will is perfect.¹¹⁹

Yahushua also taught us to be as perfect as our Father in heaven. For some strange reason we have been taught that we have no authority, business, power, or ability to be as perfect as God. Here we are told not only do we have such an authority, but it is our destiny and purpose.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. - Matthew 5:48, KJV

John also confirmed that Israel is one with Yah and Yahushua and Yahushua came to give us knowledge of the True God that we may know and be in Him and Yahushua.

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Yahushua the Messiah. This is the true God, and eternal life. - 1 John 5:20, KJV

The Literal Translation (YLT) reads:

And we have known that the Son of God is come, and hath given us a mind, that we may know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Yahushua the Messiah; this one is the true God and the life ageduring! 1 John 5:20, YLT

The lesson here... Do not allow the lies we have become accustomed to, instill in us a paralyzing fear of the Truth of God. The season for blindness has passed.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. - Revelations 21:24-26

This passage tells us the disposition of all other nations of the world following the judgment. It says that those of all other nations who have been saved will walk in the light of the New Jerusalem. This is confirmation that Jerusalem is the Lamb and the light and are lightened by Yah, as previously stated.

It also says the kings of the earth will bring their glory and honor into New Jerusalem. Verse 25 says the entrances will not be shut at all and there will be no night.

Furthermore, the saved people of the nations will bring their glory and honor into the heavenly Jerusalem. All that the gentiles did to honor and glorify God will come with them. They are not forgotten, abandoned, or cast away, but nurtured by New Jerusalem and even come into New Jerusalem and into the Truth.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. - Revelations 21:27, KJV

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¹¹⁹ Romans 11

This verse, in no uncertain terms, says that nothing filthy, abominable, or deceitful will enter into the holy city, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. These last few verses are describing a world where gentiles come into the truth and become like Jerusalem or like sojourners, part of the family.

Keeping in mind that Revelations 21 has already taught us the Lamb married his bride, Israel, and the two became one, we can see that the names written in the Lamb's book of life are the names of those of other nations of the world who found favor with God and with Israel. Those who labors with, helps, follows, and supports them in their God-given mission and purpose.

The truth that the Lamb is Israel and Yahushua and those in the book of life are non-Israelites is also confirmed in chapter 20 of Revelations where we see two judgments taking place; one of the elect, who Jesus tells us in Matthew 19:28 is the twelve tribes of Israel, and the second being judged by God himself and those who overcame in that judgment are those whose names are written in the book of life. This is also confirmation that the first resurrection, was the rising up of Israelites only and the second is for all other nations.

Genesis 12:3 confirms it as well, it reads "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Paul also alludes to this in Philippians 4:3 which reads, "And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."

More clearly, those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life are those whose lives intersected with Israel's life in a way favorable to Israel and Yah's will for them.

They too were chosen from the beginning of time to be a friend and a help to the real Israelites. This is confirmed in Revelations 13:8 which says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of the life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." This tells us that those whose names were written in the book of the life of the Lamb who was slain were written in it from the foundation of the world – the beginning of time.

It is also confirmed in Revelations 3:5 that these helpers are gentiles who overcome where Yahushua says to the church of Sardis, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and <u>I will not blot out his name out of the book of life</u>, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His messengers." Also confirming that modern day Jews are gentiles, as Israel's name is not written in the book of life, rather the book is their life and those who have a positive effect on their lives has their name written in the life of the Lamb.

Now we should be certain that whose names are written in the book of life are those who overcome. It can also be said that those whose names are written will overcome and support Israel, because just as we were, they were chosen for a particular purpose.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. – Revelations 22:1-2, KJV

In John 7:38, Yahushua told us if we believed in him, out of our belly would flow rivers of living water. Here is where his prophetic word is manifested. This living water is the Word of Yah and Spirit of Truth. On both sides of this living water

is the tree of life, which bare 12 manner of fruit and yields a different fruit each month. The leaves of the tree heal the nations.

The twelve manner of fruit is a reference to the 12 tribes of Israel, which bears fruit that heals the nations.

Interestingly, the meaning of the Hebrew word for prophecy is a seed that bares fruit. So when Israel are called prophets, it is telling us that they, the prophets, are fruit bearing seeds.

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. - Revelations 22:3-4, KJV

The curses of Deuteronomy 28 are often referenced when proving that descendants of the Atlantic Slave Trade are the children of Israel. Here, the word tells us that it is at this point that the curse is lifted. It says God and the Lamb shall be in New Jerusalem and therefore the curses will be lifted.

"His servants will serve Him" is a depiction of the moment Israel awakens and begins to serve Yahuwah. It is at this point that they will see his face and bear His name. 120

The identity of Yah will be in the mind of every Israelite. This is another confirmation of how Israel overcame and that his name was not only written on the foreheads of the Lamb or the 144,000 in Revelations 14:1, but on all of Israel, Mount Zion.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord Yah giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. - Revelations 22:5, KJV

There will be no night and no need for a candle or the sun, because Yah will give us light and we will reign forever.

Notice how the word says Yah will give "them" light and "they" will reign forever. This is further confirmation that New Jerusalem is a people, not a place.

And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. – Revelations 22:6, KJV

These sayings are a promise and is the truth and Yah, God of the holy prophets, sent his messenger to show his servants the things which must be done soon.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship Yah. — Revelations 22:7-9, KJV

Yahushua says, behold I come quickly, those who keep the saying of the prophecy of this book are blessed. When John saw and heard it, he fell down to worship before the feet of the messenger who had shown him these things and the

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¹²⁰ Revelations 14:1

messenger, who is the spirit of Yahushua and messenger of God tells him not to do that, because he was a fellow servant and is his brother, one of the prophets, and of those who keep the saying of the book.

Yahushua reveals that he is one of us and that we are divinely inspired prophets and servants of Yah! If you didn't believe me before, I pray this has opened your eyes.

For the third time, John falls at the feet of the one who showed him these things. The first time it was in fear and Yahushua comforted him. The second time, he attempted to worship the 'messenger' and he told him not to do that and that he should only worship God. Here, the third time it is clearly Yahushua and he warns John again, that he is his equal and only God is above them.

And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. — Revelations 22:10-11, KJV

Yahushua tells John to share this prophecy because the time was at hand. He said the prophecy would not make the evil righteous or the righteous evil. In the end, the righteous and holy will remain righteous and holy and the unjust and defiled would remain unjust and defiled.

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. - Revelations 22:12, KJV

Look, I am coming quickly and my reward which I will give to every man according to his work, is with me.

The Spirit says, He is coming and will reward <u>every</u> man based on <u>what he has done</u>. This is further evidence that the common modern Christian consensus that we are saved by "faith" alone, which is commonly understood to mean belief, is a lie from the devil.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. - Revelations 22:13-14. KJV

The Spirit of God goes on to identify Himself as the Power and the Mark, beginning and end, first and last. He says those who do His commandments are blessed with the right to the tree of life and may enter into the gates of the city.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. - Revelations 22:15, KJV

The word reiterates that those who are filthy, sorcerous, worshipers of other gods, murderers, idol worshipers, and liars will not enter into the gates of the city. In other words, they will not come into the truth of God. This goes without saying, because if a person does these things, clearly they are unaware of the truth of God.

I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. - Revelations 22:16-17, KJV

Yahushua gives his final thoughts on the matter. He clarifies that it has been <u>his spirit</u> or messenger that has shown John all these things. That is his representative and explains who "he" is. He tells us that he is the root and offspring of David, confirming the identity of Philadelphia in Revelations 3:7 and his own identity in Revelations 5:5.

He says that he is the bright and morning star, which confirmed that the church of Thyatira, or modern-day Muslims, will receive Yahushua or Salvation, as stated in Revelations 2:28.

Yahushua than instructs the Spirit and the bride, who are to become one, to call these times to them. He also tells anyone who hears and all those who are thirsty, to call these times to them. He further instructs us that any person who wants the water of life, that is the truth of Yah, should be given it freely.

In Matthew 10, he elaborated on this point by explaining that the truth of God and the manifestation of His power should be held from no man who seeks it and adds that a servant of God will be provided for by God.

In other words, our obedience will lead people to willingly give to us what we need, but we should not charge people to give them the truth nor the miracles, because both belong to God. Yahushua is reminding us that the same holds true for the truth of the Book of Revelations.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. - Revelations 22:18-19, KJV

Yahushua goes on to say that he testifies to every person who hears the word of this prophecy. In other words, when a person hears with his spirit open to receive, Yahushua reveals or confirms the truths of the prophecy and if they should add anything, Yah would add the plagues to them. If they take away anything, He will take away their part out of the book of life and out of the holy city, and out of the things which are written in the book.

He who testified these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Yah Yahushua. The grace of our Lord Yahushua the Messiah be with the holy ones. Amen. - Rev 22:20-21, Aramaic English New Testament

The Spirit says, "Surely, I come quickly. Amen." Then John says, "Even so, come Lord, Yah Yahushua. The grace of Yahushua be with the holy ones."

In summary, the final two chapters of Revelations tells us the good news. It tells us how Israel and the rest of the world is the manifestation of God's plans which were set from the foundation of the world. It talks about an earthly and after-earth "heaven" all within the same story.

Yah is demonstrating that we must first become heavenly on earth, in order to exist in the new heaven and earth. In describing the New Jerusalem and the new heaven and earth, He is telling us how to attain both.

For 1000 years we must live as Yah commands us, after which, we will live as such in an eternal heavenly place which he has described for us.

He is taking humanity back to the garden of Eden, the last promised land. The difference is that this time, we will not be naive and without knowledge that the serpent can come in and destroy us. No, this time, we will be armed with the Truth

and character of a loving and just God who desires that all of his creation be made perfect in Him. Furthermore, just as he chose us, through our existence and trial and error we are all faced with a choice to also choose Him.

This is perfection. It is rising above our basic human instinct that cause us to be willing to accept a sacrifice, but never to be the sacrifice for another. We worship Jesus because he was sacrificed for us, but most are not willing to sacrifice for God, because it is not in our human nature to do so. When we rise above our basic human nature, which is the result of our lack of knowledge of the Truth, we have overcome. One by one we overcome, and in the end those who belong to God shall all overcome.

As we study Revelations, we must first have the Spirit of God with us. We must also be willing to hear Him, by removing the constraints of our mind, which the world has placed on us.

Yah is not held to our manmade ideals of what is and isn't possible. Nor is He limited by our understanding, therefore we must remove the limits of our understanding and allow Him to teach us. We can do that by simply asking Him with a sincere heart to know and live in His Truth.

CHAPTER 17: LESSONS OF REVELATIONS

As you have probably noticed Revelations has so many important lessons to teach us. But it's impossible to get them all in while trying to explain the scripture without getting readers lost. So, I have chosen this chapter to elaborate on some of my takeaways and reflections of this intriguing book of the bible.

Everything is Cyclical

While writing this book I realized that everything is cyclical.

According to Ecclesiastes 1:9, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun?" This means that those things that are, has already happened, and will happen again. Let's evaluate this truth.

A good example of this is hidden in plain sight right here in the Book of Revelations. The beginning of the end starts with opening the first of seven seals. The next chain of events will occur during the sounding of the seven trumpets, which begins at the opening of the seventh seal. The final set of events will take place after the sounding of the seventh trumpet, which will be the pouring of the seven vials, which are the last seven plagues. Within each era similar events are taking place, but the events increase in intensity and severity each time they repeat.

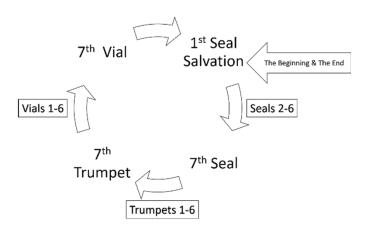
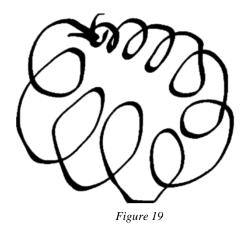


Figure 18

This image illustration the rollout of the Revelations events. It begins with salvation in the first seal and ends with salvation after the seventh vial. As each era unfolds, the events or signs of the times intensifies, until finally salvation is manifested or made whole.

If I were to draw the entire existence of humanity, it would look like this.



Well... I'm not an artist, but you get the point, right? Everything comes full circle and even those circles are part of a greater circle. The greater each circle becomes, the closer we are to home!

Now these same circles which represent the intensification of evil on earth, also represents the growth and increase of the kingdom of God. So, when we say his plan is perfect... This is actually what we are referring to, perhaps without even realizing it! And when people ask the question, "Well, if there's a God, why does he allow so much evil?", this is your answer to them. Humanity's evil reveals the truth of our God. It reveals those who choose and belong to Him, as well as those who choose and belongs to this world.

As with these two illustrations, each new era or age of Revelations escalates in frequency and intensity of events. Essentially the same things are happening three times, once in the seven seals, once in the seven trumpets, and again in

the seven vials. History repeats itself, but it is manifested slightly different each time. Revelations reveal the last three loops of humanities existence being separate from God.

This became more and more evident as I was nearing the end of the Book of Revelations. I had noticed that in the old testament, Israel basically repeated history over and over again. Also, upon reflection on the whole bible I realized that Salvation itself was indicative of this truth.

God brought salvation to the world in phases starting with Adam and Eve. When they disobeyed Yahuwah, what happened to them? He made them clothes to cover their shame. This is symbolic of the idea that our Father provides us an alternative or covering when we, by human nature, are deceived by the serpent. Today, knowing God's true character is our covering.

He saved Adam and Eve from their shame and nakedness by providing for them what they needed to no longer be shamed and naked. Likewise, he saves us from our shame and nakedness by being the covering over us. He does this by giving us His spirit or character, which he made possible through our Messiah.

Now, most of us have been taught that when Eve ate the fruit and shared it with Adam, she had committed some grave offence to God. Everyone thinks Eve is the reason we all suffer and die and the reason evil exists. Perhaps it will surprise you to know that this is not true.

First, it is not true because God does not do anything without reason or else His action would be vain and idle. Yah placed the tree of knowledge in the garden for a reason. Likewise, he allowed the serpent to convince Eve, and Eve to convince Adam, for a reason. Second, Eve sinned by eating the fruit at which point she had already disobeyed God. So, it's apparent that "sin" already existed, man was just blind to what it was. When they are the fruit, they were than able to see the error of their ways which had already existed.

See, humanity had not chosen to exist, nor have we chosen to accept Yah, wholeheartedly, as our creator. But by God's divine plan and power, we have been given the opportunity to do just that – to choose the Garden and the Father and to exist with Him.

It is clear that other living beings [beasts] existed on the planet at the time of Adam and Eve, but this branch of humanity had been designated as set apart. They were different from the rest of the world in that they were created in the image and

likeness of God and given His Spirit as their breath. Now, humanity, being chosen by God from the foundation of the world has to willingly choose Life and God.

The point is that our perceived downfall began in the garden, when Eve chose knowledge and Adam chose to follow her. Our redemption to Yahuwah will also begin with choosing knowledge of Him or the prescribed path, which can be found in His character. ¹²¹

When His firstborn, Israel, choose knowledge, others will follow. So, Israel of the last days, is Eve of the first days, which is why she was named "life". The humanity of the last days, represents Adam in the beginning; thus, he was named "man". 123

So, when God tells us he never changes¹²⁴, this is a testament to that truth. What he did in the beginning, he will do again in the end. So, again I say, EVERYTHING is cyclical! He is the beginning and the end. He, Yahushua, and Israel are the first and the last.¹²⁵

Ultimately, God created to types of human beings, the flesh and the life giver. It has nothing to do with gender and everything to do with spiritual callings and conditions.

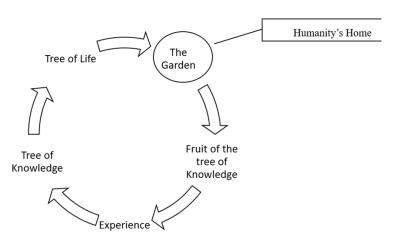


Figure 20

Thus, in the beginning existed the tree of life and the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden. ¹²⁶ Eve was deceived into eating from the tree of knowledge, but God already knew this would be. By the tree of knowledge humanity is led back to the tree of life but must take Yah's prescribed path [His Spirit] to get back home, thus it is guarded from us until we have

¹²¹ Hebrew word דוח means spirit, which is the breath of a person or one's character. It comes from the root meaning a prescribed path.

¹²² Hebrew word הוה, meaning life. Strong's #H2332

¹²³ Hebrew Word אדמ, meaning man. Strong's #H120

¹²⁴ Numbers 23:19, James 1:17

¹²⁵ Rev 1:8, Rev 1:11 & 17, Rev 2:8, Rev 3:14, Rev 21:6, Rev 22:13

¹²⁶ Genesis 3:9

taken the prescribed path or live in accordance to the character of our God. This is salvation from sin and dysfunction [evil]¹²⁷.

The fruit of knowledge is the experience of life. This is knowledge of good and evil which leads us to the whole truth of God. The truth of God leads to eternal life. This is not to say that we must learn from experience until we die, but that most of us must learn from experience in the earlier part of our lives, than take the prescribed path when it has been given to us by God. This prescribed path is like a road map leading us home.

So, in the beginning, at least, a vulnerability to evil existed but evil or good was not understood or perceived. In the end the Garden will be made perfect by knowledge and will be without known or unknown sin and filled with all that is good. The end result is humanity's return to the everlasting and wholly perfect Garden of Eden, as described in Revelations 22.

The creation story can be seen in the life of any human being. A baby is born and is neither sinful or good. Because he or she cannot perceive the existence of either, the baby is vulnerable to evil. As the baby grows and attains knowledge of good and evil, his character begins to develop through the experience of life. When the baby becomes a man and is spiritually mature with the true knowledge of God, he gains everlasting life that is access to the tree of life; thus, he returns to the garden.

So than this cyclical pattern exists in scripture, history, and in our own lives!

Yes, everything is cyclical! What has been, will indeed be again! In the end, we are victorious through Yahuwah, whose plans will never fail us.

So, while the serpent is the reason we must experience life to gain complete knowledge of God, God has predestined a path for us. When we take the prescribed path, Satan [the adversary]¹²⁸ who would like us to continue to learn from experience, has no power over us.

This idea that all is cyclical also tells us that we can observe what will be, by looking at what has already been!

Furthermore, these truths reveal that we are each on a path to a revelations' end. Rather we live to the ultimate end or just until tomorrow, our lives will follow this same path.

We and all of our ancestors have experienced the last days. Think about how those who came before us watched the decline of humanity. They all witnessed an increase of murder, oppression, and destruction, just as we are today. In the face of their trials they all made a choice to stay on the path of righteousness or the path of destruction.

Like Adam and Eve, we were born, ate from the tree of knowledge, experienced life and chose God's prescribed path or Satan's destructive path. We have or will die in righteousness or in sin. That is, we will die on the prescribed and functional path or on the chaotic and dysfunctional path.

So, the period nearing our death is our last days as humans separate from God or the beginning of an eternity separated from Him!

¹²⁷ Hebrew word רע translated to "evil" actually means dysfunction

¹²⁸ In Hebrew שט is Satan, simply meaning the adversary. Any being or entity that stands in the way our path.

New Jerusalem

In the end Jerusalem will be called New Jerusalem because they will be reborn, returning into the world as a new thing made whole by Yah and the salvation brought to them through Yahushua.

In the Old Testament, they were mostly a people who continued to disobey Yah as they experienced the birth pains; therefore, they were cursed and lost their identity and status with Yah. Thus, they died as a nation, but not in the flesh.

Through Yahushua, Jerusalem is rising from the dead, in a spiritual sense, to prophesy and witness the good news of the kingdom of heaven and salvation, as did Yahushua. This is the parallel and this story in Revelations 11 is telling of both births – the birth of Yahushua and of New Jerusalem. The adversary of both is the red dragon, because the two are of one purpose, representing one kingdom and one God, Yahuwah.

Religion as The First Beast

If you do some research, you will find the blasphemous names are literally on the crowns of the Roman pontiffs. Their motto, "Substitute for Yahushua" written in Latin, is on their big fish looking crowns. Additionally, their leaders call themselves "father," when the Bible tells us we have but one Father who is in heaven. They claim to be able to forgive sin and suggest confession be made to them and not to Yah and that they have the authority to change Yah's law and the Word of Yah. These things are all blasphemous and antichrist. While this topic can be and is a book of its own, just do your research.

Most Catholic parishioners mean well and are decent people and many have brought the Gospel to Yah's people, just as they had been tasked with by Yah. Nowadays many of our brothers and sisters are embedded in the Catholic religion and the false teachings they passed down to the Protestant religions. It's not the individuals who unknowingly practice the false teachings of the religion that are the anti-God and anti-Christ, but the institution of Catholicism and the false Christian institution itself. It's like Christianity was hijacked just like the Israelite identity and people just don't know yet, but they will.

Furthermore, the beast is not just the Catholic Church or modern-day false Christianity, but modern day orthodox and organized religious institution, of which the Catholic Church is the head in modern times. Those that become aware of religion's anti-God nature and remain within the false institutions that blaspheme the name of God and use his it in vain chooses to war on the side of Satan; thus, they become the adversary.

Just as the dragon, these institutions have attempted to recreate or mimic the kingdom of God, claiming that their organization is that kingdom. They created their own father, angels, and saints, whom they deceive the world into worshipping and teach little to nothing of who the real God is.

So, when we compare the Word's description of this first beast, we can easily see that we have all been deceived.

Religious Fallacy

Studying the Book of Revelations has taught me a lot about religious fallacies. I realized that recognizing it is a matter of simple common sense. If you want to know what is anti-Yah or anti-Yahushua, simply test it up against the commandments and Yahushua's teachings in the Bible. Anytime you see an institution of any sort rather religious, political, or economic that makes it their business to be out of line with Yah's Word, but claims to be for good or of Yah they are anti-Yah and anti-Yahushua.

For example, we probably all know the 10 Commandments as they are written in the Holy Bible. Try testing each religion up against Yah's law. These are institutions with significant influence over people because they operate under the auspices of being of God, which is blasphemy. This is blasphemy because God is One God, with one character; however, religion teaches people to take on different characters that are not God's and at the same time they teach that it is "of God".

If we want to know who is anti-Christ or anti-God, we must simply measure the institution and the people of those institutions up against the Word of God. The ten commandments are the simplest and most basic and direct commandments given to us by God. Look at religious institutions and measure them up against these simple commandments. Do they worship false idols or covet things? Do they promote arming yourself; thus, killing others? Would they kill for any reason? These commandments are very simple and do not require explanation, elaboration, or interpretation. And according to Yahushua, God's law has never and will never be done away with. ¹²⁹ So, at the least, every true person of God should be able to abide by these ten God-given rules... Right?

This is not an anti-religious publication, but we, as children of Yah, have to come to terms with the reality of the church age we live in. Every church has its purpose or else Yah would not allow it to exist. We must; however, test the spirits by the Spirit and stop participating in zombie religion.

We have to know that it is okay to have a mind led by the Spirit, even when the Spirit disagrees with the church. Find a church, if Yah so leads you, but leave the institutions and bondage of religion, tradition, and lies to seek truth. Most importantly, seek Yah through prayer and His Word and do not rely on people for your soul to be saved.

Political, religious, or corporate institutions that make it common practice to disobey Yah's word, especially by making their law oppose Yah's law and all that Yahushua taught us are most definitely not of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. No matter how holy they claim to be, they are the antichrist.

Just as no person is perfect, no religion is without its faults, but as children of Yah there are certain institutions, religious or otherwise, that we simply cannot be a part of.

We cannot afford to be purely curious in the nature of identifying the antichrist. We must take a realistic and Godly approach to identifying all of the members of the body of Satan so that we are not caught off guard and wonder after his lies and deceit.

Despite this, every church has had its God-given purpose throughout history. The Catholic [Universal] church served its purpose long ago when the protestant religions branched off from it and began to preach individual relationship with Yah during the protestant movement. It is because of these churches that we are closer to the truth than we have ever been before. But it is only because Yah created it all to be so, despite their evil intentions.

In Revelations 2 and 3, we see the faults of these three major monotheistic religions listed outright.

Pergamos is the Catholic Church or "Christianity" and was commissioned to spread the word of Yah. Instead some chose to help Balaac [the devil, the red dragon, Sardis, and Judaism] to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel and teach the destruction of people. To further confirm this establishment's identity, Yahushua says they kept his name, despite their faults, and were present when he was killed.

¹²⁹ Matthew 5:18

The Greek translation mistranslates Revelations 2:13 inserting the name of a person, Antipas rather than the meaning of the word antipas. "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein [like the Father] was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

Aramaic translations read, "...in the days where you contended and witnessed my faithful. For the sake of all my faithful witnesses, my faithful witness was murdered among you."

Either of these more accurate translations point to the faithful witness as being Yahushua, not the mystery Antipas. Therefore, Yahushua was killed in the presence of these people who lived where Satan's seat is. The Romans were present and did live where Satan's seat is and ruled Jerusalem in New Testament times.

Thyatira is the Muslim or Islamic religion who would suffer greatly for its worship of a false prophet. The false prophet caused to genuine prophets of God to be killed and enticed Yah's servants to serve other gods and eat food to celebrate other gods.

Finally, Sardis is Jews or Judaism who has a name like they live but are dead. They have very little good in them but think that they are perfect. They heard something from someone and used it to gain power over the people they heard it from. They are thieves, and Yahushua says he will come to them like a thief. There are a few of them that are not like the majority, and these will be found worthy.

If this evidence doesn't compel you to watch your step, then nothing will. Yahushua tells the churches [called out ones] exactly what they are doing wrong and how to correct it.

Just as we witnessed the swift advance of technology over the past few decades, it is time to move forward in our journey toward Truth through Yah and Yahushua. We all have a mission, and there is an end.

We can no longer afford to hold on to the lies. It's time to move forward in Yahushua. That is unless you want to be left holding an Atari stick, in the age of virtual reality. Don't be caught up worshipping idols and false gods handed down to us from generation to generation, it was only intended to be a stepping stone in our journey to truth, not an eternal affair in hell.

Are you willing to lose your soul for eternity in order to hold on to false gods, idols, and beliefs, when Yah is telling you the season for it is long over?

This beast began with Judaism who falsely identified itself as an institution of God. It gave power to false Christian institution, who caused people to worship it.

Satan's deception is so deeply rooted in all of Christianity, we have difficulty recognizing the deception - even the very elect.

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. – Mat 24:24, KJV

The word tells us, no matter what religion you identify with, be sure you are living in truth or else you will be overcome by Satan.

See, the purpose of the statements in this book is not to condemn the stern religious believer, but to save them from the deceit of religion. Religion is groups who practice particular systems of faith or beliefs.

The mere nature of religion goes against the truth of God. It is humanity telling humanity what and how to believe, serve, and worship. Why is this still necessary, when God does this Himself through scripture and prophecy. A better question is, how will one ever be certain of God's truth, if they bury themselves in man's truth, unwilling to look away to hear and see what God has been saying all along?

The Falling Away

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. -2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, KJV

The falling away mentioned above is often told to be a separation from the modern day Christian faith. Christians often depict this as a negative thing. They draw the false conclusion that people stop believing in God, because they separate from false religion; thus, equating religion to God Himself, without even realizing it. This is evidence of the strong delusion and deception of the beast that is religion.

If we take an unbiased look at this scripture, what we see is that Paul is saying that the end will come when people separate themselves from "something". This will happen when the identity of the son of perdition who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, is revealed.

There will, in fact, be a falling away as people come to the truth of God by realizing the identity of Satan. But this is not in the negative since the "church" believes. We are already falling away to worship the True and Living God and separating ourselves from the deception and distractions of religion as we realize that it is the beast.

The falling away is a time of preparation for God's people. Not just for Israel, but all who are called to Him. During this period all who are called will seek to serve the One True God in preparation for the judgement. We are ushering in the reign of Yahushua by becoming ready for his reign.

The revelation here is that the devil's job is to keep us in religious ideology, so that we never fall away and prepare for God's coming, because with God's coming also comes His wrath on Satan and all who belong to him.

The Mark of the Beast

In the events of Revelations, when the sixth seal unfolds, man hid themselves in dens and mountains from the coming wrath of Yah. After the sounding of the sixth trumpet, humanity did not repent. When the sixth vial was poured, humanity gathered together to battle. 132

131 Revelations 9:20

¹³⁰ Revelations 6:15

¹³² Revelations 16:14

These events display humanity's tendency to avoid accepting something greater than themselves, and instead hide like Adam and Eve when they realized their nakedness, or rebel and fight like Cain, when he killed able for being chosen by God.

This is what leads us to the same behaviors and ideals as the dragon and the beast. People who never rise above their basic human instincts will have the number of the beast.

The symbolic message regarding the mark and name of the beast is a coverall. The mark in the forehead signifies a way of thinking and in the hand regards what we do. Those who don't follow suit with the beast's way, which is the world's way, cannot buy or sell. Specifically, if people don't think like the world or do what the world is doing, they cannot buy or sell, so they follow suit to survive. In doing so, they condemn themselves as they become more and more like the world without realizing that it is taking them further and further from Yah.

On the other hand, those whose names are written in the book of life never graduate to the extent of worshiping the beast although they may worship those things that represent him, which is his image.

There will come a day when some people are so far from Yah that they are warring on the side of Satan and know it, but have become lovers of the world and lose their souls. To have the number or the name of the beast is to be permanently incomplete in spiritual maturity to the point that you become the adversary, which is the real meaning of Satan.

More clearly, throughout the bible, as is Israelite custom, a name speaks to the identity or character of a person. In John 17:6, Yahushua says he manifested the Father's name to those who were given to him to manifest His name to. Since Yahushua never gave us a literal name of God, but showed and taught us the character of God, we know that a name is an identity or the character of a person.

If one has chosen material wealth over eternal life, surely they are incomplete. With this beast, the idea of material wealth is Satan's greatest device. In other words, people tend to forfeit their souls for the mere possibility of having wealth and material things, so even without reward many sell their souls for an idea.

When the opportunity presents itself for you to get the mark of evil, greed, vanity, idolatry, poison, and all the other characteristics of this beast, will you take it or choose to be made complete in Yah?

How do you know what the literal mark is if there is one? It doesn't matter because whatever you do for the wrong reason is earning you the mark. If you take a physical mark in exchange for money or material things, you are marked. If you walk on the back of someone else, lie, steal, cheat, or abandon righteousness to get it, you are marked. From the moment you begin trading pieces of your soul to be more like this world and less like Yahushua, you begin the marking process.

The mark of his name or number of his name is when you have reached the point of no return. You have settled on taking the identity of this beast upon yourself. When you become complacent, aware, and happy with the evils you do to get ahead or stay afloat, you have earned your mark.

Yah is telling us how to recognize Satan, his institutions, and his plans. We see, in this chapter, that Satan uses institutions and world powers to cause people to wonder after him and forfeit their souls. He uses idol things to trick the world into fighting his battles for him.

Four times throughout the prophecy, Yah and Yahushua say, "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending" or "the first and the last." In Hebrew this would be translated as, "I am the power and the mark, the beginning and the end,

the first and the last." In the beginning Yah offers us His power, by which we can overcome Satan and in the end we will have chosen a mark. Which mark are you choosing?

The Anti-Christ

Everyone is looking for an "antichrist" who knows they are the antichrist, but the people leading the war against Yah, may not even realize they are being used. This is the trick of the adversary. He convinces the world that right is wrong and wrong is right and good is evil and evil is good. Lost people are so convinced that they diligently try to convince others to believe the same because they are completely convinced. They have been deceived and the devil uses them to deceive others. Because these lost souls prefer the lies over the truth, Yah gives them "strong delusion" that they are obsessively convinced of the lies. The key here is to choose truth over popular and comfortable, lest you get strong delusions.

Such is the case with the second beast, it sold its soul to the devil's partner and refuses truth and therefore, is completely convinced of the lies it imposes on the whole world. Taking on its mark means sharing in these characteristics.

It becomes even more powerful than the first beast, because unlike the first beast, the second beast appears as a lamb, but it is a dragon at its core. However, the first beast is completely aware of the agreement between it and Satan. It knows that it is warring on the wrong side and does so by choice. This is why it is blatantly obvious who the first beast is, because this beast doesn't try to hide its position, but instead openly works to convince people to be antichrist as it is.

Antichrist is anything that is against or opposite of the teachings of Yahushua. The Catholic or "Universal" church seeks to teach the whole world its falsehoods, but its true goal is to convince Yah's chosen people that they aren't chosen at all and to go against the will of Yah in every way possible.

Zionist "Jews" have the same motives. However, they are literally and openly antichrist. The bible tells us that Jews are the ultimate representation of the antichrist. See, Christian's who support Zionists miss this very simple truth.

A New Testament writer, John, tells us that anyone who does not admit that Yahushua is the Messiah is the antichrist. He said these antichrists existed even in his day. John himself being a "Jew", as we are called in the Bible, testified that those who denied the Messiah then and now, are in fact the antichrist. Yet, Christians have been deceived into supporting those the Bible tells them is the antichrist.

As a matter of fact, all of the religions generally prevent the truth of the identity and purpose of the children of Israel from being revealed. These are anti-Yahushua because they teach Israel the exact opposite of what Yahushua taught Israel.

So, the antichrist has for a long time been revealed, yet many still do not perceive it!

Choosing a "Church"

In the end, it's our own personal relationship with Yah that will redeem us. There are some very good, truth-preaching entities, those of which are not likely to associate with any religion. These will preach salvation through Yahushua, obedience to Yah's commandments, teachings of the Holy Bible, and will likely make you feel uncomfortable if you are

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¹³³ 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

new to the truth of Yah. You will also know them by their fruits. They will live the biblical truths as leaders, members, and a church as a whole. They will not institute tithing, because Yahushua tells us to give as freely as we receive. 134

They will not usurp authority over God's children, because Yahushua says, a servant is not greater than his master and if he washed the feet of his servants, so shall his servants wash each other's feet. Yahushua is our master and rabbi or teacher and Yah is our only Father, everyone else are just servants and messengers in the kingdom of God or of Satan.

Yahushua also taught that anyone who exalts himself above another shall be brought low and those who humble themselves shall be made high. ¹³⁶ Man are but field hands sowing the seed of Yah's word and praying on behalf of Yah's people. A sincere spiritual "leader's" job should be to serve, not to rule or lead. If Yahushua served us and his disciples and we are his followers, then who are we to be above serving?

They Won the Victory

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. Revelations 15:2, KJV

This verse does not say that none of these souls were tempted or that they didn't make mistakes. It says they won the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name. In order to win a victory, one has to had fought a battle. Where there is no war, there is no victory. So, Yah is confirming that acceptance of the beast, its image, mark, or name is like a series of battles and those who overcome, wins the war. You haven't lost the victory until you have lost the war.

In other words, just because you have struggled in a battle, doesn't mean you have lost the war. Through salvation, we get chances until Yah says "There is time no longer", which chapter 10, verse 6 said would be at the moment when the truth was revealed in the seventh trumpet.

Also consider that when the truth is revealed to you, it is, perhaps, your last chance at salvation!

The World's Hourglass

When will your time be up? Humanity's time will be up when all of Israel is saved in the last days which are characterized by them preaching the truth that Yah is God, and only Yah should be worshiped, then by the reaping of the harvest. This is happening as we speak and just as the bible teach us, many are rejecting his truth in favor of lies.

Consider this, many are looking at what they believe to be God's time clock, European Jews, for the events of Revelations to take place. What happens when all other prophecies are being manifested, but those who most of the world believe are the people of God don't turn to Yahushua. Who then prepares himself? Who will notice the redemption of God's true people? Who will persecute these real people of God, believing them to be the imposters, the anti-Christ, and Satan?

¹³⁵ John 13:14-16

¹³⁴ Matthew 10:8

¹³⁶ Matthew 23:7-12

Perhaps our biblical scholars missed the portion of the prophecy which says that gentiles will be the last to trample the city of Jerusalem, before Yah's return. Such a realization would surely tell them who is in the physical city of Jerusalem now.

When we take an intuitive look at the events of Revelations, it than becomes clear how all these things will play out. The world has their eye on the wrong time clock. The one they are watching is dead, but there is one who appears dead, but is alive. It is hidden among many nations and is rising even as we speak. It is Zion!

Come Out of Her My People

In Revelations 18:4, Yahuwah calls His people out of Babylon. Throughout the Bible, God's "people" are Israel. So, why did it ever change? Why is it that Israel are the only people who, in modern times, does not seem to know that The God is our God and we are His people?

Somewhere along the line Yah was hijacked from us, by modern Christianity and by the 'Jews' and the truth was terribly corrupted and twisted. However, Yah is sending out a wakeup call at this very moment, calling His people who are called by His name back to Him and to the pure, unadulterated Truth.

This is only important to mention because we, Israel, have been designated to share Him with the world. Instead, the world has been sharing their gods with Israel. Yah says this more clearly in these verses.

Leviticus 26:12 – And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be MY PEOPLE.

Jeremiah 7:23 - But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be **MY PEOPLE**: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

2 Chronicles 7:14 - If MY PEOPLE, which are CALLED BY MY NAME [Philadelphia], shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Isaiah 51:16 - And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art **MY PEOPLE**.

Isaiah 52:6 - Therefore **MY PEOPLE SHALL KNOW MY NAME**: therefore, they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

Isaiah 65:22 - They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree *are* the days of **MY PEOPLE**, and **MINE ELECT** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Jeremiah 11:4 - ... Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be **MY PEOPLE**, and I will be your God...

In all of the above verses Yah was speaking to Israel. So, we see that not only must we be descendants of Jacob, but we must also obey Him to receive our inheritance which is His Spirit, protection, and kingdom.

Regardless of our faults, Yah always proclaimed Israel to be His people. Furthermore, Revelations 18:4 tell us how to 'come out of her'. This is, at first, a spiritual separation by which we take no part in the sin and fornication of Babylon, but remain pure in the sight of Yah, that we may hear his voice and direction in the last days. It says what it means to come out of Babylon right in the verse.

- What to Do? Come out of her, my people
- **How?** be not partakers of her sins
- **Why?** that ye receive not of her plagues

We can call this the last Passover. Being obedient to God is like smearing lamb's blood on the doorposts in Egypt. Our obedience to Him is our protection from the imminent plagues!

In Isaiah 52:11-12, Isaiah says, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of Yah. For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for Yah will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rereward [redeemer]."

How do we know this is a spiritual separation and not a physical relocation? How do we, Israel, know how to spiritually separate ourselves from Babylon? Isaiah is referring to the same end time events and tells us this exactly. It says, depart by not being a part of the filth of sin and that Israel must separate herself from the sinful culture of Babylon, as we are vessels of Yah.

Isaiah tells us the departing is from sin and not locale because it clearly says not to quickly or abruptly run away to some other place, because Yah will appear before us and the <u>God of Israel</u> will gather us. This doesn't mean that we will never have to physically leave Babylon, but that we should wait to hear from Yah and He will instruct us on the right time to flee, if there is one.

More importantly, "Come out of her my people" is literally Yah calling Israel out of Babylon. This moment marks the period where Israel unite with the Lamb and the 144,000 just before the plagues are poured out. It is the moment of Israel's redemption.

We can assess the timing because Yahuwah calls Israel out of Babylon so that they do not suffer in her plagues, therefore, although this verse is long after the plagues appear in the scripture, in the scheme of the prophecy, when He calls His people out of Babylon, the plagues have not yet begun.

Don't Sell Your Soul to Babylon

Revelations 18:13 talks about how Babylon sold souls and slaves. A soul is sold each time a man forfeits it for money, material things, status, and ideals that are contrary to the will of Yah.

Think for a second about the power that money and things have over us, specifically Israel, today. Although most blacks in America live in poverty, many of us are always ready and willing to trade in our soul for those things we have been told by man we are supposed to have to be considered successful or to be happy. These things include education in areas that do not glorify Yah, as well as, entertainment careers, positions that require us to oppress, forsake, hurt, and enslave Yah's people, among other things.

We fall in love with idol things and our life revolves around obtaining and maintaining an ungodly lifestyle – the lifestyle of gentiles. Yahushua warns us about this. He says, in Matthew 6, for Israel not to seek 'things'. He says 'things' are what gentiles seek and implies that Israel had a greater calling, purpose, and power behind them. He went on to say that our Father, whom the gentiles do not know, will provide for us what we need.

We live life believing the devils' deception that we are merely gentile people and only have the world to rely on, but this is the furthest thing from the truth. The truth is that gentiles have only 'things' to hold on to and to rely on, but Israel has the only True and Living God, Yah. The power he wants to give us is so much greater than any power on earth.

When we seek after the things gentiles seek we typically end up with one of three false identities having sold our souls - a criminal, gentile, or slave identity. Meanwhile, our true identity is that which has been established by Yah. The new identity is one of a people who realize Yah is real, is theirs, and is there.

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Realizing this means living in accordance with Yah's word, trusting in Him, loving Him, and relying on Him. Any material wealth that comes should be a result of Yah's glory and used for His glory and should always be icing on the cake of Yah's grace and love for his chosen.

In other words, in order to keep from selling our souls we must have no cares for worldly things, trusting that Yah will provide for us what is for us. An Israelite can be wealthy and pleasing Yah only when his wealth is a result of Yah manifesting himself through the purity and truth of that Israelite. One's goal should never be to get money or things and should only be to seek and please Yah, period.

We spend our lives chasing the illusion of the American dream, which is nothing more than demons and devils, and we invite them into our lives for the sake of being like a gentile, when Yah created us for so much more.

People are willing to sell their soul for this temporary illusion, which will soon be meaningless and non-existent. The gentile excuse is that things is all most of them know and all that they have, but Israel has no excuse for selling their souls, because they have direct access to Yah.

So, have you sold your soul? If so, it's time to buy it back, by turning away from the things and way in which you sold it in the first place. This is repentance.

Every gentile thing and idea is temporary and is the devil's deception to Israel, he is going after the souls of Yah's children only benefiting the gentiles temporarily in order to deceive Israel. Don't be fooled, he doesn't care about the gentile. He uses them to carry out his deception to Israel, because if he can win over your soul, he ultimately wins over the whole world. There is no victory without Yah's elect, New Jerusalem.

I don't know about you, but I look forward to Yah's promise of an eternal Kingdom without murder, death, poverty, pain, hunger, disease, and all the other sorrows mankind experiences.

We suffer in poverty, but the truth is we don't have to. We are only poor in terms of the gentile definition of the word. This definition has become internalized, but we can turn it all around by stepping back, dropping the desires of the world, and focusing on seeking Yah's will for our lives.

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This is the message Yahushua taught us. Yah knows what we need and he will provide it in exchange for our dedication <u>only</u> to Him, His will, and His Kingdom.

He taught us to stop wanting to be like the gentiles and accept our identity as sons and daughters of the Most High God. When Yah is your Father, what more riches is there? He will truly be your provider and way maker when your only motive is to please Him and live in His will. So, don't sell your soul for toys on your Father's playground, when your Father owns everything in existence and is willing to give it all to you when your life glorifies Him.

To put our reality into context, imagine yourself in your father's convenient store. You are wondering around extremely thirsty, begging customers for a drink of water. One customer says, "I will buy you water if you go and slap that other customer." Today we are choosing to go and slap the customer in our Father's store in exchange for our Father's water, when all we have to do is wake up and realize our Father is the owner of the store and will give us an overflow of living water that we would never thirst again. All we have to do is ask Him rather than asking His customers, knowing that he can because he owns the place and he is our Father.

Yah loves us, but if we do not wakeup and accept our God-given identity we will always be thirsty, because what this world has is not ours and it will never fulfill us. It is foreign to our Spirit, but what Yah has is ours exclusively.

Even the rich of us are thirsty, we can't seem to get enough regardless of our previous experience with poverty. The advantage of the poor is that we almost have no choice but to rely on Yah, because we have little access to any substitute power.

Being rich in earthly goods and poor in Yah's Spirit is but an illusion of joy. True joy is found in knowing who and whose you are and living as such – never feeling pressured to trade in YOUR God for the gods of others. – Rev. D. Buck

Comparing Yahushua's Prophecy of the Last Days

Recall what Yahushua said would happen leading up to the last days in Matthew 24.

- ✓ Many will come in his name, claiming to be the Messiah or Christ-like and will deceive many.
- ✓ There will be wars and rumors of wars, but the end is not yet.
- ✓ Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom.
- ✓ There will be famines, disease, and earthquakes in diverse places, but these are only the beginning of sorrows.

So, here we see that these events listed in the second through sixth seals marks the beginning of the end - the opening of the seventh seal which is the sounding of the seven trumpets.

He goes on to explain the following events will occur afterward.

- ✓ His disciples will be delivered up to be killed.
- ✓ Many false prophets will arise and deceive many.
- ✓ Sin will take over, causing love to vanish but those who endure to the end shall be saved.

He describes that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world for a witness to all nations, then the end will come. This is his prophecy of the sixth and seventh trumpet. When the two witnesses finish their testimony, the end will come. He says the seventh vial is the great tribulation, which will be like nothing that has ever happened on earth.

Additionally, Yahushua explains that after all this has taken place, the Son of man will appear in heaven and all the earth will mourn and all of the elect will be gathered at the sound of a great trumpet, the seventh trumpet. Revelations is confirmation of all these prophecies told to us by Yahushua. Going back to the origin of the disciples question to Yahushua in Matthew 24:1-3, it is at this point that the physical temple will be destroyed without one stone standing.

Unlike the seals and trumpets, the vials are the prayers of Yah's elect, who manifests or began to rise up in the sixth trumpet, the age of the church of Philadelphia [the 144,000], and are revealed as all of Israel and the Lamb in the beginning of the seventh trumpet. They cried out for the evil to end, thus it is by their prayers that Yah's final wrath is poured out and evil meet its end.

Despite what we have been taught, there are no seraphim, winged beings, beasts, or dragons present in the last days. Rather, humanity are these characters and evil is the dragon. Spiritually, there is only God and His adversaries, who we call the Devil.

If you have been watching the news and observing the world, you will see that Revelations and Yahushua, in Matthew 24, is simply revealing the path that mankind would take and how it would all come to its ultimate end. We are watching it all unfold and many of us don't realize it, but it is those who do come to see what is happening that will be saved from the great winepress and the lake of fire. It is these who are Israel and the gentiles whose names are written in the Book of the Life of the Lamb that is awakening to this truth.

We have also been taught that few will overcome in the last days. This is based on the premise that Yahushua taught that many will enter into destruction, many are called but few are chosen and the like. However, we must consider the context in which he spoke and to whom he spoke these things. What we find is that the called out ones [the seven churches], are representative of the whole world, everyone is called and few are chosen for a greater purpose. This is true.

When he said that many will choose the path of destruction, this is also true, because the majority of the world, don't get the Truth of God and salvation until they have experienced much destruction.

On the other hand, Yahushua never taught that most of the world would burn in the eternal fire. There is a difference between destruction, wailing and gnashing of teeth, outer darkness, hell, and the lake of fire.

The lake of fire is eternal. It is the final resting place for all things evil, whereas the others are potentially temporary states of being. In other words, people can be redeemed from destruction, pain, darkness, and hell, but not from the lake of fire.

In Matthew 8:11, he says, regarding a Roman, that there will be some gentiles who will come to truth and obedience, before the children of the kingdom do. This is evident as the whole of the children of the kingdom will not come to this truth until the very last days, meanwhile they have been in outer darkness and suffering, as the church of Smyrna will for 10 days.

So, there is no contradiction, Yahushua warned us all of what was to come and Revelations confirm that what he said is coming to pass. Nonetheless, it reveals that many, maybe even most, will turn to God after having experienced and witnessed much tragedy and temporary blindness, since His word tells us that, in the end, every creature worshipped Him. ¹³⁷ It also tells us that those who overcame will <u>no longer</u> cry, die, feel sorrow, or pain. ¹³⁸ Additionally, Revelations assures Israel that there will be no more curse. ¹³⁹

Even those in hell were judged according to their works and if their name was found in the book of life, they too were allowed into the new heaven and new earth. This proves that those who made it were not perfect, did suffer, died, and were even sent to hell, but in the end some of these overcame all these things.

The key is to remember that we serve a just God and not a cruel one. If we believe in our hearts that most of the world is inherently evil and will burn in an eternal fire, we negate the purpose of God's perfect plan as laid out in the Book of Revelations. For if this was true, then all the things that are happening in the seals, trumpets, and vials have no purpose. Rather, evil is an entity of its own and it is Yah's plan to rid this entity from humanity.

Yahushua teaches us that the reward for those who come last is the same as the reward for those who came first. In the same parable he points out that the last will be first and the first will be last. He also alludes to the fact that the last are the chosen. He chosen. I encourage you to consider these things when thinking to condemn most of Yah's creation to an eternal fire, because you think you got their before they did.

For this reason, it is evil to begin to hurt fellow servants as we grow impatient with God's coming, thus turning to evil ourselves. Rather, we must keep watch and not allow our house to be divided, that when he does come for us, we are ready. 142

¹³⁷ Revelations 5:13

¹³⁸ Revelations 21:4

¹³⁹ Revelations 22:3

¹⁴⁰ Revelations 20:14

¹⁴¹ Matthew 20

¹⁴² Matthew 24

CHAPTER 18: FINAL THOUGHTS

Revelations Summed Up

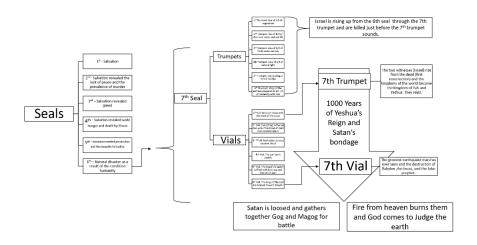


Figure 21 (See larger image in Tables & Illustrations, Table 2)

Revelations can be summed up like this. God gave his spirit to one man, Yahushua, who made that same spirit available to Israel, who made it available to the rest of the world in the last days. Man caused destruction in the earth and to God's people; but, through the destruction he raised up His people to overcome the evil that corrupted the world. In the last of the last days, side by side, Israel and saved gentiles conquer many with the Word of God.

Like Yahushua, when Israel sacrifice themselves for the salvation of gentiles, God rewards them with resurrection, eternal life, and an earthly kingdom to rule over for 1000 years. In the end, all of Israel and many gentiles will be saved and everything evil will be cast into the lake of fire. Mankind will return to the perfect garden with God and the Lamb in Israel serving as their light and spiritual food.

Additionally, all of the beasts in Revelations are living beings. The Greek word for beast, literally means living being. ¹⁴³ These aren't one person, but many living beings. Such is true with the four heavenly beasts and all of the evil beasts. Humanity, are all of the beasts in this prophecy because we are the living beings.

The beastly systems are created by man and are therefore man. The systems cannot exist, nor thrive except the living gives it its power, therefore when the beast are cast into the lake of fire, it is because humanity stopped empowering it.

Likewise, the destruction is also caused by man. The seven messengers are people from each church and church age who cause the destruction, thus it is these messengers unknowingly sounding the trumpets and pouring out the vials.

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¹⁴³ Strong's #G2226

On the other hand, the seals are the conditions of humanity revealed by Yahushua and by the Lamb. The first seal is salvation, through it the other six conditions were manifested and through it these conditions can be overcome.

The first condition that plagues mankind is lack of peace and the prevalence of murder - this is the second seal. The second is greed and consumption – this is the third seal. The forth condition of humanity is hunger and death. The fifth condition that plagues humanity is persecution and the necessity for justice. The sixth is natural disaster. When we began to see the plagues of natural disaster, the trumpets had already began sounding. The goal is for the condition of humanity to be salvation. Thus, Salvation, God, and the Lamb are the beginning and the ending or the first and the last.

Israel's Response to the Truth

The message of God's chosen people should never be one of hate, but of love. Yah has plans for those who hated and persecuted us, but He also has plans for those who have loved, helped, and defended us. This is His covenant with the gentile that if they bless us, He will bless them and if they harm us, He will harm them. We need not speak a message of hate, because Yah has ordained and appointed to us an army. He says, "Be ye not defiled." We have our position and others have their roles.

Our responsibility is to remain pure and set apart, share the truth, and lead our people by the power of Yah, that we might take our place in the kingdom. We will also lead gentiles at a later time, but for now our priority must be to educate our own brothers and sisters. Until Israel are all aware of their identity we have not done our part in the least. Individually, we lack the power to produce this miraculous change our Father is orchestrating, but when we come together Yah will manifest himself fully.

We are our brothers' keepers. It's not enough to save ourselves and sit back and wait. We must actively engage in this awakening of blacks scattered throughout the world and gentiles who are ready and willing. We can't force them, but we can plant seeds of truth, that Yah will grow in His own time.

Finally, don't get on a power trip. If we are on the same power trip that Yah will cast into the lake of fire, are we worthy of His kingdom? We are only to do what he instructs us to do and let Yah be Yah, taking care of the rest.

Last Words

So, I leave you with this... Love and educate your brothers and sisters as Yahushua has done for us. Do not judge, do not lie, do not steal, do not envy, do not kill, do not worship idols or false gods, keep the Sabbath holy, honor your mother and father, and do not use Yah's name in vain. Live holy, honestly, and prosperously in all areas of your life, seeking not material wealth, but the truth of the Most High who is Your Provider, Your God, and Your Father.

If we live solely for His purpose, He will bless us with more than we can imagine, but let those blessings remain the result and never the goal of our lives. Yahushua teaches us that we are to glorify Yah and Yah alone and in turn He will glorify us. Keep this in your heart always.

I pray supernatural spiritual healing and awakening over you.

Father let your words be true and everything else be a lie. Let Your Word be made perfect by Your Spirit.

I love you Israel!

Sincerely, Reverend Deshina Buck

REVELATIONS DICTIONARY

Throughout this book, Revelations is interpreted based on divine instruction and the prophetic meanings of symbolic terms and expressions. The symbolic meanings come mostly from within Revelations; however, a few terms were not defined in Revelations and have been collected from other Biblical scripture and the original and applicable meanings of terms and phases as used throughout scripture. Some names, uncommon terms, and commonly misconstrued terms are also defined.

In the first chapter, we simply had to understand the original message of the bible and the underlying message of the scriptures using Strong's bible dictionary. The Strong's numbers are included for reference where applicable.

In all other chapters understanding Revelations employed symbolism used to describe literal events that has happened, is happening, and will happen.

Most often the definition of a symbolic term will be defined or explained within the text; however, this dictionary is provided for your convenience.

Symbolic Terms	Meaning & Usage
144,000	Have Father's name written in foreheads. (Revelations 14:1)
24 Elders	Elders represents the earliest generations of Yah's people and prophets.(Revelations 4:2- $4-24$)
Alpha and Omega	In Paleo-Hebrew, this is the Aleph and the Tav, which means the power and the mark.
angels	Messenger or representative (H4397) (G32) Israel as earthly representatives of Yah (Revelations 5:11)
altar	Saved non-Israelite people in the heavenly realm, on whom the sacrifice rests or for whom the last sacrifice is required. Revelations 11:1-2 explains that the altar, which is in the outer courts are to be left to the gentiles, because they will trample the holy city (New Jerusalem) for 42 months. Revelations 9:13 reveals that four churches [horns] belong to this altar. Evidence suggests that these four gentile churches are likely Ephesus, Pergamos, Thyatira, and Sardis. Pergamos and Sardis are undoubtedly of this group, and Smyrna and Philadelphia are most certainly not of the gentile group. Thyatira is technically not of the gentile nations as they are descendants of Abraham and gentiles were originally, descendants of Japheth. Ephesus is promised to eat from the tree of life, which is a gift reserved for gentiles, however, this can also be a group of Israelites who came prior to the resurrection, thus prior to the kingdom as Yahushua suggested regarding John the Baptist in Matthew 11:11. Additionally, Laodicea is promised a seat on the throne, which is reserved for the children of Israel. Ultimately, there is one other Israelite church that I have not yet identified with certainty. Evidence in Revelations and the Gospels points to the last church, Laodicea, as being the third Israelite church and member of the temple.

Balaam	Not of the people (H1109)		
Balac	A devastator or spoiler (H1111) (G904)		
beast	living being (G2226)		
behold	Pay attention and keep or remember this		
blasphemy	Slanderous speech, lies, or evil speaking toward another (G988) In Paleo-Hebrew, this means to fill the palms or the work of another		
blessed			
book of life	¹ The roll of individuals who will have eternal life through God and be in his presence ² The census of non-Israelites who blessed Israel or whose lives intersect with Israel's in a positive way ³ Book containing the census and life of saved nations		
brother/brethren	¹ A person of the same family. John was a brother to those the letters were intended to reach, the servants of Yah. (Revelations 1:9) ² The fellow servants and brethren would be killed as those from the fifth seal were. (Revelations 6:11) ³ Salvation, strength, the kingdom of Yahuwah, and the power of the Messiah comes when the accuser of the brethren of those in heaven was cast down. (Revelations 12:10) ⁴ The messenger telling the prophecy was a fellow servant and brother of those who had the spirit of prophecy. Which is the testimony of Yahushua. (Revelations 19:10) ⁵ The messenger is revealed as the representative of Yahuwah and Yahushua and is a fellow servant and brother of the prophets and all three are coming quickly. (Revelations 22:6-16)		
candlestick	One of the seven churches		
cloud	A covering. Coming in a cloud indicated that one may not appear as commonly expected.		
crown	Of or related to royal status or leadership		
David	King David, ancestor of Christ and member of the tribe of Judah		
devil	Accuser, slanderous, accusing falsely (G1228)		
doctrine	A teaching, ideology, or methodology		
Ephesus	¹ Permitted ² The first of the seven churches		
eye	Spirit (Revelations 5:6)		
Father's name in their forehead	The identity of Yahuwah in the minds of all of Israel [the Lamb, the 144,000, and Mount Zion] received just prior to the whole world receiving the mark of the beast. (Revelations 14:1, 14:9)		
fire and brimstone	Related to major war or other catastrophic events involving fire		

flames of fire and fire	Related to scattered or "minor" war or destruction
forehead	The space between the eyes, i.e. the mind (G3359)
fornication	Entertaining false gods and/or idols. i.e. cheating on God
four beasts	Represents certain generations of Israelites
garment	Related to sin and salvation, i.e. what one is clothed in or covered by.
gentiles/nations	¹ People other than Israel. Perhaps they are called the nations, because historically Israel does not have a "nation", but have been scattered, are therefore not included in these statements. Only those who are nations can be deemed a nation. ² Same as "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues", "many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings", and "people and kindreds and tongues and nations", etc.
God/Yahuwah/Yah	¹ King of saints (Revelations) ³ <u>Alpha and Omega</u> , the <u>beginning and the ending</u> , saith <u>the Lord</u> Yah <u>which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty</u> (Revelations 1:8)
grapes/vine of the earth	That which is not good in sight of God. (Revelations 14:18-20)
great tribulation	The pouring out of the seven vials, which is what we call the "last days"
guile	Deceitfulness or craftiness (G1388)
harpers	¹ The four beasts (Revelations 5:8) ² Zion, the Lamb, and the 144,000 (Revelations 14:2) ³ All who are saved (Revelations 15:2) ³ Everyone receives harps of Yah as they when the victory; however, they don't all have the harps at the same time.
hell	The place where the dead goes (G86)
horns	Kings or leaders without kingdoms (Revelations 17:12) (Daniel 8:20)
hour of temptation	Hour of trial, tribulation, or testing
idols	Things, people, places, or ideas with no Spiritual value.
in the midst of	Within or among
Jew	A group of individuals who typically practice a form of Judaism based on a commentary of the Torah (Old Testament scripture) called the Talmud. The Talmud often teaches the opposite of every principle in biblical scripture. These are different from the children of Israel or the tribe of Juda/Judah; however, most falsely claim to be descendants of the children of Israel - either due to generations of false indoctrination and ignorance or malicious intent.

Jezebel	¹ False prophet or teacher ² Baal exalts, Baal is husband to, or unchaste (H348) ³ Chaste (G2403)
keys	Denotes power over something or power to reveal something
lamb	¹ God's sacrifice or sacrificial spirit and those who bear the sacrificial spirit. ² Referencing God himself, Yahushua, and/or the manifestation of the sacrificial spirit through the children of Israel [two witnesses]. When their work [sacrifice] is done they become one with the Lamb, i.e. His bride or wife. (Revelations 4 through 7) ³ Those with the Lamb has the name of their Father in their foreheads. (Revelations 14:1)
Laodicea	1 Justice of people ² The seventh church of the seven churches
lion of the tribe of Judah	Someone from the tribe if Judah, the whole tribe of Judah, Yahushua, or a combination of these character.
little book	Prophecy and its manifestation (Revelations 10:2, 10:8-10, 15:1)
manna	Heavenly or spiritual nourishment
mark of the beast	Characteristics of the first and second beasts that exists in one's mind or works i.e. forehead or hand. (Revelations 13)
morning star	Yahushua the Messiah [Jesus Christ] as Salvation
Mount Sion	¹ Mount Zion ² The children of Israel ³ Have the name of the Father in his forehead. (Revelations 14:1)
name of the beast	This is a shared identity with the beast and are those who are collectively the beasts.
New Jerusalem	¹ The bride of the Lamb (Revelations 21:9) ² The wife of the Lamb (Revelations 21:9) ³ Identity given to Philadelphia (Revelations 3:12) ³ Descends from God (Revelations 3:12, 21:2, 21:10) ³ The tabernacle of Yah (Revelations 21:3) ⁴ The twelve tribes of Israel (Revelations 21) ⁵ The light of the save gentiles [nations] whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life (Revelations 21:24-27)
Nicolaitans	Destruction of people (G3531)
number of the beast/the number of a man	¹ 666 (Revelations 13:18) ² The number of the beast is the number of humanity and the beasts are humanity. ³ It is humanities inability to be more than human or to overcome human nature. ³ It is the failure of some of humanity to elevate in spiritual maturity through the sixth seal, sixth trumpet, and sixth vial. In other words, when the seventh seal is opened, they remain evil, when the seventh trumpet sounds, they remain evil, and when the seventh vial is poured they remain evil, because the sixth of each has had no effect on their spiritual development - they do not repent to stop doing evil.
Pergamos	¹ Elevated ² The third of the seven churches

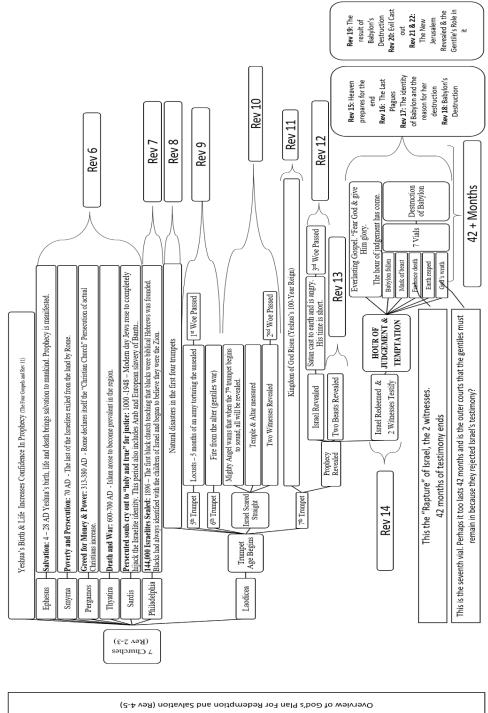
Philadelphia	Brotherly love (G5359)
pillar	Unmovable support
raiment	¹ A garment (literal) ² Salvation
reaped	The good harvest is taken in (Revelations 14:16)
red	Related to sin or death
repent/repentance	To stop doing or undo something you have done - accompanies sincere regret (Revelations 2:5)
right hand	Related to authority
rod of iron	Related to harshness
root of David	Yahushua (Revelations 22:16)
sacrifice	¹ Preparation of something (i.e. Food) in honor of something or someone ² A work devoted to something or someone
saints	¹ Those whose prayers are God's wrath in the seven vials (Revelations 5:8, 8:3, 8:4) ² Those whom the chapter 13 beast make war with. (Revelations 13:7) ³ Those that keep the commandments of Yah and faith of Yahushua (Revelations 14:12) ³ The remnant of Israel (Revelations 12:17) ⁴ Their blood was found in Babylon (Revelations 17:6) ⁵ Their righteousness covers holy Jerusalem, the wife of the Lamb (Revelations 19:8)
Sardis	¹ Red ones ² The fifth church of the seven churches
Satan	1 Adversary (literal) 2 The prince of evil spirits, the inveterate adversary of Yah and Yahushua (G4567)
servants	¹ Those devoted to another to the disregard of their own interests (G1401) (H565) ² Those sealed in their foreheads (Rev 7:3) ³ The prophets (Rev 10:7 & 11:18) ⁴ Those killed by Babylon (Rev 19:2) ⁵ Those upon which a curse was placed but will be lifted and the throne of God and the Lamb will be in them and they will serve Yahuwah (Rev 22:3) ⁶ The holy prophets to him the Revelation of John would be revealed. (Rev 22:6) ⁷ These all describe the Children of Israel
seven	¹ The number seven is the number of completeness. ² It signifies the end of one thing and the beginning of something new.
seven angels	Seven representatives of God are those of the seven churches. i.e. mankind
seven burning lamps of fire	Seven churches with the seven Spirits of God

seven churches	¹ The world divided into seven distinct groups based on similarities in judgment. ² Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea			
seven golden candlesticks	The portions of the seven churches who overcome by Yahushua (Revelations 1:20)			
seven spirits	¹ Seven spirits of God first given to Yahushua than to all mankind through his death and resurrections. They are the spirits of correction, by which we all have the opportunity to overcome the adversary. (Revelations 5:6) ² These spirits were also given to the churches to be used to overcome sin and serve the kingdom and the spirits by which every person will ultimately be judged. ³ These are the Spirit of the Yahuwah, spirit of wisdom, spirit of understanding, spirit of counsel, spirit of might, spirit of knowledge and fear of Yahuwah. (Isaiah 11:2)			
seven spirits of God	See seven spirits			
sickle	Pruning tool (G1407)			
slain by the sword	¹ To overcome death and sin by the word of God ² To kill or be killed when used literally			
Smyrna	¹ Myrrh (used for embalming fluid and expensive perfume in biblical times) ² The second church of the seven churches.			
son of man	Children of a human, humanity (G444)			
Song	A message telling of an event (Revelations 5:9)			
spirit	A spirit is literally the breath of a person. It is also their essence – what makes them who they are or their inner character. Often the word angel is used to mean spirit but refers to the heavenly representation of a person. In Revelations, every human that belongs to God also has his own angel, messenger, or spirit, which is his or her perfected or heavenly self - The part of them that has existed in the mind of God since the beginning of time. Yahushua was the human representative God's spirit. Those who belong to God are also His human representatives in the since that we are a part of Him in the heavenly realm. To overcome is to also become a part of Him in the earthly realm. Evil spirits also have human representatives.			
Stars	Angels, messengers, and representatives (Revelations 1:20)			
Stone	Represents permanency			
strength	Power, status, or amount of manpower			
tabernacle	House or family of Yah (Revelations 13:6, 15:5, 21:3) (G4633)			
temple	The Lamb (Yah's sacrifices; Yahushua and two witnesses. When their work [sacrifice] is done, they become the Lamb and Yah (Revelations 21:22) (Revelations 4-7)			

testimony of Yahushua	The Spirit of prophecy (Revelations 19:10)			
Thyatira	¹ Odor of affliction ² The fourth church of the seven churches.			
trumpet	Warning and alarm			
twelve	The number twelve always relate to the 12 tribes of Israel in Revelations			
two edged sword	The Word of God, which is also the Spirit of God			
vials	The prayers of the saints. We call this God's wrath, which is a buildup of the prayers of the saints manifesting itself as God's wrath, which is the seven last plagues or vials (Revelations 5:8, 15:7, 16:1)			
waters, seas	Typically refer to lots of people, especially a diverse group of people. i.e. every kindred, nation, and tongue (Revelations 17:15)			
white	Salvation			
woe	Warning or sign of the times			
woman	¹ A great city (Revelations 17:18) ² In chapter 17 the whore, Babylon, that sits on the beast and on many waters [people] is a great city In chapter 12 the woman is Israel, who is also referred to as a great city, holy Jerusalem (Revelations 21:10)			
Word of God	The testimony of Yahushua the Messiah, which is the Spirit of prophecy, manifested in the prophets (Israel) with Thyatira as its army (Revelations 1:9, 6:9, 19:10-13)			
worship	¹ To fall down before [and glorify] (Revelations 4:10) ² Kiss the hand toward, kneeling before (G4352) Bow down to (H7812)			
Yahushua/ Jesus	¹ The faithful witness, <u>first</u> begotten of the dead, prince of kings on earth, loves us, washes us from sin in his own blood (Revelations 1:5) ² Root and the offspring of David, bright and morning star (Revelations 22:16) ³ The messenger standing on the sea and the earth. (Revelations 10) ⁴ Have the name of the Father in his forehead. (Revelations 14:1)			

TABLES & ILLUSTRATIONS

Table 1: Revelations & Prophecy Structure



Characters & Roles (Rev 1)

Overview of God's Plan For Redemption and Salvation (Rev 4-5)

Table 3: Messages About The Seven Churches

Church	Purpose	Kingdom/Nation Characteristics	Kingdom Attributes	Instruction
Ephesus	~ Messengers of Yahushua given authority	Walk in the midst of the seven churches (Scattered like the Levitical priests or elders)	- Cannot bear evil - Test false leaders and prove them liars - Works for the sake of Yahushua without quitting - Forgot about working for Yah and the love of the people - Hates those who cause destruction to the people	Repent or be removed as a member of the body of Yahushua
Smyrna	The first and the last ~ A testament and sacrifice	Was dead but is alive	- Tribulation - Physical Poverty - Spiritual wealth - Israelites - Imprisoned	- Do not fear - Be faithful -Receive a crown of life
Pergamos	Sharp two-edged Sword ~ To Spread the word	Originates from the area where Satan's seat is	- Proclaim the truth of Yahushua and his identity as the Son of God - Were present in Jerusalem during the time of crucifixion of Yahushua and persecution of his early followers - Cursed (enslaved or persecuted) Israel - Teach Israel to worship, celebrate, and serve false idols - Bring destruction to people	Repent or be overtaken by Yahushua's Word Overcome and receive the bread of life, stone of salvation, and a new identity.
Thyatira	Eye's like fire ~To make war	Feet as brass of Lebanon Nation of Middle Eastern origin that is afflicted by war related to their worship of a false prophet	- Brotherly love - Service - Faith - Patience - Current works, greater than the first works These are descendants of	Repent or die Those who have not known the depths of Satan must hold on to what they have until the end. Those who overcome will have power over the Gentiles to rule them harshly until they are given Yahushua.

			Abraham, but not of Israel.	
Sardis	Seven Spirits of God ~ Are judges and will be judged	Has seven messengers of their own, which will also be their judge	- Their works are evil - The have taken someone's identity - They lost their own identity - They are mostly evil - They are self- righteous like the Pharisees and scribes - They learned what they know from the people they harm and used it for their personal gain - They are nearly devoid of any good	- If they do not wake up and repent, Yahushua will come upon them like a thief - Those who have not done these things are found worthy to walk with Yahushua - Those that repent, their name will remain in the book of life and he will confess their names before the Father and the messengers.
Philadelphia	Holy, True, Key of David To be separate, Give the Truth, Witness the power of Yah, Unite the people	- Open doors that no man can shut - Close doors that no man can open - Has little strength, are a small group of Israelites	- Their works are good and selfless - They protect Yahushua's word - They do not deny his identity - They keep the message of his endurance - Their identity was stolen by the synagogue of Satan, who call themselves Jews.	- They have God-power and authority - Satan's people will worship at their feet - Yahushua loves them - They will not suffer through the great tribulation - Let no man take their crown. They will be made pillars of the being of God and will never be separated from him again - They will receive the identity of God, the identity of the New Jerusalem that comes from God, and the new identity of Yahushua.
Laodicea	Justice for the People ~ A period of redemption for non-believers	A people who do not seriously consider God, because they can only accept what is physical	- No regard for the truth of God - Will be rejected by Yahushua - Have material wealth and lack of need	- Will be rejected by Yahushua to suffer in the tribulation that they may repent Yahushua loves them

		- Poor in spirit	- Will be accepted by him if
		- Are children of the	they open the door and let him
		Father	in.
			- Those who overcome will sit
			with him on the throne

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