

THE BOOK OF THE REVELATION
And
THE 70th WEEK OF DANIEL
An interpretive summary

Introduction

The Law of Moses was written for the establishment of a nation, to guide and direct the children of Israel in both obedience and holiness. It held a profound message that could either bless or curse a nation, words that are as sweet as honey, yet bitter in the belly of the disobedient. The Law was kept on the Ark of the Covenant, and read every seven years from the temple mount, to the residents and leaders of Jerusalem, and the elders of the nation. Today, the Law appears as a “*little book*” that lays open in the right hand of the Lord, which contains judgments that are soon to befall the inhabitants of the earth. This is a summary of those judgments, along with the only means of escape we have from the destruction to come.

The Divine Order of God

The divine order of God, as it is written, “***to the Jew first***” is an indispensable truth that few understand and many deny, but it is the beating heart of the Revelation.

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; ***to the Jew first***, and also to the Greek.”* Romans 1:16

*“Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, ***of the Jew first***, and also of the Gentile;”* Romans 2:9

*“But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, ***to the Jew first***, and also to the Gentile;”* Romans 2:10

Chapters 1-22

The Revelation contains a massive prophecy that extends from the 1st century AD to our present day, and includes such future events as; the Jewish and Islamic war of the Middle East, the resurrection and translation of the Church, the judgment of the Gentile nations, the establishment of a millennial kingdom, and the fulfillment of our eternal home, the New Jerusalem.

Chapter 1: The Book of the Revelation was written by the Apostle John, while imprisoned on the Island of Patmos. The exact date in which it was written is not known, but the message of the book indicates that it was prior to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, and close to that of an earthquake that destroyed the Church of Laodicea in 60 AD.

This chapter directs out attention to a precise group of people to whom the Revelation was first written, as the following quote indicates, “*And has made **us (Hebrews) kings and priest** unto God and his Father;”*

The only time in history that a Gentile was made a king and a priest unto God and his Father, was in the ancient days of Abraham;

“And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.” Genesis 14:18.

Of course, there are other verses throughout the Revelation that can strengthen and support this view, as found in the next two chapters.

Chapter 2 & 3: The Revelation was written to seven Churches in Asia Minor; Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

Included in the Revelation were seven letters to each of the seven Churches, which contained a specific word from the Lord, commanding them to examine and repent of vain and empty works, or suffer some form of judgment, the most extreme being, removal of their Church from his presence. The terminology used in each letter was very select, with words and phrases that a Jewish believer could understand, yet quite foreign and complex for a Gentile, which greatly reinforces the probability of the Revelation being written *“to the Jew first.”* In fact, chapters 4 & 5 address certain subject matter that was taught only in synagogue, but never actually explained by the Apostle Paul to the Gentile Church.

THE RESURRECTION AND TRANSLATION

Many Christians believe that the resurrection and translation takes place between chapters 3 & 4, while others place it in the middle of the book, or closer toward the end.

Actually, this book provides enough information on certain events that occur just prior to the return of the Lord, for the Church, that we can know exactly what to look for, and in a ready state of expectation.

Scripture tells us that only our Heavenly Father knows the day and hour of our Lord’s return, leaving the year, month, and week open to our understanding, which was purposed by God for a very good reason.

While disaster and misfortune can bring us to our knees, it is knowing how close we are to our Lord’s return that can keep us on our knees, and in a state of full preparation and reverent awareness, *“a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle,”* Eph.5:27.

For, if the Lord were to return today, he would find the Church in a miserably ill condition, appearing more like the world, and less like his beautiful prophetic bride of the scriptures.

Just as there are certain passages that show us where the resurrection and translation will occur, there are also a number of places that can show us where it does not occur, as found in the following chapter.

Chapter 4: Heaven is revealed, providing us with a very important observation, the *“sea of glass,”* which is **empty**, as it is reserved for the **144,000**, who are martyred during great tribulation. This bit of information provides us with just enough insight to prove that the resurrection and translation has not yet occurred, since the Lord is not returning a number of times for the Church, but only once.

The **24 elders** described here, are not fully identified until chapter 5. Still, their appearance brings to mind Zechariah 3:1-8, which seems to suggest that they were **priests of Israel**.

The **4 beast**, each having four faces; an ox, an eagle, a man, and a lion, appear to be angelic beings that surround and transport the throne of God.

It is quite likely that each face could symbolize the blessings needed for the establishment of a holy nation; the strength, the spirit, the people, and the leadership of God.

If that is the case, then the removal of just one blessing would be an indication of judgment, while the removal of all four would result in the destruction of a nation. This is exactly what happened to the nation of Judah during the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar, and six centuries later, by the command of Nero, Emperor of Rome.

The first four seals of the seven sealed scroll seems to allude to this theory, making it very probable.

Chapter 5: The seven sealed **scroll** is the **Law of Moses**, which is explained in the Book of Deuteronomy as a covenant that had the power to either bless or curse a nation, *“to the Jew first” and also to the Gentile*, and was contingent upon Israel’s obedience to those things written within the Law.

Jesus, the Messiah, is the only one found worthy to receive and open the seals of the scroll, with all power and authority, and to execute the judgments that are associated with each seal.

The **24 elders**, who are redeemed men from every kindred, meaning the **tribes of Jacob**, sing a new song of **redemption**, which speaks of their purchased price that was paid for by the blood of Christ, their Redeemer.

They also sing the **Song of Moses**, **Deut.32**, which is only to be sung by **the children of Israel**, when the Law of Moses has been broken, and judgment has come upon them, as commanded by God, **Deut.31:19**.

BROKEN COVENANT

When a tenant resides upon the land that is owned by another, they must enter into an agreement that requires them to adhere to the guidelines and rules set forth by the Landlord.

When those rules are broken, warnings and penalties are given. And, when a tenant becomes completely uncooperative a notice of eviction is enforced.

This was the circumstance that brought about the dispersion of a nation, which occurred not once in history, but twice.

The Landlord is the Lord Jesus Christ, the land is the nation of Judah, the residents are the Jewish people, and the agreement is a covenant called, the Law of Moses.

The Law of Moses is the seven sealed scroll that contains the rules by which all Jewish residents of Israel must abide by, or suffer the penalties written within the covenant.

These penalties are curses that are brought forth by the Angelic Arm of the Lord, represented in both the Old and New Testament as horses of various colors.

The rider or riders are represented by the Gentile, who executes the will of the Lord, fulfilling the terms of the covenant, which is, ***“to the Jew first.”***

THE SEALS

As I stated earlier, the **four beasts** that surround and transport the throne of God symbolize blessings that are needful for the establishment, protection, and guidance of a holy nation, which is explained by each of their **four faces**; the **ox** as the strength of God that protects a nation, the **eagle** as the spirit of God that guides the nation, the **man** as the people of God that inhabitant the nation, and the face of a **lion** as the leadership of God that rules the nation.

Just as **each beast** spiritually symbolizes those things needed in the establishment of a holy nation, they might also represent various judgments that might befall a rebellious and disobedient nation.

This is understood as each of the first four seals are opened by the Lamb, at which time a **beast** says, “Come and see” followed by the appearance of a horse. The color of the horse identifies the judgment that is about to take place, as the blessing of each beast is slowly removed, until the nation is completely without the presence of God, and no longer exists.

THE HORSES

Chapter 6: First seal-The White horse represents righteousness, therefore, **the rider** must be Christ, who in righteousness carries a bow, is given a crown, and goes forth conquering and to conquer, ***“to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”***

The bow, which is already in his possession, is defined in Zechariah 9:13, as the nation of Judah, and in this case, the Jewish believer.

The crown represents the victory of Christ over death and hell, while the task of **conquering and to conquer** is done by those indwelt with the Holy Spirit.

The beast, with the face of a lion, symbolizes the removal of godly leadership from the nation of Judah, who is Christ, the King of Judah. There is no question about his title, as declared 564 years earlier, in Zechariah 9:9.

Second seal-The Red horse represents the onset of war, by a Gentile nation. The rider is Nero, who sent Vespasian to the land of Judea and the city of Jerusalem, to put an end to riots and rebellion.

The beast, with the face of an ox, symbolizes the removal of the nation’s strength, which is their inability to withstand an attack of the enemy.

Third seal-The Black horse represents captivity, as the nation of Judah is weighted in the balances of God, with their worth determined by their representation of a particular grain or liquid; the wheat symbolizing the saved, the barley being the unsaved, while the oil and wine symbolize the Apostles and prophets of God.

The rider has a dual identity, Vespasian and Titus, who are both responsible for the captivity of Jerusalem, the nation of Judah, and the land of Israel.

The beast with the face of a man symbolizes the children of Israel being removed from the land.

Fourth seal-The Pale horse represents the unsaved Jewish person that is appointed for death and hell, who still remain in ¼ of the land of Judea, and in various strong holds, such as, Herodium.

The beast with the face of an eagle symbolizes the absolute and complete removal of God's guidance from the nation and land of Israel.

Fifth seal-We are given a view of the martyred Jewish saints, who are under the altar in heaven, as they wait a little season, for their fellow servants & brethren to be martyred as they were.

It is important to remember that the seals are exclusively meant for the saved and unsaved Jewish populace of Judah and the land of Israel, which is why this seal refers only to the Jewish martyrs of Christ.

Sixth seal- This seal deals with the Jewish people who have escaped captivity and death, and remain hiding throughout ¾ of Israel; Samaria, Galilee, and Idumea, in strongholds, such as, Masada and Macherus, (70-73AD).

The following verse describes **the conclusion of judgment** on the land of Israel, and the end of Judah, as a nation. It also expresses the shaking of the Gentile nations, who have heard the report and are moved by the great judgment and destruction that came upon the children of Israel.

“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.”

A Gap of Time- Between chapters 6 & 7 there is a gap of 1,875 years, the number of years that the Jewish people lived without a nation, **73-1948 AD**.

Chapter 7: In 1948 the children of Israel reclaimed their land, and for the next 63 years they live under the supernatural protection of God, as the angels of the LORD held back the neighboring nations from invading and/or destroying Jewish Israel, which will only last **until** the **144,000** are sealed with the Holy Spirit, and begin their ministry.

THE OPEN SCROLL

Chapter 8: The Seventh seal-January 18, 1991, Iraq, the land of ancient Babylon, attacks Israel for the first time in 2,578 years, which was an indication of prophetic judgment **coming** into alignment with the end time.

It was very close to that same time that the last seal was opened, followed by about a half hour of silence in heaven, or about 20.9 years on earth, as the **144,000** are conceived, mature, and sealed, which would place them close to maturity around September-October 2012.

There is an uncertain length of time that passes between the day they are sealed, and the start of their ministry.

They are described as young Jewish men, virgins, faithful servants of God, who come out of great tribulation, having suffered hunger and thirst, along with extremely hot weather that prevails throughout their time of ministry.

The following events take place in chronological order, after the seventh seal has been opened; the sealing of the 144,000, the signing of a seven year treaty, and the construction of a third Jewish temple.

The number of years that pass between the last seal being opened, and the construction of the temple remain undetermined.

“HE SHALL CONFIRM THE COVENANT”

Daniel 9:27

*“And he shall **confirm** the covenant with many for one week:”*

Notice the phrase *“he shall confirm”* which refers to the false prophet agreeing to a covenant that was established and signed prior to his office of leadership.

The false prophet will confirm the covenant between the construction of a third temple, and the onset of the first trumpet.

TRUMPETS

When Israel became a nation and sought to live by the Law, as well as to reap the blessings that are in the Law, they also became subject to the judgments of the Law.

However, the Law cannot be completely observed until a temple is built, at which time a priest will read the Law of Moses to the leaders of Israel and residents of Jerusalem, from the temple mount.

As the Law is received, the nation of Israel agrees with all things written within the covenant.

Unfortunately, the Law without Christ, who is the last commandment and fulfillment of the Law, will also call forth the judgments within the Law, if the nation of Israel fails to acknowledge him as their, true Lamb of God, Redeemer, and High Priest.

The trumpets are judgments that fall upon the nation of Israel, as they proceed in temple worship, without knowledge of the one who is the beginning and end of the Law, their Messiah and High Priest, Jesus Christ.

“And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; 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 God out of the angel’s hand.

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 thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake.” Rev.8:2-5

“Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;” Romans 2:9

First Trumpet- Jewish areas of Israel are attacked by Islamic forces, while the **144,000** begin to sing the song of Moses, declaring a time of judgment upon the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem.

Second Trumpet-Jewish ships in a third part of the Red sea are attacked by Islamic forces, and destroyed.

Third Trumpet-The rivers and fountains of Israel, which provide water to **Jewish regions** are attacked at night, and poisoned.

Fourth Trumpet-All of Israel is under a full Islamic attack from **2:00 pm to 10:00 pm**.

“MIDST OF THE WEEK”

Daniel 9:27

“and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,”

Three and a half years after the treaty is signed, the false prophet will bring an end to temple worship, as Arab Islamic forces take control of the temple mount, and position the abomination that makes desolate, an event that occurs soon after the 5th trumpet is blown.

Chapter 9: Fifth Trumpet-1ST WOE- Satan, the angel of the bottomless pit, is cast out of heaven to the earth, giving his power and authority to an **Arab Islamic kingdom**.

Arab forces use helicopters to fulfill the judgment of the **5th trumpet**, and for the next 5 months the **144,000** continue to declare the judgment of God upon the Jewish people and the nation of Israel, which is why they are neither hurt nor killed by invading Arab Islamic troops.

However, the **144,000** will eventually begin to preach in opposition of the Arab kingdom, as they warn all who will listen, to not take the mark, name, or number of the kingdom, which will have something to do with the Muslim prophet, Mohammed. This proclamation by the **144,000** will lead to their persecution and eventual death.

Sixth Trumpet-2ND WOE- Arab Islamic tanks are held at the Euphrates River for one year, one day, and one hour. At the end of that time, they move across land, toward Israel, to kill 1/3 of those who remain in opposition to the kingdom. This will be a tremendous show of force, from where the Euphrates flows in northern Syria, and through Iraq.

Chapter 10: The mighty angel is Christ, as he stands upon the sea and the earth, while holding a **little open book**, with writing on the front and back side. This is the **Law of Moses**, a covenant of blessings that tasted like honey in the mouth of John, but made his belly bitter, just as the curses would be to a nation that was soon to face judgment and destruction.

The **front** of the book contains judgments against the defiant **Jewish** populace of Israel, while the judgments on the **backside** are designated for all **Gentile nations** that come against Jewish Israel. This is the divine and unchanging order of God;

*“Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, **of the Jew first**, and also of the Gentile;”* Romans 2:9

Chapter 11: The temple has been built, and the two witnesses prophecy of judgment against both Jew and Gentile, for 3 1/2 years.

The two witnesses are modern day **Messianic** men who represent the law and the prophets, and who are later martyred in the city of Jerusalem, where their bodies lie in the street for 3 1/2 days, after which the resurrection & translation take place.

And, in that same hour, a tenth part of the city falls, the **Jewish sector**, which is struck by a great earthquake that occurs as the feet of the Lord touch the Mount of Olives, splitting it from top to bottom, creating a way of escape for those who remain in Jerusalem. Zech. 14:4

Seventh Trumpet: Christ reigns as King over the kingdoms of the world, giving reward to his servants, prophets, and saints.

During that time, the **wrath of God** begins, as the **3rd WOE** falls upon the remaining Jewish populous of Jerusalem.

Chapter 12: Verses 1-6 take place in the 1st century AD. There is a gap of 1,881 years between **verses 6 & 7**. **Verse 7** starts with the year 1948, and the supernatural hand of God that keeps the nation of Israel safe from invading Islamic forces, until Satan is cast out of heaven, and the **5th trumpet** is blown.

Those in Jerusalem, who understand what is about to happen, flee, and the **1st woe** begins.

The start of verse 7 corresponds with Daniel 12:1, and continues through great tribulation, to the time of the resurrection and translation.

The dragon, in **verse 17**, is the force behind the Arab Islamic kingdom, which makes war with the **144,000**, who are **the remnant of the woman**, Israel.

Chapter 13: The **“seven heads”** on **“the beast out of the sea”** represent kingdoms, past and future, who have been influenced by Satan, in his effort to eliminate the nation of Israel.

The wounded head is the **7th kingdom, Arab Islamic**, whose deadly wound is healed, after a 3 1/2 year struggle to unite the ten nations into one kingdom.

The **“body”** of **“the beast out of the sea”** portrays the character of the kingdom; devours, tears, and moves quickly.

“The beast out of the earth” represents the **false prophet**.

The **“two horns like a lamb”** symbolize both his **political** and **religious** leadership, which he shall exercise over the **Arab Islamic kingdom** for 3 ½ years, during great tribulation. He will also declare that all citizens of the kingdom, who expect to buy or sell, must receive a mark in their forehead or hand, which will result in the hunger, thirst, and death of many.

Chapter 14: The **144,000** begin their ministry in Jerusalem, where they sing a **new song**, one of redemption, along with the **Song of Moses, Deut.31 & 32**, as they travel through the land, preaching the message that is proclaimed by the three angels.

First angel proclaims the gospel.

Second angel announces the fall of Babylon, referring to Jewish Jerusalem.

Third angel warns the populous to neither worship the beast nor his image, which includes taking his mark, in the forehead or the hand. Those who take the mark are fated for eternal judgment in the lake of fire.

Verse 13 speaks of the martyred saints that come out of great tribulation, who are resurrected in v.14. The remaining inhabitants of Israel, along the **Arab Islamic kingdom**, and those of **Gog** and the **Magog nations**, gather outside the devastated city of Jerusalem.

Chapter 15: The saints, who come out of great tribulation, are now in heaven singing the **Song of Moses**, which can only be sung by an exclusive group of **Jewish saints**, the **144,000**, as they make manifest the **wrath of God** upon the unrighteous inhabitants of the earth.

The **Song of the Lamb** is also song by the **144,000**, as they stand upon a **sea of glass mingled with fire**, which is the same sea of glass that appeared empty in chapter 4.

The seven last plagues are seven bowls of judgment that contain the **wrath of God**, which are given out to seven angels that pour the contents of the bowls upon the Arab Islamic kingdom.

“POURED UPON THE DESOLATE”

Daniel 9:27

“and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

Chapter 16: The **wrath of God** is poured upon the **7th Gentile kingdom**, which consist of ten Arab nations; **Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Qatar.**

The LORD will use **Gog**, identified as **Turkey**, along with the **Magog nations; Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, and Libya**, to fulfill the judgments contained within the **seven vials**. These are the same judgments that appear written on the backside of the **little book**, The Law of Moses.

1st vial-**Magog** forces attack the **Arab Islamic kingdom**, with what appears to be a chemical weapon.

2nd vial-The term **“sea”** probably refers to the Persian Gulf, as war breaks out between the two fighting Islamic factions, the **Arab Kingdom** and a **Magog nation**, most likely, **Iran**.

3rd vial-The rivers and fresh water supplies of **Iraq** are attacked.

4th vial-The judgment that appears here may be a Thermal weapon used by the **Magog nations**, upon the **Arab kingdom**.

5th vial-The oil fields of **Iraq** are destroyed, and taken over by **Magog** forces;

6th vial-The Euphrates River is dried up, at the source, by **Gog**, which is the nation of **Turkey**, as invading military tanks of the **Magog forces** move across the **Arab kingdom**, toward Israel.

The worse time in the history of Israel and the Middle East is about to occur, the time of the **7th vial**.

The final battle is between the **Magog nations**, the **Arab Islamic kingdom**, and the **whole world**, as they engage in battle over the land of Israel, which brings with it a great hail of bombs, one or more being nuclear.

And, during that time, the LORD comes as a **thief**, to weed out of his kingdom the unbelieving Jew and Gentile.

Chapter 17: Mystery, Babylon the Great, identified in v.18 as a **city**, is eventually proven to be, Jerusalem.

The name **Babylon** means confusion, as it becomes a place of mutual religious duality, with two buildings of worship positioned next to each other, Jewish and Islamic.

“The beast in the wilderness” with seven heads, represents **7 Gentile kingdoms**: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and a future **Arab Islamic kingdom**.

The beast that **“was”** included three past kingdoms; **Babylon, Persia, and Greece**.

The beast that **“is not”** refers to the Roman kingdom that existed during the 1st century AD, when John wrote the Revelation, which will have no part in the end time beast that *ascends out of the bottomless pit*.

The beast that shall **“ascend out of the bottomless pit”** will be **Arab Islamic**.

The beast that **“was, is not, yet is”** is a reference to its existence in the past, but not during writing of the Revelation, with the phrase **“yet is”** attributed to the **7th head** of the beast, which remains future.

There is a **specific criterion** that a king and his kingdom must fulfill to be part of the beast that **was**; in that he must rule and/or conquer Jerusalem, Egypt, and the ancient land of Babylon, during the existence of a Jewish nation. This task was never accomplished by Nero, nor any 1st century Caesar.

The kings that did fulfill this criterion are identified in the Book of Daniel as; Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Cyrus of Persia, and Alexander the Great of Greece.

The phrase **“yet is”** refers to the **7th head** of the beast that appears in the written description given by John in the 1st century, but remained future, an Arab Islamic kingdom, which will come to rule the land of ancient Babylon, overthrow the nation of Egypt, and conquer the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. This is fulfilled by the false prophet, king over the **beast** that shall **“ascends out of the bottomless pit.”**

The **ten horns** are **ten Arab kings**, whose nations form the **7th head** of the beast, which will be an **Arab Islamic kingdom; Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Qatar**.

Chapter 18: The mighty angel that lights up the earth with his glory, is this Christ?

Babylon the Great, the city of Jerusalem, has fallen to **Arab Islamic** forces, *“and has become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.”* Jerusalem becomes the new Arab capital of the Middle East, which will suffer a **double judgment**, **“to the Jew first”** then also to the **“Gentile.”**

Jerusalem is destroyed by the last of two judgments, as the city is seen burning by those at sea.

Chapter 19: Babylon the Great, the city of Jerusalem, has been destroyed, and the marriage of the Lamb has come.

Christ and the armies of heaven fight the spiritual battle of Armageddon, while the physical battle is fought between; the forces of the **Arab kingdom**, the armies of **Gog** and **Magog**, and the non Islamic forces of **Europe** and the **world**.

The **armies of the world** will most likely be composed of jet fighters, with **Jewish lineage**, who go forth declaring their right to reclaim **Israel**.

“Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

*When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against **(above)** thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man.*

And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

*And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.” **Zech.9:12-16***

As the battle over the land of Israel comes to an end, the false prophet, and those who took the mark of his kingdom are cast alive into the **lake of fire**.

The **remaining forces**, **Gog** and the **Magog nations**, who were never a part of the Arab Islamic kingdom, and who never took the mark of the kingdom, are slain, and held over in hell until the time of the second resurrection, the final judgment.

Chapter 20: Satan is bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years.

The nations are no longer deceived, and **peace reigns on the earth**.

The **144,000**, who were beheaded during great tribulation, become priests of God and Christ, to reign with Christ for a thousand years.

At the end of a thousand years, Satan is loosed to deceive **Gog** and the **Magog nations**, to bring them against the kingdom of God, as they surround the saints and holy Jerusalem, at which time; fire comes down from God, and devours them. This will be a **supernatural act of judgment** that is executed by the hand of God, as there is no self defense for a nation that has not practiced war or forged weapons for a thousand years.

Satan is finally, once and for all time, cast into **the lake of fire**.

The white throne of judgment takes place, the books are opened, and the dead are judged. Thus, anyone found not written in the book of life, are cast into the **lake of fire**, along with death and hell.

Chapter 21: John is shown the New Jerusalem as it descends from heaven; an event that occurs after the millennial kingdom comes to an end.

The New Jerusalem is strictly of Jewish construction; twelve gates named after the twelve tribes of Israel, and twelve foundations that are named after the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

The measurements of the New Jerusalem will reach **far beyond** its current borders, as the height and the length will be **1500 miles square**.

Only those written in the Lamb's book of life will walk in the light of that city.

Chapter 22: The **water of life** that proceeds from the throne of God and the Lamb, shall water the **tree of life** that grows on either side of the river.

The tree will yield twelve different kinds of fruits, each in its month, while the leaf of the tree is for the healing of the nations.

This may sound somewhat similar to Ezekiel 47:8-12, which addresses the millennial kingdom, however, the Jerusalem of that kingdom measures only **9 miles square**.

The Various Distinctions between Kingdoms

The **Millennial Kingdom** will be a physical kingdom, with a temple, a sea, day and night, birth, marriage, and death. There shall be a time of peace, for a thousand years, and war will no longer be taught, learned, or practiced. **Ezekiel 40-48**.

The **Kingdom of Heaven** has a temple that only exists in heaven; **Revelation 11:19, 14:15, 15:5, 6 & 8, 16:1&17**, and where the New Jerusalem is under construction.

The **New Jerusalem** shall have within its gates, only those written in the Lamb's book of life, along with the tree of life, the river that flows with the water of life, the throne of God and the Lamb, all of which descends from heaven, upon **a new earth**. The city shall not have a temple, as well as; no night, no sorrow, no pain, no death and no need of the sun, for it shall be lit with the brilliance of God and the Lamb. **Revelation 21:22**

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you:” 1 Peter 4:12-14

I pray that you will stand strong and firm in the Word of God, being fruitful in all good works, and a witness to everyone everywhere, of the truth that is found only in Christ our Saviour.