



Overview of Revelation



People for the most part find the book of Revelation to...



Be quite a mystery &



Most people avoid the book all together



This is sad because remember the word "Revelation" actually means...

✓ "an uncovering"

✓ "an unveiling" or

✓ "a disclosure"



It was given to us...



To clear up confusion



To help us understand things better



Not to make things more confusing



It was written for us to understand...

✓ Why certain things have happened and

✓ What the Lord's divine plan is for things to come



The book of Revelation becomes amazingly clear...

...once the obvious key to the book is understood.



And the key is found in **Revelation 1:19** where it says,



Therefore write the things which you have seen,
and the things which are, and the things which
will take place after these things."



This **verse 19...**



Is the key verse that unlocks the door of this great book of prophecy.



We can divide the verse into three parts: PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE!



Let's take a look at **verse 19**, it says...



"...write the things which you have seen" – **PAST TENSE**



The Apostle John does this in **Chapter 1...**



Where he writes about the things that **at that time**
had recently happened to him already.



The next part of **verse 19** says write...



"...the things which are" – **PRESENT TENSE**



Now, **Revelation chapters 2-3** deals with – the present:



This contains...



The letters Christ delivers through the Apostle John...



To the Seven Churches of Asia Minor

- ⚙️ These letters deal with **the present age** that we are currently in...
 - ➡️ Which **started at Pentecost** (when the church was formed)
 - ➡️ And **concludes with the Rapture of the Church**
- ⚙️ The letters were prophetic to those actual churches that received the letters because it told them of what was going to happen to them in **the future !**
- ⚙️ We, the current day church...
 - ➡️ Will see by looking back through history
 - ➡️ That many of these prophecies have already been fulfilled.



BUT...



You must understand that we are still living in the present age that those letters refer too because the church has not been raptured yet.



The final instruction John receives in **verse 19** is to write...



"...the things which will take place after these things" – **FUTURE TENSE**



Revelation **Chapter 4** to end of the book goes on & deals with **the future !**



Ok, so today the focus of our study will be on...



"...the things which will take place after these things"

● **THE FUTURE AGE** found in Revelation Chapters 4+22.



Let's start are study with a Panoramic view of the Tribulation Period.

#1 Panoramic View of the Tribulation Period



The Bible makes it clear throughout **Scripture** that...



There has never in the history of mankind been such a terrible event...
...such as what is coming during the Tribulation.



Jesus Himself said the Tribulation would take place...

...just before His second coming.



In **Matthew 24:29,30** Jesus told His disciples in His **Olivet Discourse** what would happen...



"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:\ and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with great power and great glory."

 The reason the Tribulation will be a holocaust of proportions never seen before is because it combines...



The wrath of God



The fury of Satan &



The evil nature of man running unchecked.

 The Length of the Tribulation will be...



7 years



Divided into 2 periods of...

...3 ^{1/2} years or 1260 days.

 During this time **a miraculous event will occur** where...



The whole Jewish Nation will place their faith in Jesus Christ !

 At first...



144,000 Jews will be converted & begin preaching the gospel.

 Then later...



The whole nation will turn to the Lord.

 So when Christ comes...



All of surviving Israel will be saved



And be watching for their Lord's Return.

 During this time...



Many Jewish believers will be killed for their faith.



Including the 144,000 Jewish witnesses.

 During the Tribulation many Gentiles will be saved as a result of the testimony from the Jewish remnant.



These Gentiles will refuse...



To take on the mark of the Antichrist on their foreheads



Or worship his idol.



These Gentile believers will...



Support the persecuted Jewish witnesses with food & clothing & visit them when sick or cast into prison.



A great number of the Gentile believers will die as martyrs for Christ.

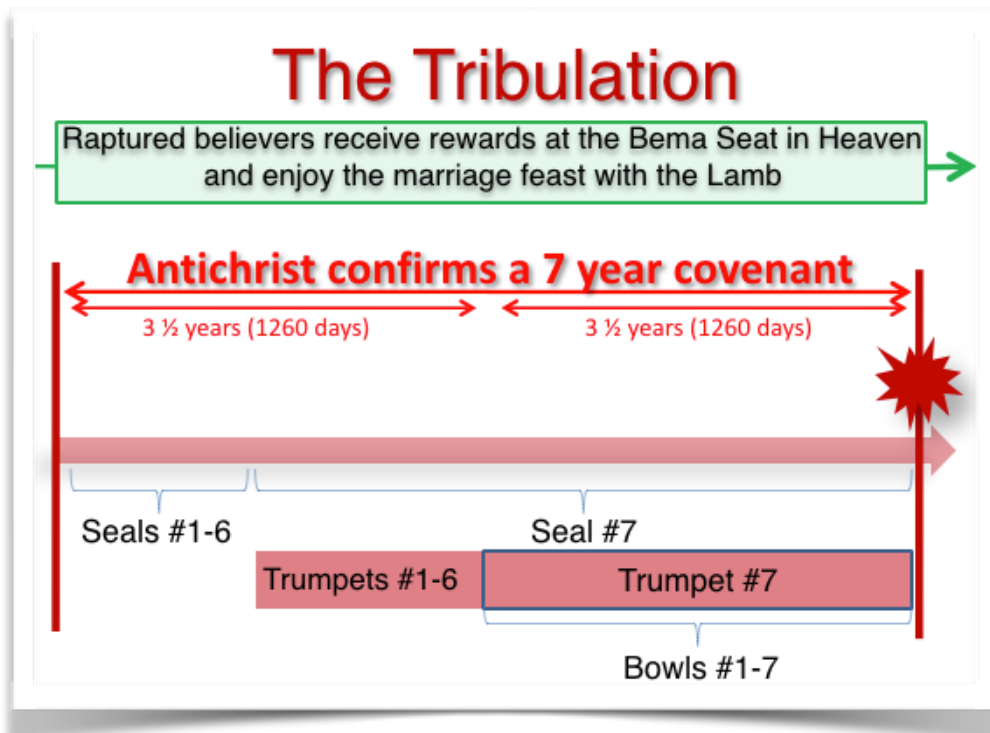


The graphic below shows...



The Panoramic View of the Tribulation along with...

- The 3 Major Judgments...
- And how they are connected with each other.



Judgement #1: The SEAL JUDGMENTS...



They cover the first quarter or about 21 months,



During which the Antichrist comes on the scene &



Conquers the world by diplomacy.



Then when the 7th Seal is broken...



It introduces the **7 Trumpet Judgments**...



Which will cause even greater catastrophes to come to earth.



The 7th Trumpet introduces the **7 Bowl Judgments**...



Which are the severest of all the judgments.



Then the Tribulation Period ends with the Battle of Armageddon.



Ok, so let's take a look at the Seven Seal Judgments.



#2 The Seven Seal Judgments

During the Tribulation, the seal judgments come first (Rev. 6: 8:1)

- i** In the ancient world, seals were used to close up a scroll.
 - ⚙ Hot wax was dipped onto the closed scroll &
 - ⚙ Then the sender's signet ring was pressed into the wax to form a mark.
 - ⚙ This seal assured that the message would not be opened...
...before it reached the individual to who it was sent.

- 🔑 Only Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God...
 - ✓ Is found worthy to open the Seals & commence the judgments of the Tribulation



Seal #1: Peaceful Conquest

Revelation 6:1,2

"Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

- i** On the horse is the **Antichrist...**
 - ⚙ Who comes at the beginning of the Tribulation to conquer.
- i** We read that he is wearing a crown, but...
 - ⚙ The fact that he does not have arrows for his bow...
 - ⚙ Indicates that he will conquer the world's governments by peaceful diplomacy
 - ⚙ Rather than military might



Seal #2: Open War

Revelation 6:3,4

"When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him."



The rider on this horse...



Is given a sword and...



He brings warfare and annihilation to the world.



Essentially what happens here is there is...



Internal strife...



Class-wars...



Civil wars...



The breaking up of all established order.



Where the Antichrist negotiated a false peace through diplomacy...



We see that it does not stand very long &



Men literally attack one another.



Seal #3: Famine

Revelation 6:5,6

When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."



In this **Black Horse Judgment...**



We have a rider that comes with a pair of scales in his hands.



This indicates a severe famine which is often the case following military conflicts.



People today know what it is like to have food sold to them by a measure.

- During World War 1 & World War 2...

➤ Food that was sold was rationed to people.



When the 2nd Seal is broken the wars that result will be so severe that...



People will only be able to buy enough wheat to make a man one meal at the cost of a man's full wage for one day.



If they decide to buy barley they will get enough for three meals for a man full wage for one day.



Oil & wine which is the food that is considered a luxury is not touched.



Seal #4: 1/4 of the World's Population Dies

Revelation 6:7,8

"When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth."

i This is the most severe of the four judgments.

⚙ The rider on the ashen/ pale horse appears

⚙ With power to kill 1/4 of the worlds population.



If the total population of the world was 6 Billion...

! Then this would involve the death of 1^{1/2} Billion people.

i Nobody knows really how this will take place exactly



Seal #5: Martyrs

Revelation 6:9-11

"When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our

blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also."

i By this point in the Tribulation period...

⚙ About 25% of the World's population will have died.

i When the 5th Seal is broken...

⚙ Martyrs of the Tribulation will cry out to God for revenge on those unbelievers who killed them.

i The martyrs are told that the time for vengeance had not come yet...

⚙ But it will come...

⚙ But first more believers were still going to be killed !

i After the rapture...

⚙ Any who turn to Christ will suffer intense persecution.

i The martyrs prayer for vengeance is finally answered in...

📖 Revelation 16:4-7

⚙ During the 3rd Bowl Judgment



Seal #6: Heavenly & Earthly Cataclysm

Revelation 6:12-17

I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

i Six things happen here:

- 1) A Great Earthquake
- 2) The Sun is blacked out
- 3) The Moon becomes like blood
- 4) Stars fall to the Earth
- 5) The Sky tears apart like a scroll
- 6) Every Mountain and Island is moved out of place.

i Men will hide in caves and cry out in fear of the Lord !

⚙️ But even though all of this happens...

🗨️ Man still will not repent and turn to God !

😡 They just get angrier...

🗨️ And rebel against God even more!



Seal #7: Seven Trumpets

Revelation 8:1-6

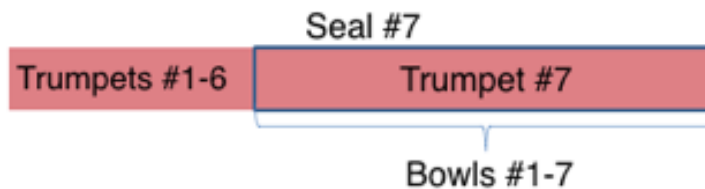
When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might

add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

i The Seventh Seal Judgment...

⚙️ Introduces the next series of seven judgments...

⚙️ Known as the Trumpet Judgments.



- i** A Trumpet was used in the ancient world to...
 - ⚙ Signal a special announcement or the start of a major event.
- i** These trumpet judgments definitely qualify as major events...
 - ⚙ As these each set of judgments get more & more severe.
- i** The judgments are all administered by special angels and all the judgments come directly from heaven to earth...
 - ☯☯ Clearly showing:
 - 👍 That it is God...
 - 👎 Not nature...
 - That is the origin of these afflictions.

#3 The Seven Trumpets



Trumpet #1: Hail & Fire

Revelation 8:7

The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.



Trumpet #2: Burning Mountain

Revelation 8:8,9

The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.



Trumpet #3: Falling Star

Revelation 8:10-11

"The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter."

i The star that falls from heaven is called "Wormwood"...



Which means "bitter"...

- And it contaminates the world's rivers & water systems
- And many men die after drinking the bitter water.



Trumpet #4: Sun, Moon & Stars

Revelation 8:12-13

The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way. Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

i One third of the light from the Sun, Moon, and Stars is taken away.



This results in...

- The light during the day to be shortened by one third &
- The night to be lengthened by one third.



Climatic changes will no doubt occur.

i With this judgment comes an angelic announcement...



Warning about the 3 remaining **Trumpet Judgments** to come.

#5 Bottomless Pit Opened



Trumpet #5: Bottomless Pit Opened - First Woe !
Revelation 9:1-11

1st Woe

- i** An angel is sent to open the bottomless pit...
 - ⚙ Which up to this point in time has been kept locked up.
- i** When the bottomless pit is opened...
 - ⚙ A great swarm of demonic beings get released from their imprisonment.
 - ⚙ They proceed to torture, but not kill anyone on earth who had not placed their faith in God!
 - ⚙ They do this for 5 months.

#6 Army Kills Third of Mankind



Trumpet #6: Army Kills a Third of Mankind - Second Woe !
Revelation 9:13-21

2nd Woe

- i** The 6th trumpet judgment...
 - ⚙ Releases four demonic angels...
 - ⚙ Who are specifically created for this moment in history.
- i** These angels command the largest army ever assembled on earth.
 - ⚙ The army numbers 200 million strong &
 - ⚙ They go forward and inflict death upon 1/3 of the people on earth.
- i** By this time a little more than half of the world's population will have died.
- 👁 Even after all these happenings, **Revelation 9:21** says...
...that the people will still refuse to repent!

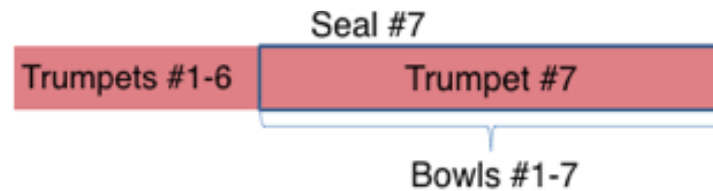
#7 Seven Bowls Announced



Trumpet #7: Seven Bowls Announced - Third Woe !

3rd Woe

- i** The 7th Trumpet announces...
 - ⚙ The Kingdom of Christ is at hand and
 - ⚙ It announces the releasing of the 7 Bowl Judgments.
 - ⚙ This brings us to the second 3 ½ years of the Tribulation.



- i** The Bowl Judgments...
 - ⚙ Are the most intense and severe of all the judgments.
- i** It appears that these bowls have been collecting God's wrath, so to speak for a long time.
- i** Now the bowls are filled to the brim & ready to be poured...
 - ⚙ Which will prepare the way for Christ Second Coming !
- i** The angels who administer these judgments are pictured...
 - ⚙ As turning the bowls upside down
 - ⚙ To ensure that every last drop of God's wrath goes forth.

#3 The Seven Bowls



Bowl #1: Sores

Revelation 16:1-2

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God." So the first angel went and poured out his bowl on the earth; and it became a loathsome and malignant sore on the people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped his image.

- i** The bowl is poured on the earth and aimed specifically at those who have the mark of the beast.
- i** The judgment is an affliction of grievous, malignant sore upon the human body.

#2 Sea becomes Blood



Bowl #2: Sea Becomes Blood

Revelation 16:3

The second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it became blood like that of a dead man; and every living thing in the sea died.



This bowl is poured into the sea, turning the water into blood so that every living thing that was left alive from previous judgments will be killed



The stench and disease that will result from this is unimaginable.

Bowl #3: Rivers become Blood

Revelation 16:4-7

Then the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying, "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things; for they poured out the blood of saints and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. They deserve it." And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."



The 3rd bowl is poured into the...



Rivers...



Drinking water &



Fresh water &



They are all turned into blood !



This judgment is God's answer to the martyrs prayers that their deaths be avenged.

#4 Scorching Sun



Bowl #4: Scorching Sun

Revelation 16:8-9

The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun, and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.



This bowl poured on the sun so that extraordinary heat goes forth and scorches people.



Despite this mankind still refuses to repent!

#5 Beast's Kingdom Filled with Darkness



Bowl #5: Beast's Kingdom Filled with Darkness

Revelation 16:10-11

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

- i** This bowl is poured out on the throne of the beast so that his whole domain is darkened with a blackout.
- i** This darkness is not normal because it is accompanied by some kind of agony that will cause people to gnaw their tongues because of the pain!

! Once again mankind refuses to repent !



Bowl #6: Euphrates Dries Up

Revelation 16:12-15

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go

out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame."

- i** This bowl is poured out on the Euphrates River so that its flow of water dries up.

⚙ This prepares the way for the armies of the kings of the East...

- To come to Israel
- For the Battle of Armageddon.



Bowl #7: Great Earthquake

Revelation 16:17-21

Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "It is done." And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty. The great

city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

- i** This last judgment is poured out upon the air so that flashes of lightning & thunder announce the greatest earthquake in the history of the world.

- i** This worldwide earthquake will...

- ⚙** Flatten the cities of all the nations and
- ⚙** Split Jerusalem into three sections.

- i** Furthermore, this global judgment...

⚙ Is accompanied by 100-pound hailstones from heaven.

! Once again the response of the unbelievers is to blaspheme God...
➡ Because the plague of hail is so severe !



So those are all the Judgments that take place throughout the Tribulation.



Each Judgment became more & more severe.



The Seven Year Tribulation period will be brought to an end...



At the Battle of Armageddon



In the valley of Megiddo.



#5 The Battle of Armageddon



According to Scripture...



Great armies from the East & the West will gather



And assemble on this Valley of Megiddo.



The Antichrist will turn his forces towards Jerusalem to destroy it and the Jews once and for all.



As his armies approach Jerusalem...



God will intervene and

Jesus Christ will return to rescue His people Israel.



The Lord will...



Destroy the armies



Capture the Antichrist and the False Prophet, and



Cast them into the Lake of Fire.



Those who survive to the end of the Tribulation...



And are believers...



Both Jew & Gentile...



Will be permitted into the Millennial Kingdom.



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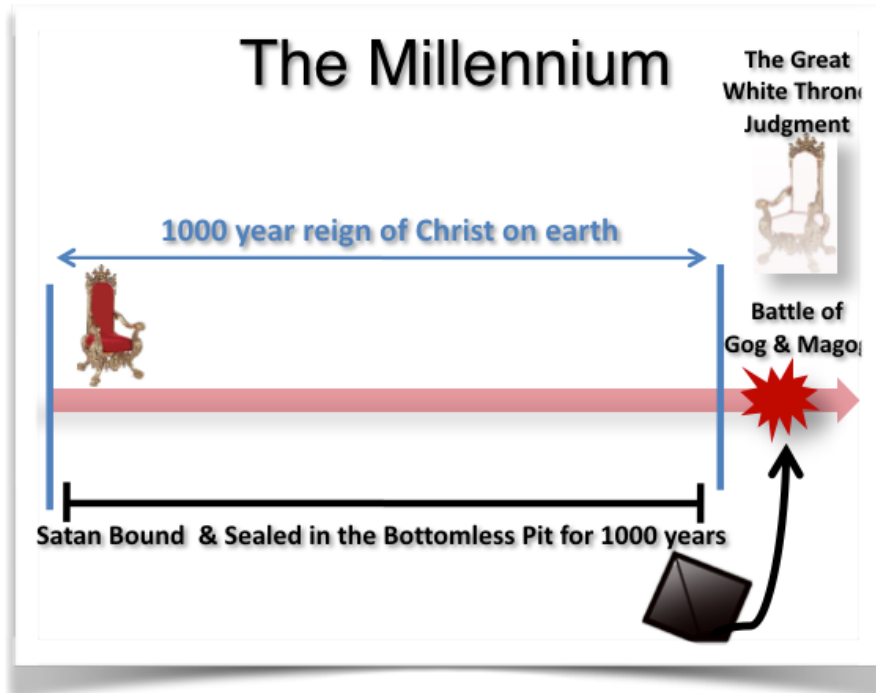


And are not Believers...



Will be cast into Hell !

#6 The Millennium



- i** The Millennium will be for 1000 years...

 - ⚙ In which the Adamic curse will be rolled back
 - ⚙ Except for death.
- i** Christ will sit on the throne of David...

 - ⚙ And rule the world &
 - ⚙ Bring peace & righteousness.
- i** The Millennial Temple will be present and functioning.
- i** The Millennium will be a time of tremendous environmental transformation...

 - ⚙ **Isaiah 35:1,2** tells us that the desert will blossom & become productive again.
 - ⚙ There will be abundant rainfall in areas that today are known for their dryness
 - ⚙ There will be plenty of food for animals (**Isaiah 30:23,24; 35:7**).
 - ⚙ The predatory instincts of animals will cease.
 - ⚙ The distinctions between tame & wild will be erased as all creatures will live in harmony (**Isaiah 11:6,7**).
 - ⚙ Physical conditions for people will also drastically change for the better.
 - ✓ People will live much longer
 - ✓ Physical infirmities and health concerns will be eradicated (**Isaiah 29:18; 33:24**).
 - ⚙ Spiritual life in the Millennial Kingdom will be unlike anything we've ever experienced...
 - ✓ Living daily in the personal and physical presence of Jesus Christ will have an enormous impact on the lives of believers.

⚙️ The knowledge and worship of Christ will be global and unimpeded
(Isaiah 11:9).



BUT...

⚙️ Even in the midst of such pristine conditions...

🤔 There will still be human rebellion !

📘 Because the complete effects of the Fall will not have been erased...

⚙️ There will be one final revolt against Jesus Christ.

📘 This will occur at the end of the Millennium when Satan is briefly released from the bottomless pit.

📘 Satan will go out...

⚙️ And deceive the nations

⚙️ And then gather them together into a massive army for one final battle

⚙️ Where he will again try to destroy Jerusalem.



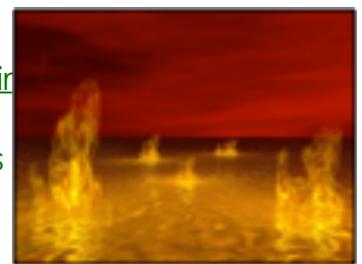
But God will consume them with fire from heaven.



#7 The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



📘 The Judge who sits on the Great White Throne, is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself !

📘 The very person who was rejected and scorned by the world, will ultimately sit in judgment on the world.



Revelation 20:12 identifies those who will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment:

📖 "the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne"

- i** Those being judged are called...
 - ⚙️ "the dead" because of their rejection of Jesus Christ
- i** They are resurrected from Hell in order to appear at this judgment.
- i** What many people do not understand is that...
 - 👍 All unbelievers are spiritually dead !
 - 👍 Even while they are alive !
- i** The apostle Paul said that...
 - 👍 Before a person receives Christ as Savior,
 - 👍 He/she is **dead in trespasses and sins** (Eph. 2:1)
- i** When unbelievers die...
 - ⚙️ They go to hell...
 - 😞 Because they have no life
 - 😞 Because they rejected the free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- i** So unbelievers who die...
 - ⚙️ Remain in hell...
 - Until the Great White Throne Judgment.
- i** It is at the Great White Throne Judgment...
 - ⚙️ Where unbelievers are then finally brought before Christ for their final judgment.
 - ⚙️ After which they get cast into the lake of fire for eternity.

#8 The New Heaven & New Earth

Revelation 21 + 22

- 🔥 Everything gets burned to nothing

- i** God creates...
 - ⚙️ A new heaven &
 - ⚙️ A new earth &
 - ⚙️ A new Jerusalem.



- i** All things made new (Rev 21:1)
- i** No longer anything unclean or evil (Rev 21:1)
- i** No longer any sea (Rev 21:1)
- i** No longer any death, crying, or pain (Rev 21:4)
- i** No longer any night (Rev 21:25)
- i** No longer any curse (Rev 22:3)
- i** No longer any sun (Rev 22:5)
- i** Believers are able to see the Father face to face (Rev 22:4)