

*THE END TIME*



THE TRIBULATION

# *Interpreting Revelation*

- Revelation of Jesus Christ, Revelation 1:1
- Major theme: identity, work, and ultimate victory of Jesus Christ, Revelation 22:1-4, 12-13, 16-17, 20-21
- Grammatical-historical interpretation
- Special literary style with much symbolism
- Describes actual (literal) events
- Chronological sequence, Revelation 1:19

# *Period of Great Tribulation*

- “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21).
- “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” (Revelation 7:14).

# *Seven Years of Tribulation*

- If 483 years are literal, then 7 would be also
- Daniel 7:25: time (1), times (2), half time (1/2)
- 2,300 days (over 6 years), Daniel 8:14
- 1,290 & 1,335 days (over 3 years), Dan. 12:11
- 42 months (3 1/2 years), Revelation 11:2
- 1,260 days (3 1/2 years), Revelation 11:3; 12:6
- 3 1/2 years of man's wrath
- 3 1/2 years of God's wrath (Great Tribulation)

## *Seven Seals, Rev. 6*

1. White horse: evil conqueror (wrath of man)

# *An Evil King (Antichrist)*

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people. Through his cunning he shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means” (Daniel 8:23-25, NKJV). (See also Daniel 8:9-14; 11:35-45.)

## *The Beast, Rev. 13-14*

“So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:4-8, NKJV). (See Rev. 13:1-10.)

## *The Man of Sin*

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.... For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders...” (II Thess. 2:3-12, NKJV).



## *Seven Seals, Rev. 6*



2. Red horse: war
3. Black horse: famine
4. Pale horse: death (1/4 of humanity dies)
5. Martyrdom of Tribulation saints
6. Wrath of God: earthquake, sun darkens, moon like blood, falling stars (meteors)
7. Silence, then seven trumpets

## *Tribulation Saints, Rev. 7*

- Protected saints: 144,000 sealed Jews  
(literal or symbolic?)

Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5

- Persecuted saints

Revelation 6:9-11; 7:9-17

Many martyrs, Revelation 13:15; 15:2; 20:4

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## *Seven Trumpets, Rev. 8-9*

1. Hail, fire, blood: 1/3 of plant life destroyed
2. Burning meteor: 1/3 of sea life destroyed
3. Star Wormwood (meteor or comet): 1/3 of waters poisoned
4. Sun, moon, stars darkened by 1/3

*Seven Trumpets, Rev. 9*  
*Seven Thunders, Rev. 10*

5. Locusts (demons) loosed on earth, Rev. 8:13-9:11
  6. 4 angels and army of 200 million demons, 1/3 of humanity killed, Rev. 9:13-21
  7. Satan cast to earth, Rev. 11:14-15; 12:7-12
- Seven thunders: a mystery, Rev. 10:1-4

## *Seven Vials, Rev. 15-16*



1. Sores on people
2. Sea turns to blood
3. Rivers turn to blood
4. Scorching heat from the sun
5. Darkness
6. River Euphrates dries up
7. Earthquake and hail

# *Yet No Repentance*

“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts” (Rev. 9:6, 18, 20-21, NKJV).

*Two Witnesses, Rev. 11*  
*Woman and Man Child, Rev. 12*

- Two Witnesses, Rev. 11:3-12  
Enoch and Elijah  
Alternate view: Moses and Elijah
- Woman and Man Child, Rev. 12:1-17  
Israel and sealed Jews, Mt. 24:16-22  
Alternate view: Israel and Christ



## *Application*

- God will finally allow sinful humans to get exactly what they want. But the result is disaster--individually (now) and corporately
- God must finally bring judgment upon sin
- Be **READY TO LEAVE THIS PLANET...**

## *Application*

- Rev 22:7 7 Behold, I come quickly:  
blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the  
prophecy of this book.

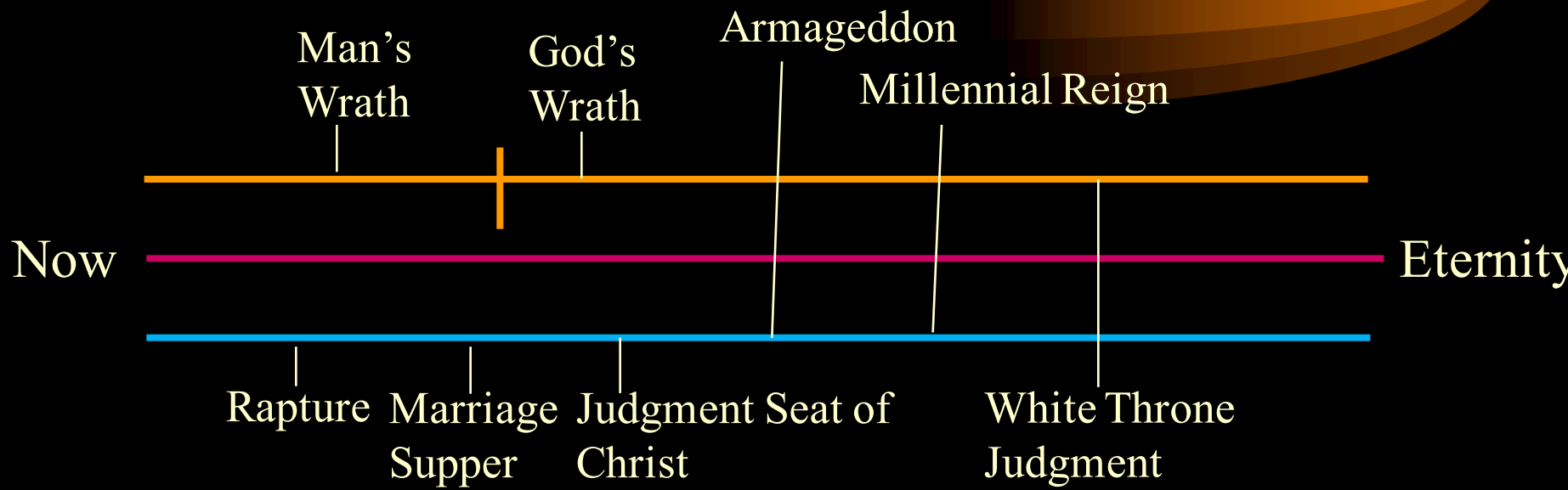
blessed – happy and to be envied

keepeth – observes and takes to heart

prophecy – predictions, consolations,  
warnings

# Timeline

## Tribulation



- World's
- Time
- Church